

DAVID OWEN MELVILLE



LOCATION

SITE RECORD

SURROUNDING

West Terrace Cemetery

Section: Catholic Old Area

Grid Ref.: E5

Site Number: 35

Service Type: Burial



David Owen Melville (1859-1946)

Posted by: Leah Joy Bird (nee Melville), 21/11/2015

David Owen Melville (1859-1946) Although I did not know him, I write this memorial in loving memory of my Great Grandfather. His death occurred 1½ years before I was born Leah Joy Bird (nee Melville). Loved husband of Margaret Mary (Broderick), Father of Will, Frank, Ted, Josephine, Leo and Eileen. Grandfather of Edward Patrick, Patricia Mary & Joan Teresa, Great Grandfather of Kevin James, Leah Joy, Yvonne Kay Melville & Paul Miniken. David Owen Melville was born in the Victorian goldfields on 17 Jul 1859 at Napoleons, Victoria as the first child of Alexander Melville and Catherine Travers. He had five siblings, namely: Alexander Thomas, Mary Anne, James Andrew, Andrew James & Andrew James. He lived his early years with his family at El Dorado, Victoria, his father being a successful miner, hotelier & land holder in the goldfields. Later he moved to South Australia where (at 25 years) he married Margaret Mary Broderick, daughter of William Broderick and Hanorah Brien, on 25 Apr 1885 at St Patrick's Church, Thebarton, Adelaide. Witnesses to the marriage were Henry Travers & Lizzie Broderick. The family lived in Adelaide at 46 George Street, Norwood & were active in the Catholic community in the area. A daughter, Mary Josephine, died in December 1896 aged 1 year. He was employed as a Tramways dispatcher in the MTT in 1883, retiring in 1933 after 50 years service, beginning his tramways career the day after the route had opened. He was a driver for the Adelaide & Suburban Tramway Company when the horse cars plied to Kensington. Later, before his retirement, he was a dispatcher of cars at the Grenfell street corner where he was affectionately known to many as "Old Dave". David Owen Melville died on 6 Jun 1946, aged 85 years, in Lourdes Valley Aged Care (Glen Osmond), & was buried on 7 Jun 1946 in West Terrace Cemetery Adelaide. His daughter-in-law Mary Edith Roden (wife of William) is buried at the same site, Catholic Old Area, Section 5, Site 35.