

Gordon Sandeman

Gordon Sandeman owned *Clarence* from January to July 1842 (with Thomas Ayerst).

Gordon Sandeman was born in Edinburgh, Scotland on 1 Jan 1810 and was the eldest son of a merchant, Edward Sandeman, and his wife Letitia Gordon (three other children – Edward, Letitia and Charlotte Mary). He was educated at the Edinburgh Academy and subsequently at the University of Edinburgh.

Gordon worked for Sandeman & Co., wine merchants of Edinburgh and London. The firm of George G Sandeman, Sons and Company Limited, wine shippers and cotton merchants, was established in London in 1790 by George Sandeman (1765-1841). George Sandeman was succeeded on his death in 1841 by his nephews, George Glas Sandeman and his brother Albert George Sandeman. The business expanded to include insurance and the export of British linen and cotton goods to the West Indies, Central America and Mexico. The company became a private listed company in 1902 and became a public company in 1952.

Gordon Sandeman arrived in New South Wales c.1838 and became a merchant. In the 4th land sale in Melbourne, Gordon Sandeman purchased 96-98 Flinders St, Melbourne (Block 7 allotment 7). As at 31 Dec 1842 he is listed as a shareholder (1- shares = 500 pounds) in the Bank of Australia (HRA 1 Vol XXIV p.169). In the year 1843 he left the colony on a visit to India where he visited Madras, Calcutta, and other places in Bengal, and returned to the colony in 1844.

Gordon Sandeman became a prominent pastoralist and pioneer in Queensland and acquired significant pastoral interests in the Wide Bay and Burnett districts. By 1857 he held seven runs totaling 119,680 acres in Wide Bay and Burnett districts. He partnered with O.J De Satge in Peak Downs. (Queensland) runs in 1861 and acquired Barendra Station in Charleville. He was also a member of the Queensland Club.

Married (1) Ernestine Eugene de Satge St. Jean on 3 April 1862. Married (2) wife unknown. Church of England.

Gordon Sandeman was also a politician and a member of the New South Wales Legislative Assembly for 1 term between 17 April 1856 and 10 Oct 1857 as well a member of the Queensland Legislative Assembly for Leichhardt from 1863 to 1870. He journeyed to England in 1880. After suffering some financial difficulties in the 1880s Sandeman returned to the United Kingdom where he was on the electoral register for Harrow in 1887 and Kensington North in 1890, 1891 and 1892. He died aged 87 in Chelsea on 14 March 1897.

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