

ALFRED ARTHUR HULL

was born at "Tolosa" 16-2-1839, the youngest son of George and Anna Hull. At the age of 16 he took his first position as a clerk with the Custom's department. He had a considerable amount of artistic skill, and soon he was accepted as an apprentice to a land surveyor and architect in the Public Works Department.

In 1860, aged 21, he went to Queensland to work as a surveyor, under the auspices of William Davidson, his brother-in-law at Maryborough.

In 1865 he married Mary Anna Barnes, at Maryborough, Queensland, the eldest daughter of a solicitor in Maryborough, William Barnes, Esquire, Alfred was aged 26, and Mary 16. A son George was born the next year, and a daughter Mary a year later. They lived at Maryborough until 1874, Alfred being listed in the Post Office directories as a "licenced surveyor". In November 1874 Alfred was appointed District Road Surveyor for the government at Rockhampton at £300 a year and travelling expenses £470. In August 1877 he was appointed as draftsman at £200 a year, and worked in an office, the role of active surveyor was probably too strenuous for his health. Another son Fred was born at Rockhampton in 1878.

In 1884, his wife Mary went to Tasmania suffering bad health, and died there at Sandy Bay 12-12-1884.

Early in 1885 Alfred sought a transfer and was appointed draftsman with the Land's Department in the Brisbane office, and he moved his family to "Rita Villa" Ashton St, Toowong. He worked at the office in Brisbane for five years but his health was not very good. Soon after he had moved the family to Robert St. Toowong he died of "cardiac Disease" on 18th November 1890, aged 51 years. Little Fred was an orphan at 12 years of age and lived under the care of his ~~elder sister Mary.~~ *Mother's sister Mrs E. Gabbler - Maryborough*