

DEATH OF SIR GEORGE BROOKMAN.

Father of the "Golden Mile."

A Commanding Personality.

Australia-wide regret will be expressed at the death of Sir George Brookman, at his residence at Blair Athol, Medindie, early on Monday morning. Few had done more in practical way to demonstrate their high sense of citizenship; few have left a more indelible impression on Australia's mining, industrial, and financial history.

Scotland has given to Australia many Scotsmen of outstanding vigorous personality, but few more capable than the late Sir George. He was born in Glasgow on April 15, 1850, and was a son of James and Elizabeth Brookman, who came with his family to Australia in 1852 or 1853. He was educated at a school conducted by Mr. James Bate, who was assistant secretary to the Minister of

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Education. Originally he was destined for a purely commercial career, but he was not long in forsaking it for the more fascinating occupation of stock and mining. He was a partner in a mining broker and company promoter. A period in the service of D. & J. Fowler, Limited, whose connection with the State's whole mining depression was the cause of his early days of the colony, was followed by his embarking on a venture in partnership with Mr. William Finlayson, for some years conducted a retail business in King William street. He retired from the firm to go on mining and financial pursuits, and it was largely owing to his plucky enterprise in exceptional times that the Adelaide mining company was organized and prospered by the world-famous mines of Gillespie. In this connection one of his most notable possessions was the mine's rights which originally gave him, or nominally his brother, authority to carry out his wonderful work. It was merely a small piece of foolscap, upon which he wrote the following words:—
Western Australia—Mines' rights, fit. 10/4.
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