**THE EUREKA UPRISING**

**By eye-witness Richard Allan**



In 1851 Richard Allan age 18 from Queensferry Scotland, migrated alone to Australia sailing on the ship Thetis to Adelaide. In early 1852 he arrived on the Ballarat Goldfields.

Richard was moderately successful on the goldfields and went to the gold rushes at Bendigo, McIvor, Forest Creek, and Fryers Creek, as well as Ballarat.

His letters home describe the mounting political and bureaucratic tensions which culminated in the Eureka insurrection. The public records show him to be one of those arrested and charged with treason , but released with a caution the following day as no-one appeared to give evidence against him.

In 1884 the question of erecting a monument to those who lost their lives at Eureka was a controversial topic in Ballarat, and some of the comments being made moved Richard Allan to set the record straight. He wrote 5 articles for the Ballarat Star using the pen name ‘One of the Insurgents’. Publication commenced on 5th June 1884. And when he died in 1905, these articles were also resubmitted by his son to the Rochester Express. Publication commenced on 8th Dec. 1905.

And now more recently in 2004, the 150th Anniversary of the Eureka Stockade, Dr James Allen, the Great Grandson of Richard, has reproduced these articles in booklet form adding personal detail to the events known. The articles give a real sense of the emotions that built up to the breaking point of December 3rd  1854.

Cost $5

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