ELIZABETH COTTON CLARK

FIFTH CHILD OF GEORGE CLARK & MARY (UNWIN)

5. **Elizabeth Cotton Clark** b. 2 Feb 1845 Liverpool, England
d. 27 Feb 1910 **65yrs** Melbourne
never married

Elizabeth or Lillie was six years of age when the family arrived in Melbourne, 4 March 1852, on the 'Martin Luther'.

She had lost three siblings, one when she was two years, and when five years losing two sisters, one eight months and one in her infancy. Nothing is known of her education, but it appears to have been extensive.

The following is an extract from J H Watmuffs (John James Clark's wife's brother) diary :- 'the eldest Miss C (Maria) is a plain spoken frank jolly kind of girl but whose education I fancy has been neglected, the other one (Elizabeth) is quite the reverse being stiff & formal. I hear she is very talented, & amiable'.

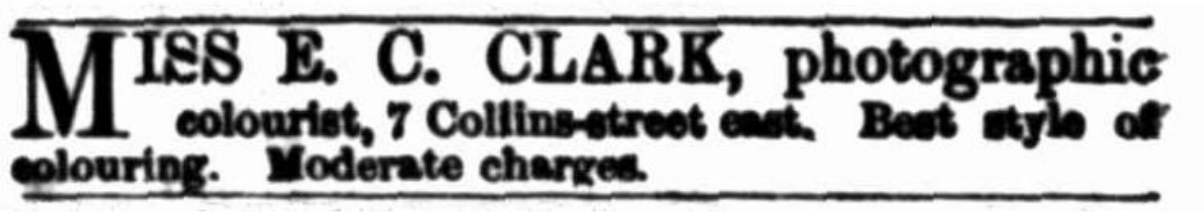
Intelligent, well educated, she could speak several languages and a very talented artist. Exquisite paintings of flowers reproducing detail and colour perfectly, often working in Fitzroy gardens. There is a scrap book of her work and other members of the family in existence somewhere.



E C. CLARK
ELIZABETH (AUNT LILY) - ARTIST

She earned a comfortable living from her art by tinting photographs for which she was in great demand with her high quality.

Photographic colourist
Professional years 1874 – 1889
Practised: 7 Collins St, Melbourne, VIC (1874-1881); 71 St John's Rd, Forest Lodge, Sydney, NSW (1881-1889)



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She never married. After the death of her parents, then in her forties, she lived in various guest houses, preferring to be independent rather than live with her brothers or sister. She was very neat and particular in the genteel fashion of her times, and always used her own silver knife, fork and spoon which were kept in a velvet box, carried in her handbag, a common habit of the times in boarding homes.

In 1881 appears to have acquired a couple of areas of land near Albury, 150 and 261 acres (Trove newspaper site).

Elizabeth finally tired of boarding houses and built at 190 George St, East Melbourne, but died not long afterwards.

Died 27th February 1910, aged 64, at 32 Power Street, Williamstown, the residence of her sister Maria. Interred Melbourne cemetery.

Executive Sale – Large two storey brick residence, Six bedrooms all fitted with presses, overmantels in all main rooms, bathroom with heater and lavatory basin, back balcony, outside big coach house. This house erected during last twelve months.

'Murnell'
Its style is Art Nouveau. Carved into the wooden fretwork of the lofty rooms with their pressed-metal ceilings and stained glass windows are silhouetted images of kookaburras and waratahs. According to the original 1860s subdivision of the block bordered by George, Clarendon and Hotham streets shouldn't even be there. The hilltop site, already sacred as a corroboree ground before being designated for the proposed Anglican Cathedral of Melbourne, was taken up instead by the smaller Holy Trinity Church when St Paul's Cathedral was slated to be erected on the corner of Flinders and Swanston Streets in the city. When Holy Trinity burned down in 1905, leaving only four standing walls and the brick schoolhouse behind, the congregation opted to replace the church but to locate it closer to the corner of Hotham and Clarendon. That left the George Street frontages available for subdivision. Miss Clark pounced on two plots, buying both 190 and 190A George Street. She had architect, C.A. Cooper design her a finely crafted home, replete with the most modern and fashionable fittings and fixtures. She then promptly died and her new house "in the prominent and desirable location" was auctioned "at half past 2 o'clock" in July 1910. It realised £1395 and a 25 per cent on-the-spot deposit was required.

1909. MCC BR: R.L. Phillips for Elizabeth C. Clarke. 2-storey brick house. C.A. Cooper - architect. 1910. Directory shows first occupier: Murlagh Murphy.







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[Martin Luther Convict Ship 1852 (convictrecords.com.au)]

The Clark (Unwin) Colonials by Margaret L Clark
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