

Campbell Stevens
1847 – 13/05/1930
Member of the League

Campbell Stevens was born in Sydney in 1847 the son of a ship's Captain. His father settled on Lord Howe Island circa 1855 and Campbell was at some stage sent to school in New Zealand, where he later served as a military settler with the 3rd Waikato Regiment in the Maori War 1863-1866 and received a late issue war medal for his services in 1892. He returned to Lord Howe Island in 1868 or 1869 and became a long-term resident, which included service as postmaster, special constable and forest ranger until retirement in 1924. He married Alice Jane Lennard (nee Lloyd}, in September 1971, officiated by Captain Henry Joseph Challis commander of HMS Rosario.

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Obituary – Sydney Morning Herald Tuesday 20th May 1930

On Tuesday last Mr Campbell Stevens, one of the oldest residents of Lord Howe Island passed away at the Home of Peace, Marrickville. Born in Sydney 84 years ago, he migrated at an early age with his parents to New Zealand and after an adventurous career in many climes settled on Lord Howe Island, where for many years, he held the positions of postmaster, special constable and forest ranger. His narratives of the whaling days, his reminiscences of his part in two Maori Wars, and the early settlement of Lord Howe Island were interesting. **He was Member of the League of Ancient Mariners, and at one period was a Torres Strait Pilot.**

The floral tributes at the funeral included wreaths from the local Advisory Committee and friends in Lord Howe Island and members of the Board of Control in Sydney. Among those present at the service conducted by the Rev J.P. Dryland, at the crematorium, were Mr Payne, representing the Lord Howe Island Board of Control. Mr and Mrs Moran. Mr J. Moran junior, Mrs J. Austic and Mr Cook. The ashes are being forwarded to Lord Howe Island for internment.

Obituary – Labour Daily Saturday 24th May 1930

One of the oldest identities of Lord Howe Island, in the person of Mr Campbell Stevens, passed away at the Home of Peace Marrickville. He was 84 years of age and a Sydney native. Mr Stevens settled at Lord Howe Island half a century ago, and held the positions, of postmaster, special constable and forest ranger. At an earlier period he was a Torres Strait Pilot. The second largest nautilus shell, ever found was presented by him to the Sydney Museum. In accordance with his wishes, his body was cremated, and the ashes removed to Lord Howe Island for burial.