

## John George Knight



**Date of Birth:** 1824 (approximately)

**Place of Birth:** London England

**Parents** John Knight  
(stone & marble merchant)

**Spouse:** Married Alice (née Bertrand)  
Melbourne 21 April 1853  
3 sons, 2 daughters

### **Employment History:**

Articled to Henry Daniel Martin dock and railway engineer  
Emigrated to Australia 1852  
Clerk of Works Victorian Public Works Department 1852-1855  
Chief Clerk of Works 1855-1861  
In partnership as an architect 1853-1861  
Fellow Royal Institute of British Architects 21 January 1861  
Organised Victorian displays for 1862 International Exhibition  
in London. Emigration agent in London until 1864  
Lecturer Civil Engineering University of Melbourne 1864-1868  
Founded/managed Athenaeum Club Melbourne 1868-1871  
First Secretary of Melbourne Mining Exchange 1872-1873  
Secretary and Accountant to the Government Resident of  
Palmerston NT 1873-1875 also Architect/Supervisor of Works  
Chief Goldfields Warden Palmerston 1876-1886  
Clerk Local Court and Licensing Bench, Deputy Sheriff,  
Curator of Property of Convicts, Special Magistrate and Crown  
Prosecutor, Accountant and Controller of Prison Labour  
Deputy Returning Officer (from 1884)  
Official Receiver and Public Trustee (from 1885)  
Coroner (from 1886), Registrar of the Insolvency Court  
Justice of the Peace and Registrar of Companies (from 1889)  
Acting Government Resident of the NT 15 February 1890  
Confirmed as Government Resident 16 July 1890  
Died in office, at the Residence, 10 January 1892 of asthma  
following long illness from bronchitis and influenza  
Buried at Palmerston Cemetery

### **Memorials:**

Knight Street, Fannie Bay and Knight's Cliffs seven miles from  
town (later amended to be applied to the suburb of Nightcliff)  
Parliament House Melbourne and many Darwin buildings  
*A Treatise on Colonial Building Stones* (1859)  
*The Narrative of the Visit of HRH The Duke of Edinburgh to  
the Colony of Victoria* (1868)  
*The Northern Territory of South Australia* (1880)