

Samuel James Mitchell



Date of Birth: 11 May 1852

Place of Birth: Near Mount Barker SA

Parents: John (a tailor) and Lydia Mitchell

Education: R C Mitton's Grammar School Adelaide
University of Adelaide
Admitted to the Bar 1889

Spouse: Married Eliza Ann (née Gardener)
1875 1 son, 2 daughters (Dame
Roma Flinders Mitchell AC DBE QC -
Australia's first woman QC, Judge and
first female State Governor, was
Mitchell's grand-daughter)

Employment History: Auctioneer: Mount Gambier, Melrose, Port Augusta from 1871
District Councillor and Master Masonic Lodge Port Augusta
Mayor of Port Augusta for two years
Articled with H E Downer 1885-1890
Barrister with P Nesbitt QC and R Ingleby QC 1889-1901
First President SA Electric Telegraph Association
Member of SA House of Assembly as Member for the
Northern Territory 1901-1910
Attorney-General 1909 to January 1910
Appointed Government Resident of the Northern Territory
1 April 1910, and Judge
Ceased to be employed by the Public Service of SA and
transferred to the service of the Commonwealth as
Acting Administrator and Judge of the new Supreme Court
Retired 1912

Subsequent Career: Stipendiary Magistrate Port Pirie 1912-1916
Stipendiary Magistrate Adelaide Police Court 1916-1918
Commissioner of Insolvency and Stipendiary Magistrate of the
Adelaide Local Court and Taxation Appeal Court 1918-1926
Royal Commissioner investigating the State Bank's
"Thousand Homes Contract" 1925
Royal Commissioner investigating police bribery 1926
Judge of the Insolvency Court 1926
Died of pneumonia 3 October 1926

Honours and Awards: George V Coronation Medal 1911

Memorials: Mitchell Street Darwin