

One son makes good - an EPG tale. Alexander Sutherland (see link) came on the Norwood (pictured) in 1867. He and wife Mary had two sons in WA ; Martin and Alex. In 1878 Mary died aged 32 ... the boys became a handful.

Alex was in trouble breaking window panes in the Barracks and in 1883 age nine served one month in prison for breaking church windows – a continued theme! He was said to be out of control of his father.

Next year, his dad Alexander dies drunk in the yard of the Criterion Hotel in Perth. Aged 16, his older brother Martin began selling off his father's household goods. This was causing concern as the Government was supporting Alex in the Subiaco orphanage. But little could be done to stop Martin.

By 1892 Martin was employed at the Subiaco Monastery as a labourer but times were tough. That year, his body was found floating in Lake Gwelup where it had been for a couple of weeks. Martin, in a destitute state had been begging for food in the area and chased away and drowned. He was only 21.

On the other hand, Alex served a typographical apprenticeship and worked in the newspaper industry. At the time of his 1912 death, he was head stonehand at the West Australian, where he proved himself a careful, efficient, and faithful employee. Leaving behind a widow and two children his funeral was well attended by the Hibernians, Typographical Society, Tramway Employees' Union, and the St. Vincent de Paul and other religious societies, of which he was an energetic member.

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