

HARDMAN, Edward Townley

Edward Townley Hardman was born on 6 April 1845 in Drogheda, County Louth, Ireland. He was educated in Drogheda and graduated in mining as an Associate of the Royal College of Science, Dublin, gaining many awards and prizes during his undergraduate years. In 1870 he was appointed a geologist in the Geological Survey of Ireland and elected Fellow of the Royal Geological Society of Ireland in 1871 and of the Chemical Society of London in 1874. Hardman was chosen by the Colonial Office for the temporary post of Government Geologist in Western Australia and arrived in Perth in March 1883. He was a member of two survey parties to the Kimberley in 1883 and 1884. His published reports and maps resulting from these expeditions are the first geological accounts of the Kimberley. He contracted typhoid fever and died in Dublin on 30 April 1887 aged 42 years.

His death was widely regretted in Western Australia as it was believed that he would have returned to Western Australia to become the first permanent Government Geologist.

Further notes on his life and career may be found in Dr Playford's Research Notes 703 and the Battye Library Biographical Index.

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