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Originally a ship builder, Isaac Mattson was born in Finland in about 1818, but moved to California in 1849 in search of gold. When word came of the discovery of gold in Victoria, he made his way to the Ballarat goldfields where he took part in the events of the Eureka Stockade in December 1854. He became a close friend of Peter Lalor, the leader of the rebels in the Eureka Stockade rebellion who was later to become a Member of Parliament.

Mattson married Mary Morgan at Ballarat in 1854. They lived in Ballarat for many years, then moved to the mining town of Beaconsfield in northern Tasmania where they lived for thirty-five years. For a number of years before his death in 1917, he lived in Reid Street, North Fitzroy.

Isaac Mattson died on 29 September 1917 at North Fitzroy. He was ninety-four and left behind four children, seventeen grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

The crossed pick and shovel at the top of his headstone serves to remind us of his long life as a miner. According to his family, he did not find much gold, but the family still has some jewellery made from nuggets he found at Ballarat.

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