CHARLES JOSEPH LA TROBE: A CHRONOLOGY

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<td>1801</td>
<td>C.J. La Trobe was born at Kirby Street, London, the son of Moravian minister Christian Ignatius La Trobe and his wife Hannah (née Sims). Educated at the Moravian Fulneck School near Leeds, and the Fairfield Boys Boarding School near Manchester, he later taught at Fairfield.</td>
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<td>Sophie de Montmollin born at Neuchâtel, Switzerland.</td>
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<td>Rose Isabelle de Montmollin born at Valengin, Switzerland.</td>
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<td>1824</td>
<td>Charles La Trobe resigned from Fairfield to travel to Switzerland, where he was based in Neuchâtel, pursuing his personal interests, travelling and writing.</td>
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<td>1825–26</td>
<td>He developed strong interests in geology, botany and mountaineering.</td>
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<td>Completed more than two years of private study and adventure.</td>
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<td>His first book, <em>The Alpenstock, or Sketches of Swiss Scenery and Manners</em>, was published.</td>
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<td><em>The Pedestrian, A Summer’s Ramble in the Tyrol</em> was published.</td>
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<td>With his protégé Count Albert de Pourtalès and American author Washington Irving, La Trobe made a six months journey across North America.</td>
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<td>With Count Albert de Pourtalès and Charles M’Euen, friend of a Baltimore cousin, La Trobe made a four months journey to Mexico.</td>
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<td>1835</td>
<td><em>The Rambler in North America</em> was published in London. La Trobe stayed with Frederic-Auguste de Montmollin at Jolimont near Lake Neuchâtel.</td>
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<td>16 September</td>
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<td>6 May</td>
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1837
British Government sent La Trobe to report on ways of assisting former slaves in the West Indies to adjust to their freedom.

2 April
Agnes Louisa La Trobe was born at Neuchâtel.

10 October
Report 'Negro Education in Jamaica' presented by La Trobe to the Government.

1838
14 April
Report 'Negro Education in the Windward & Leeward Islands' presented.

14 August
Report 'Negro Education in British Guiana & Trinidad' presented.

1839
- January
La Trobe appointed Superintendent of Port Phillip District.

24 March
He embarked with his wife Sophie and daughter Agnes at London on the Fergusson, Captain Robertson.

31 March
Voyage to Australia begun.

25 July
Landed at Sydney.

10 September
La Trobe's appointment as Superintendent of the Settlement and District of Port Phillip proclaimed.

16 September
He sailed from Sydney in Pyramus, Captain Livesay.

30 September
Reached Hobson's Bay, where Captain William Lonsdale of the 4th Regiment welcomed him.

1 October
Landed in Melbourne where the population was now about 3,500.

3 October
La Trobe assumed office as Superintendent.

9 November
Laid foundation stone of St James Church of England.

19 November
His prefabricated cottage was erected on the Police Paddock, southeast of Spring Street.

- -
Land sales boom began this year.

1840
14 February
With Nicholas Fenwick, La Trobe visited Geelong.

15 February
He rode to Point Henry and Buckley's Cave.

17 February
Then to Hurst and Tuckfield's Barwon Mission station.

16 March
La Trobe visited Ryrie's Station at Yering.

10 June
He purchased at auction 12½ acres (5 hectares) where his cottage had been erected.

11 June
Port Phillip Patriot newspaper reported on the first petition to Queen Victoria for separation of Port Phillip District from New South Wales.

26 July
With Captain Lonsdale, La Trobe rode around Western Port to Bass River.

1 August
On the way home he passed No Good Damper waterhole (Springvale), midway between the Yarra River and Dandenong Creek.
1840
30 August With Eliot Heriot, he rode to Cape Schanck, and visited the site of the Sullivan Bay settlement.
31 August With Major Anderson, F.M. Powlett and Hugh Jamieson, he visited the Goulburn River.
24 November With Lonsdale and Charles Tyers, he climbed Station Peak in the You Yangs.
30 December The *Port Phillip Herald* was first published as a morning newspaper in Melbourne.

1841
This year a period of depression set in, following the boom of 1839-40.
- January La Trobe visited Geelong, Indented Head and Shortland's Bluff.
  13 May With G. Barton rode to Buninyong, thence
  15 May to Mt. Emu, Fiery Creek, Lake Buloke, Hopkins River and on
  16 May to The Grange (Hamilton).
  17 May To Stephen Henty's at Portland.
  20 May He began the homeward journey as far as George Airey's (Lal Lal), then rode home via Kiela (Keilor).
  2 July To Barwon Mission station in the Otway Ranges.
  6 July Back at Geelong, he returned by the steamer *Aphrasia* to Melbourne.
  15 July Overlander Edward Bell appointed aide-de-camp to the Superintendent.
  12 August The first Elizabeth Street Post Office was opened.
  25 September La Trobe rode to Mollison's Coliban station and Parker's Aboriginal Mission station by Jim Crow Creek.
  28 September To Mitchellstown, then along the Sydney Road via Kilmore and Beveridge's.
- September First Customs House building completed in Melbourne this month.
  23 October Sir George Gipps, Governor of New South Wales made his official visit to Port Phillip District.
  26 October The official party sailed down the Bay on the *Aphrasia* to Geelong; visited Fyansford, Barrabool Hills and Corio.
  27 October Governor Gipps, at a ball in Melbourne, exhorted all present to 'Advance Australia'.
  - - La Trobe instituted relief work for the unemployed this year.
  23 November He took his family to Williamstown for two weeks' holiday.
  - - Government offices were established in buildings on Batman's Hill, bought for £200.
  15 December Melbourne Market opened (on Western Market site).
  - - Gold was found in the Plenty Ranges during 1841-42.

1842
- January La Trobe appointed Henry E.P. Dana to establish a Native Police Corps.
  16 January La Trobe travelled to Murray's station at Colac, to Corangamite and the Border Police Station.
  20 January From the Weatherboard to the Moorabool River and home.
1842

1 February First performance in the Theatre Royal, Melbourne.
30 March Eleanora Sophia La Trobe was born.
21 July To Le Soeuf's Aboriginal Station by the Goulburn River.
- July With Powlett and Campbell, La Trobe climbed Mount Macedon.
12 August Melbourne was incorporated.
17 September La Trobe to Geelong with Nicholas Fenwick, to the mouth of the Barwon, then Shortland's Bluff.
31 October He again visited Mollison's station (Malmsbury and Pyalong area).
2 November Climbed Mount Alexander (the unsuspected location of a future goldfield).
3 November To Hepburn's station (Smeaton).
4 November To Stieglitz, and thence home.
1 December Elections were held for the first Melbourne Town Council.

1843

5 January First Constitution Act proclaimed in Sydney. Port Phillip to have five members in the New South Wales Legislative Council.
28 February La Trobe rode to Lake Colac and the Border Police Station, through the Stony Rises to Lake Purrumbete, thence Mount Shadwell, and to Mount Rouse Aboriginal Station;
1 March by Mount Napier to Eumeralla River and Mount Eccles;
2 March to Port Fairy;
3 March to Portland;
4 March to the Glenelg River and Muntham;
6 March to The Grange (Hamilton);
7 March to the foot of the Grampians, then back to Melbourne.
20 June Mary Cecilia (Cécile) La Trobe was born.
11 August La Trobe visited Baxter's and Point Nepean with Powlett, then
16 August to Merrick's.
19 December Set off with Sir John & Lady Franklin and Powlett,
21 December reached Mt Franklin where they watched an Aboriginal corroboree;
22 December To Smeaton's then Beveridge's, and
24 December via Bacchus Marsh, Pyke's and Keilor to home.
29 December Franklin climbed Arthur's Seat, 40 years after his first visit.

1844

3 February Sophie and the children went to Shortland's Bluff (Queenscliff) for a holiday.
10 April La Trobe to Dandenong.
30 April He visited Geelong and thence rode on to Portland;
9 May To Merino Downs. On the way home, between Portland and Port Fairy, he saw 'the stranded boat' (the mahogany ship).
1844

6 August  La Trobe at the Heads (Shortland's Bluff) till 9th.
17 October  To Geelong and Buntingdale Mission.
9 November  With George Airey via Kilmore to Murchison's; later to Tallarook and Seymour.
18 November  With Captain Bunbury he climbed Mount William.
20 November  On the way back he visited Goldsmith's station at Trawallo.
10 December  To the Heads till 13th. Planning and building his cottage on Shortland's Bluff.

1845

2 January  To the Heads. The three-room cottage stood on the highest ground at the north end of Bluff (now the site of St. George's Church, Queenscliff).
- January  La Trobe had a bad fall at Lonsdale's place in Melbourne.
19 January  He was at the Heads till 23rd.
1 February  Again at the Heads till 5th.
17 February  To Geelong.
22 February  To the Heads till 24th.
28 February  La Trobe set out for Gippsland with Captain Dana;
4 March  they reached Port Albert, the
7 March  Eagle Point and the Border Police station.
8 March  To Lake King. La Trobe named the Franklin and Agnes Rivers on this Gippsland journey.
11 March  Return journey begun.
15 March  He went to the Heads until 19th.
23 April  Daughter Agnes sent home on the Rajah to Switzerland to be educated, aged just eight.
3 May  To Powlett's Station (near Macedon) with Captain Dana.
4 May  To Parker's Aboriginal Station.
5 May  Through the Pyrenee Ranges to Decameron station (Navarre),
9 May  Reached Edward Henty's at Muntham;
10 May  stayed at Merino Downs,
14 May  visited the 'New Port' (Warrnambool) and chose the 'site for a village'.
15 May  He commenced the return journey via Lake Terang, Colac, Station Peak, Werribee.
2 June  Melbourne Argus first published; it grew strongly critical of La Trobe.
7 October  He set out on the first attempt to find a way through the Ranges to Cape Otway.
1 November  Journey to Cape Schanck (Barker's).
3 December  With Dana, he made a second attempt to reach Cape Otway; Port Campbell visited.
25 December  Charles Albert La Trobe born.
1846

22 February  La Trobe took his family to the cottage at the Heads until 24th.
28 February  To the Heads until 29th.
13 March     To the Heads until 18th.
20 March     La Trobe laid the foundation stone of the Melbourne Hospital.
             During this month John Arthur appointed first curator of the Botanic Gardens, for which La Trobe decided the site in 1845.
22 March     To the Heads until 25th.
27 March     He set off on the third attempt to reach Cape Otway;
31 March     reached the Gellibrand River, and finally
2 April      reached Cape Otway; camped by Johanna River.
5 April      Visited the Lubras' Cave, then began the journey back.
17 April     To the Heads until 20th.
18 June      La Trobe laid the foundation stone of St Peter's Church, Eastern Hill.
12 July      He visited Dandenong.
28 July      To Buntingdale Mission.
24 August    To Sydney for discussions with Governor FitzRoy.
27 August    At Sydney until 6 October, when he departed for Melbourne.
6 October    Appointed acting Administrator of Van Diemen's Land in place of Sir Eardley Wilmot who had been dismissed as Governor.
9 October    To Launceston, thence Hobart Town by 13th.
             - November  He made a tour of inspection of the northern region of Van Diemen's Land.
6 December   Before this date he had visited the Tasman Peninsula and the Port Arthur convict settlement.
19 December  He set off to visit the west coast of Van Diemen's Land.

1847

7-17 January Sometime between these dates he ascended Mount Wellington.
29 January   Arrival of the new Governor of V.D.L., Sir William Denison.
10 February  La Trobe left Hobart on a slow journey back to Melbourne;
23 February  reached Williamstown.
             - March     Orders-in-Council issued in England; these dealt with squatters' pre-emptive rights on stations and land tenure.
31 May       Report on the Present state and prospects of the Convicts in Van Diemen's Land was presented to the British Government.
10 June      La Trobe to Geelong.
25 June      Melbourne was proclaimed a city.
16 July      La Trobe rode to Mount Rouse via Fyansford, Leigh River, and Frenchman's Inn; he returned via the Hopkins Inn, Elephant Inn, Wardy Yallock and Corio (24th).
10 September He rode to Geelong with Marley,
15 September climbed Station Peak, returned to Melbourne.
26 November With Grimes and Major F.B. St John, Crown Lands Commissioners, he visited Narre Warren; then
27 November with Grimes to Bunyip and Anderson's Creek;
28 November to Moe-Moe; saw Narrecoon bridge;
29 November reached Morwell River; then Snake Ridges on 30th;
1 December commenced journey back to Melbourne.
11 December He visited Geelong, Barrabool Hills and vineyards.
13 December He journeyed to Mt Mercer;
14 December to Learmonth's, Buninyong, and Goldsmith's at Trawallo;
16 December back via the Pentland Hills, Bacchus Marsh, and Keilor.

1848
10 January To Coliban (Malmsbury area); then
11 January to Carlsruhe and Grimes Border Police station.
23 January Arrival in Melbourne of Bishop Perry.
10 March La Trobe set off via the Pentland Hills to Buninyong;
11 March to Decameron station;
13 March through Rose's Pass (Gap) in the Grampians to the Black Range.
14 March He saw the McKenzie and Norton Rivers, Mount Zero and Mount Talbot and rode on to the Glenelg River;
15 March to Pigeon Ponds and The Chetwynd; and
18 March to Cape Bridgewater on the south coast.
19-20 March He was at Portland;
21 March to Warrnambool village, thence Terang and on to Story's Inn.
14 April To Geelong till 17th.
22 April To Geelong till 25th.
- April He moved his cottage at the Heads to Jolimont.
26 September He rode to Carlsruhe and on to Mitchell's Barfold station; then
28 September to Jeffrey's (future site of Kyneton), and
30 September returned via Mt Aitken and Keilor.
1 December To Geelong until 14th.
- - During 1848 Thomas Chapman found gold on Daisy Hill station (south of Maryborough).

1849
20 January La Trobe went with Dana to Geelong.
21 January En route to Cape Otway, he found Buntingdale abandoned.
22 January Rode through the peppermint forest and the fern-tree forest, and
23 January reached Cape Otway lighthouse.
26 January He arrived at Moonlight Head after much difficult travelling, and
29 January after more exploring arrived at Warrnambool.
30 January Visited the Merri River and Special Survey, rode on to Port Fairy.
31 January Reached Portland.
2 February With Learmonth he visited Eumeralla.
3 February Set off to travel to Muston's Creek, Farrell's Inn by the Hopkins River, Taddy Thomson's at Fiery Creek, then
4 February to Trawallo (Goldsmith's), and
5 February by Buninyong, Ballan, Bacchus Marsh and Keilor to home.
12-22 March Sir Charles FitzRoy, Governor of New South Wales, made his official visit to Port Phillip District. He consented to La Trobe sending on any vessel arriving with convicts on board.
2 May La Trobe to Geelong till 4th.
9 May To Geelong till 15th.
21 May To Geelong till 25th.
8 August When the convict transport Randolph arrived in Hobson’s Bay, La Trobe had it sent on to Sydney. Subsequently the transport Adelaide was turned back at the Heads.
29 August To Dandenong till 31st.
17 October He visited Powlett's station near Macedon.
20 October With Dana he passed Maiden Hills and Mount Beckwith on the way to Goldsmith’s.
22 October Arrived at the new village of Kyneton.
23 October Visited Pyramid Hill.
23 November To the Heads and Geelong.
28 November Werribee River flooded. La Trobe could not reach Wedge's huts and had to return to Corio.
29 November Yarra River flooded. La Trobe went by boat from the Bluff (Emerald Hill) over the fences of the cricket ground to the Custom House.
29 November Ship Royal George arrived in Melbourne.
20 December He rode via Rocky Waterholes and Beveridge's to Kilmore, then
21 December via Pyalong to Baynton's, to Barfold, and
22 December to Powlett's near Macedon.

1850
5 January La Trobe visited the gold-mine in the Pyrenee Range.
12 January To Geelong till 13th.
17 January To Kyneton, Bucknall's Hall's; on this journey he saw the gold-finder's hut.
19 January To Decameron.
20 January With Wright and Cameron he climbed Ben Nevis.
21 January With Powlett he visited numerous stations, finishing at Buckra Bagnall.
22 January He then went to Coombatook, Lake Bael Bael, Reedy Lake;
23 January to Lake Boga, then Swan Hill.
26 January The expedition continued to Pyramid Hill, Mount Hope, Terrick Terrick.
27-29 January With horses lost and the heat extreme, La Trobe and his companions travelled on, close to exhaustion.
1850

31 January Reached Kilmore. He had set out from Melbourne with 4 servants and 10 horses; all that remained were 2 'tired hacks'.

8-10 March Via Geelong, Colac to Niel Black's station, then to Muston's Creek; travelling with Dana,

11 March to Mount Sturgeon Inn;

13 March to Hall's Gap, Mount Dryden, Mount Drummond.

14 March He climbed to the summit of Mount William;

15 March left Ledcourt and travelled to Wright's by the Little Wimmera.

17 March Attended Sunday service at Decameron station; Bishop Perry's visit.

18 March Began the homewards journey past Mount Cole and Mount Langi Ghiran.

5 August Queen Victoria gave Royal assent to the Imperial Act which separated Port Phillip from New South Wales.

24 October La Trobe went to Dandenong and Cape Schanck;

25 October to Mount Eliza, McCrae and Dandenong.

11 November Nicholson, mayor of Melbourne, told La Trobe that the English Parliament had passed the Separation Bill. Celebrations begun.

15 November La Trobe declared Prince's Bridge open.

1851

1 January La Trobe appointed Lieutenant-Governor of new colony of Victoria as from 1 July.

9-11 January Heidelberg, Kangaroo Ground and Yering visited.

13 January Separation Act proclaimed, creating the Colony of Victoria.

6 February Mr Justice A’Beckett swore La Trobe in as Lieutenant-Governor.

22 February Left for Sydney; returned on 10 May.

5 July Payable gold found at Anderson's Creek (Warrandyte) and Clunes.

15 July Lonsdale appointed Colonial Secretary for Victoria.


20 July Gold found at Mount Alexander.

- August Gold licence fee of 30 shillings monthly was imposed.

2 September Official visit to Geelong as Governor (until 5th).

2 October La Trobe at Buninyong and Ballarat until 8th - first visit to the goldfields.

8 October Mount Alexander goldfield proclaimed; Frederick Powlett in charge.

22 October La Trobe departed from Mount Alexander goldfield.

24 October At Forest Creek diggings, south of the mount.

25 October Traveled with the Gold Escort to Mitchell's station with Powlett.

11 November Victoria's first Legislative Council met in Saint Patrick's Hall, 470 Bourke Street.

19 November Castlemaine named, apparently on La Trobe's suggestion.
1852

6 January  Licence system to be enforced on goldfields. Unsuccessful attempt to raise the fee to £3 this month.

10 February  Supreme Court established.

19 February  With Dana, La Trobe went to Yering to see Paul de Castella.

20 February  La Trobe appointed William Wright as Chief Goldfields Commissioner with his headquarters, for Victoria's new Gold Department, at Castlemaine.

13 April  La Trobe departed for another goldfields tour; he reached

15 April  Brown Hill diggings; then visited

16 April  Ballarat, Creswick and Clunes diggings;

17 April  The Loddon and Forest Creek.

19 April  At Forest Creek he encountered Alexander Tolmer, leader of the South Australian Gold Escort.

20 April  La Trobe rode to Friar's (Fryer's) Creek; then to Kyneton with Dana and Commissioner Wright; and

23 April  climbed Mount Alexander.

25 April  At Bendigo goldfield with Commissioner Gilbert.

26 April  At Bendigo goldfield with Commissioner Clow, Commissioner Wright Bell and Dana.

27 April  To the McIvor diggings (Heathcote).

28 April  To Seymour and then Avenel.

30 April  He reached Wangaratta with Bell, Dana, Smythe;

1 May  visited Reid's Creek and May Day Hills goldfields; then

2 May  to Faithfull's, and Benalla on the way home.

20 November  At Ballarat, he visited Eureka and Creswick diggings.

24 November  At Forest Creek diggings.

25 November  At Bendigo with Captain Bull; White Hills and White Hawk diggings inspected.

26 November  To Sawpit Gully (Elphinstone) and Carlsruhe on the way home.

19 December  At the Quarantine Ground, Point Nepean; the Ticonderoga passengers quarantined.

21-22 December  La Trobe rode to Settlement Point, Balcombe's, Hunter's and Davis, and 'to the Inn late'.

23 December  He called at Mordialloc on the way home.

31 December  La Trobe despatched his resignation to England.

1853

1 January  La Trobe appointed William H.F. Mitchell to be Chief Commissioner of Police.

11 January  The Public Library and the University of Melbourne were established.

18 February  La Trobe's ailing wife Sophie, their three children, governess Mademoiselle Béguin and a maidservant boarded the Blackwall in Hobson's Bay for their return journey to Europe;
The Blackwall sailed from Hobson’s Bay, with La Trobe aboard to get ‘everything comfortable’ for his family;

He landed at Shortland’s Bluff and from the lighthouse watched the ship for ‘more than an hour before I quite lost sight of her’.

La Trobe departed for the Pyrenee Ranges.

He was at Ballarat with Fenwick, Sherrett, Hamilton, Babington.

At Creswick’s Creek, Coghill’s Creek, Clunes goldfield.

At Daisy Hill where he saw the ‘gold discovery 1848’; then Burn Bank, the Amphitheatre to Decameron.

With Captain J. Le M. Carey, he climbed Ben Nevis.

Glenwylln station (Davies’).

At the Avoca River; he saw Moliagul in the distance.

At Korong goldfield with Carey and Reid.

He toured Bendigo goldfields with Panton and Armstrong;

to McIvor (purchased a rare crystalline gold nugget), the McIvor Inn and Pick and Shovel Inn; to Pyalong and Ferguson's;

La Trobe named Shortland’s Bluff, Queenscliff.

He sent a privately printed circular to early settlers requesting a first-hand record of the settlement of the colony.

Work was begun on the Melbourne-Hobson's Bay railway.

To Queenscliff.

To Capel Sound and Settlement Point.

Visited Capel Sound, Arthur's Seat and Queenscliff localities in the Corsair during 26-30 November.

Draft Constitution for Victoria was presented to the Legislative Council.

Presented with a golden testimonial vase, also referred to as a cup, made by Bond and Tofield at a farewell ball in Melbourne. It weighed 170 ounces (4.82kg) and cost 1,000 guineas (£1,050).

Auction of La Trobe dairy farms (400 acres, 162 hectares) near Queenscliff. All 12 were apparently sold by the end of April.

La Trobe went to Yering.

With Carey to Geelong; he had dinner with Claud Farie, Taddy Thomson and others.

With Carey to Queenscliff.

Sophie La Trobe died at Neuchâtel.

On the Pacifico to Quarantine Station and Capel Sound.

With Stawell he rode to Yan Yean, Mount Disappointment and Reservoir - 'My last good ride in Australia'.

Constitution Bill passed by the Legislative Council.

La Trobe read Sophie’s death notice in the London Morning Post newspaper of 8 February, and a few days later

received family letters telling him of her death.
1854

- c.5 May
  Approved the creation of Royal and Princes Parks from a large tract of land previously reserved for recreation purposes.

- 6 May
  La Trobe on steamship Golden Age sailed through the Heads, 14 years, 7 months and 6 days after he arrived in Port Phillip.

- 22 June
  Sir Charles Hotham arrived in Melbourne.

1855

- La Trobe in London.
- Received from the people of Victoria a silver candelabrum testimonial made in London by Smith, Nicholson and Co.

- 14 March
  Presented to Queen Victoria by Sir George Grey, late Secretary of State for the Colonies, at a St James’s Palace levee.

- 27 March
  Admitted to the Athenaeum Club, Pall Mall, London.

- 27 June
  Received by Queen Victoria at a St James’s Palace levee.

- August
  Sophie La Trobe's memorial tablet shipped in the Hebonheath for Melbourne, for placing at St Peter’s Eastern Hill.

- 3 October
  Charles La Trobe married Rose Isabelle de Meuron, née de Montmollin, widowed sister of Sophie, in Neuchâtel.

- December
  Moved to Ightham Mote in Kent.

1856

- La Trobe wrote the manuscript of 'Australia: Memoranda of Journeys, Excursions and Absences 1839-54'.

- 7 May
  Received by Queen Victoria at a St James’s Palace levee.

- Mid May
  Moved to Addington Vale, Addington near Maidstone, Kent.

- 3 September
  Margaret Rose La Trobe was born at Addington.

1857

- March
  First land sales took place at Jolimont.

- 30 April
  Departed from Addington Vale and spent the summer in Switzerland.

1858

- La Trobe living largely in Switzerland.

- February
  He sold a rare crystalline gold nugget, weighing 23 ounces or 717 grams, to the Natural History Museum, London, for the sum of £157.10s.

- 9 June
  Isabelle Castellane Helen La Trobe was born at Greng, Switzerland.

- 18 September
  Moved to Whitbourne Court, Whitbourne, near Worcester.

- 22 November
  La Trobe was appointed Companion of the Order of the Bath, for civil service of the highest calibre.

1859

- 2 March
  Presented to Queen Victoria by Edward Bulwer Lytton, Secretary of State for the Colonies, at a St James’s Palace levee on appointment as Companion of the Bath.
1860
11 May
La Trobe arranged to forgo remittances for six months, to help build up his investments in Victoria for his old age and the sake of his dependants.

1862
- July
Sight of his left eye began to deteriorate.

21 August
Auction of elegant household furniture and effects at Jolimont.

1865
- -
Jolimont was further sub-divided.
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A silver presentation vase made in London in 1864 by Hunt and Roskell is believed to have been presented to La Trobe.

22 June
England's Colonial Governors (Pension) Bill was amended to provide a one-third pension for La Trobe of £333.6s.8d a year, based on the lowest salary received during his last four years in Victoria.

12 October
Sight of his right eye badly diminished; he was now practically blind.

1866
14 February
At Jolimont the allotment containing the main cottage was sold.

31 December
Departed from Whitbourne Court, Worcester and lived in London, at Worcester Park, Kingston-on-Thames, and then at Upper Gore Lodge (Lady Franklin’s), Kensington, London W.

1867
18 September
La Trobe moved to Clapham House, Litlington, near Eastbourne, Sussex.

1871
- June
Last land sales took place at Jolimont.

1872
19 March
La Trobe sent letters of Victorian early settlers to his agent, James Graham, to be given to 'say the Public Library or other Public Archives'. They were later published as Letters from Victorian Pioneers.

1874
- May
Charles Albert La Trobe arrived in Melbourne on a visit from England.

26 August
Isabelle La Trobe died, aged 16.

19 October
Agnes Louisa La Trobe married Comte Pierre de Salis-Soglio of Neuchâtel.

1875
20 February
Charles Albert La Trobe departed from Melbourne on the Nubia.

4 December
Charles Joseph La Trobe died, aged 74. He was buried at Litlington.
1876
- February    Rose La Trobe departed from Clapham House and by July had returned to her native Neuchâtel.
12 September  Charles Albert La Trobe married actress Carlotta Addison.

1878
30 June       Memorial chapel to La Trobe inaugurated at Neuchâtel. It had been built by Rose La Trobe in memory of her husband and also of their daughter Isabelle.

1883
16 January    Rose La Trobe died in Neuchâtel, aged 61.
17 July       Mary Cecilia (Cécile) La Trobe married Georges Godet, Professor of Theology and History, Neuchâtel.
- -           Eleanora Sophia La Trobe continued to live in Eastbourne, Sussex.