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Allan Robert Hutchinson, associated with the Georgist movement of Melbourne, Australia, died April 24, 1988. There were parallels with John Lawrence Monroe, whose death was reported in our Spring issue: Both were born into Georgist families, served the cause for their lifetimes and died at the age of 80, preceded by a stroke. Both are survived by their Georgist wives (Martha for John, Mary for Allan).

Born in New Zealand, Allan at an early age heard his father reciting passages from Progress and Poverty and became an enthusiast himself. The family moved to Australia where he became active in the movement and was closely associated with the Henry George League. For many years he edited Progress.

Later, stimulated by a visit from the Canadian, H. Bronson Cowan, Mr. Hutchinson and his colleagues formed the Land Values Research Group and he served as Honorary Director. This group produced numerous studies of districts in Victoria showing land values and comparing site value rating with the rating of both land and improvements. This work was influential in getting a number of municipalities to switch to site value rating.

One of the Research Group's most important studies was a survey of shopping center development in five states of Australia, during which Mr. Hutchinson visited many towns in Queensland, New South Wales, South Australia, Victoria and Tasmania.

Mr. Hutchinson was known throughout the Georgist world and attended international conferences. He lived in Glen Iris and worked as a Chartered Engineer. It was said of him: "Allan Hutchinson's daily work is a means to earn a living; his real interest is his spare time activity for the Henry George movement."