John HAYWARD [1808-1872]

Married
Keturah REID [1814-1897]
on 23 March 1841 at Holy Trinity Church

Departed 26 July 1838
Arrived 16 November 1838 on the

Rajasthan

Children of John & Keturah:

William (1842-?) m Charlotte COOK

Walter (1843-1916) m Sophie CORNER

John (1846-1867)

Joseph (1848-1927) m Ann WHITE

Patience (1851-1903) m John PETTIT

James (1853-1904) m [1] Sarah SMITH
[2] Lillian SKELLET

Keturah (1855-1946) m Charles TUCKER

A Life Made 'By Dint of Hard Work and Thrift'

According to the *Biographical Index of South Australians 1836-1885*, John Hayward was born on 27 November 1808 at East Grinstead, Sussex, the eldest son of John Hayward and Sarah Fry, both born at East Grinstead in 1784. There is some reason to doubt the date, as his death notice suggests that he was born in 1809 or 1810, and that he had relatives in Wiltshire.

His family (consisting of his parents and seven children) was forceably removed from East Grinstead under the Poor Law Act and sent to Lingfield, Surrey (in the next county), because the parish could not afford to support them as paupers. As an illiterate agricultural labourer, John was obviously attracted to the idea of emigrating to a new colony where a young man could acquire his own farm by dint of hard work and thrift. He applied successfully for an assisted passage and sailed on the *Rajasthan* in 1838.

He was listed in 1840 as working as a farm hand/stockman at Echunga Springs on the Three Brothers Survey land owned by J Barton Hack. He was also listed in the 1841 Census of Adelaide, and may have worked as a stockman for Edward John Eyre.

While working for J Barton Hack, he met a milkmaid who worked there, Keturah Margaret Reid, who spoke fluent Gaelic, and English with a strong Scottish, almost unintelligible accent. After they were married they established a farm at Three Brothers Hill on Meadows Road, Echunga, which they called Reid Farm. They managed to build a house on what is now called Braendler's Road in 1842 to serve their farm, which consisted of approximately 340 acres. This house still exists, although falling into disrepair, and was included in both the National Trust of SA Survey of buildings in the Echunga district in 1992 and the heritage survey of the Meadows Council Area in 1983, which granted it Heritage A listing.

John Hayward was described in Allen's Almanack 1844 as having "20 acres wheat, 1.5 acres barley, 1 acre maize, 1 acre potatoes, 20 cattle, 1 pig."

John continued to farm until his death from heart disease in 1872.

From information provided by Peter Brinkworth,
John's great-great grandson
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