



Harriet COX [1824-1867]

Married William PHILLIS
on 22 January 1842 in Holy Trinity
Church, Adelaide

Departed 2 April 1838 from London

Arrived 28 July 1838 at Port Adelaide on the

Duke of Roxburghe

Children of Harriet & William:

John (1842–1926) m Elizabeth TURNER
Caroline (1844–1935) m Frederick HAMMER
Susan (1846-1873) m George LOXTON
Charlotte (1847-1915) m James NICHOLSON
William (1849–1909) m Emily WHITE
Mary Ann (1851-?) m Samuel SHIPARD
Harriet (1854-1932) m William CODRINGTON
Eliza (1856–1909)
Thomas (1858–1904)
George (1862–1942) m Florence HISCOCK
Charles (1864–1906) m Alice STONEHAM
Richard (1867-?)

A Pioneering Mother of Mount Pleasant

Thomas and Maria Cox lived in the Parish of Horsley near Nailsworth, Gloucestershire, UK where their daughter Harriet's baptism was recorded on 6 June 1824. Harriet, 'servant of Horsley,' applied for a passage to South Australia in 1838 and her application was preceded by that of her father Thomas, his wife and two children.

According to the Adelaide census of 1841, Harriet Cox was living in the Port Adelaide district. Her marriage to William Phillis was solemnised in Holy Trinity Church by Colonial Chaplain Rev Charles Howard, with her sister Caroline a witness. William had migrated on the Duchess of Northumberland arriving in December 1839 with his younger siblings. His mother died ten days after arrival in the colony.

Harriet and William were early settlers in the Mount Pleasant area where they developed Ham Farm, on the main road to Springton. It was a property recognised for advanced animal husbandry, especially in the breeding of horses and livestock. According to Reg Butler's history of Mount Pleasant 'The Quiet Waters By', "People brought their mares for service by the Phillis stallions, one of the principal ones being Pride of Australia. He (William) hosted ploughing matches and joined the Mount Pleasant Show Society".

Harriet's mother Maria died in 1843 aged 41, and her father Thomas continued living in Walkerville until his death from a compound fracture of the leg in 1868. Described as 'yeoman' of Walkerville, he left his land and estate in trust for his grandson, William Thomas Phillis, Harriet's son.

Harriet died 14 May 1867, six weeks after her twelfth child was born. She was buried in St. John's Anglican Cemetery, Mount Pleasant, and was survived by William who married again and had two more sons.

From information provided by Elizabeth Harris
Harriet's great great grand-daughter
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