



Primitive Methodist Church, Bull Creek

Founding a Family of Farmers at Bull Creek

A census of 1841 shows James and Harriet Stone and baby Mary Ann living at Walkerville, with his occupation given as surveyor's labourer. From the available information, it is difficult to follow what happened to the family during the next few years.

A Special Survey known as the 'Green Hills' which contained Bull's (now called Bull) Creek and Ashbourne was commissioned by Francis Burslem in January 1841. It is probable that James was among the survey party and was attracted to the land. He settled at Bull's Creek, built a home called 'Marble Hill' and according to land records had a number of properties in the area on which he became a successful farmer.

James became a founding member of the Kondoparinga District Council in 1853 and served on the Council for twenty six years, eventually becoming Chairman. He was a foundation member of St George Anglican Church at Meadows and built the Primitive Methodist Church on land he owned.

James died on 16 May 1879 and is buried at the Bull Creek Primitive Church. Harriet, who was said to be a very good gardener, died in 1899 and was buried with James.

Their three sons James, William and George had their own farms, and their oldest daughter Mary Ann married Andrew James Allan who took up two

land grants in the Hundred of Kondoparinga in 1852 both at a cost of £80 paid to the Colonial Treasurer. The property was named 'Allandale' and he went on to acquire more land in the same area and become a successful farmer.



James STONE [1819-1879]

Married Harriet EVANS [1819-1899]
on 6 May 1839
at Holy Trinity Church, Adelaide

Arrived 11 September 1836 at Nepean Bay
Kangaroo Island

Cygnets

Children of James & Harriet:

Mary Ann (1839-1918) m Andrew ALLAN

James (1842-1921) m Elizabeth WATT

Elizabeth (1844-1929) m William ADAMS

Sarah (1846-1860)

Thomas (1848-1849)

William (1851-1929) m Kate STONE

Edwin (1854-1860)

George (1859-1929) m [1] Sarah Jane PAYNE

[2] Elizabeth JACKSON

Harriet (1861-1862)

From information provided by Don Nicolson
James' great great grandson
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