



George DUKE [1809-1892]

Married

[1] Sarah BURTON on 13 September 1829

&

[2] Jessie MELVIN on 8 November 1866

Arrived on 17 June 1839 at Holdfast Bay on the

Hooghly

Children of George & Sarah:

Mary Ann (1831-1903) m Henry GOLDNEY

George Junior (1832-1918) m Anne GAYNOR

A Family Link with the Eureka Flag

George Duke was born in Durham, England. His occupation was as a bookbinder. At age 20, he married Sarah Burton and there were two children from this marriage.

In December 1838 George and Sarah applied for a passage to South Australia and arrived on the *Hooghly* in 1839. George was employed in the “mechanised department of the Register and Observer” and was highly regarded in his profession. In 1857, he began employment with the Government Printing Office from where he retired after 25 years of service.

George and Sarah were early churchgoers at the Flinders Street Baptist Church and were pioneer members when Parkside Baptist Church was formed in 1880. After Sarah died, George married Jessie Melvin in 1866.

George's daughter Mary Ann married Henry Goldney in 1848. They had 14 children and lived on an 80 acre property named ‘Hillview’ at Gawler River in the area known as Buchsfelde.

George Junior ran away to the goldfields where he married Anne Gaynor in 1854. He never made contact with his family in Adelaide again. George and Anne were at Ballarat for the Eureka Stockade. Anne was one of three women who sewed the Eureka flag and ten days later gave birth to a son.

Following the battle, Anne searched for her husband George among the dead and was relieved to find he had escaped unharmed. The leader of the uprising, Peter Lalor, was hidden from the soldiers by one of Anne's brothers.

In 1994, a descendant of George Junior, made contact with a relative in Kadina to discover her family roots and found that George had a sister with many descendants. So after a century the two family lines became acquainted again with each other.... Eureka!

From information provided by Don Goldney
George's great great grandson
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