



John JACOB [1816-1910]

Married Mary COWLES
in 1849 at 'Kerkoonda', Watervale

Departed on the *Juliet* in 1837

Arrived via Launceston in January 1838
at Port Adelaide on the

William

Children of John & Mary:

Sarah (1851-1939) m Thomas WILLIAMS

William (1852-1936) m Rosa PHELPS

Ann (1853-1913)

John (1856-1940) m Annie SEARLE

Denis (1857-1863)

Henry (1858-1918) m Florence WOLLASTON

Caroline (1861-1940)

Mary (1866-1941) m Wm Burnet POOLE

A Pioneering Mid-North Pastoralist

John Jacob was born in Hampshire and, after private schooling, joined his father in farming. His older brother William had become a member of Colonel Light's surveying team and travelled to South Australia. After their father's death, John and his sister Ann decided to join their brother. John left England in 1837 on board the barque *Juliet* and disembarked in Hobart. He moved to Launceston and found a berth on the *William*, which took him to Adelaide. On arrival, he walked to the house which his brother had recently built.

After helping fence the property, he went by ship with two other intending pastoralists to Sydney and then Goulburn to purchase cattle. A hazardous journey overland with 100 cattle ended at Mount Barker, then McLaren Vale, but soon he moved his herd to a property at Rowlands Flat which they named 'Morooroo'. William was a temporary visitor, being occupied with his surveying work. In 1839, Ann joined John and they continued, with hired help, to develop the land.

John's constant quest was for land to sustain their growing herd. William married and occupied the small house at 'Morooroo', while John and Ann moved near Sevenhill and leased a property they named 'Woodlands'. In 1848 he married Mary Cowles and over the next fourteen years, eight children were born. During this period John was often away from home exploring for pasture. His search took him to Paralana, near Lake Frome, where he established a herd of 7,000 cattle that sadly he lost during the drought of the mid-1860s.

Seeking new employment, John became Clerk of the Court in Mount Gambier where his family joined him two years later. His wife conducted a school with the help of her daughters, and the family remained in Mount Gambier until John's retirement in 1888. John's last years were spent in the home he purchased in Archer Street, North Adelaide. After his wife's death he lived with his daughter Caroline, in Childers Street, where he died peacefully in August 1910.

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