



Image: Smart, Elizabeth, *The Smart Heritage*, p8.

John SMART (1800-1882)

Married

Agnes WILSON (1801-1880)

on 20 April 1823 at Kirkinth Parish

Departed 11 April 1839 from Greenock

Arrived 13 August 1839 at Port Adelaide on the

Ariadne

Children of John & Agnes:

Elizabeth (1823-died before 1839)

Clementina (1825-1909) m Alexander KIRK

Robert (1828-1915) m Elizabeth ROBERTS

Charles (1830-1898) m Jane ROBERTS

Agnes (1832-1923) m James ROBERTS

William (1834-died before 1839)

Elizabeth (1836-died before 1839)

John (1838- 1903) m Isabella WATSON

Elizabeth (1842-1912) m Robert McEWIN

Pioneers of Golden Grove

John and his wife arrived in South Australia with five children and lived in Adelaide when it was little more than a wilderness. Their home was an old thatched cottage in Rundle Street near Primrose's Brewery.

John's occupation involved the cartage of water from the River Torrens for use in the Brewery, which today would be located at 33-35 Rundle Mall. His friend, John Primrose, desired John to join him in the distilling business but he was attracted to the country.

The family moved to the Gorge on the River Torrens, near to where Gumeracha is located today in about 1840 where they successfully carried on dairying. From there, they moved around 1843 to Section 5576 at Golden Grove, which was purchased in 1846 when land grants were released by the Government. At first two stone rooms were built, and later a larger home that included a cellar. The property was called *Craig-Lee*. The section contained 84 acres and was purchased for £84. John continued to purchase more land nearby until in 1868 he owned 812 acres.

John was a trustee of the local Presbyterian Church and also a trustee of the Golden Grove Cemetery. After the District Council of Highercombe was proclaimed in 1853, John was elected a Councillor in 1854-55.

John also made wine from grapes grown along the creek and in 1863, Smarts Bridge in Golden Grove was opened with a bottle of wine from Mr John Smart's Cellar.



Their youngest daughter Elizabeth, who was the only child born in South Australia, cared for her parents, who both died at home in their early 80s. Agnes died two years before John and they are buried together at the Golden Grove Cemetery with a large memorial stone surrounded by a low iron fence.

From information provided by Di Skull,
John & Agnes's great great granddaughter
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