



## Elizabeth HILLIER (1825-1901)

Married

**Henry SNELLING** (1818-1898)  
on 24 March 1841 at Holy Trinity Church

Departed 6 March 1840 from Gravesend  
Arrived 17 June 1840 at Port Adelaide on the

## Charles Kerr

### Children of Elizabeth & Henry:

Elizabeth (1842-1844)

Fanny (1844-1923) m John PROBERT

Mary (1846-1910) m Thomas BARNARD

Henry (1848-1866)

Elizabeth (1849-1866)

George (1851-1916) m Elisa CALNAN

Roland (1854-1933) m Mary CALNAN

Annie (1855-1879) m Frank THOMPSON

Helen (1857-1866)

Louisa (1859-1884) m Charles THOMSON

Alfred (1861-1943) m<sup>[1]</sup> Ellen DAW<sup>[2]</sup> Elisa ELLIOTT

Alice (1865-1931) m Charles NORTHCOTT

Rosa (1869-1968) m Alfred MAIDMENT

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Elizabeth Hillier was born at Moorsdown Farm, Buttermere, Wiltshire, England. She had a twin brother Henry and they were two of George and Sarah Hillier's eleven children. Their older brothers, James and John settled in South Australia in 1838 and encouraged their parents to emigrate to Australia.

Elizabeth arrived in Port Adelaide aboard the *Charles Kerr*. On board were 262 steerage passengers, of whom Elizabeth Hillier, travelling with her family, was one. Henry Snelling, her husband-to-be, was a first class passenger, travelling by himself. During the voyage some of the rougher passengers in steerage troubled Elizabeth, and Henry was able to rescue her and they became acquainted.

Henry and Elizabeth soon became romantically involved and married in 1841. She was only 16 years old and as she lacked a formal education, Henry taught her to read and write. Henry first worked in a chandlers business, but by 1854, he, Elizabeth and their children had moved to Rapid Bay to gain farming experience. While there, Elizabeth had three more children.

In 1861, the family settled at Middle River, now referred to as Snellings Beach on the North Coast of Kangaroo Island. Elizabeth had five more children while living there. During a typhoid fever outbreak in 1866, three of the children died and two others later. They were all buried on the property.

As Elizabeth and Henry aged, they went to live with their son George at Shoal Bay on Kangaroo Island. Henry died there on 11 July 1898 and is buried in the Kingscote Cemetery. Elizabeth died in Wayville on 6 December 1901 at the residence of her third daughter Mary (Mrs Thomas Leigh Barnard) and was buried with her husband Henry at Kingscote. She was aged 76 years.

From information provided by Carolyn Carroll,  
Elizabeth and Henry's great-great grand-daughter  
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