



**John  
GARDNER (1812-1870)**  
&  
**Susan  
GARDNER (née PATERSON)**  
(1816-1888)

**Married**

on 29 November 1834  
at Cathcart, Renfrew, Scotland

Departed 22 November 1838 from Greenock,  
Scotland

Arrived 3 April 1839 at Port Adelaide on the

## Welcome

### Children of John & Susan:

Mary (1837-1924)

Susan (1839-1862) m Thomas TONKIN

Elizabeth (1841-1927) m Henry (Harry) COOTE

Robert (1843-1919) m Elizabeth NOSWORTHY

Andrew (1845-1881) m Elizabeth MARTIN

Jane (1848-1939) m John TONKIN

Margaret (1850-1901) m Job PEARSON

John (1853-1930)

## *The Gardners Who Became Farmers*

John and Susan Gardner and daughter Mary sailed to South Australia under the free passage scheme. At the time it was reported in the "Inverness Courier" on 28 November 1839 that "this is the first ship which has sailed from the Clyde to South Australia". Daughter Susan was born at sea and her birth was registered on their arrival.

John had been a ploughman, and in the new Colony his occupation was listed as labourer from Thrushgrove near Glasgow. In their first few years, they lived in Currie Street and John worked for a time as a carpenter and a mounted policeman. Shortly after the birth of their third daughter Elizabeth in 1841 they moved to Magill to take up farming.

In 1849 they purchased Section 28, 29, 30 in Magill Estate for £25. After the birth of youngest son John in 1853 they sold their 2<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> acres at Magill and bought 80 acres (Section 1155) in Hd of Yankalilla on Fleurieu Peninsula followed by Section 1156. These blocks at Bald Hills were named *Fannyside* after a mill in Scotland, believed to have been owned by a relative. They continued to acquire adjoining sections of land and by 1860 their land holding had increased to 344 acres.

John was a regular participant in local ploughing matches and the local agricultural show. Some of their children attended day school at Dairy Flat run by Rev Charles Lee, a Bible Christian Minister, when it opened in 1857.

The couple continued to farm and live at *Fannyside* until their deaths. Their daughter Mary never married and stayed to look after her parents in their old age.

Eldest son Robert purchased the property after the death of his parents and continued farming until his retirement in 1907.

John and Susan are buried in Yankalilla cemetery.

From information provided by Anne Gardner,  
John and Susan's great great granddaughter  
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