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Isaac

JACOBS [1814-1894]

&

Elizabeth

DAY [1815-1870]

Married 10 August 1836

at Shalfleet Church of England, Isle of Wight

Departed 18 October 1836 from Gravesend

Arrived 14 February 1837 at Port Creek (later known as Port Misery) on the

John Renwick

Children of Isaac & Elizabeth:

Henry (1838-1909) m Elizabeth WALLER

Isaac (1840-1879) m Elizabeth BEECHING

William (1842-1899) m Mary Ann MILDWATERS

Jane (1844-1879) - m Edward RICHARDS

Fanny (1846-1888) m William DONNELL

Edward (1848-1921) m Louisa BROADBENT

James (1850-1891) m Harriett FIDGE

Thomas (1852-1923) m Maria BROADBENT

Mary (1854-1942) m John STORY

One of Cherry Gardens Founding Families

On 10 August 1836, Isaac Jacobs married Elizabeth Day at the 11th Century Shalfleet Church of England on the Isle of Wight, although neither Isaac nor Elizabeth were Anglicans.

As a newly married couple they decided to immigrate to the infant province of South Australia. Primarily they believed that a life in South Australia would give them an opportunity to own their own land and to worship according to their own Bible Christian/Wesleyan persuasion.

Their first abode after disembarkation was a hut on the banks of the River Torrens near where the Old Adelaide Gaol stands. They had their belongings in a sea chest, which is still kept within the Jacobs Family.

On Monday 11 May 1837, Isaac and Elizabeth attended a meeting to form the Wesleyan Society and Elizabeth helped form the first Sunday school. On 15 May they hosted the first Class Meeting that the early Bible Christian/Wesleyans were known for.

By early 1839 they and their newborn son Henry had moved to Happy Valley to work on the Burgess' property. While working here, Isaac, Henry Field and Edward Burgess discovered an area wooded with trees that bore a small cherry-like fruit, so they called the place Cherry Gardens.

By 1841 Isaac acquired land at Cherry Gardens, where they built a stone cottage and soon had the land under cultivation and in orchards. By 1849 Isaac had become Trustee of the newly constructed Wesleyan Methodist Church, and later served on the Clarendon Council, and as a Trustee of the school.

Elizabeth, a midwife, went on to have a further seven children herself, all born at home in Cherry Gardens. Following Elizabeth' death in 1870, Isaac remarried his wife Elizabeth's older widowed sister Sarah Mincham (née Day).

Isaac died on 21 December 1894 and was laid to rest with Elizabeth. Sarah died on 28 December 1896. She was interred with her first husband William in St. Mary's Church yard Echunga under a huge oak tree known as the Mincham Tree. Another oak tree and several grown from it lives on at Cherry Gardens to the memory of Isaac and Elizabeth, grown from some acorns they brought with them from the Isle of Wight.



Jacobs Family Home [Source: State Library of South Austral;ia B57586]

From information provided by Ken Jacobs,
Isaac & Elizabeth's great-great grandson
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