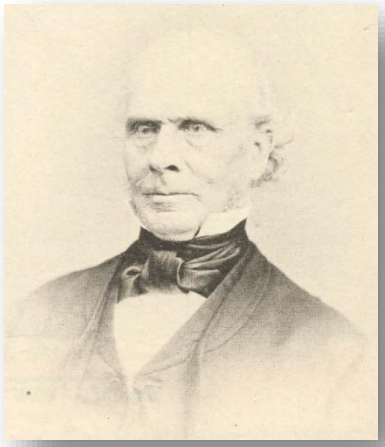


William PEDLER III (1804-1881)

Married

[1] Elizabeth NICHOLLS (1808-1855)
on 27 November 1828 at Gwennap, Cornwall

[2] Eliza WALTERS (1813 - 1892)
on 1 December 1857 at the Congregational Church, Salisbury

Departed 25 September 1837 from Falmouth

Arrived 18 January 1838 at Port Adelaide on the

Royal Admiral

Children of William & Elizabeth:

William IV (1829-1909) m Martha DAY

Darius (1832-1901)

Elizabeth (1834-1913) m John PARKER

Emma (1837-1896) m [1] Levi STONE
[2] Mark KITCH

Nicholas (1839-1909) m Eleanor 'Ellen' BARNET

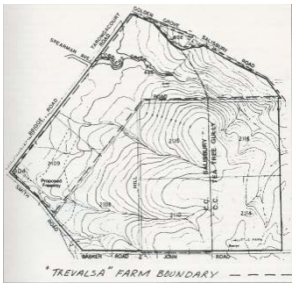
The Cobbler of Cobbler Creek

William Pedler III was persuaded to emigrate to South Australia by John Hutt, one of the founders of the colony. Prior to emigrating, he had been well educated and briefly pursued the study of law, but said that "all law and no justice" offended him and he returned to his skills of boot making and farming.

Not long after he arrived, he wrote to his elder brother Thomas, who had remained in England, to say that he could maintain his family very comfortably on £1 10s a week and since he had employment as a shoemaker at £2 14s a week, he was very happy. Thomas arrived in South Australia the following year.

After finding temporary accommodation in Emigration Square, William leased premises in Leigh Street from John Morphett to work as a shoemaker. During this time he made the slippers in which John Hallett danced at John Morphett's wedding.

In the latter part of 1838, William left his trade and, with the hope of becoming wealthy, he opened a slate quarry near the foot of the hills at First Creek with other working partners and gentlemen, including the Hon B T Finniss. Later, he returned to boot making and in 1845 purchased half-acre of land in Section 342, Survey B, (Magill). In 1850 he purchased land with T C Bray, a shoemaker, in the Hundred of Yatala, leasing and later purchasing Bray's portion. He later purchased more land in the surrounding area including where the Old Spot Hotel in Salisbury Heights now stands.



The family home of *Trevalsa* was built not far from Cobbler Creek which was named for William's occupation. He farmed his property and continued his trade as a boot maker, selling boots and shoes to the teamsters carting ore from the Burra mines.

William's wife Elizabeth died in 1855 at the age of 47. He then married Eliza Walters in 1857 and later bought land in Childers Street, North Adelaide where he lived until his death in 1881.

From information provided by Shirley Frost, William's great great great granddaughter March 2016