



John
FROST [c1806-1852]
&
Mary Ann
KING [c1805-1871]

Married on 3 May 1826
at Haverhill, SUFFOLK

Departed 10 February 1844 from London
Arrived 18 June 1844 at Largs Bay on the

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Children of John & Mary Ann:

- Frederick (c1831-1901) m Jane COTTER
- Frances (Fanny) (1832-1894) m William WILLIAMS
- Alfred (c1833-1884)
- Joseph (c1834-1897)
- Benjamin (1834-1834)
- Eliza (c1835-1907) m Thomas WALLIS
- Ellen (c1836-1924) m Henry LONGMIRE
- John (c1838-1917) m Margaret COLE (née GORDON)
- Priscilla (1840-1900) m Thomas KNOWLES
- Charles (1840-1840)
- Emily (1844-1908) m Owen HUGHES

Mining for Prosperity in a New Land of Promise

The Frost family came from Steeple Bumpstead, Essex, where all the children had been baptised with the exception of their last child, Emily Hannah, who was born in South Australia two months after they arrived in the new colony. Emily Hannah's birth was registered by Mary Ann, and their address given as Light Square.

After a short period of time this large family found residence in Gilles Plains, and later moved further north to Melrose, South Australia. John Frost like many other men of the times decided to try to make his fortune in the goldfields in Victoria.

Unfortunately success evaded him and he died near Melbourne in 1852. Mary Ann lived for another 19 years and was interred in the Melrose cemetery.

Several of the Frost children and some of their partners had success in mining.

Eldest son Frederick married a daughter of Dr T Y Cotter who had been the Colonial Surgeon for a period of time and was Secretary for the Great Northern Copper Mining Company of South Australia.

Alfred Frost was involved in the mining industry for most of his life in the Northern Flinders Ranges. In "The Mines of South Australia" (1863) J B Austin stated

"I may mention ..., that Mr Frost claims, and I believe, justly, to have discovered more mines than any other individual in the colony. He is ... a perfect enthusiast in mining matters".



St Marys Church, Steeple Bumpstead

Alfred applied for mineral leases at Yudanamutana, then Blinman mine, and many others and even had a mine named after him.

From information provided by Kingsley Ireland,
John & Mary Ann's great-great grandson
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