



## Alexander & Ann (née DOWIE) CHRISTIE

Married 26 December 1838 in Edinburgh

## Maxwell & Ann (née GILCHRIST) CHRISTIE

Married 11 December 1838 at St Enoch's, Glasgow

Arrived in Port Adelaide on 10 June 1839 on the

## Sir Charles Forbes

### Children of Alexander and Ann:

William (1841-1923) m [1] Mary ROBERTSON

[2] Mary COLE

Agnes (1843-1927) m George JONES

Ann (1846-1905) m Thomas JONES

John (1848-1921) m Sarah Jane WARREN

Maxwell (1850-1926) m Elizabeth COLE

Margaret (1852-1853)

Janet (1854-1932) m Thomas PIKE

Henry (1856-1940) m Jessie BELCHER

Lambert (1858-1934) m Rosa GRUNDY

Hugh (1860-1927) m Jane PADDON

Jane (1863-1898) m James CHALLINGER

Lillias (1865-1952) m Benjamin GOBELL

Jemima (1865-1901) m Frederick MITCHELL

## Pioneering twin brothers established properties at Marion and Cape Jervis

Twin brothers Alexander and Maxwell Christie, both 24 years of age, together with their new brides, sailed from Liverpool on 23 January 1839 on the 'Sir Charles Forbes', arriving at Port Adelaide on 10 June.

They purchased land at Section 90 on Marion Rd. Part of this land is where Forbes Primary School stands today. On 31 July 1856 Alexander purchased Section 103 at Cape Jervis where the Christie Homestead was built.

In the mid 1860's the people of Kangaroo Island were wanting a more regular and reliable mail delivery service because the ketches and sailing ships often could not cross due to the bad weather. Alexander Christie and Jock Thompson had the first mail tender to Kangaroo Island and carried the mail for about six years before losing the tender. Later Alexander successfully regained it, and with the help of his two sons John and Maxwell, continued to keep it within the Christie family for about fifteen years.

Prior to a church being established, religious services were conducted first in Alexander's house and then in a building erected as a day school for the children in the area. Alexander provided the land and in 1867 the school was opened with twenty pupils later increasing to seventy. Alexander and his wife Ann had thirteen children of their own.

Maxwell served his apprenticeship as a carpenter and builder and built himself a substantial house on Section 90 on the eastern side of Marion Road. He had stockyards and also planted potatoes and raised cattle. He and his wife Ann had five children.

Alexander drowned in a boating accident at Cape Jervis on 27 February 1883 aged 68 while Maxwell died suddenly on 30 October 1850.



Christie Family Homestead at Cape Jervis

From information provided by Glenda Cameron -  
Alexander Christie's great-great-great-granddaughter  
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