



## Elizabeth HARVEY [1814-1881]

Married Thomas BRINKWORTH [1809-1892]  
4 May 1834 at Horsley, Gloucestershire

Departed 14 May 1839  
Arrived 24 August 1839 on the

## Somersetshire

### Children of Elizabeth & Thomas:

- Joseph (1834-1895) m Isabella CLODE
- George (1836-1883) m Wilhelmina BELLING
- Mary (1838-1894) m Ernst SIEKMANN
- Jessie (1840-1917) m Fannie STAKER
- Peter (1842-1907) m Eliza ROE
- Daniel (1844-1884) m Sarah ROE
- Harriet (1847-1914) m John MOULE
- William James (1848-1932) m Mary Anne NOURSE
- Thomas (1851-1939) m Clara NORMAN

## *A Secret in the Chimney*

Broadweaver Elizabeth was born to Thomas and Maria Harvey, broadweavers of Newington Bagpath near Nailsworth in Gloucestershire. After marrying another local broadweaver Thomas Brinkworth in 1834, she had three children: Joseph, George and Mary. She came to Adelaide with husband Thomas and the children, settling with him firstly at Nailsworth, then Walkerville, Lower Light and finally to Manoora (Chinkford).

Three of her brothers, Peter, Samuel and James Harvey later emigrated to South Australia. Samuel began farming at Mt Torrens, then Manoora and finally at Yacka, where a number of his descendants live today.

After settling in Adelaide, Elizabeth had another six children: Jesse (born at Nailsworth), then Peter, Daniel, Harriet William and Thomas (Jr), who were born at 39 Stephen Street, Walkerville where husband Thomas had built a house around 1842. All of these later children were baptised at the Anglican Church of St Andrew's at Walkerville.

When Thomas and their two eldest sons went off in 1851 to the Eureka Fields at Bendigo to find gold, Elizabeth stayed at home to look after the young children, subsisting on what could be grown in her kitchen garden and the meagre earnings of the older boys who were left behind. On his return, Thomas revealed that before he went to seek gold, he had left a bag of gold sovereigns hidden in a hole in their kitchen chimney, just in case of his failure or death. He told Elizabeth that he had not confided in her, because if she had known of it, she would have spent it!

Their seven sons all became wheat farmers, mainly in the mid-North of South Australia, while both daughters married storekeepers, the older (Mary) to Ernst Siekmann of Saddleworth, who became a wheat buyer, auctioneer and land agent; the younger (Harriet) to John Moule of Manoora, who became a business partner of Ernst Siekmann, then a Member of Parliament.

When Elizabeth died in 1881, she was buried at the North Road Cemetery, not far from their old home in Walkerville.



St Andrew's Church, Walkerville

**From information provided by Peter Brinkworth,  
Elizabeth & Thomas's great-great grandson  
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