



Quaker Meeting House - Pennington Terrace, North Adelaide

## Daniel KEKWICK [1788-1866]

### Married Mary Ann DARTON

on 10 January 1815

at Devonshire House, Bishopsgate Street, London

Departed 29 November 1839 from Plymouth

Arrived 17 April 1840 at Holdfast Bay on the

## Warrior

### Children of Daniel & Mary Ann:

Henry (1815-1815)

Lucy (1816-1908) m Alfred CAPPER

Daniel (1818-1895) m Caroline JACKSON

Caroline (1820-1911) m Frederick HODDING

William (1822-1872) m Marion OWEN

James (1825-1894) m Adelaide OWEN

Mary Ann (Polly) (1826-1897) m Samuel BEDDOME

Elizabeth (1830-1916) m Jonathan SANDERS

Emily (1835-1876) m William RHODES

## Quaker Seeks Religious Freedom for his Family

Daniel Kekwick was the eldest son of an entrepreneurial farmer who leased 99 acres of the Manor Farm at East Ham, Essex. He attended a Quaker Boarding School in West Riding, Yorkshire, which was also attended by Samuel Darton, his future brother-in-law who was instrumental in organising the transportation and erection of the Quaker Meeting House on Pennington Terrace in 1839.

Persecution witness records show that the Kekwicks were devout Quakers from Warrington, Lancashire dating back to 1684. Daniel himself was jailed for refusing to join the militia during the Napoleonic War. After release, he married Mary Ann Darton and the couple had eight children before Mary Ann died in 1836. Daniel then decided to join the many other Quaker colonists in South Australia. Describing his occupation as yeoman, he leased 160 acres of land in South Australia.

Travelling with his children, Daniel found the voyage exhausting and cramped. At Cape Town, he purchased a pot plant of Yellow Oxalis (Sour Sobs) to cheer up his daughters. It survived the trip.

Daniel's lease was at Yankalilla and too remote to travel to, so he lived and worked with three of his daughters on a farm at Echunga that belonged to his son-in-law Frederick Hodding. Depression in 1843 meant the farm was taken over by Quaker financier, Jacob Hagen. In time Daniel was able to move his family to Carrington Street in the city where Daniel jun. was working for Hagen.

Most of the children married outside the Society of Friends which in those times meant disownment. Polly received such a rebuking letter from the Friends that she felt forced to resign. Daniel jun. was a member of the Methodist New Connexion Church of SA and helped found the North Adelaide Congregational Church in 1859.

Daniel purchased two acres of land south of the city in 1846 where he established one of the first market gardens servicing Adelaide. He eventually built a house there that became 14 Arthur Street, Unley. By the time of Daniel's death in 1866, the property contained a large orchard. He was buried in a non-Quaker section of West Terrace Cemetery.

From information provided by Simon Gore  
Daniel's great great great grandson  
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