



Pioneers of 1836
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James CHITTLEBOROUGH [1778-1853] & Maria CHITTLEBOROUGH (née COATS)

Departed on 27 July 1836 from Portsmouth
Arrived on 24 December 1836 at Glenelg on the

Buffalo

Children of James and Maria:

- Maria Hutson (1822-1853) m Robert WINTER
- Elizabeth Loney (1824-1912) m John Carvock BOLD
- William James (1826-1911) m Ellen THOMPSON
- Sarah Ann (1830-?) m John BROWN
- James (1832-1918) m Priscilla KEVERN

He came on the HMS Buffalo

James' father served at the Battle of Trafalgar in Lord Nelson's fleet whilst in the Royal Navy and later under Lieutenant John Hindmarsh, which may explain James' passage to SA aboard HMS Buffalo together with Hindmarsh. On being discharged from the Navy in 1830, in which he served for 22 years, James was granted an annual pension of £30 and 8 shillings.

Not long after arrival in South Australia, his wife Maria opened the first store in Adelaide among the reed huts of 'Buffalo Row' from which she sold 'drapery and other goods' that were brought out by John Barton Hack from Tasmania or NSW. Sir Hurtle Fisher and Colonel Light were neighbours in nearby 'Coromandel Row' (wooden houses shipped out aboard the Coromandel). When 'Buffalo Row' was burnt out, the Chittleborough's had nothing, but were well treated by their neighbours, and Hack told Maria 'Never mind, old dame, I will give you more goods to start again' - he was as good as his word.

James was publican of one of the original Adelaide hotels, the Buffalo's Head, first licensed on 25 September 1837. He started trading from a tent near the site of Old Adelaide Gaol then moved to Hindley St in 1838.

He was made Secretary of the Licensed Victuallers' Association in 1836, a position his youngest son, James, was to subsequently hold for 27 years. Interestingly, James jr was heavily involved in the formation and administration of early cricket competitions in the colony and at one stage he played in a team against a visiting English XI.



After the death of Maria, James sold the hotel and took up farming in Hurtle Vale, east of McLaren Vale. He bought 80 acres and named it 'Reynella.' He was assigned a 'cattle brand' by the Cattle Registry Office on 27 January 1841 so that he could run cattle. His family farmed 'Reynella' and other adjoining farms for many years.

From information provided by Peter Whitfield Nelson
James' great great great grandson
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