



## Christian Friedrich SEIDEL [1798–1856]

### Married

Anna Elisabeth SCHULZ [1797–1890]  
Circa 1820 in Schweinitz, Prussia

Departed on 24 May 1844 from the Port of  
Bremerhaven, Bremen, Germany

Arrived on 12 September 1844 at Port Adelaide  
on the

## George Washington

### Children of Christian & Anna:

Maria Elisabeth (1822–1905) m Johann SICKERDICK

Johanne Rosina (1825–1893) m Johann KUCHEL

Johann Carl Heinrich (1827–1902) m Johanne KÖNIG

Johanne Eleonore (1830–1910) m Carl KUMNICK

Christian (1833-1914) m Johanne NEUMANN

Anna Elisabeth (1836–1908) m Johann NITSCHKE

Johanne Dorothea (1839–1915) m Johann DRÖGEMÜLLER

Johanne Auguste (1843–1914) m Carl VORWERK

## *Farmers Forging a New Life in Lobethal*

In early 1839, Christian and Anna Seidel originally applied for passports for their family to emigrate from Silesia to South Australia, but due to the expected birth of their seventh child, they delayed the departure. In 1841 they were again invited to emigrate aboard the Skjold, but once again they delayed the departure due to expecting their last child. Their main reason for wanting to emigrate to South Australia was to escape religious persecution. It was 1844 before Christian, Anna and their eight children started their long voyage to Port Adelaide.

After arriving in South Australia, the Seidels moved to the newly established settlement of Hahndorf. They rented a house and garden and took over various strips of farmland behind the cottages in Hahndorf and began farming. Two of their daughters, Johanne Rosina Seidel and Anna Elisabeth, found husbands amongst the men of the original settlement in Hahndorf.

After a few years, Christian and his family moved to the Lobethal area and by 1848 he had an interest in 53.5 acres of land. On 7-8 December 1852 Christian was able to purchase his home block in Schönthal just east of Lobethal in two sales for a total of \$400-00. With this purchase he was able to construct a more substantial home that replaced the slab hut in which they had lived. By 1855 he was renting more land, which now totalled some 61 acres.

On 29 June 1856 Christian died at his Schönthal home, suffering from an ulcerated leg originating many years earlier from an injury incurred during the anti-Napoleonic

Prussian War of Liberation.

He was only 58 year old at the time of his death and was buried on 1 July 1856 at the “Zum Weinberge Christi” churchyard in Lobethal.



Anne Seidel died on 11 November 1890 at the age of 93. She was buried in the Freidesberg–Springton Lutheran Cemetery, Springton.

From information provided by Kym & Carla Lynch  
Christian's great-great-great granddaughter  
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