



William GOLDNEY [1818-1911]

Married Ann PURCELL [-1885]
on 6 May 1858 at Roman Catholic Church, Gawler

Arrived 6 December 1837 at Holdfast Bay on the

Navarino

Children of William & Ann:

- William (1859-1931)
- Laurence (1861-1868)
- Frederick (1864-1885)
- Henry (1867-1905)

A Trans-Tasman Pioneer

William was the third child in the family of William and Maria (née Harrow) Goldney of Wandsworth. He went to Greencoat School at Wandsworth and studied to be a chemist.

William came to South Australia with his older sister Miriam and her husband Joseph Henry Hornsby in 1837 on the *Navarino*. He took up Crown Land at Section 13, Surrey near Gawler and in 1843 had 35 acres of wheat, 10 acres of barley and $\frac{1}{4}$ acre potatoes along with 8 cattle and 8 pigs.

After making money in the Victorian goldfields, William went to New Zealand in 1855 and established a farming property. He was accompanied by fellow South Australians from Gawler, newlyweds John McCredie and Christina Haldane. They originally went to live in the gold mining district of Takaka near Golden Bay. Both jointly purchased land from the Crown and, in 1856, William secured other land as well in his own name. W Goldney and J Haldane are two of the 18 names listed on a memorial erected at Takaka commemorating the early pioneers of the district.

William returned to Adelaide and married Ann Purcell at Gawler in 1858. This marriage caused a rift in the family and sadly no further contact was made between them. William and Ann went to New Zealand soon after their wedding and set up home at their isolated Takaka property, a test of their energy and determination to build a new life. The Goldneys grew wheat and hops. In the 1876 Almanac, William was shown as sexton at the Takaka Cemetery. He performed these duties as well as farming.

Ann Goldney died in 1885 aged 50 and William's sister Mrs Maria Fassnidge then looked after the home for the family. After the death of Ann the family attended the local Church of Christ. William died on 5 December 1911 aged 93 and is buried in the Nelson Cemetery in New Zealand.



From information provided by Don Goldney
William's great great nephew
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