



**William
GOLDNEY [1779-1858]
&
Maria
GOLDNEY [1782-1858]
(née HARROW)**

Married on 13 December 1812
St Mary Magdalene Church of England Richmond, Surrey

Departed 4 April 1840 from London
Arrived 7 July 1840 at Holdfast Bay on the

Fairlie

Children of William & Maria:

Maria (1813-1904) m John FASSNIDGE
Miriam (1815-1894) m Joseph HORNSBY
William (1818-1911) m Ann PURCELL
Frederick (1822-1898) m Ellen DINAN
Henry (1824-1906) m Mary Ann DUKE
Benjamin (1827-1828)

A Quaker Family Returned To Their Faith

William Goldney was born at Bromham, Bedfordshire in 1779. Family tradition notes that he was estranged from his family through an unknown irreconcilable difference. However William did receive a legacy in South Australia from his brother John.

After their marriage, William and his wife Maria lived initially at Richmond, Surrey and later moved to Wandsworth. He carried on the family profession of weaving and later brought his weaving loom with him to Adelaide. At his rented house, William's hobby was to grow flowers and shrubs in his garden, which was much admired by his landlord.

William and Maria came from Quaker families but because they were married in a Church of England Church they ceased to be members of the Society of Friends. However, their youngest child was buried at the Quaker Centre in Wandsworth, so it would seem by then they had reconnected with the Quakers.

Because of their age William and Maria paid for their own passage to South Australia. Initially the family lived at Sturt Street and after the Special Surveys carried out by Governor Gawler, William took up farming on 80 acres at Gawler River in a section known as Buchsfelde. In South Australia William dressed as a Quaker but because there were only Meeting Houses in Adelaide and Mount Barker he could not practice as a Quaker. Yet in the 1841 census the name was spelt in the Quaker manner as 'Gouldney'.

William died at Gawler River in 1858 aged 78. After William's death Maria was so "inconsolable in her great love for him that life on earth without



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him was a great void and her only wish was to join him in eternity". She died soon after aged 76. Both are buried at West Terrace Cemetery.

From information provided by Don Goldney,
William's great great grandson
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