



John Cavenett & Eliza Sluman's three surviving children: Henry, Eliza & John

John CAVENETT [c1808-1844]

Married

[1] Eliza SLUMAN on 7 April 1828

&

[2] Eliza WARE on 17 November 1841 at Holy Trinity Church, Adelaide

Departed 15 August 1840 from London

Arrived 13 December 1840 at Port Adelaide on the

Brightman

Children of John & Eliza (née SLUMAN):

Henry (1829-1876) m [1] Caroline WOODMAN

[2] Mary BROWN

Stephen (1831-1831)

Mary Anne (1832-1840)

Eliza (1834 -1884) m William SHADWELL

Frances (1837-1837)

John (1838-1916) m Julia DWYER

Children of John & Eliza (née WARE):

Mary Ann (1842-1849)

Elizabeth (1845-1926) m Richard WATERS

A Unique Family

Name Survives

In the 1840's the English farming industry had suffered a quarter of a century of misfortunes and favourable reports of the new colony possibly enticed John and Eliza Cavenett to apply for free passage to South Australia. The voyage was a difficult one for the family with the death of both Eliza and her elder daughter Mary Anne at sea.

John and his three surviving children lived at Oxenbury Farm, Willunga, and in 1841 he married Eliza Waer in Holy Trinity Anglican Church. They had two children, but in 1844 John, aged 35 years, died of apoplexy (stroke).

His widow Eliza was left in difficult financial circumstances, occasioning a petition for assistance to Governor Sir George Grey. She was caring for four children, and was pregnant and soon to deliver.

In 1853, Eliza Cavenett re-married widower, Thomas Goodman. They had three children in South Australia, one of whom died in infancy. Thomas travelled to the Victorian goldfields and in 1855 Eliza again sought assistance, saying she had not heard from him in eight months. She eventually followed Thomas to Campbell's Creek, where they had another two children.

They remained in Victoria, as did all of the children.

John Cavenett's posthumous daughter Elizabeth lived in Bendigo for most of her life but moved to Scottsdale, Tasmania in 1920 where she died in 1926.



Elizabeth Cavenett

Research has shown the name Cavenett is extremely rare and it appears that everyone in the world who bears the name as a birthright is a descendant of John Cavenett [1808-1844]. Had he not had sons, the name would not now exist.

From information provided by
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