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William SHEPHARD [c1812-1848]

Married Ann GARRETT [c1810-1867]
on 4 June 1838 at Trinity Church

Departed 20 July 1836 from London

Arrived 26 November 1836 at Port Adelaide
on the

Tam O'Shanter

Children of William & Ann:

Ann (1839-1927) m Thomas RICHARDS

William (1842-1912) m Elizabeth HOPKINS

John (1844-1849)

Frederick (1846-1846)

William (1847-1894) m Alice WRIGHT

He Gave His Name to a Major Road

London butcher, William Shephard travelled to South Australia in 1836 on the privately chartered ship *Tam O'Shanter*. After stopping at Kingscote and Holdfast Bay, the ship arrived at Port Adelaide, or 'Port Misery', where it was stuck on mud flats for several days before passengers could get ashore.

During 1837, William bought block 251 on Franklin Street near West Terrace, where he built the Adelaide Tavern. By April 1838 a theatre had been completed upstairs.

"ADELAIDE TAVERN

William Shephard begs to inform the inhabitants of Adelaide that the above Tavern has now accommodation for public parties...

ADELAIDE TAVERN THEATRE...

The ladies and gentlemen and public generally of Adelaide and its vicinity are respectfully informed that a theatre is now fitting up above the Tavern after a unique plan of Parisian Minos Theatre embracing merely a pit and 9 separate Dress Boxes...where refreshments of every description will be provided. ... At least once or twice a week the orchestra is sure to be efficient as the leader's name will guarantee."

South Australian Gazette and Colonial Register

Two days after William and Ann's marriage, a reception for over 250 guests was held for Colonel Light on his retirement as Surveyor-General.

"The colonists of South Australia are informed. The dinner to Colonel Light and the officers of his department will be given on Wednesday 6th June 1838 at Shepherd's Hotel

John Morphett Esq in the chair

Stewards:- George Anstey, C Berkerley, John Brown, TY Cotter, James Fisher, T Gilbert, B Hack, F Hancock, H Jones, C Mann, WH Neal, EH Pollard, E Stephens, S Smart and E Wright. Dinner will be on the table at 2 o'clock precisely and tickets 7/6 each to include one bottle of wine may be had at the principle stores in town." *South Australian*

In March 1839, he sold the Adelaide Tavern and took up farming on his property 'Windsor Farm' near Darlington at Sturt Hills, which today is Eden Hills and Bellevue Heights.



Artist representation of the *Tam O'Shanter* by John Ford
[South Australian Maritime Museum collection]

He died of tuberculosis at the age of 36. Shephard's Hill Road (now spelt Shepherd's Hill Road) is named after him.

From information provided by David Jarman,
William's great great grandson
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