



Andrew HARRIOTT (1804-1867)

Married Margaret HALLIDAY (1808-1871)
on 14 January 1846 at St John's, Halifax St. Adelaide

Departed 28 August 1838 from Sydney
Arrived 22 September at Port Adelaide on the

Pero

Children of Andrew & Margaret:

Ann (1832-1881) m Robert Charles VENN

Francis (1835-1894) m Florence CULLIN

Janet (1836-1837)

Andrew (1837-1837)

Mary (1839-1926) m Thomas DODD

Catherine (1841-1925) m Rudolph HENNING

Andrew (1842-1846)

Margaret (1845-1913) m William GOLDFINCH

Andrew (1847-?)

Agnes Ellen (1849-1883) m Peter ANDERSON

Caroline (?-?) m Clement WILLS

Unnamed (1854-1854)

Publican who Became a Farmer

Andrew Harriott (or 'Harriot') and Margaret Halliday emigrated from Scotland to New South Wales sometime between 1832 and 1835. Margaret was the younger sister of Andrew's late wife Ann. The law of the time forbade their marriage, so to make life easier Margaret travelled as 'Mrs Harriott'. They later married in Adelaide.

Andrew held the publican's license for 'The Burns Head' in George Street, Sydney, but on 28 August 1838 Andrew and his family boarded the barque *Pero*, bound for South Australia.

In April 1839 Andrew took over the licence of Guthrie's Hotel in Currie Street, renaming it the 'Edinburgh Castle'. In May 1846 he took up licence to establish the 'Golden Fleece Inn', also in Currie Street, and may also have held the lease for the 'Royal Exchange Hotel' in Hindley Street.

By 1841 Andrew and Margaret had established Dalkeith Farm near Moana, named after Andrew's birthplace. The creek running by the property, later named after another local pioneer family, Pedlar, was originally known as Harriott's Creek. By the time of his death 'after a long and painful illness borne with Christian fortitude', Andrew owned land on the Mornington Peninsula, in Hindmarsh, Alberton and Noarlunga. He owned the house adjoining the 'Golden Fleece' and two houses opposite. At various stages he also held interests in farming properties near Strathalbyn, at McLaren Vale, on the Coorong, and further south near Rivoli Bay.

Andrew is remembered rather infamously for Dalkeith Farm. Its grand house overlooked the gulf and legend has it that Andrew used a team of horses to cart smuggled goods to his mansion where they were stored for onward movement. The wreck of the *Nashwauk* in 1855 - directly opposite the house - was believed to have been in part caused by an upstairs light used to signal smugglers. Andrew, one of the first on the scene, bought the wreck and cargo.

By 1990 the house lay in ruins and the land was overtaken by a new housing estate, now called 'Seaford Rise'.

From information provided by Cheryl Willis,
Andrew's great great great granddaughter
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