



Four Stanitzkys
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Nicolaus STANITZKY (1804-1879)

Married

Rosalie OLENICZOCK (1808-1893)

Circa 1837 in Prussia

Departed 23 May 1844 from Bremen, Hamburg

Arrived 12 September 1844 at Port Misery on the

George Washington

Children of Nicolaus & Rosalie:

Thekla (1838-1931) m Johann STAUDE

Julianne (c1841-1909) m Johann BARTSCH

Anton (1843-1931) m Pauline POHLNER

Carl (1846-1924) m Auguste HAEUSLER

Anna Maria (c1848-1939) m Rudolph KLAU

Dorothea (1851-1875) m Johann RIEBKE

Johanne (1852 - 1872)

The Source of 'Hill of Grace'

Nicolaus and his family settled at Hahndorf as market gardeners after their arrival in South Australia. They then moved to Blumberg (now Birdwood) where once again, Nicolaus was a market gardener. Their eldest child, Thekla, used to leave home around midnight with other girls and women of the area, to walk through the Adelaide Hills with their home grown produce to sell at market as well as purchase other household necessities before walking home.

In 1855 the family moved again to Parrott Hill near Keyneton in the Barossa Valley where Nicolaus was a member of Holy Cross Lutheran Church, Gruenberg from 1856 until his death in 1879. He grew wheat, as his name is in the "Wheat Delivery" book held at the Church, that recorded wheat sold for the Pastor's Stipend. The school teacher was also paid from this wheat delivery.

Soon after arrival, Nicolaus planted a vineyard with vines that had been brought to South Australia by other early pioneers. After he passed away, the property went to his son Carl, who sold it in 1891 to Paul Gotthold Henschke. In 1903, Paul Henschke's son, Phillip, married Ida Stanitzki, and four years later, Phillip's brother Alfred, married Ida's sister Selma.

Even now the vineyard is still owned by a descendant of Nicolaus Stanitzky and 8ha of his vines are still in production, producing a single vineyard shiraz, which

is proudly marketed as 'Hill of Grace' by Henschke Wines.



Both Nicolaus and Rosalie were laid to rest in the cemetery of the Holy Cross Lutheran Church at Gruenberg.

The name STANITZKY had many spelling variations during the early years of Nicolaus and Rosalie's life in South Australia. Today, their descendants seem to have settled on two variations - STANITZKI and STANITZKY.

From information provided by Dawn Horton,
Nicolaus and Rosalie's great great great granddaughter
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