



Amelia VOSPER (1822-1916)

Married

Thomas BRANDON (?-1901)

on 15 December 1846

at the Congregational Chapel, Adelaide

Departed 21 April 1843 from Plymouth

Arrived 12 September 1843 at Port Adelaide on the

Madras

Children of Amelia & Thomas:

Cecilia (1847-1917) m Andrew HEARNE

Henry (1851-1912) m Elizabeth McKENZIE

Samuel (1853-1931) m Fanny NORLEY

Charles (1855-1856)

Harriet (1858-1936) m Charles KROEMER

Eda (1860-1936) m Thomas SLEE

Emma (1863-1863)

Herbert (1865-1878)

Charles (1867-1946) m Matilda ANDERSON

Unknown infant (1870)

A Woman of Strong Faith

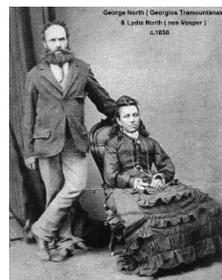
Amelia Vosper was the eldest child of William and Elizabeth Vosper of St Sidwell in Devon. She came to South Australia as a maid servant to Sarah Evans, a member of the Angas family who were influential in the formation of South Australia.

On arrival the Angas party moved to what eventually became known as the Angaston area in the Barossa Valley. Eventually Sarah Evans settled at Evandale, Keyneton in the Eden Valley area. Sarah and Amelia seem to have remained close friends throughout their lives, and Amelia's eldest daughter Cecilia settled at Evandale after she married.

Amelia married Thomas Brandon, a shepherd employed by the Angas family – he had arrived in South Australia in 1839 on the *Lady Lilford*. Thomas also travelled between Angaston and the Melrose area with stock and goods on behalf of the Angas family. After their marriage, the couple moved to a property they named 'Violet Vale' near the township of Angaston. This area had only recently been surveyed into 80 acre lots. Here Amelia and Thomas ran a mixed farm.

Their first child, Cecilia, was born in 1847 and Amelia went on to have nine more children. During the 1850s, Thomas travelled to the Victorian Goldfields and sent a small quantity of gold back to Amelia.

In 1875 Thomas purchased 604 acres of land by Credit Selection near Wilmington, consisting of Sections 31 and 32c, Hundred of Willochra. The couple mixed farmed here until their deaths. They are both buried in Wilmington Cemetery. A woman of strong faith, Amelia was a founding member of the Congregational Chapel at Angaston and her photograph was placed there in recognition.



Two of Amelia's sisters also emigrated to South Australia: Lydia in 1855 and Anna Maria in 1865. In 1858, Lydia married the first Greek emigrant, Georgios Tramontanas, who changed his name to George North.

From information provided by Jenny Tuttle,
Amelia's great great great granddaughter
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