



William CHAPMAN (1821-1892)

Married

Sarah DAVEY (1828-1887)

on 18 February 1852 at St George's Church, Gawler

Departed 25 July 1845 from London

Arrived 24 November 1845 at Port Adelaide on the

Templar

Children of William & Sarah:

Sarah Ann (1852-1852)

Bessie (1852-1852)

Sarah (1854-1855)

Emily (1855-1945)

Susan (1856-1942) m George COLE

John (1857-1943) m Jessie PLEDGE

Alice (1859-1860)

Reuben (1861-1938) m Edith MACKLIN

Earnest (1862-1946)

Randolph (1864-1940) m Mabel FORWOOD

Sarah (1865-1866)

Alfred (1868-1942) m Margaret PILLEFEANT

Horace (1872-1941) m Susanna HARRIS

A Pastoral Pioneer of Port Lincoln

William Chapman was the son of John and Mary Chapman from Glendon, Northamptonshire, and was brought to South Australia by George Fife Angas to take up the position of Overseer at Mr Angas' Flaxman's Valley, near Angaston. His father was a sheep farmer in Northamptonshire and presumably this is where William gained much of his knowledge of sheep husbandry and in particular, of what we now call 'Coast Disease' in sheep.

In 1864, William moved his family to the Port Lincoln area and took over management of Toolka (formerly Tulkea) Station at the end of Proper Bay. The property was then owned by Thomas Magarey, but about two years later was bought by William for £10,000 which paid...

"for the leases together with 10,000 sheep, 500 horses and 800 cattle. The cattle and horses, however, were practically valueless at that time, due largely to the isolation of the country and the extreme difficulty of mustering stock in the thickly timbered and stony areas. The bulk of them drifted away into the conditions associated with wild herds and mobs." Pastoral Pioneers of South Australia Volume 2

Around 1869, William located a mysterious spring of petroleum in the Sleaford Bay area, which lies to the south of Port Lincoln.

William was a respected sheep breeder in the Port Lincoln District and was called upon to judge the Sheep Shearing Match competitions at the Port Lincoln Show. In July 1889, he purchased additional land in the Hundred of Uley and the Hundred of Wanilla.

William died at Toolka Station aged 71 years, a colonist of 47 years. He is buried at the Happy Valley Cemetery in Port Lincoln.

Following his death, the station was run by some of William's sons. His eldest son, John, continued farming Toolka (Tulka or Tolka) Station until he sold it in 1913.

From information provided by Sally Grundy,
William's great great granddaughter
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