



William COULTHARD (1820-1858)

Married

Marion BAIRD

on 19 January 1842 at Bull Creek

Departed 11 July 1836 from Spithead

Arrived 28 December 1836 at Holdfast Bay on the

Buffalo

Children of William & Marion:

John (1842-1908) m Johanna PRZIBILLA

Thomas (1844-1851)

James (1846-1910) m Charlotte DICKERSON

David (1849-1851)

William (1851-1922)

Thomas (1853-1940) m Elizabeth MILDREN

Robert (1855-1925)

Margaret (1857-1889) m Alfred FULLER

A Pioneering Explorer

Dies Young

16 year old William Coulthard from Langholm, Scotland and his sister Jane left England aboard *HMS Buffalo* as assisted free passengers bound for the new colony of South Australia.

Jane married Edwin Stebbing in 1837 and died during childbirth around 1839. She is buried at Brinkley, south of Murray Bridge.

It is believed William went first to the Mt Barker/Bull Creek area, where he met Marion Baird whom he married in 1842. In 1844 they moved to the Hundred of Nuriootpa where they built a two-roomed slab cottage on the site of the present day Vine Inn Hotel. The 80 acre Section 156 was granted to William in 1850 for £1 per acre. By 1849 he had built and was granted a licence for a hotel, the Red Lion Inn, Angas Park, to cater for the growing population. William sold the licence in 1853.

Two years after the township of Nuriootpa was officially surveyed in 1854, Section 156 was subdivided. In 1855, William built a two-storey house in Murray Street for his growing family. He became a founding member of the Angaston Council and exhibited and judged livestock in the Angaston Agricultural shows.

In March 1858, while exploring in the Flinders Ranges for land suitable for sheep, William became separated from his two companions during a search for water, became lost and died. The Government Geologist, Benjamin Babbage, later found his remains about half a mile from a water hole near Pernatty Creek.

Marion was left with six children and the cattle run on Murray, known as Thompsons Station, and its stock were sold. Marion married Philip Paterson in 1862, had another three children and raised both families as one. Their two-storey house was completed and Marion's eldest son John took over running their farm at Nuriootpa. William and Marion's sons and several descendants continued exploring, opening up pastoral lands and contributing to the town of Nuriootpa and district.

From information provided by Anne Gardner,
William and Marion's great great granddaughter
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