



Chandler of Chandlers Hill

After their marriage, Charles and Ann Chandler moved to East Acton, Middlesex where they had five children. In 1836, with their four surviving children they set sail for South Australia on the *John Pirie*.

During the voyage, Ann was involved in an argument with another passenger, and threatened to drown herself by jumping overboard, which she did. After being rescued, she appeared to recover, but within a fortnight, Ann became seriously ill and finally died on the 1 July. She was committed to the sea the next day.

Charles was employed by the SA Company as a shepherd and lived in properties owned by the Company. In 1838, he married Harriet Clark.

According to newspaper articles, he had properties at Happy Valley before 1844, Hurtle Vale in 1846, Noarlunga in 1847/48 and Clarendon in 1854. He also served on the first Clarendon Council from 1854 and as a Councillor on No.2 Ward in the Clarendon District from July 1863.

By 1844, Charles gave his property east of Happy Valley the name *Unbunga*, where he planted eight hectares of wheat, one hectare of potatoes and another hectare of onions. He was also listed as having 20 cattle, 16 pigs and a pony. *Unbunga* is not used today, but the place where Charles established his homestead is called Chandlers Hill, situated between Happy Valley and Clarendon, which was primarily a place for farming and grazing. In 1964, Clyde and Rex Potter named the Subdivision of Sections 269 and 270 Hundred of Noarlunga, Chandlers Hill.

Harriet died at Happy Valley in 1872 and within a fortnight, Charles remarried widow, Sarah Hickman.



Charles Chandler died at Happy Valley in 1878 and was buried in the Congregational Church Cemetery on Chandlers Hill Road. The graves here were relocated in 1892 to make way for the construction of the Happy Valley Dam.

Charles

CHANDLER (1803-1878)

Married

Ann Elizabeth NEWELL (?-1836)

in 1825 in Berkshire, England

[2] Harriet CLARK (1802-1872)

[3] Sarah HICKMAN (1805-1889)

Departed 1 March 1836 from London

Arrived 16 August 1836 at Nepean Bay on the

John Pirie

Children of Charles & Ann:

Elizabeth 'Betsy' (1828-1907) m James COLLINS

James (1827-1831)

William (1830-1902) m [1] Elizabeth WATSON

[2] Margaret EASTON

Sarah (1833-1902) m William HICKMAN

Harriett (1835-1885) m James WALLER

From information provided by Brian Uren,
Charles and Ann's great great grandson
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