



Marion BAIRD [1823-1900]

Married

[1] William COULTHARD on 19 January 1842
&

[2] Philip PATERSON on 18 March 1860

Departed 26 August 1837 from Gravesend
Arrived 6 December 1837 on the

Navarino

Children of William & Marion:

John (1842-1908) m Johanna PRIZIBELLA

Thomas (1844-1850)

James (1846-1920) m Charlotte DICKERSON

David (1849-1951)

William (1851-1922)

Thomas (1853-1940) m Elizabeth MILDREN

Robert (1855-1925)

Margaret (1857-1889) m Alfred FULLER

Children of Philip & Marion:

Marion (1860-1897) m James MILLER

Charles (1862-1943)

Silas (1866-1918) m Sarah HARRIS

A Life Dedicated to Family

Marion was born the 8th child of Margaret (née Reedie) and Thomas Baird in Shields, Fife, Scotland. After Thomas died, her mother remarried James Greig in 1831 and he brought the Baird family and their son William to Adelaide on the *Navarino*. They lived in Adelaide for a year or so and then rented Gleeville Farm (now Beaumont) where her stepfather died in 1845.

Marion married William Coulthard in 1842 and they settled in the Nuriootpa area. By 1843 he had built a two-roomed slab cottage on the site of today's Vine Inn. He was the first licensee of the Red Lion Inn catering for the passing trade after copper was discovered at Kapunda. It was around the Red Lion that the town grew, as William laid out the town of Nuriootpa in 1854 and began building a beautiful bluestone mansion for his family. In 1858 he set out northwards looking for more land, but at Pernatty Station he died of thirst, leaving Marion a widow with six surviving children.

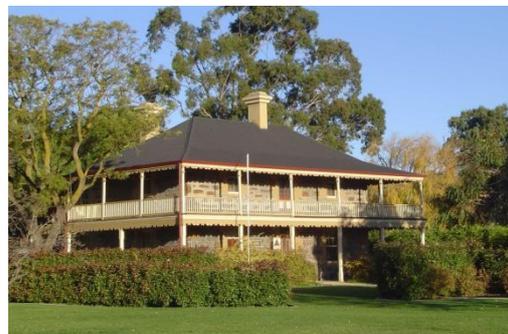
In 1862 Marion then married her property manager Philip Paterson, who had been head stockman for George Fife Angas, and together they finished building the bluestone home for the Coulthard and Paterson children.

Marion, Philip and family remained in Nuriootpa until John (Coulthard) married and his first child was born in 1871. Philip bought land at Hamley Bridge and they moved with their three children and the three youngest Coulthard children.

In 1875 Marion and Philip helped their son Silas and Thomas Coulthard establish themselves in the Booleroo area. Marion's other Coulthard sons, Robert and William, remained bachelors and worked on many stations in the remote areas of inland Australia. James Coulthard settled at Koolunga, near Snowtown and raised a family there. Charles Paterson was crippled early in life and was cared for by Marion and Philip.

Daughter Margaret Coulthard married and settled in the Booleroo area. Second daughter, Marion Paterson, married and settled in the Booleroo area for a time, later moving to Adelaide and Coolgardie, before returning to Adelaide.

Marion and Philip were cared for by their granddaughters until their deaths in Hamley Bridge aged 77 and 88 years respectively. Marion had devoted her life to caring for her large combined family and supported two husbands and their sons contribute to opening up rural South Australia.



Coulthard House, Nuriootpa [Source: <http://www.heritagebuildingsofsouthaustralia.com.au>]

**From information provided by Dianne Skull,
Marion's great-great granddaughter
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