



Caroline PARKYN [1820-1903]

Married Joseph GRIGG
1 June 1846 at Holy Trinity, Adelaide

Departed 25 July 1839
Arrived 18 December 1839 on the

Cleveland

Children of Caroline & Joseph:

- Abraham (1847-1928)
- Grace (1848-1933) m William ACKLAND
- William (1849-1922) m Isabella SEMPLE
- James (1852-1933) m Emily WHITEHEAD
- Jacob (1854-1945) m Sarah EVERETT
- Fanny (1856-1921) m John DODGSON
- Caroline (1858-1939) m Henry CHAPPLE
- Mary Ann (1860-1935) m Johann ZILM
- Joseph (1861-1951) m Elizabeth CHAPPLE
- Edwin (1864-1952) m Ada NEILY
- Isaac (1866-1937) m Annie PROUSE
- Martha (1868-1964) m Johann TRAEGER
- Albert (1870-1957) m Edith TAYLOR

Rewards for Hard Work at Home and on the Land

After emigrating from Cornwall, Caroline married Jacob Grigg at Holy Trinity Church in Adelaide in June 1846. The couple first settled in Palmer where Jacob worked in the copper mines at Tungkillo (also known as Reedy Creek), which had been established by the South Australian Mining Company in March 1846 on a 20,000 acre mining lease. Here their first three children were born.

They moved to Walkerville in about 1850, where Jacob in partnership with a Mr Nankivell ran a carrying business out of Port Adelaide.

By late 1854, the Grigg and Nankivell families had moved to Eden Valley in the South Rhine area near Mount Pleasant where Jacob purchased "Spring Farm" and took up agricultural pursuits on a mixed farm. For a while, he continued to fulfil cartage contracts between Adelaide and the Victorian goldfields and was away from home for long periods of time. This meant that Caroline had to cope with both domestic and farm duties (such as milking, poultry care etc).

From 1857, their home doubled as a meeting place for the local Baptist congregation until a chapel was built in 1859, and as venue for ploughing matches in which his eldest son Abraham was often a winner. In 1871, Jacob served on the South Rhine Council.

In 1883, Jacob and Caroline took up another farm with seed crops, sheep and cattle at South Hummocks in the Hummock Range north of Port Wakefield. While three of their older children had been married by then, seven of the younger children married in the Port Wakefield area.

After Caroline's death in 1903, Jacob lived with his daughter Fanny Dodgson at Eden Valley. It is said that he kept his coffin in the house ready to be used when he died, so that he could be transported to South Hummocks to be buried beside Caroline.

In his will, Jacob left £100 to each of his 13 children, which was a handy sum in those days, given that he lived until he was nearly 90 years old without receiving an old age pension. His land at South Hummocks stayed with the Grigg family until 1966, and the house was demolished in 1970.



From information provided by Pauline Brinkworth,
Caroline & Joseph's great-great granddaughter
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