



'The Old Spot,' Gawler Town from a sketch by Samuel Calvert [State Library of South Australia B9483/8]

Wesleyan Stalwart Serves the Gawler Community

George Gozzard, a carpenter of Spitalfields in the City of London, married Rosanna Hayward in 1830 and their only child, Rosanna Gozzard was born in 1831. It is interesting to observe that the firm of Battams & Hayward, cabinet makers, were situated at Oxford Street, London during this period, so it may be presumed that he married into these families, as George, after the death of his wife Rosanna, married Charlotte Pell Battams in 1836. Three years later he, Charlotte and daughter Rosanna, embarked on the 'Duchess of Northumberland' for South Australia, arriving at Port Misery in 1839.

In the 1840's the family settled in Gawler. George took over the duties of Postmaster on the death of his friend, Henry Calton, owner of the Old Spot Hotel, which also served as the Post Office, combining the duties of Postmaster with that of baker in Walker Place.

George purchased Allotment 138 on the corner of Victoria and Aberdeen Streets in 1857 soon after attending the first meeting of the Town Council. The following June, the Town Clerk was deputed to ascertain from Mr Gozzard whether he might make available a room at the rear of his newly-erected offices. The Council accepted his offer at ten shillings per week.

George and Charlotte joined the Wesleyan Methodist Church, and shortly before his death in 1863, he was appointed the first trust secretary of the Tod Street Church. An article published in the Gawler *Bunyip* on 1 February 1946, written by the Rev J Eric Tregilgas LTh entitled *Early History of Gawler Methodism* suggested 'his death must have been a severe loss to the Wesleyan Methodists'. It is also likely he served as a preacher on the Gawler Circuit.

George Gozzard died at Gawler on 21 June 1863 and was buried in the Gawler Cemetery. Unfortunately, his headstone was lost after the cemetery was created into Pioneers Park.



George's only child, Rosanna Martin

Charlotte Gozzard returned to England in December 1867. Prior to her departure, she was farewelled and presented with a Bible, containing signatures of members of the Wesleyan Church Class Meeting, of which she had been a member upwards of 13 years. She died in England on 19 February 1877.

George GOZZARD [1807-1895]

Married

[1] Rosanna HAYWARD

on 21 August 1830 at Clerkenwell, London
&

[2] Charlotte Pell BATTAMS

on 16 July 1836 at Bishops Gate, London

Departed 6 August 1839 from London

Arrived 12 December 1839 at Pt Misery on the

Duchess of Northumberland

Child of George & Rosanna:

Rosanna (1831-1916) m Edwin MARTIN

From information provided by Joan Martin,
George's great granddaughter-in-law
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