



Stephen GOLDSACK [1817-1880]

Married

[1] Jane Hannah McCLOUD [1815-1866]
on 20 November 1837, Camberwell, Surrey
&

[2] Eliza BAILEY
on 24 April 1869, Trinity Church, Adelaide

Departed 3 December 1837 from Greenwich
Arrived 15 May 1838 at Holdfast Bay on the

Trusty

Children of Stephen & Jane:

Redman (1838-1904)
George (1840-1840)
Sarah (1842-1912)
Sydney (1844-1897)

Children of Stephen & Eliza:

Stephen (1870-1877)
George (1873-1896)
Arthur (1875-1875)
William (1878-1949)
Mary Ann (Polly) (1880-1959)

A Baker's Skill Feeds the New Colony

A baker by trade, Stephen and his wife Jane arrived in South Australia in 1838 and first lived in a tent on Pennington Terrace, North Adelaide. Here Stephen built a bakehouse, where he baked biscuits, selling from Pennington Terrace (1838) and from a 'Depot' (shop) at 84 Rundle street (1840) and at 447 Carrington Street (1840).

With the economic crash in the 1840s, Stephen was faced with the possibility of insolvency and in early 1842 moved to Sydney where he worked as a journeyman baker, living in Kent Street. In 1846 Stephen and his family returned to Adelaide. His brother Redman and his family had emigrated to Adelaide two years earlier. The Goldsacks lived at Glen Osmond. Redman and his sons ran a blacksmith and wheelwright business while Stephen baked and catered.

He was soon selling at outlets in Hindley Street, opposite Rosina Street (1856), 56 Rundle Street (August 1858) and 98 Rundle Street (September 1858). In the 1870s Stephen and his family lived at North Adelaide, then at Walkerville. His son Sydney later established himself as a successful baker, especially of wedding cakes, and with his wife he operated a shop in Rundle Street and a café in King William Street.

Stephen ran into financial problems when his shop business declined, although he was always in demand as a caterer for special functions. His first insolvency was in 1847, soon after his return from Sydney. He quickly recovered and later borrowed to purchase another Rundle Street property, another unsuccessful venture, and he was again declared insolvent in 1858. Two weeks later he was back trading at 56 Rundle Street (opposite Gawler Place).

Stephen was a well-regarded and successful caterer who was relied upon to provide food for a range of functions. There are many reports of Stephen's catering for significant occasions in the daily papers from the 1850s to 1870s. These included a successful grand luncheon for Prince Alfred, Duke of Edinburgh, and his entourage at the Hagen Arms Hotel at Echunga (1867) for which he employed local women to help serve the meal. One of them was Eliza, daughter of George and Elizabeth Bailey (who also were pioneer settlers in South Australia). Stephen's wife Jane had died the previous year. He married 19-year old Eliza in 1869.



[Source: http://www.nps.gov/history/history/online_books/fovc1/fovc1.htm]

**From information provided by Ian Maidment,
Stephen's great grandson
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