



Charlotte Dennis

**Charlotte FLACK** (1814 - 1900)

&

**[1] Robert DENNIS** (1808 - 1857)

Married on 25 Sep 1838 in Holborn,  
London, England

Departed 7 Oct 1838 from London, England

Arrived 22 Jan 1839 at Port Adelaide, South  
Australia on the

*Bardaster*

Children of Robert & Charlotte:

Henry Darlington (1839 - 1922) m Elizabeth Estelle  
WATSON

Jane Bowden (1840 - 1927) m James Mayfield

Ann (1841 - 1929) m Thomas Edward HENDERSON

Richard James (1843 - 1931) m Amelia GRIMBLE

Charlotte (1844 - 1922) m John Henry LUSH

Eliza (1846 - 1926)

George (1848 - 1934) m Emmeline YATES

Alfred Holme (1849 - 1932) m Ann RENOWDEN

Flora (1851 - 1932) m Orlando ADCOCK

Elizabeth Mary Whittaker (1853 - 1926) m Hyett  
SHEPHERD

Fanny Flack (1855 - 1944) m William BOWDEN

**[2] Jeremiah CROPLEY**

(1813 - 1870)

Married in 1861 in Bald Hills, South  
Australia

## The Seaman turned Farmer

Henry (Robert) Dennis was born in 1808 to John and Jane Bowden of Soham, Cambridgeshire. His father was a publican and farmer.

Robert first travelled to Western Australia in 1830 and was fortunate to survive the dramatic wrecking of the *Rockingham* on 14 May. He had come to the west as an immigrant under the doomed-to-fail 'Thomas Peel Colonization Scheme' at Swan River. Evidence shows that he was still at the settlement in 1832 as he signed a petition to the Governor seeking relief. Family lore is that he was speared in the leg by a native and shortly afterwards decided to return to England. He may have worked his passage home to England on a ship from Western Australia as when he travelled to South Australia in 1838-39 he listed his occupation as seaman/farmer.

The lure of the promised new life in South Australia must have been greater than the memories of the hard times endured in the west of the continent. Only ten days after marrying Charlotte Flack on 25 September 1838 at Holborn, London the couple boarded the *Bardaster* as emigrants. They arriving on 22 January 1839.

Robert & Charlotte firstly lived at Norfolk Arms Inn, Rundle Street, and then Byron Place off Gouger Street. Robert is listed as a seaman/labourer/farmer during the next four years.

Robert's brother Richard arrived in 1843 and they each decided to purchased land south of Adelaide. Robert purchased sections 376, 377 and 381 at Bald Hills, Yankalilla and farmed successfully.

Robert died in 1857 after developing pneumonia following a fall from a horse. He is buried at Harcourt Cemetery, Torrens Vale.

Charlotte remarried 4 years after Robert's death but this did not work out well for Charlotte or the family. Charlotte died in 1900 aged 86 years and is buried in the Victor Harbour Cemetery under the name of 'Dennis'.

Robert and Charlotte's eleven children all lived to a great age. The family were very involved in their community.

*From information provided by Marianne Moore, Robert & Charlotte Dennis' great, great, grand-daughter. March 2018*





Four generations of Bevis women

# A Master Builder and his Centenarian Wife

John Bevis married Margaret Mann on the 13 Dec 1826 in London when John was aged thirty one and Margaret, thirty.

John was born on 24 May 1795 in Hampshire, England, and Margaret was born on 31 Jul 1796 in Suffolk, which would have made them both in their early thirties when they decided to emigrate.



Margaret Bevis (nee Mann)

**John BEVIS Snr** (1795 - 1865)

&

**Margaret MANN** (1796 - 1898)

Married on 13 Dec 1826 in London, England

Departed 27 May 1838 from Blackwall, England

Arrived 11 Oct 1838 at Holdfast Bay, South Australia on the

*Pestonjee Bomanjee*

Children of John & Margaret:

William (1827 - 1922) m Sophia Tostevin HENLEY

Rebecca (1829 - 1926) m Thomas COWLEY

Charlotte Elizabeth (1832 - 1899)  
m [1] George RIVETT, [2] Stephen WILLIAMS

Richard (1833 - 1833)

Margaret Sarah (1835 - 1896)  
m [1] George LOCKYER, [2] Thomas WATT

John Jnr (1838 - 1922) m Catherine CHAMPNESS

Daniel (1841 - 1930) m Henrietta BROOKS

On the 27 May 1838 John Snr, Margaret and their five children, William, Rebecca, Charlotte, Margaret, and John Jnr, set sail from Blackwall, England bound for Holdfast Bay, South Australia. They arrived on the 11 Oct 1838 on the *Pestonjee Bomanjee* along with Governor Gawler, who was sworn in at a public reception on the 17 Oct 1838.

In 1857 after nineteen years working as a master builder in the new colony John decided to try his luck at prospecting in Bendigo and Sandhurst in the Victorian gold fields, taking his family with him. In this venture he had moderate success, but unfortunately was killed in an accident in Bendigo in 1865. Interestingly his death certificate gives his age as fifty nine, and the date of his birth as 1806. Compared to the information on the passenger list of the *Pestonjee Bomanjee* his age would have actually been seventy.

After John's death, Margaret and some of the family decided to come back to South Australia. On Margaret's 100th birthday in 1896 she was interviewed by *The South Australian Register* and reminisced about their voyage to South Australia; their arrival, her attendance at Trinity Church and life in general in the early days of the Colony. Margaret was a staunch member of the Baptist Church for the last thirty five years of her life but sadly was bedridden from the age of ninety two. In 1898 Margaret died, just two days short of her one hundred and second birthday. She was buried at the West Terrace Cemetery.

*From information provided by Raymond Cowley, John Bevis' great, great, great grandson. March 2018*





## A Versatile Scotsman

James Walker arrived at Port Adelaide with his father, John Walker and siblings Thomas, Margaret and Helen, who travelled with her seven year old daughter, Mary Jamieson Walker.

The Walker family initially resided in Rundle Street after arriving at Port Adelaide in 1840. By 1843 James and his father John were occupying a thatched cottage in Brown Hill Creek, where John raised sheep and grew wheat.

In May 1846, James and his brother Thomas leased pastoral licence No 142 on the right bank of the River Murray near Lake Bonney. In March 1847, this same parcel of land became their father's licence No. 51. Later Margaret Craigie (nee Walker), purchased part of this section from father John. On her death in 1856, the Chambers' Bros. purchased this property to add to their substantial Riverland holdings.

James and Elizabeth were residing in the Toll Gate House at Glen Osmond with John Walker in 1846 when their first child Clara was born. A robbery occurred in that year at the Toll Gate House and the *Register* reported that the miscreants sorted through the belongings of Walker's daughter-in-law.

James' occupation was recorded as a stockholder on the birth registration of Clara.

Records show that in the same year James had 800 sheep de-pastured at his father's allotment at Brown Hill Creek.

James was a chainman when his son John was born in 1848 at Para Plains. By 1853 they had settled into a property in Chapel St., Norwood.

When James died at home, aged 55 years, his last occupation was recorded as carpenter.

The family remained owners of the Norwood property until the death of Elizabeth in 1883.

Daughters, Edith Begbie Walker and Emilie Tier, sold the property in 1884.

James and Elizabeth are buried at North Road Cemetery, Nailsworth, in a large plot with two of their children, John and Clara.

*From information provided by Dymphia Bailey, James Walker's great, great grand-niece.  
March 2018*



*Brown Hill Creek, Courtesy of SLSA B43112*

### James WALKER (1818 - 1873)

Departed 5 Oct 1839 from Greenock, Scotland

Arrived 23 Feb 1840 at the Old Port (Port Misery) on the

### India

Married

### Elizabeth Agnes DEMPSEY

(1823 - 1883)

Date and place of marriage unknown

#### Children of James & Elizabeth:

Clara Helen (1846 - 1919)

John Dempsey (1848 - 1927) m Ellen SHEAN

Emily/Emilie (1853 - 1930) m Arthur TIER

Thomas (1855 - 1922)

Walter James (1857 - )

Edith Begbie (1862 - 1944) m Charles DENCH



*Walker Headstone*





*George and Ann Lovelock's Headstone*

## He Sowed the Seed down South

George Lovelock was born in 1802 in Burbage, Wiltshire and his wife Anne in 1805 at nearby West Grafton in the Parish of Bedwyn, Wiltshire. They married on the 14 January 1826 in Great Bedwyn. They lived in Wiltshire County until 1839 and had seven children. During this time George worked as a farm labourer.

Shortly after losing their eldest child Adam, and after thirteen years of marriage, they decided to immigrate to South Australia. George was thirty seven and Ann thirty four. On the 6 June 1839, with five children including a small baby only a few months old, they left London on the *Prince Regent* for Port Adelaide. During the journey their youngest baby Thomas, who was just under a year old died and was buried at sea. The ship arrived at Port Adelaide on the 25<sup>th</sup> of September 1839.

The Lovelocks settled to farm at Plympton for a couple of years where they had two more children and then to Willunga where another child was born. Around 1844 the family set up a small farm at Aldinga. They were the first in the district to grow wheat, with the seed wheat costing the equivalent to \$2.10 per bushel. When harvested they realised only 80c per bushel for the crop.

Two more children were born 1850 -52.

In Sep 1851, they bought an eighty-one acre block for £91 at Willunga in the area known as 'Whites Gully'.

George Lovelock died at 'Whites Gully' only two years later, on 4 December 1853. Anne lived in the district with some of her children for another twenty two years until her death. They are both buried at St John's Methodist Cemetery at Aldinga. Six of their nine surviving children continued to live in the Fleurieu Peninsular district.

### George LOVELOCK Snr (1802 - 1853)

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### Ann GLASS (1805 - 1875)

Married on 14 Jan 1826 in Great Bedwyn,  
Wiltshire, England

Departed 6 Jun 1839 from London, England  
Arrived 25 Sep 1839 at Port Adelaide, South  
Australia on the

### *Prince Regent*

Children of George & Anne:

Adam (1826 - 1839)

Levi (1827 - 1907) m Peggy Penberthy  
BENNETTS

Elijah (1829 - 1907) m Mary Ann MARTIN

Henry (1831 - 1899) m Grace DUNSTAN

George Jnr (1834 - 1885) m Clara WINZOR

Thomas (1839 - 1839)

Elizabeth (1840 - 1922) m Henry PENGILLY

Mary Ann (1843 - 1923) m John WINZOR

William (1845 - 1903) m Caroline Kay PENGILLY

Richard (1850 - 1937) m Emma Louisa TOLL

Thomas Glass (1852 - 1939) m Sarah Ann  
BERESFORD

*From information provided by Raymond  
Cowley, George and Ann Lovelock's great,  
great, great grandson, March 2018*







*The Martin Family*

# The Publican at the Pier at Port Willunga

Thomas Martin married Mary Evans in West Putford, Devon, England on the 31 December 1827. At the time of their departure for South Australia, Thomas was working at the Hartland Hotel. Thomas and Mary with their five children and Mary's father John arrived at Port Adelaide aboard the *Lysander* from Plymouth on the 6 September 1840.

They first settled at Plympton Plains, and at Marion where they purchased an acre, and then worked milking cows for Mr Reynell. They subsequently purchased land at Aldinga and Myponga and ran a dairy.

On the 15 September 1853 Thomas Martin became the licensee of the Pier Hotel at Port Willunga. It is believed

**Mary EVANS** (1807 - 1887)

&

**[1] Thomas MARTIN Snr**  
(1797 - 1862)

Married on 27 Dec 1827 in West Putford, Devon, England

Departed 18 May 1840 from Plymouth, England

Arrived 6 Sep 1840 at Port Adelaide, South Australia on the

*Lysander*

Children of Thomas & Mary:

Mary Ann (1828 - 1904) m Elijah LOVELOCK

Charlotte (1830 - 1940) m John PROUSE

Richard (1832 - 1913) m [1] Elizabeth HIGGS

[2] Emma ROWE

Catherine (1836 - 1909) m John Cock ELLIS

Elizabeth (1839 - 1883) m Charles Henry BISSET

Thomas Jnr (1841 - 1916) m

[1] Amelia Mary HOWE

[2] Mary HANCOCK

John (1846 - 1879)

**[2] Henry SKELLETT**

(1808 - 1904)

Married on 18 Jan 1864 at Wesleyan Church, Pirie St, Adelaide



*Pier Hotel, Port Willunga, South Australia*

that Thomas worked for the previous licensee Mr. Thomas Scott during 1851- 53 before being granted the licence. Thomas and Mary worked hard on the hotel and built up a good clientele of travellers because of their friendly hospitality. A new stone two-storey hotel was built next door to the old mud brick Pier Hotel and became affectionately known as 'Uncle Tom's Cabin'. A further residence was built near the hotel which was called the 'Cottage'.

On the 12th of September 1862, Thomas died at Aldinga. His will stated that he was a 'publican and farmer of Aldinga'. All of his property went to Mary for her enjoyment during her life time but all freehold property was not to be sold, mortgaged or encumbered; then upon her death it was to be divided amongst their children. Mary married for a second time to Henry Skellett in 1864. Thomas and Mary's second youngest son, Thomas Jnr, took up the licence of the hotel where he had been working and living since his father's death. He also became the harbourmaster for Port Willunga. Most of Thomas and Mary's children stayed on the Fleurieu Peninsula and made a considerable contribution to its development.

*From information provided by Raymond Cowley, Thomas and Mary Martin's great, great, great grandson. March 2018*





Hannah Hoskin's House

## [1] James Turner Phillip

**HOSKIN Snr** (1814 - 1863)

&

**Hannah WHITE** (1828 - 1892)

Married on 12 Feb 1844 at Trinity Church in Hobart Town, Tasmania, Australia

Departed 8 Aug 1845 from Hobart, Tasmania, Australia

Arrived 27 Sep 1845 at Port Adelaide, South Australia on the

*Sans Pareille*

Children of James & Hannah:

Charles William (1844 - 1917) m Amanda HAWKINS

James Turner Phillip Jnr (1847 - 1899) m Hannah RICHARDSON

Alice Jane (1850 - 1925) m Edwin James HUNT

William Joseph (1854 - 1934) m Mary Ann ARBON

Ellen (1854 - 1933) m Frederick James HAWKINS

Sarah Jane (1856 - 1939) m George MITCHELL

Emily Elizabeth (1858 - 1870)

John Walter (1860 - 1920) m Selina Bertha LAWLER

Sophia Louisa (1862 - 1939) m (1) William BIDDLE

(2) James Joseph KELLY

## [2] James MURCH (1812 - 1871)

Married on 15 Oct 1868 at Right Hand Gully, Yankalilla

## [3] Richard JEFFERY (1830 - 1881)

Married on 27 March 1873 at Dairy Flat

## [4] Joseph CURRIE (1819 - 1903)

Married on 5 Jan 1892 at Yankalilla

# The Blacksmith and the Enduring Widow

The son of a blacksmith, James Turner Phillip(s) Hoskin(g) was born at Stoke-Damerel, Devon, on the 17 January 1814. In 1828, he was convicted of larceny and sentenced to twelve months in prison. When in 1833 he was again convicted of larceny, he received a life sentence and was transported to Hobart Town, arriving on the 9 May 1834. Soon after his arrival he was assigned to Captain Glover at Sorell and in 1843 after serving ten years in the penal colony, four of them without charge of any misconduct, he received his pardon.

On the 12 February 1844 James married sixteen-year-old Hannah White at Trinity Church in Hobart Town. On the 24 September 1845 they arrived in Adelaide with their son Charles aboard the *Sans Pareille*.

After settling in Morphett Vale James worked as a blacksmith and wheelwright. While living there James and Hannah had six children. The family then moved to Myponga where another two children were born.

James continued working as a blacksmith and wheelwright at Myponga, until in August 1860 he was declared insolvent. In October 1863 he tragically took his own life.

Four years after James' death Hannah married James Murch of Torrens Valley, Yankalilla, but, in 1871, James died leaving the Torrens Vale property to Hannah. Two years later she married Richard Jeffery who had helped run the property. After approximately eight years Richard died, leaving Hannah and her son John, to run the property. Eleven years later Hannah married Joseph Currie, one of the local bookmakers and lived with him in Yankalilla.

In that very same year, on the 14 September 1892 Hannah died. She is buried with Joseph Currie (and his first wife) at the Yankalilla Public Cemetery.

Of James and Hannah's nine children, six continued to live in the Fleurieu Peninsular region and make substantial contributions to the development of the district.

*From information provided by Raymond Cowley, James and Hannah Hoskin's great, great, great grandson. March 2018*







*Jane Cork Dunn (nee Williams)*

## Jane Cork WILLIAMS (1833 - 1929)

Departed from London

Arrived 2 Oct 1849 at Port Adelaide on the

*Orator*

Married

## John DUNN Snr (1802 - 1894)

27 Feb 1872 in North Adelaide, South  
Australia

Children of John Snr & Jane:

Baby (stillborn) – Date unknown



*'The Laurels', Mount Barker.*

# A Generous Philanthropist

Born in Northam, Devon in 1833, Jane Cork Williams came to South Australia with her parents and siblings in 1849. Her younger sister Elizabeth married John Dunn Jnr, son of wealthy pioneer miller, John Miller Snr.

After John Dunn Snr's wife Ann died in 1870, Jane and he married in 1872. She supported John in his philanthropic work from their home *The Laurels* in Mount Barker.

Jane laid the foundation stones of a number of churches, including in 1884, the foundation stone for the Dunn Memorial Church, Mount Barker, built by John Snr in memory of his first wife Ann. After John Snr died in 1894, Jane's philanthropic work continued for the remainder of her life.

- In 1911 she funded the Young People's Hall at the Mount Barker Methodist Church.
- In 1919 she opened the new Mount Barker Soldiers' Memorial Hospital.
- In 1922 she gave generously so that the Methodist Church could purchase *Auchendarroch* as a Rest Home.
- In 1924 she gave funds to build a Kindergarten Hall at the Mount Barker Methodist Church, and purchased land opposite the hall for tennis courts for local youth.
- Each year she purchased a Christian book from England for each local preacher in the Mount Barker Methodist Circuit.

Together with Robert and Joanna Barr Smith, she donated an Honour Board for the Mount Barker High School.

In recognition of her generosity to the Memorial Hospital, North Adelaide there is a stained glass window erected in her honour in the hospital chapel.

Jane's philanthropy continued after her death in 1929. She left £25,000 in bequests to more than twenty church and charitable organisations.

She is buried in the Williams' family grave site in the Walkerville Cemetery, and not, as might be expected, in the Dunn family vault at Mount Barker.

*From information provided by Don Goldney.  
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Isaac Hurrell's Headstone

# From convict to respected pioneer

Isaac Hurrell was born in 1808 in Barford, Norfolk, the eighth child of James and Mary Hurrell. James died when Isaac was only four years old. As a young man, Isaac worked as a shepherd.

On 28 December 1830, Isaac damaged a threshing machine, which brought him before the court. He was tried on 5 January 1831 at Norwich Castle and sentenced to seven years' hard labour in Van Diemen's Land.

In August 1831 he arrived in Hobart Town aboard the *Proteus* and was assigned to land-owner John Hunt Butcher. He and Butcher had a tempestuous relationship, which led to Isaac being charged with insubordination on a number of occasions. This resulted in lashings or time on the chain gang.

By 1834, he was working at Ross for Captain Samuel Horton, and served the rest of his penal sentence without major incident.

When pardoned, Isaac sailed to South Australia. He arrived at Port Adelaide in January 1838 and soon found work as a carter. By 1844, he was able to make his first land purchase; Lots 65 and 66, at Mitcham. On 20 April 1846, he married a widow, Maria Payne (née Mabbet) and their first child, Isaac, was born in 1845.

In 1853, Isaac bought land at Bald Hills, near Inman Valley and moved his family to 'Norwich Farm.' He gradually accumulated more land. In 1870, he bought Section 269, Inman Valley and then transferred part of it to the Bible Christian Church. The existing chapel at Bald Hills was demolished and the stone used to build the new Inman Valley chapel.

Having made the transition from convict to respected pioneer, Isaac died on 7 March 1874, aged 68 years. He is buried in the graveyard behind the church he had helped to establish. His headstone bears the inscription, 'the Lord knoweth the secrets of the heart.'

*From information provided by Margaret & John Morgan.  
Researchers.*

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## Isaac HURRELL (1806 - 1874)

Departed March, 1831 from Norwich, England, arriving 03 August 1831 at Van Diemen's Land on

### *Proteus*

Arrived 26 January, 1838 at Port Adelaide, South Australia on

### *Hartley*

## Married

## Maria PAYNE (née MABBET)

(1818 - 1883)

20 April 1846 Holy Trinity Church, Adelaide, South Australia.

## Children of Isaac & Maria:

Isaac (1845 - 1923) m Lydia COOTES

Maria (1847 - 1849)

Mary (1849 - 1909) m Robert Thomas SWEETMAN

John (1852 - 1852)







*Emigrants at Dinner.*  
Image courtesy National Library of N. Z.

## Elizabeth BURFORD (1834 - 1900)

Departed 28 May 1838 from London

Arrived 11 Oct 1838 at Holdfast Bay on

*Pestonjee Bomenjee*

Married

[1] Charles BOWEN (1834 - 1870)

10 April, 1857 at private residence,  
North Terrace, Adelaide

[2] Robert Kettle FINLAYSON

(1839 - 1884) 19 August, 1884 at her  
father's residence, Clapham Park,  
Mitcham

Children of Charles & Elizabeth:

Frederick Arthur (1858 - 1938)  
m Edith Mary WHITRIDGE

Caroline Gertrude (1860 - 1933)  
m William Alison DICK

Edith Alice (1862 - 1932) m George CRAIG

Charles Henville (1864 - 1936)  
m Nellie Elizabeth HINES

George Chinner (1866 - 1925)  
m Bridget Mary Theresa FLANNAGAN

Basil Gore (1868 - 1925)  
m Grace Mary BELLHOUSE

## Her industry was rewarded with prosperity

Elizabeth was just four years old when the adventure began. She boarded the ship which was to take her half way around the world with her parents and two younger sisters, not knowing what lay ahead. Along with the other passengers, she no doubt screamed in terror when not far into their journey, a storm hit and the ship rolled onto its side.

Worryingly, a child developed smallpox and to avoid an epidemic, everyone was inoculated and the ship fumigated. Tenerife was their unplanned stop-over. To Elizabeth and the other children's delight, they found a cat to play with which had stowed aboard in London.

Sailing onward, the ship experienced a near miss when it collided with another ship on reaching Rio De Janeiro, but all were safe. After berthing, the passengers were able to go ashore and buy fresh vegetables. This resulted in most of Elizabeth's father's money being spent. While in Rio, Elizabeth worked with the adults. She helped her mother with washing, to use up the old stale water before fresh water was loaded on board the ship.

Elizabeth's mother and her sister, Sarah, suffered acute seasickness the whole voyage. Off the Cape of Good Hope Sarah died and was buried at sea. Sadly, Elizabeth's mother was to remain a chronic invalid for the rest of her life.

On arrival at Glenelg the family had only 1s 6d in cash to begin their colonial life. They camped on the beach for two days with no shelter, guarding their luggage until they could move onto Emigration Square. Their first lodging was a rude wooden shanty without a single article of comfort.

Through hard work the family fortunes improved and they were able to establish a factory, 'W H Burford Candle and Soap Maker' in Grenfell Street. They lived next door. Being the eldest, Elizabeth had to help as much as she could, and had the responsibility at fifteen to deliver candles and soaps to grocers' shops by cart.

When twenty-two, she married Charles Bowen, a grocer, and they went on to have a family of six children.

Living most of her married life in the Norwood district, Elizabeth was comfortably off when Charles died. Fourteen years later she married the evangelist, Pastor Robert Kettle Finlayson.

*From information provided by Susan Benham-Page,  
great, great niece of Elizabeth.* May 2019





Aaron Cole

## Aaron COLE (1835 - 1917)

Departed 19 March, 1839 from Liverpool

Arrived 6 July, 1839 at Port Adelaide on

*Lysander*

## Married

## Mary Ann BARLOW

(1830 - 1910)

10 May 1855, Wesleyan Chapel,

Pirie St, Adelaide

### Children of Aaron & Mary Ann:

Thomas George (1856 - 1925)

m Johanna MURTAGH

George (1857 - 1904) never married

Mary Ann (1860 - 1860)

William Barlow (1861 - 1891)

m Jane Kathleen COOPER

Alfred Edward (1862 - 1922)

m Sarah Elizabeth Broughton GARRETT

Amina Elizabeth (1864 - 1922)

m William Benham PAGE

Herbert Horace (1866 - 1872)

Edwin (1867 - 1926) never married

## A versatile Methodist devoted to self-improvement

Aaron's mother died in tragic circumstances when he was a small boy. After his father's second marriage, Aaron, aged four, left Chichester for South Australia with his father, stepmother and six siblings. After disembarking, they firstly stayed at Emigration Square for two weeks, then moved into a wattle and daub hut in Hindmarsh. Aaron's father, a stonemason, acquired land in Thebarton, and together with his sons, built one of the first stone dwellings there.

The family then farmed at Brighton and later lived in North Adelaide from where, in the 1850's, Aaron and his two brothers set out for the Bendigo goldfields. The three brothers met with some success and after about twelve months prospecting returned to South Australia.

Aaron met his wife Mary through the Total Abstinence Society. After marrying they moved to Burra, where Aaron worked as a builder whilst also maintaining an interest in a farming property. They lived here for ten years and their six eldest children were born at Redruth.

Aaron then moved to Port Lincoln and over the next forty years, worked as a Crown Lands Ranger, gaol keeper, harbour-master, and sub-collector of customs.

Aaron and his family were staunch Methodists. He was also a supporter of the Independent Order of Rechabites and of the Total Abstinence Society. This was no doubt as a result of his father's alcoholism which he experienced as a child. He was one of the foundation members of the Port Lincoln branch of the Independent Order of Oddfellows, Manchester Unity, and promoted the establishment of the Port Lincoln Mechanics Institute, including serving as President.

Reflecting on his community involvement, we might conjecture that, as a result of his own interrupted and intermittent education, Aaron was committed to providing opportunities for education for all.

Aaron and his brothers were all outstanding examples of self-improvement.

*Information provide by Susan Benham-Page, great, great grand-daughter of Aaron. May 2019*

