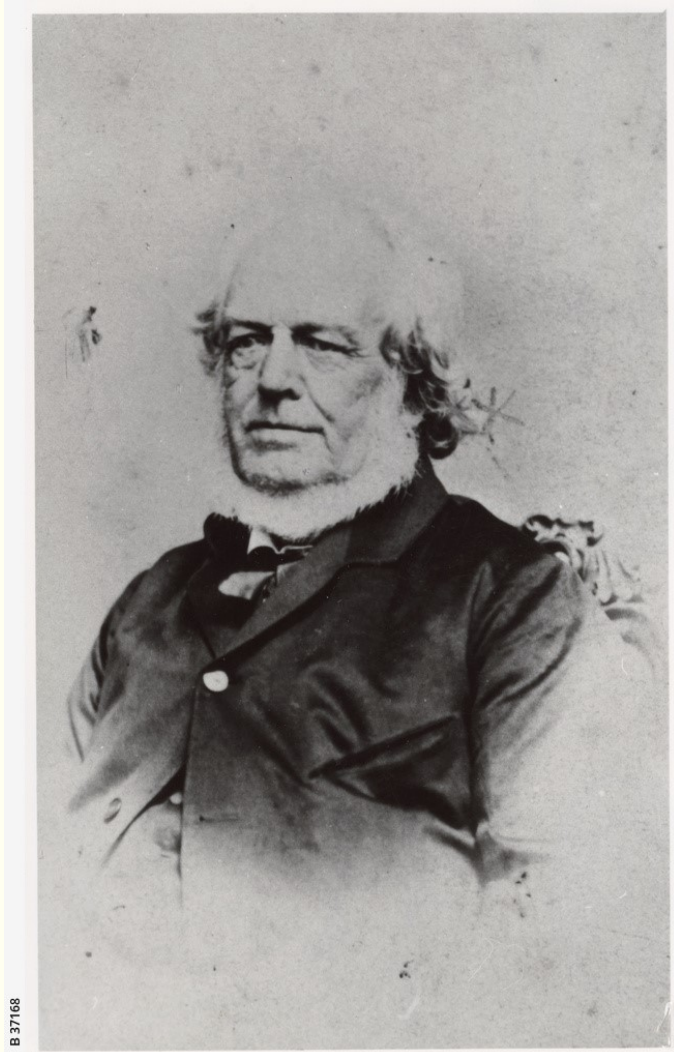


People of the Yankalilla District



Charles Thomas HEWETT (1795 - 1871)

Married: (1) Hannah Jane MOORE (1802 - 1846)
(2) Catherine WESTLAKE neé STUMBLES (1813 - 1880)

Arrived in Yankalilla district: c.1854

Settled at: Myponga Beach

Occupation: Farmer, MP.

Buried: McLaren Vale

Children of Charles and Hannah:

Faith Emily (1824 - 1908)
Onesimus (1827 - 1904)
Ebenezer Eldad (1829 - 1876)
Charles Shallum (1832 - 1909)
Hannah Huldah (1826 - 1887)
Elijah Medad (1834 - 1916)
Ethelbert Heber (1836 - 1908)
Rhoda Augusta STRUDWICK (1839 - 1926)
Un-named son (1842 - 1842)
Ruemah Ann Bertha Josepha (1846 - 1904)

Children of Charles and Catherine:

Thomas Henry (1848 - 1906)
Mary Kate (1849 - 1935)
Samuel Leland (1852 - 1908)
Frederick Francis (1854 - 1938)
Mercy (1856 - 1891)

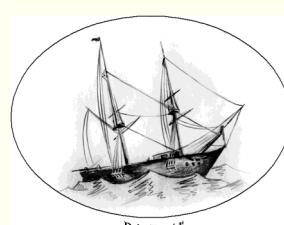
Charles Thomas Hewett arrived in South Australia on the Duchess of Northumberland on 19 December 1839. With him were his wife Hannah and eight children; the eighth, Rhoda Augusta Northumberland, had been born during the voyage. Their last child, Ruemah Ann Bertha Josepha was born on 17 January 1846. Tragically Hannah had complications after the birth, and she died 12 days later in Adelaide. Later that year Hewett remarried, to Catherine (Kate) Westlake (née Stumbles), a widow with two children. From this marriage came five more children. After arriving in South Australia Hewett acquired land at McLaren Vale and established a farm which he called Oxenberry Farm. The family lived there until about 1854, when they moved to Myponga Beach and established Torr Farm.

While living at Myponga Beach Hewett played an active role in community affairs. When the Yankalilla District Council was formed in 1856 Hewett was chairman of the Council, and when Myponga became a separate council Hewett became chairman of the Myponga Council. He donated land (part of section 687) for a Presbyterian Church, and also allowed a school to be built on his land. Hewett was elected to Parliament in 1862 and served three years representing the district of Noarlunga. At this time Hewett moved up to Adelaide and lived at Walkerville, leaving his Myponga Beach property in the care of his sons. In 1868 he sold off some of his property, transferred the rest to his sons, Onesimus, Eldad, Medad and Heber (Charles Shallum had already moved to New South Wales), and moved to Mount Barker Springs, where he lived until his death in 1871. He was buried at McLaren Vale, with his first wife Hannah Jane.

One of Hewett's sons, Elijah Medad Hewett, lived for a time at Normanville and had a large auction room on the corner of Main South Road and Norman Avenue. Regular sales were held there and it was the boarding place when travelling to Adelaide by coach. The horses were stabled behind the hotel. While living at Normanville he and his wife lost two young children, Alfred 3rd October 1862 (13 months) and Louisa 7th September 1868 (2 years 8 months, died of diphtheria), and they were buried in the nearby Wesleyan cemetery.



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