

THE FAMILY OF
GEORGE
KNOTT
IN
AUSTRALASIA
FROM 1874

Introduction:

The history of the Knott (also spelt Nott, Note and Nuth in English) family dates back many hundreds of years. In the 7th century a person with the name Cnotta was used in England to describe a thickset person. There are early recorded names in England with a name which resembles the form we know. One was Robert Cnot, a Knight Templar (Crusader) in 1185. The name also has German (spelt Knothe, Knaute, Knode, Knotel, Knodgen) and Scandinavian origins (spelt Knudsen, Knutsen and Knutsson).

By the middle ages it could also be used to describe a person who lived near a hill or projecting rock as the word knott was used to describe a hillock.

By 1740, when I found the earliest of our forebears, the name Knott was relatively common across areas of England. Our family came from Kent in the south east of England and were largely agricultural labourers.

KENT ENGLAND:

1740: Birth of James Knott. He married a lady called Mary and they had a son they named John in 1761.

1787: On the 20th May of this year John Knott married Judith Maley in Dartford Kent.

1803: Birth of Richard Knott, the father of George Knott who was to immigrate to South Australia.

1825-27: Somewhere around this time Richard Knott married Mary Overton and they had their first child in 1827. They went on to have 7 children, 6 boys and a girl with our forbear, George Knott born at Wingham Kent around 1831. Mary was from Eastry, Kent and was born in 1799.

1841: Richard Knott and his family are recorded in the census and he lists his occupation as Agricultural Labourer. Richard was 35 years old and Mary, his wife 40. The 6 boys are listed and the daughter was not yet born. They are living a Wingham, Kent where they lived all their life.

1851: Mary Knott lists her occupation as Nurse and is away from the family home on census night or week or whatever they did at the time.

Richard went on to live to the grand old age of 83 and died in 1889. His wife Mary had died in April 1877 at the age of 77. These are extremely old ages, for at this time life expectancy in England was about 40-45 years.

The Children of Richard and Mary Knott.

William - born 1827 d Adelaide SA 21 Dec 1917. Age 90

George - born 1831 – d Adelaide SA 5 May 1916. Age 87

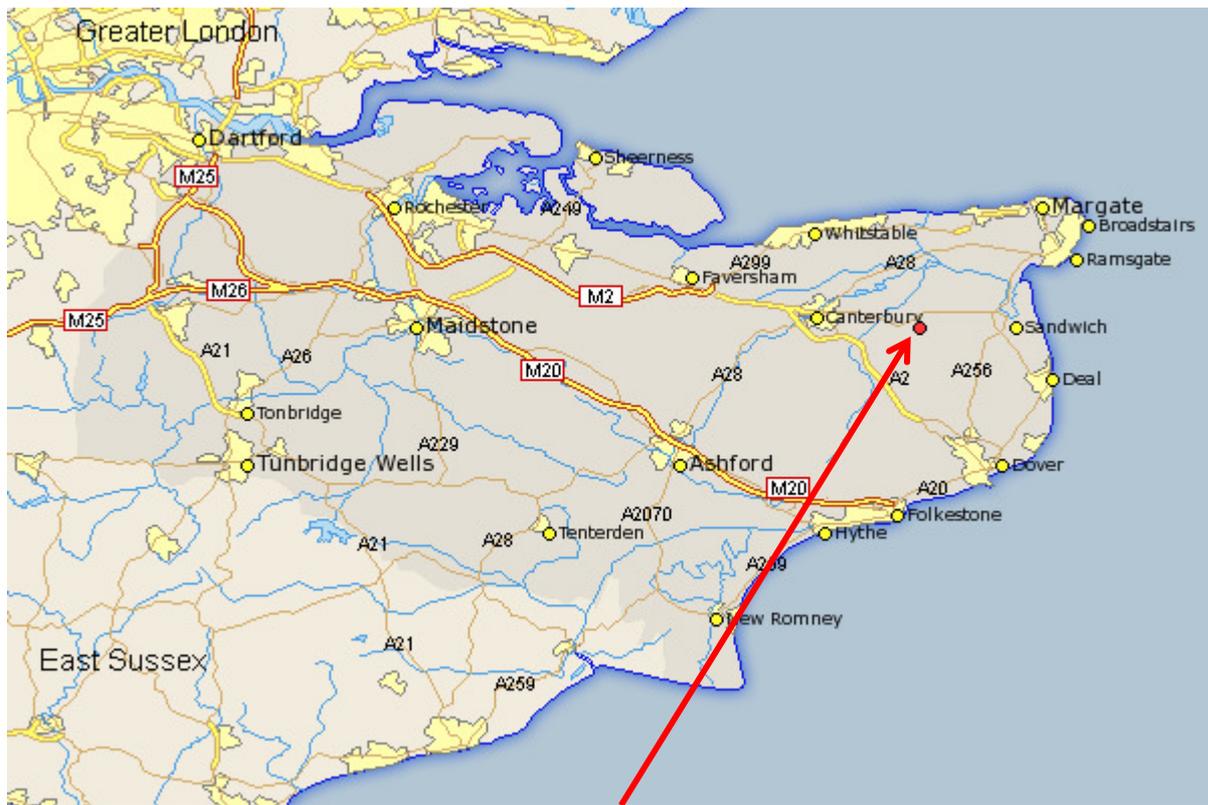
Henry - born 1833 – Possibly England 1885. Age 52

Tyman - born 1835 – d Kent England Apr 1845. Age 10

Phinnes - born 1837 (spelt as Finnis and Phineas) d Oct 1910 Kent, England. Age 73

James - born 1839 d Jun 1845 Kent, England. Age 6

Mary Ann - born 1842 d 1877 Eastry, Kent England. Age 35



The location of Wingham, Kent, England.

George Basil Knott: George was born around 1831 in Wingham East. The first record of George is the 1841 census when he was 10. There was no record of occupation listed so I am not sure whether he was a scholar, though this seems highly unlikely.

In the 1851 England census, when George is 19, he lists his occupation as Farm Servant. He married Susannah Overton on 9th June 1855 in Thanet, Kent England.

By the time of the 1861 census George and Susannah have moved to Preston in Kent, which is about 3 kilometres from Wingham, where he was born. He was still working as an Agricultural Labourer. They had the first of their 3 children, Elizabeth 4, Mary Susannah 2 and Henry 2 months old. George is 29 years old and Susannah is 26.

In the 1871 census they had moved to Staple, Kent which is about 7 kilometres south of Preston and again only about 3 kilometres from Wingham. He was still working as an Agricultural Labourer. They had added another 4 children to the family. These were Rose age 8, Louisa 6, Finnis 4 and Charlotte 9 months. Henry was 10 years old and listed as an Agricultural Labourer. Rose and Louisa are listed as scholars.



Susannah Overton: (Left) Susannah was born around 1835 in Chichester. Sussex, England. Chichester is approximately 160 kilometres west of Kent. There are conflicting records of her birth as the 1861 Census says she was born at Brighton, Kent and the 1871 Census says Chichester, Sussex. Her details at this time are sketchy and are an ongoing task.



Immigration to Australia:

On the 13rd November 1873 George Knott and his family boarded the Forfarshire, a ship of 1238 tons in London. The ship was modern by the standards of the day and was quoted as having good space between the decks and of good beam. They sailed onto Plymouth and on the 23rd of November 1873 they set sail for South Australia.

There were 6 births on the journey and 4 deaths and a newspaper article on their arrival states that “seldom have a better lot of people arrived in South Australia”. The ship arrived at Port Adelaide on Saturday evening, 7th February 1874.

On board also were George’s older brother William and his daughter Elizabeth. Sadly for William, his wife Ann Beech Elizabeth Knott nee’ Winter had died in 1873 and they lost a son Frederick at the age of 5 in 1865. A move to Australia may have been seen as a fresh start for William.

Basket Range, South Australia:

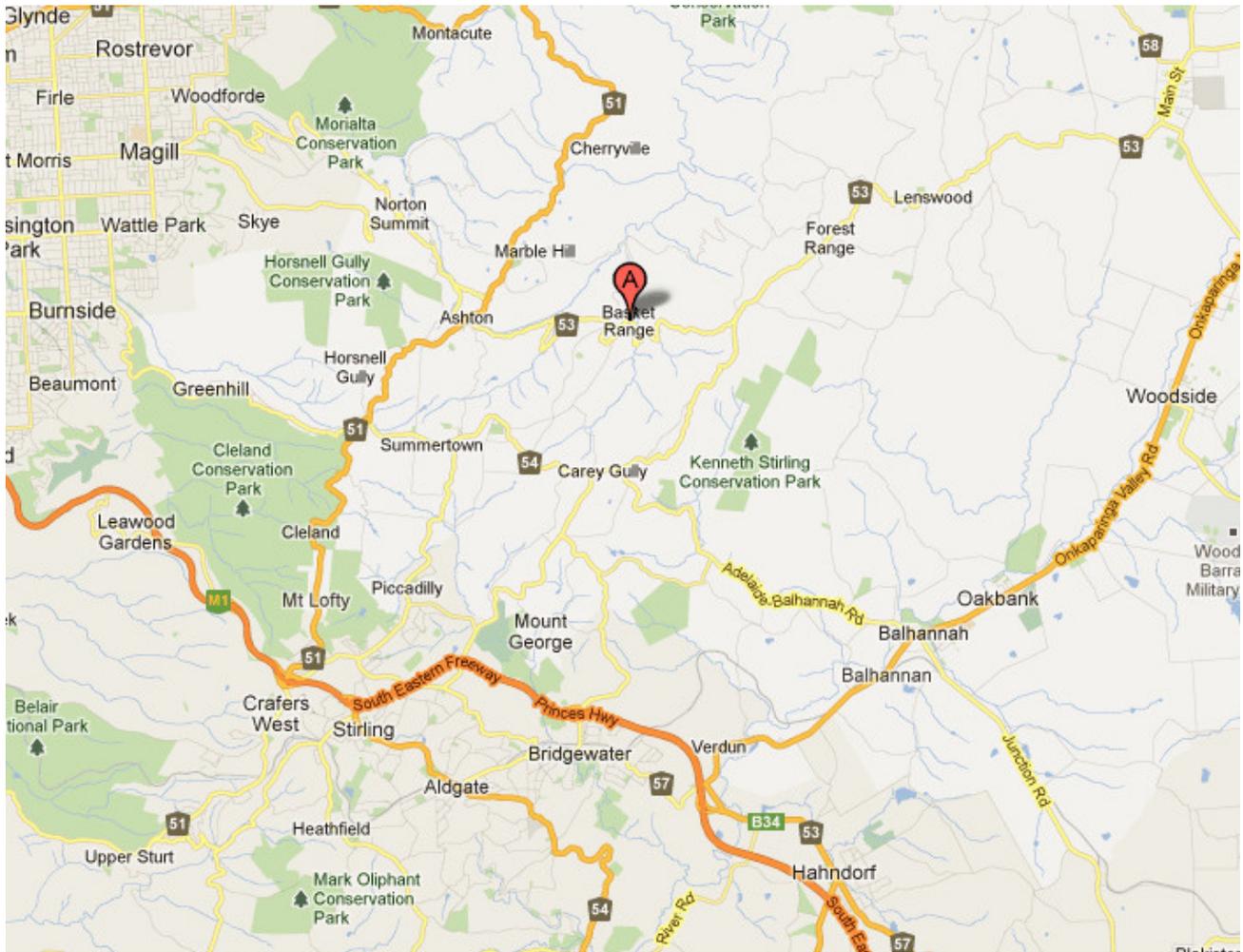
In the early years the area was known as “The Tiers” and was largely settled by woodcutters in the densely forested hillsides. By the early 1870’s the area around Basket Range was made available for selection and settlement. This area is right near Norton Summit and for those who are not familiar with the area it is extremely hilly, was very heavily wooded and has a very high rainfall, somewhere around 40 inches, 1000mm per year. It is a very pleasant climate in summer and very cold and wet in winter. Deep Creek runs through the middle of the area. To drive through this area today and look back 140 years I can only imagine the hardship and challenges they faced. The trees would have been like hair on a cat’s back, movement difficult due to a lack of roads and the nature of the terrain which is extremely undulating. The terrain of the district ranges from 346 metres (1124 feet) up to 622 metres (2021 feet) above sea level. This has a tremendous effect on the climate and most days would be 4-6 degrees cooler than Adelaide on the plain below.

By modern road Basket Range is around 23 kilometres from Adelaide but as the Crow flies it is only about 16 kilometres (10 miles). Up until the recent times it may as well have been another world as people from Adelaide just would have never travelled there regularly.

From those early times market gardening and timber cutting were the main activities, both of which the Knott family were involved in. The ladies famously used to walk down to the Adelaide Markets with their produce in the morning, sell it and then walk home again, hopefully with it all sold. There was a well-known track they used as this whole area of the Adelaide Hills, even today, is a superb producer of high quality produce and is renowned worldwide.

I imagine that George and his family had to cut down the trees before they could grow a garden so this would have been a major undertaking with an axe.

Map of Basket Range and surrounding towns. You will find many references to Norton Summit, Ashton, Uraidla and Forest Range in the lives of many people throughout this document.



View looking west from the Basket Range Town Site towards Marble Hill, SA February 2012.

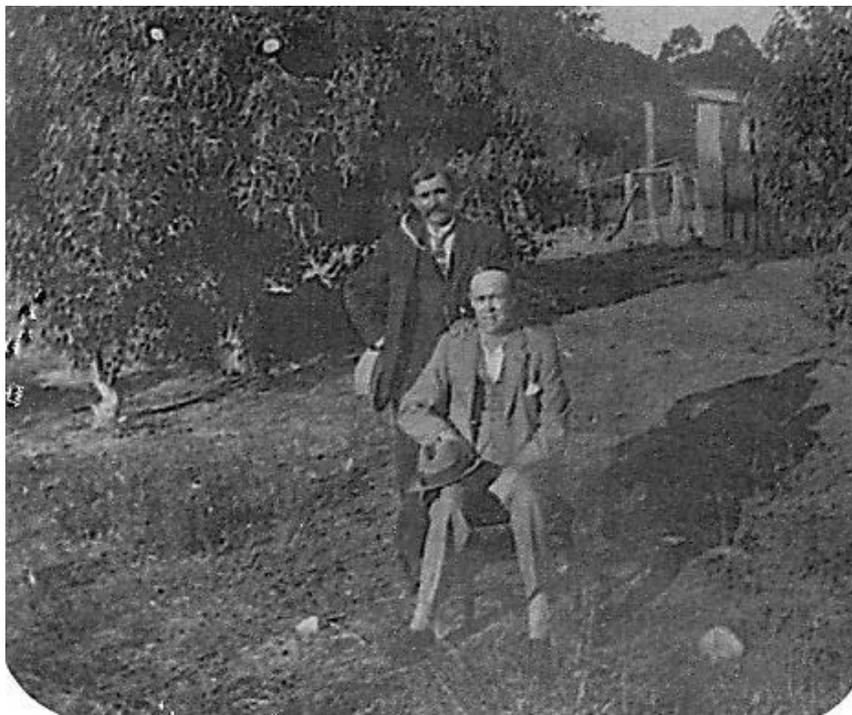
George and Susannah Knott:

George and Susannah had 10 children in their lifetime. They arrived with seven children, with one having died as an infant in England. George James Knott was a baby on arrival and they had two more girls born at Basket Range, Caroline in 1875 and Matilda in 1877.

Their family thrived and quickly got on with life in Australia. George, by 1883 when his daughter Louisa married, lists his occupation as a woodcutter. Woodcutting was a large employer in the Adelaide Hills in those times to supply wood to Adelaide for building and heating, as well as to the local gold mines that operated throughout the Hills.

George passed away at Basket Range on the 5th May 1916 at the grand old age of 85. Susannah died aged 88 at Norton Summit on the 30th May 1921.

South Australia must have proved to be a very good move for the two to live such long and productive lives.



George James and George Basil Knott c.1910 approximately.

KNOTT - On the 5th May, at Basket Range, George Basil, aged 87 years, late of Wingham East, England. Arrived in the ship Forfarshire in 1874. Leaving a wife and three sons and five daughters and 48 grandchildren and 38 great grandchildren and 2 great great grandchildren to mourn their sad loss. His end was peace.

Above is an extract of the death notice in The Advertiser in 1916. Wow, what a great growth in the family, the original 9 who arrived in 1874 had expanded to 96 people in his family in the 42 years.



Photograph courtesy of Marie Kennedy, Perth WA from Doris Witt's collection. Whilst we have no definitive proof, I am pretty sure this would be George and Susannah Knott taken prior to 1873.

The Children of George and Susannah Knott.

To keep this family document to a manageable size I decided to only research the family down to the grand children of George and Susannah only. This has been a task in itself as when I first started researching the Knott family late in 2011 there were very few people on Ancestry searching the Australian arm of the family. After a while I stumbled onto Catherine Medley, the Great Grand Daughter of George James Knott who had been trying for many years to put the tree together. Once we made contact, we were then able to speed up the process as the exchange of ideas and knowledge is of great help. By June 2012 there are up to 7 different people researching our family heritage, all which is positive as stories, photographs and dates are added to build up a clearer picture of their lives.

George married Susannah 9 June 1855

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| Elizabeth 1857 | Mary 1858 | Susannah 1861 | Henry 1863 | Rose 1865 | Louisa 1867 | Phineas 1870 | George 1872 | Caroline 1867 | Matilda 1867 |
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Child 1 - Elizabeth:

Elizabeth was born in Margate, Kent in 1857.

Elizabeth was 17 when she arrived in Port Adelaide with her family. On that same ship was Mark Burrows who settled at Basket Range as well. Mark was born in Margate, Kent in 1852 and he obtained a small land holding near Deep Creek which runs through the heart of the Basket Range area. It was about 3 hectares in area and they grew flowers and produce to sell in the Adelaide Markets.

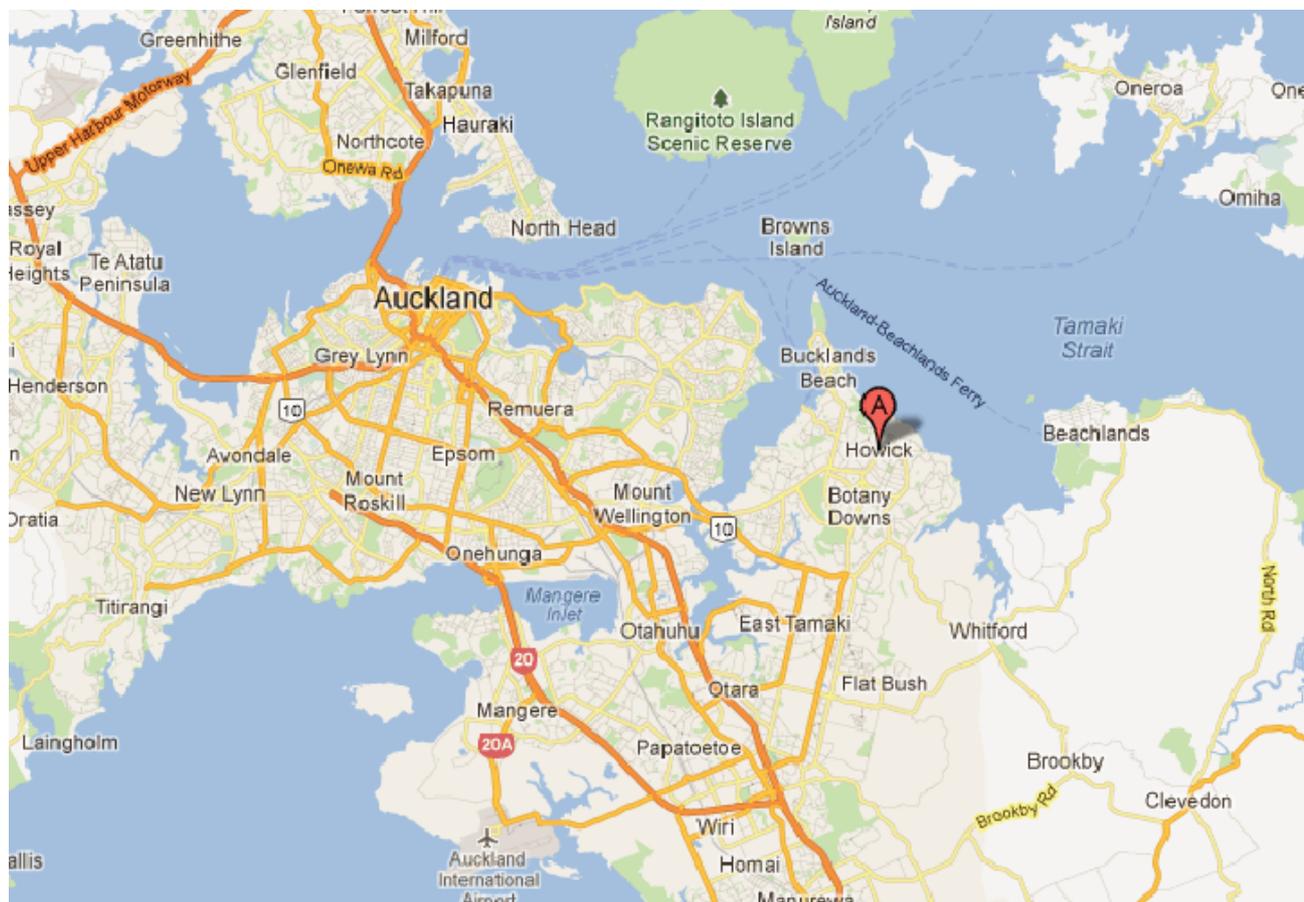
They married on the 10th August 1876 in Adelaide, South Australia. Their first child Caroline Louisa was born just 23 days later. They had a further four children born in and around Basket Range.

In 1886 the family moved to Howick, on the eastern edge of Auckland, North Island, New Zealand. One of the main reasons for the move was Elizabeth's dislike of the hot Adelaide Hills summers. In his early years in New Zealand Mark managed an Ostrich farm at Whitford, to the south of Auckland. Later He and Elizabeth bought 60 acres west of Howick and operated it as a dairy and orchard until their deaths. Howick is only about 20 kilometres south east from the heart of Auckland and the farmland was finally enveloped by housing in the 1980's.

They had one more child who was born in 1893 in New Zealand.

Elizabeth died on the 27 March 1925 aged 68. Three years later Mark died on 31 January 1928 aged 76.





Map showing the location of Howick, which now forms a part of the eastern suburbs of Auckland, New Zealand. Howick to Central Auckland is about 20 kilometres.

Children of Elizabeth and Mark Burrows:

Caroline Louisa (Carrie) Burrows:

Edith Rose (Edie) Burrows:

Arthur Burrows:

Henry James (Harry) Burrows:

Frances Amy Burrows:

Mary Elizabeth Burrows:

Caroline Louisa (Carrie) Burrows: Born 2nd September 1876 at Basket Range, South Australia. Carrie married Albert Victor Pearce, a lighthouse keeper in 1900 and they had one daughter. Carrie died in 1936 aged 60 and Albert died in Wanganui, New Zealand in 1955 aged 86. Albert served in The New Zealand Army Reserve during WW1. They had one child, a daughter that can be located at this time.

Edith Rose (Edie) Burrows: Born 4 June 1878 in Basket Range, South Australia. She married Robert Grange Wilkin in New Zealand in 1905. Robert was also a lighthouse keeper. He was a member of the New Zealand Army reserve around 1917. Later in life around 1935 Robert lists his occupation as labourer. To date I have located two children, a boy and a girl. The boy died at the age of 22 in 1928. Robert died aged 83 in 1960 and Edith Rose died aged 69 in Auckland in 1947.

Arthur Burrows: Born 1st January 1881 at Norton Summit, South Australia. He married Martha Ann Gearing in New Zealand in 1907. This marriage must have ended in divorce as Arthur remarried in 1914. I found records of Martha remarrying in 1916. There were no children born to this union.

On the 6th May 1914, when he was 33, Arthur married Scottish lass, Isabella McDonald in Auckland. He had obtained his Marine Engineers Ticket and served on ships around New Zealand and made trips to Australia. In 1924 they moved to a 115 acre farm at Kaipara Harbour on the west coast, north of Auckland. This large and beautiful harbour is the second largest harbour in the southern hemisphere. Arthur and Bella had 2 boys and 2 girls between 1914 and 1924.

On 29th April 1936 Bella, whilst on holiday visiting Arthur's Sister Mary and her husband Oscar Clausen, was thrown out the back of Oscar's car when they were hit by a truck and Bella died of head injuries in the Mater Hospital in Auckland. She was 47 years old. Oscar never ever drove a car again.

Arthur, who was a chronic diabetic and was being injected 3 times a day, progressively got worse and he died on 23rd May 1941 age 60. He and Bella are buried at Hukatere Cemetery on the North Island.

The information on Arthur is from a family article online and was written by his daughter Phyllis.

Henry James (Harry) Burrows: Born 10 October 1882 at Norton Summit, South Australia. By 1916 Harry was a farmer at Howick near where his parents lived. Unfortunately I cannot locate Harry's war records as they are incorrectly attached to an unrelated Burrow in the NZ Archives. He did serve with G Company Reinforcements in the New Zealand Rifle Brigade and he departed NZ on the 16th November 1917. I would assume he served on the Western Front.

He married Nellie McMillan, an English war bride around 1919. They returned to New Zealand and settled at Taranaki, which is about half way between Auckland and Wellington on the North Island and is near the west coast city of New Plymouth. Harry, who was a farmer, died aged 57 in 1939. Nellie died in Taranaki in 1960 aged 69. No children were located at the time of writing.

Frances Amy Burrows: Born 2 May 1885 at Norton Summit, South Australia. She married Heywood Melville Crispe, a New Zealand farmer in 1907 when she was 22. The farm was located at Mauku, which was about 55 kilometres south west of Auckland.

They went on to have 9 children, 5 girls and 4 boys. Heywood who was born in Auckland in 1876 died aged 77 in 1953 in Auckland. Frances Amy died in 1942 in Auckland aged only 57.

Mary Elizabeth Burrows: Born 1893 in Howick, Auckland New Zealand. Mary married Oscar Clausen in 1917 and no record of any children has been found. Oscar was a farmer east of Auckland at Howick as well. Mary Elizabeth died aged 1953 aged 60 and Oscar died sometime after 1961.

Footnote:

Sadly the lives of Elizabeth's children were not to be long. Edith lived to 69, the rest died relatively young. Two died aged 57 and another three died aged 60. What would the odds be of this occurring?

Child 2 - Mary Susannah:

Mary was also born in Margate, Kent around October 1858. She married William Thomas Raymond on the 4th May 1878 in Adelaide, South Australia. William was also from Kent, being born in a town called Plumstead on the 29th October 1853. They made their life at Deep Creek, Basket Range and both died there. During their marriage they had eight children, 4 girls and 4 boys. William Thomas died on the 2nd October 1915 at the age of 62 and Mary Susannah died on 25th November 1919 aged 61.

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| 1878 | | Married in the District of <i>Adelaide</i> | | | | | | |
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| No. | When Married. | Name and Surname. | Age. | Condition. | Trade or Calling. | Residence at Time of Marriage. | Name and Surname of Fathers of both parties. | Place in which celebrated. |
| | <i>4th</i> | <i>William Raymond</i> | <i>23</i> | <i>Bachelor</i> | <i>Wood</i> | <i>Deep Creek</i> | <i>James Raymond</i> | <i>Office of Registrar General, Victoria Square.</i> |
| | <i>1878</i> | <i>Susannah Knott</i> | <i>19</i> | <i>Spinster</i> | <i>—</i> | <i>Deep Creek</i> | <i>George Knott</i> | <i>—</i> |

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| Marriage was celebrated between us } <i>William Raymond</i> <i>Susannah Knott</i> | In the presence of us <i>George Knott</i> <i>Andrew Baal</i> | Name. | Trade or Calling. | Residence. |
| | | <i>George Knott</i> | <i>Market gardener</i> | <i>Deep Creek</i> |
| | | <i>Andrew Baal</i> | <i>Publican</i> | <i>Adelaide</i> |

The above-named *William Raymond* and *Susannah Knott* were duly Married before me, at the time and place above-named, and in the presence of witnesses whose signatures are above written.

Witness my hand this *4th* day of *May*, 1878.

J. M. A. Clouston
Deputy Registrar

Copy of Mary Susannah's Marriage Certificate.

Children of Mary Susannah and William Raymond:

Edith Knott:

Ellen:

George Lewis:

Annie Louisa:

William Thomas:

James:

Mary Ann:

John:



William Thomas, John, James, George Lewis and Ellen 'Nell' Raymond in Adelaide, South Australia c.1955 – all children of Mary Susannah Knott. Photograph courtesy Lyn Pittaway, Grand Daughter of James Raymond. The three absent children had all died prior to this photo being taken.



This photograph of the Raymond Family was taken in Adelaide sometime around 1955. Names of all the people are unknown at this time.

Edith Knott Raymond: was born on the 19th May 1877 at Basket Range, SA. She married Francis John Soirdet Pedder on the 18th May 1895 in Adelaide. Francis was born at Echunga, SA on 29 May 1869. They went on to have seven children 3 boys and 4 girls. Francis died on the 25th August 1941 at Magill, SA aged 72. Edith died aged 70 on 29th August 1947 in Adelaide.

Ellen Raymond: Born at Basket Range on the 19th May 1879, Ellen (Nell) married John Raymond on 10th June 1899 in Adelaide when she was 20. John was also born at Basket Range on the 23rd June 1870. They had a large family of 2 boys and 7 girls. John died at the grand old age of 90 at Seacliffe, a southern beachside suburb of Adelaide on 13th May 1961. Ellen also died at Seacliff aged 86 on the 10th March 1966.

George Lewis Raymond: Born at Basket Range, SA on 1st March 1881 and died 16th April 1957 aged 76. No marriage records found.



Annie Louisa Raymond: Born 28th August 1882 at Basket Range, SA. She married Nelson George Taylor, born 1873 on the 3rd February 1908 in Adelaide. They had three children, a girl and two boys. Annie died on 29th December 1944 aged 62 in SA, Nelson passed away 8 years later aged 79 on the 17th December 1952. The photograph left of Annie is again courtesy of Lyn Pittaway and the young lad is unknown, it could possibly be her youngest brother John (which would place the photo around 1907) or her eldest son William Bailey Taylor (which would place it around 1918). I tend to think the earlier timeframe would be more likely.

William Thomas Raymond: He was born 8 February 1885 in Basket Range SA. He married Jane Hollow, the step daughter of George James Knott on 3rd March 1909 at George Knott's residence in Basket Range. Jane's father, William Hollow had died in 1893 whilst working on the Happy Valley Reservoir when a tunnel collapsed, and her mother remarried in 1899. Whilst there was no blood link between Bill and Jane, the Knott/Raymond line was already established. Jane was born 18th September 1885 in Woodside, South Australia. Bill and Jane had 6 children, 3 girls and 3 boys. Bill died aged 77 on the 10th April 1962. Jane had died 8 years earlier aged 68 on the 31st July 1954. Bill can be seen on the left of the Raymond family photograph on page 11.



Photograph of Jane Hollow. (courtesy Cath Medley)



James Raymond: James was born on the 1st July 1892 at Basket Range, SA. He married Hilda Kingham, who was born 20th July 1890 in Ashfield, New South Wales. They married on the 26th March 1919 in Ashton, South Australia. James and Hilda had met in Victoria when he was doing his cadetship with the Salvation Army. He also ran the boys home at Mt Barker; SA in the 50's and then moved to WA. They had 2 children, a boy and a girl. Hilda died in Perth on 29th March 1974 and was cremated at Karrakatta Cemetery, Perth. Hilda was 83. James had died at Busselton when he was 75 on the 18th January 1968. Their ashes were scattered over the sea at Busselton, WA.

Mary Ann "Polly" Raymond: Polly (left) was born 17th March 1896 in Basket Range SA. Tragically she was to only have a short life and was accidentally killed by a falling tree on her way to school. The tree was in the process of being felled by a local farmers' son and he had gone home to find a wedge to finish the job. A sudden gust of wind caused the tree to fall trapping Polly and two friends. She died immediately of head injuries and the other two children were okay. She died on 5th May 1904 and is buried at Norton Summit. She was described as a bright and cheerful child in newspaper articles.



John Raymond: John was born on the 17th November 1897 at Deep Creek, Basket Range. He married Rydal Olive Fisher in about 1935. Rydal was born in SA in 1911 and died in 1985. John died on 27 July 1956. To date I have found they had a daughter but have been unable to find very little about their life.

Child 3 - Henry Knott:

Henry, born in Kent in 1861 was the first born son of George and Susannah. He was about 12 years old when he arrived in South Australia. He married Mary Ann Sarah Kent, born 13 September 1848 in Plumstead, Kent and was 13 years older than Henry. They married at the Registry Office in Adelaide on 28 October 1893. Mary Ann, known by all as Polly, had been married before, to a Nelson Taylor in Kent. Unfortunately Nelson died only a year after they were married. I have been unable to find any children from either marriage.



What I did find was a newspaper announcement for the marriage of Ethel Beauchamp, a young girl born to William Beauchamp and Cecily May Raymond on 25th August 1892 at Ashton.

The article stated that Ethel was the adopted daughter of Henry and Mary Ann. Further research led me to William and Cecily moving to Perth, WA where he was a railway fettler. Cecily died in 1915 in Perth and William died at Leederville in 1923. I can only assume that Ethel either stayed in SA when they moved or the parents adopted her out for economic reasons. Ethel married a David Henry Hook in 1911 when she was 18. She died in 1981 aged 88 and is buried at Enfield Memorial Cemetery in SA.

The marriage notice also says that Henry and Mary Ann lived at the Government Cottage, Marble Hill. Those familiar with South Australia would know this is where the Governors summer residence was until it was destroyed by the large bushfires of 1955. It would have been a prestigious job Henry and Mary Ann had. The site is very significant for South Australian Historians and the National Trust. The residence, which has been a shell since 1955, is actually in the process of being refurbished by a member of the Michell family, very famous in SA for their wool combing business in Adelaide.

Henry died in the Parkside Mental Hospital, Adelaide on 15th September 1918 as a result of Syphilis, which he must have contracted earlier in life. Mary died at Uraidla District Hospital on 18th June 1934 aged 85.

The photograph of Henry is from around 1875 when he was about 14 years old.

Child 4 - Rose Knott:



Rose was born in Preston, Kent in 1863. She married James Mitchell McDonald, born 1853, on 14th December 1880 in Adelaide. This marriage proved to be very fertile and they had 11 children between 1881 and 1905. There were 6 boys and 6 girls. They lived at Frederick St Unley up till around 1918 and then they moved to John St, Eastwood.

James died in Adelaide on the 6th January 1921 when he was 68.

The photograph left is Rose with her brother George when she was aged about 11.

Rose remarried at the age of 59 in 1922 to James Farquhar and they lived at Exeter which is just northwest of Port Adelaide and bounded by Semaphore on the west side. James died on the 31st July 1930 and Rose remarried for a third time to Thomas White Rowe on the 23rd December 1933 when she was 70.

Thomas died on the 21st June 1942 aged 81 and Rose died just 7 weeks later on 11th August 1942 and all three of them are buried at Cheltenham Cemetery in the Western Suburbs. I had no idea of what had happened to Rose until I stumbled on her sons army records. One mention of a remarriage and a name in 1922 was the catalyst to close out a long and eventful life.

Children of Rose and James Mitchell

McDonald:

William George:

James Frederick:

Ellen Elizabeth:

Ada May:

Hugh Rennie:

Percy:

Alice Jessie:

Olive Susannah:

Janet:

Henry Mitchell:

Dorothy Isabel Rose:

Horace Hector:



William George: He was born 5 Apr 1881 in Adelaide and died 21 Feb 1962 in Adelaide. He never married and died aged 80.

James Frederick: Born 5 Sep 1882 at Summertown (near Basket Range). James married Rosina Hardwick Rogers (b Crafers, SA 7 Sep 1880) on April 10th 1909 at Her father Isaac Rogers house at Frewville, a suburb just south east of the Adelaide.

The marriage produced 2 boys and a girl between 1910 and 1916.

Rosina died aged 47 on the 6th Jan 1948 at Port Adelaide. James Frederick died on 19th December 1955 aged 73. Both are buried at Cheltenham Cemetery in Adelaide.

Ellen Elizabeth: Born 5th November 1883 at Summertown SA. Ellen never married as far as I can see and died aged 50 on the 6th June 1934 at Summertown.

Ada May (Right) Ada was born at Uraidla, SA on 19 April 1885. She married Albert Peter Adamson at the Salvation Army office in Adelaide on the 15th January 1919. Ada looks very serious in her Salvation Army Uniform.

Albert was from Yongala in South Australia and was born 14th December 1882. They had two girls, one in 1919 and one in 1924. Albert died on 19 April 1957, aged 74 and Ada died aged 74 on 8 Jan 1960. They are both buried at Centennial Park Cemetery, Pasadena SA.





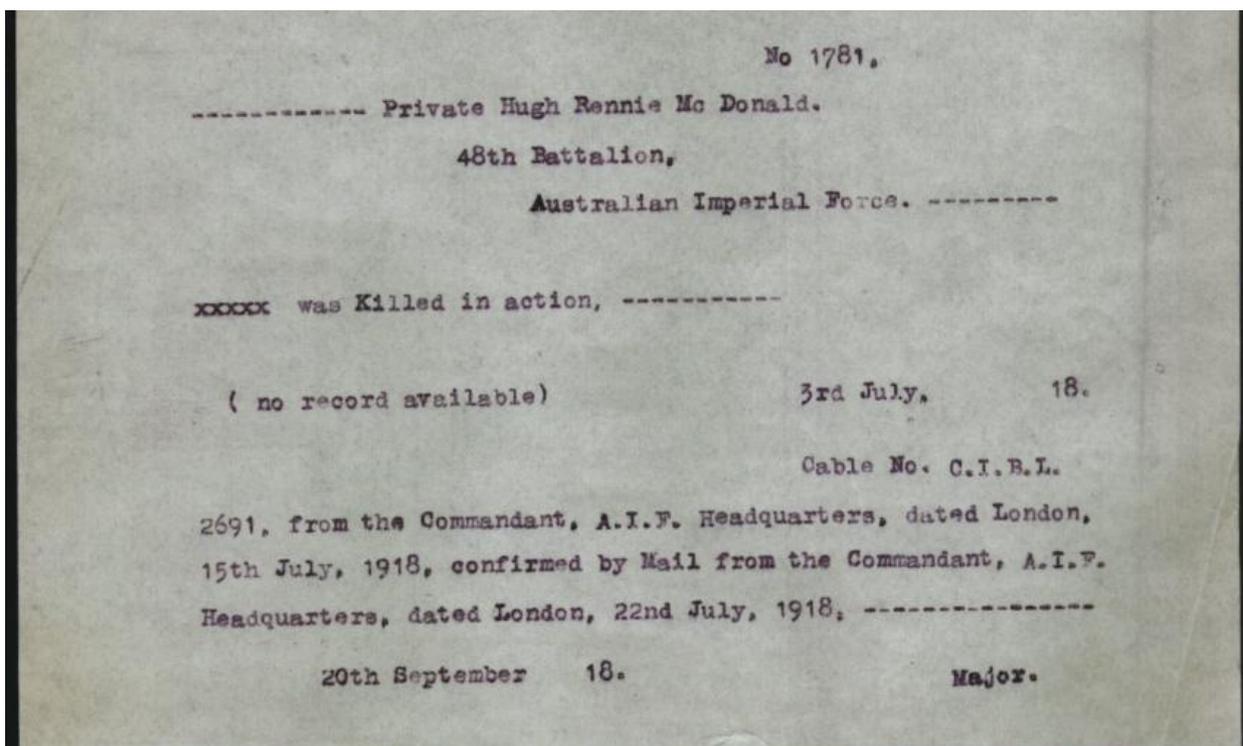
Hugh Rennie: Hugh was born on 9th July 1889. I had come to a total dead end with Hugh until I was looking at a picture of the Basket Range War Memorial and his name was on it. I had searched WW1 records previously to no avail. I searched again with a wider reference and found his records.

He enlisted in the 32nd Battalion which was raised at Mitcham SA, on the 17 August 1915. He, like all Australian soldiers went to Egypt, where Hugh took seriously ill in March 1916 with meningitis. He was so sick it wasn't till a month later he was announced out of danger. He was then transferred to England and it was September he was finally cleared. It had been exactly six months he was ill. Whilst in Egypt they formed the 48th Battalion, made up of Gallipoli veterans and fresh soldiers from SA and WA and he was transferred to this battalion.

He then was sent to the Western Front and was severely wounded by Gun Shot to his left side on the 8th March 1917. He was sent back to England, recovered and sent back to France. Back to the front he was wounded again in August 1917 but stayed at his station. His battalion fought at Pozieres, Bullecourt and Passchendaele (Belgium) up to early 1918.

Hugh was then rested and moved around France between stints at the front until he was killed in action on the 3rd July 1918 defending Amiens in France, bringing to an end a terrible and sad time endured by this young man. His Army records reveal he also left behind his sweetheart, Elsie M Coulter from Tweedvale (Lobethal) in the Adelaide Hills. She wrote to the army three times in late 1918, in obvious distress, seeking information, personal effects and whether his will had been released. She stated she had been drawing his pay so it must have been a serious relationship.

Hugh is buried at Villers-Bretonneux Military Cemetery.



Percy: Percy was born in 1892 and died aged two 24th May 1894.

Alice Jessie: (Left aged 25) Alice was born at Parkside on 29th May 1895. She married Harold John Kendall, a merchant seaman on 27th January 1920. They had 4 children, two girls and two boys. They moved from Adelaide to New Plymouth, New Zealand sometime in the early 1920's. Alice also had a son out of wedlock in 1914. Family rumour has it that the father was a son of the South Australian Governor. This is plausible as Henry Knott, her Uncle worked at Marble Hill at that time. Alice died aged 70 on the 4th July 1970. Harold, who was born in 1889 at Dunedin, New Zealand and worked as a labourer all his life, died aged 79 in New Plymouth in 1968.



Olive Susannah: Born 29 May 1897 in Parkside, Adelaide, and Olive married William Henry Hammond on 27th November 1915 in Unley, South Australia. William was born in Adelaide in 1890 and died aged at Felixstow, South Australia aged 85 on the 24th May 1975. Olive had died reasonably young on 17th October 1960 when she was 63. They had two boys and Olive and William are buried together at Centennial Park Cemetery, Pasadena, South Australia.



Henry Mitchell: (Left) He was born on 3rd September 1898 in Parkside. In 1922 he married Nellie Muriel Holland, born 30th July 1901 at Port Broughton on the York Peninsular, SA. They lived there life around Birkenhead (Port Adelaide) and had four boys. Henry, who was known as Harry, died aged 79 on the 9th February 1978. Nellie died aged 96 on 27th October 1997 and they are both buried at Cheltenham Cemetery, in the western suburbs of Adelaide.

Janet: Janet or Jeannette (name yet unconfirmed) was born at Malvern on 11th April 1900. She was unknown until I was notified by Kathy Tantrum, New Plymouth New Zealand who is the Granddaughter of Alice Jessie McDonald. She died aged about 21. She was said to be a tall leggy girl whose claim to fame was that she could kick a hat off the top of a door.

Dorothy Isabel Rose: Died at birth on the 14th October 1902 at Unley, South Australia.

Horace Hector "Mac": Was born at Unley on 21st August 1905. He married Nellie Clifford Mackareth Huxley on 28th January 1925 at St Bede's Church, Semaphore South Australia. Nellie was from Port Broughton, SA and was born on 28th April 1906. They had five children. He divorced Nellie on the grounds of Adultery (he was the perpetrator) in March 1947. Horace married Mavis Sleaford Garrett sometime around 1948 and had another child. Mavis was born in Port Lincoln on 23rd May 1909 and died on 22 April 1981 at Salisbury, South Australia when she was 71. Mac died aged 76 on the 4th March 1982. They are both buried at the Salisbury Cemetery.

Child 5 - Louisa Knott:

Louisa was the fourth daughter and fifth child born to George and Susannah. She was born on 30 April 1865 in Wingham, Kent. Louisa would have been 8 when she arrived in South Australia. On 17th November 1883, when she was 18 Louisa married George Henry Osborne. George was born at Third Creek (One of six creeks that empty in to the River Torrens which flows through Adelaide.) which would have been near Basket Range. He was born on 7th April 1857, only 21 years after South Australia was settled so he really was one of the original pioneers.

Family members can remember George James Knott visiting his sister in the Hindmarsh area before he passed away in 1955.



Louisa and George went on to have 8 children. George preceded Louisa and died on the 11th August 1952 when he was 95. Louisa died aged 91 on the 11th October 1956, two very long and wonderful lives.

Children of Louisa Knott:

Henry Thomas:

Annie May:

Olive May:

Frederick George:

George:

Hurtle Clarence:

Elsie Eleanor:

Adelaide Matilda:

Henry Thomas: was born at Norton Summit in 1884. He married Nellie May Wye on 20th December 1911 at Norwood, South Australia. Nellie was born on 2nd September 1891 at Basket Range. Henry and Nellie had 4 girls and a boy between 1912 and 1919. Sadly for Henry and his family Nellie died in the Royal Adelaide Hospital in August 1923 when she was only 31 years old. Henry passed away in Adelaide in 1953 when he was 69 years old. The photo left is of Henry and Nellie's wedding in December 1911.



The photograph on the left is 4 generations of Knott's. From rear: Louisa, Beatrice May, (daughter of Henry), Henry Osborne and Beatrice's child Tom. The photograph would be from sometime around 1940, taken in Adelaide, SA.

Annie May: Annie was born in Adelaide, SA on 3rd May 1886. She married Ernest Stanley Abbott on 17th February 1914. Ernest was born in Carlton, Victoria in 1893. They had two children that could be identified and interestingly neither of them ever married. Annie passed away in May 1972 in Oakleigh, Victoria and was cremated at Springvale Botanical Cemetery on 10th May 1972. Ernest Stanley is not located at this time and both the children were cremated at the same cemetery.

Olive May: Olive was born at Norton Summit on the 8th January 1888. She married Albert Benjamin Cutting, a local from the nearby town of Uraidla. The Cuttings also have a long association with the Adelaide Hills and the name pops up in other lines of the family. Albert was born on 10th October 1885. He married Olive at Kensington, SA on 30th April 1910. They had two children, a boy in 1910 and a girl in 1912. Albert died at Uraidla on 10th December 1972 and Olive on 7th November 1973 and they are both buried at Centennial Park Cemetery, Pasadena SA.

Frederick George: One of three Osborne siblings to marry in 1913. Frederick was born at Deep Creek, Basket Range on the 18th Sept 1889. He married Hilda May Morley on 2 April 1913 when he was 23. Hilda was from Port Augusta and was born on 27 April 1889. They either divorced or Hilda died, I can find no further record of her in records. Frederick remarried Ada Alice Mines, born 8 Jan 1893 in Campbelltown, South Australia in 1923 and it was registered at Norwood SA. I have found no record of any children from either marriage. Frederick died aged 84 in 1973. Ada reached a grand age of 97, died in 1990 and is buried with Fred at St Martins Anglican Cemetery in Campbelltown, South Australia.

George: Born at Ashton, near Basket Range, South Australia on 29th September 1891 George married a local girl, Eliza Fleet Cutting at Norwood on 4th May 1912. Eliza was born at Uraidla on the 8 August 1892. George died in SA on 30th October 1919 aged only 28. His marriage had produced a girl and two boys. Unsubstantiated death date of 1945 is all I could find of Eliza. She would have been 53.

Hurtle Clarence: Hurtle was also born at Deep Creek in the Adelaide Hills on 6th November 1893, the sixth child of Louisa and George Henry Osborne. He was married to Beatrice Myrtle Wightman at Norwood on 22nd November 1913. I could only find one child, a boy born to Hurtle and Beatrice. Hurtle died aged 67 on the 8 March 1961. Beatrice died eight years later in 1969 when she was 76.

Elsie Eleanor: Elsie was born at Ashton on the 22nd April 1895. She married on the 14th June 1913 at the Jesmond residence in Norwood. Her husband, George William Cutting, born at Deep Creek, Basket Range on October 30th 1890, was the brother of Albert Cutting and Eliza Fleet Cutting who married Elsie's brother and sister. They had four boys and two girls between 1913 and 1926. Elsie passed away aged 81 on the 2nd January 1977. George had died many years earlier on 19th January 1960 when he was 69.

Adelaide Matilda: The eighth and last child, Adelaide was born at Ashton, South Australia on 20th May 1898. She married Edward Ewart Gladstone Arnold, who was born on at Moonta, South Australia on the 13th June 1898. Adelaide and Edward had a girl and a boy after they were married in Adelaide on the 9th August 1934. Adelaide died aged 61 on the 4th July 1959 in Adelaide. Edward who joined the Army in 1918 served for only 78 days and was discharged due to the end of the war. I am yet to find when and where he died.

Child 6 - Phineas (Finnie) Knott

Phineas was the second son born to George and Susannah and was only 7 when he arrived in South Australia in 1874. He was born at Preston, Kent in 1867. Phineas who was known as Finnie must have been quite a character. He was also a heavy drinker which led to alcoholism.

In April 1886 Phineas and an accomplice were fined for blocking the Main Eastern Rd (I imagine this is referring to what we now know as Greenhill Rd).

On 6 August 1886 when he was 19 he was sentenced to 14 days hard labour for stealing from a shopkeeper at Magill, in the eastern suburbs of Adelaide. He was arrested with an accomplice at Norton Summit and they had stolen bread and brooms from the lady who ran the shop.

Florence Keziah Helgeson (pictured aged 18). Florence was born on the 7th October 1876 and on the 3rd October 1896 in Adelaide, South Australia she married Phineas. They were the most productive Knott marriage with 13 children between 1897 and 1920. I had found 12 and then after speaking to a Grand Daughter of Phineas, who mentioned she thought they had 17 children. I went off and found another daughter so have settled on 13. For some reason this particular child has never been mentioned in death notices of family members so was quite difficult to find.



In 1901 Finnie was charged and fined for assaulting an Assyrian (Northern Iraqi) called Bachara at the Forest Range Hotel.

On the 21 July 1921 newspaper archives show Florence was granted a separation order on the grounds of cruelty against Phineas. He had mistreated three of the girls. This resulted in the family being broken up and for the ones not old enough to work, going into welfare homes. Florence died at the Uraidla Hospital on the 13th November 1948 when she was 78. Finnie passed away at the Eventide Salvation Army Home at Tusmore, South Australia when he was 86 on the 28th July 1953. They are both buried at Norton Summit Cemetery.

Children of Phineas Knott:

Elizabeth:

Caroline Susannah:

Bernard Roy:

Henry:

Mary Ann (Elizabeth):

Phineas:

Frederick James:

Alfred Hurtle:

Elsie Florence:

Hilda:

Ivy:

Myrtle May:

Elizabeth: Born on the 21st March 1897 at Norton Summit, South Australia. She married Frederick Emanuel Chapman in Adelaide in 1926. Frederick was born on 10th January 1889 at Upper Sturt, South Australia which is also in the Adelaide Hills. Frederick died on ANZAC day 1949 in Whyalla when he was 60. On the 24th May 1950, just over a year later Elizabeth died at the relatively young age of 53. I could only locate one child, a boy who was born in 1927 and died at the age of 41 in Whyalla, bringing this family line to an end.

Caroline Susannah: Caroline was born at Ashton, South Australia on 17th May 1899. In 1920 Caroline married Ernest Charles Saunders, a fellow Adelaide Hills person who was born in the nearby town of Forest Range on the 24th September 1897. They had two boys and a girl born between 1921 and 1927. Ernest died when he was 48 on the 24th January 1946. Although unconfirmed I think Caroline died in 1974 in South Australia when she was 75.

Bernard Roy: Bernard, nicknamed 'Bun' was born on the 9th March 1901 at Marble Hill, South Australia and married Annie Irene Kemp at St Matthews Church, Kensington South Australia on 7th July 1934. Annie was from Gaza, in the north eastern suburbs of Adelaide and was born on 27th June 1911. They had two boys and three girls. Annie died in 1976 aged 65 and Bernard died 1984 when he was 83 and they are both buried at Norton Summit.

Henry: He was born at Ashton, South Australia on 25th Jan 1903. He had a gun accident on the 2nd of August 1917 whilst he was out hunting at Basket Range. He suffered severe head wounds and had a physical disability for the rest of his life. On the 16th November 1940 the chain came off the motorbike he was riding causing him to run off the road and break a leg. He was admitted the Royal Adelaide Hospital. Tragically for Henry, he was riding the motorbike which was hit in Stirling that caused the death of his brother Frederick James on the 13th April 1942. I have found no record of marriage and he died aged only 39 on the 14th September 1942 at the Victor Harbor Hospital, South Australia as the result of an accident, 5 months after his brother Frederick James.

Mary Ann: Born on Valentine's Day, 14 February 1905 at Basket Range. Mary Ann, who later in life was always known as Mary Elizabeth, married one legged drover Richard Hastings Gelston in Adelaide in 1921 when she was 21. Richard was born at Woollahra, New South Wales on 28th February 1885 and grew up in Hawthorn, South Australia. They spent time in various places across South Australia and even possibly the Northern Territory for a period. In later years they spent more time in the SA Riverland. They had nine children in the marriage, consisting of two boys and seven girls, with two dying at a very young age.

Richard died aged 78 on the 12th January 1964 and is buried at Cheltenham Cemetery with his parents. Mary lived a long though not easy life, as Richard was an alcoholic, and died aged 88 on the 25th June 1993 and is buried in Enfield Memorial Cemetery in Adelaide.

Phineas: Phineas Knott died suddenly on April 3, 1973, aged sixty-five years. He was born in Basket Range, South Australia in 1907, For some years he worked for Douglass Watson, his brother-in-law at Copeville in the Murray Mallee. Later, he was employed by Mr Eric Zilm, who was farming in the Armidale district in New South Wales. During those years, 1964-1971, Phineas attended the Armidale Adventist church. Mr Eric Zilm then bought a property at Bordertown, South Australia, and transferred there. Phineas continued to work for the Zilm family and became a member of the newly-formed Adventist church at Naracoorte. He was very faithful in his attendance, despite a considerable distance to travel. By family request, he was buried in the Norton Summit Cemetery, where a Methodist form of service was used. A floral expression of sympathy was sent by the members of the Naracoorte church. B. C. S. Pepper

Article courtesy Seventh Day Adventist Australasian Record 1973.

Phineas and his wife (Unknown Watson) had 4 children.

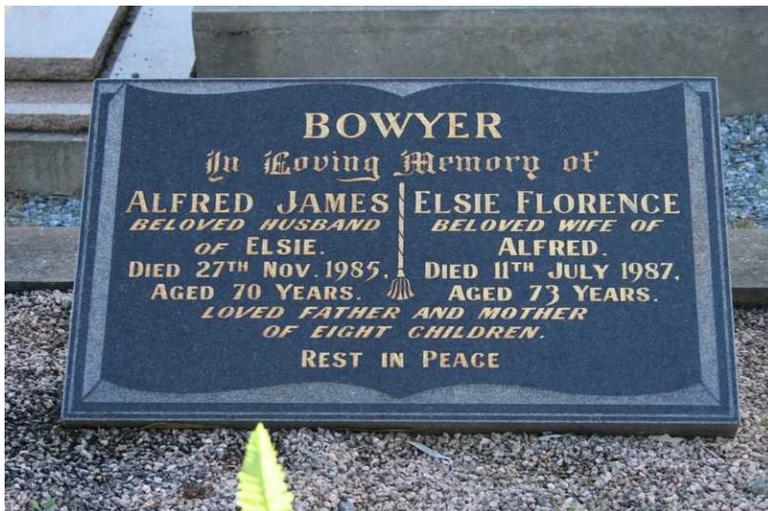
Frederick James: Born on 13th November 1910 Frederick was to have a life cut short. He married Fedora (Dorrie) Ellen Amelia Watson who was born at Encounter Bay (Victor Harbor) on 29th January 1913. They married in Strathalbyn on 26th November 1928 and they had 4 children, 2 girls and 2 boys. Frederick, Phineas and Alfred all married sisters from the Watson family of Tooperang, South Australia.

On 11th April 1942 Frederick was riding pillion on a motorbike driven by his brother Henry through Stirling in the Adelaide Hills and they were struck by a buckboard (motor vehicle). He died in Royal Adelaide Hospital two days later of head injuries on the 13th aged only 31, leaving a young family. I have been told he had a metal plate in his head and this is what killed him when his head struck a kerb. Fedora married Bernhard Heinicke in 1949 and died on 25th July 1987 in Waikerie, SA aged 74. Frederick is buried at Norton Summit Cemetery and Dorrie is buried at the Waikerie Cemetery.

Alfred Hurtle: Alfred was born 8th October 1911 in the Adelaide Hills and his birth registered at Nairne, SA. From the issues surrounding his family in 1921 caused by his father, Alf finished up in a boy's home in Adelaide for a period.

Alfred married the third Watson sister, Daisy Isabel Merle, born 30th October 1920 at Encounter Bay (Registration) on the 20th December 1938. They moved later in life to Griffith, New South Wales where Alf worked as a market gardener. They had 8 children, 4 boys and 4 girls. Alf died peacefully on the 2nd August 1984 when he was 72. Daisy passed away aged 66 at Tabbita, a small town near Griffith on the 5th August 1987. They are both buried at the Griffith Cemetery in NSW. Alfred and Daisy were devout members of the Seventh Day Adventist Church.

Louisa: Louisa was born at Basket Range in 1913. She apparently lived at Basket Range for many years and then moved to the Blue Mountains outside of Sydney. Records of Louisa living at Blackheath exist until 1963 where she worked at some type of hostel. There is no further trace of Louisa found at this stage.



Elsie Florence: Elsie proved to be another of those surprise siblings. She was born in 1915 and her birth registered in Norwood, SA. I had to troll the Trove website and found one small obscure birth notice mentioning a nee' Knott. From this I rapidly filled out the life details of Elsie. She married Alfred James Bowyer, born in 1916 in Yankalilla, South Australia sometime around 1938. They went on to have 7 children, two who died very young. Alfred died on 27th November

1985 and Elsie died on 11th July 1987 when she was 73. They are buried together at the Anglican Cemetery in Yankalilla, South Australia.

Hilda: Hilda was born at Basket Range on the 27th July 1919. She married Eric William Helgeson on 11th February 1937. Eric was born in 1916 and his birth registered at Norwood, a very common registration place for the Adelaide Hills residents at the time. Research has shown that Eric was the son of William Helgeson, who was the brother of Hilda's mother meaning first cousins married. They married on the 11th February 1937 in South Australia.

Hilda died on the 25th October 1993 and she lived at Magill, South Australia. She had been living with her son Eric and Daughter in Law Lorraine who had died in 1991 at the age of 55. Hilda was 74. Eric had died on 9th December 1982 and the three of them are buried at Enfield Cemetery in SA.

Ivy: Ivy was born in 1919 at Basket Range. She married Oscar Lewis Tree, a West Coast Eyre Peninsular farmer who was born in SA in 1920. They married in the Seventh Day Adventist Church at Prospect in Adelaide on the 17th February 1943. They spent their life farming at Talia, on the West Coast of Eyre Peninsular, SA. Ivy died on the 18th February 2009 in Port Lincoln at the age of 90. Oscar died 10 months later on 12 December 2009 at Wudinna. Oscar is buried in his old family home town of Bramfield on the West Coast near Elliston and Ivy is buried at Wudinna Cemetery. They were part of a long term Eyre Peninsular farming family and had 2 boys and 4 girls from the marriage.

Myrtle May: Myrtle was also born at Basket Range in 1920; she married Murray Neindorf, a lad from the western suburbs on the 30th June 1937. Murray was born on the 3rd May 1915 in Adelaide. Tragically Murray was killed in a motor vehicle accident at Magill on the 14th April 1939 when he was 23 years old. He had tried to overtake a vehicle in his buckboard (a converted sedan) and hit a tram. He died of head injuries. They had been living at Norton Summit and they had two little children, a boy and a girl. I have found no further record of Myrtle apart from mentions in the mid 1940's in family memorial notices in The Advertiser. She remarried Keith Jenkins sometime in the late 1940's and died on the 15th July 2002. Myrtle is buried at the Enfield Memorial Gardens Cemetery in Adelaide.

Child 7 - Charlotte

Charlotte was born in Staple, Kent on the 31st July 1870. Sadly for George and Susannah, little Charlotte died on the 23rd April 1871 when she was 9 months old.

Child 8 - George James

George James was born in April 1872 in Eastry, Kent and was 22 months old when he arrived in Port Adelaide with the family. He lived in Basket Range and married local widow Hanorah Elizabeth Hollow (nee' Edmonds) on the 9th September 1899 at the Adelaide Registry Office. Their marriage produced three children, 2 girls and a boy.

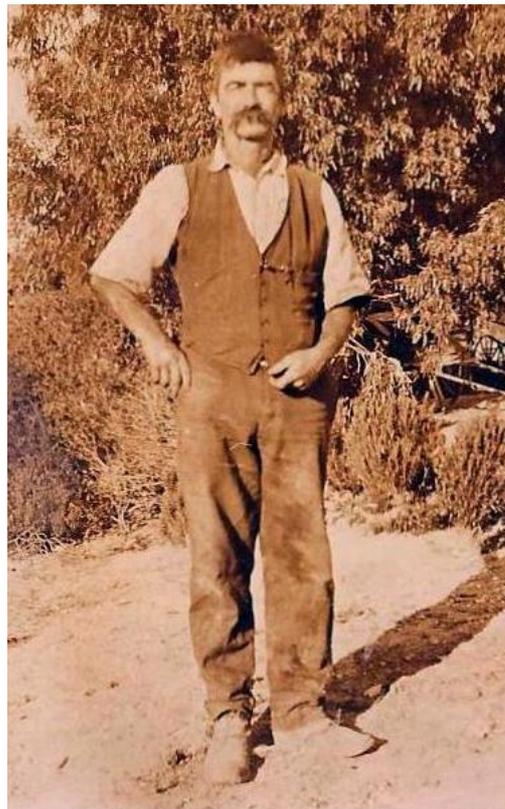
Hanorah (Nora), born in Victoria on the 29th August 1861 had previously married miner William Hollow in Mt Barker in November 1882. They had 5 children, one of those died at Woodside as an infant. William was killed in 1893 when they were building the Happy Valley Reservoir south of Adelaide, leaving Hanorah with four children aged between 6 weeks old to 10 years.

Hanorah's family lived at nearby Forest Range and she had a brother. Another child, a sister died before her first birthday in 1855. This is where she would have become acquainted with George, a bachelor, who was 11 years younger. George and Hanorah had lived at Basket Range until they acquired 17.5 acres of land on Burton Road at Athelstone and moved there in January 1917. A letter to the Army advising them of the change of address details is on the army file of Hanorah's son Robert.

In August 1918 George found a dead person at Black Hill, near Athelstone. The man had been ill for some time and went missing in late July. When George found the body some 10 days later it was in an advanced stage of decay. It looks like the man had died of exposure as that area is very cold that time of the year.

On the 28th August 1930 Hanorah, who was also a diabetic, succumbed to Liver Cancer and was buried at West Terrace Cemetery. George, who worked all his life as a labourer, was an axeman of note, as much of his early life at Basket Range would have entailed timber cutting in this heavily forested area. In August 1954 George, when he was 82, was hit by a car on Gorge Rd, Athelstone. After being in hospital he went to daughter Stella's to recuperate.

He passed away aged 83 on the 5th July 1955 and was buried at West Terrace Cemetery, Adelaide with Hanorah.



Children of George James:

Doris Victoria:

Stella Alice May:

George:

Doris Victoria: Doris Victoria was born on the 11th April 1900 at Basket Range. She attended the local school and she met and married Murray Mallee farmer Friedrich Wilhelm Witt on 4th November 1918 at the Lutheran Parish on Wakefield St, Adelaide. Friedrich was 15 years older than Doris (Dolly) and they had the first of seven children in 1919. The last was born in Western Australia in 1931 and she had 4 boys and 3 girls.

They sold their Mindarie, SA farm around the end of 1922 and moved to Grass Patch, Western Australia where they farmed until 1953, when Fred retired. Doris, who was diabetic like both her siblings and her mother, had a bad fall in a dentist surgery and died of a stroke on the 25th August 1966 in the Esperance District Hospital, aged 66.

Fred died aged 85 in a Perth nursing home from pneumonia on the 31st January 1970. He was also suffering advanced Alzheimer's disease. They are both buried in the Esperance Lawn Cemetery.



Stella Alice May: Stella was born 13th September 1903 at Basket Range. She also attended the local school. On the 25th July 1925 she married Englishman Leonard William Apps who was born in Kent, England on the 12th September 1901. The wedding reception was held at Stella's parents' house at Burton Road, Athelstone SA.

They lived their married life at Kilburn, just north of the city of Adelaide and had three children, two girls and a boy.

Stella, a diabetic, was celebrating husband Len's birthday at their Kilburn home on the 12th September 1960 and complained of a severe headache. They had finished the meal and Stella said she was going to have a lie down. On getting up she collapsed and by the time a doctor from a nearby surgery could attend the house she had passed away from a stroke.

Len, a porter for many years at the Northfield Hospital Wards (a division of Royal Adelaide Hospital) on Hampstead Road controversially remarried Nell Quinn less than a year later in 1961. He passed away aged 82 on the 1st April 1984. Stella and Len are both buried at Enfield Memorial Cemetery in Adelaide.



The Aps Family c. 1937/38 from Left to Right, Leonard, Leonard Jnr, Mary, Stella and Rosalie

George: Born on 25th September 1905, George also attended Basket Range School and possibly later attended Athelstone School when the family moved in 1917.

George, who never married, was also diabetic like his sisters and mother, was a quiet, gentle man and from the mid 1950's onwards was looked after by his niece Doris Witt from Western Australia. He sold his parents property soon after his father George James died in



1955 and bought land on Kenihans Road, Reynella to the south of Adelaide. Here he worked as a small landholder raising chickens and growing produce. He used to ride his bike in from Athelstone to the Royal Adelaide Hospital for treatment for his diabetes up

until he sold that property in 1955.

The encroachment of suburbia by the early 1970's increased land values and George sold up and retired to Strathalbyn, South Australia until he passed away aged 72 on the 30th December 1977. He is buried at the Strathalbyn Cemetery as is his niece Doris.



Child 9 - Caroline

Caroline was the second child born to George and Susannah who died very young. She was born at Norton Summit on the 9th September 1875, the first Australian born child in the Knott family. Caroline died on the 21st October 1876 at Deep Creek, Basket Range, just a few weeks short of her first birthday.

Child 10 - Matilda

Matilda, the second and last Australian born child was born at Basket Range, SA on the 18th March 1877. Details on Matilda's life are scant and one of the most significant items found is that she was one of the inaugural students to attend the Basket Range School when it opened in 1885. No record of any engagement or marriage has been found. She lived at Basket Range all her life and died in hospital on 23 July 1944 when she was only 67 years old. She was survived by Louisa, Phineas and George.



This delightful family photograph was courtesy Marie Kennedy, Forrestfield, WA. To the best of my knowledge I think the order from left is Rose, Mary Susannah (sadly defaced), George James, Susannah (Mother), Henry, Louisa and Elizabeth. Absent are Phineas who would have been about 8 and Caroline who would not have been born. These details then would place the photograph sometime late in 1874 or very early 1875 looking at the lovely sunny day, the hats and the English tree in the background which is in full leaf and the fruit trees netted.

Conclusion:

This has been a fascinating task to put together what I see as the starting point of this large and wonderful family which has really become a part of the fabric of the Adelaide Hills from the early days of settlement. I commenced researching around September 2011 then moved onto other families for a while and then came back to the Knott's around May 2012.

Not surprisingly the first and second generations held close association with the area and it wasn't till after the second war that people started to move to areas where there were better employment opportunities.

Again I welcome input, correction to errors and stories to add to this living document and that in the years to come many more people will read this with the same joy it has given me. South Australia for some reason hasn't made available the old electoral rolls and this makes it hard to track people and pick up occupations, adult children and many other leads that help put together the lives of people and to make interesting reading. These facts can lead to new information, fill in gaps and often make sense of what on face value can seem out of place.

Rose at this stage the only original child that I have not been able to contact a descendant to gain valuable insight to her family.

Valuable Helpers: The following people provided me with information, photographs and their input is greatly appreciated.

Catherine Medley – Great Grand Daughter of George James Knott – Mt Burr SA

Lyn Pittaway – Great Grand Daughter of Mary Susannah Knott – Northam WA

Kristen Thomas – Married to the Great Grandson of Louisa Knott

Shirley Cayless – Great Grand Daughter of George James Knott – Perth WA

Marianne Kennedy – Great Grand Daughter of George James Knott

Raelene Cranwell – Grand Daughter of Phineas Knott – Basket Range SA

Dianne Knott – married to Bryce Knott, Grandson of Phineas Knott

Phyllis Moffatt – Grand Daughter of Elizabeth Knott – from Myra's Place an online tree from New Zealand. Phyllis had written an article about her family. Her story can be viewed on the following link <http://www.myrasplace.net/myra/burrows1.htm>

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