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23 July '82

Dear Mrs Hobbes,

I was delighted to receive your letter from so far away, and yes I can assist you in some way.

My Cock family centred around Pedernth this.

WILLIAM COCK b.1805 R/R
M. Susanna Teague b.1810 R/R
⊙ R/R in 1830.

WILLIAM COCK b.1782 R/R
M. Margaret Penberthy b.1783 R/R
⊙ R/R in 1803

JOHN COCK
b.1740 R/R.
M. Grace
Nichols.
b.1742 R/R
Wed R/R 1762.

William & Susanna with family which included my Great Grandfather came to the Bura (S.A) Mines in c1846, having arrived in Adelaide in 1839.

I have followed the notes & sisters of William 1805 & William 1782 through & Robert was not a name used in either family.

Robert came into our family through the Teagues.

It is strange how some families did not use quite common christian names at all.

Some names seemed to belong exclusively to certain branches.

Re the Oats - my father now 76 spent many school holidays with his Uncle who had a property north of Gawler.

Dad well remembers the large sign reading "KOCH AND OATS" Grain & Fodder Merchants on the building which stood on the Adelaide side of Gawler.

As a child he was amused by the fact that Mrs Oats sold Oats.

Next week I shall go into the Archives & see what I can read up re "Oats of Gawler," & also the shipping lists.

Some of the Oats family must have remained at Gawler as it would be circa 1917 when Dad remembers the sign.

Re your query what would have brought them to Gawler c. 1848/9.

I think in those years they showed great

foresight, being in the trade they were, in coming to Gawler.

A few brief "glimpses of Gawler" may show why. In 1842 the furthest village north of Adelaide was Gawler.

The Burea Mines, 100 miles north of Adelaide began in the mid 1840's.

To transport each boiler to the Mines, 50 bullocks with 3 bullockies walking on each side were needed to pull the load.

It took 2 months for the journey, via Gawler.

For the first 4 years of the Burea Mines, copper ore was shipped to the Welsh smelters at Swansea, being transported via Gawler to the ships at Pt. Misery (Pt. Adelaide).

In 1845 there were no roads north of Gawler - the track being known as Bluepot Road.

By 1847 one Company had 300 bullock carts on the Adelaide to Burea route & some 1,200 drivers were punching 8,000 bullocks between the Mine & Pt. Adelaide.

The railway from Adelaide ended at Gawler in 1857, 3 years later it reached

Hapeenda & finally the Burma in 1870.
With the state of the "roads" and the
volume of traffic, I would think a
"coach builder & wheelwright" would be
greatly in demand.

As trains came through, there was a
very large engineering works built,
which constructed all rail vehicles
used on the lines to Burma & also
the Cornish Triangle (Moonta, Wallaroo
& Gladina) when that area began in
the 1860's.

Please excuse the witing but arthritis of
the fingers (fortunately no where else)
tends to make the pen wander after a
few pages.

Hopefully more data will be enclosed
re Oats, after the Archies visit.

Thank you for your inquiry, it was
a pleasure to forward the enclosed,
and I do hope you are having a
wonderful year, in what, by the
address, I imagine is a beautiful
area.

Yours faithfully
Golda Packer.

As you can see I cannot locate a Harriet Cook married to a Richard Oats arriving in S.A., nor his father John Semmens Oats circa late 1840's.

I have listed what information is available re Oats & Oates.

My only thought is they may have arrived in another state & travelled either overland or by interstate ship.

There is an Index of interstate arrivals in S.A. but only between 1836 and 1845.

OATES. arrivals in S.A.

Elizabeth 1849 + George, wife & 2 children + John
Johanna (2 of them) in 1851 + John, + Frances + Henry

William 1856,

William 1857 + George. + Eliza

Elizabeth 1854

Eliza also 1854 on different ship

William J. 1865, + John + Caroline.

Charles 1865 (different ship).

Jane, John 1865 (different ship).

William 1865 (" ").

Elizabeth A. 1878

In 1918 Albert Oates plus H. Oates & Howard
Oates. were living in Gawler South & several
others all OATES were farming in the area

William Oats - a Mine Captain died in
Perth W.A. in April 1911 - he was born @
St Justs in Cornwall

On 23 December 1858 Phillip Oates
married Adelaide Louisa Brewer - both
of Upper Wakefield S.A.

The death occurred on June 11th. 1857 of Elizabeth OATES wife of George Oates a farmer of Upper Watkefield - She aged 64

Death occurred of John OATES of Gawler aged 89 years - born Isle of Man. & came to South Australia 63 years ago.

His wife died in 1898. He left 4 sons & many Grandchildren. He farmed @ Langaroo Flat for many years.
(From daily press. Feb. 5th 1916)

By Special Licence & solemnised by the Bible Christian Minister @ Kapunda. - Elizabeth Jane Mable, eld. daughter of John Perry Moyle married William OATS of Kapunda.

OATES arrival in S.A.

Anne in 1849

Mary & William in 1853 also Catherine & John.

Elizabeth in 1854

Anne in 1853 but on a different ship from above.

Elizabeth & Mary 1877

Mary, John A., James H., & Henry 1867.

Elizabeth A. in 1875

Lucy in 1877 & Richard N. in 1878

Ans
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Dear Mrs. Hohnen,

I was interested to see in the Genealogical Research Directory that you are interested in the Oats of Gawler S.A.

A friend in England has asked me to trace some relatives of her's with the surname Oates, but also of Gawler, and I wonder if there is a connection.

George Merrick Oates and Elizabeth arrived
on the "David Malcolm" 7.4.1849
He had 2 children, but I only know of Phillip.

Phillip and Adelaide Oates had children
Stanley, John, Edward, Lizzie, Minnie,
Philip and George, and there was also
Albert and Amy who had 6 sons and 2 daughters,
one of whom was Irwin Harry Oates,
chaff and grain merchant of Gawler
who was out of business by 1931.

There are still Oates living in Gawler, but I do not know yet whether they are related to my enquiry or your's.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,

M.P. Austin

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quoted from letter Golda Packer

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