

The Stephens Family

Several members of this family, migrated from Cornwall to Australia over a period of years. They were descendants of

RICHARD STEPHENS b 1805 ALTARNUN (N. CORNWALL)
 CHARITY COOMBE b 1802 HEWANNICK d. 1851

Richard is described at different times as "herd", "land steward" and later "farmer" (1850) having inherited property through his wife Charity. Of his large family, at least 5 migrated.

Date of Arrival

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| 1846 | 1. | Joseph Stephens | (b 1830) | |
| 1850 | 2 | { Mary
m Jonathan Mullis | b 1828/9 | d. 1904 |
| | | | travelled on their honeymoon on the "hord Stanley." | |
| 1860 | 3 | Ann | b 1837 | d. 1920 Bathurst |
| | | | m 1876 | William Treese (widower) |
| | 4 | SUSANNAH | b 1842 | d. 1912 |
| | m | EDWIN COCK | m 1863 | d 1920 |
| 1893(?) | 5 | ELIZABETH (LIZA) | b 1844/5 | d. Wellington NSW |

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Mrs. Pat Lay of 11 Lorrel Place Queanbeyan is descended from Mary and Jonathan Mullis and has done considerable research on the Stephen's family.

Joseph Stephens settled at Warren NSW
where descendants are still living.

(Brother of Stephen's sisters. I once met a grandson (I think)

Pat Lay's mother, Mrs Beryl
McCooey, now in her 70s, remembers
visiting Bathurst as a child, with her
grandmother and staying with Ann
Strezise in 159 Bentinck St. Ann & her sister
Liza Stephens were two rosy-cheeked
plump little ladies & had a lovely
garden with mistaria and roses.

My mother Ethel Anne Cook
(1883 - 1980) youngest daughter of
Susannah (Stephens) and Edwin Cook,
remembered visiting Bathurst as a child
and her delight in seeing sweets in the
shop on the corner of Bentinck and Piper
Streets. - now Farmers' Grazcos Depot.

Phyllis A Hohnen
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