

Descendants of Samuel EDWARDS

Generation Number 1

1. SAMUEL EDWARDS was born 05 Aug 1811 in Unley, Suffolk, England, and died 22 May 1857 in Brighton Plains, SA; buried 24 May 1857, Brighton Cemetery, Adelaide, SA. He was an Agricultural Laborer and married MARY MORLEY 1838 in Unley, Suffolk, England, daughter of JOHN MORLEY and PETITT BARFORD. She was born 20 Jan 1816 in Brandon, Suffolk, England, and died 11 Jan 1883 in Sturt, SA; buried 13 Jan 1883, Brighton Cemetery, Adelaide, SA and was interned in the same plot as her grandson, Edwin George EDWARDS, who died 8 years earlier.

Samuel 46 years and Mary 38 years, with their four children, George 16 years, Morley 13 years, Susan 11 years and Elizabeth 9 years (Sara was born in Adelaide), immigrated from England on the ship Mallard (478 ton wood 3 mast barque), which left Southampton on 14 January 1855 and arrived at Port Adelaide SA on 25 April 1855. Captain was J G Hill.

Source: The Register Newspaper (now The Advertiser) 26 April 1855.

On arrival, the surgeon was fined one-quarter of his gratuity for neglecting his duty to the ship; for failing to enforce a proper issue of rations, especially to young children; for failure to keep a proper medical journal as instructed, and for want of discipline. This episode reflects the tight scrutiny imposed on government-chartered ships and the duty of care taken seriously by authorities in Britain and Australia.

Source: Immigration Agent's Quarterly Return, SAGG, 2 July, 1855.

Fatal Accident

Samuel Edwards who was in the employ of Mrs Wilson of Sturt, came by his death on Friday last owing to having been kicked by a horse. The unfortunate man was employed on Wednesday morning in cleaning out the stable when a horse answering to the name of Lion kicked him. He was soon afterwards seen by Dr. Montgomery and received all necessary attention, but died on Friday morning. Dr. Chambers, Coroner, made the necessary inquiries on Saturday morning, but did not consider it requisite to hold an inquest.

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Children of SAMUEL EDWARDS and MARY MORLEY are:

2. i. GEORGE MORLEY EDWARDS, born about 1839, Unley, Suffolk, England; died 26 Aug 1902, Edwardstown, SA.
3. ii. MORLEY EDWARDS, born about 1842, Unley, Suffolk, England; died 08 Jul 1885, Honiton, SA.
4. iii. SUSAN EDWARDS, born about 1844, Unley, Suffolk, England; died 13 Mar 1877, Gouger Street, Adelaide, SA.
5. iv. ELIZABETH ELIZA ELLEN EDWARDS, born 1846, Unley, Suffolk, England; died 03 Oct 1928, Adelaide, SA.
6. v. SARA ANN EDWARDS, born 13 Oct 1856, Sturt, SA; died 24 Mar 1912.