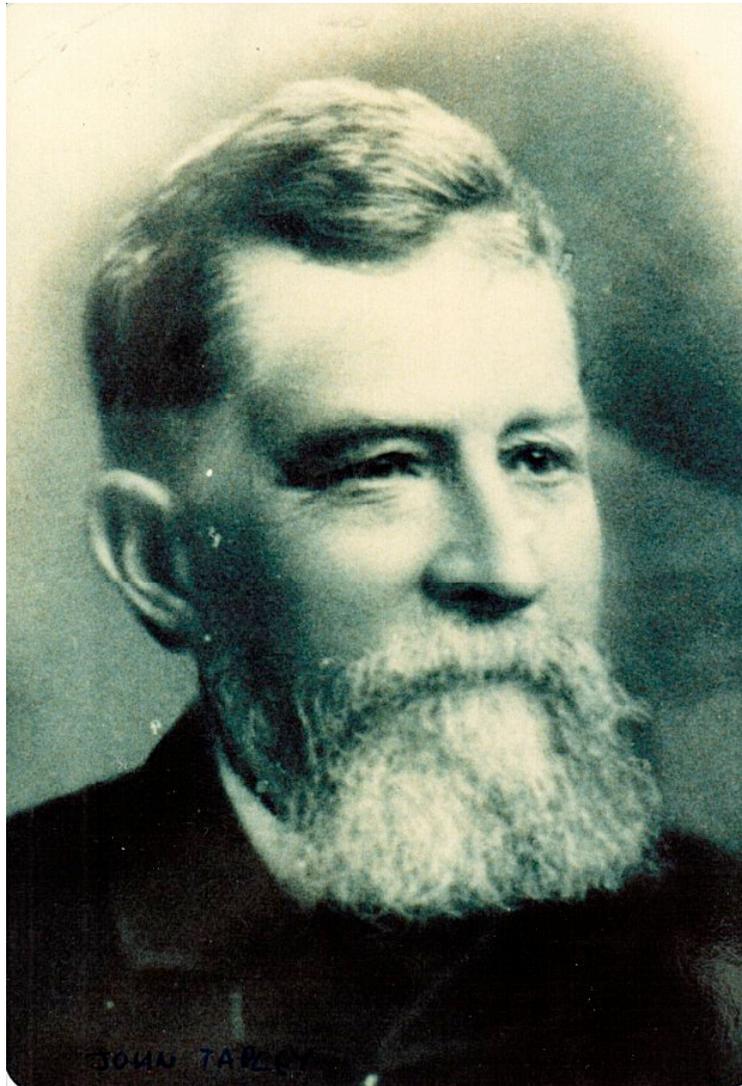


JOHN TAPLEY

1829 – 1919



CHILD OF THOMAS & MARY TAPLEY

15519 JOHN TAPLEY (1829-1919)

John TAPLEY was the ninth child of the family. John was born at Rotterdam, in Holland, in 1829, and was baptised there on 18 November 1829. His father was Thomas TAPLEY (1789-1856), a Baker, and his mother was Mary TAPLEY, nee MORFORD (1791-1867).¹

The family remained in Holland at Rotterdam for the next few years, where the early childhood of John was spent.

In 1838, due to unrest in Holland, and the impending introduction of conscription into the army there, his father, Thomas TAPLEY decided to emigrate to the then new colony of South Australia. With that in mind they returned to England early in 1838.

The family embarked at London, on the ship RAJASTHAN on 26 July 1838, arriving in South Australia, at Holdfast Bay on 16 November 1839. John was aged only 9 years at this time.²

The TAPLEY family moved shortly after arrival to the south of Adelaide, settling at what became known as Tapley's Hill, the name it still retains.³

In 1841, when a Census was taken, John was listed with the family as living in District B, South of the Onkaparinga, as under 14 years. He was actually 12 at the time.⁴

The TAPLEY family had both a farm and ran the Victoria Inn on Tapley's Hill at this time, but John took up sheep farming as an occupation, which he followed the rest of his life. Not far from the TAPLEY farm, George Henry SHARPE, had his farm at Tapley's Hill, and he had two sisters Hannah and Mary SHARPE. There was mutual attraction between the TAPLEYS and the SHARPES as in 1848, John's sister, Elizabeth, married George SHARPE. The two SHARPE sisters were to marry two of the TAPLEY boys.

On 28 September 1854, in a double wedding Ceremony, John TAPLEY, farmer, aged 24 years, married Hannah SHARPE, aged 21 years, at Christ Church, Anglican Church, O'Halloran Hill, South Australia. The incumbent minister, Revd R. STRONG, conducted the marriage, along with the marriage of John's brother, James Morford TAPLEY to Mary SHARPE.

Witnesses to the Marriage of John and Hannah were listed as-

G.H. SHARPE (Hannah's brother George) R.E.TAPLEY (John's eldest brother Richard Edward TAPLEY), Hannah TAPLEY and Kitty TAPLEY (John's sisters).⁵

John and Hannah were to have 11 children over the years,⁶ but initially moved to Willunga where they were sheep farming when their first child was born.⁶

1.5.5.9.1. Their first child was a daughter they named Jane Elizabeth TAPLEY. She was born on 14 June 1855, in the district of Willunga, where John was a sheep farmer. The informant at the time of the birth was the surgeon, Dr .Richard JAY, of Willunga.⁷

1.5.5.9.2- Lucy Jane TAPLEY, their 2nd child, was born on 19 January 1857, at Mt Terrible. John was listed as a Farmer of Mt Terrible (near Myponga), and he was the informant himself.⁸

1.5.5.9.3 - Their third child was a daughter, Florence Arabella TAPLEY, born on 30 August 1858 at Myponga, South Australia, in the District of Yankalilla. The birth was registered by John who described himself as a farmer of Myponga.⁹

1.5.5.9.4. Another daughter, Ellen TAPLEY, was born on 26 September 1860 at Myponga, but lived only two days, when she died of a convulsion.¹⁰

1.5.5.9.5 Hannah Ellen TAPLEY was born at Myponga, on 29 March 1862. John was listed still as a Sheepfarmer of Myponga at this time.¹¹

In 1862, John TAPLEY, in conjunction with J. & A. WELBY, applied for the lease of WARTAKA Station. The lease was subsequently issued in the name of John TAPLEY. The original lease of WARTAKA Station, which is located about forty miles West of Port Augusta, was first taken out by John and Richard RAGLESS in 1857. Some time later the lease was cancelled. and in 1862, when applied for was issued to John TAPLEY.

It was John TAPLEY who built the Head Station, fenced the country, sank numerous wells and tanks, and remained in possession of the country until the lease expired. Then, at the Pastoral Lease Sales in 1888, John TAPLEY bought back the Head Station block, and it remained in his possession and that of the family until 1921.¹²

Exactly when John and Hannah TAPLEY moved to WARTAKA is uncertain, but probably not until about 1867, while in the mean time John would have been building the Head Station and developing the property.

1.5.5.9.6 Thomas TAPLEY, a long awaited son was born at Myponga on 16 July 1864. John was shown as sheepfarmer of Myponga at this time.¹³

John TAPLEY was a witness on 17 April 1866, at the marriage of his sister Hannah, aged 30 years, to John SAUERBIER, at St Mary's Church South Road. John showed himself still as a sheepfarmer of Myponga at this time.¹⁴

It seems likely that the family moved from Myponga to WARTAKA Station during 1866.

1.5.5.9.7. Margaret Lavinia TAPLEY, was born at WARTAKA Station on 5 April 1867. John was listed on the Birth Certificate as a Sheep Farmer of WARTAKA, Port Augusta West, when he registered the birth.¹⁵

1.5.5.9.8. Mary Frances TAPLEY was born on 5 June 1869, probably at WARTAKA Station, although the birth was registered in Adelaide, by John's brother, Richard Edward TAPLEY.¹⁶

1.5.5.9.9. A son, John James TAPLEY was born at WARTAKA Station, on 22 January 1875.¹⁷

During 1875, John and Hannah's eldest daughter, Jane Elizabeth TAPLEY, aged 20 years, went for a trip to New Zealand. She travelled with her Uncle George Henry and Aunt Elizabeth (nee TAPLEY) SHARPE. The reason for the trip is unknown, but Jane was an Asthma sufferer, and it may have been for her health, but it also may have been as a marriage prospect for her cousin James Hill SHARPE, son of George and Elizabeth. Whatever the reason, Jane stayed in New Zealand and married James SHARPE about a year later in June 1876.¹⁸

1.5.5.9.A. An Un-Named Daughter was born to John and Hannah TAPLEY at WARTAKA Station on 31 October 1878. The birth was registered on 16th November 1878, after her death by John TAPLEY. May have been still-born.¹⁹

1.5.5.9.B. George Wartaka TAPLEY, was born at Wartaka Station, on 2 June 1880. George was not to live very long as he died in Port Augusta about 3 months later on 3 September 1880 of bronchitis.²⁰

On their death certificates, both John and Hannah showed only 10 children born to them, so obviously they did not count the un-named child as part of that number.

To the North East of WARTAKA Station was the adjacent CARRIEWERLOO Station, which was owned by the HAWKER Family, and managed from 1875 by Neil McGILP, who was not married. He obviously took an interest in the TAPLEY family with their daughters, and on 15 December 1880, Florence Arabella TAPLEY, aged 22, married Neil McGILP, aged 36 years, at Wartaka Station. Florence's mother, Hannah was a witness to the marriage.²¹

During 1888, as indicated earlier, at the Pastoral lease sales, John TAPLEY bought the Wartaka Homestead block.

John was still at Wartaka in 1897, as He was listed there in the Post Office Directory for that year.²²

John still retained the property at Myponga, and may have leased it during some of this time, but his eldest son, Thomas TAPLEY, was to take it over and continued to farm there after his father's death. It appears that in his later years, John spent time at Myponga also, as it was there on 27 July 1907, that his wife, Hannah TAPLEY, nee SHARPE, died. Although on the death certificate she was described as the wife of John TAPLEY, sheep farmer of Port Augusta.²³

Following this, John apparently retired to Myponga and spent his remaining years on the property there.

He died on 7 November 1919, at the age of 90 years, of Morbus Cordis and senility. He was described as a grazier of Myponga, with that as his usual address, when he died there. The Undertaker was Henry ROADS of Yankalilla.²⁴

Both John and Hannah TAPLEY are buried in the MYPONGA Cemetery.²⁵

He was survived by 2 sons, (Thomas and John James TAPLEY), and 5 daughters, (Lucy PUCKRIDGE, Florence McGILP, Hannah PUCKRIDGE, Margaret TAPLEY, and Mary WHITE).

The WARTAKA property remained in the TAPLEY Family only until 1921, when the property was sold.²⁶

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MARRIAGE CERTIFICATE

1854 Marriages in the District of Christ Church, O'Halloran Hill

When married.....28 September 1854

Where married.....Christ Church, O'Halloran Hill

Names.....John TAPLEY

Hannah SHARPE

Age.....Of Full Age

Of Full Age

Rank.....Farmer

Description.....Bachelor

Spinster

Clergyman.....R. STRONG, Incumbent

When Registered.....October 29th

Witnesses.....G.H. SHARPE

P.M. TAPLEY

R.E TAPLEY

Hannah TAPLEY

Kitty TAPLEY

Note: George Henry SHARPE was his brother in law.

P.M. TAPLEY- Uncertain relationship

R.E. TAPLEY, his uncle Richard Edward TAPLEY.

Hannah and Kitty TAPLEY were both his sisters.

DEATH CERTIFICATE

1919 District of YANKALILLA

When died..... 7 November 1919

Name..... John TAPLEY

Sex and Age..... Male 90 years

Profession..... Grazier, Myponga

Birth place/res in C/Wealth.... Amsterdam, Holland 82 years

Age at marriage..... 24 years

No. of Issue.....Living 2 M 5 F Deceased 1 M 2 F

Cause of death..... Morbus Cordis Senility

Place of death..... Myponga

Usual residence..... Myponga

Informant..... A.J.ROADS, Wife of Henry ROADS, Undertaker,

YANKALILLA

District Registrar..... F.W. CLAYTON, 11 November 1919

Note:- His actual Birth place was Rotterdam, not Amsterdam.

WARTAKA STATION

REFERENCE- Pioneers of the North West, By Norman RICHARDSON. Page 2

"..... The original Lease of Wartaka Station, which is situated some forty miles West of the Seaport, which was first taken by John and Richard RAGLESS in 1857. Sometime later the Lease was cancelled, and in 1862 it was again applied for by J. & A. WELBY and John TAPLEY, and the lease was issued in the latter's name. He it was who built the head station, fenced the country, and sank numerous wells and tanks, and remained in possession of the country until the lease expired, and at the 1888 pastoral lease sale he bought back the head station block and kept possession of it until 1921."

John TAPLEY is picture on page 2 of the book, and is also in a group photo of pioneers on page 22. of the book

GRAVESTONE INSCRIPTION

Myponga Cemetery-

IN
LOVING MEMORY
OF
HANNAH TAPLEY
Who Died 27th Jany 1907
Aged 74 years

At Rest

Also

JOHN TAPLEY
Husband of Above
Died 7th Nov 1919
Aged 90 years

Also

THOMAS TAPLEY
Eldest Son of Above
Who Died 14th June 1939
Aged 74 years

Also

MARGARET LAVINIA
Daughter of Above
Who died 2nd July 1958
Aged 92 years



HANNAH SHARPE

1833 – 1907



SPOUSE OF JOHN TAPLEY

Hannah SHARPE (1833 -1907)

Hannah (although her birth was registered as Harriet) SHARPE was born at Sandy Bay in Tasmania, on 1 September 1833, and was a twin with a brother, James SHARPE. The twins were baptised at St David's Church, Hobart, on 6 November 1833. Her father was James SHARP(E) (1767-1840), a farmer/settler of Sandy Bay, and her mother was Hannah SHARP(E), nee HILL (1798 - 18 63).¹

Hannah was one of the children mentioned in her father's will of 1839, in which she was to get a share of the sale of the estate.²

Her father died at Hobart on 4 May 1840, when Hannah was only six years of age.³

Her mother married again in December of 1841, when Hannah was only 8 years old, to a seaman, James BALDWIN.⁴

Her brother George Henry SHARPE, took his portion of his inheritance and left Tasmania to go to South Australia in 1844, and began farming on Tapley's Hill, near the TAPLEY Family. George married Elizabeth TAPLEY, and Hannah and her older sister Mary, both soon after went to live with them in South Australia.⁵

The proximity of the TAPLEY family meant that Hannah was acquainted with the family, and met John TAPLEY(1829-1919), the youngest son, and they married at the Anglican Christ Church, O'Halloran Hill, on 28 September 1854. Hannah's sister Mary, married John's brother, James Morford TAPLEY, also in a double wedding ceremony on that occasion.⁶

Hannah's husband John TAPLEY was a sheep farmer, and shortly after their marriage, they went to Willunga, to live, and it was here that their first child was born.⁷

They had the following children-

1. Jane Elizabeth TAPLEY- born Willunga 14 June 1855.
2. Lucy Jane TAPLEY - born at Mt Terrible, Myponga, 19 January 1857.
3. Florence Arabella TAPLEY - born at Myponga, 30 August 1858
4. Ellen TAPLEY- born at Myponga, 26 September 1860, and died of a convulsion 2 days later.
5. Hannah Ellen TAPLEY, born at Myponga, 29 March 1862.
6. Thomas TAPLEY, born at Myponga on 16 July 1864.
7. Margaret Lavinia TAPLEY, born Wartaka Station, near Port Augusta, on 5 April 1867.
8. Mary Frances TAPLEY, shown as born Adelaide, 5 June 1869.
9. John James TAPLEY- born at Wartaka Station on 22 January 1875.
10. An Unnamed Daughter, was born at Wartaka on 31 October 1878, apparently died at birth.
11. George Wartaka TAPLEY-born at Wartaka Station on 2 June 1880, but died of Bronchitis 3 months later. Hannah was 47 years old when this child was born.⁸

A few months later, Hannah was a witness at the marriage of her daughter, Florence, to Neil McGILP, the manager of the nearby CARRIEWERLOO Station. The marriage was held at Wartaka Station.⁹

In the early 1900's John and Hannah went back to the Myponga property to live, and it was here at Myponga, that Hannah died at the age of 74 years, of senile decay, on 27 July 1907. She is buried in the Myponga Methodist Church Cemetery, at Myponga in a family grave.¹⁰

She was survived by her husband, and 8 children.

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8. See John TAPLEY.
9. Marriage Certificate of Florence Arabella TAPLEY

10. Death Certificate of Hannah TAPLEY

BAPTISM CERTIFICATE

Baptisms in St David's Church, Hobart Town- 1833

When baptised.....	6 November 1833
When born.....	1 September 1833
Child's name.....	Harriet *
Parent's names.....	James and Hannah SHARPE
Abode.....	Sandy Bay
Profession.....	Settler
By whom ceremony performed...	Wm. BEDFORD

* She was apparently never known as Harriet but went by the name Hannah, as she was referred to by that name in 1839 in her father's will.

DEATH CERTIFICATE

1907 in the District of Yankalilla

When died.....	27 July 1907
Name.....	.Hannah TAPLEY
Sex and Age.....	Female 74 years
Rank.....	Wife of John TAPLEY, sheepfarmer, Port Augusta
Usual Residence.....	Myponga
Cause of Death.....	Senile Decay
Place of Death.....	Myponga
Informant.....	Geo. ROADS, Undertaker, Yankalilla.
Registrar.....	F.W. CLAYTON, 27 July 1907

For MARRIAGE CERTIFICATE Details and Gravestone Inscription see references for her husband John TAPLEY.