

Joseph Samuel WATTS & Amelia HORSELL

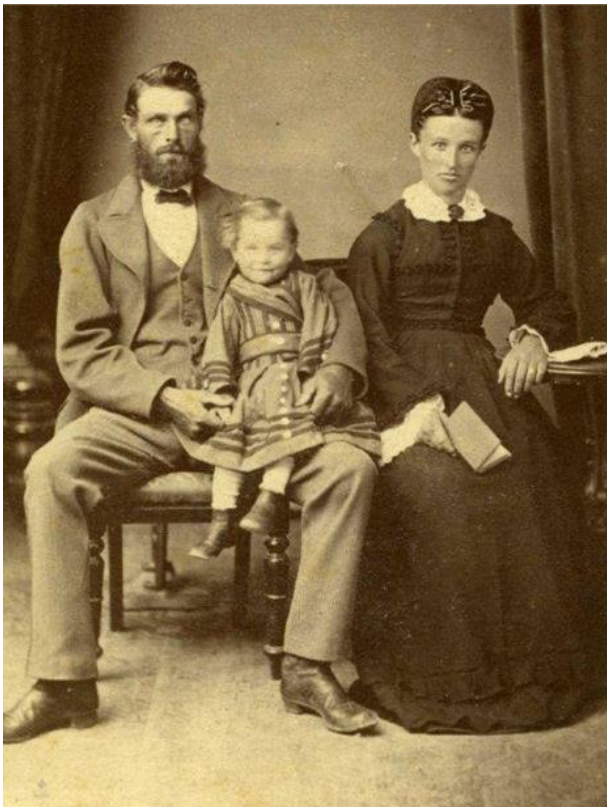
Joseph Samuel WATTS

2nd child of John WATTS & Nancy AVERY

Joseph Samuel WATTS was born 1 Apr 1838 at Hindmarshtown (now Hindmarsh)

In 1857, John, Nancy and their children Joseph, Sarah and Luke packed up and travelled to the district of Nairne. For most of their life their residence was Dawesley. Joseph started work with his father in the brickyard at the age of 8 years old. At the age of 16 years, he educated himself with the intention of becoming a preacher. As well as a preacher, he was the secretary and treasurer of Native Valley church over fifty years.

Joseph Samuel WATTS (36yrs) married Amelia HORSELL on 11 Mar 1875 at her father's residence at Callington. The HORSELL family were on the '*Coromandel*' with the WATTS family in 1837, but both Joseph and Amelia were born in South Australia.



Joseph Samuel WATTS, his wife Amelia (nee HORSELL) & son Joseph

Joseph was also a farmer and eventually owned 400 acres of land at Dawesley. In 1897, he was convicted and fined for failing to control the rabbits on his property in contravention of a notice requiring him to do so.

Joseph was living in Native Valley in 1895

Joseph died 25 Apr 1913 (age 75) near Nairne. Buried at Nairne Cemetery.

Amelia died 4 May 1893 (51yrs) near Nairne. Buried at Nairne Cemetery.

Joseph WATTS & HORSELL had 3 children:

Joseph Horsell WATTS

b. 2 Feb 1878 at Nairne S.A.

m. Daisy Adelaide BOLTO on 27 May 1913 at Methodist Church, Native Valley
1932 & 1943 Electoral Rolls say Joseph 'Brickmaker' nr. Nairne

1932 Electoral Roll says Daisy 'Home Duties' Nairne

d. 21 Oct 1946 (age 68) in Native Valley. Buried Nairne Cemetery
6 children

Amelia Sarah WATTS

b. 17 Apr 1881 at Scott Creek

m. William Richard BOLTO on 27 May 1903 at Methodist Church, Native Valley

d. 20 Feb 1906 (24yrs) at West Adelaide. Residence Nairne S.A.

1 child

Albert Robert Christopher WATTS

b. 14 Jul 1882 at Nairne

m. Ida Amy BOLTO 13 May 1903 at Native Valley Methodist Church

1932 & 1943 Electoral Rolls says Albert 'Brickmaker' Dawesley

d. 31 Dec 1954 (age 72) at Nairne S.A.

8 children



Joseph Samuel Watts, Nairne Cemetery, South Australia

44 COMMONWEALTH DIVISION OF WAKEFIELD (1939).
STATE ASSEMBLY DISTRICT OF ONKAPARINGA (1939).
No., Name in Full, Place of Living, Occupation, and Sex of each Elector.

2561	Watkins, Murray Robert, Lobethal, laborer M
2562	Watson, Ronald Charles, Woodside, cheesemaker M
2563	Watson, William Thomas, Nairne, laborer M
2564	Watt, Anna Martha Alwine, Lobethal, home duties F
2565	Watt, Leonard James, near Lenswood, laborer M
2566	Watt, Leonard Orr Russell, Lobethal, laborer M
2567	Watt, Samuel, Lobethal, gardener M
2568	Watt, Samuel Henry John, near Lenswood, laborer M
2569	Watt, Sylvia Olive, Lobethal, mill employee F
2570	Watt, Wilfred Leonard, Lobethal, gardener M
2571	Watts, Albert Robert Christopher, Dawesley, brickmaker M
2572	Watts, Charles Victor, Nairne, bacon curer M
2573	Watts, Cyril Bolto, Nairne, laborer M
2574	Watts, Daisy Adelaide, Nairne, home duties F
2575	Watts, Daisy Amelia, Nairne, home duties F
2576	Watts, David Roy, Nairne, brickmaker M
2577	Watts, Dudley Gilbert, Nairne, laborer M
2578	Watts, Eleanor Harkes, Nairne, home duties F
2579	Watts, Emily Olive, Nairne, home duties F
2580	Watts, Ernest Edward, Nairne, laborer M
2581	Watts, Hope Robert G., Nairne, laborer M
2582	Watts, Ida Amy, Dawesley, home duties F
2583	Watts, Joseph Horsell, near Dawesley, brickmaker M
2584	Watts, Joseph Samuel, Brickyards, Nairne, laborer M
2585	Watts, Lawrence Victor, Nairne, laborer M
2586	Watts, Queenie Ida Amelia, Nairne, home duties F
2587	Watts, Reginald Albert J., Nairne, laborer M
2588	Watts, Ruth Adelaide, Nairne, home duties F
2589	Wauchope, Alan James, Verdun, journalist M
2590	Wauchope, Eliza Clara, Verdun, home duties F

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JOSEPH SAMUEL WATTS.

The late Joseph Samuel Watts was born at Hindmarsh, South Australia, in the year 1838. He came to Nairne at an early age. Like many other lads of his time, he was compelled to commence work at the early age of eight years, and so enjoyed but scanty educational advantages. Being converted about the age of sixteen years, however, he began to educate himself more fully in every way open to him in order to fit himself for the work of preaching Christ, which great work he commenced while yet in his teens. As a local preacher, first in the Wesleyan Church and afterwards in the United Methodist Church, he served his day and generation faithfully and acceptably. For just upon sixty years he thus preached Christ from the pulpit and lived Christ in his private life, displaying therein a beautiful Christian character. As a worker he was diligent, painstaking, and untiring. For the Church he loved and the cause he preached he was in journeyings often, but in labours more abundant. He won the confidence and esteem of his ministers and fellow-workers, and was entrusted with the various offices of the church, being secretary and treasurer of Native Valley church over fifty years. He also held the offices of society steward, leader, Sunday-school superintendent, church trustee, and circuit steward, which last important office he held from the time of Methodist union right up till his death. . He was for twenty years the superintendent of the Sunday-school, and who can appraise the real value of his work in this one office alone? Surely eternity alone can reveal it, but we can well believe there are many stars in his crown, and the fruit of his labours will be an offering of a sweet savour unto the Lord, whose he was, and whom he served. He died in the faith on April 25, 1913, at the age of seventy-five years. Mr. Paynter writes:—In speaking of the life and character of Brother Watts the difficulty is to give anything like a brief account, as there are so many things one could refer to. Our brother was a preacher in the Nairne circuit for many years, and in his earlier days and when he had strength to do so he was an active worker and served the Church and his Master by taking services in the various parts of the circuit. During my time, however, he was not able through increasing feebleness to do as much in this way as he would like to have done. One feature was conspicuous in his general deportment at all times—that is, his deep interest in the work of God. This was manifested by his attending the services of God's house when he could possibly do so, by his keeping in touch with the conduct of affairs in the circuit, by his regular attendance at Quarterly Meetings, by his kindly enquiries concerning the various Christian workers and preachers, by his

Christian giving for the carrying on of God's work, and for the removal of difficulties, and in many other ways. Another feature in our brother's character was—that he was spiritually minded. He lived as seeing the things that are invisible. He walked with God. Like all such people, he was filled oftentimes with the peace of God. Like such people, too, his conscious was sensitive, and sometimes a small thing would cause the mind to be troubled ; soon, however, to find the way back to the joy of God's presence. While all this is true, our brother was not a dreamer; he was practical in his aims and ideals. This was to be seen in his suggestions for the better working of the church or of the churches in the circuit; in co-operation with others for the Church's welfare. He was practical also in his desire that there might be peace within the Church, and his influence was at all times exerted with that end in view. He was also broad and catholic in his sympathies, and he not only sought the welfare of his own Church, but had an interest in the other Churches in the circuit, and nothing pleased him more than to hear of good being done or of prosperity in their work. Our brother had a sincere Sympathy for young people in their temptations and difficulties, and always had an encouraging word to those of our young people who sought to help forward the work of God. He rejoiced to hear of young men giving themselves to the work of preaching the Gospel, and inspired and encouraged them in their work. What his Church and what the circuit owes to Brother Watts only the years will reveal. Through his lingering illness there was an undiminished interest in the work, and a bright and living faith in Christ. He laboured through some difficulties and many changes. Reward and fruit he had in this life. He has sown seed, and much of the bountiful harvest has yet to be gathered, and some in the time to come will enter into his labours.