

## Sarah Lydia WATTS & Elias Rees DAVIES

### Sarah Lydia WATTS

3<sup>rd</sup> child of John WATTS & Ann Nancy AVERY

Sarah Lydia WATTS was born 1 Sep 1840 at Hindmarshtown (now Hindmarsh). The family lived on the banks of the Torrens River on the corner of what was later named The Port Road and Adam Street at Hindmarsh Town.

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. It was reported that John started making bricks at Scott Creek in 1858, mostly fire-bricks for the smelters of the Kanmantoo mines and clinker bricks for general building.

Sarah (24yrs) married Elias Rees DAVIES (36yrs) on 24 Dec 1864 at the Wesleyan Chapel, Pirie Street, Adelaide

### Elias Rees DAVIES

Elias was born 2 Feb 1828 at Llansambert, Wales.

He possibly emigrated to South Australia on '*Castle Eden*' arriving 26 Dec 1862.

He was listed as a 34yr old miner. He was Elias (Charles) DAVIES on the ship log.

A bacon factory was established at Dawesley circa 1877 by Elias Davies. Sarah ran the Dawesley Post Office for many years. This bacon factory played a significant role in the early growth and economic development of the town, also providing processing for local farmers. It is of note that several of the Watts and Jacobs family members living in Dawesley worked at this meatworks. Watts men went on to become butchers in other towns and also set up the Watts Meatworks at Murray Bridge. Three of the Jacobs men went on to set up W. Jacobs Ltd. at Mount Barker.

Elias died 24 Oct 1907 (79yrs)

Elias Rees DAVIES is buried at St. James, Blakiston

Sarah was living in Dawesley in 1895

She died 5 Apr 1925 (84yrs) at Dawesley S.A.

Sarah & Elias had 1 child:

William John DAVIES

b. 13 Jul 1867 at Scott Creek

(m) Phoebe Ann COMMYNS 7 May 1890

at Res of James COMMYNS, Dawesley

William died 26 Jan 1946 (78yrs) at Kilkenny, Res. Kilkenny

Buried at St. James, Blakiston

Phoebe died 5 Apr 1956 (74yrs), Buried at St. James, Blakiston

perhaps 7 children

