

Barossa Tour



October 1993

BETHEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Bethel was originally a Moravian Brethren settlement and church services commenced in 1856. The present church was built in 1885 and they joined officially with the Lutheran Church in 1906. It was at this church that Ehrenfried and his family worshipped.

BETHEL CEMETERY

Burials of Arnolds in the cemetery are :-

Johanne Elisabeth Arnold (nee Anders)

Johann Ehrenfried Arnold

son of Elisabeth

Anna Mathilde Louise Arnold (nee Reich)

wife of Ehrenfried

Ernst Wilhelm Arnold

son of Ehrenfried

Albertine Bertha Louise Arnold (nee Wehr)

wife of Wilhelm

Arthur Alwin Arnold

son of Wilhelm

Benno Heinrich Arnold

son of Wilhelm

Bernhard Wilhelm Arnold

son of Wilhelm

Emma Clara Arnold

daughter of Wilhelm

Esther Irene Arnold

daughter of Wilhelm

Also buried here are Friedrich Wilhelm & Maria Dorothea Hombsch (nee Arnold), the 1st child of Ehrenfried.

THE ARNOLD PROPERTY AT BETHEL

The property was first purchased in August 1857 by Gottfried Reich of Tanunda who was to be Ehrenfried Arnold's father-in-law. Ehrenfried married Anna Mathilde Louise Reich on 23 June 1858. Gottfried Reich had taken out a seven year lease on the land (Section 350 in Hundred of Light) and it was not until 24 November 1864 that Ehrenfried took over the ownership. It is not known in which year the first house was built on the property but it is believed that it was a pug and stone building with a straw roof. The house remained standing for over 100 years.

In 1889 when the District of Light first assessed properties and rates were to be paid - the property was said to consist of 163 acres and included a building. The first council rates of one pound one shilling and six pence were paid on 4 May 1889. In later years another house was built on the property and the original house was then used as a bedroom for the boys and then after they had left home the youngest daughter used it. The second house has now been demolished. The property was transferred to Ehrenfried's son, Ernst Wilhelm on 21 November 1912 (Ehrenfried died in 1917) and was later owned by Wilhelm's sons, Arthur Alwin and Benno Heinrich Arnold before being sold in 1978 to the present owners, the Doecke family. The property therefore was in the Arnold family for 114 years.

NEUKIRCH CHURCH

This church, Pilgrim Evangelical Lutheran Church, Neukirch, is now 134 years old and was first dedicated on 3 October 1859. This is the same church that Johann Wilhelm Arnold, the fourth son of Gottfried and Elisabeth, attended to worship God. Pilgrim Church was roofed with a straw thatch for 47 years until 1906 when this was replaced with an iron roof. The original stone slab floor was in time replaced with concrete. There was no ceiling in the church until 1909 and in 1925 an entrance porch was added and also a choir gallery.

Johann Wilhelm Arnold arrived in Australia in 1854 and married Maria Sophia Dorothea Parbs in 1857. In 1863 they purchased land near Greenock and commenced worshipping at this church. In 1865 this church was flourishing with about 300 members. Wilhelm and Maria's fourth child, Anna Louise (Schwark), was baptised at this church in July 1865.

Wilhelm died tragically in 1868 when struck by a horse while carting water at Siegersdorf and is buried in the Neukirch cemetery. His wife was pregnant at the time of his death and the baby, Maria Ernestine, was born just three months later. Sadly the baby only lived about 10 weeks and is also buried in the Neukirch cemetery. The Pioneer cemetery in the church grounds contains the grave of Maria Elisabeth Arnold (daughter of Wilhelm & Maria) however no headstones remain in this cemetery.

EBENEZER

This is the commencement point of the trek which began on 13 October 1868 to the Walla Walla district of New South Wales. The trek was led by J G Klemke and included Andreas Mickan and his family within a group of 56 people. J G Klemke's twin daughters were to marry two Arnold brothers and the son of Andreas Mickan (Andreas Mickan junior) married Johanne Christiane Arnold, the daughter of Gottlob Arnold.

GREENOCK

Part Section 7597, Hundred of Belvidere - this land was owned by various members of the Arnold family from 1863 until 1978.

Carl Friedrich Arnold worked as an ostler at the Greenock Arms Hotel for a number of years and purchased a town block in Greenock.

GREENOCK CEMETERY

This cemetery contains the graves of Ernst Wilhelm and Caroline Louise Arnold (nee Wenke). Wilhelm was the 3rd child of Gottlieb Arnold. Wilhelm & Caroline's second child, Wilhelm Rudolph Arnold, is buried with them. Gloria Grace Arnold, the 2nd child of Bernhard Alfred & Alwine Hilda Arnold and grandchild of Wilhelm & Caroline, is buried here as are Wilhelm Adolph & Antonia Meta Bachmann. Wilhelm Adolph was the 4th child of Ernst Eduard & Ernestine Auguste Bachmann (Gottlieb branch).

GNADENFREI LUTHERAN CHURCH at MARANANGA

The first church to be built on this site was built between 1850 and 1853 and was used until 1873 and demolished in 1880. Johann Gottlob Arnold was a foundation member of this church. In 1873 the present church was built and the bell tower was added in 1913. The two eldest Arnold brothers, Johann Gottlieb and Johann Gottlob and their families worshipped at Gnadenfrei.

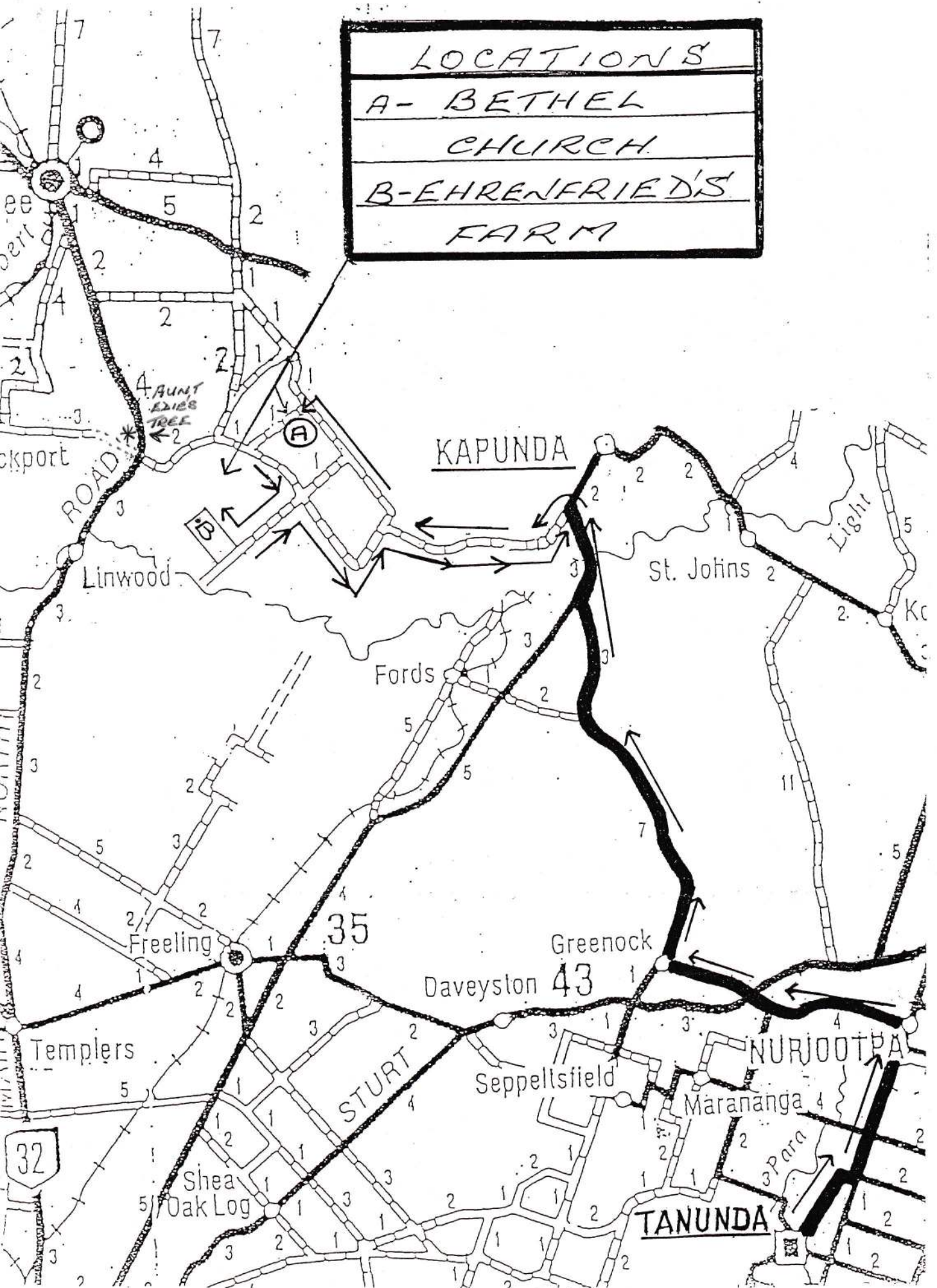
Gottlieb and his wife Johanne Christiane (nee Bachmann) are buried in this cemetery as is their second child, Christiane Ernestine (who was the first Arnold to be buried here), following her death in 1872 at the age of 19 years. Their fourth child, Ernestine Auguste, (the wife of Ernst Eduard Bachmann) is also buried in this cemetery. Between 1872 and 1965 there have been 14 Arnolds buried here and of these, 8 did not reach the age of 30 years. Of the 14 Arnold burials, 2 cannot be traced to our family however the remainder are all members of the Johann Gottlieb branch.

MARANANGA (Gnadenfrei)

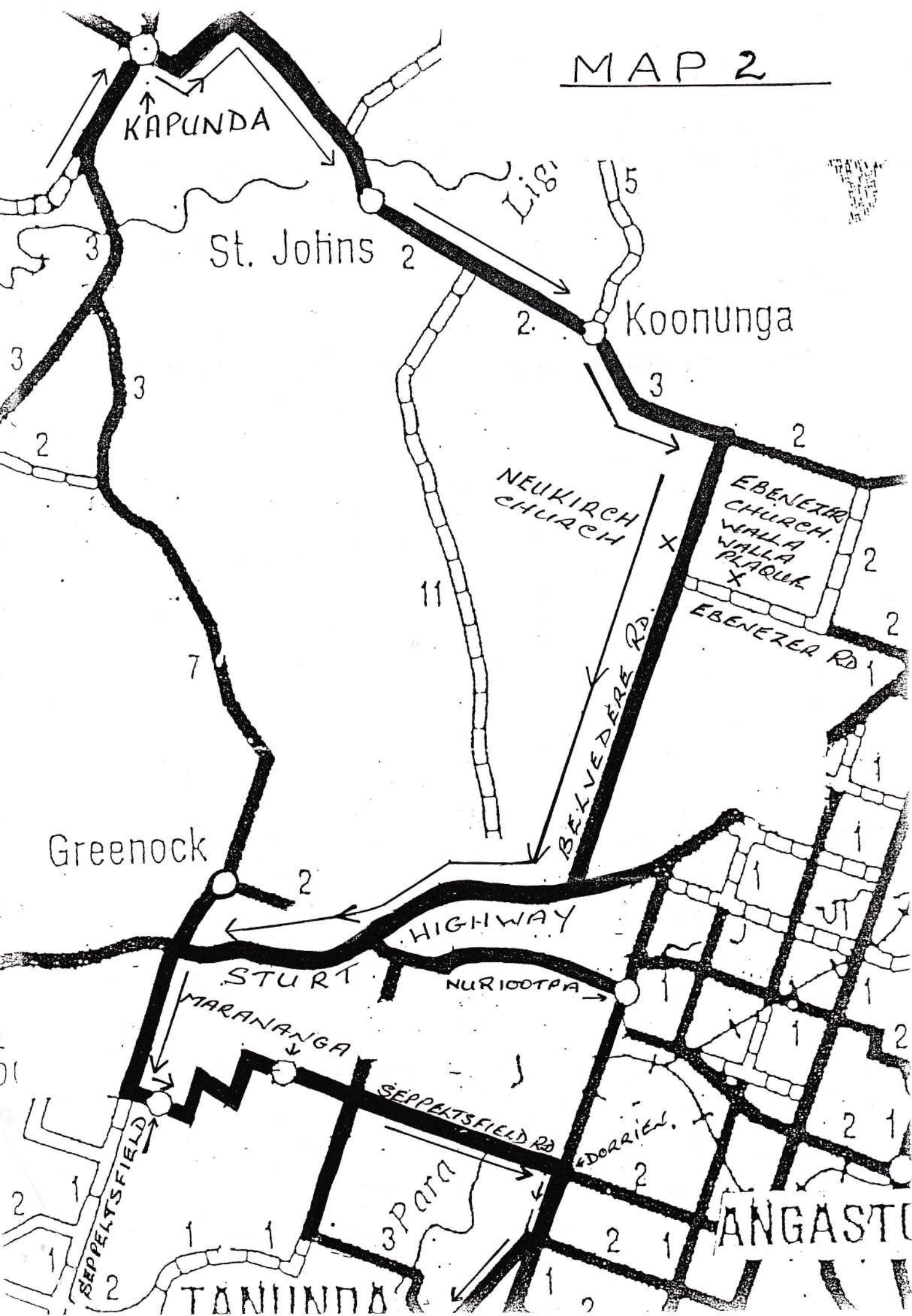
Johann Gottlob Arnold owned an 80 acre block on the corner of Stonewell & Seppeltsfield Roads which is now the site of the Hermitage of Marananga motel. Further along Stonewell Road (towards Tanunda) on the eastern side of the road, is the site of Gottlob's first property which was the first land bought by an Arnold in Australia. Carl Friedrich Arnold, the son of Johann Gottlieb Arnold, lived in the house that has been extensively restored, on the opposite side of the road from the school next to the Greenock Creek. It is on this land that his previous house was also located and although now demolished, features on the cover of Changing Pastures. Johann Gottlieb Arnold owned land on Seppeltsfield Road adjoining Gottlob's property together with further land that was later to become the school grounds. He later lived on the other side of Seppeltsfield Road on the property that is now owned by the Noske family.

MAP 1

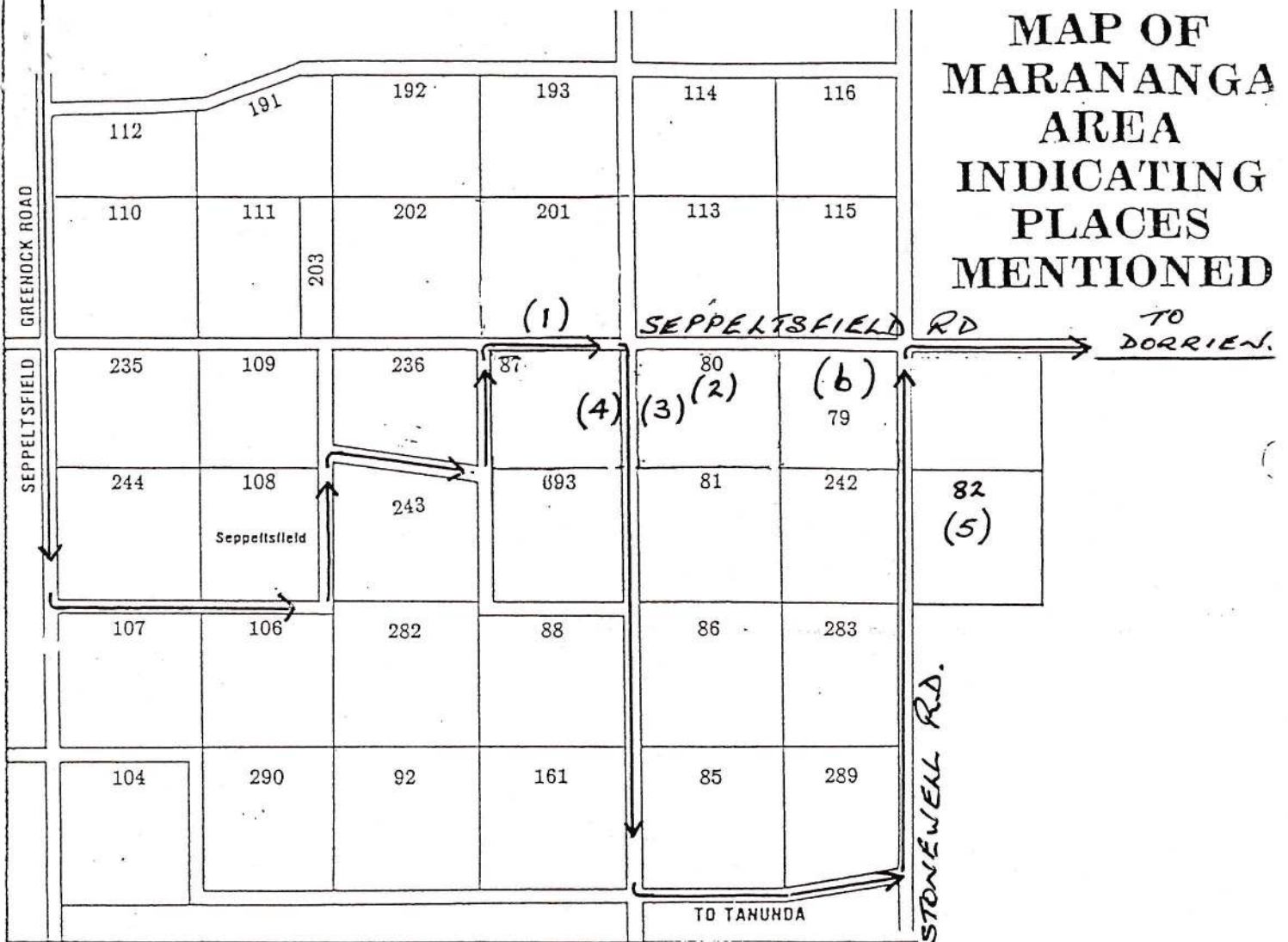
LOCATIONS
A- BETHEL
CHURCH
B- EHRENFRIED'S
FARM



MAP 2



MAP OF
MARANANGA
AREA
INDICATING
PLACES
MENTIONED



- (1) GNADEN FREI CHURCH
- (2) SECTION 80 - OWNED BY GOTTLIEB
- (3) SCHOOL - BUILT ON LAND OWNED BY GOTTLIEB
AT REAR OF SCHOOL IS HOUSE BUILT BY FRIEDRICH WILHELM - GRANDSON OF GOTTLIEB.
- (4) SITE OF 2 HOUSES BUILT BY SON OF GOTTLIEB. CARL FRIEDRICH - FIRST IS NOW DEMOLISHED BUT SKETCH OF SAME FEATURES ON BOOK COVER
SECOND IS HOUSE STILL STANDING - NOTE SEPERATE KITCHEN & BAKEOVEN
- (5) SECTION 82 - GOTTLIEB & EHRENFRIED EACH OWNED A PORTION OF THIS LAND. PORTION OWNED BY GOTTLIEB WAS FIRST LAND OWNED BY AN ARNOLD IN AUST.
- (6) SECTION 79 - OWNED BY GOTTLIEB.