

The Dispersal of the Early Generations of the Arnold Family in Australia

As our story comes to consider the spread in Australia of the early generations of the Arnold family it will help if we pause for a short while to glimpse for ourselves a number of places in the Barossa Valley including Stonewell, Gnadenfrey, Bethel, Langmeil, Greenock and St Kitts.

It is from this area that so much of the early dispersal story begins.

Stonewell

Stonewell is a locality two and a half kilometres north-west of Tanunda and was first settled in the late 1840s. There is no township and no significant landmarks or buildings in the area. The site of Gottlob Arnold's land in the early days was known to be at Stonewell. Nowadays it would be classified as Marananga.

Gnadenfrey also known as Gnadenfrei and later as Marananga

A village seventy kilometres north from Adelaide and four kilometres west of Dorrien, it is close to the famous Seppeltsfield vineyards. The area was originally known as Salz (Salt) Creek and was settled by German emigrants around 1848. Nowadays this is known as Greenock Creek.

It was first named Gnadenfrey after a town in Silesia. 'Gnaden' meaning grace and 'frey' possibly from the ancient Germanic mythological character 'Freya' expressed in folklore as the patron of Abundance of Natural Beauty. Another translation of Gnadenfrey is simply 'free by grace'.

From mid 1865 the spelling of the name was changed to Gnadenfrei. Half a century later, in 1916 to be precise, with World War I running its ferocious course, the name like that of many towns bearing names of Germanic origin or derivation, was again changed under the influence of strong anti-German feeling, to Marananga, an aboriginal word meaning 'My Hands'.

Marananga these days has changed from the quiet rural settlement of mainly mixed farming. Vineyards now adorn the hillsides and many people in the area work for wineries such as Seppelts.

Tourism is now important to the town with the people using their inventive skills to provide places to visit such as 'Gnadenfrei Estate Winery', 'Marananga Historic Village', as well as an antique shop and the Barossa Forge.

A motel - 'The Hermitage of Marananga' - is now operating on land which a century or more ago was owned by Gottlob Arnold.



St Michael's Lutheran Church

St Michael's Lutheran Church at Marananga evolved as settlements moved further out from Langmeil (now part of Tanunda). The church was established about 1855 and the present church was built in 1873 with the tower being added in 1913.

Gottlob, a foundation member, together with his sons Gottfried and August Arnold, were part of the congregation on 29 September 1873 when the present church was dedicated.

A christian day school was connected with the congregation from its commencement until 1880 when it became a government school, then called a provisional school, where Lutheran teachers taught the German language and religion daily until this practise was forbidden in 1916 again by reason of the war with Germany.

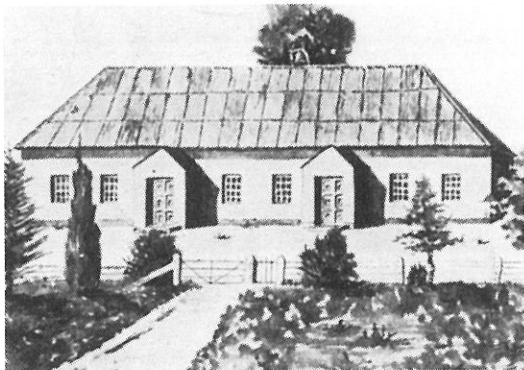
Pastors who served the congregation included August L C Kavel to 1860, W Staudenmayer (also A Kappler) 1860 to 1865 and J P Niquet 1866 to 1887.

Langmeil

Langmeil was a village situated one kilometre north of Tanunda in the Barossa Valley. The word means 'long mile' in German. The village was named after a town of the same name in Prussia. Langmeil was settled in 1843 by German emigrants who had first settled in Klemzig near Adelaide and a little later moved into the Barossa.

Langmeil village is now incorporated into the town of Tanunda. Its name was changed by Government in 1918 to Bilyara but officially restored to its former name in 1975.

Today Tanunda, situated sixty nine kilometres from Adelaide, is the town in the Barossa Valley which most reflects its Germanic origins. Goat Square was the early settlers' first common, and many examples of early cottage design remain, along with the underground tank, hand pump and general pattern of the village market place. Many famous wineries are found in this area with some vines dating back to the earliest times of settlement.



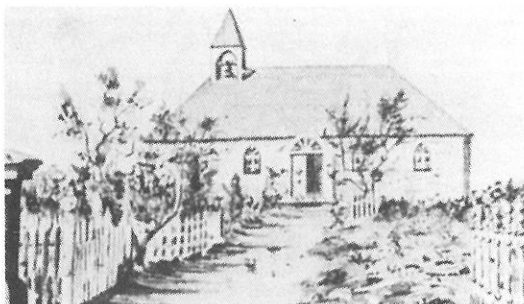
Old Langmeil Church - 1846 to 1888

The Langmeil Lutheran Church was built south of the village so as to be closer to Pastor Kavel's congregation, many members of which lived at Bethany. The original Langmeil Lutheran Church was dedicated on 26 December 1846 and demolished in 1888. The present church was built in 1888. Pastors who served this congregation were August L C Kavel 1843 to 1860, Joh Christian Auricht 1860 to 1907.

Gottlob and Sophia Arnold attended this church until Gnadefrey was established. Their nine children were baptised at Langmeil.

In Tanunda, the Independent Lutheran Church, Tabor, was dedicated in July 1850. This church was attended by Ehrenfried Arnold before he lived in Bethel and was established by Rev Adalbert Kappler. Within a few months Kappler was replaced

by Dr Carl F W Muecke who served the church until 1869. He was followed by C A Julius Roediger. Ehrenfried Arnold's first two children were baptised here.

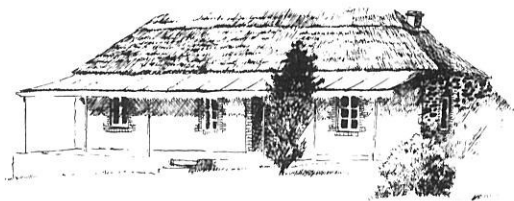


First Independent Lutheran Church at Tanunda (later known as Tabor) built in 1850

Bethel

Bethel is situated seventy seven kilometres from Adelaide between Kapunda and Stockport, in a wheat growing area which is also excellent for grazing and fattening of stock .

Bethel was originally a Moravian settlement whose Pastor, Christoph S D Schondorf, wishing to keep the members of his Brethren together, purchased three square miles of land on 14 November 1855. Here they built their village settlement in the centre of Section 260, Hundred of Light. The settlement included homes, blacksmiths, carpenters, bootmakers and bakers as a self-supporting community. The first settlers arrived in 1855 and the church and school were built in 1856. The town however did not develop as planned.



Moravian Church and school at Bethel, 1855-1895

A new church, now known as the Bethel Lutheran Church was dedicated on 2 June 1895. All that remains today of the original Bethel are the small Moravian cemetery, the ruins of the settlement and the Bethel Church, surrounded by wheat paddocks. Pastors were C S D Schondorf 1857 to 1877 and A Jacobi 1877 to 1891

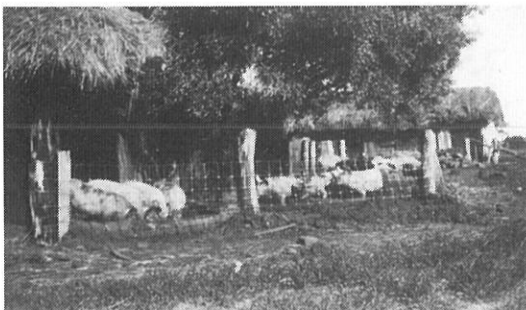
Johanne Elisabeth and her son Ehrenfried, his family and descendants attended the Bethel church for many years.

Greenock

Greenock is situated sixty four kilometres from Adelaide and was originally surveyed and subdivided as Greenock Creek in 1850. In 1858, three further subdivisions adjoining the township were made. These were given the separate town names of Bunawunda, Brunskilltown and Victorville and have now all merged into Greenock. Copper was mined in the district from 1846 to 1849 and spasmodically since 1899.

Carl Friedrich Arnold was an ostler at the Greenock Arms Hotel and for a short time owned two allotments in Brunskilltown. The Greenock district today is agricultural with vineyards and orchards clustered around a small township which continues to provide an atmosphere of country warmth and friendship.

The Lutheran church at Greenock was not organised until 1897. From the mid 1850s Pastor Carl F W Muecke served a congregation at Greenock but lacked support.



The piggery - an essential part of mixed farms



Bill Arnold arrives at the farm with a waggon loaded with superphosphate

Johann Wilhelm Arnold although living at Greenock, attended Pilgrim's Church at Neukirk, which was founded about 1854 and the first church built in 1859. The church continues to be used for worship and is the third oldest Lutheran church in Australia. Pastors who served the congregation included H A E Meyer till 1862, E D Appelt from 1863 to 1868 and G A Heidenreich from 1869 to 1909.



Hay cutting in the 1950s on the Arnold farm at Greenock



Pilgrim Lutheran Church at Neukirch (Dimchurch)

St Kitts

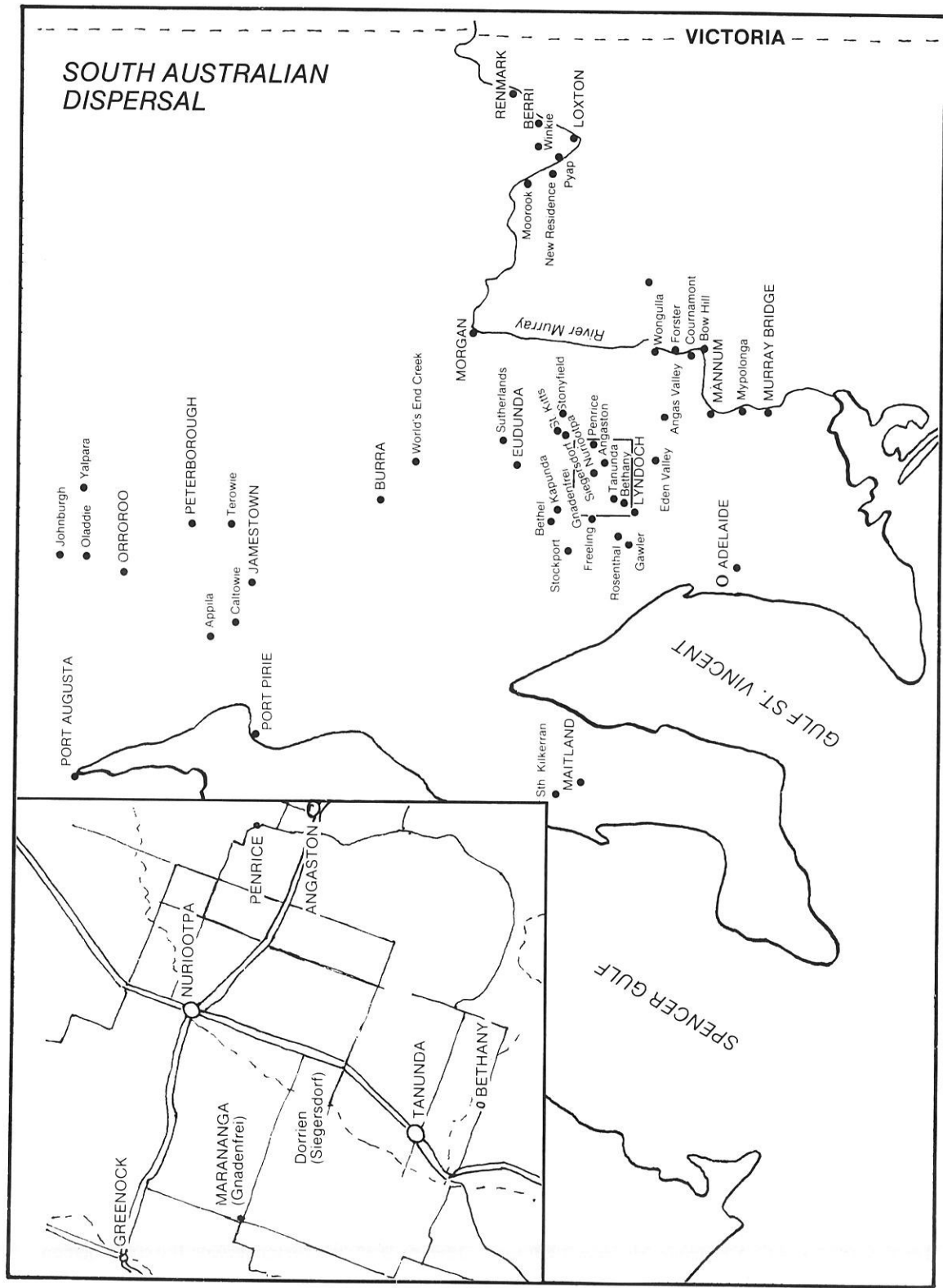
St Kitts is ninety three kilometres from Adelaide and seven kilometres north west of Truro. Much of the land in this area was leasehold pastoral property before 1854 when it was offered for sale. Those who purchased were mainly Wends (Sorbs) from nearby Ebenezer.

A township as such has never been surveyed at St Kitts, nor has any commercial enterprise ever been established. Today the original small farms have been replaced by larger holdings and St Kitts remains as a small farming community peacefully carrying on its daily routine in a rural area.

St Peter's Lutheran Church was founded in 1866. The first church was erected in 1869 but replaced in 1910 by the present building, St Kitts Church. A Lutheran school was established in 1869, using the church building as a classroom.

Carl Friedrich Arnold had a farm at St Kitts from 1865 until 1878. Over these years, indeed from 1866 to 1887, the pastor serving the congregation was Pastor E D Appelt.

Dispersal of First Three Generations of Arnolds



The first three generations of Arnolds in Australia comprising forty people remained mostly in South Australia. Some, however travelled far in the search for a home and lifestyle that suited their needs. The following listing indicates the towns and cities where these forty people of the first three generations of Arnolds in Australia lived.

First Generation

Johanna Elisabeth Arnold
Rosenthal SA, Stonewell near Gnadenfrei SA, Bethel SA

Second Generation

Johann Gottlieb Arnold
Gnadenfrei SA
Johann Gottlob Arnold
Stonewell near Gnadenfrei SA, Walla Walla NSW, Angas Valley SA
Johann Ehrenfried Arnold
Rosenthal SA, Stonewell near Gnadenfrei SA, Bethel SA
Johann Wilhelm Arnold
Greenock SA
Carl Friedrich Arnold
Greenock SA, St Kitts SA, Greenock SA, Tanunda SA

Third Generation

Children of Johann Gottlieb Arnold
Carl Friedrich Arnold
Gnadenfrei SA
Christiane Ernestine Arnold
Gnadenfrei SA
Johanna Auguste Bachmann nee Arnold
Gnadenfrei SA
Ernst Wilhelm Arnold
Gnadenfrei SA

Children of Johann Gottlob Arnold

Anna Maria Rohrich nee Arnold
Gnadenfrei SA, Walla Walla NSW, Henty NSW
Johann Gottfried Arnold
Gnadenfrei SA, Freeling SA, Angaston SA, Walla Walla NSW, Albury NSW
Johann August Arnold
Gnadenfrei SA, Klabebe's SA, Baldina SA, World's End Creek SA, Adelaide SA
Johann Gottlieb Arnold
Gnadenfrei SA, Tanunda SA, Angaston SA, Angas Valley SA, Maree SA, New Residence SA, Tanunda SA, New Residence SA
Anna Emilie Hoffmann nee Arnold
Gnadenfrei SA, Tanunda SA, Wongulla SA, Tanunda SA
Johann Gotthilf Arnold
Gnadenfrei SA, Angas Valley SA, Bow Hill SA
Johanne Christianne Mickan nee Arnold
Gnadenfrei SA, Walla Walla NSW, Albury NSW

Johann Gottlob Arnold
Gnadenfrei SA, Walla Walla NSW, Albury NSW
Johann Wilhelm Arnold
Gnadenfrei SA, Walla Walla NSW, Munyabla NSW, Back Creek VIC, Wodonga VIC, Albury NSW

Children of Johann Ehrenfried Arnold

Anna Maria Dorothea Hombsch nee Arnold
Bethel SA, Johnburgh SA, Tamworth NSW
Johanne Ernestine Arnold nee Arnold
Gnadenfrei SA, Angaston SA, Angas Valley SA, New Residence SA
Carl Friedrich Arnold
Bethel SA
Friedrich Hermann Arnold
Bethel SA, Johnburgh SA, Port Pirie SA
Johann August Arnold
Bethel SA, Johnburgh SA, South Kilkerran SA, Tanunda SA
Ernst Wilhelm Arnold
Bethel SA, South Kilkerran SA, Stockport SA, Frankston VIC
Maria Magdalena Grocke nee Arnold
Bethel SA, Johnburgh SA, Koorawatha NSW, Armatree NSW, Box Ridge NSW, Tooraweena NSW
Caroline Bertha Vogt nee Arnold
Bethel SA, Kapunda SA, Myolonga SA
Pauline Ernestine Gogel nee Arnold
Bethel SA, Forster SA, Moorook SA
Sophia Emma Fiedler nee Arnold
Bethel SA, Bow Hill SA, Bakara SA

Children of Johann Wilhelm Arnold

Carl Wilhelm Arnold
Greenock SA, Caltowie SA, Kimberley Park QLD, Springside QLD, Pittsworth QLD
Wilhelmine Johanna Handke nee Arnold
Siegersdorf SA, Hamilton VIC, Terowie SA, Stonefield SA, Adelaide SA
Anna Louise Arnold
Greenock SA
Maria Ernestine Arnold
Greenock SA
Maria Elizabeth Arnold
Siegersdorf SA, Greenock SA

Children of Carl Friedrich Arnold

Caroline Wilhelmina Flickert nee Arnold
Bethany SA, Dunedin NZ, Krondorf SA, Canning Jarrah WA, Sutherlands SA, Allansford VIC, Tanunda SA
Johanne Ernestine Wuttke nee Arnold
Greenock SA, Winkie SA, Melbourne VIC, Loxton SA
Anna Bertha Pollard nee Arnold
Greenock SA, Eden Valley SA, Lobethal SA

Augusta Lydia Nixon nee Arnold
Greenock SA, Angaston SA, Tanunda SA,
Fremantle WA, Cottesloe WA, Mossman
Park WA

Louise Caroline Jolliffe nee Arnold
Nuriootpa SA, Tanunda SA

Carl Friedrich Arnold
Greenock SA, Crayford SA, Canning Jarrah
WA, Tanunda SA, Gawler SA

The prize (if there were one) for the greatest
lover of world wandering would have to go to
Caroline Wilhelmina Flickert, the eldest daughter of
Carl Friedrich Arnold, who seems to have sampled
living in South Australia, Victoria, Western
Australia and New Zealand.

