



"A just hand is a precious ointment"

**A BRIEF ACCOUNT OF THE
FIRST MEMBERS OF THE
TELFER FAMILY
TO SETTLE IN SOUTH AUSTRALIA**

The coat of arms depicted is that of a Telfer family. It is not necessarily ours by right. There are several other designs, some quite similar, credited to the Telfer name.

**Compiled for the occasion of the Telfer Family Reunion
13th April, 1986**

T. N. Telfer

INDEX

Introduction	1
Our Origins and Names	2
Telfer Family Tree	3
Francis Telfer	4
James Telfer	6
Esther Jane Telfer	7
Elizabeth Telfer	8
Jean Telfer	9
John Telfer	10
George Wright Telfer	12
James Telfer	13
Elizabeth Beattie Telfer	14
Robert Telfer	15
John Telfer	16
Adam Francis Telfer	17
Telfer Family Reunion	19

Introduction

This brief account has been compiled as a prelude to a more detailed history of the Telfer family since the first members arrived in South Australia in 1838.

It is intended to be an introduction to our family history, and to stimulate a wider interest in the subject among the descendants of the Telfer pioneers.

We hope that, with the co-operation of all our wider family members, and their contributions of information, family trees, anecdotes, memories and photographs, a truly comprehensive book can be compiled and published in the near future.

Information can be sent to —

Mrs. E.H. Simmons,
34 Craig Street,
Richmond, S.A. 5033

or

Mrs. B.J. Lodge,
Box 47
Ardrossan, S.A. 5571

Telephone: (08) 43 3092

Telephone: (088) 37 3185

Our Origins and Name

From research it has been ascertained that the Telfer family originated in Normandy, and probably the south west of France before that. The first known reference is to one Taillifer who sang "The Song of Roland" at the Battle of Hastings in 1066.

About the 12th century the family moved, in stages, from the south to the north of England, and eventually settled in the Border areas of Scotland.

The name "Telfer" means "Cut Iron". It was probably a trade name or a nickname for a man who could cleave through the iron armour of his foe.

There have been many variations of the spelling. Of interest is an inscription in a churchyard which reads —

"Here lyes George Tealfer who died in the water Nov. the 1, 1696, being the Lord's Day, as they were going home from the kirk."

Thomas Telford, the great Scottish engineer, is reported to have said, "When I was ignorant of Latin, I did not suspect that Telfer, my true name, might be translated "I bear arms" (tela fero), and thinking it unmeaning, adopted Telford."

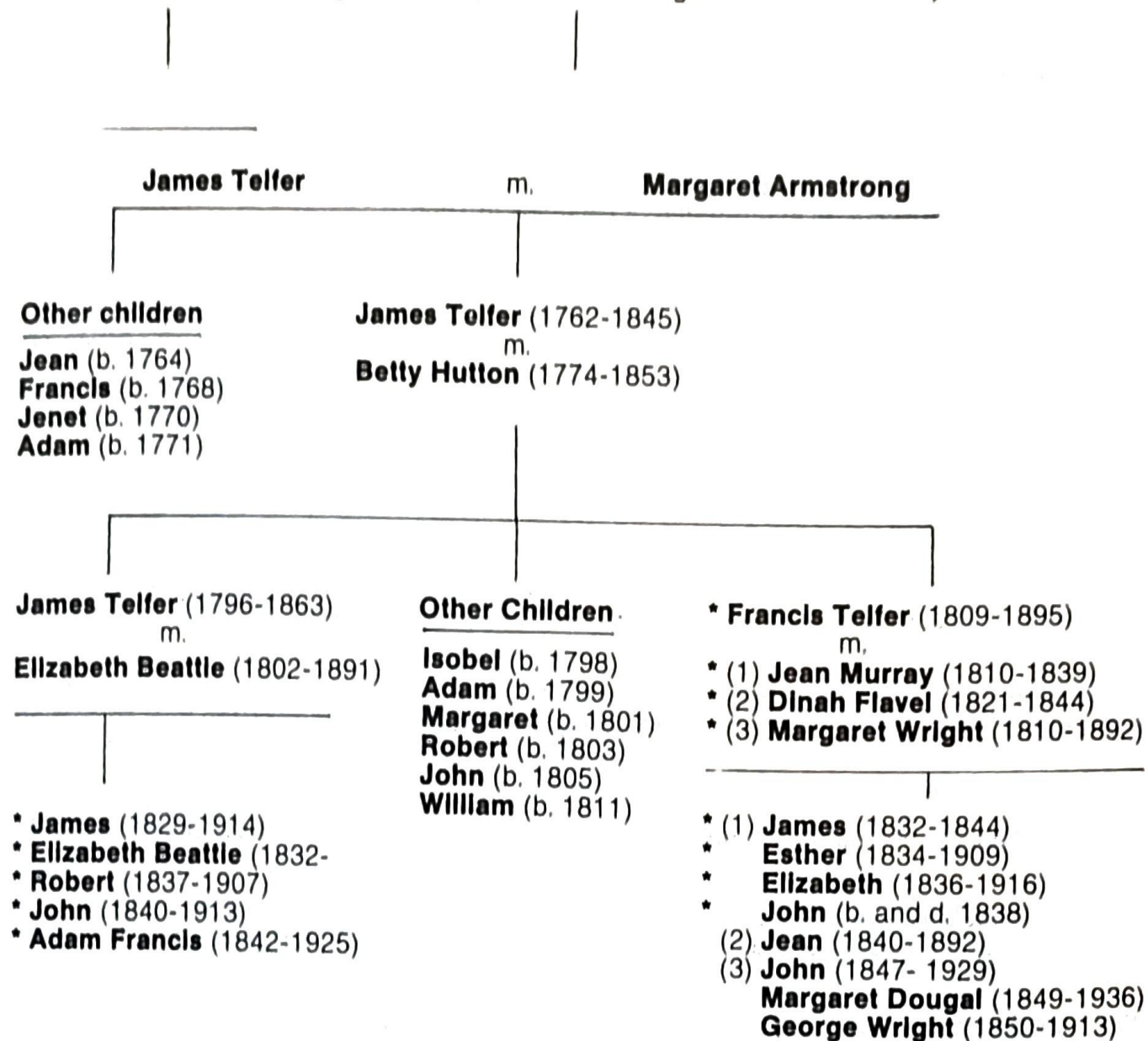
The Border areas were the scene of much civil strife and turbulence, not only because of wars with England, but also because of family feuding. The area was invaded by the English on many occasions and saw many fierce battles. It was, in fact, very poor and backward, right up to the end of the 18th century.

In view of this, it is not surprising that records of our very early ancestors have proved difficult to trace.

It seems probable that the Telfers were mainly shepherds for several generations, and they lived in the Border areas of Scotland, chiefly in the Jedburgh, Hawick, Edgerston and Southdean districts.

We hope that you will be interested and enjoy reading the following brief account of our Scottish ancestors.

Just before Bonnie Prince Charlie led the Scots in the mighty Battle of Culloden Moor against the English in 1745, James Telfer was born, probably in the Southern Uplands of Scotland. He married Margaret Armstrong, and from them we can begin to trace our family.



* Emigrated to Australia.

Francis Telfer (1809-1895) was the first of our ancestors to come to South Australia. It seems likely that his father, James Telfer, was a weaver who lived in the village of Blackburnfoot, which was situated at the northern end of Newcastleton. It does not exist today. Blackburnfoot had its own weaving industry and grew its own flax.

Most villagers owned a cottage, a field and a cow. During the day the cows were put out on the hills to graze, and in the evening they would all come home, each one apparently knowing where to go - down their own streets to their own back yards.

Francis was a shepherd, and on 9th August, 1838, he applied for a passage to South Australia for himself, his wife, Jean, and four children, including a baby boy just five weeks old.

Strict criteria applied to all persons who wished to emigrate to the new colony which had been established in 1836. They had to be agricultural labourers, gardeners, shepherds, masons, or one of many other occupations, such persons being deemed to have the skills necessary to establish the new settlement. The emigrants had to be honest, sober, and of good general character. They must be real labourers of sound mind, and not less than 15 nor more than 35 years of age. Wives and children were allowed to accompany the men. Every male emigrant was allowed to take half a ton or 20 cubic feet of luggage.

Apparently Francis possessed all the necessary qualifications, because his application was accepted, and he was given 26 days in which to wind up his affairs, pack his belongings, say farewell to family and friends, and travel to London to start the long voyage to South Australia. With three toddlers and five week old baby, this must have been a tremendous task!

In later years, Francis was followed to South Australia by a niece and four nephews, the children of his brother, James and Elizabeth Telfer (nee Beattie). They were James Telfer, Elizabeth Beattie Telfer and Robert Telfer who came in 1854; John Telfer in 1859 and Adam Francis Telfer in 1865.

FRANCIS TELFER (1809-1895)

Francis Telfer, son of James and Betty Telfer (nee Hutton) was born at Blackburnfoot, Parish of Castleton, County Roxburgh, Scotland, on 2nd February, 1809. He spent his early years in the Jedburgh/Hawick area, and worked as a shepherd. He had some education, because he could read and write when he came to South Australia.

Francis married Jean Murray, and they had a son, James, two daughters, Esther and Elizabeth, and an infant son, John, when they emigrated to South Australia on the ship "Prince George", arriving at Holdfast Bay (now Glenelg) on 26th December, 1838. Unfortunately the voyage was too much for the baby and he died on the voyage out.

The new arrivals probably lived in tents at the Reedbeds (now Henley Beach) while waiting for the allocation of land. The effects of the long voyage, the heat of the South Australian summer, the flies and the lack of facilities of any kind, all took their toll, and Francis suffered another bereavement when his wife, Jean, died, leaving him with three young children. Jean is buried in West Terrace cemetery.

Later in 1839, Francis married Dinah Flavel, who had come to Australia with her family on the ship "Prince George". The marriage took place at Holy Trinity Church, North Terrace, and Francis was at that time living at Mackill (Magill). Francis and Dinah had a daughter, Jean, in 1840, but sadly Dinah contracted consumption and she died in 1844.

Meanwhile in 1841 Francis was allocated some land near Kersbrook. The witness to the document was Captain Charles Sturt. Further land at Kersbrook and Chain of Ponds was acquired by Francis in 1844, 1850 and 1852. Records held at the South Australian Archives indicated that in the year 1843, Francis Telfer, of Chain of Ponds, grew 3 acres of wheat, half an acre of potatoes, and that he owned two cattle, one pony and two pigs. He opened a store at Maidstone. His property at Kersbrook was called "Macoota" and he held this land until 1894.

In 1845 Francis married for the third time, this time Margaret Wright of "Greenfoot", Black Forest. Margaret, second daughter of George and Margaret Dougal Wright, came to South Australia with her parents on the ship "Asia" in 1839.

Francis and Margaret had three children, John born in 1847, Margaret Dougal born in 1849, and George Wright, born in 1850.

During his early years in South Australia, Francis was an elder in the Scots Kirk in Gouger Street, Adelaide, and after he moved to Kersbrook, he took a keen interest in church affairs. Early services for the Church of Christ were held in his home. Later he became a member of the Salem Baptist Church in Gumeracha.

A minute taken from the Salem Church records reads as follows:-

"On the 1st June, 1892, a number visited Mr. and Mrs. Telfer Senior at Kersbrook, they being too feeble to attend Salem, and held a Communion Service. After an address on How they desire a better country, that is an Heavenly, two of the brethren offered prayer for our old friends, that while heart and flesh fail, that God might be their portion for ever. Then the Memorials of the broken body and shed blood were distributed. Then the service ended by singing an old fashioned hymn of praise. Mr. Telfer very feelingly thanked the friends and said it had been a time of refreshing from the Lord, and in their ministering to the aged and infirm, the Saviour's words may be heard, 'Inasmuch as you did it to one of the least of these, you did it unto me'

Margaret died in 1892, following an accident in which she broke her thigh, after which Francis lived with his son, George Wright Telfer. However, during a brief visit to his daughter, Mrs. Elizabeth Farrow, at Tarlee, he became ill and died suddenly in 1895. He is buried at the Tarlee cemetery.

His funeral was attended by his daughter, Elizabeth Farrow, and two very close friends, Messrs. Thomas Flavel and William Flavel, all of whom had accompanied him to South Australia on the "Prince George" in 1838.

THE FAMILY OF

FRANCIS TELFER (1809-1895) and (1) JEAN MURRAY (1810-1839)

- | | |
|---|--|
| 1. James Telfer (1832-1844) | |
| 2. Esther Jane Telfer (1834-1909) m. | John Smith (1830-1895) |
| 3. Elizabeth Telfer (1836- 1916) m. | Charles Farrow (1828-1876) |
| 4. John Telfer (b. and d. 1838) | |
| | (2) DINAH FLAVEL (1821-1844) |
| 5. Jean Telfer (1840-1892) m. | (1) Richard Paynter (1838-1869) |
| | (2) Fredrick Parker |
| | (3) MARGARET WRIGHT (1810-1892) |
| 6. John Telfer (1847-1929) m. | Carolyn Masters (1824-1929) |
| 7. Margaret Dougal Telfer (1849-1936) m. | Adam Francis Telfer (1842-1925) |
| 8. George Wright Telfer (1850-1913) m. | Ruth Penna (d. 1908) |

JAMES TELFER (1832-1844)

James was the eldest child of Francis and Jean Telfer (nee Murray). He was six years old when the family arrived in South Australia on the "Prince George".

His story is a tragic one. It was reported in the "S.A. Register" on 10th July, 1844-

"On Tuesday last, during heavy rain then falling, a youth named James Telfer, 13 years old, left his father's sheep station on the River Torrens at Chain of Ponds, to recover some stray sheep, and up to Saturday had not been heard of. The country has been searched but no trace of the wanderer has been found, and from the late inclemency of the weather, there is too much reason to believe that he has perished."

A first hand account of the incident is recorded in the diaries of Mr. William Flavel, who was a neighbour and friend of Francis. Mr. Flavel came to Australia on the same ship as Francis.

Mr. Flavel stated that Jim brought home part of his flock and said that he had lost the others in the steep and hilly country. Jim was sent to find the sheep, and later Jim's dog returned, but without Jim.

The sheep were yarded and a huge fire made and kept burning all night. In the morning, one of the men walked twelve miles to tell Jim's father (Francis) that his son was missing. All the men in the neighbourhood were summoned to help with the search which went on for several days, and the police from Adelaide were called to assist, but Jim was never found. As the creeks were flooded and it was raining most of the time, the general impression was that the boy had been washed down the creek and drowned.

Nothing further was heard until 1877 when a paragraph appeared in the Adelaide newspaper stating that recent heavy floods had dislodged some large logs and other debris against a tree in the river near Adelaide, and among other accumulations was the skeleton of a boy aged about 13 years. A doctor stated that the bones had been in place for more than 20 years.

ESTHER JANE TELFER (1834-1909) m. 1864 JOHN SMITH (1827-1895)

Esther Jane Telfer, eldest daughter of Francis and Jean Telfer (nee Murray), was born on the Isle of Skye in 1834. She was four years old in 1838 when she came to South Australia with her parents, sister and two brothers, on the ship "Prince George". Sadly her mother died only four weeks after their arrival, and she had two step-mothers in the course of the next six years.

Nothing more is known of Esther until she married John Smith, of Barossa, on 16th November, 1864, in the Wesleyan Parsonage at Kapunda. John was born in Copenhagen, Denmark, in 1827. Esther's sister and brother-in-law (Elizabeth and Charles Farrow) were witnesses at the wedding, and her address was given as Finniss Point, so it seems likely that she was living with her sister at that time.

Esther and John were living at Tungkillo when their third child (Esther) was born in 1870. Later, in 1880, they lived at Natimuk (near Horsham) in Victoria.

In 1890 their two sons, John and Francis (Jack and Frank), who were in their late teens, rode their bicycles from Natimuk to Nyngen in New South Wales, a distance of approximately 600 miles, to look land. They returned with glowing reports, so in 1891 the family moved to Nyngen and bought land north of the town. John died in 1895, and Esther died in 1909. Both are buried at Nyngen.

Their two sons, John and Francis, also owned sheep studs which they passed to their sons. "Eudora" Merino stud is still owned by Esther's grandson, Mr. Max Smith, and he sells stud sheep to all States of Australia.

**THE FAMILY OF
ESTHER JANE TELFER (1834-1909) m. 1864 JOHN SMITH (1827-1895)**

- | | |
|-----------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. Jane Sophie Smith m. | Benjamin Harper |
| (6 children) | |
| 2. Margaret Dougal Smith m. | Thomas Parkins |
| (6 children) | |
| 3. Esther Telfer Smith m. | Thomas Henry Kent |
| 4. John James Smith m. | Idona Murray |
| (5 children) | |
| 5. Francis Telfer Smith m. | Ellie Valentine Forbes |
| (7 children) | |
| 6. Elizabeth Anne Smith m. | Edward Ellis |
| (2 children) | |

ELIZABETH TELFER (1836-1916) m. 1856 CHARLES FARROW (1828-1876)

Elizabeth, second daughter of Francis and Jean Telfer (nee Murray) was two years old when she came to South Australia with her family on the ship "Prince George" in 1838.

At the age of 20 she married Charles Farrow. The wedding took place at her father's home, "Macoota", Kersbrook. They lived for a time at Hope Valley.

Charles left Hope Valley and walked to Finniss Point, near Tarlee, where he purchased 152 acres of land which he named "Hope Farm".

Elizabeth and Charles settled at Hope Farm and raised a family of ten children. They built a slab hut, and an indication of the hardships which Elizabeth endured is the fact that the hut was 1½ miles from a creek with running water, their only household supply. When Elizabeth had three small children, she had to tie the baby to the leg of the kitchen table, and taking the other two children, walk the 1½ miles to the creek, fill two buckets with water, and walk home - every day in all weathers.

It was through the efforts of Elizabeth and Charles that the Baptist Church was established at Tarlee. Services were held in their home before the Church was built, and Charles was a deacon for many years. He was also very active in community affairs, and was Chairman of the District Council of Riverton for two years.

Charles died in 1876, at the early age of 48 years. Elizabeth, a woman of rare courage and endurance, carried on the farm and cared for her ten children. Her father-in-law, Mr. Joseph Farrow, lived with her for over thirty years until his death in 1899, and she also looked after her own father, Francis Telfer, who died suddenly during a visit to her in 1895. Both Joseph Farrow and Francis Telfer are buried at the Tarlee cemetery.

Elizabeth died in 1916 at the age of 80 years. She is buried at Tarlee.

THE FAMILY OF

ELIZABETH TELFER (1836-1916) m. 1856 CHARLES FARROW (1828-1876)

- | | |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1. Jane Murray Farrow m. | Alfred G. Stribling |
| (7 children) | |
| 2. Esther Farrow m. | Richard Latter |
| (3 children) | |
| 3. Elizabeth Telfer Farrow m. | Thomas Holloway |
| (8 children) | |
| 4. Joseph Francis Farrow m. | Annie L. Downton |
| (1 child) | |
| 5. Charles Farrow m. | Ethel Mary Sambell |
| (4 children) | |
| 6. Amy Farrow m. | Sydney J. Stribling |
| (3 children) | |
| 7. John James Telfer Farrow m. | Emily Smithers |
| (5 children) | |
| 8. George Hope Farrow m. | Caroline Stanton |
| (5 children) | |
| 9. Mary Bayes Farrow m. | Alfred E. Lillecrapp |
| (10 children) | |
| 10. Eva Agnes Farrow m. | Walter Hookings |
| (2 children) | |

THE FAMILY OF

JOHN TELFER (1847-1929) m. 1874 CAROLINE AMELIA MASTERS (1842-1929)

1. **Francis Charles Telfer** m. **Amy Provis**
(10 children)
2. **John Ernest Telfer** (b. and d. 1877)
3. **Ernest John Telfer** m. **Florence Nichols**
(4 children)
4. **William Telfer** (b. and d. 1880)
5. **Albert George Telfer** m. **Beatrice Rowe**
(6 children)
6. **Walter William Telfer** m. (1) **Kitty Vickery**
(1 child)
m. (2) **Dorothy Ritchie**
Ellen Need
7. **Edwin Gilbert Telfer** m.
(3 children)

Their adopted daughter, **Bertha**, married **James Alcorn**,
and they had one son.

GEORGE WRIGHT TELFER (1850-1913) m. 1884 RUTH PENNA (d. 1908)

George Wright Telfer, the youngest son of Francis and Margaret Telfer (nee Wright) was born a "Macoota", Kersbrook, on 22nd November, 1850. He grew up in Kersbrook and worked on his father's farm during his boyhood. Later, he owned his own farm at Black Gully, near Kersbrook, where he built his home, and in 1884, he married Ruth Penna, whose parents were market gardeners at Kersbrook.

George and Ruth farmed at Black Gully until 1890. In 1885 they became members of the Salem Baptist Church at Gumeracha, and George served as Secretary.

After George's mother (Margaret) died in 1892, his father (Francis) lived with George and Ruth who moved to Willaston near Gawler, where they bought a butter factory. In 1895 Francis died suddenly while he was on a visit to his daughter, Elizabeth Farrow, at Tarlee.

It appears that George was a land dealer of some note. Besides the farm at Black Gully, he owned some land at Willow Plains, which he later sold to his brother, John. He also had several blocks at Kensington Gardens, and a mining lease at Kadina.

George and Ruth moved with their family to Western Australia in 1896. For several years they ran a boarding house overlooking the Swan River in Perth, and in 1901, in partnership with Ruth's brother, Thomas Penna, they started the Telfer Steam Laundry at Leederville. George's son, William, continued to operate the laundry, but industrial troubles forced him to sell it in 1912. The laundry, though much modernised, still operates as the Monarch Laundry.

Ruth died in Perth in 1908.

George bought a farm at Nungarin, 150 miles east of Perth, and opened a store in Merriden. He died in 1913. Drought and war took their toll, and the farm was lost, but George's son, William, carried on the business in Merriden.

THE FAMILY OF

GEORGE WRIGHT TELFER (1850-1913) m. 1884 RUTH PENNA (d. 1908)

1. **William Francis Telfer** m.

Ethel May Wisher

(4 children)

2. **Lesley Thomas Telfer** (d. 1914)

3. **Olive Milla Telfer** (died in infancy)

4. **Olive Netta Telfer** m.

Harold Thomas

(1 child)

JAMES TELFER (1829-1914) m. JANET WELCH (d. 1885)

James Telfer was the eldest son of James and Elizabeth Telfer (nee Beattie). He was born in 1829 at Hermitage, Castle Liddesdale, Roxburghshire, Scotland.

He came to Australia in 1854 on the ship "Oliver Lang" in company with his brother, Robert, and sister, Elizabeth. They landed in Melbourne and then came overland to South Australia and made contact with their Uncle Francis who was living at "Macoota", Kersbrook.

James was under contract to Mr. Alexander Borthwick Murray and worked as a shepherd at Tungkillo for the first few years. In 1859 he went to Koppio Station near Port Lincoln, as Manager for Dr. J. H. Browne, where he became recognised as one of South Australia's leading experts in wool production. He remained at Koppio Station for thirty-nine years and during that time had the oversight of Talia, Kalka and Pondana Stations in the Gawler Ranges.

He married Janet Welch, of Nesbit, Scotland, and they had seven children. The eldest were twins (James and Janet) and there are two gum trees at Koppio Station, known as "James" and "Janet".

James was a Councillor in the District Council of Port Lincoln for many years, and he was also prominent in church affairs.

Janet died in 1885 and James died in 1914.

THE FAMILY OF

JAMES TELFER (1829-1914) and JANET WELCH (d. 1885)

- | | |
|--|--------------------------------|
| 1. Margaret Rutherford Telfer (1855) m.
(3 children) | James William Farrant |
| 2. James Telfer (1858) m.
(7 children) | Frances Margaret Oswald |
| 3. Janet Telfer (1858) m. | Andrew Watherston |
| 4. Elizabeth Beattie Telfer (1861) | |
| 5. John Koppio Telfer (1862) m.
(8 children) | Ethel Julia Maud Dutton |
| 6. Robert Telfer (1864) | |
| 7. Agnes Lily Telfer (1866) m.
(2 children) | Edwin Barraud |

ELIZABETH BEATTIE TELFER (b. 1832) m. 1856 JOHN CHARLES DILLON (b. 1827)

Elizabeth came to South Australia in 1854 with her brothers, James and Robert, on the ship "Oliver Lang", landing first in Melbourne, and coming overland where she visited her Uncle Francis Telfer at "Macoota", Kersbrook. It is likely that she lived there, as her marriage in 1856 to John Charles Dillon, Stock-Keeper, took place in Francis' home.

At one time Elizabeth and John had a property on Yorke Peninsula, but they later moved to Tea Tree Gully, and eventually settled at Millbrook.

Elizabeth was a very generous and kind hearted woman, and if neighbours were sick or in trouble, it was Elizabeth to whom they went for help and assistance. It has been said that she would put the side saddle on her horse and gallop down the main street of Millbrook with her clothes flying in the wind. Some unkind person is reported to have said - "There goes that wild Irish woman!" but that person was promptly silenced when told that she was Scots, not Irish!

John took a very keen interest in church affairs. It is on record that he was one of the twelve trustees who bought a piece of land "being allotment No.4 in the Township of Maidstone... to permit a chapel to be erected on said land."

He was a very big man and very devout, and insisted that his boys attend Sunday School and church. The story has been told that on one occasion the boys decided to play in the creek instead of going to Sunday School. John gave chase along the creek, taking his belt off as he went so that he would be ready to administer the appropriate punishment, but quite forgetting that his pants would fall down - which they did! Legend has it that the boys escaped that time!

THE FAMILY OF

ELIZABETH BEATTIE TELFER (b. 1832) m. 1856 JOHN CHARLES DILLON (b. 1827)

1. Henry Hatch Dillon	m.		Elsie Williams
		(3 children)	
2. John Dillon	m.		Emily
		(2 children)	
3. Robert Telfer Dillon	m.		(1) Mathilda Langley
		(1 child)	
	m.		(2) Maryann Gilligan
		(4 children)	
4. James Dillon	m.		Susan Alcorn
		(3 children)	
5. Adam Dillon	m.		Edith Jolly
		(3 children)	
6. Francis Dillon	m.		Sabrina
		(5 children)	
7. Septimus Dillon	m.		Bertha
		(2 children)	
8. Elizabeth Dillon	m.		Elijah Giddings
		(5 children)	

ROBERT TELFER (1837-1907) m. 1865 SUSAN BURTON

Robert, second son of James and Elizabeth Telfer (nee Beattie) was born at Jedburgh, Scotland, in 1837. He came to Australia on the ship "Oliver Lang", landing in Melbourne in 1854, when he was just 16 years of age. He came overland to South Australia and probably visited Uncle Francis Telfer at "Macoota", Kersbrook.

He first worked as a shepherd at Tungkillo, and was later engaged by Dr. W. J. Browne on a station in the Gawler Ranges in the north of South Australia. Later he transferred to Dr. Browne's station "Moorak", near Mount Gambier. He managed the German Greek section of the station for several years, and then became overseer and later Manager of "Moorak".

In 1865 he married Susan Burton and they had five sons and four daughters.

When ill-health forced him to resign his post, he built a house at Yahl where he lived in retirement. He died at "Calowrie", Yahl. at the age of 72 years.

THE FAMILY OF

ROBERT TELFER (1837-1907) m. 1865 SUSAN BURTON

- | | | |
|------------------------------------|--------------|---------------------------|
| 1. James Telfer m. | | Hannah Peacock |
| | (3 children) | |
| 2. Elizabeth Telfer m. | | Charles Rowbotham |
| | (5 children) | |
| 3. Helen Telfer m. | | George Rentrey |
| | (4 children) | |
| 4. Susan Telfer | | |
| 5. William Telfer m. | | Mildred Willson |
| 6. Lindsay Burton Telfer m. | | (1) Isabel Thomson |
| | (2 children) | |
| | (3 children) | (2) Sophie Schwab |
| 7. Robert Telfer | | |
| 8. Francis Telfer | | |
| 9. Edith Telfer | | |

**JOHN TELFER (1840-1913) m. (1) MARTHA ALLEN
(2) MARTHA HENSTRIDGE**

John was the third son of James and Elizabeth Telfer (nee Beattie). He came to South Australia in the ship "Morning Star" in 1859. His first employment was with Mr. A. B. Murray as a shepherd at Tungkillo.

In 1874 he went to Tantanoola in the South East of the State where he opened a butcher shop, and later a general store and post office. He was the first Post Master in Tantanoola, and members of his family carried out these duties for many years.

His first marriage was to Martha Allen, and they had four children. His second marriage was to Marther Henstridge, and this produced twelve more children.

John was the first Chairman of the South Eastern Drainage Board. He was a member of the Tantanoola District Council in 1884, and he was a member of the first committee which met to form a Presbyterian Church in Tantanoola. The church was eventually built on an allotment given by J. Telfer in 1902.

John died in 1913

THE FAMILY OF

JOHN TELFER (1840-1913) m. (1) MARTHA ALLEN

- | | | |
|-------------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| 1. James Telfer m. | | Alma Sporer |
| | (1 child) | |
| 2. Susan Telfer m. | | Robert Agnew |
| | (8 children) | |
| 3. Martha Telfer m. | | Malcolm Duncan Cameron |
| | (7 children) | |
| 4. Elizabeth Telfer m. | | Ted Clark |
| | m. (2) MARTHA HENSTRIDGE | |
| 5. Charles Telfer m. | | Amella Thredglod |
| | (6 children) | |
| 6. Mark Telfer m. | | Matilda Seebohm |
| | (7 children) | |
| 7. Marla Telfer | | |
| 8. Isabel Telfer m. | | Alec Thomson |
| | (3 children) | |
| 9. Roland Telfer | | |
| 10. Clara Telfer m. | | Frank Lane |
| | (10 children) | |
| 11. Robert Telfer m. | | May Foy |
| 12. Douglas Telfer m. | | Nancy Dawson |
| | (3 children) | |
| 13. Colln Telfer m. | | |
| | (3 children) | |
| 14. Allan Telfer m. | | |
| | (1 child) | |
| 15. Tressle Telfer m. | | (1) Cullen; (2) Morris |
| | (6 children) | |
| 16. Marlon Telfer m. | | Ken Cornish |
| | (4 children) | |

ADAM FRANCIS TELFER (1842-1925) m. 1868 MARGARET DOUGAL TELFER (1849-1936)

Adam Francis Telfer was born in Jedburgh, Scotland, in 1842. He was the youngest son of James and Elizabeth Telfer (nee Beattie). He came to Australia on the steamer "London" on her second voyage, in 1865, landing in Melbourne, and then travelling overland to South Australia, where he too visited his Uncle Francis Telfer at "Macoota", Kersbrook.

For a short period he worked as a shepherd at Koppio Station near Port Lincoln, but returned to Kersbrook in 1868 and married his cousin, Margaret Dougal Telfer, daughter of Francis and Margaret Telfer (nee Wright).

Adam and Margaret first lived at Koppio, but later moved to Tantanoola in the South East of the State where Adam took up land and named his property "Edgerston". He opened a store in Tantanoola in 1880, but his main interest was in grazing.

Adam was very active in community affairs. He was the first Chairman of the Tantanoola District Council, and in 1890 he was Chairman of the Committee formed to establish a Presbyterian church. He was a Justice of the Peace, a member of the Mount Muirhead Provisional School Board of Advice, and a member of the Tantanoola Drainage Board. He was the first President of the Tantanoola Pastoral Agricultural and Horticultural Show Society and the first Tantanoola Show was held in his woodshed.

Adam and Margaret had twelve children. They were renowned for their hospitality to family and friends. Visiting clergymen of all religious persuasions were regularly invited to Sunday lunch, and a constant stream of visitors found a cordial welcome at "Edgerston".

Each member of the family played a part in running the property, milking cows before going to school, and cooking six meals a day for the shearing teams.

Adam returned to Scotland for a visit in 1903. In 1908 the family left Tantanoola and moved to a 50 acre property at "Waverley Park", Lower Mitcham. Adam had by this time semi-retired, but he ran some sheep at "Waverley Park", had an extensive orchard, and carried on a business as Agent and General Produce Merchant from an office in Waymouth Street, Adelaide. He also had a sheep station at Truro for some time.

In 1916 the family moved to Rochester Street, Knightsbridge (now Leabrook), and Adam died in 1925 after a long period in failing health. Margaret died in 1936 following an accident in which she broke her thigh. Both Adam and Margaret are buried in the Mitcham cemetery.

The property "Edgerston" at Tantanoola is still owned and worked by Adam's great grandson.

THE FAMILY OF

ADAM FRANCIS TELFER (1842-1925) m. 1868 MARGARET DOUGAL TELFER (1849-1936)

- | | |
|-----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| 1. Margaret Wright Telfer | |
| 2. Elizabeth Beattie Telfer m. | William John Beaton |
| (8 children) | |
| 3. Lillian May Telfer m. | Charles McElhone |
| 4. Francis Adam Telfer m. | Clara Ann Millcent Dunn |
| (5 children) | |
| 5. James Edgerston Telfer m. | (1) Della Richards |
| (1 child) | |
| m. | (2) Elizabeth Charlotte McMorran |
| (6 children) | |
| 6. Vernon Ray St. Clair Telfer m. | Annie Jane Rogers |
| (2 children) | |
| 7. Herbert Dougal Telfer | |
| 8. Violet Hope Telfer | |
| 9. Eva Rowena Telfer m. | William Richard Easter |
| (5 children) | |
| 10. Effie Olive Telfer m. | William Robert Wilson |
| (1 child) | |
| 11. Adelaide Elsie Pearl Telfer | |
| 12. Hazel Rose Telfer m. | Arnold Cuthbert Lawrie |
| (2 children) | |

TELFER FAMILY REUNION

**SUNDAY, 13TH APRIL 1986
MARDEN HIGH SCHOOL**

ORGANISING COMMITTEE

Mr. Bob Telfer	(Chairman)
Mrs. Hope Simmons	(Secretary)
Mr. George Telfer	(Treasurer)
Mr. Eric Telfer	
Mr. Claude Rankin	
Mrs. Vida Templer	
Mrs. Barbara Lodge	
Mr. Colin Telfer	
Mr. Garth Beckwith	
Mr. Reg Telfer	