

JOSIAH DENNIS

1830 – 16 Dec. 1891

Born : CORNWALL, ENGLAND

Died : COOPER STREET, WATERLOO, NSW

Buried : ROOKWOOD CEMETERY, NSW



Josiah was born in Cornwall, England about 1830 /1832, but very little else is known about his early life.

He married Christiana Hocking in Devon, England prior to their decision to come out to Australia. Their first son was born at Gunners Lake near Colstuck in Cornwall and they also had a daughter, about 1857.

It would seem that they heard either through relations, already out in Australia or news that had filtered to England that there were mines being worked by men of Cornwall in the Burra Burra region of South Australia and they decided to try their fortunes there. They left London on 24 February 1857 on the ship "Gilmore" and they arrived in Adelaide in 1857.

"GILMORE" 560 ton, 3 mast ship, built 1824 in Calcutta, by Bryant & Co. of London. Departed from London 24 February 1857 and then leaving Plymouth 10 March, 1857. The Captain was W. Scott (Register 11 July 1857).

They appear to have taken up residence in Burra Burra, a town where quite a lot of mining was being done and many Cornish miners were in residence. Josiah was said to be a Geologist working at the mines.

About 1865 the family moved to Queensland, some information suggested that they were living in Charters Towers, though the only information I have at this time is that they were living in Rockhampton at least up to about 1880.

It seems that Josiah was very involved in the mining industry but to date I have no evidence of how or where.

Family lore claims that Josiah was related to Clare Dennis who won a swimming gold medal in breaststroke in 1930 Olympic Games in Los Angeles.

Josiah died on 16 December 1891 at Cooper Street, Waterloo, the home of his son Joseph. His death certificate states that he was a Mining Manager. He is buried at Rookwood Cemetery, NSW.

BIRTH REGISTRATION FACT FILE

NAME Josiah Dennis
SEX OF CHILD Male
DATE OF BIRTH Abt 1830/32
PLACE Cornwall, England

FATHER
OCCUPATION
BIRTH PLACE
AGE

DATE OF MARRIAGE
PLACE OF MARRIAGE

MOTHER
OCCUPATION
BIRTH PLACE
AGE

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MARRIAGE REGISTRATION FACT FILE

GROOM	Josiah Dennis
STATUS	Bachelor
PLACE OF BIRTH	Cornwall, England
OCCUPATION	Miner
AGE	
USUAL RESIDENCE	
FATHER	
OCCUPATION	
MOTHER	
BRIDE	Christiana Hocking
STATUS	Spinster
PLACE OF BIRTH	Cornwall, England
OCCUPATION	
AGE	
USUAL RESIDENCE	
FATHER	William Hocking
OCCUPATION	Miner of Ponsonpoth, St. Gluvias
MOTHER	Catherine (Kitty) ?
DATE OF MARRIAGE	Abt. 1854
PLACE OF MARRIAGE	Cornwall England
RELIGION	
WITNESSES	
MINISTER	

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DEATH REGISTRATION FACT FILE

NAME	Josiah Dennis
DATE OF DEATH	16 Dec. 1891
PLACE	Cooper Street, Waterloo NSW
OCCUPATION	Mining Manager
AGE	61
CONJUGAL STATUS	
PLACE OF BIRTH	England
TIME IN AUST COLONIES	32 years in NSW
FATHER	Josiah Dennis
MOTHER	Mary Ann (Surname Unknown)
PLACE OF MARRIAGE	England
AGE AT MARRIAGE	Unknown
NAME OF SPOUSE	Christiania Hawken
CHILDREN OF MARRIAGE	Josiah 35, Elizabeth (Parr) 33, Mary Ann (Schubert) 32, Joseph 30, William 28, Amelia (Cruden) 23, James 21, living: 1 male, 1 female deceased.
INFORMANT	Joseph Dennis, Son of deceased, No. 8 Cooper Street, Waterloo
CAUSE OF DEATH	Rheumatism
LENGTH OF ILLNESS	1 week
DATE OF BURIAL	17 December 1891
PLACE OF BURIAL	Necropolis
MINISTER AND RELIGION	Rev. E.A. Colvin, Church of England
WITNESSES	David Creeden, Joseph Dennis

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