

From Pughole to Pasture

The Stockmen

Joseph Applebee Jnr. married Martha Richards at Alma Plains, South Australia in 1882. They were graced with ten children.



Three Generations of the Family lived and worked at Buckland Park Station, a sheep station and mustering point for cattle brought from Central Australia. This station was to surround Joseph Applebee Snr's original land purchase at Port Gawler in the 1850's. Joseph Jnr (pictured with wife Martha) worked for the "Park" for 50 years, and his sons and grandsons all worked there at some time.

The "Park" was a Village in itself, with it's own school (shown right). And beautiful gardens (shown below, from the roof of the Managers House). In 1901 the future king and Queen of England George V and Mary spent a day of relaxation as our guests.



Being in Australia for our first opening of the Parliament of the Commonwealth of Australia. While there the future King bagged some Duck, while his Queen was entertained by some buckjumping and shearing demonstrations.

One of the local papers carried an article on Buckland Park, on the 100 yr anniversary of the royal tour.