




JOHN CAMPS & JANE ADAMS

John CAMPS and **Jane ADAMS** are my maternal
3rd Great Grandparents.

Their daughter, **Margaret CAMPS**, is my 2nd Great
Grandmother who married Samuel BLOW in
1878.

CAMPS: (*French-Latin*) Dweller at a camp or field [*Old French*
camp, Latin camp-us] (*English*) a variation of Kemp.

JOHN CAMPS	JANE ADAMS
 	
<p>John CAMPS was born in 1810 Bury, St Edmunds, Suffolk, England to John CAMPS & Lucy Elizabeth BAKER. John arrived in Sydney, Australia aboard the male convict ship "Hive" on the 11th Jun 1834. The</p>	<p>Jane ADAMS was born in 1832 Ramelton, County Donegal, Ireland. Jane came out to Sydney, Australia with her parents, William & Mary Ann ADAMS in the 4th</p>

ship left Portsmouth, England on the 29th Jan 1834, and had 248 men on board when it arrived in Sydney, Australia. The ships master was John H Luscombe.

October 1838 aboard the ship "Parland" as Bounty Immigrants. Jane was given the same name as her maternal grandmother, Jane McIntyre. From the age of five, Jane grew up on the Shoalhaven area and never lived anywhere else.



John CAMPS committed his crime in Bury St. Edmunds, Suffolk, England. John Camps had been charged with the theft of 'a silver spoon and divers articles of wearing apparel from the Grammar School'. It was reporting that John had taken the stolen to Cambridge. While he was declared 'Not Guilty' due to the lack of evidence, a verdict of Guilty was passed on the charge of selling stolen goods. He and his accomplice, John Bird, were sentenced to seven years transportation. As a result, he was sentenced to seven years transportation to New South Wales. His convict details state his height (5 feet 9 inches), hair colour (sandy brown) and eye colour (hazel). In addition, John Camps had no previous convictions, his occupation at the time of his trial was a 'kitchen and garden servant' and he could neither read nor write. He had a scar on left cheek



On the 16th May 1849 when she was 17 years old, Jane married John Camps at 'Terara'. The witnesses were her brother John Adams and Luke Cresswell. There was about a twenty three year difference in their ages.

John & Jane CAMPS lived at Cambewarra in the Shoalhaven area in New South Wales with Jane's parents until 1871. John & Jane then

near the upper lip, another centre of same cheek, and a scar on both shins.

After arriving in Australia, John served his sentence at Parramatta working as a gardener at the Female Factory. John then moved to the Shoalhaven area late 1840 working at Terara for the DE MESTRE family (where he met his wife, Jane Adams).

He was granted a Ticket of Leave in 1839 and his Certificate of Freedom a year later in December 1840.

A transcription of the Court report:

John Camps and John Bird were indicted for having, on the 4th June last, stolen a silver spoon and divers articles of wearing apparel from the Grammar School in this town, the property of Mr. Arthur Horatio Bellman. Mr. Bellman deposed that he was one of the scholars at the Grammar School, and had a study in the playground. At about 20 minutes past ten, on the evening of the 3rd June, he left in his study marked T. W. On the following morning at seven o'clock, he found the door and window open and the property missing. He saw marks of force on the doors of other studies in the playground; a pitchfork was found and it corresponded with the marks seen. Caney produced a spoon which he had received from a person named

purchased a property at Good Dog Creek at Cambewarra in 1871. It was 42 acres and Lot 84 on the Crown Land map. It backed onto the forests of the Cambewarra Range below Brown's Mountain. Three creeks flowed through the property, Good Dog Creek, Bangalore Creek and Camps Creek.

Bond of Cambridge. Bond stated that the prisoner Camps sold him the spoon and a pair of shoes and other things for 17s. Mr. Bellman identified the spoon. The initials T. W. had been engraved on the handle but had been, subsequently to the robbery, nearly defaced so as to render its identity extremely difficult to be determined. James Freeman who appeared to be a labourer and resided at Cambridge, stated that he accompanied the prisoners to Bond's to dispose of the property, which they told him they came honestly by. Camps sold part of the property to Bond and the other prisoner (who said his name was Davis) remained outside the shop. The remainder of the property was sold to Mr. Barret of Cambridge. The Recorder said that the sole question was whether they had any doubt as to the identity of the spoon. The Jury, after consulting together for a few minutes, returned a verdict of Not Guilty. The prisoners were then arraigned under another indictment, for having on the same day, stolen two pairs of shoes &c. from the Grammar school, the property of Mr. John Compton Maule. The evidence was similar to that adduced in the last case. Caney produced the shoes, which the prisoners had sold to Bond. They were satisfactorily identified by Mr. Maule as his property. Bird attempted to provide an alibi but the Jury found both the prisoners

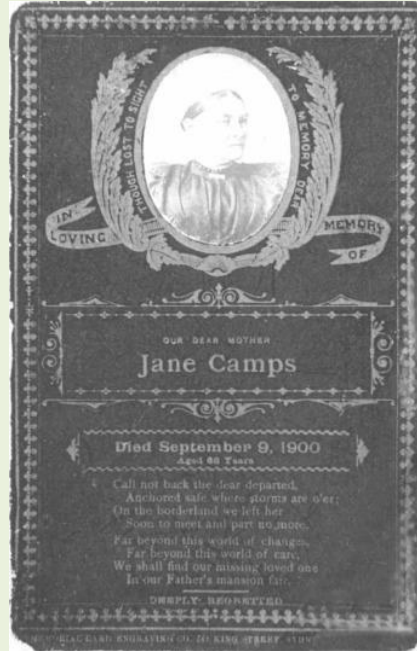
Guilty and they were sentenced to be transported for seven years. Freeman stated to the Recorder that he had been ill used and knocked about and he wanted to know whether he was not entitled to the 10s. reward that had been offered in the event of the prisoners being convicted? The Recorder replied that he had nothing to do with it. Freeman then pressed the learned gentleman to intervene on his behalf. The Recorder: "I cannot see that your conduct in the course of your transactions with the prisoners has particularly entitled you to the consideration of the Court". Freeman went away grumbling. After the Session, the Recorder, Aldermen and Assistants, together with several of the professional gentlemen of the town, dined at the Angel Inn. The Grand Jury also dined at the above Inn, where both tables were supplied with every delivery of the season, to the general satisfaction of the guests.



John was a landowner for 10 years when he died on the 22nd December 1882 at Cambewarra of old age (senile decay).

(Source: NSW Death Certificate 1883/11496)

John was buried in Cambewarra Cemetery.



Jane died on the 9th September 1900 at Cambewarra. According to the death certificate she died from 'white softening of the brain' aged 67yrs. Jane's funeral card was inscribed by the family: 'Call not back the dear departed, Anchored safe where storms are o'er, On the borderland we left her, Soon to meet and part no more. Far beyond this world of changes, Far beyond this world of care, We shall find our missing loved one, In our father's mansion fair.'

Jane was buried on the 10th September, alongside

her husband John, in the Cambewarra cemetery.



John & Jane CAMPS had 9 children:

- **Mary Jane** born 9th June 1853 at Cambewarra NSW Australia. Mary Jane married James CHEGWYN on 27th January 1875 at Cambewarra. They had 4 children. She died on 23rd February 1900 at Botany, Sydney NSW Australia.
- **Elizabeth Anne** born 14th May 1856 at Good Dog-Cambewarra NSW Australia. She married George PAYNE in 1883 in Sydney NSW Australia. They had 3 children. Elizabeth died in 1939 at Marrickville, Sydney NSW Australia.
- **John** born 5th June 1858 at Good Dog-Cambewarra NSW Australia. He married Jane MAXWELL in 1895 at Nowra NSW Australia. They had 2 children. John moved to Queensland and died in 1944 at Millaa Millaa QLD Australia.
- **Margaret** born 18th August 1860 at Good Dog-Cambewarra NSW Australia. She married Samuel BLOW on 12th September 1878 in the house of John Camps, Cambewarra NSW Australia. She is my 2nd Great Grandmother. They had 7 children, including my Great Grandmother, Gladys May BLOW. Margaret died 24th June 1959 at Darlinghurst, Sydney, NSW Australia.
- **Rebecca** born 6th July 1862 at Good Dog-Cambewarra NSW Australia. Rebecca never married and died on 16 Mar 1949 in Sydney NSW Australia.
- **William George** born 27th February 1865 at Cambewarra NSW Australia. He married Sarah BEAVEN on 10th April 1890 at Luke's Church, Broughton Creek, Berry NSW Australia. They had 4 children. William died in 1955 at Balmain, Sydney NSW Australia.
- **James** born 7th June 1868 at Cambewarra NSW Australia. He married Martha Eleanor BAILEY on 16th August 1899 at Gerringong NSW Australia. They had one child.

James died 24th August 1951 at Newcastle NSW Australia.

- **Alfred Ernest** born 4th May 1870 at Cambewarra NSW Australia. He married Elizabeth Janet DONALDSON in 1904 at Glebe Presbyterian Church, Sydney NSW Australia. They had 4 children. He died in 1931 at Botany, Sydney NSW Australia.
- **Lucy** born 31st December 1872 at Cambewarra NSW Australia. She married William LAWRENCE on 10th September 1892 at Cambewarra NSW Australia. They had 8 children. Lucy then married Henry LIPSETT in 1914 at Roma QLD Australia. They had 1 child. Lucy then married a 3rd time to Stanley BRYANT about 1917 in Charlesville QLD Australia. Lucy died 4th June 1939 at Miles QLD Australia.







Alfred Ernest &
Elizabeth
CAMPS

Elizabeth &
George PAYNE

James & Martha
CAMPS

John & Jane
CAMPS

			
Margaret CAMPS	Mary Jane CAMPS	Rebecca CAMPS	William George CAMPS

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