

Mary Ann JACOBS

b. 1854

Parents: Henry JACOBS & Harriet Ann OVENS

d. 28 Dec 1931 (78yrs) Adelaide (res. Maylands)

August WEIDENHOFER (Alt. WEIDENHOFFER)

b. 5 Apr 1853 Adelaide

Parents: Johann WEIDENHOFER & Wilhelmine ZUHLKE

d. 7 Jan 1945 Maylands (Payneham Cemetery)

Mary Ann married August WEIDENHOFFER 9 Jul 1881

at the residence of F. JENKINSON, Nairne (home of her sister, Ellen).

August was a brother to Georg, who married Mary's older sister Lydia.

WEIDENHOFER on some birth records WEIDENHOFFER on others

Weidenhofer family histories tell us that:

August was the eighth of nine children born to Johann and Wilhelmine. When August was about three years old, he travelled with his family from Marion, south of Adelaide to Woodside in the Adelaide Hills where he grew up in a farming community. He would have joined his brothers in helping their father on the farm. In 1881, aged twenty eight, August married Mary Ann Jacobs at the residence of Mr. F. Jenkinson of Nairne. Mary Ann's older sister, Ellen had married Mr Jenkinson some years earlier.

They go on to say:

On their marriage certificate, Mary Ann had recorded that her father was Henry Jacobs, but her birth certificate states that she was the daughter of Isaac Jacobs and his wife, Elizabeth Day and was born at Cherry Gardens on 13 October 1854. Mary Ann was the last of eight children born to Isaac Jacobs and his wife Elizabeth Day. Elizabeth died soon after Mary Ann's birth so Isaac's brother, Henry, reared the little girl with his already large family, and it is possible that Mary Ann was never told her true identity.

This doesn't seem right to me because:

- Isaac JACOBS & Elizabeth DAY had 9 children, all at Cherry Gardens. Mary Ann was not listed as one of them
- Mary Ann was married at the residence of Mr. F. Jenkinson of Nairne. He had married Mary Ann's sister Ellen. Isaac JACOBS & Elizabeth DAY did not have a daughter Ellen, but Henry JACOBS of Hay Valley did.

I don't think the Weidenhofer histories are correct as to Mary Ann's parents or upbringing.

In about 1889 August took up land at Bow Hill on the River Murray, upstream from Mannum. August's father, Johann died in 1891. Johann's nephew John Henry Weidenhofer, of Adelaide had been named as executor of Johann's will in which it was stated that August was the sole beneficiary of his father's estate, which was valued at 200 pounds. Although records show that August bought land at Blanchetown and Swan Reach, both on the River Murray, there has been no evidence that the family lived at either place. After leaving their farm near Bow Hill, August and Mary Ann lived for a short time in Norwood where Mary Ann died in 1931, aged 77.

August then lived with his daughter, Margaret, in nearby Maylands. August's great grandson, Geoff Attenborough lived, in his early childhood, only four houses away from his grandparents, Margaret and Robert Attenborough. August was well known in the Norwood district as he could often be seen (aged in his late 80s) riding his bicycle along the street with his long white beard flowing in the breeze. He died at the age of 92 and was buried in the nearby Payneham Cemetery.

Children of Mary Ann JACOBS and August WEIDENHOFER

1. Harriet Elanor WEIDENHOFFER (Alt Harriet Helena)

b. 17 Nov 1883 Woodside S.A.

d. 21 Jan 1884 at Nairne (2mths)

2. Margaret WEIDENHOFFER

b. 23 Nov 1884 at Woodside S.A.

m. Margaret (24yrs) to Robert Bowers Marshall ATTENBOROUGH (24yrs)

15 Sep 1909 at Central Methodist Mission Manse, Adelaide.

Gladys Mary Doreen ATTENBOROUGH

b. 1 Jan 1910 at Mannum

Robert Maurice ATTENBOROUGH

b. 3 Oct 1912 at Mannum

Marjorie Blanche ATTENBOROUGH

b. 3 Feb 1916 at Mannum

George Henry ATTENBOROUGH

b. 21 Oct 1917 at Norwood

3. John Frederick WEIDENHOFFER

b. 18 Oct 1886 at Woodside S.A.

d. 29 Jan 1962 (75yrs) at Mannum

m. John (26yrs) to Hettie Cornelia GILL (30yrs) 17 May 1913

Methodist Church, Prospect Hill

John Frederick WEIDENHOFER

b. 15 Mar 1914 Stirling East

Kathleen May WEIDENHOFER

b. 19 Sep 1917 Ashton

Phyliss Cornelia WEIDENHOFER

b. 10 Feb 1919 at Adelaide

4. Albert Ernest WEIDENHOFER

b. 15 Jan 1888 at Woodside S.A.

d. 27 Jan 1939 (51yrs) at Mannum

m. Elizabeth L. ELY at Congregational Church Pt. Adelaide.

Albert and Elizabeth are buried at Cheltenham Cemetery
with her parents Thomes & Anna Marie ELI

George Albert WEIDENHOFER

b. 3 Mar 1916 at Norton Summit

Thomas Arnold WEIDENHOFER

b. 16 Jul 1917 at Queenstown

Samuel Alick WEIDENHOFER

b. 14 Jun 1919 at Port Adelaide

Murray Robert WEIDENHOFER

b. 1 Nov 1926 at Murray Bridge

5. George Henry WEIDENHOFER

b. 16 Dec 1889 in Adelaide S.A.

d. 29 Apr 1955 (65yrs) at Flinders Park

m. Ethel DRAPER at Res of A. Weidenhofer, Norwood

George Thomas WEIDENHOFER

b. 19 May 1924 at Maylands

Robert Norman WEIDENHOFER

b. 29 Apr 1925 at Maylands

Walter James Blake WEIDENHOFER

b. 3 Jul 1928 at Flinders Park



August Weidenhofer