

The Streets of York Horley Street



Caroline



Amelia

George Horley arrived in the Swan River Colony in 1840 and married Caroline Edwards (who had arrived on the "Rockingham" in 1830) in 1842. George was a horsebreaker and timber feller in the Beverley District and died in 1857 when he fell in front of his bullock cart near St. Ronan's Well. Caroline joined her sister Elizabeth in running the Two Sisters' Hotel in Guildford which had previously been called the Guildford hotel and later became a storekeeper and baker in York (like her brother William and nephews Charles and Kenneth who established Edwards Store). She died in 1898 and was buried at St Paul's Cemetery Edwards Crossing. A daughter Amelia was a long serving teacher at the infants school in York from 1867-1897, older son Alfred George became a farmer in Darkan and younger son William Frederick became a wheelwright and was for a time a hotel keeper at the Dead Finish in Beverley. Another son Henry James was a York Councillor for many years.

In 1917 the Town Clerk reported in the Eastern Districts Chronicle that ..." as there are already two Horley Streets in the Municipality, I was advised by the Titles Department that it would be advisable to rename this street, so doing away with one duplication of names of which there are several others..... Horley Street in the East Ward was therefore altered to Wheeler Street. Caroline Amelia