

The Streets of York

Wyborn Street

Stephen Parker and his wife Susanna Wyborn arrived in WA in 1830 on the Hooghly from Northbourne in Kent with 6 of their children. The Parkers and the Wyborn's had been associated with the Northbourne area of Kent for centuries. Stephens's father, John Parker, had owned and farmed Cold Harbour farm in Kent and the Wybornes were associated with the Northbourne manor house. Stephen and Susanna were first cousins, and it is assumed that when his parents died early Stephen and his siblings were raised by the Wyborns, who were of higher social standing than the Parkers. This close family relationship was possibly the basis for the Wyborn name often being passed through the Parker family as a middle name.

With the downturn of agriculture in Britain Stephen and Susanna packed up their six children and joined many other adventurers heading for the Swan River colony. Their first attempts at farming were in Guilford and then in 1830 they were allocated 2400 acres of land on the east bank of the Avon River 12 miles from York. Stephen and his sons were to travel backwards and forwards from Guilford until, by 1836, they moved permanently to the York area to the farm they were to name Northbourne. Susanna died in 1860, 19 years before Stephen and the bell hung at the St Peters Church in Gilgering and inscribed

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Wyborn
Elizabeth



Stephen and Susanna Parker

Northbourne 1859 was rung at funeral. The road now known as Street was formerly part of Street.

