

## The Streets of York

Do you live in Trews Road?



Born in 1827 in Framlingham, Suffolk, George Trew was 23 when he was caught poaching pheasants on the property of Lord Stradbroke and shot the gamekeeper in the head and loins during an altercation over the shooting of George's dog. He was subsequently transported for 10yrs as Convict #1584 aboard the "Dudbrook" and arrived in Fremantle in 1853 leaving behind his wife Harriet and small son William who he applied for permission to join him without ever receiving a reply. He wasn't to know but his young wife died in 1853 and his son was orphaned.

He was granted his ticket of leave in January 1854 and his conditional pardon in October 1858. In 1856 he married Eliza Fisher ( born approx.1835 and arrived on the "Success" with her family in 1843) in the new Anglican Church in York. He is listed on the 1859 census as a labourer with eight and a half acres of wheat and barley.

George and Eliza initially lived at Cuthill. They were to have eleven children, all born in York. Their son Frederick managed Joseph Monger's station at Talbot and died in a riding accident while hunting kangaroos at the age of 19. Their daughter Sarah Jane died at the age of 24 while working at Sandspring Station near Geraldton.

In 1867 he purchased approximately 25 acres on the outskirts of York for £35 from his brother in law George Fisher and farmed this land for the rest of his life. In the 1870s he was employed as a supervisor with the York Roads Board with a salary of £6 a month and his single and double horse teams were often used in carting stone and gravel for roads in the York area.

The members of the York Hunt club were known to start their hunts on his property. Eliza died in 1904 and George in 1905 with an estate valued at over £69, dividing his farm between two of his sons. They were both buried in the Anglican cemetery but the graves are now unmarked.