

Adelaide Button Simpson

Birth: 1825
Hawkwell
Essex, England
Death: Jul. 12, 1910
Saanichton
British Columbia, Canada

Adelaide is the daughter of John Button 1810-1885 and Martha Podd 1815-1848.

She married Henry Simpson July 26, 1852 in Rochford, Essex England.

The couple soon emigrated to Saanich, British Columbia and became one of the areas first pioneering settlers.

They arrived at Fort Victoria in January 1853 on the third voyage of the Norman Morrison. They both worked for the Hudson's Bay Company (HBC), Adelaide as a laundress and Henry as an agricultural labourer on Constance Cove Farm in Esquimalt, where the first three of their 10 children were born.

By 1859 they had enough money to buy land. They established one of the first farms in South Saanich (now Central Saanich). Several years later they built the Prairie Tavern, then the Prairie Inn [still standing] in 1893. In 1864 Henry became one of the first two landowners in Victoria West (see Victoria West History), but quickly sold that land to buy more in Central Saanich.

Henry Simpson was a founding member of the North & South Saanich Agricultural Society, originated the Norfolk breed of sheep on Vancouver Island, ran a stage coach between Victoria and Saanichton, had a hack horse service, and was a road contractor and postmaster.

Children of Henry and Adelaide:

Mary Anne Simpson 1853-1895
Sarah Anne Simpson 1857-1929
Henry Simpson 1855-1903
George Simpson 1861-1932
William Simpson 1861-1932
Edward Simpson 1864-1948
Charles Simpson 1867-1914
Emma Simpson 1869-1943
Albert James Simpson 1870-1942
Adelaide Simpson 1873-1958
Richard Simpson 1879-

This information will be updated and corrections made where needed as information becomes available.

Family links:

Spouse:
Henry Simpson (1831 - 1906)*

Children:
Mary Ann *Simpson* McIlmoyl (1853 - 1895)*
Henry John Simpson (1855 - 1903)*
William Simpson (1859 - 1932)*
George Simpson (1862 - 1932)*
Edward Simpson (1864 - 1948)*
Charles Simpson (1866 - 1920)*
Albert James Simpson (1870 - 1942)*
Adelaide *Simpson* Wain (1874 - 1958)*

*Calculated relationship

Burial:
[Saint Stephen's Anglican Church Cemetery](#)
Saanich
Capital Regional District
British Columbia, Canada
Plot: Simpson Family Plot

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