

SARAH TAPPER
Daughter of
DANIEL & Ann TAPPER



Sarah Tapper
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Sarah Tapper was the daughter of **DANIEL TAPPER** and **ANN NORRIS**.

Sarah was born on 16 Aug 1830, Clarence, Swan River Colony, Western Australia. This is just 3 months after her parents, Daniel and Ann, arrived in Western Australia on board the ship “*Rockingham*”. The ship floundered in heavy weather and the passengers had to jump overboard and head for the shore. This must have been an extremely difficult time for Ann as she was 6 months pregnant.

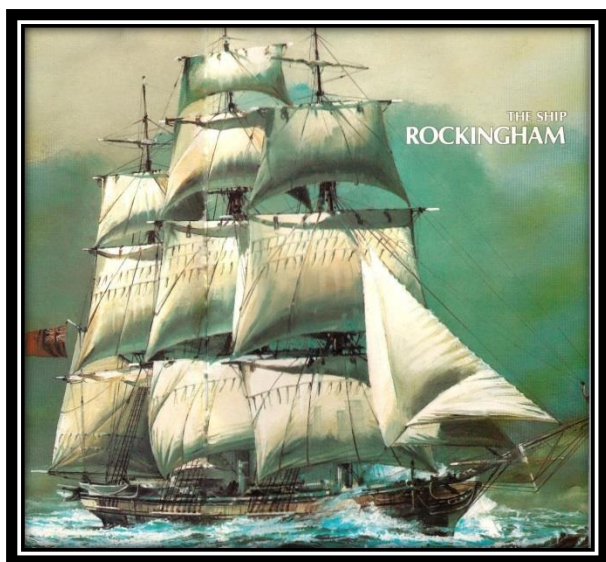


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Sarah was baptised at Fremantle on 2 Jan 1836. Baptised on the same day as her brother, John Tapper.

<i>Baptisms at Fremantle</i>					<i>In the Year of Our Lord 1835-6</i>			
<i>N^o</i>	<i>Date of Baptism</i>	<i>Child's Name</i>	<i>Parents' Christian Surname</i>		<i>Date of Birth</i>	<i>Place of Birth</i>	<i>Parents' Profession or Calling</i>	<i>By Whom Baptised</i>
			<i>James</i>	<i>Elizabeth</i>	<i>Aug 12 1833</i>	<i>Fremantle</i>	<i>Fisherman</i>	<i>W. H. Thompson</i>
<i>21</i>	<i>Jan 7 2nd</i>	<i>John</i>	<i>Daniell</i>	<i>Tapper</i>	<i>Aug 7 1833</i>	<i>Fremantle</i>	<i>Fisherman</i>	<i>W. H. Thompson</i>
			<i>Ann</i>					<i>W. H. Thompson</i>
<i>22</i>	<i>Jan 7 2nd</i>	<i>Sarah</i>	<i>Daniel</i>	<i>Tapper</i>	<i>Aug 16 1830</i>	<i>Clarence</i>	<i>Fisherman</i>	<i>W. H. Thompson</i>
			<i>Ann</i>					<i>W. H. Thompson</i>

Fremantle Baptism Registration from Family Search Records.

Sarah is noted as born in Clarence. Parent Daniel & Ann Tapper. Daniel's profession is recorded as Fisherman.

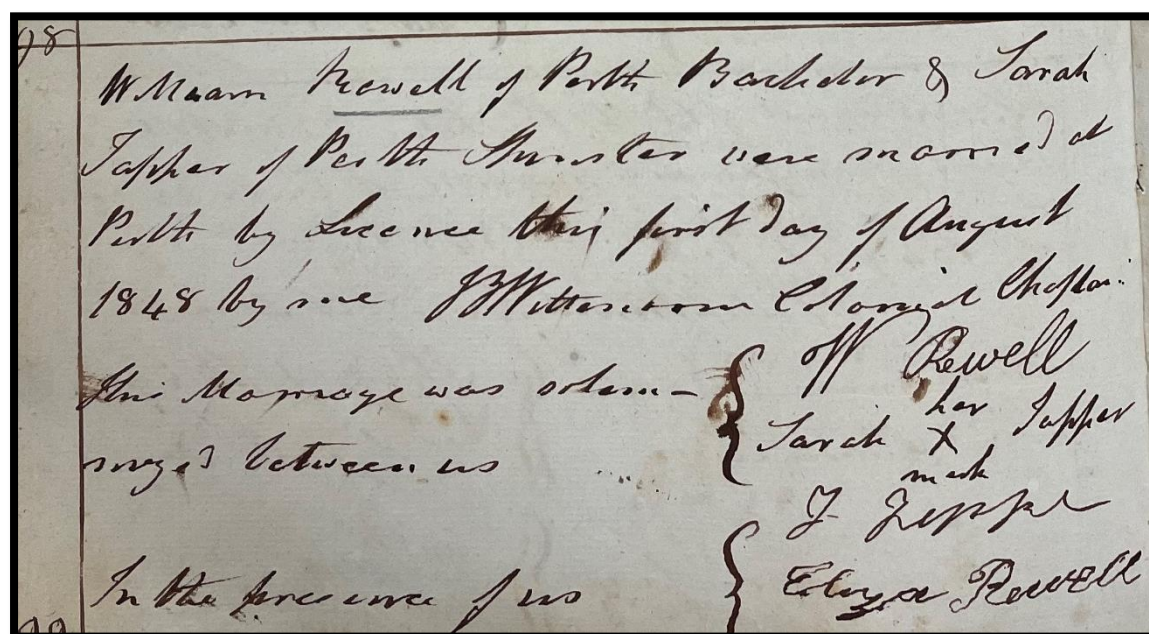
There is very little known of Sarah's early life in the colony but we know her family and her father in particular struggled to find employment and was at times unable to feed his family. Daniel and Ann had applied to join the immigrants in the Peel Estate scheme organised by Thomas Peel. This was a failure as the land around the Clarence area was totally unsuited to cultivation.

Sarah married on 1 Aug 1848 at St George's Church, Perth by Licence to **William Rewell**.

On 1 August 1848 Sarah Tapper aged 18 (she was not quite 18 DOB 16 August 1830 at Clarence settlement site) married William Rewell aged 22 at St George's Church by licence. They were both shown as resident in Perth, William was a Boatman, Sarah a Domestic Servant. William's father's name and Occupation were George Rewell, Gardener, Sarah's father and occupation are blank.

Information on Marriage from Sandra Rose via Jennifer Lydon (Rewell descendant).

Entry of Marriage from the Anglican Church Records, held by Anglican Archives in Perth, WA. Copy of the entry below was kindly provided to Margaret Thompson by the archivist at Anglican Archives in 2020.



William was born c1825, the son of **George Rewell** and **Jane Parnham**. William and his parents arrived in the Swan River Colony on 12 Oct 1829 on board the ship "Caroline". William was the eldest of 7 children. His occupation in Western Australia was a Boat owner in 1862, Victualler of the "Rockingham Hotel" in 1867 and a fisherman. William was also a Water Policeman.



Sarah & William Rewell, photo courtesy of Ross Crockett, a Cook family descendant.

Sarah Rewell (nee Tapper) died 19 Oct 1899 at her residence in Harper Terrace, South Perth. She is buried in Karrakatta Cemetery, Western Australia.

OBITUARY.

MRS. REWELL.

It is with regret we announce the death of another old colonist in the person of Mrs. William Rewell, which took place at her residence, Hayser Terrace, South Perth, on October 19. The deceased lady was a daughter of Mr. Daniel Tapper, who arrived here in the year 1829. She was born at Clarence, on the Rockingham coast, shortly after her parents' arrival, and was therefore one of the oldest of West Australian pioneers. She was married to Mr. William Rewell, eldest son of Mr. George Rewell, who was also one of the earliest settlers. Mrs. Rewell was beloved by a large circle of friends, and was 70 years of age at her death. The funeral took place on Saturday afternoon at the Karrakatta cemetery, and was largely attended. The Rev. Mr. Reid, Presbyterian clergyman, officiated at the grave. The pall-bearers were Mr. G. Randell, M.L.C.; Mr. H. Strickland, sen.; Mr. W. Strickland, sen.; and Mr. C. Stephens. The chief mourners were Mr. Wm. Rewell (husband of deceased), and Messrs. Fred. and William Rewell (sons). Wreaths were sent by numerous friends. Mr. M. O'Dea carried out the mortuary arrangements for Messrs. Bowra and O'Dea.

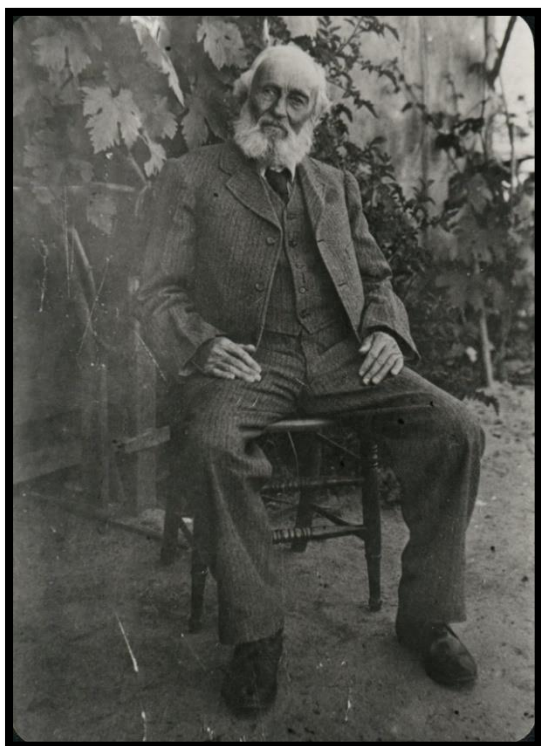
The West Australian (Perth, WA : 1879 - 1954), Monday 23 October 1899, page 4

Western Mail (Perth, WA : 1885 - 1954), Saturday 28 October 1899, page 27

REWELL.—On Thursday, the 19th instant, at Harper-terrace, South Perth, SARAH, the beloved wife of William Rewell, sen., aged 70 years, after a long and painful illness. Deeply regretted.

Thou hast passed away, fond mother,
From this world of toil and pain;
Never more in joy or sorrow
Shall I see thy face again.
Never when the evening falleth,
Shall I hear thy cheery voice,
In thy loving tones so tender,
That hath made our hearts rejoice.

Well I know thy life is ended,
But I trust that One above
For the sake of thee He hast taken,
Will uphold us with His love.
And may the love that bound us
Still link us like a chain,
And when our life is ended
May we all meet again.
—Inserted by her loving children.



William Rewell. From the collection of John Robert Cook.

William married 2nd in 1903, Perth, WA to **SUSAN ROPER.**

William Rewell died on 27 Apr 1922 at his residence in Harper Terrace, South Perth, Western Australia.

William and Sarah Rewell had the following Children:

CHILDREN OF SARAH & WILLIAM REWELL

WILLIAM THOMAS REWELL b. c 1850, baptised 18 Jun 1850, Perth, WA. It is believed that William Thomas Rewell died c1851 but no death registration or burial record has been located.

LUCY REWELL b. 13 May 1852, Perth, WA, d. 16 Nov 1908. Lucy is buried in Karrakatta Cemetery, WA. She married 1874 in Perth to **CHRISTOPHER ARMSTRONG**. Christopher died on 29 Mar 1928 and is also buried in Karrakatta Cemetery.



Headstone for Lucy Armstrong (nee Rewell).

FREDERICK THOMAS REWELL b. 11 Oct 1855, baptised 25 Nov 1855, Perth, WA, died on 7 Jan 1946 and buried in Karrakatta Cemetery. Frederick was a fisherman and lived most of his life with his family at Harper Terrace, South Perth. In 1937 and 1943 the Electoral Rolls have Frederick living in an Old Men's Home in Claremont.

JANE REWELL b. 18 Oct 1859, d. 24 Dec 1931, buried in Karrakatta Cemetery. Married 1st 15 Jan 1885 to **JOHN RYDING**. John Ryding died on 20 Jul 1898 and was buried on 21 Jul 1898 at East Perth Cemetery. Jane married 2nd 1905 to **WALTER De COURCY ROCKLEY TURNER**.



Headstone for Jane Turner (nee Rewell) formerly Ryding at Karrakatta Cemetery.

Photograph from Ancestry Public Tree.

FANNY REWELL b. 1861, Perth, WA, d. 1952. Married 9 May 1883 1st **FRANCIS EDWARD FISHWICK**. In 1891 the family were living in Broken Hill. Francis died in 12 Apr 1912, Johannesburg, South Africa. Fanny married 2nd **ROBERT JAMES HOLLAND**, in Perth in 1922. Fanny died 5 Apr 1952 at Mt Lawley and Robert died 27 Jan 1952. Both buried Karrakatta Cemetery.

ALICE MAUD REWELL b. 21 Jun 1863, d. 1954. Married 1884 in Guildford, WA to **LEWIS VINCENT BREENON**. Lewis Breenon had been employed as a Draughtsman in the Government Survey Department until 1884 when he charged with an offence, found guilty and jailed for 6 months. He was released from prison in August 1884. When Alice married on the 10 Sep 1884 at St Matthew's Church, Guildford, WA she was actually marrying **WILLIAM GOODWIN GEDDES**.

William was born on 15 Feb 1856 in Brisbane, Qld. Another story. The Geddes Mystery by Brian Jones.

Alice married 2nd on 11 Nov 1897 at St Mary's Cathedral, Perth WA to **BARTHOLOMEW JAMES STUBBS**. Bartholomew was born on 3 May 1872, Victoria, Australia. He was a Member of Parliament in Western Australia. Bartholomew enlisted in the AIF during WW1 but he was killed in action at Polygon Wood, Ypres, Belgium on 26 Sep 1917.

GEORGE REWELL b. 1865, d. 1865. Buried East Perth Cemetery.

WILLIAM THOMAS REWELL b. 19 May 1866, baptised 2 Aug 1866, Perth WA. William d. 29 Feb 1928. Married 1892 in Perth WA to **ELLEN (NELLIE) MARY EYLES**. William an ex-constable died as a result of an accident when he was run down by a motor vehicle.

SARAH ANNE REWELL b. 12 Mar 1869, Fremantle, WA, d. 27 Sep 1905. Sarah gave birth in 1892 to a daughter, **ADA MAY LLEWELLYN**. The father of Ada was **William Black Llewellyn** who had promised marriage to Sarah and he was summoned to court but failed to appear. (Inquirer & Commercial News, May, 1892). Ada Rewell/Llewellyn died in 1889 at age 2 months

ADA MAUDE REWELL b. 1872, d. 1953, Toorak, Victoria. Ada trained as a Nurse and in 1890 until 1895 she was employed at the Colonial Hospital, Perth WA. Ada married in 1896, Perth WA to **SIDNEY MARSHALL STANSMORE**. Sidney died in Melbourne, Vic in 1920.



*Sarah Rewell (nee Tapper) seated with her daughter, Ada Maude Rewell.
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All the above information was obtained from WA BDM online, WA Metropolitan Cemetery Board, WA Reverse Marriages, and Trove - National Library Australia newspapers. Web sites such as Ancestry, Family Search and FindMyPast. Assistance from family members and the manuscript of John Robert Cook. Photographs from family sources.

Any additions, updates or amendments would be greatly appreciated. This document is for family use only and not for publication.

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