

THE STORY OF THOMAS & ANN STONE

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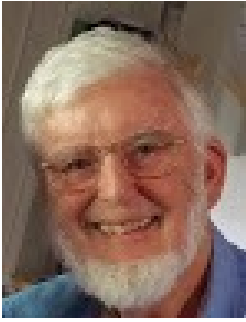
Helping Hobart's Orphans

The King's Orphan School for Boys

1831-1836

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This book has been published in order to provide some information about Thomas and Ann Stone and their family as we celebrate in October 2019 the two hundredth anniversary of their arrival in Hobart Town.

From the time of the birth of their first child about four months later their descendants have multiplied and spread throughout Australia so that now there are family members to be found in every State.

You will read that Thomas and Ann made a significant contribution as teachers in early Hobart before taking up farming at Green Ponds and many of their descendants have followed them in one or other of these vocations as well as many others.

There were also some who accepted leadership roles in their local community as members of local committees or who served as a JP and many who were sporting enthusiasts and played in their local teams.

Above all there were family members who were people of faith who took an active part in the local church and endeavoured to live out that faith in their everyday lives, not being shy about sharing this with others.

In a letter to his nephew, Alex Hepburn Stone, Joseph Henry Stone wrote:

Life is a solemn thing. It was given to us and we cannot dodge its responsibilities, but we can claim the Divine help in all the avenues of Life. This is our privilege. It is also our duty to bring our lives into line with God through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

The second part of this book takes a closer look at the time when Thomas and Ann were responsible for the running of the King's Orphan School for Boys in New Town, at first in an Old Distillery, before moving into a purpose-built establishment in 1833.

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