

Thomas & Ann Stone

"Descendants"

Reunion 200 (1819-2019)

Hobart-Tasmania 11th-13th October 2019

"Countdown - 248 Days remaining"

Joseph Stone the Son of Thomas & Ann Stone



Joseph Stone: **9 Oct. 1826** Hobart, Tas. (born 129 years ago)

Christened: 27 Dec. 1827, St David's, Hobart, Tas. by Rev. Wm Bedford

Married: Margaret Foster 30 Aug. 1855 in Brighton, Tasmania (8chn)

James Stone (2chn); Joseph Stone; Margaret Stone (8chn); Isabella Stone; Joanne Stone; Richard William Stone (5chn); George Henry Stone; Charles Alexander Stone (Margaret Foster was born in 1833, died on 22 Aug 1904 in Woodstock West, Vic. & was buried in Eddington,

Victoria.) **Joseph Stone Died: 20 Feb. 1890** (63/64) at Woodstock West, Vic.

- Joseph was a hard worker on the farm at Horfield (Bagdad) and having promised his father Thomas that he would remain until his death, he fulfilled his commitment.
- Joseph was included in the census of 1842, in the household at Horfield.
- Joseph realised that there was no future for him in the old rented property at Horfield and decided to start out on his own.
- As he loaned money to Edward and Alfred, in return, he went to share what they had at Laanecoorie, Victoria.
- Joseph Margaret and their three children together with all the household furniture etc. sailed for Victoria on 17 March 1863. There further adventures are recounted in "The Stones in Victoria."

(Photo right) **Margaret Alford** (nee Stone) (1860-1932). Family Historian, Lorraine Phelan said, "My mother-in-law had fond memories of her Grandma." Lorraine's blogsite is: <https://boobookbacktracks.blogspot.com/2017/11/trove-tuesday-margaret-alford-nee-stone.html>

Margaret Alford was born Margaret Stone in Bagdad, Tasmania in 1860 where her family were farmers. Her parents were **Joseph Stone and Margaret Foster** and she had two older brothers when, in **March 1863**, the family moved across the Bass Strait to Victoria, selecting land at Woodstock West and building a house they called 'Alva'.

Margaret's older brother, Joseph, died when Margaret was five years old. Five more siblings were born in Victoria but one, a sister Joanna, died at three when Margaret was nine years old. I don't know the cause of death for either child but their deaths must have had an impact on young Margaret.



(Photo) 'Alva' homestead, Woodstock West. In May 1882 Margaret married a local farmer, Thomas Alford, at the Bible Christian Church at Woodstock West. The bride walked to the church from her home.

Thomas and Margaret Alford lived at Warragul, then moved back to Woodstock until 1897 when they moved to Warragul again. Thomas' brother, sister and parents also lived at Warragul. Thomas and Margaret had eight children. In 1903 the family moved to Mologa, near Pyramid Hill in central Victoria, and

built a house on their farm they called 'Myall Marsh'. Margaret's father had died in 1890 at the age of 63. He'd never fully recovered after a horse kicked him three years earlier.

Today, a descendant Peter Joseph Stone, lives on and farms "Alva" (Joseph's place) and with his brother Steve James Stone also leases "Woodlands." *Peter & Steve's lineage is: Reginald & Susan Stone, Stanley & Muriel Stone, Richard & Mary Stone, Joseph & Margaret Stone, Thomas & Ann Stone.* edstone@space.net.au Reunion 200 - Update (14)



Christine Fisher, a descendant of **Joseph & Margaret Stone** (nee Foster), & **Thomas & Margaret Alford** (nee Stone) was a cyclist in the 2000 Australian Paralympic Team.

(Photo-left) Russell Wolfe (pilot) and **Christine Fisher**, riding in tandem in the 2000 Australian Paralympic Mixed Open Sprint 23rd October 2000.

Christine is married to Russell Short who is also an outstanding athlete <https://www.paralympic.org.au/athlete/russell-short/>



(Photo-right) **Russell Short** is one of the most successful Australian Para-athletes of all time, having just returned from his eighth Paralympic Games.

Debuting in Seoul in 1988, the talented field athlete has won six gold, two silver and three bronze medals spread across discus, shot put and javelin – this in addition to four gold and three silver medals at World Championship level.

Russell, who has macular degeneration, was given the honour of carrying the Australian flag during the Opening Ceremony of the 2008 Games in Beijing. Placing sixth in shot put, these Games were the first that he missed the dais in 20 years, before returning four years later in London with bronze.

Off the track, **Russell** is equally determined to make waves. He once walked the Kokoda Trail as the subject of a documentary, and paddled 400km from Australia to New Guinea across the Torres Strait.

Originally hailing from Poowong in country Victoria, the Glen Huntly local loves to return home to his five acre property whenever possible, often taking his kids and dog out camping to indulge in some quality relaxation time.

The first athlete with a disability to be accepted into the Australian Institute of Sport, **Russell** was awarded an OAM in 1993 for his dual gold medal haul at the Barcelona 1992 Paralympic Games.



Alexander Hepburn Stone (1905-1996) (Previous family historian)

(Lineage of **Thomas & Ann Stone** (nee Withers); **Alfred & Sophia Stone** (nee Broadway); **Alfred Withers & Margaret Stone** (nee Hepburn).

- Born: 17th Oct 1905, Woodstock West, Victoria

Marriage (1): Alexander married **Mary Henrietta Sanders**, daughter of John Thomas Sanders and Alice Louisa Valentine, on 7 June 1930 in St Paul, Bendigo, Victoria. (Mary Henrietta Sanders was born on 16 June 1908 in Bendigo, Victoria and died on **22nd Aug. 1956** in Bendigo, Victoria.)

Their children were: **Rev. Alexander Edward Hepburn Stone** (1936) - our current family historian, who continued the work of his father; also Janice Elizabeth Hepburn Stone (1941), & Peter John Hepburn Stone (1943).

20 years after the passing of his first wife Mary, Alexander Hepburn Stone **married Nancy Alison Pickles** on 28 Dec. 1976 in St Paul, Bendigo, Victoria.

Nancy died on 14 July 1996, and was buried at Bendigo, Victoria at age of 90.

Nancy Alison Pickles was of the lineage of **Thomas & Ann Stone** (nee Withers); **Joseph & Margaret Stone** (nee Foster); **Thomas & Margaret Alford** (nee Stone); **Joseph & Ella May Pickles** (nee Alford).

Alex and Nancy were a formidable team, co-authoring "**Effloresco**" (**We Flourish**), A History of The Stone Family (Vol. 1 & 2) and further advancing the Stone Family History.

(Photo-right) Alexander (Alex Sr) and Nancy Stone (nee Pickles) a descendant of **Joseph & Margaret Stone** taken in the living room of their home in Brodie Street, Bendigo.

