

Thomas & Ann Stone

"Descendants"

Reunion 200 (1819-2019)

Hobart-Tasmania 11th-13th October 2019

"Countdown - 175 Days remaining"

Remembering Baby James Stone



- Born: 26 Sept. 1828, Hobart, Tasmania
- Died: 14th Nov. 1828, Hobart, Tasmania

As we have been going through the children of Thomas & Ann, it is only respectful that we consider their 6week old child that died on 14th Nov. 1828 in Hobart.

It is most painful for parents to bury their babies and children, as in the natural course of life, children would bury their parents and not parents bury their children. Ann was the first mother in the Thomas & Ann lineage in Australia to experience the loss of a baby conceived in her womb and born. Likewise, Thomas the first of our forefathers in Australia to have experienced the joy, then pain.

The burial record of baby James Stone is as follows:

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Burials in the Parish of Hobart Town. in the County of Buckingham.						
in the Year 1828.						
Name.	Abode.	When Buried.	Age.	Ship's Name.	Quality or Profession.	By Whom the Ceremony was Performed.
No. 485. James Stone	Hobart Town	14 November	6 weeks		Schoolmaster's Child	Wm Bessford

The above record indicates that in 1828, the town of Hobart, Tasmania was in the County of Buckingham. Until we have evidence, we are not sure where James Stone aged 6 weeks was buried on 14 November. St. John's Church at 14 St. John's Street, New Town opened on 20 December 1835, and on the site was a Cemetery until 1870. Children from the orphans schools were buried there, also parish residents of New Town. The gravestones were cleared in the 1960s, and many taken to Cornelian Bay, but they do not have a record of a James Stone. The St. John's Church is also where Thomas & Ann were in charge of the "Orphanage" 1831-1836 and where we have a Service scheduled for Reunion 200 on Sunday 13th October at 9:30am.

All the 10 children of Thomas & Ann were born in Hobart.

Due to having been at sea for 4months of her 5 month pregnancy, enduring incredibly harsh conditions, Ann declared to Thomas that for the sake of her health and the health of the baby (Emma) in the womb, she did not want to endure the sailing conditions between Hobart & Sydney. There is no doubting that Thomas would have agreed entirely, having done his best to keep Ann comfortable during the voyage on the "David Shaw" from Portsmouth (England) to Hobart (Australia).

As we respectfully remember baby James, the following looks at the 4 older siblings (Emma, Ann, Thomas & Joseph) of baby James who would have doted (showed extreme fondness & kindness) over him and his 4 younger siblings (Edward (Ned), William, Alfred Henry, Lucy Susannah & Matilda Sarah) who never had the opportunity to meet their brother.

1. Emma was **8 Years & 9 Months old** when her younger brother James died.
2. Ann was **5 Years, 11 Months, 1 Week, 1 Day old** when her younger brother James died.
3. Thomas was **4 Years, 3 Months & 3 Weeks old** when his younger brother James died.
4. Joseph was **2 Years & 1 Month old** when his younger brother James died.
5. **Baby James was born in Hobart on 26 Sept. 1828 & died 6 weeks later on 14th Nov. 1828.**
6. Edward (Ned) was born **1 Year, 5 Months & 3 Days** after baby James was born.
7. William was born **3 Years, 5 Months & 9 Days** after baby James was born.
8. Alfred Henry was born **5 Years, 4 Months & 2 Days** after baby James was born.
9. Lucy Susannah Stone was born **7 Years, 5 Months & 28 Days** after baby James was born.
10. Matilda Sarah Stone was born **10 Years, 3 Months & 15 Days** after baby James was born.

Due to the Christian beliefs of Thomas & Ann, and their adherence to God's Word in the King James Bible (photo on right) that was used in the Churches they fellowshipped in, they understood that the soul/spirit of the **6 week old child** that they buried was safe in heaven.



When King David's son to Bathsheba was dying, David fasted & prayed, but when the child had died, David then arose and ate. *"But now he is dead, wherefore should I fast? can I bring him back again? I shall go to him, but he shall not return to me."* (**2 Sam. 12:23**).

In this verse, King David expressed his firm belief in immortality as his child was with God, having crossed from this life to the next, and David knew that someday he would die and see his child again.

Many conservative scholars believe that **all children who die** under the age of understanding, will be in Heaven. This applies also to those who for whatever reason have been mentally impaired.

Charles Haddon Spurgeon on September 29th, 1861 preached the following:

"Let every mother and father know assuredly that it is well with the child, if God has taken it away from you in its infant days. You never heard its declaration of faith; it was not capable of such a thing. It was never baptised into Lord Jesus Christ. It was not capable of giving that 'answer of a good conscience towards God'; nevertheless, you may rest assured that it is **well** with the child, **well** in a higher and a better sense than it is 'well' with yourselves. The child is well without limitation, without exception, infinitely and eternally."

Thomas & Ann believed in the birth of Jesus Christ who was born in Bethlehem (**cf. Isaiah 7:14; Micah 5:2; Luke 2:1-20**). They also believed in the crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus Christ and that all who believe in Jesus Christ (**Romans 10:9, 10**) will likewise rise in Jesus Christ (**1 Corinthians 15:12-20**).

This gave them the assurance that they would see their beloved son James again in Heaven. Many conservative scholars believe that all in heaven having their glorified body will be of a similar age, and that is the age of 33+ years, the age of the resurrected Jesus Christ. Therefore, 6 week old James Stone will not be an infant anymore, but will be the age of Jesus Christ and we will all know one another.

Methuselah will not be 969 years of age (**Gen. 5:26, 27**), but likewise according to conservative scholars, all will be the same age.

The Faith of Thomas Stone

On page 75, 78, 79-80, 81, of "EFFLORESCO" Vol. 1, when Thomas wrote from the farm Horfield to Alfred, he encouraged him in the Lord. Ann passed away on 24th April 1856 (aged 57), therefore these letters were written by Thomas as a widower. In pages 88-89, Thomas jnr also wrote to brother Alfred from Horfield.

Horfield, Green Ponds, 8th Octr. 1859

My Dear Alfred, I received yours of the 5th September and also one from Edward of the 16th informing us of Christy's safe delivery and welfare both of Mother and daughter, for which **God make us all thankful...**

I subscribe myself Dear Alfred, Your **Affectionate Father**, Thos. Stone.

HORFIELD, GREEN PONDS 30th March, 1860

Dear Alfred, It was with much pleasure I read, your letter acquainting me of your Marriage; it is a great satisfaction to me, and I trust **God's blessing** may attend your future life. I am happy to find it is your intention to regularly attend a place of worship, you may depend upon it, the more you **serve God**, the greater will be your happiness both **here and hereafter**.

...when I last wrote him I was very ill indeed, but **thank God** I have rallied again...

Lucy unites with me in sending our loves to Ned & Christy, to Ryland and your Aunt and accept the same yourselves and believe me. Your **Affectionate father** Thos Stone

HORFIELD, GREEN PONDS, 25th June, 1860

My Dear Alfred, Your letter of 20th April came safe to hand... I am happy to hear of your comfort and prosperity, and desire my kindest regard to my new daughter in law your dear Sophia, and sincerely hope that **Gods blessing** may attend you through life...

I must now conclude and **begging Gods blessing on you all**,

I subscribe myself, Your **affectionate Father**, Thos STONE

HORFIELD, 18th June, 1861

Dear Alfred, ...I am also happy to hear that you regularly attend the **worship of God**, and never neglect doing so, giving him praise & thanksgiving for all his mercies, as all your happiness is in his Almighty hands... **May God bless** and prosper you and believe me Dear Alfred,

Your **Affectionate father**, Thos STONE (Thomas died 27th Nov. 1862 @ 66 years of age)

The Faith of Thomas Stone Jnr

Horfield, 16th July, 1889

Dear Alf, ...I also received a letter from our Sister Ann..

(Thomas quoted **Ecclesiastes 12:5**) **...God has...** laid His commands on us telling us that for all our evil deeds we will be brought into Judgment. Let us therefore strive to be ready for **we know not the day nor the hour that the Son of man cometh**.

Give my love to all Brothers & sisters and all the younger folks

And accept the same from **Your Affect Brother**. Thos STONE (Thomas junior also expressed his belief in the Second Coming of Jesus Christ).