

Thomas & Ann Stone
"Descendants"
Reunion 200 (1819-2019)
Hobart-Tasmania 11th-13th October 2019
"Countdown - 71 Days remaining"

50 Years Ago
"At Laanecoorie –Saturday 11th October 1969"



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The Stone Family Gathering — 11 October 1969



(An excerpt from "Effloresco" (We Flourish) A History Of The Stone Family (In Victoria), Volume 1. by Alex. H. Stone and Nancy A. Stone in photo on right)

Family historian **Alexander Hepburn Stone** (1905-1996) was the father of Rev. **Rev. Alexander Edward Hepburn Stone**, *Stone Family Historian & Webmaster of <http://stonefamilytasmania.com>*



Alex. H. Stone and **Nancy A. Stone** said, "Before launching into the History, it would be appropriate to record that, in response to **MARGARET M. STONE'S** invitation, a great gathering of some 500 people

from the various branches of the family, was held at the **Laanecoorie** Mechanics' Institute on Saturday 11th October 1969, exactly 150 years after the first STONES landed in Australia.

As well as from Victoria, members of the "Clan" came from all States; Name tags in various colours were issued to indicate to which branch of the family any person belonged. It was interesting to note that some people wore name tags showing two different colours.

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The oldest member present was **MRS. ELLA MAY PICKLES** who turned 85 years eleven days afterwards; while the youngest was two-months-old **LESLEY CORNISH**.

Plaque In St John's Church Of England — New Town Hobart.

As a follow-up to the above gathering arrangements were made to place a plaque in the above church to honour the memory of **THOMAS** and **ANN**. It was unveiled by the **Tasmanian Minister for Education**, (Mr. **MATHER**), on Sunday 2 November 1969, in the presence of Victorian and Tasmanian descendants.

The wording of the plaque appears on the following page.

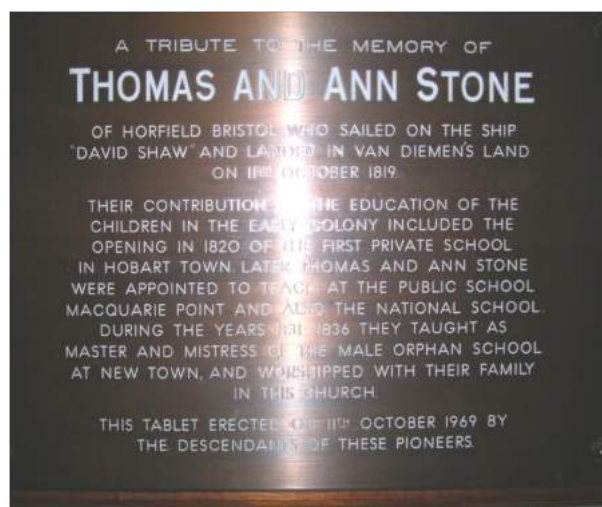
A TRIBUTE TO THE MEMORY OF THOMAS AND ANN STONE

OF HORFIELD BRISTOL, WHO SAILED IN THE SHIP
"DAVID SHAW" AND LANDED IN VAN DIEMAN'S
LAND ON 11TH OCTOBER, 1819.

THEIR CONTRIBUTION TO THE EDUCATION OF THE CHILDREN IN THE
EARLY COLONY INCLUDED THE OPENING IN 1820 OF THE FIRST PRIVATE
SCHOOL IN HOBART TOWN. LATER THOMAS AND ANN STONE WERE
APPOINTED TO TEACH AT THE PUBLIC SCHOOL MACQUARIE POINT AND
ALSO THE NATIONAL SCHOOL.

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THIS TABLET ERECTED ON 11TH OCTOBER, 1969, BY THE DESCENDANTS
OF THESE PIONEERS.



A special Order of Service was printed for the occasion.



The Orphan School was the first purpose built institution for accommodating children in Van Diemen's Land. Before the Orphan School opened in 1833, boys were housed in a disused distillery in New Town, and some girls placed in a private home in Davey Street, Hobart. (The orphanage closed in 1879).

The Orphan School, designed by John Lee Archer, was situated in St John's Avenue, New Town. The parish church of St John's stood between the buildings for boys and for girls. In *God's own country*, Boyce describes this as a 'parish partnership' between the Church and government with the church designed specifically for the needs of the Asylum, convicts and free settlers. The children sat in one gallery and the convicts in the other with the settlers in the main body. Barriers and separate entrances prevented the children from seeing the convicts. Church of England clergy dominated the committee that managed the Asylum. (www.findandconnect.gov.au)

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