

The Red Lion and the Crumps.....

My Great Great Grandfather (Thomas Crump) emigrated to Australia with his family in 1850. His father (John and, after his death in 1855, wife Elizabeth) were publicans of the Lion (aka Red Lion) Inn, Kingsland for many years. I have traced this inn in Kingsland through online historical directories from 1835 when the publican was John Crump, through various innkeepers (Elizabeth Crump 1856, John Bray 1868, William Reece 1876, James Reece 1890 and Elizabeth Evans 1913) but can find no information about what happened to it. Hopefully one of your readers may be able to shed some light on it for me. I can be contacted by email at [garyladiges@optushome.com.au](mailto:garyladiges@optushome.com.au) or by ordinary mail at Gary Ladiges, 62 Lincoln Rd, Croydon, Vic, 3136, Australia.

For those of your readers who may be interested in Thomas Crump's story he was born in Kingsland about 1819 to John Crump (of Brampton Bryan) and Elizabeth (nee Wollaston), the daughter of an innkeeper from Leintwardine.

The 1841 census shows Thomas and his brother John living with the local blacksmith Thomas Caldicourt and his wife Sarah. Also as part of the household were Thomas Caldicourt's widowed daughter Sarah Harper and her daughter Eliza. On 23 Jan 1842 Thomas married Sarah Harper (13 years his senior) and they set about raising their family. In 1846 one of their sons Thomas Caldicourt Crump died aged 2.

On the 21 May 1850 Thomas and Sarah and their 4 surviving children (Edwin (my Great Grandfather), Angelina, Isaac and Amelia) and step daughter Eliza Crump (Harper) set sail for Port Phillip (Melbourne) aboard the Bernicia.

When the Bernicia arrived in Port Adelaide on 8 Sep 1850 the Crump family disembarked, never rejoining the ship but rather setting up base in Prospect Village (now the northern Adelaide suburb of Prospect).

A little over 8 months after arriving in Australia Thomas's wife Sarah died (4 May 1851), 2 days later his 7 year old daughter Angelina also died. The cause of their deaths is not known.

Following these tragedies it appears that Eliza left stepfather Thomas to fend for herself - whether voluntary or otherwise is not known. Her short life came to an end on 10 Sep 1853 when she died in the Destitute Asylum, Adelaide aged just 16.

By 1856 Thomas had made the move to Victoria and was living in Richmond (an inner suburb of Melbourne). In 1860 he married Margaret Murphy with whom he had 3 more children.

Thomas worked as a blacksmith all his life until his death in Richmond in 1906 aged 87.

Whilst Thomas's story ended in Australia it started in the Red Lion in Kingsland.

Any information about the Red Lion or anything else in this article your readers may have would be much appreciated.

Warmest regards from Aus

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