

The Hoad Family Report

John Gray Hoad was born in 1793 in Offham, Kent, south-east of London. In his early working life, John was a humble farm labourer. However, by the age of 48, he owned a 5 acre farm and was a hops dealer. He later became very prosperous and lived in the very substantial Hoad House. At the age of 29, he married Rebecca Emma Poole, aged 22. Four years later, Emma gave birth to their second son **John Poole Hoad** (10th February, 1828), who was the third of nine children.

In 1848 John Poole Hoad, at the age of 20, migrated to Australia on the 'Fairlie' with his brother, Mark. John and Mark initially settled in Sofala, NSW. They then moved north to the NSW farming district of the Hunter Valley.

John Poole Hoad married Caroline Wilks in 1856 in St James Church, Morpeth. He was 28 years old and she was only 15! In 1872, at the age of 32, Caroline gave birth to **Frederick James Hoad** at Largs. Frederick was the 8th of 14 children.

Frederick married Louisa Ennis at West Maitland in 1896. He was 24 years old and Louisa was 23. Frederick and Louisa moved to Kurri Kurri and Frederick became a Lampman in the mines.

Louisa gave birth to **Arthur Hoad** at East Maitland in 1897. Arthur was the 2nd of three boys. He also worked in the mines around Kurri Kurri. In 1919, at the age of 22, Arthur married Elsie May Reddy, 18 in the Church of England and settled in the village of Heddon Greta on the outskirts of Kurri Kurri.