

# Helen Band THOMSON 1855 - 1924

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## Robert THOMSON

This paragraph is rather short because I cannot find a definitive date of birth or death for Robert, or for his wife Jane BOWMAN. I do have a record of this marriage, in 1850, to Jane, in Dundee, Scotland. I cannot find evidence of their arrival in South Australia, but they were here for the birth of their first child in 1854.

This map of eastern Scotland shows Dundee relative to Edinburgh, marked 1.



## Helen Band THOMSON b1855

Helen was born in 1855, in Port Adelaide, the second child of Robert and Jane. She married Herbert KEIGHTLEY in 1877, in Napperby, near Port Pirie. The family then moved around country South Australia, as Herbert operated various businesses. On one notable occasion, in 1878 at Napperby, a fire started next to their general store that burnt their building and two adjoining houses. A few hours later, embers ignited the nearby hotel, also destroying that building. They soon moved to Western Australia and operated a farm East of Perth and near Kalgoorlie. That failed due to several seasons of rust infestations. They retired to Perth, and there is a Keightley Road in Subiaco named after them. Some of the children came back to Adelaide as adults, but Helen died in Perth in 1924. Herbert died in Perth in 1934.

Herbert and Helen KEIGHTLEY, with one of their daughters, either Edna or Muriel. The photo came from Edna's daughter, so it is probably Edna.



The story continues in the KEIGHTLEY narrative.

You can read the KEIGHTLEY narrative here:

<https://jansquire.com/tng/showmedia.php?mediaID=79&medialinkID=79>

# Facebook Summary

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# Helen Band THOMSON

♀ 1855 - 1924 (68 years)

## Generation: 1

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1. Helen Band THOMSON was born on 2 Jun 1855 in Port Adelaide, South Australia, Australia (daughter of Robert THOMSON and Jane BOWMAN); died on 17 May 1924 in Pingelly, Western Australia, Australia.

Helen married Herbert KEIGHTLEY on 7 Jan 1877 in Napperby, South Australia, Australia, and was divorced in N. Herbert (son of Samuel KEIGHTLEY and Eliza Wilson STEWART) was born in 1850 in Nottingham, England; died on 5 Jun 1934 in South Perth, Western Australia, Australia. [[Group Sheet](#)] [[Family Chart](#)]

Children:

- i. Frederick William Howard KEIGHTLEY was born on 3 Jul 1878 in Warnertown, South Australia, Australia; died on 18 Feb 1958 in Western Australia, Australia.
- ii. William Hamilton Robert KEIGHTLEY was born on 12 Sep 1880 in Warnertown, South Australia, Australia; died on 1 Jun 1959 in Portrush Road, Toorak Gardens, South Australia, Australia; was buried on 3 Jun 1959 in Centennial Park, Pasadena, South Australia, Australia.
- iii. Herbert Clair KEIGHTLEY was born on 20 Nov 1882 in Quorn, South Australia, Australia; died on 16 Nov 1960 in OG Road, Felixstow, South Australia, Australia; was buried on 17 Nov 1960 in Centennial Park Cemetery, South Australia, Australia.
- iv. Douglas Stewart KEIGHTLEY was born on 9 Aug 1884 in Exeter, South Australia, Australia; died on 1 Nov 1950 in Angaston, South Australia, Australia; was buried on 2 Nov 1950 in Cemetery, Angaston, South Australia, Australia.
- v. Muriel Goldney KEIGHTLEY was born on 17 Mar 1887 in O'Connell Street, North Adelaide, South Australia, Australia; died on 8 Feb 1888 in North Adelaide, South Australia, Australia.
- vi. Edna Merle KEIGHTLEY was born on 27 Jan 1889 in O'Connell Street, North Adelaide, South Australia, Australia; died on 2 Dec 1951 in Western Australia, Australia.
- vii. Stanley Roy KEIGHTLEY was born on 20 Mar 1891 in Blanche Terrace, Moonta, South Australia, Australia; died on 13 Jun 1957 in Western Australia, Australia.

## Generation: 2

2. Robert THOMSON

Robert married Jane BOWMAN on 31 Dec 1850 in Dundee, Angus, Scotland.. [[Group Sheet](#)] [[Family Chart](#)]

3. Jane BOWMAN

Children:

- i. Isabella THOMSON was born on 10 Mar 1854 in Adelaide, South Australia, Australia.
- ii. 1. Helen Band THOMSON was born on 2 Jun 1855 in Port Adelaide, South Australia, Australia; died on 17 May 1924 in Pingelly, Western Australia, Australia.
- iii. Robert William THOMSON was born on 19 Jun 1857 in Port Adelaide, South Australia, Australia.
- iv. Jessie Matilda THOMSON was born on 30 Oct 1859 in Port Adelaide, South Australia, Australia.

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