

SMITHFIELD HONOUR ROLL

CHIVELL, Cromwell

The Chivell's came to live in the Peachey Belt area early in the colony's history. Joseph senior and junior arrived in South Australia in 1840 on the "Java". Joseph senior resided at Peachy Belt. He married Ann Bennie, (born 1806, died 1880). Joseph junior a shoemaker and farmer resided at Unley, Peachy Belt and Burton. He married Jane Maria White on 16th January 1845 in Adelaide.



William Henry was born on 22nd March 1864 at Peachy Belt to Joseph and Jane Maria White, one of ten children. William Henry married Alice Harrison on 13th February 1894 in Adelaide, and had three children;

1. Geina Rose 11 November 1895 at Peachey Belt
2. Cromwell 27th November 1897 at Penfield
3. Dorothy Dellarine 23 April 1905 at Rose Park.

Cromwell was a student at Smithfield Public School and attended Adelaide High School.

Cromwell was 17 years old when WWI began. Then too young to join, he waited until he was 18 and a half the following year to enlist. His profession was recorded as clerk. He had been a member of the Senior Cadets of 80th Battalion. He was 5ft. 7ins, blue eyes, with light brown hair. He joined "B" Company 2nd Battalion A.I.F. and he went to signalling school from 1 January to 15 February 1916 and then to the 6th Division Signalling Company.

He embarked on the "Shropshire" from Freemantle on 25 March 1916 and disembarked at Suez. He spent eight months in Egypt and was then transferred to England before making his way to France with the 27th Battalion 11th Reinforcement. After six months at the front he became ill with trench fever and was sent to the London General. Upon his recuperation he tested as a wireless operator before re-joining his battalion in Belgium. He remained here until the end of the war. After a month in the UK on leave he set sail on the "Ypiringa" for Australia arriving on 2 July 1919. He was discharged a month later.

Cromwell married 20 year old Jean Davis Swan on 6th April 1921 at St Cuthbert's Church Prospect. They had two children Marion Grace, born 9 July 1922, and Robert Cromwell born 2 April 1924. He returned to being a Clerk and resided in Prospect.

Cromwell died 9 September 1958 in South Australia.

His name appears on the Smithfield War Memorial and the Prospect RSL Honour Board.

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