

## CHILD of Thomas & Mary TAPLEY

### 1551B HANNAH TAPLEY (1837 - 1912)

Hannah TAPLEY was the tenth and last child of the family. She was born on 25 August 1837, in Rotterdam, Holland, and was baptised there on 27 August 1837. Her father was Thomas TAPLEY (1789 - 1856), a Baker of Rotterdam, and her mother was Mary TAPLEY, nee MORFORD (1791 - 1867).<sup>1</sup>

Shortly after her birth, the Tapley family moved back to England, as a year later, when Hannah was only a year old, the family emigrated from London to South Australia. They arrived on the ship RAJASTHAN on 16 November 1838, and shortly afterwards settled in the area that became known as Tapley's Hill.<sup>2</sup>

It is possible that Hannah was known to the family as Annie, as in 1841, Hannah, aged 4 years, was listed in the Census of that year, as Anna, under 7 Years, living with the family in district B.<sup>3</sup>

Hannah grew up at Tapley's Hill, and on 28 September 1854, she was a witness at the marriage of her brother John TAPLEY to Hannah SHARPE, at Christ Church (Anglican), O'Halloran Hill, South Australia.<sup>4</sup>

The following year, Hannah was a witness at the marriage of her sister, Margaret Ann TAPLEY to Christian SAUERBIER, held on 11 July 1855 at Trinity Church in Adelaide.<sup>5</sup>

Hannah appears to have remained living with her mother at 34 South Terrace, Adelaide, after the death of her father (of a stroke) in 1856.

Hannah, of Adelaide, married at the age of 29 years, on 17 April 1866, to John (Johannes) SAUERBIER, aged 45 years, of Bay Road. The marriage took place in the St Mary's Anglican Church, on South Road, St Marys. The officiating Minister was W. Durres (?) WILLIAMS, and witnesses to the marriage were John TAPLEY (her brother), a sheepfarmer of Myponga, and Richard TAPLEY (her uncle), a Shipping agent of Caversham, Port Road. It is interesting to note that on the Marriage Certificate, the Minister had written Annie TAPLEY in two places, and later crossed the Annie out and wrote Hannah in place of it, and initialled it.<sup>6</sup>

John SAUERBIER was at this time a widower, and was the brother of Christian SAUERBIER, who married Hannah's sister Margaret in 1855. John was a wealthy man, and had recently lived in Auckland, New Zealand.<sup>7</sup>

Presumably, they lived initially at Bay Road, but were living at Lower Mitcham in 1882, when on 16 September 1882, her husband John died of Heart failure.<sup>8</sup>

John and Hannah had no children of their marriage.

By 1897, Hannah was living at Wattle Street, New Parkside.<sup>9</sup>

Apparently Hannah's eldest sister, Kitty, who had never married, also lived at the same address, as she was living there when she died in May 1903.<sup>10</sup>

Hannah SAUERBIER, nee TAPLEY, died at the age of 76 years, on 2 September 1912 at Wattle Street, New Parkside. The cause of death was listed as Carcinoma Uteri Asthenia. She was described on the Death Certificate as the widow of John SAUERBIER, Gentleman.<sup>11</sup>

Both Hannah and her Husband John are buried in the family plot in West Terrace Cemetery and are mentioned on the Gravestone.<sup>12</sup>

Hannah was still quite wealthy at the time of her death, and left substantial amounts of money to many of her nieces and nephews, both in South Australia and in New Zealand.<sup>13</sup>

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6. Marriage Certificate of Hannah TAPLEY to John SAUERBIER
7. See life of John SAUERBIER
8. Death certificate of John SAUERBIER
9. SA Post Office Directory 1897/98
10. Death certificate of Kitty TAPLEY.
11. Death certificate of Hannah SAUERBIER
12. Grave Stone Inscription.

13. List of Residuary Legatees: Will of Hannah SAUERBIER- 19 August 1912.

## REFERENCES FOR HANNAH TAPLEY

### MARRIAGE CERTIFICATE

No. ....	of 1866	District of Adelaide
When Married.....	17 April 1866	
Names.....	John SAUERBIER	Hannah TAPLEY
Age.....	Above 21	Above 21
Trade .....	-----	-----
Res. at Time of Marriage...	Bay Road	Adelaide
Father's Name.....	Gerhard SAUERBIER	Thomas TAPLEY
Place solemnised.....	St Mary's Church, South Road	
Officiating Minister.....	W. Durres WILLIAMS	
Witnesses.....	John TAPLEY Sheep Farmer Myponga	Richd TAPLEY Shipping Agent Caversham, Port Road

NOTE: Hannah's name was entered twice as Annie TAPLEY, but crossed out and Hannah inserted, and initialled by the Minister.

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### DEATH CERTIFICATE

1912 District of ADELAIDE

When Died.....	2 September 1912
Name.....	Hannah SAUERBIER
Sex & Age.....	Female, 76 years
Rank.....	Widow of John SAUERBIER, Gentleman
Usual Residence.....	New Parkside
Birthplace.....	Town not known, Holland
Length Res in C/wealth .....	74 years
Age at Marriage.....	30 years
Issue.....Living ..	- M - F      Deceased.. - M - F
Cause of Death.....	Carcinoma Uteri Asthenia
Place of Death.....	Wattle Street, New Parkside
Informant.....	T.G.DAVI.... , Undertaker's Clerk, Rose Park
Registrar.....	Max H. Wilson 4 September 1912.

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**RESIDUARY LEGATEES; WILL OF HANNAH SAUERBIER - 19 Aug 1912.**

<b>Name of Legatee</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Signature</b>	<b>Witness</b>
James Malcolm Sharpe	33.5.0	Arthur E. Bell	
Arnold Vivian Tapley Sharpe	33.5.0	Arthur E. Bell	
John James Tapley	133.0.0		
Violet Mary Gardner	19.2.3	D. Thomson	
Olive Ann Gardner	19.2.3	D. Thomson	
Henry Morford Gardner	19.2.3	L. Giles	
Charles William Gardner	19.2.3	M.A. Embling	
Florence Victoria Gardner	19.2.2	D. Thomson	
Dora Celia Gardner	19.2.2	H. Gowling	
Ida Daisy Gardner	19.2.2	D. Thomson	
Hannah Hancock	266.5.5	Gladys Hancock	
William H. Wood	44.11.9	H.W. Palmer	
Gresley H. Wood	44.11.9	H.W. Palmer	
Evelyn G. Wood	44.11.9	H.W. Palmer	
Ruby M. Catley	44.11.9	W.H. Wood	
Sylvia M. Wood	44.11.9	T. Ward	
Florence A. McGilp	133.-.	)	
Mary F. White	133.-.	) Margaret L. Tapley	
Gladys Annie Selma Wood	46.7.5	Helen Wood	
Hannah E. Puckridge	133.-.	S.E. Doudle	
Lucy J. Puckridge	133.-.	H.M. Doudle	
J. E. Anthony	266.5.6	?L.Anthony	
S. Ashwin	266.5.6		
O.S.Mustard	266.5.6	W. McV. Gault	
M.J. Chambers	525.0.2		
A. McEachern	525.0.1	I. McEachern	
Mary Ellen Hall	133.15.4	M.L.Sauerbier	
Alfred Morford Tapley	133.15.4	E.M. Tapley	
Alice Gardner	133.15.4	)	
Edith Somerville	133.15.4	) M. Somerville	
Annie M. Tapley	133.15.4	E. Somerville	
M.L.Brice	263.2.8	E.M. McKittrick	
Emilie McKittrick	263.2.8	M.A.Brice	
Alfred Schramm	263.2.8	H.Dale	
Johannes Frederick Schramm	263.2.4	J.W.King	
John James Sauerbier	430.17.0	K. Sauerbier	
G. Sauerbier	400.3.7	Tarndell	
C. Sauerbier	353.7.0		
Richard H. Tapley	1039.3.1		
Richard James Tapley	133.15.4	L. Sauerbier	
Thomas Richard Tapley	266.5.6	H. Cole	
Susannah Ashwin	266.5.6	- Ashwin	
Mrs A.E. Bell	33.5.0	James H. Sharpe	
Leslie Allan Sharpe	33.5.0		
James Hill Sharpe	266.5.6	Fred Price	
Richard John Sharpe	266.5.5	Fred Price	
Thomas Tapley	133.0.0	L.Sauerbier	

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## SPOUSE OF HANNAH TAPLEY

### JOHN (Johannes) SAUERBIER (1821-1882)

Johannes SAUERBIER was born in Butzbach, Hesse, Darmstadt, in Germany in 1821. His father was Gerhard SAUERBIER.<sup>1</sup>

The family appears to have resided in London for a time, according to his letter of application for naturalisation written by him in 1853.<sup>2</sup>

Johannes (John, as he became known) and his brother Christian, both emigrated in January 1840 to Sydney, New South Wales, where they both became bakers.<sup>3</sup>

On 29 July 1848, John Sauerbier, Baker, bachelor of George Street, Sydney (Protestant), married a widow, Dorate (Margaretha Dorothea Elizabeth) DEBUS, also of George Street, Sydney in the Baptist Chapel in Bathurst Street, Sydney. Witnesses to the marriage were Henry DENT, book-keeper of Darlinghurst, and Jos. LEBURN (LEBRUN?), of George Street, Sydney. The minister was John HAM.<sup>4</sup>

Dorate had two children of her first marriage, Henry and Anna Maria DEBUS, whom John apparently accepted as family. Dorate and John did not have any children of their marriage.

On 9 September 1848, John and his new family emigrated to Auckland, New Zealand on the ship MAUKIN.<sup>5</sup>

He established himself in Queen Street, Auckland as a Baker, in the premises formerly occupied by J. WESTWOOD. By 18 November 1848, he had set himself up as Bread and Biscuit Baker & wholesale importer of flour.<sup>6</sup>

In May of 1849, the bridge leading to his shop got washed away in a storm and had to be replaced.

In June 1851, he lowered the price of bread, which was reported in the local press.<sup>7</sup>

He applied for Naturalisation in New Zealand on 18 October 1853, stating that while he was a native of Germany, he had resided in London for many years, and afterwards in Sydney, and since September 1848 had resided in Auckland.. He asked for the naturalisation to be back-dated to 1 January 1849. This was granted by the Governor, Sir George Grey on 14 September 1854.<sup>8</sup>

John was later in business in Princes Street, Auckland where he built a two-story block of shops nearly opposite the Northern Club. During his time in Auckland, John was able as was recorded in his obituary -"owing to strict integrity and good business habits he amassed a considerable competence."<sup>9</sup>

He was for many years a member of the Wellesley Street, Baptist Church.

On 27 September 1855, his step-daughter, Anna Maria DEBUS, aged 24 years, married Charles Anabaldi, 29 years, an optician, at Bishop's Chapel, Auckland. The marriage was conducted by Bishop Pompallier, the Roman Catholic Bishop of Auckland.<sup>10</sup>

John and Dorate later retired to Remuera, an inner Auckland Suburb just east of the city, and Dorate apparently contracted Cancer of the Stomach.. Dorothea SAUERBIER died of Cancer on 19 October 1862 at Remuera, at the age of 49 years. John was listed as a Baker on the Death Certificate.<sup>11</sup>

John returned to Germany to visit some of his relatives there soon afterwards, and after his return, he moved from New Zealand to Adelaide, where his brother Christian was living. He was established there and living at Bay Road by 1865.<sup>12</sup>

On 17 April 1866, John SAUERBIER, married Hannah TAPLEY of Adelaide, at the St Mary's Church, South Road. Witnesses to the marriage were John TAPLEY, sheep Farmer of Myponga, and Richard TAPLEY, shipping agent of Port Road, Caversham, South Australia. The minister was W. D. WILLIAMS.<sup>13</sup>

They were to have no children of this marriage.

In 1869, John became naturalised as an Australian citizen, and stated he had been living in South Australia for 4 years.<sup>14</sup>

John and Hannah established their home at Lower Mitcham, and John continued his association with the Baptist Church, and was Treasurer of the Flinders Street Baptist Church, Adelaide for many years, and a member of the committee of the Baptist Association and the South Australian Baptist Missionary Society.<sup>15</sup>

John SAUERBIER, died at the age of 61 Years, on 16 September 1882, at Lower Mitcham of Heart Degeneration and Dropsy. His occupation was described as Gentleman, and the death was informed by Arthur SELWAY, a Clerk, of Stepney, and registered by Jonah WITCOMBE, of Adelaide.<sup>16</sup>

John was buried in the TAPLEY Family plot at West Terrace, Adelaide.<sup>17</sup>

John left numerous legacies to various institutions, among them being 500 ponds to the Wellesley St Baptist Church, Auckland, and a similar amount to the St Stephen's Orphan's Home, in New Zealand. In South Australia, he left 500 pounds to the South Australian Baptist Association Building fund, 100 pounds to the South Australian Baptist Missionary Society, 100 pounds to the Flinders Street Baptist Church, and 100 pounds each to the Adelaide Hospital, the Children's Hospital, the Blind, Deaf and Dumb Asylum, and to the Home for Incurables.<sup>18</sup>

He was survived by his wife Hannah.

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7. New Zealander 5 May 1849, and June 18th 1851
8. Application for Naturalisation and Subsequent Grant of Same.
9. From Obituary.
10. Marriage Certificate of Anna Maria DEBUS
11. Death Certificate of Dorothea SAUERBIER
12. Obituary, and Marriage Certificate
13. Marriage Certificate of John SAUERBIER to Hannah TAPLEY
14. Info from Adrienne Walkington.
15. Obituary Notice
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**SAUERBIER, John**

b. c1821

d. 16.9.1882                    bd. WTC

m. Apr 1866, St Marys, SA

Hannah nee TAPLEY

par. Thos and Mary nee MORFORD

b. 27.8.1837 Rotterdam, Holland

d. 2.9.1912 Parkside, SA

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**West Terrace Cemetery Grave Stone Inscription**

WTC - General Section Rd Area 1-2 Row 23-W

(On TAPLEY Grave)

JOHN SAUERBIER

Died 16 Sept 1882 Aged 61

HANNAH

Died 2 Sept 1912 Age 75

wife of above

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**Marriage Certificate to Dorate Debus**

MARRIAGES Number 21 Vol:89

Which states in part-

I, John Ham of Bathurst Street Sydney, Minister of the Baptist Church, do hereby certify that John Sauerbier, Baker, Bachelor of George St., Sydney and Dorate Debus, Widow of George St., Sydney were joined in wedlock by me, on the 29th day of July 1848, at the Baptist Chapel, Bathurst Street in presence of Henry Dent, Bookkeeper, Darlinghurst and Joseph LeBurn, George St.

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**Extracts from the NEW ZEALANDER**

9 Sep 1848    John SAUERBIER arrived from Sydney per "Maukin" with wife.

18 Nov 1848    Has taken premises in Queen St., lately occupied by J. Westwood: has set up as Bread & biscuit baker & wholesale importer of flour.

5 May 1849    Bridge leading to his shop in Queen Street washed away in storm.

6 Aug 1850    Queen St: Baker

18 Jun 1851    Queen St: Lowers the price of bread.

25 Aug 1852    Queen St: applies for journeyman baker.

5 Feb 1853    Queen St: Baker

19 Nov 1853    Naturalised as from 1 Jan 1849.

**Letter of John SAUERBIER requesting Naturalisation**

Auckland  
18 Oct 1853

Sir,

I have the honor to request that His Excellency the Governor in Chief will at his earliest convenience issue a proclamation for my naturalisation.

I am a native of Germany but for many years have resided in London - afterwards in Sydney & since September 1848 I have lived in Auckland where I am now well known- I trust if His Excellency objects to the Proclamation that some steps will be taken in my favor in this matter, as I have felt in my business transactions serious inconvenience through my being a foreigner.

I am Sir  
Your most obedient servant

John Sauerbier  
Baker Queen Street

I beg further to request that the Naturalisation may be from 1 January 1849.

J. Sauerbier.

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**OBITUARY OF JOHN SAUERBIER- 10 October 1882**

In our obituary column will be found recorded the Death of Mr. John Sauerbier (formerly of Auckland), at his residence, Lower Mitcham, Adelaide, South Australia, on the 16th ult. at the age of 61. The deceased gentleman had been for many years treasurer of the Flinders-street (S.A.) Baptist Church, and of the South Australian Baptist Missionary Society, as well as a member of the committee of the Baptist Association. He was much esteemed for his manly Christian character, and his readiness to engage in religious and philanthropic movements. The Rev A.S. Mead, M.A., conducted the burial service, in which he was aided by the Rev Allan Webb, formerly of Auckland. Mr. Sauerbier was in business in Auckland as a baker, in queen Street, over a quarter of a century ago, and afterwards in Princes Street, where he built a block of two-story brick shops nearly opposite the Northern Club. Owing to strict integrity and good business habits he amassed a considerable competence. He ultimately retired from business, going home with his wife on a tour to Germany. Some years back he again came out and resided at Remuera. On the death of Mrs. Sauerbier who left no issue, he went over to South Australia, where some of his relatives were settled. He was a very useful and esteemed member of the Wellesley-street Baptist Church. His numerous legacies show the character of the man, as they are left not merely to his own but other denominations, and to public institutions, whose only creed is to alleviate human distress and misery. He has not forgotten in his bequests the city in which he made his wealth, for the Wellesley-street Baptist Church, of which he was a member, receives 500 pounds; and the St Stephen's Orphan Home, 500 pounds. Among the other legacies are 500 pounds to the South Australian Baptist Association (building fund), 100 pounds to the South Australian Baptist Missionary Society, 100 pounds to the Flinders-street Baptist Church, 100 pounds to the Adelaide hospital, 100 pounds to the Children's Hospital; 100 pounds to the Blind, Deaf, and Dumb Asylum; and 100 pounds to the Home for incurables.

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**Letter to the Editor of above paper on 12 October-**

**THE LATE MR. SAUERBIER**

To the Editor

SIR- I observe a slight error in your notice of the career of the late Mr. Sauerbier which I shall feel obliged if you will correct in your next issue. When he retired from business he resided in Remuera until the death of his wife in 1862. After her death he went home to Germany to visit his relatives. After travelling some time he returned to his brother in Adelaide, where he married the lady who now mourns his loss.

- I am, &c.

DAUGHTER OF THE FIRST MRS. SAUERBIER

Pakuranga, October 12.

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**FIRST SPOUSE OF JOHN SAUERBIER**

**MARGARETHA DOROTHEA ELIZABETH RUHRER (1813 - 1862)**

Margaretha Dorothea Elizabeth RUHRER, known as Dorate, was born in Lubeck, Germany in 1813.

She married Johann Christian Philip DEBUS at Gussln, Germany in 1828.

They had two children of their marriage-

1. Henry DEBUS- born about 1829
2. Anna Maria DEBUS - born 1831.

By the mid 1840s they were in Sydney, when her husband died.<sup>1</sup>

On 29 July 1848, Dorate DEBUS, widow married JOHN SAUERBIER, Baker, bachelor in the Bathurst Street Baptist Chapel, Sydney.<sup>2</sup>

The family moved to Auckland, New Zealand in September 1848.

Dorate's Daughter, Anna Maria DEBUS, married in 1855 to Charles Anabaldi in Auckland, New Zealand.<sup>3</sup>

John and Dorate retired to Remuera, Auckland , and Dorate subsequently contracted Cancer of the Stomach, which resulted in her death on 19 October 1862, at the age of 49 years.<sup>4</sup>

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**REFERENCE-**

1. Information from Adrienne Walkington
2. Marriage Certificate
3. Marriage certificate of Anna Maria DEBUS
4. Death Certificate of Dorothea DEBUS

**DEATH CERTIFICATE**

Place of Registration.....	Auckland
No.....	105/2685
When Died.....	19 October 1862
Where Died.....	Remuera
Name & Surname.....	Dorothea Sauerbier
Occupation.....	Wife of a Baker
Sex and Age.....	F 49 yrs
INFORMANT.....	James Halyday, Undertaker, Auckland
Registrar.....	John M. Wayland 21 October 1862

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## THE DEBUS FAMILY-

Little is known about the DEBUS Family except in association with John SAUERBIER.  
**JOHANN CHRISTIAN PHILIP DEBUS**

Johann was a resident of Germany when he married Margaretha Dorothea Elizabeth RUHRER, known as Dorate, in 1828 in Gussln, Germany.

They had two children of their marriage-

1. Henry DEBUS born about 1829.
2. Anna Maria DEBUS born about 1831.

The DEBUS family emigrated to Australia in the following years and were in Sydney by the mid-1840s.

Johann DEBUS subsequently died, because by 1848, Dorate was listed as a Widow.<sup>1</sup>

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## 1. Information from Adrienne Walkington- Oct 1985

**SPOUSE (See First Spouse of John SAUERBIER)**

## CHILDREN OF JOHANN CHRISTIAN PHILIP AND DORATE DEBUS

## 1. HENRY DEBUS (C1829 –

Henry DEBUS was born in Germany about 1829.

Nothing further known of his life.

## 2. ANNA MARIA DEBUS (1831 - )

Anna Maria DEBUS was born in Germany in about 1831.

She married at the age of 24 years on 27 September 1855, in Bishop's Chapel, Auckland to Charles ANABALDI and optician of Auckland, aged 29 years. Witnesses were Robert SHULTZ and Catherine WALSH, both of Auckland. The marriage was performed by Bishop Pompallier, the Roman Catholic Bishop of Auckland.<sup>1</sup>

In 1882, when John SAUERBIER's Obituary appeared in a local paper, she wrote a letter to the editor to correct a couple of details. See letter copy under John SAUERBIER. At that time she was living at Pakuranga, New Zealand.<sup>2</sup>

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## ANNA MARIA DEBUS REFERENCES.....

## **MARRIAGE CERTIFICATE**

Place of Registration.....	Auckland	
No.....	121	
When Married.....	27 September 1855	
Where Married.....	Bishops Chapel	
Full Name.....	Charles ANABALDI	Anna Maria DEBUS
Age.....	29	24
Occupation.....	Optician	-----
Conj. Status.....	Bachelor	Spinster
Witnesses.....	Robert SHULTZ	Catherine WALSH
	Auckland	Auckland
MINISTER.....	X I B <sup>sh</sup> Lis POMPALLIER, Bishop of Auckland	
Denomination.....	R.C.	
Registrar.....	Walter McDONALD	