

The Hawdon Family



Kiora House built in 1835 by John Hawdon on his Kiora Estate with convict labour.

John Hawdon arrived from England in 1828 with his wife and 2 children, his second son Gilbert having been born on the voyage. He was the son of a local squire in County Durham and had ambitions to become a successful land owner in the Colony. On arrival he first rented a property at Camden known as Elderslie while he searched for a suitable land grant. Apart from rented land he also squatted on land beyond the "Limits of Location" at Bergalia before he settled on his grant at Kiora in 1831. He later acquired land at Batemans Bay, Ulladulla, Bodalla and at Howlong on the Murray River. He remained committed to the area throughout his life and was very much a part of the community. He later built a second house on his Kyla Park property on Tuross Lake where he died in 1881.

The Hawdon Family extracted from the Moruya Pioneer Directory

HAWDON, John b. 29 Jun 1801 Staindrop, County Durham, England son of John Hawdon and Elizabeth Hunt. *Arr NSW 13 September 1828 per Caroline*. Died 12 Jun 1881 Kyla Park. Bur: Kiora Wesleyan. Mar: 1827 Newcastle-on-Tyne, England to **Margaret Catherine POTTS** b. 1802 Northumberland, England dau of John Potts and Margaret Werg. *Arr NSW 13 September 1828 per 'Caroline'*. Died 28 Oct 1886 Moruya. Bur: Kiora Wesleyan.

Obituary - Moruya Examiner 18 June 1881: John Hawdon Esquire

Rarely since the settlement of white men on the Moruya River has so profound a sensation of sorrow been evoked as on the news of the death of John Hawdon Esq., at his late residence Kyla Park, on Sunday last. Mr Hawdon was almost the last of a type of colonists who appeared in the field of Australian enterprise about 50 or 60 years ago and who, in a remarkable degree, tended to open up and develop the pastoral capabilities of this great continent. He arrived in the colony in 1828 and commenced farming at the Cowpastures. He afterwards, about 1833, obtained a grant at Kiora but also took up country for squatting purposes in various parts of the colony at different times. Through his sound knowledge of the shorthorn breed of cattle he did much to improve the stock and as an evidence of the fattening qualities of the native grasses, he sent a mob of cattle down the Murray from Howlong to Adelaide which fattened on the way, the first one killed weighing over 1000 pounds and selling for 1/- a pound. Mr Hawdon was almost as well

known in Melbourne as in Sydney and it was he who contracted for the first overland mail between Sydney and Melbourne. The mailman was another Moruya resident, Mr E. Fletcher. Of Mr Hawdon's connection with the settlement and development of this district we shall not attempt to dictate as it is a matter sufficiently well known and the intense respect in which he was held was sufficiently manifested by the large concourse of mourners who followed the remains to the graveside. He was buried at Kiora on Tuesday last and never before, we believe, has such a cavalcade crossed the river as on this occasion. Mr Hawdon was within a few days of reaching his 80th year.

Obituary - Moruya Examiner 30 October 1886: Mrs John Hawdon senior

It is with sincere regret that we have this day to record the death of Mrs Hawdon, relict of the late John Hawdon Esquire of Kiora and Kyla Park. Many of our readers will remember that Mr Hawdon was one of the pioneers of this district and with his lady, came here upwards of half a century ago. Times have changed since the deceased lady first came into the district, but we feel sure that those whom she has known and loved will say with heartfelt thankfulness that she passed from a state of trial to one of rest. The remains were interred at Kiora yesterday by the side of her late husband, the funeral being very largely attended.

Issue:

(1) **John HAWDON** b. 1827 England. Arr NSW 13 September 1828 per 'Caroline'.
Died 1848 drowned near Mildura, Victoria. Bur: Hawdon Property, Mildura.

(2) **Gilbert HAWDON** b. 29 Jul 1828 on board 'Caroline' during voyage.
Arr NSW 13 September 1828 per 'Caroline'. Baptised 12 Aug 1832 Narellan, NSW.
Died 26 Aug 1863 drowned at Kiora Crossing, Moruya. Bur: Kiora Wesleyan.
Mar: 9 Apr 1857 Kiora, Moruya to **Margaret COWDROY** b. 1834 Drogheda, County Louth, Ireland dau of Alfred Cowdroy and Catherine Plunkett.
Died 12 Oct 1920 Wagonga, Narooma, NSW. Bur: Wagonga CE.

Issue:

(1) **John Cowdroy HAWDON** b. 13 Dec 1857 Kiora. Died 1942 Granville, Sydney.

(2) **Jane HAWDON** b. 8 Feb 1859 Trunketabella, Bodalla.
Died 15 Aug 1912 Punkalla, Narooma. Bur: Wagonga CE. Never married.

(3) **Emma HAWDON** b. 5 Oct 1860 Trunketabella, Bodalla.
Mar: 1886 Wollongong, NSW to **George Clark COWDROY**.

(4) **Annie Gilbert HAWDON** b. 6 Mar 1864 Wagonga, Narooma.
Died 3 Dec 1939 Moruya. Bur: Moruya Methodist. Never married.

Obituary - Moruya Examiner 9 December 1939: Miss Annie Gilbert Hawdon

It is our duty to record the death of Miss Annie Gilbert Hawdon, which occurred last Monday morning at the Moruya District Hospital. She was injured by several falls recently and about a week before her death was

admitted to hospital where, despite the best attention, she passed away as stated. Miss Hawdon was born at Wagonga, being the daughter of the late Mr and Mrs Gilbert Hawdon. She came to live in Moruya about three years ago and resided with Miss Williams of Campbell Street. She was very musical in her younger days and had a happy disposition. Even a few week ago she could be heard singing while on her way to carry out

domestic messages. She was 76 years of age. Her remains were interred in the Moruya Methodist cemetery on Monday afternoon, Rev T. W. Sear officiating and Mr A. H. Preddey having charge of the burial.

Miss Hawdon leaves one brother, Mr John Hawdon of Wagonga, to whom we extend our sympathy.

(3) **Margaret HAWDON** b. 1 Aug 1830 Elderslie, NSW.

Died 14 Jul 1911 East St Kilda, Melbourne, Victoria.

Mar: 28 Jul 1849 Melbourne, Victoria to **Hugh John CHAMBERS**.

(4) **William HAWDON** b. 3 Mar 1832 Elderslie, NSW. Died 14 Jan 1915 Kiora. Bur: Kiora.

Mar: 9 Sep 1858 Kiora, Moruya to **Elizabeth PATERSON** b. 1833 Launceston, Tasmania dau of Alexander Paterson and Agnes Wallace. Died 15 Jan 1911 Kiora. Bur: Kiora Wesleyan.

Obituary - Moruya Examiner 21 June 1911: **Mrs W. Hawdon**

The death of Mrs Hawdon, wife of William Hawdon of Kiora, took place at her residence on Sunday, at the age of 78 years. Mrs Hawdon was a daughter of the late Mr Alexander Patterson and a native of Launceston,

Tasmania and for the last 40 years, resident at Kiora. She was a woman of high christian virtues and loved and respected by all who had the pleasure of her acquaintance. To the bereaved husband we extend our sincere sympathy. The remains were interred in the Kiora cemetery, Rev S. Gilby (Methodist) officiating at the grave.

Notice - Moruya Examiner 16 January 1915: Before going to press yesterday we received word of the death of **Mr William Hawdon** at his residence, Kiora. The deceased gentleman had suffered great agony for the past 40 years from rheumatism and for many years had been confined to his home. He leaves one brother, Francis of Coila, and one sister, Mrs Athol Wilson of this town. Nurse Ethel Emmott was in attendance since Tuesday.

Deceased was 83 years, we are informed.

(5) **Ernest HAWDON** b. 10 Jan 1834 Elderslie, NSW.

Died 10 Jun 1892 Sydney, NSW. Bur: Headstone Kiora Wesleyan.

Mar: 19 Feb 1874 Moruya to **Elizabeth EMMOTT** b. 9 Apr 1843 Beamish, County Durham, England dau of Abraham Emmott and Elizabeth Watson.

Died 22 Mar 1934 Moruya. Bur: Kiora Wesleyan.

Issue:

(1) **John Emmott HAWDON** b. 25 Apr 1875 Moruya.

Mar: 23 Apr 1902 Moss Vale, NSW to **Eva May SLATER** b. 1876 Newcastle, NSW.

(2) **Ernest Edmondstone HAWDON** b. 18 Aug 1876 Moruya. Died 12 Dec 1948.

Mar: 1915 Redfern, NSW to **Emma TRANTER**.

(3) **William Werg HAWDON** b. 13 Mar 1878 Moruya.

Mar: 1905 Dungog, NSW to **Evelyn M. DARK**.

(4) **Leslie Dampier HAWDON** b. 24 Aug 1880 Moruya.

Died 11 Sep 1938 Kyla Park, Moruya. Bur: Moruya Presbyterian.

Mar: 12 Nov 1913 'Lake View', Bergalia Presbyterian to **Charlotte Clarke ANDERSON** b. 18 Feb 1877 Bergalia dau of Robert Anderson and Sarah Hadden.

Died 2 Mar 1958 Moruya. Bur: Moruya Presbyterian.

(5) **Margaret HAWDON** b. 4 Sep 1881 Kyla Park, Moruya.

Mar: 2 Apr 1914 home of bride's mother, Kyla, Moruya Methodist to **Frank Fletcher BEAN** b. 1880 Woollahra, Sydney, NSW son of Charles Henry Bean and Elizabeth Fletcher.

(6) **Charles Arnheim HAWDON** b. 21 Apr 1883 - died 9 May 1887 Moruya. Bur: Kiora Wes.

Obituary - Moruya Examiner 17 June 1892: Mr Ernest Hawdon

We sorrowfully regret to have to report the Death of our highly esteemed friend Mr Ernest Hawdon which took place this day week at Croydon near Sydney. A few months ago we would have taken a long lease on Mr Hawdon's life, little suspecting that insidious disease known as 'Brights' had invaded his body. There was everything in prospect to make his life long and happy. Blessed by nature with a grand constitution, the advantage of good education and all that makes life go smoothly, he is suddenly taken from his wife and family at a time his watchful care was so much needed. The remains were brought to Kiora on Sunday afternoon and buried beside those of his father, mother and two brothers, a large number of people following to the graveside.

Obituary - Moruya Examiner 24 March 1934: Mrs Elizabeth Hawdon

There passed away at the age of 90 years at 'Beverley', Moruya on Thursday morning one of Moruya's oldest identities in the person of Mrs Elizabeth Hawdon, widow of the late Ernest Hawdon of Kyla Park and Kiora. Mrs Hawdon was the second daughter of the late Mr and Mrs Abraham Emmott of Moruya, and was born on 9th April 1843 at Newcastle-on-Tyne, England. At the age of 13 years she accompanied her parents and other members of her family to Australia by the sailing ship 'Ellenborough', arriving in Sydney in 1856. Four years later the Emmott family came to Moruya accompanied by their daughter Elizabeth and in 1874 she married the late Ernest Hawdon of Kyla Park, where she resided for many years. Of late years she has lived in Moruya with her son Ernest. Mrs Hawdon was a woman of strong but kindly character, beloved by all who knew her. She was possessed of the true pioneering spirit, prepared to work and brave anything for those she loved. She leaves a sorrowing family of four sons; Mr John Emmott of Killara and Kiora, Ernest Edmondstone of Moruya, William Werg of Gloucester, Leslie Dampier of Kyla Park, and one daughter Mrs Margaret Bean of Pymble, and one sister, Mrs W. H. Simpson of Roseville, to mourn their loss. The funeral will leave 'Beverley' today for the Kiora cemetery where the remains will be interred beside those of her husband.

(6) **Joseph HAWDON** b. 1836 NSW.

Died 24 Jul 1859 Kiora, Moruya. Bur: Kiora Wesleyan. Never married.

(7) **Francis HAWDON** b. 7 Jul 1838 Melbourne, Victoria.

Died 13 Sep 1919 Wellington St; Bondi, Sydney, NSW.

Mar: 6 Apr 1864 Moruya CE to **Mary Ann - Marian FLANAGAN** b. Sydney dau of Francis Flanagan and Bridget Fahey. Marriage dissolved 21 Feb 1882. Died 6 Jul 1914 Moruya. Bur: Moruya RC. Issue:

(1) **Vincent Francis HAWDON** b. 16 Apr 1865 Moruya.

Mar: 1 Jun 1886 Sydney, NSW to **Elleanor McTAGGART** b. 1860 Nowra, NSW.

(2) **Arthur William HAWDON** b. 1869 Sydney, NSW.

Mar: 18 Apr 1895 St David's, Surry Hills, Sydney to **Amy TURNER** b. 1871 Wollombi, NSW.

(7) **Francis HAWDON** Mar: 2nd 27 Feb 1882 Kyla Park, Moruya to **Harriett EALES** b. 1859 Bulli, NSW dau of Joseph Eales and Harriett Holden.

Issue:

(1) **Alice Hope HAWDON** b. 25 Jul 1879 Turlinjah.

Mar: 26 Oct 1901 Moruya CE to **Edward LUDOWICE** MD b. 1875 Lane Cove, Sydney son of John Charles Ludowice and Elizabeth Fay.

(2) **Francis Romeo HAWDON** b. 1 Aug 1880 Turlinjah. Died 26 Mar 1958. Never married.

- (3) **Frances Beatrice HAWDON** b. 9 Aug 1882 Turlinjah.
Mar: 25 Apr 1901 Coila CE to **Alfred William GARDENER** b. 27 Sep 1871 Mungerarie,
Moruya son of John Gardener and Mary Ann Bartlett. Died 1934 Lismore, NSW.
- (4) **Joseph Belmore HAWDON** b. 24 Feb 1884 Turlinjah.
- (5) **Henry Oswald HAWDON** b. 2 Mar 1886 Turlinjah. Died 13 Jul 1966.
- (6) **Margaret Lilian HAWDON** b. 21 Sep 1887 Turlinjah.
- (7) **William Wentworth HAWDON** b. 11 Aug 1889 Moruya.
- (8) **Charles Beresford HAWDON** b. 3 Aug 1891 Turlinjah.
Mar: 1918 Marrickville, Sydney, NSW to **Robina E. WEAVER**.

Notice - Moruya Examiner 20 September 1919: The death of **Mr Francis Hawdon** of Wellington Street, Bondi, late of Coila, Moruya, aged 81 years, occurred last week. Deceased, who was a son of the late Mr John Hawdon of Kiora, and a brother of the late Ernest and William Hawdon of this district, leaves a widow and several sons and daughters.

- (8) **Elizabeth Ann HAWDON** b. 4 Jan 1842 Melbourne, Victoria. Died 1931.
Mar: 5 Jan 1864 Residence of William Hawdon, Kiora Moruya to **Francis DAVISON** b. South Australia son of Francis Davison and Elizabeth Hawdon.
- (9) **Annie HAWDON** b. 26 Feb 1844 Kiora, Moruya. Died 19 Dec 1941 Chatswood Meth., Sydney.
Mar: 14 Jun 1865 Moruya to **The Reverend William WILSON** b. 2 Sep 1830 County Tyrone, Ireland.
Died 4 Jan 1881 Mudgee, NSW. Bur: Mudgee Methodist.

Obituary - Moruya Examiner 3 January 1942: **Mrs Annie Wilson**
Mrs Annie Wilson, who died on 19th December last at Chatswood, aged 97, was the youngest daughter of the late John Hawdon who came to Australia in 1828. He settled at the Cowpastures for several years and in 1838 took up his grant at Kiora as the pioneer settler of the Lower South Coast. The Hawdons were the first overlanders of cattle to Victoria and South Australia. The late Mrs Wilson, as a young lady, completed her schooling in Melbourne where she received a sound education. She was recognized as a very excellent pianist. Her piano, a beautiful instrument, was exhibited at one of the early exhibitions in Sydney. During her life she resided in many parts of NSW but paid frequent visits to Moruya where she had a host of friends. The late Mrs Wilson was a very gracious lady, generous and considerate. She was a splendid horsewoman and loved the country. Mrs Wilson, who married the late Rev William Wilson, Wesleyan-Methodist Minister, had 8 children, those surviving being Mrs Madeline (Horace) Buck, Mrs Constance Gower of South Australia, Mrs Ilma Woodrough, Mrs Gwendoline Gipps of Brisbane and W. Clarke Wilson. Three sons, Claude, Leslie and Athol and one daughter are deceased. Deceased was privately cremated in Sydney on 20th.

HAWDON, Elizabeth b.24 Mar 1807 Staindrop, Durham, England. Died South Australia.
Mar: 29 Jun 1835 England to **Captain Francis DAVISON**.
Arr South Australia 18 December 1839 per 'Cleveland'.

HAWDON, Joseph b.14 Nov 1813 Staindrop, Durham, England.
Died 12 Apr 1871 Christchurch, New Zealand. Bur: Riccarton, Christchurch, N.Z.
Mar: 19 Jan 1842 Durham, England to **Emma OUTHWAITE**. 1824-1853.

Issue:

- (1) **Emma Josaphine HAWDON** b. 1843. Mar: 2 Dec 1868 to **Robert CAMPBELL**.
- (2) **Arthur Joseph HAWDON** b. 5 Jan 1844. Mar: **Elizabeth BARKER**.
- (3) **Cyril Goodricke HAWDON** b. 9 Sep 1846.
Mar: 27 Sep 1881 **Mary Charlotte Georgina STRACHEY** b. Bath, Somerset, England dau of **Richard Strachey and Charlotte Lindsay Hawkin**.
- (4) **Alice HAWDON**
Mar: **Edward Wingfield HUMPHREYS** son of **Erskine Humphreys**.

HAWDON, Joseph Mar: 2nd 31 Jan 1856 Gainsford, Durham, England to **Mary McFARLAN**