

(COPY OF) CERTIFICATE OF MARRIAGE.

This form to be handed by the Minister or Registrar to the parties Married immediately after the Marriage.

* Insert Minister's or Registrar's Christian Name and Surname at full length.

I, * W. L. Lawton, being Minister of the Methodist Church of Australasia

Insert Designation.

† Church or address of place where Celebrated

do hereby certify that I have this day at † The Methodist Church, Condamine Street, Dalby, duly celebrated Marriage between

BRIDEGROOM

Insert Bridegroom's Name (in full) Robert Henry Davis, Rank or Occupation Farmer, Residence (in full) South Pine (Town) Stratpine (Place), Condition Bachelor, Age 42 (Years) Date and Year of Birth 17th July 1897, Birthplace (Town or Place) South Pine (County or Shire) Queensland (Country), Father's Name Dymus Davis, Father's Rank or Profession Farmer, Mother's Name Margaret Jessie (Maiden Name) Kerr.

BRIDE

AND Insert Bride's Name (Christian Name and Surname in full) Doris May Valler, Rank or Occupation Waitress, Residence (in full) 16 Hill Street (Street) Water (Place), Condition Spinster, Age 27 (Years) Date and Year of Birth 4th July 1912, Birthplace (Town or Place) Dalby (County or Shire) Queensland (Country), Father's Name William Valler, Father's Rank or Profession Farmer, Mother's Name Elizabeth Ellen (Maiden Name) Patullo.

WITNESSES TO MARRIAGE

(1 Witness' names in full) before § Arthur William Henry Hayes & Jean Margorie Valler.

after declaration duly made as by law required (see back of this form).

DATED this 26th day of August 1939.

W. L. Lawton { Signature of Minister or Registrar.

Usual Signatures of Parties to the Marriage.

R. H. Davis, D. M. Valler

Usual Signatures of

A. W. H. Hayes

ACCORDING to advertisement a public meeting of the inhabitants of the South Pine River was held at the residence of Mr. D. England, on Monday evening last, for the purpose of electing a road trust, and to determine the roads over which the trust should have supervision. About thirty landholders were present, and Mr. T. Ward was voted to the chair. After a lengthy and rather hot discussion, it was decided by a large majority that the trust should supervise the road commencing at Mr. A. M'Nevin's, on the main Gympie-road, and from thence, running due south, to the South Pine River, and that the trust should also have under their control all roads leading from this road. The gentlemen elected were Messrs. L. A. Bernays, D. England, J. Wyllie, J. Mecklem, and T. Ward. A petition was also read, and numerously signed, calling the attention of the Minister for Works to the state of the roads in this district. This having concluded the business of the evening, a few songs were sung by a gentleman present, and then all dispersed, entertaining bright hopes for the future welfare of the district.

Brisbane Courier 10th March 1871

TRACKS AND TIMES 1988 Shire of Pine History

South Pine Methodist Church

A slab church was erected at South Pine in 1870 and was part of the Fortitude Valley Circuit. This church was on England's property on the corner of South Pine Road and Leitch's Road, but about 1876 a new church was built a short distance west along South Pine Road. Commonly called the "Forest Church" it was used for worship by the Methodists for a century until bought by the Full Gospel Fellowship after the formation of the Uniting Church of Australia in 1977.

THE inhabitants of the South Pine have increased greatly during the last two or three years, the whole of the belt of so-ub land being now taken up, and the greater part of it occupied. About two years ago steps were taken to erect an Anglican Church, but through the floods the project was abandoned, and the people left to look after themselves. The Wesleyans then commenced to hold preaching services in Mr. England's house, and continued there for fifteen months. On Sunday, July 30 of the present year, the opening services of a new Wesleyan Church were held, when the Rev. M. H. Parkinson preached twice. Both services were well attended. On Wednesday, August 30, a most successful tea meeting was held, when more than 200 people enjoyed an excellent spread, under a large tent covered with green boughs. At 6 o'clock a public meeting commenced, the chair being taken by Mr. M'Master. Addresses were given by the Rev. M. H. Parkinson, Mr. Wright, and Rev. J. Barton. The church is built principally of hardwood. It will seat about seventy people. The cost will be about £25, inclusive of internal fittings. A few pounds more will be needed for the fencing. The whole of the framework, with hardwood slabs, was given by Mr. D. England. The ground was given by Mr. W. Davis. It is free from debt. In connection with the church there is a Sabbath school, numbering twenty-two children.

Brisbane Courier 5th September 1871

William Henry Davis
(1831-1874)

The ancestors of William Davis were land-owners and flax planters who by 1800 had spread across three counties, Armagh-Antrim-Down in the province of Ulster. The Anglo-Irish Davis-Davisons had arrived in Ireland after 1690 from England but the line itself can be traced to its origins in the Scottish Highlands as early as 1320. With a degree of imagination and backed by Clan traditions this may be further reduced to 1069 when Robert de Comyn first ventured into Scotland after the Norman invasion.

In any case, as William was a younger son and could not inherit the entirety of his families' estates around Portadown in Armagh, he decided to increase his holdings in the colonies. By the mid 1860s he and his wife, Elizabeth, along with William's sister Margaret and brother-in-law, David England, had begun to acquire their own large land holdings in the South Pine region. Even after William's untimely death in 1874, these properties remained in Davis hands for generations.

William was also a co-signatory of the Warner School and Orangeman's Hall in 1873 and gave land to the Wesleyan Church in 1871. By 1872 he also held the earliest cattle brand in South Pine (W1D) and possibly Brisbane. William died in 1874 at Bowen Bridge, Breakfast Creek as a result of an unfortunate accident. He was buried in the Anglican cemetery, now Lang Park. William and Elizabeth Davis co-founded our line in Australia.

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A copy of the original letter sent to the Board of Education in January 1873 regarding the founding of the Warner School by William Davis as co-signatory.

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South Pine River

*To the Gentlemen of
Board of Education.*

Gentlemen,

This is our intention to open a Provisional School on the 2¹ of the present month and have appointed Mr Manning late of Brisbane to be the schoolmaster- That gentleman we believe informed your Secretary of our intention.

Our Schoolhouse will be the Orangeman's Hall and will be fitted by us with the requisite desks and forms. We can muster from 20 to 25 children and perhaps more, but certainly that number. Will you kindly furnish Mr Manning with the books etc allowed to a Provisional School and the salary, and we should be obliged.

We remain,

Gentlemen

Your Obedient Servants

Henry Thom. Ireland

Alexander Larssons

Charles Eaton

James Patterson

George Eton

James Lean

David England

John Heir

William Robinson

George Johnston

William Davis

Henry Walker



Joseph Henry Davis wearing William Davis' Grand Lodge Orange Sash ca 1940. William brought this sash from Portadown almost eighty years earlier. There were thirteen lodges in Portadown during the 1860s. William Davis co-founded the Orangeman's Hall at the Warner school on 21st January, 1873.

School Committee membership gazetted:

Page	Date	School	Name	Comment
1203	5-May-08	Warner	Davis, Joseph Henry	
1285	7-Mar-11	Warner	Davis, Joseph Henry	
1214	27-May-09	Warner	Davis, Thomas	
	1-Jan-74	South Pine	Davis, William	
1214	27-May-09	Warner	Davis, Dynes	
	5-May-08	Bald Hills	Davis, Henry	
1513	8-Jun-14	Warner	Davis, Joseph	
1173	24-Mar-05	Warner	Davis, Joseph Henry	



ORIGINAL WARNER SCHOOL PUPILS AT JUBILEE, 1926
Front Row: Mesdames E. Stevens, W. Freier, Miss Frisch, Mesdames A.C. Graham, E. Hamson, E. Dobson, M. Hansen, A. Richards.
Second Row: Messrs T. Davis, A. Wyllie, J. England, G. Johnston, J. Lane, J. Leitch, R. Hall.
Back Row: Messrs J. Gilliland, A.E. Eaton, J.E. Wright, C.M. Eaton.