



ANNE FRANCIS ISABELLA HAMERSLEY

1809 - 1876

Anne Hamersley was the wife of William Locke Brockman (1802-1872), pastoralist and stockbreeder who with her husband decided to emigrate to the Swan River settlement.

She arrived with her son Edmund Ralph (b.1828) and husband at Fremantle in January 1830 in the *Minstrel*. The family were relatively wealthy and arrived with livestock - three rams and forty-six pure merino ewes. They also brought a prefabricated house and seven servants.

The family became original grantees of Location Nine, Herne Hill, Upper Swan.

Crops were put in as soon as possible but milling presented a problem. In May 1832 the family had wheat ground at Fremantle, but by 1837 owned their own horse-mill. Agriculture was necessary in the infant colony but the families main service was in the breeding of blood horses and pedigree sheep. The success of these ventures was rewarded by stock soon commanding high prices and later the family exported horses to India.

The family was soon able to branch out and good pastoral land was bought near Northam. Cheriton, near Gingin, a large farm and fattening station was also acquired. It was at this farm that the family planted and cultured a breed of oranges called Cheriton oranges, named after her husband's birthplace.

Our school logo features a horse head and oranges the family were famous for. These have been adopted as a tribute to Anne Hamersley and her pioneering spirit.

Perhaps the most fitting tribute to this spirit is the naming of our school after her.

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