



The 1st Generation

Ernst Bernhard Heyne

1825 –1881

E.B. Heyne was born at Meissen, Saxony, Germany on September 15th, 1825; son of Carl August Heyne, Doctor of Medicine and his wife, Marianne, daughter of Caroline and Johannes Tierof. He was educated at Leipzig University Germany, where he received in 1845 his Diploma of Botany. He was an accomplished linguist and mathematician. E.B. obtained a position at the Royal Botanic Gardens, Dresden.

He was appointed to lead a botanical expedition into Spain. However, this was cancelled owing to political troubles at the time...

E.B. Heyne's brother Carl was involved in politics in Hamburg. He shot and killed a military officer in a duel and was obliged to flee to America.

Although not implicated, E.B. Heyne decided to emigrate.

1848 He left Hamburg on 2nd October on the sailing ship 'Godefroï' and accompanied a family to Victoria as a tutor.

1849 E.B. Heyne arrived in Melbourne, Australia.

His journey and arrival in Australia are described in a series of letters he wrote. They were published (in German) and included detailed observations of the climate, soil, vegetation, water supplies, economy of the country, the habits of the colonists as well as excellent advice to prospective migrants, much of which is still relevant. After the death of her husband, Dr Carl Heyne, Marianne founded a school in Dresden. In 1851, accompanied by her daughter Agnes, she migrated to Victoria to join her son, and there continued to do educational work. A century and three generations later the family is still closely linked with education, medicine, horticulture, mathematics and the teaching of languages.

1854 -E.B. Heyne was employed as Chief Plantsman and Draftsman at The Melbourne Botanic Gardens. E.B. drew one of the earliest designs under the directions of Dr Von Mueller for the layout of the Botanical Gardens (A copy is held at the Beulah Park Garden Centre) When Von Mueller became Director E.B. Heyne was appointed his secretary and he accompanied him on a number of his Victorian expeditions. He assisted in the classification of much of the botanical material that was collected by Von Mueller during the 1850's.

1868 – E.B. Heyne travelled to South Australia on a plant collecting expedition. He was credited for making a collection of the 'Tree Fern' – *Dicksonia Antarctica* – in its natural habitat, possibly the last collected in the Mt. Lofty Ranges.

1869 – He came to live in Adelaide and bought property at 96 Sydenham Rd. Norwood. Married Laura Hancke. He established a nursery at Bond St. Norwood. This joined the rear end of 96 Sydenham Rd. Norwood.

He also bought Pise settlers cottage at 47 Williams Street, Norwood which was owned by Edward Hanckel the father of his wife, Laura.

1870 – Established a new shop at 168 Rundle Street

1871 – His book 'The Amateur Gardener for South Australia' was published. "The Fruit, Flower and Vegetable Garden" was also published and eventually ran into four editions. It was the first of its kind in South Australia.

Commemorated by *Aster heynei* F. Meull. and *Cyperus ornatus heynei*.

He was the secretary at the Vignerons' Club which, in 1876 presented him with a gold watch as a tribute to his work with the wine industry. During the 1870s he also contributed articles to local papers and in particular the 'South Australian Register'. He raised plants at the Norwood premises to sell in the Rundle Street shop.

1874 – Naturalisation. Ernst Bernhard Heyne

1881 – Sold business to Messrs Wertheimer & Seessle. The Rundle Street business continued to trade under the title of E.B. Heyne & Co. and was run the same way he did at the same address (168 Rundle Street).

1882 – The first 'list' or catalogue was issued as a supplement to 'The Garden and The Field Journal', May 1882 and in the name E.B. Heyne & Co.

1886 – A special catalogue of Bulbs and Tubers, sold by E.B. Heyne & Co. was issued by L. Wertheimer and F. Seessle as a supplement to 'The Garden and The Field'

(March 1 1886) the address given as 180 Rundle Street, Adelaide.

The business continued under Heyne and Co. until the end of the century.

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1887 – ADELAIDE JUBILEE INTERNATIONAL FIRST ORDER OF MERIT awarded to E.B. Heyne and Co. for the Book on Gardening. (A copy is held at the Beulah Park Garden Centre)

Ernst Bernhard Heyne, although continuing to work tirelessly, became ill with asthma and nearly blind he died on October 16th, 1881 aged 56 (in Norwood, South Australia).

Ernst Heyne (E.B.) was a sincere Christian, an adherent of the Evangelical Lutheran Church. His 'Rueckblick', written in German, deals with the installation of Pastor Matthias Goethe, it describes the arrival of migrant ships, and refers to Lutheran services in the house of Mr. Morrison, a Congregational Minister. Though serious minded, E.B. Heyne was a cheerful and sociable man with many friends. He delighted in conversation. He was a prodigious writer, working at his desk till late at night. Though over-shadowed by the great von Mueller, his botanical and horticultural work was a considerable contribution to the early development of these settlements.

He was survived by his wife Laura, 3 daughters and a son, Carl.

After her husband's death the Heyne family kept the Norwood Nursery on Sydenham Road and Laura continued to run the nursery.

The Heyne family retained their premises at Sydenham Road, Norwood, and in 1899 E.B. Heyne's son, Carl F. Heyne, joined with James A. Potter in a partnership titled Heyne, Potter & Co.

1904 – The partnership ceased although the business continued under the name of Heyne, Potter & Co. The business was conducted from premises opposite the York Hotel in Rundle Street, Adelaide.

From 1904 the Heynes concentrated most of their business in the Norwood area and Carl Heyne also operated from the Central market until about 1915.



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