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HEPBURN

HEPBURN – A “Mrs Hepburn” appears during the years 1839-1841. She is described as an aunt to the Miss WILSONS (Eliza and Margaret Ann), respective governesses to Mary GROVE (only daughter of Thomas Grove and Elizabeth HILL) and to the children of Dr John Grove and Jean FRASER. On the 1841 census she is entered as Sarah Hepburn, living in New Street, Salisbury, age 55, born Wiltshire.

She was baptised at Blandford Forum, Dorset, in 1783, the daughter of John Hepburn (a soldier) and Elizabeth SYDENHAM. Described in the diaries as “Mrs Hepburn”, she is unlikely to be a widow - unless of course, Sarah did marry and, on the death of her husband, reverted to her maiden name.

In 1841 Charlotte reports Mrs Hepburn will be leaving Salisbury. In 1845 she is on the passenger-list of the ship “*Quebec*”, destination New York, together with niece Margaret Ann and her husband Henry Lyster STEEL (married in 1844, St Pancras). The ship’s documentation states that all three intend to become inhabitants of Canada.

Henry and Margaret, however, emigrate soon afterwards to Australia. It is not known if Sarah went with them or stayed - and presumably died - in Canada.

See also WILSON and GRISDALE