





Friedrich Topp. (1842 - 1892)

Teacher of 44 years in Bethany, Friedrich Topp left his influence on the Villagers from 1843 to 1887. Being a well-educated and respected leader of Bethany, he was full of great diligence, vigour, and zeal. He was a strict disciplinarian and "didn't spare the rod" on his mischievous students. He served as the Verger, Treasurer, Secretary, Choir master, Organist of the church, and Schoolteacher. His perfect written script was seen on many Wills of the illiterate villagers, and his signature can still be found as Witness or Sponsor on many early Baptismal or Wedding certificates.



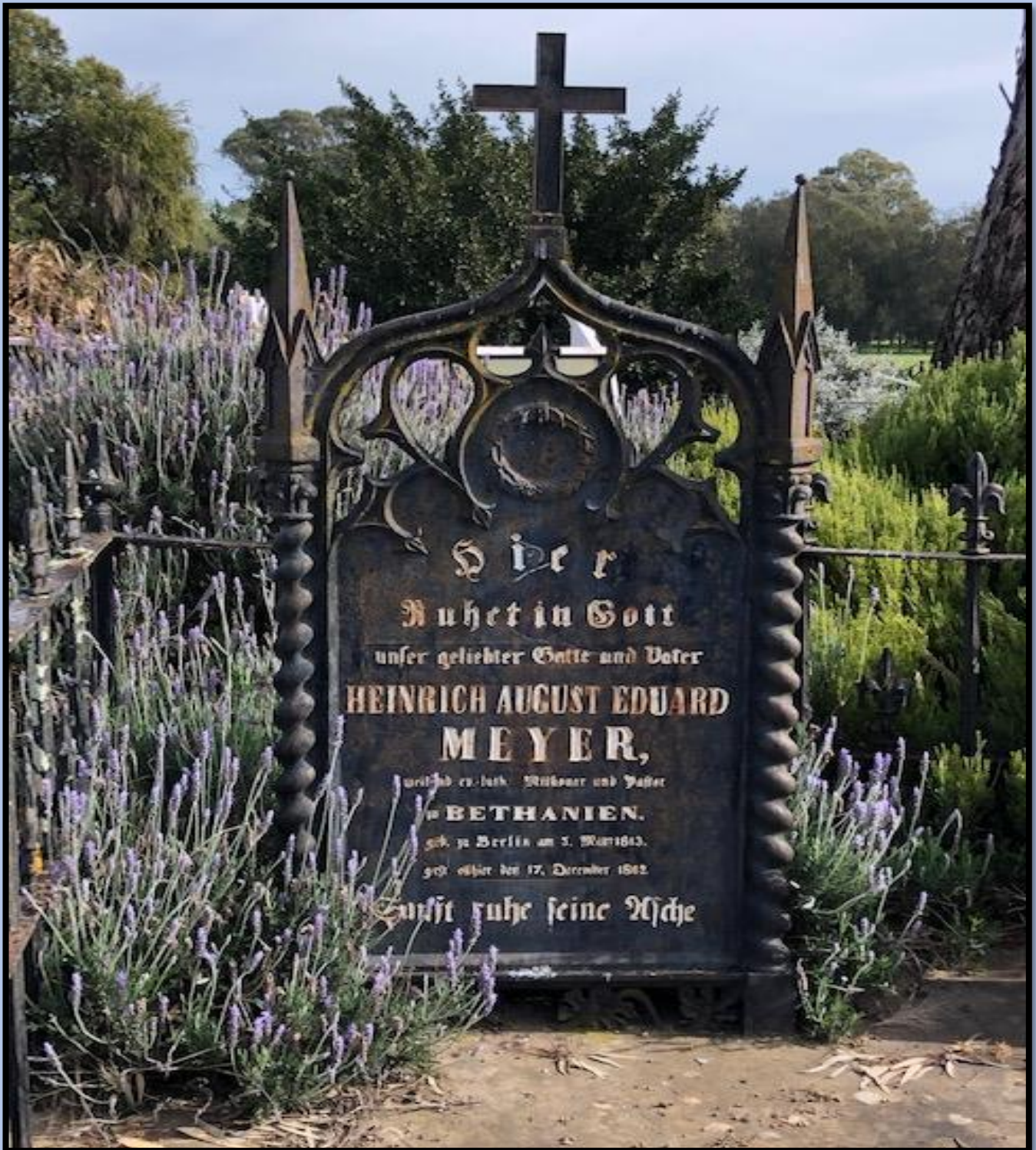
Pastor Georg Adam Heidenreich - 44 years of Ministry at Bethany from 2 Sept 1866 – 1910

G.A. Heidenreich's initial Parish work included the congregations of Bethany, Schoenborn, Krondorf, Siegersdorf, Neukirck, Rheinthal on the Murray near Cambrai, Eba near Morgan, Balaklava, South Hummocks, and Dalkey. The Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Australia appointed Heidenreich to oversee and supervise the establishment of a Mission in Central Australia. On 22 October 1875 the mission party led by Pastor G A Heidenreich left Bethany Church for Central Australia. He led and gave much spiritual guidance to A. Hermann Kempe and Wilhelm F. Schwarz, two German Missionaries from the Hermannsburg Mission Society in Germany, with a dedicated goal to Missionary work in Central Australian region of the Finke River.



Maria Charlotte Kunze Meyer

Born 1788. Died in Bethany 21 June 1866 aged 66. The mother of Pastor H.A.E Meyer.



**First resident Pastor of Bethany:
Pastor Heinrich August Eduard Meyer (1813 – 1862)**

In 1839 German Missionary H. A. Eduard Meyer and wife Friederike arrived at Encounter Bay, S.A, commissioned to work amongst the indigenous people establishing homes and a school. Meyer published the Ramindjeri vocabulary and grammar, as well as Manners and Customs of the Aborigines of the Encounter Bay Tribes. In 1848 Pastor HA Eduard Meyer accepted a call to be the first resident pastor at Bethany, SA. From 1851-61 Meyer was also the first President of the Bethany-Lobethal Synod (later the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Australia or ELSA). During his ministry in Bethany, he established eleven new Lutheran congregations. Eduard Meyer died in 1862, at the young age of 49.



The majestic gum tree overlooking Bethany Pioneer Cemetery, is thought to be the site where the first church services in Bethany were held.



**Unique grave of Franz Jüttner (1819 – 1890)
and wife Johanne Juliane Jüttner nee Enkelmann (1832 – 1880)**

The amazing mosaic tiling and wrought iron fence surrounds the upright joined tombstone of husband and wife, showcasing the amazing stonemasonry of the time, and is special to Bethany Pioneer Cemetery.