

Samuel was one of eighteen children who all grew to adulthood. Family legend has it that his mother never had all of the family home at the same time, as the older children were out in service as the younger ones grew. It is said that as his father Arthur did not feel there was any future in England for his family, he offered 100 pounds to any of those who chose to emigrate. One brother went to America, and one to Canada, while Samuel came to Australia. Although he was one of such a large family, none of his brothers had sons who had sons so his family is the only one with descendents who carry on the Kerridge name.