

Samuel Perry, 1865–1930, Ironmaster and Industrialist

Perry Engineering is synonymous with the growth of large scale Foundries and Factories contributing to the establishment of manufacturing entities in early SA (South Australia). Samuel Perry, trained as an Engineer in England, emigrated to SA in 1886 and began work at the Phoenix Foundry in Gawler. After further experience in Melbourne he returned to Adelaide, purchasing the Cornwall Foundry, establishing Perry Engineering at Mile End, and acquiring the James Martin Workshops in Gawler.

Samuel married Mary Jane Rofe in 1894. They lived in Unley Park although it can be assumed that his business activities in Perry Engineering and services to the community as a strong member of the Chamber of Manufacturing and State Board of Industries, kept him well occupied.

It is no wonder then such a successful businessman and contributor to the State would also aspire to own '**Isis**' then the 'Largest Yacht in SA'. Around 1923 Samuel became a member of the Royal SA Yacht Squadron and with **Isis** moored in the 'pond' drew much admiration for her fine lines and recreational capacity.

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