

## YEARBOOK OF BELL INFORMATION

### GERMAN BELLS IN SOUTH AUSTRALIA

The bells of the Evangelical Lutheran Churches in the Barossa Valley near Adelaide, the capital of South Australia, are the proof of the early social history of this State.

In the very first years of British settlement, which began in the year of 1836, German settlers (Wends included) came to South Australia seeking freedom from religious persecution.

After their settlement in their new country, when they had built their churches, they completed their task by getting church bells for their churches from their homelands.

The bells, which are described here, are some of those German origins and were imported by the Lutheran Congregations in a time span from 1874 (one of the first bells) and 1930 (the last of the imported bells). All bells were rung by hand.

Most of the towers only contain one bell, but some have more than one bell. Four different foundries are mentioned, of which three manufactured three bronze bells - one is well known for one of their steel bells.

#### GNADENFREI (ST. MICHAEL) - SINGLE BELL

Tone: cis2 - 3  
Name: Sophie  
Foundry: Bochum Co. of  
Mining & Steel  
Foundry  
Place & Year: Bochum, 1913  
Metal: Steel  
Weight: ca. 290kg  
Diameter: 910mm  
Slanted Height: 700mm  
Undertone: cis1 + 6  
Primetone: h1 + 2  
Terztone: dis2 + 4  
Qinttone: gis2 + 7  
Octavetone: cis3 - 3  
Undertone Type: Septimen Bell  
Crossbeam: Iron  
Bellchamber: Iron  
Clapper Sound: Flying with Bronze Buffer

