

# People of the Yankalilla District



Cape Jervis Station 1904

## Frederick RANSFORD (1815 - 1894)

### Married:

Susanna TAPLEY (1824 - 1893)

Arrived in Yankalilla district: c1844

Settled at: Cape Jervis

Occupation: farmer

Buried: Brighton Cemetery

### Children of Frederick and Susanna:

Mary Jane (1849 - 1925) m Charles CHAMBERS

Anne (1855 - 1954) m Neil St Andrew McEACHERN

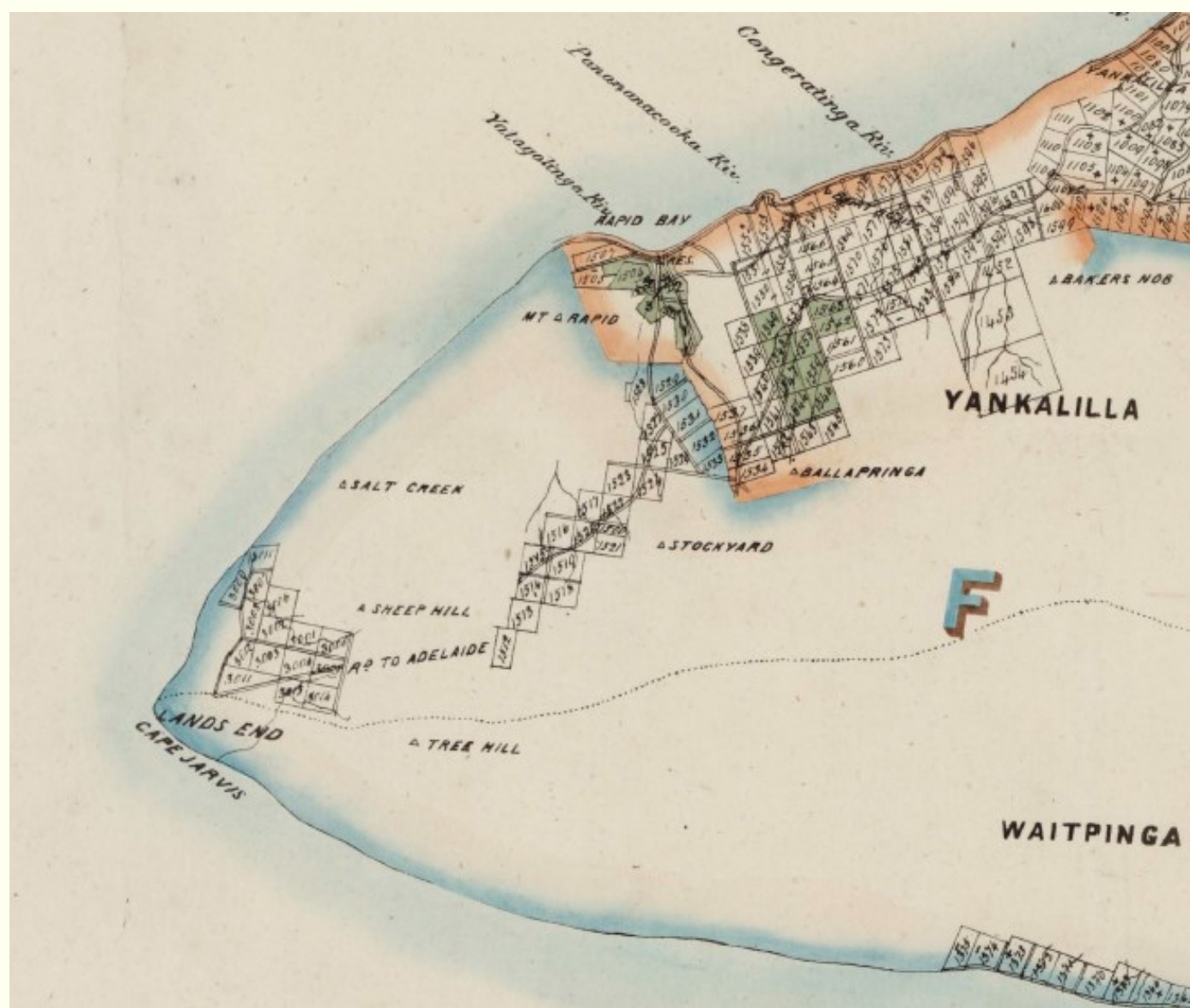
**Frederick Ransford** arrived in South Australia on 14 December 1840 on board the *Fairfield*. He was a cabin passenger on the ship, which indicates that he came with money, which before long he used to purchase or lease land in the vicinity of Cape Jervis. He obtained an Occupation Licence for land east of Cape Jervis in 1846, and by 1848 he was occupying 520 acres. By 1851 Ransford had established a slab house on section 3005, with a garden and fruit trees. This was later replaced by a stone homestead with thick walls and cedar fittings. Ransford's property became known as Cape Jervis Station.

In December 1844 he married Susanna Tapley, daughter of Thomas Tapley, who with his wife and nine children had arrived in South Australia on 16 November 1838 on the *Rajasthan*, and settled at Tapleys Hill, Adelaide. Susanna and Frederick's first daughter Mary Jane was born at Cape Jervis in 1849 and their second daughter Anne in 1855.

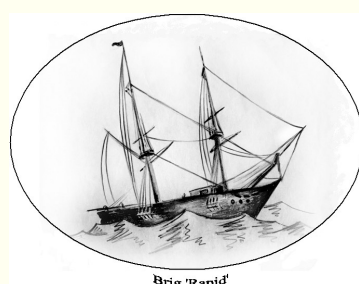
In 1851 the emigrant ship *Marion* came to grief on the outer reef of Troubridge Shoal. The passengers attempted to reach shore in small boats, but two of the boats, containing about 70 people, were swept across the gulf and made land, one at Morgan's beach and the other at Yoho Beach. Those who landed at Morgan's Beach were found by Frederick Ransford, who accommodated them at his Cape Jervis Station until transport could be arranged to take them to Adelaide.

Ransford was a highly respected member of the community. He was a justice of the peace for about 30 years and was a member of the first Rapid Bay Council, which was separated from Yankalilla Council in 1856. In the following year he served as chairman of the Council.

In 1871 Ransford purchased "Cobham", a blue-stone home built in 1841 on more than 100 acres at Morphettville. This was used as their town house. His wife Susanna died at Cobham in 1893. Ransford died about eight months later at Cape Jervis. His estate was worth £16,875. Both Frederick and Susanna are buried in Brighton cemetery.



Cape Jervis 1854



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