

People of the Yankalilla District



James Lord
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The Lord family

Samuel Lord (1828 - 1905)

Married: Elizabeth Treasure in 1850

Arrived in Yankalilla district: 1852

Settled at: Between Hay Flat and Dairy Flat

Occupation: Farmer

Children: Lavinia Treasure 1855, Emily Treasure, 1856.

James Lord (1831 - 1898)

Married: 1. Susan Snow in 1858; 2. Bessie; 3. Mary Herbert

Arrived in Yankalilla district: 1858

Settled at: Between Second Valley and Delamere

Occupation: Gentleman farmer; Rapid Bay District councilor

Children of James and Susan: Mary Snow 1860, Sarah Ann 1862, Rosalind 1865

Children of James and Mary: James Herbert 1893, John Elton 1895

Thomas Lord (1838 - 1917)

Married: Sarah Bennett in 1867

Arrived in Yankalilla district: 1863

Settled at: Delamere

Occupation: Road construction; clerk to Rapid Bay District Council; farmer

Children: Fanny Elizabeth 1868, William 1869, James, 1871, Joseph, 1873, Sarah Ann 1876, Edith 1878.

Joseph Lord (1841 - 1891)

Married: Mary Squire in 1864

Arrived in Yankalilla district: 1875

Settled at: Second Valley

Occupation: carpenter; undertaker; farmer

Children: Mary Ann 1865, John 1867, Ellen 1870, Bessie 1872, Frances Emma 1874, Rosalina 1877, Samuel James 1879, Sarah 1883, Avaline 1885

The Lord brothers were born in Martinhoe, Devon, England, to Thomas and Ann Lord. Their father was an agricultural labourer, and the sons were farm workers before leaving England for South Australia. They arrived in the colony at various times between 1852-1875 and contributed much to the local community, especially around Delamere and Second Valley. Their descendants still live in the district today.

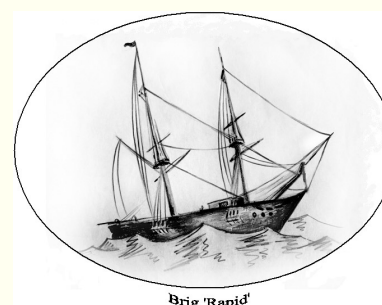
Samuel Lord, the eldest brother, arrived from Devon with his wife Elizabeth in 1852 on the *Sea Park*. He took up land between Hay Flat and Dairy Flat. Not much is known of his subsequent activities. He died on his farm in Torrens Vale in 1905.

James Lord arrived from Devon in 1858 with his wife Susan. He held land between Second Valley and Delamere, and by 1867 was also the local overseer for the central Road Board. After Susan died he travelled to England and married Bessie, then returned to the district. Unfortunately Bessie died soon after and James then married Mary Herbert. James was very involved in the local community, being one of the founders of St James' Church in Delamere and Chairman of the Rapid Bay District Council for over 20 years. He later resided in Yankalilla and is buried in the Christ Church cemetery there.

Thomas Lord arrived in the colony in 1863 and made his way to Rapid Bay. In 1867 he married Sarah Bennett of Delamere. Initially he worked in road construction but attended night classes for three years to improve his education. In 1882 he was appointed Clerk to the Rapid Bay District Council. He was also curator of the St James cemetery, where he was buried after his death in August 1917.

Joseph Lord, the youngest of the brothers, arrived in the colony with his wife Mary and children in 1875 on the *Trevelyn*. They initially lived on his brother James' property then acquired land at Second Valley and moved there. Joseph worked as a carpenter and undertaker. He built the School House, and the house for Joseph Grundy. He also had the contract for the local mail run between Normanville and Cape Jervis, with which his children assisted. He died aged 50 years at Second Valley.

A fifth son, William Lord (1837 – 1909), remained in England.



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