

People of the Yankalilla District



Thomas ROADS (1810 – 1892)

Married:

Mary Ann MORRIS (1811-1857)

Martha CASTLEDINE (c1822-1897)

Arrived in Yankalilla district: 1853

Settled at: Yankalilla

Occupation: carpenter, builder, undertaker

Buried: Yankalilla Cemetery

Children of Thomas and Mary Ann:

Sarah Elizabeth (1831 - 1874) m William Clement MORTON

George (1833 - 1920) m Susannah BOWYER

Richard (1835 - 1913) m Jane ATTRILL

William (1837 – 1886) m Emma DAVIS

Henrietta (1839 – 1893) m Hugh SMITH

Rosetta (1841 – 1844, died in England)

Clara (1843 – 1929) m Hugh MALTHOUSE

Francis (1845 – 1881) m Eliza BOWYER

Arthur (1847 – 1921) m Mary Jane FROST

Jane Rosetta (1850 – died an infant)

Georgina Ann (1853 - 1930)

Isaac (1854 – 1859)

Children of Thomas and Martha:

Mary Ann (1862 - 1886) m George BOWYER

Elizabeth Sophia (1863 - 1904) m Richard BAILEY

John Favell (1866 - 1943) m Elizabeth WILLIAMSON

Thomas & Mary Ann Roads, with their eight children, Sarah, George, Richard, William, Henrietta, Clara, Francis, and Arthur, arrived in South Australia in January 1849 on board the *Trafalgar*.

Three more children were born between 1850 and 1854. The family lived in Adelaide for a while, and then in October 1851 Thomas, with his two eldest sons, went to the goldfields in Victoria to try their luck.

They were reasonably successful and on his return from Victoria in 1852, Thomas bought land at Yankalilla (sections 1173 and 1174).

Once in Yankalilla Thomas set up a building and carpentry business. Thomas and his sons built numerous buildings in both Yankalilla and Normanville, including Christ Church. He built cottages on his land for some of his children, and a few of these cottages are still standing and in use.

His wife Mary Ann died 11 September 1857, aged 46 years, and is buried in the Wesleyan cemetery behind the Yankalilla RSL Hall, with their youngest son Isaac, who died in 1859, aged 4 years.

Thomas remarried in 1861. He and his second wife, Martha, had three children, Mary Ann, Elizabeth Sophia, and John Favell.

From 1884 Thomas and Martha lived at 114 Main South Rd (opposite the Uniting Church), in the house which he had built about 1860 for his son Richard and his wife. Richard and his family moved to Thomas' house.

Thomas died in 1892 and Martha in 1897. Martha is buried with Thomas in the Yankalilla cemetery.

The house at 114 Main South Rd was inherited by John Favell Roads. Many of Thomas's children remained in the Yankalilla district and some are buried in the Yankalilla cemetery

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