

# People of the Yankalilla District



**Ernest Robert MAYFIELD**  
(1869 - 1911)

**Married:** Annie DANIELS (c1872 - 1923)

**Arrived in Yankalilla district:** born at Bald Hills

**Settled at:** Bald Hills

**Occupation:** farmer, soldier

**Buried:** Yankalilla Cemetery

*Children:*

Ernest Leonard (1899-1953) m Jessie Josephine HOSKING

Frederick Walter (1902-1971) m Esther TUCKER

Jack James (1904-1983) m Minnie Theresa HENDERSON

Marjorie Venette PINE (1905-1995)

Lilian SCOTT (1910-1990)

**Ernest Robert Mayfield**, son of James and Jane Mayfield, was born at Bald Hills in 1869. His early education was by private tuition, and then at Yankalilla Public School. In 1892, when in his early twenties, he bought his first land (three sections in the Bald Hills area), which he subsequently added to and which later became known as Coomooloo. In 1898 he married Annie Daniels, daughter of Captain John Daniels, a mine manager, they had a family of five children.

E.R. Mayfield was interested in horse breeding, specializing in the English Hackney class. This interest led to him participating in shows, in which he took many prizes, both in country shows and in Adelaide. He joined the Yankalilla, Rapid Bay and Myponga Agricultural & Horticultural Society, and served as President in 1910.

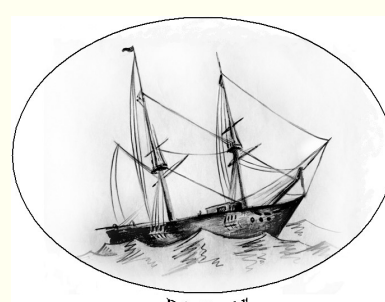
As well as being a farmer Ernest had a military career. At 18 years of age he joined the Volunteers at Yankalilla. In 1897 he was commissioned as Lieutenant of the Yankalilla squadron of SA Mounted Rifles. In 1901 he took command of the Yankalilla Light Horse Squadron, which in 1903 became part of 16th Regiment of Australian Light Horse. In the following year he rose to the rank of Captain. He was awarded the Volunteer Defence Medal in recognition of his twenty years of service. Ernest began a full-time military career when he was appointed Officer in Charge of the Unley area, which appointment occasioned a move to Malvern in Adelaide in early 1911. Ernest died there in May that year of pneumonia after a brief illness. His body was brought back to Yankalilla, where he was given a military funeral. His widow, Annie, continued to live at Malvern until her death in 1923.



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Coomooloo Bald Hills

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