

CEMETERY TOURS YANKALILLA DISTRICT

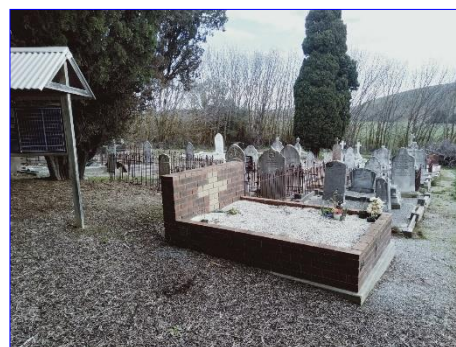
TOUR 6. St James Anglican Church Cemetery

Main South Road, Delamere



HISTORY

St James Church was established by Rev Charles William Morse, the incumbent of the Yankalilla parish. The foundation stone was laid on 19 September 1870 and the church was opened on 4 May 1871 by Bishop Augustus Short. The cemetery was consecrated on the same day as the church. The land for the church and cemetery was donated by James Cole, and he was the first person buried in the cemetery less than a year after the church opened.

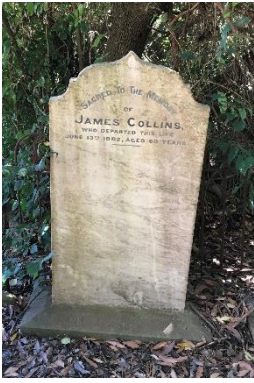


To locate the graves included in this brochure, consult the plan of the cemetery near the entrance.

James Collins, Michael Wardle and Hugh Watson are buried in the bottom left-hand section under the trees.

The Manisty family, William Whyte and James Cole are buried in the section above this.

William Roper, George Solomon, Thomas Lord, William Limbert, Sarah Williss, and Joseph Grundy are buried in the right-hand section.



James Collins

James Collins was born on 4 March 1823 in Hereford England. At the age of fifteen, he arrived in South Australia on the *Rapid*, on its second voyage in 1838. He worked as one of the labourers assisting John McLaren in surveying districts south of Adelaide. In 1845 he married Elizabeth Chandler, daughter of Charles and Elizabeth Chandler, in Holy Trinity, Adelaide. They went on to have fifteen children. In 1850 James and Elizabeth moved to the Delamere area where Collins built a stone house and became a successful farmer. He acquired more land and in 1867 donated a portion of section 1498 for the Delamere school. Collins died on 14 June 1882.



Michael Wardle

Michael Wardle was born at Hindmarsh Valley in 1841. He married Ellen Hunter in at Peter’s Church Normanville in 1866 and their son Hamly Silverton Wardle was born the following year. After working as a labourer for a time at Port Elliot, Michael became licensee of the Silverton Hotel, owned by his father-in-law Peter Hunter. He was the licensee from 1866 to 1868 and 1870 to 1872. Talisker mine closed in 1872 and the nearby Silverton Hotel ceased to trade. In June that year the hotel, which was insured and had been emptied, burnt down and the inquest into the fire found that “that the building was set on fire by some person or persons unknown”. Three weeks after the fire, Michael Wardle died from injuries received when he was thrown from his cart on a bad section of road. He was only 30 years of age.



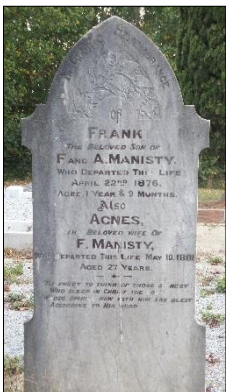
Hugh Watson

Hugh Watson and his wife Mary and two daughters, Isobel and Mary, arrived in South Australia on the *Buckinghamshire* in 1839. The family lived for a time at Brown Hill Creek, where Mary died in November 1842. In 1851 Hugh married Ann Maxwell Christie, and in 1856 they moved to the Rapid Bay area, where Hugh bought land which he named Blinkbonnie, and where some of his children were born. Hugh senior was killed in 1882 when a cart in which he was riding overturned. His widow sold Blinkbonnie and the family moved to Adelaide in 1883.



Charles and Ann Manisty

Charles and Ann Sarah Manisty and their four year old son Francis came out to South Australia from Scotland about 1847. Charles’ father was a clergyman and his brother a High Court judge in England. The family came to Bullaparinga in 1857 and took up farming. At about 19 years of age Francis began buying land, and between 1864 and 1873 acquired a number of small sections near the Bullaparinga cemetery. His father Charles, however, was not doing as well as Francis, and in 1872 was declared insolvent, Charles stating that he was chiefly supported by his son. Ann Sarah died in 1887 and Charles in 1895. Their grandsons, Charles and Benjamin, moved to Normanville about 1910 and took over the carrying business of A.R.D.Martin. Charles subsequently became a blacksmith at Yankalilla.



Francis and Agnes Manisty

Francis Manisty, the son of Charles and Ann Sarah, married Agnes Parlor in 1873 at St James church. They had a son Frank the following year but he died at under two years of age. Another son Charles was born in 1877, and another son Benjamin in 1881. Francis’ wife Agnes died about a month after the birth of Benjamin and she was buried here with her son Frank. Francis’s mother, Ann Sarah, probably helped her son look after his young sons until her death in 1887. Francis, who had bought his first sections of land when he was about 19 years of age, continued to farm at Bullaparinga for many years. He died at the home of his son Charles at Yankalilla on 9 February 1971, aged 74 years.



William Whyte

Whyte was born in Dublin, Ireland in 1833 and came out to South Australia in 1855 with his first wife Ann neé Mowatt. They had six children, the youngest of whom, Sarah Kate, was born at Delamere in 1866. The family spent a few years at Second Valley before moving to Delamere. Whyte had a number of occupations over the years: shoemaker, publican, and storekeeper. He was also Council Clerk for nine years and a JP. Whyte died in 1912 and was buried in this cemetery with his first wife, who had died in 1906.



James Cole

James Cole was born in England about 1825. He came out to South Australia in 1849 on the *Harry Lorrequer*. In November 1853 he married widow Mrs Ann Batt in Christ Church in Adelaide. They came down to Delamere where Cole purchased land and built a home. James and Ann had their first child, Alfred, in 1854 and six more children followed over the next 14 years. Cole later acquired more land and in 1870 he donated part of section 1522 to the Church of England so that St James could be built.

Cole died on 5 February 1872, and he was the first person to be buried in the St James cemetery. His widow Ann remarried in 1874. She remained at Delamere for the rest of her life, dying in 1927 at the age of 102 years.



William Henry Roper

William Henry Roper married Anne in 1854 and moved to the Rapid Bay district in 1855. It is said that when they arrived at their house, they found that cattle had eaten the thatch on the roof. They farmed at Rapid Bay for a number of years and then in 1878 Roper bought the Second Valley Mill from the Leonard brothers. William Henry Roper died in 1893 (aged 60 years) and Anne in 1926 (aged 96 years).



George Solomon

George Solomon was the son of a convict, transported to NSW for pickpocketing. George arrived in South Australia in 1838 as a member of Joseph Hawdon's Overland Expedition to bring cattle to the colony. He was about 16 years of age at that time. Solomon later worked at the Encounter Bay Whaling Station and at Fishery Beach, Cape Jervis. In January 1851 Solomon married Rathoola, a Kurna woman, and they had four children, George, John, Elizabeth and Emanuel. Rathoola died on 28 August 1858 and Solomon was left with very young children to provide for. Most of the children went to the Poonindie Anglican Mission. In January 1859 George Solomon married Catherine Burke and together they had 12 children. Solomon was at various times pound-keeper at Bullaparinga, curator of St James cemetery, and storekeeper at Delamere. He died in 1895 and Catherine in 1910.



Thomas Lord

Thomas Lord left Portsmouth in 1863, and arrived at Adelaide, via Melbourne, on 1 September. From there he made his way south, getting a ride as far as Normanville but then on foot to the Rapid Bay area. In 1864 Thomas married Sarah Bennett, daughter of Aaron and Catherine Bennett of Delamere. Over the next few years they had six children. Sarah died in 1880.

In his early years in the area Thomas gained employment as a road worker, but it is said that he attended night classes to improve his education and in 1882 he was appointed Clerk to the District Council of Rapid Bay, a position he held for many years. He also managed to save enough money to be able to purchase land until he owned approximately 200 acres in the district. He built his home "Sunny Side" on section 1633. Thomas died in 1917 and was buried in St James' cemetery, of which he had been the curator.



W.H.Limbert

William Harvey Limbert was born in England about 1826. He came out to South Australia on the *Pysche* in 1849. In 1851 he married Jane Thacker at Holy Trinity, Adelaide. By 1861 he was at Second Valley, where he had a store and post office. On 30 January 1864 a fire broke out in Limbert's store, and a newspaper reported that "Mr. Limbert estimates his loss at not less than £1,200." The inquest found that the building had been deliberately set on fire. However, Limbert rebuilt his store, and shortly afterwards also established one at Delamere, which was managed for him by an agent until 1886. Limbert died on 28 November 1886. Probate on his estate was valued at £11,100.



Sarah Kate Williss

Sarah Kate, the daughter of Ann and William Whyte (local landowner and storekeeper), was born on 24 February 1866 at Delamere. In 1886 she married, in St James church, Benjamin Grove Williss, the youngest son of George and Elizabeth Williss, who lived at Spring Grove, Bullaparinga. Sarah and Benjamin had a son, Clifford, on 10 September 1887, and then a daughter, Hazel, on 19 November 1889. Complications set in for Sarah after the birth and she died two days later. Their son Clifford died at the age of sixteen, when he accidentally shot himself while preparing to go rabbiting. He was buried in this cemetery with his mother.



Joseph Grundy

Joseph Grundy arrived in South Australia on the Dutch Ship *Fop Smit* on 1 August 1853. He went to the Victorian goldfields and after some success returned to South Australia and set up a grocery store in Yankalilla in partnership with J.W.Clayton. After selling his interest in the store to Clayton he moved to Nailsworth for a few years until in 1867 he bought William Randall's property at Second Valley and moved there with his family and took up sheepfarming. He was obviously successful, as after his death the probate on his estate was £30,000. He died on 9 October 1886 as the result of an accident. He was 66 years old. His obituary states that as well as the land at Second Valley he held a property of over 3,000 acres on Hindmarsh Island, and that "he was the first to introduce hares both on the island and in the Rapid Bay district".