People of the Yankalilla District



Alton Grange c 1940s

Lovelock family

Levi LOVELOCK (c1827- 1907)

Married: Peggy Penburthy BENNETTS – arrived on

Buffalo 1836

Arrived in Yankalilla district: by 1855

Settled at: Normanville Occupation: farmer, publican

Buried: Aldinga

Children:

William Thomas (1850 -)

Thomas Edward (1851 -)

Mary Ann POINTON (1853 - 1926)

James Bennetts (1856 - 1942)

Adelaide POLKINGHORNE (1858 - 1930)

Richard Levi (1864 - 1937)

Alma Esther POKINGHORNE (1867 - 1947)

Edith ROWLEY (1869 -)

Rosalie Acilla WAYE (1871 - 1908)

Elijah LOVELOCK (1829 - 1907) brother of Levi

Married: Mary Ann MARTIN (1828 - 1904)

Arrived in Yankalilla district: 1867 Settled at: Inman Valley, Bald Hills

Occupation: farmer

Buried: Christ Church cemetery

Children:

Richard (1854 - 1928) m Ann GRUNDY Eva Priscilla KELLY (1856 - 1940) Euphemia Eulie MEYER (1858 - 1918) George and Ann Lovelock arrived in South Australia with their large family in 1839 on the Prince Regent and settled at Aldinga. Two of their sons came to the Yankalilla district in the 1850s.

Levi Lovelock was living at Normanville by 1855 and was the publican of the Normanville Hotel in 1855 and 1856. He bought land in the Normanville area, including section 1035 where the Show Grounds are now. His house was on the opposite side of the main road, and this burnt down in January 1862. It would appear that he left Normanville shortly after this and moved back to Aldinga.

Elijah Lovelock met and married Mary Ann Martin while living at Aldinga, and they moved to the Encounter Bay district about 1856, where Elijah bought several sections at Inman Valley. In the early 1860s he served on the Encounter Bay District Council representing the Inman Valley Ward. In 1860 he also acted as a judge at "the Yankalilla first annual exhibition of livestock, agricultural, horticultural and dairy produce, etc" [Register 1-03-1860] which was held near the Yankalilla Hotel. He was one of the judges of the grain section, which consisted of wheat only, and of which there were six samples exhibited, "nearly the whole of them ... remarkably clean and plump".

In 1867 Elijah bought George Fowler Day's property near Torrens Vale. The house opposite the Torrens Vale turnoff, named Alton Grange, became the family home. He took an interest in the public affairs of the Yankalilla district and was on the working committee formed at a meeting in 1882 to establish "The Yankalilla Rapid Bay & Myponga Agricultural and Horticultural Society". He was also an active parishioner of Christ Church Yankalilla.

Elijah's wife Mary Ann died in 1904, and following this Elijah moved to Salisbury, leaving his son Richard to manage the farm. Elijah died in 1907.



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