



Israel

**MAZEY** (c1816-1894)

Married Hannah **WOOLMAN** (c1827-1878)

on 23 January 1843 at Holy Trinity Church,  
Adelaide

Departed 2 March 1836 from Isle of Wight

Arrived 27 July 1836 at Nepean Bay on the

## Duke of York

### Children of Israel & Hannah:

Joseph (1844–1911) m Emily **WEBB**

Margaret (1846–1921) m Joseph **JACQUIER**

John (1848–1928) m Elizabeth **JENKINS**

Sarah (1850–1933) m William **HONE**

Mary Jane (1852–1939) m George **JARMYN**

James (1854–1923)

David (1856–1930) m Rose **ELDRIDGE**

Louisa (1859–1879) m Ludwig **SCHAAD**

Israel (1860–1861)

Philip (1862–1934) m Mary **BROPHY**

Susanna (1865–1938) m William **BETTY**

William (1867–1928) m Charlotte **MENDS**

## One of the Original Settlers

When 20-year-old Israel Mazey applied to work for the South Australian Company, little did he know he'd signed up for an adventure to last a lifetime. The passengers and crew of the whaling barque *Duke of York* were assigned to establish a whaling station on Kangaroo Island, and Israel joined the vessel when it called into port at the Isle of Wight. When the ship anchored at Nepean Bay, the first official British settlers stepped on shore.

Six weeks later Israel was to leave with the barque bound for Van Diemen's Land, but he had other ideas and hid in the dense scrub. Eventually he was found and escorted back to the waiting vessel. In Hobart, Israel seized his opportunity and this time the thick bushland kept him hidden out of sight. It was a fortunate move, as several months later the *Duke of York* was shipwrecked and sunk.

Israel returned to Kangaroo Island, where he worked as a blacksmith until his three-year contract with the South Australian Company expired. Then, in an open boat and under the skilful navigation of pilot Benjamin Germein, he headed up the Gulf of St Vincent to the murky, mosquito-infested shores of Port Misery where he worked as a lighterman before turning his hand to fishing.

In 1843, Israel married Hannah Woolman, who had arrived in 1837 aboard the *Navarino*. The couple had twelve children, all but one surviving to adulthood.

In 1847, Israel bought a house in King Street, Alberton and after a little luck at the Victorian Goldfields, purchased a second house in the same street. Before long Israel decided to try his hand at farming and, after selling the Alberton properties, he purchased land at Blumberg (now Birdwood). Unfortunately, three years later Israel had to accept that he was a far better fisherman than farmer, and returned to Alberton where he re-acquired one of his former homes. Here he remained for the rest of his life.

In June 1878 Hannah died of typhoid fever. Prior to Israel's death on 26 June 1894, he was one of only three surviving pioneers from the Duke of York.

From information provided by Cheryl Williss,  
Israel's great great great granddaughter  
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