



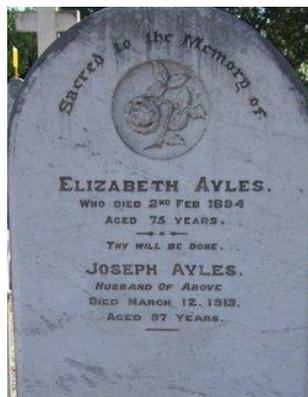
From agricultural labourer to South Australian land holder

Joseph & Elizabeth Ayles travelled to South Australia as a young married couple on the free passage for labourers scheme. As Joseph was an agricultural labourer in Wiltshire, it is presumed that he found work in agriculture in the new colony. They first settled in a farming area at Richmond.

Elizabeth gave birth to their first child, a girl whom they named Elizabeth, on January 23 1841, five weeks after their arrival on the *Fairfield*. In their first 10 years in the new colony, 6 more children were born. Three of these children did not survive infancy and all are buried at the West Terrace Cemetery.

In 1850 Joseph, along with William Henry Huggins, leased an 80 acre section at Para Plains. In 1851 both Joseph and William Huggins purchased the neighbouring section of 80 acres for £80 sterling under the South Australian Land Grant scheme. Over the following 15 years, Joseph was involved in various land transactions, increasing the size of his land holding. In November of 1880, Joseph advertised in *The South Australian Advertiser* the sale of his farm of 200 acres on which was a "stone house of six rooms, an out-kitchen, and other out-buildings, good well of water; situated 10 miles from Adelaide, 2 and a half miles from Salisbury." Both Joseph and Elizabeth then moved to a cottage in George Street, Salisbury.

The family of Joseph and Elizabeth all became residents of the Northern Yorke Peninsula area at some part of their lives. With financial backing from Joseph, all four sons took up farming land in this area, with three of them eventually buried in the Kadina cemetery. The four daughters all lived at least some of their married lives also in the Kadina area. Elizabeth died in 1894 aged 75 years. Joseph died in 1913 aged 97 years at Wallaroo in the home of his daughter Sarah Stephens. His funeral left the Salisbury Railway Station on the arrival of the train from Wallaroo. Both Elizabeth and Joseph are buried in the graveyard at St. John's Anglican Church at Salisbury.



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From information provided by Julie Ayles,
Joseph & Elizabeth's great-great granddaughter-in-law
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Joseph AYLES [1815-1913] & Elizabeth LANSLEY [1818-1894]

Married 16 November 1839
Ludgershall, Wiltshire, England

Departed 30 July 1840, from Plymouth
Arrived 14 December 1840 on the

Fairfield

Children of Joseph & Elizabeth:

- Elizabeth (1841-1918) m George BAYNES
- Henry (1842-1891) m Jane HASTELOW
- Mary (1845-1845)
- Martha (1846-1885) m Charles HENDERSON
- Edward (1847-1847)
- William (1848-1848)
- Walter (1849-1930) m Martha HUGGINS
- Joseph (1851-1936) m Eliese BUSSENSCHUTT
- Sarah (1852-1937) m [1] Richard PARKYN
[2] Silas STEPHENS
- Matilda (1856-1891) m Herman KOCH
- James (1859-1931) m Lucy VOCKINS

