



Model of the 'Rapid' [SLSA B 5593]

Robert BUCK Jnr (1819-1895)

Married

Elizabeth WILLIAMS

in 1844 at St John's Church, Adelaide

Departed 1 May 1836 from London

Arrived 20 August 1836 at Nepean Bay on the

Rapid

Children of Robert Jnr & Elizabeth:

Maria (1842-1918) m Joseph WOOLMAN

William (1844-1922) m Mary Ann AYLIFFE

Elizabeth (1846-1916) m George JACKAMAN

Robert (1849-1902) m Sarah Ann BRAEDEN

Phoebe (1851-1919) m Robert SMITH

Thomas (1854-1918) m Rose PRETTIJOHN

James (1856-1933) m Elizabeth BROWN

Janet (1859-1860)

Jeanette (1863-1863)

Margaret (1865-1865)

One of the Colony's Original Seafaring Settlers

Robert Buck Jnr was born in Deptford Kent into a seafaring family, his father having sailed in the Royal Navy. As a young man he joined his father as crew of the *Rapid* with Colonel William Light.

The *Rapid* arrived in August 1836 at Kangaroo Island before continuing on with the survey work of the coast to find the inlet that led to what became the Port of Adelaide. Robert is reported to be the sailor who carried Mrs Sarah Hoare onto the shore, and was present for the birth of the first white settler of the colony, John Rapid Hoare.

Robert's mother, Maria, brothers and sisters arrived in 1839 and the family settled into a life building the colony on LeFevre's Peninsular. As shipbuilders and mariners they provided lighter services and moved goods and ore along the coast. For many years Robert was also engaged as a government employee at the Government dockyard at Glanville.

Elizabeth Williams arrived in 1840 and married Robert in 1844. Robert and his brothers journeyed to the Victorian goldfields in the 1850s along with many of the new settlers. Robert and Elizabeth had ten children and raised their family in Wallaroo in the 1860s. Many of the family and grandchildren found work in Newcastle when the Wallaroo and Moonta Mines slowed. Robert died in 1895 in Wallaroo, and Elizabeth was laid to rest with her husband in 1899.



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