

Edward ("Ned") Gallop (1813-1859)

Edward Gallop was baptised on 16 April 1815 in Sullington, Sussex son of Thomas, a shepherd, and Sarah.¹

Edward Gallop arrived in the Colony with his brothers James and Richard as some of Latour's settlers.² After arriving, he was possibly working for John Morgan at Swan Location 25 now part of Lynwood, Willetton and Rossmoyne.³

On 24 June 1836 he married Ellen Kelly, widow of Thomas Kelly, who was 17 years his senior.⁴

In September 1836, he was working for Revett Bland and Arthur Trimmer as a shepherd at their property at York above the Ford. At the time, Bland and Trimmer had 5,000 sheep.⁵

Aborigines had been stealing flour from Bland and Trimmer's barn. In Bland's absence, Trimmer was in charge and he and Trimmer waited for them one night in the Barn. Trimmer got tired and went to bed. He instructed Gallop to shoot anyone who attempted to steal from the barn. Three aborigines entered and while carrying away a quantity of flour, they were "wantonly" shot by a Gallop who had been lying "perdue" in the straw of the barn loft.⁶ One died and the other two were badly wounded. According to Bunbury, Trimmer's "character never could recover from this foul stain"⁷ and Edward Gallop's reputation must also have been damaged. In retaliation, aborigines speared an old settler called William Knott. The whole affair was the subject of a letters from Missionary Louis Giustiniani.⁸

Edward later found regular employment around Guildford as a shepherd.⁹ In the 1837 census he was mentioned as a shepherd.

In 1838, Gallop was charged with stealing a ewe and lamb from the property of Louis Giustiniani on the Helena River, selling them to Edwin Knott, the son of William Knott. He was found not guilty. His brother James compensated his accuser.¹⁰

In 1842, Gallop announced that he was not responsible for the debts of his wife.¹¹ Ellen went to live with her married daughter in York and it is also reported that she settled on land "Culbinie" at Meckering with a son presumably William or his son Thomas who is recorded as living at Meckering.¹²

¹ Baptism. "England, Sussex, Parish Registers, 1538-1910", database, FamilySearch

(<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:QJDX-4LMW> : 7 December 2017), Thomas Gallop in entry for Edward Gallop, 1815.

² Rica Erickson: Dictionary of Western Australians p.1144.

³ Wikitree entry (Gallop-135) by Greg Scannel.

⁴ Rica Erickson: Dictionary of Western Australians p.1144.

⁵ Perth Gazette and Western Australian Journal 4 June 1836, p.705.

⁶ Swan River Guardian 25 May 1836, p.124.

⁷ Bunbury, HW, edited by W St Pierre Bunbury and WP Morrell, Early Days in Western Australia, Oxford University Press, 1930, pp.53-56; Perth Gazette and Western Australian Journal 17 September 1836, p.765.

⁸ Swan River Guardian 25 May 1837, p.124

⁹ Wikitree entry (Gallop-135) by Greg Scannel.

¹⁰ Perth Gazette and Western Australian Journal 7 April 1838, p.55.

¹¹ Inquirer, 19 October 1842, p.1.

¹² Wikitree entry (Gallop-135) by Greg Scannel.

Gallop was back in York in 1847 as he advertised a light sprint cart for sale, “which may be seen at the farm of Mr E Gallop, York”.¹³

In 1848 he employed a Parkhurst boy as a shepherd.¹⁴

In February 1849, despite his brothers Richard and James trying to do their best to help him,¹⁵ Gallop became bankrupt and handed all his property over to JH Monger and Walter Sleep for the benefit of his creditors.¹⁶ At the time he was living with Glen Irwin in the Avon District.¹⁷

At Christmas time in 1852, a fire destroyed 15 acres of wheat and four acres of hay belonging to Gallop. A subscription was opened for donations to assist him in his financial loss.¹⁸

Gallop left York and in April 1852, he was charged and fined in Fremantle for being drunk and having boarded the vessel Mary and hidden with the intent of stowing away on the ship.¹⁹

Gallop left the Colony for Adelaide (without his wife) on 7 July 1852.²⁰ He disembarked in South Australia.²¹

In 1855 there was a curious advertisement in the Argus Melbourne which read: SWAN RIVER: If this should meet the eye of Edward Gallop, he will hear of Thomas Kelly by directing to the Post Office, Beechworth.²² Thomas Kelly was his step-son.²³

He had died by 1859.²⁴

His wife stayed in York, dying at Mile Pool on 25 August 1881 at the age of 81.²⁵

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¹³ Inquirer, 27 October 1847, p.1.

¹⁴ Wikitree entry (Gallop-135) by Greg Scannel.

¹⁵ Wikitree entry (Gallop-135) by Greg Scannel.

¹⁶ Perth Gazette and Independent Journal of Politics and News 14 February 1849, p.1.

¹⁷ Wikitree entry (Gallop-135) by Greg Scannel.

¹⁸ Perth Gazette and Independent Journal of Politics and News 2 January 1851, p.4.

¹⁹ Inquirer, 28 April 1852, p.2.

²⁰ Perth Gazette and Independent Journal of Politics and News 9 July 1852, p.3.

²¹ Biographical Index of South Australians Database.

²² The Argus, 7 August 1855, p.8.

²³ Wikitree entry (Gallop-135) by Greg Scannel.

²⁴ Biographical Index of South Australians Database.

²⁵ Eastern Districts Chronicle, 2 September 1881, p.2.