

## A17 James Badgery

## Free settler, cattle farmer

Title/rank: Free settler, cattle farmer

Born – date/year: Around 1768

Place of origin: Heavitree, Devon, England

Education: Had an above average education and was an experienced farmer.



Elizabeth Lundie

Marital status & children: James married Elizabeth Lundie (25) in October 1793 at Exeter, England. They had three children who had died before immigrating, however, they had a daughter and four sons after arrival in NSW. After James' death in 1827, Elizabeth (depicted above) remained at Badgerys Creek for many years before moving finally to her son, Andrew's property at Jembaicumbene, near Braidwood where she remained until her death in 1849.

Place where lived; James and Elizabeth arrived in Sydney in November 1799. He leased 11 acres along the Hawkesbury and also land for a mill in Sydney, from which he developed a very successful bakery. In 1803, he was granted 100 acres near the Hawkesbury/Nepean River and after the 1806 floods, was granted 640 acres west of Liverpool, which became known as Badgery's Creek (a tributary of South Creek).

Role/job: James was employed on the trip out by Lieutenant Colonel William Paterson (an amateur botanist) to tend his precious seeds and plants. Paterson was returning to Sydney as commandant of the New South Wales Corps and as Lieutenant Governor. After settling at his Liverpool grant, which James called *Exeter Farm*, he produced grain, cattle, sheep and horses, winning prizes at shows. His horses were entered into races and won various cups. By 1820, he had purchased a further 1300 acres, mainly from buying out smaller neighbouring properties and owned 450 cattle, 16 horses and more than 650 sheep. He was granted 500 acres at Sutton Forest which he called *Spring Grove* in 1822. His eldest son, Henry, spent most of this time there.

Contribution to Liverpool: Donor of cattle to the Benevolent Society, successful farmer, participated in life of the community. His four children also became well known.

Died/age: 4 Dec 1827 - aged 58

Religion: Church of England    Grave No. A17

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