

A113 -114 Elizabeth & Timothy Beard (and the Rolfe children) publicans & graziers

Title/rank:	Elizabeth Hennigan was a recent widow when she arrived in Sydney in April 1821, with her two children, Joseph and Sarah Rolfe. (Their father, Samuel Rolfe, had absconded.)
Born – date/year:	1793
Place of origin:	Not stated
Marital status & children:	Elizabeth married Timothy Beard at St Luke’s Church, Liverpool in December 1821. Timothy had been transported to the colony in 1806 and assigned to Mr John Jamieson, Superintendent of Government Stock, where he learned about cattle. He applied for emancipation in 1817 and was granted a conditional pardon in January 1818.
Place where lived:	Lived at the <i>Bay Horse Inn</i> , where he was its publican, at the bottom of Carnes Hill (near Leppington) in the district of Cabramatta. It was the subject of several attacks by bushrangers, but the Beards survived them. They purchased another inn, the <i>Robin Hood Inn</i> in 1841 near Bunbury Curran Creek, opposite Varroville. However, they had developed their first one into the <i>Bay Horse Farm</i> , which is where each of them eventually died.
Role/job:	<p>In the years in between, Timothy and his stepson Joseph occupied land at Limestone Plains, known as Queanbeyan, along the Molonglo River. They also had huts on land where Lanyon Homestead now stands. After the latter was purchased, he leased grazing land near Tidbinbilla in the Monaro. Joseph managed these activities and his sister Sarah (who had married George Webb) moved to the Limestone Plains to help him.</p> <p>In their wills, Elizabeth and Timothy left the <i>Bay Horse Inn</i> and 100 acres at Carnes Hill, together with the <i>Shamrock Inn</i> and about 2000 acres of land at Sutton Forest, to Elizabeth’s son, Joseph Rolfe. Their estate also included 15 acres at Narellan, the <i>Robin Hood Inn</i>, and 4.5 acres on Myrtle Creek (Picton) and about 50 acres at Bargo.</p>
Contribution to Liverpool.	The Beards did not contribute much directly to the life of Liverpool but were prominent and successful publicans and farmers in the surrounding districts.
Died/age:	Timothy on 28 Dec. 1848, aged 86 and Elizabeth died in 1860 at 67.
Religion:	Church of England Grave No. A113, 114
Source of info.	B. R. Biffin, G.G.G. Granddaughter of Elizabeth Beard, member L&DFHS