

James AYERS (1833-1915)

James migrated to Tasmania on the 'Trade Wind', aged 23, single, CE, a farm labourer from Norfolk. He was accompanied by his two brothers: George (1834-1868) and Samuel (1835-1911).

James was the son of George (1796-1873) and Jane nee Barham (1796-1854). He was born on 14 September 1833 and baptised on 22 September 1833 at Rockland All Saints, Norfolk.

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James and his two brothers were sponsored by William Gibson of Launceston. William Gibson (1820-1892) was the son of David Gibson (1778-1858) who arrived as a convict in 1804. He was granted land near Perth and Evandale and in 1811 he and his wife were entertaining the governor. David's seven sons, including William, were successful farm managers and breeders of prize-winning sheep. William acquired a large tract of land on both sides of the

South Esk, where he built an English-style house at Native Point near Perth. He was widely known throughout the Australian colonies as a very successful breeder of Merino sheep. He also possessed the best herd of Durham cattle in the colony at the time. In conjunction with his son he owned the following properties: Native Point, Scone, Creekton, Woodhall, Eskdale and Dairy Plains.

An Isaac Ayres was also an emigrant on the 'Trade Wind'. Although James had a brother Isaac, the Isaac on the 'Trade Wind' was not believed to be the same. See Isaac Ayres for further information.

James married Sarah Harriett HARLEY (1839-1916) on 14 June 1865 at Longford, Tasmania. Sarah, aged 20, arrived Melbourne from Liverpool per 'Green Jacket' and thence to Launceston per 'Black Swan' arriving 30 February 1861. Sarah was a general servant from Lincolnshire and was sponsored by Hannah Lee. James and Sarah had at least seven children, all born in Tasmania. Twins born in 1879 died in infancy and another daughter died at eight months.

James' youngest son, James Charles (1882-1963) married Amy Frances Bean (1876-1910), the daughter of other 'Trade Wind' migrants, Henry Bean (1834-1903) and Maria nee Dennis (1842-1917).

James died on 23 March 1915, aged 81, at the residence of his son, James Charles, 138 Balfour Street, Launceston. Sarah died on 15 September 1916 at 155 Patterson Street, Launceston, aged 76. They were both buried at Carr Villa.