

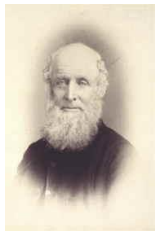
## Samuel AYERS aka AYRES (1835-1911)

Samuel migrated to Tasmania on the 'Trade Wind' in 1858 along with his two brothers: George (1830-1868) and James (1833-1915). Samuel was described as being aged 22, single, CE, a farm labourer from Norfolk. Samuel's age on Destination List is inaccurately recorded as aged 17.

1836	Jan 17 <sup>th</sup> born Nov 14 1835 No. 302.	Samuel son of	George & Jane daughters of J. Barham	Ayers	Rockland	labourer	R. Woodbury curate.
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Samuel was the son of George (1796-1873) and Jane nee Barham (1796-1854). He was born on 14 November 1835 and baptised on 17 January 1836 at Rockland All Saints, Norfolk.

In the 1851 England Census for Union Lane, Rockland All Saints, Samuel was an errand boy, aged 15, residing with his parents, George and Jane.



Samuel 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 a migrant on the 'Trade Wind'. Although Samuel had a brother Isaac (1828), the Isaac (1835-1913) on the 'Trade Wind' was not believed to be the same although possibly related. See Isaac Ayres for further information.

Samuel married Elizabeth May Cox (1849-1918) on 4 April 1865 at Christ Church, Longford, Tasmania. They had eight children. Their eldest daughter died, aged 29, with pneumonia and four other children were believed to have died in infancy. The surviving children remained residing in Tasmania.

Samuel died on 19 May 1911 at Beaconsfield, Tasmania, aged 75. His wife, Elizabeth, died at Invermay on 21 September 1918, aged 71.