

## **Eliza BLIZZARD (1847-1875)**

Eliza migrated to Tasmania on the 'Trade Wind' in 1858 along with her parents, George (1811-1890) and Phoebe nee Blake (1814-1897), and nine of her siblings: Frances (1836-1902), Louisa (1839-1907), David (1841-1933), George (1845-1913), Harriet (1850-1934), William (1843-1895), Charles (1852-1931), James (1854-1932) and Catherine (1856-1941). Her oldest brother, John (1833-1900), remained in England with his wife, Elizabeth nee Smith (1831-1902) and their two children: Robert and George. Eliza was aged 10 and was able to read when arriving in Tasmania. She was born about 1848 at Euston in Suffolk.

Eliza married John Thorp (1844-1899), third son of Henry Thorp (1819-1873) and Harriet nee Reeve (1820-1901) from Green Hills, Tasmania, on 3 October 1867 at the residence of Henry's brother, George Thorp (1841-1921) of South Road, Forest. John and Eliza had at least five children. A son, John Henry (1870-1870), died at the age of 7 months. A daughter, Annie (1874-1875) also died at 7 months.

Eliza died at Stanley on 2 October 1875 at the age of 28. The cause of her death was dementia. John died at Duck River on 31 March 1899, aged 54, of natural causes.

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