

William BLIZZARD (1844-1895)

William migrated to Tasmania on the 'Trade Wind' in 1858 along with his parents, George (1811-1890) and Phoebe nee Blake (1814-1897), and nine of his siblings: Frances (1836-1902), Louisa (1839-1907), David (1841-1933), George Jun. (1845-1913), Eliza (1848-1875), Harriet (1850-1934), Charles (1852-1931), James (1854-1932) and Catherine (1856-1941). His oldest brother, John (1833-1900), remained in England with his wife, Elizabeth nee Smith (1831-1902) and their two children: Robert and George. William was aged 15, single, literate and a labourer when migrating. He was baptised on 20 August 1843 at Euston, Suffolk.

William married Sarah Jane Alderson (1850-1893) at Horton on 23 June 1870. Sarah was the daughter of ex-convicts Joseph Alderson (1819-1852) and Anne nee Campbell (1827-). Sarah's father died while she was an infant and her mother remarried, ex-convict Thomas Phillip Jackson (1817-1883), Sarah's stepfather. Joseph Alderson was convicted to transportation for seven years at the London Old Bailey on 4 January 1836 for Larceny from the person – pocket picking a handkerchief on 5 December 1834. He was one of 150 convicts transported to VDL on 29 August 1837 per 'Royal Sovereign'. He was aged 16 and a shoemaker. Anne Campbell originated from Tyrone in Ireland. She was transported to VDL for Larceny: stealing oatmeal. She departed Dublin on 12 August 1841 per 'Mexborough'.

William was a farmer at Forest. They had nine or ten children. Their youngest son, Eric, was aged four when his mother died and aged six when his father died. He was raised by his sister, Eliza. Eric was with the 40th Battalion in World War 1 and was Killed in Action (KIA) in the field in Belgium. His cousin, James, was also KIA at about the same time. Eric's death notice in the *Circular Head Chronicle* ended with 'Greater love hath no man than that he laid down his life for his friends.'

No.	When married, and where.	Name and Surname.	Age.	Rank.	Signatures and Description of Parties.	Name of Clergyman, Officiating Minister, or Deputy Registrar.	When registered.	Signature of Deputy Registrar or Officiating Minister.
3	23 rd June 1870 Stanley Clinton Road	William Blyggard ✓ Sarah Jane Alderson ✓	26 19	Larvener	William Blyggard hus & mark teacher Sarah Jane Alderson Spencer	William Benson Minster	June 28 th 1870	W Benson

Married at the residence of *John Blyggard* according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the *United Methodist Church* by *W Benson* Minister of our act of the Court of New Brunswick passed 22nd April 1870. *John Blyggard* and *Sarah Jane Alderson* and to answer to the *Say* regulating marriage { In the presence of *W Benson* Minister of our act of the Court of New Brunswick passed 22nd April 1870.

This Marriage was solemnized between us *William Blyggard* and *Sarah Jane Alderson*

I CERTIFY the above to be a true Copy of all the entries of Marriages made in the Register Book kept by me since the last Certificate.

W Benson Minister

William died on 4 April 1895 at Stanley, aged 52 and Sarah died, aged 42, on 11 June 1893 at Forest. Sarah died with ovarian cancer. William died with chronic Bright's (kidney) disease and tuberculosis.

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