

George BYE (1855-1935)

George was aged about three when departing England on the 'Trade Wind' in 1858 with his parents: James Bye (1820-1887) and Susan nee Mason (aka Dixon – 1834-1883). James and Susan did not marry until about three months before sailing on the 'Trade Wind' – 12 July 1857 at St Mary's Church, Illington, Norfolk. This suggests George may have been the son of Susan and not James Bye. After the marriage George was known by the name of Bye. A search for George Bye, Dickson, Dixon or Mason was not able to find a birth or baptism for George. Family history researchers on *ancestry.com* record George as being born on 19 May 1855 in Norfolk, England.

George married Hannah Georgiana (Anna) Manning (1858-1900) on 13 August 1879 at 'Melrose' Longford. She was the daughter of ex-convict George (1826-1864) and Caroline Ann nee Hill (1837-1894). George Manning was convicted with 'burglary with maleance' on 25 March 1843 at Bury St Edmunds, Suffolk. He was transported for Life, firstly to Norfolk Island per 'Maitland' in 1844. Anna was aged 6 or 7 when her father was brutally murdered at Hunterston, 12 miles from Bothwell. He was an overseer on the property owned by William Race Allison, Esq. (1812-1865) and after telling some intoxicated shepherds to leave the property a disturbance broke out. Dr William Campbell testified at the inquest stating the cause of death was a fracture of a portion of the temporal bone, the brains exuded. He testified the injuries might have been caused by the iron toe of the boots which were produced as evidence.



George Bye



Hannah nee Manning



Hannah and George Bye

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George and Anna had ten children; a daughter, Laura, died in infancy and another son, Percy Albert, who was a shearer, died in 1913 with typhoid fever in Winton Queensland, aged 28. George and Anna lived in the Cressy district. Anna died on 16 February 1900 at Cressy at the age of 42, a few months after her youngest daughter, Mildred (1899-1951) was born. George was left with a very young family to take care of.

George remarried Mabel Amy Gregory (1879-1969) on 1 September 1901 in Deloraine. Mabel was his children's schoolteacher, the daughter of Edward Culverhouse Gregory (1836-1901), 1st Superintendent of Police in Deloraine and Mary Elizabeth Beaumont nee Crowder (1837-1882). George and Mabel had at least eight children, making about 18 born to George. George and Mabel lived at 'Iveridge', a property on the Blackwood Creek Road, three kilometres east of the Blackwood Creek hamlet where all their children were born. 'Iveridge' was owned by the Archer's at the time. A daughter, Winifred (1904-1906), died

with burns, aged two. Sons, Allan (Mick -1906-2000) and Alfred (1902-1988) became well-known as picture showmen.

George died, aged 80, at Blackwood Creek on 27 June 1935. Mabel died at the Launceston General Hospital on 4 April 1969, aged 89, just five days short of her 90th birthday. Mabel also lived in Sheffield and Campbell Town before finally living at 38 Mayne Street, Launceston.

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