

Henry CLAXTON (1854-1924)

Henry was the youngest son of William (1814-1897) and Hannah nee Bean (1811-1876). He accompanied his parents and four siblings on the 'Trade Wind' in 1858. It is believed Henry was born about 1854 as 'Trade Wind' records show he was aged three at time of arriving in Tasmania. A birth or baptism record was not found for him online.

Henry married Julia Dunn (1854-1890) in New Zealand in 1875 (1875/875). It is likely Henry accompanied William to New Zealand. Their first daughter, Hannah Mabel (1876-1943) was born in Oamaru, New Zealand in July 1876. However, Henry and his wife were in Launceston, Tasmania when their second child, Henry Jun. (1879-1950), was born in on 22 September 1879. Henry and Julia had eight children in total; a twin daughter, Joleen (1886-1887 – twin of Eileen) only lived for seven months. Henry remained in the Launceston district working as a labourer.

Julia died at her residence in Margaret Street, Launceston on 6 July 1890, aged 36. The cause of death was due to diabetes. Members of the Cornwall Lodge No. 1 IOOF were requested to attend her funeral. Julia and Henry's youngest child was thirteen months old at the time of Julia's death. It is not known how Henry managed the children after his wife's death. Henry was recorded in the Electoral Rolls between 1919 and 1922 as a pensioner living with his eldest son, Henry Jun. (1879-1950) and wife, Amelia nee Watling (1881-1946) at Cormiston, West Tamar.

Henry Sen. died on 20 February 1924 at the Public Hospital Launceston, he was aged 69 years.

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