

Pamela KING (1836-1905)

Pamela was aged 21, single, could read and was a housemaid from Norfolk when she arrived in Tasmania on the 'Trade Wind' in 1858. She was sponsored by Dr John Anthony Moore (1817-1878) of Hobart Town and discharged from the Quarantine Station to him on 9 April 1858. Dr Moore was Commissioner of the New Norfolk Lunatic Asylum and a municipal councillor.

Pamela was baptised on 26 March 1837, the daughter of Thomas King (1789-?) and Francis nee Bluxton (1791-?), at Whitwell, Norfolk. In both the 1841 and 1851 England Census the family was living at Whitwell. By 1851 Thomas, an agricultural labourer, was a widower.

Pamela married a fellow passenger from the 'Trade Wind', William Blogg (1838-1902) on 10 May 1858, at Swansea – one month after their arrival. William was from Cawston in Norfolk and was sponsored by James Amos. James was from Gala Mill at Swan Port.



James Amos passed away on 18 July 1864 of paralysis, aged 59. His death may have been the reason William and Pamela moved to Mudgee, NSW, by 1871, to join his oldest brother, Robert (1829-1902), who had migrated to NSW per 'Bengal' on 13 March 1855. William was a station employee of James Atkinson of Grattai and Slashers Flat, Mudgee where he worked as a boundary rider. William retired after more than 30 years' service in 1901 and remained living at Horatio Street, Mudgee until his death on 9 April 1902 at the age of 64.

The Mudgee Guardian and North Western Representative, Thursday 22 June 1905 reported Mrs Blogg, widow of the late William Blogg, and a very old resident of Mudgee was found dead in bed at her cottage near Laing's foundry on 22 June. Witnesses at a colonial inquiry alleged Pamela was 'addicted to drink and was in the habit of taking chlorodyne'. The inquest into her death brought in a verdict of death from strychnine self-administered.

William and Pamela did not have any children.