

Samuel PEARSON (1837-?)

Samuel was aged 20, single, illiterate, a collier from Staffordshire when migrating on the 'Trade Wind' to Tasmania in 1858. On the Destination List Samuel was recorded as aged 24 and a labourer. He was discharged from the Quarantine Station at Impression Bay on his own account on the morning of 29 March 1858.

Samuel was sponsored by John Foster (1792-1875) of Hobart Town. Foster arrived in Tasmania in 1823 on the ship 'Berwick' from England. Upon his arrival John established himself at Fosterville near Campbell Town undertaking agricultural and grazing pursuits. Among other large properties he owned in Tasmania and Victoria he also owned the Douglas River Coal Company.

Samuel was possibly the son of William Pearson, 45, miner and Mary, 45 with siblings Benjamin, 15, miner; Thomas 13 miner; Sarah 10, scholar.

In the 1841 England Census a Samuel Pearson, aged 5 (1836), born Kingswinford, Staffordshire, and his brother Joseph, aged 12, 1829, born Kingswinford, Staffordshire were residing in the home of Henry and Ann Jones.

In the 1851 England Census at Wolverhampton, Staffordshire a Samuel Pearson, aged 16 was residing in the home of his parents: John and Letitia Pearson and siblings Caroline, 34; Ann, 28; William, 22.

No further records found for Samuel in Tasmania nor elsewhere. If a reader has any information about the 'Trade Wind' Samuel Pearson it would be appreciated if they contacted bettypilgrim@hotmail.com.