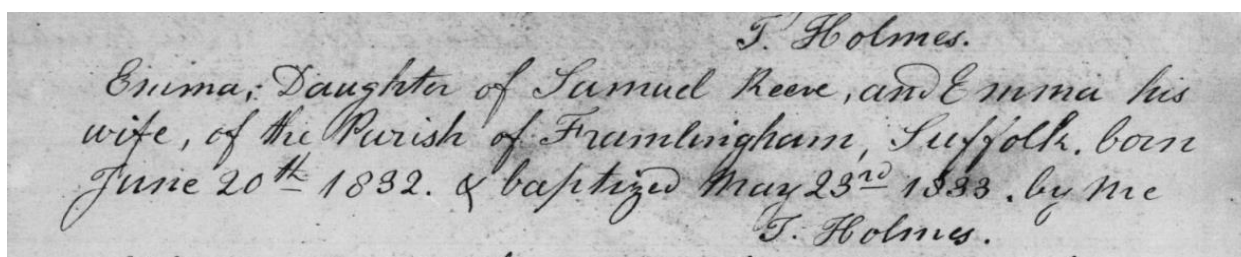


Emma REEVE (1832-1908)

Emma was aged 25, single, literate, from Suffolk and occupied as a general servant when migrating to Tasmania on the 'Trade Wind' in 1858. She was sponsored by Thomas Johnson of Hobart Town and discharged to Mr Thomson on the afternoon of 9 April 1858.

Emma may have been a relative of two other 'Trade Wind' passengers: Catherine Reeve (1835-?) and Mary Ann Reeve (1834-?). Emma and Mary Ann were discharged at the same time and to the same person so it is likely they were closely related, perhaps sisters.

Emma was the daughter of Samuel (1806-1887) and Emma Reeve nee Dale (1811-1905). She was born on 20 June 1832 at Framlingham, Suffolk.



The 1841 England Census for Back Street, Framlingham, Plomesgate, Suffolk records this family as follows:

Samuel Reeve, 35, 1806, born Suffolk
Emma Reeve, 30, 1811, born Suffolk
Emma Reeve, 9, 1832, Suffolk
Mary, 7, 1834, born Suffolk
Eliza, 4, 1837, born Suffolk
Samuel, 1, 1840, born Suffolk

No records were found for Emma in Tasmania.

According to a transcript of a marriage registration Emma Reeve married in 1887 to William Whitehand in Victoria. The original certificate was not available online or through *ancestry.com* nor *findmypast* so it was not possible to check the year. The year would seem to be incorrect as Emma Whitehand and W Whitehand sailed to Liverpool from Victoria, Australia in March 1865. Emma was aged 33, born about 1832. They sailed on the 'Great Britain'. William was aged 40 (born about 1825). This suggests Emma and William were married by 1865 rather than 1887.

William had previously been married to Martha nee Barnes (1825-1885) at Stephen, Ipswich. The 1851 England Census records William and Martha at Upper Brook Street, St Stephen, Ipswich. William was aged 26 and an inn-keeper. There were three children: Agnes, 4; Adelaide, 2; and Emily, 2 months.

Reading between the lines it would seem William and Emma were in a defacto relationship in March 1865 when they sailed to England from Victoria. It was likely they returned to Victoria, Australia, and married once William's wife, Martha, died in 1885. They once again returned to England as the 1901 England Census for St Margaret, Suffolk records

William Whitehand, 76, collector of customs, born Blaxhall, Suffolk
Emma Whitehand, 68, born Framlingham, Suffolk
Emma Reeve, mother-in-law, widow, 90, born Framlingham, Suffolk.

Emma,, born 1833, died in 1908. She was buried in the Old Ipswich Cemetery, Ipswich, Suffolk, England (Section Q). William died on 30 January 1903. He was buried at Old Ipswich Cemetery, Ipswich (Section Q). No children could be found on public records for Emma and William.