

George AYERS (1832-1868)

'Trade Wind' records George as being aged 25, single, CE, a farm labourer from Norfolk. He was sponsored by William Gibson of Launceston. Two of his siblings, James and Samuel, also migrated to Tasmania on the 'Trade Wind' and were sponsored by Gibson.

An Isaac Ayres was an emigrant on the 'Trade Wind'. Although George had a brother Isaac, the Isaac on the 'Trade Wind' was not believed to be a brother. See Isaac Ayres for further information.

George was born on 15 February 1830 in Norfolk, England and baptised on 14 March 1830 at Rockland All Saints, Norfolk. He was the son of George (1796-1873) and Jane nee Barham (1796-1854). There was another George Ayers (1830-1893), approximately the same age, who arrived in Tasmania but not the same as the 'Trade Wind' George. The other George married Kazia Bye before leaving England and did not travel on the 'Trade Wind'.

In the 1851 England census for Rockland All Saints, Norfolk, George was a lodger, aged 20, an agricultural labourer residing in the home of John Cann.

George died on 18 November 1868 in the Deloraine district, aged 38. The death registration records the cause of death as being 'crushed by the falling of tree'. The death was reported by Charles Clarke, farmer at Quamby Brook, near Deloraine; it is likely George was working at Quamby Brook. There is no record of George marrying.