

George BEAN (1846-1928)

George was born between October-December 1848 in Bardwell. George migrated on the 'Trade Wind' with his parents, Robert (1809-1900) and Martha nee Huff (1813-1886) and siblings: Henry (1834-1903), Ann (1837-1910), Robert Jun. (1839-1914), James (1842-1882), Walter (1844-1896), John (1846-1906), Sabina (1849-1931), Charles (1853-1932) and Lewis (1855-1941). The Bean family were sponsored by WS Button of Launceston. George was aged 11 when arriving in Tasmania and was uneducated.

George married Maria Knowles (1852-1917) on 12 September 1871 in the house of Robert Bean, 'Cleggon', Evandale. Maria's father was an ex-convict, John Knowles (1820-1890).

No.	When married, and where.	Name and Surname.	Age.	Rank.	Signature and Description of Parties.	Name of Clergyman, Officiating Minister, or Deputy Registrar.	When registered.	Signature of Deputy Registrar or Officiating Minister.
276. En. 17/13	September 12th 1871. Bardwell House Robert Bean Cleggon	George Bean ✓ Maria Knowles ✓	23 yrs 19 yrs.	Farmer —	George Bean Bachelor Maria Knowles Spinster	Alfred S. Mason	September 12th 1871.	Alfred S. Mason

Married in the dwelling house of Mr Robert Bean according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the Anglican Church by licence by
 This Marriage was solemnized between us } George Bean
 } Maria Knowles.
 of us } William Bean
 Margaret Beagrie

I CERTIFY the above to be a true Copy of all the entries of Marriage made in the Register Book kept by me since the last Certificate.
 Alfred S. Mason
 Minister.

Maria and George had six children. Two sons served in World War 1:

1. Leslie Charles (1885-1949) served in Egypt and France. While in France George was wounded in action by being gassed.
2. Arnold Walter (1889-1927) served in Egypt and Gallipoli. Medical records reported he was "short winded, heavy cigarette smoker".

George was an overseer at 'Williamwood', Ross for many years. George died on 19 April 1928 at his son's residence (Leslie Charles 1885-1949), Ross. His wife, Maria predeceased him by eleven years. Maria died on 6 November 1917 in Launceston at the age of 66. Both George and Maria were buried in the Church of England Cemetery at Ross.