

## Henry Bean (1834-1903)



Henry was baptised on 25 October 1834 in Bardwell, Suffolk. He migrated on the 'Trade Wind' with his parents, Robert (1809-1900) and Martha nee Huff (1813-1886) and siblings: George (1848-1928), 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. Henry was aged 23 and he stated his occupation was a groom, footman and farm labourer.

Two years after arriving in Tasmania Henry married another 'Trade Wind' migrant, Maria Dennis (1842-1917) at Morven (Longford) on 20 September 1861. Maria sailed with her parents, James Dennis (1811-1888) and Frances nee Spinks (1808-1868) and five siblings. (See the Dennis family notes for further information.)

Henry and Maria had nine children. The eldest son, James (1862-1903), suicided at Gormanston at the age of 40 on 2 January 1903. Tributes in the Launceston *Examiner* said that he was a very popular person, an accomplished oarsman and under the light blue flag of the South Esk Rowing Club, the well-known pair, Bean and Robinson, when seated in the 'Surprise', were never beaten. The inquest into his death found James died due to 'suicide whilst temporarily insane.' Another son, Charles Robert (1873-1901) died of sunstroke at Linda Valley at the age of 28. A daughter, Amy Frances (1876-1910), married James Charles Ayers, the son of a 'Trade Wind' migrant, James Ayers (1833-1915).

Henry died on 5 December 1903 at Longford at the age of 69, less than a year after his eldest son's death. He was a member of Court Robin Hood, AOF, Longford, and members were requested to attend the funeral of their Brother at the Wesleyan Cemetery, Longford. Maria died on 27 July 1917 at Longford, aged 74.

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