

Robert BEAN, Jun. (1839-1914)

Robert migrated, aged 12, to Tasmania on the 'Trade Wind' in 1858 with his parents Robert Bean (1809-1900) and Martha (nee Huff – 1813-1886) and his nine siblings: Henry (1834-1903); Anne (1837-); James (1840-1903); Walter (1842-1896); John (1844-1906); George (1846-1928); Sabrina (1849-1931); Charles (1850-1932) and Lewis (1853-1941). The family were discharged from the Quarantine Station, Impression Bay to WS Button of Launceston per night coach on 22 March 1858. [See Robert Bean Sen. for more information about WS Button]. He was aged 19, single, no education and a labourer when embarking.

In the 1851 England census Robert was occupied as an errand boy.

Robert married another 'Trade Wind' migrant, Mercy (aka Mary) Pinner (1845-1919) on 24 December 1862 in Launceston. [See Mercy Pinner for further information about her.] Robert and Mercy had thirteen children.

Robert was a successful miller at Fingal for over 20 years. Robert and his sons worked long hours in conducting the mills and attending to orders – which were principally for grist work. The roller mill was for its size, one of the most compact in the colony.

Robert passed away at the age of 76 years leaving a wife, nine sons, and three daughters, all of whom were adults. Robert had been in poor health for a couple of years prior to his death.

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