

David BLIZZARD (1841-1933)

David migrated to Tasmania on the 'Trade Wind' along with his parents, George (1811-1890) and Phoebe nee Blake (1814-1897), and nine of his siblings: Frances (1836-1902), Louisa (1839-1907), William (1843-1895), George Jun. (1845-1913), Eliza (1848-1875), Harriet (1850-1934), Charles (1852-1931), James (1854-1932) and Catherine (1856-1941). His oldest brother, John (1833-1900), remained in England with his wife, Elizabeth nee Smith (1831-1902) and their two children: Robert and George. David was born on 24 March 1841 and baptised on 6 June 1841 in Euston. David was aged 17, a labourer, could read and belonged to the Church of England faith when he migrated.

David firstly married Susannah Blake (1844-1864) at St Paul's Church, Circular Head on 29 July 1864. Susannah was the daughter of William (1815-1869) and Sarah nee Karry (1815-1870) and sister of William Blake (1837-1902) who married David's sister, Frances Blizzard (1836-1902). David's mother was also a Blake and likely to be related to William and Susannah.

One month after David and Susannah's only child was born (Henry Haddock Blizzard) Susannah passed away on 11 December 1864 with pulmonary TB. Their son, Henry was born on 12 November 1864 at Forest and later moved to Victoria where he married Sophie Horn (1864-1948) at Fitzroy on 23 December 1885. They had seven children.

David remarried Charlotte Poke (1844-1934) on 9 May 1866 at Stanley, Tasmania. Charlotte was the daughter of John (1812-1848) and Ann nee Siggs (1812-1880). They had six children; one died in infancy. Another daughter, Lucy (1871-1895), died at the age of 24 after 'a long and severe illness'. Death registration recorded she died with exhaustion from acute nephritis and cystitis accompanied by gastric ulceration. Her father, David of 'Highfield' was the informant of her death.

David and Charlotte celebrated their Diamond wedding anniversary in 1926. They were living at 'Montello', Burnie at the time of the celebration and had previously lived in Circular Head.

David died at the residence of his daughter, Mrs Swain of Mooreville Road, Burnie (Laura Helen – 1886-1951). In the obituary printed in *The Circular Head Chronicle* of 12 July 1933 it was reported David was a pioneer of what was then bush and a foundation member of Loyal Wellington Lodge IOOF. Charlotte was one of Burnie's oldest residents at the time of her death on 4 July 1934. She was aged 89. Two daughters pre-deceased her.

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