

Frances BLIZZARD (1836-1902)

Frances migrated to Tasmania on the 'Trade Wind' along with her parents George (1811-1890) and Phoebe nee Blake (1814-1897) and nine of her siblings: Louisa (1839-1907), David (1841-1933), William (1843-1895), George Jun. (1845-1913), Eliza (1848-1875), Harriet (1850-1934), Charles (1852-1931), James (1854-1932) and Catherine (1856-1941). Her oldest brother, John (1833-1900), remained in England with his wife, Elizabeth nee Smith (1831-1902) and their two children: Robert and George.

Frances was baptised on 4 September 1836 at Euston, Suffolk. At the time of her departure Frances was aged 21, a spinster, literate and occupied as a cook and dairymaid. She may have been discharged from the Quarantine Station, Impression Bay, on the evening of 10 April 1858.



Frances married six months after her arrival in Tasmania to William Blake (1837-1902) on 22 October 1858 at St Paul's Church of England, Forest. William was born on 28 March 1837 at Thetford, Norfolk in England. He was the son of William Sen. (1815-1889) and Sarah nee Karry (1815-1870). It is probable there is a blood connection between William Blake Sen. and Frances' mother who was Phoebe nee Blake. William Blake Jun.

was firstly a labourer at Stanley and later became a farmer at Circular Head.

William and Frances had eight children. Third born child, William, born on 26 August 1863 at Horton, died when he was aged 17 months. Tragically, Frances died on 25 August 1902 at Stanley, followed by her son David (1872-1902) on 28 August 1902 at Forest and the following day by her husband William on 29 August 1902, also at Forest. The deaths were due to an outbreak of influenza. Other members of the family were very ill but survived. They were all buried at Fords Road Cemetery, Forest.

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