

Louisa BLIZZARD (1839-1907)

Louisa 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: Frances (1836-1902), 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. Louisa was baptised on 19 May 1839 at Euston. She was aged 19, single, literate and a housemaid when arriving in Tasmania.

Louisa married another passenger from the 'Trade Wind', Henry (Harry) Haddock (1833-1908), on 2 November 1860 at Horton, Tasmania. Henry was born on 11 November 1833 at Old Newton, Suffolk to James (1805-1875) and Mary nee Hammond (1797-1872). It is probable Henry and Louisa were engaged to be married prior to embarking on their journey to Tasmania.

Both Louisa and Henry were sponsored by John Hayes (1805-1884) along with cousin, and fellow 'Trade Wind' migrant, William Marthick (aka Mattick – 1832-1911). John Hayes was the first white man to be born in Tasmania. His father, Thomas, was one of the 12 settlers who accompanied Colonel Collins' expedition in 1804.

Louisa and Henry moved to Victoria by 1872. A daughter was born in Melbourne in 1872 but only lived two months. Henry continued working as a gardener. Louisa died on 17 September 1907, aged 68 at 'Ellesmere', Waterdale Road, Ivanhoe, and Henry died a year later, on 10 September 1908 at Northcote, aged 74.

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