

William BROWNE (1835-1911?)

William was aged 22, literate, a shepherd from Norfolk when migrating to Tasmania. He was sponsored by E Nicholas of Hobart Town and discharged from the Quarantine Station, Impression Bay to him on 11 April 1858.

Nicholson owned a large property, the 'Meadsfield Estate', comprising of about 19,500 acres. It was situated six miles to the west of Bothwell and was taken up about 1830 under a grant. Nicholas also owned the 'Abyssinia' property. It is likely William worked on one of these properties.

It has been difficult to trace William's routes in England because of Brown(e) being a common name. A researcher on ancestry.com (wilma61ulv) has William Brown, born 1835, arriving on the 'Trade Wind' as being born at Biggleswade, Bedfordshire, England and his death on 30 October 1911 at North Motton, near Ulverstone. He was a storekeeper and farmer. This William Brown married Elizabeth Brett (1839-1943) on 10 May 1864 in Launceston. They had six sons and four daughters. An email was sent to the ancestry.com contributor seeking confirmation the William Brown recorded, as far as is known, did arrive on the 'Trade Wind'. At time of writing, a response has not been received.

Another researcher has William who died in North Motton, Tasmania on 30 October 1911, as being born in 1835 at Rougham, Norfolk.