

### **Abraham BUSSEY (1838-1873)**

Abraham was aged 18, single, could read and a farm labourer when migrating on the 'Trade Wind' to Tasmania with his parents, William (1813-1892) and Rose nee Ludkin (1810-1860) and siblings: Elizabeth (1848-1926), James (1841-1861), Maria (1843-1910) and William Jun. (1846-1917). The family were shown on ship's records by the name of Brassy. The Bussey family were sponsored by Edward Cummings of Launceston. The Pinner family, who also migrated to Tasmania on the 'Trade Wind', were neighbours of the Bussey family in Larling.

Abraham was born on 31 May 1838 at Larling. He worked as a shepherd's page prior to his departure from England, looking after the healthy lambs leaving the shepherd to nurse the sick ones.



Abraham married Mary Jane Clark (1843-1888) at St Andrew's Church, Evandale on 21 March 1864. Mary was born on 19 November 1843 at Evandale to Joseph (1816-1891) and Emily Ann nee Culliford (1818-1899). Abraham and Mary had three daughters.

Abraham worked on the Main Railway Line near Evandale. He hired a dray to go to Westbury to collect his wife and family of three children. While walking beside the horse and dray he fell dead, aged 35. An inquest into his death found he died from congestion of the lungs and disease of the heart. Abraham's wife also was young when she died at the age of 44 on 7 June 1888 at Longford with bronchitis.

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