

Elizabeth BUSSEY (1848-1926)

Elizabeth was aged 9 when migrating to Tasmania on the 'Trade Wind' with her parents, William (1813-1892) and Rose nee Ludkin (1810-1860) and siblings: Abraham (1838-1873), 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.

Elizabeth married Thomas Brown (1852-1942), the youngest son of John Brown (1808-1872) and Margaret nee Forman (1808-1872) of Osmaston on 10 May 1875 at Osmaston, near Exton. Thomas came from Berwickshire, Scotland with his parents and seven siblings per the 'Storm Cloud' when aged four. He resided with his parents at Cluan and later at Whitemore before moving to Osmaston. After Elizabeth and Thomas' marriage they moved to Gawler where they resided until their deaths with the exception of six years in Burnie.

Elizabeth and Thomas had nine children. Two died in infancy. A son, John Clement William Brown (1886-1918) was Killed in Action in France, aged 32, on 31 May 1918. Another son, James Peter (1878-1909) was killed in an accident after being cut with a chaffcutter knife. Thomas also died as a result of an accident at his home on 23 October 1942. Elizabeth, aged 77, died on 1 August 1926 at Gawler. Elizabeth, Thomas and Peter were buried at the Ulverstone Public Cemetery. Pte JCW Brown (Clem) is remembered on the headstone: 'Killed Active Service, France.'

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