James BUSSEY (1842-1861)

James was aged 15 when migrating to Tasmania on the 'Trade Wind' with his parents, William (1813-1892) and Rose nee Ludkin (1810-1860) and siblings: Abraham (1838-1873), Elizabeth (1848-1926), 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.

James was recorded as being aged 15 on the 'Trade Wind' records, however, he would have been aged 17. James was born in 1841, baptised 23 May 1841, at Larling. Ship's records show he was able to read and a farm labourer when arriving in Tasmania. Like his brother, Abraham, James was also occupied as a shepherd's page prior to departing England.

James died a little over three years after his arrival. He died at Longford on 8 October 1861; the cause of death was diarrhoea. Death registration recorded his age as 20.

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