

## **Maria BUSSEY (1843-1910)**

Maria was aged 14 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), Elizabeth (1848-1926) 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.

Maria was born on 14 July 1843 in Larling. When arriving in Tasmania her occupation was recorded as a nurse girl.

Maria firstly married James Bird in the house of Thomas Drake at Perth, Tasmania on 9 November 1864. James, a carter, died on 1 December 1883 at Longford. The cause of death was due to an inflammation of the lungs. Maria and James had ten children. A son, Frances Edward (Frank) Bird (1871-1951) married, a daughter, Matilda Grace Victoria Pilgrim (1874-1947) of another 'Trade Wind' passenger, John Pilgrim (1838-1898).

Maria remarried William Culliver Clark (1837-1919), son of Joseph Clark (1816-1891) and Ann nee Culliford (1818-1899), on 19 December 1899 at Longford. Maria was aged 56 and William aged 62. William was the brother to Mary Jane Clark (1843-1888) who married Maria's brother, Abraham (1838-1873). William and Maria lived in Ringarooma, North-East Tasmania. William was a farmer and contractor and operated his business under the name of WC Clark & Son. William died on 19 January 1919 at Ringarooma and Maria passed away the following year, aged 67, on 27 July 1910 at Longford.

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