

William BUSSEY, Sen. (1813-1892)

William was aged 45, a ploughman from Norfolk, belonged to the Wesleyan Christian faith and was able to read when arriving in Tasmania on the 'Trade Wind' in 1858. He was accompanied by his wife, Rose nee Ludkin (1810-1860) and five children: Abraham (1838-1873), Elizabeth (1848-1926), James (1841-1861), Maria (1843-1910) and William Jun. (1846-1917). The family were recorded by the name of Brassy on the 'Trade Wind' records. William and his family were sponsored by Edward Cummings of Launceston.



William was born about 1813 in Larling to William (1784-1865) and Sarah nee Clarke (1786-1819). He was baptised on 15 February 1814. His mother died in 1819 at the age of 32 when William was aged about five or six. The Pinner family who also migrated to Tasmania on the 'Trade Wind' were neighbours of the Bussey family in Larling, Norfolk.

William and Rose married in Larling on 6 January 1839. After Rose's death at Evandale on 17 March 1860, aged 49, William remarried on 28 March 1864 in the Primitive Methodist Church, Launceston. He was aged 48. His bride was Mary Ann Bird, nee Preview (1823-1865), aged 39, also a widow. Mary Ann died on 18 July 1865 aged 42. William married a third time, this time to Mary Ann Towell, nee Baker (?-1930) on 27 May 1884. They married in the dwelling house of Mrs Bird, Cressy Road, Longford. Mrs Bird was probably Maria (1843-1910), William's daughter to his first wife, Rose. William was now aged 65 and his bride was aged 58, also a widow.

William purchased land from the Crown on 16 February 1872 for £67 4s at Ormaston, Westmoreland. This became known as Quamby Brook where many generations of the family continued to farm and live.

William died at the age of 84 on 27 December 1892 at Quamby Brook near Westbury in Tasmania. The death registration recorded the cause of death as 'senile decay'. His third wife died at Quamby Brook on 29 September 1930, aged 83.

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