

A black and white portrait of a man with a mustache, wearing a dark suit and tie. He is standing next to a stone pedestal or base, with his right hand resting on it. The background is a plain, light-colored wall.

James was aged 38 when he arrived. Ship's records show he was able to read and write and occupied as a shepherd. James was sponsored by William Archer of Launceston. He left the Quarantine Station, Impression Bay, on 11 April 1858 and travelled, with his wife and child, by steamer 'William Miskin' to Launceston.

James Bye [Picture from *ancestry.com* – Richard Bird]

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Two of John's siblings also migrated to Tasmania: William (1833-1928) and Keziah (1837-1922). Both arrived in Tasmania on 28 August 1857 per 'Southern Eagle'. William was a farm labourer and sponsored by TC Dowling. Keziah (aka Kessie) migrated with her husband, George Ayres (1829-1893) and their son George William (1856-1896).

James married Susan nee Mason (aka Dixon) on 25 July 1857 at St Mary's Church, Illington in Norfolk. Susan's father was George Mason (aka Dixon -1807-1881) and Sarah nee Shinn (1808-1885). The marriage registration recorded Susan's last name as Mason. (See further information about Susan on her listing.)

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No. _____ Banns of Marriage between
James Bruce of the County of Monmouth in Brit
Baddeley and Isabella Maria
of the Parish of St. Andrew
Were published, as follows:
1st, on Sunday 26 June - by William Collett
2d on Sunday 3 July - by William Collett
3d, on Sunday 10 July by William Collett

James and Susan lived at 'Saundridge', Longford in 1862 and then by 1864 at McCrae's Hill, Cressy. 'Saundridge' was owned by William Archer's son, Robert Joseph Archer (1832-1914), of 'Brickendon'. The property was well-known, situated in the Cressy district, about 28 miles from Launceston.

James died on 1 April 1887 at McCrae's Hill. The cause of death was due to heart disease. Susan predeceased her husband. She died on 25 March 1883 at Cressy, aged 48. The cause of death was 'exhaustion.' They were buried at the Holy Trinity Anglican Cemetery at Cressy.

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