

Thomas CAREY (1842-?)

Thomas was aged 15, literate, a draper's apprentice from Tipperary when migrating to Tasmania on the 'Trade Wind' in 1858 with his parents John Knight Carey (1797-1872) and Martha nee Blackton (1807-1866) and siblings Letitia (1831-1859), Sophia (1835-1860), John Knight Blackton (1837-1915), William (1838-1928), Henrietta (1841-1936), Louisa (1846-1911) and Elizabeth (1833-1864).

It is not known what happened to Thomas. He was not buried in the family plot so it is believed he did not remain in Tasmania. The possibilities include:

- A Thomas Henry Carey died 12 Sep 1904 at Zeehan. Thomas who immigrated on the Trade Wind may not have been the son of John Knight but perhaps a relative travelling with him. An inquest (no. 11738) was held on 13 September 1904 at Zeehan and Dundas Hospital. He died on 12 September at the "Spray Mine" at Zeehan by suffocation from drowning at the bottom of the mine - by accidentally falling and therefore that his death was due to a misadventure and not otherwise. This Thomas was aged 21 years and named Thomas Henry Carey.
- A Thomas Carey, born 6 Aug 1842, Tipperary, Ireland, died Clinton, Iowa, USA on 9 Dec 1923, aged 81.
- A Thomas Carey, born abt 1842, aged 84, died New Zealand in 1926.