

Henry CARTWRIGHT (1839-1927?)

Henry was aged 18, single, illiterate, a collier from Staffordshire when migrating to Tasmania on the 'Trade Wind' in 1858.

Henry was sponsored by John Foster (1792-1875) of Hobart Town. John Foster arrived in Tasmania in 1823 on the ship 'Berwick' from England. Upon his arrival John established himself at Fosterville near Campbell Town undertaking agricultural and grazing pursuits. Among other large properties he owned in Tasmania and Victoria he also owned the Douglas River Coal Company. It is likely Henry worked for John as a collier at this mine.

There is no evidence of Henry remaining in Tasmania. A W H Cartwright was recorded as living at Mangana in 1866. It is likely Henry went to Newcastle, New South Wales with other collier colleagues who were sponsored by John Foster. There were several Henry Cartwright's in the Newcastle district who were colliers. The person most likely to fit the 'Trade Wind' migrant was the Henry Cartwright who was born in 1838 at Stowe, Staffordshire. He died on 1 August 1927 in Cardiff, NSW. Cardiff is a small town in the Lake Macquarie district of NSW, located 17 kilometres (11 miles) west-southwest of Newcastle. Henry firstly married Victoria Bournier (1838-1875) in 1867 at St Peters, NSW. The marriage was registered in Newcastle. Henry and Victoria had two children. After Victoria's death Henry remarried Mary Jane Harris (or Walsh?) and they had two children. A son, Henry (1883-1948), was given the first name at birth of 'Sir Henry' aka Henry Fred. According to a researcher on *ancestry.com* Henry Sen. was the son of William Raybold Cartwright (1797-1870) and Sarah nee Tooth (1803-?)

Another, although less likely, was Henry Cartwright a coalfield pioneer of the Maitland district known as the first man to prove the worth of the great coal measures that have made the name of Maitland known throughout the commercial world. An Inquest into his death his son stated his father was 68 years of age and a native of Yorkshire. This would mean this Henry would have been born in 1856 and if accurate, not in Staffordshire.