

William COALBY (aka Colbey, Colby - 1837-?)



William was sponsored by Abraham Morey of Launceston when arriving in Tasmania on the 'Trade Wind' in 1858. He was aged 20, single and a ploughman from Norfolk and belonged to the Methodist Christian faith. It is likely William was sponsored by Abraham Morey, Senior (1819-1884) rather than Abraham Junior. Abraham Sen. was living at 'Cleggan' in the Evandale district in 1858. His son, Abraham, owned a 4,000 acre farm at 'Oakhampton,' near Triabunna on the East Coast of Tasmania.

[Picture of Abraham Morey, Sen. and his wife Margaret Ann nee Barber – photo from ancestry.com – Felicity Broadby]

born 22 March 1837 No. 3/8	William son of	William Martha née Martha Lock	Colbey	Rockland	Abraham	William Jun. officiating
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William was the son of William Colbey (c1796-1875) born at Sparham, Norfolk, Rockland All Saints and Martha nee Lock (c1797-1873) who was born at Coston, Norfolk, Rockland All Saints. William Sen. was an agricultural labourer. In the 1851 England Census William Jun. was aged 14 and a farm servant at the Childerhouse farm of 30 acres at Rockland All Saints.

Records for William Jun. after arriving in Tasmania could not be found. It is possible he moved to New Zealand as there was a William Colby, a labourer, residing at Balaclava Street, Wyndham in 1911. It is also possible William returned to England. A William Colby married at All Saints, South Lynn, Norfolk to Ann Burton on 17 July 1861.