John COX (1840-1920)

John was aged 17, literate and a labourer from Norfolk when migrating in 1858 on the 'Trade Wind' to Tasmania.

John was sponsored by Dr John Anthony Moore (1817-1878) and was discharged from the Quarantine Station at Impression Bay per 'Shamrock' to Moore on 11 April 1858. Dr Moore had arrived in Tasmania in 1843 as surgeon of the ship 'Marmion'. He was a native of Bolton in Lancashire and studied at Pine-street and Royal Infirmary, Manchester; St George's Hospital, London; under Dr Ricord at Paris; and at Berlin and Glasgow. He successfully treated diphtheria and wrote an article about it which was published in 1859 in the 'Australian Medical Journal'. Included in his many appointments in New Norfolk was being Commissioner of the New Norfolk Lunatic Asylum and a municipal councillor.

John was born in 1841 in Felthorpe, Norfolk, the son of Charles (1801-1872) and Mary Ann nee Betts (1805-1882). John's sister, Anne (1843-1923), also migrated to Tasmania on the 'Trade Wind'. Harriet Cox was recorded on the ship's passenger list with a note saying she had returned home. It is not known if Harriet was a relative of John and Anne.

John (aka Jack) relocated to Victoria where he died at Linton at the age of 82 on 2 June 1920. He was well known in mining circles, having erected many mining plants in Pitfield and other mining districts.