

### **William FORDHAM (1836-1913)**

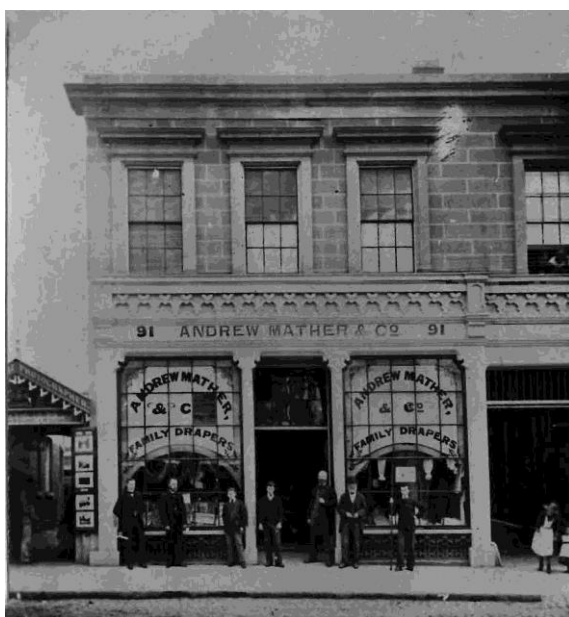
William was aged 21, single, literate, a salesman and a shopman from Cambridgeshire when migrating to Tasmania on the 'Trade Wind' in 1858. He was sponsored by Duncan Ballantine of Hobart Town. Duncan Ballantine Sen. (1786-1867) owned a property at 'Kenmore', Macquarie Plains. He was amongst the first of the free settlers to Tasmania arriving in 1820.

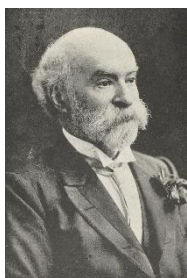
On the voyage William was appointed as store-keeper's assistant. He was discharged from the Quarantine Station at Impression Bay on his own account during the evening of 30 March 1858. William kept a diary of his experience on board the 'Trade Wind', copies of which are available at the Tasmanian Family History Society in Hobart.

William was the son of William (1809-1859) and Eliza nee Thimbleby (1809-1891). In the 1851 England Census William Fordham, aged 15, born Chatteris, Cambridgeshire was an apprentice pawnbroker's assistant residing in the home of his maternal grandfather, Joseph Thimbleby. In the house next door lived John Thimbleby, a draper clothier, employing five men, one woman and one boy. Ann Fordham, niece, aged 19, a draper's assistant, was also living in the same home.

According to the 1861 England Census and after her husband's death, Eliza was residing with her father, Joseph, a widow, aged 85, a retired tailor at Benwick Lane, Doddington, Cambridgeshire. Eliza's sister, Susannah, a laundress, was also residing in the home. An Eliza Fordham, aged 62, and a spinster daughter, aged 27, [probably Eliza] departed Gravesend arriving in Melbourne on 22 October 1870 per 'Anglesey'. On 18 April 1872 on board the ship 'Suffolk' on Eliza's return voyage to England, when off St Helens, she died with dropsy.

William may have worked for his sponsor when first arriving in Tasmania although no records could be found to substantiate this. In 1770 William was an assistant in the shop of Robert Andrew Mather (1815-1884). It is possible he worked for Mather soon after his arrival. Later he worked for Mr Joseph Bidencepe (1836-1915).





Mr Bidencope was a tailor in Collins Street, Hobart. He commenced manufacturing hats in 1869 in Hampden Road. It was believed to be the first hat manufactory in Australia. As the business developed Bidencope moved to larger premises in Murray Street. At the time of his death Mr Bidencope was one of the oldest Freemasons in Tasmania and was at one time a Worshipful Master of the Lodge while he also held office in the Grand Lodge of Tasmania.

William married Thomastine Callanan Russell (1835-1887) on 6 December 1860 at her parents' residence at 73 Lansdowne Crescent, Hobart. Thomastine was the daughter of William (1796-1884) and Hester nee Callanan (1802-1891). Thomastine and William had five children, two of whom remained in Tasmania and three relocated to the Auckland area in New Zealand. Thomastine passed away on 24 April 1887 at 5 Elphinstone Road, Hobart, at the age of 51 with typhoid fever.



William remarried Hannah Elizabeth Glazebrook (1852-1930) (previously Pratt) on 19 May 1890 at William's residence, 157 Murray Street, Hobart. William was aged 54, a draper; Hannah was aged 38, a dressmaker and a widow. Hannah (aka Anna) was the daughter of Henry George Glazebrook (1814-1886) and Elizabeth (aka Eliza) nee McDonald (1824-1898). Hannah was born on 26 May 1852 at Brookmount House, Ballytore, County Kildare in Ireland and migrated to New Zealand with her parents and siblings. Hannah had previously been married to Alfred Courtney Pratt (1846-1884). They had married in New Zealand in 1873 and had three children. Alfred died on 12 March 1884, aged 36, with consumption, at his residence, James Street, off Montpellier Street, Battery Point, Tasmania. William and Hannah had a son, William MacDonald Fordham born on 21 May 1891 in Hobart.

No.	When married, and where.	Name and Surname.	Age.	Rank.	Signature and Description of Parties.	Name of Clergyman, Officiating Minister, or Deputy Registrar.	When registered.	Signature of Deputy Registrar or Officiating Minister.
663	May 15 <sup>th</sup> 1890	William Fordham	54	Draper	William Fordham Widower	Rev. W. Thompson	May 15 <sup>th</sup> 1890	Rev. W. Thompson
	157 Murray St Hobart	Hannah Pratt	38	Dressmaker	Hannah Pratt Widow			
<p>Married in the presence of the Registrar 157 Murray St Hobart according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the Wesleyan Methodist Church by invitation of Rev. W. Thompson</p> <p>This Marriage was solemnized between us } William Fordham Hannah Pratt</p> <p>In the presence of us } Geo. W. Iffe M. Blake A. Iffe</p> <p>Rev. W. Thompson Minister.</p>								

William died at his residence 'Homelands', Elphinstone Road, Hobart. After a private funeral he was buried at the Cornelian Bay Wesleyan Section on 28 December 1913. Hannah died in June 1930 at the Homoeopathic Hospital in Hobart, aged 78.