

Thomas FROST (1836-?)

Thomas was born about 1836 in Staffordshire and was a collier sponsored by James Barnard of Hobart Town. Thomas, was aged 21, no education and single and was discharged from the Quarantine Station, Impression Bay, on his own account to New Town on 29 March 1858.

Although James Barnard sponsored Thomas he was not associated with collieries as far is known. James was born at Hackney, London, in 1809. He landed in Hobart on 5 April 1839, coming out to Tasmania to take charge of the Government Printing Office under the Imperial Government. He then went to reside at 199 Macquarie Street, and during the whole of his career he remained there. In those days the Government Printing Office was situated at the rear of 199 Macquarie Street, which street was then almost destitute of houses from St David's Church to the Macquarie Hotel. Barnard held the office of Government Printer until 1880 when he retired. He was a member of the Royal Society of Tasmania of 56 years. The minutes of a meeting of that Society, held 7 April 1841 when Sir John Franklin (Governor) and Messrs Bedford, Kay, Rev. Dr Little and Dr Turnbull, Capts Ross and Crozier, RN, were also present contains the following: "Upon the motion of Mr Bedford, seconded by Sir John Franklin, James Barnard, Esq. of Hobart Town, was elected a member of the Society."

Little more could be found about Thomas Frost either in Staffordshire nor after his arrival in Tasmania on the 'Trade Wind' in 1858.