

Louisa HAMPSTED (1850-1925)

Louisa was aged 7 when migrating to Tasmania in 1858 on the 'Trade Wind'. She was born between April and June 1851 in Combs Ford, Stow, Suffolk in England. Her parents were Robert (1820-1904) and Susannah nee Clarke (1822-1871).

Louisa migrated with her parents and four siblings. The Hamstead family were sponsored by William Stammers Button, Esq. (1795-1876) of Launceston. They were discharged from the Quarantine Station at Impression Bay on the morning coach to Mr Button on 23 March 1858. William Button sponsored 24 people from the 'Trade Wind' including the Bean family. William was born in Suffolk, firstly coming to Tasmania in 1833 in the ship 'Forth', bound for Circular Head and Launceston. He was accompanied by his brother, Thomas Button, and half-brother, JS Waddell, and other members of his family. Thomas Button and JS Waddell also sponsored other 'Trade Wind' immigrants. After arriving in Tasmania William set up his residence at Norfolk Plains and later moved to Launceston for business purposes. He was highly respected in Tasmania and became well known as a chief member of the Anti-Transportation League. When Launceston was declared a municipality, he was elected a member of the first Council and its first Mayor on 1 January 1853.

The Hamstead family moved to Victoria in about 1860. Louisa returned to England with other members of her family when her mother became ill, passing away in Suffolk in January 1871. In the 1871 England Census for Combs, Suffolk, Louisa was aged 20, born about 1851 in Combs, Suffolk and was a visitor in the home of James and Mary Rogers. Louisa remained in England after her mother's death marrying Frederick William Mulley (1853-1908) who was also born at Combs in Suffolk. He was a leather dresser (currier). They had six children. One son, Macdonald, was killed in action in France on 3 June 1917, aged 41. He was a gunner with the 39th Heavy Bty, Royal Garrison Artillery.

Louisa died between July and September 1925 in Stow, Suffolk, aged 74. Her husband, Frederick passed away in April 1908, aged 55, also in Stow, Suffolk.