

Christopher INGAMELLS (1837-1924)

Christopher was aged 20, single and a ploughman when migrating to Tasmania on the 'Trade Wind' in 1858. Although being shown as coming from Norfolk Christopher was a native of Lincolnshire. He was baptised on 18 June 1837 at Stickney, Lincolnshire, the son of Paul (1802-1874) and Sarah nee Harness (1816-1843). His mother died when he was about nine years of age. In the 1851 England Census for Turnpike, Stickney, Spilsby, Lincolnshire Christopher, aged 14, an agricultural labourer, was the only sibling residing with his father who was also an agricultural labourer.

Christopher was one of eight from the 'Trade Wind' sponsored by Samuel Horton (1796-1867) of Somercotes near Ross. A good summary of Captain Horton's life was found on information provided by the Tasmanian Wool Centre at Ross:



Captain Samuel Horton of Somercotes was an important figure in the history of Ross, both as one of the earliest settlers and in his influence as a staunch Wesleyan. Born in Lincolnshire in 1796, Horton came to VDL in 1823 after serving as a Captain in the Merchant Navy. He was persuaded to come to Tasmania by his cousin, the Reverend William Horton, the first resident Wesleyan Minister in Hobart Town. Horton was granted 1000 acres of land near the Ross Bridge in consideration of the £1640 in goods and cash that he brought with him to the colony. In 1828 Horton received an additional grant of 800 acres and he subsequently added to this with further land purchases. Horton called his property Somercotes after the area he had come from in Lincolnshire. Horton married Miss Elizabeth Pridden Hudson in 1833 at Park Farm, Jericho, Tasmania. Horton was a recognised philanthropist and benefactor who was active in community affairs. In 1858 Horton was appointed a Justice of Peace and was later a member of the First Ross Municipal Council. In 1850 Captain Samuel Horton offered the Wesleyan Church 20 acres of Somercotes and £1350 for the establishment of a boys' school. Horton College was built by 1855. Samuel Horton died in 1867 and is buried in the family vault on College Hill, overlooking Somercotes.

On 7 July 1843 Horton's residence was attacked by the bushrangers Cash, Kavenagh and Jones. One man was shot but survived.

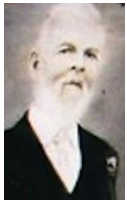
Christopher married Fanny Crawford (1845-1872) at the house of Captain Horton, Somercotes, according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the Wesleyan Church on 18 January 1860. Christopher was a servant and Fanny was aged 15 years and also a servant. One of the witnesses to the marriage was Robert Standaloft. Robert came from North Somercotes in Lincolnshire and had arrived in Launceston on 30 December 1856 per 'Alice Walton'. He was sponsored as a farm labourer by Samuel Horton. Robert was the brother of Thomas Standaloft who lost his life on the 'Trade Wind' under suspicious circumstances. Thomas' widow, Jane, remarried another passenger from the 'Trade Wind', John Bonner, who was sponsored by Horton.

1860 MARRIAGES in the District of *Launceston*

Number.	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.
39 50	18 Jan 60 Somercotes Ross.	Christopher Ingamells and Fanny Crawford	Full age 15 years	Servant Servant	Christopher Ingamells Bachelor Fanny Crawford Spinster	<i>W. Horton</i>	18 Jan 1860	<i>W. Horton</i>

Married in the house of Capt Horton Somercotes according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the Wesleyan Church, under the sanction of Act 23 No 211.
 This Marriage was solemnized between us } *Christopher Ingamells*
 { *Fanny Crawford*
 { In the Presence of } *William Bigg*
 { *Robert Standaloft*
W. Horton Minister.

Christopher and Fanny had five children, one of whom died when aged two.



After Fanny passed away Christopher remarried Susannah Goss (1853-1909), the daughter of Thomas Goss (1807-1872) and Martha nee Johnson (1816-1883), on 3 December 1872 in Launceston. Christopher was aged 35 and a draper and Susannah was aged 19, a farmer's daughter. Christopher had a further eleven children to Susannah. At least four of the children died in infancy.

Christopher, and all but one of his children, settled in Tasmania.

Christopher passed away on 12 July 1924 at aged 87 and Susannah on 7 August 1909, aged 56.