## **George PATRICK (1836-1908)**

George was aged 21, single, illiterate and a farm labourer from Norfolk when migrating to Tasmania on the 'Trade Wind' in 1858. The descriptive list of immigrants record George as being from Old Buckingham in Norfolk. He was sponsored by William Archer of Launceston. The Bye family was also sponsored by Archer.

It is probable George worked for William Archer, Esq., Senior of 'Brickendon' at Longford rather than William Archer Junior. Mr Archer arrived in Tasmania in 1824 and among other imports brought with him 30 merino sheep. These formed the foundation of fine wool in Tasmania. James worked for Mr Archer until about 1862. He remained working as a shepherd until his death in 1873, aged 67.



George was the son of William and Elizabeth nee Norton of Attleborough in Norfolk and was baptised on 4 June 1836.

In the 1851 England Census for Attleborough George had the following siblings: William (1833), Levi (1842),

John Fickling (1845), Jane (1846) and Mary Ann (1849).

Two years after arriving in Tasmania George married Barbara Bain (1839-1920) at St Thomas' Church, Avoca. They had at least three children. The eldest child, George Alexander, died at Exton, aged nine years of age, with low fever.

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In 1875 George sponsored Barbara's younger brother, Henry Bain (29), his wife Jane (29) and children Alexander (4) and Mary (4) to Tasmania. They arrived per 'Northumberland' in Victoria in November 1875. A Helen Bain, aged 32, a spinster, was also a passenger on the same ship.

George and Barbara moved to Victoria sometime after 1875, living in the Alexandra area. At Alexandra he worked at the 'Riversdale' estate, firstly for Mr Hermiston and afterwards for Farquhar McDonald who purchased the estate. George was mainly engaged looking after horses, milking and odd jobs.

George passed away at Alexandra, Victoria, on 18 December 1908, aged 70. He was described in the death notice as being a good husband and kind father. Barbara died on 28 July 1920 at Cheltenham in Victoria. The year after her death a Mrs Smith of Dunedin, New Zealand enquired at the Alexandra Hospital if Mrs Patrick was an inmate of the hospital, as she was a cousin.