

William PLASKETT (1836-?)

William was aged 21, single and a ploughman from Norfolk when migrating to Tasmania on the 'Trade Wind' in 1858.

William was sponsored by Samuel Horton (1796-1867) of Launceston. Samuel Horton arrived in VDL in 1823 after serving as a Captain in the Merchant Navy. He was granted 1000 acres of land near the Ross Bridge. In 1828 Horton received an additional grant of 800 acres and he subsequently added to this with further land purchases. His property was named 'Somercotes'. It is likely William worked for Horton on this property along with several other 'Trade Wind' migrants who were also sponsored by Horton.

The 'Trade Wind' destination list records William's last name as Blaskett with a note "see Plaskett", for Launceston, labourer.

A William Plaskett was not found in Norfolk, England. Other names he may have been known by are Plunkett, Plackit, Plaskitt, Plaskit, Backett, Blaskett.

In the 1841 England Census for Norfolk a William Blackett, aged 3, born 1838, Norfolk. Parents were Cuthbert Blackett, born 1811 and Margaret born 1806.

No further trace could be found of William.

If a reader has information about William, it would be appreciated if they contacted bettypilgrim@hotmail.com.