

Catherine REEVE (1835-1839-?)

Catherine was aged 22 [born about 1835], single, literate and from Suffolk when migrating to Tasmania on the 'Trade Wind' in 1858. Her occupation was a housemaid. Catherine was recorded as being aged 19 [born about 1839] on the Destination List, once arriving in Tasmania. She was sponsored by William Robertson of Hobart Town.

Catherine was discharged from the Quarantine Station at Impression Bay to James Turnbull of New Norfolk on 7 May 1858 per 'Hannah'. James Sen. (1794-1869) was from the property 'Millbrook', New Norfolk. It is probable Catherine worked as a housemaid in the homestead at 'Millbrook'. A few months after arriving in New Norfolk damage was done to properties including 'Millbrook' due to severe flooding. In 1879 James Jun. (1841-1887) advertised 'Millbrook' to let. It was described as

containing 500 acres, Littleburn 128, to which there are 800 acres of Crown land attached. There is an abundant supply of excellent water, and the buildings are in the immediate vicinity of the town of New Norfolk. There are 16 acres of hop gardens and 3 acres of orchard. ... The hop-kilns (circular casts) are replated with every requisite and have lately been rebuilt. Fire-bricks of excellent quality are made on the estate. ...

Catherine's parents are probably John (1813-) and Phoebe nee Newson (1813-). In the 1851 England Census for The Hall, Playford, Woodbridge, Suffolk the following family were resident there on Census day:

John Reeve, 38, 1813, ag labourer, born Shelley, Suffolk

Phoebe, 38, 1813, born Playford, Suffolk

Amelia, 18, 1833, born Playford, Suffolk

Britain, 16, 1835, born Playford, Suffolk

Catharine, 15, 1836, born Playford, Suffolk

John, 13, 1838, born Playford, Suffolk

Mary Ann, 12, 1839, born Playford, Suffolk

Hannah, 10, 1841, born Playford, Suffolk

Charlotte, 8, 1843, scholar, born Playford, Suffolk

Robert, 5, 1846, born Playford, Suffolk

Charles, 2, 1849, born Playford, Suffolk

Catherine was most likely a relative of two other 'Trade Wind' passengers: Mary Ann Reeve (1839-) and Emma Reeve (1832-1908). They were all born in Suffolk. Emma returned to England after relocating to Victoria.

No further information could be found for Catherine in public records and it is not known if she remained in Tasmania.