

Elijah ROUND (1835-1865)

Elijah was aged 16, literate and a collier from Staffordshire when migrating on the 'Trade Wind' to Tasmania, arriving in 1858. He was recorded as being of medium height and having a red, thin face. Elijah was sponsored by J W Agnew of Hobart Town. He was discharged from the Quarantine Station at Impression Bay to New Town on his own account. Elijah was accompanied by his younger brother, Eli, on the voyage.

Elijah was born on 27 December 1835 at Dudley, Staffordshire. His parents were Richard (1810-1891) and Esther nee Fisher (1812-1892).

Elijah married Rosanna Turner (1836-1864) on 15 September 1859 in Hobart. Rosanna's parents were William (1810-1897) and Mary nee Fox (1793-1878) who also came from Dudley in Staffordshire. William was a coal miner. Rosanna accompanied her family to Hobart per 'Great Tasmania' arriving on 27 January 1857.

Elijah and Rosanna had two children: Amelia (1862-1931) and Rosanna (1864-1865). Elijah's wife, Rosanna, died on 1 May 1864 in Hobart at the age of 25, seven days after the birth of daughter, Rosanna. Rosanna's death registration recorded her husband as being a mariner. Elijah remarried on 23 October 1865 at Trinity Church, Hobart, to Edith Ada (Ada) Stane (aka Stain - 1846-1908). She was the daughter of Joseph (1816-1892) and Pamela nee Hartop (1816-1866). Ada migrated to Tasmania with her family departing London on 11 July 1861, arriving Launceston in October 1861 per 'Antipodes'. A daughter, Zella Elizabeth, was born on 24 April 1866 (1866-1930) in Hobart to Elijah and Ada.

Elijah sponsored his parents, Richard and Esther, who were living at 72 Fenton Street, Kingswinford, Staffordshire to join the Round family in Tasmania. Richard, a shoemaker, was aged 51. Accompanying Richard and Esther was their daughter-in-law, Rachel nee Bagley (1836-1908) and her two children Isaiah, Jun, aged five years (1857-1933) and Lavinia, aged two years (1859-1932). They sailed on the 'Vanguard' arriving in Melbourne on 20 June 1862. Rachel's husband, Isaiah Round, arrived in Tasmania almost a year earlier. He departed Liverpool on the 'Ocean Chief' and arrived in Hobson's Bay, Port Melbourne on 21 July 1861 before continuing on to Hobart via Launceston two days later.

Elijah was murdered on 4 December 1865 by George Leathley, a blacksmith. The murder took place in the house of Nicholas Ray, Barrack Street, Hobart, after a drinking session at the Cornish Mount Hotel. George was described as being a stout-built man of formidable appearance – addicted to drinking. George Leathley was sentenced and sent to the Port Arthur penal settlement where he remained for ten years.

George was previously a convict who was transported per 'Blundell' for Life for horse stealing, his second conviction. He was initially sent to Norfolk Island and later transferred to VDL. George Leathley was given permission to marry Catherine Mannon on 7 February 1853. Catherine was also an ex-convict transported on 'Early Grey' for 15 years for burning a house. She was tried at Kildare on 28 June 1849 and arrived VDL on 9 May 1850. She was a native of City Waterford, Ireland, and her trade was a house maid. At the trial of her

husband Catherine was described as being 'a rough looking woman of dissolute habits, has but lately completed a sentence'.

On 26 January 1866 an application was made to the Queen's Orphan School for George Leathley, 13 year old and David Leathley, 7 year old. Details for admission were that George Leathley was now under a life sentence and Catherine was currently under sentence of two months hard labour. George stated his brother, David, was willing to undertake the care of the children. George was again imprisoned for 14 days a few months before his death for a Breach of the Health Act. He was sentenced on 17 September 1894. George died on 23 June 1895, aged 71, in Barrack Street. The cause of death was senile decay.

After her husband's murder, Edith (Ada) Round remarried Charles Edmonds (1837-1877) on 2 February 1867 in Hobart. She was aged 20 and Charles was aged 30. Ada had three sons and two daughters to Charles. Charles died at the General Hospital in Hobart on 28 November 1877, aged 40 with Phthisis (TB). Charles may have been an ex-convict. Ada married for a third time to John Arthur Keeling (1834-1886) at Hobart on 15 July 1882. John Keeling may also have been an ex-convict.

Ada passed away at the New Town Charitable Institution on 9 February 1908, aged 62.

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