

Arthur William RULE (1854-1876)

Arthur was aged 4 when migrating to Tasmania on the 'Trade Wind' in 1858 with his parents, Thomas (1827-1904) and Mary nee Nash (1833-1907) and three siblings.

Arthur married Margaret Cordell nee Edwards on 13 August 1876 in Launceston. They had one son, Arthur Leonard (1877-1939) who was born on 8 June 1877 after his father's death on 6 October 1876. Margaret Edwards (born about 1854) married James Charles Cordell in September 1871 in Launceston. After his death, less than a year later, on 16 July 1872 she married Arthur Rule. Arthur and Margaret had only been married for two months when Arthur was killed in an accident in Launceston on 6 October 1876, aged 22. Arthur was working on a biscuit machine at Mr George Dean's bakery in St John Street, Launceston, where he had been employed only for two weeks before the accident. According to evidence at the inquest, Rule, in endeavouring to get the strap on the main shaft, entangled his foot in the strap, and was taken twice around the shaft. It was found he died of shock because of the injuries received; the coroner returned a verdict of 'accidental death'. The funeral was a large one with a service being held at the Primitive Methodist church, attended by members of the Independent Order of Good Templars, to which he belonged. After Arthur's death Margaret remarried William Rowbottom in Launceston on 20 October 1878.

Details of Margaret's birth or who her parents were was not able to be found online. There were several by the name of Margaret Edwards who were convicts.