

## Jacob SHEARING (1835-1909)



Jacob was aged 20, a shepherd, sponsored by William Tarleton (1820-1895) of Hobart Town when migrating to Tasmania on the 'Trade Wind' in 1858. Jacob was discharged to Tarleton from the Quarantine Station, Impression Bay on 4 April 1858.

William Tarleton arrived in Tasmania in 1843. He was assistant police magistrate under the Imperial Government and performed the duties of that office at Hamilton, Launceston, Hobart and elsewhere. He was the senior police magistrate of all the colonies, having occupied the position for many years.

Jacob was the son of Nathan (1808-1892) and Sally nee Shinn (1811-1844) and was born on 4 September 1837 at Stanton in Norfolk. In the 1851 England Census Jacob was aged 13 living at Chimney Lodge, Brandon, Suffolk. His siblings were Eliza (10), Samuel (6), Richard (4) and William (1). In the 1841 Census the Shearing family had Robert Barham (14, shepherd) and Rachel Barham living with them at Santon. A number of other Barham's lived in the same area, along with a Lambert family (Edward, Sarah, Edward and Tobiah). The Barham and Lambert families were passengers on the 'Trade Wind' and may be connected to this family.



Jacob married another passenger from the 'Trade Wind', Hannah Banyard (1839-1885) on 16 April 1860 at Ouse Bridge, Hamilton, Tasmania. Hannah was baptised on 7 April 1839 at Hopton in Suffolk. Her parents were George (1800-1840) and Elizabeth nee Smith (1804-1874). Jacob and Hannah had seven children. Jacob moved to Otago, New Zealand between 1863 and 1867. A William Francis Tarleton was in the Invercargill district of New Zealand at this time, and was a farmer of 800 acres. It is possible there

is a connection between the William Tarleton in Tasmania and the William in New Zealand and perhaps the reason for Jacob moving to New Zealand. Each of the seven children remained in New Zealand.

Twenty-three years after Hannah's death, on 16 January 1885 at Crookston, Tapanui in New Zealand, at age 45, Jacob remarried Catherine (Kate) Rosevear on 15 January 1908 in Dunedin, New Zealand. Catherine was from Cornwall in England and had previously lived in Hobart. Jacob was a farmer of Tapanui at the time of marriage.

Jacob and Kate returned to Hobart where Jacob passed away the year after his marriage to Kate at Wellesley Street, Hobart, on 13 April 1909. His death notice announced he was late of Crookston, Otago, New Zealand, aged 73. Jacob's estate for stamp duty purposes was valued at £3936 which was substantial at that time.

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