

Mary SMYTH (1809-?) and Jane SMYTH (1837-?)

Mary and Jane were both 'Trade Wind' migrants who arrived in Tasmania on the 'Trade Wind' in 1858. There was no record on the shipping records where they originated from. Mary was aged 48, born about 1809, married and a general servant. One record on the 'Trade Wind' shows Mary as 'Matron'. Mary was most likely the mother of Jane who was aged 20, born about 1837, and was a needlewoman. They were both listed together on the shipping records and both were sponsored by James Milliner.



It is possible Mary was married to James Smyth who was a convict. James was convicted at the CC Court (Central County Court) for 20 years transportation on 5 February 1844, embarking on 8 March 1844 on the 'Maria Somes' and arriving Tasmania on 30 July 1844. Prior to transportation James was a labourer and a clerk. James' offence was sending a threatening letter to extort money to Mr Robins. He told Robins he would inform his friends he attempted to commit an unnatural crime with him unless he gave him £15. James was aged 34, born about 1810, at time of transportation, His birth year was similar to Mary. James' native place was Plumstead, Kent. James was hired by Assistant Commissary General Drake in Hobart in 1849 for two years at Oyster Cove and from 1851 he was with Francis Abbott in Murray Street.

James Milliner was the licensee of at least three hotels in Hobart before 1855: the City of Bristol Arms in Campbell Street, the Sailor's Delight in Murray Street and the King's Arms in Murray Street. A James Milliner, aged 38 (c1821), married Ann Smith on 19 November 1859 at Longford. James, a labourer, signed with his mark. As at 25 January 1870 James Milliner owned a house at Longford. The gross annual value of the property was £10 and the net annual value of the property £9. James Milliner died in Longford on 27 May 1882, aged 70 (born about 1812). He was a labourer and the cause of death was 'decay of nature'.

No further records could be found for Mary nor Jane.