

William STAGOLL, Jun. (1852-1947)

William was born on 14 June 1852 at Fakenham, Norfolk. He was aged 6 when migrating to Tasmania with his parents and siblings on the 'Trade Wind' in 1858. He married Mary Rankin (1855-1948) on 16 September 1876 in the Primitive Methodist Church, Hamilton, Victoria. Mary was the daughter of Donald Rankin (1826-1876) and Ann nee McKinnon (18365-1876) of Glencoe, Hamilton. She was born on 14 February 1855 at Glencoe, Hamilton.

William and Mary had nine children. A daughter died at six months (1879-1979), two other children died at aged 17 (1881-1898) and 19 (1887-1906). The youngest son, Robert Leslie (1895-1916), was Killed in Action in France at Mouquet Farm, on 24 August 1916, aged 21, after 18 months service.

William was believed to be the longest member of the Order of Rachobites. He joined the junior tent in Tasmania at the age of 11, passed on to the adult tent at the age of 16 and after moving to Hamilton joined Tent No. 33. William was superintendent of the junior tent for a number of years and was a teacher in the Methodist Sunday school for some years. William was a well-known member of John Thompson & Co. and was a manager of the firm's timber yards.

When William passed away on 30 August 1947 at Hamilton, aged 95, he had been a member of the Order of Rachobites for 84 years. Mary was aged 93 when she died on 12 October 1948 at Hamilton.