

Thomas STANDALOFT (1829-1858)

Thomas was baptised on 4 October 1829 in North Coates, Lincolnshire, England. His parents were John Standaloft (1793-1873) and Mary nee Glover (1793-1854). He was aged 28 when migrating on the 'Trade Wind' in 1858. He was married to Jane nee Found (aka Barchard 1824-1897). They were married on 24 November 1853 at Beverley, Yorkshire, England.

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No.	When Married.	Name and Surname.	Age.	Condition.	Rank or Profession.	Residence at the Time of Marriage.	Father's Name and Surname.	Rank or Profession of Father.
81	<i>November 24</i>	<i>Thomas Standaloft</i>	<i>full</i>	<i>Farmer's</i>	<i>Bachelor</i>	<i>Waghen</i>	<i>John Standaloft</i>	<i>Labourer</i>
		<i>Jane Found</i>	<i>full</i>	<i>Seamst.</i>	<i>Spinster</i>	<i>Leven</i>	<i>John Barchard</i>	<i>Labourer</i>
Married in the <i>Parish Church</i> according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the <i>Established Church</i> after <i>readings</i> by one <i>Henry Barchard</i> <i>Thomas Standaloft</i> in the Presence of us, <i>Mary Hilvington</i> <i>Jane Found</i> <i>Carole</i>								
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The 'Trade Wind' recorded their native place as being Germany. This is incorrect as they came from Yorkshire in England. They were both sponsored by Samuel Horton of Launceston. A daughter was born on 9 March 1853 in Yorkshire England. Anne Elizabeth accompanied her parents on the 'Trade Wind'; she was aged 4.

Thomas died on board the 'Trade Wind' on 21 January 1858, under so called 'suspicious circumstances'. A Jury was called to investigate his death, although how the jury was chosen was questionable. In evidence provided by several witnesses a number of reasons were given for his death including death due to common continued fever; mortification of the arm as a result of a fall; and from want. The Immigration Agent, John D Loch, in his report stated:

The interference with the original jury was I submit a very questionable measure as being calculated to cause dissatisfaction and mistrust. On this case the Health Officer and Dr Brock are unable upon the information before them to pronounce any positive opinion further than that the man appeared to have died from mortification.

In medical terms, mortification refers to the death of one part of the body while the rest of the body is alive. This is more technically called gangrene or necrosis.