

John STONE (1838-1904?)

John was aged 19, single, literate and a ploughman from Suffolk when migrating to Tasmania on the 'Trade Wind' in 1858. He was sponsored by Askin Morrison of Hobart Town and discharged from the Quarantine Station, Impression Bay, to him on the evening of 26 March 1858. Several other boys from Suffolk and Essex were sponsored by Morrison.

It is probable John was the son of James Stone and Sarah nee Orford (Offwood?). In the 1841 England Census, the family were living at Barn Field Cottage, Honington, Thetford, Suffolk. James, 38; Susan, 33; Sarah, 7; Susan, 5; and John, 2. In the 1851 England Census the family had expanded and were living at Common House, Ixworth Road, Honington, Thetford, Suffolk: James, 41, 1810, agricultural labourer, born Honington, Suffolk; Susan, 42, 1809, charwoman, born Bardwell, Suffolk; John, 12, 1839, farmer boy, born Honington, Suffolk; Elizabeth, 9, 1842, day scholar; George, 4, 1847; Henry, 1, 1850.

There were several John Stone's in the public records in Tasmania. Of the three who married none matched the John Stone who was born about 1839. The most likely of the John Stones was a farmer at Mathinna (1890-91 PO Directory). This John Stone died on 22 September 1904 at the Launceston General Hospital, aged 66 [born about 1838] and buried at Mathinna General.

If a reader knows more about John Stone it would be appreciated if they contacted bettypilgrim@hotmail.com.