

Joseph TAYLOR (1833-1908)

Joseph was aged 24, single, a miner from Staffordshire, when migrating to Tasmania on the 'Trade Wind' in 1858. Joseph was sponsored by John Foster of Hobart Town (1792-1875).

Joseph was placed on the 'Trade Wind's' articles because of the overcrowding on the ship. This was a way of trying to avoid showing the true number of passengers as permitted by law. John D Loch, Immigration Agent, in his 22 May 1858 report stated:

... the ship had two and half more adults as passengers more than the law allows. This does not take into consideration that two of the Bounty ticket immigrants, Eli Round and Joseph Taylor were placed on the ships articles as part of the crew and one single woman, Jane Young, was placed in the Cabin as a servant.

According to Joseph's death notice in the *Mercury* on Monday 20 January 1908 he was a native of Brierley Hill, Staffordshire.

Joseph, a miner, married Jane Young, who was also believed to have been born at Brierley Hill, on 19 March 1860 at St John's Church in New Town, Tasmania. Jane was also on the 'Trade Wind'. Joseph and Jane had ten children, most of whom remained in Tasmania.

As both Joseph and Jane were said by family members to have both originated from Brierley Hill in Staffordshire it is likely they were well known to each other, and perhaps in a relationship, prior to departing on the 'Trade Wind'.

Joseph's sponsor, John Foster, owned the Douglas River Coal Company, south of the Douglas River north of the township of Bicheno. As Joseph was a minor and three of his children were born in the Glamorgan district it is possible Joseph was working for Foster in his mining interests in this area. It is also possible Joseph worked in the coal mines in the New Town area.

Little is known about Jane as she was placed in the cabin as a servant and as such details about her origin is unknown. Her death notice in the *Mercury* on Saturday 14 Feb 1925 recorded she was from Brierley Hill, Staffordshire.

Joseph passed away on 19 January 1908 at his late residence Wellington Street, North Hobart, aged 75.

Jane died in her 80th year on 13 February 1925 at her late residence, Wellington Street, North Hobart.