

Jacob TURNER (1815-1890)

Jacob was aged 37 when migrating to Tasmania on the 'Trade Wind' in 1858. He was accompanied by his wife, Jane nee Hudson (1819-1902) and children: Henry (1843-1927); Eleanor (1847-1927); Christina Sarah (1853-1919); and Charles (1855-1926). Jacob was a ploughman and labourer from Norfolk, England. In the Immigration Agent's report on the 'Trade Wind' Mr Loch recommended Jacob Turner receive the usual gratuities viz. Male Hospital Assistant on 168 males arrived at 6d each totalling £4.4.0.

Henry Howe (1803-1878) of Launceston sponsored the family. Henry Howe was a much respected resident of Launceston where he carried on an auctioneering business, the Victoria Auction Mart. Due to his ill health he moved to St Kilda in Victoria. Henry had previously been a convict and transported per 'Layton' for 14 years for embezzlement. His convict records show he was married and had five children.

Jacob was baptised on 24 September 1815 at Hockham. His parents were Abraham (1768-1846) and Ann nee Atkins (1781-). Jacob married Jane Hudson in the Parish Church, Hockham, Norfolk on 12 December 1840. One of the witnesses at their marriage was John Abrey (aka Abra), later to become Jane's step-father and also a passenger on the 'Trade Wind'. Jacob and Jane had six children; one son (Charles 1841-1844), died at the age of two and a daughter, Martha (1845-1856) died at the age of ten.

Prior to embarking on the 'Trade Wind', according to the 1851 England Census, Jane and Jacob and three children were living at Leon Inn, Hockham, Wayland, Norfolk. Jacob was aged 36 (1815), an engineer, born Norfolk, Jane was aged 31 (1820), a laundress; Martha, 5 (1846), scholar and Eleanor, 3 (1848). Their son, Henry (1843-1927) was not with this family on census night.

Jacob died at his residence, 62 Tamar Street, Launceston, on 5 August 1890. He was aged 75. The death notice in the *Examiner* newspaper requested Queensland papers to copy. This may have been as son Henry was believed to be living in Queensland.