

Mary TURNER (1836-1917)

Mary was aged 21, a Methodist, single and a housemaid when migrating to Tasmania on the 'Trade Wind' in 1858. Mary travelled with her uncle and aunt, Jacob (1815-1890) and Jane (1819-1902) Turner. She was sponsored, as were other Turner relatives, by Henry Howe (1803-1878) of Launceston. Henry Howe was an auctioneer in Launceston before he retired to Victoria.

Mary was born on 12 July 1836 in Hockham, Norfolk. Her parents were George Turner (1801-1872) and Elizabeth nee Cook (1808-?).

Mary married William Bland on 5 May 1860 in Launceston, Tasmania. They had three children: Walter (1861-1953), William (1863-1930) in Tasmania with another son Norman being born in Kent, England (1865-1902).

According to the 1871 England Census the family were residing at 1 Stoneyard Place, Lee, Kent:

William Bland, 36, Head, carpenter, born Mitcham, Surrey

Mary Bland, 33, wife, carpenter's wife, born Hockham, Norfolk

Walter, 10, son, 10, scholar, born Launceston, Tasmania

William, 8, son, scholar, born Launceston, Tasmania

Norman, 6, son, scholar, born, Lee, Kent

Elizabeth Turner, 23, Visitor, wife's sister, unmarried, housemaid, domestic servant, born
Hockham, Norfolk

129	1, Pineyard Cove	1	William Bland	Wend	Minister	36	Carpenter	Lucy	Wetham
			Mary	do	Wend	38	Carpenter's Wife	Margaret	Wetham
			Walter	do	Wend	17	School	William	Wetham
			William	do	Wend	18	School	do	do
			Norman	do	Wend	19	School	Paul	Wetham
			Elizabeth Currier	Wend	Wend	24	Housemaid Domestic Serv	Elizabeth	Wetham

As the youngest son, Norman, was born in Kent on 1 July 1865 the family had travelled to England before this time. They did not appear in the 1861 England Census.

The Bland family returned to Australia, arriving Port Phillip, Melbourne, on 27 January 1872 per 'Agamemnon'. They departed Sidon on 6 November 1871 and were at sea for 140 days.

Tom Stand	38				
Mary do		56			Wife
Walter do			10		Child
William do			7		"
Elizabeth do			5		"

Mary passed away on 14 November 1917 at Brighton, Victoria, aged 81. Her husband died three years earlier on 15 April 1914 at North Melbourne, aged 79. The three children remained living in Victoria.