Mary TURNER (1836-1917)

Hockham, Norfolk

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).

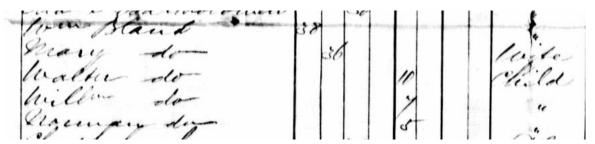
According to the 1871 England Census the family were residing at 1 Stoneyard Place, Lee, Kent:

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

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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.



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.