

Benjamin WARRINGTON (1820-1874?)

Benjamin was aged 37, recorded as being single, illiterate, born Shropshire and a collier when migrating to Tasmania on the 'Trade Wind' in 1858. He was sponsored by Thomas Young of Hobart Town and discharged from the Quarantine Station, Impression Bay to TG Gregson of Risdon on 27 March 1858.

Benjamin Warrington was a signatory on a letter to John D Loch, Esq., Immigration Agent, Hobart Town sent from on board the 'Trade Wind'¹:

Sir, We, the undersigned memorialists who, through the medium of the Rev. Benjamin Drake, are Bounty Ticket Passengers on board this ship, beg to ask your advice relative to the conditions upon which these tickets are granted by the Colonial Government, in consequence of the varied statements put forth by that gentleman as to the extent of our obligations.

Our honest intentions having been called in question, because many of us have refused to sign certain contract papers (beside the Bounty Ticket) which we never before heard of until thousands of miles from England, it is our earnest wish to convey to the Government our honourable intention to fulfil the engagement required by it.

Information having been conveyed, both by printed circular and by letter, from the Rev. Benjamin Drake, that he would grant fare passages to persons of our class, we are at a loss to understand how such an offer can render us personally liable to any one except the Government, as set forth in the Bounty Ticket.

Signed by 83 passengers

Response from John D Loch, Immigration Agent, Immigration Office, Hobart Town, dated March 15, 1858 to Mr Benjamin Warrington, Mr Joseph Roberts, and other passengers of the Trade Wind, Impression Bay

The Immigration Agent begs to acknowledge the receipt of a paper signed "Benjamin Warrington" – "Joseph Roberts," and other passengers by the Trade Wind, requesting advice as to the extent of their obligations.

The Immigration Agent will very willingly give any advice in his power as soon as he has an opportunity of communicating personally with the parties concerned and obtaining full information on the subject.

He trusts that the time is not far distant and greatly regrets the circumstances in which the passengers by this ship is placed.

A further response was not found in the public records.

It is probable Benjamin was baptised on 7 February 1819, Caynha, Shropshire. His parents were Benjamin and Sarah. Benjamin Sen. was also a collier.

¹ Printed in *The Tasmanian Daily News*, Thu 25 Mar 1858, p2.

Public or newspaper records were not found in Tasmania apart from his arrival on the 'Trade Wind'.

A Benjamin Warrington died 12 August 1874 (born about 1818) in Newcastle City, NSW and buried at Old Wallsend Cemetery, Newcastle. His wife was Susan. An inquest in Newcastle found he died from natural causes. A report of the inquest in the *Newcastle Chronicle* on Tuesday 18 August 1874 found he died of alcoholic poisoning.

The *Newcastle Morning Herald*, 14 June 1902, reporting on the inscriptions in the Old Wallsend Cemetery: "Another of the old miners lie nearby, and upon the tablet we read – Sacred to the memory of Benjamin Warrington, who died 12 August 1874, aged 56. Also Mary Ann, daughter of the above, died 10 May 1870, aged 21 and Susan wife of Benjamin Warrington, died 2 September 1879, aged 59.

The *NSW Government Gazette*, Tue 20 Dec 1887, p 8462.

In the Supreme Court of New South Wales. Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction. In the lands, goods, chattels, credits, and effects of Benjamin Warrington, late of Wallsend, in the Colony of New South Wales, miner, deceased, intestate.

NOTICE is hereby given that after the expiration of fourteen days from the publication hereof in the NSW Government Gazette, application will be made to the Supreme Court of NSW, in its Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction, that letters of administration of all and singular the goods, chattels, credits, and effects of the abovenamed deceased, may be granted to Mary Ann Clack, the wife of Pharoah Clack, of Newcastle, in the Colony aforesaid, labourer, the eldest grandchild and next of kin of the said deceased. Dated this 20th day of December, AD 1187. James Dar, Proctor for Administratrix, Newcastle.

In a later notice in the *Newcastle Morning Herald and Miners' Advocate*, Sat 13 Mar 1880, p1.

In the Supreme Court of NSW. Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction. In the Goods, Chattels, Credits and Effects of Benjamin Warrington, late of Wallsend, in the Colony of NSW, miner, deceased intestate.

NOTICE is hereby given, that after the expiration of Fourteen Days from the publication of this notice in the Government Gazette, application will be made to the Supreme Court of NSW, in its ecclesiastical jurisdiction, that Letters of Administration, duranle minore Estate of the Goods, Credits, and Effects of the above-named deceased may be granted to James Ashton of Waratah, miner, the father of the grandchildren of the said Benjamin Warrington, deceased. Dated this 12th day of March AD 1880.

A record on *ancestry.com* records Benjamin as being born at Brierley Hill, Staffordshire. He paid a deposit in the colony [NSW] to sponsor his wife Sarah Warrington, Samuel Thompson, Eliza Warrington and Mary Ann Warrington to come to Australia.

A Benjamin Warrington, born about 1820, died in March 1866 at Huddersfield, Yorkshire West Riding, UK. It is possible Benjamin returned to England.