

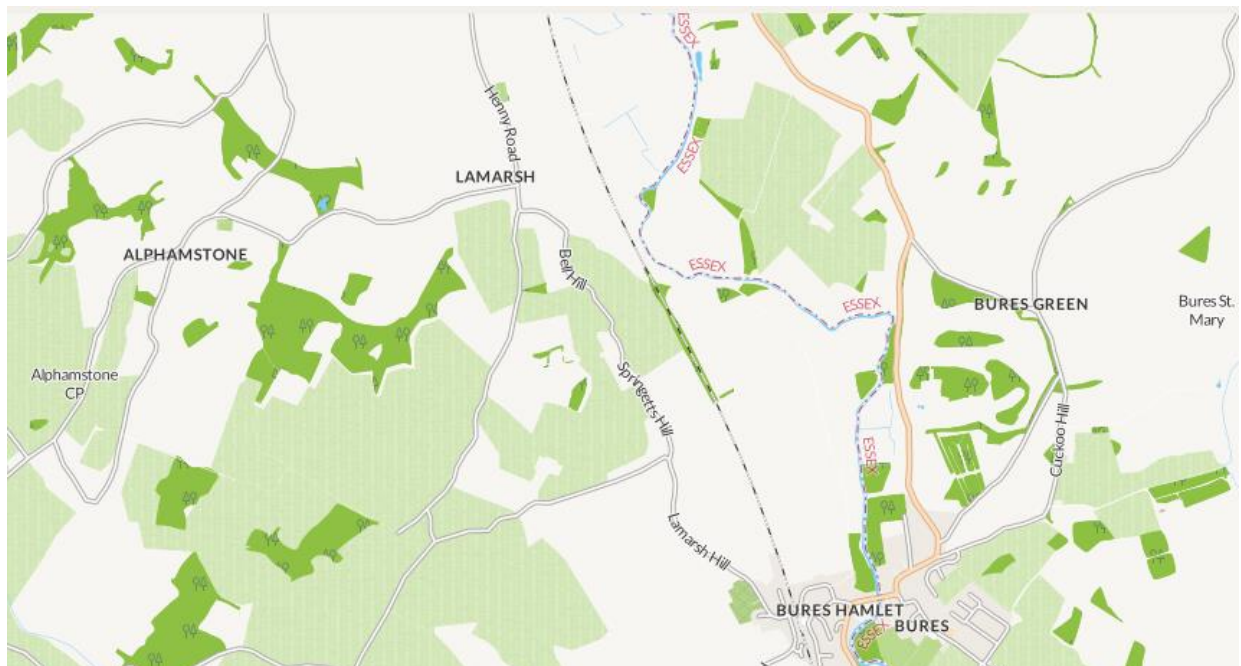
Charles (1830-?) and William Weavers (1834-1906)

Charles and William Weavers were both sponsored by Askin Morrison of Hobart Town and discharged to him during the evening of 26 March 1858. It is probable Charles and William were brothers, the sons of Robert Weavers (1802-1887) and Mary Ann nee Butcher (1805-1885) of Alhamstone, Essex.

Askin Morrison sponsored a number of farm labourers, grooms and a brick maker from the same districts in England located on the border of Essex and Suffolk:

George Podd, Essex, 24, ploughman
John Pilgrim, farm labourer, Essex, 19
Robert Harrington, Essex, farm labourer, 19
George Carver, 22, Suffolk, ploughman and groom
John Stone, 19, Suffolk, ploughman
William Cawley, 21, Suffolk, brick layer
Alfred Abrames, 18, Essex, farm labourer
Charles Weavers, 24, Essex, groom and labourer
William Weavers, 23, Essex, farm labourer and brick labourer
William Peck, 18, Essex, groom and farm labourer.

Askin Morrison owned a number of farming properties as well as warehouses in Battery Point.



Charles WEAVERS (1830-?)

Charles was aged 24, single, literate, a groom and labourer from Essex when migrating to Tasmania on the 'Trade Wind' in 1858. He was sponsored by Askin Morrison. He was accompanied on the 'Trade Wind' by his brother, William (1834-1906).



Charles was baptised on 8 December 1830 at St Barnabas Church, Alphamstone. His parents were Robert Weavers (1803-1887) and Mary nee Butcher (1806-1885). [Picture of St Barnabas Church, Alphamstone, located on Lamarsh Road].

In the 1841 England Census Charles was residing with his family at Hill Farm, Alphamstone. Residing nearby at Burnt House farm, were Thomas Pilgrim, 30, agricultural labourer, Mary Pilgrim (nee Harrington), 25, agricultural labourer, John, 2 and not known 2 weeks [William]. John Pilgrim also migrated on the 'Trade Wind' to Tasmania in 1858 and was sponsored by Askin Morrison.

The 1851 England Census - Cooks Cottages, Alphamstone, Essex - the family were recorded as follows:

- Robert Wevers, 48, 1803, Agricultural Labourer, born Alphamstone, Essex
- Mary, 45, 1806, born Belchamp Walter, Essex
- Charles Wevers, 20, 1831, Agricultural labourer, born Alphamstone, Essex
- James Wevers, 18, 1833, Agricultural labourer, born Alphamstone, Essex
- William Wevers, 16, 1835, Agricultural labourer, born Alphamstone, Essex
- John Wevers, 14, 1837, Agricultural labourer, born Alphamstone, Essex

Since arriving in Tasmania little can be found about Charles on the public records. The *Mercury* on Saturday 9 May 1908 (p7) reported on the Police Courts in Hobart where a Charles Weavers was charged on 24 April using bad language on the Hobart railway station platform. Weavers was found asleep on a platform seat and on being aroused used disgusting language in the presence of a large number of intending passengers. He was fined £1 and 9/6 costs. Alternative was 14 days' imprisonment. It is probable this is not the same Charles Weavers who arrived on the 'Trade Wind'.

There were several Charles Weavers in New Zealand. According to *ancestry.com* (Judith Hyland), Charles, who was born in 1833 at Alphamstone, Essex, died on 14 February 1916 at Dunedin. His parents were Charles Weavers (1809-1856) and Elizabeth nee Butcher (1816-1849). This Charles arrived in Dunedin on 4 October 1858, per 'Lord Worsley' from London.

William WEAVERS (1834-1906)

William was aged 23, single, could read, a farm labourer from Essex when migrating to Tasmania on the 'Trade Wind' in 1858. He, along with his brother Charles, were sponsored by Askin Morrison.

William was baptised on 2 March 1834 at St Barnabas, Alphamstone. His parents were Robert (1802-1887) and Mary Ann nee Butcher (1805-1885).

William married Elizabeth Cook (1838-1882) at Kensington Chapel, O'Brien's Bridge (Glenorchy) on 17 November 1860. Elizabeth arrived at Hobart on 2 December 1856 having departed Liverpool on 10 September 1856 per 'Sir W F Williams'. She was aged 19, full face, short figure, CE, literate, dark hair and eyes, well looking. Her origin was Hounslow, England. Elizabeth was sponsored by Thomas W Cook. Thomas W Cook was one of the witnesses at their wedding.

William and Elizabeth had six children, the first born child, Harriet Ella, died in infancy. Four of the remaining children lived in Hobart: Joseph (1864-1943), John Robert (1866-1944), Henrietta Elizabeth (1867-1948) married Alfred Edward Woodward, and Sarah Mahala (1869-1947). It is not known what happened to the second born child, Thomas William (1862). He may have died on 12 February 1931 in NSW where he was a farmer at Conowindra.

William died at his son's residence, Stanley Street, Sandy Bay, aged 70, on 8 October 1906. He was buried at the Queenborough Cemetery. Members of the various lodges were requested to attend his funeral. William belonged to the Southern Star Lodge. His wife, Elizabeth, predeceased him by 24 years. She died on Xmas Day 1882, in Hobart, aged 44.