

## Eliza Williams (1851-1940)

Eliza was aged 6 and was able to read when migrating to Tasmania with her family on the 'Trade Wind' in 1858.

She married George Titmus (1847-1928) on 23 November 1871 at Longford. George was the son of George (1814-1886) and Elizabeth nee Cox (1828-1923). George was born on 24 September 1847 in Perth, Tasmania.

George's maternal Great-Grandfather had an interesting background in regard to early Tasmanian history. John Cox (1765-1848 ) enlisted in the 73<sup>rd</sup> Regiment on 24 May 1791 in England and migrated to Australia on the 'Indiaman Pitt' departing Yarmouth Roads, England, on 17 July 1791 arriving in Sydney Cove on 14 February 1792. He was transferred to Norfolk Island in 1801 and was recalled to Sydney from Norfolk Island and discharged from the military in 1810. His recall may have been because he had established a defacto relationship with a convict, Ann Brooks (1773-1837), who sailed on the same ship as himself to Sydney and then to Norfolk Island. Ann Brooks was convicted on 19 March 1791 in Warwick Court, England and sentenced to 7 years gaol. Her mother was also convicted and sentenced to 14 years. They both departed Yarmouth Roads, England on 17 July 1791. After John's discharge he returned to Norfolk Island as a labourer and later became a Police Constable. John and Ann were married in 1819 on Norfolk Island. After the closure of Norfolk Island the family departed on the 'Lady Nelson' on 20 January 1813 arriving Port Dalrymple on 1 March 1813. Their children travelling with them from Norfolk Island were Ann, Charles, George, Joseph, Mary, Samuel and Susannah. John was granted 80 acres at Norfolk Plains in 1813. Elizabeth's father, Joseph Cox (1802-1874) was born on Norfolk Island.

George Titmus and Eliza nee Cox had four children: Arthur John (1872-1928), Amy (1874-1944), Walter Ronald (1875-1945) and Frank Herbert(1881-1960). The eldest child, Arthur, moved to Victoria. George and Eliza lived at Perth, Tasmania and 41 Lamont Street, Invermay.



Eliza died on 9 September 1940 at St Jude's Private Hospital, Longford, aged 89. George died on 3 April 1928, aged 80, at Lamont Street, Launceston. George's Will described him as a 'Gentleman' but interestingly he signed with his mark. A person described as a 'Gentleman' was usually somebody who was living on their own means without any support from areas such as Government assistance.