

Maria WILLIS (1846-1892)

Maria was aged 11 and literate when migrating to Tasmania with her family on the 'Trade Wind' in 1858.

Maria married William John Argent (1841-1884) on 25 February 1867 in Sale, Victoria. They had five children: Maria Alice (1868-1898), Henry William (1869-1942), Agnes Amelia (1873-1930), Lily Mary (1875-1936) and George Charles (1880-1942).

William died at the age of 44 at Redbank, Stratford on 20 August 1884. Maria cared for the children as a single Mum; they were aged between four and sixteen. Maria died on 19 August 1892, aged 45, at Stratford, Victoria. Her youngest child was now aged twelve.