

Henry WOODBERRY (1823-1907)

Henry was aged 31, married, literate, a general farm labourer from Somersetshire when migrating to Tasmania on the 'Trade Wind' in 1858. The name of the sponsor on the 'Trade Wind' records is a little difficult to read and looks more like James than John Woodbury, however, Henry and family were discharged from the Quarantine Station at Impression Bay by morning coach on 23 March 1858 to John Woodbury (1817-1903) of Cullenswood.

John Woodberry was Henry's younger brother who was transported for fifteen years to Tasmania in 1844 per 'Equestrian'. He was convicted for maliciously wounding and cutting. He stated he was at a party and went home with a female. Three men tried to take her away from him and he stabbed one of them with a knife. He said he was struck first. After working at the Cascades he then worked for Robert Vincent Legge at Cullenswood. He became a very highly respected person and owned large properties, settling in the Deloraine district. For many years the name Woodberry was a household word in connection with first-class butter, cheese and fat stock. John married Harriett Alice Augusta Bonner (1832-1906) at Christ Church, Cullenswood on 29 April 1852. He had 12 sons and 3 daughters. Two of the sons were named Septimus and Octavius, perhaps following the pattern of their mother who had Augusta as part of her Christian names.

Henry was born on 12 June 1823 at Bishops Lydeard, Taunton Deane Borough, in Somerset, England. His parents were Henry (1787-1859) and Elizabeth nee Foster (1795-1828).

After his arrival in Tasmania Henry was found in a several records in the Fingal Valley. In 1865 at 'Londavra', Cullenswood, leasehold estate; In the 1890-91 Cornwall Post Office Directory at Falmouth and a sheep run at Cullenswood; 1866 a resident of Fingal.

Henry married Sarah Bodger on 1 November 1850 at Taunton, Somerset. They had six children; the first two were born in Somersetshire in England. The eldest daughter, Emma (1854-1877) died at the age of 24 at Cullenswood with paralysis. Another daughter, Harriet (1858-1865) died at the age of six with inflammation of the bowels and another daughter Edith (1863-1885) died aged 21.

Henry died at Falmouth on 28 February 1907, aged 84. He was buried at Christ Church Anglican Cemetery in Cullenswood, Tasmania.

A report in the *Examiner* on Tuesday 5 March 1907 reported on Henry's funeral.

St Mary's. An old colonist Mr Henry Woodberry, of Falmouth passed away peacefully on Thursday, 28th ultimo, at the advanced age of 84 years. He was of a bright and cheerful disposition, making him beloved by all. His remains were interred in the Cullenswood churchyard on Sunday. The funeral was a large one, fully testifying to the respect and esteem in which he was held. The Rev. J Hayes was the officiating minister. Special hymns were sung, Mrs Hayes (wife of the rector) presiding at the organ. At the service in the church the rector made a very touching reference to the good life and example shown by the deceased.