

**Amos, James, 'Gala Mill', Swanport (1804-1864)**

Sponsored: George Adams (Buckinghamshire, labourer)  
William Blogg (Norfolk, ploughman)  
Charles Conner (Norfolk, labourer)  
James Smith (Norfolk, labourer)



The Amos family came to VDL per 'Emerald' which sailed from London on 8 November 1820. The ship was chartered by Lt George Meredith RN. The Amos family were originally Scottish but had been living for some time in a farm owned by George Meredith in Pembrokeshire, South Wales.

James Amos was born on 21 October 1804 at Galashiels, Scottish Borders, Scotland.

Death notice *The Mercury*, Hobart Town, Monday Morning July 25, 1864. Amos – At Swansea, on the 18<sup>th</sup> July of paralysis, James Amos Esq., of Gala Mill, Glamorgan, in the 60<sup>th</sup> year of his age, leaving a widow and large family as well as a numerous circle of personal friends to lament his loss.

Obituary, *The Hobart Town Advertiser*, Saturday 30 July 1864, page 5. The Late Mr Amos. By the death of Mr James Amos, on the 18<sup>th</sup> inst, Tasmania has lost one

of her oldest and worthiest colonists; one of those pioneers of early days, whose patient, brave endurance, enterprise and industry can only be readily known and appreciated by contemporaries, and fellow labourers, now, alas! Fast vanishing from the scene, and leaving the fruits of their toil, and the example of their hard-won success as a heritage to their posterity. Mr Amos arrived in this colony in 1821, having, together with his parents, brothers, and several other relatives, emigrated with the late Mr George Meredith. Any one now visiting the English looking homesteads, and model farms created by two generations of the Amos family, may, to some extent, realize the value of such residents in a new country; although only the doers of the work, can know the amount of indomitable perseverance it has cost. Excellent and sterling in every relation of life, whether as pioneer of the wilderness, master, husband, father or friend, Mr Amos was universally respected and esteemed, and his death leaves a melancholy blank in a wide circle of relatives and connections.

Picture of James Amos copied from *ancestry.com* (Ken Moore).

James Amos, farmer, Gala Mill, Great Swan Port applied for Immigrant Bounty Tickets.