

**Button, Thomas (1795-1865)**

Sponsored: Eliza Claxton (Covehithe, Suffolk; housemaid)  
Emma Claxton (Suffolk, aged 8)  
George Claxton (Covehithe, Suffolk; labourer)  
Hanna(h) Claxton nee Bean (Suffolk, general servant)  
Henry Claxton (Suffolk, aged 3)  
William Claxton Jnr (Norfolk, aged 5)  
William Claxton Snr (Suffolk, farm labourer)  
Martha Skiffins (Norfolk, housemaid)  
Elizabeth Stagoll Jnr (Norfolk, aged 4)  
Elizabeth Stagoll Snr nee Skiffins (Norfolk, housemaid)  
Ellen Stagoll (Suffolk, aged 2)  
Walter de Verdi Stagoll (born enroute to Tasmania in 1857)  
William Stagoll Jnr (Suffolk, aged 6)  
William Stagoll Snr (Suffolk, currier)



Thomas Button was one of Launceston's most enterprising commercial men, conducting a large tannery and flour mill in Margaret Street. Button arrived in Tasmania in 1833. When Municipal privileges were conferred on the people of Launceston, Mr Button was elected at the head of the poll to a seat in the first Municipal Council, and when his period of office expired, he was again returned. (Obituary, Launceston *Examiner*, Tuesday 21 February 1865, p6)

Thomas was born on 11 September 1794 in Nayland, Suffolk, England and died on 19 February 1865 in Launceston, Tasmania. Button arrived in Tasmania in 1833 in the ship 'Forth', bound for Circular Head and Launceston. He was accompanied by his brother William Button and half-brother JS Waddell and other members of his family. William Button and JS Waddell also sponsored 'Trade Wind' migrants.

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Thomas Button, tanner and currier, Launceston, applied for Immigrant Bounty Tickets on 21 June 1856.