

**Court, John (1804-1860)**

Sponsored: Mary Saunders nee Hunt (Norfolk, housemaid)  
Stephen Saunders (Norfolk, ploughman)

John Court was a farmer at Bishopsbourne. He was convicted at Somerset Assizes for Theft/Stealing/Larceny and transported for Life to Tasmania per 'Atlas' arriving on 25 August 1833. His convict records show his age as 29 at the time of his conviction and originating from Wedmore, Somerset. John's wife died at Bishopsbourne in November 1858 and Mary Saunders would have taken over her household duties while Stephen would have assisted on the farm.

After Court's death his farm at Bishopsbourne was sold by auction in 1861. An advertisement in the Launceston *Examiner*, Tue 26 Mar 1861, p5 lists all items being auctioned with an additional statement "the above will be found a very superior lot of stock; the cows cannot be surpassed, and the horses are all well bred."

John Court, farmer, Bishopsbourne, applied for Immigrant Bounty Tickets.