Green, Richard (1808-1878)

Sponsored: Caroline Ling (Garboldisham, Norfolk; housemaid)

Samuel Saunders (Norfolk; farm labourer)



Richard was born on 24 November 1808, Essendon, Hertfordshire, England and died 23 September 1878 in Launceston, Tasmania. Richard Green arrived Hobart Town per the 'Eliza' on 2 May 1831 accompanied by Mathias Gaunt MD, RN, his wife Frances, sister of Richard Green, and their four children as well as his niece, Hannah Jackson.

About 1838 Green was accountant and general manager of the firm of James Henty & Co., Launceston. When the partners retired in 1843 he carried on the

business as merchant in his own name. Described in 1851 as a shipping agent he bought the barque 'Tiberias' and left Launceston for the Victorian goldfields. He was successful there and later returned to Launceston.

At the time Samuel Saunders and Caroline Ling arrived in Tasmania, Green was one of the first members of the Launceston Marine Board and in 1862 became Master Warden and was considered to be one of the leading citizens of Launceston. He was Chairman and Managing Director of the Launceston Gas Company, Director of the Cornwall Insurance Company and Chairman and Managing Director of the Mount Bischoff Tin Mining Company and Smelting Works. His own importing and exporting business was Messrs R Green & Co. located in Cimitiere Street, Launceston. After Richard's death in 1878 Richard Green Jnr continued the business. (*Australian Dictionary of Biography, Vol 4*, 1972)

Picture of Richard Green copied from ancestry.com (Joan Green).

Richard Green, Merchant, Launceston applied for Immigrant Bounty Tickets on 23 February 1854 and 21 June 1856.