

Hamilton, William (1810-1885)

Sponsored: John Calver (Suffolk, groom)
 Susannah Fuller (Suffolk, nursemaid; aged 11)

William Hamilton, accompanied by his wife and child, arrived Hobart Town as steerage passengers per 'Lindsays' on 24 June 1832. William was a descendant of an ancient Irish family. After his arrival in Tasmania he carried on a cabinet factory and upholstery warehouse with success. In 1852 he retired from business and in 1857 he visited his native land. After a short stay he returned to Tasmania, where he resumed business ... retiring in 1878 to 'Laurel Vale', Battery Point, until his death. ... The bells of St George's were tolled, and the flags of the shipping were lowered as a tribute of respect to the memory of the deceased on the announcement of his death. (Obituary, *The Mercury*, Wednesday 29 July 1885, p2)

The *Daily Telegraph*, Wed 29 Jul 1885, p3 reported: Mr William Hamilton, over 50 years a resident in Hobart, died at Battery Point to-day, at the age of 78 years. He was the father of a large family, well-known in Hobart, including Mr John Hamilton, JP.

Death registration records William Hamilton, born Ireland, died at the age of 78 years at his residence, 'Laurel Vale', Colville Street, Battery Point. He was a retired cabinet maker and the cause of death was cancer.

William Hamilton had his address in O'Brien's Bridge in 1852 where he had a 150-acre freehold farm 'Ravensdale'.

A William Hamilton was the original owner of the property on which the Calvary Hospital stands.

Valuation Roll for Hobart in 1863 a hut occupied by Michael Coye at O'Brien's Bridge was owned by W Hamilton, Hobart Town. A house, farm and orchard, 'Ravensdale,' was occupied and owned by W Hamilton, Hobart.

The Tasmanian Museum and Art Gallery purchased with the assistance of the Art Foundation of Tasmania a chiffonier made by William Hamilton.

<http://static.tmag.tas.gov.au/decorativeart/objects/furniture/P1994.49/index.html>

William Hamilton landowner, O'Brien's Bridge, applied for Immigrant Bounty Tickets on 30 June 1856.