

Rout, William (1790-1868)

Sponsored: Ann Kerridge (Suffolk, cook)
 Arthur Rule (Suffolk, aged 4)
 Edward (Edwin) Rule (Suffolk, aged 2)
 Harriet Rule (Suffolk, aged 8)
 Mary Rule nee Nash (Suffolk, cook)
 Rosetta Rule (Suffolk, aged 6)
 Thomas Rule (Suffolk, gardener)

According to William Rout's Obituary in *The Mercury*, Saturday, 19 December 1868, p2 Mr Rout arrived in Tasmania over 40 years ago [about 1828], and since then has been a most active and useful colonist. He was for many years engaged in the ironmongery business now carried on by one of his sons; but retiring therefrom, he has devoted himself chiefly to the advancement of the various public institutions of the colony. He was a director of the Bank of Van Diemen's Land, of the TSN Co., and of the Gas Company, one of the managers of the Savings Bank, and was identified with various other public establishments. Mr Rout was a liberal man, contributing freely of his wealth to the funds of all charitable institutions, but in the most unobtrusive manner.

Rout's wife was said to be matron of the convict ship for females, 'Anson', and was afterwards employed by the Government as matron of an asylum for women. [This may have been his second wife.]

Death notice *Mercury*, Sat 19 Dec 1868, p1: Rout. On 18 December, at his residence, The Tower, New Town, William Rout, Esq., in his 79th year.

William Rout, merchant, Hobart Town, applied for 4 single and 1 family Immigrant Bounty Tickets on 22 April 1856.