

Seal, Phillis nee Goggs (1807-1877)

Sponsored: Sarah Keymer (aka Keymes - nee Maple) (Suffolk; dressmaker)
William Keymer (Suffolk; farm labourer)

Phillis Seal was the widow of Charles Seal (1801-1852) who died in Hobart at the age of 41. Phillis continued his merchant business after her husband's death. Phillis placed an advertisement in the *Mercury* on 4 September 1861 requesting William and Sarah Keymer, ex 'Trade Wind', to call on her at New Town. This would suggest although they were sponsored by Mrs Seal they did not commence working for her.

According to the obituary in the *Hobarton Guardian, or, True Friend of Tasmania*, Wed 17 Nov 1882, p3 for Charles Seal he was involved in the whaling business but due to the discovery of gold at Victoria nearly all his vessels were laid up for want of hands. Charles had amassed a large fortune due to his whaling activities.

Phillis was born on 13 December 1807 at Whissonsett, Norfolk, England and died on 28 March 1877, Errard Street, Ballarat, Victoria.

Phillis Seal, landowner, and shipowner, Hobart Town applied for Immigrant Bounty Tickets on 2 March 1854; 30 April, 27 May and 30 June 1856. She was a Member of the Hobart Town Immigration Society.