

Shoobridge, Ebenezer (1820-1901)

Sponsored: John Frost (Suffolk, dairyman)



Ebenezer was born on 4 February 1820 at Maidstone, Kent, England and died at New Norfolk on 6 July 1901. The Shoobridge family went to New Norfolk in 1848 and rented what was known as Government Cottage, the country residence of Sir John Franklin. Three years later Shoobridge purchased 'Valleyfield' and continued the cultivation of hops. Mr Shoobridge was the first to bring hops to Tasmania.

The Mercury, Sat 20 Jul 1901, p5: Our Letter Home reported Mr Ebenezer Shoobridge, the proprietor and founder of the noted Bushy Park estate, Glenora,

died on the 13th inst., at the age of 82 years. Few men in Tasmania have done as much as the deceased in developing the orcharding industry, or have so practically encouraged hop-growing, promoted the exportation of fruit, or demonstrated what may be accomplished by intense culture and irrigation.

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Ebenezer, farmer, New Norfolk applied for Immigrant Bounty Tickets on 16 May 1856.