

Wardlaw, Robert (1803-1873)

Sponsored: Walter Bloomfield (Suffolk, groom)



Robert Wardlaw was born on 17 June 1803 in Saline, Dunfermilne, Fifeshire, Scotland. Wardlaw arrived Hobart from Scotland in January 1842 per the 'Prince of Orange'. He came with his wife and five children. Wardlaw was indentured to John Amos at Cranbrook. In the 1848 Tasmanian Census he was residing at Great Swan Port in a residence owned by John Amos, Esq.

According to his Obituary in *The Mercury*, Sat 6 September 1873, p3: Death of an Old Colonist: Wardlaw was from the Chain-of-Lagoons, near Falmouth, and died at the age of 70 years.

Mr Wardlaw arrived in Tasmania in the year 1842 and for some time was employed by Mr John Amos; he was a native of Scotland, and true to the disposition of his country-men, was persevering, and thrifty; and was anxious to secure a home for himself in his adopted country. He firstly rented a property on the Apsley River, known as St Albans, residing there for many years; he next purchased a property at the Chain-of-Lagoons, which is now acknowledged to be one of the most compact and prolific farms on the East Coast. Here he ended his days in contentment and comparative luxury.

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