



DEAD ISLE, TRIABUNNA

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Spring Bay

Data first recorded

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Transcribed by

C. Mieзитis, 3 Boyle Street, Triabunna, 12 Jul 1975

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Genealogical Society of Tasmania, 1981

Location: visible from the esplanade to south of Triabunna.

Island is in Spring Bay and the best access is by boat.

Access may be possible during low tide from south of bridge on Tasman Highway.

Dead Isle is listed on the Tasmanian Heritage Register

Status: Permanently Register ID Number 1580

Municipality: Glamorgan Spring Bay

Boundary: CPR1194

Description: This is a burial ground with some graves, situated on a semi-island known as 'Dead Isle' and covered with low scrub and a few trees. It is attached to the coast adjoining 'Woodstock' at low water.

Aerial photographs by: Adrian O'Leary, Glamorgan Spring Bay Council, Jul 2022

Gravestone photographs by: Maureen Martin Ferris, May 2005

Please note some headstone transcriptions may NOT be exact because they have been taken from other sources - most headstones are illegible.

Cover page image

Allport Collection, Tasmanian Archives, AN FA821

Burial Ground, Triabunna, Watercolour on brown paper, attributed to Curzon Allport 1840-1850?



The list map











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James Davis

Died: 08/09 Sep 1850, age 42 years, at Great Swan Port, a Shoemaker

Cause of Death: hung (sic) himself in a fit if insanity.

Informant: William Taylor Noyes Esq.

Headstone Facing the sea, footstone with J.D.

Reference: RGD35/1/18 1850 No. 3 [09 Sep 1850]

<https://stors.tas.gov.au/RGD35-1-18p135j2k>

Inquest SC195/1/27 No. 2372

<https://stors.tas.gov.au/NI/1353163>

Inquest held at Triabunna, Spring Bay, Pembroke on 11th Sep 1850 by William Taylor Noyes (Coroner) James Davis (Conditional Pardon)

The said James Davis, in a fit of temporary insanity, at Triabunna aforesaid in a certain dwelling house at Triabunna aforesaid on the tenth day of September ...



Sacred
to the memory of
JAMES DAVIS
Who departed this life September 8th
1850
Age 57 years

**Caroline Martin nee Fitzmaurice
Mrs James Staples**

Died: 02 Jul 1857, age 40 years

Cause of death: drowned while crossing the
Prosser River

Informant: James Staples

Caroline FITZMAURICE was a convict per the ship
America in 1831. Tried: 1830, Middlesex (Old Bailey)
Life for stealing in a dwelling house. From Dublin,
Housemaid, Age 23 years. First married Thomas
Martin who died 1851. 4 children by Thomas Martin:
1. Caroline (married James Barden) 2. Selina (married
Charles QUIN), 3. Thomas & 4. Lavinia (married
William Grant)

Second marriage to James Staples remarried 1854

Buried with husband. Footstone T.M.

References:

Reference: RGD35/1/26 1857/719

<https://stors.tas.gov.au/RGD35-1-26p123j2k>

Examiner 09 July 1857, p.2

*On Wednesday last as Mrs Staples the wife of a
settler near Strawberry, Spring Bay, was in
company with her husband, crossing on horseback
the Prosser's River, at Paradise, the horse
stumbled, throwing off his rider, who was
immediately washed down by the rapid current and
drowned. The body was found washed ashore a
considerable distance from the place where the
accident occurred.*



Sacred to the memory of
THOMAS MARTIN
Who departed this life on
The 19th of May 1851.
Aged 54 years.

Also

to the memory of
CAROLINE MARTIN
his wife who was unfortunately
Drowned whilst crossing
Prosser's River on the 2nd
July 1857. Aged 20 years.

William Morgan Underwood Esq.

Died: 25 Jun 1851, age 38

Death missing from Register General Department records

Stone slab

Reference: Colonial Times newspaper 08 Jul 1851, p2
Australian Medical Pioneers Index

www.medicalpioneers.com

On the 25th June at Spring Bay, VDL William Morgan Underwood, MD aged 38 years – deeply lamented.

William Morgan Underwood

Family Name:	Underwood	Variant Spellings:	
Given Names:	William Morgan		
DOB	1813 approx.	DOD	25 June 1851
Place of Birth:		Place of Death:	Spring Bay, VDL
Age at Death:	38		
School:		University:	
Qualifications:	MD Edin 1834	Speciality:	
Voyages:	"Rattler" from London with cargo arr. Hobart 4 December 1848 • Possibly "Franklin" from Norfolk Island arr. Sydney 4 April 1850		
Came out as:	Passenger		
Date Settled Aus:	by 1849	Date of Departure:	
First Registered:	1849 VDL	Off Register:	
Addresses:	Hobart Town, VDL 1849 • Spring Bay, VDL 1850-1851		
References:	Lists of Court Of Medical Examiners VDL 1849-1851 • Shipping intelligence. Colonial Times (Hobart) 5 December 1848 • Past year. Colonial Times (Hobart) 15 January 1850 [W. M. Underwood enrolled as a legally qualified medical practitioner] • Shipping intelligence. Sydney Morning Herald 4 April 1850 [Dr. Underwood from Norfolk Island] • Died. Colonial Times (Hobart) 8 July 1851 [at Spring Bay, VDL, William Morgan Underwood MD aged 38 years]		



Sacred
to the memory of
WILLIAM MORGAN UNDERWOOD Esq.
Of the City of Hereford.
Departed this life on thre 25th June
1851 /?/, Aged 58? years.

This tablet was erected as a
Mark of friendship by friends
who .../?/

Mary Meadows nee Kearns/Kairns

Mrs John/Patrick Dyer

Died: 15 Jun 1863, Spring Bay

Cause of Death: Apoplexy (cerebral haemorrhage or stroke) witness her husband

In 1852 Mary Dyer married James MEADOWS (both adults) at Spring Bay. James was a convict per the ship *Palmyra* in 1849.

1841 English census shows Patrick (not John) DYER & Mary in Stockport, Cheshire with children: John Dyer born c1839 and Winifred born c1840.

Reference: RGD35/1/32 1863/509

<https://stors.tas.gov.au/RGD35-1-32p129j2k>

Mary's native place was Dublin, she was a Country Servant, aged 28 years. She was tried Chester 1848 for Larceny stealing bacon, married with 2 children came out on board with her: 1. John Dyer aged 11 years and 2. Winifred Dyer aged 8 years. Both were admitted to Orphan School in 1849. John DYER the father.

Daughter Winifred Catherine Dyer (under age) married Philip Howell at St John the Baptist Church, Buckland on the 27 Sep 1858.



Sacred
to the memory of
MARY MEADOWS
Who died on the 15th June
1863
"Forget me not"

James Hogan

Died: 20 Feb 1848, age 31 years

Cause of death: pneumonia

Soldier in the 11th Regiment

Informant: not stated

Extreme left side of plot, broken in half

Reference: RGD35/1/19 1848/20

<https://stors.tas.gov.au/RGD35-1-19p87j2k>



To the memory of
James HOGAN late of
The XI Regt. of foot, who
departed this life on the 20th
day of February 1848
after a short illness of 7 days.
Aged 31 years and 2 months.

Daniel Hunter

Died: 26 May 1848, age 7 years, Spring Bay

Cause of death: protracted illness for a period of two years.

Informant: not stated

Son of Sergt. D. Hunter of the 11th Regiment

Facing the sea

Reference: RGD35/1/19 1848/21

<https://stors.tas.gov.au/RGD35-1-19p88j2k>



SACRED
TO THE
MEMORY
OF DANIEL HUNTER
WHO DEPARTED THIS
LIFE ON THE 26th OF
MAY 1848, AFTER A LONG
ILLNESS OF 2 YEARS. AGED 7
YEARS 6 MONTHS
ERECTED BY HIS PARENT
SERGT. D. HUNTER XITH REGT.
R.I.P.

Peter & James Haley/Healey/Healy

Peter died: 29 Mar 1860, age 49 years,
Spring Bay, a Labourer
Cause of death: dropsy (swelling of soft
tissue due to accumulation of excess water)
Informant: Elizabeth Burgess
James died: 15 Feb 1857, age 6 months,
Spring Bay (death date differs)
Cause of death Jaundice
Informant: Peter Healy, Alma, Spring Bay

Upright, white, facing the shore, footstone P.H.
Reference: RGD35/1/29 1860/978
HEALEY [31 Mar 1860]
<https://stors.tas.gov.au/RGD35-1-29p132j2k>

Reference: RGD35/1/26 1857/718 [19 Feb 1857]
<https://stors.tas.gov.au/RGD35-1-26p122j2k>



SACRED
TO THE MEMORY
OF
PETER HALEY
NATIVE OF BOYLE, ROSCOMMON
IRELAND
Died March 29th 1860
Aged 37 Years
Also
James son of the above
Who died Feb'y 15th 1856
Aged 7 months

Remember man as you pass by
As you are now so once was I
As I same now so will you be
Remember death and eternity

Further possible burials

John Childs possibly one of the illegible headstones in 2005

Died 13 Mar 1847 at Spring Bay, aged 16 weeks

Cause of death: natural courses

Informant Nicholas Popham, Lance Corporal 11th Regiment, Spring Bay

Reference: RGD35/1/19 1847 No. 15

<https://stors.tas.gov.au/NI/1194236>

John Turner possibly one of the illegible headstones in 2005

Died: 07 Apr 1847, aged 36 years, Spring Bay

Soldier in 96th Regiment.

Cause of death: Inflammation of the brain.

Informant: Nicholas Popham, Lance Corporal 11th Regiment, Spring Bay

Reference: Geological Society of Tasmania, transcriptions

Reference: RGD35/1/19 1847/17 registered as GEORGE TURNER



Illegible
? tua ?
Died ? No 18??







The first recorded burials in St John the Baptist, Buckland register was on the 27th March 1844

St Mary's, Anglican church Triabunna was opened on 02 Feb 1883.

All registers took place in the Buckland Register for both districts.

The earliest known burial was in 1847 & the last in 1863.

While I don't have proof, locals tell me that buried on the Island are babies from the RASPIN family.