

## **Sophia**

Sophia was the daughter of Samuel's wife Mary Ann. She was born while Samuel was in the penal colony of Van Diemen's Land. We have not located any birth or Christening record and therefore we cannot be precise about her birth year or more importantly who her father was.

We have two records of her. The first is the emigration Register. This does not show her name but she is registered as a female child with the age of 3 years making her birth year 1834. This was well after Samuel was transported in February 1831 so he was definitely not her father.

The second record is the 1842 census. It is this record that provides her name. It also shows her age in the under 14 category. The important point is that this implies that Sophia was at least 7 years of age and not included in the under 7 category. This fits with a birth year of 1834.

We have no further information about her but from what we know about Samuel and his son Stephen it appears fairly clear that when Maria and Samuel separated Sophia went with Maria. On the evidence we have this would have been around 1846 when Sophia would have been about 12 years old.

Despite a lot of effort searching for further records there has been no further trace found off Sophia