

CONVICT PROFILE



NAME: William Mason

PLACE OF TRIAL: Norfolk

DATE OF TRIAL: 1817

CRIME: Larceny - William Mason, for stealing bacon from John Chamberlain, of Wiggshall, St Mary Magdalen.

SENTENCE: 7 years, Ticket of Leave issued Aug 1824

SHIP: Lady Castlereagh

Convicts embarked – 300 male convicts

Convicts who died on the voyage – 0

Sailed from England on 22 December 1817

Arrived in Sydney, New South Wales on 30 April 1818 (39 convicts disembarked)

Arrived in Hobart, Van Diemens Land on 11 June 1818 (261 convicts disembarked)

MARRIED: Elizabeth Hazlewood 1835

Reference [RGD36/1/2 no 2979](#)

CHILDREN: William (1836), John (1838), Robert (1841), Henry (1843),
Hannah Maria (1844), Male (1846), Samuel (1847), Martha (1848), Female (1850)

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION (eg Death, Pardon)

Born 1800 Norwich Norfolk England. Death 1880 Longford, Tasmania

Records indicate he was a labourer, 5ft 9½, Hazel eyes, Black hair with a very dark Complexion.

Government Public Notice,
THE under-mentioned Persons have obtained Certificates during the last Week :-

William Robinson	Lord Melville
Daniel Church...	Moriey
George Horsecraft	Lady Castlereagh
Stewart Currie...	Guildford
William Roberts...	Surrey
Thomas Keane...	Chapman, removed
Port Dalrymple.	
William Mason...	Lady Castlereagh
John Pearson...	Ditto
John Thomas...	Lord Melville
Mary Wilkes...	Meria.

JOHN MONTAGU, Secretary,
Secretary's Office, September 2d. 1824.

and
were
No. 2379
married in this Church
this 24th day of November in the year 1835

William Mason free of the Parish of St John Launceston
Elizabeth Hazlewood free of the Parish of St John Launceston
by Banns with consent of

By me
W. C. Browne Chaplain.

This Marriage was solemnized between us
In the Presence of
William Mason
Elizabeth Hazlewood
Joseph Hazlewood of Norfolk Plain
William Jones of Launceston.

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Examiner (Launceston, Tas. : 1900 - 1954)
Friday 22 June 1934

METHODISM IN LONGFORD

Centenary Celebrations Commence This Week-end

A Church with a Unique History

The centenary of Methodism in Longford—1834-1934—will be celebrated in appropriate manner with a programme commencing on Sunday and extending over next week.

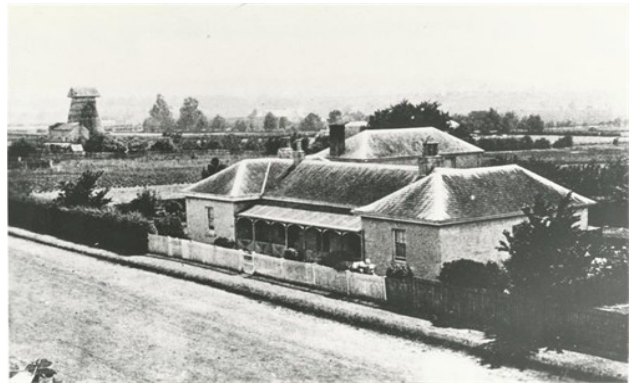
Few churches have had a more romantic history than that of Longford Methodist, and the progress of the Circuit as shown by the records is full of interest.

The Longford Methodist Church was established in 1834 by the formation of what was then known as the Wesleyan Methodist Society. A small band of men and women were met by Rev. J. A. Manton, M.A. from Launceston and enrolled. The first meeting to form the society at Longford was held in Lawrence's barn, on a farm adjoining Northbury. It was a little flock, but fine work resulted. From that centre members went to other parts of the country to form similar organisations. The first name enrolled was that of Mr. William Mason, grandfather of the present families of that name associated with the church. The next was Mary Heazlewood, wife of Mr. Joseph Heazlewood, afterwards Mrs. George Gould, and mother of Robert Gould. The last surviving person of this original little band was Mrs. E. Bonner, of Scottsdale, who died in 1923 at the age of 92 years.

It was not before the newly-formed society decided to build a chapel (the word "church" was not then used). Mr. Joseph Heazlewood gave the land where the present Sunday school now stands.



Goodlands - Located on Wellington Street this elegant home was built by William Mason in the 1830s and sold in 1877 to Thomas Archer.



Launceston Examiner (Tas. : 1842 - 1899),
Tuesday 5 June 1877, page 1 – sale of Goodlands

HOUSES & LAND

ESTATE OF GOODLANDS, IN THE CENTRE OF LONGFORD.

W. T. BELL is instructed by Mr William Mason to dispose of by private contract,—

The estate of Goodlands, comprising 66 acres of the best land in the colony, divided into eight paddocks, securely fenced with hawthorn, and having a frontage on the Lake River.

The house is built of brick, with kitchen, dairy, store with two floors, two stables, and coachhouse, all of brick, are of a most substantial character.

For further particulars apply at the mart.

Terms very easy. (w3)

Launceston Examiner (Tas. : 1842 - 1899) (about) ◀ Monday 18 October 1880 ▶

DEATHS.

MASON.—On the 15th October, at his residence, Wellington-street, Longford, William Mason, in his 81st year. The deceased was a colonist for over 60 years.

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William was elected to the first Longford Municipal Council in 1862.

The Cornwall Chronicle (Launceston, Tas. : 1835 - 1880), Saturday 8 March 1862, page 3

Mr W. Mason on being called said should his brother ratepayers think proper to elect him as one of their Councillors, he would faithfully and honestly fulfil the trust you placed in him, and when he retired they would find he had been faithful to the trust reposed in him. If they were taken a stilling he would see that they had one shillings worth of work for it. He would see that strict economy was observed in dealing with the Municipal funds, and that no further taxation should be put on than was absolutely necessary. No unnecessary expenditure of the funds should ever receive his sanction. They had known him amongst them for many years, and they might feel convinced he would do his duty faithfully and honestly. He would always be willing to receive any information or instructions from the ratepayers. He would make no other definite pledge—and he would not make frothy promises.

The Mercury (Hobart, Tas. : 1860 - 1954) about Saturday 1 March 1862

TELEGRAPHIC DESPATCH.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

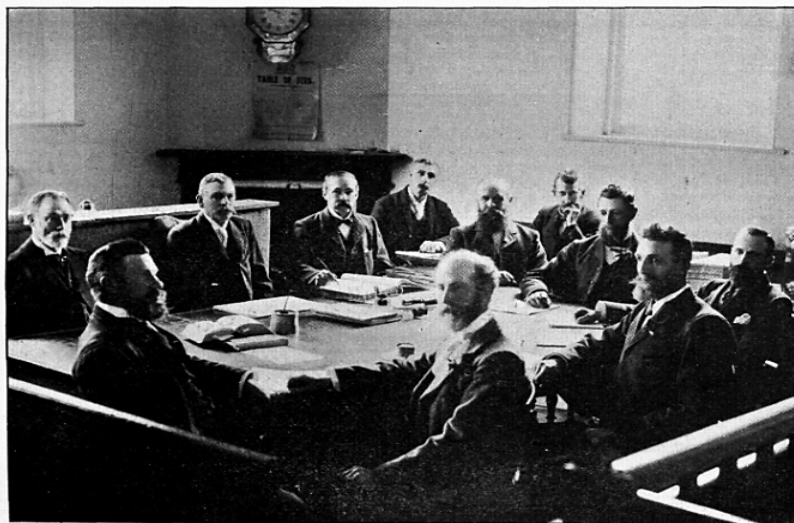
LONGFORD MUNICIPAL ELECTION.

LONGFORD, FRIDAY, 9.30. p.m.

The following is the final state of the poll:—

Gibson	532
Nicholls	504
G. Ritchie	468
Weston	412
Lee	400
Mason	394
Roas	273
D. Ritchie	254
Houghton	207

The first six were accordingly elected.



WHITELEW

LONGFORD CITY COUNCIL.

LAUNCESTON

On the 27th January, 1862, Longford was proclaimed a municipality, and the first councillors elected were:— Messrs. H. B. Nickolls (warden), G. Gibson, W. Lee, W. Mason, G. Ritchie, and W. P. Weston; council clerk and treasurer, Mr. H. S. Hutchinson. The population of the municipality was then about 5000, and included the towns of Cressy, Bishopsbourne, and Perth. It was represented in Parliament at this time in the Legislative Council by the Hon. Joseph