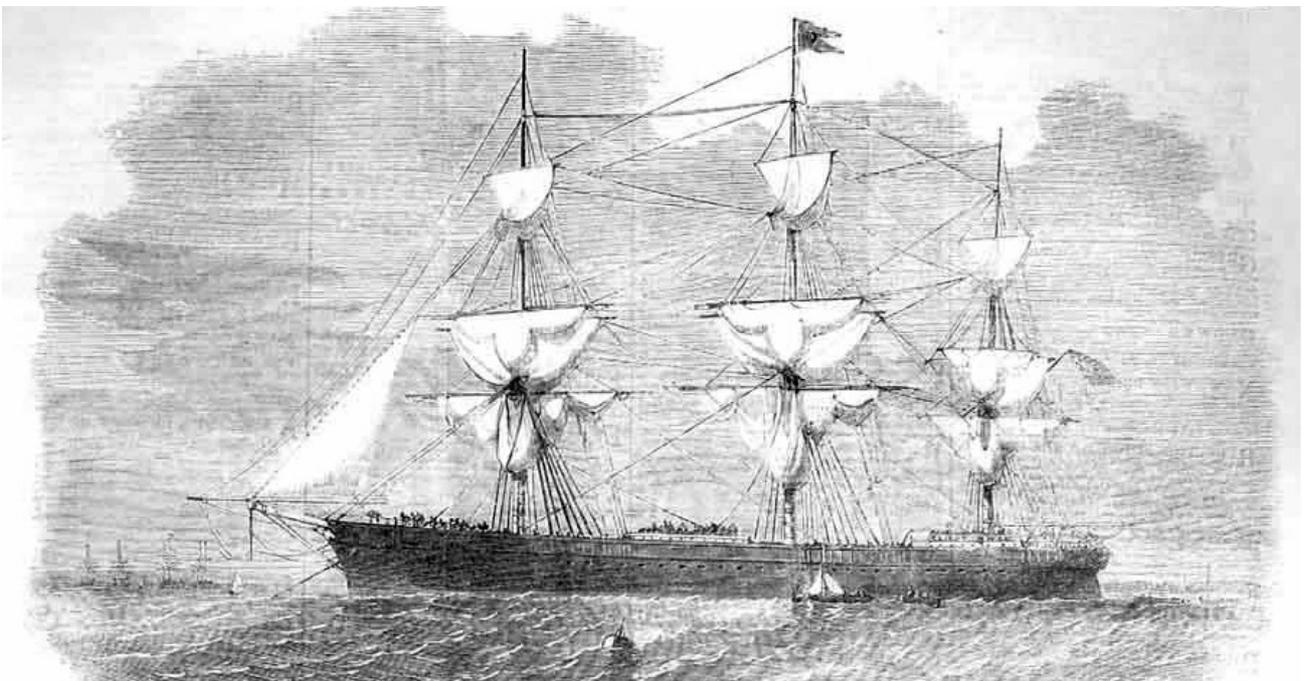


## **Samuel Garratt** emigrant to Tasmania December 1862/3

Samuel Garratt, born 1827, the grandson of Samuel, and Phyllis Garratt, sailed from Liverpool on the ship the Great Tasmania to Tasmania, with his wife Elizabeth and two children, James age 11 and William 10 months, on the 1851 census he had a daughter, Sarah aged 12 months, listed but she's not with them, probably died. The 'Great Tasmania' left Liverpool on 8th December 1862, they were becalmed for 17 days and nearly wrecked 500 miles off course, they arrived at Melbourne on 26th March 1863, and Hobart 16th April 1863

Samuel is down as a 'chain smith', he was aged 35 and his wife was 32, their family bounty for going out was £16.00 per adult, £8.00 for James and £4.00 for William. £44.00 in total.

They were going out to begin a new life with Samuel's half brother Benjamin., in Exton, Westbury.



The 'Great Tasmania' at anchor in the Mersey  
Sketch by William Woods.  
The Illustrated London News, 21st March 1860.

Benjamin had been transported to Tasmania in Oct 1846, arriving on the Prison ship Pestongee Bomangee in February 1847, he'd been transported for 'robbery in company being armed' along with his accomplice John Billingham. Benjamin was 21.

This was his third crime, for the first crime, theft of 40lbs of iron, he gave an alias 'Garratt' even though his name was Guest, he was give a month in jail and whipped, for his second crime, theft of a padlock, he gave his name as Guest, but he was already listed in the courts as 'Garratt', he was jailed for six months and whipped. Again for his final crime, he was transported as 'Garratt'. Aliases were very common among transported prisoners.

Benjamin was the son of Sarah Guest who was most likely unmarried when he was born. She later married Thomas Garratt and they had three children, Samuel was born in 1827, she died the same year his brother was born, possibly in childbirth.

Benjamin had a Conditional Pardon 31st July 1855. He may have married Jane Harkley, real name Morrison, also a transported, they had several children five of who died. When Jane died, 20th Oct 1868 aged 40, he married Hannah Maria Morris , they lived in Exton where he had a blacksmith shop, and it was here that Samuel went to work.

Elizabeth appears to have died 10<sup>th</sup> July 1873 age 43 at Exton, Samuel remarried 7 August 1873 at Westbury, a widow Ann North, nee Allen, they had five children. Ann died 22 June 1884 Launceston, Tasmania, Samuel died in Hospital, Launceston, Tasmania 7<sup>th</sup> November 1888, aged 61 his occupation was recorded as Labourer. Cause of death was Gallstone impacted in hepatic duct.

*Launceston Examiner. Friday 21 December 1888, page 4*  
National Library of Australia <http://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article38325435>  
([www.lynly.gen.nz/index.htm](http://www.lynly.gen.nz/index.htm))

James in later life appears at one time to have been a farmer, there's a possible marriage 23<sup>rd</sup> November 1876, to a Janet Winch in 1876 at Westbury.

Later in the 1914 Australian Electoral Rolls there are:

Janet Garratt Exton, domestic duties F

James Garrett Exton, hotelkeeper M

William Garrett Exton, labourer M

He's noted several times in the Launceston Examiner:-

A correspondent writes:-

One of our farmers here, Mr. James Garratt of Osmaston, had the good luck within the last eleven months to have four calves from one cow. Last year she had one bull and one heifer calves and all are alive and doing well. I think that it would pay to go in for rearing cattle if a man had half a dozen cows like this for a start.

*Launceston Examiner. Friday 23rd October 1891, page 4*  
National Library of Australia <http://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article39580553>

Hospital Staff:-

Mr James Garratt, of Exton, returns thanks in another column to the doctors and staff of the Launceston Hospital for care and attention bestowed upon his son, who went into the hospital six weeks ago suffering from dropsy and heart disease, and in an almost dying condition, but has been discharged almost, if not entirely, restored to health.

*Launceston Examiner Monday 2nd December 1895, page 5*

## SUBURBAN RACE MEETINGS.

To the Editor.

Sir, In your issue of the 4th, a correspondent signing himself "Obiter (should it not have been "O Biter Bit") insinuates that my grey horse Bobtail was "not on the job" in the Open Trot at Tattersall's meet on the 22nd ult. Now, as it happens I particularly wanted my horse to win on that occasion, as I had, what is vulgarly termed at Tattersall's, the "beans" on him. But, unfortunately, my horse was a few yards in front of the mark when the starting gun was fired, and as he was

backed to win me a fair stake, the rider brought him round to his proper starting place, and then rode him for all he was worth from start to finish. I don't think "Obiter". is such a stranger to Tattersall's as he would have us believe; in any case, he seems to be one of those "Johnny know alls," who fancies he knows other people's business better than they do themselves, or, perhaps, he wants to "salt" my horse in the eyes of the handicap per in favour of some one of the many other "mokes" of the "N.O.J." brand. In conclusion, permit me to remind "Obiter" that one must not place too much reliance on what one 'hears, and, judged by his-letter, he saw a little and heard much at Tattersall's on the date mentioned.-Yours, etc.,.

JAMES GARRATT.

Exton, Oct, 7.

*Launceston Examiner. Wednesday 20th October 1897, page 3*

**Samuel Garratt**, age 22, bachelor, chain maker, Dudley Wood, F, Thomas Garratt, chain maker.

Elizabeth Priest, age 19, spinster, Dudley Wood, F, Richard Priest, Engineer.

Marriage: 29 OCT 1849, Saint Thomas, Dudley, Worcester.

After banns, both made their marks.

Witnesses: James Garratt, Elizabeth Garratt.

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Sarah Ann, dau, born, 1 April 1850, bapt, 28 JULY 1850, St Thomas's, Dudley.

James, born, son, 1852 Glasgow.

William, son, born, 1861/2.

Grandparents: Samuel Garratt, bapt 1778, died 1857.

13 SEPT 1802, St Mary's Kingswinford, Staffordshire.

Phyllis (Billingham) bapt, 14 JULY 1789, Saint Thomas, Dudley.

Parents: Thomas Garratt, bapt, 1803, died, 1889, age 85.

Marriage: 12 DEC 1825, Saint Thomas, Dudley.

Sarah (Guest) bapt, 25 Oct 1807, died, 1833, buried, 13 MAY 1833, age 25, Cradley.

Rosannah Matilda, dau, bapt, 3 APRIL 1831.

Samuel, bapt, son, 13 May 1833.

Thomas, bapt, son, 13 May 1833.

Notes: Samuel & Thomas both baptized on the same day as their mother is buried at Cradley.

Samuel most likely born 1827 if calculated from marriage and census records, and age when emigrating. Thomas (the father) remarried about twice after Sarah's death.

**1851** Census (Surname as Gand) 118 Hyde Park Street, Glasgow.

James Garratt, head, 40, Iron Chain Maker, England.

Elizabeth, wife, 36, England.

Joseph, son, 16, Iron Chain Maker, England.

James, son, 12, England.

Job, son, 8.

**Samuel, nephew**, 23, Iron Chain Maker, England.

**Elizabeth, N Wife**, 21, England.

**Sarah**, N Daur, 12 month, England. (*she's not on the immigration list, died?*)

*These are the parents of the **James Garratt**, born 1852 in Glasgow.*

