

**1. Matthew Humphreys/Humphries - Convict No. 6620 - Arrived - The York - 31 December 1862**

Matthew was born 10 January 1837 in Lacock, Wiltshire, England

Baptised: 10 Feb 1837 - Primitive Methodist, Causeway, Wiltshire, England

His Parents were: William Humphries & Jemima Crook

Source: FHL Film Number 0816592 (RG3327)

1841 England Census - Matthew appears with his family in Corsham, Wiltshire as is listed as Mather Humphries aged 4

Source: HO 107/1171/13

1851 England Census: Matthew appears with his family in Islington, Middlesex and is listed as a 15 year old "Milk Boy"

Source: HO 107/1500

1859: Marriage: 05 September 1859, West Bagborough, Somerset, England to Elizabeth Stevens

Source: Somerset, England Marriage Registers, Bonds & Allegations, 1754-1914 Reg no. Vol 5C Page 577

1861: 11 Feb 1861 - Admitted to Millbank Prison

Source: Ancestry

1861: 19 March 1861 - Sentence to 15 years for Rape - Taunton Assizes

Source: England & Wales, Criminal Registers 1791-1892 - Class: HO27; Piece: 130; Page 34

1861 - 09 July 1861 - Admitted to Pentonville Prison

Source: Ancestry England & Wales, Criminal Registers 1791-1892

1862 - 21 January 1862 - Admitted to Portland Prison

Source: Ancestry England & Wales, Criminal Registers 1791-1892

During his time in prison - Matthew's conduct was noted to be from Good to Exemplary

1862 - 03 October 1862 - Boarded Ship "The York"

Source: Ancestry England & Wales, Criminal Registers 1791-1892

1862 - 07 October 1862 - Departure from England

Source: Australian Convict Transportation Registers - Other Fleets & Ships, 1791-1868 - Class: HO 11, Piece: 18

1862 - 31 Dec 1862 - Arrival - Fremantle, Western Australia

Source: Australia, Convict Records Index, 1787-1867 - Microfilm Roll 93, Class & Piece Number HO/18, Page Number 473 (238)

1863 - 06 January 1863 - Prisoner Property Book - Western Australia

Matthew was sent to Toodyay. He had 2 Books, 2 Tracts, 5 Photographs, Looking glass, Knife, Shaving Brush, 1 Razor and 2 Combs.

Source: Western Australia, Australia, Convict Records, 1846-1930 for.... Convict Establishment, Miscellaneous > Prisoners Property Book, 1861 -1865 (V14)

1863 - Aug 1863 - Matthew's wife Elizabeth dies in West Bagborough, Somerset, England. Burial: 11 Aug 1863

Source: Somerset, England Church of England Burials, 1813-1914. Parish Records, 1538-1914; Reference Number: D/P/w.bag/2/1/8

1865 - 30 July 1865 - Ticket of Leave

1865 - 31 July 1865 - Working for Mr G Christmas of Northam

1865 - 21 Oct 1865 - Employed as a labourer by Mr A Ware of Northam

1866 - 25 Jan 1866 - Employed as a labourer by P. Wilding of Northam

1866 - 30 Jan 1866 - Employed as a labourer by P. Wilding of Northam

1866 - 16 Jul 1866 - Employed for Piece Work by W G Ashton of Toodyay

1866 - 28 Aug 1866 - General Servant of Mr Mead of Spring Hill

1866 - 31 Dec 1866 - Labour employed by Mr Mead of Spring Hill

1867 - 30 Jun 1867 - Employed as a General Servant by Mr Mead of Spring Hill

1867 - 27 Oct 1867 - Marriage to Catherine (Bridget) Donahoe (O'Donoghue)

Source: Australia Marriage Index, 1788-1950 - Registration Number: 2648

Note: Bridget arrived aboard "The Bride" which departed 28 Sep 1866 her registered no. 5556

Selecting Agent: Dennis Brennan (listed as Bridget Donohoe aged 26)

Source: Western Australia, Australia, Crew & Passenger Lists, 1852-1930

1867 - 31 Dec 1867 - Employed as a General Servant by Mr Mead of Spring Hill

1868 - 30 Jun 1868 - Employed as a General Servant by Mr Mead of Spring Hill

1868 - 01 Oct 1868 - Employed as a General Servant by S S Parker of York

1868 - 31 Dec 1868 - Employed as a General Servant by S S Parker of York

1869 - 25 Jan 1869 - Employed as a Labourer by T Mead of Spring Hill

1869 - 27 Feb 1869 - Birth of son William Joseph Humphreys at Spring Hill

Source: Australia Birth Index, 1788 - 1922 - Registration no. 11314

Note: William is buried in a Commonwealth War Grave in Military Cemetery, Tidworth, Dorsetshire, England

Service No. 2680.

1869 - 30 Jun 1869 - Employed as a labourer by T Mead of Spring Hill

1869 - 27 Dec 1869 - Employed as a Teamster by J Barnden of Salt River

1870 - 11 Apr 1870 - 31 Dec 1870 - Employed as a Labourer by T Ware of Northam

1871 - 05 Jan 1871 - Birth of daughter Mary Agnes Humphreys

Source: Australia Birth Index, 1788-1922 - Reg no. 13168

1871 - 06 Jan 1871 - Employed as a labourer by James O? of Toodyay

1871 - 13 May 1871 - Employed as a labourer by W. Leeder of Northam

1871 - 22 Jun 1871 - Conditional Pardon

1879 - 31 May 1879 - Tender for Matthew to clear the road leading from Northam to Newcastle, along the southern boundary be accepted

Source: Trove: 31 May 1879 - Northam, Western Australia - The Herald (Fremantle) W.A. Country Notes, Page 3.

1879 - 06 Sep 1879 - Matthew is paid Twenty Pound, Eleven Shillings and NinePence for clearing according to specification 183 chains of the new line of road leading from Newcastle road along the south boundary of Avon Locations 32 and 284 at two shillings and threepence, per chain.

Source: Trove: The Herald (Fremantle) Page 3. Country Notes, Northam, Western Australia - 27 Sep 1879

1903 - Matthew is residing in the Old Men's Depot, Perth, Western Australia.

Source: Australia, Electoral Rolls, 1903-1980

1904 - 12 October 1904 - Matthew dies at Old Men's Depot, Claremont, Western Australia

1904 - October 1904 - Matthew is buried at Karrakatta Cemetery, Section EC, Grave 84.

I recently obtained a file on Matthew through the State Records Office of Western Australia which showed claims on land he owned at Midland Junction, his death certificate is included in this file. - SROWA - Series 59 - CONS 3458 - Item 1906-64. Not sure if due to copyright I am allowed to share this file with you.

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