

CHRISTOPHER TERRY DUKE

21st Dec 1824 - 3rd Jan 1905

Born : DITTISHAM, DEVON ENGLAND

Died : ROOKWOOD, NSW

Buried : ROOKWOOD, NSW



Born on 21 December 1824 in Dittisham, Devon, England to John Terry and Agnes D. Duke (nee Smith) Christopher was the fifth child and second son born to this couple. Both families were long time dwellers in Dittisham as the pedigree chart obtained from the Ancestral File goes back four generations it shows both families living in that area. Christopher was baptised on 2 January 1825. At least two of Christopher's sisters Margaret Smith Duke and Elizabeth Augusta Terry Duke both married in England and then went to America.

At the age of 25, approx. 1850/51, Christopher arrived in Australia. As yet it is not known exactly when or how he arrived here, he may have gone to America first visiting his sisters and then decided to continue on further. On arrival he took up residence in Balmain as a Shipwright. At this time he met a widow named Catherine Vivian and he co-habited with her. In 1856 their first child, Jemima Forrest Duke, was born. Another child, Christopher Terry Duke, was born in 1860. No reason is known as to why he had not married Catherine, perhaps her husband was not dead, there could be any number of reasons, however on 27 March 1871 they were married at 61 Burton Street, Sydney.

CATHERINE was born about 1821 in Ireland to Thomas and Ellen Forrest (nee Wray). Her occupation at the time of her marriage was shown to be a Boarding House Keeper. She arrived in Australia a convict. She had been tried on 25 August 2 1837 and sentenced for 7 years for stealing a cloak. She left Ireland on 29 November 1837 on the 'Diamond' arriving in Sydney on 28 March 1838 her 'Diamond' Certificate of Freedom was dated 9 April 1845 and her Certificate of Freedom was given in Sydney on 24 August 1849. Catherine had married James Viviean in 1839 and the marriage was registered in Dapto near Wollongong. It seems that they had at least three children: Mary born 1839, Jacob born 1841 and Charlotte born 1843.

On 20 May 1874 Catherine died and was buried on 22 May 1874.

On 4 March 1876 Christopher, at the age of 54, married Margaret Smith at Adelaide Place, Sydney. At that time he stated he was a Carpenter. Margaret was 29 years old.

Christopher was said to be quite wealthy when they married but lost it all in the depression in the 1880s. Both Christopher and Margaret were members of the Salvation Army.

Christopher died on 3 January 1905 at the age of 80, he was living at Francis Street, Rookwood. (#1369). Christopher is buried in the Independent Section of Rookwood Cemetery, no headstone or memorial, Section D, Grave 115 near the Circle of Love Memorial.

BIRTH REGISTRATION FACT FILE

NAME	Christopher Terry Duke
SEX OF CHILD	Male
DATE OF BIRTH	21 Dec 1824
PLACE	Dittisham, Devon, England
FATHER	John Terry Duke
OCCUPATION	
BIRTH PLACE	Dittisham, Devon, England
AGE	30
DATE OF MARRIAGE	19 Oct 1815
PLACE OF MARRIAGE	Dittisham, Devon England
MOTHER	Agnes D. Smith
OCCUPATION	
BIRTH PLACE	Dittisham, Devon, England
AGE	31
NOTES	Information obtained from Ancestral File recorded by the Church Of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

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MARRIAGE REGISTRATION FACT FILE

<u>GROOM</u>	Christopher Terry Duke
STATUS	Widower
PLACE OF BIRTH	England
OCCUPATION	Shipwright
AGE	51
USUAL RESIDENCE	Balmain
FATHER	John Duke
OCCUPATION	-
MOTHER	Agnes Smith
<u>BRIDE</u>	Margaret Smith
STATUS	Spinster
PLACE OF BIRTH	New South Wales
OCCUPATION	-
AGE	29
USUAL RESIDENCE	Adelaide Place, Riley Street
FATHER	Peter Smith
OCCUPATION	-
MOTHER	Charlotte Kelly
<u>DATE OF MARRIAGE</u>	4 Mar 1876
PLACE OF MARRIAGE	Residence of the bride's mother, Adelaide Place Sydney NSW
RELIGION	Wesleyan
WITNESSES	Jemima Duke, Thomas Smith
MINISTER	George Martin

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DEATH REGISTRATION FACT FILE

NAME	Christopher Terry Duke
DATE OF DEATH	3 Jan 1905
PLACE	Francis Street, Rookwood
OCCUPATION	
AGE	80
CONJUGAL STATUS	Married
PLACE OF BIRTH	Devonshire England
TIME IN AUST COLONIES	54 Years in NSW
FATHER	John Duke
MOTHER	Agnes Smith
PLACE OF MARRIAGE	Adelaide Street, Sydney
AGE AT MARRIAGE	51
NAME OF SPOUSE	Margaret Smith
CHILDREN OF MARRIAGE	Henry, William, Arthur, Robert, Lilly, Augusta, Ethel, Helena
INFORMANT	
CAUSE OF DEATH	
LENGTH OF ILLNESS	
DATE OF BURIAL	
PLACE OF BURIAL	
MINISTER AND RELIGION	
WITNESSES	

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