

### **The EPG Michael Sampey and his brother the convict.**

Michael Sampey Enrolled Pensioner Guard (EPG) b 1823 and his brother Thomas b 1829 were the sons of Irish born, Chelsea London located fishmonger Thomas Sampey and wife Mary Clark.

Michael joined the 56<sup>th</sup> Regiment in 1840, and served 21 years including Crimea and on discharge took his pension in various London locations before enlisting as an EPG, arriving WA on the Racehorse 1865. He was noted for his sobriety on this trip, a complete contrast to his service record which noted habitual drunkenness, even serving a year in the brig.

Thomas joined the 12<sup>th</sup> Regiment in 1850 and was awarded South Africa, Indian Mutiny and Crimean Medal (for Sebastopol like his brother). Like Michael he did not easily fit the rigours of Army life and in 1860 was court-martialled for striking a superior officer and sentenced to 8 years penal servitude and 50 lashes. As convict 6450 he arrived 1862 on the Norwood. Thomas was married in England and later here in WA, unlike his brother a “rusted on” bachelor.

EPG Michael stayed WA 1865-1871 then 5 years in various Australian colonies before returning here in 1876, sadly dying in 1878 leaving his estate to Thomas who by this time has 7 children in WA. We are deeply indebted to the research of Diane Oldman at the Crimean War Veterans website, see below on these two.

We are always interested in sibling or other close relative relationships of EPGs here in WA, contact us at [epg.project@fhwa.org.au](mailto:epg.project@fhwa.org.au)

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