

**Biography:** Lieutenant William Wynter [1786-1853] and Elizabeth Wynter, nee Duke [1783-1869].

William Wynter [1786-1853], son of John Wynter and Jane Delamore, joined the Royal Navy in 1799 and was noted as a purser by 1823. He arrived in Sydney, 9 May 1829 on board the barque "Pyramus" with his wife Elizabeth Wynter, nee Duke [1783-1869] and three of his children; Thomas Hutchison [1819-1904], Mary Stimpson [1821-1890] and William Wynter [1822-1911]. His eldest son, Delamore [1817-1894] remained in England to attend naval school and later came to Australia in his declining years where he kept a dispensary in Taree.

William and Elizabeth had two more children while they were living in the Manning; Harold [...-...] and Douglas [...-...].

William, on half pay from the Admiralty; took advantage of the special inducements then being offered to emigrants to come out to the colonies. Soon after arrival in Sydney he sailed north to the newly charted Manning River (c13 July 1829) and squatted on 2,560-acre site 'Tarree' (from 'Tarreebit', the aboriginal name for a local fig) to which he would lay formal claim in 1830, which was confirmed as a freehold land grant on 1 January 1831. He later sold this land to his son-in-law, Henry Flett, who would go on to develop the land as the private settlement of Taree.

William later became a NSW Commissioner for Crown Lands (1853) and died suddenly of heart disease in 1853 in Port Macquarie where he was buried in an unmarked grave in Port Macquarie Cemetery (ref. St Thomas's, Church of England, Port Macquarie). Elizabeth died at Taree, 9 August 1869, and was buried at the Taree Estate Private Cemetery, row 37.

