Charlotte DOCKING (1837-1870)

Charlotte was born in August 1845 at Kings Lynn, Norfolk. She was aged 12, single and a housemaid when migrating on the 'Trade Wind' in 1858 with her widow mother, Mary Ann nee Barton (1812-1868) and her siblings: Elizabeth, John William, Mary Ann Jnr and William. Her cousin, Robert Thomas Docking and his wife Elizabeth nee Thirkettle also migrated on the 'Trade Wind'. The Docking family were sponsored by William Gibson of Launceston.

Charlotte married John Backcoller on 21 January 1868 at St Peters Church, Melbourne. John was residing in Wellington Street, Collingwood, aged 23, a carpenter, bachelor, born at Hammersmith, Middlesex. His parents were John Joseph Backcoller, a carpenter, and Mary Anne nee Walker. Charlotte was also residing at Wellington Street, Collingwood, aged 21 in August 1867, spinster. Her parents were Samuel Docking, carpenter and Mary nee Martin (sic). They lived at 111 Napier Street, Fitzroy.

Charlotte and John had one child, Mary Ann, who was born in 1868 and died the same year.

Charlotte died at the age of 23 on 30 January 1870 at Fitzroy. Her death registration recorded her parents' names as Samuel Docking and mother nee Martin (sic).