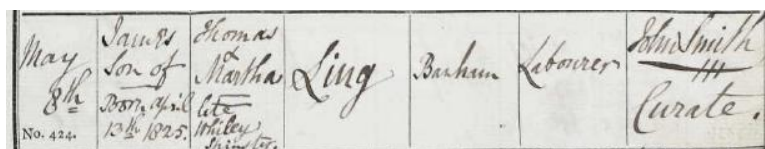
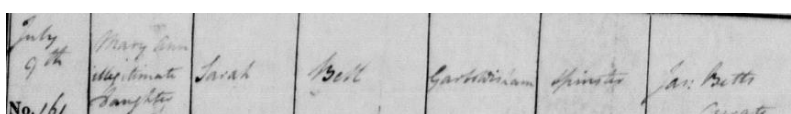


## James LING (1825-1891) and Mary Ann nee BELL (1820-1886)

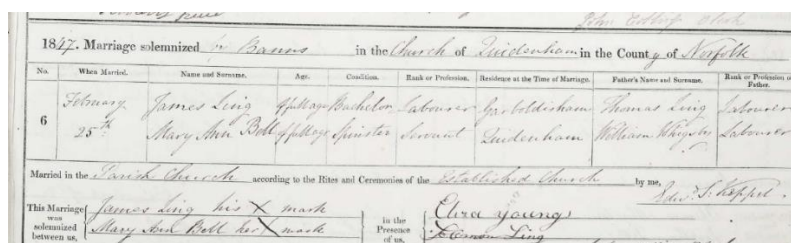
James was aged 30, married, a farm labourer from Norfolk when he migrated to Tasmania on the 'Trade Wind' in 1858. James was the son of Thomas Ling (1801-1872) and Martha nee WHILEY (1803-1847). He was born at Banham in Norfolk on 13 April 1825. In the 1841 England census James, aged 18, was living with his parents at Garboldisham.



Mary Ann, James' wife, was baptised at Garboldisham on 9 July 1820. According to her baptism record she was the illegitimate daughter of Sarah Bell of Garboldisham.



Mary Ann was aged 37 and a general servant when embarking on the 'Trade Wind'. James and Mary Ann were married on 25 February 1847 at Quidenham in Norfolk.



On the marriage registration to James Ling, Mary Ann named her father as William Whigsby.

Six of James and Mary's eight children were born in Norfolk. Two died in infancy before their journey to Tasmania. Three of the children who accompanied them died at sea on the 'Trade Wind'. Only one daughter, Emma, survived the journey. Two more children were born after the family arrived in Tasmania. The youngest born, Ellen Jane (1861-1862), died when she was 13 months old.

Thomas Drew sponsored the family, with the exception of Caroline who was possibly James' sister. (See Caroline Ling for further information.) Drew was the first settler at the River Don. He traded along the coast with a small schooner, 'Charlotte', taking palings, shingles, staves, etc. from the splitters, and supplying them with goods in return. In 1842 he took up 640 acres on the western side of the river. Drew also sponsored the Edwards and Lambert families.

The Immigration Agent wrote a scathing report about the Ling family on the 'Trade Wind':

*Some of the passengers also represented to me that a most offensive smell proceeded from the Cabin occupied by the Lings from which cabin four children died of Typhus fever on board and one died in Quarantine occasioned by the dirty habits of some persons there berthed and which had been brought to the notice of Mr Drake without effect. The surgeon also states that a family of such habits occupied that cabin. The*

*conclusion I have myself arrived at is that cleanliness was not sufficiently observed and in a ship so crowded and otherwise much neglected I see no reason to suppose that it was. I also believe that the ventilation was not such as to cause a proper circulation of air among the berths ...*

James, a farmer at Bishopsbourne, died on 19 February 1891 at Longford at the age of 67. The cause of death was heart disease. Mary Ann died on 17 May 1886 at Bishopsbourne.