

### **Mary ABRA nee Hudson aka Hotson, Hodson (1798-1857)**

Mary was believed to be the daughter of John Hudson, aka Hotson (1760-1825) and Ann nee Brunton (1760-1845). She was born on 22 February 1798 at Hockham in Norfolk.

Mary had a daughter, Jane Hudson (1819-1902) in May 1819 in Hockham. The father was not named on the birth registration. Jane accompanied her mother on the 'Trade Wind' along with her husband, Jacob Turner (1815-1890) and children. [See Turner family for more information.]

Mary married Benjamin Clarke (1794-1825) on 5 November 1823 in Hockham, Norfolk. Benjamin died on 7 March 1825 at Hockham, at the age of 30 years. They had one daughter, Ann Clarke (1824-1911) who married Thomas Quarry aka Cutting (1823-1909) on 31 August 1846 at the Parish Church in Hockham. The Quarry family were passengers on the 'Trade Wind'. [See Quarry family for further information.]

Mary married John Abra (1792-1864) on 4 March 1829 at Hockham, Norfolk. Marriage registration records name as Abree. A daughter, Frances (1830-1856?), was born in Hockham. She married Simon Henry Hazelwood on 26 February 1849 at Hockham, Norfolk. She was the first-born child to John Abra. Frances and Simon and two children (George, 3; William, 1) arrived in Launceston on 31 March 1855 per 'Whirlwind' under the Indenture system. They were sponsored by Henry Dowling. Simon was occupied as a shepherd. Simon remarried in September 1888. It is likely Frances died after her last-born child, Esther (1856-1896) although a death registration or other information relating to her death was not found.

Mary died on the 'Trade Wind', at sea, on 12 November 1857. Mr Loch, the Immigration Agent, reported:

It was stated to me as requiring particular notice that in the case of Mrs Abra aged 60 years who died 12 Nov the Surgeon had not properly attended to her and had made use of the expression that she was an "old?" as showing want of proper consideration for her case she having died two days afterwards and that the Reverend Mr Drake was aware of the circumstances. On applying to Mr Drake I received the following reply:

"In my opinion Mrs Abra had due attention till the Doctor was unfitted for service by sea sickness after which I reported her case and others to him in his cabin and he used the expression imputed to him. On the following night we had rough weather. I kept up all night at four o'clock in the morning she died. Knowing her to be a respectable woman having sent her £12 to pay her passage that she might settle here with her three married daughters and son. I became very angry and called the Doctors attention to the case with much warmth and he explained to me that he had mistaken my representations and supposed that I had referred to an Irish woman who lived near and who he believed had required debility for the purpose of getting medical comforts and at the time I believed the statement and do so still."

There was mention of three daughters and one son in Mr Loch's report. The three daughters were Ann, Jane and Frances as mentioned above and the son was John Jun. (1832-1901).

Known connections on the 'Trade Wind': John Abra, Sen., John Abra, Jun., Jane Turner, Jacob Turner, Anne Quarry, Thomas Quarry. See separate file notes for each.

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