

Mary Anne BRASSETT nee COOK (1826-1864)

Mary Anne was aged 31, literate, born Norfolk and a needlewoman when migrating on the 'Trade Wind'. She was accompanied by her husband, Henry Brasset (1829-1908) and son, William Harry aka Henry (1852-1941). Another son, Herbert (1859-1932), was born in Launceston after their arrival in Tasmania.

Mary Ann was born on 30 January 1825 (baptised 24 April) in Thornham, Norfolk, the daughter of Mason Cook (1788-1872) and Maria nee Nayler (aka Nailer - 1788-1875). Her father was a boot and shoemaker at the time of her marriage to Henry.

Mary Ann was also sponsored by William Stammers Button and was discharged from the Quarantine Station, Impression Bay per night coach to Launceston on 23 March 1858. Button, who was born in Suffolk, first came to Tasmania in 1833 in the ship 'Forth', bound to Circular Head and Launceston. He was accompanied by his brother Thomas Button and half-brother JS Waddell and other members of his family. Thomas Button and JS Waddell also sponsored 'Trade Wind' immigrants. After arriving in Tasmania William firstly set up his residence at Norfolk Plains and later moved to Launceston for business purposes. He was highly respected and became well known as a chief member of the Anti-Transportation League. When Launceston was declared a municipality, he was elected a member of the first Council and its first Mayor on 1 January 1853.

Henry and Mary Ann married on 25 July 1850 at St Mary, Whitechapel, Middlesex, London. In 1851 they were living at 4 Mountford Street, St Mary, Whitechapel, Middlesex. Henry was a sawyer. Henry's brother, Richard, who was single and aged 20, also a sawyer from Oxfordshire, was living in the home.

1850. Marriage solemnized at <u>the Parish Church</u> in the <u>Parish of St. Mary Whitechapel</u> in the County of <u>Middlesex</u>								
No.	When Married.	Name and Surname.	Age.	Condition.	Rank or Profession.	Residence at the Time of Marriage.	Father's Name and Surname.	Rank or Profession of Father.
353	July 25 th 1850	Henry Brasset	of full age	Bachelor	Sawyer	Mountford Street	John Brasset	Boot & Shoe Maker
		Mary Ann Cook	of full age	Spinster		Mountford Street	Miles Cook	Boot & Shoe Maker
Married in the <u>Parish Church</u> according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the Established Church, by <u>Rev. F. Newman</u> or after <u>Henry</u> by me, <u>Rev. F. Newman</u>								
This Marriage was solemnized		<u>Henry Brasset</u> <u>Mary Anne Cook</u>		in the Presence of us, <u>William Cook</u> <u>Henry Anne London</u>				

Henry and Mary Ann spent only about two years in Tasmania. By the 1861 England Census Henry and his family had returned to England. They were living at Shoreditch St Leonard, Middlesex. Henry was still occupied as a steam sawyer. It is possible the family returned to England because of an illness with Mary Anne. She died in March 1864 in London, at the age of 35. Henry remarried and passed away in June 1908 in Middlesex.

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