

Charlotte COOK (1800-1876)

Charlotte was recorded as being aged 45, single, literate, and a cook from Norfolk when arriving on the 'Trade Wind' in 1858. Ship's records described her as being an elderly looking person, sallow complexion and very plain.

Charlotte was discharged from the Quarantine Station, Impression Bay, to Launceston by night coach on 23 March 1858. Charlotte's sponsor, William Pritchard Weston (1804-1888) of Launceston, was the Premier of Tasmania at the time of Charlotte's arrival. William was also well known through his connections with the Anti-Transportation League, of which, with the Rev. John West, was the co-originator.

Charlotte may have been born in 1800 and baptised on 23 November 1800, Hockham, Norfolk. Her father was probably Thomas Cook and her mother Ann nee Scott.

Charlotte married William Hine on 25 December 1858 at her residence in St John Street, Launceston. William Hine was a widower, shoemaker. Charlotte was a spinster. The witnesses to the marriage were two 'Trade Wind' immigrants, Henry and Mary Ann Brassett. William was married previously to Mary Middleton on 28 April 1840 in Hobart. He was aged 38 years, a shoemaker, bachelor. Mary was aged 42 and a widow.

Residence of Charlotte Cook St John St Launceston 25 th Decr 1858	William Hine Charlotte Cook	full age do.	Recommender do.	William Hine Widower. Charlotte Cook Spinster	William Saw.	25 th Decr. 1858	William Saw.
ried in the Residence of Charlotte Cook according to the Rites and Ceremonies of Congregationalists by Licence by							
This Marriage was solemnized between us		William Hine Charlotte Cook		{ In the Presence of us		Henry Brassett Mary Ann Brassett William Minister.	

William died in Launceston on 11 October 1866, aged 64, as a result of disease of the heart. Charlotte, a widow, aged 76 years, died on 21 July 1876 in Launceston. The cause of death was senility. There are some inconsistencies about Charlotte's age as if she died in 1876 aged 76 she would have been born in approximately 1800. Ship's passenger details record her age as 45 in 1858 which means she would have been born about 1812. She was described on 'Trade Wind' records as being 'an elderly looking person' so perhaps she was aged 58 rather than 45.