

## Mary Ann DOCKING (1836-1868)

Mary Ann was aged 21, single, a housemaid from Norfolk. She was sponsored by James Stewart of Launceston.

Mary was married on 23 July 1863 in the home of the Rev Mr John Sharpe, Charles Street, Launceston to Martin Thompson. Martin was a mariner, aged 28. Mary was 25 and occupied as a servant. Witnesses to the marriage were Robert Docking and Elizabeth Cooper.

1863 MARRIAGES in the District of <i>Launceston</i>								
Number.	When married, and where.	Name and Surname.	Age.	Rank.	Signature and Description of Parties.	Name of Clergyman, Officiating Minister, or Deputy Registrar.	When registered.	Signature of Deputy Registrar or Officiating Minister.
5-	<i>July 23 1863</i>	<i>Martin Thompson</i> <i>Mary Ann Docking</i>	<i>28</i> <i>25</i>	<i>Mariner</i> <i>Servant</i>	<i>Martin Thompson</i> <i>Mary Ann Docking</i>	<i>John Sharpe</i> <i>Minister</i>	<i>July 23 1863</i>	<i>John Sharpe</i>

Married in the House of Mr. John Sharpe, Minister of Launceston according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the Protestant Church by License by *John Sharpe*

This Marriage was solemnized between us } *Martin Thompson* { In the Presence of us } *Robert Docking*  
*Mary Ann Docking* } *Elizabeth Cooper* } *John Sharpe* Minister.

The marriage announcement in the Launceston Examiner on Saturday 25 July 1863 advised Mary Ann was the "eldest daughter of Samuel and Mary Docking – Hobart Town and NZ papers please copy." It did not say "the late Samuel" so it is possible Samuel was alive at this time.

Mary died at Launceston on 26 January 1868, aged 29 [31] with consumption (TB). She was living at Esplanade, Launceston, at the time of her death.

<i>26 Jan'y.</i>	<i>Mary Ann Thompson</i>	<i>Esplanade</i>	<i>Mariner's wife</i>	<i>Consumption</i>	<i>William Kells Undertaker</i>	<i>29 Jan'y.</i>	<i>R. J. Harris</i>
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Martin may have remarried on 7 August 1869 to Ann Costello.