Mary Ann DOCKING nee Barton (1812-1868?)

Mary was born on 3 March 1812 in Isle of Ely, Burest Fen, Norfolk, England and baptised on 8 March 1812 at Rougham, Norfolk. She was the daughter of William and Susan nee Laxton.

Mary married Samuel Docking on 11 July 1836 in South Lynn All Saints in Norfolk.

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Samuel was born on 2 January 1814 and baptised on 17 April 1814 in South Lynn All Saints, Norfolk, England. His parents were John Docking and Elizabeth nee Taylor.

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In 1841 England Census Samuel was a ship's carpenter and on baptism records of his children, a shipwright. Some researchers on ancestry.com show Samuel as having died about 1850 in Norfolk. The 1851 England Census records Mary Ann as being aged 39, a charwoman and born at Isle of Ely, Burest Fen, Norfolk. She was the Head of the household and married. This indicates her husband was still alive but elsewhere at the time of the Census. A Samuel Docking was tried in Norfolk on 12 March 1851 for assaulting a police constable and was imprisoned for eight calendar months. The 'Trade Wind' left England approximately three months after his imprisonment. It is possible Mary Ann left England while her husband was still alive and imprisoned.

Samuel and Mary had six children. One son, Abraham, died when he was aged 11 in August 1849. Mary Ann embarked on the 'Trade Wind' with the surviving five children: Charlotte (12), Elizabeth (16), John William (22), Mary Ann Jnr (21) and William (22). Mary's nephew, Robert Thomas Docking (26) and his wife Elizabeth (nee Thirkettle, 21) also migrated with

the family. Robert was the son of Mary's brother-in-law and his wife, Thomas and Ann. Mary Ann was sponsored by William Gibson. She was the Matron on the 'Trade Wind'.



Mary may have remarried John Brown on 30 July 1859 at the house of Mrs Turnbull in Launceston. John was a bachelor of full age and Mary was a widow. She signed with her mark.

It is not certain what happened to Mary after her arrival in Tasmania. One researcher on *ancestry.com* records her death as being on 6 Jan 1868 in Launceston, aged 55. Another shows she died in England. A burial record on *ancestry.com* for a Mary Docking, born 1812, died 19 December 1895 and buried at St Martin's Churchyard, Fincham, Kings Lynn and West Norfolk Borough, Norfolk. Other researchers show her death in April 1898 in Hanover, Jamaica; April 1898 in Sumner, Kansas, USA and in January 1898 in London. A death was recorded in Launceston of a Mary Ann Brown on 4 September 1859, aged 40 years. She was a labourer's wife and the cause of death was 'found dead'.