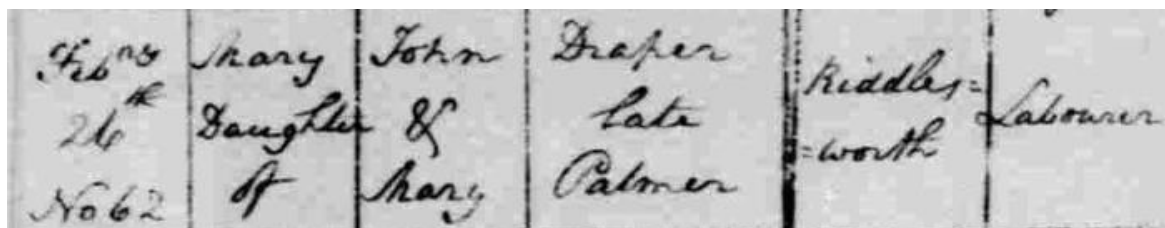


Mary Draper (1823-1911)

Mary was aged 34, married, a Baptist, literate, cook and laundress from Norfolk when migrating on the 'Trade Wind' to Tasmania in 1858. She was sponsored by James Grant of Hobart Town and discharged to him from the Quarantine Station, Impression Bay per morning coach on 12 April 1858. Mary's daughter, Mary Ann, aged 10 was also sponsored by James Grant and was on her mother's ticket on the 'Trade Wind'. Although 'Trade Wind' records show Mary was married this was unlikely although she may have recorded she was married as she was travelling with her daughter.



Mary was believed to be the daughter of John Draper (1794-1851) and Mary nee Palmer (1793-1854).

Mary married David Whittaker, another 'Trade Wind' passenger, on 9 April 1858, this was four days before discharge from the Quarantine Station. Marriage details, however, show they were married at St David's Cathedral in Hobart. David was aged 33, a widower and Mary, 35 was now recorded as a spinster. David had previously been married to Ellen Wright (1849, Thetford, Norfolk) and she died between Apr-Jun 1853 in Thetford. David travelled with his young son, William (born about 1849) on the 'Trade Wind'. William was aged 8 and was sponsored by John Hayes of Hobart Town.

David and Mary had six children. Their first born son died when three days old. Their youngest son, Walter, who when about five years old strayed away into the bush in January 1870. David was a stock-keeper at Diana's Basin on the East Coast at the time. He was not found for about two days and nights exposed to the heavy rains. When found he was sitting under a bush picking wild currants, and not much the worse for his experience. David was in the service of Francis Groom, Esq. of Cullenswood.

Some family researchers on *ancestry.com* record Mary as having died in Hobart on 11 October 1871. This Mary Whittaker was previously a convict who arrived on the 'John Calvin'. At the age 47 she was murdered by her husband, Charles. Mary Whittaker, nee Draper, died on 19 November 1911 at St Helens, aged 88. Her husband David, died on 24 September 1895, also in the St Helens district, aged 71.