

Harriet GLADDING (1836 – 1897)

Ahie M GLADDING (1857-1858)

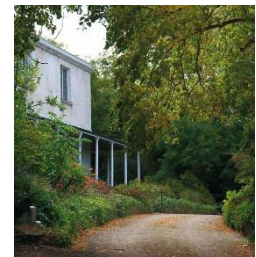
Harriet was aged 21, single, could read and was from Hertfordshire, occupied as a cook. She was sponsored by Henry Hopkins (1787-1870) of Hobart Town and discharged from the Quarantine Station at Impression Bay to him on the evening of 9 April 1858.

Henry Hopkins, a wool classer, arrived in Tasmania on 10 September 1822 seeking a better life. He was in the colony for 48 years before his death. Henry became involved in the development of the wool trade and is credited for the first export of wool from the colony soon after his arrival. He also founded the Congregation Church in both Tasmania and Victoria.



Westella

Harriet may have worked for Henry as a cook in either of his two chief residences. His main residence, 'Westella', in Elizabeth Street, Hobart, was built in 1835 on the instruction it was to be the grandest home in all of Hobart. He purchased a country residence, 'Summerhome', in Hopkins Street, Moonah in around 1840. This home was a former



Summerhome

boarding school for boys. Current descendants of Henry still occupy 'Summerhome' and have kept furniture and other effects as Henry would have left it. The handpainted 1850s wallpaper from France still adorns the walls more than 150 years later.

Harriet had a daughter, Ahie M Gladding on the voyage to Tasmania. She was born in December 1857 but only lived for 12 days. She died, at sea, on 3 January 1858.

Harriet was born about 1836 in Bengoe, Hertfordshire to George (1806-1847) and Elizabeth nee Way (1808-1886). George was an agricultural labourer. Harriet had an older brother, William, who was born about 1831. Her father died in 1847 and in the 1851 England census her mother was shown as a pauper widow. Harriett was then aged 14.

No further record has been found of Harriet and it is possible she may have returned to England. A Harriet Gladding, aged 63, born about 1837, died in March 1900 at Hertford, Hertfordshire. Another Harriet Gladding, born in Bengoe, Hertfordshire, married on 15 October 1866 in the Parish Chapel, St Pancras in England to James Moir Cousins (1839-1872). She died in April 1897 in Bengoe, Hertfordshire.