

Susannah HUMPHREY (1835-1916)

Susanna was aged 22, single, Methodist, a housemaid, sponsored by Abraham Morey of Launceston. Susannah was born on 20 January 1835 in Bridgham, Norfolk. Her parents were William and Eliza nee Reeves. Susanna may have had a daughter, Ellen, who died while in quarantine at Impression Bay, aged 4.

1835	Susanna	William	Humphrey	Bridgham	Launceston
1830	Eliza	William	Humphrey	Bridgham	Launceston

From public records it is not certain who Susannah married. Six of her seven children record the parent's names at birth as Richard Bennett and Susannah formerly Humphry. The last born child, Sarah Ellen, records the parent's names as John Bennett and Susannah formerly Humphry.

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.
12th July 1858	Richard Bennett	full age	Bachelor	Rich. Bennett	P. H. Morey	12th July 1858	P. H. Morey
Launceston	Sarah Humphrey	full age	Spinster	Sarah Humphrey	P. H. Morey	12th July 1858	P. H. Morey

ried in the house of Mrs. M. H. Kelly according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the Church of England, by Banns by

This Marriage was solemnized between us

{ In the Presence of us

Minister.

The marriage registration for Richard Bennett on 12 July 1858 in Launceston records his wife's name as Sarah Humphrey. It is possible the clergyman abbreviated the name Susannah and it appears as Sarah. To support this theory, in two instances, the name Richard was abbreviated to Rich. It is probable Richard was known to Susannah before she arrived in Tasmania in February 1858 and perhaps already engaged to Richard. They married approximately five months after Susannah's arrival, on 12 July 1858 in Launceston. This may have been the purpose of the family migrating to Tasmania.

The birth of the last born child, Sarah Ellen Bennett (1875-1972) records the father's name as John Bennett. This is puzzling as Richard was believed to be still alive at the time of her birth. Perhaps Richard's full name was John Richard Bennett or John may have been a brother of Richard.

A Susan Bennett was buried on 23 October 1916 (82) at Carr Villa (F2/129). Same site as son William and born about 1834. There was also a Susan Bennett, late of York Street, Launceston, who passed away, aged 82 in October 1916.