

Emma LING (1848-1923)

Emma was baptised on 22 May 1848 in Garboldisham. She was aged 11 when embarking on the 'Trade Wind' with her family in 1858.

Emma married Charles Henry BENN (1846-1888) at the Baptist Chapel in York Street, Launceston on 20 February 1866. The officiating minister at the marriage was Henry Dowling. Three children were born in Launceston and by 1875 the family moved to Sandhurst in Victoria, probably to the goldfields. They later moved to Hawthorn in Victoria where Charles was a baker. In total they had ten children, two of whom died in infancy. Charles died in Hawthorn Victoria in 1888. After Charles' death, in 1900, Emma moved to Western Australia where at least two of her daughters were living.

Emma passed away on 27 August 1923 in Leederville, Western Australia at the age of 75. An obituary for Emma was published in *The Daily News*, Perth, on Tuesday 4 September 1923 noting Emma was the relict of the late Mr Charles Benn of Hawthorn. She was born in Norfolk and was a colonist for 63 years, 23 of which were spent in WA where she was well known and highly esteemed. The cortege moved from the residence of her son-in-law Mr A Coulton, 19 Holywood Street, Leederville and proceeded to the Church of England Section of the Karrakatta Cemetery. The chief mourners were Mesdames J Davie, W Loughton, A Coulton, W Watson, H Turner and G Greenhalgh (daughters) and Messrs Henry and Charles Benn, sons.