

Agatha Frances (aka Fanny; Cutting) QUARRY (1848-1934)

Fanny was aged 9 and literate when migrating on the 'Trade Wind' in 1858 with her parents, Thomas (1823-1909) and Ann (nee Clarke 1824-1911) and her siblings: Arthur (1847-1919), William (Henry 1851-1936), Susan (Louisa Susan 1853-1891), Emma (1854-1923) and Ellen (1857-1944). They were sponsored by J S Waddell of Launceston, most likely Joseph Stammers Waddell, Jun.

Fanny was born between January and March 1849 in Wayland, Norfolk.

The Quarry family came from Hockham, in Norfolk, England. Some of their records show their last name as being Cutting. It is not known why Thomas and his family changed their names frequently between Cutting and Quarry.

Fanny married William Thomas Edwards (1851-1933) on 26 January 1874 at St Paul's Church, Launceston. William was a baker and Fanny was a dress maker. Witnesses to the marriage were Arthur Cutting, Emma Cutting, Thomas Christmas Cutting and Henry Alfred Edwards. William was born on 20 July 1851 in London, the son of John Edwards (1815-1891) and Martha Maria nee Haggett (1825-1909).

Fanny and William moved to Auburn in New South Wales after their marriage. They had six children. Fanny was very active in the Church of England at Auburn and played an active part in the establishment of St Thomas' Church. Before the church was established weekly services were held in her home. One of Fanny and William's daughters, Elvy (Mrs GP Birk) married the rector of St Thomas' Church and another daughter, Mildred, was a member of the China Inland Mission where she worked for over 30 years.

After Fanny lost her husband on 10 July 1933 at Petersham at the age of 82, she moved to reside with her daughter at the rectory of the church she had helped to establish. Fanny passed away on 9 February 1934, aged 86. Both were buried in the Rockwood Cemetery, Sydney, NSW.