Thomas Christmas Quarry (aka Cutting 1823-1909) and Ann nee Clarke (1824-1911)

The Quarry family came from Hockham, in Norfolk, England. Some of their records show their last names as being Cutting. The family comprising of Thomas and Ann and their children Arthur, Fanny, William, Susan, Emma and Ellen were sponsored by J S Waddell of Launceston, most likely Joseph Stammers Waddell.

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The 1841 England Census for Hockham records James as being aged 49, an agricultural labourer, along with his wife, Anne, who was aged 43 and children Thomas (18), George (16), Emma (13), Zillah (11), Mary (8), Honour (6) and Martha (3). In the 1841 England Census for Hockham, Norfolk the Cutting family lived next door to William John Barham (1839-1903) who was also a 'Trade Wind' immigrant.

The 1851 England Census for Huntingdonshire, Buckworth records Thomas Cutting (28), game keeper, born Hackham, Norfolk; his wife Ann, (25), born Hockham; Arthur, son (3), born Fordham, Cambridgeshire; Agatha, daughter (2), born Hockham and Henry, son (4 months) born Buckworth, Huntingdonshire.

Thomas was born on 2 March 1823 at Hockham in Norfolk. He was baptised Thomas Christmas CUTTING on 2 March 1823 at Hockham.

Thomas Cutting and Ann Clarke were married in the Parish Church, Hockham, on 31 August 1846.

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Thomas was aged 34, literate, a gardener from Norfolk when migrating to Tasmania on the 'Trade Wind' in 1858. He was the son of James Cutting (1791-1859) and Ann nee Eley (1798-1874). Thomas' wife, Ann (nee Clarke) was also from Norfolk, aged 32 and a housemaid. She was the daughter of Mary Abra nee Hudson (1798-1857) who was married to John Abra aka Abray (1786-1864). Both were 'Trade Wind' immigrants. Mary died at sea *en route* to Australia on board the 'Trade Wind', aged 59. Mary was born at Hockham and she had previously been married to Benjamin Clarke (1794-1825) who died at Hockham when he was aged 30.

Thomas and Ann had eight children, two of whom were born in Tasmania after their arrival.

It is not known why Thomas and his family changed their names frequently between Cutting and Quarry.

Thomas died on 24 April 1909 at 7 Invermay Road, Launceston, aged 86. He was a member of the Star of Tasmania and Olive Branch Tents. Thomas' wife died on 6 December 1911, also at 7 Invermay Road, aged 88.