

Stelling, William (1814-1875)

Sponsored: Catherine Hart (London, general servant)

William Stelling (1814-1875) was an ex-convict who was transported for uttering base coin. He was convicted at Lancaster on 18 March 1833 and transported from Plymouth on 28 July 1833, arriving in Tasmania per 'Isabella' on 14 November 1833. William's occupation was recorded as a groom and coachman. William left a wife, Ann, in England. Permission was given on 31 August 1842 for William to marry Mary Rankin. A note next to his name "The clergyman was satisfied as to the death of man's wife." This marriage did not go ahead as permission was given again on 30 September 1844 to marry Mary Donovan, a convict who was transported to Tasmania per the 'Edward'.

William Stelling was pardoned on 8 March 1846 on the condition he remained in VDL or some or one of Her Majesty's Australian Colonies, or NZ. (*Colonial Times*, Fri 13 Mar 1846, p4)

A note in the *Mercury*, Mon 22 August 1887, p2 refers to the ceremony of laying the foundation stone of a new wing to St Luke's Catholic school where it was stated the school was built and handed over to the Church by the late Mr William Stelling some 25 years ago.

William Stelling, pastry cook, Hobart Town, applied for Immigrant Bounty Tickets on 6 February 1855.