

The Australian Women's Register

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Hutchinson, Mary

(1810 - 1880)

Born	23 October, 1810, Parramatta New South Wales Australia
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Died	19 February, 1880, Hobart Tasmania Australia
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Occupation	Prison matron
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Summary

The daughter of missionaries Francis and Rebecca Oakes, Mary Hutchinson attempted to establish a Christian mission in Tonga with her husband John Hutchinson, but the pair were forced to retreat. In 1832, John Hutchinson was appointed superintendent of the Female House of Correction (the female factory), with his wife as matron. Of their twelve children, six died in infancy. John Hutchinson's recurring illness meant that Mary was often charged with running the institution. On her husband's retirement, she became matron-in-charge of the smaller 'factory' at Launceston. She retired in 1854.

Published resources

Resource Section

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Edited Book

200 Australian Women: A Redress Anthology, Radi, Heather, 1988

Journal Article

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Resource

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