

Sophia Cotterill (nee Banks) Journey & Life in Australia

It is believed Sophia arrived in NSW about 1834, accompanied by her sister-in-law (Eliza)?? Banks.

Sophia taught reading, writing and music to Bombala district children, where her and her husband Thomas Cotterill were pioneers.

She always dressed in grey or black and reputedly looked a bit like a Quaker.

Sophia had twin brothers George and Richard who owned Banks and Co Shipping NSW. A ship they owned called the 'Juno' was bought by Ben Boyd in 1840 and taken down to Boydtown (Eden) NSW.

Thomas and Sophia were married in the Parish of St. Andrew, in the County of Cumberland, NSW by Banns on the 11th February 1836. The minister who married them was Rev. John McGarvie, Minister of St. Andrew's Church. He was a Presbyterian minister and lived in Sydney. The witnesses were Eliza Banks and Thomas Powell. Both Thomas and Sophia gave their religion as the Presbyterian Church of Scotland and they both lived in Sydney.