



Dolly and Fanny

Many of today's Tasmanian Aboriginal community are descendants of two Aboriginal women - Fanny Cochrane Smith and Dolly Dalrymple.

Dolly Dalrymple lived from 1812 until 1864. She was one of the first children born in Tasmania with an Aboriginal mother, *Worrete-moete-yenner*, and a European father. She was adopted by a white family and grew up in Launceston.

She met and was eventually allowed to marry a freed convict named Thomas Johnson and together they farmed at Dairy Plains.

In about 1847 Dolly and Thomas moved to Latrobe where they prospered in a timber business and became owners of large areas of land. Dolly and Thomas raised 10 children many of whose descendants live in the north-west of Tasmania today.

