

# Jane Alcock

POLICE NUMBER 137 <sup>1</sup>	LITERACY read only
TRIAL DATE 20 October 1840	AGE ON EMBARKATION 30
TRIAL PLACE Stafford Michaelmas Quarter Sessions	AGE ON ARRIVAL 31
OFFENCE stealing money £3.10 from the person	HEIGHT 5' 3½"
SENTENCE 10 years	COMPLEXION ruddy
GAOL REPORT of bad habits, her connexions and relations very bad, widow, 2 children	HEAD oval
PREVIOUS CONVICTIONS none	HAIR brown
SURGEON'S REPORT orderly	VISAGE long
ON THE TOWN no	FOREHEAD medium, wrinkled
MARITAL STATUS married	EYEBROWS brown
CHILDREN 2 (to former husband <sup>2</sup> )	EYES hazel
FAMILY husband Thomas transported, left behind at Woolwich	NOSE medium
NATIVE PLACE Needwood Forest, Staffordshire, England	MOUTH medium
TRADE ON EMBARKATION hawker	CHIN round
TRADE ON ARRIVAL farmer's servant; wash, iron, butter, milk	MARKS small mole on left cheek

c1810 **Born** at Needwood Forest, Staffordshire, England.<sup>3</sup>

20 October 1840 Tried at Michaelmas Quarter Sessions, Staffordshire, England indicted for stealing money from the person, sentence 10 years transportation.<sup>4</sup>

Husband Thomas Alcock also tried, indicted for receiving £3.10 in money which his wife stole; sentence 10 years transportation; aged 35, labourer, native place Sheilds.<sup>5</sup>

5 April 1841 Departed Woolwich, England on the *Rajah*.<sup>6</sup>

19 July 1841 Arrived at Hobart on the *Rajah*.<sup>6</sup>

c24 July 1841 Upon arrival at Hobart, sent to Launceston for assignment.<sup>7</sup>

31 December 1841 Mustered at Launceston Female Factory.<sup>8</sup>

13 January 1842 Husband Thomas Alcock arrived as a convict on the *Barossa*.<sup>5</sup>

2 February 1842 Charged with being absent without leave all yesterday from the service of Thomas; sentence 6 months hard labour in the Crime Class at Launceston Female Factory.<sup>9</sup>

30 July 1843 Husband Thomas Alcock at Perth.<sup>5</sup>

5 August 1843 Husband Thomas Alcock in the service of A Walker, *Holmvale*, Longford.<sup>5</sup>

2 March 1844 Husband Thomas Alcock at Perth.<sup>5</sup>

29 March 1844 Husband Thomas Alcock in the service of G Walker, *Oron*<sup>10,5</sup>

12 April 1844 Classified as a 3<sup>rd</sup> class probation pass-holder.<sup>9</sup>

1 June 1844 Husband Thomas Alcock at Perth.<sup>5</sup>

12 September 1844 At Launceston.<sup>9</sup>

5 October 1844 Ticket of Leave granted; gazetted 8 October.<sup>11</sup>

<sup>1</sup> TAHO, CON40/1/2 p.16 No.137 [image 18] (Jane Alcock); TAHO, CON 19/1/1 p.176 [image 91] (Jane Alcock); ML, CY 1282 p.144 (Jane Alcock); ML, CY 1197 p.156 (Jane Alcock); ML, CY 958 p.443 (Jane Alcock)

<sup>2</sup> TAHO, CON14/1/12 pp.4-5 No.3536 [images 6-7] (Thomas Alcock)

<sup>3</sup> TAHO, CON19/1/1 p.176 [image 91] (Jane Alcock)

<sup>4</sup> TAHO, CON40/1/2 p.16 No.137 [image 18] (Jane Alcock)

<sup>5</sup> TAHO, CON33/1/16 No.3536 [image 15] (Thomas Alcock)

<sup>6</sup> AJCP, ADM 101/63 *Rajah*

<sup>7</sup> ML, CY 1282 p.141 (Jane Alcock); ML, CY 1274 p.253 (Jane Alcock)

<sup>8</sup> AJCP, HO 10/51 p.345 No.137 (Jane Alcock)

<sup>9</sup> TAHO, CON40/1/2 p.16 No.137 [image 18] (Jane Alcock)

<sup>10</sup> This property or place name is difficult to interpret, so it may not be *Oron*.

<sup>11</sup> *Hobart Town Gazette*, 8 October 1844 p.1276 (Jane Alcock)

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11 December 1844	Husband Thomas Alcock hired in private service for 6 months as a probation pass-holder to Samuel Bryant, Morven. <sup>5</sup>
8 January 1845	Husband Thomas Alcock at Perth. <sup>5</sup>
9 July 1845	Husband Thomas Alcock at Westbury. <sup>5</sup>
15 November 1845	Husband Thomas Alcock hired in private service for 1 month as a probation pass-holder to A Murphy, <i>Egmont</i> , Westbury; then to JC Groom, Carrick. <sup>5</sup>
16 December 1845	Husband Thomas Alcock at Westbury. <sup>5</sup>
19 December 1845	Husband Thomas Alcock at the Prisoners' Barracks, Launceston. <sup>5</sup>
2 January 1846	Husband Thomas Alcock at Cleveland. <sup>5</sup>
19 April 1846	At Launceston. <sup>9</sup>
29 April 1846	Recommended to the Queen for a Conditional Pardon available within the limits of the Australian Colonies and New Zealand; gazetted 5 May. <sup>12</sup>
4 June 1846	Husband Thomas Alcock at Westbury. <sup>5</sup>
24 June 1846	At Launceston. <sup>9</sup>
3 November 1846	Husband Thomas Alcock granted a Ticket of Leave. <sup>5</sup>
18 September 1847	Conditional Pardon approved; gazetted 21 September. <sup>13</sup>
27 June 1848	Husband Thomas Alcock in the service of G Burgess. <sup>5</sup>
28 June 1848	Husband Thomas Alcock charged with a breach of the Hired Servants Act; in the service of Burgess; sentence 1 month in solitary confinement at the Prisoners' Barracks, Launceston. <sup>5</sup>
5 July 1848	Husband Thomas Alcock at the Prisoners' Barracks, Launceston. <sup>5</sup>
20 October 1850	Free by servitude. <sup>9</sup>
29 October 1850	Husband Thomas Alcock issued a Certificate of Freedom. <sup>5</sup>
1 November 1850	Certificate of Freedom issued. <sup>9</sup>
20 August 1852	Husband Thomas Alcock departed Launceston for Melbourne as a steerage passenger on the <i>Yarra Yarra</i> ; Thomas free by servitude, ship to colony <i>Barossa</i> . <sup>14</sup>

### **Notes**

- Jane's husband Thomas may be the Thomas Alcock who died of dysentery and exhaustion at Castlemaine Hospital, VIC on 8 May 1877, aged 78, other details unknown; buried at Castlemaine General Cemetery on 11 May 1877.<sup>15</sup>

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<sup>12</sup> *Hobart Town Gazette*, 5 May 1846 p.403 (John Alcock 137)

<sup>13</sup> *Hobart Town Gazette*, 21 September 1847 p.937 (Jane Alcock)

<sup>14</sup> TAHO, POL220/1/2 p.113 (Thomas Alcock)

<sup>15</sup> VIC Death Certificate 1877/4180 (Thomas Alcock)