

# Margaret Anderson

POLICE NUMBER 141 <sup>1</sup>	LITERACY read only
TRIAL DATE 10 September 1840	AGE ON EMBARKATION 56
TRIAL PLACE Glasgow Court of Justiciary	AGE ON ARRIVAL 57
OFFENCE theft in stealing a lock and key, and former conviction	HEIGHT 5' 1"
SENTENCE 7 years	COMPLEXION fair
GAOL REPORT convicted and imprisoned before, bad, single	HEAD oval
PREVIOUS CONVICTIONS 30 days for stealing a tumbler and glass, 30 days for stealing a tumbler, 30 days for stealing 3 bottles, acquitted for a stealing petticoat	HAIR dark brown
SURGEON'S REPORT quiet	VISAGE long
ON THE TOWN no	FOREHEAD flat
MARITAL STATUS married <sup>2</sup>	EYEBROWS brown
CHILDREN 2	EYES grey
FAMILY	NOSE medium
NATIVE PLACE Dunfermline, Scotland	MOUTH medium
TRADE ON EMBARKATION service	CHIN round
TRADE ON ARRIVAL house servant; servant of all work	MARKS none

c1784	<b>Born</b> at Dunfermline, Fife, Scotland. <sup>3</sup>
10 September 1840	Tried at the Court of Justiciary, Glasgow, Scotland indicted for theft, habit and repute in stealing a lock and key and prior convictions; plea guilty; sentence 7 years transportation. <sup>4</sup>
5 April 1841	Departed Woolwich, England on the <i>Rajah</i> . <sup>5</sup>
19 July 1841	Arrived at Hobart on the <i>Rajah</i> . <sup>5</sup>
c24 July 1841	Upon arrival at Hobart, sent to Cascades Female Factory; not immediately assigned. <sup>6</sup>
31 December 1841	Mustered at Cascades Female Factory, Hobart. <sup>7</sup>
8 February 1842	Charged with being absent without leave from the service of Anderson; sentence 1 month hard labour at Cascades Female Factory, Hobart. <sup>8</sup>
11 August 1842	Charged at the Police Court, Hobart on the complaint of her master with misconduct in the service of Mr Lucas; reprimanded and discharged. <sup>9</sup>
26 October 1843	Returned to Government, to the Police Office, Hamilton, for assignment by her master Mr HD Crowthorne. <sup>10</sup>
2 March 1844	Returned to Government, to the Police Office, New Norfolk, at the request of her master Mr S Creed; forwarded to Cascades Female Factory, Hobart. <sup>11</sup>
30 April 1844	Classified as a 3 <sup>rd</sup> class probation pass-holder; gazetted 3 May. <sup>12</sup>
12 July 1844	Charged at the Police Court, Hobart by Mr Brooks with being drunk the day before yesterday at Brickfields Hiring Depot; plea guilty; sentence 3 months hard labour at Cascades Female Factory; 2 <sup>nd</sup> class probation pass-holder <sup>13,14</sup>

<sup>1</sup> TAHO, CON40/1/2 p.17 No.141 [image 19] (Margaret Anderson); TAHO, CON19/1/1 p.178 [image 92] (Margaret Anderson); ML, CY 1282 p.144 (Margaret Anderson); ML, CY 1197 p.158 (Margaret Anderson); ML, CY 958 p.444 (Margaret Anderson)

<sup>2</sup> Marital status is given as single on the embarkation list (ML, CY 1197 p.158 (Margaret Anderson)).

<sup>3</sup> TAHO, CON19/1/1 p.178 [image 92] (Margaret Anderson)

<sup>4</sup> NAS, JC26/1840/341 (Margaret Anderson)

<sup>5</sup> AJCP, ADM 101/63 *Rajah*

<sup>6</sup> ML, CY 1282 p.143 (Margaret Anderson); ML, CY 1274 p.253 (Margaret Anderson)

<sup>7</sup> AJCP, HO 10/51 p.345 No.141 (Margaret Anderson)

<sup>8</sup> TAHO, CON40/1/2 p.17 No.141 [image 19] (Margaret Anderson)

<sup>9</sup> TAHO, AC480/1/1 (Margaret Anderson)

<sup>10</sup> TAHO, LC208/1/4 p.7 (Margaret Anderson)

<sup>11</sup> TAHO, LC167/1/1 p.409 (Margaret Anderson)

<sup>12</sup> *Hobart Town Gazette*, 3 May 1844 p.502 (Margaret Anderson)

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Mary Roberts (*Garland Grove*, 2<sup>nd</sup> class probation pass-holder) charged with the same offence.<sup>14</sup>

John M Hall (*Sarah*, 2<sup>nd</sup> class probation pass-holder) charged by Mr Brooks with misconduct in bringing 2 women to the Brickfields Hiring Depot in a state of beastly drunkenness, their having been sober when delivered into his custody as Brickfields messenger at the Police Office; plea guilty; sentence 4 months hard labour on the road.<sup>15</sup>

- 14 March 1845 Ticket of Leave granted; gazetted 18 March.<sup>16</sup>
- 25 November 1845 Charged with being drunk; fined 5 shillings.<sup>8</sup>
- 10 September 1847 Free by servitude; Certificate of Freedom available for collection.<sup>17</sup>
- 18 September 1847 Certificate of Freedom issued.<sup>8</sup>
- 2 October 1850 **Died** of rheumatism at the General Hospital, Hobart; aged 65, house servant; informant James Fitzgerald, Superintendent, General Hospital.<sup>18</sup>
- 5 October 1850 Buried at Holy Trinity Cemetery, Hobart.<sup>19</sup>

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<sup>13</sup> Margaret was actually a 3<sup>rd</sup> class probation pass-holder at this time.

<sup>14</sup> TAHO, AC480/1/1, 12 July 1844 (Mary Roberts & Marg<sup>t</sup> Anderson)

<sup>15</sup> TAHO, AC480/1/1, 12 July 1844 (John M Hall)

<sup>16</sup> *Hobart Town Gazette*, 18 March 1845 p.368 (Margaret Anderson)

<sup>17</sup> *Hobart Town Gazette*, 7 September 1847 p.893 (Margaret Anderson)

<sup>18</sup> TAHO, NS349/1/29 p.149 No.2196 (Margaret Anderson); TAHO, RGD35/1/3 1850/363 Hobart (Margaret Anderson)

<sup>19</sup> TAHO, NS349/1/29 p.149 No.2196 (Margaret Anderson)