

Catherine Angus
(*uxor Catherine Chandler*)

POLICE NUMBER 140 ¹	LITERACY read only
TRIAL DATE 8 September 1840	AGE ON EMBARKATION 49
TRIAL PLACE Glasgow Court of Justiciary	AGE ON ARRIVAL 50
OFFENCE theft in stealing a tub and former conviction	HEIGHT 5' 1½"
SENTENCE 7 years	COMPLEXION pale
GAOL REPORT 6 times before, very bad, widow, 1 daughter	HEAD oval
PREVIOUS CONVICTIONS 8 times, 5 times for theft, once 2 months, last 30 days	HAIR brown
SURGEON'S REPORT quiet	VISAGE long
ON THE TOWN no	FOREHEAD flat
MARITAL STATUS widow	EYEBROWS light brown
CHILDREN 1 daughter	EYES hazel
FAMILY	NOSE medium
NATIVE PLACE Greenock, Scotland	MOUTH wide
TRADE ON EMBARKATION sewer	CHIN large
TRADE ON ARRIVAL house servant	MARKS left arm out of joint, slightly freckled

c1790 **Born** at Greenock, Scotland.²

29 June 1837 Prisoner in the Tolbooth, Paisley, Scotland.³
Charged at the Burgh Court of Paisley, Scotland with stealing on 20 June a brass candlestick and a pair of brass snuffers from the house of John Hamilton, flowerlasher, in Cotton Street, Abbey Parish, Paisley, his property; plea guilty; sentence 60 days hard labour in the Bridewell or Workhouse, Paisley.³

20 September 1837 Prisoner in the Tolbooth, Paisley, Scotland.³
Charged at the Burgh Court of Paisley, Scotland with stealing on 12 September 5 cotton shirts with linen breasts, wrist bands and necks, 1 linen shirt, and a towel from the house of James Anderson, Grocer, in Paisley, the shirts the property of John Anderson, medical student, the towel the property of James Anderson; sentence 90 days hard labour in the Bridewell or Workhouse, Paisley.³

6 January 1838 Prisoner in the Tolbooth, Paisley, Scotland.³
Charged at the Burgh Court of Paisley, Scotland with stealing on 26 December 1837 a water stoup from the house of Mathew Adam, grocer, in St James Street, Paisley, his property; and stealing on 29 December 1837 a dram glass and a table knife from the shop of James Chalmers, spirit dealer, in Old Sneddon Street, Paisley, his property; plea guilty; sentence 90 days hard labour in the Bridewell or Workhouse, Paisley.³

24 September 1838 Prisoner in the Tolbooth, Paisley, Scotland.³
Charged at the Burgh Court of Paisley, Scotland with stealing on 11 September a new hand brush or besom from the shop of Mrs Mary McKinlay or Kean, broker, in New Smithhills Street, Paisley, her property; sentence 90 days hard labour in the Bridewell or Workhouse, Paisley.³

16 October 1839 Charged at the Burgh Court of Paisley, Scotland with stealing on 11 October in New Sneddon Street, Paisley, a tin or white iron can and a halfpenny from Catherine Mulheron, a child of 4 years of age, the daughter of Agnes Shields or Mulheron,

¹ TAHO, CON40/1/2 p.17 No.140 [image 19] (Catherine Angus); TAHO, CON19/1/1 p.177 [image 92] (Catherine Angus); ML, CY 1282 p.144 (Catherine Angus proper name Chandler); ML, CY 1197 p.158 (Catherine Angus or Chandler); ML, CY 958 p.444 (Catherine Angus alias Chandler)

² TAHO, CON19/1/1 p.177 [image 92] (Catherine Angus)

³ NAS, JC26/1840/302 (Catherine Angus or Chandler)

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resident of Quay Lane, Paisley; sentence 30 days hard labour in the Bridewell or Workhouse, Paisley; Catherine resident of Paisley.³

10 January 1840

Charged at the Burgh Court of Paisley, Scotland with stealing a brass candlestick from the house of James Gibb, vintner, in Moss Street, Paisley, his property; plea guilty; sentence 60 days hard labour in the Bridewell or Workhouse; Catherine 'a common pest'.³

8 September 1840

Tried at the Court of Justiciary, Glasgow, Scotland indicted for theft, habit and repute, and 6 previous convictions, in stealing a small green tub or boyne from the shop of William Gowdie, cooper, in High Street, Paisley, his property; verdict guilty; sentence 7 years transportation; maiden name Angus, resident of Paisley, Renfrewshire.⁴

Statement of defendant Catherine Angus:

Compeared Catherine Angus, residing in Paisley widow of William Chandler deceased sometime residing in Greenock aged Fifty years who being examined Declares. That on Friday last about nine O Clock at night at the head of Storie Street of Paisley a woman whom she knew well enough by sight and had met with before though she did not know the womans name came up to the Declarant with a small new tub in her hand & asked if the declarant would buy it. That the declarant asked her name and she said it was Mrs. Taylor & that she lived in Orchard Street & asked six pence for the tub. That the Declarant bought it from her for five pence and having got delivery of it she went to some shops to see if she could sell it at a profit and she asked eight pence for it, but she was soon after apprehended. That the woman who sold it did not tell her where she had got it nor why she was selling a new tub & the Declarant did not ask. All which is truth & Declares that she cannot write.³

Statement of witness Arthur Elliot:

Compeared Arthur Elliot, Broker in Paisley, and Residing in High Street, there, aged, twenty eight years, who Declares that between the hours of eight and ten o'clock of the right of Friday the

22nd of May 1840

the Prisoner Catherine Angus or Chandler came to the Declarant's shop with a small green painted Tub or Boyne, which was perfectly new, and offered to sell the same to the Declarant, and sought a shilling as the price. That the Declarant having seen Chandler in the forenoon of that day in Brown a Brokers, with a Book in her hands which she offered to Brown at a very low price, and Brown refused to purchase it, (thinking, as he said, it might have been stolen), the Declarant suspected the Boyne was stolen also, and he asked Chandler when she had got the Boyne, and she stated that she had purchased it on the Street for three pence, but did not say from whom she had so purchased it, and the Declarant thinks she said she did not know who had sold the Boyne to her. That the Declarant having no intention of purchasing the Boyne, the Prisoner stood in the Shop for a little, and at this time James Gowdie, weaver in Paisley, came into the shop to purchase a Grate, and the Declarant being uncertain whether he was Gowdie a Cooper in High Street, or not, asked him if he was the Cooper, and he said he was a brother of the Coopers, and the Declarant desired him to go to his brothers and see if he missed a Boyne. That this was done unperceived by the Prisoner; and the Declarant kept the Prisoner in talk until Gowdie returned which he did, in a few minutes, along with his Brother, the Cooper, when the Boyne was taken from the Prisoner, the Cooper whose name is William Gowdie having stated that the Boyne belonged to him, and that it had been stolen off the Counter in the Shop. That the Prisoner was detained in the Declarant's shop until some of the Police came, and took her along with the Boyne to the Police Office. That the Declarant now sees said Boyne having a sealed label attached which is marked by the Declarant cannot write.⁵

Statement of witness Mary Gillies or Elliot:

Compeared Mary Gillies, wife of and Residing with the said Arthur Elliot aged twenty eight eyars, who Declares that the Declarant has known the Prisoner for a considerable time back, having lived near to where the Prisoner at one time lived. That on the night of Friday the 22^d of May 1840

⁴ NAS, JC26/1840/302 (Catherine Angus or Chandler); NAS, AD14/40/298 (Catherine Angus or Chandler)

⁵ NAS, AD14/40/298 (Catherine Angus or Chandler)

when the Prisoner came to the Declarant's Husband's Shop, she asked for the Declarant, and the Declarant having gone to see what she wanted with her, Prisoner said "here is a small Boyne (at same time taking a Green Painted Boyne from under her apron) I wish to sell it, to you, for a shilling"- "I bought it from a woman in the Street, for three pence, and I'll sell it to you for nine pence." That the Declarant's husband was present and said to the Declarant not to buy the Boyne, and at this time James Gowdie came into the shop, when, what it is stated by Declarant's husband, took place, with whom the Declarant concurs in omnibus. That the Prisoner on seeing Gowdie the Cooper, and when he took the Boyne from her, said the same thing to him about having purchased the Boyne, and that he was not to take her to the Police Office, as she would rather give up the Boyne and lose the price. That the Declarant now sees and identifies said Boyne, which has a sealed label attached to which the Declarant has put her mark all which is truth and Declares that she cannot write.⁵

Statement of witness James Gowdie:

Compared James Gowdie, weaver, Residing in Whites Land, Stevenson Street, Paisley aged thirty six years who Declares that the Declarant on the Friday night in question, being the

22nd of May 1840

went to the shop of the Declarant Elliot in High Street to purchase a Grate. That on entering the shop, the Declarant observed a woman at the head of the shop talking with Mrs. Elliot; and as the Declarant was looking about him for a grate that he thought would suit him, Elliot himself made a sign to the Declarant, and told him that he suspected the woman in the shop had stolen a Boyne, and desired the Declarant to ascertain if his Brother the Cooper had missed any. That before the Declarant went to his brother's shop which is a few doors off on the opposite side of the street to the Brokers, he looked at the Boyne, and saw that it was a small six inch Boyne - that is six inches deep. That the Declarant's brother was in bed, and the Declarant having asked him if he had a green painted Boyne of that size, he said he had just one and that it was on the end of the counter in the shop, but on sending his son to bring it, the son returned saying it was off. That on this the Declarant told his Brother what the Broker Elliot had said, and the Declarant then went to the Brokers, followed in a short time by the Declarant's brother, who at once identified the Boyne as his property. That the Declarant went for a Policeman, and accompanied the Policeman and the Prisoner to the Police Office; the Declarant carrying the Boyne. That when the woman was in the Police office, she said her name was Catherine Angus or Chandler. That the Declarant now sees and identifies a Boyne having a sealed label attached, as the one taken from the Prisoner and which the Declarant took to the Police Office as aforesaid; and the Declarant has signed a sealed label attached, all which is truth. That when the Declarant was absent for the Police man he understands the Prisoner said she had purchased the Boyne for three pence, but the Declarant did not hear her say so.⁵

Statement of witness William Gowdie:

Compared William Gowdie, Cooper, in Paisley, and Residing in High Street there, aged forty one years, who Declares that the Declarant's Shop in which his Goods are exposed for sale, is a frong shop in High Street, Paisley, and the Declarant and family live in the Room behind the shop the door between having two glass windows in it, that any person in the Room or Kitchen may see when any person enters the shop. That on the evening of Friday the

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as the Declarant lighted the Gas he saw a small Green Painted Boyne which had been made by the Declarant a fortnight before, at the end of the Counter next the shop door, a little inside of the Railing which is at the Counter. That the Declarant went to bed very near to ten o'clock that night, and as he was going to bed and no person in the shop attending to it, his wife said "is that Margaret gone out" and the Declarant turned round and saw that Margaret was in the Room. That his wife had got a glance of a woman leaving the Shop and thought it had been their daughter Margaret, but nothing was suspected, and no attention was paid to this circumstance at the time. That the Declarant had not been in bed above five minutes, when the Declarant's brother James called, and asked if he had a small painted Boyne and the Declarant said he had just one, alluding to the one he had seen at the end of the Counter as aforesaid, and sent one of the Children for it, who returned and said it was off. That the Declarant's brother then said the Boyne was in the hands of a woman in a Broker's shop who

wished to sell it, and desired the Declarant to come quickly before the woman was off, and the Declarant having got up fast as possible, went to the Brokers whose name is Elliot, where he found a woman having something under her apron, which the Declarant took from her and found it to be the Green painted Boyne, he saw on the Counter, about an hour previously as he lighted the Gas as aforesaid. That the woman said in explanation that she had got the Boyne from a woman in the street and had paid three pence for it – and said she thought she was entitled to a six pence for it, and added that if the Boyne belonged to the Declarant he might take it, and she would rather lose the three pence, than be further troubled about it. That a Policeman was sent for, who took the Woman to the Police Office, and the Declarant accompanied by his Brother James went along with them to the Office. That a sealed label was then attached to the Boyne which is termed a six Inch Boyne, and which the Declarant now sees and identifies as his property and has signed the sealed label attached. That the woman was well known in the Police Office, and the Declarant understands her name to be Catherine Angus or Chandler all which is truth.⁵

Statement of witness Elizabeth McArthur or Gowdie:

Compeared Elizabeth McArthur wife of and Residing with the said William Gowdie, aged thirty years and upwards who Declares That a few minutes before the Boyne referred to was missed, on the night in question, as the Declarant's husband was going to Bed the Declarant when in the room off the Shop, thought she saw some person in it, but the glance she got of the person was so imperfect that she could not tell whether it was a man or woman she saw; and at the time the Declarant supposed it was some of their family. That she immediately desired her Daughter Margaret to go into the Shop to see if there was any person in it, but she returned saying there was no body in it. That the Declarant did not examine to see if anything had been taken out of the shop, as she thought she might have mistaken some person passing by, as being in the Ship, Declares and concurs with her Husband as to what took place when James Gowdie called which was in a few minutes after this, when the Boyne was missed. That the Declarant now sees the Boyne and identifies it as her Husband's property. That the Declarant did not see the Prisoner apprehended, all which is truth and declares that she cannot write.⁵

Statement of witness James Paxton:

Compeared James Paxton, Corporal of Police in Paisley, who Declares that he has known the Prisoner Catherine Angus or Chandler for the last three year & during all that time she has been considered habite & repute a common thief; And she has been frequently convicted of Theft and the declarant knows that the Extract Convictions for Theft now shewn him apply to the Prisoner, these being all convictions before the Burgh Court, Paisley, & of the following Dates viz.

29 June 1837

20 Sept. 1837

6 January 1838

24 September 1838

16 October 1839

10th January 1840

That the Declarant has signed the said Ext. Convictions as relative tracts.⁵

5 April 1841	Departed Woolwich, England on the <i>Rajah</i> . ⁶
19 July 1841	Arrived at Hobart on the <i>Rajah</i> . ⁶
c24 July 1841	Upon arrival at Hobart, sent to Launceston for assignment. ⁷
31 December 1841	Mustered in the service of Mr J Sprent, Launceston. ⁸
26 November 1842	Charged with being drunk; in the service of Mr J Sprent, Launceston; sentence 10 days in solitary confinement at Launceston Female Factory. ⁹
30 January 1843	Charged with being drunk and absent without leave from the service of Mr J Sprent, Launceston; sentence 3 months hard labour at Launceston Female Factory. ⁹

⁶ AJCP, ADM 101/63 *Rajah*

⁷ ML, CY 1282 p.141 (Catherine Angus); ML, CY 1274 p.253 (Catherine Angus proper name Chandler)

⁸ AJCP, HO 10/51 p.345 No.140 (Catherine Angus)

⁹ TAHO, CON40/1/2 p.17 No.140 [image 19] (Catherine Angus)

12 April 1844	Classified as a 3 rd class probation pass-holder. ⁹
23 July 1844	Hired in private service as a probation pass-holder to John Sprunt, ¹⁰ Launceston. ¹¹
23 August 1844	At Launceston. ⁹
26 September 1844	Ticket of Leave granted; gazetted 1 October. ¹²
14 October 1844	Charged at the Police Court, Launceston upon complaint of Constable Sullivan with being drunk in a public place on 13 October; plea guilty, verdict guilty; fined 5 shillings, in default of payment in 1 hour sentence 10 days hard labour at Launceston Female Factory; has no goods, wife of Chandler. ¹³
12 November 1844	Charged at the Police Court, Launceston upon complaint of Constable William Webb with using obscene language in a public street on the night of 11 November; in the service of Isaac Jacob; plea guilty, verdict guilty; fined 5 shillings. ¹⁴
13 November 1844	Charged at the Police Court, Launceston upon complaint of Constable Desmond with being drunk in a public street on 12 November and disturbing the peace; in the service of Isaac Jacob; plea not guilty, verdict guilty; witness William Ecott; fined 5 shillings and ordered to pay costs of 1 shilling, in default of payment within 1 hour sentence 14 days hard labour at Launceston Gaol; has no goods. ¹⁵
9 December 1844	Charged at the Police Court, Launceston upon complaint of Constable Hutton with misconduct in disturbing the public peace on 8 December; in the service of Isaac Jacob; plea guilty, verdict guilty; admonished and discharged. ¹⁶
31 March 1845	Charged with being drunk; fined 5 shillings. ⁹
7 March 1846	Charged at the Police Court, Longford with being drunk; plea guilty; fined 5 shillings, paid. ¹⁷
9 March 1846	Charged at the Police Court, Longford with being drunk; fined 5 shillings, paid. ¹⁸
11 April 1846	Charged at the Police Court, Longford with being drunk; fined 5 shillings, in default of payment sentence 7 days imprisonment at Longford Gaol. ¹⁹
14 April 1846	At Longford. ⁹
14 ²⁰ October 1846	Charged with being drunk; sentence 2 months hard labour at Launceston Female Factory. ²¹
16 January 1847	Charged with being drunk; sentence 1 month hard labour. ⁹
20 February 1847	Charged with being drunk and out after hours; sentence 2 months hard labour at Cascades ²² Female Factory. ⁹
6 September 1847	Charged at the Police Court, Launceston upon complaint of Constable Ball with being drunk in a public place on 5 September; in the service of Hughes; plea guilty, verdict guilty; sentence 7 days hard labour. ⁹ Mary Ann Murphy (<i>Navarino</i> , free by servitude) also charged; fined 5 shillings. ²³
8 September 1847	Free by servitude; Certificate of Freedom available for collection; gazetted 7 September. ²⁴
22 June 1848	Prisoner in Launceston Gaol, awaiting trial. ²⁵

¹⁰ This is likely to be Mr J Sprent with whom she was previously in service.

¹¹ *Hobart Town Gazette*, 26 July 1844 p.879 (Catherine Angus)

¹² *Hobart Town Gazette*, 1 October 1844 p.1210 (Catherine Angus)

¹³ TAHO, LC346/1/8 (Catherine Angus now Chandler); TAHO, CON78/1/1 p.30 (Catherine Angus now Chandler)

¹⁴ TAHO, LC346/1/14 (Catherine Angus); TAHO, CON78/1/1 p.30 (Catherine Angus now Chandler)

¹⁵ TAHO, LC346/1/8 (Catherine Angus); TAHO, CON78/1/1 p.30 (Catherine Angus now Chandler)

¹⁶ TAHO, LC346/1/8 (Catherine Angus); TAHO, CON78/1/1 p.30 (Catherine Angus now Chandler)

¹⁷ TAHO, LC362/1/6 (Catherine Angus)

¹⁸ TAHO, LC362/1/6 (Catherine Angus)

¹⁹ TAHO, LC362/1/6 (Catherine Angus)

²⁰ Date given as 13 October on CON 78/1/1, but 14 October on conduct record.

²¹ TAHO, CON78/1/1 p.30 (Catherine Angus)

²² It is probable that even though Catherine was sentenced to serve her two months imprisonment at Cascades Female Factory, Hobart, Hobart, she stayed in Launceston to serve it at Launceston Female Factory. This may have been an error on her conduct record.

²³ TAHO, LC346/1/9 (Caroline Angus)

²⁴ *Hobart Town Gazette*, 7 September 1847 p.893 (Catherine Angus)

Newspaper report:

THE CALENDAR. – On 22nd June, the following twenty-one prisoners were in Launceston Gaol, fully committed for trial ... Catherine Angus, larceny.²⁶

23 June 1848

Tried at the Quarter Sessions, Launceston indicted for stealing a box; plea guilty; sentence 12 months' imprisonment and hard labour at Launceston Female Factory.²⁶

Newspaper report:

QUARTER SESSIONS. – The court sat on Friday for the trial of prisoners. Catherine Angus pleaded guilty to a charge of felony ... On Saturday morning the following sentences were passed ... Catherine Angus, twelve months' imprisonment and hard labour.²⁶

26 December 1850

Died suddenly by the visitation of God in a natural way, found dead in her bed, at Liffey Rivulet, Longford district, aged 62; informant coroner Charles Arthur.²⁷

28 December 1850

Inquest held at the house of Richard Kerkham, Liffey Rivulet.²⁸

²⁵ *Examiner*, 24 June 1848 p.6 (Catherine Angus)

²⁶ *Examiner*, 24 June 1848 p.6 (Catherine Angus)

²⁷ TAHO, RGD35/1/19 1850/243 Longford (Catherine Angus); TAHO, SC195/1/28 No.2455 (Catherine Angus)

²⁸ TAHO, SC195/1/28 No.2455 (Catherine Angus)