

## Mary Bailey\*

(proper name Mary Delanney, uxor Mary Reeves)

POLICE NUMBER 472 <sup>1</sup>	LITERACY read and write imperfectly
TRIAL DATE 19 October 1840	AGE ON EMBARKATION 18
TRIAL PLACE Central Criminal Court (Old Bailey), London	AGE ON ARRIVAL 19 or 20
OFFENCE larceny from the person in stealing 11 shillings and a purse from Harriet Knill	HEIGHT 4' 11½"
SENTENCE 10 years	COMPLEXION fair
GAOL REPORT convicted before, poor, single, 1 child	HEAD oval
PREVIOUS CONVICTIONS once 6 months for stealing a shawl	HAIR black
SURGEON'S REPORT indifferent and disorderly	VISAGE round
ON THE TOWN no	FOREHEAD round
MARITAL STATUS single	EYEBROWS dark brown
CHILDREN 1, <sup>2</sup> 0 on board	EYES hazel
FAMILY	NOSE small
NATIVE PLACE St Lukes, Holborn, England	MOUTH small
TRADE ON EMBARKATION	CHIN round
TRADE ON ARRIVAL house and kitchen maid, wash, plain needlewoman	MARKS small scar over right eye, rather stout

c1822

**Born** at St Lukes, Holborn, London, Middlesex, England.<sup>3</sup>

19 October 1840

Tried at the Central Criminal Court (Old Bailey), London, England indicted for stealing on 17 October 1 purse value 1 shilling, 3 half crowns, 3 shillings and 1 sixpence from Harriet Parminster Knill, the wife of Robert Parminster Knill, a printer, in Mr Taylor's pork butcher's shop, and previous conviction; found guilty; sentence 10 years transportation; aged 18.<sup>4</sup>

Statement of witness Harriet Knill:

*I am the wife of Robert Parminster Knill; he is a printer. On the 17th of October, about ten o'clock at night, I went to Mr. Taylor's, a pork-butcher, to market – the shop was pretty full – the prisoner stood on my right-hand, close to me – there was no one on my left, but another person was behind me – I took a half-crown piece from my purse, which was in my right-hand pocket, and contained three half-crowns, three shillings, and a sixpence – I did not take the purse out of my pocket – I know this money was in my purse secure, and am quite confident I snapped the purse in my pocket – I was leaning over the counter to speak to the person who was serving, and felt a hand at my pocket on my right-side – I felt a hand pressing against my pocket, and one on my shoulder – the prisoner was at this time at my right-side – I felt immediately in my pocket and missed my purse – my pocket-hole is rather behind me – the person who was behind me was shorter than me, and appeared to be stretching up to look over my shoulder, and she was pressing against me – I immediately declared that I had lost my purse, and some one had taken it – the prisoner then said to her companion, "You had better go outside and point out to the lady which rabbit we will have," and the woman who had been leaning over my shoulder left the shop immediately – she had been near enough to the prisoner to have carried away the purse – they had both been as near to me as they could possibly stand – Mrs. Taylor detained the prisoner in the shop – I have lost my purse and money altogether.<sup>4</sup>*

<sup>1</sup> TAHO, CON40/1/2 p.82 No.472 [image 80] (Mary Bailey); TAHO, CON19/1/1 p.230 [image 93] (Mary Bailey); ML, CY 1282 p.144 (Mary Bailey); ML, CY 1197 p.151 (Mary Bailey); ML, CY 958 p.441 (Mary Bailey)

<sup>2</sup> This child was 8 weeks old at the time of her trial at the Old Bailey.

<sup>3</sup> TAHO, CON19/1/1 p.230 [image 93] (Mary Bailey)

<sup>4</sup> *Old Bailey Proceedings Online*, t18401019-2641 (Mary Bailey)

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Statement of witness Margaret Taylor:

*I keep the shop where the prosecutrix was purchasing some articles. The prisoner came in with another person – they asked the price of a rabbit which was in the window – the prosecutrix stood near the door – the prisoner and her companion stood next her – I had suspicion and watched her – I saw the prisoner whisper to the other, who immediately went behind the prosecutrix and took something out of the prisoner’s hand, and then she popped away in a moment – I am quite sure the prisoner and her were companions and came in together – they bought nothing.<sup>4</sup>*

Statement of witness George Ball:

*I am a policeman. I was sent for, and went to the shop – the prisoner was accused of robbing the prosecutrix – she said she knew nothing of it – Mrs. Taylor accused her of haying another person with her, who had run out of the shop.<sup>4</sup>*

Statement of defendant Mary Bailey:

*I went and asked the price of a rabbit in the window – Mrs. Taylor asked me which it was – I said, “The small one” – I waited about five minutes – another young woman came in and a lady – the young woman said, “What is the price of the rabbit in the window?” and I said as she was going out, perhaps she would show her the one I wanted – the prosecutrix then missed her purse – she had a bunch of greens in her hand – I persuaded her to shake them, which she did, but did not find it – Mrs. Taylor then said, a young woman had left the shop, and she thought I was with her – she took my arm – I said she need not hold me, I would wait, and I went up the shop – I know nothing of it – I hope you will have mercy on me for the sake of my poor child, only eight weeks old.<sup>4</sup>*

Statement of witness Charles Beaumont, Police Sergeant G 11:

*I produce a certificate of the prisoner’s former conviction, which I got from Mr. Clark’s office – (read) – the prisoner is the person.<sup>4</sup>*

- 5 April 1841 Departed Woolwich, England on the *Rajah*.<sup>5</sup>  
19 July 1841 Arrived at Hobart on the *Rajah*.<sup>5</sup>  
c24 July 1841 Upon arrival at Hobart, assigned to Mr Elliston, Glenorchy.<sup>6</sup>  
31 December 1841 Mustered in the service of Mr PG Emmett, Glenorchy.<sup>7</sup>  
19 April 1842 Charged at the Police Court, Hobart on the complaint of her master Mr PG Emmett with being drunk in his house yesterday during his absence when left in charge of the children; plea guilty; sentence 6 months hard labour at the wash tub at Cascades Female Factory, Hobart.<sup>8</sup>  
29 November 1842 Catherine Wickham (*Mexborough*) charged with the same offence; same sentence.<sup>8</sup>  
Charged at the Police Court, Hobart on the complaint of DC Sproul with disorderly conduct in using obscene language yesterday at Brickfields Hiring Depot; sentence 6 months hard labour at Cascades Female Factory, Hobart.<sup>9</sup>  
9 August 1843 Charged at the Police Court, Hobart on the complaint of Constable Blakely with misconduct in voluntarily offering to give false witness in a case of felony; in the service of Mrs McTavish, New Town; plea not guilty; sentence 6 months hard labour at Cascades Female Factory, Hobart.<sup>10</sup>

Statement of witness Constable James Blakely:

*On Monday last I accompanied Constable Partridge to Mrs McTavish to apprehend a man, and accompanied to a hut to search for a £5 note & whilst in the act of searching the prisoner came and said I suppose this is about the £5, the male prisoner said yes it was, the woman then said to the man Burns<sup>11</sup> call upon me and I will say what will do, for I saw McTavish*

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

<sup>6</sup> ML, CY 1282 p.144 (Mary Bailey); ML, CY 1274 p.253 (Mary Bailey)

<sup>7</sup> AJCP, HO 10/51 p.345 No.472 (Mary Bailey)

<sup>8</sup> TAHO, AC480/1/1, 19 April 1842 (Mary Bailey & Cath<sup>e</sup> Wickham)

<sup>9</sup> TAHO, AC480/1/1, 29 November 1842 (Mary Bailey)

<sup>10</sup> TAHO, AC480/1/1, 9 August 1843 (Mary Bailey)

<sup>11</sup> This name is difficult to decipher and so may not be Burns.

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*give you the note and what can be freer than a gift. The £5 had been given by Mrs McTavish in mistake for a £1 to the man Burns<sup>11</sup> but I have since traced.<sup>10</sup>*

- 7 February 1844      Classified as a 1<sup>st</sup> class probation pass-holder; gazetted 9 February.<sup>12</sup>
- 27 February 1844      Classified as a 2<sup>nd</sup> class probation pass-holder; gazetted 1 March.<sup>13</sup>
- 29 February 1844      Hired in private service as a probation pass-holder to Mrs Charlotte Betts, Antill Street, Hobart.<sup>14</sup>
- 19 April 1844      Charged at the Police Court, Hobart by Constable Porter with misconduct in being on Dr Rowes' premises yesterday; in the service of Mrs Charlotte Betts, Antill Street, Hobart; plea guilty; reprimanded and discharged.<sup>15</sup>
- 2 May 1844      Charged with larceny; in the service of Mrs Charlotte Betts, Antill Street, Hobart; discharged.<sup>16</sup>
- 31 August 1844      Promoted from a 2<sup>nd</sup> class to a 3<sup>rd</sup> class probation pass-holder; gazetted 6 September.<sup>17</sup>
- 30 November 1844      Ticket of Leave granted; gazetted 3 December.<sup>18</sup>
- 12 December 1844      Paid out £1.10 from savings bank account No.2 held by the Government on behalf of convicts.<sup>19</sup>
- 5 July 1846      **Son** or **daughter** born; delivered of an illegitimate child.<sup>20</sup>
- 5 December 1846      Conditional Pardon recommended; gazetted 8 December.<sup>21</sup>
- 19 December 1846      Charged with misconduct in living in a state of adultery;<sup>22</sup> sentence 6 months hard labour at Cascades Female Factory, Hobart, and recommended to be deprived of her Ticket of Leave; commuted to 2 months hard labour and to be deprived of her Ticket of Leave vide special report 8 January 1847.<sup>16</sup>
- 20 February 1847      Ticket of Leave revoked for misconduct; gazetted 23 February.<sup>23</sup>
- 19 March 1847      Classified as a 3<sup>rd</sup> class probation pass-holder; gazetted 23 March.<sup>24</sup>
- 30 April 1847      Application for permission to marry James Reeves (free) sent to Secretary; approved.<sup>25</sup>
- 1 May 1847      Notice given of approval for permission to marry James Reeves; Mary in private service, resident of Hobart; James free, resident of Hobart.<sup>26</sup>
- 5 June 1847      Absconded from the service of Mr Cambray, Collins Street, Hobart.<sup>27</sup>
- 9 June 1847      **Married** James Reeves at Bethesda Anglican Church, Hobart; Mary aged 24, spinster, probation pass-holder; James aged 26, free, gun maker; witnesses Eliza Wappin and John Price.<sup>28</sup>
- 25 August 1847      Ticket of Leave re-issued; gazetted 31 August.<sup>29</sup>
- 8 July 1848      Conditional Pardon approved upon condition she shall not return to or be found within the country in which she was convicted during the remaining term of her transportation; gazetted 11 July.<sup>30</sup>

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<sup>12</sup> *Hobart Town Gazette*, 9 February 1844 p.204 (Mary Bailey)

<sup>13</sup> *Hobart Town Gazette*, 1 March 1844 p.266 (Mary Bailey)

<sup>14</sup> *Hobart Town Gazette*, 1 March 1844 p.268 (Mary Bailey)

<sup>15</sup> TAHO, AC480/1/1, 19 April 1844 (Mary Bailey)

<sup>16</sup> TAHO, CON40/1/2 p.82 No.472 [image 80] (Mary Bailey)

<sup>17</sup> *Hobart Town Gazette*, 6 September 1844 p.1072 (Mary Bailey)

<sup>18</sup> *Hobart Town Gazette*, 3 December 1844 p.1478 (Mary Bailey)

<sup>19</sup> TAHO, CON73/1/1 p.186 (Mary Baillie)

<sup>20</sup> No birth or death record for this child has been found.

<sup>21</sup> *Hobart Town Gazette*, 8 December 1846 p.1393 (Mary Bailey)

<sup>22</sup> Mary was single, so the person she was cohabiting with must have been married.

<sup>23</sup> *Hobart Town Gazette*, 23 February 1847 p.211 (Mary Bailey)

<sup>24</sup> *Hobart Town Gazette*, 23 March 1847 p.291 (Mary Bailey)

<sup>25</sup> TAHO, CON52/1/2 p.177 (James Reeves & Mary Bailey)

<sup>26</sup> *Hobart Town Gazette*, 4 May 1847 p.425 (James Reeves & Mary Bailey)

<sup>27</sup> *Hobart Town Gazette*, 29 June 1847 p.606 (Mary Bailey)

<sup>28</sup> TAHO, RGD37/1/6 1847/813 Hobart (James Reeves & Mary Bailey)

<sup>29</sup> *Hobart Town Gazette*, 31 August 1847 p.871 (Mary Bailey)

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- 19 October 1850 Free by servitude.<sup>16</sup>
- 24 July 1867 Admitted to Cascades Pauper Establishment, Hobart.<sup>31</sup>
- 30 November 1870 Inmate of Cascades Pauper Establishment, Hobart; aged 50.<sup>31</sup>
- 22 August 1873 Charged at the Colonial Hospital, Hobart by the House Steward Charles Seager with being an insane person not under proper control; ordered to be sent to the Hospital for the Insane at New Norfolk, there to be detained for care and treatment.<sup>32</sup>
- 25 August 1873 Admitted to the Asylum for the Insane, New Norfolk from Cascades Invalid Depot, Hobart on authority by justices order of Henry Butler and George Turnley Esquire and medical certificate dated 21 August by TC Smart; suffering from amentia, cause unknown; bodily condition weak, general paralysis; aged 60, colonial funds, pauper invalid.<sup>33</sup>
- Statement of Dr Smart:  
*She appears to be in a state of permanent imbecility, requiring constant care and attention, dirty in her habits.*<sup>34</sup>
- 28 August 1873 Observation of doctor:  
*A very imbecile woman almost helpless from general paralysis said to have been in the same state for years past having been an inmate of the Cascades Invalid Depot, she is quiet, takes her food, inattentive to the call of nature, but will try to answer questions tolerably well.*<sup>34</sup>
- 6 September 1873 Placed under medical treatment at New Norfolk Insane Asylum for apoplexy.<sup>35</sup>
- Observation of doctor:  
*Had been unusually fractious and excited during the day and about 5.00 this PM was seized with apoplectic convulsion; ..., enemata, &c.*<sup>34</sup>
- 7 September 1873 Observation of doctor:  
*Convulsions continued strong through the night, there are some interruptions now. Complete Hemiplegia of left side, takes some ... fluid, but remains unconscious.*<sup>34</sup>
- 8 September 1873 Observation of doctor:  
*Convulsions ceasing [or easing] ... moribund.*<sup>34</sup>
- 9 September 1873 Observation of doctor:  
*Yesterday this woman appeared to be dying, today she has rallied and the convulsions have almost ceased, she is talking but in an incoherent rambling manner.*<sup>34</sup>
- 12 September 1873 Observation of doctor:  
*Has rallied wonderfully, is nearly sensible but extremely weak, takes nourishment, the legs are very sore where ... were applied.*<sup>34</sup>
- 15 September 1873 Observation of doctor:  
*Very much better, sensible.*<sup>34</sup>
- 16 September 1873 Observation of doctor:  
*This morning became comatose which has increased during the day.*<sup>34</sup>
- 17 September 1873 **Died** of paralytic apoplexy at 5 pm at New Norfolk Insane Asylum; aged 60.<sup>33,35</sup>
- 18 September 1873 Post mortem examination held at New Norfolk Insane Asylum.<sup>34</sup>
- Post Mortem:  
*Body thin. Skull bones normal. Dura mater thin. Arachnoid opaque, covering a quantity of effused serum with which all the aortas and ventricles were filled, her lateral ventricles being very much distended with the fluid. Substance of brain generally firm, except the walls of the ventricles which were pulpy. Some general congestion but not extensive. Lungs healthy. Heart large and of almost a stony hardness and was externally fatty. Liver atrophied. Other viscera healthy.*

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<sup>30</sup> *Hobart Town Gazette*, 11 July 1848 p.609 (Mary Bailey)

<sup>31</sup> TAHO, HA1871 No.63 p.17 (Mary Barley)

<sup>32</sup> TAHO, LC247/1/34, 22 August 1873 (Mary Bayley)

<sup>33</sup> TAHO, HSD254/1/1 No.23 (Mary Bayley); TAHO, HSD247/1/1 1873 No.789 (Mary Bayley); TAHO, AB365/1/1 Vol.21 Folio 75 (Mary Bayley)

<sup>34</sup> TAHO, AB365/1/1 Vol.21 Folio 75 (Mary Bayley)

<sup>35</sup> TAHO, HSD56/1/1 No.789 (Mary Bayley); TAHO, AB365/1/1 Vol.21 Folio 75 (Mary Bayley)

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<i>Weight of brain</i>	10	3
<i>Cerebrum</i>	2	2
<i>Cerebellum</i>		6
<i>Apoplexy (paralytic)</i> <sup>34</sup>		

**Notes**

- Mary may be the Mary Bailey who was tried the Central Criminal Court, London on 15 August 1836 indicted for stealing on 15 July 2 spoons value 5 shillings, 1 table cloth value 3 shillings, 1 box value 1 shilling 6 pence, 1 thimble value 3 pence and 1 pair of gloves value 3 pence, the goods of her master Robert Scargill; found guilty; judgement respited; aged 14.<sup>36</sup>
- Mary's husband may be the James Reeves who departed Van Diemen's Land for New Zealand and San Francisco as a passenger on the brigantine *John Bull* on 26 June 1849.<sup>37</sup>
- Alternatively, Mary's husband may be the James Reeves who died of disease of the brain at the General Hospital, Hobart on 9 November 1855, aged 41, labourer.<sup>38</sup>

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<sup>36</sup> *Old Bailey Proceedings Online*, t18360815-1855 (Mary Bailey)

<sup>37</sup> *Hobart Town Courier*, 27 June 1849 (James Reeves)

<sup>38</sup> TAHO, RGD35/1/5 1855/440 Hobart (James Reeves)