

Petus Bevington *
(*uxor Petus Greaves, Petus Horbury*)

POLICE NUMBER 488 ¹	LITERACY neither read nor write
TRIAL DATE 28 July 1840	AGE ON EMBARKATION 20
TRIAL PLACE Stafford Summer Assizes	AGE ON ARRIVAL 22
OFFENCE stealing wearing apparel and other articles from the house of her mistress	HEIGHT 5'
SENTENCE 14 years	COMPLEXION fresh
GAOL REPORT twice convicted before & 4 times in prison, bad habits & character, single	HEAD oval
PREVIOUS CONVICTIONS 3 times in prison, once 3 months for robbing my mistress, 6 months for the same	HAIR rather dark brown
SURGEON'S REPORT	VISAGE oval
ON THE TOWN no	FOREHEAD medium
MARITAL STATUS single	EYEBROWS brown
CHILDREN 0	EYES blue
FAMILY father John Bevington, ² farmer; mother Hannah Cooper, maid; sister Matilda; brother Elijah	NOSE small
NATIVE PLACE Shrewsbury, Shropshire, England	MOUTH medium
TRADE ON EMBARKATION servant	CHIN round
TRADE ON ARRIVAL housemaid, needlewoman, nurse	MARKS rather stout

21 May 1809	Brother Elijah Bevington baptised at Dawley Magna, Shropshire, England; father John Bevington; mother Hannah. ³
15 October 1815	Sister Matilda Bevington baptised at Leighton, Shropshire, England; father John Bevington; mother Hannah. ⁴
c1817	Born at Shrewsbury, Shropshire, England; father John Bevington; mother Hannah Cooper. ⁵
13 July 1817	Baptised at Leighton, Shropshire, England; father John Bevington, labourer, resident of Knaves Castle; mother Hannah. ⁶
28 July 1840	Tried at Stafford Summer Assizes, Staffordshire, England indicted for larceny in stealing wearing apparel and other articles from the house of her mistress; sentence 14 years' transportation. ⁷
5 April 1841	Departed Woolwich, England on the <i>Rajah</i> . ⁸
19 July 1841	Arrived at Hobart on the <i>Rajah</i> . ⁸
c24 July 1841	Upon arrival at Hobart, sent to Cascades Female Factory for assignment; assigned to Mr Coverdale, Richmond. ⁹
31 December 1841	Mustered in the service of Mr S Williamson, Hobart. ¹⁰

¹ TAHO, CON40/1/2 p.87 No.488 [image 85] (Petus Bevington); TAHO, CON19/1/1 p.184 [image 95] (Petus Bevington); ML, CY 1282 p.145 (Petus Bevington); ML, CY 1197 p.156 (Petus Bevington); ML, CY 958 p.443 (Petus Bevington)

² Family name also given as Bebington.

³ *Family Search*, IGI Batch No.P00859-1, Source Film No.908237 (Elijah Bevington); personal communication, Donna Blackmore, 7 October 2006

⁴ *Family Search*, IGI Batch No.C00868-3, Source Film No.502933 (Matilda Bevington)

⁵ personal communication, Donna Blackmore, 7 October 2006; VIC Marriage Certificate 1855/3020 (Petus Graves & George Peter Horbury); TAHO, CON19/1/1 p.184 [image 95] (Petus Bevington)

⁶ personal communication, Donna Blackmore, 7 October 2006; *Family Search*, IGI Batch No.C00868-3, Source Film No.502933 (Phoebe Bevington)

⁷ TAHO, CON40/1/2 p.87 No.488 [image 85] (Petus Bevington)

⁸ AJCP, ADM 101/63 *Rajah*

⁹ ML, CY 1282 p.143 (Petus Bevington); ML, CY 1274 p.254 (Petus Bevington)

¹⁰ AJCP, HO 10/51 p.350 No.488 (Petus Bevington)

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- 5 January 1842 Application for permission to marry William Coates (*Roslyn Castle*, Conditional Pardon) sent to the Muster Master.¹¹
- 27 January 1842 Application for permission to marry William Coates (*Roslyn Castle*) sent to the Secretary; not approved, this woman has not been sufficient time here to have given proof of fitness for such indulgence.¹¹
- 18 May 1842 Application for permission to marry George Greaves¹² (*Bussorah Merchant*); sent to the Muster Master.¹³
- 1 June 1842 Application for permission to marry George Greaves sent to the Secretary; approved.¹³
- 20 June 1842 **Married** George Greaves at St David's Anglican Church, Hobart; Petus aged 24, born Staffordshire, England; George aged 32, gardener, ticket-of-leave holder, born London, England; witnesses Joseph White and William Holdship.¹⁴
- 8 April 1843 **Son** Henry Greaves born at Hobart; mother Petus Babbington; informant father George Graves, shoemaker, resident of Harrington Street, Hobart.¹⁵
- 29 November 1843 Husband George Greaves recommended for a Conditional Pardon.¹⁶
- 15 December 1843 Husband George Greaves approved for a Conditional Pardon.¹⁷
- 19 February 1845 Charged at the Police Office, Hobart by Constable Rayner with obstructing the constables in the execution of their duty; plea not guilty; sentence 2 months hard labour at Cascades Female Factory, Hobart.¹⁸
- Statement of witness Constable Rayner:
I apprehended the prisoner in Harrington Street when I had a man in charge. I saw her opposite the door where she lives. She said by heavens you buggers. I swear positively that she is the woman, she was likewise very violent. I knew the woman well.
- Statement of witness District Constable Austin:
I saw the prisoner last night, she was on Harrington Street, she was exclaiming against the Constables who had a man in charge, she was very outrageous.¹⁸
- 21 February 1845 Ticket of Leave granted; gazetted 25 February.¹⁹
- 7 May 1845 **Son** Joseph Greaves born at Hobart; mother Petus Bebbington; informant father George Graves, shoemaker, resident of 27 Harrington Street, Hobart.²⁰
- 8 June 1846 Conditional Pardon recommended, available within the limits of the Australian Colonies and New Zealand; gazetted 9 June.²¹
- 7 September 1846 **Daughter** Ann Greaves born at Hobart; father George Graves, shoemaker, resident of Hobart; mother Petus Graves.²²
- 11 October 1846 Daughter Ann Greaves baptised at Hobart.²²
- 1 June 1847 Husband George Greaves has his Conditional Pardon extended to the Australian Colonies.¹⁷
- 4 October 1847 Conditional Pardon approved; gazetted 5 October.²³
- c1847-1848 Moved with her family from Tasmania to Little Scotland, Geelong, VIC.²⁴

¹¹ TAHO, CON52/1/2 p.24 (Petus Bevington & Wm Coates)

¹² George Greaves was transported for life on the *Bussorah Merchant* in 1829, having been tried at Kent on 3 April 1829 for housebreaking; single; Ticket of Leave 7 February 1840, Conditional Pardon approved 15 December 1843, extended to the Australian Colonies 1 June 1847 (TAHO, CON31/1/15 p.213 No.633 [image 173] (Geo Greaves)).

¹³ TAHO, CON52/1/2 p.67 (Petus Bevington & George Greaves)

¹⁴ TAHO, RGD37/1/2 1842/1552 Hobart (Petus Bevington & George Greaves); VIC Death Certificate 1854/3398 (George Graves)

¹⁵ TAHO, RGD33/1/1 1843/1370 Hobart (Henry Graves)

¹⁶ *Hobart Town Courier*, Friday 8 December 1843 p.4 (George Greaves)

¹⁷ TAHO, CON31/1/15 p.213 No.633 [image 173] (Geo Greaves)

¹⁸ TAHO, AC480/1/1, 18 February 1845 (Pegus Bevington)

¹⁹ *Hobart Town Gazette*, 25 February 1845 p.234 (Peters Bevington)

²⁰ TAHO, RGD33/1/2 1845/971 Hobart (Joseph Graves)

²¹ *Hobart Town Gazette*, 9 June 1846 p.512 (Petres Bevington)

²² TAHO, RGD32/1/3 1846/2846 Hobart (Ann Graves)

²³ *Hobart Town Gazette*, 5 October 1847 p.996 (Peters Bevington)

²⁴ personal communication, Donna Blackmore, 7 October 2006

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- 1848 **Daughter** Elizabeth Petus Greaves born at Geelong, VIC; father George Greaves.²⁵
c1850 **Son** George Paul Adolphus Greaves born at Geelong, VIC.²⁶
1850 Son George Paul Adolphus Greaves died at Geelong, VIC.²⁷
30 March 1851 **Son** Elijah Greaves born at Little Scotland, Geelong, VIC; father George Graves, shoemaker; mother Petis Graves.²⁸
22 May 1851 Son Elijah Greaves baptised at Christ Church, Geelong, VIC.²⁸
1853 Daughter Ann Greaves died at Little Scotland, Geelong, VIC; aged 6, father George Graves.²⁹
1853 **Son** George Greaves born in Victoria.³⁰
21 July 1853 Son George Greaves baptised.³⁰
13 June 1854 Husband George Greaves died of injury to the spine due to a rockfall at Spring Street, Little Scotland, VIC; aged 44, boot and shoe maker, born London, about 25 years in the Australian colonies; informant Thomas Taylor (illiterate).³¹
17 June 1854 Husband George Greaves buried at Geelong Cemetery, VIC.³¹
27 October 1855 **Married** George Peter Horbury at Christ Church, Geelong, VIC; Petus aged 30, illiterate, resident of Little Scotland, VIC, widow, 5 living and 2 dead children; born Wellington, Staffordshire³⁴, England, father John Bevington, farmer, mother Anna Cooper; George aged 42, coachman, resident of Little Scotland, VIC, widower since 1842, no children; born Eton, Bedfordshire, England, father Joseph Horbury, farmer, mother Mary Keeler; witnesses John Aitkins³² and Susan Kent (illiterate).³³
25 March 1860 **Died** of morbus brights dropsy and bronchitis at Geelong Hospital, VIC; aged 36, born Wolverhampton,³⁴ Staffordshire, England, 18 years in the colonies, arrived on the *Arabia*³⁵ to Hobart, parents unknown; informant hospital house steward.³⁶
26 March 1860 Buried at Geelong Cemetery, VIC.³⁶

²⁵ VIC Birth Record 1848/22021 (Elizabeth Greaves)

²⁶ personal communication, Donna Blackmore, 7 October 2006

²⁷ VIC Death Record 1850/24191 (George Paul Adolphus Greaves)

²⁸ VIC Birth Record 1851/22669 (Elijah Graves)

²⁹ VIC Death Record 1853/24705 (Ann Graves)

³⁰ personal communication, Donna Blackmore, 7 October 2006

³¹ VIC Death Certificate 1854/3398 (George Graves); personal communication, Donna Blackmore, 7 October 2006

³² This name is difficult to decipher and so may not be *Aitkins*.

³³ personal communication, Donna Blackmore, 7 October 2006; VIC Marriage Certificate 1855/3020 (Petus Graves & George Peter Horbury)

³⁴ Wolverhampton (place of birth on death certificate) is about 20 miles ESE of Wellington (place of birth on 2nd marriage certificate), Wellington is about 10 miles east of Shewsbury (native place on conduct record) and Leighton (place of baptism) is about 5 miles SW of Wellington. Wellington is actually in Shropshire.

³⁵ This may have been a miss-hearing of *Rajah*.

³⁶ personal communication, Donna Blackmore, 7 October 2006; VIC Death Certificate 1860/2340 (Petis Greaves)

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