

Ann Brace*

(proper name Elizabeth McLaughlan; ux^{or} Ann Wiseman, Ann Walker)

POLICE NUMBER 481 ¹	LITERACY read and write
TRIAL DATE 21 October 1840	AGE ON EMBARKATION 26
TRIAL PLACE Essex (Malden) Quarter Sessions	AGE ON ARRIVAL 20
OFFENCE stealing money, £2.15, from the person of a young man	HEIGHT 4' 8"
SENTENCE 10 years	COMPLEXION pale
GAOL REPORT not known, married	HEAD oval
PREVIOUS CONVICTIONS once 6 months for stealing 15 shillings, once 14 days for being disorderly	HAIR brown
SURGEON'S REPORT quiet	VISAGE full
ON THE TOWN no	FOREHEAD medium
MARITAL STATUS single ²	EYEBROWS brown
CHILDREN 0	EYES hazel
FAMILY	NOSE medium
NATIVE PLACE Derby, England	MOUTH wide
TRADE ON EMBARKATION	CHIN round
TRADE ON ARRIVAL house servant, plain needlewoman	MARKS cast in left eye, pockpitted

c1818	Born at Derby, Derbyshire, England. ³
21 October 1840	Tried at the Quarter Sessions, Malden, Essex, England indicted for larceny in stealing £2.15 in money from the person of a young man; sentence 10 years transportation. ⁴
5 April 1841	Departed Woolwich, England on the <i>Rajah</i> . ⁵
19 July 1841	Arrived at Hobart on the <i>Rajah</i> . ⁵
c24 July 1841	Upon arrival at Hobart, sent to Launceston for assignment. ⁶
31 December 1841	Mustered in the service of Mr H Griffiths, Tamar. ⁷
21 February 1843	At Launceston. ⁴
22 March 1843	Application for permission to marry William Wiseman ⁸ (<i>Georgiana</i>) sent to the Muster Master. ⁹
5 April 1843	Application for permission to marry William Wiseman sent to the Secretary; approved. ⁹
12 April 1843	Notice given of approval for permission to marry William Wiseman; both prisoners and residents of Launceston. ¹⁰
16 April 1843	Banns read at Holy Trinity Anglican Church, Launceston for marriage to William Wiseman. ¹¹
23 April 1843	Banns read at Holy Trinity Anglican Church, Launceston for marriage to William Wiseman. ¹¹

¹ TAHO, CON40/1/2 p.85 No.481 [image 83] (Ann Brace); TAHO, CON19/1/1 p.183 [image 95] (Ann Brace); ML, CY 1282 p.145 (Ann Brace proper name Catherine McLocklan); ML, CY 1197 p.154 (Ann Brace); ML, CY 958 p.442 (Ann Brace)

² Marital status given as married on Embarkation List.

³ TAHO, CON19/1/1 p.183 [image 95] (Ann Brace)

⁴ TAHO, CON40/1/2 p.85 No.481 [image 83] (Ann Brace)

⁵ AJCP, ADM 101/63 *Rajah*

⁶ ML, CY 1282 p.141 (Ann Brace); ML, CY 1274 p.254 (Ann Brace proper name Elizabeth McLachlan)

⁷ AJCP, HO 10/51 p.350 No.481 (Ann Brace)

⁸ William Wiseman was transported for life on the *Georgiana* in 1832; tried at Norfolk Assizes on 30 July 1832 for burglary; married, 2 children; Ticket of Leave 24 May 1841 (TAHO, CON31/1/46 p.191 No.1480 [image 194] (W^m Wiseman)).

⁹ TAHO, CON52/1/2 p.224 (William Wiseman & Ann Brace)

¹⁰ *Hobart Town Gazette*, 14 April 1843 p.393; 21 April 1843 p.429; 28 April 1843 p.465 (William Wiseman & Ann Brace)

¹¹ TAHO, NS1735/1/4 p.2 (William Wiseman & Ann Braice)

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- 30 April 1843 Banns read at Holy Trinity Anglican Church, Launceston for marriage to William Wiseman.¹¹
- 4 May 1843 **Married** William Wiseman at Holy Trinity Anglican Church, Launceston; Ann aged 26, prisoner, spinster, illiterate, resident of Launceston; William aged 35, prisoner, widower, illiterate, resident of Launceston; witness Charles Mason.¹²
- 6 October 1843 Husband William Wiseman accidentally drowned in the North Esk, Launceston, knocked from a boat carrying Henry Griffiths, Mrs Moulds and his wife Ann Brace; aged 36; informant A Gardiner, coroner, Launceston.¹³
- Newspaper report:
*ACCIDENT. – On Friday evening last, between the hours of six and seven o'clock, a boat, containing Mr. H. Griffiths, two females, and a man named William Wiseman, was proceeding down the river; in passing over the bar it became entangled with one of the buoy ropes; Wiseman was endeavouring to extricate it at the very moment when he was carried overboard by a sudden rebound of the rope; owing to the swiftness of the current he was swept away before any assistance could be rendered; the body has not yet been found. We are sorry to add that one of the females was the wife of the unfortunate man.*¹⁴
- 24 October 1843 Inquest held into death of husband William Wiseman at the *Brittania Hotel*, Launceston before A Gardiner, coroner.
Verdict: accidentally drowned.¹⁵
- Statement of witness Guy Maddox Esquire:
The information on Oath of Guy Maddox Esquire who saith I am a Doctor of Medicine and the Sub Assistant Colonial Surgeon at Launceston. I have externally examined the remains of the deceased "William Wiseman". It is very much decomposed and has the general appearance of a person who has been drowned. I am of opinion the deceased has been dead some weeks.
*The wound on the hand of the deceased and the swelling in the face arises from the decomposed state of the body.*¹⁵
- Statement of witness John Watford:
The information on Oath of John Watford who saith. On Friday the 6th Instant I saw a boat coming down the river with four persons in. I saw Mr Henry Griffiths on board the boat with two females and a man. They were trying to get out into the stream. The tide setting so strong out of the Cataract between two vessels which were lying just around the point where the shipping lays. The boat got fowl of one of the vessels warps (the "Trinbo"). Mr Griffiths lifted one warp over the boat. The other warp I think caught the deceased under the chin and threw him overboard. He did not rise. We lowered the Gig immediately the accident occurred and looked about for the deceased but saw nothing of him.
I think the blow was sufficient to stun the deceased and prevent his rising.
*Yesterday morning I was in a boat alongside the "James"¹⁶ I saw a body of a man rise up along side. It was about twenty yards from the place I saw a man thrown out of a boat of the 6th Instant. I cannot say that the body I found yesterday is that of the man I saw thrown over board on Friday the 6th Instant. I did not know the deceased. The body I have this day viewed in company with the Jury is the same I found yesterday.*¹⁵
- Statement of witness Mr Henry Griffiths:
The information on Oath of Mr Henry Griffiths who saith I reside on the West Tamar. On the 6th Instant I was returning home by a boat. There were on board the boat with Mrs Moulds, the wife of the deceased "William Wiseman" and himself. When we got as far as the bar the tide was turning very strong and to escape two vessels which were warped across the river I was forced to head the boat across the warp of our of the vessels to avoid the boat striking against the vessel. The fresh in the river was so strong that it caused the warps to

¹² TAHO, RGD37/1/3 1843/249 Launceston (Wm Wiseman & Ann Bruce); TAHO,NS 1735/1/4 p.2 (William Wiseman & Ann Braice)

¹³ TAHO, RGD35/1/16 1843/1054 Launceston (William Wiseman); TAHO, CON31/1/46 image 194 p.191 No.1480 (W^m Wiseman) – vide memorandum PS 10 October 1843; TAHO, SC195/1/12 No.968 (William Wiseman)

¹⁴ *Examiner*, 7 October 1843 p.4 (William Wiseman)

¹⁵ TAHO, SC195/1/12 No.968 (William Wiseman)

¹⁶ The name of the boat may not have been *James*, it is difficult to read.

rise up clear of the head of the boat. The warp either struck the head of the boat or the deceased "William Wiseman" I cannot say which it was so quickly done. The boat then swung round with great The deceased was pulling the bow oar which is very near the head of the boat. As the boat was passing under the warf[sic] I stooped down and it passed over me. It then struck the females in the boat to save them from going overboard. I lifted the warp up and when I turned round I found that Wiseman was over board. I called out to the sloop there was a man overboard and a boat was lowered. I remained in my own boat and we looked about for some time but saw nothing of the deceased.

The body I have this day viewed in company with the Jury is that of the deceased "William Wiseman".

The deceased had been taking a glass but was quite capable of doing his work.

I recognise the body to be that of "Wiseman" by his dress and his hands.¹⁵

- 22 December 1843 At Launceston.⁴
- 31 January 1844 Ticket of Leave granted; gazetted 2 February.¹⁷
- 17 February 1844 Pass issued to travel to Henry Griffiths, West Tamar; to return 7 September 1844.¹⁸
- 9 April 1844 At Launceston.⁴
- 22 May 1844 Charged at the Police Court, Launceston upon complaint of Constable Price with misconduct in being out after hours on 21 May; ticket-of-leave holder, late in the service of Henry Griffiths, plea guilty; verdict guilty; reprimanded.¹⁹
- 1 July 1844 Application for permission to marry Thomas Walker (free) sent to the Secretary; approved.²⁰
- Notice given of approval for permission to marry Thomas Walker; Ann a ticket-of-leave holder, resident of Launceston; Thomas free.²¹
- 12 July 1844 At Launceston.⁴
- 10 November 1844 At Launceston.⁴
- 4 May 1845 Banns read at Holy Trinity Anglican Church, Launceston for marriage to Thomas Walker.²²
- 11 May 1845 Banns read at Holy Trinity Anglican Church, Launceston for marriage to Thomas Walker.¹¹
- 18 May 1845 Banns read at Holy Trinity Anglican Church, Launceston for marriage to Thomas Walker.¹¹
- 27 May 1845 **Married** Thomas Walker at Holy Trinity Anglican Church, Launceston; Ann aged 28, servant, widow, resident of Launceston; Thomas aged 24, labourer, bachelor, resident of Launceston; witnesses Franks Hart and Anthony Brain (clerk).²³
- 18 March 1846 Conditional Pardon recommended, available within the limits of the Australian Colonies and New Zealand; gazetted 24 March.²⁴
- 18 September 1847 Conditional Pardon approved; gazetted 21 September.²⁵
- 21 October 1850 Free by servitude.⁴
- 1 November 1850 Certificate of Freedom issued.⁴

¹⁷ *Hobart Town Gazette*, 2 February 1844 p.171 (Ann Brace)

¹⁸ TAHO, CON82/1/1 pp.412-413 (Anne Brace)

¹⁹ TAHO, LC346/1/8 (Ann Brace now Wiseman)

²⁰ TAHO, CON52/1/2 p.232 (Thos Walker & Ann Brace)

²¹ *Hobart Town Gazette*, 5 July 1844 p.760; 12 July 1844 p.799; 19 July 1844 p.843 (Thomas Walker & Ann Brace)

²² TAHO, NS1735/1/4 p.16 (Thomas Walker & Ann Wiseman)

²³ TAHO, RGD37/1/4 1845/2015 Launceston (Thomas Walker & Ann Wiseman); TAHO, NS1735/1/4 p.16 (Thomas Walker & Ann Wiseman)

²⁴ *Hobart Town Gazette*, 24 March 1846 p.269 (Ann Brace)

²⁵ *Hobart Town Gazette*, 21 September 1847 p.937 (Ann Brace)

Notes

- Ann may be the Ann Walker who died at Launceston Invalid Depot on 15 December 1907 and was buried on 17 December 1907, aged 81, at monumental site B568, Carr Villa Cemetery, Launceston – no others in grave, no headstone.^{26,27}
- Ann is one of several possibilities for Anne Garton (*Rajah*, free by servitude), who departed Launceston for Melbourne on 5 December 1852 as a steerage passenger on the *Clarence*. Also on board was William Garton²⁸ (*Eden*).²⁹

²⁶ TAS Death Record 1907/1989 (Ann Walker)

²⁷ TFHS, *Carr Villa Memorial Park Records* No.478 (Ann Walker)

²⁸ William Garton was transported for 15 years on the *Eden* in 1842; tried Derby Quarter Sessions 4 January 1842 for sheep stealing; Protestant, illiterate, stocking weaver, aged 26, native place Duffield; Ticket of Leave 14 November 1848, Conditional Pardon 25 March 1851 (TAHO, CON33/1/22 No.5241 [image 90] (William Garton); TAHO, CON14/1/12 pp.158–159 No.5241 [images 160–161] (William Garton)).

²⁹ TAHO, POL220/1/2 p.260 (Anne Garton and William Garton)

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