

Ann Brown *

(uxor Ann Palfreyman, Ann Lipscombe)

POLICE NUMBER 476 ¹	LITERACY read only
TRIAL DATE 3 ² February 1841	AGE ON EMBARKATION 29
TRIAL PLACE Central Criminal Court (Old Bailey), London	AGE ON ARRIVAL 30
OFFENCE receiving stolen money, 2 Bank of England notes £40 and £50	HEIGHT 5' 1"
SENTENCE 7 years	COMPLEXION fresh
GAOL REPORT poor, single	HEAD oval
PREVIOUS CONVICTIONS none	HAIR black
SURGEON'S REPORT quiet	VISAGE long
ON THE TOWN no	FOREHEAD high
MARITAL STATUS single ³	EYEBROWS dark brown
CHILDREN 0	EYES hazel
FAMILY	NOSE long
NATIVE PLACE St Lukes, England	MOUTH small
TRADE ON EMBARKATION	CHIN round
TRADE ON ARRIVAL house servant, needlewoman	MARKS none

c1811

Born at St Lukes, London, Middlesex, England.⁴

3 February 1841

Tried at the Central Criminal Court (Old Bailey), London, England indicted for feloniously receiving from an evil disposed person one £50 and one £40 bank note, well knowing them to have been stolen, the monies of Jesse Vincent Watkins, a partner in the house of Newton and Co., advertisement agents of Warwick Square, London; found guilty; sentence 7 years transportation; aged 29.⁵

Statement of witness Jesse Vincent Watkins:

I am a partner in the house of Newton and Co., advertisement agents in Warwick-square, and live in Myddleton-square. On the 1st of January I had a 40l. and a 50l. notes – I kept them in a little mahogany box that stood on the drawers in my bed-room – I did not return home till half-past eight o'clock – I found the house had been robbed – the box was broken open, and was in the hands of the police – I gave information, and directed the notes to be stopped – on the 15th of January I received a communication from the Bank – I went, and found the prisoner in custody – I found my 50l. note there – the prisoner was taken to the Mansion-house, and remanded till the following Tuesday – I afterwards received information from an officer, and I saw the 40l. note – it was one of the notes I had lost.

Cross-examined by Mr. Bodkin. Q. You knew the number of the notes? A. Yes – I communicated them at the Bank and to the officer – I offered no reward.⁵

Statement of witness Joseph Spurrell:

I am one of the cashiers of the Bank. On the 10th of January the prisoner presented this 50l. note to me for change – finding it to be a stopped note, I took her to the Secretary – as we were going along she said, had she not better fetch the gentleman who gave her the note? – this address was on the note – (read) – "Elizabeth Brown, 52, York-row, Westminster."

Cross-examined. Q. What time was this? A. Between twelve and one o'clock – I made no answer to her when she said, had she not better fetch the gentleman – she went very willingly to the Secretary's office.⁵

¹ TAHO, CON40/1/2 p.83 No.476 [image 81] (Ann Brown); TAHO, CON19/1/1 p.181 [image 94] (Ann Brown); ML, CY 1282 p.144 (Ann Brown); ML, CY 1197 p.153 (Ann Brown); ML, CY 958 p.441 (Ann Brown)

² Trial date given as 1 February 1841 on convict records – this would be the day the sittings began.

³ A husband is mentioned at her trial at the Old Bailey.

⁴ TAHO, CON19/1/1 p.181 [image 94] (Ann Brown)

⁵ *Old Bailey Proceedings Online*, t18410201-625 (Ann Brown)

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Statement of witness John Killingworth:

I am shopman to Mr. Perkins, a pawnbroker in King's-road, Chelsea. I have known the prisoner about two years – she has been a customer – I have seen her husband – I have not seen him here to-day – she had been in the habit of coming to pledge articles, and to redeem them – she has not pledged exceeding 2l. at once – she was always of respectable appearance – on Monday, the 4th of January, she came to my employers about seven o'clock in the evening, and asked if I could give her change for this 40l. note, and produced it – she never offered me a note of so large amount before that I remember – I gave her 40l. in full – she afterwards paid for some articles she redeemed, to the amount of 8l. or 9l. – I did not know she was going to redeem them when I changed the note – I gave it to her all in sovereigns – I asked her her name – I did so because I wished to be certain in writing it down on the note – she said her name was Brown, and she lived in York-row – she had removed, and I thought she lived in George-street or Lower Sloane-street – I did not ask her where she got the note from – I did not consider that there was any necessity, as she came respectably dressed, and I had known her so long a time – I wrote on the note what she told me – part of the writing is cut out – here it is – (reads) – "A. E. Brown, York-row, Westminster, 4th day, 1st month" – we have a looking-glass in our shop – when I was changing this note for her I saw the reflection of a man's hat close to the door, but no countenance.⁵

Statement of witness Jesse Vincent Watkins:

Mr. Watkins re-examined. This 40l. note and 50l. note are mine.⁵

Statement of witness Susannah Turner:

I am a prisoner in this gaol, charged with stealing two books – I have been in the same ward with the prisoner – I heard her speak several times to a woman named Thornton – she said she had changed the 10l. note at the pawnbroker's, and that party was coming against her, and she should have done very well if she had not taken the 50l. note to the Bank – she seemed in a great deal of trouble about a person she called her brother – she said she had only 10l. out of the lot to spend – she said if she should be transported she understood persons might go there, and be hired out as servants, and she wished to God it might be true – she said the robbery she was taken up about was committed in Myddleton-square.

Cross-examined. Q. How came you to state this? A. The matron asked me some days back what I had to state, and of course I owned the truth – the matron did not say whether any body desired her to do it – I had said nothing to the matron before she spoke to me – I should not have named any thing I had heard had I not been questioned – the matron spoke to me three times – once by herself and twice before the Sheriff – after the matron had stated what she heard me say, the Sheriff asked me if that was true – I said, "Yes, that was what I heard" – the matron did not tell me it was any advantage to me – she said it was doing me no harm nor any one else – I saw the Sheriff twice, and the solicitor for the prosecution was there the last time.⁵

Statement of witness John Forrester:

I was sent for to the Bank of England on the 15th of January – I found the prisoner at the Secretary's Office – I asked her name – she said, "Ann Brown" – I asked her where she got the note – she said that a gentleman had given it to her whom she had been acquainted with before, but she did not know his name, that he was in deshabelle, and did not like to go into the Bank himself, but he said if she would take it in, he would give her 10l. – she said he was in Threadneedle-street, or somewhere about the Bank – I said we had better go and see if we could find him – we went and walked, about the Bank and Threadneedle-street, but could not find him – I went to see for No. 52, York-row, which is the direction on the note – there is no such place.⁵

Newspaper reports of the trial:

Ann Brown, aged 29, was indicted for feloniously receiving two bank-notes, value £90, the property of Jesse Vincent Watkins, well knowing the same to have been stolen.

Mr. Clarkson appeared for the prosecution; and Mr. Bodkin defended the prisoner.

The prosecutor's house was entered by thieves on the 1st of January, and two Bank of England notes stolen, one for £50 and another for £40. On the 4th the prisoner changed one of the notes at the shop of a pawnbroker, and paid £8 of the change to redeem articles which she had pledged some time before. On the 15th she went to the Bank and wished to change the

other, but was detained, and she then stated that she had received the note from a gentleman whose name she did not know, and who could not be found at the place the prisoner said she had parted with him. At the pawnbroker's she gave a false address.

Mr. Bodkin addressed the jury for the prisoner.

The jury found the prisoner guilty, and the court intimated that sentence would be passed to-morrow (this day).⁶

JUDGMENT. – Ann Brown, who was convicted on Wednesday of feloniously receiving a 50l. and a 40l. note, the property of Mr. Watkins, of the firm of Newton and Co., was placed at the bar to receive the judgment of the Court.

The Common Serjeant told her that he had given her case the best consideration in his power, and the judgment of the Court was, that she be transported beyond the seas for the term of seven years.

The prisoner appeared much affected when she heard the sentence.⁷

- 5 April 1841 Departed Woolwich, England on the *Rajah*.⁸
- 19 July 1841 Arrived at Hobart on the *Rajah*.⁸
- c24 July 1841 Upon arrival at Hobart, assigned to Mrs Maclean, Macquarie Street, Hobart.⁹
- 31 December 1841 Mustered in the service of Mr Marzetti, Hobart.¹⁰
- 16 February 1842 Charged with being absent without leave and out after hours from the service of Marzetti; sentence 6 days in solitary confinement at Cascades Female Factory, Hobart, then returned to her service.¹¹
- 1 May 1843 Application for permission to marry Joseph Palfreyman¹² (*Atlas*) sent to the Muster Master.¹³
- 13 May 1843 Application for permission to marry Joseph Palfreyman sent to the Secretary; approved.¹³
- 16 May 1843 Notice given of approval for permission to marry Joseph Palfreyman; Ann in assigned service, resident of Hobart; Joseph a ticket-of-leave holder.¹⁴
- 5 June 1843 **Married** Joseph Palfreyman at St David's Anglican Church, Hobart; Ann aged 31, spinster, illiterate; Joseph aged 30, a ticket-of-leave holder, bachelor; witnesses George Campbell and Jane Campbell.¹⁵
- 21 August 1844 Ticket of Leave granted; gazetted 23 August.¹⁶
- 18 September 1847 Husband Joseph Palfreyman granted a Conditional Pardon.¹⁷
- 1 February 1848 Free by servitude.¹¹
- 7 November 1855 Husband Joseph Palfreyman died of affection of the heart at Hobart; aged 43, dairyman; informant friend DS Wilson, resident of Antill Street, Hobart.¹⁸
- 29 May 1856 Licence to marry Henry Lipscombe¹⁹ in St George's Anglican Church, Battery Point; Ann a widow, resident of Hobart; Henry a widower, resident of Hobart.²⁰

⁶ *Morning Chronicle*, 4 February 1841 Issue 22213 Article 15 (Ann Brown)

⁷ *Standard*, 6 February 1841 Issue 5191 Article 18 (Ann Brown)

⁸ AJCP, ADM 101/63 *Rajah*

⁹ ML, CY 1282 p.144 (Ann Brown); ML, CY 1274 p.253 (Ann Brown)

¹⁰ AJCP, HO 10/51 p.349 No.476 (Ann Brown)

¹¹ TAHO, CON40/1/2 p.83 No.476 [image 81] (Ann Brown)

¹² Joseph Palfreyman was transported for life on the *Atlas* in 1833; tried at Derby Borough Quarter Sessions on 1 January 1833 for horse stealing; single; received another 7 years' transportation on 21 April 1834; Ticket of Leave 5 January 1843; Conditional Pardon 21 September 1847 (TAHO, CON31/1/35 p.140 No.947 [image 142] (Joseph Palfreyman)).

¹³ TAHO, CON52/1/2 p.152 (Ann Brown & Jos^h Palfreyman)

¹⁴ *Hobart Town Gazette*, 19 May 1843 p.577; 26 May 1843 p.604; 2 June 1843 p.626 (Joseph Palfreyman & Ann Brown)

¹⁵ TAHO, RGD37/1/3 1843/437 Hobart (Anne Brown & Joseph Palfreyman)

¹⁶ *Hobart Town Gazette*, 23 August 1844 p.1008 (Anne Brown)

¹⁷ *Colonial Times*, 28 September 1847 p.4 (Joseph Palfreyman)

¹⁸ TAHO, RGD35/1/5 1855/357 Hobart (Joseph Pulphieman)

¹⁹ Henry Lipscombe arrived at Hobart as a free settler with his brother Edward on the *Mary Catherine* on 16 January 1838; brother Frederick had arrived earlier. Henry conducted a seed plant nursery in King Street, Sandy Bay. He was a great cricketer, still playing at the age of 74; he was known as the "father of Tasmanian cricket". (TAHO, Correspondence Files, Lipscombe Family; *Mercury*, 2 June 1887 p.2 (Edward Lipscombe))

²⁰ TAHO, NS373/1/2 No.1636 (Ann Palfryman & Henry Lipscombe)

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- 26 June 1856 **Married** Henry Lipscombe²¹ at St George's Anglican Church, Battery Point; Ann aged 44, widow; Henry aged 56, widower; witnesses George Campbell and Jane Campbell.²²
- 5 October 1856 Husband Henry Lipscombe plaintiff against Russell at the Court of Requests.²³
- 1858 Husband Henry Lipscombe owner of: a house and garden at 309 Liverpool Street, Hobart rented by Philip Walters, value £20; a house and garden at 311 Liverpool Street, Hobart rented by Ann Hartnell, value £20; a house and garden at 313 Liverpool Street, Hobart rented by Thomas Barren, value £32; and a house and garden at 315 Liverpool Street, Hobart, rented by William Potts Clemmett, value £24.²⁴
- Husband Henry Lipscombe occupier of a house and shop at 16 Murray Street,²⁵ Hobart owned by Her Majesty's Government, value £50.²⁶
- 7 November 1859 Husband Henry Lipscombe attended a meeting of the annual Hobart Town Regatta.²⁷
- 26 December 1873 Husband Henry Lipscombe died of old age and infirmity at Sandy Bay; aged 75, born England, gardener; informant Samuel Smith, undertaker, resident of Liverpool Street, Hobart.²⁸
- Death Notices:
*LIPSCOMBE. – On the 26th December, at his residence, Sandy Bay, Henry Lipscombe, aged 75. The funeral will move from his late residence on Tuesday next, at 2 o'clock. Friends are respectfully invited to attend.*²⁹
*On Dec. 26, at Sandy Bay, Henry Lipscombe, aged 75.*³⁰
- 30 December 1873 Husband Henry Lipscombe buried at Queenborough Cemetery, Hobart.²⁸
- 1873 Will of husband Henry Lipscombe: executors Edward Lipscombe, nurseryman of Sandy Bay, and William Burgess, licensed victualler of Hampden Road, Battery Point; value of estate not exceeding £1200.
 Beneficiaries: wife Ann all monies and household furniture; with other bequests to grandchildren; house and land in trust for wife Ann during her lifetime.³¹
- 4 July 1874 Probate for husband Henry Lipscombe.³²
- 30 March 1893 **Died** of old age at Sandy Bay; aged 80, born England, widow; informant Alex Clark, undertaker, Collins Street, Hobart.³³
- cApril 1893 Buried at Queenborough Cemetery, Hobart.³³
- Headstone:
- Sacred to the Memory Of
 Henry Lipscombe*

²¹ A Henry Lipscombe was a shipowner at Hobart Town in 1856 (TAHO, CSD1/1/68 p.359 (Henry Lipscombe)). A Henry Lipscombe arrived at Hobart on 31 December 1830 on the *Clarence* (TAHO, CUS30/1/1 p.34 (Henry Lipscombe)), also on 16 January 1838 on the *Mary Catherine* as a steerage passenger with Susan, Edward and Jane – see footnote 15 (TAHO, CSO92/1/3 Folio 14 (Henry Lipscombe)), again on 8 November 1850 from San Francisco as a cabin passenger on the *William Melville* (TAHO, MB2/39/12 p.378 (Henry Lipscombe)), and on 12 March 1852 on the *Cacique* as a steerage passenger from Port Phillip (TAHO, MB2/39/15 p.5 (Henry Lipscombe)). It would appear he had been to both the San Francisco and Victorian goldfields. There were also arrivals for Henry Lipscombe to Hobart on the *Tyne* on 22 January 1860, on the *Reliance* on 20 July 1862, on the *City of Hobart* on 8 November 1866 with Mr & Mrs Lipscombe, on the *Southern Cross* from Melbourne on 12 June 1868, and on the *Glencoe* from Hokitika on 12 May 1869 (TAHO, MB2/39/25 p.14 (Mr H Lipscombe), TAHO, MB2/39/28 p.179 (H Lipscombe), TAHO, MB2/39/30 p.414 (Mr H, Mr & Mrs Lipscombe), TAHO, MB2/39/31 p.250 (H Lipscombe), TAHO, MB2/39/31 p.438 (H Lipscombe))

²² TAHO, RGD37/1/15 1856/223 Hobart (Ann Palfryman & Henry Lipscombe)

²³ *Colonial Times*, 6 October 1856 p.2 (Mr. H. Lipscombe)

²⁴ Cowley, *Alphabetical Listings by Owner and Occupier of the 1858 Valuation Roll for the City of Hobart Town* p.L2-42 (Henry Lipscombe)

²⁵ Next door, in the rear of 14 Murray Street, Frederick Lipscombe owned and occupied stores, value £30.

²⁶ Cowley, *Alphabetical Listings by Owner and Occupier of the 1858 Valuation Roll for the City of Hobart Town* p.L1-39 (Henry Lipscombe)

²⁷ *Mercury*, 8 November 1859 p.2 (Mr. Henry Lipscombe)

²⁸ TAHO, RGD35/1/8 1873/1807 Hobart (Henry Lipscombe); TAHO, AB413/1/1 p.273 No.680 (Henry Lipscombe)

²⁹ *Mercury*, 29 December 1873 p.1 (Henry Lipscombe)

³⁰ *Weekly Examiner*, 3 January 1874 (Henry Lipscombe)

³¹ TAHO, AD960/1/9 p.401 No.1651 (Henry Lipscombe)

³² TAHO, SC74/1/17 (Henry Lipscombe)

³³ TAHO, RGD35/1/14 1893/270 Hobart (Ann Lipscombe); TAHO, AB413/1/1 p.273 No.680 (Ann Lipscombe)

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Ann Brown

who died December 26th 1873

Aged 75 years

Also

Ann, relict of the above

who died March 30th 1893

in her 81st year³⁴

1893

Will: executor John Caplen Hall, gentleman of Queenborough; value of estate not exceeding £66.

Beneficiaries: Mary Lipscombe, wife of Edward Lipscombe, market gardener, resident of Queenborough, the dwelling house at Queenborough in which Ann resided with the garden orchard and appurtenances thereto belonging and which was conveyed to her former husband Joseph Palfreyman by Daniel Simpson by indenture dated 29 July 1853, also the residue of her real and personal estate; signed with x her mark.³⁵

³⁴ TAHO, AB413/1/1 p.273 No.680 (Henry & Ann Lipscombe)

³⁵ TAHO, AD960/1/21 p.167 No.4438 (Ann Lipscombe)