

*Eliza Brinton*<sup>1</sup>

(*uxor Eliza Nowlan, Elizabeth Prenty, Eliza Troy*)

<i>Place Tried</i> Queens Co.	<i>Date Tried</i> 27 October 1848
<i>Offence</i> stealing a petticoat & stockings	<i>Sentence</i> 7 years
<i>Prosecutor</i> unknown, Queens Co.	<i>Previous Convictions</i> none
<i>Gaol Report</i> bad	<i>Surgeon's Report</i> indifferent, lazy
<i>Station of Gang</i> Anson	<i>Class</i> 3 <sup>rd</sup> from 18 February 1850
<i>Religion</i> Roman Catholic	<i>Literacy</i> neither read nor write
<i>Marital Status</i> widow, married	<i>Trade</i> country servant, housemaid
<i>Age</i> 26 <sup>a</sup>	<i>Native Place</i> Queens Co.
<i>Height</i> 5' 2 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>4</sub> " , 5' 2"	<i>Complexion</i> pale, fair
<i>Head</i> round	<i>Hair</i> black, brown
<i>Visage</i> round	<i>Forehead</i> low
<i>Eyebrows</i> black	<i>Eyes</i> blue
<i>Nose</i> short	<i>Mouth</i> small
<i>Chin</i> round	<i>Marks</i> none
<i>Family</i> 1 child, daughter Eliza <sup>b</sup> (3y, on board); husband James Nowlan (dead 2½ years); mother Mary; brothers Michael, James & Pat	

5 December 1848	Received at Grangegorman Depot, Dublin at 10am with daughter Eliza Brinton, <sup>c</sup> 2y. <sup>2</sup>
18 September 1849	Put on <i>Australasia</i> sick list for obstipation (off 20 September, cured). <sup>3</sup>
4 October 1849	Daughter Eliza Brinton, 2y 6m, admitted to Queen's Orphanage, New Town. <sup>4</sup>
c1851	To Thomas Pearce, Bathurst St, Hobart (less than 1 month in service). <sup>5</sup>
1 July 1851	Daughter Eliza Brinton, 4y 3m, transferred to Infants School, Queen's Orphanage, New Town. <sup>4,6</sup>
21 November 1851	Charged at Cascades FF with not performing her work in a proper manner; sentence 48h bread & water & 10d separate treatment. <sup>7</sup>
29 December 1851	Contracted as PPH to William M Chambers, Old Wharf, Hobart, 12m at £9 pa. <sup>8</sup>
10 January 1852	To Brickfields Hiring Depot, Hobart. <sup>9</sup>
14 January 1852	To Mrs Payne, Harrington St, Hobart. <sup>9</sup>
3 February 1852	Applied for Ticket-of-Leave, refused, to apply in 3 months. <sup>9</sup>
6 February 1852	To Brickfields Hiring Depot, Hobart. <sup>9</sup>
13 February 1852	To B White, <sup>d</sup> Argyle St, Hobart. <sup>9</sup>
26 February 1852	To Brickfields Hiring Depot, Hobart. <sup>9</sup>
1 March 1852	To Richard Hinds, New Town. <sup>9</sup>
2 March 1852	To Brickfields Hiring Depot, Hobart. <sup>9</sup>
11 March 1852	To S Corrigan, Jerusalem. <sup>9</sup>
29 March 1852	To Brickfields Hiring Depot, Hobart. <sup>9</sup>
31 March 1852	To G Morey, Macquarie St, Hobart. <sup>8,9</sup>
8 April 1852	To Brickfields Hiring Depot, Hobart. <sup>9</sup>
12 April 1852	Charged with having a shawl in her possession for which she had not a satisfactory account; sentence 4m HL. <sup>9</sup>
13 April 1852	To Cascades FF, Hobart. <sup>9</sup>
24 April 1852	To Brickfields Hiring Depot, Hobart. <sup>9</sup>

<sup>a</sup> Age given as 36y on *Australasia* sick list.

<sup>b</sup> Name given as Margaret at time of transportation.

<sup>c</sup> Name given as Margaret in Grangegorman prison register.

<sup>d</sup> This may have been Benjamin White.

14 May 1852	Charged at Cascades FF with neglecting her work; sentence 3d bread & water. <sup>7</sup>
9 July 1852	Charged at Cascades FF with being disorderly in dormitory; remanded. <sup>7</sup>
20 July 1852	Charged at Cascades FF with loud talking at work; sentence 3d bread & water. <sup>7</sup>
2 September 1852	To Mrs Charles Abbott, Davey St, Hobart. <sup>9</sup>
16 September 1852	To Cascades FF, Hobart. <sup>9</sup>
17 September 1852	To Mrs Neilson, Liverpool St, Hobart. <sup>9</sup>
18 September 1852	To Cascades FF, Hobart. <sup>9</sup>
25 September 1852	To Julia Meyers, Murray St, Hobart. <sup>9</sup>
4 October 1852	Daughter Eliza Brinton, 5y 6m, transferred to Female School, Queen's Orphanage, New Town. <sup>6</sup>
14 October 1852	To Cascades FF, Hobart. <sup>9</sup>
26 October 1852	Tried at Hobart PC brought up from 16, 19 & 22 October on remand at Cascades FF for evidence, charged with larceny under £5 in having at Hobart on 11 or 14 October 1852 feloniously stolen a pen knife, value 1/1, & other articles, viz a brown holland apron, value 1s, <sup>e</sup> & a night cap, value 1/1, property of her former mistress Julia Meyers, Murray St, Hobart; existing sentence of transportation extended 18m, recommended to be kept on probation for the same term. <sup>10</sup>
October 1852	4s paid into Savings Banks whilst at Cascades FF. <sup>11</sup>
9 December 1852	Charged at Cascades FF with not performing her proper quantity of work etc; sentence 14d SC. <sup>9</sup>
28 December 1853	To Francis Henry Burslem, Cherry Tree Opening. <sup>9</sup>
22 February 1854	Tried at Sorell PC charged with misconduct in neglecting her work; sentence 7d SC. <sup>12</sup>
1 March 1854	To Thomas Connell, Sorell. <sup>9</sup>
8 March 1854	To J Fenner, Sorell. <sup>9</sup>
28 March 1854	To Mr Steele, Pittwater. <sup>9</sup>
2 May 1854	Applied for Ticket-of-Leave, to apply in 6 months. <sup>9</sup>
31 May 1854	To Robert Doctor, Richmond. <sup>9</sup>
5 June 1854	Tried at Sorell PC whilst in service to the Crown, charged with misconduct in refusing to hire; discharged. <sup>12</sup>
7 June 1854	Tried at Sorell PC charged with misconduct as a prisoner of the Crown in refusing to proceed upon escort to Richmond when ordered by the CDC; sentence 6m HL, Cascades FF. <sup>12</sup>
16 June 1854	To Cascades FF, Hobart. <sup>9</sup>
9 December 1854	To John Staples, Broadmarsh. <sup>9</sup>
12 December 1854	To Hobart PO. <sup>9</sup>
15 December 1854	To Cascades FF, Hobart. <sup>9</sup>
19 December 1854	To William Lewis, Bothwell. <sup>9</sup>
5 February 1855	Tried at Bothwell PC charged on complaint of her mistress with having absconded from her service on 3 February & remained illegally at large until apprehended at Abyssinia on Sunday, 4 February; discharged, charge withdrawn. <sup>13</sup>
6 March 1855	Application for permission to marry William Griffiths, <sup>f</sup> free; woman must be 6 months free from offence. <sup>14</sup>
26 March 1855	Tried at Bothwell PC charged with drunkenness in the public street on 24 March; sentence 2m HL. <sup>13</sup>
11 April 1855	To Cascades FF, Hobart. <sup>9</sup>
6 June 1855	To Henry Briggs, Jerusalem. <sup>9</sup>

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<sup>e</sup> Value also given as 6p.

<sup>f</sup> This may have been the same William Griffiths who applied to marry Bridget Cassidy (*qv*).

9 August 1855	Tried at Richmond PC, house servant, charged with absence without leave from the premises of her master Henry Briggs the whole of 6 August 1855; sentence 3m HL. <sup>15</sup>
13 August 1855	To Cascades FF, Hobart. <sup>9</sup>
15 October 1855	To Frederick Patterson, Liverpool St, Hobart. <sup>9</sup>
24 December 1855	Ticket-of-Leave granted. <sup>16</sup>
13 May 1856	Application for permission to marry Patrick Prenty, FS ( <i>Kinnear</i> 1) (approved same day). <sup>17</sup>
2 June 1856	<b>Married</b> as full age, servant, widow, to Patrick Prenty, <sup>g</sup> full age, labourer, widower, at St Andrew's Presbyterian Manse, Hobart; witnesses William Coggin & Martha Downes. <sup>18</sup>
27 April 1857	Free by servitude; Certificate of Freedom at Hobart for collection. <sup>9</sup>
1 May 1857	Daughter Eliza Brinton discharged from Queen's Orphanage, New Town, to her mother now free. <sup>19</sup>
2 October 1857	Step-son John Prenty removed from Infants School to Male School, Queen's Orphanage, New Town. <sup>20</sup>
1858	Husband Patrick Prenty occupier of a house at 29 Watchorn St, Hobart. <sup>21</sup>
18 April 1861	Departed Tasmania on the <i>City of Hobart</i> with husband Patrick Prenty (date of return unknown). <sup>22</sup>
14 July 1863	Application for admission of step-son John Prenty to Queen's Orphanage; father deserted. <sup>22</sup>
17 July 1863	Step-son John Prenty, <sup>h</sup> 11y 2m, <sup>i</sup> admitted to Male School, Queen's Orphanage, New Town. <sup>23</sup>
11 March 1865	Step-son John Prenty apprenticed to Patrick Bolger, Murray St, Hobart. <sup>24</sup>
7 September 1867	Apprenticeship of step-son John Prenty transferred to his father Patrick Prenty (apprenticeship expired 8 May 1870). <sup>24</sup>
5 March 1882	Husband Patrick Prenty, 57y, gardener, died of suppression of urine & exhaustion at Liverpool St, Hobart; buried 8 March in RC section, Cornelian Bay Cemetery, Hobart. <sup>25</sup>
26 February 1884 <sup>j</sup>	<b>Married</b> as 60y, domestic servant, widow, illiterate, to Peter Troy, <sup>k</sup> 60y, labourer, widower, illiterate, at St Mary's RC Cathedral, Hobart; witnesses William Dickens & Maggie Walsh. <sup>26</sup>
December 1915	Step-son John Prenty, 65y, died in Launceston; buried 24 December at Carr Villa Cemetery, Launceston. <sup>27</sup>



<sup>g</sup> Patrick was previously married to Mary Curry (*Arabian*). They married on 26 June 1848. No death has been found for Mary. They had a son (see below) and a daughter Elizabeth Prenty born 10 September 1852, baptised at St Joseph's RC Church, Hobart on 19 September 1852; sponsors John and Ellen Sullivan. Son John Prenty, 6y, was in the Infants School, Queen's Orphanage, New Town.

<sup>h</sup> John's mother was Mary Curry (*Arabian*), father Patrick Prenty noted as having 'left'. John was born on 28 July 1850 and baptised at St Joseph's RC Church, Hobart on 2 August 1850; sponsors James Benwick and Catherine Price.

<sup>i</sup> John's given age means he was born in May 1852, but Mary Curry and Patrick Prenty had a daughter Elizabeth on 10 September 1852.

<sup>j</sup> This is the most likely re-marriage for Eliza. However, an alternative re-marriage was that of Elizabeth Prenty, adult, servant, widow, illiterate to Jacob Smith, 64y, labourer, widower, illiterate, at *Craigow*, Cambridge on 1 September 1885; witnesses Peter Murdoch and Margaret Howard.

<sup>k</sup> Peter had previously been married to Margaret Beaky (*qv*). A Peter Troy, labourer, 84y, died of chronic bronchitis and heart disease in the Longford district on 5 October or December 1886 – it has been not confirmed that this was the same Peter Troy.

## References

- <sup>1</sup> AOT, CON 41/24 *Australasia* No.1009 (Eliza Brinton or Nowlan); AOT, CON 19/8 *Australasia* (Eliza Braerton); AOT, CON 15/6 *Australasia* No.18 (Eliza Brinton or Nolan); NAI, Prisons 1/9/4 No.1464 (Eliza Brereton or Nolan)
- <sup>2</sup> NAI, Prisons 1/9/4 No.1464 (Eliza Brereton or Nolan)
- <sup>3</sup> AJCP, ADM 101/6 *Australasia* Sick List (E Brereton)
- <sup>4</sup> AOT, SWD 28/1 p.35f (Eliza Braiton)
- <sup>5</sup> AOT, CON 7/1 p.352 (Eliza Brereton)
- <sup>6</sup> AOT, SWD 6/1 No.68 (Eliza Brinton)
- <sup>7</sup> AOT, CON 138/1 (Eliza Brenton/Brearton/Brierton)
- <sup>8</sup> AOT, CON 30/2 p.270 (Eliza Brinton)
- <sup>9</sup> AOT, CON 41/24 *Australasia* No.1009 (Eliza Brinton or Nowlan)
- <sup>10</sup> AOT, LC 247/21 (Eliza Reardon/Eliza Brinton or Nowlan)
- <sup>11</sup> AOT, CON 73/1 (Eliza Brearton)
- <sup>12</sup> AOT, LC 484/3 (Eliza Brereton)
- <sup>13</sup> AOT, LC 49/3 (Eliza Brinton)
- <sup>14</sup> AOT, CON 52/7 p.156 (William Griffiths & Eliza Brereton)
- <sup>15</sup> AOT, LC 445/2 (Eliza Brittan)
- <sup>16</sup> *Hobart Town Gazette*, 25 December 1855 p.1383 (Eliza Brinton or Nowlan)
- <sup>17</sup> AOT, CON 52/7 p.363 (Patrick Prenty & Eliza Brinton or Nowlan)
- <sup>18</sup> AOT, RGD 37/15 1856/377 Hobart (Patrick Prenty & Elizabeth Brenton alias Nowlan)
- <sup>19</sup> AOT, SWD 28/1 p.41f (Eliza Braiton)
- <sup>20</sup> AOT, SWD 6/1 p.11 (John Prenty)
- <sup>21</sup> *Hobart Town Gazette*, 16 March 1858 p.292 (Patrick Prenty)
- <sup>22</sup> AOT, SWD 26/6 (John Prenty)
- <sup>23</sup> AOT, SWD 28/1 p.45m (John Prenty or Printy)
- <sup>24</sup> AOT, SWD 32/1 (John Prenty)
- <sup>25</sup> AOT, RGD 35/10 1882/38 Hobart (Patrick Printy); SRCT CB RC Section B No.10 (Patrick Printy)
- <sup>26</sup> AOT, RGD 37/43 1884/302 Hobart (Peter Troy & Eliza Prenty)
- <sup>27</sup> TAS Death Record 1915/0384 (John Prenty); TFHS Launceston, *Carr Villa Memorial Park Records*, B5 352 No.2831 (John Prenty)