

Jean Campbell

(uxor Joanna Heathcote)

POLICE NUMBER 444 ¹	LITERACY read only
TRIAL DATE 8 September 1840	AGE ON EMBARKATION 24
TRIAL PLACE Glasgow Court of Justiciary	AGE ON ARRIVAL 25
OFFENCE theft of frocks and former conviction	HEIGHT 5' ¾"
SENTENCE 7 years	COMPLEXION ruddy
GAOL REPORT convicted and imprisoned before, bad, single	HEAD oval
PREVIOUS CONVICTIONS once 2 months for stealing, again 2 months for stealing a watch, once 15 months for stealing 2 hams	HAIR light brown
SURGEON'S REPORT	VISAGE long
ON THE TOWN no	FOREHEAD wrinkled
MARITAL STATUS single	EYEBROWS light brown
CHILDREN 0	EYES blue
FAMILY	NOSE small
NATIVE PLACE Argyllshire, Scotland	MOUTH medium
TRADE ON EMBARKATION service	CHIN round
TRADE ON ARRIVAL farm servant, wash, iron, milk, butter	MARKS scar over right eye

c1816 **Born** in Argyllshire, Scotland.²

19 March 1835 Charged at the Police Court, Glasgow, Lanarkshire, Scotland with theft in stealing on 18 March a pair of blankets from Mary Ann Dead or Kerr of Old Wynd, Glasgow; sentence 60 days imprisonment in the Bridewell, Glasgow.³

8 June 1835 Charged at the Police Court, Glasgow, Lanarkshire, Scotland with theft.⁴

6 January 1837 Tried at the Court of Justiciary, Glasgow, Lanarkshire, Scotland indicted for theft.⁴

8 September 1840 Tried at the Court of Justiciary, Glasgow, Lanarkshire, Scotland indicted for theft, habit and repute in stealing on 8 May 1840 a merino gown from Jean Kerr in the house of Mrs Jean Cumming, Old Wynd, Glasgow; plea guilty; sentence 7 years transportation; sewer, resident of Old Wynd, Glasgow, cannot write.⁵

Statement of witness Jean Kerr:

Appeared Jean Kerr, Silk clipper residing with Mrs. Jean Numlock or Cumming in Old Wynd Glasgow Declares that she lodges in Mrs. Cummings house in Old Wynd of Glasgow and the prisoner Joan Campbell also lodged in that house for two or three days previous to her apprehension on the present charge. That about Eleven O'clock on the night of Thursday the 7 May 1840 the Declarant went to bed in her said lodgings, having, before lying down, placed her clothes upon a chest at the Bed side in a room off the kitchen. That the prisoner, who slept in the same apartment, but not in the same Bed, was not then within; but she came in about five o'Clock on the following morning—viz^t. Friday – and after being in – viz^t. in the Bed room for a few Minutes, she went out again, and left the house, saying she was going for a dram. That she never returned; and on rising, about six o'Clock, the declarant missed the following articles viz^t. A pair of Stays An apron and a Frock or Gown which she had worn on the day preceding and laid on the Chest when going to Bed at night, as above stated. That on the Sunday following she saw the frock in the Police Office, and she now sees & identifies it in Court. That in consequence of information she received from a woman, named Brown as she thinks, the declarant recovered the Apron and pair of stays before mentioned and which she learned the prisoner had caused to be put in pawn. Declares That she knows the Gown in

¹ TAHO, CON40/1/2 p.206 No.444 [image 204] (Jean Campbell); TAHO, CON19/1/1 p.190 [image 98] (Jean Campbell); ML, CY 1282 p. 146 (Jean Campbell); ML, CY 1197 p.158 (Joan Campbell); ML, CY 958 p.444 (Joan Campbell)

² NAS, JC26/1840/307 (Jean Campbell); TAHO, CON19/1/1 p.190 [image 98] (Jean Campbell)

³ NAS, JC26/1840/307 (Jean Campbell)

⁴ NAS, AD14/40/94 (Joan Campbell)

⁵ NAS, AD14/40/94 (Joan Campbell); NAS, JC26/1840/307 (Joan Campbell)

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Court to be her property by the make of it – the sewing – and otherwise; and that she had the same means of knowing the apron and stays. That the declarant was not asleep, but in Bed, when the prisoner came into the Bed room on the said Friday morning. That the declarant did not observe the prisoner take the said articles, or any of them; but the prisoner could easily have taken them without being observed by the declarant, who, though not asleep, was dozing. That there was no other person than the prisoner to take the articles. All which is truth and declares she cannot write.⁴

Statement of witness Janet Taylor:

Janet Taylor, Sewer, residing with Thomas Lockie Labourer in Old Wynd Glasgow Declares That between five and six O'clock on the morning before mentioned the Declt left her lodgings in Old Wynd aforesaid to get a pitcher of water and while on this errand she saw the Prisoner whom she knew by sight coming out of the Close leading to Mrs Cumming's house with a Gown over her arm, and with which she went down the Wynd. That the Declt was farther up the Wynd and did not observe whether the Prisoner was carrying any articles besides the gown and in particular she did not observe whether she had an apron or a pair of Stays. That the Gown she was carrying was of a dark colour like the one in Court. All which she declares to be truth and declares she can not write.⁴

Statement of witness Janet Livingston:

Janet Livingston wife of & residing with Dehinah Brown, Sawyer in New Wynd Glasgow Declares that she knows by sight the Prisoner Joan Campbell and on or about the day on which the Prisoner was taken to the Police Office about a gown (for the Declt saw her taken thither & is aware she got out again) she called on the Declarant and proposed to pawn an apron & a pair of stays. That the Declarants daughter Isabella went, at the Prisoners request, with these articles to a Broker's and the Prisoner waited her return & received the few pence advanced on them. That having afterwards heard of theft in question the Declart. gave information to the Witness Jean Kerr, who recovered the said articles. Declares That the Prisoner informed the Declarant that these articles were her own. That it was after the Declarant had seen her taken to the Police Office as before stated, that the Prisoner called on her with these articles. And the above is truth. Declares she cannot write.⁴

Statement of witness Isabella Brown:

Isabella Brown – aged 14 – residing with the said Dehinah Brown Declares that the preceding witness is her mother. That the Declarant was in her mother's house when the Prisoner called there with an apron and a pair of stays which she wanted to get pawned and the Declart went and pawned them and afterwards pointed out the place to the Witness Kerr, who got up the articles. And this is truth and declares she cannot write and farther that the Prisoner said the said articles were her own.⁴

Statement of witness Charles Durnain:

Charles Durnain, Broker, residing in Wynd Glasgow will if necessary corroborate the preceding witness as to the pawning to the apron and corsets.⁴

Statement of witness Robert Henderson:

Robert Henderson, Police Officer in the Glasgow Police Establishment residing in High Street Glasgow Declares that he was on duty in the Police Office when the Prisoner was brought in at an early hour on the said morning with the Frock or Gown in Court in her possession. That the Prisoner was brought to the office by a night watchman named McDonald upon suspicion of her having stolen the gown but at that time no information had been received of the theft. That the Prisoner said the Gown was her own and that she had just taken it off her person in order to pawn it when she was taken into custody on her way to a Brokers. That she had another gown on. That she was not carrying any articles except the Gown in Court and in particular notice was taken of the articles she was wearing and the Declarant cannot say whether she then wore or had in her possession a pair of stays or an apron And this is truth.⁴

Statement of witness Hector McDonald:

Hector McDonald, Police Watchman in the said Police Establishment & residing in Duke Street Glasgow Declares that while on duty on the morning of Friday the 8 May he apprehended the Prisoner in New Wynd. That this was about six O'clock and his reason for apprehending her was that she was carrying a Gown and that he knew her as a thief. That the

Gown she had is the one produced. That she said it was her own. That after having been taken to the Police Office she was discharged there being no information of the theft, but the gown was detained for the purpose of enquiry. That the gown is the only article she was carrying. That she was wearing a Brat or apron but the Declarant cannot say what like this was. All which he declares to be truth & declares he cannot write.⁴

Statement of witness William Campbell:

William Campbell, Police Criminal Officer in the Glasgow Police Establishment residing in Gallowgate of Glasgow Declares that he knows the Prisoner Joan Campbell who has been habite and repute a thief during the last three years. That she has been thrice convicted of theft viz^t in the Police Court of Glasgow of dates 19 March and 8 June 1835 and in the Circuit Court of Justiciary on 6 January 1837 and the Declarant can prove the application to her of these sentences whereof he now sees Certified copies or Extracts. All which he Declares to be truth.⁴

Statement of defendant Jean Campbell:

Declaration of Joan Campbell At Glasgow the 16th day of May 1840 years In presence of John Mitchell Esq. one of the Magistrates of Glasgow.

Appeared Joan Campbell who being judicially examined admonished and interrogated – Declares that she is a native of Argyleshire, twenty four years of age and at one time a sewer but now out of employment and resides in Old Wynd Glasgow – admits that on Friday of last week she carried away the merino Gown now on the Court table from the home of John Cummings in Old Wynd but denies that she did so theftuously and declares that she told the owner of the Gown Jean Kerr that she intended to take it for payment of three shillings and six pence when Kerr owed her – Declares that she did not carry away a merino apron and a pair of Corsets from Cummings house – admits that she has been previously convicted of theft – and all this she declares to be truth, and that she cannot write.⁴

- 5 April 1841 Departed Woolwich, England on the *Rajah*.⁶
- 19 July 1841 Arrived at Hobart on the *Rajah*.⁶
- c24 July 1841 Upon arrival at Hobart, detained on board for assignment; assigned to Mr James Parker, High Plains.⁷
- 31 December 1841 Mustered in the service of Mr Parker, High Plains.⁸
- 11 May 1842 Application for permission to marry Samuel Heathcote⁹ (*Commodore Hayes*, free by servitude) sent to the Muster Master.¹⁰
- 19 May 1842 Application for permission to marry Samuel Heathcote sent to the Secretary; approved.¹⁰
- 8 October 1842 **Married** Samuel Heathcote at St Peter's Anglican Church, Hamilton; Jean aged 28, illiterate; Samuel aged 36, farrier, illiterate; witnesses E Collins (illiterate, female) and John Elilnar.¹¹
- 2 January 1843 Husband Samuel Heathcote tried at the Supreme Court, Oatlands for stealing a horse, value £10, the property of George Fieldhouse; sentence transportation for life, to be sent to Port Arthur for 2 years and his conduct reported.¹²
- 9 November 1843 Charged at the Police Court, Brighton by Mr Martin with being illegally at large and found in the employ of Mr Hanley, Broad Marsh; husband at Port Arthur under punishment; returned to Government, forwarded to Cascades Female Factory, Hobart.¹³

⁶ AJCP, ADM 101/63 *Rajah*

⁷ ML, CY 1282 p.140 (Jane Campbell); ML, CY 1274 p.255 (Jean Campbell)

⁸ AJCP, HO 10/51 p.354 No.444 (Jean Campbell)

⁹ Samuel Heathcote was transported for life on the *Commodore Hayes* in 1823 for horse stealing; native place Macclesfield; father and grandfather transported; single, farm labourer (horses), aged 19, 5' 6", grey eyes, brown hair; Conditional Pardon 24 May 1839; then tried at Oatlands Supreme Court 2 January 1843 and sentenced again to life for stealing a horse, sent to Port Arthur for 2 years (TAHO, CON31/1/19 p.171 No.512 [image 7] (Sam^l Heathcote); CSO1/1/403 No.9100 (Samuel Heathcote)).

¹⁰ TAHO, CON52/1/2 p.80 (Joan Campbell & Samuel Heathcote)

¹¹ TAHO, RGD37/1/3 1842/96 Hamilton (Joanna Campbell & Samuel Heathcote)

¹² TAHO, CON31/1/19 p.171 No.512 [image 7] (Sam^l Heathcote)

¹³ TAHO, LC53/1/2 p.522 (Johanna Campbell)

12 December 1843	Charged with being drunk; in the service of Hopkins; reprimanded. ¹⁴
18 December 1843	At Richmond. ¹⁴
27 February 1844	Classified as a 3 rd class probation pass-holder; gazetted 1 March. ¹⁵
5 August 1844	Husband Samuel Heathcote charged at Port Arthur with misconduct in making away with a quantity of horse hair, the property of his master W Champsly; sentence 6 months hard labour in chains at Port Arthur. ¹²
7 August 1844	Ticket of Leave granted; gazetted 9 August. ¹⁶
7 January 1845	Husband Samuel Heathcote charged at Port Arthur with misconduct; sentence 3 days in solitary confinement at Port Arthur. ¹²
6 March 1845	Husband Samuel Heathcote ordered to serve 3 months probation in the Town Surveyors Gang. ¹²
2 September 1845	Husband Samuel Heathcote classified as a 2 nd class probation pass-holder. ¹²
21 October 1845	Husband Samuel Heathcote charged with misconduct in being out after hours; sentence 2 months hard labour at Bagdad. ¹²
20 July 1846	Charged with misconduct; reprimanded. ¹⁴
8 September 1847	Free by servitude; Certificate of Freedom available for collection. ¹⁷
14 February 1852	Certificate of Freedom issued. ¹⁴
28 September 1856	Son Samuel Heathcote born at Hobart; father Samuel Heathcote, resident of Hobart; mother Jane Heathcote. ¹⁸
2 November 1856	Son Samuel Heathcote baptised. ¹⁸
18 May 1859	Died of palpitation of the heart in the Morven district, aged 39; informant husband Samuel Heathcote, illiterate, resident of Glengarry. ¹⁹
9 May 1860	Husband Samuel Heathcote married Catharine Calvert at York Street Congregational Chapel, Launceston; Samuel aged 52, farmer, illiterate, Catharine aged 37, widow, illiterate; witnesses George Wilson and William Elliott. ²⁰
15 June 1874	Husband Samuel Heathcote died of chronic rheumatism at Maffra, VIC; aged 68, born Macclesfield, England, parents unknown, carrier. ²¹

¹⁴ TAHO, CON40/1/2 p.206 No.444 [image 204] (Jean Campbell)

¹⁵ *Hobart Town Gazette*, 1 March 1844 p.265 (Jean Campbell)

¹⁶ *Hobart Town Gazette*, 9 August 1844 p.944 (Jean Campbell)

¹⁷ *Hobart Town Gazette*, 7 September 1847 p.894 (Joan Campbell)

¹⁸ TAHO, RGD32/1/3 1856/4903 Hobart (Samuel Heathcote)

¹⁹ TAHO, RGD35/1/28 1859/580 Morven (Johanna Heathcote)

²⁰ TAHO, RGD37/1/19 1860/506 Launceston (Samuel Heathcote & Catharine Calvert)

²¹ VIC Death Certificate 1874/5140 (Samuel Heathcote)