

## *Ann Chapman* \*

(proper name *Bridget Carel* or *Carrol*, uxor *Ann Diager*)

POLICE NUMBER 433 <sup>1</sup>	LITERACY neither read nor write
TRIAL DATE 17 August 1840	AGE ON EMBARKATION 22
TRIAL PLACE Central Criminal Court (Old Bailey), London	AGE ON ARRIVAL 23
OFFENCE stealing a piece of print and a shawl	HEIGHT 4' 11½"
SENTENCE 7 years	COMPLEXION fair
GAOL REPORT connexions poor, single	HEAD oval
PREVIOUS CONVICTIONS once 2 months for striking a person	HAIR brown
SURGEON'S REPORT the best character I can give	VISAGE oval, small
ON THE TOWN no	FOREHEAD high
MARITAL STATUS single	EYEBROWS light brown
CHILDREN 0	EYES
FAMILY	NOSE long
NATIVE PLACE City, Ireland	MOUTH small
TRADE ON EMBARKATION	CHIN round
TRADE ON ARRIVAL nursemaid, nurse, needlewoman	MARKS DM, JOL on left arm, JWJ and 5 dots on right arm

c1818

Born in Dublin, Ireland.<sup>2</sup>

17 August 1840

Tried at the Central Criminal Court (Old Bailey), London, England indicted for larceny in stealing on 21 July 18 yards of printed cotton value 7 shillings 6 pence from the shop of Charles Carter, a linen draper of Cross Street, Hoxton; one of two indictments; found guilty; sentence 7 years' transportation; aged 22.<sup>3</sup>

Statement of witness Henry Baptiste Glanville:

*I am in the service of Charles Carter, a linen-draper, in Cross-street, Hoxton. About the 21st of July, I missed some cotton when the policeman came on the Friday following – I do not know when it was taken – it was taken from the door – the officer showed me a piece of printed cotton – (produced) – this is it – it is my master's.*<sup>3</sup>

Statement of witness John Roadnight:

*I am a policeman. The prisoner was given into my charge on the 21st of July, for stealing a shawl – she had a bundle, in which I found this print.*<sup>3</sup>

Statement of defendant Ann Chapman:

*I was going to Petticoat-lane to purchase linen rags – I could not get any but a piece of print, fifteen yards, and gave 4d. a yard for it – I was returning home and met a young woman, who asked me to go with her to buy a bonnet for her little girl – we had something to drink – we went into the prosecutor's shop – she said the bonnet was too little – she went out and said, "Let us stand up for the rain" – while we were there the policeman came up – the young woman gave me the bundle and ran away.*<sup>3</sup>

5 April 1841

Departed Woolwich, England on the *Rajah*.<sup>4</sup>

30 April 1841

Put on the *Rajah* sick list suffering from obstipation;<sup>5</sup> aged 22.<sup>6</sup>

10 May 1841

Put off the *Rajah* sick list.<sup>6</sup>

19 July 1841

Arrived at Hobart on the *Rajah*.<sup>4</sup>

<sup>1</sup> TAHO, CON40/1/2 p.202 No.433 [image 200] (Ann Chapman); TAHO, CON19/1/1 p.184 [image 95] (Ann Chapman); ML, CY 1282 p.145 (Ann Chapman proper name Bridget Carrol); ML, CY 1197 p.150 (Ann Chapman); ML, CY 958 p.440 (Ann Chapman)

<sup>2</sup> TAHO, CON19/1/1 image 95 (Ann Chapman)

<sup>3</sup> *Old Bailey Proceedings Online*, t18400817-2025 (Ann Chapman)

<sup>4</sup> AJCP, ADM 101/63 *Rajah*

<sup>5</sup> Obstipation is chronic constipation.

<sup>6</sup> AJCP, ADM 101/63 *Rajah* (Ann Chapman)

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- c24 July 1841 Upon arrival at Hobart, detained on board for assignment; assigned to Mr JG Jennings, Fitzroy Crescent, Hobart.<sup>7</sup>
- 28 December 1841 Charged with being absent without leave from the service of Mr Jennings; reprimanded and returned to her service.<sup>8</sup>
- 31 December 1841 Mustered in the service of Mr JG Jennings, Hobart.<sup>9</sup>
- 31 August 1842 Application for permission to marry Joseph Diager (free) sent to the Muster Master.<sup>10</sup>
- 15 September 1842 Application for permission to marry Joseph Diager sent to the Secretary; approved.<sup>10</sup>
- 10 October 1842 **Married** Joseph Diager at St David's Anglican Church, Hobart; Ann aged 24, convict, spinster; Joseph aged 23, servant, bachelor; witnesses brother-in-law John Diager<sup>11</sup> and James Sly (clerk).<sup>12</sup>
- 30 January 1843 Charged at the Police Court, Hobart on the complaint of Constable Daley with misconduct in being out after hours on Saturday night 28 January; wife of John Diager<sup>13</sup>; plea guilty; reprimanded.<sup>14</sup>
- 16 March 1843 Charged at the Police Court, Hobart on the complaint of Constable Chamberlain with being in a public house yesterday; plea guilty; reprimanded and discharged.<sup>15</sup>
- 6 April 1843 Charged at the Police Court, Hobart on the complaint of District Constable Partridge with misconduct in not proceeding to her husband according to her pass but going to her husband's brother; sentence 6 months hard labour at Cascades Female Factory, Hobart.<sup>16</sup>
- 13 April 1843 Charged with misconduct; sentence 6 months hard labour at Cascades Female Factory, Hobart.<sup>8</sup>
- 23 January 1844 Charged at the Police Court, Hobart by Constable Adams with misconduct in being out after hours last night; plea guilty; reprimanded and discharged.<sup>17</sup>
- 18 March 1844 Charged at the Police Court, Hobart by Constable Todd with misconduct in being out after hours and representing herself to be free on Saturday night 16 March; reprimanded and discharged.<sup>18</sup>
- 31 December 1844 Charged at the Police Court, Hobart by Constable Axtell with being drunk on the night of 7 October; plea not guilty; reprimanded and discharged.<sup>19</sup>
- 12 February 1845 Charged at the Police Court, Hobart by Constable Burley with being drunk and representing herself to be free; plea not guilty; sentence 2 months hard labour at Cascades Female Factory, Hobart.<sup>20</sup>
- Statement of witness Constable Burley:  
*I apprehended this woman in Liverpool Street yesterday, she was drunk and said she was free when I asked her who she was.*<sup>20</sup>
- 14 February 1845 Husband Joseph Diager and brother-in-law John Diager charged at the Police Court, Hobart with stealing a tumbler from Mr Heath; committed for trial.<sup>21</sup>
- 21 February 1845 Ticket of Leave granted; gazetted 25 February.<sup>22</sup>

<sup>7</sup> ML, CY 1282 p.140 (Ann Chapman); ML, CY 1274 p.254 (Ann Chapman proper name Bridget Carrol)

<sup>8</sup> TAHO, CON40/1/2 p.202 No.433 [image 200] (Ann Chapman)

<sup>9</sup> AJCP, HO 10/51 p.354 No.433 (Ann Chapman)

<sup>10</sup> TAHO, CON52/1/5 p.35 (Ann Chapman & Joseph Diager)

<sup>11</sup> John was Joseph's brother.

<sup>12</sup> TAHO, RGD37/1/3 1842/73 Hobart (Ann Chapman & Joseph Diager)

<sup>13</sup> At this time, Ann was actually the wife of Joseph Diager, the brother of John Diager.

<sup>14</sup> TAHO, AC480/1/1, 30 January 1843 (Ann Chapman)

<sup>15</sup> TAHO, AC480/1/1, 16 March 1843 (Ann Chapman)

<sup>16</sup> TAHO, AC480/1/1, 6 April 1843 (Ann Chapman)

<sup>17</sup> TAHO, AC480/1/1, 24 January 1844 (Ann Chapman)

<sup>18</sup> TAHO, AC480/1/1, 18 March 1844 (Ann Chapman)

<sup>19</sup> TAHO, AC480/1/1, 31 December 1844 (Ann Chapman)

<sup>20</sup> TAHO, AC480/1/1, 12 February 1845 (Ann Chapman)

<sup>21</sup> *Hobart Town Courier*, 18 February 1845 p.3 (Joseph Diager & John Diager)

<sup>22</sup> *Hobart Town Gazette*, 25 February 1845 p.234 (Ann Chapman)

- 19 May 1845 Charged at the Police Court, Hobart by her husband with misconduct in living in a state of fornication with his brother; plea not guilty; remanded.<sup>23</sup>  
Statement of witness Mr Henry J Diager:  
*The prisoner is my wife, on Friday night I found her in bed with my brother, I asked her whether she could come home on Saturday, she replied she would not and would see my b\_\_\_\_\_d<sup>24</sup> first.*<sup>23</sup>
- 20 May 1845 Brought up at the Police Court, Hobart charged as before; remanded until tomorrow.<sup>25</sup>
- 21 May 1845 Brought up at the Police Court, Hobart charged as before; reprimanded and discharged.<sup>26</sup>
- 8 December 1846 Husband Joseph Diager died of disease of the heart (morbus cordis) at the Colonial Hospital, Hobart; aged 30 or 31, gardener, pauper; informants wife Ann Diager, resident of Harrington Street, Hobart, and James Fitzgerald, Superintendent, Colonial Hospital, Hobart.<sup>27</sup>
- 16 August 1847 **Married**<sup>28</sup> brother-in-law John Diager<sup>29</sup> at St Joseph's Catholic Church, Hobart; Ann adult; John adult, carpenter; witnesses John Pickering and Ann Pickering.<sup>30</sup>
- 17 August 1847 Free by servitude; Certificate of Freedom available for collection.<sup>31</sup>  
Certificate of Freedom number 950 issued.<sup>8</sup>
- 31 August 1856 Husband John Diager died of inflammation of the lungs at Hobart; aged 50, carpenter; informant friend Elizabeth Clark, resident of Collins Street, Hobart.<sup>32</sup>
- 27 September 1861 Admitted to the Asylum for the Insane, New Norfolk from the General Hospital, Hobart by justices order of William Tarleton and John Doughty Esquire, medical certificate dated 17 September signed by GW Turnley; disorder amentia, cause unknown, bodily condition paralytic left limb,<sup>33</sup> duration 2 years 6 months; no property, free by servitude, aged 37, colonial funds, pauper.<sup>34</sup>
- 10 September 1862 **Died** at the Asylum for the Insane, New Norfolk.<sup>34</sup>

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<sup>23</sup> TAHO, AC480/1/1, 19 May 1845 (Ann Chapman)

<sup>24</sup> This word is difficult to decipher.

<sup>25</sup> TAHO, AC480/1/1, 20 May 1845 (Ann Chapman)

<sup>26</sup> TAHO, AC480/1/1, 21 May 1845 (Ann Chapman)

<sup>27</sup> TAHO, RGD35/1/2 1846/1252 Hobart (Joseph Diager); TAHO, RGD35/1/2 1846/1445 Hobart (Joseph Diager)

<sup>28</sup> For this marriage, Ann used her proper name, Bridget Carroll, given on her conduct record.

<sup>29</sup> John Diager was transported for 14 years on the *York* arriving in 1832, tried at London on 5 April 1832 for stealing pictures; married, 2 children, wife Hannah in London, carpenter and joiner, aged 25, 5'8"; Ticket of Leave 5 January 1841, suspended 3 May 1842, re-issued 24 May 1844; Certificate of Freedom 1846 (TAHO, CON31/1/10 p.94 No.791 [image 97] (John Diager); TAHO, CON18/1/21 [image 265] (John Diager)).

<sup>30</sup> TAHO, RGD37/1/6 1847/1043 (John Diager & Bridget Carroll)

<sup>31</sup> *Hobart Town Gazette*, 3 August 1847 p.793 (Ann Chapman)

<sup>32</sup> TAHO, RGD35/1/5 1856/950 Hobart (John Diageur)

<sup>33</sup> This word is difficult to decipher and so may not be limb.

<sup>34</sup> TAHO, HSD254/1/1 (Ann Chapman, uxor Diager); TAHO, HSD247/1/1 1861 No.330 (Bridget Diago)