

Mary Clark

(proper name Mary Farnsworth; ux^{or} Mary Morrell)

POLICE NUMBER 441 ¹	LITERACY neither read nor write
TRIAL DATE 22 August 1840	AGE ON EMBARKATION 20
TRIAL PLACE Middlesex (Westminster) Sessions of the Peace	AGE ON ARRIVAL 22
OFFENCE stealing a gown piece	HEIGHT 5' 1"
SENTENCE 7 years	COMPLEXION fresh
GAOL REPORT 6 months in the House of Correction before, single	HEAD oval
PREVIOUS CONVICTIONS once 6 months for stealing a gown piece, again 6 months for pledging	HAIR brown
SURGEON'S REPORT disorderly	VISAGE full
ON THE TOWN 2 years	FOREHEAD broad
MARITAL STATUS single	EYEBROWS light brown
CHILDREN 0	EYES hazel
FAMILY	NOSE medium
NATIVE PLACE Newark, England	MOUTH small
TRADE ON EMBARKATION	CHIN round
TRADE ON ARRIVAL housemaid, wash	MARKS RJMFSJ on right arm, feint R back of left hand

c1819 **Born** at Newark, Northamptonshire, England.²

22 August 1840 Tried at Westminster Sessions of the Peace, London, Middlesex, England with shipmate Mary Julia Smith (*qv*) indicted for larceny in stealing a gown piece, sentence 7 years transportation.³

5 April 1841 Departed Woolwich, England on the *Rajah*.⁴

19 July 1841 Arrived at Hobart on the *Rajah*.⁴

c24 July 1841 Upon arrival at Hobart, sent to Launceston for assignment.⁵

31 December 1841 Mustered in the service of Miss Waddell, Launceston.⁶

22 July 1842 Application for permission to marry Charles Morrell (free) sent to the Muster Master.⁷

4 August 1842 Application for permission to marry Charles Morrell sent to the Secretary; approved.⁷

31 August 1842 **Married** Charles Morrell at St John's Anglican Church, Launceston; Mary aged 23, free, illiterate; Charles aged 29, free, single, illiterate; witnesses Joseph Cobb and William Jones (clerk).⁸

4 July 1844 Ticket of Leave granted; gazetted 5 July.⁹

16 September 1844 Charged at the Police Court, Launceston upon complaint of Constable James Wilson with misconduct in being absent from her authorised place of residence; plea guilty; verdict guilty; sentence 7 days hard labour at Launceston Female Factory.¹⁰

2 November 1844 Charged at the Police Court, Launceston upon complaint of Richard Davis with misconduct in being out after 10 o'clock on the night of 1 November and found in a disorderly house; not in service; plea guilty; verdict guilty; sentence reprimanded.¹¹

¹ TAHO, CON40/1/2 p.205 No.441 [image 203] (Mary Clark); TAHO, CON19/1/1 p.186 [image 97] (Mary Clarke); ML, CY 1282 p. 146 (Mary Clarke); ML, CY 1197 p.150 (Mary Clark); ML, CY 958 p.443 (Mary Clark)

² TAHO, CON19/1/1 p.186 [image 97] (Mary Clarke)

³ TAHO, CON40/1/2 p.205 No.441 [image 203] (Mary Clark)

⁴ AJCP, ADM 101/63 *Rajah*

⁵ ML, CY 1282 p.141 (Mary Clarke); ML, CY 1274 p.255 (Mary Clarke, proper name Mary Farnsworth)

⁶ AJCP, HO 10/51 p.354 No.441 (Mary Clarke)

⁷ TAHO, CON52/1/2 p.117 (Mary Clarke & Chas Morrell)

⁸ TAHO, RGD37/1/2 1842/1610 Launceston (Mary Clark & Charles Morrell)

⁹ *Hobart Town Gazette*, 5 July 1844 p.763 (Mary Clarke)

¹⁰ TAHO, LC346/1/8 (Mary Clark now Murrell)

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	Shipmate Ann Dyer (<i>qv</i>) charged with the same offence; sentence 2 months hard labour at Launceston Female Factory. ¹¹
22 May 1845	At Launceston. ³
4 July 1845	Recommended for a Conditional Pardon; gazetted 8 July. ¹²
8 July 1845	Charged at the Police Court, Launceston upon complaint of Constable Mr Tarling ¹³ with being out after hours last night; plea guilty; verdict guilty; admonished. ¹⁴
12 June 1846	Conditional Pardon approved upon condition she remains in the Island of Van Diemen's Land, or some one of Her Majesty's Australian Colonies, not having committed any offences since she was recommended to the Queen's mercy which would disentitle her to the indulgence; gazetted 29 June. ¹⁵
29 June 1846	Notice given of approval for Conditional Pardon being granted on condition of her remaining in the island of Van Diemen's Land or some one of Her Majesty's Australian Colonies, she not having committed any offences since she was recommended to the Queen's mercy which would disentitle her to the indulgence. ¹⁶
22 August 1847	Free by servitude; Certificate of Freedom available for collection. ¹⁷
31 August 1847	Certificate of Freedom issued. ³
29 October 1853	Departed Launceston for Melbourne as a steerage passenger ¹⁸ on the <i>Yarra Yarra</i> ; free by servitude, ship to colony <i>Rajah</i> . ¹⁹

Notes

- Mary's husband Charles may be the Charles Morrell who departed George Town for Adelaide as a passenger on the *Deborah* on 2 November 1844.²⁰

¹¹ TAHO, LC346/1/14 (Mary Clark now Morrel, Ann Dyer)

¹² *Hobart Town Gazette*, 8 July 1845 p.822 (Mary Clark)

¹³ This name is difficult to decipher on the record and so may not be Tarling.

¹⁴ TAHO, LC346/1/14 (Mary Clark *ux* Murrill)

¹⁵ *Colonial Times*, 7 July 1846 p.2 (Mary Clark)

¹⁶ *Hobart Town Gazette*, 30 June 1846 p.640 (Mary Clark)

¹⁷ *Hobart Town Gazette*, 3 August 1847 p.793 (Mary Clarke)

¹⁸ Listed next to Mary on the passenger list are Robert Walker (above) and Cath Smith (below), natives of Van Diemen's Land.

¹⁹ TAHO, POL220/1/3 p.338 (Mary Clark)

²⁰ TAHO, CSO95/1/1 p.237 (Charles Morrell)