

*Sarah Dennerly*  
(aka Sarah Pringle)

POLICE NUMBER 298 <sup>1</sup>	LITERACY read and write
TRIAL DATE 19 October 1840	AGE ON EMBARKATION 55
TRIAL PLACE Chester (Knutsford) Quarter Sessions	AGE ON ARRIVAL 54
OFFENCE stealing a saucepan	HEIGHT 4' 11½"
SENTENCE 7 years	COMPLEXION fresh
GAOL REPORT twice for felony and once summary before	HEAD oval
PREVIOUS CONVICTIONS once 6 months for stealing a book, again 6 months for stealing a saucepan	HAIR grey
SURGEON'S REPORT good	VISAGE oval
ON THE TOWN no	FOREHEAD medium
MARITAL STATUS widow	EYEBROWS light brown
CHILDREN 0	EYES hazel
FAMILY	NOSE medium
NATIVE PLACE York, England	MOUTH medium
TRADE ON EMBARKATION travels and sells lace	CHIN medium
TRADE ON ARRIVAL plain cook, housemaid	MARKS small scar over left eye

c1786 **Born** at York, Yorkshire, England.<sup>2</sup>

19 October 1840 Tried at Chester Quarter Sessions, Knutsford, Cheshire, England indicted for larceny in stealing a saucepan; sentence 7 years transportation.<sup>3</sup>

5 April 1841 Departed Woolwich, England on the *Rajah*.<sup>4</sup>

19 July 1841 Arrived at Hobart on the *Rajah*.<sup>4</sup>

c24 July 1841 Upon arrival at Hobart, sent to Cascades Female Factory; not immediately assigned.<sup>5</sup>

31 December 1841 Mustered at Cascades Female Factory, Hobart.<sup>6</sup>

12 January 1842 Charged with being absent without leave from the service of Hinsley and drunk; reprimanded and returned to her service.<sup>3</sup>

14 February 1842 Charged with being drunk and absent without leave from the service of Hinsley; sentence 6 months at the wash tub at Cascades Female Factory, Hobart.<sup>3</sup>

24 October 1842 Charged at the Police Court, Hobart on the complaint of Constable Andrews with being drunk in the streets last night; in the service of Mrs Wilson, New Town Road, Hobart; plea not guilty; sentence 6 days in solitary confinement at Cascades Female Factory, Hobart.<sup>7</sup>

Statement of witness Constable James Andrews:  
*I found the prisoner a little before 7 o'clock by the Watch House in Argyle St. She was drunk. I tried to let her return to her place, and finding that she was unable to go I placed her in the Watch House.*<sup>7</sup>

6 March 1843 Charged at the Police Court, Hobart on the complaint of her mistress with being drunk yesterday; in the service of Mrs Sherwood, Argyle Street, Hobart; plea guilty; sentence 10<sup>8</sup> days in solitary confinement at Cascades Female Factory, Hobart.<sup>9</sup>

<sup>1</sup> TAHO, CON40/1/4 p.34 No.298 [image 38] (Sarah Dennerly); TAHO, CON19/1/1 p.192 [image 99] (Sarah Dennerly); ML, CY 1282 p.146 (Sarah Dennerly); ML, CY 1197 p.153 (Sarah Dennerly); ML, CY 958 p.441 (Sarah Dennerly)

<sup>2</sup> TAHO, CON19/1/1 p.192 [image 99] (Sarah Dennerly)

<sup>3</sup> TAHO, CON40/1/4 p.34 No.298 [image 38] (Sarah Dennerly)

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

<sup>5</sup> ML, CY 1282 p.143 (Sarah Dennerly); ML, CY 1274 p.255 (Sarah Dennerly)

<sup>6</sup> AJCP, HO 10/51 p.358 No.298 (Sarah Dennerly)

<sup>7</sup> TAHO, AC480/1/1, 24 October 1842 (Sarah Dennerly)

<sup>8</sup> Conduct record gives sentence as 14 days.

<sup>9</sup> TAHO, AC480/1/1, 6 March 1843 (Sarah Dennerly)

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- 16 May 1844 Classified as a 3<sup>rd</sup> class probation pass-holder; gazetted 17 May.<sup>10</sup>
- 11 September 1844 Hired in private service for 1 month as a probation pass-holder to Mrs Davis, Davey Street, Hobart.<sup>11</sup>
- 17 September 1844 Ticket of Leave granted; gazetted 19 September.<sup>12</sup>
- 21 September 1844 Charged with misconduct; sentence 1 month hard labour at Cascades Female Factory, Hobart.<sup>3</sup>
- 2 November 1844 Charged with being on Mr James' premises without authority; sentence 2 months hard labour at Cascades Female Factory, Hobart, and Ticket of Leave suspended.<sup>3</sup>
- 6 December 1844 Charged with being drunk; sentence 1 month hard labour at Cascades Female Factory, Hobart.<sup>3</sup>
- 26 May 1845 Charged with being absent from her authorised residence; sentence 1 month hard labour at Cascades Female Factory, Hobart.<sup>3</sup>
- Newspaper report:  
*Sarah Donnelly, ticket-of-leave, an old woman with her head enveloped in flannel, was charged with being out after hours on Saturday night last. She stated, that she certainly did leave the house without permission, but she returned before ten o'clock, and finding the door locked, and no admittance, except on business, she sat down upon the step of the door, and afterwards went to sleep in a shed in the yard. She further stated, that she should be very happy to go back again. His Worship observed, that was very kind of her, but it would be first requisite to ascertain whether her master was agreeable to this proceeding. The master peremptorily refused to do so, and she was sent to the Factory for one month, Mr. Price observing, that she was a "very bad old woman."*<sup>13</sup>
- 12 January 1846 Charged with misconduct in being in a disorderly house after hours; sentence 2 month' hard labour at Cascades Female Factory, Hobart.<sup>3</sup>
- 30 June 1846 Charged with being drunk; sentence 2 months hard labour at Cascades Female Factory, Hobart.<sup>3</sup>
- 29 December 1846 **Died** by the visitation of God in a natural way at Hobart; aged 60, labouring woman; informant AB Jones, coroner.<sup>14</sup>
- 31 December 1846 Inquest held at the house of Thomas Robinson, the *Saint Andrew Hotel*, Harrington Street, Hobart  
Verdict: died by the visitation of God in a natural way.<sup>15</sup>
- 19 October 1847 Free by servitude; Certificate of Freedom available for collection; gazetted 12 October.<sup>16</sup>

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<sup>10</sup> *Hobart Town Gazette*, 17 May 1844 p.554 (Sarah Dinnerley)

<sup>11</sup> *Hobart Town Gazette*, 8 October 1844 p.1267 (Sarah Donnelly)

<sup>12</sup> *Hobart Town Gazette*, 19 September 1844 p.1143 (Sarah Dennerley)

<sup>13</sup> *Colonial Times*, 27 May 1845 p.3 (Sarah Donnelly)

<sup>14</sup> TAHO, RGD35/1/2 1847/1310 Hobart (Sarah Donnelly)

<sup>15</sup> TAHO, SC195/1/19 No.1598 (Sarah Donnelly)

<sup>16</sup> *Hobart Town Gazette*, 12 October 1847 p.1021 (Sarah Dennerley)