

Jane Edwards

(*uxor Jane Jewkes, Jane Jukes*)

POLICE NUMBER 92 ¹	LITERACY neither read nor write
TRIAL DATE 19 October 1840	AGE ON EMBARKATION 19
TRIAL PLACE Central Criminal Court (Old Bailey), London	AGE ON ARRIVAL 19
OFFENCE stealing a pocket book from the person	HEIGHT 4' 6"
SENTENCE 10 years	COMPLEXION fresh
GAOL REPORT imprisoned twice in the House of Correction, poor, single	HEAD oval
PREVIOUS CONVICTIONS once 7 days for drunkenness	HAIR dark brown
SURGEON'S REPORT quiet	VISAGE oval
ON THE TOWN 2 years	FOREHEAD medium
MARITAL STATUS single	EYEBROWS brown
CHILDREN 0	EYES hazel
FAMILY	NOSE rather large
NATIVE PLACE Fetter Lane, Holborn, London, England	MOUTH wide
TRADE ON EMBARKATION	CHIN round
TRADE ON ARRIVAL kitchen maid	MARKS heart and JS on left arm

c1822 **Born** at Fetter Lane, Holborn, London, Middlesex, England.²
19 October 1840 Tried at the Central Criminal Court (Old Bailey), London, England indicted for larceny from the person in stealing on 30 September 1 pocket book value 1 shilling from the person of Michael Malin Biggs; found guilty; sentence 10 years transportation; aged 19.³

Statement of witness James Longfoot:

I am a printer. On the night of the 30th of September, between one and two o'clock, I was in Holborn, and saw the prisoner walking behind the prosecutor, with her hand in his pocket; I turned round, and she was in the act of pulling the pocket-book out of his pocket; when I got behind her, she finished pulling it out, and threw it on the ground – I picked it up, laid hold of her, and informed Mr. Biggs, and gave her into custody – there was one woman on each side of the prosecutor, and the prisoner was behind.³

Statement of witness Michael Malin Biggs:

I was walking in Holborn – Longfoot informed me about my pocket-book – this is it – my name is in it – it was in my pocket before I went to the station-house with the prisoner – there was a lot of women there – I was not quite sober – I had been out to supper.³

Statement of defendant Jane Edwards:

I was going up Holborn, and saw the prosecutor very much intoxicated, walking arm-in-arm with two females; all of a sudden the women ran away, and dropped something. I stood still on hearing the alarm, and was given in charge. I know nothing of it; what the witness has sworn is quite false.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, assigned to Mr Patterson, Liverpool Street, Hobart.⁵
31 December 1841 Mustered in the service of Mr Patterson, Hobart.⁶

¹ TAHO, CON40/1/4 p.121 No.92 [image 100] (Jane Edwards); TAHO, CON19/1/1 p.196 [image 101] (Jane Edwards); ML, CY 1282 p.147 (Jane Edwards); ML, CY 1197 p.151 (Jane Edwards); ML, CY 958 p.441 (Jane Edwards)

² TAHO, CON19/1/1 p.196 [image 101] (Jane Edwards)

³ *Old Bailey Proceedings Online*, t18401019-2415 (Jane Edwards)

⁴ AJCP, ADM 101/63 *Rajah*

⁵ ML, CY 1274 p.256 (Jane Edwards)

⁶ AJCP, HO 10/51 p.360 No.92 (Jane Edwards)

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- 9 August 1842 Charged at the Police Court, Hobart on the complaint of her mistress with being insolent this morning; in the service of Mr Patterson, Liverpool Street, Hobart plea guilty; reprimanded and discharged.⁷
- 4 January 1844 Charged at the Police Court, Hobart by her mistress Mrs Simpson with being drunk last night; plea guilty; sentence 1 month hard labour at the wash tub at Cascades Female Factory, Hobart.⁸
- 7 February 1844 Classified as a 2nd class probation pass-holder; gazetted 9 February.⁹
- 29 February 1844 Hired in private service as a probation pass-holder to C Patterson, Liverpool Street, Hobart.¹⁰
- 10 June 1844 Hired in private service as a probation pass-holder to JP Rowe, Hobart.¹¹
- 31 August 1844 Promoted from a 2nd class to a 3rd class probation pass-holder; gazetted 6 September.¹²
- 30 November 1844 Ticket of Leave granted; gazetted 3 December.¹³
- 28 September 1846 Application for permission to marry Henry Davis¹⁴ (free by servitude) sent to the Secretary; approved.¹⁵
- Notice given of approval for permission to marry Henry Davis; Jane a ticket-of-leave holder, resident of Hobart; Henry free, resident of Hobart.¹⁶
- 17 March 1847 Charged with being drunk; sentence 10 days in solitary confinement at Cascades Female Factory, Hobart.¹⁷
- 12 November 1849 Not allowed to reside in Hobart vide Mr Nairn's memo.
- 28 November 1849 Charged with being out after hours and falsely representing herself to be free; sentence 2 months hard labour at Cascades Female Factory, Hobart.¹⁷
- 26 February 1850 Application for permission to marry Benjamin Jewkes¹⁸ (free); approved.¹⁹
- 27 March 1850 **Married** Benjamin Jewkes at St George's Anglican Church, Battery Point; Jane adult, spinster, illiterate; Benjamin adult, labourer; witnesses Robert Moore and Mary Bromley.²⁰
- 19 October 1850 Free by servitude.¹⁷
- 22 October 1850 Certificate of Freedom issued.¹⁷
- September 1854 Husband Benjamin Jewkes a signatory to a petition to the Queen against the appointment of Valentine Fleming Esquire as Chief Justice of Tasmania after the retirement of Sir John Lewes Pedder due to ill health; Benjamin a householder, resident of Cascade, Hobart.²¹
- 19 July 1872 Complainant at the Police Court, Hobart in a case against Catherine McAllister charged with assault.²²

⁷ TAHO, AC480/1/1, 9 August 1842 (Jane Edwards)

⁸ TAHO, AC480/1/1, 4 January 1844 (Jane Edwards)

⁹ *Hobart Town Gazette*, 9 February 1844 p.204 (Jane Edwards)

¹⁰ *Hobart Town Gazette*, 1 March 1844 p.268 (Jane Edwards)

¹¹ *Hobart Town Gazette*, 21 June 1844 p.686 (Jane Edwards)

¹² *Hobart Town Gazette*, 6 September 1844 p.1073 (Jane Edwards)

¹³ *Hobart Town Gazette*, 3 December 1844 p.1479 (Jane Edwards)

¹⁴ There are several convict possibilities for Henry Davis.

¹⁵ TAHO, CON52/1/2 p.314 (Jane Edwards & Henry Davis)

¹⁶ *Hobart Town Gazette*, 29 September 1846 (Henry Davis & Jane Edwards)

¹⁷ TAHO, CON40/1/4 p.121 No.92 [image 100] (Jane Edwards)

¹⁸ Benjamin Jewkes was transported for life on the *Lord Lyndoch* in 1836; tried at Worcester Assizes on 23 July 1835 for housebreaking; married, native place Dudley, ironmoulder, aged 20; Ticket of Leave 5 November 1844, at Launceston in 1847 (TAHO, CON31/1/25 p.36 No.940 [image 36] (Benjamin Jewkes), TAHO, CON18/1/13 p.344 No.940 [image 185] (Benjamin Jewkes)).

¹⁹ TAHO, CON52/1/3 p.238 (Jane Edwards & Benjamin Jewkes)

²⁰ TAHO, RGD37/1/9 1850/195 Hobart (Jane Edwards & Benjamin Jewkes)

²¹ *Colonial Times*, 6 September 1854 p.2 (Benjamin Jewkes)

²² *Mercury*, 20 July 1872 p.2 (Jane Jewkes)

Newspaper report:

STONE THROWING. – Catherine McAllister was charged by Jane Jukes with assaulting her. Mr. Graves appeared for the defendant.

Jane Jukes, living on the Cascades Road, deposed that on Monday evening last, about 5 o'clock in the afternoon, she was coming out of her house, when the defendant threw the stones produced at witness. The stones struck witness on the heel, and she screamed out, when Mr. Salter came to her.

To Mr. Graves: My husband's name is Benjamin Jukes. The defendant and her mother live above me in the same house. I keep five rabbits, but the defendant's mother has never complained that they ran over her garden. I never offered Salter a pound to come to the Court and give evidence. No one lives with me but my husband and a girl, who was not at home at the time.

To the Bench: The stones came through a window. I was standing with my back to the window, but I am certain the defendant threw the stones.

Peter Salter, living on the Cascades Road, near the plaintiff's residence, deposed that on Monday evening he saw defendant at her window at the upper part of the house, and when the plaintiff came out of her door, defendant hurled the half brick produced down, as if trying to strike the plaintiff on the head, but it only touched her heels as the plaintiff stopped down.

For the defence, Mr. Graves called

Ellen McAllister, the mother of the defendant, who deposed that the plaintiff and herself had not been good friends for some time. On Monday evening the plaintiff was in her own yard calling all kinds of names up at witness's window, through she could see no one. She was also hurling bricks and stones against the window. Plaintiff was drunk at the time, and kept saying she was going to be killed, as well as heaping curses against witness. Salter then came over, and stood laughing at plaintiff, who offered him a pound if he would come to Court as a witness. Witness's daughter did not throw anything out.

The defendant was fined 20s. and costs, or 14 days' imprisonment with hard labour.²²

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| 6 February 1882 | Admitted to the General Hospital, Hobart with heart disease. ²³ |
| 11 February 1882 | Died of heart disease at the General Hospital, Hobart; aged 60, Episcopalian, labourer's wife, resident of Cascade Road, Hobart, informant Secretary, General Hospital. ²⁴ |
| 13 February 1882 | Buried in pauper section A No.362 at Cornelian Bay Cemetery, Hobart; last address Cascade Road, Hobart; 4 others in same location. ²⁵ |
| 10 October 1897 | Husband Benjamin Jewkes died of senilis at New Town Charitable Institution, Hobart; aged 75, born England, pauper; informant Superintendent, New Town Charitable Institution. ²⁶ |
| 11 October 1897 | Husband Benjamin Jewkes buried in pauper section B No.3 at Cornelian Bay Cemetery, Hobart; last address New Town; buried with 10 others. ²⁷ |

²³ Purtscher, *Deaths at General Hospital Hobart* (Jane Dukes)

²⁴ Purtscher, *Deaths at General Hospital Hobart* (Jane Dukes); TAHO, RGD35/1/9 1882/56 Hobart (Jane Dukes)

²⁵ Purtscher, *Deaths at General Hospital Hobart* (Jane Dukes); SRCT, SRCT Record Search No.3846 (Jane Dukes)

²⁶ TAHO, RGD35/1/15 1897/1563 Hobart (Benjamin Jukes)

²⁷ SRCT, SRCT Record Search No.11152 (Benjamin Jukes)