

Elizabeth Fisher

(proper name *Elizabeth Bull*; nee *Elizabeth Booth*; uxor *Elizabeth Newitt*, *Elizabeth Hann*)

POLICE NUMBER 196 ¹	LITERACY neither read nor write
TRIAL DATE 25 May 1840	AGE ON EMBARKATION 20
TRIAL PLACE Lancaster (Salford) Sessions of the Peace	AGE ON ARRIVAL 22
OFFENCE stealing clothing	HEIGHT 5' 2½"
SENTENCE 7 years	COMPLEXION ruddy
GAOL REPORT convicted before, bad, single	HEAD oval
PREVIOUS CONVICTIONS once 3 months for stealing clothes	HAIR brown
SURGEON'S REPORT very good	VISAGE oval
ON THE TOWN no	FOREHEAD medium
MARITAL STATUS single	EYEBROWS light brown
CHILDREN no	EYES hazel
FAMILY	NOSE long
NATIVE PLACE Grange Moor, Wakefield, England	MOUTH medium
TRADE ON EMBARKATION servant	CHIN medium
TRADE ON ARRIVAL plain cook, laundry maid, bake	MARKS freckled, nearly lost nail of forefinger right hand

c1819 **Born** at Grange Moor, Wakefield, West Riding, Yorkshire, England.²

25 May 1840 Tried at Lancaster Sessions of the Peace, Salford, Lancashire, England indicted for larceny in stealing clothing; 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, assigned to Mr Windsor, Sandy Bay.⁵

16 November 1841 Charged with being absent without leave from the service of Mr Windsor; reprimanded and returned to her service.³

31 December 1841 Mustered at Cascades Female Factory, Hobart.⁶

6 April 1842 Charged at the Police Court, Hobart with having formed an improper connexion with a man which she refused to give up; returned to the Crown by her master Mr Windsor, Sandy Bay; sentence 3 months probation at the wash tub at Cascades Female Factory, Hobart, and on no account to again be assigned near Hobart.⁷

21 January 1843 Application for permission to marry Peter Newitt⁸ (free) sent to the Muster Master.⁹

8 February 1843 Application for permission to marry Peter Newitt sent to the Secretary; not approved, woman must first give proof of steady conduct.⁹

2 August 1843 Application for permission to marry Peter Newitt (free) sent to the Muster Master.¹⁰

12 August 1843 Application for permission to marry Peter Newitt sent to the Secretary; approved.¹⁰

¹ TAHO, CON40/1/4 p.176 No.196 [image 134] (Elizabeth Fisher); TAHO, CON19/1/1 p.199 [image 10]3 (Elizabeth Fisher); ML, CY 1282 p. 147 (Elizabeth Fisher); ML, CY 1197 p.154 (Elizabeth Fisher); ML, CY 958 p.442 (Elizabeth Fisher)

² TAHO, CON19/1/1 p.199 [image 103] (Elizabeth Fisher)

³ TAHO, CON40/1/4 p.176 No.196 [image 134] (Elizabeth Fisher)

⁴ AJCP, ADM 101/63 *Rajah*

⁵ ML, CY 1274 p.256 (Elizabeth Fisher proper name Elizabeth Ball)

⁶ AJCP, HO 10/51 p.363 No.196 (Elizabeth Fisher)

⁷ TAHO, AC480/1/1, 6 April 1842 (Elizabeth Fisher)

⁸ Peter Newitt was transported for life on the *Clyde* in 1830, tried at Northampton on 27 February 1830 for stealing money from his master; single, aged 26, native place Gilsby, Northampton, ploughman; Ticket of Leave 7 December 1838, Conditional Pardon 22 December 1842 (TAHO, CON31/1/33 p.10 No.214 [image 14] (Peter Newitt); TAHO, CON18/1/2 p.37 [image 20] (Peter Newitt)).

⁹ TAHO, CON52/1/2 p.131 (Elizabeth Fisher & Peter Newitt)

¹⁰ TAHO, CON52/1/2 p.132 (Elizabeth Fisher & Peter Newitt)

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- 16 August 1843 Notice given of approval for permission to marry Peter Newitt; Elizabeth in assigned service at Hamilton; Peter free, resident of Bothwell.¹¹
- 5 September 1843 **Married** Peter Newitt at St Peter's Anglican Church, Hamilton; Elizabeth aged 24, spinster, illiterate; Peter aged 30, labourer, bachelor, illiterate; witnesses Rebecca Penniston (illiterate) and George Borrowes.¹²
- 26 June 1844 At Hamilton.³
- 7 August 1844 Ticket of Leave granted; gazetted 9 August.¹³
- 23 December 1845 At Hamilton.³
- 11 March 1846 Recommended to the Queen for a Conditional Pardon available within the limits of the Australian Colonies and New Zealand; gazetted 17 March.¹⁴
- 25 May 1847 Free by servitude; the period for which she was transported expiring, a Certificate of Freedom may be obtained on this date or at any subsequent period upon application at the Office of the Comptroller General of Convicts, Hobart Town, or at that of a Police Magistrate in the interior.¹⁵
- April 1856 Husband Peter Newitt listed as a person entitled to be placed on the electoral roll for the return of a member of the House of Assembly for the electoral district of Cumberland; Caversdale leaseholder, Blue Hills, lessor Mrs Sherwin.¹⁶
- August 1856 Husband Peter Newitt signatory to a petition asking William Stanley Sharland Esquire to stand for election as a member of the House of Assembly for the electoral district of Cumberland.¹⁷
- 16 January 1857 Husband Peter Newitt admitted to St Mary's Hospital, Hobart; resident of Bothwell, payee of account self; no ship given.¹⁸
- 14 February 1857 Husband Peter Newitt died of consumption at St Mary's Hospital, Hobart; aged 51, overseer; informant messenger, St Mary's Hospital.¹⁹
- 14 August 1857 Licence to marry James Hann in the church or usual place of worship at Bothwell; Elizabeth widow, resident of Bothwell; James widower, resident of Bothwell.²⁰
- 18 August 1857 **Married** James Hann at Bothwell Parish Church; Elizabeth adult, widow, illiterate; James adult, farmer; witnesses John White, Ann White (illiterate) and William Ward Hughes.²¹
- 1858 Husband James Hann the occupier of a farm and sheep run of 500 acres at *Caverswell*, value £80; owner Ann Sherwin, resident of Bothwell.²²
- Husband James Hann the owner of a farm of 100 acres at *Lufton*, Butcher Bottom, value £30; occupied by Samuel Pitt.²³
- 28 March 1862 Husband James Hann to have investigated his claim to a land grant of 107 acres at Abergavenny.²⁴
- 4 July 1863 Witness at the marriage of William Jenkins and Mary Stock at the Church of Scotland Minister's house, Bothwell; William aged 33, eating house keeper, illiterate; Mary aged 17, spinster, illiterate; witnesses Joseph Stock (illiterate) and Elisabeth Hann (illiterate).²⁵

¹¹ *Hobart Town Gazette*, 18 August 1843 p.955; 25 August 1843 p.981; 1 September 1843 p.1008 (Peter Newitt & Elizabeth Fisher)

¹² TAHO, RGD37/1/3 1845/660 Hamilton (Elizabeth Fisher & Peter Newitt)

¹³ *Hobart Town Gazette*, 9 August 1844 p.944 (Elizabeth Fisher)

¹⁴ *Hobart Town Gazette*, 17 March 1846 p.244 (Elizabeth Fisher)

¹⁵ *Hobart Town Gazette*, 11 May 1847 p.447 (Elizabeth Fisher)

¹⁶ *Hobart Town Courier*, 8 April 1856 p.3 (Peter Newitt)

¹⁷ *Hobart Town Courier*, 6 August 1856 p.4 (Peter Newitt)

¹⁸ Purtscher, *St Marys Hospital Index to Registers 1841-1862* p.26 [RS 28/2] (Peter Newitt)

¹⁹ TAHO, RGD35/1/5 1857/109 Hobart (Peter Newitt)

²⁰ TAHO, NS373/1/2 No.1819 (Elizabeth Newitt & James Hann)

²¹ TAHO, RGD37/1/16 1857/4 Bothwell (Elizabeth Newitt & James Hann)

²² Cowley, *1858 Valuation Rolls for Central & Eastern Tasmania* p.L1-41 (James Hann)

²³ Cowley, *1858 Valuation Rolls for Central & Eastern Tasmania* p.L2-51 (James Hann)

²⁴ *Mercury*, 28 January 1862 p.2 (James Hann)

²⁵ TAHO, RGD37/1/22 1836/6 Bothwell (Elisabeth Hann)

- 1866 Husband James Hann a farmer at *Lufton*, Bothwell.²⁶
- 6 May 1873 Husband James Hann died of lithia at *Lufton*, Bothwell district; aged 64, farmer; informant friend Henry Wise, undertaker, Bothwell.²⁷
- Death Notice:
*HANN. – On May 6th, at Bothwell, James Hann, in the 64th year of his age. The funeral will take place on Friday, at 2 o'clock p.m.*²⁸
- 1873 Will of husband James Hann: executors Simon Arnett of Bothwell and Henry Wise of Bothwell; value of estate not exceeding £260.
Beneficiaries: to his beloved wife Elizabeth Hann all and sundry his personal effects and for her sole use and benefit during her lifetime all of his estate of *Lufton*, and on her death to his adopted son Michael Drake; to Arthur John Geard²⁹ his 10 acres paddock situated in the municipality of Bothwell adjoining the farm known as *Caverswell*, Mr Edward Nicholas' land and land at present belonging to the Crown, with Isaac Blake of Bothwell appointed trustee until Arthur John Geard comes of age.³⁰
- 5 August 1889 **Died** of old age at Risdon Road, Hobart; aged 70, born England, farmer's widow; informant H Wise & Sons, undertakers, Elizabeth Street, Hobart.³¹
- Death Notice:
*HANN. – On August 5, Elizabeth, relict of the late Jas. Hann, of the Bothwell district, aged 70. The funeral will leave her late residence, Risdon-road, at 3.45 THIS DAY. Friends are respectfully invited to attend.*³¹
- 6 August 1889 Buried in Wesleyan Section C No.123 at Cornelian Bay Cemetery, Hobart; last address Risdon Road, New Town; no others in same location.³²
- August 1889 Probate issued to Henry Lewis Garrett, £168.³³
- 1889 Will: executor Henry Lewis Garrett, accountant in the Hobart Savings Bank; value of estate not exceeding £168.
Beneficiaries: to Hannah Wise, the wife of Henry Wise, builder of Hobart, all household furniture, wearing apparel and other household effects; to Henry Lewis Garrett³⁴ all the rest of the estate and effects both real and personal.³⁵

²⁶ *Tasmanian Gen Web*, 'Bothwell Residents 1866' 16 November 2008

²⁷ TAHO, RGD35/1/42 1873/3 Bothwell (James Hann); *Mercury*, 7 May 1873 p.1 (James Hann); TAHO, AD960/1/8 p.416 No.1627 (James Hann)

²⁸ *Mercury*, 7 May 1873 p.1 (James Hann); *Mercury*, 8 May 1873 p.1 (James Hann)

²⁹ Arthur John Geard was born on 11 February 1863 at Bothwell to Job Geard and Maria Blake.

³⁰ TAHO, AD960/1/8 p.416 No.1627 (James Hann)

³¹ TAHO, RGD35/1/12 1889/705 Hobart (Elizabeth Hann); *Mercury*, 6 August 1889 p.1 (Elizabeth Hann)

³² SRCT, *SRCT Record Search* No.7331 (Elizabeth Hann)

³³ *Examiner*, 27 August 1889 p.3 (Elizabeth Hann)

³⁴ Henry Lewis Garrett was born at Hobart on 7 April 1847 to Alfred Garrett and Catherine Lake. He married Martha Fisher at Sorell on 23 October 1871, both adults. Martha may have been the daughter of James Fisher and Naomi Geard born at Bothwell on 12 November 1843. It has not been determined if James Fisher is related to Elizabeth.

³⁵ TAHO, AD960/1/18 p.101 No.3722 (Elizabeth Hann)