

Catherine Fleming

(uxor Catherine Bennett)

POLICE NUMBER 198¹
TRIAL DATE 26 October 1840
TRIAL PLACE Lancaster (Liverpool) Quarter Sessions
OFFENCE stealing £45 from a journeyman named McBennett
SENTENCE 10 years
GAOL REPORT 9 times imprisoned before, single
PREVIOUS CONVICTIONS 9 times in prison for vagrancy, 4 or 5 times 1 month, 14 days and 7 days
SURGEON'S REPORT very bad
ON THE TOWN 9 years
MARITAL STATUS single
CHILDREN 0
FAMILY
NATIVE PLACE County Clare, Ireland
TRADE ON EMBARKATION
TRADE ON ARRIVAL house servant, wash, iron

LITERACY read only
AGE ON EMBARKATION 21
AGE ON ARRIVAL 22
HEIGHT 4' 11½"
COMPLEXION fresh
HEAD oval
HAIR dark brown
VISAGE full
FOREHEAD flat
EYEBROWS light brown
EYES hazel
NOSE medium
MOUTH medium
CHIN round
MARKS none

c1819 **Born** in County Clare, Ireland.²
26 October 1840 Tried at Lancaster Quarter Sessions, Liverpool, Lancashire, England indicted for larceny from the person in stealing £45 from a journeyman named McBennett; sentence 10 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 Mrs Morris, Elizabeth Street, Hobart.⁵
31 August 1841 Absconded from the service of Mr Welsh, Goulburn Street, Hobart.⁶
Charged with being absent all night without leave from the service of Welsh; reprimanded and returned to her service.³
2 September 1841 Charged with misconduct in absenting herself all day and night without leave from the service of Welsh; sentence 1 month at the wash tub at Cascades Female Factory, Hobart.³
2 November 1841 Charged with being absent all night without leave from the service of Simmonds and drunk; sentence 1 month at the wash tub at Cascades Female Factory, Hobart.³
14 December 1841 Charged with being absent 2 nights and a day without leave from the service of Mrs Douglas; sentence 1 month at the wash tub at Cascades Female Factory, Hobart.³
31 December 1841 Mustered at Cascades Female Factory, Hobart.⁷
27 January 1842 Charged with being drunk and out after hours; in the service of Johnson; sentence 10 days in solitary confinement at Cascades Female Factory, Hobart.³
22 February 1842 Charged with being absent without leave from the service of Maley; sentence 6 days in solitary confinement at Cascades Female Factory, Hobart.³

¹ TAHO, CON40/1/4 p.176 No.198 [image 134] (Catherine Fleming); TAHO, CON32/1/5 p.333 [image 169] (Catherine Fleming); TAHO, CON19/1/1 p.200 [image 103] (Catherine Fleming); ML, CY 1282 p.147 (Catherine Fleming); ML, CY 1197 p.155 (Catherine Fleming); ML, CY 958 p.442 (Catherine Fleming)

² TAHO, CON19/1/1 p.200 [image 103] (Catherine Fleming)

³ TAHO, CON40/1/4 p.176 No.198 [image 134] (Catherine Fleming)

⁴ AJCP, ADM 101/63 *Rajah*

⁵ ML, CY 1274 p.256 (Catherine Fleming)

⁶ *Hobart Town Gazette*, 3 September 1841 p.1104 (Catherine Fleming)

⁷ AJCP, HO 10/51 p.363 No.198 (Catherine Fleming)

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- 19⁸ March 1842 Charged at the Police Court, Hobart on the complaint of Constable Isaacs with disorderly conduct in using obscene language and absenting herself without leave from the service of Mr Watchorn, Liverpool Street, Hobart; plea guilty; sentence 3 months hard labour at the wash tub at Cascades Female Factory, Hobart.⁹
- 9¹⁰ April 1842 Charged at Cascades Female Factory, Hobart on the complaint of the Superintendent with gross disorderly conduct in assaulting a female prisoner last evening and other disorderly conduct; plea guilty; her present sentence to hard labour extended 6 months and to be placed in the separate working cells at Cascades Female Factory, Hobart.¹¹
- 8 August 1842 Charged at the Police Court, New Norfolk by her master Mr Jarvis with being absent without leave all last Saturday night; sentence 5 days in solitary confinement at Cascades Female Factory, Hobart, then returned to Government.¹²
- 17 October 1842 Absconded from the service of Mr Patterson, Liverpool Street, Hobart.¹³
- 20 October 1842 Charged at the Police Court, Hobart on the complaint of Constable Jones with misconduct in being absent a day and a night without leave from the service of Mr Patterson and disorderly conduct in the streets; plea guilty; sentence 3 months hard labour at Cascades Female Factory, Hobart.¹⁴
- 22 December 1842 Charged at Cascades Female Factory, Hobart on the complaint of John Piper Esquire with gross misconduct in endeavouring to intimidate Biddy Sherlock (*Royal Admiral*) from giving evidence against Mrs Milne her mistress at present charged with felony, also abusing Biddy Sherlock; plea not guilty; remanded to the Hospital.¹⁵
Mary Ann McGilligan (*Rajah, qv*), Mary Jackson (*Hindostan*), Catherine Myers (*Arab II*), Margaret Swiney (*Gilbert Henderson*), Margaret Higgins or Hogan (*Hope*), and Alice Brown (*Hindostan*) charged with the same offence; McGilligan and Higgins sentenced to 6 months' hard labour in the separate working rooms at Cascades Female Factory, Hobart; Jackson, Myers, Swiney and Brown sentenced to 4 months hard labour in the separate working rooms at Cascades Female Factory, Hobart.¹⁵
- 27 December 1842 Brought up at Cascades Female Factory, Hobart; remanded and to be brought before the Principal Superintendent of Convicts the next time he visits the Factory.¹⁶
- 5 March 1843 Absconded from the service of Mrs Roberts, Argyle Street, Hobart; gazetted 8 March.¹⁷
- 13 March 1843 Charged at the Police Court, Hobart on the complaint of William Anderson with misconduct in being absent 6 days and nights without leave from the service of Mrs Roberts, Argyle Street, Hobart; plea guilty; sentence 12 months hard labour at Cascades Female Factory, Hobart.¹⁸
- 27 March 1843 Charged¹⁹ at Cascades Female Factory, Hobart on the complaint of the Superintendent Mr Hutchinson with insubordination in violently assaulting Ann Martin the turnkey and resisting her lawfully constituted authority, vide evidence of Ann Martin etc; plea not guilty; existing sentence of hard labour extended 3 months and recommended that the next 3 months be passed in the separate working rooms at Cascades Female Factory, Hobart.²⁰

⁸ Date given as 18 March 1842 on conduct record.

⁹ TAHO, AC480/1/1, 19 March 1842 (Cath^e Flemming)

¹⁰ Date given as 8 March 1842 on conduct record.

¹¹ TAHO, AC480/1/1, 9 April 1842 (Cath^e Fleming)

¹² TAHO, LC167/1/1 p.17 (Catherine Fleming)

¹³ *Hobart Town Gazette*, 21 October 1842 p.921 (Catherine Fleming)

¹⁴ TAHO, AC480/1/1, 20 October 1842 (Cath^e Fleming)

¹⁵ TAHO, AC480/1/1, 22 December 1842 (Mary Ann McGilligan, Mary Jackson, Cath^e Fleming, Marg^t Swiney, Marg^t Higgins or Hogan, Alice Brown)

¹⁶ TAHO, AC480/1/1, 27 December 1842 (Cath^e Fleming)

¹⁷ *Hobart Town Gazette*, 10 March 1843 p.239 (Catherine Fleming)

¹⁸ TAHO, AC480/1/1, 13 March 1843 (Cath^e Flemming)

¹⁹ Other inmates were charged with insubordination and gross misconduct on the same day.

²⁰ TAHO, AC480/1/1, 27 March 1843 (Cath^e Fleming & Marg^t Kelly)

Catherine Fleming

- Margaret Kelly (*Mexborough*) charged with the same offence; sentence 14 days in solitary confinement at Cascades Female Factory, Hobart.²⁰
- 21 August 1843 Classified as a 3rd class probation pass-holder; gazetted 23 August.²¹
- 16 September 1844 Hired in private service for 12 months as a probation pass-holder to Margaret Wilson, Liverpool Street, Hobart.²²
- 17 September 1844 Ticket of Leave granted; gazetted 19 September.²³
- 25 September 1844 Charged with being drunk and using obscene language; sentence 3 months hard labour at Cascades Female Factory, Hobart and Ticket of Leave suspended.³
- 15 November 1844 Charged at Cascades Female Factory, Hobart with misconduct in using abusive language; sentence 8 days in solitary confinement at Cascades Female Factory, Hobart.³
- 19 February 1845 Charged with being drunk and disorderly; sentence 4 months hard labour at Cascades Female Factory, Hobart.³
- Newspaper report:
*Catherine Fleming, ticket-of-leave, four months to the factory for abusing Mr. Crouch of the Temperance Hotel, because he would not supply her with liquor.*²⁴
- 21 June 1845 Charged with being out after hours; sentence 3 months hard labour at Cascades Female Factory, Hobart.³
- 23 September 1845 Charged with being drunk; fined 5 shillings.³
- 4 October 1845 Charged with using indecent language; sentence 1 month hard labour at Cascades Female Factory, Hobart.³
- 24 November 1845 Charged with using obscene language; sentence 3 months hard labour at Cascades Female Factory, Hobart.³
- 21 January 1846 Charged at Cascades Female Factory, Hobart with misconduct; sentence 7 days in solitary confinement at Cascades Female Factory, Hobart.³
- 28 May 1846 Charged with being drunk and breaking Mr Tilley's windows, etc; sentence 3 months hard labour at Cascades Female Factory, Hobart.³
- 2 November 1846 Charged with disturbing the peace; fined 5 shillings.³
- 30 November 1846 Charged with misconduct in being away from her authorised place of residence and living in a state of fornication; sentence 6 months hard labour at Cascades Female Factory.³
- 16 July 1847 Application for permission to marry Thomas Bennett²⁵ (free) sent to the Secretary; approved.²⁶
- Notice given of approval for permission to marry Thomas Bennett; Catherine a ticket-of-leave holder, resident of Hobart; Thomas free, resident of Hobart.²⁷
- 28 July 1847 Charged with using indecent language; sentence 21 days hard labour at Cascades Female Factory, Hobart.³
- 3 August 1847 Ticket of Leave revoked for misconduct; gazetted 10 August.²⁸
- 23 August 1847 **Marrried** Thomas Bennett at St Joseph's Catholic Church, Hobart; Catherine adult; Thomas adult; witnesses Samuel Peewitt and Mary Allen.²⁹
- 28 August 1847 Charged at the Police Court, Hobart upon complaint of Constable Hanngan³⁰ with misconduct in disturbing the public peace in a public street on 27 August; sentence 6

²¹ *Hobart Town Gazette*, 23 August 1844 p.1008 (Catherine Fleming)

²² *Hobart Town Gazette*, 8 October 1844 p.1269 (Catherine Fleming)

²³ *Hobart Town Gazette*, 19 September 1844 p.1143 (Catherine Flemming)

²⁴ *Hobart Town Courier*, 25 February 1845 p.4 (Catherine Fleming)

²⁵ There were 20 convicts named Thomas Bennett transported to Tasmania, of which about half could be this Thomas Bennett.

²⁶ TAHO, CON52/1/2 p.329 (Catherine Flemming and Thom^s Bennett)

²⁷ *Hobart Town Gazette*, 20 July 1847 p.727 (Thomas Bennett & Catherine Fleming)

²⁸ *Hobart Town Gazette*, 10 August 1847 p.811 (Catherine Fleming)

²⁹ TAHO, RGD37/1/6 1847/1045 Hobart (Catherine Fleming & Thomas Bennett)

³⁰ This name may not be Hanngan, it is difficult to decipher.

- days in solitary confinement at Cascades Female Factory, Hobart; 3rd class probation pass-holder, married.³¹
- 15 December 1847 Charged at the Police Court, Hobart upon complaint of Constable Rendall with misconduct; discharged, complainant not appearing.³²
- 24 December 1847 Charged at the Police Court, Hobart upon complaint of Constable Keating with being drunk and using indecent language in a public street; plea not guilty; sentence 6 months hard labour at Cascades Female Factory, Hobart, and recommended that half that time be passed in the separate working cells.³³
- Statement of witness Constable Patrick Keating:
*Yesterday in consequence of information I received I went with another constable to Warwick Street. There I saw the prisoner pushed, out of her husband's house by her husband, she was then drunk and I heard her cursing and screaming. Her husband took her away from us and she then went into the house and opened a long knife and swore by her God that she would have murder.*³³
- 3 May 1848 Application for remission of sentence.³⁴
- 26 May 1848 Petition for remission of the remainder of 6 months sentence refused.³
- 11 December 1849 Absconded.³
- 22 January 1850 Charged with disturbing the peace; sentence 1 month hard labour at Cascades Female Factory, Hobart.³
- 26 October 1850 Free by servitude.³
- 28 October 1850 Certificate of Freedom issued.³
- 11 December 1852 Charged at the Police Court, Hobart upon complaint of District Constable Thomas with being drunk in a public street in Hobart on 9 December, disturbing the public peace there and assaulting James Wade, a constable, in the execution of his duty; plea guilty only of being drunk and disorderly; fined 5 shillings for each offence and costs 1 shilling; aged 30, free by servitude, can read and write imperfectly.³⁵
- Statement of witness Constable James Wade:
I am a Constable last night at about half past seven o'clock Catherine Bennett now present was in Liverpool Street a public street in Hobart she was clapping her hands and making a great noise and abusing some men I went to her told her I was a Constable and that I should take her into custody then she got me by the hair of the head pulled and handsfull of my hair and struck me several times in the face.
*By defendant: you had that face when I apprehended you.*³⁵
- 27 December 1852 Charged at the Police Court, Hobart upon complaint of District Constable Thomas with being drunk in a public street in Hobart Town on 24 December, disturbing the public peace in a public street and resisting Edward Matthews, a constable, in the execution of his duty and tearing his clothes and damaging them to the amount of 2 shillings; plea guilty; fined 5 shillings for being drunk, fined 5 shillings for disturbing the public peace and fined 5 shillings for resisting the Constable, and ordered to pay the sum of 2 shillings for the damage done to the Constable's clothes; aged 30, free by servitude, can read but not write.³⁶
- 31 January 1853 Charged at the Police Court, Hobart upon complaint of Constable Darling with disturbing the public peace in a public street in Hobart on 30 January; plea guilty; fined 5 shillings; aged 31, read only, free by servitude.³⁷

³¹ TAHO, LC251/1/1 (Catherine Fleming now Bennett)

³² TAHO, LC251/1/1 (Catherine Bennett formerly Fleming)

³³ TAHO, LC251/1/1 (Catherine Fleming now Bennett)

³⁴ TAHO, CON47/1/1 (Catherine Fleming)

³⁵ TAHO, LC247/1/22 p.8 (Catherine Bennett)

³⁶ TAHO, LC247/1/22 p.44 (Catherine Bennett)

³⁷ TAHO, LC247/1/22 p.138 (Catherine Bennett)

- 25 February 1853 Charged at the Police Court, Hobart upon complaint of Constable Owen McCarthy with disturbing the public peace in a public street in Hobart on 24 February; plea not guilty; fined 5 shillings and costs 1 shilling; aged 30, free by servitude, read only.³⁸
Statement of witness Constable Owen McCarthy:
*I am a Constable. Between 9 & 1 o'clock last night (24th February) the defendant Catherine Bennett was hallowing and shouting after a man in Macquarie Street a public street in Hobart Town. I took her into custody.*³⁹
- 28 February 1853 Charged at the Police Court, Hobart by Constable George Swan with being drunk and disturbing the public peace in a public place in Hobart on 26 February; plea guilty; fined 5 shillings for each offence; aged 30, free by servitude, read only.⁴⁰
- 30 March 1853 Charged at the Police Court, Hobart by District Constable Frederick Watson with being drunk and with disturbing the public peace in a public place in Hobart Town on 29 March; plea guilty; fined 5 shillings for each offence; aged 30, free by servitude, read only.⁴¹
- c1855 Followed her husband from Tasmania to Victoria.
- 1 August 1856 Charged at City Court, Melbourne, VIC by her husband Thomas Bennett with wilfully breaking his windows; dismissed.⁴²
Newspaper report:
*A SCENE OF DEPRAVITY. – A woman named Catherine Bennett was charged at the City Court yesterday by Thomas Bennett her husband, with wilfully breaking his windows. The charge, although entered in the name of the husband, was supported by a female with whom he is living, in a right-of-way off Lonsdale-street, opposite the Olympic Theatre. It appears that some time back Bennett deserted his wife in Hobart Town, but after he had been in Melbourne some time she came over in search of him. On her arrival here she found him living with the female before referred to, and her husband refused to take her in or to afford her a livelihood. The consequence was, that the poor woman, against whose character nothing appears to have been known up to this time, took to drinking and other habits of dissipation, and has frequently been taken into custody for disorderly and drunken conduct. An evening or two ago she proceeded to the house of her husband and his paramour, and in her exasperation broke the windows. The paramour was called, and stated that her husband had been transported. She acknowledged that she was living with Bennett as his wife. Bennett was observed in court, and was called on by the Bench to point out which of the two women was his wife; when he repudiated both of them, alleging that he had never been married to the prisoner. He was then called on to enter the witness-box to take his oath that he had never been married; when the Bench, observing him to be tipsy, ordered him to be locked up in the watch-house until this morning. Catherine Bennett, however, told the Bench that she was married to Bennett in St. Joseph's Church in Hobart Town, and that she had handed the certificate of her marriage to Mr. Sturt, who was not on the bench at the time. The Bench dismissed the charge of breaking windows, and ordered a summons to issue against Bennett to compel him to provide a proper maintenance for his wife. The other woman was advised to join her husband in his exile.*⁴²
- 16 February 1858 Charged at Collingwood Court, Melbourne, VIC with vagrancy; sentence 3 months hard labour, held at Melbourne Gaol.
Description: per *Rajah* to Van Diemen's Land in 1839 under sentence of 10 years, married, 4 times in gaol previously, 4' 10", complexion florid, hair dark brown, eyes hazel, nose large, mouth large, chin medium, eyebrows dark, visage short, forehead medium, aged 32 in 1858, native place Ireland, servant, Roman Catholic, read only, two scars on right arm, one on forehead, ... right shoulder.⁴³
- 1 March 1858 Received from Melbourne Gaol, VIC to the hulk *Sacramento*; gaol report conduct good.⁴³

³⁸ TAHO, LC247/1/22 p.200 (Catherine Bennett)

³⁹ TAHO, LC247/1/22 p.202 (Catherine Bennett)

⁴⁰ TAHO, LC247/1/22 p.208 (Catherine Bennett)

⁴¹ TAHO, LC247/1/22 p.283 (Catherine Bennett)

⁴² *Argus*, 2 August 1856 p.5 (Catherine Bennett)

⁴³ PROV, VPRS 516/1 No.116 (Catherine Bennett)

26 April 1858	Discharged from the hulk <i>Sacramento</i> , VIC. ⁴³
6 August 1858	Charged at Collingwood Court, Melbourne, VIC with using obscene language; sentence 6 months hard labour, held at Melbourne Gaol. ⁴³
16 August 1858	Received from Melbourne Gaol, VIC to the hulk <i>Sacramento</i> . ⁴³
31 December 1858	Charged on the hulk <i>Sacramento</i> , VIC with misconduct; sentence 3 days in solitary confinement on the hulk <i>Sacramento</i> . ⁴³
9 February 1859	Discharged from the hulk <i>Sacramento</i> , VIC.
30 November 1859	Charged at Collingwood Court, Melbourne, VIC with drunkenness and using obscene language; sentence 3 months hard labour, held at Melbourne Gaol. ⁴³
12 December 1859	Received from Melbourne Gaol, VIC to the hulk <i>Sacramento</i> ; gaol report conduct indifferent. ⁴³
16 February 1860	Received from the hulk <i>Sacramento</i> to the hulk <i>Success</i> . ⁴³
cMarch 1860	Discharged from the hulk <i>Success</i> , VIC. ⁴³
30 March 1860	Charged at Collingwood Court, Melbourne, VIC with being an habitual drunkard; sentence 6 months imprisonment, held at Melbourne Gaol. ⁴³
9 April 1860	Received from Melbourne Gaol, VIC to the hulk <i>Success</i> ; gaol report conduct indifferent. ⁴³
11 August ⁴⁴ 1860	Charged on the hulk <i>Success</i> , VIC with misconduct; conduct to be reported. ⁴³
September 1860	Discharged from the hulk <i>Success</i> , VIC; authority for liberation dated 27 August 1860. ⁴³
28 September 1860	Charged at Collingwood Court, Melbourne, VIC with drunkenness; sentence 12 months hard labour, held at Melbourne Gaol, VIC. ⁴³
8 October 1860	Received from Melbourne Gaol, VIC to the hulk <i>Success</i> ; gaol report conduct indifferent. ⁴³
18 October 1860	Charged on the hulk <i>Success</i> , VIC with quarrelling; 7 days on probation. ⁴³ Charged on the hulk <i>Success</i> , VIC with using threatening language; admonished. ⁴³ Charged on the hulk <i>Success</i> , VIC with insolence etc; admonished. ⁴³
3 November 1860	Charged on the hulk <i>Success</i> , VIC with making a groundless complaint; sentence 3 days in solitary confinement on the hulk <i>Success</i> . ⁴³ Charged on the hulk <i>Success</i> , VIC with disorderly conduct etc; sentence 3 days in solitary confinement on the hulk <i>Success</i> . ⁴³
24 January 1861	Charged on the hulk <i>Success</i> , VIC with disobedience; admonished. ⁴³ Charged on the hulk <i>Success</i> , VIC with insolence; sentence 24 hours in solitary confinement on the hulk <i>Success</i> . ⁴³ Charged on the hulk <i>Success</i> , VIC with using improper language; sentence 3 days in solitary confinement on the hulk <i>Success</i> . ⁴³ Charged on the hulk <i>Success</i> , VIC with using improper language; sentence 3 days in solitary confinement on the hulk <i>Success</i> . ⁴³ Charged on the hulk <i>Success</i> , VIC with using improper language; admonished. ⁴³
11 March 1861	Charged on the hulk <i>Success</i> , VIC with breach of regulations; admonished. Charged on the hulk <i>Success</i> , VIC with using improper language; sentence 3 days in solitary confinement on the hulk <i>Success</i> . ⁴³
23 March 1861	Charged on the hulk <i>Success</i> , VIC with quarrelling; sentence 24 hours in solitary confinement on the hulk <i>Success</i> . Charged on the hulk <i>Success</i> , VIC with using improper language; sentence 3 days in solitary confinement on the hulk <i>Success</i> . ⁴³
6 November 1861	Charged on the hulk <i>Success</i> , VIC with misconduct. ⁴⁵

⁴⁴ This date may not be 11 August, it is difficult to decipher.

- c22 September 1862 Discharged from the hulk *Success*, VIC.⁴³
- 18 February 1873 Charged at Collingwood Court, Melbourne, VIC with larceny; sentence 3 months imprisonment at Melbourne Gaol.
Description: servant, born 1810, Ireland, 4' 10", sallow complexion, greyish hair, hazel eyes, repeatedly convicted.⁴⁶
- 13–19 May 1873 Discharged from Melbourne Gaol, VIC.⁴⁶

Notes

- Catherine may be the Cath Bennett who departed Hobart for Melbourne as a steerage passenger on the *City of Hobart* on 5 May 1856; aged 35, servant.⁴⁷
- Catherine may be the Catherine Bennett charged with the following offences:
 - 21 July 1858 Charged at City Court, Melbourne, VIC with drunkenness; fined.⁴⁸
 - 11 February 1859 Charged at City Court, Melbourne, VIC with drunkenness; fined.⁴⁹
 - 18 February 1859 Charged at City Court, Melbourne, VIC with stealing a £5 note from the person of Thomas Morris; discharged, no prosecutor appearing.⁵⁰
 - 12 March 1859 Charged at City Court, Melbourne, VIC with being drunk and disorderly in the streets at 2 o'clock on Saturday morning; sentence 1 month imprisonment.⁵¹
Newspaper report:
*Detective Addey stated that he arrested the woman as she was leaving Davies' oyster-rooms, Swanston street, and at the hour mentioned (2 o'clock a.m.) he found nine prostitutes and three men in that haunt of similar characters.*⁵¹
 - 1 December 1862 Charged at City Court, Melbourne, VIC with being drunk; fined 5 shillings, in default 24 hours imprisonment.⁵²
 - 6 January 1865 Charged at East Collingwood Court, Melbourne, VIC with having used obscene language in a public place; fined 40 shillings and 5 shillings costs, or in default, 14 days' imprisonment.⁵³
 - 21 January 1867 Charged at Fitzroy Court, Melbourne, VIC with using indecent language in public; sentence 1 month imprisonment with hard labour.⁵⁴
 - 10 January 1868 Charged at East Collingwood Court, Melbourne, VIC with wilfully damaging the property of a neighbour by breaking several panes of glass; fined 10 shillings and ordered to pay costs of 26 shillings, in default 1 month imprisonment.⁵⁵
 - 21 May 1869 Charged at East Collingwood Court, Melbourne, VIC with using language of an improper character; fined 10 shillings; punished previously for a similar offence.⁵⁶
 - 24 February 1871 Charged at East Collingwood Court, Melbourne, VIC with using obscene language; fined 10 shillings, in default 3 months imprisonment at Melbourne Gaol.⁵⁷
Newspaper report:
*EAST COLLINGWOOD. – ON Friday, at this court ... Catherine Bennett, a very old offender, was fined £10 for using disgusting language to the wife of a labourer, and as she could not pay the money she was sent to gaol for three months.*⁵⁷

⁴⁵ PROV, VPRS 516/1 No.116 (Catherine Bennett) The sentence cannot be deciphered, nor can dates, offences and sentences for the following 3 or 4 charges as the record is difficult to read.

⁴⁶ *Victoria Police Gazette*, 20 May 1873 No.20 p.132 (Catherine Bennett)

⁴⁷ TAHO, CUS36/1/111 (Cath Bennett)

⁴⁸ *Argus*, 22 July 1858 p.6 (Catherine Bennett)

⁴⁹ *Argus*, 12 February 1859 p.5 (Catherine Bennett)

⁵⁰ *Argus*, 19 February 1859 p.15 (Catherine Bennett)

⁵¹ *Argus*, 14 March 1859 p.5 (Catherine Bennett)

⁵² *Argus*, 2 December 1862 p.7 (Catherine Bennett)

⁵³ *Argus*, 7 January 1865 p.5 (Catherine Bennett)

⁵⁴ *Argus*, 22 January 1867 p.6 (Catherine Bennett)

⁵⁵ *Argus*, 13 January 1868 p.15 (Catherine Bennett)

⁵⁶ *Argus*, 24 May 1869 p.6 (Catherine Bennett)

⁵⁷ *Argus*, 27 February 1871 p.6 (Catherine Bennett)

- Catherine may be the Catherine Bennett who was admitted to Melbourne Hospital, VIC on 19 October 1862.⁵⁸

Newspaper report:

*Yesterday, a woman named Catherine Bennett was brought to the hospital, suffering from injuries which apparently were sustained through having been run over by a car in Elizabeth street. The woman, who was drunk when the accident happened, was taken to the hospital by the police.*⁵⁸

- Catherine may be the Catherine Bennett who died on 3 July 1885 of senile debility and low pneumonia at Melbourne Hospital, VIC; aged 72, parents not known, born Liverpool, England, 40 years in Victoria, marriage and children not known; informant hall porter at Melbourne Hospital; buried 14 August 1885 at New Cemetery, Melbourne, VIC.⁵⁹

⁵⁸ *Argus*, 20 October 1862 p.5 (Catherine Bennett)

⁵⁹ VIC Death Certificate 1885/9258 (Catherine Bennett)