

Mary Hampson (*uxor Mary Manton*)

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| POLICE NUMBER 405 ¹ | LITERACY read only |
| TRIAL DATE 26 October 1840 | AGE ON EMBARKATION 22 |
| TRIAL PLACE Lancaster (Liverpool) Quarter Sessions | AGE ON ARRIVAL 22 |
| OFFENCE stealing sovereigns and other articles | HEIGHT 5' 4½" |
| SENTENCE 7 years ² | COMPLEXION fresh |
| GAOL REPORT twice convicted before, bad, single | HEAD oval |
| PREVIOUS CONVICTIONS once 12 months for stealing money, again 3 months for stealing clothes | HAIR dark brown |
| SURGEON'S REPORT assistant cook on board, well behaved in her difficult situation | VISAGE oval |
| ON THE TOWN 4 or 5 years | FOREHEAD medium |
| MARITAL STATUS single | EYEBROWS brown |
| CHILDREN 0 | EYES grey |
| FAMILY | NOSE medium |
| NATIVE PLACE Liverpool, England | MOUTH medium |
| TRADE ON EMBARKATION | CHIN round |
| TRADE ON ARRIVAL house servant, kitchen maid | MARKS scar and burn back of right hand, round scar back of left hand, slightly pockpitted |

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| c1819 | Born at Liverpool, Lancashire, England. ³ |
| 26 October 1840 | Tried at Lancaster Quarter Sessions, Liverpool, Lancashire, England indicted for stealing money (sovereigns) and other articles; sentence 7 years transportation. ⁴ |
| 5 April 1841 | Departed Woolwich, England on the <i>Rajah</i> . ⁵ |
| 19 July 1841 | Arrived at Hobart on the <i>Rajah</i> . ⁵ |
| c24 July 1841 | Upon arrival at Hobart, assigned to Mr Brock, Macquarie Street, Hobart. ⁶ |
| 3 August 1841 | Charged with being drunk and disorderly; in the service of Brock; sentence 10 days in solitary confinement at Cascades Female Factory, Hobart. ⁴ |
| 27 September 1841 | Charged with misconduct; in the service of Perry; reprimanded and returned to her service. ⁴ |
| 11 October 1841 | Charged with misconduct in representing herself to be free; in the service of Perry; sentence 6 days in solitary confinement at Cascades Female Factory, Hobart. ⁴ Charged with misconduct in being disorderly in proceeding to Cascades Female Factory this day; to be detained at Cascades Female Factory, Hobart 1 month at the expiration of her present sentence. ⁴ |
| 24 November 1841 | Charged with disobedience of orders; in the service of Hudson; sentence 3 months at the wash tub at Cascades Female Factory, Hobart. ⁴ |
| 31 December 1841 | Mustered at Cascades Female Factory, Hobart. ⁷ |
| 5 March 1842 | Charged with absconding from the service of Lewis; existing sentence of transportation extended 6 months and recommended that she be placed on probation at the wash tub for 3 months at Cascades Female Factory, Hobart. ⁴ |

¹ TAHO, CON40/1/6 p.50 No.405 [image 52] (Mary Hampson); TAHO, CON19/1/1 p.209 [image 108] (Mary Hampson); ML, CY 1282 p.149 (Mary Hampson); TAHO, CON 40/6 p.50; ML, CY 1197 p.155 (Mary Hampson); ML, CY 958 p.442 (Mary Hampson)

² Sentence given as 10 years on Assignment List (ML, CY 958 p.442 (Mary Hampson)).

³ TAHO, CON19/1/1 p.209 [image 108] (Mary Hampson)

⁴ TAHO, CON40/1/6 p.50 No.405 [image 52] (Mary Hampson)

⁵ AJCP, ADM 101/63 *Rajah*

⁶ ML, CY 1274 p.258 (Mary Hampson)

⁷ AJCP, HO 10/51 p.370 No.405 (Mary Hampson)

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- 25 July 1842 Charged at the Police Court, Hobart on the complaint of Constable Flint with misconduct in being out after hours at ½ past 10 o'clock last night from the service of Mrs Spinks; sentence 14 days hard labour at the wash tub at Cascades Female Factory, Hobart, then returned to her service.⁸
- 9 August 1842 Charged at the Police Court, Hobart on the complaint of Constable Hadfield with absconding from the service of Mrs Spinks on 31 July and remaining illegally at large until apprehended last night at 10 o'clock; plea guilty; existing sentence of transportation extended 12 months and recommended that she be detained 4 months on probation at the wash tub at Cascades Female Factory, Hobart.⁹
- 7 January 1842 Charged with an unknown offence; in the service of Mrs Adams;¹⁰ to be received for ... no person appearing to prosecute.¹¹
- 1 February 1843 Charged at the Police Office, Hobart on the complaint of Mr Barnsdale with misconduct in being on his premises for an improper purpose; in the service of Mrs Holmes, Elizabeth Street, Hobart; plea guilty; sentence 6 months' hard labour at Cascades Female Factory, Hobart the first 3 months to be passed in the separate working rooms.¹²
- 18 September 1843 Charged at the Police Court, Hobart by Constable McCann with misconduct in being absent 2 days and nights without leave from the service of Mr Gresley; plea guilty; sentence 3 months hard labour at Cascades Female Factory, Hobart.¹³
- 13 January 1844 Charged at the Police Office, Hobart by Constable Anderson with misconduct in being absent without leave from the service of Mr Roberts, Collins Street, Hobart; plea guilty; reprimanded and returned to the Crown.¹⁴
- 20 January 1844 This woman is ordered to serve further probation from this date previous to being assigned.⁴
- 10 July 1844 Classified as a 1st class probation pass-holder; gazetted 12 July.¹⁵
- 1 November 1844 Promoted from a 1st class to a 2nd class probation pass-holder; gazetted 5 November.¹⁶
- 18 February 1845 Promoted from a 2nd class to a 3rd class probation pass-holder; gazetted 25 February.¹⁷
- 27 March 1845 Hired in private service for 12 months as a probation pass-holder to Louisa Hayes, Bagdad.¹⁸
- 18 April 1845 Ticket of Leave granted; gazetted 22 April.¹⁹
- 29 May 1845 Charged with being out after hours; sentence 1 month hard labour at Cascades Female Factory, Hobart.⁴
- 28 August 1845 Charged with misconduct in being in a common brothel; sentence 2 months hard labour at Cascades Female Factory, Hobart.⁴
- 29 October 1845 Charged with misconduct; reprimanded.⁴
- 6 January 1846 Charged with larceny under £5; existing sentence of transportation extended 12 months and recommended to be detained on probation for 6 months at Cascades Female Factory.⁴
- 14 July 1846 Application for permission to marry John Manton²⁰ (*Lady Raffles*, Ticket of Leave) sent to the Secretary; approved.²¹

⁸ TAHO, AC480/1/1, 25 July 1842 (Mary Hampson)

⁹ TAHO, AC480/1/1, 9 August 1842 (Mary Hampson)

¹⁰ This name is difficult to decipher and so may not be Adams.

¹¹ TAHO, AC480/1/1, 7 January 1842 (Mary Hampson)

¹² TAHO, AC480/1/1, 1 February 1843 (Mary Hampson)

¹³ TAHO, AC480/1/1, 18 September 1843 (Mary Hanson)

¹⁴ TAHO, AC480/1/1, 13 January 1844 (Mary Hampson)

¹⁵ *Hobart Town Gazette*, 12 July 1844 p.800 (Mary Hampson)

¹⁶ *Hobart Town Gazette*, 5 November 1844 p.1403 (Mary Hampson)

¹⁷ *Hobart Town Gazette*, 25 February 1845 p.228 (Mary Hampson)

¹⁸ *Hobart Town Gazette*, 15 April 1845 p.486 (Mary Hampson)

¹⁹ *Hobart Town Gazette*, 22 April 1845 p.516 (Mary Hampson)

- 15 July 1846 Notice given of approval for permission to marry John Manton; Mary a ticket-of-leave holder, resident of Hobart; John a ticket-of-leave holder, resident of Hobart.²²
- 17 August 1846 **Married** John Manton at St George's Anglican Church, Battery Point; Mary aged 27, spinster; John aged 29, shoemaker; witnesses Ellen Arnott and James Swain.²³
- 5 October 1846 Tried at the Quarter Sessions, Hobart for stealing from the person seven £1 notes the property of William Dean; verdict guilty; sentence 7 years transportation.²⁴
Husband John Manton charged with the same offence, verdict not guilty; ship to colony *Lady Raffles*.²⁴
Newspaper reports:
- QUARTER SESSIONS.
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 6.
- John Manton and Mary Manton, husband and wife, were charged with stealing, on the 8th September, seven one-pound promissory notes, the property of William Deane.*
- The particulars of this case are very brief. Deane, a constable under Mr. Gunn, having received some money, called upon Manton, and spent some time in his company and that of his wife: while in the house he was robbed by the female prisoner, in whose stays the seven notes were found by Mrs. Watkins, who searched her at the Police-office.*
- The trial was of some duration, and resulted in the jury finding the female prisoner Guilty, and in the acquittal of her husband.*
- His Honor observed, that the verdict was a very proper one.*²⁵
- John Manton and Mary Manton severally charged with stealing, on the 8th day of September last, from the person of one William Dean, the sum of seven pounds. John Manton was acquitted; and Mary Manton to be transported beyond the seas for the term of seven years.*²⁶
- May 1847 Paid 5 shillings into savings bank account held by the Government on behalf of convicts whilst at Cascades Female Factory.²⁷
- 22 September 1847 Husband John Manton charged at Hobart with being drunk in a public street, making use of indecent language and assaulting a constable in the execution of his duty; sentence 4 months hard labour.²⁸
- 13 March 1848 Classified as a 3rd class probation pass-holder vide petition.
- 30 March 1849 Husband John Manton approved for a Conditional Pardon.²⁸
- 29 June 1849 Charged at the Police Court, Hobart upon complaint of Constable Gillies with being drunk in a public place, to wit the Police Office, Hobart, on 28 June; plea not guilty; sentence 1 month hard labour at Cascades Female Factory, Hobart; married, 3rd class probation pass-holder; can read only.²⁹
Statement of witness Alfred Locke:
*About 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon the prisoner came to the Police Office complaining of her husband having beaten her, she was then drunk.*²⁹
- 1 September 1849 Charged at the Police Court, Hobart upon complaint of Constable Carlton³⁰ with misconduct in being out after hours at ½ past 8 pm on 31 August; discharged and

²⁰ John Manton was transported for 15 years on the *Lady Raffles* in 1840, tried at Bedford Quarter Sessions on 30 June 1840 for highway robbery; single, shoemaker, aged 27, native place Bedford; Ticket of Leave 3 March 1846; Conditional Pardon 30 January 1849 (TAHO, CON33/1/6 No.1374 [image 187] (John Manton)).

²¹ TAHO, CON52/1/2 p.128 (Mary Hampson & Jno Manton)

²² *Hobart Town Gazette*, 21 July 1846 p.777 (John Manton & Mary Hampson)

²³ TAHO, RGD37/1/5 1846/17 Hobart (Mary Hampson & John Manton)

²⁴ TAHO, LC218/1/1 p.190 No.6 (John Manton & Mary Manton)

²⁵ *Colonial Times*, 9 October 1846 p.3 (John Manton & Mary Manton)

²⁶ *Hobart Town Courier*, 10 October 1846 p.4 (John Manton & Mary Manton)

²⁷ TAHO, CON73/1/1 p.382 (Mary Hampson)

²⁸ TAHO, CON33/1/6 image 187 No.1374 (John Manton)

²⁹ TAHO, LC251/1/1 29 June 1849 (Mary Hampson now Manton)

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

- returned to the service of the Crown, her husband having deserted her; 3rd class probation pass-holder, married, aged 27, cannot read and write.³¹
- 16 April 1850 At Launceston.⁴
- 24 April 1850 Memorial for Ticket of Leave.⁴
- 30 April 1850 Ticket of Leave granted.⁴
- 13 February 1851 Recommended for a Conditional Pardon.⁴
- 19 August 1851 Conditional Pardon approved.⁴
- 21 April 1851 Charged with being drunk and disturbing the peace; fined 5 shillings for each offence.⁴
- 1 December 1854 Charged at City Police Court, Melbourne, VIC with using obscene language; fined £10 or 2 months' imprisonment.³²
Newspaper report:
*Mary Manton, an old offender, for an aggravated offence in the use of obscene language, was fined £10, or two months' imprisonment.*³²
- 30 June 1856 Charged at City Police Court, Melbourne, VIC with robbery; discharged.³³
Newspaper report:
*PROSECUTION ABANDONED. – At the City Court yesterday Mary Manton and Mary Johnston, two persons of bad character, were charged with having robbed one Philip Makepeace, a resident in North Melbourne, of £7, in a house of ill-fame, on Saturday evening last. The prosecutor did not appear, and the prisoners were discharged.*³³
- 26 April 1857³⁴ Free by servitude.⁴
- 8 August 1857 Charged at City Police Court, Melbourne, VIC with robbery; sentence 3 months' imprisonment with hard labour.³⁵
Newspaper report:
*Mary Manton was charged with committing a robbery on John Campbell. From complainant's statement it appeared that the prisoner flung her arms around his neck, bit asunder his watch-chain, and stole the time-keeper. She then ran away, but was subsequently arrested in Little Bourke-street, and the watch was found in her possession. The theft was clearly proved, and she was sentenced to three months' imprisonment with hard labor.*³⁵
- 24 March 1858 Charged at City Police Court, Melbourne, VIC with vagrancy; sentence 1 month's hard labour, detained at HM Gaol, Melbourne.
Description: 5' 4½", complexion sallow, hair brown, eyes brown, nose large, mouth large, chin medium, eyebrows dark, visage large, forehead low, age 44; native place Liverpool, trade servant, religion Protestant, read only, slightly pockpitted; per *Rajah* to Van Diemen's Land in 1840 under sentence of 10 years; married; seven times in gaol.³⁶
Newspaper report:
*Ellen Roberts, Sarah Seals, Sarah Alexander, Anna Tyson, and Mary Manton, were charged with vagrancy, and were sent to gaol for a month.*³⁷
- 5 April 1858 Removed from HM Gaol, Melbourne, VIC to the hulk *Sacramento*; gaol report conduct good.³⁶
- 6 May 1858 Charged at City Police Court, Melbourne, VIC with drunkenness; fined 10 shillings.³⁸
- 30 December 1864 Husband John Manton charged at Hobart with assaulting and beating a female aged 4 years; sentence 6 months' hard labour.²⁸

³¹ TAHO, LC251/1/1 (Mary Hampson now Manton)

³² *Argus*, 5 December 1854 p.5 (Mary Manton)

³³ *Argus*, 1 July 1856 p.5 (Mary Manton)

³⁴ This date is calculated on the premise that Mary's two sentences to 7 years transportation were cumulative.

³⁵ *Argus*, 10 August 1857 p.5 (Mary Manton)

³⁶ PROV, VPRS 516/1 No.138 [Fiche 2] (Mary Manton)

³⁷ *Argus*, 25 March 1858 p.6 (Mary Manton)

³⁸ *Argus*, 7 May 1858 p.6 (Mary Manton)

Notes

- Mary's husband may be the John Manton who departed Hobart for Melbourne on 1 September 1852 as a steerage passenger on the *Thalia*; ship to colony not given.³⁹

³⁹ TAHO, CUS36/1/512 (John Manton)