

Elizabeth Hawkins

(proper name Elizabeth Dickerson; aka Elizabeth Sackhurst, Elizabeth Seckerson;
uxor Elizabeth Forrest)

POLICE NUMBER 403 ¹	LITERACY read and write
TRIAL DATE 26 October 1840	AGE ON EMBARKATION 29
TRIAL PLACE Devon (Plymouth) Quarter Sessions	AGE ON ARRIVAL 30
OFFENCE stealing money from the person	HEIGHT 5' ¼"
SENTENCE 10 years	COMPLEXION fair
GAOL REPORT bad, addicted to drinking, prostitute, married 2 children	HEAD oval
PREVIOUS CONVICTIONS once death recorded, served 12 months and discharged for being an accessory to a highway robbery; once 28 days for leaving my work, once 3 months for stealing stockings	HAIR dark brown
SURGEON'S REPORT lazy but orderly	VISAGE oval
ON THE TOWN yes	FOREHEAD medium
MARITAL STATUS married	EYEBROWS brown
CHILDREN 2	EYES hazel
FAMILY	NOSE medium
NATIVE PLACE Guernsey	MOUTH medium
TRADE ON EMBARKATION	CHIN round
TRADE ON ARRIVAL laundress	MARKS several small moles on face

c1811 **Born** in Guernsey.²

26 October 1840 Tried at Devon Quarter Sessions, Plymouth, Devonshire, England indicted for larceny from the person in stealing money from the person; 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, sent to Launceston for assignment; assigned to Mr Ashburner, *Silwood*.⁵

31 December 1841 At Launceston Female Factory.⁶

1 April 1843 At Launceston.³

20 December 1843 Application for permission to marry William Forrest⁷ (free) sent to the Muster Master.⁸

17 January 1844 Application for permission to marry William Forrest sent to the Secretary; approved.⁸

28 December 1843 Charged with being absent without leave from the service of Tregurtha; sentence 7 days in solitary confinement at Launceston Female Factory.³

¹ TAHO, CON40/1/6 p.49 No.403 [image 51] (Elizabeth Hawkins); TAHO, CON19/1/1 p.214 [image 110] (Elizabeth Hawkins); ML, CY 1282 p.148 (Elizabeth Hawkins proper name Elizabeth Sickerson); ML, CY 1197 p.154 (Elizabeth Hawkins alias Seckerson); ML, CY 958 p.442 (Elizabeth Hawkins alias Elizabeth Seckerson)

² TAHO, CON19/1/1 p.214 [image 110] (Elizabeth Hawkins)

³ TAHO, CON40/1/6 p.49 No.403 [image 51] (Elizabeth Hawkins)

⁴ AJCP, ADM 101/63 *Rajah*

⁵ ML, CY 1282 p.141 (Elizabeth Hawkins); ML, CY 1274 p.257 (Elizabeth Hawkins proper name Seckerson)

⁶ AJCP, HO 10/51 p.370 No.403 (Elizabeth Hawkins)

⁷ A William Forrest was transported for 7 years on the *Recovery* in 1837, tried at Worcester Quarter Sessions on 27 June 1836 for breaking a shop and stealing 140 lbs of nails; single, chainmaker, aged 29, native place Portsmouth; meritoriously exerted himself in saving F Wakefield Esq.'s life when in danger of drowning in the South Esk River on 24 August 1838; Ticket of Leave 22 May 1839; Conditional Pardon 9 December 1841; Certificate of Freedom 1846; at Morven in 1843 and 1847 (TAHO, CON31/1/14 p.163 No.846 [image 167] (William Forrest), TAHO, CON18/1/22 [image 96] (Will Forrest)).

⁸ TAHO, CON52/1/2 p.59 (Elizabeth Hawkins & Wm Forrest)

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24 January 1844	Notice given of approval for permission to marry William Forrest; Elizabeth in assigned service at Launceston; William free. ⁹
12 February 1844	Married William Forrest at St John's Anglican Church, Launceston; Elizabeth aged 33, prisoner, widow; William aged 33, single, free; witnesses George Griggs (illiterate) and William Jones (clerk). ¹⁰
16 April 1844	Classified as a 2 nd class probation pass-holder; gazetted 19 April. ¹¹
26 September 1844	Promoted from a 2 nd class to a 3 rd class probation pass-holder; gazetted 1 October. ¹²
17 July 1844	At Launceston. ³
26 December 1844	Daughters Ann Forrest and Elizabeth Forrest, twins, born at Launceston; mother Elizabeth Hawkins; informant William Forest, father, blacksmith, resident of Lyttleton Street, Launceston. ¹³
cDecember 1844	Daughters Ann Forrest and Elizabeth Forrest baptised at St John's Anglican Church, Launceston. ¹³
24 April 1845	Ticket of Leave granted; gazetted 29 April. ¹⁴
13 December 1845 ¹⁵	Charged with feloniously receiving under the value of £5; sentence 6 months hard labour at Cascades Female Factory, Hobart ¹⁶ and recommended to be deprived of her Ticket of Leave. ¹⁷
6 February 1846	Ticket of Leave revoked for misconduct; gazetted 10 February. ¹⁸
14 May 1846	Remainder of the punishment sentence passed in December 1845 remitted vide memo of the Comptroller General. ³
28 August 1847	Son William Forrest born at Launceston; mother Elizabeth Hawkins; informant William Forrest, father, labourer, resident of York Street, Launceston. ¹⁹
19 October 1847	Son William Forrest died of influenza at Launceston; aged 1 month 25 days; informant father William Forrest, labourer, resident of George Street, Launceston. ²⁰
4 January 1848	Husband William Forrest listed as the householder of a completed, inhabitable wooden dwelling in York Street, Launceston; proprietor John Knight; 3 residents (2 free); on census night: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 1 married male aged between 21 and 45 years, free by servitude, Church of England.• 2 married females aged between 21 and 45 years, ticket-of-leave holders, 1 Church of England, 1 Church of Scotland.• 2 single females aged between 2 and 7 years; born in the colony, Church of England.²¹
15 July 1848	Charged with being out after hours and disturbing the peace; sentence 3 months hard labour at Launceston Female Factory. ³
24 August 1848	Unexpired portion of the 3 months sentence passed in July 1848 remitted vide letter from the Superintendent of Convicts Office, Launceston. ³

⁹ *Hobart Town Gazette*, 26 January 1844 p.119; 2 February 1844 p.179; 9 February 1844 p.205 (William Forrest & Elizabeth Hawkins)

¹⁰ TAHO, RGD37/1/3 1844/756 Launceston (Elizabeth Hawkins & William Forrest)

¹¹ *Hobart Town Gazette*, 19 April 1844 p.455 (Elizabeth Hawkins)

¹² *Hobart Town Gazette*, 1 October 1844 p.1208 (Elizabeth Hawkins)

¹³ TAHO, RGD33/1/23 1844/665 & 666 Launceston (Ann & Elizabeth Forest)

¹⁴ *Hobart Town Gazette*, 29 April 1845 p.544 (Elizabeth Hawkins)

¹⁵ Year given as 1846 on CON78 but 1845 on conduct record.

¹⁶ It is likely that Elizabeth was sent to Launceston Female Factory, not Cascades Female Factory even though this is written on her conduct record.

¹⁷ TAHO, CON78/1/2 p.48 (Elizabeth Hawkins)

¹⁸ *Hobart Town Gazette*, 10 February 1846 p.136 (Elizabeth Hawkins)

¹⁹ TAHO, RGD33/1/23 1847/1790 Launceston (William Forrest)

²⁰ Gunn & Kippen, 'Household and Family Formation in Nineteenth-Century Tasmania' No.120570; TAHO, RGD35/1/16 1857/815 Launceston (William Forrest)

²¹ TAHO, CEN1/1/95 p.131 (William Forrest)

3 October 1849	Charged with being absent from her authorised place of residence without leave; sentence 14 days in cells at Launceston Female Factory. ³
18 October 1849	At Launceston. ³
23 October 1849	Charged with being out after hours in a disorderly house; sentence 3 months hard labour at Launceston Female Factory. ³
6 March 1850	Charged with larceny under £5; sentence 6 months hard labour at Launceston Female Factory. ³
23 September 1850	Charged with being out after hours; sentence 1 month hard labour at Launceston Female Factory. ³
26 October 1850	Free by servitude. ³
22 November 1850	Certificate of Freedom issued; gazetted. ²²
15 July 1855	Died of decline at Launceston; aged 45; informant husband William Forrest, maltster, resident of Margaret Street, Launceston. ²³
17 July 1855	Buried in Launceston, burial registered with Paterson Street Methodist Church, Launceston; aged 46. ²⁴
1864	Daughter Ann Forrest married John Beardsley in Victoria. ²⁵
1865	Grandson John William Beardsley born at Malmsbury, near Kyneton, VIC; father John William Beardsley; mother Annie Forest. ²⁶
c1866	Granddaughter Elizabeth Beardsley born at Shottle, Derbyshire, England. ²⁷
3 March 1867	Granddaughter Elizabeth Beardsley baptised at Shottle, Derbyshire, England. ²⁷
c1869	Grandson Samuel James Beardsley born at Shottle, Derbyshire, England. ²⁷
6 August 1871	Husband William Forrest died of a dislocated hip at Launceston; aged 62, labourer; informant Richards & Son, undertakers. ²⁸
c1872	Grandson George Henry Beardsley born at Shottle, Derbyshire, England. ²⁷
30 June 1872	Grandson Samuel James Beardsley baptised at Shottle, Derbyshire, England. ²⁷ Grandson George Henry Beardsley baptised at Shottle, Derbyshire, England. ²⁷
1874	Granddaughter Annie Beardsley born at Rochester, VIC; father John Beardsley; mother Annie Forrest. ²⁹
1 June 1876	Grandchild Peyhairia Beardsley born at Rochester, VIC; father John Beardsley; mother Annie Forrest. ³⁰
1878	Grandson James Joseph Beardsley born in Rochester, VIC; father John Beardsley; mother Ann Forrest. ³¹
1879	Grandson John William Beardsley died at Malmsbury, VIC; aged 14. ³²
1881	Grandson John Isaac Beardsley born at Rochester, VIC; father John Beardsley; mother Ann Forrest. ³³
1884	Granddaughter Mary Jane Beardsley born at Rochester, VIC; father John Beardsley; mother Ann Forrest. ³⁴

²² *Cornwall Chronicle*, 30 November 1850 p.854 (Elizabeth Hawkins)

²³ TAHO, RGD35/1/24 1855/1870 Launceston (Elizabeth Forrest)

²⁴ TAHO, NS499/1/975 No.196 (Elizabeth Forrest)

²⁵ VIC Marriage Record 1864/2640 (John Beardsley & Annie Forest)

²⁶ VIC Birth Record 1865/9632 (John William Beardsley)

²⁷ personal communication, Colette McAlpine, 5 August 2012; *Pioneer Families in Victoria, Aust.*, 'John and Ann Beardsley'

²⁸ Gunn & Kippen, 'Household and Family Formation in Nineteenth-Century Tasmania' No.540203 (William Forrest); TAHO, RGD35/1/40 1871/1556 Launceston (William Forrest)

²⁹ VIC Birth Record 1874/4878 (Annie Beardsley); personal communication, Colette McAlpine, 5 August 2012

³⁰ VIC Birth Record 1876/11710 (Pihair Beardsley); personal communication, Colette McAlpine, 5 August 2012

³¹ VIC Birth Record 1878/18557 (James Joseph Beardsley); personal communication, Colette McAlpine, 5 August 2012

³² VIC Death Record 1879/6100 (John William Beardsley)

³³ VIC Birth Record 1881/25698 (John Isaac Beardsley); personal communication, Colette McAlpine, 5 August 2012

³⁴ VIC Birth Record 1884/5075 (Mary Jane Beardsley); personal communication, Colette McAlpine, 5 August 2012

25 September 1922 Daughter Ann Forrest died at Echuca Hospital, VIC; aged 78, father William Forrest, mother Elizabeth Hawkins.³⁵

³⁵ VIC Death Record 1922/8960 (Annie Beardsley)

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