

Jane Henly
(*uxor Jane Williams*)

POLICE NUMBER 402 ¹	LITERACY read and write imperfectly
TRIAL DATE 1 February ² 1841	AGE ON EMBARKATION 21
TRIAL PLACE Central Criminal Court (Old Bailey), London	AGE ON ARRIVAL 22
OFFENCE stealing a coat and waistcoat	HEIGHT 4' 11¾"
SENTENCE 7 years	COMPLEXION fresh
GAOL REPORT twice in the House of Correction before, poor, single	HEAD oval
PREVIOUS CONVICTIONS once 14 days for being disorderly	HAIR brown
SURGEON'S REPORT quiet	VISAGE full
ON THE TOWN 2 years	FOREHEAD medium
MARITAL STATUS single	EYEBROWS brown
CHILDREN 0	EYES hazel
FAMILY	NOSE medium
NATIVE PLACE Shadwell, St Georges in the East, London, England	MOUTH medium
TRADE ON EMBARKATION	CHIN round
TRADE ON ARRIVAL housemaid, nursery maid	MARKS burn on forehead, deeply pockpitted

c1819

Born at Shadwell, St Georges in the East, London, Middlesex, England.³

1 February 1841

Tried at the Central Criminal Court (Old Bailey), London, England indicted for larceny in stealing on 30 January 1841 1 coat value £1, 1 waistcoat value 4 shillings, 1 pair of spectacles value 6 shillings, 1 pencil case value 2 shillings and 1 umbrella value 4 shillings, the goods of George Grey; found guilty; sentence 7 years transportation; aged 21.⁴

Statement of witness George Grey:

I have been a seafaring man, but live on my means at present. On Saturday, the 30th of January, about eight o'clock, I fell in with the prisoner – I had been drinking, but knew what I was about – I got into conversation with the prisoner, and went home with her, somewhere by the Angel public-house, I do not know where – we went to bed together – I went to sleep, and awoke about one o'clock, and missed the articles stated – the prisoner was still in bed – I asked her where my things were – she gave me very bad language – I found I could not get them from her, I called a policeman, and gave her in charge.⁴

Statement of witness William Aldous:

I am a pawnbroker, in Ratcliffe-highway. I produce a coat pawned by the prisoner, on the 30th of January, between six and seven o'clock in the evening.⁴

Statement of witness Edward Boreman:

I am bar-man at the Angel public-house, Back-road, Shadwell. The prisoner came with a woman named Smith, and left this umbrella with me, to take care of till she or Smith called for it.⁴

Statement of witness Henry Love:

I am a pawnbroker. I produce a waistcoat pawned by the prisoner.⁴

Statement of witness George Banks:

GEORGE BANKS. I am a policeman. I took the prisoner, and accused her of this – she said the prosecutor gave her leave to pledge the coat for 7s., and she gave him 3s. out of it – she afterwards said she gave the landlady 6s. out of the 7s.

Property produced and sworn to.⁴

¹ TAHO, CON40/1/6 p.49 No.402 [image 51] (Jane Henly); TAHO, CON19/1/1 p.208 [image 107] (Jane Henly); ML, CY 1282 p.148 (Jane Henly); ML, CY 1197 p.153 (Jane Henly); ML, CY 958 p.441 (Jane Henly)

² Trial date erroneously given as 24 July 1841 on conduct record (TAHO, CON40/1/6 p.49 No.402 [image 51] (Jane Henly)).

³ TAHO, CON19/1/1 p.208 [image 107] (Jane Henly)

⁴ *Old Bailey Proceedings Online*, t18410201-694 (Jane Henly)

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Statement of defendant Jane Henley:

*The prosecutor gave them to me to pledge, and he was at the bar of the public-house at the time the umbrella was left.*⁴

Statement of witness George Grey:

*George Grey re-examined. I had not given her any money – I had 2s. 6d. in my pocket, and should have paid her in the morning – I intended to have gone away at one o'clock, but every thing I had got was taken away.*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 R Roberts, Trafalgar Place, Hobart. ⁶
11 September 1841	Charged with misconduct in the service of Roberts; reprimanded and returned to her service. ⁷
5 October 1841	Charged with being absent all night without leave from the service of Roberts; sentence 1 month at the wash tub at Cascades Female Factory, Hobart, then assigned in the interior. ⁷
31 December 1841	Mustered in the service of Mr J Mitchell, Port Arthur. ⁸
3 February 1843	Charged at the Police Office, Hobart on the complaint of her master Mr Nichols, Clarence Plains with disobedience of orders in refusing to remain in his service; sentence 3 months hard labour at the wash tub at Cascades Female Factory, Hobart. ⁹
11 April 1844	Classified ¹⁰ as a 3 rd class probation pass-holder; gazetted 12 April. ¹¹
12 April 1844	At Swansea. ⁷
4 May 1844	Application for permission to marry George Williams ¹² (<i>Gilmore</i>) sent to the Muster Master. ¹³
7 May 1844	Application for permission to marry George Williams sent to the Secretary; approved. ¹³
15 May 1844	Notice given of approval for permission to marry George Williams; Jane and George both in private service at Swansea. ¹⁴
10 July 1844	Married George Williams in the schoolhouse at Swansea; Jane aged 26, spinster; George aged 27, farm servant, illiterate; witnesses James Wilson and Mary Ann Wilson. ¹⁵
1 November 1845	Ticket of Leave granted; gazetted 4 November. ¹⁶
11 March 1845	Husband George Williams granted a Ticket of Leave. ¹⁷
18 March 1845	Husband George Williams charged with suspicion of felony; discharged. ¹⁷
4 May 1846	Husband George Williams charged with disturbing the peace; sentence 7 days hard labour. ¹⁷
5 October 1847	Husband George Williams recommended for a Conditional Pardon. ¹⁸

⁵ AJCP, ADM 101/63 *Rajah*

⁶ ML, CY 1274 p.257 (Jane Henley)

⁷ TAHO, CON40/1/6 p.49 No.402 [image 51] (Jane Henley)

⁸ AJCP, HO 10/51 p.370 No.402 (Jane Henley)

⁹ TAHO, AC480/1/1, 3 February 1843 (Jane Gandley)

¹⁰ Husband-to-be George Williams was classified as a 3rd class probation pass-holder on the same day.

¹¹ *Hobart Town Gazette*, 12 April 1844 p.425 (Jane Henley)

¹² There were two convicts named George Williams transported on the *Gilmore* in 1838. This was George Williams 2nd transported for 15 years, tried at Monmouth Assizes on 28 March 1838 for burglary; single, labourer, aged 23, native place Monmouth, 3rd class probation pass-holder 12 April 1844, Ticket of Leave 11 March 1845; at Swansea from August 1841 to August 1847 (TAHO, CON31/1/48 p.107 No.2563 [image 107] (George Williams), TAHO, CON18/1/8 p.555 No.15 [image 294] (George Williams); TAHO, CON34/1/8 p.584 No.2563 [image 591] (George Williams)).

¹³ TAHO, CON52/1/2 p.231 (Jane Henley & Geo Williams)

¹⁴ *Hobart Town Gazette*, 17 May 1844 p.552; 31 May 1844 p.594 (George Williams & Jane Henley)

¹⁵ TAHO, RGD37/1/4 1844/1530 Hobart (Jane Henly & George Williams); TAHO, NS1544/1/2 No.38 (Jane Henly & George Williams)

¹⁶ *Hobart Town Gazette*, 4 November 1845 p.1386 (Jane Henly)

¹⁷ TAHO, CON31/1/48 p.107 No.2563 [image 107] (George Williams)

¹⁸ TAHO, CON34/1/8 p.584 No.2563 [image 591] (George Williams)

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- 7 May 1848 **Daughter** Jane Williams born in the Spring Bay district; mother Jane Henly; informant father George Williams, farmer, resident of *St Aubin*, Great Swan Port.¹⁹
- 20 August 1848 Daughter Jane Williams baptised at All Saints Anglican Church, Swansea; father George Williams, farmer, resident of Douglas River.²⁰
- 31 January 1849 Husband George Williams granted a Conditional Pardon.¹⁸
- 3 May 1850 **Daughter** Mary Williams born.²¹
- 24 June 1850 Daughter Mary Williams baptised at All Saints Anglican Church, Swansea; father George Williams, farmer, resident of *Allengrove*.²¹
- 15 July 1855 **Son** Philip Williams born at Bicheno; father George Williams, farmer; mother Jane Hanley; informant Dr George Fordyce, resident of Story.²²
- 22 October 1855 Son Philip Williams baptised at All Saints Church of England, Swansea; father George Williams, farmer, resident of Bicheno.²³
- 18 January 1857 **Son** Benjamin Williams born in the Glamorgan district; father George Williams, farmer; mother Jane Hanleef.²⁴
- 12²⁵ January 1859 **Son** Frederick²⁶ Williams born in the Glamorgan district; father George Williams, labourer; mother Mary Hanly; informant George Farmer, resident of Bicheno.²⁷
- 23 July 1859 Son Frederick Williams baptised at All Saints Anglican Church, Swansea; father George Williams, husbandman, resident of *Sherburn Lodge*.²⁸
- 18 December 1861 **Daughter** Jessie Williams born.²⁹
- 24 February 1861 Daughter Jessie Williams baptised at All Saints Anglican Church, Swansea; father George Williams, labourer, resident of *Sherburn Lodge*.²⁹
- 16 December 1863³⁰ **Daughter** Elizabeth Williams born in the Glamorgan district; father George Williams, mother Jane Hannely; shepherd; informant Samuel Birchall, resident of Swansea.³¹
- 3 July 1871 Daughter Mary Williams married Mark Stocks in the dwelling house of father George Williams at *Lisdillon*; Mary aged 21, spinster; Mark aged 20, groom; witnesses Elizabeth Wright and George Williams.³²

Notes

- Jane's son may be the Frederick Williams who married Jane Ellen Homan at St Peter's Anglican Church, Fingal on 13 June 1878; Frederick aged 19, labourer, bachelor; Jane aged 23, carpenter's daughter, spinster; witnesses Thomas Homan, Robert Homan and Mary Homan.³³
- Jane's son may be the Benjamin Williams who married Mary Branagan in the residence of the bride's mother near Avoca (Catholic ceremony) on 18 October 1882; Benjamin aged 23, miner, bachelor; Mary aged 20, domestic servant, spinster; witnesses John Branagan and Bridget Branagan.³⁴
- Jane may be the Jane Williams who died of dropsy at Launceston on 29 July 1885; aged 66, widow; informant Thomas J Doolan, undertaker, Launceston.³⁵ If so, it may be her headstone at All Souls Anglican Cemetery, Patersonia – Jane Williams died 1885 aged 64.

¹⁹ TAHO, RGD33/1/26 1848/1371 Great Swan Port (Jane Williams)

²⁰ TAHO, NS1544/1/1 No.110 (Jane Williams)

²¹ TAHO, NS1544/1/1 No.144 (Mary Williams)

²² TAHO, RGD33/1/33 1855/343 Great Swan Port & Spring Bay (Philip Williams)

²³ TAHO, NS1554/1/1 No.246 (Philip Williams)

²⁴ TAHO, RGD33/1/35 1857/590 Glamorgan (Benjamin Williams)

²⁵ Date given as 12 January on baptism record, but 27 January on birth registration.

²⁶ Name given as Stephen on birth registration, but Frederick on baptism record.

²⁷ TAHO, NS1554/1/1 No.404 (Frederick Williams); TAHO, RGD33/1/37 1859/657 Glamorgan (Stephen Williams)

²⁸ TAHO, NS1554/1/1 No.404 (Frederick Williams)

²⁹ TAHO, NS1554/1/1 No.426 (Jessie Williams)

³⁰ Year given as 1862 on Tasmanian Pioneer Index.

³¹ TAHO, RGD33/1/41 1863/620 Glamorgan (Elizabeth Williams)

³² TAHO, RGD37/1/30 1871/116 Glamorgan (Mary Williams & Mark Stocks); TAHO, NS1544/1/3 No.198 (Mary Williams & Mark Stocks)

³³ TAHO, RGD37/1/37 1878/113 Fingal (Frederick George Williams & Jane Ellen Homan)

³⁴ TAHO, RGD37/1/41 1882/141 Fingal (Benjamin Williams & Mary Branagan)

³⁵ TAHO, RGD35/1/54 1885/268 Launceston (Jane Williams)

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- Jane's son may be the Philip Williams who married Sarah Ann Calvert at St Peter's Anglican Church, St Leonards on 28 October 1885; Philip aged 28, farmer, bachelor; Sarah Ann aged 26, spinster; witnesses Mary Calvert and John Calvert, illiterate.³⁶
- Jane may be the Jane Williams who died of natural causes in the Tasman district on 1 October 1886; aged 66, widow; informant son Joseph Williams, resident of Wedge Bay.³⁷ This, however, may be Jane Brown who had an unnamed son on 15 October 1855 in the Spring Bay district, father Henry Williams.

³⁶ TAHO, RGD37/1/44 1885/607 Launceston (Philip Williams & Sarah Ann Calvert)

³⁷ TAHO, RGD35/1/55 1886/1171A Tasman (Jane Williams)

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