

# Jane Houghton

(*uxor Jane Jones*)

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| POLICE NUMBER 407 <sup>1</sup>  | LITERACY neither read nor write                                       |
| TRIAL DATE 26 October 1840  | AGE ON EMBARKATION 33   |
| TRIAL PLACE Lancaster (Liverpool) Quarter Sessions  | AGE ON ARRIVAL 34   |
| OFFENCE stealing wearing apparel—a bundle of clothes  | HEIGHT 5' 3¼"   |
| SENTENCE 7 years  | COMPLEXION fair   |
| GAOL REPORT 6 times in prison before, bad, married  | HEAD oval   |
| PREVIOUS CONVICTIONS twice on suspicion 1 month and 2 weeks, several times for drunkenness            | HAIR brown  |
| SURGEON'S REPORT mess woman and well conducted  | VISAGE oval   |
| ON THE TOWN no  | FOREHEAD medium   |
| MARITAL STATUS married  | EYEBROWS brown  |
| CHILDREN 0  | EYES hazel  |
| FAMILY husband John <sup>2</sup> has left 12 years ago and I since heard that he died in Compton Town | NOSE medium   |
| NATIVE PLACE Liverpool, England   | MOUTH medium  |
| TRADE ON EMBARKATION  | CHIN round  |
| TRADE ON ARRIVAL housemaid  | MARKS scar on left arm, scar on left cheek, W on left arm above elbow |

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| c1807            | <b>Born</b> at Liverpool, Lancashire, England. <sup>3</sup>  |
| 26 October 1840  | Tried at Lancaster Quarter Sessions, Liverpool, Lancashire, England indicted for larceny of wearing apparel in stealing a bundle of clothes; sentence 7 years transportation. <sup>4</sup> |
| 5 April 1841     | Departed Woolwich, England on the <i>Rajah</i> . <sup>5</sup>  |
| 19 July 1841     | Arrived at Hobart on the <i>Rajah</i> . <sup>5</sup>   |
| c24 July 1841    | Upon arrival at Hobart, sent to Launceston for assignment. <sup>6</sup>  |
| 19 October 1841  | Charged with being drunk in the service of Gilles; reprimanded. <sup>4</sup>   |
| 31 December 1841 | Mustered in the service of Mr M Franks, Avoca. <sup>7</sup>  |
| 31 May 1843      | At Launceston. <sup>4</sup>  |
| 18 January 1844  | Application for permission to marry James Saunders <sup>8</sup> ( <i>Phoenix</i> ) sent to the Muster Master. <sup>10</sup>  |
| 7 February 1844  | Classified as a 3 <sup>rd</sup> class probation pass-holder, gazetted 9 February. <sup>9</sup>   |
| 8 March 1844     | Application for permission to marry James Saunders sent to the Secretary; approved if clergyman is satisfied as to both the parties being now single. <sup>10</sup>                        |
| 3 April 1844     | Notice given of approval for permission to marry <sup>11</sup> James Saunders; Jane in assigned service at Westbury; James a ticket-of-leave holder. <sup>12</sup>                         |

<sup>1</sup> TAHO, CON40/1/6 p.50 No.407 [image 52] (Jane Houghton); TAHO, CON19/1/1 p.210 [image 108] (Jane Houghton); ML, CY 1282 p.149 (Jane Houghton); ML, CY 1197 p.155 (Jane Houghton); ML, CY 958 p.442 (Jane Houghton)

<sup>2</sup> This name is difficult to decipher and so may not be John—it could also be Johnie or Tohive or similar.

<sup>3</sup> TAHO, CON19/1/1 p.210 [image 108] (Jane Houghton)

<sup>4</sup> TAHO, CON40/1/6 p.50 No.407 [image 52] (Jane Houghton)

<sup>5</sup> AJCP, ADM 101/63 *Rajah*

<sup>6</sup> ML, CY 1282 p.141 (Jane Houghton); ML, CY 1274 p.258 (Jane Houghton)

<sup>7</sup> AJCP, HO 10/51 p.370 No.407 (Jane Houghton)

<sup>8</sup> James was transported for life on the *Phoenix* in 1824, tried on 31 July 1823 for felony; at Westbury from November 1843 to August 1844; Ticket of Leave 20 July 1841, Conditional Pardon 7 January 1847 (TAHO, CON31/1/38 p.200 No.596 [image 204] (Ja<sup>s</sup> Sanders)).

<sup>9</sup> *Hobart Town Gazette*, 9 February 1844 p.204 (Jane Houghton)

<sup>10</sup> TAHO, CON52/1/2 p.193 (Jane Houghton & Jas Sanders)

<sup>11</sup> This marriage did not proceed.

<sup>12</sup> *Hobart Town Gazette*, 5 April 1844 p.389; 12 April 1844 p.413; 19 April 1844 p.451 (James Saunders & Jane Houghton)

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*Jane Houghton*

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| 6 July 1844      | Charged with being drunk and insolent in the service of Coade; sentence 6 months hard labour at Launceston Female Factory. <sup>4</sup>   |
| 17 July 1844     | At Launceston. <sup>4</sup>   |
| 31 July 1844     | Hired in private service as a probation pass-holder to Alatheia Huey, Launceston. <sup>13</sup>   |
| 7 January 1845   | Hired in private service <sup>14</sup> for 3 months as a probation pass-holder to WD Grubb, West Tamar. <sup>15</sup>   |
| 14 March 1845    | Ticket of Leave granted; gazetted 18 March. <sup>16</sup>   |
| 31 March 1845    | Charged with being drunk; fined 5 shillings. <sup>17</sup>  |
| 16 June 1845     | Application for permission to marry William Jones <sup>18</sup> ( <i>Bardaster</i> , Ticket of Leave) sent to the Secretary; approved if clergyman is satisfied. <sup>19</sup><br>Notice given of approval for permission to marry <sup>20</sup> William Jones ( <i>Bardaster</i> ); Jane a ticket-of-leave holder, resident of Launceston; William a ticket-of-leave holder, resident of Launceston. <sup>21</sup> |
| c1845            | <b>Married</b> William Jones at Launceston. <sup>21</sup>   |
| 26 October 1847  | Free by servitude; Certificate of Freedom available for collection. <sup>22</sup>   |
| 21 December 1847 | Certificate of Freedom issued. <sup>4</sup>   |
| 16 April 1849    | Husband William Jones issued a Certificate of Freedom. <sup>23</sup>  |
| 4 February 1852  | Departed Launceston for Melbourne with husband William Jones as steerage passengers on the schooner <i>Sea Witch</i> ; Jane free by servitude, ship to colony <i>Rajah</i> ; William free by servitude, ship to colony <i>Bardaster</i> . <sup>24</sup>   |

### Notes

- Jane may be the Jane Goodwin who married John Houghton at St Peter's Church, Church Street, Liverpool, England on 7 August 1825.<sup>25</sup>
- Jane may be the Jane Jones who died in Victoria in 1863; aged 53, born Lancashire, parents unknown.<sup>26</sup>

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<sup>13</sup> *Hobart Town Gazette*, 2 August 1844 p.915 (Jane Houghton)

<sup>14</sup> Shipmate Rose Ford (*qv*) was also hired.

<sup>15</sup> *Hobart Town Gazette*, 28 January 1845 p.111 (Jane Houghton)

<sup>16</sup> *Hobart Town Gazette*, 18 March 1845 p.367 (Jane Houghton)

<sup>17</sup> TAHO, CON78/1/2 p.157 (Jane Houghton)

<sup>18</sup> William Jones was transported for 14 years on the *Bardaster* in 1835, tried at the Central Criminal Court (Old Bailey), London on 6 April 1835 for stealing a ham; single, 5' ¼", dark complexion, very dark brown hair, brown eyes, aged 22, shoemaker (3 years), native place Hogsden; Ticket of Leave 1 January 1844, Certificate of Freedom 16 April 1849 (TAHO, CON31/1/25 p.23 No.901 [image 23] (William Jones); TAHO, CON23/1/2 No.901 [image J 897 to J 915] (William Jones)).

<sup>19</sup> TAHO, CON52/1/2 p.83 (Jane Houghton & Wm Jones)

<sup>20</sup> No record of marriage has been found.

<sup>21</sup> *Hobart Town Gazette*, 17 June 1845 p.697; 24 June 1845 p.731 (William Jones & Jane Houghton)

<sup>22</sup> *Hobart Town Gazette*, 12 October 1847 p.1021 (Jane Houghton)

<sup>23</sup> TAHO, CON31/1/25 p.23 No.901 [image 23] (William Jones)

<sup>24</sup> TAHO, POL220/1/1 pp.559, 560 (William Jones & Jane Horton)

<sup>25</sup> *Family Search*, IGI Batch No.M02095-7, Source Film No.1068925 (John Houghton & Jane Goodwin)

<sup>26</sup> VIC Death Record 1863/8322 (Jane Jones)

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