

Mary Hutcheson *

(uxor Mary McDonald, Mary Whitehead, Mary Griggs)

POLICE NUMBER 413 ¹	LITERACY read only
TRIAL DATE 10 September 1840	AGE ON EMBARKATION 24
TRIAL PLACE Glasgow Court of Justiciary	AGE ON ARRIVAL 25
OFFENCE housebreaking and previous conviction	HEIGHT 5' 2¼"
SENTENCE 7 years	COMPLEXION fresh
GAOL REPORT convicted and imprisoned before, bad, married	HEAD oval
PREVIOUS CONVICTIONS once 2 months for dressing glass	HAIR black
SURGEON'S REPORT a school mistress and good	VISAGE medium
ON THE TOWN no	FOREHEAD flat
MARITAL STATUS married	EYEBROWS brown
CHILDREN 0	EYES hazel
FAMILY	NOSE medium
NATIVE PLACE Kilmarnock, Glasgow, Scotland	MOUTH medium
TRADE ON EMBARKATION muslin sewer	CHIN round
TRADE ON ARRIVAL house servant, wash	MARKS MH on right arm, slightly pockpitted

c1816 **Born** at Kilmarnock,² Glasgow, Lanarkshire, Scotland.³

10 September 1840 Tried at the Court of Justiciary, Glasgow, Lanarkshire, Scotland indicted for theft by housebreaking and opening lockfast places; verdict guilty; sentence 7 years transportation; maiden name Hutcheson.⁴

5 April 1841 Departed Woolwich, England on the *Rajah*.⁵

19 July 1841 Arrived at Hobart on the *Rajah*.⁵

c24 July 1841 Upon arrival at Hobart, sent to Launceston for assignment.⁶

30 October 1841 Charged with being absent all night without leave all Thursday night from the service of Beveridge; sentence 3 months hard labour in the Crime Class at Launceston Female Factory.⁷

31 December 1841 Mustered in the service of Mr Williatt, Evandale.⁸

13 August 1842 Application for permission to marry William Maddox (free) sent to the Muster Master; ecclesiastical objection.⁹

11 April 1843 Application for permission to marry Richard Whitehead¹⁰ (*Moffatt*) sent to the Muster Master.¹¹

30 May 1843 Application for permission to marry Richard Whitehead sent to the Secretary; approved if clergyman be satisfied.¹¹

¹ TAHO, CON40/1/6 p.52 No.413 [image 54] (Mary Hutcheson); TAHO, CON19/1/1 p.213 [image 110] (Mary Hutcheson); ML, CY 1282 p.149 (Mary Hutcheson); ML, CY 1197 p.158 (Mary Hutchison or McDonald); ML, CY 958 p.444 (Mary Hutcheson alias McDonald)

² This may be meant to be Kilmarnock Road, Glasgow, as Kilmarnock is in Ayrshire.

³ TAHO, CON19/1/1 p.213 [image 110] (Mary Hutcheson)

⁴ NAS, JC26/1840/345 (Mary McDonald)

⁵ AJCP, ADM 101/63 *Rajah*

⁶ ML, CY 1282 p.141 (Mary Hutchinson); ML, CY 1274 p.258 (Mary Hutcheson)

⁷ TAHO, CON40/1/6 p.52 No.413 [image 54] (Mary Hutcheson)

⁸ AJCP, HO 10/51 p.370 No.413 (Mary Hutcheson)

⁹ TAHO, CON52/1/2 p.118 (Mary Hutchinson & Wm Maddox)

¹⁰ Richard Whitehead was transported for life on the *Moffatt* in 1834, tried at Kent on 22 July 1833 for maliciously cutting hop binds; married, 2 children, ploughman, aged 27, native place Stockbury; Ticket of Leave 2 June 1842, Conditional Pardon 22 May 1846; at Morven in 1843 and 1844 (TAHO, CON31/1/47 p.31 No.1725 [image 35] (Richard Whitehead), TAHO, CON18/1/15 No.1725 [image 287] (Rich^d Whitehead)).

¹¹ TAHO, CON52/1/2 p.275 (Mary Hutchins & Rich^d Whitehead)

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- 31 May 1843 Notice given of approval for permission to marry Richard Whitehead (*Moffatt*); Mary a prisoner in assigned service at Evandale; Richard a ticket-of-leave holder.¹²
- 21 June 1843 **Married** Richard Whitehead at St Andrew's Anglican Church, Evandale; Mary aged 27, assigned servant, illiterate; Richard aged 36, ticket-of-leave holder; witnesses William Jones and GG Rodgers.¹³
- 13¹⁴ July 1843 **Son** William Whitehead born in the Avoca district; mother Mary Hutchison; informant father Richard Whitehead, labourer.¹⁵
- 6 August 1843 Son William Whitehead baptised at Evandale; father Richard Whitehead, labourer, resident of Ben Lomond; mother Mary Whitehead.¹⁶
- 21 February 1845 Ticket of Leave granted; gazetted 25 February.¹⁷
- 22 May 1846 Husband Richard Whitehead approved for a Conditional Pardon for the Australian Colonies.¹⁸
- 16 December 1846 Husband Richard Whitehead juror at the inquest on the body of Job Strangways held at the house of Mr Gee, *Cocked Hat*.¹⁹
- 10 September 1847 Free by servitude; Certificate of Freedom available for collection.²⁰
- 29 October 1847 Certificate of Freedom issued.⁷
- 24 June 1848 **Daughter** Margaret Ellen Whitehead born at Evandale; father Richard Whitehead; mother Mary Whitehead.²¹
- 1 August 1850 Son William Whitehead accidentally burnt to death at George Street, Launceston; aged 7, father Richard Whitehead, overseer; informant mother Mary Whitehead, illiterate.²²
- 2 August 1850 Inquest held into death of son William Whitehead.
Verdict: he was standing undressed by the fireplace and the shirt he was wearing accidentally caught fire on 31 July and he languished until he died on 1 August of his burns.²³
Newspaper report:
*CHILD BURNT TO DEATH. – A melancholy accident occurred on Wednesday, to a child named William Whitehead, between seven and eight years old. He was standing before the fire with no other clothes on than a shirt, which ignited. The poor little fellow ran to his mother, but she was rendered quite helpless from excessive alarm, and instead of pulling off the blazing shirt, she suffered it to continue burning. On Thursday, Dr. Grant was called in, but he arrived just as the little sufferer was expiring from the injuries he had received. An inquest was held yesterday on the body when a verdict in accordance with the circumstances was returned.*²⁴
- 12 December 1850 **Son** Edward Samuel Whitehead born at Evandale; father Richard Whitehead; mother Mary Whitehead.²⁵
- 3 August 1852 Daughter Margaret Ellen Whitehead baptised at Evandale; father Richard Whitehead, labourer, resident of Evandale; mother Mary Whitehead.²¹
Son Edward Samuel Whitehead baptised at Evandale; father Richard Whitehead, labourer, resident of Evandale; mother Mary Whitehead.²⁵

¹² *Hobart Town Gazette*, 2 June 1843 p.627; 9 June 1843 p.660 Richard; 16 June 1843 p.694 (Richard Whitehead & Mary Hutchinson)

¹³ TAHO, RGD37/1/3 1843/681 Launceston (Mary Hutcheson & Richard Whitehead)

¹⁴ Date given as 15th July 1843 on baptism record.

¹⁵ TAHO, RGD33/1/26 1843/1204 Avoca (William Whitehead)

¹⁶ TAHO, RGD32/1/3 1843/2207 Evandale (William Whitehead)

¹⁷ *Hobart Town Gazette*, 25 February 1845 p.234 (Mary Hutchinson)

¹⁸ TAHO, CON31/1/47 p.31 No.1725 [image 35] (Richard Whitehead)

¹⁹ *Cornwall Chronicle*, 16 December 1846 p.971 (Richard Whitehead)

²⁰ *Hobart Town Gazette*, 7 September 1847 p.894 (Mary Hutchinson)

²¹ TAHO, RGD32/1/3 1848/4145 Evandale (Margaret Ellen Whitehead)

²² TAHO, RGD35/1/16 1850/251 Launceston (William Whitehead)

²³ TAHO, SC195/1/27 No.2376 (William Whitehead)

²⁴ *Examiner*, 3 August 1850 p.6 (William Whitehead)

²⁵ TAHO, RGD32/1/3 1850/4146 Evandale (Edward Samuel Whitehead)

- 2 March 1853 Husband Richard Whitehead died of dysentery in the Morven district; aged 44, labourer; informant John Brown, undertaker, Evandale.²⁶
- 28 May 1853 **Married** Joseph Griggs at the Manse, Evandale; Mary aged 35, widow, illiterate; Joseph aged 36, bachelor, illiterate; witnesses Thomas Williams (illiterate) and Mary Chamberlain (illiterate).²⁷
- 15 October 1853 Son Edward Samuel Whitehead died of convulsions at Evandale; aged 3, father Richard Whitehead, labourer; informant James Ford, undertaker, Evandale.²⁸
- 23 July 1857 Daughter Margaret Ellen Whitehead assaulted by Patrick Ford^{29,30}
- 18 August 1857 Witness at the Quarter Sessions, Launceston at the trial of Patrick Ford indicted for assaulting daughter Margaret Ellen Whitehead with intent to commit a crime.³⁰
- Newspaper reports:
- Patrick Ford was charged with having on 23rd July, at Evandale, assaulted Margaret Whitehead, a child under ten years of age, with intent to commit a crime.*
- ...
- Mr. Rocher defended the prisoner. The following witnesses were examined besides the child – Mary Griggs (her mother), Mrs Hayes, Mrs. West, Dr. Wigan, and T. Perkins. The Chairman summed up briefly but clearly, and the prisoner was convicted and sentenced to four years penal servitude.³⁰*
- Patrick Ford was indicted for having committed a criminal assault at Evandale, upon Margaret Whitehead, a child under ten years of age. The evidence was conclusive, though given very reluctantly by at least one of the witnesses. The jury retired for a considerable time, and found the prisoner guilty.*
- He was sentenced to four years' penal servitude.³¹*
- 1858 Husband Joseph Griggs the owner and occupier of a house on less than 1 acre at Evandale, value £20.³²
- 1 December 1862 Daughter Margaret Ellen Whitehead married James McClutchey in the house of James Greggs, Evandale; Margaret aged 16, spinster, illiterate; James aged 26, bachelor; witnesses Joseph Gregs (illiterate) and George Powell (illiterate).³³
- 1 June 1865 Grandson James Richard McClutchey born at George Town; informant father James McClutchey, shoemaker;³⁴ mother Margaret Whitehead.³⁵
- 1 January 1866 Grandson James Richard McClutchey baptised at Evandale.³⁵
- 30 August 1866 Grandson James Richard McClutchey died of diarrhoea at Launceston, aged 1 year 3 months; father James McClutchey, sailor; informant mother Margaret McClutchey, illiterate, resident of Launceston.³⁶
- 9 February 1872 Son-in-law James McClutchey arrested on warrant at Launceston charged with absenting himself from the service of Joseph Griggs, Evandale; bound over in 2 sureties of £10 each to appear at the Police Court, Evandale the next day.³⁷

²⁶ TAHO, RGD35/1/22 1853/102 Morven (Richard Whitehead)

²⁷ TAHO, RGD37/1/12 1853/1291 Morven (Mary Whitehead & Joseph Griggs); TAHO, NS435/1/1/2 No.373 (Joseph Griggs & Mary Whitehead)

²⁸ TAHO, RGD35/1/22 1853/127 Morven (Edward Whitehead)

²⁹ Patrick Ford was transported for 14 years on the *William Jardine* in 1850; tried at a Court Martial in Malta on 9 July 1846 for striking a superior officer, Corporal Buckley of the 88th Regiment, and theft; single, labourer, native place County Galway, aged 28 (TAHO, CON33/1/98 No.22979 [image 77] (Pat. Ford); TAHO, CON37/1/9 No.2996 [image 70] (Patrick Ford)).

³⁰ *Examiner*, 20 August 1857 p.3 (Mary Griggs)

³¹ *Cornwall Chronicle*, 19 August 1857 p.5 (Margaret Whitehead)

³² Cowley, *1858 Valuation Rolls for Northern Tasmania* p.L2-42 (Joseph Griggs)

³³ TAHO, RGD37/1/21 1862/510 Morven (James McClutchey & Margaret Whitehead); Gunn & Kippen, '19th Century Tasmania dataset' No.19936 (James McClutchey & Margaret Whitehead)

³⁴ Trade given as labourer on baptism record, shoemaker on birth registration.

³⁵ TAHO, RGD 33/1/43 1865/617 George Town (James McClutchey); TAHO, RGD 32/1/4 1866/6018 Evandale (James Richard McClutchey)

³⁶ TAHO, RGD 35/1/35 1866/160 Launceston (James McClutchey); Gunn & Kippen, 'Household and Family Formation in Nineteenth-Century Tasmania' No.526572 (James McClutchey)

³⁷ *Examiner*, 10 February 1872 p.3 (Joseph Griggs)

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Newspaper report:

ABSENT WITHOUT LEAVE. – James McClutchey apprehended by warrant charging him with absenting himself without leave from the service of Mr Joseph Griggs, of Evandale, was admitted to bail to appear at the Police Court, Evandale, at 10 a.m. on Saturday.³⁸

28 March 1873

Husband Joseph Griggs complainant at the Police Court, Evandale in a case against William Smith charged with stealing an opossum skin rug, the property of Joseph Griggs.³⁹

19 December 1874

Son-in-law James McClutchey shipwrecked off the west coast of Tasmania.⁴⁰

Newspaper reports:

WRECK OF THE GEORGE TOWN PACKET.

Mr Charles Mullins and James McClutchey, of the cutter *George Town Packet*, arrived here by the steamer *Pioneer* on Saturday, after having been shipwrecked between the Pieman River and Macquarie Harbor. In reaching Circular Head they had to encounter much hardship. Captain Phillips gave Mr Mullins and his mate a passage to town, and Mr Mullins left by the *Pioneer* again yesterday. He deposited the following particulars of the loss of the cutter, and, of the sufferings of himself and mate, with Mr Mayson at Circular Head: –

“I, Charles Mullins, of Launceston mariner, left Launceston the 3rd December last with a man named James McClutchy, in a small cutter rigged vessel named the *George Town Packet*, about 12 tons burthen, for the purpose of procuring mutton birds and eggs. We visited the Hunter Islands and the Stacks, and all went well until the 19th December, when with the wind blowing hard from the north-west, drove our vessel towards the Pieman River, and on the evening of the 20th December finding all hope of saving the cutter gone, I determined to run her ashore in order to save our lives. The vessel at the time was leaking badly, had lost all her bulwarks and stancheons, and would have certainly soon foundered, as her deck had started. I headed her for a sandy spot, and after passing through about a mile of broken water, during which time we had great difficulty in holding on to the vessel, she struck, and in a few minutes broke up into fragments. I had previously placed in a painted canvas bag some blankets, a few lbs. of flour, and some matches, and tossed the package overboard. The bundle reached the shore safely and uninjured, and the dry blankets and matches, &c, were I believe (under Providence) the means of preserving our lives. The sails of the cutter came ashore, and with them we made a rude tent, and when we had sufficiently rested ourselves (for previous to the wreck we had been two days without fire and exposed to much hardship), we started from the scene of the wreck (some 15 miles south of the Pieman River) in the direction of Macquarie Harbor, hoping to see some vessel at that place. After walking for a day, however, we got disheartened and retraced our steps, and on the 26th of December we set off in the direction of Woolnorth. We crossed the Pieman and Arthur rivers by means of rafts, using some of our blankets to fasten the pieces of wood together, and on the 31st December we reached Mount Cameron in a starving condition. In a hut at that place (the keeper being absent); we remained for two nights and a day, making use of a little flour and tea and sugar. On the 2nd January we left Mount Cameron with the intention of making Woolnorth, but in this we failed, losing ourselves and finally reaching the Montagu at 9 o'clock p.m., where at the house of Mr Edward Evans we were most kindly treated, and here we remained until the morning of the 6th January, when we left for Stanley, which place we arrived at on the same afternoon. It was impossible to save anything from the wreck owing to the heavy surf beating upon the shore, and we had great difficulty in avoiding the drawback of the water, and so reaching a place of safety.

“Dated this 7th day of January, 1875.

(Signed), Charles Mullins.”

Mr Mullins expresses himself very grateful for the kind attention paid him by the people of Stanley, and on board the *Pioneer*.⁴¹

18 November 1875

Died of diarrhoea in the Morven district; aged 62, labourer's wife; informant JHP Oldmeadow MD, Evandale.⁴²

³⁸ *Cornwall Chronicle*, 12 February 1872 p.2 (James McClutchey)

³⁹ *Cornwall Chronicle*, 2 April 1873 p.3 (Joseph Griggs)

⁴⁰ *Mercury*, 14 January 1875 p.2 (Mr. James McClutchey); *Cornwall Chronicle*, 13 January 1875 p.2 (James McClutchey)

⁴¹ *Cornwall Chronicle*, 13 January 1875 p.2 (James McClutchey)

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2 May 1892

Husband Joseph Griggs died of senility at Evandale; aged 79, labourer; informant Robert Kidd MD, Evandale.⁴³

Death notice:

*GRIGGS. – On 2nd May, at his residence, Evandale, Mr Joseph Griggs, aged 79 years.*⁴⁴

Funeral notice:

*The funeral of the late MR JOSEPH GRIGGS will leave his late residence, Evandale, for the Presbyterian Church at 3 p.m. Friends are respectfully invited to attend. – JOSEPH DONALDSON, Undertaker, Evandale.*⁴⁴

⁴² TAHO, RGD35/1/44 1875/582 Morven (Mary Griggs)

⁴³ TAHO, RGD35/1/61 1892/193 Evandale (Joseph Griggs)

⁴⁴ *Examiner*, 4 May 1892 p.1 (Mr Joseph Griggs)