

Ruth Jackson

(proper name Ruth Ramsey; uxor Ruth Coley)

POLICE NUMBER 199 ¹	LITERACY read only
TRIAL DATE 26 October 1840	AGE ON EMBARKATION 21
TRIAL PLACE Lancaster (Liverpool) Quarter Sessions	AGE ON ARRIVAL 22
OFFENCE stealing money from the person	HEIGHT 5' 4¼"
SENTENCE 10 years	COMPLEXION fresh
GAOL REPORT 4 times in prison before, bad, single	HEAD round
PREVIOUS CONVICTIONS 4 times for being disorderly—14 days, 5 days and 3 days	HAIR brown
SURGEON'S REPORT quiet	VISAGE full
ON THE TOWN no	FOREHEAD flat
MARITAL STATUS single	EYEBROWS brown
CHILDREN 0	EYES hazel
FAMILY father John Ramsay, mother Sarah	NOSE long, straight
NATIVE PLACE Workington, Cumberland, England	MOUTH medium
TRADE ON EMBARKATION	CHIN round
TRADE ON ARRIVAL house servant, nurse girl	MARKS 2 scars on left side of neck, 1 on right side, freckled

c1819 **Born** at Workington, Cumberland, England; father John Ramsay; mother Sarah.²

29 June 1819 **Baptised** at St Michael, Workington, Cumberland, England; father John Ramsay; mother Sarah.³

26 October 1840 Tried at Lancaster Quarter Sessions, Liverpool, Lancashire, England indicted for larceny in stealing money from the person; sentence 10 years transportation.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

10 August 1841 Charged at the Police Court, Longford with uselessness; in the service of Mr Arthur;⁷ returned to Government.⁸

31 December 1841 Mustered in the service of Dr Willmore, Norfolk Plains.⁹

17 October 1842 Charged at the Police Court, Longford¹⁰ by Mr Hortle with misconduct in leaving church during divine service and being in company with a man; in the service of Wilmore; plea guilty; admonished.¹¹

30 November 1842 Application for permission to marry James Coley (free) sent to the Muster Master.¹²

17 December 1842 Application for permission to marry James Coley sent to the Secretary; approved.¹²

30 January 1843 **Married** James Coley at Christ Anglican Church, Longford; Ruth aged 24, assigned servant, illiterate; James aged 29, free, illiterate; witnesses Henry Flanders and S Dowsett (clerk).¹³

¹ TAHO, CON40/1/6 p.162 No.199 [image 136] (Ruth Jackson); TAHO, CON19/1/1 p.219 [image 113] (Ruth Jackson); ML, CY 1282 p.150 (Ruth Jackson proper name Ruth Ramsey); ML, CY 1197 p.155 (Ruth Jackson); ML, CY 958 p.442 (Ruth Jackson)

² TAHO, CON19/1/1 p.219 [image 113] (Ruth Jackson); IGI, Batch No.C01187-3 (Ruth Ramsay)

³ *Family Search*, IGI Batch No.C01187-3 (Ruth Ramsay)

⁴ TAHO, CON40/1/6 p.162 No.199 [image 136] (Ruth Jackson)

⁵ AJCP, ADM 101/63 *Rajah*

⁶ ML, CY 1282 p.142 (Ruth Jackson); ML, CY 1274 p.259 (Ruth Jackson proper name Ruth Ramsay)

⁷ Note that the magistrates were Charles Arthur Esq. Police Magistrate and Horace Rowcroft Esq. JP.

⁸ TAHO, LC362/1/5 p.122 (Ruth Jackson)

⁹ AJCP, HO 10/51 p.373 No.199 (Ruth Jackson)

¹⁰ Shipmate Elizabeth Barrett (*qv*) was charged at Longford the same day, next entry in the register.

¹¹ TAHO, LC362/1/5 (Ruth Jackson)

¹² TAHO, CON52/1/2 p.27 (Ruth Jackson & James Coley)

¹³ TAHO, RGD37/1/3 1843/584 Launceston (Ruth Jackson & James Coley)

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4 March 1844	Charged with drunkenness; admonished. ⁴
14 January 1845	At Longford. ⁴
21 February 1845	Classified as a 3 rd class probation pass-holder; gazetted 28 February. ¹⁴
7 March 1845	Ticket of Leave granted; gazetted 11 March. ¹⁵
28 April 1846	In the Norfolk Plains district. ⁴
25 May 1846	Recommended to the Queen for a Conditional Pardon available within the limits of the Australian Colonies and New Zealand; gazetted 26 May. ¹⁶
11 November 1846	At Longford. ⁴
4 October 1847	Conditional Pardon approved; gazetted 5 October. ¹⁷
26 October 1850	Free by servitude. ⁴
5 November 1850	Certificate of Freedom issued. ⁴

Notes

- Ruth's husband may be the James Coley who departed Launceston for Melbourne as a steerage passenger on 22 April 1852 on the steam ship *Waratah*; free by servitude, ship to colony *John Barry* (as James Cole¹⁸), but this man was probably too old.¹⁹ No departure has been found for Ruth.

¹⁴ *Hobart Town Gazette*, 28 February 1845 p.232 (Ruth Jackson)

¹⁵ *Hobart Town Gazette*, 11 March 1845 p.326 (Ruth Jackson)

¹⁶ *Hobart Town Gazette*, 26 May 1846 p.473 (Ruth Jackson)

¹⁷ *Hobart Town Gazette*, 5 October 1847 p.997 (Ruth Jackson)

¹⁸ James Cole was transported for 7 years on the *John Barry*, tried at Warwick Quarter Sessions on 14 October 1833 for stealing timber; married, 5 children, wife Mary at native place Lye Waste near Worcester, on the parish, nailor and brewer, 5' 4¼", aged 30; Certificate of Freedom 1841; at Campbell Town in 1839 (TAHO, CON31/1/7 p.270 No.1749 [image 275] (James Cole); TAHO, CON18/1/11 p.25 No.1749 [image 16] (James Cole)).

¹⁹ TAHO, POL220/1/2 p.3 (James Coley)