

Jane Johnson 1st
(*alias Jean Johnston; uxor Jane Shaw*)

POLICE NUMBER 201 ¹	LITERACY read and write
TRIAL DATE 21 July 1840	AGE ON EMBARKATION 37
TRIAL PLACE Edinburgh Court of Justiciary	AGE ON ARRIVAL 38
OFFENCE robbery	HEIGHT 4' 11¾"
SENTENCE 14 years	COMPLEXION black
GAOL REPORT indifferent and imprisoned, single	HEAD oval
PREVIOUS CONVICTIONS once in prison before, 9 months for receiving	HAIR black
SURGEON'S REPORT quiet	VISAGE oval
ON THE TOWN no	FOREHEAD wrinkled
MARITAL STATUS single	EYEBROWS black, thin
CHILDREN 0	EYES dark brown
FAMILY	NOSE large
NATIVE PLACE Grace Market, Edinburgh, Scotland	MOUTH large, lips thick
TRADE ON EMBARKATION servant	CHIN round, low
TRADE ON ARRIVAL house servant, wash	MARKS woman of colour, long scar over right eyebrow

c1803 **Born** at Grace Market, Edinburgh, Midlothian, Scotland.²

21 July 1840 Tried at the Court of Justiciary, Edinburgh, Midlothian, Scotland with William Dickson indicted for robbery at North Gray's Close, High Street, Edinburgh; victim Murdoch Gillies, Butcher's Land, Seagate, Dundee; sentence³ 14 years transportation; also accused of assault prior to trial; alias Jean Johnston, resident of North Gray's Close, High Street, Edinburgh.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

31 December 1841 Mustered in the service of Mr Charles Friend, Launceston.⁷

13 August 1842 At Launceston.⁸

15 February 1843 Application for permission to marry Francis Yates alias Shaw⁹ (*Bengal Merchant*, free by servitude) sent to the Muster Master; see letter S.¹⁰

1 March 1843 Application for permission to marry Francis Shaw (free) sent to the Muster Master.¹¹

7 March 1843 Application for permission to marry Francis Shaw sent to the Secretary; must first give proof of amended conduct.¹¹

¹ TAHO, CON40/1/6 p.163 No.201 [image 137] (Jane Johnson 1st); TAHO, CON19/1/1 p.220 [image 113] (Jane Johnson (1)); ML, CY 1282 p.150 (Jane Johnson (1)); ML, CY 1197 p.157 (Jean Johnston); ML, CY 958 p.444 (Jean Johnston)

² TAHO, CON19/1/1 p.220 [image 113] (Jane Johnson (1))

³ William was found guilty and sentenced to 14 years' transportation, also accused of assault prior to trial; confectioner, resident of North Gray's Close, High Street, Edinburgh. He was transported on the *Lady Raffles* in 1841; single, confectioner sugar line, aged 25, 5'6¼", native place Edinburgh; Ticket of Leave 29 June 1847; Conditional Pardon 30 January 1849 (TAHO, CON33/1/6 No.1279 [image 92] (Will^m Dickson 2nd)).

⁴ NAS, JC26/1840/452 (Jane Johnston); NAS, AD14/40/372 (Jane Johnston)

⁵ AJCP, ADM 101/63 *Rajah*

⁶ ML, CY 1282 p.142 (Jane Johnson (1)); ML, CY 1274 p.259 (Jane Johnson)

⁷ AJCP, HO 10/51 p.374 No.201 (Jane Johnson)

⁸ TAHO, CON40/1/6 p.163 No.201 [image 137] (Jane Johnson 1st)

⁹ Francis Shaw was transported for 7 years on the *Bengal Merchant* in 1828, tried at Lancaster on 22 October 1827 for stealing 8 pair of shoes; single, stay & bootlace weaver; aged 26; native place Manchester, 4' 11¼" (TAHO, CON31/1/38 p.310 No.922 [image 314] (Francis Shaw), TAHO, CON18/1/1 p.73 No.922 [image 39] (Francis Shaw)).

¹⁰ TAHO, CON52/1/2 p.235 (Jean Johnston & Francis Yates alias Shaw)

¹¹ TAHO, CON52/1/2 p.187 (Jane Johnson & Fran Shaw)

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8 June 1843	Application for permission to marry Francis Shaw (free) sent to the Muster Master and the Secretary; approved. ¹²
14 June 1843	Notice given of approval for permission to marry Francis Shaw; Jane a prisoner at Launceston Female Factory. ¹³
3 July 1843	Married Francis Shaw at St John's Anglican Church, Launceston; Jane aged 38, prisoner, single; Francis aged 42, single, free, illiterate; witnesses Jean Ruddle and William Jones (clerk). ¹⁴
21 February 1845	Classified as a 3 rd class probation pass-holder; gazetted 28 February. ¹⁵
1 November 1845	Ticket of Leave granted; gazetted 4 November. ¹⁶
22 October 1851	Husband Francis Shaw departed Launceston for Melbourne as a steerage passenger on 22 October 1851 on the steamer <i>City of Melbourne</i> ; free by servitude, ship to colony <i>Bengal Merchant</i> . ¹⁷
5 April 1853	Recommended for a Conditional Pardon. ⁸
July 1853	Husband Francis Shaw licensed as a hawker at Launceston. ¹⁸
1 April 1854	Conditional Pardon granted; gazetted. ¹⁹
4 July 1854	Husband Francis Shaw charged at the Municipal Council Chamber, Launceston with suffering horses belonging to him to be at large in the streets; fined 5 shillings and costs. ²⁰
21 July 1854	Free by servitude. ⁸
14 December 1854	Certificate of Freedom issued at Launceston. ⁸
May 1856	Husband Francis Shaw licensed as a hawker at Launceston. ²¹

Notes

- Jane may be the Jane Shaw who died of colic at Campbell Town on 27 October 1860; aged 55, widow; informant Edward Currie, undertaker, Campbell Town.²²
- Alternatively, Jane may be the Jane Shaw who died of senility at Launceston on 14 October 1876; aged 77, labourer's wife; informant William Hills, undertaker, Launceston.²³
- Jane's husband may be the Francis Shaw who died of senilis at Cascades Invalid Depot, Hobart on 20 March 1879; aged 82, pauper, born England; informant J Coverdale, Superintendent, Cascades.²⁴ He was buried in pauper section A No.265, Cornelian Bay Cemetery, Hobart on 22 March 1879; last address Cascades Invalid Hospital; 6 others in same location.²⁵
- Jane's husband may be the Francis Shaw, resident of Selby, who was granted a tanner's licence in April 1866.²⁶

¹² TAHO, CON52/1/2 p.189 (Jane Johnson & Francis Shaw)

¹³ *Hobart Town Gazette*, 16 June 1843 p.695; 23 June 1843 p.725; 30 June 1843 p.761 (Francis Shaw & Jane Johnson)

¹⁴ TAHO, RGD37/1/3 1843/157 Launceston (Francis Shaw & Jane Johnson)

¹⁵ *Hobart Town Gazette*, 28 February 1845 p.232 (Jane Johnson 201)

¹⁶ *Hobart Town Gazette*, 4 November 1845 p.1386 (Jane Johnson 201)

¹⁷ TAHO, POL220/1/1 p.454 (Francis Shaw)

¹⁸ *Colonial Times*, 7 July 1853 p.2 (Francis Shaw)

¹⁹ *Cornwall Chronicle*, 8 April 1854 p.8 (Jane Johnston 1)

²⁰ *Cornwall Chronicle*, 5 July 1854 p.5 (Francis Shaw)

²¹ *Cornwall Chronicle*, 10 May 1856 p.5 (Francis Shaw)

²² TAHO, RGD35/1/29 1860/460 Campbell Town (Jane Shaw)

²³ TAHO, RGD35/1/45 1876/3193 (Jane Shaw)

²⁴ TAHO, RGD35/1/9 1879/1778 Hobart (Francis Shaw)

²⁵ SRCT, *SRCT Record Search* No.393 (Francis Shaw)

²⁶ *Examiner*, 11 April 1866 p.2 (Francis Shaw)

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