

Jane Johnson 2nd

POLICE NUMBER 202 ¹	LITERACY read & write
TRIAL DATE 4 November 1840	AGE ON EMBARKATION 19
TRIAL PLACE Edinburgh Court of Justiciary	AGE ON ARRIVAL 20
OFFENCE stealing 2 blankets and previous conviction	HEIGHT 5' 3½"
SENTENCE 7 years	COMPLEXION fresh
GAOL REPORT imprisoned and convicted before, bad, single	HEAD oval
PREVIOUS CONVICTIONS once 20 days for stealing bottles, 20 days for stealing 3 bottles of ale, again 3 days for stealing a pinafore, 12 months for stealing a mantle and a waistcoat; lived 2 years by thieving	HAIR dark brown
SURGEON'S REPORT very good	VISAGE full
ON THE TOWN no	FOREHEAD flat
MARITAL STATUS single	EYEBROWS brown
CHILDREN 0	EYES brown
FAMILY	NOSE turned up at point
NATIVE PLACE Leith Walk, Edinburgh, Scotland	MOUTH small
TRADE ON EMBARKATION	CHIN round
TRADE ON ARRIVAL house servant, wash, milk	MARKS small scar on left cheek bone, small scar on right and left legs

c1821 **Born** at Leith Walk, Edinburgh, Midlothian, Scotland.²

5 February 1837 Charged at the Police Court, Leith, Midlothian, Scotland with theft.³

24 June 1839 Tried at the Court of Justiciary, Edinburgh, Midlothian, Scotland indicted for theft at the Vaults, South Leith and Giles Street, South Leith; victims Margaret Hollywood, wife of George Hollywood of the Vaults, South Leith and Conway of Giles Street, South Leith; verdict guilty in terms of own confession; sentence 12 months imprisonment with hard labour; cannot write, resident of Edinburgh.⁴

4 November 1840 Tried at the Court of Justiciary, Edinburgh, Midlothian, Scotland indicted for theft, habit and repute in stealing 2 blankets at Smeaton's Close, St Andrew Street, Leith; victim Laurence Mason of Smeaton's Close, St Andrew Street, Leith; verdict guilty; sentence 7 years transportation; resident of Smeaton's Close, Leith, Edinburgh.⁵

5 April 1841 Departed Woolwich, England on the *Rajah*.⁶

19 July 1841 Arrived at Hobart on the *Rajah*.⁶

c24 July 1841 Upon arrival at Hobart, sent to Launceston for assignment.⁷

14 December 1841 Charged at the Police Court, Longford with uselessness; in the service of Dr Paton; returned to Government.⁸

27 December 1841 Charged at Longford Gaol by Mr Thomas Hortle, gaoler, with misconduct in attempting to escape from the gaol; plea guilty; sentence 7 days in solitary confinement.⁹

31 December 1841 Mustered at Launceston Female Factory.¹⁰

¹ TAHO, CON40/1/6 p.163 No.202 [image 137] (Jane Johnson 2nd); TAHO, CON19/1/1 p.220 [image 113] (Jane Johnson (2)); ML, CY 1282 p.150 (Jane Johnson (2)); ML, CY 1197 p.158 (Jean Johnstone); ML, CY 958 p.444 (Jean Johnstone)

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

³ NAS, JC26/1839/534 (Jane Johnstone)

⁴ NAS, JC26/1840/485 (Jean Johnstone); NAS, AD14/39/432 (Jane Johnstone); NAS, JC26/1839/534 (Jane Johnstone)

⁵ NAS, JC26/1840/485 (Jane Johnstone); NAS, AD14/40/348 (Jean Johnstone)

⁶ AJCP, ADM 101/63 *Rajah*

⁷ ML, CY 1282 p.142 (Jane Johnson); ML, CY 1274 p.259 (Jane Johnson)

⁸ TAHO, LC362/1/5 p.163 (Jane Johnston)

⁹ TAHO, LC362/1/5 p.167 (Jane Johnston)

¹⁰ AJCP, HO 10/51 p.374 No.202 (Jane Johnson)

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21 January 1842	Charged at the Police Court, Longford by Mr Hortle with having been drunk and disorderly on 20 January in the service of Turnbull; plea guilty; sentence 5 days in solitary confinement at Launceston Female Factory, then returned to Government. ¹¹
14 February 1842	Charged with absconding from the service of her master Butler; sentence 3 months hard labour at Launceston Female Factory. ¹²
7 June 1842	Charged with being absent without leave from the service of Reid; sentence 6 days in solitary confinement at Launceston Female Factory. ¹²
11 August 1842	Charged at the Police Court, Longford with uselessness; in the service of Mr Arthur; returned to the Government. ¹³
29 August 1842	Charged with drunkenness in the service of Green; reprimanded. ¹²
11 October 1842	Absconded from the service of Mr F Palmer, Launceston. ¹⁴
20 October 1842	Charged with absconding from the service of Palmer; existing sentence of transportation extended 6 months. ¹²
28 December 1842	Charged at the Police Court, Evandale with being absent without leave from the service of Mr William Cox; plea guilty; sentence 3 days in solitary confinement. ¹⁵
11 January 1843	Returned to Government at the request of her master Mr William Cox, Evandale. ¹⁶
4 March 1843	Charged with being absent without leave from the service of Gough; sentence 6 days in solitary confinement. ¹²
2 August 1843	Absconded from the service of Mr Robert Grew, Launceston. ¹⁷
5 August 1843	Charged at the Police Court, Launceston upon complaint of Constable Brown with absconding from the service of her master Robert Grew ¹⁸ on 31 July; plea guilty; remanded to Launceston Female Factory for further examination. ¹⁹
	Newspaper report: <i>Jane Johnson was remanded to the factory, charged with absconding from her service, and stealing 6s.</i> ²⁰
8 August 1843	Brought up at the Police Court, Launceston charged as before; verdict guilty; sentence 2 ²¹ months hard labour at Launceston Female Factory, and to be kept for 21 days of that period in solitary confinement from 8 August to 28 August inclusive. ²²
15 March 1844	Daughter Euphemia Johnson, ²³ illegitimate, born at Launceston Female Factory; father Ernest Gough, settler, resident of Patersons Plains; mother Jane Johnson, prisoner. ²⁴
21 March 1844	This woman has been confined of an illegitimate child vide the Assistant Superintendent's return. ²⁵
11 April 1844	Classified as a 1 st class probation pass-holder; gazetted 12 April. ²⁶
22 May 1844	Daughter Euphemia Johnson baptised in the Chapel at Launceston Female Factory; mother Jane Johnson. ²⁷

¹¹ TAHO, LC362/1/5 p.178 (Jane Johnston)

¹² TAHO, CON40/1/6 p.163 No.202 [image 137] (Jane Johnson 2nd)

¹³ TAHO, LC362/1/5 (Jane Johnston)

¹⁴ *Hobart Town Gazette*, 28 October 1842 p.947 (201 Jane Johnson)

¹⁵ TAHO, LC137/1/1 (Jane Johnson)

¹⁶ TAHO, LC137/1/1 (Jane Johnson)

¹⁷ *Hobart Town Gazette*, 11 August 1843 p.927 (Jane Johnson)

¹⁸ Name given as Crew on conduct record.

¹⁹ TAHO, LC346/1/13 (Jane Johnson)

²⁰ *Examiner*, 9 August 1843 p.4 (Jane Johnson)

²¹ Sentence given as 1 month in lower court record, 2 months on conduct record.

²² TAHO, LC346/1/13 (Jane Johnson); TAHO, CON78/1/2 p.235 (Jane Johnson)

²³ This child's birth was also recorded as: unnamed male child born at Launceston Female Factory on 1 March 1844; illegitimate, mother Jane Johnson, female convict; informant R Pearson; Superintendent of Female House of Correction, Launceston (TAHO, RGD33/1/3 1844/121 Launceston (male Johnson)).

²⁴ TAHO, NS748/1/5 p.96 No.1257 (Euphemia Gough); TAHO, RGD32/1/3 1844/2421 Launceston (Euphemia Gough)

²⁵ This entry was erroneously written on the conduct record for Jane Johnson 1st.

²⁶ *Hobart Town Gazette*, 12 April 1844 p.427 (Jane Johnson 202)

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18 July 1844	At Launceston. ¹²
31 August 1844	Promoted from a 1 st class to a 3 rd class probation pass-holder; gazetted 6 September. ²⁸
25 ²⁹ January 1845	Daughter Euphemia Johnson died from cholera at Launceston Female Factory; informant A Gardiner, coroner. ³⁰ Ticket of Leave granted; gazetted 28 January. ³¹
26 January 1845	Inquest held into the death of daughter Euphemia Johnson at the Court House, Launceston before Arthur Gardiner, coroner. Verdict: death by the visitation of God. ³² Statement of witness George Maddox Esquire: <i>I am Assistant Colonial Surgeon at Launceston. The deceased Euphemia Johnston was born in the F.H. of Correction at Launceston she was Ten Months Old On the 17 of January Instant she was attacked with cholera which disease carried her off yesterday I visited her twice and three times every day during her illness and the Mother and Nurse were very attentive to her.</i> <i>The Body I have this day viewed with the Jury is the same.</i> ³² Statement of witness Jane Johnson: <i>I am the Mother of the deceased "Euphemia Johnston" She was born on the 15th of March 1844 On Friday week last she took ill. Doctor Maddox and Lucas saw her two and three times a day and twice in the night. "Doctor Benson" also saw her Three times. She died yesterday afternoon deceased had every care and attention The Body I have viewed with the Jury is that of my child "Euphemia Johnston".</i> ³²
1 February 1845	Ticket of Leave; granted gazetted 4 February. ³³
3 February 1845	Charged with misconduct; admonished. ³⁴
17 May 1845	Charged ³⁵ at the Police Court, Launceston upon complaint of Constable William McDonald with misconduct in being in a disorderly house on 16 May; in the service of Mrs Goodwin; plea guilty; verdict guilty; admonished. ³⁶
8 November 1847	Sentence of extension dated October 1842 remitted by the Lieutenant Governor vide memo (due to be free 4 May 1848).
26 November 1847	At Launceston. ¹²
4 May 1848	Free by servitude. ¹²

²⁷ TAHO, NS748/1/5 p.96 No.1257 (Euphemia Gough)

²⁸ *Hobart Town Gazette*, 6 September 1844 p.1075 (Jane Johnson 202)

²⁹ Date of death for Euphemia given as 24 January 1845 at inquest.

³⁰ TAHO, RGD35/1/16 1845/339 Launceston (Euphemia Johnson)

³¹ *Hobart Town Gazette*, 28 January 1845 p.106 (Jane Solomon 202)

³² TAHO, SC195/1/15 No.1219 (Euphemia Johnston)

³³ *Hobart Town Gazette*, 4 February 1845 p.144 (Jane Johnson 202)

³⁴ TAHO, CON78/1/2 p.235 (Jane Johnson)

³⁵ This charge was erroneously entered on the conduct record of Jane Johnson 1st.

³⁶ TAHO, LC346/1/14 (Jane Johnson); TAHO, CON78/1/2 p.235 (Jane Johnson)