

# Rachael Jones\*

(proper name Rachael Hane<sup>1</sup>)

POLICE NUMBER 193 <sup>2</sup>	LITERACY read only
TRIAL DATE 14 September 1840	AGE ON EMBARKATION 26
TRIAL PLACE Central Criminal Court (Old Bailey), London	AGE ON ARRIVAL 26
OFFENCE receiving stolen goods stolen from a sailor <sup>3</sup>	HEIGHT 5' 2½" or 5' 1¼"
SENTENCE 7 years	COMPLEXION fair
GAOL REPORT 3 times in prison before, poor, single	HEAD oval
STATEMENT once 3 months for stealing money, 3 or 4 times in prison for being disorderly	HAIR dark hazel
SURGEON'S REPORT bad	VISAGE oval
ON THE TOWN 3 or 4 years	FOREHEAD flat
MARITAL STATUS single	EYEBROWS light brown
CHILDREN 0	EYES dark grey
FAMILY	NOSE medium
NATIVE PLACE Spitalfields, England	MOUTH medium
TRADE ON EMBARKATION	CHIN round
TRADE ON ARRIVAL house servant, needlewoman	MARKS small scar on left cheek, scar on bridge of nose, slightly pockpitted

c1815 **Born** at Spitalfields, London, Middlesex, England.<sup>4</sup>

14 September 1840 Tried at the Central Criminal Court (Old Bailey), London, England with shipmate Mary Lynch (*qv*)<sup>5</sup> indicted for receiving on 30 August 1840 1 watch value £3.10, 1 watch chain value £1, 2 seals value 9 shillings, and 1 watch-key value 1 shilling, goods stolen by Mary from the person of Phillip Garrod, well knowing them to have been stolen; found guilty; sentence 7 years transportation; aged 26.<sup>6</sup>

Statement of witness Phillip Garrod:

*I am a sailor belonging to the Gleaner, of Yorkshire. On Sunday morning, the 31st of August, I arrived in town from Hull – I was in Tooley-street that night, and met Lynch – we got into conversation, and I went home with her to Brewer's, turning Vine-yard – I am sure I had my watch when I went into the house – we had very little conversation – she asked me for money – I told her I had none – she asked me to leave my jacket – I said, "No, I will leave my watch in pawn," but I did not give my watch to her – she afterwards left the room, and was absent about four minutes, and when she came up she asked me for my watch – I felt for it, and it was gone – I am sure I had it when I went to the house – an alarm was made, the landlady of the house came up, and a policeman was called in – they searched the room, but found no watch – they searched over the house and presently the prisoner Jones came into the room – I had not noticed her before – she was not new my person, but the watch was found in her bosom (produced) – this is it – nobody but Lynch had been near me.*

*Jones. I went into the room, he was there by himself, and gave me the watch to take down, to leave for the girl and himself. Witness. I never saw her – I had had a little drop of drink, but knew what I was doing.<sup>6</sup>*

Statement of witness John Shannon:

*I am a policeman. On the Sunday in question I was called in, and found the prosecutor and Lynch there – the whole of the house was searched, but I could not find the watch – the prosecutor stated what he has to-day – I searched Lynch in the house, and found no watch – he persisted in saying she must have taken it, and while I was there Jones came into the house,*

<sup>1</sup> This name is difficult to decipher and could possibly be Harris.

<sup>2</sup> TAHO, CON40/1/6 p.160 No.193 [image 134] (Rachael Jones); TAHO, CON19/1/1 p.216 [image 111] (Rachael Jones); ML, CY 1282 p.149 (Rachael Jones); ML, CY 1197 p.151 (Rachael Jones); ML, CY 958 p.440 (Rachael Jones)

<sup>3</sup> Rachael received the goods which Mary Lynch (*qv*) stole (*Old Bailey Proceedings Online*, t18400914-2392 (Mary Lynch & Rachael Jones)).

<sup>4</sup> TAHO, CON19/1/1 p.216 [image 111] (Rachael Jones)

<sup>5</sup> Mary was also found guilty but transported for 10 years on the *Rajah*; aged 21.

<sup>6</sup> *Old Bailey Proceedings Online*, t18400914-2392 (Mary Lynch & Rachael Jones)

This biography supplements our book *Patchwork Prisoners* available from [www.researchtasmania.com.au](http://www.researchtasmania.com.au).

and sat on a chair behind the door – I knew they were generally together, and had seen them twenty minutes before they met the prosecutor, together – I put my hand outside her bosom, felt the watch, and drew it out – she said it had been left with her by a young man, to stop with her all night, and denied its being the prosecutor's at all, till she got to the station-house – the prosecutor appeared to be sober, and to know what he was about.

Lynch. I had been out in the yard, and did not see this young man at all; while I went down Jones went up, and he gave it to her, but I did not know it. I went up, and said, "Are you going to do as you said?" and he missed it; and when Jones came in, she said he had given her the watch.<sup>6</sup>

Statement of defendant Rachael Jones:

*Jones's Defence.* When I came into the room he was there by himself, and said he had no money, but he gave me the watch to take down to the landlady; I went down, and there being a row, I went out in the street without giving it to the landlady, as she was in bed.<sup>6</sup>

5 April 1841	Departed Woolwich, England on the <i>Rajah</i> . <sup>7</sup>
19 July 1841	Arrived at Hobart on the <i>Rajah</i> . <sup>7</sup>
c24 July 1841	Upon arrival at Hobart, assigned to Mr Cowle, Melville Street, Hobart. <sup>8</sup>
2 December 1841	Charged with misconduct in being found on the Regatta grounds under the influence of liquor; in the service of Reid; reprimanded and returned to her service. <sup>9</sup>
31 December 1841	Mustered at Cascades Female Factory, Hobart. <sup>10</sup>
26 January 1842	Charged with insolence; in the service of Reid; sentence 3 days in solitary confinement at Cascades Female Factory, Hobart, then returned to her service. <sup>9</sup>
19 February 1842	Charged with being absent without leave and insolence; in the service of Fletcher; sentence 14 days in solitary confinement at Cascades Female Factory, Hobart. <sup>9</sup>
7 June 1842	Charged at the Police Court, Hobart on the complaint of Constable Henwood with misconduct in being absent all night without leave from the service of Mr Elliott, Liverpool Street, Hobart; plea guilty; sentence 3 months hard labour at Cascades Female Factory, Hobart. <sup>11</sup>
28 September 1842	Charged at the Police Court, Hobart on complaint of Constable Linley with misconduct in absenting herself without leave yesterday from the service of Government House, also drunk and disorderly in the streets; plea guilty; sentence 6 months hard labour at the wash tub at Cascades Female Factory, Hobart. <sup>12</sup>
22 April 1843	Charged at the Police Court, Hobart on the complaint of her master with misconduct in being absent 2 days and nights without leave; in the service of Mr GF Evans, Davey Street, Hobart; remanded until Monday. <sup>13</sup>
24 April 1843	Brought up at the Police Court, Hobart charged as before; plea guilty; sentence 3 months hard labour at Cascades Female Factory, Hobart, then assigned in the interior. <sup>14</sup>
30 January 1844	Charged with insolence in the service of Chester; reprimanded and returned to Government. <sup>9</sup>
28 February 1844	Classified as a 2 <sup>nd</sup> class probation pass-holder; gazetted 1 March. <sup>15</sup>
27 March 1844	Charged at the Police Court, Hobart by Constable Anderson with being drunk in the service of Mrs O'Meagher; plea guilty; sentence 1 month hard labour at the wash tub at Cascades Female Factory, Hobart. <sup>16</sup>

---

<sup>7</sup> AJCP, ADM 101/63 *Rajah*

<sup>8</sup> ML, CY 1274 p.258 (Rachael Jones)

<sup>9</sup> TAHO, CON40/1/6 p.160 No.193 [image 134] (Rachael Jones)

<sup>10</sup> AJCP, HO 10/51 p.373 No.193 (Rachael Jones)

<sup>11</sup> TAHO, AC480/1/1, 7 June 1842 (Rachael Jones)

<sup>12</sup> TAHO, AC480/1/1, 28 September 1842 (Rachael Jones)

<sup>13</sup> TAHO, AC480/1/1, 22 April 1843 (Rachael Jones)

<sup>14</sup> TAHO, AC480/1/1, 24 April 1843 (Rachael Jones)

<sup>15</sup> *Hobart Town Gazette*, 1 March 1844 p.267 (Rachael Jones)

<sup>16</sup> TAHO, AC480/1/1, 27 March 1844 (Rachael Jones)

This biography supplements our book *Patchwork Prisoners* available from [www.researchtasmania.com.au](http://www.researchtasmania.com.au).

- 27 May 1844 Charged at the Police Court, Hobart with being drunk in the public streets last night; in the service of Mr Betts, Antill Street, Hobart; plea guilty; sentence 3 months hard labour at Cascades Female Factory, Hobart.<sup>17</sup>
- 30 May 1844 Hired in private service as a probation pass-holder to Charlotte Betts, Antill Street, Hobart and John Fisher, Hobart.<sup>18</sup>
- 31 July 1844 Hired in private service as a probation pass-holder to F Hull, O'Brien's Bridge.<sup>19</sup>
- 28 September 1844 Hired in private service for 12 months as a probation pass-holder to Lydia Southam, Campbell Street, Hobart.<sup>20</sup>
- 31 January 1845 Promoted from a 2<sup>nd</sup> class to a 3<sup>rd</sup> class probation pass-holder; gazetted 4 February.<sup>21</sup>
- 22 April 1845 Ticket of Leave granted.<sup>9</sup>
- 17 July 1845 Charged with larceny under £5; discharged.<sup>9</sup>  
Charged with being absent from her authorised residence; sentence 2 months hard labour at Cascades Female Factory, Hobart.<sup>9</sup>
- 6 October 1845 Application for permission to marry John Gatehouse<sup>22</sup> (*Blenheim*) sent to the Secretary; approved.<sup>23</sup>  
Notice given of approval for permission to marry John Gatehouse; Rachael a ticket-of-leave holder, resident of Hobart; John a police constable, resident of Hobart.<sup>24</sup>
- 1 November 1845 Charged with misconduct; sentence 10 days hard labour at Cascades Female Factory, Hobart.<sup>9</sup>  
John Gatehouse charged with misconduct as a constable; recommended to be dismissed from the Police; approved.<sup>25</sup>
- 19 November 1845 John Gatehouse charged with misconduct in falsely representing himself as a ticket-of-leave man and having a Ticket of Leave pass in his possession; sentence 3 months hard labour at New Town Farm.<sup>25</sup>
- 21 November 1845 Charged with being drunk; fined 5 shillings.<sup>9</sup>
- 12 December 1845 Charged with misconduct; admonished.<sup>9</sup>
- 16 January 1846 Charged with being drunk and using indecent language; sentence 2 months hard labour at Cascades Female Factory, Hobart.<sup>9</sup>
- 28 March 1846 Charged with being drunk and disturbing the peace; sentence 3 months hard labour at Cascades Female Factory, Hobart.<sup>9</sup>
- 30 June 1846 Charged with being out after hours; sentence 3 months hard labour at Cascades Female Factory, Hobart.<sup>9</sup>
- 28 February 1847 **Died** at the Colonial Hospital, Hobart<sup>26</sup> vide memo 15 March 1847; aged 30, resident of Hobart Gaol.<sup>27</sup>
- 1 March 1847 Buried in the Prisoners' Burial Ground, Trinity Cemetery, Hobart; resident of the Gaol House, Hobart, aged 30, ship to colony *Rajah*, bond, Protestant.<sup>28</sup>

---

<sup>17</sup> TAHO, AC480/1/1, 27 May 1844 (Rachael Jones)

<sup>18</sup> *Hobart Town Gazette*, 31 May 1844 pp.597, 598 (Rachael Jones)

<sup>19</sup> *Hobart Town Gazette*, 2 August 1844 p.914 (Rachael Jones)

<sup>20</sup> *Hobart Town Gazette*, 22 October 1844 p.1352 (Rachael Jones)

<sup>21</sup> *Hobart Town Gazette*, 4 February 1845 p.137 (Rachel Jones)

<sup>22</sup> John Gatehouse was transported for life on *Blenheim* in 1837, tried at Chester Assizes on 13 August 1836 for horse stealing; single; at Richmond in October 1845, at Bridgewater in May 1846, at Jericho in September 1846, at Oatlands in 1847 (TAHO, CON31/1/16 p.228 No.1259 [image 23] (John Gatehouse)).

<sup>23</sup> TAHO, CON52/1/2 p.74 (Rachel Jones & John Gatehouse)

<sup>24</sup> *Hobart Town Gazette*, 7 October 1845 p.1250, 4 October 1845 p.1274, 21 October 1845 p.1308 (John Gatehouse & Rachel Jones)

<sup>25</sup> TAHO, CON31/1/16 p.228 No.1259 [image 232] (John Gatehouse)

<sup>26</sup> Place given as Hobart Gaol on burial record.

<sup>27</sup> TAHO, CON63/1/2 (Rachael Jones); TAHO, RGD34/1/2 1847/1595 Hobart (Rachel Jones)

<sup>28</sup> TAHO, RGD34/1/2 1847/1595 Hobart (Rachel Jones)