

# *Amelia Laing*

(uxor *Amelia Harris*)

<p>POLICE NUMBER 229<sup>1</sup>          TRIAL DATE 22 July 1840          TRIAL PLACE Edinburgh Court of Justiciary          OFFENCE stealing children's clothes and former conviction          SENTENCE 7 years          GAOL REPORT indifferent and imprisoned before, single          PREVIOUS CONVICTIONS once 30 days for stealing a shawl, 60 days for stealing an apron          SURGEON'S REPORT quiet          ON THE TOWN no          MARITAL STATUS single          CHILDREN 0          FAMILY father John Laing, mother Catharine Wells, brother James, sister Barbara<sup>2</sup>          NATIVE PLACE Fife, Scotland          TRADE ON EMBARKATION          TRADE ON ARRIVAL house servant, plain laundress</p>	<p>LITERACY read only          AGE ON EMBARKATION 23          AGE ON ARRIVAL 24          HEIGHT 4' 11½" or 4' 11¼"          COMPLEXION fair          HEAD oval          HAIR brown          VISAGE oval          FOREHEAD round          EYEBROWS dark brown          EYES brown          NOSE small, turned up          MOUTH medium            CHIN medium          MARKS several small warts on face</p>
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<p>24 June 1809          13 May 1810          27 June 1812          c1814          29 April 1814          29 May 1839            11 July 1839            28 December 1839</p>	<p>Father John Laing married mother Catharine Wells at Cults, Fife, Scotland.<sup>3</sup>          Sister Barbara Laing baptised at Cults, Fife, Scotland; father John Laing, mother Catharine Willes.<sup>2,4</sup>          Brother James Laing baptised at Cults, Fife, Scotland; father John Laing, mother Catharine Wells.<sup>2,5</sup>  <b>Born</b> in Fife, Scotland; father John Laing; mother Catharine Wells.<sup>6</sup>  <b>Baptised</b> at Cults, Fife, Scotland; father John Laing, mother Catharine Wells.<sup>7</sup>          Charged at the Police Court, Edinburgh, Midlothian, Scotland with stealing on 28 May 1839 1 peck of oatmeal and 1 checked apron, value not exceeding £10, from the house of William Erskine at Fountain Close, High Street, Edinburgh; warrant issued 29 May; plea not guilty; witnesses Jane Rots or Erskine, Fountain Close and Margaret Duff Broker, Leith Wynd; found guilty; sentence 30 days imprisonment at Edinburgh Gaol; vagrant.<sup>8</sup>          Charged at the Police Court, Edinburgh, Midlothian, Scotland with stealing on 9 July 1839 1 check apron and 1 small, blue worsted shawl, value not exceeding £10, from the green behind St Mary's Church, Edinburgh, the property of Margaret Newton, 7 Scotland Street; plea not guilty; witnesses Catherine Owen, servant, London Street; Margaret Mewton, Scotland Street; and John Amos, day policeman; found guilty; sentence 60 days imprisonment at the Bridewell, Edinburgh; no fixed place of residence.<sup>9</sup>          Prisoner in the Tolbooth, Edinburgh, Midlothian, Scotland.<sup>10</sup></p>
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<sup>1</sup> TAHO, CON40/1/6 p.300 No.229 [image 232] (Amelia Laing); TAHO, CON19/1/1 p.225 [image 116] (Emelia Laing); ML, CY 1282 p.151 (Amelia Laing); ML, CY 1197 p.157 (Emelia Laing); ML, CY 958 p.444 (Emelia Laing)

<sup>2</sup> personal communication, Rita Summers, 5 August 2011

<sup>3</sup> *Family Search*, IGI Batch No.7503822 (John Laing & Catharine Wells)

<sup>4</sup> *Family Search*, IGI Batch No.C11419-2 (Barbara Laing)

<sup>5</sup> *Family Search*, IGI Batch No.C11419-2 (James Laing)

<sup>6</sup> TAHO, CON19/1/1 p.225 [image 116] (Emelia Laing); *Family Search*, IGI Batch No.C11419-2 (Amelia Laing); personal communication, Penny Jennings, 2 July 2010

<sup>7</sup> *Family Search*, IGI Batch No.C11419-2 (Amelia Laing); personal communication, Penny Jennings, 2 July 2010

<sup>8</sup> NAS, JC26/1840/454, 29 May 1839 (Emily Laing)

<sup>9</sup> NAS, JC26/1840/454, 11 July 1839 (Emilia Laing)

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Charged at the Sheriff Court, Edinburgh, Midlothian, Scotland with theft of a brap or other metal candlestick (2 candlesticks) and a pair of snuffers, by habit and repute a thief; found guilty; sentence 5 months imprisonment at the Bridewell, Edinburgh.<sup>10</sup>

22 July 1840

Prisoner in Edinburgh Gaol, Midlothian, Scotland.<sup>12</sup>

Tried at the Court of Justiciary, Edinburgh, Midlothian, Scotland with Margaret Caldwell or Leitch<sup>11</sup> indicted for the crime of theft, habit and repute in stealing children's clothes at White Horse Close, Canongate, Edinburgh, property of William Mill, son of John Mill, Canongate, Edinburgh and at Low Calton, Edinburgh, the property of Elizabeth Torrance, widow, Ironside Close, Abbeyhill, Edinburgh; found guilty on 2<sup>nd</sup> charge, the Lord Advocate passing on the 1<sup>st</sup> charge; sentence 7 years transportation; no fixed abode.<sup>12</sup>

Statement of witness Elizabeth Clayton or Torrance:

*Elizabeth Clayton or Torrance, widow, residing in Ironside Court Abbyehill, near Edinburgh, declared on Sunday, the 21<sup>st</sup> Current, about 2 o'clock PM my daughter Elizabeth, aged 4 years went out with Frances Copeland and Rebecca Robertson, children and neighbours, and she did not return, and I got her in the police office between 7 and 8 o'clock, and she then had not her mouslin de laine or printed ... coloured frock which she was wearing when she went out. Elizabeth said a woman took her frock from her in a stair but that is all she can say about it and she cannot point out the stair. I saw the frock in the police office the next day and I now see it. Elizabeth saw the prisoner in custody on the Monday and pointed out Laing as the woman who took her frock.*<sup>12</sup>

Statement of witness Frances Copeland:

*Frances Copeland (aged 6) daughter of Colonel Francis Copeland residing in Abbeyhill declared on the Sunday afternoon alluded to, about 2 o'clock, Rebecca Robertson, Elizabeth Torrance and I went to the Kings Park to amuse ourselves and a woman came to us on our way home and gave Elizabeth some sweeties and another woman came and lifted her and carried her away, but the first woman did not accompany her. I do not know where the woman took Elizabeth to. When the woman took her away Elizabeth was wearing the frock now shown me. The prisoner Laing is the woman who lifted Elizabeth and carried her away. The prisoner Mrs Leitch and the other woman, I never saw the other woman after that Sunday. I did not see Elizabeth again till after her frock had been taken. I cannot write.*<sup>12</sup>

Statement of witness Rebecca Robertson:

*Rebecca Robertson (aged 6) declared I am daughter of Thomas Robertson a Tailor in Abbeyhill. Declared I went to Kings Park with Elizabeth Torrance and Frances Copeland and a lady gave some sweeties to Elizabeth Torrance. I left them to go home and afterwards I saw a woman taking Elizabeth's frock off her in a stair, but I could not point out the stair. I saw the woman in the police office a few days afterwards and now see her. She is the prisoner Laing. The frock now shown to me is the same. I cannot write.*<sup>12</sup>

Statement of witness James Bambery:

*James Bambery declared I am a broker in Blackfriars Wynd, High Street and between 4 and 5 o'clock of Sunday afternoon, the 21<sup>st</sup> current, the prisoner Laing brought the frock to my shop and pledged it with me for a 6d and she said her name was Isabella Stewart. She returned at 7 o'clock and relieved the frock by paying 6½d. She then had the child Mill in her arms. I now identify the frock.*<sup>12</sup>

Statement of witness Janet Cormack:

*Janet Cormack, his wife, corroborates her husband.*<sup>12</sup>

Statement of witness Agnes Gregor:

*Agnes Gregor, wife of John Mill, shoemaker, residing in Canongate, in or near Edinburgh, declared on Sunday the 21 current, at 5 o'clock P.M. my son William, aged 2¼ years, went out with Robina Glasgow to amuse themselves, and Robina came back without him. I went in search of William, and between 9 and 10 o'clock my sister, husband I found him in the arms of*

<sup>10</sup> NAS, JC26/1840/454 (Emilia Laing)

<sup>11</sup> Margaret appears to have been found not guilty. In 1846 she was sentenced to 7 years transportation for theft, habit and repute, but this sentence was remitted on 25 July 1851, she was not transported (NAS, JC26/1846/447 (Margaret Leitch nee Caldwell)).

<sup>12</sup> NAS, JC26/1840/454 (Emilia Laing); NAS, AD14/40/363 (Emelia Laing)

*the prisoner Laing in the Canongate and the prisoner Mrs Leitch was in her company and William then had not his Black Beaver hat, Flannel Petticoat, Cotton shift or shirt, Blue and white striped pinafore, Shoes, which he was wearing when he went out. Laing said she knew nothing of the articles and that she had found the child at the front of Canongate, and had taken it home and given it its tea and referred to the prisoner Mrs Leitch for the truth of what she said, and Mrs Leitch said she could not say anything about it and that Laing had the child when she had fallen in with her between 5 and 6 o'clock and she denied all knowledge of the child's clothes. Next day I saw the clothes in the watch house and I now see them. William, owing to his youth, cannot give any account of the matter. I cannot write.<sup>12</sup>*

**Statement of witness Robina Glasgow:**

*Robina Glasgow declares I am daughter of William Glasgow, a Type founder, residing in ... Canongate. On the Sunday I went out with Mrs Mill and we went down the street, and a woman came forward and gave me a half a penny and sent me away for sweeties, and I left William with her, and on my return I found that she had gone away with William, and I did not see him again till after the theft. When I left him with the woman he was wearing the black beaver hat and pinafore and shoes which I now see. The prisoner Laing is the woman. I never saw Mrs Leitch till I saw her in custody. I cannot write.<sup>12</sup>*

**Statement of witness Jacobrina Porter:**

*Jacobrina Porter (aged 12 years) declared I am daughter of Henry Porter, a printer, residing in the Canongate. On the Sunday alluded to about 4 o'clock P.M. I saw the prisoner Laing speak to William Mill and Robina Glasgow and I saw her give a half a penny to Glasgow and send her away for sweeties, and when the girl went away Laing took up the boy and carried away down Shoemakers Close and I followed her and lost sight of her in Campbells Close. Mrs Leitch was not with her, and I did not see her till I saw her in custody. The boy was wearing a hat and a pinafore like that now shown to me. I cannot write.<sup>12</sup>*

**Statement of defendant Emilia Laing:**

*I am 23 years of age and was born in Fife and I have no fixed place of residence and have been four times convicted of theft. I have known the prisoner Margaret Caldwell or Leitch about 3 years. On Sunday the 21<sup>st</sup> current about mid-day when Mrs Leitch and I were in company we met a children near the Canongate Church and we resolved to strip the child and sell the clothes and we led the child to the White Horse Close and at there we took off its frock and we went away leaving the child the Close mouth and left the frock with a broker in Blackfriars Wynd in security of a sixpence which he advanced to me and we spent the money on drink. On after part of the same day Mrs Leitch advised me to get back the frock saying she would get more for it elsewhere and I therefore relieved it by paying seven pence and she pledged it for a shilling with a broker at the foot of Leith Wynd and spent the money on drinks. Declared on the same day we saw a Child near the Canongate Church and we resolved to strip the child and we led the child to Low Calton and I there took the pinafore off the child and she took off the petticoat shirt shoes and hat and she sold them or pledged them with the same broker in Leith Wynd but I cannot say for how much and we spent the money on drink and we were taken into custody at which time I was carrying the child, by two police officers and a woman who claimed the child as hers. I now see two children named Elizabeth Torrance and William Mill and I know them to be the same children and it was Torrance whom we first met. I now see the articles referred to and labels are attached to them as relative hereto. All this I declare to be truth. I cannot write.<sup>12</sup>*

**Statement of witness George Wood, Criminal Officer:**

*Declared I saw the prisoners in the police office and William Mulholland and I questioned them, and both denied having taken any clothes from any children, but on the following day Laing admitted that Leitch and she had taken articles from two children and that they had pledged the articles and had spent the money on drink. Leitch admitted pledging the articles but denied all concern in stealing them, and said she did not know they had been stolen. We went with the prisoners and Laing pointed out the White Horse Close in Canongate as that in which the frock had been taken from Torrance, and the Entry or Common Stair No 5 Low Calton as the place where the articles had been taken from the Child Mill; and both prisoners point out Bambery's Shop and Knight's Shop as the places where Leitch had disposed of the articles, and Leitch has along protested her innocence to everything except pledging the*

articles. I know the convictions dated 29<sup>th</sup> May 1839 and 11 July 1839 to apply to the prisoner Laing and that dated 3<sup>rd</sup> June 1837 applies to Leitch, and I have considered Laing habit and repute a thief for 2 years.<sup>12</sup>

Statement of witnesses William Mulholland and James Anderson, Criminal Officers:

Concur with George Wood in every particular. They state that Leitch said she saw Laing take the article from the child Mill in the entry in the Low Calton but that Laing said that the child was her brother in law and then denied all concerns in the theft.<sup>12</sup>

- 5 April 1841 Departed Woolwich, England on the *Rajah*.<sup>13</sup>
- 19 July 1841 Arrived at Hobart on the *Rajah*.<sup>13</sup>
- c24 July 1841 Upon arrival at Hobart, sent to Launceston for assignment.<sup>14</sup>
- 11 September 1841 Charged with being drunk in the service of Walker; reprimanded.<sup>15</sup>
- 26 October 1841 Charged with being absent without leave yesterday; sentence 6 weeks hard labour at Launceston Female Factory.<sup>15</sup>
- 31 December 1841 Mustered in the service of WG Walker Esquire, Launceston.<sup>16</sup>
- 6 May 1842 Application for permission to marry John Harris<sup>17</sup> (*York*) sent to the Muster Master.<sup>18</sup>
- 17 May 1842 Application for permission to marry John Harris sent to the Secretary; not approved, woman must give proof of better conduct.<sup>18</sup>
- 3<sup>19</sup> July 1842 **Daughter** Emily Laing, illegitimate, born at Launceston Female Factory; mother Amelia Lang; father John Harris, convict; informant Robert Pearson, Superintendent, Female House of Correction.<sup>20</sup>
- 20 July 1842 Daughter Emily Laing baptised in the Chapel at Launceston Female Factory; mother Emily Lang.<sup>21</sup>
- 28 July 1842 Listed on the return of the Assistant Superintendent of Convicts, Launceston as having been delivered of an illegitimate child.<sup>15</sup>
- 26 October 1842 Application for permission to marry John Harris (*York*) sent to the Muster Master.<sup>22</sup>
- 27 October 1842 Application for permission to marry John Harris sent to the Secretary; not approved on account of the female's misconduct.<sup>22</sup>
- 4 April 1843 At Launceston.<sup>15</sup>
- 19 April 1843 Application for permission to marry John Harris (*York*) sent to the Muster Master.<sup>23</sup>
- 3 May 1843 Application for permission to marry John Harris sent to the Secretary; not approved.<sup>23</sup>
- 14 May 1843 Daughter Emily Laing died of diarrhoea at Dynnyrne Nursery, Hobart; aged 9 months; mother Amelia Laing, convict; informant Harriett Slee, Matron, Dynnyrne Nursery.<sup>24</sup>
- 20 June 1843 At Launceston.<sup>15</sup>
- 11 October 1843 Application for permission to marry John Harris (*York*) sent to the Muster Master and the Secretary; approved.<sup>25</sup>

<sup>13</sup> AJCP, ADM 101/63 *Rajah*

<sup>14</sup> ML, CY 1282 p.142 (Amelia Lang); ML, CY 1274 p.260 (Amelia Laing)

<sup>15</sup> TAHO, CON40/1/6 p.300 No.229 [image 232] (Amelia Laing)

<sup>16</sup> AJCP, HO 10/51 p.378 No.229 (Amelia Laing)

<sup>17</sup> John Harris was transported for life on the *York* in 1832, tried at Surrey 2 July 1832 for larceny having been before convicted of felony; single, labourer, aged 20; Ticket of Leave 12 January 1841, Conditional Pardon approved 25 February 1846; at Launceston in 1843 and 1844 (TAHO, CON31/1/20 p.179 No.1463 [image 181] (John Harris), TAHO, CON18/1/21 [image 274] (John Harris)).

<sup>18</sup> TAHO, CON52/1/2 p.79 (Amelia Laing & John Harris)

<sup>19</sup> Date given as 2 July 1842 on baptism register.

<sup>20</sup> TAHO, RGD33/1/23 1842/1036 Launceston (Emily Lang); TAHO, NS748/1/5 p.74 No.960 (Emily Harris)

<sup>21</sup> TAHO, NS748/1/5 p.74 No.960 (Emily Harris)

<sup>22</sup> TAHO, CON52/1/2 p.82 (Amelia Laing & John Harris)

<sup>23</sup> TAHO, CON52/1/2 p.83 (Amelia Laing & John Harris)

<sup>24</sup> TAHO, RGD35/1/1 1843/1633 Hobart (Emily Lang)

<sup>25</sup> TAHO, CON52/1/2 p.363 (Amelia Laing & Jno Harris)

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- 25 October 1843 Notice given of approval for permission to marry John Harris; Amelia prisoner at Launceston Female Factory; John a ticket-of-leave holder.<sup>26</sup>
- 18 December 1843 **Married** John Harris in St Andrew's Anglican Church, Westbury; Amelia aged 24, assigned servant, illiterate; John aged 22, carpenter, illiterate; witnesses William Fitzgerald and J Peddington.<sup>27</sup>
- 5 November 1844 Husband John Harris recommended to the Queen for a Conditional Pardon.<sup>28</sup>
- 22 November 1844 **Son** John Harris born at Liffey; father John Harris, farmer, resident of Liffey; mother Amelia Laing; informant John Eggleston.<sup>29</sup>
- 21 February 1845 Ticket of Leave granted; gazetted 25 February.<sup>30</sup>
- 25 February 1846 Husband John Harris approved for a Conditional Pardon.<sup>28</sup>
- 22 July 1847 Free by servitude; Certificate of Freedom may be obtained upon application at the Comptroller General's Office, Hobart or from a Police Magistrate in the interior; gazetted 6 July.<sup>31</sup>
- 2 September 1848 **Son** David Harris born.<sup>32</sup>
- 26 November 1848 Son David Harris baptised at St Andrew's Anglican Church, Carrick by James H Reibey; parents John and Amelia Harris, residents of *Vron*.<sup>33</sup>
- 12 July 1850 **Daughter** Amelia Harris born.<sup>34</sup>
- 29 September 1850 Daughter Amelia Harris baptised at St Andrew's Anglican Church, Carrick by James H Reibey; parents John and Amelia Harris, residents of Oaks.<sup>35</sup>
- 19 April 1852 **Daughter** Sarah Harris born.<sup>36</sup>
- 30 May 1852 Daughter Sarah Harris baptised at St Andrew's Anglican Church, Carrick by James H Reibey; parents John and Amelia Harris, residents of Oaks.<sup>36</sup>
- 10 March 1855 **Son** Solomon Harris born.<sup>37</sup>
- 9 April 1855 Son Solomon Harris baptised at St Andrew's Anglican Church, Carrick by Thomas Reibey; parents John and Emelia Harris, residents of Oaks.<sup>38</sup>
- c1863 Son Solomon Harris sent to live in Victoria.<sup>39</sup>
- 22 August 1867 Husband John Harris witness at the Insolvent Court, Launceston as a creditor of insolvent Daniel Rolph, deceased, corn factor of Carrick; proof of debt of £41.18.8; resident of Carrick.<sup>40</sup>
- 28<sup>41</sup> October 1873 Charged at the Police Court, Carrick with larceny; sentence 1 month imprisonment at the House of Correction, Launceston.  
Description: native place Edinburgh; aged 65, 5', grey hair (mixed).<sup>42</sup>
- 27–30 November 1873 Discharged from the House of Correction, Launceston.<sup>42</sup>
- c1877 Daughter Sarah Harris formed a common-law relationship with Alfred James Aram.<sup>43</sup>

<sup>26</sup> *Hobart Town Gazette*, 27 October 1843 p.1167; 10 November 1843 p.1236 (John Harris & Amelia Laing)

<sup>27</sup> TAHO, RGD37/1/3 1843/275 Launceston (John Harris & Amelia Laing)

<sup>28</sup> TAHO, CON31/1/20 image 181 p.179 No.1463 (John Harris)

<sup>29</sup> TAHO, RGD33/1/23 1844/585 Launceston (John Harris)

<sup>30</sup> *Hobart Town Gazette*, 25 February 1845 p.234 (Amelia Laing)

<sup>31</sup> *Hobart Town Gazette*, 6 July 1847 p.649 (Amelia Laing)

<sup>32</sup> personal communication, Ray Welsford, 20 January 2007; TAHO, NS2434/1/1 No.70 (David Harris)

<sup>33</sup> TAHO, NS2434/1/1 No.70 (David Harris)

<sup>34</sup> TAHO, NS2434/1/1 No.104 (Amelia Harris)

<sup>35</sup> TAHO, NS2434/1/1 No.104 (Amelia Harris)

<sup>36</sup> TAHO, NS2434/1/1 No.116 (Sarah Harris)

<sup>37</sup> personal communication, Ray Welsford, 20 January 2007; TAHO, NS2434/1/1 No.174 (Solomon Harris)

<sup>38</sup> personal communication, Ray Welsford, 20 January 2007; TAHO, NS2434/1/1 No.174 (Solomon Harris)

<sup>39</sup> personal communication, Penny Jennings, 11 June 2007

<sup>40</sup> *Examiner*, 24 August 1867 p.7 (John Harris)

<sup>41</sup> Date given as 25 October 1873 on conduct record.

<sup>42</sup> TAHO, POL709/1/2 5 December 1873 p.200 (Emma Harris)

<sup>43</sup> personal communication, Rita Summers, 5 June 2010

- 16 May 1878 Granddaughter Minnie Amelia Caroline Aram born in the Morven district; father Alfred Aram, labourer; informant mother Sarah Harris, resident of Breadalbane.<sup>44</sup>
- 24 November 1880 Grandson George Henry Aram born in the Morven district; mother Sarah Harris; father Alfred Aram, labourer, resident of Breadalbane.<sup>45</sup>
- 1882 Son Solomon Harris married Rosetta Sparkes at Kew, VIC; Solomon born Launceston, aged 27.<sup>46</sup>
- 17 January 1883 Grandson Arthur John Thomas Aram born in the Morven district; mother Sarah Harris; informant father Alfred Aram, ganger, resident of Evandale.<sup>47</sup>
- 1883 Granddaughter Isa Frances Harris born at Kew, VIC; father Solomon Harris, mother Rosetta Sparkes.<sup>48</sup>
- 6 August 1884 Husband John Harris died of senility at the residence of his son-in-law at *Entally*; aged 77 or 79, no occupation/labourer; informant certificate of medical attendant Dr Mason.<sup>49</sup>
- Death notice:  
*HARRIS. – On 6<sup>th</sup> August, at the residence of his son-in-law, Entally, John Harris, aged 79. (Melbourne and New Zealand papers please copy.)*<sup>50</sup>
- 8 August 1884 Husband John Harris buried at St Andrew's Church Cemetery, Carrick; funeral procession arriving at 3pm.<sup>51</sup>
- Funeral notice:  
*The funeral of the late JOHN HARRIS will reach Carrick at 3 p.m. this day (Friday). Friends invited.*<sup>50</sup>
- Headstone inscription:  
*In Affectionate Remembrance  
Of  
John Harris  
Who Departed This Life 6<sup>th</sup> Aug 1884  
Aged 77 Years  
A few more years shall roll  
A few more seasons wane  
And we shall be with those that rest  
Till Christ Shall Come Again  
Erected by his Younger Son  
Solomon Harris*
- 14 November 1884 Grandson Charles Marlow Aram born in the Morven district; father Alfred Aram, labourer; informant mother Sarah Harris, resident of Breadalbane.<sup>52</sup>
- 1885 Granddaughters Lucy Annie Harris and Marian Eva Harris, twins, born at Kew, VIC; father Solomon Harris, mother Rosetta Sparkes.<sup>53</sup>
- 1886 Granddaughter Ethel Georgeann Harris born at Hawthorn, VIC; father Solomon Harris, mother Rosetta Sparkes.<sup>54</sup>

<sup>44</sup> TAHO, RGD33/1/56 1878/1190 Morven (Minnie Amelia Caroline Aram); Gunn & Kippen, 'Household and Family Formation in Nineteenth-Century Tasmania' No.202799 (Minnie Amelia Caroline Aram)

<sup>45</sup> TAHO, RGD33/1/58 1880/1745 Morven (George Henry Aram); Gunn & Kippen, 'Household and Family Formation in Nineteenth-Century Tasmania' No.208268 (George Henry Aram)

<sup>46</sup> VIC Marriage Record 1882/2691 (Solomon Harris & Rosetta Sparkes); VIC Death Record 1942/24687 (Solomon Harris)

<sup>47</sup> TAHO, RGD33/1/62 1883/1394 Morven (Arthur John Thomas Aram); TAHO, RGD32/1/4 1883/1394 Morven (Arthur John Thomas Aram); Gunn & Kippen, 'Household and Family Formation in Nineteenth-Century Tasmania' No.216923 (Arthur John Thomas Aram)

<sup>48</sup> VIC Birth Record 1883/10372 (Isa Frances Harris)

<sup>49</sup> TAHO, RGD35/1/53 1884/783 Westbury (John Harris); *Examiner*, 8 August 1884 (John Harris); personal communication, Ray Welsford, 20 January 2007; TAHO, NS2432/1/1 1884 No.7 (John Harris)

<sup>50</sup> *Examiner*, 8 August 1884 (John Harris)

<sup>51</sup> *Examiner*, 8 August 1884 (John Harris); personal communication, Ray Welsford, 20 January 2007; TAHO, NS2432/1/1 1884 No.7 (John Harris)

<sup>52</sup> TAHO, RGD33/1/63 1884/2205 Morven (Charles Marlow Aram); Gunn & Kippen, 'Household and Family Formation in Nineteenth-Century Tasmania' No.221045 (Charles Marlow Aram)

<sup>53</sup> VIC Birth Record 1885/3631 & 3632 (Lucy Annie Harris & Marian Eva Harris)

<sup>54</sup> VIC Birth Record 1886/26657 (Ethel Georgeann Harris)

- 10 November 1886 Granddaughter Emma Jane Aram born in the Morven district; mother Sarah Major; informant father Alfred Aram, labourer, resident of Breadalbane.<sup>55</sup>
- 1888 Grandson Claud Alfred Harris born at Kew, VIC; father Solomon Harris, mother Rosetta Sparkes.<sup>56</sup>
- 25 May 1888 Grandson Frederick James Aram born at Evandale; mother Sarah Major; informant father Alfred Aram, labourer, resident of Breadalbane.<sup>57</sup>
- 26 April 1890 Grandson Ernest Albert Aram born at Evandale; mother Sarah Harris; informant father Alfred Aram, labourer, resident of Breadalbane.<sup>58</sup>
- 20 February 1891 **Died** of senility (or decay of nature) at the Invalid Depot, Launceston; aged 78, born Scotland, widow (relict of Mr John Harris), late of Carrick; informant Jane Doolan, undertaker, Launceston.<sup>59</sup>
- Death notice:  
*HARRIS. – On 20<sup>th</sup> February, at Launceston, Emma, relict of the late Mr John Harris, late of Carrick, aged 78 years.*<sup>60</sup>
- 22 February 1891 Buried at Carrick; funeral procession arrived at Carrick at 3pm.<sup>61</sup>
- Funeral notice:  
*The funeral of the late Mrs EMMA HARRIS will arrive at Carrick on Sunday, the 22<sup>nd</sup> inst., at three o'clock. Friends will please accept this invitation. – DOOLAN, Undertaker, Wellington-street.*<sup>60</sup>
- 1 September 1891 Granddaughter Elizabeth May Aram born at Evandale; father Alfred Aram, labourer; informant mother Sarah Major, resident of Breadalbane.<sup>62</sup>

## Notes

- Amelia's son John may be the John Harris who married Mary Jane Wilson at Westbury on 8 April 1868; both adults.<sup>63</sup>
- Amelia's son David may be the David Harris who married Margaret Christina Imrie in the house of Mrs Smith at Carrick; David adult, labourer, bachelor; Margaret adult, spinster; witnesses W Massey, Jane Massey and Helen Smith.<sup>64</sup> However, this may also be the son of shipmate Sarah Bailey (*qv*).

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<sup>55</sup> TAHO, RGD33/1/65 1886/2178 Morven (Emma Jane Aram); Gunn & Kippen, 'Household and Family Formation in Nineteenth-Century Tasmania' No.228005 (Emma Jane Aram)

<sup>56</sup> VIC Birth Record 1888/30642 (Claud Alfred Harris)

<sup>57</sup> TAHO, RGD33/1/67 1888/1448 Evandale (Frederick James Aram); Gunn & Kippen, 'Household and Family Formation in Nineteenth-Century Tasmania' No.240498 (Frederick James Aram)

<sup>58</sup> TAHO, RGD33/1/70 1890/1447 Evandale (Ernest Albert Aram); Gunn & Kippen, 'Household and Family Formation in Nineteenth-Century Tasmania' No.247938 (Ernest Albert Aram)

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<sup>64</sup> TAHO, RGD37/1/34 1875/520 Longford (David Harris & Margaret Christina Imrie)

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