

Mary Lynch

(*uxor* Mary Lutman)

POLICE NUMBER 224¹
TRIAL DATE 14 September 1840
TRIAL PLACE Central Criminal Court (Old Bailey), London
OFFENCE stealing a watch from the person
SENTENCE 10 years
GAOL REPORT in the House of Correction before, poor, single
PREVIOUS CONVICTIONS once 1 months for breaking a window, 2
or 14 days for being disorderly
SURGEON'S REPORT quiet
ON THE TOWN 4 years
MARITAL STATUS single
CHILDREN 0
FAMILY
NATIVE PLACE Dublin, Ireland (brought up at Bermondsey,
England)
TRADE ON EMBARKATION
TRADE ON ARRIVAL house servant

LITERACY read only
AGE ON EMBARKATION 21
AGE ON ARRIVAL 22
HEIGHT 4' 11½"
COMPLEXION fair
HEAD oval
HAIR brown
VISAGE medium
FOREHEAD flat
EYEBROWS light brown
EYES light blue
NOSE medium
MOUTH medium
CHIN slight dimpled
MARKS 2 scars on forehead, G York T
W M L J N O G Y S E J P E R G York in
full statute and myself of left shoulder,
scar on right shoulder

c1819

Born at Dublin, Ireland.²

14 September 1840

Tried at the Central Criminal Court (Old Bailey), London, England with shipmate Rachael Jones³ (*qv*) indicted for larceny from the person in stealing from Phillip Garrod 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; found guilty; sentence 10 years transportation; aged 21.⁴

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.⁴

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

¹ TAHO, CON40/1/6 p.299 No.224 [image 231] (Mary Lynch); TAHO, CON19/1/1 p.223 [image 115] (Mary Lynch); ML, CY 1282 p.150 (Mary Lynch); ML, CY 1197 p.151 (Mary Lynch); ML, CY 958 p.440 (Mary Lynch)

² TAHO, CON19/1/1 p.223 [image 115] (Mary Lynch)

³ Mary stole the goods which shipmate Rachael Jones (*qv*) received. Rachael too was found guilty and transported for 7 years on the *Rajah*. (*Old Bailey Proceedings Online*, t18400914-2392 (Mary Lynch & Rachael Jones))

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persisted in saying she must have taken it, and while I was there Jones came into the house, 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.⁴

Statement of defendant Mary 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.⁴

Statement of defendant Rachael Jones:

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.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, detained on board for assignment; not immediately assigned.⁶
- 31 August 1841 Charged with disobedience of orders; in the service of Ockerby; sentence 6 days in solitary confinement at Cascades Female Factory, Hobart.⁷
- Newspaper report:
Mary Lynch, a female prisoner per Rajah, assigned to Mr. Ockerby, was brought before Mr. Spode for some misconduct on Tuesday morning, and upon receiving sentence of six days' hard labour, became so excited thereat, that she rushed out of his room and threw herself over the banisters, falling heavily down into the stone hall of the police-office. She was much shaken by the fall, but escaped without any fractured bones.⁸
- 13 December 1841 Charged with being absent all night without leave from the service of Solomon; sentence 3 months at the wash tub at Cascades Female Factory, Hobart.⁷
- 31 December 1841 Mustered in the service of Mr Watchorn, Liverpool Street, Hobart.⁹
- 27 April 1842 Charged at the Police Court, Hobart on the complaint of Constable Adams with being drunk yesterday in the streets, in the service of Mr Watchorn, Liverpool Street, Hobart; plea guilty; sentence 1 month hard labour at the wash tub at Cascades Female Factory, Hobart.¹⁰
- 19 July 1842 Charged at the Police Court, Hobart on the complaint of her master with misconduct in being absent without leave yesterday; in Mr Watchorn, Liverpool Street, Hobart; plea guilty; to be assigned in the country.¹¹
- 13 December 1842 Charged at the Police Court, Hobart on the complaint of Constable Morgan with being drunk yesterday in the service of Mr Milne, Liverpool Street, Hobart; sentence 2 months hard labour at the wash tub at Cascades Female Factory, Hobart.¹²
- 3 July 1843 Charged at Brickfields Hiring Depot, Hobart on the complaint of District Constable Sproul with being insolent yesterday; a wardswoman; plea guilty; reprimanded.¹³
- 24 August 1843 Charged at Brickfields Hiring Depot, Hobart by District Constable Sproul with gross disorderly conduct in using bad language to him yesterday; plea guilty; sentence 14 days in solitary confinement at Cascades Female Factory, Hobart.¹⁴

⁵ AJCP, ADM 101/63 *Rajah*

⁶ ML, CY 1282 p.140 (Mary Lynch); ML, CY 1274 p.259 (Mary Lynch)

⁷ TAHO, CON40/1/6 p.299 No.224 [image 231] (Mary Lynch)

⁸ *Hobart Town Courier*, 3 September 1841 p.3 (Mary Lynch)

⁹ AJCP, HO 10/51 p.378 No.224 (Mary Lynch)

¹⁰ TAHO, AC480/1/1, 27 April 1842 (Mary Lynch)

¹¹ TAHO, AC480/1/1, 19 July 1842 (Mary Lynch)

¹² TAHO, AC480/1/1, 13 December 1842 (Mary Lynch)

¹³ TAHO, AC 480/1/1, 3 July 1843 (Mary Lynch)

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- 27 September 1843 Ticket of Leave granted; gazetted 29 September.¹⁵
- 18 October 1843 Application for permission to marry Thomas Innes¹⁶ (free) sent to the Muster Master.¹⁸
- October 1843 Absconded from her authorised place of residence at Brickfields Hiring Depot, Hobart.¹⁷
- 25 October 1843 Charged with misconduct in being drunk; sentence 1 month imprisonment at Cascades Female Factory, Hobart, then to leave Hobart, and Ticket of Leave suspended.⁷
- 15 November 1843 Application for permission to marry Thomas Innes sent to the Secretary; approved.¹⁸
- 28 March 1844 Charged with being out after hours; admonished.⁷
- 21 May 1844 Application for permission to marry Joseph Lutman¹⁹ (*John*, free by servitude) sent to the registrar; no decision.²⁰
- c28 May 1844 Application for permission to marry Joseph Lutman (free) sent to the Muster Master; approved.²¹
- 30 May 1844 Notice given of approval for permission to marry Joseph Lutman; Mary a ticket-of-leave holder, resident of Brighton; Joseph free.²²
- 23 July 1844 **Married** Joseph Lutman at St Mark's Church of England, Pontville; Mary aged 26, ticket-of-leave holder; Joseph aged 33, stonemason; witnesses Rebecca Davy and Alfred Thrupp (clerk).²³
- 26 August 1844 Charged with being out after hours; sentence 2 months hard labour at Cascades Female Factory, Hobart, and Ticket of Leave suspended.⁷
- 5 October 1844 Remainder of 2 months hard labour passed upon this woman remitted by the Lieutenant Governor vide the Comptroller General's memo.⁷
- 16 November 1844 Charged with being drunk; sentence 1 month hard labour at Cascades Female Factory, Hobart, and Ticket of Leave suspended.⁷
- Newspaper report:
*Mary Lynch was charged by Constable Walton with being drunk in Macquarie-street, at the early hour of half-past five in the morning. Mrs. Lynch, bursting into tears, sobbed out, "I beg your Worship's pardon; I was not drunk; I was not indeed, Sir. I went out to do a little needlework for a lady who employs me, when the constable – that little short man, Sir, – took me in charge." Here, Mrs. Lynch's husband stepped forward, and declared that his good woman could not have had time to get drunk; she had not left her home but a few minutes. "Early times to get drunk," said his Worship, and sent Mrs. Lynch to the Factory for one month.*²⁴
- 30 December 1844 Charged with misconduct in having 3 men and 2 women in bed with her; sentence 3 months hard labour at Cascades Female Factory, Hobart.⁷
- 11 January 1845 Husband Joseph Lutman charged at Hobart Police Court with receiving; committed for trial.^{28,25}

¹⁴ TAHO, AC480/1/1, 25 August 1843 (Mary Lynch)

¹⁵ *Hobart Town Gazette*, 29 September 1843 p.1084 (Mary Lynch)

¹⁶ This may be Thomas Innes transported for life on the *Southworth* in 1834, tried for house breaking and larceny at Surrey Gaol Delivery on 19 December 1832; single; Conditional Pardon 23 June 1843 (TAHO, CON31/1/24 p.16 No.90 [image 18] (Thomas Innes)).

¹⁷ *Hobart Town Gazette*, 27 October 1843 p.1163 (Mary Lynch)

¹⁸ TAHO, CON52/1/2 p.89 (Mary Lynch & Thos Innes)

¹⁹ Joseph Lutman was transported for 14 years (extended 3 years) on the *John* in 1830, tried at Lancaster on 26 April 1830 for stealing silver plate; single; Ticket of Leave 6 January 1842; Conditional Pardon approved 14 January 1845 (not taken up); Certificate of Freedom 1 November 1849 (TAHO, CON31/1/28 p.38 No.573 [image 42] (Joseph Lutman)).

²⁰ TAHO, CON52/1/2 p.110 (Josh Lutman & Mary Lynch)

²¹ TAHO, CON52/1/2 p.426 (Joseph Lutman & Mary Lynch)

²² *Hobart Town Gazette*, 7 June 1844 p.616; 14 June 1844 p.644; 21 June 1844 p.685 (Joseph Lutman & Mary Lynch)

²³ TAHO, RGD37/1/4 1844/1554 Brighton (Mary Lynch & Joseph Lutman)

²⁴ *Colonial Times*, 19 November 1844 p.3 (Mary Lynch)

²⁵ *Hobart Town Courier*, 14 January 1845 p.3 (Joseph Lutman)

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Newspaper report:

*Joshua Roberts, Henry Marshall, and Joseph Lutman, in custody for the burglary at Mr. Coombes's, are still under examination: yesterday, another link in the evidence against Roberts, who is very flash and jolly, was adduced, and there is little doubt but that, through the unremitting exertions and ability of Mr. D. C. Symmonds the case will be*²⁶

- 20 January 1845 Husband Joseph Lutman tried at the Supreme Court, Hobart; discharged by proclamation.^{28,27}
- 22 April 1846 Charged with being drunk; fined 5 shillings.⁷
- 8 July 1846 Charged with being out after hours; sentence 14 days hard labour at Cascades Female Factory, Hobart.⁷
- 7 September 1846 Charged with being drunk and using obscene language; sentence 2 months hard labour at Cascades Female Factory, Hobart.⁷
- 27 April 1847 Charged with being drunk; sentence 3 months hard labour at Cascades Female Factory, Hobart.⁷
- 24 August 1848 Charged with being drunk; sentence 3 months hard labour at Cascades Female Factory, Hobart.⁷
- 1 November 1849 Husband Joseph Lutman issued a Certificate of Freedom.²⁸
- 3 November 1849 Charged with being out after hours and disturbing the peace; sentence 2 months hard labour at Cascades Female Factory, Hobart.⁷
- 14 September 1850 Free by servitude.⁷
- 13 December 1851 Certificate of Freedom issued.⁷
- November 1854 **Died** at the General Hospital, Hobart.²⁹
- 28 November 1854 Buried in Holy Trinity Burial Ground, Hobart by R Wilson; aged 35, resident of the General Hospital, Hobart; free by servitude, ship to colony *Rajah*.²⁹
- 29 June 1863 Husband Joseph Lutman died of disease of the brain at the General Hospital, Hobart; aged 53, labourer, born Cheshire; informant C Seager, house steward, General Hospital.³⁰

²⁶ *Colonial Times*, 11 January 1845 p.3 (Joseph Lutman)

²⁷ *Colonial Times*, 21 January 1845 p.3 (Joseph Lutman)

²⁸ TAHO, CON31/1/28 p.38 No.573 [image 42] (Joseph Lutman)

²⁹ TAHO, RGD34/1/2 1854/2132 Hobart (Mary Supton); TAHO, NS349/1/29 p.204 No.2891 (Mary Supton)

³⁰ TAHO, RGD35/1/6 1863/3976 Hobart (Joseph Lutman)