

Ann Mack*

(proper name Ann McNamara, uxor Ann Quested)

POLICE NUMBER 340 ¹	LITERACY neither read nor write
TRIAL DATE 1 March ² 1841	AGE ON EMBARKATION 19
TRIAL PLACE Central Criminal Court (Old Bailey), London	AGE ON ARRIVAL 19
OFFENCE larceny by servant in stealing wearing apparel from my mistress	HEIGHT 4' 11 ³ / ₄ "
SENTENCE 7 years	COMPLEXION fresh
GAOL REPORT convicted before, poor, single	HEAD oval
PREVIOUS CONVICTIONS none	HAIR dark brown
SURGEON'S REPORT quiet	VISAGE full
ON THE TOWN no	FOREHEAD flat
MARITAL STATUS single	EYEBROWS brown
CHILDREN 0	EYES brown
FAMILY	NOSE medium
NATIVE PLACE Limerick, Ireland	MOUTH medium
TRADE ON EMBARKATION	CHIN round
TRADE ON ARRIVAL house servant, nursemaid, needlewoman	MARKS none

c1822 **Born** in County Limerick, Ireland.³

1 March 1841 Tried at the Central Criminal Court (Old Bailey), London, England indicted for larceny by a servant in stealing on 16 February 1841 ½ yard of satin value 3 shillings, 2 yards of lace value 2 pence, 1 pair of gloves value 1/6, 2 scarfs value 12 shillings, 1 waistband value 5 shillings, 1 handkerchief value 2/9 from her master Richard Dean; and 3 yards of lace value 2/6, 2 yards of ribbon value 1 shilling and 1 collar value 2/6 from Mary Ann Clarke; 1st of 2 indictments;⁴ plea guilty; sentence 7 years transportation; aged 19.⁵

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, assigned to Mr JA Bailey, New Town Road, Hobart.⁷

31 August 1841 Charged with insolence and disobedience of orders; in the service of Mr Logan; sentence 6 days in solitary confinement at Cascades Female Factory, Hobart, then assigned in the interior.⁸

31 December 1841 Mustered at Cascades Female Factory, Hobart.⁹

9 September 1842 Application for permission to marry James Quested¹⁰ (free) sent to the Muster Master.¹¹

¹ TAHO, CON40/1/8 p.38 No.340 [image 40] (Ann Mack); TAHO, CON19/1/1 p.233 [image 120] (Ann Mack); ML, CY 1282 p.151 (Ann Mack); ML, CY 1197 p.153 (Ann Mack); ML, CY 958 p.441 (Ann Mack)

² Trial month given as January on conduct record (TAHO, CON40/1/8 p.38 No.340 [image 40] (Ann Mack)).

³ TAHO, CON19/1/1 p.233 [image 120] (Ann Mack)

⁴ Ann was acquitted on the 2nd indictment.

⁵ *Old Bailey Proceedings Online*, t18410301-932 (Ann Mack); *Era*, 14 March 1841 Issue 129 (Ann Mack)

⁶ AJCP, ADM 101/63 *Rajah*

⁷ ML, CY 1274 p.260 (Ann Mack proper name Macnamara)

⁸ TAHO, CON40/1/8 p.38 No.340 [image 40] (Ann Mack)

⁹ AJCP, HO 10/51 p.381 No.340 (Ann Mack)

¹⁰ A James Quested was transported for life on the *Governor Ready* in 1827, tried at Maidstone on 6 January 1827 for aiding and abetting smugglers; married, Protestant, 5' 7¹/₄", brown hair, grey eyes, aged 35, gentleman's servant and sawyer, native place Livingford; Conditional Pardon 9 March 1839 (TAHO, CON31/1/34 p.9 No.25 [image 223] (Ja^s Quested); TAHO, CON23/1/3 No.25 (James Quester)). This was James' father – he applied to bring out his family on 9 February 1829: wife Jane, son James (9), daughter Isabella (7), son Theophilus (6), daughter Jane (4) and daughter Sarah (2), residents of Wootton, Canterbury, Kent – applications 26 September 1828 (TAHO, CSO1/1/280 No.19 p.185 (James Quested *Governor Ready*)); 9 February 1829 (TAHO, GO26/1/3 p.168 (James Quested *Governor*

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- 26 September 1842 Application for permission to marry James Quested sent to the Secretary; approved.¹¹
- 17 October 1842 **Married** James Quested at St George's Church of England Church, Sorell; Ann aged 19, spinster, illiterate; James aged 22, farmer; witnesses Jacob Alomes and sister-in-law Sarah Quested (illiterate).¹²
- 24 June 1843 At Prossers Plains.⁸
- 25 February 1844 Visited by bushrangers at Brushy Plains.¹³
Newspaper report:
*THE BUSHRANGER JONES, &C. – By a private letter from Prosser's Plains, of the accuracy of which we have not the slightest doubt, Mr. Jones and his two companions well armed, visited the house of a man named Questead, on Sunday week, where they very opportunely found a hawker's dray loaded with goods for the inhabitants of the district; from this they took about £25 worth of property, and from the hawker himself £10 in bank notes. Jones denied the later robbery of the mail-cart, spoke of subjects generally and freely, and enjoyed himself very comfortably for the space of three hours. There are circumstances connected with this robbery and the visitation of Questead's house, of rather a curious character, of which, as we learn, the police of the district seem to be aware; we trust they will be searchingly inquired into. Jones's companions are known to be late runaways from that neighbourhood. – At present we say no more on this subject.*¹⁴
- 6 December 1844 Charged with larceny under £5; existing sentence of transportation extended 12 months, and recommended to be detained 4 months on probation at Cascades Female Factory, Hobart.⁸
- 8 March 1845 Remainder of the probation ordered on this woman remitted by the Lieutenant Governor vide the Comptroller General's memo.⁸
- 5 May 1845 **Daughter** Matilda Quested born in the Hobart district; father James Quested, farmer; mother Ann McNamara; informant friend Robert Johnston, resident of Brushy Plains.¹⁵
- 1 November 1845 Classified as a 3rd class probation pass-holder; gazetted 4 November.¹⁶
- 22 December 1845 Daughter Matilda Quested died of water on the brain at Hobart; aged 8 months, father James Quested, farmer; informant Thomas D Jennings, Liverpool Street, Hobart.¹⁷
- 10 July 1846 At Buckland.⁸
- 18 October 1847 **Daughter** Emma Quested born at Prossers Plains; mother Ann Mack; informant father James Quested, farmer.¹⁸
- 1 March 1849 Free by servitude.⁸
- 10 January 1850 **Son** John Robert Quested born at Hobart; mother Ann McNamara; informant father James Quested, carpenter, resident of Argyle Street, Hobart.¹⁹
- 16 January 1850 Husband James Quested departed Hobart for Spring Bay, Little Swanport and Maria Island as master on the cutter *Susan*.²⁰
- 12 March 1850 Husband James Quested departed Hobart for Spring Bay and Swanport as master on the cutter *Resolution*.^{21, 22}

Ready); TAHO, GO33/1/5 p.94 (James Quested *Governor Ready*). They arrived at Hobart on the *Mellish* on 22 September 1830 (TAHO, CUS30/1/1 p.21 (Quested)).

¹¹ TAHO, CON52/1/2 p.162 (Ann Mack & Ja^s Questead)

¹² TAHO, RGD37/1/2 1842/1662 Hobart (Ann Mack & James Quested)

¹³ *Mercury*, 6 May 1937 p.15 (James Quested)

¹⁴ *Colonial Times*, 5 March 1844 p.3 (Questead)

¹⁵ TAHO, RGD33/1/2 1845/1013 Hobart (Matilda Quested)

¹⁶ *Hobart Town Gazette*, 4 November 1845 p.1385 (Ann Mack)

¹⁷ TAHO, RGD35/1/2 1845/864 Hobart (Matilda Questead)

¹⁸ TAHO, RGD33/1/28 1847/765 Spring Bay (Emma Quested)

¹⁹ TAHO, RGD33/1/3 1850/2035 Hobart (male Quested)

²⁰ Broxam, *Shipping Arrivals and Departures Tasmania Volume 3 1843–1850* p.181 (James Quested)

²¹ The *Resolution* was 49 tons.

²² Broxam, *Shipping Arrivals and Departures Tasmania Volume 3 1843–1850* p.190 (James Quested)

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- 22-25 October 1850 Husband James Quested arrived at Hobart from Swanport as master on the cutter *Resolution*.²³
- 29 October 1850 Husband James Quested departed Hobart for Swansea as supercargo and charterer on the cutter *Resolution*; sailing master Joseph Stanley; cargo of brewery equipment for charterer Mr Thomas Large, a brewer and maltster, and 7 passengers; stranded at Waterloo Point, Oyster Bay near Swansea in a heavy gale on 5 November, along with the schooner *Swansea Packet*; *Resolution* became a total wreck and 5 children of Mr and Mrs Thomas Large (Elizabeth, Edmund James, Hannah, George and Frances Mary) were drowned.^{23,24}
- Newspaper report:
*WRECKS. – We regret to announce a melancholy occurrence which took place on Monday week [5 November] at Oyster Bay, near Swansea. The wind was blowing high at the time; and the cutter Resolution, hence for Swan Port, with Mr. and Mrs. Large and six children varying in age from 2 to 12 years, and a cargo comprising articles for establishing a brewery at Swan Port, on board, was totally wrecked, the whole of the goods and the lives of the six children falling a sacrifice to the ruthless elements. We hear that, so sudden was the catastrophe, the poor father, who was formerly a publican in Hobart Town, and has now lost his all, had barely time to escape himself, and that he was insensible for several hours after being thrown on shore by the surf. How Mrs. Large escaped has not correctly transpired, but a four-oared whaleboat went from town on Monday morning to the scene of the disaster. The Swansea Packet is also on shore near the same spot.*²⁵
- 22 May 1851 Husband James Quested became master of the *Liverpool*; until 18 August 1851.²⁶
- 10 July 1853 Son John Robert Quested died of scarlet fever at Hobart; aged 3 years 6 months; informant father James Quested, farmer, resident of Melville Street, Hobart.²⁷
- 14 January 1854 **Son** James Head Quested born at Hobart; mother Ann MacMamara; informant father James Quested, farmer, resident of Melville Street, Hobart.²⁸
- 7 April 1854 Charged at the Police Court, Hobart by District Constable Randall on suspicion of being a transported and absconded offender; discharged, appearing to be free. Description: aged 30, free by servitude, cannot read or write.²⁹
- September 1854 Complainant at the Police Court, Hobart in a case against Amelia Hutley and Martha Dillon charged with assault.³⁰
- Newspaper report:
*QUESTED V. HUTLEY & ANOTHER. – This was a complaint and information by Mrs. Ann Quested against Amelia Hutley and Martha Dillon for an assault. Mr. Thomas Crisp for the prosecution, and Mr. Perry for defendants, who pleaded not guilty. Complainant deposed that on the day in question, Saturday week, the defendant Amelia Hutley, about half-past five in the evening, caught her by the hair of her head and struck her in the breast several times, while she had her child in her arms, which rendered her senseless. Cross-examined – We are neighbours, not on the best of terms; we had words about stealing the flowers. We had no conversation that day; Mrs. Hutley struck me without any provocation; Mrs. Hemer and Mrs. McEvoy corroborated the previous testimony; and the former lady, in reply to Mr. Perry as to the provocation, said there was a good deal of growling between them, that was all. The latter said there was some very elegant language used on both sides, from half past three to the time of the assault. Mr. Perry briefly addressed the magistrates for the accused, contending that the defendant Dillon must be acquitted, no evidence having been offered against her. Mrs. Hutley was fined 5s. and costs.*³⁰

²³ Broxam, *Shipping Arrivals and Departures Tasmania Volume 3 1843–1850* p.221 (James Quested)

²⁴ *Hobart Town Courier*, 13 November 1850; TAHO, SC195/1/28 No.2413 (Large)

²⁵ *Hobart Town Courier*, 13 November 1850 p.2 (Resolution)

²⁶ TAHO, CUS34/1/1 Folio 51 (James Quested); TAHO, Correspondence Files, Quested

²⁷ TAHO, RGD35/1/4 1853/190 Hobart (John Robert Quested)

²⁸ TAHO, RGD33/1/5 1854/540 Hobart (male Quested); NSW Death Certificate 1946/7858 (James Head Quested)

²⁹ TAHO, LC247/1/22 p.999 (Ann Mack)

³⁰ *Colonial Times*, 21 September 1854 p.3 (Mrs. Ann Quested)

- 8 July 1855 Husband James Quested arrived at Hobart from Melbourne, VIC as master on the schooner *Boinde*^{31,32}
- 2 August 1855 Husband James Quested arrived at Hobart from Douglas River as captain on the *Boinde*.³³
- 5 September 1855 Daughter Emma Quested died of inflammation at Hobart; aged 9; informant father James Quested, sailor, resident of Melville Street, Hobart.³⁴
- 26 December 1855 Husband James Quested arrived at Hobart from Douglas River as master on the *Boinde*.³⁵
- 2 May 1856 Charged at the Police Court, Hobart by Joseph Hamer with using abusive and threatening language; case dismissed.³⁶

Newspaper reports:

SURETIES FOR THE PEACE. – Joseph Hamer, yesterday, prayed sureties for the peace against Mrs. Ann Quested, wife of Mr. James Quested. Mr. Lees for the complainant, Mr. Brewer for the defendant. Complainant said he saw defendant in Argyle-street on the day in question, she called him a robber and a murderer, told him to go and rob the Commissariat Stores. He had murdered a man and robbed him, and that was the way his wife could dress up so. Witness told her to go on about her business or he would give her in charge. She followed him down to the stores, abusing him all the way, and as he was about to go into the office she followed close to his heels. Witness called the messenger who heard part of the language, and sent him for a constable. Witness never gave her any provocation and had no ill feeling towards her. Cross-examined. – There was a constable, when I sent for him. He heard a few words of what passed. I am afraid she will commit a breach of the peace. I did not go to her house last night, but she came to mine. I told her if she would pay 7s. 6d. costs, and the lawyer fee, I would look over it again. The constable did not refuse to take her in custody. I gave her into custody on the 24th. She was discharged at once when she came to the office. She did not first come to me and complain of my wife. Re-examined. – Defendant sent two or three neighbours, and wanted to make it up. Mr. Hedberg, of Argyle-street, deposed that on the 24th April he saw the parties pass his shop. Mrs. Quested appeared to be in a high passion, but witness could not tell what words were used. D. C. Downham deposed that Mrs. Quested was brought to the police station for disturbing the peace, but as the constable did not see the peace disturbed witness sent her away again. Some conversation took place in witness's presence. She was very violent, and made some remark about Hamer's wife. Mr. Brewer, for the defence, submitted that it was one of the most absurd things for Hamer to say he was afraid of that woman exciting him to a breach of the peace. The real facts of the case were that Hamer's wife abused her on the wharf. Mrs. Quested went to Hamer, who said, what his wife had said was true, and they bandied words together, but it was ridiculous to suppose that a woman should be called on to find sureties for every abusive word she might use under such circumstances. Case dismissed.³⁷

Application for Sureties. – Joseph Hamer, of Argyle street, complained of Ann Quested, in using towards him the following language on the 24th of April: – “You murderer and robber: go and rob the Commissariat Stores: you murdered a man and robbed him, and that is the way your old wife is dressed up with his money,” and as he feared, he should be excited to commit a breach of the peace, he prayed that she be bound over in sureties to keep the peace towards him.

The complainant had given the defendant no provocation, nor had he any ill-feeling towards her.

In answer to Mr. Brewer, the complainant said, he did not go to the defendant's house last night, but she came to his; he told her, that if she would pay 7s. 6d. for the summons, and 30s. to the lawyer, and sign a paper in the presence of witnesses, he would forgive her: witness

³¹ The *Boinde* was 60 tons.

³² TAHO, Correspondence File, Quested

³³ *Colonial Times*, 3 August 1855 p.2 (Quested)

³⁴ TAHO, RGD35/1/5 1855/191 Hobart (Emma Quested)

³⁵ *Examiner*, 29 December 1855 p.2 (Quested)

³⁶ *Mercury*, 5 May 1856 p.2 (Ann Quested)

³⁷ *Colonial Times*, 3 May 1856 p.3 (Mrs. Ann Quested)

gave the defendant into custody on the 24th of April, but she was discharged at the Police Office.

Mr. Hedberg deposed to seeing the defendant following Mr. Hamer along the street, in a very angry and excited state, but he did not hear what she said.

D. C. Downham stated, that on the 24th of April the defendant was brought to the Station House in custody for disturbing the peace, but as the constable did not witness the offence, she was discharged.

The Bench considered, that the words used were not sufficiently abusive and threatening to call for sureties, and dismissed the case, cautioning Mrs. Qusted, however, as to her future conduct towards the complainant.³⁶

- 19 February 1857 **Daughter** Jane Qusted born at Hobart; mother Ann MacNamarra; informant father James Qusted, mariner, resident of Melville Street, Hobart.³⁸
- 8 April 1857 Daughter Jane Qusted baptised at St Joseph's Catholic Church, Hobart; sponsor Mary Ann.³⁹
- 9 June 1857 Husband James Qusted arrived at Hobart from Douglas River as captain on the *Boinde*.⁴⁰
- 6 June 1858 Husband James Qusted arrived at Hobart from the east coast as captain on the *Boinde*.⁴¹
- 25 January 1859 Charged at the Police Court, Hobart with exciting John Smith to commit a breach of the peace; to find 2 sureties of £10 each for 6 months.⁴²
Newspaper report:
EXCITING TO A BREACH OF THE PEACE. – Mr. John Smith, Melville-street, complained that Mrs. Ann Qusted excited him to commit a breach of the peace by using foul language towards him, and calling him the most blackguard names. Defendant was ordered to find two sureties in £10 each to keep the peace towards complainant for the term of six months.⁴²
Husband James Qusted arrived at Hobart from the east coast as captain on the *Boinde*.⁴³
- 28 June 1859 Departed Hobart for Melbourne, VIC via the east coast with a child on board the schooner *Boomerang*,⁴⁴ husband James Qusted captain.⁴⁵
- July 1859 Departed Melbourne for Hobart on the *Boomerang*,⁴⁶ husband James Qusted captain.⁴⁷
- 13 August 1859 Arrived with a child at Hobart on the *Boomerang*, husband James Qusted captain.⁴⁸
- 5 September 1859 Husband James Qusted departed Hobsons' Bay, VIC for Melbourne as master on the schooner *Boomerang*.⁴⁹
- 17 September 1859 Husband James Qusted departed Hobart for Melbourne, VIC as master on the schooner *Boomerang*.⁵⁰
- 7 February 1860 Husband James Qusted departed Hobart for Melbourne, VIC as master on the schooner *Boomerang*.⁵¹
- 22 April 1860 Husband James Qusted departed Hobart for Victoria as master on the schooner *Boomerang*.⁵²

³⁸ TAHO, RGD33/1/6 1857/179 Hobart (Jane Qusted)

³⁹ TAHO, NS1052/1/9 p.11 (Jane Qusted)

⁴⁰ *Mercury*, 10 June 1857 p.2 (Qusted)

⁴¹ *Mercury*, 7 June 1858 p.2 (Qusted)

⁴² *Hobart Town Courier*, 25 January 1859 p.3 (Mrs. Ann Qusted)

⁴³ *Hobart Town Courier*, 26 January 1859 p.2 (Qusted)

⁴⁴ According to an obituary in the *Mercury* for James' sister Jane Rowlands, James became Captain Qusted "who owned and traded his ship the *Boomerang*, between Tasmania, New Zealand, and Australia" (TAHO, NS544/1/1 p.156 (James Qusted)).

⁴⁵ *Examiner*, 2 July 1859 p.2 (Mrs. Qusted & child)

⁴⁶ The *Boomerang* was 105 tons.

⁴⁷ *PROV'* Index to Outward Passengers to Interstate, UK, NZ and Foreign Ports 1852–1923' July 1859 p.1 (Mrs & child Qusted)

⁴⁸ TAHO, MB2/39/24 p.95 (Mrs Qusted & child)

⁴⁹ *Argus*, 6 September 1859 p.4 (J. Qusted)

⁵⁰ *Mercury*, 19 September 1859 p.2 (Qusted)

⁵¹ *Mercury*, 8 February 1860 p.2 (Qusted)

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28 April 1860	Husband James Quested arrived at Hobson's Bay, VIC from Hobart as master on the schooner <i>Boomerang</i> . ⁵²
May 1860	Departed Melbourne for Hobart on the <i>Boomerang</i> , husband James Quested captain. ⁵³
22 May 1860	Arrived with a child at Hobart from Melbourne via the east coast on the schooner <i>Boomerang</i> , husband James Quested captain. ⁵⁴
29 May 1860	Husband James Quested departed Hobart for Melbourne as master on the schooner <i>Boomerang</i> . ⁵⁵
30 July 1860	Arrived with a child at Hobart on the <i>Boomerang</i> , husband James Quested captain. ⁵⁶
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21 December 1860	Husband James Quested departed Hobart for Melbourne, VIC via Taylor's Bay as master on the schooner <i>Boomerang</i> . ⁶⁴
15 January 1861	Departed Melbourne, VIC for Hobart with a child on the schooner <i>Boomerang</i> . ⁶⁵
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⁵² *Argus*, 30 April 1860 p.4 (James Questead)

⁵³ *PROV*, 'Index to Outward Passengers to Interstate, UK, NZ and Foreign Ports 1852-1923' May 1860 p.1 (Mrs & child Quested)

⁵⁴ TAHO, MB2/39/25 p.124 (Mrs Quested & child)

⁵⁵ *Mercury*, 30 May 1860 p.2 (Quested)

⁵⁶ TAHO, MB2/39/25 p.174 (Mrs Quested & child)

⁵⁷ *Argus*, 21 August 1860 p.4 (J. Questead)

⁵⁸ *Mercury*, 17 September 1860 p.2 (Quested)

⁵⁹ *Mercury*, 25 September 1860 p.2 (Quested); *Mercury*, 28 September 1860 p.2 (Quested)

⁶⁰ *Argus*, 29 October 1860 p.4 (J. Quested)

⁶¹ TAHO, MB2/39/26 p.37 (Mrs Quested & child)

⁶² *Mercury*, 14 November 1860 p.2 (Quested)

⁶³ TAHO, MB2/39/26 p.82 (Mrs Quested & child); *Mercury*, 19 December 1860 p.2 (Mrs. Quested & child)

⁶⁴ *Mercury*, 21 December 1860 p.2 (Quested); *Mercury*, 22 December 1860 p.2 (Quested)

⁶⁵ *Mercury*, 28 January 1861 p.2 (Mrs. Quested)

⁶⁶ TAHO, MB2/39/26 p.23 (Mrs Quested & child); *Mercury*, 28 January 1861 p.2 (Mrs. Quested)

⁶⁷ *Mercury*, 29 January 1861 p.2 (Quested)

⁶⁸ *Argus*, 19 February 1861 p.4 (J. Quested)

⁶⁹ TAHO, MB2/39/26 p.59 (Mrs Quested & child); *Mercury*, 1 March 1861 p.2 (Mrs. Quested & child)

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- 4 March 1861 Husband James Quested charged at the Police Court, Hobart by Benjamin Lee with a claim of unpaid wages; case dismissed.⁷⁰
Newspaper report:
*LEE V QUESTED. – Benjamin Lee summoned Captain Quested of the “Boomerang” for £7, wages due to him as cook and steward.
Plea not indebted.
Mr. Moriarty appeared in support of the information.
Complainant deposed that he shipped as cook and steward on the 21st of 1st December, a £6 a month, but no stores were handed over to him. There had been another steward on board, but he was discharged and also the mate. Witness saw the mate on board drunk. In clearing away witness found that a case of gin had been broached and he told the mate. The captain came on board from the steamer on the 26th when the mate told the captain about the gin. They arrived at Melbourne on the 8th or 9th January, and on the 12th he found that another cook and steward had been shipped. The captain told witness he had knocked him off duty and shipped another man, for stealing gin. The ship arrived in Hobart Town on the 26th Jan. and on the 27th witness was discharged. When witness found the case of gin he found it minus two bottles. The place was open, not locked, and the key delivered up to witness when he went on board. Witness requested the captain to have the question of the gin settled by an investigation.
Cross-examined. – I told you in Melbourne I knew I was going over to Hobart Town as a prisoner, in consequence of something your wife said to me.
By the Bench – £3 10s. were offered at the Shipping Master’s in settlement of my claim, which I refused to accept.
Defendant said he had acted under the advice of the Shipping Master at Melbourne; and he had declined to prosecute for the gin, because the complainant had a wife and family. He knocked him off duty and was willing to pay him up to that time making the deductions. Captain Quested produced his Log with the entries of these matters.
At this stage of the proceedings it came to the knowledge of the Bench that the information was laid under the Masters and Servants’ Act and the Mayor said it appeared to him that they had no jurisdiction and the case must be dismissed.
Mr. Moriarty submitted that the information could be amended; but
The Captain refused his consent to any amendment.
Case dismissed, with permission to complainant to have a fresh summons without fees.⁷⁰*
- 5 March 1861 Husband James Quested charged at the Police Court, Hobart by Benjamin Lee with a claim of unpaid wages; ordered to pay claimed wages and costs.⁷¹
Newspaper report:
*LEE against QUESTED. – This information, under which Benjamin Lee claimed from Mr. James Quested, master of the Boomerang, schooner, £7 balance of wages alleged to be due to complainant as cook and steward on board that vessel was again called on, the case having been partly heard yesterday, and dismissed for informality.
The complainant stated the terms of his agreement with defendant, and that it was a part of that agreement that he should be discharged at the port at which he shipped, namely, Hobart Town, and defendant in answer said that on the arrival of the schooner at Melbourne he shipped another man in complainant’s place, having proof that complainant had acted dishonestly, and that he told defendant to knock off work.
The bench considered the agreement of service and payment of wages proved and ordered payment of the amount claimed with costs.⁷¹*
- 6 March 1861 Husband James Quested departed Hobart for Melbourne, VIC as master on the schooner *Boomerang*.⁷²
- 22 March 1861 Husband James Quested departed Hobson’s Bay, VIC for Port Willunga, SA as master on the schooner *Boomerang*.⁷³

⁷⁰ *Mercury*, 5 March 1861 p.2 (Captain Quested)

⁷¹ *Mercury*, 6 March 1861 p.2 (Mr. James Quested)

⁷² *Mercury*, 8 March 1861 p.2 (Quested)

⁷³ *Argus*, 23 March 1861 p.4 (J. Quested)

- 2 April 1861 Husband James Qusted departed Port Willunga, SA for Melbourne, VIC via Second Valley and Yankalilla as master on the schooner *Boomerang*.⁷⁴
- 19 April 1861 Husband James Qusted departed Hobson's Bay, VIC for Hobart as master on the schooner *Boomerang*.⁷⁵
- 30 May 1861 Husband James Qusted departed Hobson's Bay, VIC for Hobart as master on the schooner *Boomerang*.⁷⁶
- August 1861 Departed Melbourne, VIC for Hobart with husband Captain James Qusted and daughter Jane on the *Emma Prescott*; Ann aged 37; Jane aged 4; James aged 40.⁷⁷
- 21 August 1861 Arrived with daughter Jane and husband Captain James Qusted at Hobart on the *Emma Prescott*.⁷⁸
- 14 November 1861 Husband James Qusted owner of a cottage and garden, less than 1 acre, at Swansea; annual value £18; occupier Thomas Bowring, Swansea.⁷⁹
Husband James Qusted owner of a cottage, less than 1 acre, at Swansea, annual value £18; occupier Richard Williams, Swansea.⁸⁰
- 25 November 1861 **Daughter** Sarah Qusted born at Hobart; mother Ann MacNamara; informant father James Qusted, mariner, resident of Davey Street, Hobart.⁸¹
- 22 December 1861 Daughter Sarah Qusted baptised at St Joseph's Catholic Church, Hobart; sponsor Jane Qusted.⁸²
- 2 December 1861 Husband James Qusted occupier of a house in Davey Street, Hobart; owner Mrs Trump; annual value £20.⁸³
Husband James Qusted owner and occupier of a house and garden in Melville Street, Hobart; annual value £22.⁸⁴
- 3 February 1862 Husband James Qusted departed Hobart for Dunedin, New Zealand as master on the schooner *Boomerang*.⁸⁵
- 7 March 1862 Husband James Qusted departed Dunedin, New Zealand for Hobart as master on the schooner *Boomerang*.⁸⁶
- 28 March 1862 Husband James Qusted arrived at Hobart from Dunedin, New Zealand as master on the schooner *Boomerang*.⁸⁶
- 7 April 1862 Husband James Qusted departed Hobart for Dunedin, New Zealand as master on the schooner *Boomerang*.⁸⁷
- 2 May 1862 Daughter Jane Qusted died of concussion of the brain by a fall at 111 Davey Street, Hobart; aged 5, father James Qusted, master mariner; informant friend Thomas Callaway, resident of Harrington Street, Hobart.⁸⁸
- Death Notice
*At 111 Davey-street, on the 2nd inst., JANE the beloved daughter of James Qusted, aged 5 years.*⁸⁹

⁷⁴ *South Australian Register*, 9 April 1861 p.2 (J. Qusted)

⁷⁵ *Argus*, 20 April 1861 p.4 (J. Qusted)

⁷⁶ *Argus*, 29 May 1861 p.4 (J. Qusted); *Argus*, 31 May 1861 p.4 (J. Qusted)

⁷⁷ PROV, 'Index to Outward Passengers to Interstate, UK, NZ and Foreign Ports 1852-1923' August 1861 p.1 (Capt, Mrs & child Qusted)

⁷⁸ TAHO, MB2/39/27 p.222 (Captain Qusted, Mrs Qusted & child)

⁷⁹ *Hobart Town Gazette*, 26 November 1861 p.1735 (James Qusted)

⁸⁰ *Hobart Town Gazette*, 26 November 1861 p.1740 (James Qusted)

⁸¹ TAHO, RGD33/1/8 1861/4788 Hobart (Sarah Qusted)

⁸² TAHO, NS1052/1/9 p.152 (Sarah Qusted)

⁸³ *Hobart Town Gazette*, 19 December 1861 p.1965 (James Qusted)

⁸⁴ *Hobart Town Gazette*, 19 December 1861 p.1989 (James Qusted)

⁸⁵ *Mercury*, 4 February 1862 p.2 (Qusted)

⁸⁶ *Mercury*, 29 March 1862 p.2 (Qusted)

⁸⁷ *Mercury*, 2 April 1862 p.2 (Qusted); *Mercury*, 7 April 1862 p.2 (Qusted)

⁸⁸ TAHO, RGD35/1/6 1862/3311 Hobart (Jane Qusted), *Mercury* 5 May 1862 p.2 (Jane Qusted)

⁸⁹ *Mercury*, 5 May 1861 p.2 (Jane Qusted); *Mercury*, 6 May 1861 p.2 (Jane Qusted)

- 6 May 1862 Mother-in-law Jane Quested reported three £1 notes stolen from a desk in the bedroom of her house at Davey Street, Hobart.⁹⁰
- 8 May 1862 Husband James Quested departed Otago, New Zealand for Hobart as master on the schooner *Boomerang*.⁹¹
- 1 June 1862 Husband James Quested arrived at Hobart from Otago, New Zealand as master on the schooner *Boomerang*.⁹¹
- 17 June 1862 Husband James Quested departed Hobart for Otago, New Zealand as master on the schooner *Boomerang*.⁹²
- 27 September 1862 Husband James Quested departed Hobart for Dunedin, New Zealand as master on the schooner *Boomerang*.⁹³
- 3 November 1862 Husband James Quested arrived at Hobart from Dunedin, New Zealand as master on the schooner *Boomerang*.⁹⁴
- 10⁹⁵ November 1862 Husband James Quested departed Hobart for Dunedin, New Zealand as master on the schooner *Boomerang*.⁹⁶
- 7 December 1862 Husband James Quested departed Dunedin, New Zealand for Hobart as master on the schooner *Boomerang*.⁹⁷
- 7 January 1863 Husband James Quested arrived at Hobart from Dunedin, New Zealand as master on the schooner *Boomerang*.⁹⁷
- 28 January 1863 Husband James Quested departed Hobart for Adelaide, SA as master on the schooner *Boomerang*.⁹⁸
- 18 February 1863 Charged at the Police Court, Hobart by Mary Ann Johnson with using language calculated to provoke a breach of the peace; ordered to find 2 sureties of £20 each for 6 months.⁹⁹
- Newspaper report:
JOHNSON V. QUESTED. – An information by Mary Ann Johnson, of the Rock Hotel, Elizabeth-street, charging Ann Quested with the use of language calculated to provoke a breach of the peace, the defendant being at the present time under recognizances for the same offence towards the plaintiff.
*The Bench ordered the defendant to be bound over in two sureties of £20 each, for six months. The recognizance of Mr. Hicks in £10 to be estreated.*⁹⁹
- 25 February 1863 Husband James Quested departed Adelaide, SA for Invercargill, New Zealand as master on the schooner *Boomerang*.¹⁰⁰
- 26 April 1863 Husband James Quested departed Invercargill, New Zealand for Hobart as master on the schooner *Boomerang*.¹⁰¹
- 8 May 1863 Husband James Quested arrived at Hobart from Invercargill, New Zealand as master on the schooner *Boomerang*.¹⁰¹
- 14 May 1863 Husband James Quested departed Hobart for Melbourne, VIC as master on the schooner *Boomerang*.¹⁰²
- 16 May 1863 Husband James Quested departed Hobart for Melbourne, VIC as master on the schooner *Boomerang*.¹⁰³

⁹⁰ *Tasmania Police Gazette*, 9 May 1862 No.65 p.191 (Mrs. Quested)

⁹¹ *Mercury*, 2 June 1862 p.2 (Quested)

⁹² *Mercury*, 18 June 1862 p.2 (Quested)

⁹³ *Mercury*, 25 September 1862 p.4 (Quested); *Mercury*, 29 September 1862 p.2 (J. Quested)

⁹⁴ *Mercury*, 4 November 1862 p.4 (Quested)

⁹⁵ This date also given a 12 November 1862.

⁹⁶ *Mercury*, 11 November 1862 p.4 (Quested); *Mercury*, 13 November 1862 p.2

⁹⁷ *Mercury*, 8 January 1863 p.2 (J. Quested)

⁹⁸ *Mercury*, 29 January 1863 p.2 (J. Quested)

⁹⁹ *Mercury*, 19 February 1863 p.3 (Ann Quested)

¹⁰⁰ *South Australian Advertiser*, 26 February 1863 p.2 (Quested)

¹⁰¹ *Mercury*, 9 May 1863 p.2 (Quested)

¹⁰² *Mercury*, 15 May 1863 p.2 (Quested)

¹⁰³ *Mercury*, 18 May 1863 p.2 (Quested)

22 May 1863	Husband James Quested departed Hobart for Victoria as master on the schooner <i>Boomerang</i> . ¹⁰⁴
3 June 1863	Husband James Quested arrived at Hobson's Bay, VIC from Hobart as master on the schooner <i>Boomerang</i> . ¹⁰⁴
25 June 1863	Husband James Quested departed Hobart for Geelong, VIC as master on the schooner <i>Boomerang</i> . ¹⁰⁵
29 June 1863	Husband James Quested departed Hobart for Geelong, VIC as master on the schooner <i>Boomerang</i> . ¹⁰⁶
20 July 1863	Husband James Quested departed Geelong, VIC for Hobart as master on the schooner <i>Boomerang</i> . ¹⁰⁷
24 July 1863	Husband James Quested arrived at Hobart from Geelong, VIC as master on the schooner <i>Boomerang</i> . ¹⁰⁷
27 August 1863	Husband James Quested arrived at Launceston as master on the schooner <i>Boomerang</i> . ¹⁰⁸
3-5 September 1863	Husband James Quested departed Launceston for Auckland, New Zealand as master on the schooner <i>Boomerang</i> ; bound for Auckland. ¹⁰⁹
27 November 1863	Husband Captain James Quested offered a reward of £5 for information on the theft on or about 13 November from the moorings near the Fish Market, Hobart of 1 boat painted black, carver built, 17' 3-4" long and 6' wide, the mast thwart roughly made; it is supposed that the boat has been taken towards Three Hut Point; the reward will be paid on recovery and conviction of the thief or thieves. ¹¹⁰
2 December 1863	Husband James Quested departed Hobart for Timaru, New Zealand as master on the schooner <i>Boomerang</i> . ¹¹¹
8 February 1864	Husband James Quested departed Hobart for Timaru, New Zealand as master on the schooner <i>Boomerang</i> . ¹¹²
8 April 1864	Husband James Quested arrived at Hobart from Lyttleton, New Zealand via Stewart's Island as master on the schooner <i>Boomerang</i> . ¹¹³
16 April 1864	Husband James Quested departed Hobart for Geelong, VIC as master on the schooner <i>Boomerang</i> . ¹¹⁴
5 May 1864	Husband James Quested arrived at Hobart from Geelong, VIC as master on the schooner <i>Boomerang</i> . ¹¹⁵
11 May 1864	Husband James Quested departed Hobart for Melbourne, VIC as master on the schooner <i>Boomerang</i> . ¹¹⁶
30 May 1864	Husband James Quested departed Melbourne, VIC for Hobart as master on the schooner <i>Boomerang</i> . ¹¹⁷
4 June 1864	Husband James Quested arrived at Hobart from Melbourne, VIC as master on the schooner <i>Boomerang</i> . ¹¹⁷
9 June 1864	Husband James Quested departed Hobart for Melbourne, VIC as master on the schooner <i>Boomerang</i> . ¹¹⁸

¹⁰⁴ *Argus*, 4 June 1863 p.4 (Captain J. Quested)

¹⁰⁵ *Mercury*, 26 June 1863 p.2 (Quested)

¹⁰⁶ *Mercury*, 30 June 1863 p.2 (Quested)

¹⁰⁷ *Mercury*, 25 July 1863 p.2 (J. Quested)

¹⁰⁸ *Examiner*, 29 August 1863 p.4 (Capt. Quested)

¹⁰⁹ *Examiner*, 3 September 1863 p.4 (Capt. Quested); *Examiner*, 5 September 1863 p.4 (J. Quested)

¹¹⁰ *Tasmania Police Gazette*, 27 November 1863 p.185 (Captain James Quested)

¹¹¹ *Mercury*, 3 December 1863 p.2 (Quested)

¹¹² *Mercury*, 10 February 1864 p.2 (Quested)

¹¹³ *Mercury*, 9 April 1864 p.2 (Quested)

¹¹⁴ *Mercury*, 18 April 1864 p.2 (Quested)

¹¹⁵ *Mercury*, 6 May 1864 p.2 (Quested)

¹¹⁶ *Mercury*, 12 May 1864 p.2 (Quested)

¹¹⁷ *Mercury*, 6 June 1864 p.2 (Quested)

¹¹⁸ *Mercury*, 7 June 1864 p.2 (Quested); *Mercury*, 10 June 1864 p.2 (Quested)

5 July 1864	Husband James Qusted departed Hobart for Melbourne, VIC as master on the schooner <i>Boomerang</i> . ¹¹⁹
20 July 1864	Husband James Qusted departed Hobson's Bay, VIC for Hobart as master on the schooner <i>Boomerang</i> . ¹²⁰
19 June 1864	Husband James Qusted departed Melbourne, VIC for Hobart as master on the schooner <i>Boomerang</i> . ¹²¹
28 June 1864	Husband James Qusted arrived at Hobart from Melbourne, VIC as master on the schooner <i>Boomerang</i> . ¹²¹
22 July 1864	Husband James Qusted departed Hobson's Bay, VIC for Hobart as master on the schooner <i>Boomerang</i> . ¹²²
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3 September 1864	Husband James Qusted departed Hobart for Geelong, VIC as master on the schooner <i>Boomerang</i> . ¹²⁵
26 September 1864	Husband James Qusted arrived at Hobart from Melbourne, VIC as master on the schooner <i>Boomerang</i> . ¹²⁶
1 October 1864	Husband James Qusted departed Hobart for Geelong, VIC as master on the schooner <i>Boomerang</i> . ¹²⁷
26 October 1864	Husband James Qusted arrived at Hobart from Geelong, VIC as master on the schooner <i>Boomerang</i> . ¹²⁸
1 November 1864	Husband James Qusted departed Hobart for Geelong, VIC as master on the schooner <i>Boomerang</i> . ¹²⁹
15 December 1864	Husband James Qusted departed Hobart for Geelong, VIC as master on the schooner <i>Boomerang</i> . ¹³⁰
30 January 1865	Husband James Qusted departed Hobart for Melbourne, VIC as master on the schooner <i>Boomerang</i> . ¹³¹
6 February 1865	Husband James Qusted departed Hobart for Melbourne, VIC as master on the schooner <i>Boomerang</i> . ¹³²
28 February 1865	Husband James Qusted arrived at Hobart from Melbourne, VIC as master on the schooner <i>Boomerang</i> . ¹³³
7 March 1865	Husband James Qusted departed Hobart for Melbourne, VIC as master on the schooner <i>Boomerang</i> . ¹³⁴
16 March 1865	Husband James Qusted departed Hobson's Bay for Hobart as master on the schooner <i>Boomerang</i> . ¹³⁵

¹¹⁹ *Mercury*, 6 July 1864 p.2 (Qusted)

¹²⁰ *Argus*, 21 July 1864 p.4 (Qusted)

¹²¹ *Mercury*, 29 June 1864 p.2 (J. Qusted)

¹²² *Argus*, 23 July 1864 p.4 (J. Qusted)

¹²³ *Mercury*, 30 July 1864 p.2 (Qusted)

¹²⁴ *Mercury*, 29 August 1864 p.2 (Qusted)

¹²⁵ *Mercury*, 5 September 1864 p.2 (Qusted)

¹²⁶ *Mercury*, 27 September 1864 p.2 (Qusted)

¹²⁷ *Mercury*, 1 October 1864 p.2 (Qusted); *Mercury*, 3 October 1864 p.2 (James Qusted)

¹²⁸ *Mercury*, 27 October 1864 p.2 (Qusted)

¹²⁹ *Mercury*, 2 November 1864 p.2 (Qusted)

¹³⁰ *Mercury*, 16 December 1864 p.2 (Qusted)

¹³¹ *Mercury*, 31 January 1865 p.2 (Qusted)

¹³² *Mercury*, 7 February 1865 p.2 (Qusted)

¹³³ *Mercury*, 8 March 1865 p.2 (J. Qusted); *Mercury*, 1 March 1864 p.2 (Qusted)

¹³⁴ *Mercury*, 8 March 1865 p.2 (Qusted)

¹³⁵ *Argus*, 17 March 1855 p.4 (J. Qusted)

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- 26 March 1865 Husband James Qusted departed Melbourne, VIC for Hobart as master on the schooner *Boomerang*.¹³⁶
- 31 March 1865 Husband James Qusted arrived at Hobart from Melbourne, VIC as master on the schooner *Boomerang*.¹³⁶
- 10 April 1865 Husband James Qusted departed Hobart for Adelaide, SA as master on the schooner *Boomerang*.¹³⁷
- 6 May 1865 Husband James Qusted departed Yankalilla, SA for Melbourne, VIC as master on the schooner *Boomerang*; cargo: 1,110 bags flour, 240 bags bran, 120 bags pollard.¹³⁸
- 8–10 May 1865 Husband James Qusted captain on the schooner *Boomerang* when it was wrecked off Cape Jaffa, SA, all hands saved.¹³⁸

Newspaper report:

Another wreck occurred off Cape Jaffa on Monday, May 8. The Boomerang left Yankalilla, laden with wheat and flour, on Sunday, and had a splendid run until Monday morning, when just at dawn she struck on a sunken reef, about the same place where the Agnes was so recently lost. She struck twice. As the wind was favourable, the captain ran her on the beach, as she was making water fast, and probably would have gone down had he not done so. She discharged part of her cargo on the beach 15 miles from this place, when the wind changed, and she floated. The captain then made sail for Port Caroline, where she arrived on Wednesday evening, when a tremendous gale set in from the south-west. She rode at her anchor beautifully until this morning, when from some unknown cause she unfortunately came on shore. It is supposed she is not so much injured but that she might be got off again after discharging her cargo and being overhauled. There were seven men on board, including the captain and mate.

The weather has been rougher here the last three days than has been known for many years previously.

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[From another Correspondent.]

Port Caroline, May 12.

There was a terrific gale in this bay last night and all this day, accompanied with hail, thunder, and lightning.

On Monday the brigantine Boomerang, Captain Qusted, having struck the Cape Jaffa Reefs (very near that dangerous reef four miles off Cape Jaffa where the unfortunate schooner Agnes was lost and five men perished so recently), and having got over this reef and finding himself in smooth water, but with five feet of water in his hold, the captain made for the shore and landed a part of his cargo – flour; after which (yesterday) he reached this port when this terrific gale came on. She drifted on to the beach close to the jetty amongst sand and seaweed. It is supposed this vessel will not now sustain further injury.¹³⁹

- 19 June 1865 Husband James Qusted arrived at Hobart on the *Derwent*.¹⁴⁰

- 19 April 1866 Husband James Qusted charged with unlawfully slaughtering 2 pigs at his premises in Argyle Street, Hobart.¹⁴¹

Newspaper report:

UNLAWFULLY SLAUGHTERING. – Dossiter v. Qusted. – This was an information by the Inspector of Slaughter Houses against James Qusted for having, on the 13th instant, unlawfully slaughtered two pigs on his premises in Argyle-street, instead of at the Slaughter House.

Defendant plea guilty.

Mr. Dossiter said a neighbour of Mr. Qusted had told him that Mr. Qusted had been killing pigs, and he, Mr. Dossiter, went to the premises on Saturday morning and saw the pigs. He, Mr. Dossiter, thought the offence had been committed inadvertently.

¹³⁶ *Mercury*, 1 April 1865 p.2 (Qusted)

¹³⁷ *Mercury*, 11 April 1865 p.2 (Qusted)

¹³⁸ *South Australian Register*, 11 May 1865 p.2 (Qusted); *South Australian Register*, 12 May 1865 p.2 (James Qusted)

¹³⁹ *South Australian Register*, 20 May 1865 p.3 (Captain Qusted)

¹⁴⁰ TAHO, MB2/39/30 p.88 (Captain Qusted)

¹⁴¹ *Mercury*, 20 April 1866 p.2 (James Qusted)

Defendant said he did not know whether it was right or wrong having only been in business a short time; but he thanked God he had got a respectable neighbour; that was all he cared about.

The Court inflicted a fine of 5s. each pig.

Mr. Hardwick the neighbour referred to came forward and complained of a nuisance at Mr. Qusted's, whose pigstye was close to his fence.

The Mayor told him the course was to lay an information.¹⁴²

18 September 1866 Charged at the Police Court, Hobart with disturbing the peace; fined 5 shillings, in default 7 days imprisonment.¹⁴³

20 September 1866 Charged at the Police Court, Hobart by Thomas Farr with making use of abusive and threatening language; remanded till tomorrow.¹⁴⁴

Newspaper report:

SURETIES. – Farr v. Qusted. – An information by John Farr against Ann Qusted, charging her with using abusive and threatening language, and praying for sureties.

On being called upon to plead the defendant became very violent in her language, and, after repeated cautions from the Bench, she was remanded for twenty-four hours.¹⁴⁴

21 September 1866 Brought up from yesterday charged as before; ordered to find sureties for 6 months of £12.¹⁴⁵

Newspaper report:

RIVAL BUTCHERS – Sureties of the peace. – Farr v. Qusted. – An information by Thomas Farr against Ann Qusted for making use of abusive and threatening language and praying for sureties.

Mr. D'Emden for defendant showed cause.

Complainant deposed that he resided in Argyle-street. On Monday evening last the defendant came to his shop and abused him and his wife making use of very bad language. She had abused him previously while he was employed by her husband, but she only did so when she had been drinking. She had abused him twice since the laying of the information, and he feared she would abuse him again. He had no feeling of malice against defendant, but wanted merely to live peaceably and quietly.

Cross examined by Mr. D'Emden: I have been in business about a fortnight. My shop is three or four hundred yards from Mr. Qusted's. I was in Mr. Qusted's employ before I opened business. I had been with him about five months. During that time defendant abused me on two or three occasions. I did not then come to the police office. I left Qusted's service because he could not afford to pay me my wages. He said I was getting too much money. He had some difference with me about some wool. That was a fortnight or three weeks before I left him. Qusted found the wool in the closet. It was put there by me. It was my wool, it was putrid and offensive and therefore I put it down the closet. It had been buried under some mangolds for about three months. The wool was given to me originally by Mr. Davidson's man. I swear this was not the reason that Qusted gave me for parting with me. When Qusted found it out, Mrs Qusted said it was like my impudence to put the wool down the closet. I spoke to Qusted about it, and he said it was not the right thing for me to put the wool down the closet. That was all that passed. I think there had been some stir made about some stolen wool a little before that. That was not the reason why I put the wool down the closet. I know that Mrs Qusted has already been punished for abusing me, but not for this offence. I have on one occasion abused Mrs. Qusted when provoked, but I have never done so since I left Qusted's service. I have interfered with her customers. A few have come to me to deal since I left Qusted.

Another witness gave corroborative testimony.

Mr. D'Emden addressed the Bench for the defence, and in mitigation of sureties.

The Bench ordered defendant to find sureties for six months in her husband's recognizance of £12.¹⁴⁵

¹⁴² *Mercury*, 20 April 1866 p.2 (James Qusted)

¹⁴³ *Mercury*, 19 September 1866 p.3 (Mary Ann Qusted)

¹⁴⁴ *Mercury*, 21 September 1866 p.3 (Ann Qusted)

¹⁴⁵ *Mercury*, 22 September 1866 p.2 (Ann Qusted)

- 14 December 1866 Charged at the Police Court, Hobart with disturbing the peace; fined 20 shillings or 1 month imprisonment.¹⁴⁶
- 16 March 1867 Charged at the Police Court, Hobart with disturbing the peace; fined £2, in default 2 months imprisonment.¹⁴⁷
- 14 May 1867 Charged at the Police Court, Hobart with disturbing the peace; remanded for a week.¹⁴⁸
Newspaper report:
*SURETIES. – Pross v. Quested. – Ann Quested was summoned by James Pross to show cause why she should not be held in recognizances for the peace.
Defendant, who was under the influence of liquor, was remanded for a week.*¹⁴⁸
- 25 January 1868 Charged at the Police Court, Hobart with using language calculated to lead to a breach of the peace; fined £1 and costs.¹⁴⁹
Newspaper report:
*CHATTERTON V. QUESTED. – An information by Ann Chatterton, charging Ann Quested with making use of language towards the complainant calculated to lead to a breach of the peace.
The Bench found the woman guilty, and ordered her to pay a penalty of £1 and costs.*¹⁴⁹
- 29 February 1868 Charged at the Police Court, Hobart by Constable Loring with disturbing the public peace in a public street at Hobart on 15 February; guilty; fined £2 and to pay costs 1 shilling, or in default 2 months imprisonment; free by servitude, an old offender.¹⁵⁰
Statement by witness Constable John Clements Loring:
*I am a Constable in the City Police. I took the defendant Mary Ann Quested into custody between the hours of 12 and 1 o'clock yesterday in Argyle street a public Street within the City of Hobart Town. She was shouting and using very bad language. She disturbed the public peace by so doing. I produce the Gazette containing the Bye Law no55 & I did not hear Chatterton say he would get you into trouble.*¹⁵¹
- 24 March 1868 Charged at the Police Court, Hobart by Constable Webster with disturbing the public peace in a public street in Hobart on 23 March; guilty; fined £3, or in default 3 months imprisonment; free by servitude.¹⁵²
- 20 October 1868 Charged at the Police Court, Hobart with disturbing the peace; fined £3, or in default 3 months' hard labour.¹⁵³
- 16 February 1869 Charged at the Police Court, Hobart with threatening to take her husband's life; ordered to keep the peace for 6 months.¹⁵⁴
- 10 September 1869 Charged at the Police Court, Hobart by Constable Dove with disturbing the public peace in a public street in Hobart Town on 9 September; plea guilty; fined £3, in default 3 months imprisonment at Cascades House of Correction, Hobart.¹⁵⁵
- 13 January 1870 Charged at the Police Court, Hobart to find sureties of the peace vide complaint, ordered to enter into recognizance with 1 surety of £5 to keep the peace towards Her Majesty and other people, especially towards Sarah Brindley, for 6 months, and costs 8/6, paid; defendant showed cause against an order being made.¹⁵⁶
- 19 January 1870 Complainant at the Police Court, Hobart in a case against Isaac Robert Brindley charged with assault.¹⁵⁷

¹⁴⁶ *Mercury*, 15 December 1866 p.2 (Ann Quested)

¹⁴⁷ *Mercury*, 18 March 1867 p.3 (Ann Quested)

¹⁴⁸ *Mercury*, 15 May 1867 p.2 (Ann Quested)

¹⁴⁹ *Mercury*, 27 January 1868 p.2 (Ann Quested)

¹⁵⁰ *Mercury*, 2 March 1868 p.2 (Mary Ann Quested); TAHO, LC247/1/33 p.11 (Mary Ann Quested)

¹⁵¹ TAHO, LC247/1/33 p.12 (Mary Ann Quested)

¹⁵² *Mercury*, 25 March 1868 p.3 (Mary Ann Quested); TAHO, LC247/1/33 p.31 (Mary Ann Quested)

¹⁵³ *Mercury*, 21 October 1868 p.2 (Ann Quested)

¹⁵⁴ *Mercury*, 17 February 1869 p.2 (Ann Quested)

¹⁵⁵ TAHO, LC247/1/33 p.367 (Ann Quested)

¹⁵⁶ TAHO, LC247/1/33 pp.479 & 480 (Brindley v Quested)

¹⁵⁷ *Mercury*, 20 January 1870 p.2 (Ann Quested)

Newspaper report:

ASSAULT. – *Quested v. Brindley.* – Ann Quested complained of Isaac Robert Brindley for assaulting her on the 8th January. Plea, guilty.

Mr. Sargent stated the particulars of the case, by which it appeared that in a dispute between the parties, defendant struck Mrs. Quested and gave her a black eye.

Defendant excused himself by saying he had received provocation, complainant having a stone in her hand, to throw at him. How she got the black eye he could not tell.

Fined 5s. and costs.¹⁵⁷

25 May 1870

Charged at the Police Court, Hobart with using abusive language; defendant not appearing, a warrant issued for her apprehension.¹⁵⁸

27 May 1870

Charged at the Police Court, Hobart by Kate Fuge with using abusive language; plea guilty; fined £1 and to pay costs 8/6, or in default 1 month imprisonment at Cascades House of Correction, Hobart.¹⁵⁹

23 June 1870

Charged at the Police Court, Hobart by Kate Fuge with using abusive and insulting language to her in a public street; fined 5 shillings, or in default 7 days imprisonment.¹⁶⁰

Newspaper report:

ABUSIVE LANGUAGE. – A woman named Kate Fuge, summoned Ann Quested, for having, on 19th of June, used abusive and insulting language to her in a public street, calculated to provoke a breach of the peace.

Plea: Not guilty.

Mr. Sargent appeared for the defendant.

Kate Fuge, sworn, said the defendant had repeatedly abused her in public places. On Sunday, the 19th inst., she met the defendant in a public street, when the defendant began calling her names, and said that Mr. Quested, the defendant's husband, had been guilty of gross impropriety with witness, which was altogether untrue.

A girl named Flora Kelly, who lived with the complainant, corroborated the evidence given by her mistress.

Mr. Sargent then addressed the Bench for the defence, contending that the complainant had been guilty of conduct quite as bad as that of the defendant, and had taunted her with having been imprisoned in the Factory.

Ordered to pay a fine of 5s., with the option of seven day's imprisonment.¹⁶⁰

7 July 1870

Charged at the Police Court, Hobart with being drunk and disorderly in a public street in Hobart Town on 6 July; plea guilty; fined 5 shillings, or in default 24 hours in solitary confinement.¹⁶¹

15 July 1870

Complainant at the Police Court, Hobart in a case against Cook charged with assault; fined 5 shillings, or in default 7 days imprisonment.¹⁶²

Newspaper report:

BATTERY. – *Quested v. Cook.* – Mr. Sargent for the complainant; and Mr D'Emden for the defendant.

This case was partly heard on Wednesday last, when the complainant was so intoxicated, that the case had to be postponed.

After a dispute between Mr. D'Emden and Mr. Sargent as to whether the latter had, or had not, at the last hearing of the case, objected to the evidence of the complainant being read over to her, the complainant,

Ann Quested was placed in the witness-box, and on being sworn, said that what she said on Wednesday lat, was true in every particular.

To the Bench: I was perfectly sober when I came to the Police Office on Wednesday afternoon.

¹⁵⁸ TAHO, LC247/1/33 p.583 (Fuge v Quested)

¹⁵⁹ TAHO, LC247/1/33 p.585 (Ann Quested)

¹⁶⁰ *Mercury*, 24 June 1870 p.2 (Ann Quested)

¹⁶¹ TAHO, LC247/1/33 p.612 (Ann Quested)

¹⁶² *Mercury*, 16 July 1870 p.3 (Ann Quested)

To the Bench Clerk; I do not know whether I was sober or not when I gave my evidence when the case was last heard. If I said then that the defendant did not strike me, it was wrong. She did strike me. I am sober now. I have marks on my left cheek now that were made by her.

To the Bench: I never used bad language to the defendant, nor did I ever try to strike her.

Mr D'Emden then addressed the Bench for the defence. This case was one of many in which the complainant had been mixed up and her temper was so violent that it was impossible for his client to put up with. He (Mr. D'Emden) could not call witnesses to rebut the statement sworn to by the complainant, because the whole of it was without the slightest foundation – was pure fiction.

Mr. Sargent, who had withdrawn himself altogether from the case, in consequence of the Bench overruling an objection advanced by him at the commencement of the case, hereupon rose, and in a very violent manner asked the Bench whether they were going to allow such remarks.

The Stipendiary Magistrate: You have withdrawn yourself from the case, and so, therefore, have no right to address the Court.

Mr. Sargent then sat down, saying that he would see justice done to Mrs. Quedsted.

Mr. D'Emden said he always treated gentlemen who sat at the table with him in their professional capacity with courtesy, but he would not allow a person who appeared there in a private character to interrupt him. The complainant had sworn on the Wednesday previous that the defendant did not strike her; and today she had as distinctly sworn that she did do so. The Bench knew that the complainant was intoxicated at the previous hearing of the case, and no doubt they were also acquainted with the old saying, "when the wine is in, the truth will out." He would then ask which statement was most to be relied on?

Mr. Sargent: Another case of perjury.

The Stipendiary Magistrate: I will commit you for contempt of Court, if you do not mind.

Mr. Sargent: I am quite right in the remark.

Mr. D'Emden was addressing the Bench, when Mr. Sargent took up his hat, uttered some remark not heard by our reporter, and left the Court.

The Bench said they would have to decide the case upon the evidence adduced.

Fined 5s. with the alternative of seven days' imprisonment.¹⁶²

November 1870

Husband James Quedsted owner and occupier of a shop between 185 and 187 Argyle Street, Hobart; annual value £8.¹⁶³

Husband James Quedsted owner and occupier of a shop at 189 Argyle Street, Hobart; annual value £25.¹⁶³

Husband James Quedsted owner of a dwelling house and shop at 185 Argyle Street, Hobart; annual value £10; occupier John O'Keefe; resident of Argyle Street, Hobart.¹⁶³

Husband James Quedsted owner of a dwelling house and shop at 187 Argyle Street, Hobart; annual value £13; occupier Anthony Keenan; resident of Argyle Street, Hobart.¹⁶³

Husband¹⁶⁴ James Quedsted owner of 6 dwelling houses in Macquarie Street, Hobart; annual value £7 each; occupiers John Butler, James Hannon, John Caden, Peter Connolly, Patrick Purcell and Mrs Reynolds; resident of Melville Street, Hobart.¹⁶⁵

Husband James Quedsted owner of a dwelling house in Trafalgar Place, Hobart; annual value £16; occupier Alexander Worby; resident of Argyle Street, Hobart.¹⁶⁶

Husband James Quedsted owner and occupier of a sanctuary between 81 and 83 Bathurst Street, Hobart; annual value £10.¹⁶⁷

Husband¹⁶⁴ James Quedsted owner and occupier of a dwelling house at 7 Melville Street, Hobart; annual value £21.¹⁶⁸

¹⁶³ *Hobart Town Gazette*, 6 December 1870 p.1362 (James Quedsted)

¹⁶⁴ This may have been his father, Ann's father-in-law.

¹⁶⁵ *Hobart Town Gazette*, 6 December 1870 p.1382 (James Quedsted)

¹⁶⁶ *Hobart Town Gazette*, 6 December 1870 p.1384 (James Quedsted)

¹⁶⁷ *Hobart Town Gazette*, 6 December 1870 p.1396 (James Quedsted)

¹⁶⁸ *Hobart Town Gazette*, 6 December 1870 p.1399 (James Quedsted)

Husband¹⁶⁴ James Quested owner of a dwelling house in Adelaide Street, Hobart; annual value £10; occupier Thomas Harvey; resident of Melville Street, Hobart.¹⁶⁹

Husband James Quested assessed for additional rates of 5 shillings per annum for supplying water to 1 horse; resident of Argyle Street, Hobart.¹⁷⁰

9 March 1871

Complainant at the Police Court, Hobart in a case against Eliza Smith charged with unlawfully assaulting her.¹⁷¹

Newspaper report:

ASSAULT. – Ann Quested prosecuted Eliza Smith for unlawfully assaulting her on the 1st instant.

Mr. D’Emden appeared for defendant.

The complainant stated that on the evening of the 1st instant, she went to the defendant’s public-house to get her husband. She saw her husband and told him he had no right to be there all day, as it was the fourth time she had found him there, when the defendant struck her on the ear with her fist, and complainant went outside the public-house, which was kept by a Mr. Haines, with whom the defendant lived. The defendant then threw a basin of water over her, when she came to the watchhouse and made a report. Complainant did not attempt to strike the defendant. There were two men besides her husband present when defendant struck her.

In reply to Mr. D’Emden complainant said she was sober at the time. She did not abuse the defendant, whom she did not see till she was struck by her.

Mr. D’Emden said the complainant was notoriously a common disturber of the peace, who had for years spent a great deal of her time in the Factory for various offences. She misbehaved herself on this occasion in a most scandalous manner, and the information should have been laid against her instead of by her. He called

Stephen Holly, who deposed: I know the parties in this case. I was in the Fountain Inn on the evening of the 1st inst., when I saw both complainant and defendant there. When the defendant came in she looked at her husband and said, “You are in this den, are you?” After abusing her husband, she left the premises, but returned in about a quarter of an hour, and abused the defendant. Her husband had in the meantime gone out the back way. Complainant refused to go out when desired to do so, and the defendant put her out of the house. Defendant pushed Mrs. Quested out of the house, but did not strike her. I do not think the complainant was sober at the time. After she was ejected, the complainant remained outside for five or ten minutes abusing the defendant. I do not know if the defendant threw a basin of water over the complainant. I saw a basin of water in the bar, used I believe, for washing up glasses. The two parties were out of my sight for about a minute behind the screen.

To the Bench: When the two were behind the screen I could see the defendant’s dress. She could not have struck the complainant then without my seeing her. I saw no water thrown over the defendant. I saw Mrs. Smith carry the basin of water I have spoken of to the door, but did not see what she did with it. She brought the bowl back to the house empty.

The Bench ordered the defendant to pay a fine of 5s. with costs.¹⁷¹

9 January 1872

Charged at the Police Court, Hobart with wilful damage; sentence 14 days imprisonment at Cascades House of Correction, Hobart.

Description: free by servitude, Roman Catholic, native place Limerick, aged 45 or 48, 4’ 10½” or 4’ 9”, complexion fresh, head large, hair dark brown, visage round, forehead flat, eyebrows dark, eyes brown, nose long, mouth large, chin large.¹⁷²

Newspaper report:

DAMAGING PROPERTY. – John Daly complained of Ann Quested that she willfully damaged his property on the 4th instant, by breaking a pane of glass, valued at 2s., at his house in Argyle-street.

The complainant deposed that last Thursday evening, between six and seven o’clock, he was standing in his own back yard when he heard a smash of glass, and witness’s daughter cried out that Mrs. Quested had thrown a stone through the window. Witness went round

¹⁶⁹ *Hobart Town Gazette*, 6 December 1870 p.1414 (James Quested)

¹⁷⁰ *Hobart Town Gazette*, 6 December 1870 p.1433 (James Quested)

¹⁷¹ *Mercury*, 10 March 1871 p.2 (Ann Quested)

¹⁷² *Tasmania Police Gazette*, 26 January 1872 p.16 (Ann Quested); TAHO, CON105/1/2 No.5519 (Mary Ann Quested)

and found her standing in the street. Witness's wife challenged her with having broken the glass, and she said she had done it, and she would break every pane in the window.

Thomas Priest gave corroborative evidence.

Ordered to pay 2s., the value of the pane, with a fine of 10s. and costs.¹⁷³

18–24 January 1872

Discharged from Cascades House of Correction, Hobart.¹⁷²

24 January 1872

Charged at the Police Court, Hobart with wilful damage; sentence 1 month imprisonment at Cascades House of Correction, Hobart.

Description: free by servitude, native place Limerick, Ireland, aged 40 or 48, 5' or 4' 9", complexion fresh, head large, hair dark brown, visage round, forehead flat, eyes brown, nose long, mouth large, chin large.¹⁷⁴

Newspaper report:

Breaking Windows. –

Daly v. Qusted. – Ann Qusted was proceeded against by John Daly, for having, on the 6th inst., committed damage to certain property by breaking two panes of glass, valued at 4s., in a house occupied by complainant in Argyle-street.

Mr. D'Emden appeared for defendant.

The complainant stated that after he had summoned the defendant for breaking one square of glass, she went to his house at about noon on Saturday, the 6th inst., threw the summons in at the door, and broke another pane of glass; she returned the same afternoon and again broke a pane of glass.

In reply to Mr. D'Emden, witness said he was not present when the summons was thrown in at the door and the window broken at that time.

Henry Hutchins deposed to seeing the defendant throw a stone through Daly's window, breaking a square of glass, between twelve and one o'clock on the 6th instant.

Mrs. Daly also gave evidence to that effect.

Mr. D'Emden, for the defence, submitted that the defendant, who was of very infirm temper, had been provoked to commit the damage by members of the complainant's family. He called two witnesses, who did not answer.

The Bench fined the defendant 20s. in addition to the amount of the damage, 4s., in default one month's imprisonment.¹⁷⁵

22–28 February 1872

Discharged from Cascades House of Correction, Hobart.¹⁷⁴

30 April 1872

Charged at the Police Court, Hobart with disturbing the peace in a public street; fined £2.2.0, or in default 2 months imprisonment.¹⁷⁶

Newspaper report:

Disturbers. – ...Mary Ann Qusted, charged with having committed a similar offence [disturbing the peace in a public street] on the evening of the 29th April, being an old offender was fined £2 2s. with the alternative in default of two month's imprisonment.¹⁷⁶

24 July 1872

Charged at the Police Court, Hobart by Piguénit with willfully damaging real property to the amount of 3 shillings; plea not guilty; fined 10 shillings over and above the amount of damage done, 3 shillings, and to pay costs, or in default 14 days imprisonment; 11/6 paid.¹⁷⁷

Newspaper report:

BREAKING WINDOWS. – Ann Qusted was charged on information with willfully damaging property by having, on the 19th July, broken two panes of glass in the window of the house occupied by John Daley, in Argyle-street.

Frederick Piguénit stated that he was agent for the house occupied by John Daley, in Argyle-street. On Saturday morning Mrs. Daley, tenant of the house in Argyle-street, made a complaint to him that Mrs. Qusted had again broken the windows of the house occupied by her. The defendant had previously been guilty of a similar offence which had been condoned.

¹⁷³ *Mercury*, 10 January 1872 p.2 (Ann Qusted)

¹⁷⁴ *Tasmania Police Gazette*, 1 March 1872 p.40 (Ann Qusted); TAHO, CON105/1/2 No.5533 (Ann Qusted)

¹⁷⁵ *Mercury*, 25 January 1872 p.2 (Ann Qusted)

¹⁷⁶ *Mercury*, 1 May 1872 p.2 (Mary Ann Qusted)

¹⁷⁷ TAHO, LC247/1/34, 24 July 1872 (Piguénit v. Qusted)

Went to the house and found two panes of glass in the window broken. The damage done amounted to three shillings.

John Daley, residing in Argyle-street, deposed: On Friday evening, between 8 and 9 o'clock, Mrs. Quested passed by his house and threw two stones at one of the front windows. He was sitting in the room facing the window at the time, and narrowly escaped being struck by the stones. The night was bright moonlight, and he could distinctly see the defendant. He had given the defendant no provocation, not having spoken to her for a month. He knew of no cause for her conduct, and had forgiven her for a similar offence on a previous occasion.

The defendant denied having broken the windows and called in defence,

Mary Dooley, a neighbour, who stated that Mrs. Quested was with her at her house in Argyle-street up to seven o'clock on the evening of Friday. Witness then left to go into the town, leaving defendant talking to witness's daughter. When she returned from town, Mrs. Quested was at her house, and said her husband had turned her out. She had heard Mrs. Daly say that defendant had just come out of the Factory after "doing" two months, and that she would have her in again in a week, and keep her there.

Annie Dooley, daughter of the last witness, said Mrs. Quested was in her company from eight till nine o'clock on the evening of Friday last, at the house of witness's mother. She only left witness's company for a few minutes during that time.

The Bench said defendant was constantly getting drunk and creating disturbances, and at these times the windows and other property of her neighbours suffered from her violent conduct. She would have to pay a fine of 10s. in addition to the 3s. damages to the windows; in default, fourteen days' imprisonment.¹⁷⁸

15 October 1872

Charged at the Police Court, Hobart by Daley with a breach of the Police Act in using abusive language calculated to provoke a breach of the peace; information withdrawn and costs remitted.¹⁷⁹

Newspaper report:

BREACH OF THE PEACE. – Ann Quested v. John Daly. This was a summons in which the defendant was charged with having, on the 10th of October, used language to complainant calculated to provoke a breach of the peace.

Mr. R. Sargeant watched the case for the plaintiff.

Ann Quested deposed that she was the wife of James Quested of Argyle-street. On the 10th of the month she saw defendant in front of her shop door, on the pavement. Defendant made use of filthy and abusive language, and defied her to bring him to the Police Court.

In cross-examination, Mrs. Quested denied that she had on the same day abused the defendant and his children. Defendant once annoyed her to such an extent that she broke his windows and was "put in" for it. Since that he and his family had threatened to "put her in" for her Christmas dinner.

James Quested, a son of the last witness, gave corroborative evidence, and said that since his father sued defendant in the Court of Requests, defendant had continually come to the shop and abused them. His mother threw a bone at defendant, when he made use of the bad language to her.

Charles Knowles corroborated the evidence of the last witness.

The defendant then spoke in his defence, and said that Mrs. Quested had constantly annoyed him and her other neighbours since he appeared against her, when she was charged with breaking windows. He called Alfred Pearce, who deposed that on the 10th inst. Mrs. Quested used bad language to Mr. Daly's daughters and wife.

Susan Hawks deposed that on Thursday last she heard Mrs. Quested use filthy language towards Daly's daughters. She had heard Mrs. Quested repeatedly use bad language towards Daly's children, but had never heard Daly abuse Mrs. Quested.

Miss Daly gave corroborative evidence, and a Mrs. Harris was called, but she threw no light on the case.

Mr. Lewis said there seemed to be a long standing bad feeling between the parties, and he would fine defendant 5s. with costs, although Mrs. Quested was almost as bad as the defendant.

¹⁷⁸ *Mercury*, 25 July 1872 p.2 (Ann Quested)

¹⁷⁹ TAHO, LC247/1/34, 15 October 1872 (Daley v. Quested)

*Another case, John Daly v. Ann Qusted, was withdrawn, Mr. Lewis advising Mrs. Qusted to keep out of these disputes in the future.*¹⁸⁰

- 12 November 1872 Charged at the Police Court, Hobart by Cunningham with a breach of the Police Act 1865 in using abusive language etc; the defendant appearing in a state of drunkenness, the case is adjourned till tomorrow, defendant to be kept in custody in the meantime.¹⁸¹
- 13 November 1872 Charged at the Police Court, Hobart by Sub Inspector McConnell with being drunk and incapable of taking care of herself in a public place in Hobart Town on 12 November; plea guilty; fined 5 shillings, or in default 24 hours in solitary confinement; warrant; 2/6 paid.¹⁸²
- 15 November 1872 Brought up at the Police Court, Hobart charged as before on 12 November; plea guilty; fined £2.2.0 and to pay costs, or in default 2 months imprisonment; 7/6 paid.¹⁸³
- Newspaper report:
Abusive Language. – *Mary Ann Cunningham complained of Ann Qusted for using abusive language to her in Argyle-street on Friday evening.*
*The defendant was fined £2 2s., or in default ordered to be imprisoned for two months.*¹⁸⁴
- 10 June 1873¹⁸⁵ Charged at the Police Court, Hobart by Constable Green with stealing a counterpane value 10 shillings, the property of Henry Cook; remanded till 13 June.¹⁸⁶
- Newspaper report:
LARCENY. – *Ann Qusted was charged with having on the 9th June, stolen a counterpane from W. Cooper. On the application of Detective Green the prisoner was remanded until the 13th inst.*¹⁸⁷
- 13 June 1873 Brought up at the Police Court, Hobart charged as before; plea guilty; sentence 3 months hard labour at Cascades House of Correction, Hobart.
Description: free by servitude, native place Limerick, no trade, aged 48, 5' 2" or 4' 9", dark hair, no prior conviction, formerly resident in Hobart district.¹⁸⁸
- 11–17 September 1873 Discharged from Cascades House of Correction, Hobart.¹⁸⁸
- 23 October 1873 Charged at the Police Court, Hobart by Constable Judd with disturbing the public peace on 22 October in a public street in Hobart; plea guilty; fined 10 shillings 6 pence, or in default 14 days imprisonment.¹⁸⁹
- 6 November 1873 Charged at the Police Court, Hobart by Constable Burke with disturbing the public peace on 5 November in a public street in Hobart; plea guilty; fined 20/6, or in default 1 month imprisonment.¹⁹⁰
- Newspaper report:
DISTURBING THE PEACE. – *Mary Ann Qusted was fined 20s., with the alternative of a month's imprisonment; and John Spence 5s., or seven days', for creating disturbances in the public street.*¹⁹¹
- 30 March 1874 Charged at the Police Court, Hobart by Constable Webster with using obscene language on 28 March in a public street at Hobart; plea not guilty; fined £3 and to pay costs 1 shilling, or in default 3 months imprisonment at Cascades House of Correction, Hobart.

¹⁸⁰ *Mercury*, 16 October 1872 p.2 (Ann Qusted)

¹⁸¹ TAHO, LC247/1/34, 12 November 1872 (Cunningham v. Qusted)

¹⁸² TAHO, LC247/1/34, 13 November 1872 (Mary Ann Qusted)

¹⁸³ TAHO, LC247/1/34, 15 November 1872 (Cunningham v. Qusted)

¹⁸⁴ *Mercury*, 18 November 1872 p.2 (Ann Qusted)

¹⁸⁵ Shipmate Mary Donovan (*qv*) was charged at the Police Court, Hobart on the same day.

¹⁸⁶ TAHO, LC247/1/34, 10 June 1873 (Ann Qusted)

¹⁸⁷ *Mercury*, 11 June 1873 p.2 (Ann Qusted)

¹⁸⁸ *Tasmania Police Gazette*, 20 June 1873 p.104 (Ann Qusted); *Tasmania Police Gazette*, 19 September 1873 p.155 (Ann Qusted); TAHO, LC247/1/34, 13 June 1873 (Ann Qusted)

¹⁸⁹ TAHO, LC247/1/34, 23 October 1873 (Mary Ann Qusted)

¹⁹⁰ TAHO, LC247/1/34, 6 November 1873 (Mary Ann Qusted)

¹⁹¹ *Mercury*, 7 November 1873 p.3 (Mary Ann Qusted)

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Description: free by servitude, Roman Catholic, native place Limerick, Ireland, aged 48, 4' 9", complexion fresh, head large, hair dark, visage round, forehead flat, eyes brown, nose long, mouth large, chin large.¹⁹²

Statement of witness John Webster:

*I am a Constable in the City Police. I took the defendant Quested into custody on last Saturday evening in Argyle Street within this City of Hobart Town. She was using obscene language there, she was calling her husband a bloody old sod, she continued it for a length of time after being cautioned & I took you into custody in the street".*¹⁹³

- 21 April 1874 Charged Garner at the Police Court, Hobart with battery; information dismissed, neither party appearing, costs 9 shillings 6 pence paid.¹⁹⁴
- 12 June 1874 Husband James Quested reported stolen from his premises at Argyle Street, Hobart a small white bull-terrier dog; reported found 26 June.¹⁹⁵
- 19 November 1874 Charged at the Police Court, Hobart by Constable Walker with using obscene language on 18 November in a public street in Hobart Town; plea guilty, fined 50/6; or in default 2 months' imprisonment at Cascades House of Correction, Hobart.¹⁹⁶
- 15 December 1874 Husband James Quested reported stolen or strayed from the sale yards at Sorell 1 blood red cow, near calving, no brands, tip off near ear, the property of and identifiable by Mr Quested, butcher, resident of Argyle Street, Hobart.¹⁹⁷
- 2 July 1875 Charged at the Police Court, Hobart by Cullen with unlawfully beating/battery; plea not guilty; fined 40 shillings and to pay costs; or in default 2 months imprisonment at Cascades House of Correction, Hobart; 9/6 paid.
Description: free by servitude, Roman Catholic, trade none, native place London, aged 45, 5' 1", complexion sallow, head large, hair dark, visage round, forehead high, eyebrows scarce, eyes dark grey, nose long, mouth full, chin full, husband butcher in Hobart Town.¹⁹⁸
- 7 September 1875 Charged at the Police Court, Hobart by Constable Mann with disturbing the public peace on 6 September in a public street at Hobart; plea not guilty; sentence 14 days hard labour at Cascades House of Correction, Hobart.
Description: free by servitude, Roman Catholic.¹⁹⁹
Statement of witness William Mann:
I am a Constable in the City Police. I was on duty in Argyle Street a public street in Hobart Town about a ¼ before 9 o'clock last night. I found the defendant near the Butchers Arms public house door. She was in the street at the time and using shocking language in a loud voice and abusing some one. Her conduct was calculated to annoy the residents in the neighbourhood and her language was most disgusting.
*X You were shouting and you disturbed the public peace.*¹⁹⁹
- 14 February 1877 Charged at the City Police Court, Hobart by Detective Connor with unlawfully and maliciously wounding daughter Sarah Quested on 12 February; remanded till 20 February.²⁰⁰
Newspaper report:
MALICIOUSLY WOUNDING. – A man named James Quested, residing in Argyle-street, reported at the Police station on Monday evening that about 4 o'clock that afternoon, during his absence from home, his wife, Ann Quested, injured his daughter Sarah, aged 14 years, by throwing a knife at her. The matter was placed in the hands of Detective Connor, and yesterday evening, in consequence of the medical certificate, the mother was arrested. She will

¹⁹² TAHO, CON105/1/2 No.5656 (Ann Quested); TAHO, LC247/1/34, 30 March 1874 (Mary Ann Quested)

¹⁹³ TAHO, LC247/1/34, 30 March 1874 (Mary Ann Quested)

¹⁹⁴ TAHO, LC274/1/34, 21 April 1874 (Quested v. Garner)

¹⁹⁵ *Tasmania Police Gazette*, 19 June 1874 p.100 (James Quested); *Tasmania Police Gazette*, 26 June 1874 p.104 (James Quested)

¹⁹⁶ TAHO, LC274/1/34, 19 November 1874 (Ann Quested); TAHO, CON 105/1/2 No.5828 (Ann Quested)

¹⁹⁷ *Tasmania Police Gazette*, 19 February 1875 p.26 (Mr. Quested)

¹⁹⁸ *Tasmania Police Gazette*, 3 September 1875 p.140 (Ann Quested); TAHO, CON105/1/2 No.5988 (Ann Quested); TAHO, LC247/1/34, 2 July 1875 (Cullen v. Quested)

¹⁹⁹ TAHO, CON105/1/2 No.6030 (MA Quested); TAHO, LC247/1/34 p.933 (Mary Ann Quested)

²⁰⁰ *Mercury*, 15 February 1877 p.2 (Ann Quested)

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*be brought up at the Police Court this morning on a charge of maliciously wounding and cutting, and will probably be remanded for examination.*²⁰⁰

20 February 1877

Brought up from 14 February charged as before; committed for trial.²⁰¹

10–12 April 1877

Committed for trial, removed from Cascades House of Correction, Hobart (upon closure) to Campbell Street Gaol, Hobart; aged 35.²⁰²

15–16 May 1877

Tried at the Supreme Court, Hobart for maliciously wounding her daughter Sarah Quested on 12 February; sentence 2 months hard labour at Campbell Street Gaol, Hobart.

Description: aged 40 or 47, housekeeper, free by servitude, Roman Catholic, 5' 1¼", fair complexion, round head, black hair, round visage, medium forehead, brown eyebrows, hazel eyes, short nose, medium mouth, medium chin, native place Limerick, Ireland, nose been broken, little finger left hand crooked.²⁰³

Newspaper reports:

MALICIOUSLY WOUNDING. – A man named James Quested, residing in Argyle-street, reported at the Police station on Monday evening that about 4 o'clock that afternoon, during his absence from home, his wife, Ann Quested, injured his daughter Sarah, aged 14 years, by throwing a knife at her. The matter was placed in the hands of Detective Connor, and yesterday evening, in consequence of the medical certificate, the mother was arrested. She will be brought up at the Police Court this morning on a charge of maliciously wounding and cutting, and will probably be remanded for examination.²⁰⁴

UNLAWFULLY WOUNDING. – Ann Quested was brought up on remand, charged with having on the 12th February unlawfully wounded Sarah Quested.

Dr. E. L. Crowther deposed that he knew Sarah Quested, and that on the evening of the day named he examined her and found her to be suffering from a superficial wound at the back of the left thigh. The wound was about 1¼ inch across, had penetrated a quarter of an inch under the skin, and was a gaping wound, half an inch in depth. It corresponded to an opening in all the clothes the girl had on. The injury had been, apparently, produced by a sharp-pointed instrument, such as the knife produced. Witness had treated the girl since her injury, and the danger had now been reduced to a minimum.

Sarah Quested was then called, but she objected to give evidence on the ground that she could not prosecute her own mother.

The Magistrate informed her that, however painful it might be to her, she could not refuse to give evidence.

Witness then deposed that she lived with her mother in Argyle-street, and on the evening of the day in question she saw her mother taking a sheet out of the shop. Witness tried to take it from her mother because she was not sober, and she did not know what her mother was going to do with it. Prisoner then went to the block where the knife (produced) was lying. Witness ran to the door, and while doing so, felt something strike her in the back of the left thigh. On looking round witness saw the knife lying on the floor at her feet. She felt blood on her leg immediately afterwards, and found that she had been wounded. She put a rag round the wound, and went to Dr. Crowther. Witness's mother did not say anything to witness at the time she felt the blow. She did not see her mother throw the knife. Witness's father had left her in charge of the shop.

Rosannah Duckworth deposed that she lived near Quested's, and on the evening of the 12th instant was standing near the shop, and saw Mrs. Quested taking a sheet outside. Sarah tried to take the sheet from her, and witness then saw prisoner take the knife from the block and throw it at her daughter. The knife struck Sarah on the thigh. The knife produced was like the knife witness saw thrown.

Detective Connor deposed that, from information he received, he apprehended prisoner on the 13th inst. Witness told prisoner that he apprehended her for unlawfully wounding her daughter on the 13th, and prisoner replied that she expected as much.

²⁰¹ *Mercury*, 21 February 1877 p.2 (Ann Quested)

²⁰² TAHO, GD41/1/1 (Ann Quested)

²⁰³ TAHO, CON105/1/1 No.6483 (Ann Quested "Mack"); *Tasmania Police Gazette*, 25 May 1877 p.83 (Ann Quested formerly Mack); *Tasmania Police Gazette*, 20 July 1877 p.116 (Anne Quested); TAHO, SC41/1/7 15–16 May, Hobart (Ann Quested formerly Mack)

²⁰⁴ *Mercury*, 14 February 1877 p.2 (James Quested & Ann Quested)

Prisoner had no statement to make, and called no witnesses.

The Magistrate considered that the case was one of the most painful that had ever come before him, and he thought prisoner ought to be thankful that the knife had not struck in a vital part. He committed her for trial.²⁰⁵

UNLAWFULLY WOUNDING.

Ann Qusted was charged with having, on the 12th February last, unlawfully and maliciously assaulted one Sarah Qusted, and unlawfully and maliciously wounded the said Sarah Qusted.

The prisoner pleaded not guilty.

Jury: – Messrs. J. H. B. Walch (foreman), Saml. Weir, James Thomas, H. Crabtree, A. Vimpany, C. F. Percy, Arthur Rumney, D. Sargeant, E. Barker, W. H. Brewer, Thomas Brock, George Geard.

The evidence in this case, as taken at the police court, has been already published in our columns. The simple facts of the case, as disclosed in the evidence for the prosecution, were simply that on the day named in the information the daughter, Sarah Qusted, attempted to prevent her mother, who had been drinking, from taking a sheet from the bedroom. The mother went to the butcher's block, and the girl ran away, when the mother threw a large butcher's knife at the girl which penetrated through the girl's clothes and inflicted a wound on the back part of her thigh. Evidence for the prosecution was given by Sarah Qusted, Rosannah Duckworth, a girl who witnessed the assault, and Dr. E. L. Crowther, who examined the wound.

The prisoner called no evidence for the defence, but pleaded that she had received great provocation from her daughter.

HIS HONOR having briefly stated the case to the jury, they retired to consider their verdict. After a short deliberation, they returned into court with a verdict of guilty.

HIS HONOR, in passing sentence, said that looking at the prisoner's character he saw that she had been for years past perpetually in trouble for such offences as disturbing the peace, wilfully damaging property, larceny, obscene language, and last of all, unlawfully wounding. He could plainly see that all this had followed from her drinking habits; she gave way to drink and then lost all control over herself. If that knife had struck the daughter in a vital part it might have caused her death, and the mother would have now stood in a much worse position. He could quite believe that the prisoner would regret having done this as long as she lived, but he hoped that it would be a warning to her for the future. Considering all the circumstances, and the fact that the prisoner had been in gaol three months awaiting trial, the sentence which the Court would pass upon her would be very light, but if she were a wise woman she would keep away from the drink as long as she lived. She would be sentenced to two months' imprisonment.²⁰⁶

- 29 October 1877 Father-in-law James Qusted died of age and infirmity at 7 Melville Street, Hobart; aged 86, yeoman, born England; informant Alex James Clarke, undertaker, Collins Street, Hobart.²⁰⁷
- Will of father-in-law James Qusted read; estate worth £160.²⁰⁸
- 2 November 1877 Father-in-law James Qusted buried in Church of England Section B No.47 at Cornelian Bay Cemetery, Hobart; last address Melville Street, Hobart; buried with Jane Qusted, James Qusted and Myrtle May Creswell.²⁰⁹
- 18 November 1880 Husband James Qusted occupier of a house and 145 acres of land at Garden Island in the municipality of Sorell; owner E Vimpany; annual value £25.²¹⁰
- 2 March 1881 Warrant issued for the arrest of husband James Qusted charged with disobeying a summons to appear at the Police Office, Sorell to answer a complaint under the Master and Servant Act; later arrested.

²⁰⁵ *Mercury*, 21 February 1877 p.3 (Ann Qusted)

²⁰⁶ *Mercury*, 17 May 1877 p.3 (Ann Qusted)

²⁰⁷ TAHO, RGD35/1/9 1877/812 Hobart (James Qusted); *Tasmanian Mail*, 3 November 1877 p.11 (James Qusted senior)

²⁰⁸ TAHO, AD960/1/11 p.349 No.2052 (James Qusted)

²⁰⁹ SRCT, SRCT Record Search No.1777 (James Qusted)

²¹⁰ *Hobart Town Gazette*, 23 November 1880 p.1165 (James Qusted)

- Description: aged 65, 5' 10", grey hair and whiskers, stout build, formerly a butcher of Hobart.²¹¹
- 6 April 1881 Charged at the Police Court, Hobart by Constable Moore with using obscene language on 5 April in a public street in Hobart; plea guilty; fined 10/6, or in default 14 days imprisonment, fine paid.²¹²
- 4 July 1881 Mother-in-law Jane Qusted died of old age and infirmity at 7 Melville Street, Hobart; aged 90, widow, born England; informant Alex James Clark, undertaker, Collins Street, Hobart.²¹³
- 8 July 1881 Mother-in-law Jane Qusted buried in Church of England Section B No.47 at Cornelian Bay Cemetery, Hobart; last address Melville Street, Hobart; aged 90; buried with James Qusted, James Qusted and Myrtle May Creswell.²¹⁴
- c1881 Daughter Sarah Qusted moved from Hobart to Sydney, NSW.²¹⁵
- 15 October 1885 Charged at the Police Court, Hobart with being drunk and disorderly in Patrick-street; fined 5 shillings, or in default 7 days imprisonment.²¹⁶
- 13 January 1886 Husband James Qusted charged in Victoria on warrant with deserting his illegitimate child at Prahran on 4 January.
Description: Tasmanian, butcher, 5' 9", aged 64, stout build, fair complexion, grey hair, grey moustache only, wore dark coat and vest, light colour wide-awake hat and blucher boots; recently in business in Chapel Street, South Yarra, VIC.²¹⁷
- 23 November 1887 **Died** of sanguineous apoplexy at Melbourne Hospital, VIC; aged 55, parents unknown, born Ireland, 20 years in Victoria, children not known; informant F Rutherford, hall porter, Melbourne Hospital.²¹⁸
Death notice:
*QUESTED. – On November 23, at Melbourne, Ann, the wife of James Qusted, age 65 years.*²¹⁹
- 25 November 1887 Buried at the New Cemetery, Melbourne, VIC.²¹⁸
- 30 March 1892 Husband James Qusted died at Walker Street, Redfern, Sydney, NSW; aged 73, master mariner, member of the Tasmanian Operative Lodge, 345, IC.²²⁰
- 10 April 1892 Husband James Qusted buried in Church of England Section B No.47 at Cornelian Bay Cemetery, Hobart; last address Sydney, NSW; buried with Jane Qusted, James Qusted and Myrtle May Creswell.²²¹
- 22 July 1893 Daughter Sarah Qusted married Charles Wessberg at St Phillip's Church of England Church, Church Hill, Sydney, NSW.²²²
- 24 February 1895 Granddaughter Sylvia M Wessberg born at Sydney, NSW; father Charles Wessberg; mother Sarah Wessberg.²²³
- 30 November 1896 Son James Head Qusted married Sophia Jane Cunningham at Sydney, NSW.²²⁴
- 1897 Grandson James Alfred Qusted born at Sydney, NSW; father James Qusted; mother Sophia.²²⁵

²¹¹ *Tasmania Police Gazette*, 18 March 1881 p.42 (James Qusted), *Tasmania Police Gazette*, 25 March 1881 p.47 (James Qusted)

²¹² TAHO, LC247/1/35 p.361 (Mary Ann Qusted)

²¹³ TAHO, RGD35/1/9 1881/3222 Hobart (Jane Qusted); *Mercury*, 7 July 1881 p.1 (Jane Qusted)

²¹⁴ SRCT, *SRCT Record Search* No.3403 (Jane Qusted)

²¹⁵ TAHO, Correspondence File, Qusted (Sarah Wessberg)

²¹⁶ *Mercury*, 16 October 1885 p.2 (Mary Ann Qusted)

²¹⁷ *Victoria Police Gazette*, 13 January 1886 p.12 (James Qusted)

²¹⁸ VIC Death Certificate 1887/14436 (Ann Qusted)

²¹⁹ *Mercury*, 1 December 1887 p.1 (Ann Qusted)

²²⁰ TFHS, *Undertakers of Hobart Vol.II 1885–1907* p.161 (James Head Qusted); *Mercury*, 9 April 1892 (James Qusted)

²²¹ SRCT, *SRCT Record Search* No.8675 (James Qusted); TFHS, *Undertakers of Hobart Vol.II 1885–1907* p.161 (James Head Qusted); NSW Death Record 1892/11472 (James H Qusted)

²²² NSW Marriage Record 1893/964 (Charles Wessberg & Sarah Qusted); personal communication Ian Byers, 27 December 2013

²²³ NSW Birth Record 1895/680 (Sylvia M Wessberg); personal communication Ian Byers, 27 December 2013

²²⁴ NSW Marriage Record 1896/6672 & 6673 (James H Qusted & Sophia J Cunningham); personal communication Ian Byers, 27 December 2013

²²⁵ NSW Birth Record 1897/682 (James A Qusted); personal communication Ian Byers, 27 December 2013

- 21 March 1897 Grandson Eric Alfred Wessberg born at Sydney, NSW; father Charles Wessberg; mother Sarah.²²⁶
- 1899 Granddaughter Mona Beryl Quested born at Sydney, NSW; father James H Quested; mother Sophia J.²²⁷
- 11 February 1899 Grandson Charles Trevor Wessberg born at Sydney, NSW; father Charles Wessberg; mother Sarah.²²⁸
- 1902 Granddaughter Olivette Elizabeth Quested born at Sydney, NSW; father James H Quested; mother Sophia J.²²⁹
- 26 April 1937 Daughter Sarah Quested died at Deewhy, NSW; father James Head Quested, mother Anne.²³⁰

Death Notice:

Mrs Sarah Wessberg, who died at Deewhy recently, was a daughter of Captain James Quested, who at one time held the contract for the delivery of quarried stone from Spring Bay, Tasmania, to Melbourne, for the erection of the Melbourne Post Office. The Quested family migrated to Tasmania in 1824. Mrs. Wessberg was born in Hobart, and arrived in Sydney when she was about 20 years of age. She went to live at Deewhy when there were only about 20 houses in the district. She was a foundation organiser of the Deewhy Surf Club.

*She is survived by three children.*²³¹

Newspaper report:

Mrs. S. Wessberg's Death

(By Our Travelling Correspondent.)

The death recently in Sydney of Mrs. Sarah Wessberg, daughter of the late Captain James Quested, formerly of Runnymede (T.), recalls to mind a bushranging episode at Brushy Plains (now Runnymede) in 1843. In that year the home there of the Quested family, whose migration from Kent, England, dated back to 1829, was visited by the bushrangers, Jones, Platt, and Moore.

It was a moonlight night. All the members of the family were present, with the exception of James, who was out opossum hunting with George Taylor (who afterwards married Sarah, the youngest of the family) and Billy Ray, when the bushrangers made their appearance. The father was in bed, and upon his whereabouts being demanded, a Kaffir servant vouchsafed the reply, "Massa in dare," indicating the bedroom. "Massa" was promptly seized and pinioned, together with the Kaffir servant and Theophilus, the younger son. In the meantime Mrs. Quested had fainted, and Sarah was sent by the bushrangers to her aid. Jane, who subsequently married the late John Rowlands, being more composed than her elder sister, Elizabeth (the late Mrs. Jacob Alomes, Forcett) was requisitioned by Jones to carry the candle while he did the plundering. While looking under the bed Jones took the candle, and upon being implored by Jane to be careful and not set the bed curtains alight, he answered, "What with my beard?" (His beard was red). Proceeding further in his search, he came to a box, wherein was some ladies' finery. This failed to attract his attention much, for he did not know that in the bottom of this box was concealed the money!

RETURN OF THE HUNTERS.

Having "treed" an opossum, the ammunition ran short, and Ray was despatched home for more. Before having time to realise the situation, he found himself seized and bound. After vainly waiting for some time, the other hunters got out to see what had become Ray. Upon arriving home they were similarly treated. George Taylor was a hawker on his usual round and was staying the night at Quested's. Imagine his consternation when he found Jones plundering his wares and himself powerless to prevent him. He begged the bushrangers not to be too hard upon him, especially with regard to a case of wine and spirits, which he informed Jones was an order from Mr. Radford, the then district constable at Prosser Plains (now

²²⁶ NSW Birth Record 1897/9121 (Eric A Wessberg); personal communication Ian Byers, 27 December 2013

²²⁷ NSW Birth Record 1899/176 (Mona Quested); personal communication Ian Byers, 27 December 2013

²²⁸ NSW Birth Record 1899/579 (Charles T Wessberg); personal communication Ian Byers, 27 December 2013

²²⁹ NSW Birth Record 1902/19053 (Olivette E Quested); personal communication Ian Byers, 27 December 2013

²³⁰ NSW Death Record 1937/11953 (Sarah Wessberg); personal communication Ian Byers, 27 December 2013

²³¹ TAHO, Correspondence File, Quested (Sarah Wessberg); personal communication Ian Byers, 27 December 2013; *Sydney Morning Herald*, 6 May 1937 p.23 (Mrs Sarah Wessberg)

Buckland). To this the bushranger replied, "We can drink wine and spirits as well as Mr Radford." The bushrangers even took some women's wearing apparel, besides all the bread in the house. Mrs Quested, who had now quite recovered, pressed them to leave some bread for breakfast. But they were adamant. They said, "You have plenty of strong daughters here to cook more," and they soon afterwards decamped. Delivering a caution not to "split" on them on pain of death, and telling them where to find the two guns they had taken possession of for the time being, the bushrangers set off towards Jerusalem (now Colebrook). In spite of the warning, the father reported the occurrence immediately, but the men were not captured for some time.

GOLD RUSH OF 1851.

The late Mrs. Wessberg's father, Captain Quested, owned and traded his ship Boomerang between Tasmania, New Zealand, and Australia for many years. Subsequently he purchased a butchering business; also Garden Island, near Dunalley. In 1851 he, together with John Rowlands, of Brushy Plains, and a man named Bannan, joined the gold diggings' rush to Bendigo, Victoria, and was fairly successful there. His later years were wholly spent on the Mainland. Mrs. Wessberg, whose death occurred on April 26, at the age of 70 years, is survived by her only brother, James, her daughter, Sylvia (Mrs. Sm. M. Norton), and her two sons, Eric A. and Charles T., all of whom reside in Sydney, where she conducted an hotel for many years. Her many relatives and friends in Tasmania will regret to hear of her death.²³²

28 April 1937

Daughter Sarah Quested buried at Waverley Cemetery, NSW.²³³

8 June 1946

Son James Head Quested died of senility and congestive cardiac failure at 1 Macquarie Street, Balmain, NSW; aged 92, old age pensioner; father James Quested, master mariner; mother Ann McNamara; informant daughter Olive Donovan, resident of 1 Macquarie Terrace, Balmain.²³⁴

Obituary:

Member Of Pioneer Family Dies In Sydney

Mr James Quested, third generation of a Tasmanian pioneer family, died in Sydney on Saturday.

Born on Jan. 14, 1854, he was a son of the late Capt James Quested, who owned and traded the ship Boomerang between Tasmania, New Zealand, and Australia. For many years Mr Quested conducted a butchering business in Sydney.

Capt Quested's father, the late Mr James Quested, was a pioneer settler at Brushy Plains (new Runnymede). Migrating from England in May, 1829, in the sailing ship Mellish (424 tons, Capt Ross), the Quested family landed at Hobart Town after having transhipped in Sydney on Sept 5, 1829. They resided at Muddy Plains (now Sandford) and the Oak Tree, Cherry Tree Opening, near Sorell, before settling at Guinea Pig farm, Brushy Plains, about 1840.

*Descendants of the family are legion in Tasmania.*²³⁵

9 June 1946

Son James Head Quested cremated at Northern Suburbs Crematorium.²³⁴

Notes

- Ann may be the Ann Mack who was tried at the Central Criminal Court (Old Bailey), London on 26 October 1835 indicted for larceny in stealing on 17 October 1 watch value £3.15.0, 3 seals value 12 shillings, 1 watch-key value 2 shillings and 1 shawl value 5 shillings, the goods of her master William Field; found guilty; strongly recommended to mercy by the prosecutrix and jury; judgement respited; aged 13.²³⁶

²³² TAHO, Correspondence File, Quested (Sarah Wessberg); *Mercury*, 6 May 1937 p.6 (Mrs S Wessberg); personal communication Ian Byers, 27 December 2013

²³³ *Sydney Morning Herald*, 28 April 1937 p.13 (Sarah Wessberg); personal communication Ian Byers, 27 December 2013

²³⁴ NSW Death Certificate 1946/7858 (James Head Quested)

²³⁵ *Mercury*, 12 June 1946 p.5 (James Quested)

²³⁶ *Old Bailey Proceedings Online*, 618351026-2229 (Ann Mack)

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