

# Caroline Mander\*

(uxor Caroline Bennett)

POLICE NUMBER 337 <sup>1</sup>	LITERACY read and write well
TRIAL DATE 14 September 1840	AGE ON EMBARKATION 20
TRIAL PLACE Central Criminal Court (Old Bailey), London	AGE ON ARRIVAL 21
OFFENCE stealing wearing apparel from furnished lodgings	HEIGHT 5' 2"
SENTENCE 7 years	COMPLEXION fair
GAOL REPORT before convicted, poor, single	HEAD oval
PREVIOUS CONVICTIONS once 6 months for robbing my mistress	HAIR brown
SURGEON'S REPORT the best character I can give	VISAGE oval
ON THE TOWN 1 month	FOREHEAD medium
MARITAL STATUS single	EYEBROWS light brown
CHILDREN 0	EYES dark brown
FAMILY	NOSE small
NATIVE PLACE Bury St Edmunds, England	MOUTH medium
TRADE ON EMBARKATION	CHIN dimple
TRADE ON ARRIVAL house servant, needlewoman	MARKS small wart on left cheek, scar on right ankle

c1820

**Born** at Bury St Edmunds, Suffolk, England.<sup>2</sup>

14 September 1840

Tried at the Central Criminal Court (Old Bailey), London, England indicted for larceny in stealing on 10 September 2 gowns value 8 shillings, 1 yard of velvet value 8 shillings, 1 pair of boots value 1 shilling, 1 parasol value 2 shillings, 1 veil value 5 shillings, 1 petticoat value 1 shilling, and 9 yards of printed muslin value 6 shillings, the goods of Gertrude Hawkings Roberts; found guilty; sentence<sup>3</sup> 7 years transportation; aged 20.<sup>4</sup>

Statement of witness Gertrude Hawkings Roberts:

*I am single, and live in Bentinck-street, Berwick-street, Soho. The prisoner was my lodger – I missed the articles stated out of a chest of drawers at different times – they were locked.<sup>4</sup>*

Statement of witness James Driscoll, Police Constable C 2:

*In consequence of informations, I apprehended the prisoner in Peter-street, St. James's, and took her to the station-house – she said she lived in Husband-street, but she did not know the number – she said it was the first floor front room – I went there to Priddy's house, and found these articles in a middle drawer.<sup>4</sup>*

Statement of witness Sarah Prddy:

*I live at No. 7, Husband-street. The prisoner lodged in my room from Monday till Thursday – when she came in she put a bundle on the top of my bed, and said it was her bundle – I pat it in my middle drawer, as she had no box – I do not know what was in it – I saw her go to the bundle, and take the pocket-handkerchief, or something – the policeman took the bundle away.<sup>4</sup>*

Statement of witness Gertrude Hawkings Roberts:

*Gertrude Hawkings Roberts re-examined. These things are mine – some are marked – the prisoner said she got her living by making shirts – I was not with her, as my occupation takes me out – she appeared a decent well behaved girl, but I understand did not keep good hours – I was not at home while she was there – I left all my drawers locked – on the 14th of August, when I went home, I found two strange keys in my drawer, and she was gone – I gave them to*

<sup>1</sup> TAHO, CON40/1/8 p.37 No.337 [image 39] (Caroline Mander); TAHO, CON19/1/1 p.232 [image 119] (Caroline Maunder); ML, CY 1282 p.151 (Caroline Mander); ML, CY 1197 p.151 (Caroline Mander); ML, CY 958 p.440 (Caroline Mander)

<sup>2</sup> TAHO, CON19/1/1 p.232 [image 119] (Caroline Maunder)

<sup>3</sup> Sentence given as 10 years in trial record (*Old Bailey Proceedings Online*, t18400914-2322 (Caroline Mander)).

<sup>4</sup> *Old Bailey Proceedings Online*, t18400914-2322 (Caroline Mander)

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*the officer – one appeared like a picklock – she said at the station-house if I would not appear against her, she would tell me where all the things were.*<sup>4</sup>

- 5 April 1841 Departed Woolwich, England on the *Rajah*.<sup>5</sup>
- 19 July 1841 Arrived at Hobart on the *Rajah*.<sup>5</sup>
- c24 July 1841 Upon arrival at, assigned to J Spode Esquire.<sup>6</sup>
- 31 December 1841 Mustered in the service of J Spode Esquire, New Town.<sup>7</sup>
- 22 May 1843 Application for permission to marry John Bennett<sup>8</sup> (*Atlas*) sent to the Muster Master.<sup>9</sup>
- 5 June 1843 Application for permission to marry John Bennett sent to the Secretary 1843; approved.<sup>9</sup>
- 8 June 1843 Notice given of approval for permission to marry John Bennett; Caroline a prisoner in assigned service at Brown's River; John a ticket-of-leave holder.<sup>10</sup>
- 3 July 1843 **Married** John Bennett at St Clement's Church of England Church, Browns River; Caroline aged 23, spinster, convict; John aged 28, ticket-of-leave holder, bachelor, illiterate; witnesses Sarah Vicray and John Thomas Denne.<sup>11</sup>
- 17 January 1845 **Daughter** Susan Bennett born at Browns River; mother Caroline Manley; informant father John Benet, labourer.<sup>12</sup>
- 21 February 1845 Ticket of Leave granted; gazetted 25 February.<sup>13</sup>
- 28 October 1845 Husband John Bennett recommended for a Conditional Pardon.<sup>14</sup>
- 31 October 1846 Husband John Bennett approved for a Conditional Pardon.<sup>14</sup>
- 14 September 1847 Free by servitude; Certificate of Freedom available for collection.<sup>15</sup>
- 30 April 1849 Husband John Bennett hired probation pass-holder Joseph Taylor (*London*) for 12 months at £9 per annum; resident of Browns River.<sup>16</sup>
- 16 August 1849 Husband John Bennett hired probation pass-holder John Deville (*Emperor Alexander*) for 2 months at £9 per annum; resident of Browns River.<sup>17</sup>
- 13 December 1849 **Son** (unnamed) Bennett born in the Hobart district; father John Bennett, farmer; mother Caroline Bennett; informant friend Jane Diana Redman, resident of Browns River.<sup>18</sup>
- 11 July 1850 Husband John Bennett hired probation pass-holder John Allen<sup>19</sup> (*David Malcolm*) for 3 months at £8 per annum; resident of Browns River.<sup>20</sup>
- 27 May 1851 Husband John Bennett hired probation pass-holder John McDavid (*William Jardine*) for 10 months at £10 per annum; resident of Browns River.<sup>21</sup>
- Husband John Bennett hired probation pass-holder Solomon Allender (*Anson*) for 15 months at £10 per annum; resident of Browns River.<sup>22</sup>

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<sup>5</sup> AJCP, ADM 101/63 *Rajah*

<sup>6</sup> ML, CY 1274 p.260 (Caroline Mander)

<sup>7</sup> AJCP, HO 10/51 p.381 No.337 (Caroline Mander)

<sup>8</sup> John Bennett was transported for life on the *Atlas* in 1833, tried at Plymouth Assizes on 31 July 1832 for housebreaking; single, labourer, aged 22, native place near Gravesend; Ticket of Leave 6 January 1843; Conditional Pardon 31 October 1846 (TAHO, CON31/1/5 p.269 No.1933 [image 81] (Jno Bennett), TAHO, CON18/1/3 p.114 [image 62] (Jno Bennett)).

<sup>9</sup> TAHO, CON 52/1/2 p.20 (Caroline Mander & Jno Bennett)

<sup>10</sup> *Hobart Town Gazette*, 9 June 1843 p.660; 16 June 1843 p.694; 23 June 1843 p.725 (John Bennett & Caroline Mander)

<sup>11</sup> TAHO, RGD37/1/3 1843/525 Hobart (Caroline Mander & John Bennett)

<sup>12</sup> TAHO, RGD33/1/2 1845/755 Hobart (female Bennett)

<sup>13</sup> *Hobart Town Gazette*, 25 February 1845 p.234 (Caroline Mander)

<sup>14</sup> TAHO, CON31/1/5 p.269 No.1933 [image 81] (Jno Bennett)

<sup>15</sup> *Hobart Town Gazette*, 7 September 1847 p.894 (Caroline Mander)

<sup>16</sup> TAHO, CON30/1/2 Folio 141 (Josh Taylor)

<sup>17</sup> TAHO, CON30/1/2 Folio 141 (John Deirle)

<sup>18</sup> TAHO, RGD33/1/3 1849/2001 Hobart (male Bennett)

<sup>19</sup> John Allen was issued a Ticket of Leave one week later on 16 July 1850.

<sup>20</sup> TAHO, CON30/1/2 Folio 141 (John Allen)

<sup>21</sup> TAHO, CON30/1/2 Folio 141 (John McDavid)

<sup>22</sup> TAHO, CON30/1/2 Folio 141 (Solomon Allender)

- 9 August 1851 Probation pass-holder John McDavid (*William Jardine*) charged with stealing 14 bags of potatoes whilst in the service of husband John Bennett, Kingston; fully committed for trial, acquitted.<sup>23</sup>
- 12 August 1852 **Son** James Bennett born in the Hobart district; father John Bennett, farmer; mother Caroline Williams; informant friend JC Firth, resident of Browns River.<sup>24</sup>
- 6 September 1853 Husband John Bennett hired probation pass-holder John Flinn<sup>25</sup> (*John Calvin*) for 12 months at £12 per annum; resident of Browns River.<sup>26</sup>
- 30 November 1854 Husband John Bennett hired probation pass-holder Nathaniel Barnaby (*Emerald Isle*) for 12 months at £12 per annum; resident of Browns River.<sup>27</sup>
- 15 June 1858 **Died** of premature childbirth in the Kingston district; aged 38; informant JW Kirwan, coroner, Kingston.<sup>28</sup>
- 17 June 1858 Inquest held at the house of John Bennett, Summerleas; John a farmer.  
Verdict: on 13 June being big with a male child, on 15 June died from weakness and disorder occasioned by a violent lingering pain, a difficult birth and hard labour.<sup>29</sup>  
Newspaper report:  
*INQUEST. – An inquest was held at Summerleas on the 19<sup>th</sup> instant, before J. Atkinson Esq., Coroner, on view of the body of Caroline Bennett, the wife of Mr. John Bennett, farmer. Messrs. Dixon, Cooper, Farlowe, Ireland, Kitchener, and Oates were the jury. The deceased was highly esteemed by all who knew her in the neighbourhood of Brown’s River, where she had resided for some time. The jury, after hearing the evidence, returned a verdict that Mrs. Bennett had died from natural causes.*<sup>30</sup>
- June 1858 Buried at St Clement’s Church of England Church Cemetery, Kingston.<sup>31</sup>
- 6 May 1877 Daughter Susan Bennett died of phthisis at Kingston; aged 33, father John Bennett; informant friend Joseph Fleen, resident of Kingston.<sup>32</sup>

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<sup>23</sup> TAHO, CON33/1/62 No.14827 [image 165] (John McDavid)

<sup>24</sup> TAHO, RGD 33/1/4 1852/1673 Hobart (James Bennett)

<sup>25</sup> John Flinn was granted a Ticket of Leave on 27 September 1853.

<sup>26</sup> TAHO, CON30/1/2 Folio 141 (John Flynn)

<sup>27</sup> TAHO, CON30/1/2 Folio 141 (Nathl Barniby)

<sup>28</sup> TAHO, RGD35/1/27 1858/285 Kingston (Caroline Bennett)

<sup>29</sup> TAHO, SC195/1/41 No.4266 (Caroline Bennett)

<sup>30</sup> *Mercury*, 24 June 1858 p.3 (Caroline Bennett)

<sup>31</sup> *Linc Tasmania*, ‘eHeritage’ ID 94288 (Caroline Bennett)

<sup>32</sup> TAHO, RGD35/1/46 1877/391 Kingston (Susan Bennett)