

# Mary Ann Marsh

(*uxor Mary Ann Hewlett*)

POLICE NUMBER 339 <sup>1</sup>	LITERACY neither read nor write
TRIAL DATE 4 January 1841	AGE ON EMBARKATION 18
TRIAL PLACE Central Criminal Court (Old Bailey), London	AGE ON ARRIVAL 19
OFFENCE stealing a saucepan	HEIGHT 4' 10"
SENTENCE 7 years	COMPLEXION fair
GAOL REPORT convicted before, poor, single	HEAD oval
PREVIOUS CONVICTIONS 3 months for stealing 5 shillings	HAIR brown
SURGEON'S REPORT quiet	VISAGE full
ON THE TOWN no	FOREHEAD medium
MARITAL STATUS single	EYEBROWS light brown
CHILDREN 0	EYES light blue
FAMILY	NOSE medium
NATIVE PLACE Greenwich, England	MOUTH medium
TRADE ON EMBARKATION	CHIN round
TRADE ON ARRIVAL housemaid	MARKS C B and heart on right arm

c1822

**Born** at Greenwich, Kent, England.<sup>2</sup>

4 January 1841

Tried at the Central Criminal Court (Old Bailey), London, England indicted for larceny in stealing on 24 December 1840 1 pair of ear drops value 1/2, 1 iron pot value 1 shilling, 5 pounds weight of rags value 1 shilling, 2 pounds weight of brass value 1 shilling, 2 frocks value 1/6, 1 candlestick value 1 shilling, 1 flat iron value sixpence, 6 knives value sixpence, 6 forks value sixpence, and 1 handkerchief value sixpence, the goods of Harriet Mary Luce; and 1 saucepan value 1 shilling, 2 handkerchiefs value 1 shilling, 4 knives value 4 pence, 4 forks value 4 pence, and 1 cap value 4 pence, the goods of William Turness, and previous conviction; found guilty; sentence 7 years transportation; aged 18.<sup>3</sup>

Statement of witness Harriet Mary Luce:

*I live in Victualling-office-row, Deptford – the prisoner lodged at the house. I have missed the ear-drops and other things stated – the ear-drops are here.*

*Prisoner. I was washing for her, and she gave me the eardrops. Witness. I did not – here are the tops of my ear-drops, which I had lent to a person in the house – I had put the drops on the mantel-shelf, as they I were too heavy for me – I taxed the prisoner about them when I milted them, and she denied all knowledge of them.<sup>3</sup>*

Statement of witness Sarah Turness:

*I am the wife of William Turness – I lodge at the house. I lost an iron saucepan and a cap, and various other things – I asked the prisoner about them several times, and she denied them – my saucepan has been found, and one of my knives – these are them – I did not lend them to her.<sup>3</sup>*

Statement of witness Charlotte Strickland:

*I keep a marine-store shop. I bought the knife of the prisoner for 1d. – it is broken.<sup>3</sup>*

Statement of witness John Evans, Police Constable R 190:

*I took the prisoner, and found the ear-drops in her ears – she said she had got them.<sup>3</sup>*

Statement of witness Benjamin Lovell:

*I produce a certificate of the prisoner's former conviction, which I got at Mr. Clark's office – (raid) – the prisoner is the same person.<sup>3</sup>*

<sup>1</sup> TAHO, CON40/1/8 p.37 No.339 [image 39] (Mary Ann Marsh); TAHO, CON19/1/1 p.233 [image 120] (Mary Ann Marsh); ML, CY 1282 p.151 (Mary Ann Marsh); ML, CY 1197 p.153 (Mary Ann Marsh); ML, CY 958 p.441 (Mary Ann Marsh)

<sup>2</sup> TAHO, CON19/1/1 p.233 [image 120] (Mary Ann Marsh)

<sup>3</sup> *Old Bailey Proceedings Online*, t18410104-556 (Mary Ann Marsh)

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5 April 1841	Departed Woolwich, England on the <i>Rajah</i> . <sup>4</sup>
19 July 1841	Arrived at Hobart on the <i>Rajah</i> . <sup>4</sup>
c24 July 1841	Upon arrival at Hobart, sent to Launceston for assignment. <sup>5</sup>
13 September 1841	Charged with disobedience of orders and insolence in the service of Roberts; sentence 1 month hard labour in the Crime Class at Launceston Female Factory. <sup>6</sup>
October 1841	At Launceston. <sup>6</sup>
31 December 1841	Mustered in the service of Mr S Beams, Launceston. <sup>7</sup>
28 September 1842	Application for permission to marry William Benjamin Hewlett <sup>8</sup> ( <i>Henry Porcher</i> ) sent to the Muster Master. <sup>9</sup>
7 October 1842	Application for permission to marry William Benjamin Hewlett sent to the Secretary; approved. <sup>9</sup>
1 November 1842	<b>Married</b> William Benjamin Hewlett at St John's Anglican Church, Launceston; Mary Ann aged 19, convict, single, illiterate; William aged 29, ticket-of-leave holder, single; witnesses Thomas Tunks and William Jones (clerk). <sup>10</sup>
1843	Husband William Benjamin Hewlett issued a Certificate of Freedom. <sup>11</sup>
16 September 1843	<b>Son</b> Henry Hewlett born at Launceston; mother Mary Ann Marsh; informant father William Hewlett, baker, illiterate, resident of Wellington Street, Launceston. <sup>12</sup>
19 April 1844	Son Henry Hewlett died of natural decay at Hobart, aged 7 months; informant father William Hewlett, pastry cook, resident of Goulburn Street, Hobart. <sup>13</sup>
27 May 1844	Charged at the Police Court, Hobart by her husband with being drunk; plea guilty; reprimanded and discharged. <sup>14</sup>
4 January 1845 <sup>15</sup>	<b>Daughter</b> Sarah Ann Hewlett born at Hobart; mother Mary Ann Marsh; informant father William Hewlett, confectioner or dealer, resident of Bathurst Street, Hobart. <sup>16</sup>
10 March 1845	Daughter Sarah Ann Hewlett baptised at Holy Trinity Anglican Church, Hobart. <sup>16</sup>
1 November 1845	Ticket of Leave granted; gazetted 4 November. <sup>17</sup>
26 June 1846	Charged at the Police Court, Longford with misconduct; admonished. <sup>18</sup>
11 December 1846	Charged at the Police Court, Launceston upon complaint of District Constable Smith with misconduct in being out after hours in a disorderly house at 1 o'clock this morning; plea guilty; verdict guilty; sentence 2 months hard labour at Launceston Female Factory. <sup>19</sup>
23 December 1847	Charged with using obscene language; fined 5 shillings. <sup>6</sup>
4 January 1848	Free by servitude. <sup>6</sup>
11 January 1848	Certificate of Freedom issued; gazetted 25 January. <sup>20</sup>

<sup>4</sup> AJCP, ADM 101/63 *Rajah*

<sup>5</sup> ML, CY 1282 p.142 (Mary Ann Marsh); ML, CY 1274 p.260 (Mary Ann Marsh)

<sup>6</sup> TAHO, CON40/1/8 p.37 No.339 [image 39] (Mary Ann Marsh)

<sup>7</sup> AJCP, HO 10/51 p.381 No.339 (Mary Ann Marsh)

<sup>8</sup> William Benjamin Hewlett was transported for 7 years on the *Henry Porcher* in 1836, tried at the Central Criminal Court (Old Bailey), London on 4 April 1836 for stealing shoes; single, aged 27, labourer, 5' 4½", native place Smithfield; Ticket of Leave 19 August 1841; Certificate of Freedom 1843 (TAHO, CON31/1/21 p.396 No.2130 [image 180] (William Hewlett); TAHO, CON23/1/2 No.2130 (William Hewlett)).

<sup>9</sup> TAHO, CON52/1/2 p.81 (Mary Marsh & Wm Hewlett)

<sup>10</sup> TAHO, RGD37/1/2 1842/1633 Launceston (Mary Ann Marsh & William Benjamin Hewlett)

<sup>11</sup> TAHO, CON31/1/21 p.396 No.2130 [image 180] (William Hewlett)

<sup>12</sup> TAHO, RGD33/1/23 1843/1673 Launceston (Henry Hewlett)

<sup>13</sup> TAHO, RGD35/1/2 1844/142 Hobart (Henry Hewlett)

<sup>14</sup> TAHO, AC480/1/1, 27 May 1844 (Mary Ann Marsh)

<sup>15</sup> Date of birth given as 10 February 1845 on baptism record.

<sup>16</sup> TAHO, RGD33/1/2 1845/737 Hobart (female Hewlett); TAHO, RGD32/1/3 1845/2622 Hobart (Sarah Ann Hewlett)

<sup>17</sup> *Hobart Town Gazette*, 4 November 1845 p.1386 (Mary Ann Marsh)

<sup>18</sup> TAHO, LC362/1/6 (Mary Ann Marsh *uxor* Hylett)

<sup>19</sup> TAHO, LC346/1/9 (Mary Ann Marsh)

<sup>20</sup> *Hobart Town Gazette*, 25 January 1848 p.99 (Ann Mary Marsh)

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**Notes**

- Mary Ann may be the mother of William Haylett born on 31 August 1849 at Hobart; father William Haylett, shoemaker; informant mother Mary Ann Panton, resident of Murray Street, Hobart.<sup>21</sup>
- Mary Ann's husband may be the William Benjamin Hewlett who died on 14 September 1864 of bronchitis at Melbourne Hospital, VIC; aged 68, dealer, born England, parents unknown, 50 years in the colonies; married, particulars not known; informant NC Thomas, hall porter, Melbourne Hospital. He was buried on 16 September at the New Cemetery, Melbourne, VIC.<sup>22</sup>
- Mary Ann's husband may be the William Benjamin Hewlett who married Margaret Rees at Melbourne, VIC in 1853 (Independent Congregational service).<sup>23</sup>
- Mary Ann may be the Mary Hewlett who died on 5 September 1903 of ... pneumonia and exhaustion at 15 Cumberland Place, Carlton, VIC; aged 84, no occupation; parents unknown, born ... Ireland, further particulars unknown; informant W Paton, authorised agent, 103 Bouverie Street, Carlton, VIC. She was buried on 7 September 1903 at the General Cemetery, Melbourne, VIC.<sup>24</sup>

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<sup>21</sup> TAHO, RGD33/1/3 1849/1782 Hobart (William Haylett)

<sup>22</sup> VIC Death Certificate 1864/6408 (William Benjamin Hewlett)

<sup>23</sup> VIC Marriage Record 1853/4103 & 4107 (William Benjamin Hewlett & Margaret Rees)

<sup>24</sup> VIC Death Certificate 1903/8987 (Mary Hewlett)