

Mary Ann McGilligan

(*uxor Mary Ann Straney*)

POLICE NUMBER 255 ¹	LITERACY read & write
TRIAL DATE 26 October 1840	AGE ON EMBARKATION 16
TRIAL PLACE Lancaster (Liverpool) Quarter Sessions	AGE 16
OFFENCE stealing 11 silk handkerchiefs; tried with Sarah Bailey on board	HEIGHT 4' ½"
SENTENCE 7 years	COMPLEXION fair
GAOL REPORT 4 times imprisoned before, notoriously bad, single	HEAD oval
PREVIOUS CONVICTIONS 4 times for theft—2 and 3 months, 14 and 7 days	HAIR light brown
SURGEON'S REPORT has been useful as a teacher in writing, good	VISAGE full
ON THE TOWN no	FOREHEAD broad
MARITAL STATUS single	EYEBROWS light brown
CHILDREN 0	EYES hazel
FAMILY father Robert McGilligan, moulder	NOSE medium
NATIVE PLACE Liverpool, England	MOUTH medium
TRADE ON EMBARKATION	CHIN round
TRADE ON ARRIVAL housemaid, nursemaid	MARKS six dots on left hand, slightly pockpitted

c1825 **Born** at Liverpool, Lancashire, England; father Robert McGilligan.²

26 October 1840 Tried at Lancaster Quarter Sessions, Liverpool, Lancashire, England with shipmate Sarah Bailey (*qv*) indicted for larceny in stealing 11 silk handkerchiefs; sentence 7 years transportation.³

5 April 1841 Departed Woolwich, England on the *Rajah*.⁴

19 July 1841 Arrived at Hobart on the *Rajah*.⁴

c24 July 1841 Upon arrival at Hobart, assigned to Mr Niblett, Murray Street, Hobart.⁵

15 November 1841 Charged with being absent without leave from the service of Niblett and disobedience of orders; sentence 3 days in solitary confinement at Cascades Female Factory, Hobart, then returned to her service.³

31 December 1841 Mustered at Cascades Female Factory, Hobart.⁶

4 January 1842 Charged with disorderly conduct in the service of Niblett; sentence 3 months hard labour at Cascades Female Factory, Hobart, the first month to be placed in the separate working cells.³

30 April 1842 Charged at the Police Court, Hobart on the complaint of Constable Hadfield with misconduct in absenting herself without leave last night from the service of Mrs Ball,⁷ Liverpool Street, Hobart; plea guilty; sentence 2 months hard labour at the wash tub at Cascades Female Factory, Hobart.⁸

31 August 1842 Charged at the Police Court, Hobart on the complaint of Constable Simpson with misconduct in being out after hours and absenting herself without leave on 30

¹ TAHO, CON40/1/4 p.264 No.255 [image 191] (Mary Ann McGilligan); TAHO, CON19/1/1 p.203 [image 105] (Mary Ann McGilligan); ML, CY 1282 p.148 (Mary Ann McGilligan); ML, CY 958 p.442 (Mary Ann MacGilligan)

² TAHO, CON19/1/1 p.203 [image 105] (Mary Ann McGilligan); VIC Death Certificate 1853/157 (Mary Ann Straney)

³ TAHO, CON40/1/4 p.264 No.255 [image 191] (Mary Ann McGilligan)

⁴ AJCP, ADM 101/63 *Rajah*

⁵ ML, CY 1274 p.257 (Mary Ann McGilligan)

⁶ AJCP, HO 10/51 p.366 No.255 (Mary Ann McGilligan)

⁷ This name may be Bull, it is difficult to decipher.

⁸ TAHO, AC480/1/1, 30 April 1842 (Mary Ann McGilligan)

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- August from the service of Levy;⁹ plea guilty; sentence 6 days in solitary confinement, at Cascades Female Factory, Hobart, then returned to her service.¹⁰
- 10 December 1842 Charged at the Police Court, Hobart with felony; in the service of Mrs Ball; remanded.¹¹
- 22 December 1842 Charged at Cascades Female Factory, Hobart on the complaint of John Piper Esquire with gross misconduct in endeavouring to intimidate Bidy Sherlock (*Royal Admiral*) from giving evidence against Mrs Milne her mistress at present charged with felony, also with abusing Bidy Sherlock; plea not guilty; sentence 6 months hard labour in the separate working rooms at Cascades Female Factory, Hobart.¹²
- Mary Jackson (*Hindostan*), Catherine Fleming (*Rajah, qv*), Catherine Myers (*Arab II*), Margaret Swiney (*Gilbert Henderson*), Margaret Higgins or Hogan (*Hope*), and Alice Brown (*Hindostan*) charged with the same offence; sentences: Higgins 6 months' hard labour in the separate working rooms at Cascades Female Factory, Hobart; Jackson, Myers, Swiney and Brown 4 months' hard labour in the separate working rooms at Cascades Female Factory, Hobart; Fleming remanded to the Hospital.¹²
- 20 April 1843 Charged at Cascades Female Factory, Hobart with misconduct in abusing Mr Hutchinson in the presence of the Principal Superintendent; sentence 14 days in solitary confinement, at Cascades Female Factory, Hobart.¹³
- 1 March 1844 Classified as a 2nd class probation pass-holder.³
- 4 September 1844 Hired in private service as a probation pass-holder to John Mensforth, Launceston.¹⁴
- 15 September 1844 Charged with absconding from the service of Mensforth; original sentence of transportation extended 6 months and recommended to serve 3 months probation in the separate system at Launceston Female Factory.³
- 16 December 1844 Charged with being absent without leave from the service of McKenzie; sentence 10 days in solitary confinement at Launceston Female Factory.³
- 31 December 1844 Hired in private service for 1 month as a probation pass-holder to James Mullins, Launceston.¹⁵
- 24 February 1845 Application for permission to marry Samuel Jones¹⁶ (*Arab*, Ticket of Leave) sent to the Secretary; approved.¹⁷
- Notice given of approval for permission to marry Samuel Jones; Mary Ann in private service at Launceston; Samuel a ticket-of-leave holder, resident of Launceston.¹⁸
- 1 November 1845 Promoted from a 2nd class to a 3rd class probation pass-holder; gazetted 4 November.¹⁹
- 14 February 1846 **Daughter** Sarah Jane Jones²⁰ born at Launceston; father Samuel Jones, coachman; informant mother Mary Ann McGilligan, resident of York Street, Launceston.²¹
- c1846 **Married** John Straney;²² Mary Ann aged 24.²³

⁹ Her master's name on the lower court record looks like Turnley, as opposed to Levy which is on the conduct record.

¹⁰ TAHO, AC480/1/1, 31 August 1842 (Mary Ann McGilligan)

¹¹ TAHO, AC480/1/1, 10 December 1842 (Mary Ann Gilligan)

¹² TAHO, AC480/1/1, 22 December 1842 (Mary Ann McGilligan, Mary Jackson, Cath^e Fleming, Marg^t Swiney, Marg^t Higgins or Hogan, Alice Brown)

¹³ TAHO, AC480/1/1, 28 April 1843 (Mary Ann McGilligan)

¹⁴ *Hobart Town Gazette*, 6 September 1844 p.1087 (M A McGilligan)

¹⁵ *Hobart Town Gazette*, 4 February 1845 p.132 (Mary McGilligan)

¹⁶ Samuel Jones was transported for life on the *Arab* in 1834, tried at Buckinghamshire Quarter Sessions on 31 December 1833 for stealing watches above the value of £5 in a dwelling house; single; Ticket of Leave 23 June 1842; Conditional Pardon approved 21 September 1847 (TAHO, CON31/1/26 p.3 No.764 [image 5]) (Samuel Jones)).

¹⁷ TAHO, CON52/1/2 p.92 (MA McGiligan & Sam^l Jones)

¹⁸ *Hobart Town Gazette*, 25 February 1845 p.243; 4 March 1845 p.275; 11 March 1845 p.324 (Samuel Jones & Mary Ann McGilligan)

¹⁹ *Hobart Town Gazette*, 4 November 1845 p.1385 (Mary Ann McGilligan)

²⁰ Name given as Mary Ann on mother's conduct record and date of birth given as 18 March 1846.

²¹ TAHO, RGD33/1/23 1846/1153 Launceston (Sarah Jane Jones)

²² No convict by this name has been found. However, a John Trainer was transported for 7 years on the *Duncan* in 1841, tried at Lancaster (Liverpool) Quarter Sessions on 18 May 1840 for stealing 2 cloaks; single, aged 19, 5'4", native place Liverpool; Ticket of Leave 24 May 1845; Certificate of Freedom 23 November 1847, assigned in the Launceston district (TAHO, CON33/1/8 No.1928 [image 229]) (John

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c1847	Daughter Elizabeth Straney born. ²³
10 January 1848	At Launceston.
25 January 1848	Charged with being out after hours; sentence 3 months hard labour at Launceston Female Factory. ³
2 February 1848	Unexpired portion of sentence of extension passed in September 1844 remitted vide petition. ³
20 February 1848	At Launceston. ³
16 March 1848	Charged at Launceston Female Factory with misconduct in writing a letter out of the factory without permission; sentence 3 months hard labour at Launceston Female Factory. ³
26 April 1848	Free by servitude. ³
23 June 1848	Certificate of Freedom issued; gazetted 27 June. ²⁴
21 July 1848	Departed Launceston for Port Phillip on the brig <i>Swan</i> ; free by servitude, ship to colony <i>Rajah</i> . ²⁵
	Moved with family from Tasmania to Victoria. ²³
c1849	Daughter Mary Ann Straney born in VIC. ²³
29 August 1850	Former common-law husband Samuel Jones departed Launceston for Adelaide as a passenger on the barque <i>Queenstown</i> , conditional-pardon holder, ship to colony <i>Arab</i> . ²⁶
4 August 1853	Died of tubercular consumption at 144 Queen Street, Melbourne, VIC; aged 31, born Liverpool; father Robert McGilligan, moulder; informant John Straney, present at death, resident of 144 Queen Street, Melbourne, VIC; lived 6 years in Tasmania and 6 years in Victoria; children Elizabeth aged 6, Mary Anne aged 4. ²⁷

Notes

- Mary Ann's husband may be the John Straney who died on 14 January 1854 of phthisis at Little Bourke Street, West Melbourne, VIC; aged 30, born Ireland; informant Richard Pittman, present at death, resident of Little Bourke Street, West Melbourne, VIC; no marriage or children listed.²⁸ If so, what happened to the children is unknown.

Trainer)). He too departed Launceston for Melbourne on the brig *Swan* on 21 July 1848 (along with Mary Ann) (TAHO, POL220/1/1 p.12 (John Trayner)).

²³ VIC Death Certificate 1853/157 (Mary Ann Straney)

²⁴ *Hobart Town Gazette*, 27 June 1848 p.568 (Ann McGilligan)

²⁵ TAHO, POL220/1/1 p.12 (Mary Ann McGilligan)

²⁶ TAHO, POL220/1/1 p.265 (Samuel Jones)

²⁷ VIC Death Certificate 1853/157 (Mary Ann Straney)

²⁸ VIC Death Certificate 1854/287 (John Straney)