

# *Margaret Miller*

*(uxor Margaret Whiteley, Margaret Stafford)*

POLICE NUMBER 346 <sup>1</sup>	LITERACY read & write
TRIAL DATE 22 July 1840	AGE ON EMBARKATION 21
TRIAL PLACE Edinburgh Court of Justiciary	AGE ON ARRIVAL 23
OFFENCE stealing a gown, a jacket, etc and former conviction	HEIGHT 5' 4¾" or 5' 4¼"
SENTENCE 7 years	COMPLEXION florid
GAOL REPORT indifferent and convicted before, single	HEAD oval
PREVIOUS CONVICTIONS 60 days for pledging, again 60 days for pledging, again 4 months for pledging	HAIR brown
SURGEON'S REPORT the very best character I can give	VISAGE oval
ON THE TOWN no	FOREHEAD flat
MARITAL STATUS single	EYEBROWS brown
CHILDREN 0	EYES light grey
FAMILY	NOSE medium
NATIVE PLACE Duncce, <sup>2</sup> Scotland	MOUTH medium
TRADE ON EMBARKATION servant	CHIN dimple
TRADE ON ARRIVAL house servant, milk, butter, cheese, bake	MARKS stout made, long scar on left wrist

c1819                      **Born** at Scotland.<sup>3</sup>

15 February 1840        Charged at the Sheriff Court, Edinburgh, Midlothian, Scotland with theft.<sup>4</sup>

22 July 1840            Tried at the Court of Justiciary, Edinburgh, Midlothian, Scotland indicted for theft in stealing a gown, jacket, etc at Bowie's Close, Leith, the property of Duncan Johnstone, Bowie's Close, Leith; verdict guilty; sentence 7 years transportation; no fixed abode.<sup>5</sup>

5 April 1841            Departed Woolwich, England on the *Rajah*.<sup>6</sup>

19 July 1841            Arrived at Hobart on the *Rajah*.<sup>6</sup>

c24 July 1841            Upon arrival at Hobart, sent to Launceston for assignment.<sup>7</sup>

31 December 1841      Mustered in the service of William Archer Esquire, Launceston.<sup>8</sup>

27 June 1842            Mentioned in Kezia Hayter's diary, resident at *Brickendon*, near Longford.<sup>9</sup>

Diary entry:  
*I have had a f... walk to day though I believe it had not the effect on me my walks had this time last year for Slater and Margaret have just been lamenting that my face is getting very long and thin ...*<sup>9</sup>

1 July 1842            Mentioned in Kezia Hayter's diary, resident at *Brickendon*, near Longford.<sup>10</sup>

Diary entry:  
*Margaret makes me smile she is so full of concern about my pale face to night she would bring me no more wood for my fire and threatened to take away my candle in order to drive me to bed.*<sup>10</sup>

6 July 1842            Mentioned in Kezia Hayter's diary, resident at *Brickendon*, near Longford.<sup>11</sup>

<sup>1</sup> TAHO, CON40/1/8 p.40 No.346 [image 42] (Margaret Miller); TAHO, CON19/1/1 p.236 [image 121] (Margaret Miller); ML, CY 1282 p.151 (Margaret Miller); ML, CY 1197 p.157 (Margaret Miller); ML, CY 958 p.444 (Margaret Miller)

<sup>2</sup> There is no place called Duncce in Scotland; there is a Duns in Berwickshire and many other places whose name starts with Dun...

<sup>3</sup> TAHO, CON19/1/1 p.236 [image 121] (Margaret Miller)

<sup>4</sup> NAS, JC26/1840/461 (Margaret Miller)

<sup>5</sup> NAS, JC26/1840/461 (Margaret Miller); NAS, AD14/40/368 (Margaret Miller)

<sup>6</sup> AJCP, ADM 101/63 *Rajah*

<sup>7</sup> ML, CY 1282 p.142 (Margaret Miller); ML, CY 1274 p.260 (Margaret Miller)

<sup>8</sup> AJCP, HO 10/51 p.381 No.346 (Margaret Miller)

<sup>9</sup> TAHO, NS202/1/1 p.149 (Margaret)

<sup>10</sup> TAHO, NS202/1/1 p.156 (Margaret)

<sup>11</sup> TAHO, NS202/1/1 p.162 (Margaret)

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Diary entry:

*Margaret and Slater to whose spiritual and temporal wants I have directed myself have been behaving most ungratefully to me and yet I do not feel this so much as their wilful disobedience to God ...*<sup>11</sup>

- 27 July 1842 Application for permission to marry Michael Whiteley<sup>12</sup> (*Elphinstone*) sent to the Muster Master.<sup>13</sup>
- 15 August 1842 Application for permission to marry Michael Whiteley sent to the Secretary; approved.<sup>13</sup>
- 6 September 1842 **Married** Michael Whiteley at Christ Church of England Church, Longford; Margaret aged 26, assigned servant, spinster; Michael aged 32, bachelor, ticket-of-leave holder; witnesses Samuel Newton and Mary Ann Newton.<sup>14</sup>
- 22 September 1842 **Daughter** Ellen Whiteley born in the Launceston district; father Michael Whiteby, butcher; mother Margaret Miller; informant John Craig, resident of Longford.<sup>15</sup>
- 23 December 1843 Charged with drunkenness; admonished.<sup>16</sup>
- 30 January 1844 Charged with drunkenness and misconduct in creating a disturbance; sentence 2 months hard labour at Launceston Female Factory.<sup>16</sup>
- 15 May 1844 Husband Michael Whitely granted a Conditional Pardon; gazetted.<sup>17</sup>
- 1 July 1844 **Son** Benjamin Whiteley born at Longford; father Michael Whitely, butcher; mother Margaret Whitely.<sup>18</sup>
- 1 September 1844 Son Benjamin Whitely baptised at Christ Church of England Church, Longford.<sup>18</sup>
- October 1844 Son Benjamin Whiteley died at Longford; aged 13 weeks; father Michael Whitely, butcher.<sup>19</sup>
- 2 October 1844 Son Benjamin Whiteley buried in Christ Church Church of England (Pioneer) Cemetery, Longford.<sup>19</sup>
- 7 October 1844 Charged with being drunk and disorderly; sentence 6 weeks hard labour at Launceston Female Factory.<sup>16</sup>
- 14 January 1845 Charged at the Police Court, Longford with being drunk; admonished.<sup>20</sup>
- 3 February 1845 Charged at the Police Court, Longford by District Constable Humphries with misconduct in being drunk; sentence 3 days in solitary confinement.<sup>21</sup>
- 14 February 1845 Charged at the Police Court, Longford with misconduct in being drunk; sentence 1 month imprisonment at Launceston Female Factory.<sup>22</sup>
- 21 February 1845 Classified as a 3<sup>rd</sup> class probation pass-holder; gazetted 28 February.<sup>23</sup>
- 15 August 1845 **Son** Joseph Whiteley born at Longford; mother Margaret Miller; informant father Michael Whiteley, carter.<sup>24</sup>
- c1846 Ticket of Leave granted.<sup>16</sup>
- 23 November 1846 Husband Michael Whiteley charged at the Police Court, Longford with a brutal assault upon his wife; ordered to find sureties for his good behaviour for 6 months, himself in £50 and 2 sureties of £50 each; or in default committed to Longford Gaol.<sup>25</sup>

<sup>12</sup> Michael Whiteley was transported for 14 years on the *Elphinstone* in 1836, tried at Cambridge (Ely) Gaol Delivery on 8 August 1835 with stealing a mare; single, aged 27, native place Wakefield; Ticket of Leave 15 July 1842; Conditional Pardon March 1851[?] (TAHO, CON31/1/47 p.155 No.2099 [image 161] (Michael Whiteley), TAHO, CON18/1/7 p.127 No.2099 [image 66] (Mich<sup>l</sup> Whiteley)).

<sup>13</sup> TAHO, CON52/1/2 p.222 (Marg<sup>t</sup> Miller & Michael Whiteley)

<sup>14</sup> TAHO, RGD37/1/2 1842/1742 Launceston (Margaret Miller & Michael Whiteley)

<sup>15</sup> TAHO, RGD33/1/23 1842/1164 Launceston (Ellen Whiteby)

<sup>16</sup> TAHO, CON40/1/8 p.40 No.346 [image 42] (Margaret Miller)

<sup>17</sup> *Hobart Town Courier*, 24 May 1844 p.4 (Michael Whiteley)

<sup>18</sup> TAHO, RGD32/1/3 1844/2484 Longford (Benjamin Whitely)

<sup>19</sup> TAHO, RGD34/1/2 1844/1351 Longford (Benjamin Whitely)

<sup>20</sup> TAHO, LC362/1/6 p.32 (Marg<sup>t</sup> Millar *uxor* Whitely)

<sup>21</sup> TAHO, LC362/1/6 p.39 (Margaret Miller)

<sup>22</sup> TAHO, LC362/1/6 (Marg<sup>t</sup> Millar *uxor* Whitely)

<sup>23</sup> *Hobart Town Gazette*, 28 February 1845 p.232 (Margaret Miller)

<sup>24</sup> TAHO, RGD33/1/27 1845/641 Longford (Joseph Whiteley)

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Newspaper report:

BRUTAL ASSAULT.

POLICE OFFICE, Nov. 23. — Michael Whitely, a big, rough farmer-looking man, with nothing of the "milk of human kindness" in his countenance, was brought up for a most violent and brutal assault upon his wife. It appears that the neighbourhood in which Whitely lives has been disturbed repeatedly by the cries of this poor woman, who rarely escapes many days without a severe beating, nobody knows for what, but one and all give her a good character, and the reasons assigned by her for this treatment are of the most trivial nature. IN this instance, Whitely came home on Friday night in an unusually bad temper, and some dispute arising between them, he knocked her down, kicked, and jumped upon her, and she was taken up in a state of insensibility. Dr. Kilgour was sent for, and gave information to the Police that the injury done was of so serious a nature that her life was in great danger, she was immediately attended by Wm. Paton, Esq., J. P., before whom she made a statement of the circumstances relating to this most brutal assault. Whitely was taken into custody, and was charged upon the statement of his wife (who had so far recovered as to be able to attend but presented a most deplorable appearance.) He did not deny the assault and was ordered to find sureties for his good behaviour for the next six months, himself in fifty pounds and two sureties of fifty pounds each; in default of which he was committed to Longford Gaol.<sup>25</sup>

- 25 November 1846 Charged with being drunk; reprimanded; ticket-of-leave holder.<sup>16</sup>
- 21 December 1846 Charged at the Police Court, Longford with misconduct; admonished; ticket-of-leave holder.<sup>26</sup>
- 22 December 1846 Charged at the Police Court, Longford with repeated misconduct in being drunk; sentence 6 weeks hard labour at Launceston Female Factory; ticket-of-leave holder.<sup>27</sup>
- 22 July 1847 Free by servitude.<sup>16</sup>
- 23 March 1848 **Son** Henry Whiteley born in the Longford district; father Michael Whitely, carrier; mother Margaret Miller.<sup>28</sup>
- 13 March 1850 **Daughter** Martha Whiteley born at Longford; mother Margaret Miller; informant father Michael Whiteley, carrier.<sup>29</sup>
- 11 December 1851 **Son** Alfred Whiteley born at Longford; mother Margaret Miller; informant father Michael Whiteley, carrier.<sup>30</sup>
- 12 December 1854 At Launceston Gaol.<sup>16</sup>
- 16 December 1854 Tried at the Quarter Sessions, Launceston charged with stealing 20 lbs of lamb, value 8 shillings, the property of William Saltmarsh; verdict not guilty.<sup>31</sup>
- April 1856 Husband Michael Whiteley listed as a person entitled to be placed on the electoral roll for the return of members for the House of Assembly for the electoral district of Norfolk Plains; resident of Longford, landlord of freehold Longford houses.<sup>32</sup>
- 16 October 1856 Husband Michael Whitely charged at the Police Court, Longford with allowing cattle to be at large at night on the streets of Longford; fined.<sup>33</sup>
- 20 February 1858 Husband Michael Whiteley advertised his coaching business.<sup>34</sup>

Newspaper advertisement:

**NOTICE. NOTICE. NOTICE.**

TO THE INHABITANTS OF LONGFORD AND THE PUBLIC GENERALLY.

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<sup>25</sup> *Cornwall Chronicle*, 28 November 1846 p.919 (Michael Whitely)

<sup>26</sup> TAHO, LC362/1/6 (Margaret Millar *uxor* Whitely)

<sup>27</sup> TAHO, LC362/1/6 (Margaret Millar *uxor* Whitely)

<sup>28</sup> TAHO, RGD33/1/27 1848/933 Longford (Henry Whiteley)

<sup>29</sup> TAHO, RGD33/1/27 1850/1133 Longford (Martha Whitely)

<sup>30</sup> TAHO, RGD33/1/30 1852/253 Longford (Alfred Whitely)

<sup>31</sup> *Examiner*, 19 December 1854 p.2 (Margaret Whitely)

<sup>32</sup> *Hobart Town Courier*, 16 April 1856 p.3 (Michael Whitely)

<sup>33</sup> *Examiner*, 18 October 1856 p.3 (Michael Whiteley)

<sup>34</sup> *Examiner*, 20 February 1858 p.7 (Michael Whiteley)

THE undersigned having taken the contract for the conveyance of the above mail to Launceston, will be happy to accommodate passengers at the following rate, viz. – Four Shillings each.

Time of starting, during the summer months, from the Queen's Arms Hotel, Longford, at 8 a.m., daily. From the Plough Inn, Launceston, at 5 p.m., daily

Booking Office, Longford, Queen's Arms Hotel.

Ditto Launceston, Plough Inn.

Michael Whiteley.<sup>34</sup>

- 12 March 1858 Husband Michael Whiteley died of inflammation of the lungs at his residence at Longford; aged 49, coach proprietor and carrier; informant John Barton, resident of Longford.<sup>35</sup>
- 31 May 1858 Husband Michael Whiteley's will granted probate; executors William Dodery of Longford, gentleman, and James Cameron Houghton of Longford, storekeeper; estate not exceeding in value £750; beneficiaries his children Ellen Whiteley, Joseph Whiteley, Henry Whiteley, Martha Whiteley and Alfred Whietely, in equal proportions.<sup>36</sup>
- 31 August 1858 Sale by auction of the estate of husband Michael Whiteley at the *Blenheim Hotel*, Longford.<sup>37</sup>
- Newspaper advertisements:
- Valuable Houses and Land at Longford*  
*Preliminary.*
- MR. F.J. HOUGHTON is instructed by Messrs. Dodery and Houghton, executors to the will of the late Michael Whiteley, to sell at the *Blenheim Hotel*, Longford, on UTESDAY, the 31<sup>st</sup> inst., at 1 o'clock, positively without he least reserve,
- The whole of the late M. Whiteley's house and landed property. Full particulars will be given on the completion of the plans which will be on view at all the principal places of business at Longford and Launceston, and at the London Auction Mart, Launceston.*
- Terms Liberal which will be made known in the next advertisement.*
- N.B. – The whole of the property is situated in the best business situation in Longford. Plans in a few days.*
- Four Brick Houses,*  
*And*  
*Thirty-seven Building Allotments of Land*  
*in the township of Longford.*  
*Peremptory Sale.*
- MR. F.J. HOUGHTON is instructed by Messrs William Dodery and J.C. Houghton, executors to the will of the late Mr. Michael Whiteley, to sell at the *Blenheim Hotel*, Longford, on TUESDAY next, the 31<sup>st</sup> inst., at 1 o'clock positively without reserve,
- The whole of the late Mr. Whiteley's house and landed property, viz.: –*
- Lot 1.
- All that large allotment of land, together with a substantial brick-built four-roomed cottage, with verandah and kitchen, situated in Marlborough-street, and at present occupied by Mr. Shirts at a rental of £40 per annum.*
- Lot 2.
- All that well-built brick house, with large yard and garden situate in Pultney-street, and adjoining Lot 1, at present occupied by H. J. Hookey, Esq., at a rental of £30 per annum.*
- Lot 3.
- All that large piece of land in Lewis-street, together with a well-built four roomed cottage, at present occupied by Mr. \_\_\_\_\_ at 6s per week.*
- Lot 4.
- All that large well-built brick house and large plot of ground situated at the angle of Lewis and Marlborough-streets, and at present occupied by Mrs. Whiteley.*

<sup>35</sup> TAHO, RGD35/1/27 1858/609 Longford (Michael Whietely); TAHO, AD960/1/4 p.218 No.734 (Michael Whiteley); *Examiner*, 16 March 1858 p.2 (Mr. Michael Whietely)

<sup>36</sup> TAHO, AD960/1/4 p.218 No.734 (Michael Whiteley)

<sup>37</sup> *Examiner*, 10 August 1858 p.3 (Michael Whietely)

Lots from 4 to 41.

All those thirty-seven large and well situated building allotments of land, situated in Marlborough, Wellington, Anstey, Lewis, Bulwer, Malcolm, and Pultney-streets, and the main road, for particulars of which see plans, which are on view at the Blenheim Hotel, Longford; or the London Auction Mart, Launceston.

Full particulars can be obtained from W. Dodery, Esq.; Mr. J. C. Houghton, or J. H. Hookey, Esq., Longford; or the auctioneer.

Title – Grants from the crown

Terms: –

All sums under £50 one-half cash, and the balance by bills at 3 months; above £50, a deposit of 25 per cent. in cash, and the balance by bills at 3 and 6 months, bearing bank interest, the whole of the bills to be secured on the property.

N.B. – The auctioneer begs leave to call the attention of capitalists and those parties in want of a freehold to the above extensive sale of land and houses, which is positively to be sold, and that it may be many years before such another opportunity may again occur in the thriving township of Longford in securing a good investment for capital, a building site in a good business situation, as land in Longford must increase in a short time at least one hundred per cent., and the whole of the above property is in first-rate situations for business.<sup>38</sup>

- 27 December 1858 **Married** John Stafford<sup>39</sup> in the Wesleyan Chapel, Longford; Margaret aged 34, widow; John aged 26, labourer, illiterate; witnesses Richard Asley and Mary Ann Mansfield.<sup>40</sup>
- 11 March 1863 Daughter Ellen Whiteley married William Boxhall at the Wesleyan Church, Longford; Ellen aged 20, spinster; William aged 24, blacksmith, bachelor; witnesses William Taylor and Hellen Smellie.<sup>41</sup>
- 4 February 1864 Granddaughter Susan Anne Boxhall born in the Longford district; father William Boxhall; mother Ellen Whiteley.<sup>42</sup>
- 8 April 1865 Granddaughter Martha Boxhall born in the Longford district; father William Boxhall; mother Ellen Whiteley.<sup>43</sup>
- 6 February 1866 Son Joseph Whiteley married Bridget Nicholls at the Catholic Church, Westbury; Joseph aged 21, shepherd, free, single, illiterate; Bridget aged 16, spinster, free, illiterate; witnesses James Smith (illiterate) and Ann Glenn (illiterate).<sup>44</sup>
- 16 June 1866 Inquest held into the death of granddaughter (unnamed) Whiteley, daughter of Martha Whiteley.  
Verdict: no evidence that the child was born alive.<sup>45</sup>  
Newspaper reports:  
*An inquest was held at the Court House Hotel on Saturday, before W. Gunn, Esq., Coroner, and a jury of seven, upon the body of the female infant found in the water-closet on the premises of the "Horse and Jockey" Hotel, and supposed to be the child of Martha Whitely, a servant in the house.*  
*Jane Dean, wife of William Dean, landlord of the Horse and Jockey, stated that several persons had for some time past accused Martha Whitely of being enceinte, although she (Mrs. Dean) had not believed that she was. The girl always repudiated the charge. On Friday morning the girl complained of pain in the chest and stomach, and Mrs. Dean gave her a glass of hot brandy and water, which, however, the girl did not drink, saying she could not. She was continually leaving the kitchen, where she and Mrs. Dean were engaged, and running up the*

<sup>38</sup> *Examiner*, 28 August 1858 p.6 (Michael Whiteley & Mrs. Whiteley)

<sup>39</sup> This may be the John Stafford transported for 15 years on the *Hyderabad* in 1850, tried at Kildare on 31 October 1849 for burglary and robbery; married or widower, farm labourer, aged 22, native place Kildare, illiterate; Conditional Pardon 14 August 1855; charged at Campbell Town on 28 December 1865 with larceny under £5, sentence 4 months' hard labour (TAHO, CON33/1/100 No.23738 [image 263] (John Stafford)). Enquiry about him circa September 1854 (TAHO, GO121/1/1).

<sup>40</sup> TAHO, RGD37/1/17 1858/635 Longford (John Stafford & Margaret Whitely)

<sup>41</sup> TAHO, RGD37/1/22 1863/551 Longford (Ellen Whiteley & William Boxhall)

<sup>42</sup> TAHO, RGD37/1/42 1864/1044 Longford (Susan Anne Boxhall)

<sup>43</sup> TAHO, RGD33/1/43 1865/921 Longford (Martha Boxhall)

<sup>44</sup> TAHO, RGD37/1/25 1866/549 Westbury (Joseph Whitely & Bridget Nicholls)

<sup>45</sup> *Examiner*, 18 June 1866 p.3 (Martha Whitely)

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yard. The last time she returned to the kitchen after being up the yard, from her appearance and what she said to Mrs. Dean, the latter sent for a Mr. Brash, who declared that the girl had had a child – this the girl denied and has persisted in doing up to the time witness gave her evidence.

Dr. Maddox, who made a post mortem examination of the body, stated that there were no external marks of violence nor any contusion of the scalp, and, from the lungs, was perfectly satisfied that the child never breathed. He cut both the lungs into minute particles, the smallest of which immediately sank when put into water, proving conclusively that there was not the slightest inflation of either lung. He could not swear that the child was born dead, but was convinced that it never breathed. The lungs were considerably collapsed; they weighted one ounce and three-quarters, and were of a dark color, proving that vitality had never taken place.

The jury returned a verdict to the effect that Martha Whitely had given birth to the child in the manner described, but there was no evidence to show that the said child was born alive.<sup>45</sup>

18 June 1866

Daughter Martha Whiteley charged at the Police Court, Launceston with concealing the birth of a child by throwing the body into a water-closet; remanded 1 week.<sup>46</sup>

Newspaper report:

*SUPPOSED INFANTICIDE.* – Shortly after three o'clock yesterday afternoon information was given by Dr. Maddox to the police that a servant girl in the employ of Mr. Dean, of the Horse Jockey Hotel, York-street, had given birth to a child, which it was believed she had concealed or in some manner made away with. Acting upon this information Acting-Superintendent Sullivan proceeded to the house in question, and with the aid of a stable fork commenced to examine the water-closet. After a short time occupied in this manner, feeling confident that he had move a body likely to be that of the infant, he sent for two nightmen, whom he caused to remove the boards of the place and empty the cesspit to within the depth of one foot. This occupied until nearly half-past five, when one of the nightmen brought to the surface the naked body of a full-grown and well developed child which was taken to the Police Station to await the post mortem examination to be held upon it to-day. The mother is, as we have before stated, in the service of Mr. Dean, of the Horse and Jockey. Her name is Martha Whitely, she is a native of Longford, and only sixteen years of age. Mrs. Dean states that she had more than once been told that the girl was enceinte, but having watched her closely had satisfied herself that it was not the case. Yesterday morning the girl complained of a pain in the stomach, and Mrs. Dean suspecting nothing gave her a glass of negus. Shortly afterwards the girl came to Mrs. Dean, and from what she said and from her appearance, Mrs. Dean charged her with having given birth to a child, which she stoutly denied; Dr. Maddox was then sent for when he confirmed Mrs. Dean's suspicions. The girl never once admitted that the child was her's, not even after the body had been recovered; throughout she persisted that she knew nothing about it. We understand that she will not be in a fit state to be removed for at least a few days – when she is, no doubt, an inquest will take place, and further particulars transpire. – *Examiner*, June 16<sup>th</sup>.<sup>46</sup>

6 July 1866

Daughter Martha Whiteley tried at the Supreme Court, Launceston indicted for concealing the birth of a child; sentence 12 months imprisonment at the House of Correction, Launceston.<sup>47</sup>

Newspaper report:

*Martha Whiteley was then placed in the dock, and charged with having on the 17<sup>th</sup> June last, concealed the birth of her female child by depositing the same in a water closet.*

*The jury found the prisoner guilty, but recommended her to mercy on account of her youth.*

*His Honor, in consequence of the recommendation, sentenced the prisoner to twelve months' imprisonment.*<sup>48</sup>

26 July 1866

Daughter Martha Whiteley granted a free pardon.<sup>47</sup>

<sup>46</sup> *Examiner*, 19 June 1866 p.2 (Martha Whitely)

<sup>47</sup> TAHO, CON42/1/1 image 220 p.213 (Martha Whitely)

<sup>48</sup> *Mercury*, 9 July 1866 p.2 (Martha Whiteley)

Newspaper report:

*The girl Martha Whiteley, convicted of unlawfully concealing the birth of her child, has been released, the Judges having decided in her favor upon a point of law reserved.*<sup>49</sup>

- 19 September 1866 Grandson William Boxhall born in the Longford district; father William Boxhall; mother Ellen Whitely.<sup>50</sup>
- 15 February 1867 Granddaughter Mary Whiteley born in the Oatlands district; father Joseph Whiteley; mother Bridget Nichols.<sup>51</sup>
- 12 December 1867 Grandson Alfred Boxhall born in the Longford district; father William Boxhall; mother Ellen Whitely.<sup>52</sup>
- 12 July 1868 Grandson William George Whiteley born in the Westbury district; father Joseph Whiteley; mother Bridget Nettles.<sup>53</sup>
- 12 January 1869 Granddaughter Ellen Boxhall born in the Longford district; father William Boxhall; mother Ellen Whitely.<sup>54</sup>
- 17 December 1869 Granddaughter (unnamed) Whiteley born in the Campbell Town district; father Joseph Whiteley; mother Bridget Nicles.<sup>55</sup>
- 23 June 1870 Son Henry Whiteley married Mary Ann Clark in John Clarke's *Railway Hotel*, Cressy Road, Longford; Henry aged 22, labourer, bachelor; Mary Ann aged 23, domestic servant, spinster; witnesses Alfred Whitely and Jane Clarke.<sup>56</sup>
- 9 August 1870 Grandson John Boxhall born in the Longford district; father William Boxhall; mother Ellen Williams.<sup>57</sup>
- 16 November 1870 Daughter Martha Whiteley married William Dean in the house of William Dean, Longford; Martha aged 20, housekeeper, spinster; William aged 45, general dealer, widower; witnesses William Ryder and Mary Dean.<sup>58</sup>
- 20 September 1871 Granddaughter Ellen Margaret Whiteley born in the Longford district; father Henry Whiteley; mother Mary Clark.<sup>59</sup>
- 7 November 1871 Granddaughter Margaret Boxhall born in the Longford district; father William Boxhall; mother Ellen Whitely.<sup>60</sup>
- 1 January 1874 Grandson Joseph Whiteley born in the Fingal district; father Joseph Whitely; mother Bridget Nicholls.<sup>61</sup>
- 6 April 1874 Granddaughter Ada Boxhall born in the Longford district; father William Boxhall; mother Ellen Whiteley.<sup>62</sup>
- 9 January 1876 Grandson Albert John Whiteley born in the Campbell Town district; father Joseph Whitely; mother Bridget Nicholls.<sup>63</sup>
- 8 March 1876 Granddaughter Emily Boxhall born in the Longford district; father William Boxhall; mother Ellen Whiteley.<sup>64</sup>
- 6 December 1877 Grandson Henry Boxhall born in the Longford district; father William Boxhall; mother Ellen Whiteley.<sup>65</sup>

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<sup>49</sup> *Examiner*, 25 August 1866 p.2S (Martha Whiteley)

<sup>50</sup> TAHO, RGD33/1/44 1866/910 Longford (William Boxhall)

<sup>51</sup> TAHO, RGD33/1/45 1867/1128 Oatlands (Mary Whiteley)

<sup>52</sup> TAHO, RGD33/1/46 1868/829 Longford (Alfred Boxhall)

<sup>53</sup> TAHO, RGD33/1/46 1868/1719 Westbury (William George Whiteley)

<sup>54</sup> TAHO, RGD33/1/47 1869/806 Longford (Ellen Boxhall)

<sup>55</sup> TAHO, RGD33/1/47 1869/150 Campbell Town (female Whiteley)

<sup>56</sup> TAHO, RGD37/1/29 1870/524 Longford (Henry Whitely & Mary Ann Clark)

<sup>57</sup> TAHO, RGD33/48 1870/944 Longford (John Boxhall)

<sup>58</sup> TAHO, RGD37/1/29 1870/526 Longford (Martha Whitely & William Dean)

<sup>59</sup> TAHO, RGD33/1/49 1871/973 Longford (Ellen Margaret Whiteley)

<sup>60</sup> TAHO, RGD33/1/49 1871/993 Longford (Margaret Boxhall)

<sup>61</sup> TAHO, RGD33/1/52 1874/409 Fingal (Joseph Whitely)

<sup>62</sup> TAHO, RGD33/1/52 1874/875 Longford (Ada Boxhall)

<sup>63</sup> TAHO, RGD33/1/54 1876/91 Campbell Town (Albert John Whitely)

<sup>64</sup> TAHO, RGD33/1/54 1876/904 Longford (Emily Boxhall)

<sup>65</sup> TAHO, RGD33/1/56 1878/1005 Longford (Henry Boxhall)

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- 6 February 1878 Grandson Alfred Allen Whiteley born in the Campbell Town district; father Joseph Whitely; mother Bridget Nicols.<sup>66</sup>
- 16 July 1879 Granddaughter Margaret Whiteley born in the Longford district; father Joseph Whitely; mother Bridget Smith.<sup>67</sup>
- 28 September 1880 Grandson Joseph Boxhall born in the Longford district; father William Boxhall; mother Ellen Whiteley.<sup>68</sup>
- 16 October 1881 Granddaughter (unnamed) Whiteley born in the Campbell Town district; father Joseph Whitely; mother Bridget Nichols.<sup>69</sup>
- 7 February 1882 Grandson Thomas Boxhall born in the Longford district; father William Boxhall; mother Ellen Whiteley.<sup>70</sup>
- 14 October 1882 **Died**, burnt to death in a 3-roomed weatherboard house fire at Primrose Hill, near Longford, but how fire originated is not known (coroner's inquest), house insured for £60; aged 67, charwoman; informant council clerk, Longford.<sup>71</sup>  
Inquest held into death.  
Verdict: on the morning of 14 October, being alone in her house at Longford, the house accidentally took fire from some cause unknown and she was suffocated and burnt, of which suffocation she died.<sup>72</sup>  
Newspaper reports:  
*FIRE AND LOSS OF LIFE. – Our Longford correspondent, writing on Saturday afternoon, says: – A three-roomed weather board house on Primrose Hill, occupied by Mrs. Margaret Stafford, and owned by her son, Alfred Whitely, was, together with the contents, entirely consumed by fire at about two o'clock this morning, the occupant also, an elderly person, perishing in the flames. The charred remains, consisting of the skull and the body only, burnt beyond all recognition, were removed by the police to the Railway Hotel, where an inquest was held at 2 o'clock this afternoon before W.H.D. Archer Esq., Coroner, and a jury, of which Mr. Wm. Hogg was foreman. The witnesses examined were Martha Boxall, (grand-daughter of deceased) Mrs. And Miss Jane Clark, Dr. Appleyard, William Lee, and William Hampson, the following verdict being returned: – "That the deceased, Margaret Stafford, came by her death through the accidental burning of the house, the cause of which there was no evidence to show." The grand-daughter, who usually slept with her grandmother, stayed at the Railway Hotel last night, and it is surmised that the fire was caused by the candle, Mrs. Stafford being in the habit of reading in bed at night. The house was insured in the Cornwall Insurance Office for £60.*<sup>73</sup>
- LONGFORD, SATURDAY.
- A weatherboard house was burnt down at Primrose Hill at 2 o'clock this morning. It was occupied by an elderly person named Margaret Stafford. Everything was consumed, and the occupant, who was in the house alone, was burnt to death. An inquest was held on the charred remains of the unfortunate woman this afternoon, when a verdict of accidental death was returned.*<sup>74</sup>
- 16 October 1882 Buried in the Christ Church Church of England (Pioneer) Cemetery, Longford; aged 67, widow, resident of Longford.<sup>75</sup>
- 11 July 1884 Grandson Henry Thomas Whiteley born in the Campbell Town district; father Joseph Whitely; mother Bridget Nicholls.<sup>76</sup>

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<sup>66</sup> TAHO, RGD33/1/56 1878/109 Campbell Town (Alfred Allen Whitely)

<sup>67</sup> TAHO, RGD33/1/57 1879/1567 Longford (Margaret Whitely)

<sup>68</sup> TAHO, RGD33/1/58 1880/1653 Longford (Joseph Boxhall)

<sup>69</sup> TAHO, RGD33/1/59 1881/273 Campbell Town (female Whitely)

<sup>70</sup> TAHO, RGD33/1/60 1882/1776 Longford (Thomas Boxhall)

<sup>71</sup> TAHO, RGD35/1/51 1882/434 Longford (Margaret Stafford); *Examiner* 16 October 1882 p.2 (Margaret Stafford)

<sup>72</sup> TAHO, SC195/1/62 No.8582 (Margaret Stafford)

<sup>73</sup> *Examiner*, 16 October 1882 p.2 (Margaret Stafford)

<sup>74</sup> *Mercury*, 16 October 1882 p.2 (Margaret Stafford)

<sup>75</sup> *Linc Tasmania, 'eHeritage'* ID 39777 (Margaret Whiteley); TAHO, NS970/1/23 p.74 No.151 1193 (Margaret Stafford)

<sup>76</sup> TAHO, RGD33/1/63 1884/975 Campbell Town (Henry Thomas Whitely)



- 12 October 1887 Grandson Walter Charles Whiteley born in the Longford district; father Joseph Whitely; mother Bridget Nichols.<sup>77</sup>
- 27 April 1891 Granddaughter Alice Maude Whiteley born in the Deloraine district; father Joseph Whiteley; mother Bridget Nichols.<sup>78</sup>

### Notes

- Margaret's husband may be the John Stafford who died of debility at the Invalid Depot, Launceston on 16 September 1890; aged 61, born Ireland, labourer; informant Jane Doolan, undertaker.<sup>79</sup> This was the John Stafford transported on the *Hyderabad* in 1850. He was admitted to Cascades Invalid Depot, Hobart on 27 June 1878, discharged 13 November 1878; admitted to Brickfields Pauper Establishment, Hobart on 14 November 1878, discharged 5 September 1879; admitted to New Town Charitable Institution, Hobart on 2 August 1881, discharged 31 October 1882, readmitted 1 November 1882, discharged 16 February 1883, readmitted 10 April 1883, discharged 30 October 1883, readmitted 2 November 1883, discharged 2 September 1884, admitted to the Invalid Depot, Launceston on 18 March 1889, discharged 4 February 1890.<sup>80</sup>

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<sup>77</sup> TAHO, RGD33/1/66 1887/2170 Longford (Walter Charles Whitely)

<sup>78</sup> TAHO, RGD33/1/72 1891/1158 Deloraine (Alice Maude Whiteley)

<sup>79</sup> TAHO, RGD35/59 1890/303 Launceston (John Stafford)

<sup>80</sup> Purtscher, *Tasmanian Paupers and Invalids* (John Stafford)