

Maria Musgrove *

(also Maria Burrows)

POLICE NUMBER 341¹
 TRIAL DATE 21² July 1840
 TRIAL PLACE Devon (Castle of Exeter) Summer Assizes
 OFFENCE stealing blankets and other articles
 SENTENCE 10 years
 GAOL REPORT convicted before, poor, married
 PREVIOUS CONVICTIONS once 3 weeks for stealing jackets and trousers
 SURGEON'S REPORT quiet
 ON THE TOWN no
 MARITAL STATUS married
 CHILDREN 1, 1 on board – daughter Mary Ann, 2 years³
 FAMILY father Robert; mother Catherine; sisters Elizabeth, Amelia, Catherine; brothers Robert, William
 NATIVE PLACE Devonport, England
 TRADE ON EMBARKATION dressmaker
 TRADE ON ARRIVAL dressmaker

LITERACY read & write
 AGE ON EMBARKATION 26
 AGE ON ARRIVAL 28
 HEIGHT 4' 9½" or 4' 9¼"
 COMPLEXION pale
 HEAD oval
 HAIR brown
 VISAGE oval
 FOREHEAD medium
 EYEBROWS dark brown
 EYES light brown
 NOSE long, straight
 MOUTH medium
 CHIN long
 MARKS none

- 19 October 1804 Brother Robert Musgrove baptised at Devonshire, England; father Robert Musgrove; mother Catherine.⁴
- 18 November 1804 Brother Robert Musgrove died at Devonshire, England.⁴
- 27 January 1807 Sister Catherine Musgrove baptised at Devonshire, England.⁵
- 27 December 1807 Sister Catherine Musgrove died at Devonshire, England.⁵
- 24 June 1810 Sister Amelia Musgrove baptised at Devonshire, England.⁶
- 2 February 1812 Brother William Musgrove baptised at Devonshire, England.⁷
- 28 December 1812 Brother William Musgrove died at Devonshire, England.⁷
- c1815 **Born** at Devonport, Devonshire, England; father Robert Musgrove; mother Catherine.⁸
- 13 July 1817 **Baptised** at Plymouth, Devonshire, England; father Robert Musgrove; mother Catherine.⁹
- Sister Elizabeth Musgrove baptised at Plymouth, Devonshire, England; father Robert Musgrove; mother Catherine.¹⁰

¹ TAHO, CON40/1/8 p.38 No.341 [image 40] (Maria Musgrove); TAHO, CON19/1/1 p.234 [image 120] (Maria Musgrove); ML, CY 1282 p.151 (Maria Musgrove); ML, CY 1197 p.154 (Maria Musgrove); ML, CY 958 p.441 (Maria Musgrove)

² Trial date given as 23 July 1840 on Assignment List (ML, CY 958 p.441 (Maria Musgrove)).

³ ML, CY 1282 p.139 (Maria Musgrove)

⁴ personal communication Colette McAlpine, 15 October 2012 – information from Devon Family History Society transcripts, courtesy of Keith Searson (Robert); *Family Search*, 'England, Plymouth and West Devon, Parish Registers, 1538–1912' 166/9 (Robert Musgrove)

⁵ personal communication Colette McAlpine, 15 October 2012 – information from Devon Family History Society transcripts, courtesy of Keith Searson (Catherine); *Family Search*, 'England, Plymouth and West Devon, Parish Registers, 1538–1912' 166/9 (Catherine Musgrove)

⁶ personal communication Colette McAlpine, 15 October 2012 – information from Devon Family History Society transcripts, courtesy of Keith Searson (Amelia); *Family Search*, 'England, Plymouth and West Devon, Parish Registers, 1538–1912' 166/9 (Amelia Musgrove)

⁷ personal communication Colette McAlpine, 15 October 2012 – information from Devon Family History Society transcripts, courtesy of Keith Searson (William); *Family Search*, 'England, Plymouth and West Devon, Parish Registers, 1538–1912' 166/9 (William Musgrove)

⁸ TAHO, CON19/1/1 p.234 [image 120] (Maria Musgrove); personal communication Colette McAlpine, 15 October 2012 – information from Devon Family History Society transcripts, courtesy of Keith Searson (Maria Musgrove)

⁹ personal communication Colette McAlpine, 15 October 2012 – information from Devon Family History Society transcripts, courtesy of Keith Searson (Maria Musgrove); *Family Search*, 'England, Plymouth and West Devon, Parish Registers, 1538–1912' 167/8 (Maria Musgrove)

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21 July 1840	Tried at Devon Summer Assizes, Castle of Exeter, Devonshire, England indicted for larceny in stealing blankets and other articles; sentence 10 years transportation. ¹¹
22 July 1840	Prisoner in the County House of Correction, Exeter, Devonshire, England in a separate cell. ¹²
5 April 1841	Departed Woolwich, England on the <i>Rajah</i> . ¹³
19 July 1841	Arrived at Hobart on the <i>Rajah</i> . ¹³
c24 July 1841	Upon arrival at Hobart, assigned to Mr Carter, New Town. ¹⁴
5 August 1841	Daughter Mary Ann Musgrove admitted to the Queen's Orphan Schools, New Town; aged 2 years; mother Mary Musgrave. ¹⁵
31 December 1841	Mustered at Cascades Female Factory, Hobart. ¹⁶
7 January 1842	Charged with misconduct in having a bottle of wine concealed for which she could not satisfactorily account; in the service of Carter; sentence 3 months hard labour at Cascades Female Factory, Hobart, and returned to her service. ¹¹
16 ¹⁷ February 1842	Daughter Mary Ann Musgrove died of gangrene of the mouth in the Colonial Hospital, Hobart; aged 3, Protestant, orphan school girl. ¹⁸
7 July 1842	Arrived at Cascades Female Factory, Hobart in a state of pregnancy. ¹¹
19 July 1842	Son William Musgrove, illegitimate, born at Cascades Female Factory, Hobart; mother Maria Musgrove; informant Edward Hawson, clerk, Cascades Female Factory. ¹⁹
September 1842	Son William Musgrove died at the nursery, Cascades Female Factory, Hobart; aged 3 months. ²⁰
13 September 1842	Son William Musgrove buried at St David's Church of England Cemetery, Hobart; aged 3 months, convict's child. ²⁰
17 July 1843	Charged at the Police Court, Hobart on the complaint of her master with repeated drunkenness during her master and mistress' absence to Launceston and being insolent; in the service of Thomas Horne Esquire; plea guilty; sentence 14 days in solitary confinement at Cascades Female Factory, Hobart, then brought to the Police Office. ²¹
19 March 1844	Charged at the Police Court, Hobart by Constable Anderson with misconduct in being absent a day and night without leave from the service of Mr Dixon, Macquarie Street, Hobart; plea guilty; sentence 4 days in solitary confinement at Cascades Female Factory, Hobart, then returned to her service. ²²
11 April 1844	Classified as a 3 rd class probation pass-holder; gazetted 12 April. ²³
10 June 1844	Hired in private service as a probation pass-holder to Joseph Dixon, Hobart. ²⁴
27 October 1844	Hired in private service for 6 months as a probation pass-holder to Joseph Dixon, Hobart. ²⁵

¹⁰ personal communication Colette McAlpine, 15 October 2012 – information from Devon Family History Society transcripts, courtesy of Keith Searson (Elizabeth)

¹¹ TAHO, CON40/1/8 p.38 No.341 [image 40] (Maria Musgrove)

¹² GB Parliament, *House of Commons Papers, Volume 5: Report into Prisons, 1841* p.340

¹³ AJCP, ADM 101/63 *Rajah*

¹⁴ ML, CY 1274 p.260 (Maria Musgrove)

¹⁵ Purtscher, *Children in Queen's Orphanage Hobart Town 1828–1863* (Mary Ann Musgrove); TAHO, SWD28/1/1 p.16 (Mary Ann Musgrove)

¹⁶ AJCP, HO 10/51 p.381 No.341 (Maria Musgrove)

¹⁷ Date given as 13 February 1842 in the Queen's Orphan Schools records (TAHO, SWD28/1/1 p.16 (Mary Ann Musgrove)).

¹⁸ TAHO, RGD35/1/1 1842/945 Hobart (Mary Ann Musgrove); Purtscher, *Children in Queen's Orphanage Hobart Town 1828–1863* (Mary Ann Musgrove); TAHO, SWD28/1/1 p.16 (Mary Ann Musgrove)

¹⁹ TAHO, RGD33/1/1 1842/961 Hobart (male Musgrove)

²⁰ TAHO, RGD34/1/2 1842/922 Hobart (William Musgrove); TAHO, NS282/11/1 p.60 (William Musgrove)

²¹ TAHO, AC480/1/1, 17 July 1843 (Maria Musgrove)

²² TAHO, AC480/1/1, 19 March 1844 (Maria Musgrove)

²³ *Hobart Town Gazette*, 12 April 1844 p.425 (Maria Musgrove)

²⁴ *Hobart Town Gazette*, 21 June 1844 p.686 (Maria Musgrove)

- 11 November 1844 Charged at the Police Court, Hobart by Constable Haynescock with being absent all night without leave from the service of Mr Dixon, Hobart; plea guilty; sentence 14 days in solitary confinement at Cascades Female Factory, Hobart.²⁶
- 5 March 1845 Charged at the Police Court, Hobart by Constable H Cock with being absent all night without leave from the service of Mr Dixon of Hobart; plea guilty; sentence 2 months hard labour at Cascades Female Factory, Hobart.²⁷
- 12 May 1845 Hired in private service for 1 month as a probation pass-holder to LM Scott, Macquarie Street, Hobart.²⁸
- 23 June 1845 Application for permission to marry William West (free) sent to the Secretary; refused.²⁹
- 31 July 1845 Hired in private service for 12 months as a probation pass-holder to Sarah Chapman, Brisbane Street, Hobart.³⁰
- 22 November 1845 Hired in private service for 6 months as a probation pass-holder to Henry Chapman, Brisbane Street, Hobart.³¹
- 25 November 1845 Ticket of Leave granted; gazetted 2 December.³²
- 25 August 1847 Conditional Pardon recommended; gazetted 31 August.³³
- 1 November 1847 Charged with misconduct in being in a man's bedroom undressed for an improper purpose; sentence 4 months hard labour at Cascades Female Factory, Hobart, and Ticket of Leave to be cancelled.¹¹
- 10 December 1847 Ticket of Leave revoked for misconduct; gazetted 14 December.³⁴
- 10 April 1848 **Daughter** Eliza Musgrove, illegitimate, born at Cascades Female Factory, Hobart; mother Maria Musgrove; informant Edward Hawson, clerk, Cascades Female Factory, Hobart.³⁵
- 23 July 1849 Charged with being absent without leave from the service of Hart; sentence 14 days in cells at Cascades Female Factory, Hobart.¹¹
- 29 December 1849 Charged with being absent from the service of Hart; sentence 6 months hard labour at Cascades Female Factory, Hobart.¹¹
- 1 January 1850 Absconded.¹¹
- 20 March 1885 **Died** of senilis at New Town Pauper Establishment, Hobart; aged 71, domestic servant, born England; informant J Withrington, Superintendent, New Town Pauper Establishment.³⁶
- 23 March 1885 Buried in pauper section A No.449 at Cornelian Bay Cemetery, Hobart; last address New Town; 7 others in same location.³⁷

²⁵ *Hobart Town Gazette*, 24 December 1844 p.1537 (Maria Musgrove)

²⁶ TAHO, AC480/1/1, 11 November 1844 (Maria Musgrove)

²⁷ TAHO, AC480/1/1, 5 March 1845 (Maria Musgrove)

²⁸ *Hobart Town Gazette*, 27 May 1845 p.627 (Maria Musgrove)

²⁹ TAHO, CON52/1/2 p.390 (William West & Maria Musgrove)

³⁰ *Hobart Town Gazette*, 9 September 1845 p.1119 (Maria Musgrove)

³¹ *Hobart Town Gazette*, 9 December 1845 p.1503 (Maria Musgrove)

³² *Hobart Town Gazette*, 2 December 1845 p.1482 (Maria Musgrove)

³³ *Hobart Town Gazette*, 31 August 1847 p.870 (Maria Musgrove)

³⁴ *Hobart Town Gazette*, 14 December 1847 p.1222 (Maria Musgrove)

³⁵ TAHO, RGD33/1/3 1848/678 Hobart (Eliza Musgrove)

³⁶ TAHO, RGD35/1/10 1885/2312 Hobart (Maria Burrows or Musgrove)

³⁷ SRCT, *SRCT Record Search* No.5215 (Maria Burrows)