

Mary O'Connor

POLICE NUMBER 440 ¹	LITERACY read and write
TRIAL DATE 26 October 1840	AGE ON EMBARKATION 25
TRIAL PLACE Lancaster (Liverpool) Quarter Sessions	AGE ON ARRIVAL 25
OFFENCE stealing money from the person	HEIGHT 5' 6½"
SENTENCE 10 years	COMPLEXION fresh
GAOL REPORT 4 times imprisoned before, bad, single	HEAD oval
PREVIOUS CONVICTIONS once discharged for being disorderly, 1 month 4 times for same	HAIR brown
SURGEON'S REPORT good	VISAGE rather long
ON THE TOWN 4 months	FOREHEAD medium
MARITAL STATUS single	EYEBROWS light brown
CHILDREN 0	EYES
FAMILY	NOSE medium
NATIVE PLACE Dublin, Ireland	MOUTH medium
TRADE ON EMBARKATION	CHIN round
TRADE ON ARRIVAL plain cook, house servant	MARKS right eye rather smaller than left, pockpitted, JAWWCRBD on right arm

c1816	Born at Dublin, Ireland. ²
26 October 1840	Tried at Lancaster Quarter Sessions, Liverpool, Lancashire, England indicted for larceny in stealing money from the person; sentence 10 years transportation. ³
5 April 1841	Departed Woolwich, England on the <i>Rajah</i> . ⁴
19 July 1841	Arrived at Hobart on the <i>Rajah</i> . ⁴
c24 July 1841	Upon arrival at Hobart, assigned to Mr GF Evans, Davey Street, Hobart. ⁵
4 December 1841	Charged with being out after hours from the service of Watchorn and disorderly conduct; reprimanded and returned to her service. ³
31 December 1841	Mustered in the service of Mr CT Smith, Hobart. ⁶
7 March 1842	Charged with being drunk, disobedience of orders and insolence in the service of Watchorn; sentence 10 days in solitary confinement at Cascades Female Factory, Hobart.
25 April 1842	Charged at the Police Court, Hobart on the complaint of her master with misconduct in absenting herself without leave yesterday; in the service of Mr CT Smith, Liverpool Street, Hobart; plea guilty; sentence 14 days in solitary confinement at Cascades Female Factory, Hobart. ⁷
4 July 1842	Charged at the Police Court, Hobart on the complaint of her master with being insolent to Mr Loch; in the service of Captain Loch; remanded until tomorrow morning. ⁸
5 July 1842	Brought up at the Police Court, Hobart charged as before; sentence 2 months at the wash tub on probation at Cascades Female Factory, Hobart, then assigned in the interior. ⁹

¹ TAHO, CON40/1/2 p.204 No.440 [image 202] (Mary O'Connor); TAHO, CON19/1/1 p.188 [image 97] (Mary O'Connor); ML, CY 1282 p.146 (Mary O'Connor); ML, CY 1274 p.255 (Mary O'Connor); ML, CY 1197 p.155 (Mary O'Connor)

² TAHO, CON19/1/1 p.188 [image 97] (Mary O'Connor)

³ TAHO, CON40/1/2 p.204 No.440 [image 202] (Mary O'Connor)

⁴ AJCP, ADM 101/63 *Rajah*

⁵ ML, CY 1282 p.146 (Mary O'Connor); ML, CY 1274 p.255 (Mary O'Connor)

⁶ AJCP, HO 10/51 p.354 No.440 (Mary O'Connor)

⁷ TAHO, AC480/1/1, 25 April 1842 (Mary O'Connor)

⁸ TAHO, AC480/1/1, 4 July 1842 (Mary O'Connor)

⁹ TAHO, AC480/1/1, 5 July 1842 (Mary O'Connor)

This biography supplements our book *Patchwork Prisoners* available from www.researchtasmania.com.au.

- 28 November 1842 Charged at the Police Court, New Norfolk by Mr Halliak with misconduct in being in Mr Elwin's tap this morning drinking; in the service of CG Casey Esquire; plea guilty; reprimanded.¹⁰
William Boyle (*Coromandel*) charged with the same offence; in the service of Mr Stump; plea guilty; sentence 6 days in solitary confinement.¹⁰
- 8 December 1842 At New Norfolk.³
- 23 January 1843 Charged at the Police Court, New Norfolk by her master with insolence this morning; in the service of CG Casey Esquire; plea not guilty; sentence 6¹¹ days in solitary confinement, then returned to Government.¹²
- 27 February 1843 Charged at the Police Court, New Norfolk by Constable Alexander Smith with misconduct in being absent without leave from her service and under the influence of liquor yesterday afternoon; in the service of Mr Allwright; plea guilty; sentence 2 months hard labour at Cascades Female Factory, Hobart, 2nd class recommended, then returned to Government.¹³
- 13 July 1843 Charged at the Police Court, Hamilton by Constable Russell with drunkenness and misconduct in being in Mr Collins' skittle ground; in the service of Mrs Chelton; plea guilty; reprimanded.¹⁴
Catherine Banks (*Hindustan*) charged with the same offence; reprimanded.¹⁴
- 15 August 1843 Charged at the Police Court, Hamilton by Constable Brown with being drunk and disorderly; in the service of Mr Richard Chelton; plea guilty; verdict guilty; sentence 2 months hard labour at Cascades Female Factory, Hobart.¹⁵
- 27 February 1844 Classified as a 3rd class probation pass-holder; gazetted 1 March.¹⁶
- 8 August 1844 Charged at the Police Court, Hobart by Constable Haynescock with misconduct in being pregnant;¹⁷ in the service of Mr Patterson of Bothwell; plea guilty; returned to the service of the Crown, to Cascades Female Factory, Hobart.¹⁸
- 19 March 1845 Hired in private service for 12 months as a probation pass-holder to Richard Davis, Elizabeth Street, Hobart.¹⁹
- 6 May 1845 Charged at the Police Court, Hobart by Constable King with being out after hours last night from the service of Mr Davis, Elizabeth Street, Hobart; plea guilty; sentence 1 month hard labour at Cascades Female Factory, Hobart.²⁰
- 20 June 1845 Hired in private service for 6 months as a probation pass-holder to Jessie Spurling, Warwick Street, Hobart.²¹
- 26 July 1845 Charged with being out after hours from the service of Mrs Spurling; sentence 3 months hard labour at Cascades Female Factory, Hobart.³
- 30 October 1845 Hired in private service for 1 month as a probation pass-holder to John Hutchinson, Hobart.²²
- 8 December 1845 Hired in private service for 3 months as a probation pass-holder to Robert Beech, Argyle Street, Hobart.²³
- 23 July 1846 Ticket of Leave granted; gazetted 28 July.²⁴

¹⁰ TAHO, LC167/1/1 p.101 (Mary O'Connor & William Boyle)

¹¹ The New Norfolk lower court record has the number of days as five.

¹² TAHO, LC167/1/1 p.144 (Mary O'Connor)

¹³ TAHO, LC167/1/1 p.165 (Mary O'Connor)

¹⁴ TAHO, LC208/1/3 p.474 (Catherine Banks & Mary O'Connor)

¹⁵ TAHO, LC208/1/3 p.485 (Mary O'Connor)

¹⁶ *Hobart Town Gazette*, 1 March 1844 p.265 (Mary O'Connor)

¹⁷ Either Mary was not pregnant or she later miscarried.

¹⁸ TAHO, AC480/1/1, 8 August 1844 (Mary O'Connor)

¹⁹ *Hobart Town Gazette*, 15 April 1845 p.486 (Mary O'Connor)

²⁰ TAHO, AC480/1/1, 6 May 1845 (Mary O'Connor)

²¹ *Hobart Town Gazette*, 15 July 1845 p.870 (Mary O'Connor)

²² *Hobart Town Gazette*, 18 November 1845 p.1436 (Mary O'Connor)

²³ *Hobart Town Gazette*, 6 January 1846 p.9 (Mary O'Connor)

²⁴ *Hobart Town Gazette*, 28 July 1846 p.815 (Mary O'Connor)

Mary O'Connor

4 August 1846	At New Norfolk. ³
12 October 1846	Charged with misconduct in being out after hours and representing herself to be free; sentence 1 month hard labour at Cascades Female Factory, Hobart. ³
21 November 1847	Died at the Colonial Hospital, Hobart. ²⁵

²⁵ TAHO, CON63/1/2 (Mary Connor)