

Janet Paterson
(*alias Jess Paterson; uxor Janet Owen*)

POLICE NUMBER 210 ¹	LITERACY neither read nor write
TRIAL DATE 21 July 1840	AGE ON EMBARKATION 20
TRIAL PLACE Edinburgh Court of Justiciary	AGE ON ARRIVAL 22
OFFENCE robbery in stealing money from a dwelling house	HEIGHT 5' 2¼"
SENTENCE 14 years	COMPLEXION pale
GAOL REPORT indifferent and imprisoned before, single	HEAD oval
PREVIOUS CONVICTIONS once tried and acquitted for stealing money	HAIR dark brown
SURGEON'S REPORT quiet	VISAGE oval
ON THE TOWN no	FOREHEAD high
MARITAL STATUS single	EYEBROWS light brown
CHILDREN 0	EYES brown
FAMILY sister Johan Paterson (<i>Margaret</i>); mother Johan Terrace	NOSE straight
NATIVE PLACE Park Place, Edinburgh, Scotland	MOUTH medium
TRADE ON EMBARKATION servant	CHIN dimple
TRADE ON ARRIVAL house servant, plain iron	MARKS deeply pockpitted

c1820 **Born** at Park Place, Edinburgh, Midlothian, Scotland; mother Johan Terrace.²

c1824 Sister Johan Paterson born at Edinburgh, Midlothian, Scotland; mother Johan Terrace.³

21 July 1840 Tried at Edinburgh Court of Justiciary, Scotland with Johan Paterson⁴ and shipmate Christina McLeod (*qv*) indicted for assault and robbery at a house in North Foulis Close, High Street, Edinburgh on Tuesday, 16 June 1840 in assaulting Duncan Robertson, mason, of Loanhead, Lasswade parish and stealing from him a pocket book, 14 £1 notes, 5 shillings, a some papers; verdict guilty; sentence⁵ 14 years transportation; resident of Edinburgh.⁶

5 April 1841 Departed Woolwich, England on the *Rajah*.⁷

19 July 1841 Arrived at Hobart on the *Rajah*.⁷

c24 July 1841 Upon arrival at Hobart, sent to Launceston for assignment.⁸

26 October 1841 Charged with being absent without leave yesterday from the service of Mrs Hinds; sentence 6 weeks hard labour at Launceston Female Factory.⁹

9 November 1841 At Launceston.⁹

31 December 1841 Mustered in the service of Mr Malcolm,¹⁰ Morven.¹¹

¹ TAHO, CON40/1/8 p.182 No.210 [image 153] (Janet Paterson); TAHO, CON19/1/1 p.242 [image 124] (Janet or Jess Patterson); ML, CY 1282 p.152 (Janet Paterson); ML, CY 1197 p.157 (Janet or Jess Paterson); ML, CY 958 p.444 (Janet alias Jess Paterson)

² TAHO, CON19/1/1 p.242 [image 124] (Janet or Jess Patterson); NAS, JC26/1842/623 (Johan Paterson); NAS, AD14/42/353 (Johan Paterson)

³ TAHO, CON19/1/2 [image 127] (Johanna Paterson); NAS, JC26/1842/623 (Johan Paterson); NAS, A 14/42/353 (Johan Paterson)

⁴ This may be Janet's mother, Johan Paterson nee Terrace.

⁵ Christina was found guilty and sentenced to 14 years' transportation on the *Rajah*; resident of Edinburgh. Johan's guilt was not proven, sentence assoilzied simpliciter (to free, or to be absolved of guilt) and dismissed; maiden name Terrace, resident of North Foulis Close, Edinburgh. Johan, a widow of North Foulis Close, High Street, Edinburgh, may have been Janet's mother. Johan Paterson nee Terrace was tried with her daughters Ann Paterson (aged 13, address North Foulis Close, High Street, Edinburgh) and Janet Murray nee Paterson (aged 21, address North Foulis Close, High Street, Edinburgh, wife of Alexander Murray, jeweller) and with Mary Bain, Agnes Rutherford (*Nautilus*), Dorothy Barnes (*Nautilus*) and Mary Ann McCallum on 22 January 1838 at Edinburgh Court of Justiciary for robbery. Johan, Ann, Janet, Mary and Mary Ann were acquitted. Janet's statement of offence notes that she was 'once for money tried and acquitted' (NAS, JC26/1838/431 (Johan Paterson)).

⁶ NAS, AD14/40/478 (Janet or Jess Paterson); NAS, JC26/1840/453 (Janet or Jess Paterson)

⁷ AJCP, ADM 101/63 *Rajah*

⁸ ML, CY 1282 p.142 (Janet Paterson); ML, CY 1274 p.261 (Janet Paterson)

⁹ TAHO, CON40/1/8 p.182 No.210 [image 153] (Janet Paterson)

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21 March 1842	Sister Johan Paterson tried at the Court of Justiciary, Edinburgh, Midlothian, Scotland with Ann Ingles and Johan Smith indicted for robbery in stealing clothes from Janet Clarke; sentence 10 years transportation. ¹²
2 May 1842	Charged at the Police Court, Evandale with being drunk in the service of Mr Waldron; ¹³ plea guilty; sentence 1 month hard labour at Launceston Female Factory, then returned to Government. ¹⁴
5 February 1843	Sister Johan Paterson departed London, England as a prisoner on board the <i>Margaret</i> . ¹⁵
19 July 1843	Sister Johan Paterson arrived at Hobart as a prisoner on board the <i>Margaret</i> . ¹⁵
21 August 1843	Absconded from the service of Captain Pulham, Patterson's Plains. ¹⁶
6 September 1843	Apprehension gazetted. ¹⁷
29 September 1843	Application for permission to marry Evan Owen ¹⁸ (<i>Lady Kennaway</i>) sent to the Muster Master. ¹⁹
26 October 1843	Application for permission to marry Evan Owen sent to the Secretary; approved. ¹⁹
1 November 1843	Notice given of approval for permission to marry Evan Owen; Janet in assigned service at Launceston; Evan a ticket-of-leave holder. ²⁰
22 November 1843	Married Evan Owen at St John's Anglican Church, Launceston; Janet aged 22, prisoner, single, illiterate; Evan aged 39, widower, ticket-of-leave holder, illiterate; witnesses George Wilson (illiterate) and William Jones (clerk). ²¹
15 December 1843	Husband Evan Owen recommended to the Queen for a Conditional Pardon. ²²
14 January 1845	Husband Evan Owen approved for a Conditional Pardon. ²²
21 February 1845	Classified as a 3 rd class probation pass-holder; gazetted 28 February. ²³
1 November 1845	Ticket of Leave granted; gazetted 4 November. ²⁴
13 September 1846	At Launceston. ⁹
17 November 1847	Sister Johan Paterson married Frederick Williams at St John's Anglican Church, Launceston; Johan aged 22, single, prisoner, illiterate; Frederick aged 28, single, ticket-of-leave holder, illiterate; witnesses J Wood and John Williams. ²⁵
8 December 1847	Conditional Pardon recommended; gazetted 14 December. ²⁶
30 January 1849	Conditional Pardon approved. ⁹
9 November 1849	Husband Evan Owen issued a Certificate of Freedom. ²²
12 February 1864	Charged at the Police Court, Launceston with husband Evan Owen with drunkenness; fined 10 shillings each. ²⁷

¹⁰ This may be Waldron or Wagland as per charge of 2 May 1842.

¹¹ AJCP, HO 10/51 p.397 No.210 (Janet Paterson)

¹² TAHO, CON40/1/8 p.197 No.256 [image 168] (Johan Paterson);

¹³ Name given as Warland on conduct record, but only Waldron (or Wagland) living in the Morven district at this time.

¹⁴ TAHO, LC137/1/1 (Janet Patterson)

¹⁵ TAHO, CON40/1/8 p.197 No.256 [image 168] (Johan Paterson); NAS, JC26/1842/623 (Johan Paterson); NAS, AD14/42/353 (Johan Paterson)

¹⁶ *Hobart Town Gazette*, 1 September 1843 p.1009 (Janet Patterson)

¹⁷ *Hobart Town Gazette*, 8 September 1843 p.1023 (Janet Patterson)

¹⁸ Evan Owen was transported for 14 years on the *Lady Kennaway* in 1835, tried at Montgomery Quarter Sessions on 20 February 1834 for stealing fowls etc; widower, 2 children, ploughman and top sawyer, aged 37, native place New Town, North Wales; Ticket of Leave 3 March 1841, Conditional Pardon 14 January 1845, Certificate of Freedom 9 November 1849 (TAHO, CON31/1/33 p.113 No.172 [image 116] (Evan Owen); TAHO, CON18/1/10 p.223 No.172 [image 117] (Evan Owen)).

¹⁹ TAHO, CON52/1/2 p.140 (Janet Patterson & Evan Owen)

²⁰ *Hobart Town Gazette*, 3 November 1843 p.1200; 10 November 1843 p.1237; 17 November 1843 p.1265 (Evan Owen & Janet Patterson)

²¹ TAHO, RGD37/1/3 1843/196 Launceston (Janet Paterson & Evan Owen)

²² TAHO, CON31/1/33 p.113 No.172 [image 116] (Evan Owen)

²³ *Hobart Town Gazette*, 28 February 1845 p.232 (Janet Patterson)

²⁴ *Hobart Town Gazette*, 4 November 1845 p.1386 (Janet Patterson)

²⁵ TAHO, RGD37/1/6 1847/1156 Launceston (Frederick Williams & Johan Peterson); Gunn & Kippen, 'Household and Family Formation in Nineteenth-Century Tasmania' No.5377 (Frederick Williams & Johan Peterson)

²⁶ *Hobart Town Gazette*, 14 December 1847 p.1121 (Janet Patterson)

²⁷ *Examiner*, 13 February 1864 p.5 (Evan Owen and Janet Owen)

Janet Paterson

- 3 November 1873 Husband Evan Owen died of retention of urine at Launceston; aged 88, wood carter; informant Thomas J Doolan, undertaker.²⁸
- 14 March 1881 **Died** of senility at Launceston; aged 69, widow; informant Thomas J Doolan, undertaker, Launceston.²⁹
- 16 March 1881 Buried in Charles Street General Cemetery, Launceston.³⁰

²⁸ TAHO, RG 35/1/42 1873/2200 Launceston (Evan Owen)

²⁹ TAHO, RGD35/1/50 1881/263 Launceston (Janet Owen)

³⁰ personal communication, Dianne Cassidy, 18 August 2012

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