

Ann Raines

POLICE NUMBER 223 ¹	LITERACY read and write imperfectly
TRIAL DATE 23 November 1840	AGE ON EMBARKATION 34
TRIAL PLACE Central Criminal Court (Old Bailey), London	AGE ON ARRIVAL 34
OFFENCE stealing a cap from a line and former conviction	HEIGHT 5' 3¾"
SENTENCE 7 years	COMPLEXION pale
GAOL REPORT convicted before, poor, single	HEAD oval
PREVIOUS CONVICTIONS 4 times convicted—14 days, 3 months, 3 months, 3 months—for trifling robberies	HAIR dark brown
SURGEON'S REPORT bad temper, otherwise quiet	VISAGE sharp
ON THE TOWN no	FOREHEAD high
MARITAL STATUS single	EYEBROWS light brown
CHILDREN 0	EYES dark blue
FAMILY	NOSE long
NATIVE PLACE Bromlow Street, Holborn, London, England	MOUTH medium
TRADE ON EMBARKATION	CHIN round
TRADE ON ARRIVAL house servant, nurse, plain wash, iron	MARKS none

c1807 **Born** at Bromlow Street, Holborn, London, Middlesex, England.²

23 November 1840 Tried at the Central Criminal Court (Old Bailey), London, England indicted for larceny in stealing on 6 November 1 cap value 9 pence from the yard of John Light, Pimlico; found guilty; sentence 7 years transportation; aged 34.³

Statement of witness Emma Light:

I am the wife of John Light, and live at Pimlico. I missed a cap, which was hanging up in our yard to dry, about half-past five o'clock, on the 6th of November—I went out, and came up with the prisoner—I accused her of stealing the cap—she said she had not got it—the policeman saw it fall from her—this is it—(looking at it)—I had not seen the prisoner before—she reached over the fence, and got it out of my yard.³

Statement of witness Eliza Barran:

I am a neighbour of the prosecutor's. I saw the prisoner take the cap from the yard—she went up the lane and concealed it.³

Statement of witness Michael McLaughlin:

I am a policeman. I saw the prisoner drop this cap.³

Statement of defendant Ann Raines:

Prisoner. I hope you will have mercy on me—it is the first time I ever was in Newgate.³

Statement of witness Richard Colle, Police Constable B 110:

I produce a certificate of the prisoner's former conviction, which I got from the office of the clerk of the peace at Westminster—(read)—the prisoner is the person.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, detained on board for assignment; assigned firstly to Mr Charles White, Hobart, but not required there, so not immediately assigned; later assigned to Reverend Mr Campbell, Melville Street, Hobart.⁵

cAugust 1841 Reported to have absconded on arrival; gazetted 15 October.⁶

¹ TAHO, CON40/1/8 p.260 No.223 [image 207] (Ann Raines); TAHO, CON19/1/1 p.244 [image 125] (Ann Raines); ML, CY 1282 p.152 (Ann Raines); ML, CY 1197 p.152 (Ann Raines); ML, CY 958 p.441 (Ann Raines)

² TAHO, CON19/1/1 p.244 [image 125] (Ann Raines)

³ *Old Bailey Proceedings Online*, t18401123-63 (Ann Rainer)

⁴ AJCP, ADM 101/63 *Rajah*

⁵ ML, CY 1282 p.140 (Ann Raines); ML, CY 1274 p.261 (Ann Raines)

⁶ *Hobart Town Gazette*, 15 October 1841 p.1446 (Ann Raines)

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31 December 1841	Mustered at the Nursery, ⁷ Hobart. ⁸
28 June 1843	Apprehension gazetted. ⁹
27 June 1844	Classified as a 3 rd class probation pass-holder; gazetted 28 June. ¹⁰
17 September 1844	Ticket of Leave granted; gazetted 19 September. ¹¹
23 September 1844	Charged with being in a brothel; sentence 1 month hard labour at Cascades Female Factory, Hobart, Ticket of Leave suspended. ¹²
2 November 1844	Charged with misconduct in going from house to house asking alms; sentence 3 months hard labour at Cascades Female Factory, Hobart, Ticket of Leave suspended.
6 March 1845	Admitted to the Asylum for the Insane, New Norfolk suffering from amentia; aged 30, convict in government employ, ship to colony <i>Rajah</i> . ¹³
22 July 1856	Observation of doctor: <i>No change in mental condition of this poor imbecile, is frequently crying from some hallucination that she labours under, general health tolerably good.</i> ¹⁴
21 August 1856	Observation of doctor until 29 September 1858: <i>Unchanged.</i> ¹⁴
30 October 1858	Observation of doctor: <i>Fell over a form¹⁵ a few days ago and bruised her face, is becoming weak and helpless.</i> ¹⁴
25 November 1858	Observation of doctor until 29 December 1858: <i>Unchanged.</i> ¹⁴
26 January 1859	Observation of doctor: <i>Feeble and emaciated, perfectly incoherent and imbecile.</i> ¹⁴
28 February 1859	Observation of doctor until 29 December 1860 ¹⁶ : <i>Unchanged.</i> ¹⁴
3 March 1862	At New Norfolk Insane Asylum, chargeable to imperial funds.
31 January 1866	Observation of doctor: <i>The same, maudlin, fretting.</i> ¹⁷
27 February 1866	Observation of doctor until 29 June 1866: <i>Unchanged.</i> ¹⁷
28 July 1866	Observation of doctor: <i>Unchanged, has an abscess forming on the right mamma.</i> ¹⁷
28 August 1866	Observation of doctor: <i>Breast better.</i> ¹⁷
26 September 1866	Observation of doctor until 28 March 1867: <i>Unchanged.</i> ¹⁷
29 April 1867	Observation of doctor: <i>Has been ill with diarrhoea.</i> ¹⁷
28 May 1867	Observation of doctor: <i>Has quite recovered, but unchanged.</i> ¹⁷
28 June 1867	Died of inflammation of the intestines at the Asylum for the Insane, New Norfolk; aged 52, pauper; informant John A Moore, Acting Superintendent, Lunatic Asylum, New Norfolk. ¹⁸

⁷ This may have been when the nursery was located in Liverpool Street, Hobart.

⁸ AJCP, HO 10/51 p.391 No.223 (Ann Raines)

⁹ *Hobart Town Gazette*, 30 June 1843 p.761 (Ann Raines)

¹⁰ *Hobart Town Gazette*, 28 June 1844 p.725 (Ann Raines)

¹¹ *Hobart Town Gazette*, 19 September 1844 p.1143 (Ann Raines)

¹² TAHO, CON40/1/8 p.260 No.223 [image 207] (Ann Raines)

¹³ TAHO, HSD52/1/1 Folio 136 (Ann Raines); TAHO, HSD52/1/2 Folio 131 (Ann Raines); TAHO, HSD254/1/1 p.2 (Ann Raines)

¹⁴ TAHO, HSD52/1/1 Folio 136 (Ann Raines)

¹⁵ This word may not be 'form', it is difficult to read.

¹⁶ The case book covering the period 1861 to 1865 has not survived.

¹⁷ TAHO, HSD52/1/2 Folio 131 (Ann Raines)

- 29 June 1867 Observation of doctor:
Three days ago took to her bed, swelling of valve,¹⁹ seemed to be sinking yesterday & was ordered brandy, died this morning at 8.15.¹⁷
- 30 June 1867 Post mortem examination conducted at the Asylum for the Insane, New Norfolk by John A Moore.²⁰
Postmortem inspection:
body emaciated, the fingers of both hands contracted on the palms, a small schirrus enlargement on the right breast; brain firm, dura mater adherent to it along both sides of the longitudinal sinus contained serum & ichous blood; both the lungs slightly adherent to walls of chest; heart unusually small, liver enlarged, the gall bladder a massive hard substance containing 90 stones; right kidney misplaced & thrown forward amongst the intestines; patches of inflammation in bowels, which was inspected during life; bladder large; weight of gall stones ...; weight of brain: cerebrum 2lb 1oz, cerebellum 5oz, [total] 2lb 6oz.¹⁷
- 1 July 1867 Buried at St Matthew's Anglican Cemetery, New Norfolk; insane patient, pauper.²¹

¹⁸ TAHO, RGD35/1/36 1867/314 New Norfolk (Ann Raines)

¹⁹ This word may not be 'valve', it is difficult to read.

²⁰ TAHO, HSD52/1/2 Folio 131 (Ann Raines)

²¹ Cordwell, Cowburn & Cox, *Historic New Norfolk Series IV* p.38 (Ann Raines)