

Harriett Ratcliffe

(uxor Harriett Bailey)

POLICE NUMBER 227 ¹	LITERACY neither read nor write
TRIAL DATE 20 October 1840	AGE ON EMBARKATION 25
TRIAL PLACE Kent (Maidstone) Quarter Sessions	AGE ON ARRIVAL 26
OFFENCE stealing money from the person	HEIGHT 5' 1¾"
SENTENCE 10 years	COMPLEXION florid
GAOL REPORT a prostitute, bad, single	HEAD oval
PREVIOUS CONVICTIONS once in gaol 7 days	HAIR black
SURGEON'S REPORT quiet	VISAGE oval
ON THE TOWN no	FOREHEAD high
MARITAL STATUS single, I lived with a man	EYEBROWS dark brown
CHILDREN 0	EYES brown
FAMILY father William; mother Jane or Elizabeth	NOSE medium
NATIVE PLACE Brixham, Devonshire, England	MOUTH wide
TRADE ON EMBARKATION	CHIN round
TRADE ON ARRIVAL farm servant, milk, butter, bake, plain cook	MARKS ring on fourth finger left hand

c1813 **Born** at Brixham, Devonshire, England; father William Ratcliffe; mother Jane² or Elizabeth⁴.³

10 April 1813 **Baptised** at Exeter, Devonshire, England; father William Ratcliffe, baker; mother Elizabeth.⁴

31 July 1815 Brother Anthony James Ratcliffe baptised at Exeter, Devonshire, England; father William Ratcliffe; mother Elizabeth.⁵

20 October 1840 Tried at the Quarter Sessions, Maidstone, Kent, England indicted for larceny in stealing money from the person; sentence 10 years transportation.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, assigned to Mr Malcolm, *Roseway*, New Town.⁸

31 December 1841 Mustered in the service of Mr Malcolm, Richmond.⁹

7 September 1842 Application for permission to marry James Bailey¹⁰ (*Enchantress*) sent to the Muster Master.¹¹

26 September 1842 Application for permission to marry James Bailey sent to the Secretary; approved.¹¹

8 October 1842 **Married** James Bailey at St Mark's Anglican Church, Pontville; Harriett aged 27, servant, illiterate; father William Ratcliff, fisherman, resident of Brixham, Devonshire, England; mother Jane Ratcliff; James aged 45, labourer, illiterate; father John Bailey,

¹ TAHO, CON40/1/8 p.261 No.227 [image 208] (Harriett Ratcliffe); TAHO, CON19/1/1 p.246 [image 126] (Harriet Ratcliffe); ML, CY 1282 p.153 (Harriet Ratcliffe); ML, CY 1197 p.154 (Harriet Ratcliffe); ML, CY 958 p.442 (Harriett Ratcliffe)

² TAHO, NS751/1/2 No.15 (James Bailey & Harriett Ratcliff)

³ TAHO, CON19/1/1 p.246 [image 126] (Harriet Ratcliffe)

⁴ personal communication, Colette McAlpine, 15 October 2012 – information from Devon Family History Society transcripts, courtesy of Keith Searson (Harriot Ratcliffe)

⁵ personal communication, Colette McAlpine, 15 October 2012 – information from Devon Family History Society transcripts, courtesy of Keith Searson (Anthony James)

⁶ TAHO, CON40/1/8 p.261 No.227 [image 208] (Harriett Ratcliffe)

⁷ AJCP, ADM 101/63 *Rajah*

⁸ ML, CY 1274 p.262 (Harriet Ratcliffe)

⁹ AJCP, HO 10/51 p.392 No.227 (Harriett Ratcliffe)

¹⁰ James Bailey was transported for life on the *Enchantress* in 1833, tried at Essex Assizes on 1 December 1832 for stealing in a dwelling house; widower, 3 children, labourer, aged 40, native place Great Hollowbury, Essex; Ticket of Leave 6 January 1842, Conditional Pardon 15 January 1846, at Richmond 2 September 1842 (TAHO, CON31/1/5 p.255 No.1891 [image 67] (James Bailey), TAHO, CON18/1/6 p.347 [image 186] (James Bailey)).

¹¹ TAHO, CON52/1/2 p.17 (Harriet Ratcliff & James Bailey)

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- labourer, resident of Great Ollensbury, Essex, England; mother Elizabeth Bailey; witnesses John Gaynor and Mary Ann Gaynor (illiterate).¹²
- 28 February 1843 Charged with being drunk; fined 5 shillings.⁶
- 16 June 1843 Charged at the Police Court, Richmond with being drunk; sentence 6 days in solitary confinement at Richmond Gaol.¹³
- 22 June 1843 Discharged from Richmond Gaol to the Police Office, Richmond.¹³
- 24 June 1843 At Richmond.⁶
- 24 April 1845 Husband James Bailey recommended to the Queen for a Conditional Pardon for the Australian Colonies.¹⁴
- 15 January 1846 Husband James Bailey approved for a Conditional Pardon.¹⁴
- 7 April 1847¹⁵ Ticket of Leave granted; gazetted 13 April 1847.¹⁶
- 13 April 1847 At Richmond.⁶
- 22 September 1847 Charged at the Police Court, Richmond by Constable Brown with misconduct in indecently exposing her person in the public street in Richmond; plea not guilty; verdict guilty; sentence 2 months imprisonment with hard labour at Cascades Female Factory, Hobart.¹⁷
- Thomas Morgan (*Somersetshire*) charged with the same offence, same sentence.¹⁷
- Statement of Constable Brown:
*Yesterday about 2 o'clock saw the two prisoners lying down, the man was having connection with the female prisoner in the street.*¹⁷
- 21 January 1848 Charged at the Police Court, Richmond with drunkenness yesterday in Richmond; plea guilty; sentence 14 days imprisonment with hard labour.¹⁸
- 17 April 1848 **Died** accidentally by falling upon a piece of broken glass bottle when in a state of intoxication at Lower Jerusalem; aged 33.¹⁹
- 19 April 1848 Inquest held into death at the *Halfway House*, Lower Jerusalem before Charles Lehan, coroner.
Verdict: died by accidentally falling upon a piece of broken glass bottle when in a state of intoxication; post mortem examination conducted.²⁰
- 21 April 1848 Buried at St Luke's Anglican Church Cemetery, Richmond; aged 30; resident of Native Corners.²¹
- 17 March 1852 Husband James Bailey issued a Conditional Pardon.¹⁴

¹² TAHO, RGD37/1/3 1842/92 Brighton (James Bailey & Hannah Radcliffe); TAHO, NS751/1/2 No.15 (James Bailey & Harriett Ratcliff)

¹³ ML, CY 151/329 frame 121 Reel P3-10 (Harriet Ratcliff)

¹⁴ TAHO, CON31/1/5 p.255 No.1891 [image 67] (James Bailey)

¹⁵ Conduct record has date of Ticket of Leave as 25 February 1845, but this refers to shipmate Susannah Rawcliffe (*qv*).

¹⁶ *Hobart Town Gazette*, 13 April 1847 p.350 (Harriet Ratcliff)

¹⁷ TAHO, LC445/1/1, 22 September 1847 (Harriet Ratcliffe & Thomas Morgan)

¹⁸ TAHO, LC445/1/1, 21 January 1848 (Harriet Ratcliff)

¹⁹ TAHO, CON63/1/2 (Harriett Ratcliffe); TAHO, SC195/1/22 No.1872 (Harriet Ratcliff or Bayley)

²⁰ TAHO, SC195/1/22 No.1872 (Harriet Ratcliff or Bayley); TAHO, CON66/1/1 (Harriet Ratcliffe)

²¹ GST Hobart, *Cemeteries of Southern Tasmania Vol IV Richmond Part 1 Anglican* p.7 (Harriet Bailey or Ratcliff)

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