

# Elizabeth Riley

(*aka Elizabeth Riley 2<sup>nd</sup>; proper name Elizabeth Pryer; uxor Elizabeth Ayliffe*)

POLICE NUMBER 229 <sup>1</sup>	LITERACY read only
TRIAL DATE 26 October 1840	AGE ON EMBARKATION 21
TRIAL PLACE Lancaster (Liverpool) Quarter Sessions	AGE ON ARRIVAL 21
OFFENCE stealing money from the person	HEIGHT 5' ¾"
SENTENCE 10 years	COMPLEXION fair
GAOL REPORT once in prison before, bad, single	HEAD oval
PREVIOUS CONVICTIONS once in gaol got 14 days	HAIR light red
SURGEON'S REPORT quiet	VISAGE oval
ON THE TOWN 3 or 4 years	FOREHEAD medium
MARITAL STATUS single	EYEBROWS light brown
CHILDREN 0	EYES brown
FAMILY	NOSE medium, pointed
NATIVE PLACE Cavan, Ireland	MOUTH medium
TRADE ON EMBARKATION	CHIN round
TRADE ON ARRIVAL house servant	MARKS M T on right arm

c1820 **Born** in County Cavan, Ireland.<sup>2</sup>

26 October 1840 Tried at Lancaster Quarter Sessions, Liverpool, Lancashire, England indicted for stealing money from the person; sentence 10 years transportation.<sup>3</sup>

5 April 1841 Departed Woolwich, England on the *Rajah*.<sup>4</sup>

19 July 1841 Arrived at Hobart on the *Rajah*.<sup>4</sup>

c24 July 1841 Upon arrival at Hobart, sent to the Colonial Hospital, Hobart; not fit for assignment at present, invalid.<sup>5</sup>

1 November 1841 Charged with misconduct in drinking in a public house after hours; in the service of Gand; reprimanded and returned to her service.<sup>6</sup>

28 December 1841 Charged with being absent a night and day without leave from the service of Willis; sentence 1 month hard labour at Cascades Female Factory, Hobart.<sup>6</sup>

31 December 1841 Mustered in the service of Mr G Johnson, Hobart.<sup>7</sup>

14 March 1842 Charged with misconduct in being in a disorderly house; in the service of Johnson; reprimanded and returned to her service.<sup>3</sup>

22 September 1842 Returned to Government from the service of Mr H Brown, Hamilton, to Cascades Female Factory, Hobart, for assignment.<sup>8</sup>

16 February 1843 Absconded from the service of Mr Bilton, Glenorchy.<sup>11</sup>

11 April 1844 Classified as a 3<sup>rd</sup> class probation pass-holder; gazetted 12 April.<sup>9</sup>

1 November 1845 Ticket of Leave granted; gazetted 4 November.<sup>10</sup>

6 December 1845 Charged at the Police Court, Hobart by Constable Hill with absconding on or about 16 February 1843 from her service and remaining illegally at large until apprehended on 5 December; in the service of Mr Bilton, Glenorchy; plea guilty; existing sentence

<sup>1</sup> TAHO, CON40/1/8 p.262 No.229 [image 209] (Elizabeth Riley); TAHO, CON19/1/1 p.247 [image 127] (Elizabeth Riley (2)); ML, CY 1282 p.153 (Elizabeth Riley usual name Prior); ML, CY 1197 p.155 (Elizabeth Riley); ML, CY 958 p.442 (Elizabeth Riley)

<sup>2</sup> TAHO, CON19/1/1 p.247 [image 127] (Elizabeth Riley (2))

<sup>3</sup> TAHO, CON40/1/8 p.262 No.229 [image 209] (Elizabeth Riley)

<sup>4</sup> AJCP, ADM 101/63 *Rajah*

<sup>5</sup> ML, CY 1274 p.262 (Elizabeth Riley real name Prior)

<sup>6</sup> This charge could possibly refer to shipmate Eliza Riley (*qv*).

<sup>7</sup> AJCP, HO 10/51 p.392 No.229 (Elizabeth Riley)

<sup>8</sup> TAHO, LC208/1/3 p.354 (Elizabeth Riley) This charge could possibly refer to shipmate Eliza Riley (*qv*).

<sup>9</sup> *Hobart Town Gazette*, 12 April 1844 p.425 (Elizabeth Reilly)

<sup>10</sup> *Hobart Town Gazette*, 4 November 1845 p.1386 (Elizabeth Riley 229)

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- of transportation extended 18 months, recommended to be detained 6 months on probation at Cascades Female Factory, Hobart, and to have her Ticket of Leave cancelled.<sup>11</sup>
- 9 January 1846 Ticket of Leave revoked for misconduct; gazetted 13 January.<sup>12</sup>
- 21 September 1846 Classified as a 3<sup>rd</sup> class probation pass-holder; gazetted 22 September.<sup>13</sup>
- 1846 At the Hiring Depot, Launceston.<sup>14</sup>
- 28 January 1847 Application for permission to marry John Ayliffe<sup>15</sup> (free) sent to the Secretary; approved.<sup>16</sup>
- 29 January 1847 Notice given of approval for permission to marry John Ayliffe; Elizabeth in private service at Launceston; John free by servitude, resident at Norfolk Plains.<sup>17</sup>
- 20 February 1847 **Married** John Ayliffe at St Andrew's Anglican Church, Evandale; Elizabeth aged 23, probation pass-holder; John aged 46, free; witnesses William Piper and Mary Piper.<sup>18</sup>
- 26 February 1847 Ticket of Leave re-issued; gazetted 2 March.<sup>19</sup>
- 25 October 1847 Conditional Pardon recommended; gazetted 26 October.<sup>20</sup>
- 30 January 1849 Conditional Pardon approved.<sup>3</sup>
- c2 October 1849 Eloped with step-son John Ayliffe<sup>21,22</sup>
- 3 October 1849 Apprehended at Bothwell on suspicion of being an absconder.<sup>22</sup>
- Letter to Chief District Constable NR Murray from District Constable Mr Hallam at Bothwell dated 4 October 1849:
- Sir, The woman named in the margin [Elizabeth Riley p Rajah C.P.] was apprehended on this township last night on suspicion of being an absconder. She produced a Marriage Certificate from which it appears that she was married by M Wilkinson in 47 to a John Auliffe a blacksmith residing in your district at Cleggan. The woman has been ... discharged, but from her manner ... led to suppose that there was a ... wrong—and have detained John Auliffe T.L. p M. S. Elphinstone who received a pass for Hamilton at your office on the ... charged with making a false statement ... He was in her company and I suspect ... eloped with his father's wife, will you ... the goodness to inform me if such is the case ...*<sup>22</sup>
- Reply from Chief District Constable NR Murray from the Police Office, Morven to District Constable Mr Hallam at Bothwell dated 8 October 1849:
- Elizabeth Riley alluded to within did elope with her husband son John Ayliff some time last week.*<sup>22</sup>
- 11 October 1849 Step-son John Ayliffe charged at the Police Court, Bothwell with gross misconduct in eloping from Morven with his father's wife; sentence 9 months hard labour in chains at the Prisoners' Barracks, and recommended to be deprived of his Ticket of Leave.<sup>23</sup>
- 26 April 1852 Free by servitude.<sup>3</sup>

<sup>11</sup> TAHO, AC480/1/1, 6 December 1845 (Elizabeth Riley)

<sup>12</sup> *Hobart Town Gazette*, 13 January 1846 p.39 (Elizabeth Riley 229)

<sup>13</sup> *Hobart Town Gazette*, 22 September 1846 p.1097 (229 Elizabeth Riley)

<sup>14</sup> AJCP, HO 10/39 p.541 (Elizabeth Riley)

<sup>15</sup> John Ayliffe was transported for life on the *Asia* in 1836, tried at Gloucester Assizes on 4 April 1835 for horse stealing; married, 3 children, blacksmith and shoer, aged 36, native place Highworth, Wiltshire (TAHO, CON31/1/2 p.138 No.716 [image 141] (John Ayliff); TAHO, CON18/1/4 p.165 [image 86] (John Ayliff)).

<sup>16</sup> TAHO, CON52/1/2 p.9 (Elizabeth Bailey & John Ayliff)

<sup>17</sup> *Hobart Town Gazette*, 2 February 1847 p.155 (John Ayliff & Elizabeth Riley)

<sup>18</sup> TAHO, RGD37/1/6 1847/1210 Launceston (Elizabeth Riley & John Ayliffe)

<sup>19</sup> *Hobart Town Gazette*, 2 March 1847 p.227 (Elizabeth Riley)

<sup>20</sup> *Hobart Town Gazette*, 26 October 1847 p.1065 (Elizabeth Riley 229)

<sup>21</sup> John was transported for housebreaking for 15 years on the *Mount Stewart Elphinstone* arriving on 18 May 1848. He was a farm labourer who could plough, aged 27, 5' 3" tall, native place Highworth, Wiltshire; father John Ayliffe, transported on the *Asia*; mother Harriet, brother George, sister Maria (TAHO, CON33/1/89 No.20439 [image 4] (John Ayliffe); TAHO, CON14/1/38 pp.2-3 [images 4-5] (John Ayliffe)).

<sup>22</sup> TAHO, LC49/1/1 loose sheet between pp.676-677 (Elizabeth Riley)

<sup>23</sup> TAHO, CON33/1/89 No.20439 [image 4] (John Ayliffe)

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18 September 1854	Step-son <sup>24</sup> John Ayliffe married Mary Ann Everett at St Matthew's Anglican Church, New Norfolk; John adult, widower; Mary Ann adult, spinster, illiterate; witnesses Richard Hasler and Ann Hasler <sup>25</sup> ( <i>qv</i> ), illiterate. <sup>26</sup>
21 January 1861	Charged at the Police Office, Launceston at 5 pm by Constable Murrie with being drunk and disorderly; remanded. Description: aged 30, resident of Launceston, no property, no education, free by servitude, sentence 10 years. <sup>27</sup>
22 January 1861	Brought up at the Police Court, Launceston charged as before; fined 10 shillings. <sup>27</sup>
10 February 1861	Charged at the Police Office, Launceston at 2:30 pm by Constable Collins with being drunk and disorderly; remanded. Description: aged 35, no property, free by servitude, sentence 10 years. <sup>28</sup>
11 February 1861	Brought up at the Police Court, Launceston charged as before; fined 20 shillings. <sup>28</sup>
19 February 1861	Charged at the Police Office, Launceston at 11 pm by Constable Turner with being drunk and incapable; remanded; aged 36. <sup>29</sup>
20 February 1861	Brought up at the Police Court, Launceston charged as before; sentence 1 month hard labour at the House of Correction, Launceston. <sup>29</sup>
4 September 1861	Charged at the Police Office, Launceston at 9:30 pm by Constable Bailey with being drunk and disorderly; remanded. Description: aged 36, resident of Launceston, no property, read and write imperfectly, free by servitude. <sup>30</sup>
5 September 1861	Brought up at the Police Court, Launceston charged as before; fined 10 shillings. <sup>30</sup>
6 August 1867	Husband John Ayliffe defendant in a case at the Court of Requests, Launceston brought by Henry Button to recover £17.12.6; case postponed. <sup>31</sup>
18 October 1872	Husband John Ayliffe committed suicide at Lymington. <sup>32</sup>
19 October 1872	Inquest into death of husband John Ayliffe held at the Police Office, Lymington. Verdict: John Ayliffe not being of sound mind, memory and understanding but lunatic and distracted, on 18 October, with a razor in his right hand cut his throat and instantly died. <sup>33</sup>
20 October 1872	Husband John Ayliffe buried at Evandale; aged 73, blacksmith, resident of Lymington. <sup>34</sup>
21 March 1904	Inquiry made for husband John Ayliffe by Mrs M Alister, Darlington Point, NSW. <sup>35</sup>
23 March 1904	Inquiry made for step-son John Ayliffe by Mrs M Alister, Darlington Point, NSW. <sup>36</sup>

## Notes

- It is possible, but not probable, that Elizabeth changed her name and is the Mary Ann Everett who married step-son John Ayliffe in 1854. Note that the witnesses at the marriage were shipmate Ann Jones 1<sup>st</sup> (*qv*) and her husband Richard Hasler. John and Mary Ann had at least two children at New Norfolk – Mary Anne in 1855 and Harriet in 1857.
- The inquiries made of John Ayliffe senior and junior by Mrs M Alister were probably made by John Ayliffe senior's daughter Maria who is mentioned on John Ayliffe junior's indent.

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<sup>24</sup> It is possible, but not probable, that this is Elizabeth's husband, John Ayliffe, not her step-son.

<sup>25</sup> Ann Hasler was transported on the *Rajah* with Elizabeth Riley as Ann Jones 1<sup>st</sup>.

<sup>26</sup> TAHO, RGD37/1/13 1854/1217 New Norfolk (John Ayliffe & Mary Ann Everett); TAHO, NS489/1/4 No.254 (John Ayliffe & Mary Ann Everett)

<sup>27</sup> TAHO, POL450/1/1 p.5 No.1 (Catherine Reiley)

<sup>28</sup> TAHO, POL450/1/1 p.9 No.3 (Eliza Reilly)

<sup>29</sup> TAHO, POL450/1/1 p.11 No.7 (Eliza Reilly)

<sup>30</sup> TAHO, POL450/1/1 p.52 No.1 (Eliza Reily)

<sup>31</sup> *Examiner*, 8 August 1867 p.5 (John Ayliffe)

<sup>32</sup> TAHO, SC195/1/55 No.7120 (John Ayliffe)

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<sup>34</sup> TAHO, RGD34/1/2 1872/2409 Evandale (John Hyliffe)

<sup>35</sup> TAHO, CON31/1/2 image 141 p.138 No.716 (John Ayliff)

<sup>36</sup> TAHO, CON33/1/89 image 4 No.20439 (John Ayliffe)

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- Elizabeth may be the Elizabeth White who was charged at the Police Court, Launceston on 9 August 1862 with stealing £5 from Hugh Jones; discharged. Description: aged 40, property 1 shilling 3½ pence, read and write imperfectly, free by servitude per *Rajah*.<sup>37</sup>

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<sup>37</sup> TAHO, POL450/1/1 p.110 No.1 (Elizabeth White)

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