

Grace Stevens

(uxor Grace Blight; Grace Dewhurst)

POLICE NUMBER 446 ¹	LITERACY read and write imperfectly
TRIAL DATE 13 July 1840	AGE ON EMBARKATION 16 ²
TRIAL PLACE Cornwall (Penzance) Quarter Sessions	AGE ON ARRIVAL 17
OFFENCE stealing a gown print/piece	HEIGHT 5'
SENTENCE 7 years	COMPLEXION florid
GAOL REPORT convicted before, a prostitute, single	HEAD oval
PREVIOUS CONVICTIONS once 3 months for same (stealing a gown piece)	HAIR red
SURGEON'S REPORT quiet	VISAGE oval
ON THE TOWN 2 months	FOREHEAD flat
MARITAL STATUS single	EYEBROWS light red
CHILDREN 0	EYES light blue
FAMILY father Robert Stevens, mother Martha Ansell, brother Robert, sister Mary	NOSE long
NATIVE PLACE Penzance, England	MOUTH medium
TRADE ON EMBARKATION	CHIN round
TRADE ON ARRIVAL housemaid, nurse girl	MARKS scar on thumb on left hand

1817 Brother Robert Stevens born near Penzance, Cornwall, England; father Robert Stevens; mother Martha Ancell.³

1819 Sister Mary Stevens born near Penzance, Cornwall, England; father Robert Stevens; mother Martha Ancell.³

1824 **Born** at Gulval, near Penzance, Cornwall, England; father Robert Stevens; mother Martha Ancell.⁴

9 January 1825 **Baptised** at Gulval, Cornwall, England; father Robert Stevens, tin smelter, resident of Chyandower; mother Martha Ancell.⁵

1840 Tried at the Quarter Sessions, Penzance, Cornwall, England indicted for larceny in stealing a piece of cotton, the property of draper Mr Tucker; sentence 3 months imprisonment.⁶

Newspaper report:
*Grace STEVENS, 15, pleaded guilty to stealing a piece of cotton from the shop of Mr. Tucker, Draper, and was sentenced to three months' imprisonment.*⁶

13 July 1840 Tried at the Quarter Sessions, Penzance, Cornwall, England indicted for larceny in stealing a piece of gown print from drapers Messrs T and W Coulson, Penzance; sentence 7 years transportation.⁷

5 April 1841 Departed Woolwich, England on the *Rajah*.⁸

19 July 1841 Arrived at Hobart on the *Rajah*.⁸

c24 July 1841 Upon arrival at Hobart, sent to Launceston for assignment.⁹

¹ TAHO, CON40/1/10 p.50 No.446 [image 53] (Grace Stevens); TAHO, CON19/1/1p.255 [image 131] (Grace Stephens); ML, CY 1282 p.154 (Grace Stevens); ML, CY 1197 p.154 (Grace Stephens); ML, CY 958 p.441 (Grace Stevens)

² Age given as 15 at the time of her trial (*Cornwall Gazette*, 17 July 1840 p.2 (Grace Stevens)).

³ personal communication, Ruth Coomber, 24 July 2007

⁴ personal communication, Ruth Coomber, 24 July 2007; TAHO, CON19/1/1 p.255 [image 131] (Grace Stephens)

⁵ *Family Search*, IGI Batch No.P00277-1, Source Film No.962555 (Grace Stevens); personal communication, Ruth Coomber, 24 July 2007; *Cornwall OPC Database*, 'Search Baptisms' 13 January 2008 (Grace Stevens)

⁶ *West Briton and Cornwall Advertiser*, 10 January 1840 (Grace Stevens); personal communication Bernadette Maree Dewhurst-Phillips, 29 March 2012; *The West Briton and Cornwall Advertiser Transcriptions of the Original Newspaper, 1836-1887*, '1840 News Article January' 15 April 2012 (Grace Stevens)

⁷ personal communication, Ruth Coomber, 24 July 2007; *Cornwall Gazette*, 17 July 1840 p.2 (Grace Stevens)

⁸ AJCP, ADM 101/63 *Rajah*

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- 31 December 1841 Mustered in the service of J Archer Esquire, Launceston.¹⁰
- 14 April 1842 At Campbell Town.¹¹
- 17 February 1843 Charged with misconduct in being with Isaac Kitt¹² for improper intercourse; in the service of Archer; sentence 6 months hard labour at Launceston Female Factory.¹¹
Isaac Kett (*Susan*) charged with misconduct in being with Grace Stevens for improper intercourse; in the service of Archer; sentence 6 months hard labour in chains at Ross, to be kept separate.¹³
- 23 November 1843 Application for permission to marry Charles Blight¹⁴ (*Augusta Jessie*) sent to the Muster Master.¹⁵
- 19 December 1843 Application for permission to marry Charles Blight sent to the Secretary; approved.¹⁵
- 28 December 1843 Notice given of approval for permission to marry Charles Blight; Grace in assigned service at Cleveland; Charles a ticket-of-leave holder.¹⁶
- 5 February 1844 **Married** Charles Blight at St Luke's Anglican Church, Campbell Town; Grace aged 19, convict, illiterate; Charles aged 29, ticket-of-leave holder, sawyer, illiterate; witnesses Charles Dewhurst and Elizabeth Dewhurst, illiterate.¹⁷
- 1845 **Son** John Lachlan Blight born at Campbell Town.¹⁷
- 1 November 1845 Ticket of Leave granted; gazetted 4 November.¹⁸
- 13 July 1847 Free by servitude; Certificate of Freedom may be obtained upon application at the Comptroller General's Office, Hobart or from a Police Magistrate in the interior; gazetted 6 July.¹⁹
- 13 March 1848 **Son** Robert Blight born at Green Hill in the Avoca district; father Charles Blight, shepherd; mother Grace Blight.²⁰
- 18 August 1848 Son Robert Blight baptised at St Thomas' Anglican Church, Avoca.²⁰
- 27 October²¹ 1849 **Daughter** Martha Blight born in the Fingal district; father Charles Blight, sawyer; mother Grace Stephens; informant Sarah Robinson, illiterate, midwife, Avoca.^{17,22}
- 11 March 1850 Daughter Martha Blight baptised at St Thomas' Anglican Church, Avoca; father Charles Blight, shepherd, resident of Avoca; mother Grace Blight.²³
- 19 September 1851 **Daughter** Sarah Ann Blight born at Launceston; father Charles Blight, sawyer; informant mother Grice Stephins, illiterate, resident of Wellington Street, Launceston.^{17,24}
- 12 August 1853 **Daughter** Emma Amelia Blight born at Launceston; father Charles Blight, sawyer; informant mother Grace Stephens, illiterate, resident of Canning Street, Launceston.^{17,25}

⁹ ML, CY 1282 p.142 (Grace Stevens); ML, CY 1274 p.263 (Grace Stevens)

¹⁰ AJCP, HO 10/51 p.396 No.446 (Grace Stephens)

¹¹ TAHO, CON40/1/10 p.50 No.446 [image 53] (Grace Stevens)

¹² Isaac Kitt was transported for life on the *Susan* in 1837, tried at the Central Criminal Court, London on 28 November 1836 for larceny from the person; single; Ticket of Leave 23 December 1845 (TAHO, CON31/1/25 p.148 No.584 [image 148] (Isaac Kett)).

¹³ TAHO, CON31/1/25 p.148 No.584 [image 148] (Isaac Kett)

¹⁴ Charles Blight was transported for 10 years on *Augusta Jessie* in 1835, tried at Cornwall on 27 March 1834 for maliciously wounding a sheep; single, aged 21, native place near Truro, Cornwall, ploughman (TAHO, CON31/1/5 p.348 No.2169 [image 162] (Charles Blight); TAHO, CON18/1/3 p.336 No.2169 [image 179] (Charles Blight)).

¹⁵ TAHO, CON52/1/2 p.22 (Chas Blight & Grace Stephens)

¹⁶ *Hobart Town Gazette*, 29 December 1843 p.1389; 5 January 1844 p.11; 12 January 1844 p.46 (Charles Blight & Grace Stevens)

¹⁷ personal communication, Bernadette Maree Dewhurst-Phillips; personal communication, Ruth Coomber, 24 July 2007; TAHO, RGD37/1/4 1844/1483A Campbell Town (Charles Blight & Grace Stevens); TAHO, NS373/1/1 No.1367 (Charles Dewhurst & Grace Blight)

¹⁸ *Hobart Town Gazette*, 4 November 1845 p.1386 (Grace Stevens)

¹⁹ *Hobart Town Gazette*, 6 July 1847 p.649 (Grace Stevens)

²⁰ TAHO, NS826/1/1 p.6 No.84 (Robert Blight)

²¹ Month of birth given as September on baptism record.

²² TAHO, RGD33/1/26 1849/1309 Fingal (Martha Blight)

²³ TAHO, NS826/1/1 p.7 No.99 (Martha Blight)

²⁴ TAHO, RGD33/1/24 1851/3303 Launceston (Sarah Ann Blight)

²⁵ TAHO, RGD33/1/31 1853/564 Launceston (Emma Amelia Blight); personal communication, Ruth Coomber, 24 July 2007

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- 11 June 1854 Daughter Emma Amelia Blight died of scarlet fever at Launceston; aged 10 months, labourer's child; informant William Simpson, undertaker.²⁶
- 15 February 1855 **Married** Charles Dewhurst²⁷ at Northdown Anglican Church, Port Sorell district; Grace aged 30, widow, illiterate, resident of Northdown; Charles aged 45, widower, settler, resident of Northdown; witnesses Edward Williamson (illiterate) and Virtue Williamson (illiterate).^{17,28}
- 1858 Husband Charles Dewhurst granted 100 acres of land at Harford.²⁹
- 13³⁰ September 1859 Step-son Timothy Dewhurst married Jane Gelland in the house of Mr Dewhurst, Port Sorell district; Timothy aged 23, bachelor, resident of North Devon, Jane aged 25, widow, resident of North Down; witnesses Charles Dewhurst and sister Elizabeth Dewhurst.³¹
- 13³² October 1859 Step-daughter Elizabeth Dewhurst married John Braham Mawer at Northdown Anglican Church, Port Sorell; Elizabeth minor, spinster, resident of Port Sorell; John adult, bachelor, resident of Port Sorell; witnesses brother Timothy Dewhurst and sister Jane Dewhurst.³³
- 3 October 1860 **Daughter** Grace Emma Amelia Dewhurst born at Northdown; mother Grace Stevenson; informant father Charles Dewhurst, farmer.^{17,34}
- 1 May 1862 Step-daughter Hannah Dewhurst married Edward Taylor in the house of Mr Dewhurst, North Down, Port Sorell; Hannah aged 16, spinster, resident of North Down; Edward aged 27, bachelor, resident of New Ground; witnesses brother-in-law John Moore and sister Jane Dewhurst.³⁵
- 18 June 1863 **Daughter** Alice Horton Dewhurst born at Northdown; mother Grace Stephens; informant father Charles Dewhurst, blacksmith.^{17,36}
- 4 August 1864 Son John Lachlan Blight married step-daughter Ellen Dewhurst in the house of Mr Charles Dewhurst, Port Sorell; John aged 18, bachelor; Ellen aged 17, spinster; witnesses step-brother Charles Dewhurst and sister Martha Blight.³⁷
- 14 September 1864 Step-son David Dewhurst charged at the Police Court, Latrobe with a breach of the Master and Servants Act; information withdrawn, costs remitted.³⁸
- December 1864 **Son** Thomas Dewhurst born at Port Sorell.¹⁷
- 3 January 1865 Grandson Charles John Blight born in the Port Sorell district; father John Lauchlan Blight, mother Ellen Dewhurst.³⁹
- 4 May 1866 **Son** Joshua Stephen Dewhurst born at Harford; mother Grace Stephen; informant father Charles Dewhurst, blacksmith.^{17,40}

²⁶ TAHO, RGD35/1/23 1854/1444 Launceston (Emma Amelia Bligh); Gunn & Kippen, 'Household and Family Formation in Nineteenth-Century Tasmania' No.517028 (Emma Amelia Bligh)

²⁷ Charles Dewhurst previously married Elizabeth Banks in the Campbell Town district on 7 May 1836 (TAHO, RGD37/1/3 1836/3564 Campbell Town). He was transported for 7 years on *Roslin Castle* in 1828, tried at York on 17 July 1828 for stealing linen check; single, aged 22, native place Hortin, Yorkshire, blacksmith (TAHO, CON31/1/9 p.169 No.504 [image 176] (Charles Dewhurst); TAHO, CON18/1/22 [image 216] (Charles Dewhurst)).

²⁸ TAHO, RGD37/1/14 1855/1122 Port Sorell (Charles Dewhurst & Grace Blight)

²⁹ LDRB, Land Grants Index Book 41 p.158 (Charles Dewhurst)

³⁰ Licence to marry issued on 12 September 1859.

³¹ TAHO, RGD37/1/18 1859/607 Port Sorell (Timothy Dewhurst & Jane Gelland); TAHO, NS373/1/2 No.2150 (Timothy Dewhurst & Jane Yelland); Gunn & Kippen, 'Household and Family Formation in Nineteenth-Century Tasmania' No.17798 (Timothy Dewhurst & Jane Gelland)

³² Licence to marry issued on 9 October 1859.

³³ TAHO, RGD37/1/18 1859/610 Port Sorell (Elizabeth Dewhurst & John Moore); TAHO, NS373/1/2 No.2156 (Elizabeth Dewhurst & John Moore); Gunn & Kippen, 'Household and Family Formation in Nineteenth-Century Tasmania' No.17801 (John Moore & Elizabeth Dewhurst)

³⁴ TAHO, RGD33/1/38 1860/1982 Port Sorell (Grace Dewhurst)

³⁵ TAHO, NS373/1/2 No.2497 (Edward Taylor & Hannah Dewhurst); TAHO, RGD37/1/21 1862/576 Port Sorell (Hannah Dewhurst & Edward Taylor); Gunn & Kippen, 'Household and Family Formation in Nineteenth-Century Tasmania' No.20002 (Edward Taylor & Hannah Dewhurst)

³⁶ TAHO, RGD33/1/41 1863/1313 Port Sorell (Alice Horton Dewhurst)

³⁷ TAHO, RGD37/1/23 1864/643 Port Sorell (Ellen Dewhurst & John Louchlan Blight)

³⁸ TAHO, LC328/1/1 p.679 (David Dewhurst)

³⁹ TAHO, RGD33/1/43 1865/1277 Port Sorell (Charles John Blight)

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- 25 May 1866 Son Thomas Dewhurst died of dysentery at Harford; aged 17 months; informant father Charles Dewhurst, farmer.⁴¹
- 11 July 1866 Daughter Martha Blight married step-son Charles Dewhurst in the house of Thomas Dewhurst, *Windale*, Port Sorell; Martha aged 17, spinster, resident of *Windale*; Charles aged 23, bachelor, resident of *Windale*; witnesses step-brother Thomas Dewhurst and Deborah Smith.⁴²
- Daughter Sarah Ann Blight married step-son George Dewhurst in the house of Thomas Dewhurst, *Windale*, Port Sorell; Sarah Ann aged 16, spinster, resident of *Windale*; George aged 28, bachelor, farmer, resident of *Windale*; witnesses brother John Lauchlin Blight and Ann Williamson.⁴³
- 13 September 1866 Granddaughter Grace Elizabeth Rose Blight born in the Port Sorell district; father John Lachlan Blight, mother Ellen Dewhurst.⁴⁴
- 31 March 1867 Granddaughter Elizabeth Dewhurst born in the Port Sorell district; father Charles Dewhurst, mother Martha Blight.⁴⁵
- 20 May 1867 Granddaughter Elizabeth Dewhurst died in the Port Sorell district, aged 0.⁴⁶
- 6 September 1868 Grandson Robert Lauchlan Blight born in the Port Sorell district; father John Blight, mother Ellen Dewhurst.⁴⁷
- 5 November 1868 Granddaughter Ellen Martha Dewhurst born in the Port Sorell district; father George Dewhurst, mother Sarah.⁴⁸
- 1869 Husband Charles Dewhurst granted 98 acres 1 rood 25 perches of land at Harford.⁴⁹
- 25 February 1869 Granddaughter Ellen Martha Dewhurst died of asthma in the Port Sorell district, aged 3 months 20 days, farmer's daughter; informant Charles Dewhurst, farmer, resident of *Windale*.⁵⁰
- 2 April 1869 Grandson Robert Lauchlan Blight died in the Port Sorell district; aged 0.⁵¹
- 11 January 1870⁵² Grandson Charles Richard Dewhurst born in the Port Sorell district; father Charles Dewhurst, mother Martha Blight.⁵³
- 25 June 1870 Grandson Edmund Dewhurst born in the Port Sorell district; father George Dewhurst, mother Sarah Ann Blight.⁵⁴
- 26 November 1870 **Son** William Dewhurst born at *Windale*; mother Grace Stevens; informant father Charles Dewhurst, blacksmith.^{17,55}
- 11 June 1871 Grandson Charles John Lauchlan Blight died in the Port Sorell district, aged 6.⁵⁶
- 10 August 1871 Grandson Richard Lauchlan Blight born in the Port Sorell district; father John Lauchlan Blight, mother Ellen Dewhurst.⁵⁷

⁴⁰ TAHO, RGD33/1/44 1866/1238 Port Sorell (Joshua Stephen Dewhurst)

⁴¹ TAHO, RGD35/1/35 1866/416 Port Sorell (Thomas Dewhurst)

⁴² TAHO, RGD37/1/25 1866/522 Port Sorell (Martha Blight & Charles Dewhurst); TAHO, NS373/1/2 No.2981 (Charles Dewhurst & Martha Blight)

⁴³ TAHO, RGD37/1/25 1866/521 Port Sorell (Sarah Ann Blight & George Dewhurst); TAHO, NS373/1/2 No.2980 (George Dewhurst & Sarah Ann Blight)

⁴⁴ TAHO, RGD33/1/44 1866/1281 Port Sorell (Grace Elizabeth Rose Blight)

⁴⁵ TAHO, RGD33/1/45 1867/1227 Port Sorell (Elizabeth Dewhurst)

⁴⁶ TAHO, RGD35/1/36 1867/395 Port Sorell (Elizabeth Dewhurst)

⁴⁷ TAHO, RGD33/1/46 1868/1387 Port Sorell (Robert Blight)

⁴⁸ TAHO, RGD33/1/46 1868/1412 Port Sorell (Ellen Martha Dewhurst)

⁴⁹ LDRB, Land Grants Index Book 66 p.193 (Chas. Dewhurst)

⁵⁰ TAHO, RGD35/1/38 1869/414 Port Sorell (Ellen Martha Dewhurst); Gunn & Kippen, 'Household and Family Formation in Nineteenth-Century Tasmania' No.538953 (Ellen Martha Dewhurst)

⁵¹ TAHO, RGD35/1/38 1869/423 Port Sorell (Robert Lauchlan Blight)

⁵² Victorian state ward records have date of birth as 12 January 1870.

⁵³ TAHO, RGD33/1/48 1870/1327 Port Sorell (Charles Richard Dewhurst)

⁵⁴ TAHO, RGD33/1/48 1870/1422 Port Sorell (Edmund Dewhurst)

⁵⁵ TAHO, RGD33/1/48 1870/1516 Port Sorell (William Dewhurst)

⁵⁶ TAHO, RGD35/1/40 1871/426 Port Sorell (Charles John Lauchlan Blight)

⁵⁷ TAHO, RGD33/1/49 1871/1396 Port Sorell (Richard Lauchlan)

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- 1 December 1871 Step-son Thomas Dewhurst married Mary Haywood in the house of Thomas Dewhurst, New Ground (Wesleyan Methodist ceremony); Thomas aged 31, bachelor, farmer; Mary aged 19, spinster, illiterate; witnesses Bernard Burgess and Jane Burgess.⁵⁸
- 23 December 1872 Grandson John Stephens Dewhurst⁵⁹ born in the Port Sorell district; father George Dewhurst, mother Sarah Ann Blight.⁶⁰
- 5 March 1874 Granddaughter Emma Amelia Blight born in the Port Sorell district; father John Lauchlan Blight, mother Ellen Dewhurst.⁶¹
- 11 May 1875 Son Robert Blight married Frances Edwards at Colac, VIC.⁴
- 1875 Grandson Charles Blight born at Ondit, VIC; father Robert Blight, mother Frances Edward.⁶²
- 24 September 1875 Grandson David Robert Dewhurst born in the Port Sorell district; father George Dewhurst, mother Sarah Ann Blight.⁶³
- 1877 Granddaughter Sarah Blight born at Ondit, VIC; father Robert Blight, mother Frances Edwards.⁶⁴
- 8 September 1877 Daughter Martha Blight married William Percival Buckley at North Carlton, VIC; Martha late of Tasmania, William late of Birmingham, Warwickshire, England.⁶⁵
Marriage notice:
*BUCKLEY – DEWHURST. – On the 8th ult., at North Carlton, by the Rev. Charles Wardell, William Percival Buckley, Birmingham, Warwickshire, to Martha Dewhurst, late of Tasmania.*⁶⁶
- 31 December 1877 Grandson Edwin Edgar Dewhurst born in the Port Sorell district; father George Dewhurst, mother Sarah Blight.⁶⁷
- 31 May 1878 Granddaughter Ada Martha May Blight born in the Port Sorell district; father John Lauchlan Blight, mother Ellen Dewhurst.⁶⁸
- 1879 Grandson William Blight born at Ondit, VIC; father Robert Blight, mother Frances Edwards.⁶⁹
Grandson William Blight died at Beeac, VIC, aged 6 days.⁷⁰
Granddaughter Sarah Blight died at Beeac, VIC, aged 2.⁷¹
- 8 March 1880 Grandson Gordon Thomas Dewhurst born in the Port Sorell district; father George Dewhurst, mother Sarah Ann Blight.⁷²
- 21 May 1880 Daughter Grace Emma Amelia Dewhurst married George Green in the private house of Mr Charles Dewhurst, Wesley Vale; Grace aged 19, farmer's daughter, spinster; George aged 21, farmer, bachelor; witnesses Alfred Reid and sister Alice Horton Dewhurst.⁷³

⁵⁸ TAHO, RGD37/1/30 1871/548 Port Sorell (Thomas Dewhurst & Mary Haywood); Gunn & Kippen, 'Household and Family Formation in Nineteenth-Century Tasmania' No.26036 (Thomas Dewhurst & Mary Haywood)

⁵⁹ This is a different child John Stephens Dewhurst to that which died two months earlier. This John Stephens Dewhurst married Emma Tarrant on 8 August 1907 in Islington, Wickham, NSW and he died on 9 June 1957 at Newcastle, NSW, aged 84 (communication Bernadette Dewhurst-Phillips, 18 November 2011).

⁶⁰ TAHO, RGD33/1/51 1873/1330 Port Sorell (John Stephens Dewhurst)

⁶¹ TAHO, RGD33/1/52 1874/1363 Port Sorell (Emma Amelia Blight)

⁶² VIC Birth Record 1875/18265 (Charles Blight)

⁶³ TAHO, RGD33/1/53 1875/1489 Port Sorell (David Robert Dewhurst)

⁶⁴ VIC Birth Record 1877/10603 (Sarah Blight)

⁶⁵ *Argus*, 20 October 1877 (William Percival Buckley & Martha Dewhurst); personal communication Bernadette Maree Dewhurst-Phillips, 30 March 2012

⁶⁶ *Argus*, 20 October 1877 p.1 (Martha Dewhurst)

⁶⁷ TAHO, RGD33/1/56 1878/1494 Port Sorell (Edwin Edgar Dewhurst)

⁶⁸ TAHO, RGD33/1/56 1878/1581 Port Sorell (Ada Martha May Blight)

⁶⁹ VIC Birth Record 1879/18236 (William Blight)

⁷⁰ VIC Death Record 1879/8741 (William Blight)

⁷¹ VIC Death Record 1879/8742 (Sarah Blight)

⁷² TAHO, RGD33/1/58 1880/2135 Port Sorell (Gordon Thomas Dewhurst)

⁷³ TAHO, RGD37/1/39 1880/428 Port Sorell (Grace Emma Amelia Dewhurst & George Green)

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- 2 October 1880 Granddaughter Edna Alda Mary Hanna Blight born in the Port Sorell district; father John Lauchlan Blight, mother Emma Dewhurst.⁷⁴
- 18 November 1880 Daughter Martha Blight charged at the Police Court, Hotham with Adam Reid with garrotting and robbing George Henry Smith; committed for trial at the next Court of General Sessions.⁷⁵
- Newspaper report:
*Adam Reid and Martha Buckley were brought up on a charge of garrotting and robbing one Geo Henry Smith. Evidence was given that the prosecutor, a new arrival from the country, was met at the Flinders-street railway station by the female prisoner, and induced to go to her residence in Trafalgar-square, off Levison-street, Hotham. When he was going away the male prisoner threw his arm around his neck, and then took £3 7s. from his pocket. The money was afterwards recovered by Constables Lyhane and Vaughan. Both the prisoners were committed for trial at the next Court of General Sessions.*⁷⁵
- 1881 Granddaughter Frances Blight born at Ondit, VIC; father Robert Blight, mother Frances Edwards.⁷⁶
- 8 February 1881 Daughter Martha Blight tried⁷⁷ at the General Sessions, Melbourne, VIC for assault and robbery of a man in a house at Hotham; sentence 2 years imprisonment at Melbourne Gaol, VIC with 1 week in each month to be passed in solitary confinement.⁷⁸
- 25 February 1881 Grandson Charles Richard Dewhurst committed as a state ward in Melbourne, VIC for 5 years ; cause neglected; aged 11, born Tasmania, Anglican; state on admission good; mother Martha Dewhurst living, in Melbourne Gaol for 2 years under the name of Buckley; father Charles Dewhurst dead.⁷⁹
- 1882 Granddaughter Alice May Blight born at Ondit, VIC; father Robert Blight, mother Frances Edwards.⁸⁰
- 17 February 1882 Grandson Horton Dewhurst Green born in the Port Sorell district; father George Green, mother Grace Dewhurst.⁸¹
- 1 May 1882 Grandson Edwin Edgar Dewhurst died in the Port Sorell district, aged 4.⁸²
- 23 December 1882 Granddaughter Eva Maud Ance Alice Dewhurst born in the Port Sorell district; father George Dewhurst, mother Sarah Ann Blight.⁸³
- 12 April 1883 Grandson Mervyn Leonard A Blight born in the Port Sorell district; father John Lachlan, mother Ellen Dewhurst.⁸⁴
- 3 June 1884 Granddaughter Pearl Green born in the Port Sorell district; father George Green, mother Grace Dewhurst.⁸⁵
- 17 December 1884 Daughter Alice Horton Dewhurst married George Brown in the house of Mr Green, Wesley Vale; Alice aged 21, spinster; George aged 25, farmer, bachelor; witnesses John Brown and Grace Green.⁸⁶
- 1885 Daughter Martha Blight died at Collingwood, VIC; aged 36, parents unknown.⁸⁷
- 17 March 1885 Grandson Richard Blight died in the Port Sorell district, aged 14.⁸⁸

⁷⁴ TAHO, RGD33/1/58 1880/2265 Port Sorell (Edna Alda Mary Hanna Blight)

⁷⁵ *Argus*, 19 November 1880 p.7 (Martha Buckley)

⁷⁶ VIC Birth Record 1881/4585 (Frances Blight)

⁷⁷ Confederate Adam Reid was also tried for assault and robbery and sentenced to receive 20 lashes plus 2 years imprisonment, with 1 week of each month to be passed in solitary confinement.

⁷⁸ *Argus*, 9 February 1881 p.5 (Martha Buckley); *Argus*, 10 February 1881 p.9 (Martha Buckley)

⁷⁹ PROV, VPRS 4527 Vol.BB4 p.289 No.12455 (Charles Dewhurst)

⁸⁰ VIC Birth Record 1882/18068

⁸¹ TAHO, RGD33/1/61 1882/2383 Port Sorell (Horton Dewhurst Green)

⁸² TAHO, RGD35/1/51 1882/596 Port Sorell (Edwin Edgar Dewhurst)

⁸³ TAHO, RGD33/1/62 1883/1793 Port Sorell (Eva Maud Ance Alice Dewhurst)

⁸⁴ TAHO, RGD33/1/62 1883/1849 Port Sorell (Mervyn Leonard A Blight)

⁸⁵ TAHO, RGD33/1/63 1884/2652 Port Sorell (Pearl Green)

⁸⁶ TAHO, RGD37/1/43 1884/895 Port Sorell (Alice Horton Dewhurst & George Brown)

⁸⁷ VIC Death Record 1885/1027 (Martha Dewhurst); personal communication Bernadette Maree Dewhurst-Phillips, 30 March 2012

⁸⁸ TAHO, RGD35/1/54 1885/1200 Ulverstone (Richard Blight)

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- 5 June 1885 Grandson Charles Richard Dewhurst absconded from state care in Victoria.⁷⁹
- 9 January 1886 Granddaughter Elva Frances Myrtle Blight born in the Ulverstone district; father John Lachlan Blight, mother Ellen Dewhurst.⁸⁹
- 12 March 1886 Granddaughter Beulah Grace Brown born in the Port Sorell district; father George Brown, mother Alice Hortine Dewhurst.⁹⁰
- 6 July 1886 Husband Charles Dewhurst agreed to sell 198 acres 1 rood 25 perches of land in the parish of Harford to William J Morris.⁹¹
- 1887 Grandson John William Blight born at Colac, VIC; father Robert Blight, mother Frances Edwards.⁹²
- 19 May 1887 Husband Charles Dewhurst died of dropsy at Wesleyvale in the Port Sorell district; aged 85, blacksmith; informant Arthur Phillips, undertaker of Torquay.⁹³
- 1887 Will of husband Charles Dewhurst read, executors son-in-law George Green, farmer of Northdown, and son-in-law George Brown, farmer, resident of Northdown; value of estate not exceeding £30.
Beneficiaries: to his wife Grace all his linen, china, books, pictures, furniture and household effects; the remainder to be held in trust by the executors to pay an income to his wife Grace during her life and after her death in trust for his children Timothy Dewhurst, Mary Ann Byers, George Dewhurst, Thomas Dewhurst, Hannah Taylor, Ellen Blight and John Dewhurst in equal shares.⁹⁴
- 1888 Granddaughter Ellen Blight born at Colac, VIC; father Robert Blight, mother Frances Edwards.⁹⁵
- 12 January 1888 Term in state care for grandson Charles Richard Dewhurst expired.⁷⁹
- 28 April 1888 Granddaughter Mona Brown born in the Mersey district; father George Brown, mother Alice Horton Dewhurst.⁹⁶
- 4 October 1889 Grandson George Oscar Brown born in the Mersey district; father George Brown, mother Alice Horton Dewhurst.⁹⁷
- 1 January 1890 Granddaughter Nellie Linda Maud Blight born in the Ulverstone district; father John Louchlen Blight, mother Ellen Dewhurst.⁹⁸
- 1890 Granddaughter Louisa Blight born at Colac, VIC; father Robert Blight, mother Frances Edwards.⁹⁹
Granddaughter Louisa Blight died at Colac, VIC, aged 1 month.¹⁰⁰
- 7 January 1891 Conveyance of land from Roger Winspear; 1 acre 2 roods 10 perches in the parish of Templeton.¹⁰¹
- 1 October 1891 Granddaughter Alice Brown born in the Mersey district; father George Brown, mother Alice Horton Dewhurst.¹⁰²
- 13 June 1892 Son William Dewhurst died accidentally by the upsetting of a dray at Stott's Plains; aged 21.¹⁰⁴
- 15 June 1892 Inquest held at Latrobe into the death of son William Dewhurst.¹⁰³

⁸⁹ TAHO, RGD33/65 1886/3256 Ulverstone (Elva Frances Myrtle Blight)

⁹⁰ TAHO, RGD33/1/65 1886/2610 Port Sorell (Beulah Grace Brown)

⁹¹ LDRB, Land Grants Index Book 7 No.6570 (Charles Dewhurst)

⁹² VIC Birth Record 1887/27300 (John William Blight)

⁹³ TAHO, RGD35/1/56 1887/1110 Port Sorell (Charles Dewhurst)

⁹⁴ TAHO, AD960/1/16 p.251 No.3364 (Charles Dewhurst)

⁹⁵ VIC Birth Record 1888/28218 (Ellen Blight)

⁹⁶ TAHO, RGD33/1/67 1888/2351 Mersey (Mona Brown)

⁹⁷ TAHO, RGD33/1/68 1889/2312 Mersey (George Oscar Brown)

⁹⁸ TAHO, RGD33/1/70 1890/3341 Ulverstone (Nellie Linda Maud Blight)

⁹⁹ VIC Birth Record 1890/11546 (Louisa Blight)

¹⁰⁰ VIC Death Record 1890/6587 (Louisa Blight)

¹⁰¹ LDRB, Land Grants Index Book 8 No.5572 (Grace Dewhurst)

¹⁰² TAHO, RGD33/1/72 1891/2367 Mersey (Alice Brown)

¹⁰³ *Launceston Examiner*, 15 June 1892 p.2 (William Dewhurst); personal communication Bernadette Maree Dewhurst-Phillips, 29 March 2012

Newspaper report:

*AN inquest was held at Latrobe this morning before Mr Coroner Maxwell, and a jury of seven, of whom Mr Barnes was foreman, at Wesley Vale, on the body of William Dewhurst, aged 21, who was found dead yesterday at Stott's Plains under a dray. Several witnesses were examined, and Dr. W. R. Stewart, who examined the body, deposed that death was due to injuries to the back of the neck, the spinal cord being injured. The jury brought in a verdict "that deceased came to his death accidentally through the upsetting of a dray," and in accordance with the medical testimony. They added the following rider: – "That the accident was partly caused by a tree obstructing the road, and that the road trust should endeavour to remove the tree so as to prevent a similar accident from occurring, as this is the second that has occurred on the same road from similar obstruction."*¹⁰³

June 1892 Son William Dewhurst buried in the Methodist Cemetery at Wesley Vale.¹⁰⁴

Headstone reads:

*In fond Memory of
William Dewhurst
who was accidentally killed on June 13th 1892 aged 21 years.
Short was my stay in this vain world
and sudden was my death
one morning breathing strong and well
The next I lost my breath
Heaven is my Home*¹⁰⁵

- 13 August 1893 Grandson Philip Newton Brown born in the Mersey district; father George Brown, mother Alice Horton Dewhurst.¹⁰⁶
- 16 December 1894 Granddaughter Doris Pearl Brown born in the Mersey district; father George Brown, mother Alice Horton Dewhurst.¹⁰⁷
- 1895 Granddaughter Sarah Grace Blight born at Colac, VIC; father Robert Blight, mother Frances Edward.¹⁰⁸
- 5 May 1896 Son Joshua Stephen Dewhurst married Annette Kate Payne at Christ Anglican Church, Longford; Joshua aged 29, blacksmith, bachelor, resident of Beaconsfield, born Northdown; Annette aged 24, state school teacher, spinster, usually resident of Northdown, currently resident of Longford, born London, England; witnesses Richard Heyward, resident of Longford, and AM Heyward, resident of Longford.¹⁰⁹
- 20 December 1896 Grandson Raymond Brown born in the Mersey district; father George Brown, mother Alice Horton Dewhurst.¹¹⁰
- 17 January 1897 Grandson Charles William Dewhurst born in the Beaconsfield district; father Joshua Stephen Dewhurst, mother Annetta Kate Payne.¹¹¹
- 18 March 1897 Grandson Charles William Dewhurst died in the Beaconsfield district; aged 0.¹¹²
- 9 May 1897 Step-son Thomas Dewhurst accidentally burnt to death in the Beaconsfield district; aged 57; informant Thomas G Williams, coroner, Beaconsfield.¹¹³
- 10 May 1897 Inquest held at the *Tasmania Hotel*, Beaconsfield into death of step-son Thomas Dewhurst before Thomas George Williams Esquire, coroner. Verdict: died accidentally through being burned in his hut at Shaw Street, Beaconsfield on the morning of Sunday 9 May.¹¹⁴

¹⁰⁴ personal communication, Bernadette Dewhurst-Phillips, 9 January 2008

¹⁰⁵ personal communication, Bernadette Dewhurst-Phillips, 12 January 2008

¹⁰⁶ TAHO, RGD33/1/76 1893/1542 Mersey (Philip Newton Brown)

¹⁰⁷ TAHO, RGD33/1/80 1895/1486 Mersey (Doris Pearl Brown)

¹⁰⁸ VIC Birth Record 1895/28305 (Sarah Grace Blight)

¹⁰⁹ TAHO, RGD37/1/56 1896/669 Longford (Joshua Stephens Dewhurst & Annette Kate Payne)

¹¹⁰ TAHO, RGD33/1/82 1896/1556 Mersey (Raymond Brown)

¹¹¹ TAHO, RGD33/1/83 1897/19 Beaconsfield (Charles William Dewhurst)

¹¹² TAHO, RGD35/1/66 1897/16 Beaconsfield (Charles William Dewhurst)

¹¹³ TAHO, RGD35/1/66 1897/22 Beaconsfield (Thomas Dewhurst); Gunn & Kippen, 'Household and Family Formation in Nineteenth-Century Tasmania' No.588051 (Thomas Dewhurst)

¹¹⁴ TAHO, SC195/1/72 No.10788 (Thomas Dewhurst)

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Grace Stevens

- 20 February 1898 Granddaughter Stella Lillian Dewhurst born in the Beaconsfield district; father Joshua Stephen Dewhurst, mother Annette Kate Payne.¹¹⁵
- 16 October 1898 Granddaughter Stella Lillian Dewhurst died in the Beaconsfield district; aged 0.¹¹⁶
- 23 September 1899 Grandson Howard Frank Sydney Dewhurst born in the Mersey district; father Joshua Stephen Dewhurst, mother Annette Kate Payne.¹¹⁷
- 26 September 1902 Grandson Adye Rupert Dewhurst born at Thomas Street, East Devonport; father Joshua Stephen Dewhurst, mother Annette Kate Payne.¹¹⁸
- 17 November 1902 **Died** of paralysis and stroke at Wesley Vale, aged 78.¹¹⁹
- 19 November 1902 Buried in the Methodist Cemetery at Wesley Vale, next to her son William Dewhurst.^{17,120}

Headstone inscription:

*In loving Memory of
Grace
relict of the Late
Charles Dewhurst
Died 17th November 1902
Aged 78 years.
Them that sleep in Jesus will God bring with Him.*

Funeral notice:

The funeral of one of the earliest settlers in the Northdown district – Mrs Grace Dewhurst, relict of the late Mr C. Dewhurst – took place yesterday afternoon, the remains being interred in the family grave, in the Wesley Vale churchyard, the Rev S. C. Flockart officiating. Notwithstanding her advanced age – 78 years, – “Granny,” as the old lady was familiarly known for many miles around, was in excellent health up to 2 years ago, when she was seized with a paralytic stroke, and was prostrated by a similar attack some months afterwards. On Friday night she suffered from another seizure, to which she succumbed on Monday night. The deceased lady was a native of Cornwall (England), and came to Tasmania when quite a girl, shortly afterwards settling at Northdown. She was married twice, the surviving members of the first family being Mr J. Blight (Penguin), Mrs G. Dewhurst (Moriarty), Mr R. Blight (Victoria), and Mrs G. Green (Thirlstane). Mrs G. Brown (Wesley Vale) and Mr J. Dewhurst (East Devonport) are members of the second family. Deceased had a host of sincere friends, who esteemed her kindly disposition and motherly advice, and general regret is expressed at her somewhat sudden demise.¹²¹

- 23 August 1906 Granddaughter Ella Grace Dewhurst born at East Devonport; father Joshua Stevens Dewhurst, mother Annette Kate Payne.¹²²

¹¹⁵ TAHO, RGD33/1/85 1898/25 Beaconsfield (Stella Lillian Dewhurst)

¹¹⁶ TAHO, RGD35/1/67 1898/61 Beaconsfield (Stella Lillian Dewhurst)

¹¹⁷ TAHO, RGD33/1/87 1899/1478 Mersey (Howard Frank Sydney Dewhurst)

¹¹⁸ TAS Birth Record 1902/3683 (Adye Rupert Dewhurst)

¹¹⁹ TAS Death Record 1902/1583 (Grace Dewhurst); *Linc Tasmania*, ‘eHeritage’ ID 71416 (Grace Dewhurst)

¹²⁰ *Linc Tasmania* ‘eHeritage’ ID 71416 (Grace Dewhurst), personal communication, Bernadette Dewhurst-Phillips, 9 January 2008

¹²¹ personal communication, Ruth Coomber, 24 July 2007; *North West Post*, 20 November 1902 p.2 (Grace Dewhurst)

¹²² TAS Birth Record 1906/3592 (Ella Grace Dewhurst)

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