

Margarett Sweet

(*alias Margaret Williams; uxor Margaret Taylor*)

POLICE NUMBER 449 ¹	LITERACY read only
TRIAL DATE 26 October 1840	AGE ON EMBARKATION 30
TRIAL PLACE Lancaster (Liverpool) Quarter Sessions	AGE ON ARRIVAL 31
OFFENCE stealing money from the person	HEIGHT 5' 1½"
SENTENCE 10 years	COMPLEXION fresh
GAOL REPORT 15 times in prison, very bad, married, 1 child	HEAD oval
PREVIOUS CONVICTIONS I cannot tell how often I have been put in prison	HAIR brown
SURGEON'S REPORT quiet	VISAGE oval
ON THE TOWN 18 months	FOREHEAD flat
MARITAL STATUS married	EYEBROWS brown
CHILDREN 1, 0 on board	EYES light hazel
FAMILY	NOSE medium
NATIVE PLACE Wales	MOUTH medium
TRADE ON EMBARKATION	CHIN round
TRADE ON ARRIVAL house servant, wash, iron, milk	MARKS scar under right eye, scar over bridge of nose, 2 scars close to left eye

c1810 **Born** in Wales.²

26 October 1840 Tried at Lancaster Quarter Sessions, Liverpool, Lancashire, England indicted for larceny in stealing money from the person; sentence 10 years transportation.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, sent to Launceston for assignment; assigned to Mr R Richmond, Mount Direction, River Tamar.⁵

31 December 1841 Mustered in the service of Mr G Allen, Launceston.⁶

7 January 1842 Charged with being drunk in the service of Edwards; sentence 1 month hard labour at Launceston Female Factory.³

12 June 1843 Charged with being drunk in the service of Nicolls; sentence 24 hours in solitary confinement.³

15 January 1844 Charged with misconduct in the service of Dr Hall; sentence 4 days in solitary confinement.³

11 April 1844 Classified as a 2nd class probation pass-holder; gazetted 12 April.⁷

1 July 1844 Application for permission to marry Richard Taylor⁸ (free) sent to the Secretary; approved if clergyman satisfied, no ecclesiastical objection.⁹

Notice given of approval for permission to marry Richard Taylor; Margarett in private service at Westbury; Richard free.¹⁰

¹ TAHO, CON40/1/10 p.51 No.449 [image 54] (Margarett Sweet); TAHO, CON19/1/1 p.259 [image 133] (Margaret Sweet); ML, CY 1282 p.154 (Margaret Sweet alias Marg^t Williams); ML, CY 1197 p.155 (Margaret Sweet alias Williams); ML, CY 958 p.442 (Margaret Sweet)

² TAHO, CON19/1/1 p.259 [image 133] (Margaret Sweet)

³ TAHO, CON40/1/10 p.51 No.449 [image 54] (Margarett Sweet)

⁴ AJCP, ADM 101/63 *Rajah*

⁵ ML, CY 1282 p.142 (Margaret Sweet); ML, CY 1274 p.263 (Margaret Sweet alias Marg^t Williams)

⁶ AJCP, HO 10/51 p.396 No.449 (Margaret Sweet)

⁷ *Hobart Town Gazette*, 12 April 1844 p.426 (Margaret Sweet)

⁸ There are 13 convicts named Richard Taylor on the Tasmanian convicts database, though as Richard was an army pensioner he probably came out as a pensioner guard on a convict ship.

⁹ TAHO, CON52/1/2 p.200 (Rich^d Taylor & Marg^t Sweet)

¹⁰ *Hobart Town Gazette*, 5 July 1844 p.761; 12 July 1844 p.799; 19 July 1844 p.844 (Richard Taylor & Margaret Sweet)

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- 29 July 1844 **Married** Richard Taylor at St Andrew's Anglican Church, Westbury; Margarett aged 33, assigned servant, illiterate; Richard aged 36, labourer, illiterate; witnesses Benjamin Lawes and Abraham Ball.¹¹
- 31 August 1844 Promoted from a 2nd class to a 3rd class probation pass-holder; gazetted 6 September.¹²
- 6 February 1845 Charged with misconduct; sentence 24 hours in solitary confinement.³
- 26 March 1845 Charged with being drunk and using obscene language; fined 10 shillings; ticket-of-leave holder^{13,14}
- 1 November 1845 Ticket of Leave granted; gazetted 4 November.¹⁵
- 2 December 1845 Charged with being drunk; reprimanded.³
- 25 April 1846 Charged with being drunk; sentence 48 hours in solitary confinement.³
- 15 June 1846 Charged with being drunk and disorderly; reprimanded.³
- 10 November 1846 Charged with being drunk; sentence 3 months hard labour at Launceston Female Factory.³
- 10 February 1847 Charged with being drunk; reprimanded.³
- 5 March 1847 Charged with being drunk; sentence 24 hours in solitary confinement and recommended to be deprived of her Ticket of Leave, recommendation not approved.³
- 26 October 1847 Gazetted as free by servitude;¹⁶ Certificate of Freedom available for collection.¹⁷
- 6 March 1848 Conditional Pardon recommended; gazetted 14 March.¹⁸
- 15 May 1849 Conditional Pardon approved.³
- 26 October 1850 Free by servitude.³
- 5 November 1850 Certificate of Freedom issued.³
- 10 March 1851 Charged at the Police Court, Westbury with being drunk in a public street at Westbury on 8 March; plea guilty; fined 5 shillings, paid.
Description: free by servitude, aged 44, read only.¹⁹
- 20 July 1852 **Died** of decline in the Westbury district; aged 49, married woman; informant James Watson, constable, Westbury.²⁰
- 20 March 1899 Husband Richard Taylor died of heart disease and cystitis at Westbury; aged 87; army pensioner; informant EA Morris, registrar, Westbury.²¹

¹¹ TAHO, RGD37/1/3 1844/831 Launceston (Richard Taylor & Margaret Sweets)

¹² *Hobart Town Gazette*, 6 September 1844 p.1074 (Margaret Sweet)

¹³ Margarett's Ticket of Leave was not granted for another seven months.

¹⁴ TAHO, CON78/1/3 p.184 (Margaret Sweet)

¹⁵ *Hobart Town Gazette*, 4 November 1845 p.1386 (Margaret Sweet)

¹⁶ Margarett wasn't due to be free for another three years.

¹⁷ *Hobart Town Gazette*, 12 October 1847 p.1021 (Margaret Sweet)

¹⁸ *Hobart Town Gazette*, 14 March 1848 p.249 (Margaret Sweet)

¹⁹ TAHO, LC534/1/1 p.116 (Margaret Sweet)

²⁰ TAHO, RGD35/1/21 1852/82 Westbury (Margaret Taylor)

²¹ TAHO, RGD35/1/68 1899/1084 Westbury (Richard Taylor)