

*Jane Smith*¹
(uxor Jane Chestney)

Place Tried Kings Co.	Date Tried 29 March 1849 ^a
Offence stealing a watch	Sentence 7 years
Prosecutor Lochlan, Kings Co.	Previous Convictions 1 – stealing turnips (1m)
Gaol Report good	Surgeon's Report quiet
Station of Gang Anson	Class 3 rd from 24 January 1850
Other Information tried with Catherine Murphy (<i>qv</i>)	

Religion Roman Catholic	Literacy neither read nor write, read
Marital Status single	Trade housemaid
Age 22 ^b	Native Place Dublin
Height 5' 2"	Complexion fresh, fair
Head round	Hair brown
Visage round	Forehead high
Eyebrows brown	Eyes grey
Nose medium	Mouth wide
Chin round	Marks none
Family brother William (in America); sister Maria	

21 May 1849	Received at Grangegorman Depot at 9pm. ²
6 September 1849	Put on <i>Australasia</i> sick list for obstipation (off 20 September, cured). ³
1 October 1849	Put on <i>Australasia</i> sick list for bronchitis (off 3 October, sent to <i>Anson</i>). ³
10 July 1850	Contracted as PPH to William Hamilton, Elizabeth St, Hobart, 12m at £9 pa. ⁴
13 June 1853	Ticket-of-Leave granted. ⁵
1 August 1853	Application for permission to marry Edmund Chestney (<i>Lord Auckland</i> 1); will be recommended if clergyman is satisfied. ⁶
17 August 1853	Application for permission to marry Edmund Chestney (<i>Lord Auckland</i> 1) (approved 23 August). ⁶
13 September 1853	Married as 23y, servant, spinster, to Edmund Chestney, 44y, sawyer, widower, at St Joseph's RC Church, Hobart; witnesses Stephen Jobson & Julia Gundison. ⁷
14 February 1854	Recommended for Conditional Pardon. ⁸
11 September 1854 ^c	Daughter Ann Augusta Chestney, sawyer's child, born in Hobart district; baptised 4 December 1854 at St Joseph's RC Church, Hobart; sponsors Patrick Foley & Catherine Sutton (nee Stewart, <i>qv</i>). ⁹
19 December 1854	Conditional Pardon approved. ¹⁰ Husband Edmund Chestney granted Conditional Pardon. ¹¹
29 March 1856	Free by servitude.
26 August 1856	Certificate of Freedom at Hobart. ⁸
15 April 1857	Daughter Elizabeth Chestney born; baptised 22 June 1857 in Huon district; sponsors William Colston & Ellen Colston. ¹²
1858	Husband Edmund Chestney occupier of a hut & land (3½ acres) at Flight's Bay. ¹³
27 August 1859	Daughter Maria Josephine Chestney, sawyer's child, born in Esperance district; baptised 6 December 1859 in Huon district; sponsor Catherine Credens. ¹⁴
3 September 1863	Husband Edmund Chestney, with Joseph Smith, charged James O'Neil (<i>Runnymede</i>), sawyer of Port Cygnet, with larceny in stealing 3 pit saws & 1 axe, value £4.15, their property. ¹⁵

^a Date given as 30 March 1849 on Irish transportation register and erroneously as 29 January 1849 on conduct record. This date was taken from the Grangegorman prison register and is the same as that for Catherine Murphy (*qv*).

^b Age given as: 23y on *Australasia* sick list; 30y on description list.

^c Date given as 18 September 1854 on baptism record.

- 1865 Husband Edmund Chestney occupier of a hut & land (<1 acre) at Flight's Bay.¹⁶
- 15 August 1866 Public aid of 7s per week (reduced to 6s per week by 1 December 1870) granted to Edmund Chestney, Franklin district due to him being old (66y) & decrepit & his wife Jane suffering from defective eyesight, with 3 children under 12y (1 child by 1 December 1870).¹⁷
- 9 May 1874 Daughter Maria Josephine Chestney married Charles Coulson at 287 Liverpool St, Hobart.¹⁸
- 29 October 1875 Daughter Ann Augusta Chestney married Thomas Donovan at Honeywood.¹⁹
- 31 July 1876 Husband Edmund Chestney, 74y, sawyer, died of disease of the brain at Brickfields Pauper Establishment, Hobart; buried 2 August in pauper section, Cornelian Bay Cemetery, Hobart.²⁰
- 9 April 1877 Daughter Ann Augusta Chestney, 22y, labourer's wife, died in childbirth at Port Cygnet.²¹
- 29 November 1880 Daughter Maria Josephine Chestney^d married James Lennon at St Joseph's RC Church, Hobart.²²
- 17 November 1891^e **Died** of pleura pneumonia at Brisbane St, Hobart, 68y, widow; buried in Queenborough Cemetery, Hobart.²³



^d Maria's 1st husband Charles Coulson had died on 28 May 1877.

^e Date given as 16 November 1891 on headstone.

References

- ¹ AOT, CON 41/24 *Australasia* No.893 (Jane Smith); AOT, CON 19/8 *Australasia* (Jane Smith); AOT, CON 15/6 *Australasia* No.185 (Jane Smith); NAI, Prisons 1/9/4 No.1881 (Jane Smith); NAI, TR9 p.45 (Jane Smith)
- ² NAI, Prisons 1/9/4 No.1881 (Jane Smith)
- ³ AJCP, ADM 101/6 *Australasia* Sick List Case No.41 (Jane Smith)
- ⁴ AOT, CON 30/1 p.90 (Brady Smith)
- ⁵ *Hobart Town Gazette*, 14 June 1853 p.495 (Jane Smith)
- ⁶ AOT, CON 52/6 (Edward Chesney/Chestney & Jane Smith)
- ⁷ AOT, RGD 37/12 1853/790 Hobart (Edward Chistney & Jane Smith)
- ⁸ AOT, CON 41/24 *Australasia* No.893 (Jane Smith)
- ⁹ AOT, RGD 33/5 1854/1337 Hobart (Ann Augusta Chestney); AOT, NS 1052/8 p.251 (Ann Augusta Chestney)
- ¹⁰ AOT, CON 56/2 No.1968 (Jane Smith)
- ¹¹ AOT, CON 33/61 *Lord Auckland* No.14461 (Edward Chestney)
- ¹² Purtscher, *Father John Murphy's "Saddlebag" Records* (Elizabeth Chesney); CCMA, FRA1 p.28 (Elizabeth Chisney)
- ¹³ *Hobart Town Gazette*, 25 May 1858 p.745 (Edward Chesney)
- ¹⁴ AOT, RGD 33/37 1859/350 Esperance (female Chesney); CCMA, FRA1 p.28 (Mary Chesney); Purtscher, *Father John Murphy's "Saddlebag" Records* (Mary Chesney)
- ¹⁵ AOT, POL 377/1 p.60 (Edward Chesney)
- ¹⁶ *Hobart Town Gazette*, 10 January 1865 p.139 (Edward Chesney)
- ¹⁷ AOT, LC APP Vol.17 1871 No.47 p.30 Case No.180 (Edmund Chestney)
- ¹⁸ AOT, RGD 37/33 1874/268 Hobart (Charles Coulson & Maria Chestney)
- ¹⁹ AOT, RGD 37/34 1875/99 Franklin (Thomas Donovan & Anne Chesney)
- ²⁰ AOT, RGD 35/8 1876/3493 Hobart (Edward Chestney); SRCT CB Pauper Section A No.2 (Edward Chestney)
- ²¹ AOT, RGD 35/46 1877/663 Port Cygnet (Ann Donovan)
- ²² AOT, RGD 37/39 1880/746 Hobart (James Lennon & Maria Coulson)
- ²³ AOT, RGD 35/13 1891/806 Hobart (Mary Jane Chestney); AOT, AB 413/2 No.3360 (Mary Jane Chestney)