

# *Catherine Warren*

*(uxor Catherine Bellinger)*

POLICE NUMBER 417 <sup>1</sup>	LITERACY neither read nor write
TRIAL DATE 1 August 1840	AGE ON EMBARKATION 27
TRIAL PLACE Cornwall (Bodmin) Assizes	AGE ON ARRIVAL 30
OFFENCE stealing an apron and handkerchief (cloths) from the Union	HEIGHT 5' 4"
SENTENCE 10 years	COMPLEXION florid
GAOL REPORT convicted before, bad, single	HEAD oval
PREVIOUS CONVICTIONS once 3 months for stealing clothes from a hedge	HAIR brown
SURGEON'S REPORT indolent but orderly	VISAGE oval
ON THE TOWN no	FOREHEAD medium
MARITAL STATUS single	EYEBROWS dark brown
CHILDREN 3, 1 on board – son Paul, 19 months, not weaned <sup>2</sup>	EYES light blue
FAMILY	NOSE medium
NATIVE PLACE Cornwall, England	MOUTH medium
TRADE ON EMBARKATION	CHIN long
TRADE ON ARRIVAL house servant, laundress, dairy maid	MARKS none

c1812	<b>Born</b> in Cornwall, England. <sup>3</sup>
cJanuary 1840	<b>Son</b> Paul born in Cornwall, England. <sup>4</sup>
1 August 1840	Tried at the Assizes, Bodmin, Cornwall, England indicted for larceny in stealing an apron and handkerchief from the Union; sentence 10 years transportation. <sup>4</sup>
5 April 1841	Departed Woolwich, England on the <i>Rajah</i> . <sup>5</sup>
19 July 1841	Arrived at Hobart on the <i>Rajah</i> . <sup>5</sup>
c24 July 1841	Upon arrival at Hobart, sent to Cascades Female Factory; not assignable, child in arms. <sup>6</sup>
September 1841	Son Paul Warren died in the nursery at Cascades Female Factory; aged 22 months, convict's child. <sup>7</sup>
28 September 1841	Son Paul Warren buried at St David's Anglican Cemetery, Hobart. <sup>7</sup>
31 December 1841	Mustered at Cascades Female Factory. <sup>8</sup>
21 March 1842	Charged at the Police Court, Hobart with larceny in the service of John Price Esquire, <i>Restdown</i> , New Town; remanded until tomorrow morning. <sup>9</sup>

Statement of witness Henrietta Biddle:<sup>10</sup>

*I am in the service of Mr John Price, and on the Saturday previous to Catherine Warren now present being taken into custody I saw a pocket handkerchief in her possession the property of Ann Powers<sup>11</sup> – it was then in her box which I looked at and returned into the box after showing it to Ann Powers. I had previously seen Catherine with the handkerchief on the Sunday before. Powers said that it was her handkerchief and one that she had lost, "Warren"*

<sup>1</sup> TAHO, CON40/1/10 p.219 No.417 [image 196] (Catherine Warren); TAHO, CON19/1/1 p.267 [image 137] (Catherine Warren); ML, CY 1282 p.155 (Catherine Warren); ML, CY 1197 p.154 (Catherine Warren); ML, CY 958 p.441 (Catherine Warren)

<sup>2</sup> ML, CY 1282 p.139 (Catherine Warren)

<sup>3</sup> TAHO, CON19/1/1 p.267 [image 137] (Catherine Warren)

<sup>4</sup> TAHO, CON40/1/10 p.219 No.417 [image 196] (Catherine Warren)

<sup>5</sup> AJCP, ADM 101/63 *Rajah*

<sup>6</sup> ML, CY 1282 p.143 (Catherine Warren); ML, CY 1274 p.264 (Catherine Warren)

<sup>7</sup> TAHO, RGD34/1/2 1841/716 Hobart (Paul Warren)

<sup>8</sup> AJCP, HO 10/51 p.404 No.417 (Catherine Warren)

<sup>9</sup> TAHO, AC480/1/1 21 March 1842 (Catherine Warren)

<sup>10</sup> Henrietta Biddle was transported on the *Navarino* in 1841.

<sup>11</sup> Ann Powers was transported on the *Garland Grove* in 1841.

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told me that she had borrowed it. The handkerchief was produced is the one, I named it to Ann Powers that Warren had told me she had borrowed it, but Powers denied having lent one to her. Some time ago I lent "Warren" ten shillings and six pence, and about three weeks ago "Warren" repaid me a dollar, she stated as a reason for not giving me the remainder that she had only a shilling and some half pence left. This was after she had received her wages, and at the time told me that she had spent all her money which I am sure was true, from the Prices she told me she had given for several articles. She has treated her master with the greatest disrespect before her fellow servants.<sup>9</sup>

22 March 1842

Brought up at the Police Court, Hobart charged as before; original term of transportation extended 2 years and recommended that she be detained 6 months on probation at Cascades Female Factory before being assigned.<sup>12</sup>

Statement of Ann Power:

*Ann Power, sworn, states, I am in the service of Mr John Price and the prisoner now present is a fellow servant, I have never lent or given a pocket handkerchief, the one now produced I lost, and is my property, it is worth four pence. I know it from a mark in the corner. I asked Catherine whether she had seen the handkerchief. She said she had not. I spoke of the handkerchief a week[?] after I lost it. When I lost it it was marked in the corner J.N.P. which is now taken out.*

*The prisoner has nothing to state in her defence.*<sup>12</sup>

1 April 1843

Application for permission to marry James Bellinger<sup>13</sup> (free) sent to the Muster Master.<sup>14</sup>

12 April 1843

Application for permission to marry James Bellinger sent to the Secretary; not approved.<sup>14</sup>

8 June 1843

Application for permission to marry James Bellinger (free) sent to the Muster Master and the Secretary; approved.<sup>15</sup>

14 June 1843

Notice given of approval for permission to marry James Bellinger; Catherine in assigned service at Richmond; James free, resident of Davey Street, Hobart.<sup>16</sup>

10 July 1843

**Married** James Bellinger at St David's Anglican Church, Hobart; Catherine aged 30, house servant, illiterate; James aged 21, labourer; witnesses James Sly (clerk) and Stephen Willmott.<sup>17</sup>

20 August 1843

**Son** (unnamed) Bellinger born at Hobart; mother Catherine Warren; informant father James Bellinger, labourer, resident of Veterans Row, Hobart.<sup>18</sup>

21 February 1845

Classified as a 3<sup>rd</sup> class probation pass-holder; gazetted 28 February.<sup>19</sup>

1 November 1845

Ticket of Leave granted; gazetted 4 November.<sup>20</sup>

10 August 1847

Conditional Pardon recommended; gazetted 17 August.<sup>21</sup>

30 January 1849

Conditional Pardon approved.<sup>4</sup>

20 January 1850

**Died** of decline at Hobart, aged 35, waiter's wife; informant friend G Barrett, resident of Argyle Street, Hobart.<sup>22</sup>

## Notes

- Catherine's son may be the John Bellinger who married Sarah Carroll in the Horton district on 19 May 1864; John aged 22, Sarah aged 15.<sup>23</sup> They had at least five children in the Horton district between 1865 and 1878.

<sup>12</sup> TAHO, AC480/1/1 22 March 1842 (Cath<sup>e</sup> Warren)

<sup>13</sup> No convict James Bellinger on Tasmanian Convicts Index.

<sup>14</sup> TAHO, CON52/1/2 p.19 (James Bellinger & Catherine Warren)

<sup>15</sup> TAHO, CON52/1/2 p.20 (Jas Bellinger & Cath Warren)

<sup>16</sup> *Hobart Town Gazette*, 16 June 1843 p.695; 23 June 1843 p.725; 30 June 1843 p.761 (James Bellinger & Catherine Warren)

<sup>17</sup> TAHO, RGD37/1/3 1843/445 Hobart (Catherine Warren & James Bellinger)

<sup>18</sup> TAHO, RGD33/1/1 1843/1731 Hobart (male Bellinger, mother Catherine Warren)

<sup>19</sup> *Hobart Town Gazette*, 28 February 1845 p.232 (Catherine Warren)

<sup>20</sup> *Hobart Town Gazette*, 4 November 1845 pp.1382 & 1387 (Catherine Warren)

<sup>21</sup> *Hobart Town Gazette*, 17 August 1847 p.824 (Catherine Warren)

<sup>22</sup> TAHO, RGD35/1/2 1850/2811 Hobart (Catherine Bellinger)

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<sup>23</sup> TAHO, RGD37/1/23 1864/379 Horton (John Bellinger & Sarah Carroll)

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