

Margaret Welsh

(*uxor* Margaret Young)

POLICE NUMBER 414 ¹	LITERACY neither read nor write
TRIAL DATE 14 December 1840	AGE ON EMBARKATION 20
TRIAL PLACE Central Criminal Court (Old Bailey), London	AGE ON ARRIVAL 21
OFFENCE larceny by servant in stealing velvet from her mistress	HEIGHT 5' ½"
SENTENCE 7 years	COMPLEXION fresh
GAOL REPORT poor, married	HEAD oval
PREVIOUS CONVICTIONS first offence	HAIR brown
SURGEON'S REPORT quiet	VISAGE oval
ON THE TOWN no	FOREHEAD flat
MARITAL STATUS single, I was never married, I said so thinking I should get better off ²	EYEBROWS dark brown
CHILDREN 0	EYES hazel
FAMILY	NOSE long
NATIVE PLACE Cork, Ireland	MOUTH medium
TRADE ON EMBARKATION	CHIN round
TRADE ON ARRIVAL plain cook, house servant	MARKS none

c1820

Born in County Cork, Ireland.³

c7 December 1840

Entered the service of Sarah Tod.⁴

14 December 1840

Tried at the Central Criminal Court (Old Bailey), London, England indicted for larceny by a servant in stealing on 4 December 1840 14 yards of velvet value £12, 2 yards of ribbon value 6 pence, 12 yards of silk value £1.16.0, 2 bracelets value 3 shillings, 1 shift value 2 shillings, 1 box value 6 pence, 1 bag value 2 shillings, 1 towel value 3 pence, and 1 fork value 15 shillings, from her mistress Sarah Tod, widow of Colonel Tod; found guilty; sentence 7 years transportation; aged 20.⁴

Statement of witness Mary Hills:

I live with my sister, Sarah Tod, who is the widow of Colonel Tod. The prisoner was in her service for one week – I had been poorly, and left for a day or two – while I was away my sister gave the prisoner warning, and dismissed her – I returned on Monday evening, the 7th of December – I then missed the property stated – some of it is quite lost – some is here now.⁴

Statement of witness John Hillingworth:

I am shopman to a pawnbroker in King-road, Chelsea. I have twelve yards of velvet, pawned for 3l. by the prisoner.⁴

Statement of witness Francis Wasley:

I am a pawnbroker. I have one yard and three-quarters of velvet, pawned by the prisoner.⁴

Statement of witness Tristram Allen:

I have a silver fork which the prisoner offered in pawn – I stopped her, and gave her into custody.⁴

Statement of witness Robert Lewis Gawtrety:

I am a linen-draper. I sold this velvet to Mrs. Tod in July last – some of it has my mark on it.⁴

Statement of witness Maria Tott:

The prisoner brought part of this velvet to me to make a bonnet, and this silk to make a dress.⁴

¹ TAHO, CON40/1/10 p.218 No.414 [image 195] (Margaret Welsh); TAHO, CON19/1/1 p.265 [image 136] (Margaret Welsh); ML, CY 1282 p.155 (Margaret Welsh); ML, CY 1197 p.152 (Mary Welsh); ML, CY 958 p.441 (Margaret Welsh)

² Marital status given as married on Embarkation List (ML, CY 1197 p.152).

³ TAHO, CON19/1/1 p.265 [image 136] (Margaret Welsh);

⁴ *Old Bailey Proceedings Online*, t18401214-311 (Margaret Welsh)

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Statement of witness Elizabeth Harman:

I am searcher at the station. I found this shift on the prisoner.⁴

Statement of witness Maurice Mulcahy, Police Sergeant B 2:

I took the prisoner – I found this small box – I asked if she had the key of it – she felt in her pocket, and pulled out a purse which I saw had some duplicates in it, and I found the velvet – I found in the box this reticule bag, some ribbon, two bracelets, this towel, marked "Tod," and 1l. 3s., which the prisoner acknowledged was part of the 3l. which she got for the velvet – a ring has been found on her since she has been in Newgate, which is one the prosecutrix lost.⁴

Statement of defendant Margaret Welch:

The servant who had been there said she had some velvet which had been given her; I gave her 10s. for it; I left it in the drawer till the morning I was coming away; my mistress had me up three or four times in the night, and she told me I might put her linen on; the silver fork I got out of the parlour, and took up stairs to make use of; I was going to take the silk back to my mistress.⁴

- 5 April 1841 Departed Woolwich, England on the *Rajah*.⁵
- 19 July 1841 Arrived at Hobart on the *Rajah*.⁵
- c24 July 1841 Upon arrival at Hobart, sent to Launceston for assignment.⁶
- 31 December 1841 Mustered in the service of Mr J Hudson, Launceston.⁷
- 10 October 1842 Absconded from the service of James Crear Esquire, *Clyne Vale*.⁸
- 25 October 1842 Charged at the Police Court, Campbell Town with absconding from the service of her master James Crear on 10 October and remaining illegally at large until apprehended on 18 October; plea guilty; verdict guilty; sentence 9 months hard labour at Launceston Female Factory.⁹
- 15 November 1842 At Launceston.¹⁰
- 13 March 1844 Classified as a 3rd class probation pass-holder; gazetted 15 March.¹¹
- 19 June 1844 Application for permission to marry William Brabason (free) sent to the Secretary; approved if clergyman can certify there is no ecclesiastical objection.¹²
- 20 June 1844 Notice given of approval for permission to marry William Brabason; Margaret in private service at Launceston; William free.¹³
- 30 June 1844 Banns read at Holy Trinity Anglican Church, Launceston for marriage to William Brabason.¹⁴
- 7 July 1844 Banns read at Holy Trinity Anglican Church, Launceston for marriage to William Brabason; Margaret spinster, resident of Launceston; William bachelor, resident of Launceston.¹⁴
- 14 July 1844 Banns read at Holy Trinity Anglican Church, Launceston for marriage to William Brabason.¹⁴
- 23 July 1844 Hired in private service as a probation pass-holder to George Borradaile, Launceston.¹⁵
- 24 July 1844 At Launceston.¹⁰
- 10 September 1844 Application for permission to marry Samuel Evans Young¹⁶ (free) sent to the Secretary; approved if clergyman satisfied.¹⁷

⁵ AJCP, ADM 101/63 *Rajah*

⁶ ML, CY 1282 p.142 (Margaret Welsh); ML, CY 1274 p.264 (Margaret Welsh)

⁷ AJCP, HO 10/51 p.404 No.414 (Margaret Welsh)

⁸ *Hobart Town Gazette*, 21 October 1842 p.921 (Margaret Welsh)

⁹ TAHO, LC83/1/6 p.164 (Margaret Welsh)

¹⁰ TAHO, CON40/1/10 p.218 No.414 [image 195] (Margaret Welsh)

¹¹ *Hobart Town Gazette*, 15 March 1844 p.306 (Margaret Welsh)

¹² TAHO, CON52/1/2 p.273 (Wm Biabason & Marg^t Welsh)

¹³ *Hobart Town Gazette*, 21 June 1844 p.691; 28 June 1844 p.721; 5 July 1844 p.759 (William Brabason & Margaret Welsh)

¹⁴ TAHO, NS1735/1/4 p.11 (William Brabason & Margaret Welsh)

¹⁵ *Hobart Town Gazette*, 26 July 1844 p.878 (Margaret Welsh)

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- Notice given of approval for permission to marry Samuel Evans Young; Margaret in private service at Launceston; Samuel free.¹⁸
- 7 October 1844 **Married** Samuel Evans Young at St John's Anglican Church, Launceston; Margaret aged 22,¹⁹ prisoner, single, illiterate; Samuel aged 22, free, single; witnesses Thomas Webb (illiterate) and J Wood.²⁰
- 22 March 1845 **Son** Edward Young born at Cullenswood in the Fingal district; father Samuel Young, shepherd; mother Margaret Young.²¹
- 31 July 1845 Son Edward Young baptised at St Peter's Anglican Church, Fingal.²²
- 1 November 1845 Ticket of Leave granted; gazetted 4 November.²³
- 25 August 1846 **Son** Samuel Evans Young born at Cullenswood in the Fingal district; father Samuel Evans Young, labourer; mother Margaret Welsh.²⁴
- 15 November 1846 Son Samuel Evans Young baptised at St John's Anglican Church, Launceston by Reverend WH Browne; father Samuel Evans Young, labourer, resident of Cullenswood in the Fingal district; mother Margaret Welsh.²⁴
- 14 December 1847 Free by servitude.¹⁰
- c1848 Moved with her family from Tasmani to Victoria.⁴⁴
- 8 March 1850 Certificate of Freedom issued.¹⁰
- 15 November 1871 Husband Samuel Evans Young withdrew an application for 150 acres of land at Dartmoor, VIC.²⁵
- 25 June 1873 Son Samuel Evans Young married Sarah Jane Sedgwick in the residence of the bride's parents, Portland, VIC; Samuel aged 26, bachelor, sheep farmer, born Launceston, Tasmania, resident of Tahara; father Samuel Evans Young, stock owner; mother Margaret Walsh; Sarah aged 20, spinster, born England, resident of Portland; father George Sedgwick, carpenter; mother Eliza Hannah Lambert; witnesses brother Edward Young and Catharine Turner.²⁶
- Marriage notice:
*YOUNG – SEDGWICK. – On the 25th June, at Portland, by the Rev. W. Tranter, Samuel E. Young, second son of Mr. S. E. Young, sheep farmer, Tahara, to Sarah Jane, eldest daughter of Mr. G. Sedgwick, Portland.*²⁷
- 1875 Grandson Samuel Edward Young born at Portland, VIC; father Samuel Evans Young, mother Sarah Jane Sedgwick.²⁸
- 2 August 1875 Son Samuel Evans Young re-elected to the Portland Shire council.²⁹
- Newspaper report:
Nomination West Riding Portlandshire. – Under date of the 2nd inst. A correspondent at Hotspur writes: – This day nominations were received at Hotspur by Mr Angus Cameron the Returning Officer, to fill the vacant seat in the West Riding of the Portlandshire. About the time for closing a number of ratepayers gathered to find out the candidates, but fortunately or

¹⁶ This is probably the SE Young who arrived at Launceston on the *Arabian* from Bristol on 24 August 1841 as a bounty immigrant under bounty to T Williams of Launceston (along with 45 other bounty immigrants); male, aged 19, unmarried, farm servant (TAHO, CB7/9/1/1 p.10 (SE Young)). A James Young was also on board as a bounty immigrant to T Williams of Launceston; aged 18, farm servant, male, unmarried (TAHO, CB7/9/1/1 p.9 (James Young)).

¹⁷ TAHO, CON52/1/2 p.236 (Sam^l Evans Young & Marg^t Welsh)

¹⁸ *Hobart Town Gazette*, 13 September 1844 p.1114; 19 September 1844 p.1142; 24 September 1844 p.1166 (Samuel Evans Young & Margaret Welsh)

¹⁹ Age given as 24 on death certificate.

²⁰ TAHO, RGD37/1/3 1844/1017 Launceston (Samuel Evans Young & Margaret Walsh)

²¹ VIC Death Certificate 1918/12587 (Margaret Young); TAHO, NS826/1/1 p.4 No.48 (Edward Young)

²² TAHO, NS826/1/1 p.4 No.48 (Edward Young)

²³ *Hobart Town Gazette*, 4 November 1845 p.1386 (Margaret Welsh)

²⁴ TAHO, RGD32/1/3 1846/2926 Launceston (Samuel Young); TAHO, NS748/1/5 p.117 No.1549 (Samuel Young)

²⁵ *Portland Guardian*, 30 November 1871 p.6 (Samuel Evans Young)

²⁶ VIC Marriage Certificate 1873/2142 (Samuel Evans Young & Sarah Jane Sedgwick)

²⁷ *Illustrated Australian News*, 15 July 1873 p.119 (Samuel E. Young)

²⁸ VIC Birth Record 1875/4630 (Samuel Edward Young)

²⁹ *Portland Guardian*, 6 August 1875 p.2 (Samuel Evans Young)

unfortunately there was but one nomination paper, that of Samuel Evans Young the retiring member, and when only one horse enters there is no race, and Mr Young was officially declared as duly elected. Some of the electors went home, but others found their way into the hotel and sat down to a sumptuous supper provided by host McEachern of the Rising Sun. Supper over, the party joined in song and merry making, and the fun was kept up with little intermission till noon of the next day, when the party scattered after the best nights entertainment ever seen at Hotspur.²⁹

- 1876 Son Edward Young married Alice Best in Victoria; Edward born in Tasmania.³⁰
- 1877 Grandson John Henry Alfred Young born at Digby, VIC; father Samuel Evan Young, mother Sarah Ann Sedgwick.³¹
- 1879 Grandson George Lambert Young born at Digby, VIC; father Samuel Evans Young, mother Sarah Jane Sedgwick.³²
- Grandson Edward Henry Evans Young born at Branxholme, VIC; father Edward Young, mother Alice Best.³³
- 1880 Granddaughter Margaret Alice Young born at Branxholme, VIC; father Edward Young, mother Alice Best.³⁴
- 1881 Grandson Francis Russell Young born at Digby, VIC; father Samuel Evans Young, mother Sarah Jane Sedgwick.³⁵
- 1882 Granddaughter Beatrice Emily Blanch Young born at Branxholme, VIC; father Edward Young, mother Alice Best.³⁶
- 1884 Grandson Sydney Leslie Young born at Digby, VIC; father Samuel Evans Young, mother Sarah Jane Sedgwick.³⁷
- 1885 Grandson John Hamilton Francis Young born at Branxholme, VIC; father Edward Young, mother Alice Best.³⁸
- 1886 Grandson William Sedgwick Young born at Digby, VIC; father Samuel Evans Young, mother Sarah J Sedgwick.³⁹
- 17 July 1907 Husband Samuel Evans Young died at Merino, VIC; aged 85, father Edward Evans Young, mother Rachael Blanche.⁴⁰
- Death notice:
*AN OLD COLONIST. – The death of a very old colonist occurred at Tahara on Wednesday in Mr. Samuel E. Young, who had attained the great age of 85 years. He had been in Victoria for over 60 years, and was a very old resident of Tahara. Deceased leaves two sons.*⁴¹
- Newspaper report on will:
*WILLS AND ESTATES. – Samuel Evans Young, late of Tahara, land-owner and storekeeper, who died on July 17, under a will dated October 5, 1903, left estate valued for probate at £2,106, including £2,060 realty and £45 personally, to his widow and children.*⁴²
- 1 October 1918 **Died** suddenly of senile decay and asthenia⁴³ at Honeysuckle Park, Grassdale, Portland Shire, VIC; aged 101 years 3 months, widow, father John Walsh, mother unknown, born Cork, Ireland, resident in Tasmania 7 years and Victoria 70 years; informant grandson Samuel Edward Young, resident of Grassdale, VIC.⁴⁴

³⁰ VIC Marriage Record 1876/2809 (Edward Young & Alice Best)

³¹ VIC Birth Record 1877/2018 (John Henary Alfred Young)

³² VIC Birth Record 1879/8565 (George Lambert Young)

³³ VIC Birth Record 1879/781 (Edward Henry Evans Young)

³⁴ VIC Birth Record 1880/6714 (Margaret Alice Young)

³⁵ VIC Birth Record 1881/15704 (Francis Russell Young)

³⁶ VIC Birth Record 1882/14005 (Beatrice Emily Blanch Young)

³⁷ VIC Birth Record 1884/16241 (Sydney Leslie Young)

³⁸ VIC Birth Record 1885/7910 (John Hamilton Fr Young)

³⁹ VIC Birth Record 1886/9708 (William Sedgwick Young)

⁴⁰ VIC Death Record 1907/9573 (Samuel Evans Young)

⁴¹ *Portland Guardian*, 22 July 1907 p.2 (Mr. Samuel E. Young)

⁴² *Portland Guardian*, 16 September 1907 p.2 (Samuel Evans Young)

⁴³ Asthenia is a medical term denoting a feeling of weakness without actual loss of strength.

⁴⁴ VIC Death Certificate 1918/12587 (Margaret Young)

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3 October 1918 Buried at Branxholme Cemetery, VIC.⁴⁴
1919 Son Edward Young died at Hamilton, VIC; aged 75, father Samuel Evens Young,
mother Margaret Walsh.⁴⁵
1925 Son Samuel Evans Young died at Portland, VIC; aged 78.⁴⁶

⁴⁵ VIC Death Record 1919/17438 (Edw Young)

⁴⁶ VIC Death Record 1925/2939 (Saml Evans Young)

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