

# *Margaret Williams*

*(uxor Margaret Brooks)*

POLICE NUMBER 423 <sup>1</sup>	LITERACY read only
TRIAL DATE 8 July 1840	AGE ON EMBARKATION 22
TRIAL PLACE Edinburgh Court of Justiciary	AGE ON ARRIVAL 24
OFFENCE stealing from the person and previous conviction	HEIGHT 5' 3"
SENTENCE 10 years	COMPLEXION florid
GAOL REPORT bad, imprisoned before, single	HEAD large
PREVIOUS CONVICTIONS once in prison 18 months for assault and robbery, once 60 days for a breach of trust, 10 days and 20 days	HAIR black
SURGEON'S REPORT ship woman & good	VISAGE full
ON THE TOWN no	FOREHEAD high
MARITAL STATUS single	EYEBROWS dark
CHILDREN 0	EYES light hazel
FAMILY mother Margaret Archibald; father Robert Williams, tanner; sisters Mary, Violet, Rosanna, Isabella; brothers Archibald, William, Robert	NOSE medium
NATIVE PLACE Musselborough, Edinburgh, Scotland	MOUTH medium
TRADE ON EMBARKATION	CHIN round
TRADE ON ARRIVAL plain cook, housemaid, wash, iron	MARKS stout made

8 June 1817            Father Robert Williams married mother Margaret Archibald at Inveresk with Musselburgh, Midlothian, Scotland; parents of the groom Robert Williams and Margaret Wiggans; father of the bride Thomas Archibald.<sup>2</sup>

6 September 1818    **Born** at Inveresk with Musselburgh, Midlothian, Scotland; father Robert Williams, mother Margaret Archibald.<sup>3</sup>

30 July 1821           Sister Mary Williams born at Inveresk, Midlothian, Scotland.<sup>4</sup>

11 August 1821        Sister Mary Williams baptised at Inveresk, Midlothian, Scotland; father Robert Williams, mother Margaret Archibald.<sup>4</sup>

8 June 1823            Brother Robert Williams born at Musselburgh, Midlothian, Scotland.<sup>5</sup>

c1825                    Brother Archibald Williams born at Inveresk, Midlothian, Scotland.<sup>6</sup>

10 July 1825           Brother Archibald Williams baptised at Inveresk, Midlothian, Scotland; father Robert Williams, mother Margaret Archibald.<sup>6</sup>

1 August 1828          Brother William Williams born at Inveresk, Midlothian, Scotland.<sup>7</sup>

7 August 1828          Brother William Williams baptised at Inveresk, Midlothian, Scotland; father Robert Williams, mother Margaret Archibald.<sup>7</sup>

c1830                    Sister Violet Williams born at Inveresk, Midlothian, Scotland.<sup>8</sup>

22 March 1830         Sister Violet Williams baptised at Inveresk, Midlothian, Scotland; father Robert Williams, mother Margaret Archibald.<sup>8</sup>

c1832                    Sister Rosanna Williams born at Inveresk, Midlothian, Scotland.<sup>9</sup>

<sup>1</sup> TAHO, CON40/1/10 p.221 No.423 [image 198] (Margaret Williams); TAHO, CON19/1/1 p.270 [image 138] (Margaret Williams); ML, CY 1282 p.156 (Margaret Williams); ML, CY 1197 p.157 (Margaret Williams); ML, CY 958 p.443 (Margaret Williams)

<sup>2</sup> *Family Search*, IGI Batch No.M19502-7 Film Call Nos.1067757 and 103114 (Robert Williams & Margaret Archibald); personal communication, George McLeod 29 June 2012; *Scotlands People*, 'Old Parish Registers', Register House, Edinburgh (Robert Williams & Margaret Archibald)

<sup>3</sup> *Family Search*, IGI Batch No.C19502-3 Film Call No.1067756 (Margaret Williams); personal communication, George McLeod 29 June 2012; *Scotlands People*, 'Old Parish Registers' (Margaret Williams); TAHO, CON19/1/1 p.270 [image 138] (Margaret Williams)

<sup>4</sup> *Family Search*, IGI Batch No.751012-3 Film Call No.1058041 (Mary Williams)

<sup>5</sup> personal communication, George McLeod 29 June 2012; *Scotlands People*, 'Old Parish Registers' (Robert Williams)

<sup>6</sup> *Family Search*, IGI Batch No.751012-3 Film Call No.1058041 (Archibald Williams)

<sup>7</sup> *Family Search*, IGI Batch No.751012-3 Film Call No.1058041 (William Williams)

<sup>8</sup> *Family Search*, IGI Batch No.751012-3 Film Call No.1058041 (Violet Williams)

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- 16 September 1832 Sister Rosanna Williams baptised at Inveresk, Midlothian, Scotland; father Robert Williams, mother Margaret Archibald.<sup>9</sup>
- 1 May 1834 Sister Violet Williams died at Dalkeith, Midlothian, Scotland.<sup>10</sup>
- c1837 Sister Isabella Williams born at Inveresk, Midlothian, Scotland.<sup>11</sup>
- 8 October 1837 Sister Isabella Williams baptised at Inveresk, Midlothian, Scotland; father Robert Williams, mother Margaret Archibald.<sup>11</sup>
- 2 July 1838 Tried at the Court of Justiciary, Edinburgh, Midlothian, Scotland indicted for theft and previous conviction, and falsehood, fraud and wilful imposition and previous conviction; plea guilty; sentence 18 months imprisonment with hard labour in the Bridewell at Edinburgh; daughter of Robert Williams, tanner, aged 19, spinning mill worker, resident of Mill Hill, Musselburgh, Edinburgh, native place Musselburgh, cannot write.<sup>12</sup>
- Newspaper report:
- HIGH COURT OF JUSTICIARY.*
- On Monday this Court again met, Lord Mackenzie presiding. The first prisoner brought up was*
- Margaret Williams, charged with three act of theft, committed by falsehood and fraud, aggravated by previous conviction of a similar charge. The first charge in the libel was that of having, on 26<sup>th</sup> March, carried off a basket and its trifling contents from a poor woman, a hawker of small wares, of which prisoner got possession under pretence of assisting to carry it; the second was appropriating to herself a gown and shawl, borrowed as for her mother; and the third was making off with two pairs of carpet shoes from a hawker, on pretence of trying them on. Prisoner pleaded Guilty, and was sentenced to 18 months in Bridewell.*<sup>12</sup>
- 8 July 1840 Tried at the Court of Justiciary, Edinburgh, Midlothian, Scotland indicted for theft and previous conviction in stealing from Maxwell Prophet, daughter of James Prophet, James Lane, Bath Street at Leith Links or Seafield Baths, South Leith and from Hannah Livingstone residing with John Livingstone, Duke Street, South Leith at Wet Docks, North Leith or Citadel Street, North Leith; plea guilty, no declaration in precognition; sentence 10 years transportation; resident of Edinburgh.<sup>13</sup>
- 1841 Parents and 4 siblings living at Musselburgh, Scotland: father Robert aged 40, mother Margaret aged 40, brother Archibald aged 16, sister Rosina aged 7, sister Charlotte aged 5, and sister Isabella aged 3.<sup>14</sup>
- 5 April 1841 Departed Woolwich, England on the *Rajah*.<sup>15</sup>
- 19 July 1841 Arrived at Hobart on the *Rajah*.<sup>15</sup>
- c24 July 1841 Upon arrival at Hobart, sent to Launceston for assignment.<sup>16</sup>
- 7 September 1841 Charged at the Police Court, Longford with uselessness by her master Mr Thomas Walker; returned to Government.<sup>17</sup>
- 8 November 1841 Charged at the Police Court, Longford by her master Mr Mason with being absent without leave; sentence 7 days in solitary confinement at Launceston Female Factory, then returned to Government.<sup>18</sup>
- 23 December 1841 Charged at the Police Court, Longford by her master Mr Paton with absence without leave; remanded.<sup>19</sup>

<sup>9</sup> *Family Search*, IGI Batch No.751012-3 Film Call No.1058041 (Rosanna Williams)

<sup>10</sup> personal communication, George McLeod 29 June 2012; *Scotlands People*, 'Old Parish Registers' (Violet Williams)

<sup>11</sup> *Family Search*, IGI Batch No.751011-2 Film Call No.1058041 (Isabel Williams)

<sup>12</sup> *Caledonian Mercury*, 5 July 1838 Issue 18494 Article 22 (Margaret Williams); NAS, JC26/1838/551 (Margaret Williams); NAS AD14/38/509 (Margaret Williams)

<sup>13</sup> NAS, JC26/1840/439 (Margaret Williams); NAS, AD14/40/473 (Margaret Williams)

<sup>14</sup> personal communication, George McLeod 29 June 2012; *ancestry.com.au*, '1851 Scotland Census', Musselburgh

<sup>15</sup> AJCP, ADM 101/63 *Rajah*

<sup>16</sup> ML, CY 1282 p.142 (Margaret Williams); ML, CY 1274 p.265 (Margaret Williams)

<sup>17</sup> TAHO, LC326/1/5 p.133 (Margaret Williams)

<sup>18</sup> TAHO, LC326/1/5 p.151 (Margaret Williams)

<sup>19</sup> TAHO, LC326/1/5 p.165 (Margaret Williams)

24 December 1841	Brought up at the Police Court, Longford charged with absconding from the service of Mr Paton; plea guilty; sentence 6 months imprisonment at Launceston Female Factory, the first and last months to be passed in solitary confinement. <sup>20</sup>
31 December 1841	Mustered at Longford Gaol. <sup>21</sup>
10 July 1843	Charged with absconding from the service of Skardon; sentence 3 months hard labour at Launceston Female Factory, the first and last 14 days to be passed in solitary confinement. <sup>22</sup>
26 December 1843	Charged with absconding from the service of Jennings; sentence 6 months hard labour at Launceston Female Factory. <sup>22</sup>
29 July 1844	Classified as a 1 <sup>st</sup> class probation pass-holder; gazetted 2 August. <sup>23</sup>
17 August 1844	Hired in private service for 12 months as a probation pass-holder to Francis Groom, Break O'Day Plains. <sup>24</sup>
1 November 1844	Promoted from a 1 <sup>st</sup> class to a 3 <sup>rd</sup> class probation pass-holder; gazetted 5 November. <sup>25</sup>
7 November 1844	Charged with misconduct in the service of Groom; reprimanded. <sup>22</sup>
1 February 1845	At Fingal. <sup>22</sup>
10 February 1845	Application for permission to marry Stephen Brooks <sup>26</sup> ( <i>Circassian</i> ) sent to the Secretary; approved if clergyman is satisfied. <sup>27</sup>
13 February 1845	Notice given of approval for permission to marry Stephen Brooks; Margaret in private service at Fingal; Stephen a ticket-of-leave holder, in private service at Fingal. <sup>28</sup>
31 March 1845	<b>Married</b> Stephen Brooks at St Thomas' Anglican Church, Avoca; Margaret aged 25, <sup>29</sup> house servant, spinster, illiterate; Stephen aged 38, labourer, widower, illiterate; witnesses Thomas Young and Mary Sharman. <sup>30</sup>
28 July 1845	Charged with disobedience of orders in the service of Groom; reprimanded. <sup>22</sup>
1 November 1845	Ticket of Leave granted; gazetted 4 November. <sup>31</sup>
8 July 1850	Free by servitude. <sup>22</sup>
2 August 1850	Certificate of Freedom issued. <sup>22</sup>
1851	Parents and 1 sibling living at Dalkeith, Scotland: father Robert aged 54, mother Margaret aged 56, sister Isabella aged 13. <sup>32</sup>
12 September 1852	Departed Launceston for Melbourne, VIC on the brig <i>Gazelle</i> with husband Stephen Brooks as steerage passengers; Margaret free by servitude, ship to colony <i>Rajah</i> ; Stephen a conditional-pardon holder, ship to colony <i>Circassian</i> . <sup>33</sup>
25 October 1853	Mother Margaret Archibald died at Dalkeith, Midlothian, Scotland. <sup>34</sup>
6 April 1857	Sister Rosanna Williams married Hugh Miller at Dalkeith, Midlothian, Scotland. <sup>35</sup>

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<sup>20</sup> TAHO, LC326/1/5 p.166 (Margaret Williams)

<sup>21</sup> AJCP, HO 10/51 p.404 No.423 (Margaret Williams)

<sup>22</sup> TAHO, CON40/1/10 p.221 No.423 [image 198] (Margaret Williams)

<sup>23</sup> *Hobart Town Gazette*, 2 August 1844 p.912 (Margaret Williams)

<sup>24</sup> *Hobart Town Gazette*, 1 October 1844 p.1206 (Margaret Williams)

<sup>25</sup> *Hobart Town Gazette*, 5 November 1844 p.1403 (Margaret Williams)

<sup>26</sup> Stephen Brooks was transported for life on the *Circassian* in 1833; tried at Buckinghamshire Assizes on 28 February 1832 for burglary; married, 1 child, wife Jane at native place near Tring, farm labourer, aged 26; Ticket of Leave 10 March 1841, Conditional Pardon March 1845 (TAHO, CON31/1/5 p.228 No.1809 [image 40] (Stephen Brooks), TAHO, CON18/1/5 p.2 [image 4] (Stephen Brooks)).

<sup>27</sup> TAHO, CON52/1/2 p.277 (Stephen Brookes & Marg<sup>t</sup> Williams)

<sup>28</sup> *Hobart Town Gazette*, 18 February 1845 p.199; 25 February 1845 p.227 (Stephen Brookes & Margaret Williams)

<sup>29</sup> Age given as 32 years on death certificate.

<sup>30</sup> TAHO, RGD37/1/4 1845/2155 Avoca (Stephen Brookes & Margaret Williams); TAHO, NS826/1/4 No.34 (Stephen Brooks & Margaret Williams)

<sup>31</sup> *Hobart Town Gazette*, 4 November 1845 p.1387 (Margaret Williams)

<sup>32</sup> personal communication, George McLeod 29 June 2012; *ancestry.com.au*, '1841 Scotland Census', Dalkeith

<sup>33</sup> TAHO, POL220/1/2 p.137 (Stephen Brooks & Margaret Brookes)

<sup>34</sup> personal communication, George McLeod 29 June 2012; *Scotlands People*, 'Old Parish Registers', Register House, Edinburgh (Margaret Williams)

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*Margaret Williams*

- 24 January 1869 **Died** of disease of the heart (endocarditis) at Flyerstown, VIC, aged 55, born Scotland, 14 years in Victoria; father Robert Williams, tanner; mother unknown; no children; informant husband Stephen Brookes, illiterate, miner, resident of Flyerstown.<sup>36</sup>
- 25 January 1869 Buried at Flyerstown Cemetery, VIC.<sup>36</sup>
- 23 March 1873 Father Robert Williams died at Dalkeith, Midlothian, Scotland.<sup>37</sup>

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<sup>35</sup> personal communication, George McLeod 29 June 2012; *Scotlands People*, 'Old Parish Registers', Register House, Edinburgh (Hugh Miller & Rosanna Williams)

<sup>36</sup> VIC Death Certificate 1869/1296 (Margaret Brookes)

<sup>37</sup> personal communication, George McLeod 29 June 2012; *Scotlands People*, 'Old Parish Registers', Register House, Edinburgh (Robert Williams)

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