

# Mary Wilson

(*uxor Mary Sims*)

POLICE NUMBER 419 <sup>1</sup>	LITERACY neither read nor write
TRIAL DATE 26 October 1840	AGE ON EMBARKATION 40
TRIAL PLACE Lancaster (Liverpool) Quarter Sessions	AGE ON ARRIVAL 41
OFFENCE throwing oil of vitriol over her husband James Wilson	HEIGHT 5' 2½"
SENTENCE 15 years	COMPLEXION sallow
GAOL REPORT not known, bad disposition, widow, 2 children	HEAD oval
PREVIOUS CONVICTIONS never in prison before	HAIR grey
SURGEON'S REPORT orderly	VISAGE sharp
ON THE TOWN no	FOREHEAD medium
MARITAL STATUS widow	EYEBROWS brown to grey
CHILDREN 2, 0 on board	EYES light blue
FAMILY husband James Wilson	NOSE medium
NATIVE PLACE Cavan, Ireland	MOUTH wide
TRADE ON EMBARKATION	CHIN round
TRADE ON ARRIVAL house servant, wash, iron	MARKS none

c1800 **Born** in County Cavan, Ireland.<sup>2</sup>

26 October 1840 Tried at Lancaster Quarter Sessions, Liverpool, Lancashire, England indicted for throwing vitriol over her husband James Wilson; sentence 15 years transportation.<sup>3</sup>

5 April 1841 Departed Woolwich, England on the *Rajah*.<sup>4</sup>

19 July 1841 Arrived at Hobart on the *Rajah*.<sup>4</sup>

c24 July 1841 Upon arrival at Hobart, assigned to Mr Armytage, Bagdad.<sup>5</sup>

31 December 1841 Mustered in the service of Mr Armytage, Bagdad.<sup>6</sup>

27 February 1844 Classified as a 3<sup>rd</sup> class probation pass-holder; gazetted 1 March.<sup>7</sup>

27 July 1844 Charged at the Police Court, Hobart by her mistress with insolence; in the service of Mrs Prout, Macquarie Street, Hobart; plea not guilty; remanded till Monday.<sup>8</sup>

Statement of witness Mrs Prout:  
*I gave her permission to go out on Wednesday, and she was very impudent when she came back, I told her to scour out the bedroom she said she could not do it.*<sup>8</sup>

29 July 1844 Brought up at the Police Court, Hobart charged with misconduct in raising a malicious report about her mistress and insolence; plea not guilty; sentence 6 months hard labour at Cascades Female Factory, Hobart.<sup>9</sup>

Statement of witness Margaret Price:  
*I know the prisoner Mary Wilson. I have heard her make reference to her mistress with regard to her mistress' character stating she was in the habit of drinking brandy and getting drunk.*<sup>9</sup>

31 July 1844 Hired in private service as a probation pass-holder to John Prout, Macquarie Street, Hobart.<sup>10</sup>

<sup>1</sup> TAHO, CON40/1/10 p.220 No.419 [image 197] (Mary Wilson); TAHO, CON19/1/1 p.268 [image 137] (Mary Wilson); ML, CY 1282 p.155 (Mary Wilson); ML, CY 1197 p.155 (Mary Wilson); ML, CY 958 p.442 (Mary Wilson)

<sup>2</sup> TAHO, CON19/1/1 p.268 [image 137] (Mary Wilson)

<sup>3</sup> TAHO, CON40/1/10 p.220 No.419 [image 197] (Mary Wilson)

<sup>4</sup> AJCP, ADM 101/63 *Rajah*

<sup>5</sup> ML, CY 1274 p.264 (Mary Wilson)

<sup>6</sup> AJCP, HO 10/51 p.404 No.419 (Mary Wilson)

<sup>7</sup> *Hobart Town Gazette*, 1 March 1844 p.265 (Mary Wilson)

<sup>8</sup> TAHO, AC480/1/1, 27 July 1844 (Mary Wilson)

<sup>9</sup> TAHO, AC480/1/1, 29 July 1844 (Mary Wilson)

<sup>10</sup> *Hobart Town Gazette*, 9 August 1844 p.939 (Mary Wilson)

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- 14 March 1845      Hired in private service for 12 months as a probation pass-holder to Hugh Murray, Hobart.<sup>11</sup>
- 25 March 1845      Hired in private service for 12 months as a probation pass-holder to Janet McTavish, New Town Road, Hobart.<sup>12</sup>
- 29 May 1845        Hired in private service for 12 months as a probation pass-holder to Frederick Hull, O'Brien's Bridge.<sup>13</sup>
- 23 June 1845        Charged at the Police Court, Hobart by Constable Elsdale with being drunk yesterday afternoon, lying in the public road at New Town; in the service of Frederick Hull, O'Brien's Bridge; plea guilty; sentence 4 months hard labour at Cascades Female Factory, Hobart.<sup>14</sup>
- 1 November 1845    Hired in private service for 12 months as a probation pass-holder to Caroline Marshall, New Town Road, Hobart.<sup>15</sup>
- 6 April 1846        Ticket of Leave granted; gazetted 7 April.<sup>16</sup>
- 16 June 1847        Conditional Pardon recommended; gazetted 22 June.<sup>17</sup>
- 14 January 1848    Application for permission to marry Robert Sims<sup>18</sup> (*Susan*, Ticket of Leave) sent to the Secretary; approved.<sup>19</sup>
- Notice given of approval for permission to marry Robert Sims; Mary a ticket-of-leave holder, resident of Hobart; Robert a ticket-of-leave holder, resident of Hobart.<sup>20</sup>
- 7 February 1848    **Married** Robert Sims at St Joseph's Catholic Church, Hobart; Mary adult, servant, illiterate; Robert adult, labourer; witnesses Maria Jackson and Thomas Bailey.<sup>21</sup>
- 22 August 1848     Conditional Pardon approved.<sup>3</sup>

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<sup>11</sup> *Hobart Town Gazette*, 1 April 1845 p.443 (Mary Wilson)

<sup>12</sup> *Hobart Town Gazette*, 15 April 1845 p.487 (Mary Wilson)

<sup>13</sup> *Hobart Town Gazette*, 1 July 1845 p.772 (Mary Wilson)

<sup>14</sup> TAHO, AC480/1/1, 23 June 1845 (Mary Wilson)

<sup>15</sup> *Hobart Town Gazette*, 25 November 1845 p.1459 (Mary Wilson)

<sup>16</sup> *Hobart Town Gazette*, 7 April 1846 p.317 (Mary Wilson)

<sup>17</sup> *Hobart Town Gazette*, 22 June 1847 p.566 (Mary Wilson)

<sup>18</sup> Robert Sims was transported for life on the *Susan* in 1837; tried at York Assizes on 4 March 1837 for horse stealing; aged 24, iron founder and moulder, native place Denliston, married, 1 child (TAHO, CON31/1/41 p.11 No.2451 [image 17] (Robert Sims), TAHO, CON18/1/19 No.2431 [image 219] (Robert Sims)).

<sup>19</sup> TAHO, CON52/1/2 p.443 (Robt Simmons & Mary Wilson)

<sup>20</sup> *Hobart Town Gazette*, 18 January 1848 p.75 (Robert Simons & Mary Wilson)

<sup>21</sup> TAHO, RGD37/1/7 1848/1873 Hobart (Robert Sims & Mary Wilson)

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