

Margaret Wood

(proper name Margaret Groom; uxor Margaret Wilson; aka Margaret Amer)

POLICE NUMBER 418 ¹	LITERACY neither read nor write
TRIAL DATE 6 July 1840	AGE ON EMBARKATION 21
TRIAL PLACE Lancaster (Salford) Quarter Sessions	AGE ON ARRIVAL 22
OFFENCE stealing a watch from a man	HEIGHT 4' 11"
SENTENCE 7 years	COMPLEXION fresh
GAOL REPORT convicted before, bad, single	HEAD oval
PREVIOUS CONVICTIONS once before 4 months for robbing my mistress, once 7 days for drunkenness, again 1 month for same	HAIR dark brown
SURGEON'S REPORT quiet	VISAGE long
ON THE TOWN 2 years	FOREHEAD medium
MARITAL STATUS single	EYEBROWS brown
CHILDREN 0	EYES
FAMILY	NOSE straight
NATIVE PLACE Liverpool, England	MOUTH medium
TRADE ON EMBARKATION reeler	CHIN long
TRADE ON ARRIVAL housemaid, nursemaid	MARKS mole on right arm

c1819 **Born** at Liverpool, Lancashire, England.²

6 July 1840 Tried at Lancaster Quarter Sessions, Salford, Lancashire, England indicted for larceny in stealing a watch from a man; sentence 7 years transportation.³

5 April 1841 Departed Woolwich, England on the *Rajah*.⁴

19 July 1841 Arrived at Hobart on the *Rajah*.⁴

c24 July 1841 Upon arrival at Hobart, sent to Launceston for assignment.⁵

31 December 1841 Mustered in the service of Mr W Button, Launceston.⁶

7 July 1842 Charged with being drunk yesterday in the service of Butler; sentence 4 days in solitary confinement at Launceston Female Factory.³

9 August 1842 At Launceston.³

26 October 1842 Application for permission to marry James Wilson⁷ (*Arab*) sent to the Muster Master.⁸

24 November 1842 Application for permission to marry James Wilson sent to the Secretary; approved.⁸

14 December 1842 **Married** James Wilson at St John's Anglican Church, Launceston; Margaret aged 22, convict, single, illiterate; James aged 30, ticket-of-leave holder, single, illiterate; witnesses John Davies (illiterate) and William Jones (clerk).⁹

4 June 1844 **Daughter** (unnamed) Wilson born at Launceston; mother Margaret Wood; informant father James Wilson, illiterate, labourer, resident of Thistle Street, Launceston.¹⁰

Daughter (unnamed) Wilson died at Launceston; aged 13 hours; informant father James Wilson, illiterate, labourer, resident of Thistle Street, Launceston.¹¹

¹ TAHO, CON40/1/10 p.219 No.418 [image 196] (Margaret Wood); TAHO, CON19/1/1 p.267 [image 137] (Margaret Wood); ML, CY 1282 p.155 (Margaret Wood); ML, CY 1197 p.154 (Margaret Wood); ML, CY 958 p.442 (Margaret Wood)

² TAHO, CON19/1/1 p.267 [image 137] (Margaret Wood)

³ TAHO, CON40/1/10 p.219 No.418 [image 196] (Margaret Wood)

⁴ AJCP, ADM 101/63 *Rajah*

⁵ ML, CY 1282 p.142 (Margaret Wood); ML, CY 1274 p.264 (Margaret Wood)

⁶ AJCP, HO 10/51 p.404 No.418 (Margaret Wood)

⁷ James Wilson was transported for life on the *Arab* in 1834; tried at Sussex Quarter Sessions on 14 October 1833 for horse stealing; single, ploughman, aged 29, native place Henley upon Thames; Ticket of Leave 15 July 1842 (TAHO, CON31/1/47 p.49 No.1780 [image 53] (James Wilson alias Meads), TAHO, CON18/1/3 p.320 No.1780 [image 171] (James Wilson alias Mead)).

⁸ TAHO, CON52/1/2 p.223 (James Wilson & Margt Wood)

⁹ personal communication, Betty Calverley; TAHO, RGD37/1/2 1842/1643 Launceston (Margaret Wood & James Wilson)

¹⁰ TAHO, RGD33/1/23 1844/231 Launceston (female Wilson, mother Margaret Wood)

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1 May 1845	Son Thomas James Wilson born at Launceston; father James Wilson, tanner; mother Margaret Wilson. ¹²
28 May 1845	Son Thomas James Wilson baptised at St John's Anglican Church, Launceston. ¹²
21 February 1845	Ticket of Leave granted; gazetted 25 February. ¹³
19 August 1845	Husband James Wilson at Launceston. ¹⁴
21 October 1845	Husband James Wilson recommended for a Conditional Pardon. ¹⁴
October 1846	Husband James Wilson approved for a Conditional Pardon. ¹⁴
6 July 1847	Free by servitude; Certificate of Freedom may be obtained upon application at the Comptroller General's Office, Hobart or from a Police Magistrate in the interior; gazetted 6 July. ¹⁵
2 September 1847	Certificate of Freedom issued. ³
25 September 1847	Daughter Mary Ann Wilson born at Launceston; mother Margaret Wood; informant father James Wilson, illiterate, tanner, resident of Thistle Street, Launceston. ¹⁶
9 November 1847	Husband James Wilson tried at the Quarter Sessions, Launceston charged with stealing 3 pairs of sawn timbers; found not guilty. ¹⁴
30 September 1850	Son Henry Wilson born at Launceston; father Thomas James Wilson, tanner; informant friend Mary Ann Markrain, resident of West Street, Launceston. ¹⁷
1 November 1853	Son John Wilson born in the Port Sorell district; father James Wilson, farmer; no informant given. ¹⁸
8 October 1858	Charged at the Police Court, Launceston with drunkenness; fined 10 shillings. ¹⁹
21 June 1860	Charged at the Police Court, Launceston with drunkenness; fined 10 shillings. ²⁰
22 October 1862	Charged at the Police Office, Launceston at 10:45 pm by Constable Smith with being drunk and disorderly; remanded. Description: no property, free by servitude, aged 30, illiterate. ²¹
23 October 1862	Brought up at the Police Court, Launceston charged as before; fined 10 shillings, or in default 24 hours in solitary confinement. ²²
21 December 1862	Charged at the Police Office, Launceston at 9 pm by Constable Green with being drunk and incapable; remanded. Description: no property, free by servitude, aged 55, housewife, illiterate, resident of Launceston. ²³
22 December 1862	Brought up at the Police Court, Launceston charged as before; fined 20 shillings, or in default of payment imprisoned. ²⁴
11 February 1863	Charged at the Police Office, Launceston at 1:15 am by Constable Carey with being drunk and incapable; remanded. Description: property 1½ and purse, free by servitude, aged 35, read and write imperfectly. ²⁵
12 February 1863	Brought up at the Police Court, Launceston charged as before; fined 10 shillings. ²⁶

¹¹ TAHO, RGD35/1/16 1844/134 Launceston (female Wilson)

¹² TAHO, RGD32/1/3 1845/2666 Launceston (Thomas James Wilson)

¹³ *Hobart Town Gazette*, 25 February 1845 p.234 (Margaret Wood)

¹⁴ TAHO, CON31/1/47 p.49 No.1780 [image 53] (James Wilson alias Meads)

¹⁵ *Hobart Town Gazette*, 6 July 1847 p.649 (Margaret Wood)

¹⁶ TAHO, RGD33/1/23 1847/1849 Launceston (Mary Ann Wilson)

¹⁷ TAHO, RGD33/1/23 1850/2884 Launceston (Henry Wilson)

¹⁸ TAHO, RGD33/1/31 1853/1044 Port Sorell (John Wilson)

¹⁹ *Examiner*, 14 October 1858 p.3 (Margaret Wilson)

²⁰ *Examiner*, 23 June 1860 p.2 (Margaret Wilson)

²¹ TAHO, POL450/1/1 p.121 No.1 (Margaret Wilson)

²² *Examiner*, 25 October 1862 p.3 (Margaret Wilson)

²³ TAHO, POL450/1/1 p.128 No.1 (Margaret Wilson)

²⁴ *Examiner*, 25 December 1862 p.3 (Margaret Wilson)

²⁵ TAHO, POL450/1/1 p.136 No.4 (Margaret Wilson)

²⁶ *Examiner*, 14 February 1863 p.3 (Margaret Wilson)

- 7 April 1863 Charged at the Police Office, Launceston at 4:45 pm by Sub Inspector Sullivan with being drunk and incapable; remanded.
Description: no property, free by servitude, aged 40, housewife, illiterate, resident of Launceston.²⁷
- 8 April 1863 Brought at the Police Court, Launceston charged as before; sentence²⁸ 1 month hard labour at the House of Correction, Launceston.²⁹
- 28 April 1863 Charged at the Police Office, Launceston at 9 am by Constable Mitchell with being drunk and disorderly; remanded.
Description: no property, free by servitude, aged 36, housewife, read and write imperfectly, resident of Launceston.³⁰
- 29 April 1863 Brought up at the Police Court, Launceston charged as before; sentence 1 month hard labour at the House of Correction, Launceston.³⁰
- 28 May 1863 Charged at the Police Court, Launceston with drunkenness; discharged.³¹
- 29 June 1864 Charged at the Police Office, Launceston at 8:15 pm by Sergeant Peters with being drunk and incapable; remanded.
Description: no property, free by servitude, aged 38, housewife, illiterate, resident of Launceston.³²
- 30 June 1864 Brought up at the Police Court, Launceston charged as before; fined 10 shillings.³²
- 1 July 1864 Charged at the Police Office, Launceston at 11:30 pm by Constable George Offer with being drunk and incapable; remanded.
Description: free by servitude, aged 38, illiterate, resident of Launceston.³³
- 2 July 1864 Brought up at the Police Court, Launceston charged as before; fined³⁴ 10 shillings.³⁵
- 6 July 1864 Charged at the Police Office, Launceston at 5 pm by Constable James Murrie with being drunk and incapable; remanded.
Description: free by servitude, aged 40, read and write imperfectly.³⁶
- 7 July 1864 Brought up at the Police Court, Launceston charged as before; sentence³⁷ 1 month hard labour at the House of Correction, Launceston.³⁸
- 17 March 1865 Charged at the Police Court, Launceston with having deserted her husband and 2 children; an order for the maintenance of the children made.³⁹
Newspaper report:
*A woman named Margaret Wilson was summoned on the charge of having sometime since deserted her husband (now dead) and two children. The Bench made an order for the maintenance of the children, and to carry this out it was directed that the property left by defendant's husband should be disposed of. Defendant is a dissipated person, and is cohabiting with a man to whom she is not married.*³⁹
- 20 March 1865 Charged at the Police Office, Launceston at 11:15 pm by Constable Andrew Kennedy with being drunk and incapable; remanded.
Description: free by servitude, aged 38, illiterate, resident of Launceston.⁴⁰
- 21 March 1865 Brought at the Police Court, Launceston charged as before; fined 10 shillings.⁴¹

²⁷ TAHO, POL450/1/1 p.145 No.4 (Margt Wilson)

²⁸ The *Examiner* states she was fined 10 shillings.

²⁹ *Examiner*, 9 April 1863 p.2 (Margaret Wilson)

³⁰ TAHO, POL450/1/1 p.148 No.1 (Margaret Wilson)

³¹ *Examiner*, 30 May 1863 p.3 (Margaret Wilson)

³² TAHO, POL450/1/1 p.207 No.4 (Margaret Wilson)

³³ TAHO, POL450/1/1 p.207 No.2 (Margaret Wilson)

³⁴ The *Examiner* of 5 July 1864 states she was fined 20 shillings.

³⁵ *Examiner*, 2 July 1864 p.5 (Margaret Wilson); *Examiner*, 5 July 1864 p.5 (Margaret Wilson)

³⁶ TAHO, POL450/1/1 p.208 No.2 (Margaret Wilson)

³⁷ According to the *Examiner* she was fined 10 shillings.

³⁸ *Examiner*, 9 July 1864 p.5 (Margaret Wilson)

³⁹ *Examiner*, Saturday 18 March 1865 p.5 (Margaret Wilson)

⁴⁰ TAHO, POL450/1/1 p.238 No.3 (Margaret Wilson)

⁴¹ *Examiner*, 24 March 1865 p.3 (Margaret Wilson)

- 12 April 1865 Charged at the Police Office, Launceston at 8:15 pm by Constable William Mitchell with being drunk and incapable; remanded.
Description: free by servitude, aged 40, illiterate.⁴²
- 13 April 1865 Brought up at the Police Court, Launceston charged as before; fined 10 shillings.⁴²
- 21 July 1865 Charged at the Police Office, Launceston at 7 pm by Constable McQueen with being drunk and incapable; remanded.
Description: no property, free by servitude, aged 39, hawker, illiterate, resident of Launceston.⁴³
- 22 July 1865 Brought up at the Police Court, Launceston charged as before; fined 10 shillings.⁴⁴
- 15 September 1865 Charged at the Police Office, Launceston at 2:30 pm by Constable Kennedy with being drunk and incapable; remanded.
Description: no property, free by servitude, aged 40, illiterate, resident of Launceston.⁴⁵
- 16 September 1865 Brought up at the Police Court, Launceston charged as before; fined 10 shillings, or in default 24 hours' solitary confinement.⁴⁶
- 21 October 1865 Charged at the Police Office, Launceston at 11 pm by Constable Murrie with being drunk and incapable; remanded.
Description: free by servitude, aged 40, hawker, illiterate, resident of Launceston.⁴⁷
- 22 October 1865 Brought up at the Police Court, Launceston charged as before; fined 20 shillings, or in default 20 days' solitary confinement at the House of Correction, Launceston.⁴⁷
- 9 December 1865 Charged at the Police Office, Launceston at 9:30 pm by Constable Mitchell with being drunk and disorderly; remanded.
Description: no property, free by servitude, aged 40, dealer, read and write imperfectly, resident of Launceston.⁴⁸
- 10 December 1865 Brought at the Police Court, Launceston charged as before; sentence 1 month hard labour at the House of Correction, Launceston.⁴⁸
- 7 May 1866 **Married** Thomas Hamer⁴⁹ at York Street Baptist Chapel, Launceston; Margaret aged 39, illiterate, widow; Thomas aged 57, illiterate, tradesman; witnesses Charles Cater, Joseph Pemberton and Thomas Rixon.⁵⁰
- 13 June 1866 Charged at the Police Office, Launceston at 11:15 am by Constable Offer with being drunk and disorderly; remanded.
Description: property basket etc, free by servitude, aged 40, dealer, read and write imperfectly, resident of Launceston.⁵¹
- 14 June 1866 Brought up at the Police Court, Launceston charged as before; fined 10 shillings.⁵²
- 11 July 1866 Charged at the Police Office, Launceston at 7:30 pm by Constable Moir with being drunk and incapable; remanded.
Description: no property, free by servitude, aged 40, dealer, read and write imperfectly; resident of Launceston.⁵³

⁴² TAHO, POL450/1/1 p.241 No.2 (Margaret Wilson)

⁴³ TAHO, POL450/1/1 p.252 No.5 (Margaret Wilson)

⁴⁴ *Examiner*, 25 July 1865 p.5 (Margaret Wilson)

⁴⁵ TAHO, POL450/1/1 p.259 No.3 (Margaret Wilson)

⁴⁶ *Examiner*, 19 September 1865 p.3 (Margaret Wilson)

⁴⁷ TAHO, POL450/1/1 p.262 No.5 (Margaret Wilson)

⁴⁸ TAHO, POL450/1/1 p.267 No.3 (Margaret Wilson)

⁴⁹ Thomas Hamer was transported on the *William Glen Anderson* in 1831 for 14 years, tried at Lancaster Quarter Sessions on 10 January 1831 for feloniously stealing from the person; single, aged 23, ploughman, Protestant, read not write, native place Pendlebury, father Joseph a labourer at NP, 2 brothers and 5 sisters at NP; tried again at Hobart Quarter Sessions 2 April 1846, sentence 5 years in chains, sent to Port Arthur until he can be removed to Norfolk Island (TAHO, CON31/1/20 p.121 No.1289 [image 123] (Tho^s Hamer); TAHO, CON14/1/2 pp.59-60 No.1289 [images 61-62] (Thomas Hamer); TAHO, CON32/1/1 p.58 No.1289 [image 64] (Thomas Hamer); TAHO, CON 32/1/2 p.291 No.1289 [image 148] (Thomas Hamer)).

⁵⁰ TAHO, RGD37/1/25 1866/397 Launceston (Thomas Heman & Margaret Wilson)

⁵¹ TAHO, POL450/1/1 p.287 No.1 (Margaret Wilson)

⁵² *Examiner*, 15 June 1866 p.3 (Margaret Wilson)

⁵³ TAHO, POL450/1/1 p.290 No.4 (Margaret Wilson)

12 July 1866	Brought up at the Police Court, Launceston charged as before; fined 20 shillings. ⁵⁴
19 September 1867	Charged at the Police Office, Launceston at 10:30 pm by Constable James McQueen with being drunk and incapable; remanded. Description: no property, free by servitude, aged 45, illiterate. ⁵⁵
20 September 1867	Brought up at the Police Court, Launceston charged as before; fined 10 shillings, or in default 48 hours' solitary confinement. ⁵⁶
25 February 1868	Charged at the Police Court, Launceston with being drunk and incapable; fined 10 shillings, in default 48 hours' solitary confinement. ⁵⁷
13 April 1868	Charged at the Police Court, Launceston with drunkenness; fined 20 shillings. ⁵⁸
21 April 1868	Charged at the Police Court, Launceston with being drunk and disorderly; sentence 1 month hard labour at the House of Correction, Launceston. ⁵⁹
3 August 1869	Charged at the Police Office, Launceston at 12:30 pm by Constable Isaac Wilkins with being drunk and incapable; remanded. Description: no property, free by servitude, aged 50, read and write. ⁶⁰
4 August 1869	Brought up at the Police Court, Launceston charged as before; fined 10 shillings. ⁶¹
1 February 1870	Charged at the Police Office, Launceston at 11:30 pm by John McQueen with being drunk and incapable; remanded. Description: no property, free by servitude, aged 45, read. ⁶²
2 February 1870	Brought up at the Police Court, Launceston charged as before; fined 10 shillings. ⁶²
15 February 1870	Charged at the Police Court, Launceston with being drunk and incapable in a public street the previous night; fined 10 shillings with costs 1 shilling, or in default 48 hours in solitary confinement. ⁶³
26 March 1874	Charged at the Police Office, Launceston at 11:15 pm by Sergeant Peters with being drunk and incapable; remanded. Description: free by servitude, aged 47, read and write. ⁶⁴
27 March 1874	Brought up at the Police court, Launceston charged as before; fined 10 shillings. ⁶⁵
8 December 1876	Charged at the Police Office, Launceston at 9 pm by Constable Wilkins with being drunk and disorderly in Wellington Street, Launceston; remanded. Description: free by servitude, aged 61, read and write. ⁶⁶
9 December 1876	Brought up at the Police Court, Launceston charged as before; fined 10 shillings. ⁶⁶
18 December 1877	Charged at the Police Office, Launceston at 10:10 pm by Constable Isaac Wilkins with being drunk and disorderly in Wellington Street, Launceston; remanded. Description: free by servitude, aged 54, read and write. ⁶⁷
19 December 1877	Brought up at the Police Court, Launceston charged as before; fined 10 shillings. ⁶⁷
27 May 1878	Charged at the Police Office, Launceston at 11 pm by Constable Kennedy with being drunk and incapable in Brisbane Street, Launceston; remanded. Description: property 3 pence, free by servitude, aged 52, read and write. ⁶⁸

⁵⁴ *Examiner*, 13 July 1866 p.3 (Margaret Wilson)

⁵⁵ TAHO, POL450/1/1 p.336 No.3 (Margaret Wilson);

⁵⁶ *Examiner*, 24 September 1867 p.7 (Margaret Wilson)

⁵⁷ *Examiner*, 29 February 1868 p.6 (Margaret Wilson)

⁵⁸ *Examiner*, 14 April 1868 p.2 (Margaret Wilson)

⁵⁹ *Examiner*, 23 April 1868 p.5 (Margaret Wilson)

⁶⁰ TAHO, POL450/1/1 p.371 No.362 (Margaret Wilson)

⁶¹ *Examiner*, 5 August 1869 p.4 (Margaret Wilson)

⁶² TAHO, POL450/1/1 p.377 No.90 (Margaret Amer)

⁶³ *Examiner*, 17 February 1870 p.3 (Margaret Amer)

⁶⁴ TAHO, POL450/1/1 March 1874 No.98 (Margaret Wilson)

⁶⁵ *Examiner*, 28 March 1874 p.5 (Margaret Wilson)

⁶⁶ TAHO, POL450/1/2 1876 No.375 (Margaret Amer)

⁶⁷ TAHO, POL450/1/2 1877 No.372 (Margaret Amer)

⁶⁸ TAHO, POL450/1/2 1878 No.192 (Margaret Amer)

- 28 May 1878 Brought up at the Police Court, Launceston charged as before; fined 10 shillings, or in default 48 hours' solitary confinement.⁶⁹
- 14 June 1878 Charged at the Police Office, Launceston at 8:45 pm by Sergeant Wilson with being drunk and incapable in Wellington Street, Launceston; plea guilty; remanded. Description: property 2 tin cans, some rope and small bundle, free by servitude, aged 52, read and write.⁷⁰
- 15 June 1878 Brought up at the Police Court, Launceston charged as before; fined 20 shillings, or in default 5 days' imprisonment.⁷¹
- 20 August 1878 Charged at the Police Office, Launceston at 8 pm by Constable J Carey with being drunk and disorderly in Wellington Street, Launceston; remanded. Description: free by servitude, aged 52, read and write.⁷²
- 21 August 1878 Brought up at the Police Court, Launceston charged as before; fined 20 shillings, or in default 1 month's imprisonment at the House of Correction, Launceston.⁷²
- 27 November 1878 Charged at the Police Office, Launceston at 9 pm by Constable Isaac Wilkins with being drunk and incapable in Brisbane Street, Launceston; remanded. Description: no property, free by servitude, aged 52, read and write.⁷³
- 28 November 1878 Brought up at the Police Court, Launceston charged as before; fined 10 shillings and costs.⁷⁴
- 26 February 1880 Charged at the Police Office, Launceston at 11:15 pm by Constable McQueen with being drunk and incapable in Bathurst Street, Launceston; remanded. Description: free by servitude, aged 60, illiterate.⁷⁵
- 27 February 1880 Brought up at the Police Court, Launceston charged as before; fined 5 shillings, paid.⁷⁶
- 8 May 1881 Charged at the Police Office, Launceston at 7:10 pm by Constable Wilkins with being drunk and disorderly in Wellington Street, Launceston; remanded. Description: no property, free by servitude, aged 60, housewife, resident of Launceston, illiterate.⁷⁷
- 9 May 1881 Brought up at the Police Court, Launceston charged as before; fined 5 shillings, paid.⁷⁷
- 24 June 1882 Charged at the Police Office, Launceston at 6 pm by Constable Dore with being drunk and incapable in Wellington Street, Launceston; remanded. Description: no property, free by servitude, aged 62, housewife, resident of Launceston, read and write.⁷⁸
- 25 June 1882 Brought up at the Police Court, Launceston charged as before; fined 5 shillings, or in default 24 hours in solitary confinement, paid.⁷⁹
- 11 August 1882 Charged at the Police Office, Launceston at 9 pm by Sergeant Peters with being drunk and disorderly in Wellington Street, Launceston; remanded. Description: no property, free by servitude, aged 61, hawker, resident of Launceston, read only.⁸⁰
- 12 August 1882 Brought up at the Police Court, Launceston charged as before; fined 10 shillings.⁸⁰
- 23 August 1882 Charged at the Police Office, Launceston at 7 pm by Constable Floyd with being drunk and incapable in Charles Street, Launceston; remanded.

⁶⁹ *Examiner*, 29 May 1878 p.3 (Margaret Amer)

⁷⁰ TAHO, POL450/1/2 1878 No.206 (Margaret Amer)

⁷¹ *Examiner*, 18 June 1878 p.2 (Margaret Amer)

⁷² TAHO, POL450/1/2 1878 No.265 (Margaret Amer)

⁷³ TAHO, POL450/1/2 1878 No.413 (Margaret Amer)

⁷⁴ *Examiner*, 29 November 1878 p.3 (Margaret Amer)

⁷⁵ TAHO, POL450/1/2 1880 No.114 (Margaret Amer)

⁷⁶ *Examiner*, 1 March 1880 p.2 (Margaret Hamer)

⁷⁷ TAHO, POL450/1/3 1881 No.203 (Margaret Amer)

⁷⁸ TAHO, POL450/1/3 1882 No.345 (Margaret Amer)

⁷⁹ *Examiner*, 27 June 1882 p.2 (Margaret Amer)

⁸⁰ TAHO, POL450/1/3 1882 No.417 (Margaret Amer)

- Description: property tin ware, free by servitude, aged 60, hawker, resident of Launceston, read and write.⁸¹
- 24 August 1882 Brought up at the Police Court, Launceston charged as before; fined 10 shillings, or in default 48 hour's solitary confinement.⁸²
- 12 January 1883 Charged at the Police Office, Launceston at 9:30 am by Constable D Burke with being drunk and incapable in Wellington Street, Launceston; plea guilty; remanded. Description: no property, free by servitude, aged 61, housewife, resident of Launceston, illiterate.⁸³
- 13 January 1883 Brought up at the Police Court, Launceston charged as before; fined 5 shillings, or in default 24 hours in solitary confinement.⁸⁴
- 21 February 1883 Husband Thomas Hamer admitted to the Invalid Depot, Launceston from Launceston; ship to colony *William Glen Anderson*.⁸⁵
- 9 March 1883 Charged at the Police Office, Launceston at 10 pm by Constable Burke with being drunk and disorderly in Elizabeth Street, Launceston; remanded. Description: property a bundle, free by servitude, aged 61, vendor of tin ware, resident of Launceston, read and write.⁸⁶
- 10 March 1883 Brought up at the Police Court, Launceston charged as before; fined 10 shillings, or in default 48 hours' imprisonment.⁸⁷
- 4 July 1883 Charged at the Police Office, Launceston at 10 pm by Constable McGuiness with being drunk and disorderly in Charles Street, Launceston; plea not guilty; remanded. Description: free by servitude, aged 60, hawker, resident of Launceston, read and write.⁸⁸
- 5 July 1883 Brought up at the Police Court, Launceston charged as before; fined 10 shillings and costs 1 shilling, paid.⁸⁹
- 13 July 1883 Husband Thomas Hamer discharged from the Invalid Depot, Launceston at his own request, able to work.⁸⁵
- 26 November 1883 Husband Thomas Hamer admitted to the Invalid Depot, Launceston from Launceston.⁹⁰
- 17 December 1883 Charged at the Police Office, Launceston at 7:45 pm by Sergeant Peters with being drunk and incapable in Charles Street, Launceston; remanded. Description: free by servitude, aged 62, hawker of tin ware, resident of Launceston; illiterate.⁹¹
- 18 December 1883 Brought up at the Police Court, Launceston charged as before; fined 5 shillings.⁹¹
- 1 March 1884 Charged at the Police Office, Launceston at 4 pm by Constable Pilling with being drunk and disorderly in Brisbane Street, Launceston; remanded. Description: free by servitude, aged 61, housewife, resident of Launceston, read and write.⁹²
- 2 March 1884 Brought up at the Police Court, Launceston charged as before; fined 10 shillings.⁹²
- 10 March 1884 Charged at the Police Office, Launceston at 9:40 pm by Constable Cross with using obscene language in Bathurst Street, Launceston; remanded.

⁸¹ TAHO, POL450/1/3 1882 No.437 (Margaret Amer)

⁸² *Examiner*, 25 August 1882 p.2 (Margaret Amer)

⁸³ TAHO, POL450/1/3 1883 No.32 (Margaret Amer)

⁸⁴ *Examiner*, 15 January 1883 p.3 (Margaret Amer)

⁸⁵ *Tasmania Police Gazette*, 20 July 1883 p.114 (Thomas Hamer No.171)

⁸⁶ TAHO, POL450/1/3 1883 No.163 (Margaret Amer)

⁸⁷ *Examiner*, 12 March 1883 p.2 (Margaret Amer)

⁸⁸ TAHO, POL450/1/3 1883 No.378 (Margaret Aymer)

⁸⁹ *Examiner*, 6 July 1883 p.3 (Margaret Amer)

⁹⁰ *Tasmania Police Gazette*, 14 March 1884 p.43 (Thomas Hamer No.69)

⁹¹ TAHO, POL450/1/3 1883 No.745 (Margaret Aymer)

⁹² TAHO, POL450/1/3 1884 No.131 (Margaret Amer)

- Description: free by servitude, aged 62, hawker of small ware, resident of Launceston, illiterate.⁹³
Husband Thomas Hamer discharged from the Invalid Depot, Launceston at his own request, able to work.⁹⁰
- 11 March 1884 Brought up at the Police Court, Launceston charged as before; sentence 14 days imprisonment at the House of Correction, Launceston.⁹³
- 16 April 1884 Charged at the Police Office, Launceston at 8:45 pm by Sergeant Peters with being drunk and incapable in Wellington Street, Launceston; remanded.
Description: free by servitude, aged 61, housewife, resident of Launceston, illiterate.⁹⁴
- 17 April 1884 Brought up at the Police Court, Launceston charged as before; fined 5 shillings.⁹⁴
- 26 April 1884 Husband Thomas Hamer admitted to the Invalid Depot, Launceston from Launceston, ship to colony *William Glen Anderson*.⁹⁵
- 4 October 1884 Husband Thomas Hamer discharged from the Invalid Depot, Launceston at his own request, able to work.⁹⁵
- 6 December 1884 Charged at the Police Office, Launceston at 7:30 pm by Constable Shephard with being drunk and disorderly in St John Street, Launceston; remanded.
Description: free by servitude, aged 61, housewife, resident of Launceston, illiterate.⁹⁶
- 8 December 1884 Brought up at the Police Court, Launceston charged as before; discharged, confined in the watch house from 6 to 8 December.⁹⁶
- 25 February 1885 Charged at the Police Office, Launceston at 8:25 pm by Constable Jean⁹⁷ with being drunk and incapable in Bathurst Street, Launceston; remanded.
Description: free by servitude, aged 61, housewife, resident of Launceston, illiterate.⁹⁸
- 26 February 1885 Brought up at the Police Court, Launceston charged as before; fined 5 shillings.⁹⁸
- 21 October 1885 Charged at the Police Office, Launceston at 7 pm by Constable McCarthy with being drunk and disorderly in Bathurst Street, Launceston; remanded.
Description: free by servitude, aged 63, housewife, resident of Launceston, illiterate.⁹⁹
- 22 October 1885 Brought up at the Police Court, Launceston charged as before; fined 10 shillings, or in default 48 hours in solitary confinement.⁹⁹
- 3 December 1885¹⁰⁰ Charged at the Police Office, Launceston at 8:30 pm by Constable Lloyd with being drunk and disorderly at the corner of Brisbane and Bathurst Streets, Launceston; remanded.
Description: free by servitude, aged 60, housewife, resident of Launceston, illiterate.¹⁰¹
- 4 December 1885 Brought up at the Police Court, Launceston charged as before; fined 10 shillings, or in default 48 hours in imprisonment.¹⁰²
- 22 March 1886 Husband Thomas Hamer admitted to the Invalid Depot, Launceston from Launceston.¹⁰³
- 14 September 1886 Husband Thomas Hamer discharged from the Invalid Depot, Launceston at his own request, able to work.¹⁰³
- 6 May 1887 **Died** of heart disease¹⁰⁴ at the General Hospital, Launceston; aged 65,¹⁰⁵ brick maker; native of England; informant Jane Doolan, undertaker, Launceston.¹⁰⁶

⁹³ TAHO, POL450/1/3 1884 No.143 (Margaret Amer)

⁹⁴ TAHO, POL450/1/3 1884 No.212 (Margaret Amer)

⁹⁵ *Tasmania Police Gazette*, 10 October 1884 p.164 (Thomas Hamer No.177)

⁹⁶ TAHO, POL450/1/3 1884 No.551 (Margaret Amer)

⁹⁷ This name may not be Jean, it is difficult to read.

⁹⁸ TAHO, POL450/1/3 1885 No.108 (Margaret Amer)

⁹⁹ TAHO, POL450/1/3 1885 No.561 (Margaret Amer)

¹⁰⁰ The Launceston Charge Books from May 1886 to 1931 are missing, so there may have been more charges after this date.

¹⁰¹ TAHO, POL450/1/3 1885 No.630 (Margaret Amer)

¹⁰² *Examiner*, 5 December 1885 p.3 (Margaret Amer)

¹⁰³ *Tasmania Police Gazette*, 17 September 1886 p.152 (Thomas Hamer No.3)

¹⁰⁴ Cause of death given as broncho pneumonia in Surgeon-Superintendent's report (*Examiner*, 17 June 1887 p.3 (Margaret Amer)).

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- 3 March 1888 Buried in Shearn's ground (plot A 655–657), Charles Street Cemetery, Launceston.¹⁰⁷
Husband Thomas Hamer admitted to the Invalid Depot, Launceston from Launceston.¹⁰⁸
- 5 March 1889 Husband Thomas Hamer discharged from the Invalid Depot, Launceston at his own request.¹⁰⁸
- 23 August 1892 Husband Thomas Hamer died of senility at the Invalid Depot, Launceston; aged 86, brick maker, born England; informant Jane Doolan, undertaker, Launceston.¹⁰⁹

Notes

- Margaret's first husband is likely to be the James Wilson who died on 15 November 1865 of inflammation of the lungs in the Port Sorell district; aged 54, farmer; informant Philip Gilbert, farmer, resident of River Forth.¹¹⁰ If so, it is likely he had two children with Elizabeth Douglas at Port Sorell.
- Margaret's daughter Mary Ann may be the Mary Ann Wilson who married Frederick Starnes at Launceston on 28 June 1865; Mary aged 18, Frederick aged 23.¹¹¹ If so, they had 14 children at Launceston between 1866 and 1890.

¹⁰⁵ Age given as 67 in Surgeon-Superintendent's report (*Examiner*, 17 June 1887 p.3 (Margaret Amer)).

¹⁰⁶ TAHO, RGD35/1/56 1887/188 Launceston (Margaret Hamer)

¹⁰⁷ personal communication, Dianne Cassidy, 18 August 2012 (Margaret Wood/Hamer)

¹⁰⁸ *Tasmania Police Gazette*, 8 March 1889 p.40 (Thomas Hamer No.24)

¹⁰⁹ TAHO, RGD35/1/61 1892/269 Launceston (Thomas Hamer)

¹¹⁰ TAHO, RGD35/1/34 1865/432 Port Sorell (James Wilson)

¹¹¹ TAHO, RGD37/1/24 1865/386 Launceston (Mary Ann Wilson & Frederick Starnes)