

Louisa Woolger

(uxor Louisa Brooks)

POLICE NUMBER 421 ¹	LITERACY read only
TRIAL DATE 14 September 1840	AGE ON EMBARKATION 16
TRIAL PLACE Surrey (Newington) Quarter Sessions	AGE ON ARRIVAL 16
OFFENCE housebreaking, stealing money, 2 watches and other articles	HEIGHT 5' 6" or 5' 6¼"
SENTENCE 7 years	COMPLEXION dark
GAOL REPORT not known, single	HEAD oval
PREVIOUS CONVICTIONS 'I never was in gaol before'	HAIR dark brown
SURGEON'S REPORT quiet	VISAGE long
ON THE TOWN no	FOREHEAD medium
MARITAL STATUS single	EYEBROWS brown
CHILDREN 0	EYES dark brown
FAMILY sister Emily Turner, 'I am sister to Emily Turner transported with me'	NOSE medium
NATIVE PLACE Cobham, Surrey, England	MOUTH medium
TRADE ON EMBARKATION	CHIN medium
TRADE ON ARRIVAL plain cook, dairy maid	MARKS slightly pockpitted

c1819 Sister Emily Woolger born at Cobham, Surrey, England.²

c1825 **Born** at Cobham, Surrey, England.³

14 September 1840 Tried at the Quarter Sessions, Newington, Surrey, England with sister and shipmate Emily Turner (*qv*) indicted for housebreaking in stealing money, 2 watches and other articles; sentence 7 years transportation.⁴

Newspaper report:

SURREY SESSIONS. – SEPT. 15.

Emily Turner and Louisa Woolger, sisters, were indicted for entering the house of Sarah Ledger, at Cobham, and stealing 17l., two watches, two rings, and several other articles, the property of her and her sons.

Mr. Knapp defended the prisoners, both of whom were well-dressed young girls, under twenty years of age.

From the evidence it appeared that on Friday, the 1st of September, the prosecutrix and her sons left their cottage in the morning, having locked it after them, for the purpose of going to work at Lady Molesworth's, at a short distance off. On the return of one of the prosecutrix's sons, between twelve and one o'clock the same day, he found that the house had been entered in their absence, and the whole of the property mentioned in the indictment carried off. The thieves got into the house by taking a pane of glass out of the back kitchen window, which enabled them to put an arm through and open the sash. On subsequent examination the footmarks of a female were observed underneath the window through which the entry had been effected. Information of the robbery having been given, the two prisoners were taken into custody the same evening in the town of Guildford, having in their possession at the time a great portion of the property stolen from the cottage of the prosecutrix. There was no money of any consequence, however, found in their possession, and the latter fact was particularly dwelt upon by their Counsel in order to show the improbability of their having committed the offence with which they were charged. Independently of the various articles belonging to the prosecutors, and found in the prisoners' possession, were also two bundles containing a

¹ TAHO, CON40/1/10 p.220 No.421 [image 197] (Louisa Woolger); TAHO, CON19/1/1 p.269 [image 138] (Louisa Woolger); ML, CY 1282 p.156 (Louisa Woolger); ML, CY 1197 p.156 (Louisa Woolger); ML, CY 958 p.443 (Louisa Woolger)

² TAHO, CON19/1/1 p.262 [image 134] (Emily Turner)

³ TAHO, CON19/1/1 p.269 [image 138] (Louisa Woolger)

⁴ TAHO, CON40/1/10 p.220 No.421 [image 197] (Louisa Woolger)

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variety of gaudy dress, which they had been purchasing in Guildford the same day, and on which a considerable sum of money must have been expended.

Mr. Knapp contended that no evidence had been adduced to prove that the prisoners had broken into the house and stolen the property, and that it was much more probable the articles found in their possession and claimed by the prosecutor might have been given them by some other parties who had really committed the offence.

The jury found the prisoners Guilty, and they were sentenced to be transported for seven years each.⁵

5 April 1841	Departed Woolwich, England on the <i>Rajah</i> . ⁶
19 July 1841	Arrived at Hobart on the <i>Rajah</i> . ⁶
c24 July 1841	Upon arrival at Hobart, sent to Launceston for assignment. ⁷
31 December 1841	Mustered in the service of Mr Lesson, Launceston. ⁸
4 September 1843	At Launceston. ⁴
6 September 1843	At Launceston. ⁴
13 September 1843	Application for permission to marry John Brooks (free) sent to the Muster Master. ⁹
26 September 1843	Application for permission to marry John Brooks sent to the Secretary; approved. ⁹
28 September 1843	Notice given of approval for permission to marry John Brooks; Louisa in assigned service at Launceston; John free. ¹⁰
1 October 1843	Banns read at Holy Trinity Anglican Church, Launceston for marriage to John Brooks. ¹¹
8 October 1843	Banns read at Holy Trinity Anglican Church, Launceston for marriage to John Brooks. ¹¹
15 October 1843	Banns read at Holy Trinity Anglican Church, Launceston for marriage to John Brooks. ¹¹
18 ¹² October 1843	Married John Brooks at Trinity Anglican Church, Launceston; Louisa aged 21, servant, spinster, resident of Launceston, illiterate; John aged 27, servant, bachelor, illiterate; witnesses William Morgan and Anthony Brain (clerk). ¹³
21 February 1845	Ticket of Leave granted; gazetted 25 February. ¹⁴
14 September 1847	Free by servitude; Certificate of Freedom available for collection; gazetted 7 September. ¹⁵
8 April 1848	Certificate of Freedom issued; gazetted 11 April. ¹⁶

Notes

- Louisa may be the Louisa Woolgar baptised on 22 February 1824 at Worplesdon, Surrey, England; father Daniel Wolger, mother Charlotte.¹⁷
- If so, then her parents Daniel Wolger and Charlotte Thomas married on 16 December 1820 at Mickleham, Surrey, England. Daniel died at Worplesdon, no date given.¹⁸ They had at least three other children who were baptised at Worplesdon, Surrey – Daniel on 13 June 1819, Harriett on 4 June 1826 and Amelia on 15 March 1829.¹⁹

⁵ *Morning Post*, 16 September 1840 Issue 21729 Article 1 (Emily Turner & Louisa Woolger)

⁶ AJCP, ADM 101/63 *Rajah*

⁷ ML, CY 1282 p.142 (Louisa Woolger); ML, CY 1274 p.265 (Louisa Woolger)

⁸ AJCP, HO 10/51 p.404 No.421 (Louisa Woolger)

⁹ TAHO, CON52/1/2 p.21 (Jno Brooks & Louisa Woolger)

¹⁰ *Hobart Town Gazette*, 29 September 1843 p.1076; 6 October 1843 p.1101; 13 October 1843 p.1119 (John Brooks & Louisa Woolger)

¹¹ TAHO, NS1735/1/4 p.5 (Jhon Brooks & Louisa Woolger)

¹² Date given as 28 October 1843 on banns.

¹³ TAHO, RGD37/1/3 1843/279 Launceston (John Brooks & Louisa Woolger); TAHO, NS1735/1/4 p.5 (Jhon Brooks & Louisa Woolger)

¹⁴ *Hobart Town Gazette*, 25 February 1845 p.234 (Louisa Woolger)

¹⁵ *Hobart Town Gazette*, 7 September 1847 p.894 (Louisa Woolger)

¹⁶ *Hobart Town Gazette*, 11 April 1848 p.370 (Louisa Woolgar)

¹⁷ *Family Search*, IGI Batch No.C06600-3 Film Call No.991749 (Daniel Wolger)

¹⁸ *Family Search*, IGI, no source information available (Daniel Wolger & Charlotte Thomas)

¹⁹ *Family Search*, IGI Batch No.C06600-3 Film Call No.991749 (Amelia Woolgar, Harriett Wolger, Daniel Wolger)

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