

## Catherine HART (aka JONES) (1829-abt 1892)

Catherine was aged 28, single a Roman Catholic, could read and a general servant from London when she migrated to Tasmania on the 'Trade Wind' in 1858. Catherine was sponsored by William Stelling of Hobart Town.

William Stelling (1814-1875) was an ex-convict who was transported for uttering base coin. He was convicted at Lancaster on 18 March 1833 and transported from Plymouth on 28 July 1833, arriving in Tasmania per 'Isabella' on 14 November 1833. William's occupation was recorded as a groom and coachman. William left a wife, Ann, in England. Permission was given on 31 August 1842 for William to marry Mary Rankin. A note next to his name "The clergyman was satisfied as to the death of man's wife." This marriage did not go ahead as permission was given again on 30 September 1844 to marry Mary Donovan, a convict who was transported to Tasmania per the 'Edward'.

It is not known the connection, if there was one, between Catherine and William Stelling. Catherine married Thomas Jones in Hobart in 1860. They had three children: a male, born 14 July 1860, Hobart; Margaret Dorothy born 9 November 1865, Spring Bay; Mary born 20 May 1869, Spring Bay. It is not known what happened to Thomas nor their children.

Catherine was continually in trouble with the law being charged repeatedly with offences such as being drunk and incapable, drunkenness, stealing, disorderly conduct, disturbing the peace, assaulting a neighbour with a poker, illegally pawning goods and using obscene and abusive language. She received prison sentences with hard labour on several occasions. Police records state her native place was England, 5 foot 5 inches tall with dark brown hair.

Catherine Jones, pauper, was admitted to the New Town Charitable Institute twelve times between 1882 and 1889. Her records clearly state the ship to the colony was on the 'Trade Wind'. Catherine absconded from the Institute six times and on two occasions was arrested by the police.

RETURN of PAUPERS discharged from the INVALID DEPOTS, Tasmania.						
No. of Authority.	Name.	Ship.	From what District admitted.	Date admitted.	Date discharged.	Remarks—Why discharged, and if able to earn their living.
6	<i>New Town.</i>					
22	Potter, Abraham	Isabella	Hobart	23 April '88	24 July '88	At own request.
28	Kelly, Richard	Ld. Auckland	Ditto	29 Mar. '88	Ditto	Ditto.
68	Fitzmorris, John, or Fitzgerald	Ld. Dalhousie	Ditto	6 April '88	Ditto	Ditto.
9	Caddy, Samuel	Strathfieldsaye	Ditto	25 April '88	Ditto	Ditto.
3	McCarthy, Jeremiah	Coromandel	Ditto	20 April '88	Ditto	Ditto.
84	Bishop, Edward	P. Rouanpe	Ditto	10 April '88	Ditto	Ditto.
88	Donovan, Daniel	Hydrabad	Ditto	17 April '88	Ditto	Ditto.
24	Cowley, William	Moffatt	Ditto	25 April '88	Ditto	Ditto.
60	Cleary, Thomas	Isabella Watson	Ditto	7 April '88	Ditto	Ditto.
65	Kennedy, Michael	Sir J. Byng	Ditto	16 Jan. '88	Ditto	Ditto.
33	Harrop, George	Asia	Ditto	30 April '88	Ditto	Ditto.
17	Stuart, Alexander	O. Queen	Ditto	4 June '88	Ditto	By approval.
21	Finney, John	Rodney	Ditto	30 April '88	Ditto	To Police.
19	Dogberry, Ann	A. Maria	Ditto	3 Mar. '88	18 July '88	Absconded.
69	Jones, Catherine	Trade Wind	Ditto	8 April '88	19 July '88	Ditto.
27	<i>Launceston.</i>					
	Rapard, Thomas	Caranjah	Launceston	12 June '88	23 July '88	By approval.

Office of Inspector of Police, Hobart,  
27th July, 1888.

BERNARD SHAW, Inspector of Police.

There is a record of a Catherine Jones, who matches the age of the Catherine Hart on the 'Trade Wind' attempting to commit suicide by drowning on two occasions in about 1900. On both occasions she was rescued and was bound over to be of good behaviour for six months. Another Catherine Jones, a pauper, Roman Catholic, was buried on 30 July 1892 in Hobart. Her last residence was at the New Town Charitable Institute and it was recorded she was born in Ireland.