

Elizabeth BOUCHER

Mary Anne I (2)

(arrived Hobart 2 May 1822)

Native Place: Newcastle Upon Tyne

Trade: prostitute

Age: 18

Sentence: 7 years

Tried: 11 July 1821, Newcastle

Offence: petty larceny

Ticket of Leave: not received

Free Certificate: c July 1828

Whilst a Convict

- ❖ Charged several times with absconding and spent a lot of her sentence in the female factory at Hobart.
- ❖ Escaped from the female factory in Hobart in December 1825, with 6 others: *Late on Monday evening as Dr. Westbrook was passing the Female Factory, he observed two women creeping through a hole which had been made in the wall, and the constable standing unconcernedly looking on. He immediately disarmed this man, the ladies as suddenly drawing back; and at the same time Mr. Drabble discovered that 7 prisoners had escaped from the upper bedroom. Six of the number have already been apprehended and sentenced to have their hair cut close off to the head, to be confined in a cell, fed on bread and water, and to wear an iron collar for a week. We have not yet heard what punishment has been inflicted on the constable who so gallantly contributed to the freedom of the fair sex. (Hobart Town Gazette, 10 December 1825)*
- ❖ Charged with participating in riotous and disorderly conduct in the factory on 2 June 1826 and following days. 21 other inmates were involved in the riot.

After Gaining Freedom

- ❖ Married James ELY (per *Guildford (4)*) 27 September 1839 at Launceston.
- ❖ Children with James ELY: Elizabeth ELY b. c1830; Ann ELY, b. 3 May 1834; 4 other children, names and dates of birth not known
- ❖ Husband, James ELY, convicted for bushranging near Launceston with Fisher's gang in 1838 and sentenced to life at Norfolk Island. He was returned to Hobart on 6 June 1844 and died 7 July 1844 at Hobart General Hospital, leaving a wife and six children.
- ❖ No trace of Elizabeth after James' death.