

# Emilie Felicité Gabrielle Chardonné MALHOME

## *Westmoreland*

*(arrived Hobart 3 December 1836)*

*Native Place:* France

*Trade:* house & nursery maid, wash & iron fine linen

*Age:* c 24

*Sentence:* life

*Tried:* 13 June 1836, London

*Offence:* stealing goods from her master, including a gold watch worth £30

*Ticket of Leave:* 25 April 1844

*Conditional Pardon:* 23 November 1847

### *Whilst a Convict*

- ❖ Emilie had been tried at the Old Bailey as a non-English speaker. An interpreter was appointed and the case was heard before a jury composed of half Englishmen and half 'foreigners'.
- ❖ Although she told an elaborate story, as complicated as her name, she was found guilty and transported.
- ❖ During her first three years in Van Diemen's Land only two charges, both minor, were laid against her.
- ❖ On 28 May 1840 Emilie was permitted to marry John Batten, aged 40, in Launceston.

### *After Gaining Freedom*

- ❖ The Battens' first child, Frances, was born the year after they married. Then came a five-year gap.
- ❖ After Emilie received her ticket-of-leave in 1844, she had three more children: James (b.1846); Theodore (b.1848); and William (b.1853).
- ❖ Emilie died on 6 March 1886, almost half a century after her arrival in Van Diemen's Land.