

# *Esther Henrietta*

## *BOTIBOL*

*Anna Maria*

*(arrived Hobart 26 January 1852)*

*Native Place:* Lisbon, Portugal

*Trade:* dress maker

*Age:* c17

*Marital Status:* single

*Tried:* 12 May 1851, London

*Sentence:* 7 years

*Offence:* larceny – stealing 1 sovereign, property of Elizabeth Sophia Young, in the dwelling-house of John Botibol

*Ticket of Leave:* 17 October 1854, revoked 20 November 1854 (convicted of larceny), reinstated 17 February 1857

### *Whilst a Convict*

- ❖ Twice while she was still serving her initial 6 months' probation on the *Anson*, Esther was punished for 'tearing an apron the property of Government', and later the same year for 'tearing a Government cap'.
- ❖ She was probably in the Cascades Factory when accused of 'disorderly conduct in the Superintendent's apartments' late in October 1852, and was most likely in the Female Factory's hospital in December the following year when sentenced to a month's hard labour after refusing to keep her bed and refusing to allow the nurse to apply remedies prescribed by the Medical Officer'.

### *After Gaining Freedom*

- ❖ Six children were born to Esther and Thomas Symmonds/Simmonds before they married in Hobart's Wesleyan Parsonage on 12 November 1872 (although Esther was a Sephardi Jew, and would continue to identify herself as Jewish).
- ❖ The first four children – Esther, Thomas, Nicholas and Ann Jane – were born south of Hobart while their father was a timber cutter. The last two children – Susannah and Mary Ann Eliza – were born in Hobart.
- ❖ In 1868 the parents of this struggling family applied for three of the children to enter the Queen's Orphanage.
- ❖ In 1875, decades after her last conviction, Esther was back in the Cascades Female Factory serving a sentence for larceny. Two years later she was convicted of stealing a pair of boots.
- ❖ In 1910, Esther Symmonds died in Hobart.