

Margaret COCHRANE

Duchess of Northumberland

(arrived Hobart 21 April 1853)

Native Place: Dunbarton, Scotland

Age: 39

Tried: 27 September 1852, Glasgow

Ticket of Leave: July 1856

Trade: plain cook/laundress

Sentence: 7 years

Offence: stealing a lock

Also known as: Margaret Reid

Whilst a Convict

- ❖ A number of offences listed on conduct record, mostly for being drunk.
- ❖ Spent time at the female factory in Hobart.

Colonial Life

- ❖ Son born 1 September 1856, father Jacob SMALL (transported per *Anson*). Child registered as George Martin, the son of her soon-to-be husband, George Martin.
- ❖ Married George Martin (transported per *Surrey/Governor Phillip*) on 15 September 1856 at St George's Church, Hobart.
- ❖ Margaret Martin died at Recherche Bay on 18 January 1866. Her husband, George Martin, was charged with her death, found guilty and sentenced to 12 years' imprisonment.
- ❖ Margaret's son, known as both George Martin and Walter George Arthur Small, was a witness to his stepfather's attack on Margaret and was moved to the Queen's Orphanage in Hobart before the trial so local opinion at Recherche Bay would not affect his evidence.
- ❖ In 1868 the Convict Department received a letter from a John Reid in Scotland (probably Margaret's husband) asking about her welfare.