

# *Sarah WATERS*

## *Harmony*

*(arrived Hobart 14 January 1829)*

*Native Place:* Holborn, England

*Age:* 18

*Tried:* 29 May 1828, Middlesex  
(with Mary Ann Williams)

*Marital Status:* single

*Trade:* prostitute

*Sentence:* 7 years

*Offence:* larceny – robbing her ready furnished room and stealing pillow cases

*Free Certificate:* 8 October 1841

### *Whilst a Convict*

- ❖ Absconded twice from her master, Robert Harrison – in April and May 1829. Disobeyed an order and carried off with her a pillow case, a loaf of bread and a pannikin, the property of Harrison. Apprehended by Constable John Tattersall on 16 May 1829. Sentence: 6 months in ‘C’ class at the female factory, wearing an iron collar for a month, her hair cut off and confined on bread and water for 14 days.
- ❖ In January 1830, refused to do her work and was absent from her service the whole of the previous night without leave. Sentence: cell on bread and water for 5 days.
- ❖ In March 1830, absent without permission and remained out after hours. Sentence: 1 month ‘C’ class and returned to public service.
- ❖ In January, June and November 1831, John Tattersall applied to marry Sarah and when the Lt. Governor refused permission Tattersall wrote from ‘Green Water Holes’ as ‘his feelings were very much hurt’. He already had ‘one child by Sarah Waters’, John, who was born in 1831.

### *After Gaining Freedom*

- ❖ Married 29 April 1833 at Green Ponds Independent Church.
- ❖ Children: John (b. 1831), Maria (b. c1834), James (b. c1836), Sarah (b. 1842), Mary (b. 1844), William (b. 1847), Richard (b. 1849) and possibly Francis, Richard and Jane.
- ❖ Died in 1884 at Launceston, aged 74.
- ❖ 33 known grandchildren