

## Samuel Satchell - his family and Tasmania

Samuel Satchell was born in 1805 (probably in Hillmorton Warwickshire) to parents James & Sarah Satchell. He was baptised 28 April 1805 at St. Andrews Church, Rugby, Warwickshire. He was sent to Warwickshire Assizes and sentenced to 9 months imprisonment on 31 Dec 1839. He was sentenced again on 4 Aug 1841 to be transported for 15 years.

On 4 Sep 1841 he arrived at the Prison Ship (Hulk) 'Leviathan' in Portsmouth docks. On 2 April 1842 he was one of 250 prisoners loaded onto the ship 'Candahar' which sailed from Spithead in the Solent arriving at Van Diemen's Land (old name for Tasmania) on 21 July 1842.

He died in Hobart, Tasmania on 19 Jun 1884 aged 79 years – source Australia Death Index, 1787-1985 Reg. Number 1700.

Sarah Bradshaw was born about 1808 at Newnham, Northamptonshire (Northants) – source 1841/1851 census. Her parents were probably Jonathan (b.1786) & Jemima (b.1791) Bradshaw – source 1841 census where young Joseph Satchell (b.1828) was staying.

Samuel Satchell & Sarah Bradshaw were married 31 Jan 1825 at St John the Baptist Church, Hillmorton, Warwickshire by vicar Edward Evans – source Rugby Parish Marriages. They had the following children...



- Jemima (1826-1853) born at Hillmorton, Warwickshire & baptised 10 Jan 1827 at St Andrews Church, Rugby, Warwickshire. Married Joseph Badger 8 May 1848 and had a son, Nathaniel in 1851. Residence 1851 was Barratts House, Bilton, Warwickshire. She died Oct-Dec 1853 (Reg. District Stourbridge, Worcestershire vol 6c page 135).
- Joseph (1828-1905) born at Hillmorton & baptised 22 Apr 1828 at St. John the Baptist, Hillmorton, Warwickshire. He married Sarah Mitchell from Kilsea, Hampshire between Jan-Mar 1849 (Reg. District Rugby vol16 page145). On 1851 census Joseph was a 'Bone Gatherer' and they lived at Lawford Grounds, Warwickshire.

Sarah may have died because Joseph married Lucy Gurney from West Haddon, Northamptonshire between Oct-Dec 1853 (Reg. District Daventry, Northants vol 3b page 269). On 1861 census Joseph was a 'Farmer' and they lived at Long Lawford, Warwickshire. On 1871 census Joseph was a 'Knacker' and they lived at Grog Hall, Heath Lane, Newbold on Avon, Warwickshire. Children were:

- Thomas 1855
- Lucy Ellen 1858
- George 1859
- Sarah Jane 1861
- Joseph 1864
- Samuel 1869
- Mary Ann 1871
- Charles 1874
- Ann 1876

The family emigrated to Canada in 1880 and on 1881 census were at noted at Dereham, Oxford South, Ontario, Canada. Joseph died 21 Jun 1905 at Stratford aged 77 years.

- Thomas (1835- ?) born Hillmorton.
- George (1839- ?) born Hillmorton. Enlisted into Royal Artillery 1857 age 18 years and served 21 years in the East Indies. Married Letitia Ingram from Stretton on Dunsmore, Warwickshire about Jul-Sep 1879 (Reg. District Rugby vol 6d page 602). On 1881 census George was a 'Pensioner Labourer' (?) and they lived in Leicestershire but moved back to Warwickshire for 1891/1901 census. Letitia already had daughter Ada F. Ingram and they had three more – Emily, Lucy & Letitia.
- Ann (1840- ?) born Hillmorton – source 1851 census & birth Registered Rugby Jan-Mar 1840 vol16 page 450. Possibly married William Ellis Oct-Dec 1861 Reg. District Solihull, Birmingham.
- Sarah (1843- ?) born Hillmorton according to 1851 census but I did not find any other birth confirmation. Probably daughter of Thomas Dorkin of Sligo, Ireland who was 'Head of Household' in 1851 census with Sarah Satch(w)ell and her family.

*(Note: There is every possibility that Thomas Dorkin was Ann's father as her birth was listed as 1843 on the 1851 census. Samuel was in prison for 9 months from 31 Dec 1839 and at Warwickshire Assizes again on 4 Aug 1841 when he was sentenced to 15 years. If Sarah was born later than May 1842 then Samuel could not be her father.)*

## The Tasmania angle



Picture above showing the Prison Hulk ships in Portsmouth Harbour

**Below are the main dates of Samuel's path to Tasmania** *(Source Ancestry Australia).*

England & Wales, Criminal Registers, 1791-1892	
Name:	<b>Samuel Satchell</b>
Age:	35
Estimated Birth Year:	abt 1804
Date of Trial:	31 Dec 1839
Trial Year:	1839
Location of Trial:	Warwickshire, England
Sentence:	Imprisonment

England & Wales, Criminal Registers, 1791-1892	
Name:	<b>Samuel Satchell</b>
Age:	37
Estimated Birth Year:	abt 1804
Date of Trial:	4 Aug 1841
Trial Year:	1841
Location of Trial:	Warwickshire, England
Sentence:	Transportation

UK, Prison Hulk Registers and Letter Books, 1802-1849	
Name:	<b>Samuel Satchell</b>
Age:	37
Estimated Birth Year:	abt 1804
Date Received:	4 Sep 1841
Ship:	Leviathan
Place Moored:	Portsmouth
Date Convicted:	04 Aug 1841
Place Convicted:	Warwick

New South Wales and Tasmania, . Australia Convict Musters, 1806-1849	
Name:	<b>Samuel Satchell</b>
Arrival Date:	1842
Vessel:	<del>Canada</del> Candahar
Province:	Tasmania
Title:	Ledger Returns S - Z
Year(s):	1846
Place of Conviction:	Warwick

He was first tried at Warwickshire Assizes on 31 Dec 1839 and imprisoned for 9 months, possibly for stealing a lamb. On 4 Aug 1841 he was again before the magistrates and sentenced to be 'transported'. In the Criminal register prisoner 5863 Samuel Satchell was 37 years old, married, a gardener by trade and sentenced to 15 years. The Gaoler Report stated 'Bad, convicted before'.

In the Conduct Register from Tasmania (see excerpt below) it appears to read...

"Stealing from person. Gaol report Transported for Bad, convicted before. Hulk report Good. Married stated this offence. Stealing a basket containing 2lbs of Sugar and sundry articles from Ann Reeves (?) once for a Lamb 9 mos (months?) Married"

Transported for Stealing from person. Gaol report Bad, convicted before. Hulk report Good. Married stated this offence. Stealing a basket containing 2lbs of Sugar and sundry articles from Ann Reeves once for a Lamb 9 mos. Married. Sundry Report of Offences

*Excerpt from the Conduct Register for Samuel Satchell*

Again it confirms that he was imprisoned for 9 months before he stole the sugar & sundry items.

On 4 Sep 1841 he was moved south and held in the Prison Hulk ship 'Leviathan' which was anchored in Portsmouth Harbour – see picture above. A group of 250 prisoners, including Samuel, were loaded aboard the vessel 'Candahar' and finally set sail from Spithead in the Solent on 2 April 1842. They arrived at Hobart, Tasmania on 21 July 1842.

Below is a page from the Description Register relating to Samuel Satchell. He is described as:

"Trade: Gardener, Height: 5' 4", Age: 36, Complexion: Fresh, Head: Large, Hair: Brown, Whiskers: Brown & small, ..... Eyes: Brown, Remarks: Small scat on right arm, wart near right ear and small scar on upper lip."

NAME,	<i>Satchell Samuel</i>	No.	
		P.N.	
Trade .....	<i>Gardener</i>		
Height (without shoes) ....	<i>5ft</i>		
Age .....	<i>36</i>		
Complexion .....	<i>Fresh</i>		
Head .....	<i>Large</i>		
Hair .....	<i>Brown</i>		
Whiskers .....	<i>do small</i>		
Visage .....	<i>Broad</i>		
Forehead .....	<i>High Broad</i>		
Eyebrows .....	<i>Brown</i>		
Eyes .....	<i>Brown</i>		
Nose .....	<i>Small</i>		
Mouth .....	<i>do</i>		
Chin .....	<i>do</i>		
Native Place .....	<i>Warwickshire</i>		
Remarks .....	<i>small scar on l. arm warts near it on small scar on upper lip</i>		

To view the actual documents that are mentioned above click on the links below:

[Description List of Male Convicts](#)

[Indents of Male Convicts – left-hand page](#)

[Indents of Male Convicts – right-hand page](#)

[Conduct Registers of male Convicts arriving in the period of the Probation System 1840-1853](#)

(\*Most of the information from the Tasmania angle was obtained from the Tasmanian Government website at <http://portal.archives.tas.gov.au/menu.aspx?search=11>)

From the early 1840's the Probation System was employed, where convicts spent an initial period, usually two years, in public works gangs on stations outside of the main settlements, then were freed to work for wages within a set district. Samuel was released from the first stage of Probation on 21 Jan 1845.

According to the Conduct Register (link above) Samuel was in trouble with the authorities fairly often. The details in the register are sometimes difficult to follow but some of his offences include larceny, absent without leave, idle & disorderly conduct, gross disorderly conduct in using obscene language, striking his master repeatedly, drunkenness, neglecting his duties and assaulting a constable.

The number of entries under 'Offences and Sentences for Samuel is probably more than average but by no means was his conduct the worst. The authorities would tolerate no dissention from the convicts who were probably treated fairly harshly.

Here is an extract from the [Campbell Street Gaol](#) Gate-book 1873—1890 referring to Samuel:

SARCHELL; Samuel (transported as SATCHELL)

Convict shipping records show Samuel arrived in Van Dieman's Land 21 July 1842 aboard the Candahar from Spithead. On 3 May 1876 he was found guilty of being Drunk etc. and sentenced to Seven Days. He arrived at Campbell Street Goal the same day when shown as 72 years-old, a gardener, Protestant, with three or more prior convictions and literate. Samuel was released 9 May 1876.

On 7 August 1877, Samuel was found guilty of being Idle and Disorderly and sentenced to three months. He was released 6 November 1877.

Samuel was found guilty on three further occasions during 1879, once for drunkenness and twice for being idle and disorderly. The first mentioned offence resulted in seven days while the others were three-month sentences.

The following passage from *The History of Fremantle – the front gate of Australia 1829-1929* by J.K. Hitchcock refers to Fremantle, Western Australia but probably also reflects life in Hobart...

It was difficult for freed convicts to find a partner if they wanted to marry and raise a family in the colony. During this time there was a lot of anti-social behaviour and crime and drunkenness was a major problem. Ex convicts were particularly vulnerable to the temptation of alcohol.

But perhaps the largest problem facing ex convicts was the shame of being a 'bonded man'. Ex-convicts found it difficult to find work or to be treated as equals in the community. Ex-convicts were not allowed to be members of associations and were subject to prejudice in their dealings with the business sector and the government.

Samuel Satchell died in Hobart, Tasmania 19 June 1884 age 79 – source Australia Death Index, 1787-1985.



Campbell Street Gaol, Hobart, Tasmania

Australia Death Index, 1787-1985 about Samuel Satchell	
Name:	Samuel Satchell
Death Date:	19 Jun 1884
Death Place:	Tasmania
Age:	79
Registration Year:	1884
Registration Place:	Hobart, Tasmania
Registration Number:	1700
Estimated Birth Year:	abt 1805

He was probably unaware that his eldest son, Joseph, and family had also left England to make a new life in Canada in 1880.

*\*Sources: Baptism info from the relevant Parish Church Registers, England census records 1841-1901, England & Wales BMD's, Australia Death Index 1787-1985, Tasmania Archives and Ancestry Australia.*