

**DENNIS HUTTON, Sexual Offences > bigamy, 5th June 1875.**

Reference Number: t18750605-429

Offence: Sexual Offences > bigamy

Verdict: Guilty

Punishment: Imprisonment

429. DENNIS HUTTON (44), Feloniously marrying Catherine Jane Condon, his wife Mary being alive.  
MR. VIVIAN *conducted the Prosecution.*

WILLIAM MOORE (*Policeman R 263*). I produce a certificate of the prisoner's first marriage—I have examined it with the register. (*This certified a marriage at St. John's [sic] the Martyr Church, Southwark, on 17th February, 1851, between Dennis Hutton, aged 22, bachelor, and Mary Jewell, 29, spinster.*) I also produce a second certificate which I have compared with the register. (*This certified a marriage at Woolwich Parish Church, on 5th May, 1875, between Dennis Hutton of age, a widower, and Catherine Jane Conden also of age, a widow*).

WILLIAM BLEACH . I am a staff Serjeant of pensioners at Woolwich Dockyard—I have known the prisoner a number of years; he is a bricklayer—he was formerly in the Engineers, and is a pensioner of 1s. a day, for which he has to sign a book as a receipt—I know his signature—this is a receipt on or about 3rd April, for a pension to be paid to his wife and children at Chatham.

EDWARD JOHN THOMPSON . I am a painter and glazier, of 8, William Street, Bull Fields, Woolwich—I knew the prisoner in 1861 in Shorncliffe—I belonged to the same company, the 23rd Royal Engineers—he was in the married quarters—his wife lived with him—I saw him about three weeks ago—he told me was going to get married—I said "What are you going to make of the first wife?"—he said "She is dead"—I saw his wife at the police-court the other day, but till then I had not seen her since 1861.

MARY CATHERINE HUTTON . The prisoner is my father—my mother is alive, I was with her on Sunday morning—it is a good many years since I can remember the prisoner living with my mother; they were living together five years ago, and then I went and travelled with a family as lady's maid—I am 24 next month.

THOMAS BARRISKELL . I am landlord of the Cornish Arms, Waterman's Fields, Woolwich—on Wednesday, 5th May, I saw the prisoner married to Catherine Condon, my mother-in-law, and signed the register as a witness.  
*The Prisoner in his defence stated that his wife left him five years ago, stating that she did not wish to have anything more to do with him; that he subsequently went to stay at Mrs. Condon's house, and afterwards married her; that she knew he had a wife, and that it was perfectly understood between them that if her husband came home he would have to stand on one side.*

CATHERINE JANE CONDON . I am married—I call myself a widow—my husband has been away twenty-four years, and I don't know that he is living—I told the prisoner of it before I was married to him—I did not know his wife was alive—he told me had received a letter that she was dead, but he did not see her die—he said he had lost the letter—I did not see it—I told him my husband had been away twenty-four years; he went away in 1852, and I had the last letter from him in 1855.

GUILTY .

*In reply to THE COURT the Jury stated they believed that he told Mrs. Condon that his wife was dead— Three Months' Imprisonment.*

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