

saw by the papers that several vessels were in port at Hobart Town. Mr. Chandler procured a pass for ten days' absence, went to town and made the necessary arrangements, and returned. They were thus enabled to absent themselves without suspicion. Mr. Wait went to the police officers and got a pass for Hobart Town, hired a whale-boat under pretence of fishing and put out to sea to evade the harbor laws, which were very strict. The point where they would be found was designated. They were tossed about for several days before a ship picked up "these people in distress." They were kindly treated, and after a voyage of some months landed in the United States. During their voyage they passed through many perils of storm and were ship-wrecked on the South American coast. They were a month there before a vessel could be found. The first officer of the ship came with them to Niagara Falls and presented Mr. Wait to his over-joyed family. Mr. Gemmel made his escape a month after, but reached America sooner. He attributed his escape to Mrs. Wait's efforts. Mr. Wait's narrative was written when it was not prudent to proclaim to the world who had been their friends in the dark hour of their trial and had been the means of restoring them to freedom and the renewal of life once more.

Mrs. Wait died in Buffalo, New York, about a year after Mr. Wait's return, and was buried there. Mr. Wait married in 1848 Rebekah Seeley of Elmira, New York. Augusta, the babe and only child at the time of his transportation, married Mr. Campbell of Grand Rapids. Mr. Wait died in Grand Rapids, Michigan, November 10, 1895. His second wife, and Augusta, died in Grand Rapids soon after Mr. Wait's death. Mr. Wait never returned to Canada.