

*Rose Bannon*¹
(*uxor Rose McGrath*)

<i>Place Tried</i> Co. Cavan	<i>Date Tried</i> 18 October 1848 ^a
<i>Offence</i> stealing a gown ^b	<i>Sentence</i> 7 years
<i>Prosecutor</i> Maguire	<i>Previous Convictions</i> 4 – shawl (discharged), butter (1m)
<i>Gaol Report</i> good	<i>Surgeon's Report</i> indifferent
<i>Station of Gang</i> not stated	<i>Class</i> 3 rd from 5 July 1850
<i>Religion</i> Roman Catholic	<i>Literacy</i> neither read nor write
<i>Marital Status</i> single	<i>Trade</i> housemaid
<i>Age</i> 19 ^c	<i>Native Place</i> Co. Cavan
<i>Height</i> 5' ¾", 5'	<i>Complexion</i> fair
<i>Head</i> round	<i>Hair</i> black, brown
<i>Visage</i> broad	<i>Forehead</i> high
<i>Eyebrows</i> black	<i>Eyes</i> dark hazel
<i>Nose</i> short	<i>Mouth</i> small
<i>Chin</i> small	<i>Marks</i> face slightly freckled
<i>Family</i> mother Mary (transported on the <i>Earl Grey</i>); sister Catherine; father (dead 2 years); aunt Peggy	
14 April 1849	Received at Grangegorman Depot, Dublin at 6pm. ²
12 July 1849	Put on <i>Australasia</i> sick list for fever (off 22 July, cured). ³
4 September 1849	Put on <i>Australasia</i> sick list for bronchitis (off 9 September, cured). ³
9 May 1850	Mother Mary Bannon arrived in VDL, prisoner on the <i>Earl Grey</i> . ⁴
26 February 1851	Application for permission to marry Michael McGrath, free ^d (approved 11 March). ⁵
3 March 1851	Tried at Hobart PC charged by her mistress Elizabeth McGrath, Melville St, Hobart with absence without leave from her service on 2 March from 9:30am until 1pm & with insolence to her mistress; sentence 3m HL, Cascades FF, being her first offence. ⁶
4 June 1851	Contracted as PPH to Alexander Goldie, Coal River, 12m at £9 pa. ⁷
26 June 1851	Tried at Richmond PC charged by her master Alexander Goldie with misconduct in falsely representing herself to be a needlewoman; sentence 10d HL. ⁸
7 July 1851	Contracted as PPH to Jane Livingstone, Argyle St, Hobart, 12m at £7 pa. ⁹
9 July 1851	Married as 19y, servant, to Michael McGrath, 31y, carpenter, bachelor, at St Joseph's RC Church, Hobart; witnesses James Casey & Catherine Hill. ¹⁰
22 July 1851	Letter of claim for unpaid wages to CG re Alexander Goldie. ¹¹
2 December 1851	Ticket-of-Leave refused, to apply in 4 months. ¹²
6 June 1853	Mother Mary Bannon married Samuel Beatey at St Joseph's RC Church, Hobart. ¹³
10 October 1855	Free by servitude.
24 June 1861	Mother Mary Bannon, 46y, labourer's wife, died of cancer of the womb at Harrington St, Hobart. ¹⁴



^a Date given as: 11 October 1848 on Grangegorman prison register; 15 October 1848 on Irish transportation register.

^b Conduct record and indent stated 'purchasing [pawning] a gown', gaol report and Irish transportation register stated 'larceny'.

^c Age given as: 15y on Irish transportation register; 21y on *Australasia* sick list and Grangegorman prison register.

^d Family historian Lynne Gioia suspects this may have been Michael McGrath transported on the *Richard Webb* with his brother William McGrath (who married Elizabeth Galloway in 1848).

References

- ¹ AOT, CON 41/24 *Australasia* No.994 (Rose Bannon); AOT, CON 19/8 *Australasia* (Rose Bannon); AOT, CON 15/6 *Australasia* No.4 (Rose Bannon); NAI, Prisons 1/9/4 No.1756 (Rose Bannon); NAI, TR8 p.193 (Rose Bannon)
- ² NAI, Prisons 1/9/4 No.1756 (Rose Bannon)
- ³ AJCP, ADM 101/6 *Australasia* Sick List Case No.2 (Rose Bannon)
- ⁴ AOT, CON 41/26 *Earl Grey* (Mary Bannon/Dannon)
- ⁵ AOT, CON 52/4 (Michael McGrath & Rose Bannon); AOT, CON 52/3 p.312 (Michael McGrath & Rose Bannon)
- ⁶ AOT, LC 251/2 (Rose Bannon)
- ⁷ AOT, CON 30/1 p.59 (Rose Bannon)
- ⁸ AOT, LC 445/2 p.6 (Rose Bannon)
- ⁹ AOT, CON 30/1 p.275 (Rose Bannon)
- ¹⁰ AOT, RGD 37/10 1851/546 Hobart (Michael Magrath & Rose Bonner)
- ¹¹ AOT, CON 7/1 p.173 (Rose Bannon)
- ¹² AOT, CON 41/24 *Australasia* No.994 (Rose Bannon)
- ¹³ AOT, RGD 37/12 1853/736 (Samuel Beattea & Mary Dannon)
- ¹⁴ AOT, RGD 35/6 1861/2828 (Mary Betey)