

*Margaret Behan*<sup>1</sup>  
(uxor Margaret Virgoe)

<i>Place Tried</i> Co. Clare	<i>Date Tried</i> 20 January 1849
<i>Offence</i> stealing tobacco	<i>Sentence</i> 7 years
<i>Prosecutor</i> unknown, Co. Clare	<i>Previous Convictions</i> 1 – stealing potatoes (3m)
<i>Gaol Report</i> good	<i>Surgeon's Report</i> (very) indifferent
<i>Station of Gang</i> Anson	<i>Class</i> 3 <sup>rd</sup> from 24 January 1850
<i>Other Information</i> 6 months on the town	

<i>Religion</i> Roman Catholic	<i>Literacy</i> neither read nor write
<i>Marital Status</i> single	<i>Trade</i> housemaid
<i>Age</i> 20	<i>Native Place</i> Co. Clare
<i>Height</i> 4' 10", 4' 9"	<i>Complexion</i> fresh, fair
<i>Head</i> round	<i>Hair</i> dark brown, brown
<i>Visage</i> broad, round	<i>Forehead</i> medium height
<i>Eyebrows</i> dark brown	<i>Eyes</i> hazel brown
<i>Nose</i> medium	<i>Mouth</i> large
<i>Chin</i> dimpled	<i>Marks</i> face freckled
<i>Family</i> brothers John & Michael; sisters Biddy & Julia	

27 March 1849	Received at Grangegorman Depot, Dublin at 10pm. <sup>2</sup>
12 July 1849	Put on <i>Australasia</i> sick list for syphilis (off 27 August, cured). <sup>3</sup>
16 January 1851	Charged at Cascades FF with removing a loaf of bread without leave; sentence 3m HL, Cascades FF. <sup>4</sup>
13 August 1851	Contracted as PPH to Thomas Cuddy, Hobart, 12m at £9 pa. <sup>5</sup>
4 December 1851	Charged with having 2/6 improperly in her possession at Brickfields Hiring Depot; sentence 3m HL, Cascades FF. <sup>4</sup>
8 December 1851	Charged at Cascades FF with not having her apartment clean; admonished. <sup>6</sup>
5 February 1852	Charged at Cascades FF with not being alert on her post; sentence 3d SC & 1m separate treatment. <sup>6</sup>
9 February 1852	Charged at Cascades FF with talking in separate apartments, on bread & water; sentence 3d SC. <sup>6</sup>
13 March 1852	To Brickfields Hiring Depot, Hobart. <sup>4</sup>
29 March 1852	To Ross FF. <sup>4</sup>
10 April 1852	To Dennis Bacon, Oatlands. <sup>4</sup>
16 April 1852	To Ross FF. <sup>4</sup>
8 July 1852	To Archibald McDowell, Bothwell. <sup>4</sup>
26 November 1852	Tried at Bothwell PC charged with having been absent without leave from the service of Archibald McDowell on 25 November; sentence 3d SC, then to be returned to her master's service. Stated she asked her mistress for a pass, her mistress refused & she came without. <sup>7</sup>
30 December 1852	Tried at Bothwell PC charged by her master Archibald McDowell with having been absent without leave on 29 December; sentence 14d SC, to be returned to her master. <sup>7</sup>
15 January 1853	To James Pross, Green Ponds. <sup>4</sup>
22 January 1853	To Cascades FF, Hobart. <sup>4</sup>
24 January 1853	To John B Boothman, Hope Island <sup>a</sup> . <sup>4</sup>
26 April 1853	Applied for Ticket-of-Leave, to apply again in 2 months. <sup>4</sup>

<sup>a</sup> Hope Island is in Port Esperance near Dover.

June 1853	Application for permission to marry Thomas Virgoe ( <i>John Calvin</i> ) (approved 29 June). <sup>8</sup>
26 July 1853	<b>Married</b> as 22y, spinster, to Thomas Virgoe, 24y, sawyer, bachelor, in the house of Mr Allen, Kingston; witnesses Adam Hack & Ellen Williams. <sup>9</sup>
6 December 1853	Ticket-of-Leave granted. <sup>4</sup>
20 January 1856	Free by servitude.
5 July 1856	<b>Daughter</b> Mary Anne Virgoe born; baptised 25 March 1857 in Huon district; sponsors John Howlagan & Bridget Howlagan. <sup>10</sup>
28 October 1858 <sup>b</sup>	<b>Daughter</b> Margaret Virgoe, sawyer's child, born at Port Esperance; baptised 26 January 1859 in Huon district; sponsors William Casey & Mary Lambe. <sup>11</sup>
17 April 1860	Sponsor at baptism of Robert Wheeldon, mother Bridget Kearney ( <i>qv</i> ), at Port Cygnet. <sup>12</sup>
4 May 1862 <sup>c</sup>	<b>Son</b> Thomas Virgoe, sawyer's child, born at Port Esperance; baptised 1 August 1862 in Huon district; sponsors James Hamilton & Ellen Hamilton. <sup>13</sup>
29 August 1864 <sup>d</sup>	<b>Daughter</b> Ellen Virgoe, sawyer's child, born at Dover; baptised 23 October 1864 in Franklin district; sponsors Edward Stubbs & Bridget Hicks. <sup>14</sup>
1867	Husband Thomas Virgoe occupier of tenement (<1 acre) at Port Esperance. <sup>15</sup>
14 January 1868 <sup>e</sup>	<b>Son</b> William Henry Virgoe, sawyer's child, born at Port Esperance; baptised 23 February 1868 in Franklin district; sponsors Timothy Stubbs & Emma Stubbs. <sup>16</sup>
31 January 1872 <sup>f</sup>	<b>Daughter</b> Bridget Virgoe, splitter's child, born at Argyle St, Hobart; baptised 3 October 1872 at St Joseph's RC Church, Hobart; sponsors Susan Braun & Martha Bolton. <sup>17</sup>
1 March 1875	Daughter Mary Ann Virgoe married George Brookes at St Luke's CE Church, Richmond. <sup>18</sup>
11 October 1876	Tried at Hobart PC charged with using abusive language; sentence 2m HL, Cascades Gaol, being her 3 <sup>rd</sup> conviction (discharged 9 December). <sup>19</sup>
31 January 1877	Tried at Hobart PC charged with disturbing the peace; sentence 1m HL, Cascades Gaol with children William Henry Virgoe, 9y, & Bridget Virgoe, 5y (discharged 28 February). <sup>20</sup>
20 June 1877	Daughter Margaret Virgoe married Charles Gallahar at 3 Burnett St, Hobart. <sup>21</sup>
4 August 1877	Tried at Hobart PC charged with using obscene language; sentence 3m HL, Campbell St Gaol (discharged 3 November). <sup>22</sup>
16 April 1878	Admitted to Campbell St Gaol from Hobart PO for trial. <sup>23</sup>
17 April 1878	Tried at Hobart PC charged with being idle & disorderly (vagrancy); sentence 6m HL, Campbell St Gaol (discharged 16 October). <sup>24</sup>
31 January 1879	Tried at Hobart PC charged with disturbing the peace; sentence 1m HL, Campbell St Gaol (discharged 28 February). <sup>25</sup>
5 April 1879	Tried at Hobart PC charged with using obscene language; sentence 2m HL, Campbell St Gaol (discharged 4 June). <sup>26</sup>
2 July 1879	Husband Thomas Virgoe tried at Esperance PC charged with having in the month of July 1878 at Hobart left his wife & 4 children without the means of subsistence; ordered to maintain the 4 children. <sup>27</sup>
5 July 1879	Tried at Esperance PC charged with being drunk & disturbing the peace in a public place at Port Esperance on 4 July; fined 5s, or in default 7d imprisonment. <sup>28</sup>
2 January 1880	Tried at Esperance PC charged with being drunk & disturbing the public peace at Port Esperance on 1 January; fined 5s, in default 24h SC, Dover Gaol. <sup>28</sup>

<sup>b</sup> Date given as 21 October 1858 on baptism record.

<sup>c</sup> Date given as 2 May 1862 on baptism record.

<sup>d</sup> Date given as 4 September 1864 on baptism record.

<sup>e</sup> Date given as 22 January 1868 on baptism record.

<sup>f</sup> Date given as 15 March 1872 on baptism record.

- 12 June 1880 Tried at Esperance PC charged with using obscene language in a public place at Dover on 11 June; fined £2, in default 14d imprisonment, Campbell St Gaol (admitted from Port Esperance PO 16 June; discharged 25 June).<sup>29</sup>
- 17 July 1880 Tried at Esperance PC charged with having at Esperance on 3 July made use of abusive & insulting language toward Walter Drysdale calculated to provoke a breach of the peace; no appearance, case dismissed.<sup>28</sup>
- 7 September 1880 Tried at Esperance PC charged with having at Esperance on 30 August made use of obscene language within the hearing of other persons; fined £2 & 2/6, in default 3m HL, Campbell St Gaol (admitted from Esperance PO 14 September; discharged 7 December).<sup>30</sup>
- 25 May 1881 Tried at Esperance PC charged with having at Esperance on 1 April made use of abusive & insulting language toward Catherine Barry calculated to provoke a breach of the peace; case dismissed, no appearance.<sup>28</sup>
- 4 June 1881 Daughter Bridget Virgoe tried at Esperance PC charged with having at Esperance on 2 June stolen the sum of 4/6, property of Annie Taylor; charge withdrawn, discharged.<sup>31</sup>
- 30 June 1881 Husband Thomas Virgoe tried at Esperance PC charged with having at Esperance on or about 30 June deserted & left his wife & his child Bridget Virgoe without means of support; ordered to take & maintain the child.<sup>27</sup>
- 25 August 1881 Tried at Esperance PC charged with having on 23 August in a public place at Esperance been drunk & disturbing the public peace; fined 5s, or in default 7d imprisonment, fine paid.<sup>28</sup>
- 21 October 1881 Husband Thomas Virgoe tried at Esperance PC, brought up from 19 October on remand, charged with having at Esperance on 30 June left his child Bridget Virgoe without means of support; charge withdrawn.<sup>27</sup>  
Daughter Bridget Virgoe tried at Esperance PC, brought up from 5 & 11 October on remand, charged with being idle & disorderly, a vagrant, having no means of subsistence & no place of abode at Esperance on 4 October; charge withdrawn, discharged to her father.<sup>31</sup>
- 2 November 1881 Tried at Esperance PC charged with having at Dover, Esperance on 31 October made use of obscene & indecent language; fined £2 & 2/6, in default 2m HL, Campbell St Gaol (admitted from Port Esperance PO on 4 November; discharged 31 December).<sup>32</sup>
- 10 July 1882 Tried at Hobart PC charged with using obscene language on 8 July in a public street in Hobart; fined 10/6, in default 14d imprisonment, Campbell St Gaol (discharged 22 July).<sup>33</sup>
- 4 August 1882 Tried at Hobart PC charged with disturbing the public peace on 3 August in a public street in Hobart; fined 5s, in default 7d imprisonment, Campbell St Gaol (discharged 10 August).<sup>33</sup>
- 9 September 1882 Tried at Hobart PC charged with using obscene language on 8 September in a public street in Hobart; fined £2 & 6s, in default 2m imprisonment, Campbell St Gaol.<sup>33</sup>
- 1 August 1885 Tried at Hobart PC charged with insulting passers-by; sentence 1m HL, Campbell St Gaol (discharged w/e 29 August).<sup>34</sup>
- 29 December 1886 Tried at Hobart PC charged with being an idle & disorderly person in wandering abroad & lodging in the open air in the city of Hobart, not having any visible means of subsistence & not giving a good account of herself on 29 December; sentence 3m HL, Campbell St Gaol (discharged w/e 30 March 1887).<sup>35</sup>
- 10 December 1887 Daughter Ellen Virgoe married George Nichols at Scott St, Glebe.<sup>36</sup>
- 24 April 1889 Admitted to New Town Invalid Depot from Hobart district (discharged by approval 13 May).<sup>37</sup>
- 20 September 1890 Daughter Bridget Virgoe, 18y, servant, died of tuberculosis at Hobart Hospital; buried 22 September in RC Section, Cornelian Bay Cemetery, Hobart.<sup>38</sup>

- 21 January 1891 Tried at Hobart PC, brought up from 17 & 20 January on remand, charged with stealing 1 pair of boots & 1 wrap, value 5s & 6p, property of Emma Baker; charge withdrawn by Mr Pedder.<sup>39</sup>
- 23 January 1891 Tried at Hobart PC, brought up from 21 January on remand, charged with being idle & disorderly in being a suspect person found in possession of a wrap without being able satisfactorily to account for it; sentence 6m HL, Campbell St Gaol (discharged w/e 22 July).<sup>39</sup>
- 19 July 1891 Admitted to New Town Invalid Depot from Hobart district (discharged at own request 23 November).<sup>40</sup>
- 12 April 1892 Admitted to New Town Invalid Depot from Hobart district (discharged at own request 26 December).<sup>41</sup>
- 10 November 1893 **Died** of senile debility at New Town Charitable Institution, Hobart, 66y, housewife; buried 11 November in RC section, Cornelian Bay Cemetery, Hobart.<sup>42</sup>



## References

- <sup>1</sup> AOT, CON 41/24 *Australasia* No.996 (Margaret Behan); AOT, CON 19/8 *Australasia* (Margaret Behan); AOT, CON 15/6 *Australasia* No.6 (Margaret Behan); NAI, Prisons 1/9/4 No.1681 (Margaret Behan)
- <sup>2</sup> NAI, Prisons 1/9/4 No.1681 (Margaret Behan)
- <sup>3</sup> AJCP, ADM 101/6 *Australasia* Sick List (Margaret Behan)
- <sup>4</sup> AOT, CON 41/24 *Australasia* No.996 (Margaret Behan)
- <sup>5</sup> AOT, CON 30/2 p.196 (Margaret Behan)
- <sup>6</sup> AOT, CON 138/1 (Margaret Beehan/Bain/Beean)
- <sup>7</sup> AOT, LC 49/2 (Margaret Behan)
- <sup>8</sup> AOT, CON 52/6 (Thomas Virgoe & Margaret Bahan)
- <sup>9</sup> AOT, RGD 37/12 1853/921 Hobart (Thomas Vergoe & Margaret Bohan)
- <sup>10</sup> Purtscher, *Father John Murphy's "Saddlebag" Records* (Mary Anne Virgo); CCMA, FRA1 p.12 (Mary Anne Virgo)
- <sup>11</sup> AOT, RGD 33/36 1858/569 Franklin (Ellen Virgo); Purtscher, *Father John Murphy's "Saddlebag" Records* (Margaret Virgo); CCMA, FRA1 p.23 (Margaret Virgo)
- <sup>12</sup> Purtscher, *Father John Murphy's "Saddlebag" Records* (Margaret Virgo)
- <sup>13</sup> AOT, RGD 33/40 1862/416 Esperance (male Virgo); Purtscher, *Father John Murphy's "Saddlebag" Records* (Thomas Virgo); CCMA, FRA1 p.46 (Thomas Virgo)
- <sup>14</sup> AOT, RGD 33/42 1864/635 Esperance (female Virgo); CCMA, FRA1 p.58 (Ellen Virgo)
- <sup>15</sup> *Hobart Town Gazette*, 22 January 1867, p.208 (Thomas Virgo)
- <sup>16</sup> AOT, RGD 33/46 1868/379 Esperance (male Virgo); CCMA, FRA1 p.71 (William Henry Virgo)
- <sup>17</sup> AOT, RGD 33/10 1872/2371 Hobart (Ellen Virgo); AOT, NS 1052/9 p.305 (Bridget Virgo)
- <sup>18</sup> AOT, RGD 37/34 1875/629 Richmond (George Brookes & Mary Ann Vergo)
- <sup>19</sup> AOT, CON 105/1 No.6307 (Margaret Vergo); AOT, GD 41/1 (Margaret Vergo)
- <sup>20</sup> AOT, CON 105/1 No.6397 (Margaret Vergo); AOT, GD 41/1 (Marg<sup>t</sup> Vergo)
- <sup>21</sup> AOT, RGD 37/36 1877/384 Hobart (Charles Gallahar & Margaret Virgo)
- <sup>22</sup> AOT, CON 105/1 No.6528 (Margaret Vergo); AOT, GD 41/1 (Margaret Vergo)
- <sup>23</sup> AOT, GD 41/1 (Margaret Vergo)
- <sup>24</sup> AOT, CON 105/1 No.6697 (Margaret Vergo); AOT, POL 709/2 p.170 (Margaret Vergo); AOT, GD 41/1 (Marg<sup>t</sup> Vergo)
- <sup>25</sup> AOT, CON 105/1 No.6906 (Margaret Vergo); AOT, GD 41/1 (Marg<sup>t</sup> Vergo)
- <sup>26</sup> AOT, CON 105/1 No.6939 (Margaret Vergo); AOT, GD 41/1 (Marg<sup>t</sup> Vergo)
- <sup>27</sup> AOT, LC 133/2 (Thomas Virgo)
- <sup>28</sup> AOT, LC 133/2 (Margaret Virgo)
- <sup>29</sup> AOT, LC 133/2 (Margaret Virgo); AOT, GD 41/1 (Margaret/Marg<sup>t</sup> Vergo)
- <sup>30</sup> AOT, LC 133/2 (Margaret Virgo); AOT, GD 41/1 (Margaret/Marg<sup>t</sup> Vergo)
- <sup>31</sup> AOT, LC 133/2 (Bridget Virgo)
- <sup>32</sup> AOT, LC 133/2 (Margaret Virgo); AOT, GD 41/1 (Marge/Marg<sup>t</sup> Vergo)
- <sup>33</sup> AOT, GD 41/1 (Marg<sup>t</sup> Virgo/Vergo); AOT, LC 247/35 (Margaret Vergo)
- <sup>34</sup> AOT, POL 709/3 p.144 (Margaret Virgo)
- <sup>35</sup> AOT, POL 709/3 p.52 (Margaret Virgo); AOT, LC 247/36 (Margaret Vergo)
- <sup>36</sup> AOT, RGD 37/46 1887/219 Hobart (George Nichols & Ellen Vergo)
- <sup>37</sup> AOT, POL 709/3 p.80 (Margaret Virgo)
- <sup>38</sup> AOT, RGD 35/12 1890/1513 Hobart (Cecilia Virgo); SRCT CB RC Section CC No.57 (Bridget Virgo)
- <sup>39</sup> AOT, LC 247/37 (Margaret Virgo/Vergo); AOT, POL 709/4 p.119 (Margaret Vergo)
- <sup>40</sup> AOT, POL 709/4 p.196 (Margaret Virgo)
- <sup>41</sup> AOT, POL 709/4 p.212 (Margaret Vergo)
- <sup>42</sup> AOT, RGD 35/14 1893/793 Hobart (Margaret Virgo); SRCT CB RC Section CC No.57 (Margaret Virgo)