

*Ellen Brennan*¹
(aka *Ellen Feeling*, uxor *Ellen Duffy*)

<i>Place Tried</i> Co. Meath	<i>Date Tried</i> 2 April 1849
<i>Offence</i> grievous assault of head matron	<i>Sentence</i> 7 years
<i>Prosecutor</i> Mrs Hubbard, head matron of country gaol, Co. Meath	<i>Previous Convictions</i> 2—stealing fowls (4m)
<i>Gaol Report</i> good	<i>Surgeon's Report</i> indifferent
<i>Station of Gang</i> Anson	<i>Class</i> 3 rd from 18 February 1850
<i>Other Information</i> tried & convicted with Mary Smith (<i>qv</i>)	

<i>Religion</i> Roman Catholic	<i>Literacy</i> neither read nor write
<i>Marital Status</i> single	<i>Trade</i> housemaid
<i>Age</i> 21 ^a	<i>Native Place</i> Kilkenny City
<i>Height</i> 5' 1", 4' 11"	<i>Complexion</i> swarthy, fair
<i>Head</i> large	<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> medium	<i>Mouth</i> medium
<i>Chin</i> medium	<i>Marks</i> face slightly freckled
<i>Family</i> mother Mary; brothers Michael & Martin; sister Julia	

21 May 1849	Received at Grangegorman Depot, Dublin at 10:30am. ²
14 August 1849	Put on <i>Australasia</i> sick list for fever (off 29 August, cured). ³
9 July 1850	Application for permission to marry Patrick Duffy, FS (<i>Guillardon</i>); approved. ⁴
28 July 1850	Married as 22y or 27y, house servant, spinster, PPH, to Patrick Duffy, 40y or 45y, shepherd, bachelor, FS, at St Paul's RC Church, Oatlands; witnesses James Cleary & Sarah Rafter. ⁵
14 April 1853	Tried at Oatlands PC charged with misconduct in making a false statement to the police with respect to the commission of a felony; reprimanded. ⁶
9 May 1854	Ticket-of-Leave granted. ⁷
24 December 1854 ^b	Son Stephen James Duffy, shepherd's child, born at <i>Sydenham Run</i> near Oatlands; baptised 20 January 1855 at St Paul's RC Church, Oatlands; sponsor Peter Flynn. ⁸
21 February 1856	Tried at Oatlands PC charged with threatening to assault Jane Burke; discharged upon promise not to offend again. ⁹
2 April 1856	Free by servitude.
7 May 1856	Certificate of Freedom sent to Oatlands. ⁷
29 June 1856 ^c	Son Michael Duffy, shepherd's child, born at Oatlands; baptised 26 July 1856 at St Paul's RC Church, Oatlands; sponsors Michael Kelly & Mary Green. ¹⁰
23 October 1857	Son Edward Duffy, shepherd's child, born at Oatlands; baptised 20 December 1857 at St Paul's RC Church, Oatlands; sponsors Thomas Gleeson & Margaret Haines. ¹¹
4 July 1859 ^d	Son Martin Duffy, shepherd's child, born at <i>Anstey Barton</i> near Oatlands; baptised 31 July 1859 at St Paul's RC Church, Oatlands; sponsor Margaret Burns. ¹²
24 December 1860 ^e	Son Thomas Duffy, shepherd's child, born at Oatlands; baptised 1 January 1861 at St Paul's RC Church, Oatlands; sponsors Maurice Fleming & Catherine Fleming. ¹³

^a Age given as: 20y on Grangegorman prison register; 23y on *Australasia* sick list.

^b Date given as 26 December 1854 on baptism record.

^c Date given as 14 June 1856 on baptism record.

^d Date given as 14 July 1859 on baptism record.

^e Date given as 21 December 1860 on baptism record.

2 January 1863	Twins, daughter Elizabeth Duffy & son Patrick Duffy, labourer's children, born at Patterson's Plains. ¹⁴
10 November 1864	Daughter Mary Ann Duffy, shepherd's child, born at <i>Looseleigh</i> near Westbury. ¹⁵
1 January 1865 ^f	Son Stephen James Duffy, 10y 6d, shepherd's child, died of diphtheria at <i>Looseleigh</i> near Westbury; buried in Westbury RC Cemetery. ¹⁶
20 January 1865 ^g	Son Thomas Duffy, 4y 1m 1d, shepherd's child, died of diphtheria at <i>Looseleigh</i> near Westbury; buried in Westbury RC Cemetery. ¹⁷
22 May 1866	Son William Duffy, shepherd's child, born at <i>Four Spring Plains</i> near Westbury. ¹⁸
3 April 1868	Daughter Ellen Duffy, shepherd's child, born at <i>Cluan</i> near Westbury. ¹⁹
20 August 1870	Public aid of 5s per week first granted to Ellen due to the absence of her husband, who was supposed to be in Melbourne Hospital, having gone to VIC to look for work; with 6 children under 12y & near her confinement. ²⁰
22 October 1870	Daughter Clara Duffy, shepherd's child, born at Westbury. ²¹
21 May 1874 ^h	Daughter Clara Duffy, 3y, labourer's child, died of injuries accidentally received by fire at Westbury; buried in Westbury RC Cemetery. ²²
17 September 1879	Son Martin Duffy married Sarah Bruton at St Patrick's RC Church, Latrobe. ²³
11 August 1882	Charged at 4:45pm at Launceston PO, housewife of Launceston, with being drunk & incapable in Brisbane St, Launceston; fined 5s, fine paid. ²⁴
11 January 1883	Husband Patrick Duffy, 73y, shepherd, died of brain disease at New Town Pauper Establishment. ²⁵
4 October 1885	Daughter Elizabeth Duffy married Richard Holtum at St Paul's CE Church, Springfield. ²⁶
14 June 1887	Son Patrick Duffy married Bridget Daly at RC Church of the Apostles, Launceston. ²⁷
2 August 1887	Daughter Mary Ann Duffy married Charles Hardy at the house of Richard Holtum, Ellesmere. ²⁸
2 July 1892	Died of tuberculosis at Elizabeth St, Launceston, 72y, widow. ²⁹



^f Date given as 2 January 1865 on burial record.

^g Date given as 2 January 1865 on burial record.

^h Date given as 3 May 1874 on burial record.

References

- ¹ AOT, CON 41/24 *Australasia* No.1006 (Ellen Brennan or Feeling); AOT, CON 19/8 *Australasia* (Ellen Brennan); AOT, CON 15/6 *Australasia* No.15 (Ellen Brennan); NAI, Prisons 1/9/4 No.1869 (Ellen Brennan or Feeling); NAI, TR9 p.61 (Ellen Brennan)
- ² NAI, Prisons 1/9/4 No.1869 (Ellen Brennan or Feeling)
- ³ AJCP, ADM 101/6 *Australasia* Sick List Case No.11 (Ellen Brennan)
- ⁴ AOT, CON 52/3, p.116 (Patrick Duffy & Ellen Brennan)
- ⁵ AOT, RGD 37/9 1850/848 Oatlands (Patrick Duffey & Ellen Brennan); AOT, NS 1052/6 No.2 (Patrick Duffy & Ellen Brennan)
- ⁶ AOT, LC 390/3 (Ellen Brennan)
- ⁷ AOT, CON 41/24 *Australasia* No.1006 (Ellen Brennan or Feeling)
- ⁸ AOT, RGD 33/33 1855/1230 Oatlands (Stephen James Duffy); AOT, NS 1052/4 p.17 (Stephen Duffy)
- ⁹ AOT, LC 390/3 (Ellen Brennan *ux* Duffy)
- ¹⁰ AOT, RGD 33/34 1856/1281 Oatlands (Michael Duffy); AOT, NS 1052/4 p.21 (Michael Duffy)
- ¹¹ AOT, RGD 33/35 1857/1723 Oatlands (Edward Duffy); AOT, NS 1052/4 p.24 (Edmond Duffy)
- ¹² AOT, RGD 33/37 1859/1751 Oatlands (Martin Duffy); AOT, NS 1052/5 p.8 (Martin Duffy)
- ¹³ AOT, RGD 33/39 1861/1719 Oatlands (Thomas Duffy); AOT, NS 1052/5 p.16 (Thomas Duffy)
- ¹⁴ AOT, RGD 33/41 1863/22 & 23 Launceston (Elizabeth & Patrick Duffey)
- ¹⁵ AOT, RGD 33/42 1864/1939 Westbury (Mary Ann Duffy)
- ¹⁶ AOT, RGD 36/34 1865/507 Westbury (Stephen James Duffey); AOT, NS 1052/17 p.11 (Stephen James Duffey)
- ¹⁷ AOT, RGD 33/34 1865/510 Westbury (Thomas Duffey); AOT, NS 1052/17 p.11 (Thomas Duffey)
- ¹⁸ AOT, RGD 33/44 1866/1581 Westbury (William Duffy)
- ¹⁹ AOT, RGD 33/46 1868/1697 Westbury (Ellen Duffy)
- ²⁰ AOT, HA 1871 No.63 p.42 No.996 (Ellen Duffy)
- ²¹ AOT, RGD 33/48 1870/1835 Westbury (Clara Duffy)
- ²² AOT, RGD 35/43 1874/749 Westbury (Clara Duffy); AOT, SC 195/56 No.7350 (Clare Duffy); AOT, NS 1052/17 p.17 (Clara Duffy)
- ²³ AOT, RGD 37/38 1879/599 Port Sorell (Martin Duffy & Serah Bruton)
- ²⁴ AOT, POL 450/3 1882 No.415 (Ellen Duffy)
- ²⁵ AOT, RGD 35/10 1883/653 Hobart (Patrick Duffey)
- ²⁶ AOT, RGD 37/44 1885/969 Ringarooma (Richard Holthum & Elizabeth Duffy)
- ²⁷ AOT, RGD 37/46 1887/520 Launceston (Patrick Duffy & Bridget Daly)
- ²⁸ AOT, RGD 37/46 1887/873 Ringarooma (Charles Hardy & Mary Ann Duffy)
- ²⁹ AOT, RGD 35/61 1892/212 Launceston (Ellen Duffy)