

*Mary Brien*  
(*uxor Mary Dodderidge, aka Mary Cort*)

Place Tried Co. Waterford  
Offence stealing clothes  
Prosecutor a constable, Co. Cork  
Gaol Report quiet  
Station of Gang not stated

Date Tried 30 March 1849  
Sentence 7 years  
Previous Convictions none – breaking glass (6m)<sup>a</sup>  
Surgeon's Report quiet  
Class 3<sup>rd</sup> from 18 February 1850

Religion Roman Catholic  
Marital Status single  
Age 24<sup>b</sup>  
Height 5' 1¼", 5' 1½"  
Head large  
Visage round  
Eyebrows sandy  
Nose pointed  
Chin small  
Family uncle

Literacy neither read nor write  
Trade country servant, plain laundress, housemaid  
Native Place Co. Cork  
Complexion fair  
Hair sandy, brown  
Forehead high, projects  
Eyes blue  
Mouth large  
Marks lost 1 front upper tooth

- 16 April 1849 Received at Grangegorman Depot, Dublin at 3:30pm.<sup>2</sup>  
26 August 1849 Put on *Australasia* sick list for obstipation (off 30 August, cured).<sup>3</sup>  
26 September 1849 Put on *Australasia* sick list for dysentery (off 2 October, cured).<sup>3</sup>  
8 June 1850 To John Ibbott, Bothwell.<sup>4</sup>  
23 April 1852 Application for permission to marry James Dodderidge (*Agincourt*) (approved 4 May).<sup>5</sup>  
29 June 1852 Ticket-of-Leave granted.<sup>4</sup>  
2 August 1852 **Married** as 26y, housemaid, spinster, to James Dodderidge, 30y, labourer, bachelor, at Oatlands CE Church; witnesses Thomas Merrick<sup>c</sup> & Catherine Davis.<sup>6</sup>  
18 December 1852 **Daughter** Mary Anne Matilda Dodderidge, labourer's child, born in Oatlands district.<sup>7</sup>  
22 October 1853 Ticket-of-Leave revoked for failing to report to district PO in June.<sup>8</sup>  
24 February 1854 **Daughter** Diana Dodderidge, labourer's child, born at Swanston.<sup>9</sup>  
4 April 1854 Husband James Dodderidge granted Conditional Pardon.<sup>10</sup>  
21 July 1854 Ticket-of-Leave restored.<sup>4</sup>  
21 January 1856 **Son** James Dodderidge, labourer's child, born at Eastern Marshes.<sup>11</sup>  
30 March 1856 Free by servitude.  
1858 Husband James Dodderidge owner & occupier of a house & land (2 acres) at Oliver St, Swanston.<sup>12</sup>  
6 February 1858 **Daughter** Charlotte Dodderidge, labourer's child, born at Prossers Plains.<sup>13</sup>  
14 December 1859 **Son** William Francis Henry Dodderidge, labourer's child, born at Woods Point, near Oatlands.<sup>14</sup>  
28 February 1862 **Son** George Dodderidge, labourer's child, born in Oatlands district.<sup>15</sup>  
7 January 1864 Unnamed **son** \_ Dodderidge, labourer's child, born in Spring Bay district (died 5 February 1865).<sup>16</sup>  
5 February 1865 **Son** George Dodderidge, labourer's child, born in Spring Bay district.<sup>17</sup>

<sup>a</sup> Gaol report stated she had never been convicted before.

<sup>b</sup> Age given as: 25y on Grangegorman prison register; 26y and 27y on *Australasia* sick list.

<sup>c</sup> Thomas was the future husband of Susan Chickley (*qv*).

25 March 1871	Daughter Diana Dodderidge married William Pulford at St Peter's CE Church, Oatlands. <sup>18</sup>
c1874 <sup>d</sup>	Formed a <i>de facto relationship</i> with William Cort.
17 August 1874	Daughter Mary Anne Matilda Dodderidge married <sup>e</sup> Handson Meekings at St Peter's CE Church, Oatlands. <sup>19</sup>
7 February 1875	Daughter Mary Anne Matilda Dodderidge, 22y, carpenter's wife, died of collapse after parturition without haemorrhage at Ross. <sup>20</sup>
11 June 1879	Son James Dodderidge married Catherine Eliza Pulford at Bothwell CE Church. <sup>21</sup>
27 August 1879	Daughter Charlotte Dodderidge married Albert Doran at Presbyterian Manse, Oatlands. <sup>22</sup>
25 December 1885	Son William Francis Henry Dodderidge married Janet Elizabeth Clarke at the residence of Lydia Clarke, Campbell Town. <sup>23</sup>
20 June 1887	Son George Dodderidge married Adeline Grant at the residence of James Grant, Parattah. <sup>24</sup>
1894	<i>De facto</i> husband William Cort occupier of a house at Church St, Ross (½ acre). <sup>25</sup>
27 August 1897	<i>De facto</i> husband William Cort, 84y, bootmaker, died of heart disease at Campbell Town. <sup>26</sup>
15 July 1900	<b>Died</b> of dropsy at Ross, 72y, domestic duties, widow of late William Cort; buried 18 July in CE section, Ross General Cemetery, with daughter Mary Anne Matilda Dodderidge. <sup>27</sup>



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<sup>d</sup> Mary had separated from James Dodderidge sometime before this. James died at Mathinna on 1 February 1901, aged 87.

<sup>e</sup> A witness was William Cork – this was probably Mary Anne Matilda's *de facto* step-father, William Cort.

## References

- <sup>1</sup> AOT, CON 41/24 *Australasia* No.1008 (Mary Brien); AOT, CON 19/8 *Australasia* (Mary Brien); AOT, CON 15/6 *Australasia* No.17 (Mary Brien); NAI, Prisons 1/9/4 No.1795 (Mary Brien)
- <sup>2</sup> NAI, Prisons 1/9/4 No.1795 (Mary Brien)
- <sup>3</sup> AJCP, ADM 101/6 *Australasia* Sick List (Mary Brien)
- <sup>4</sup> AOT, CON 41/24 *Australasia* No.1008 (Mary Brien)
- <sup>5</sup> AOT, CON 52/5 p.102 (James Doderidge & Mary O'Brian)
- <sup>6</sup> AOT, RGD 37/11 1852/1145 Oatlands (James Doddridge & Mary O'Brian)
- <sup>7</sup> AOT, RGD 33/30 1852/499 Oatlands (Mary Doddrige)
- <sup>8</sup> *Hobart Town Gazette*, 25 October 1853 p.1026 (Mary Bryan)
- <sup>9</sup> AOT, RGD 33/32 1854/1034 Oatlands (Diana Dodderidge)
- <sup>10</sup> AOT, CON 33/83 *Agincourt* No.19231 (James Doddridge)
- <sup>11</sup> AOT, RGD 33/34 1856/1253 Oatlands (James Doddridge)
- <sup>12</sup> *Hobart Town Gazette*, 27 April 1858 p.546 (James Doddridge)
- <sup>13</sup> AOT, RGD 33/36 1858/1987 Spring Bay (Sharlott Dodderage)
- <sup>14</sup> AOT, RGD 33/38 1860/1718 Oatlands (male Dodderidge) – mother's maiden name given as Anderson
- <sup>15</sup> AOT, RGD 33/40 1862/1214 Oatlands (George Doddridge)
- <sup>16</sup> AOT, RGD 33/42 1864/1754 Spring Bay (male Doddridge); AOT, RGD 35/33 1864/519 Spring Bay (male Dodderidge)
- <sup>17</sup> AOT, RGD 33/43 1865/1568 Spring Bay (George Doddridge)
- <sup>18</sup> AOT, RGD 37/30 1871/494 Oatlands (Diana Dodderidge & William Pulford)
- <sup>19</sup> AOT, RGD 37/33 1874/589 Oatlands (Mary Anne Matilda Dodderidge & Handson Meekings)
- <sup>20</sup> AOT, RGD 35/44 1875/56 Campbell Town (Mary Ann Matilda Meekings)
- <sup>21</sup> AOT, RGD 37/38 1879/186 Bothwell (James Doddridge & Catherine Eliza Pulford)
- <sup>22</sup> AOT, RGD 37/38 1789/588 Oatlands (Charlotte Dodderidge & Albert Doran)
- <sup>23</sup> AOT, RGD 37/44 1885/52 Campbell Town (William Francis Henry Doddridge & Janet Elizabeth Clarke)
- <sup>24</sup> AOT, RGD 37/46 1887/46 Campbell Town (George Doddridge & Adeline Grant)
- <sup>25</sup> *Hobart Town Gazette*, 16 January 1894 p.319 (William Cort)
- <sup>26</sup> AOT, RGD 35/66 1897/93 Campbell Town (William Cort)
- <sup>27</sup> AOT, RGD 30/1 No.25 (Mary Cort); AOT, NS 1190/23 No.328 (Mary Cort)