

*Ellen Browne*¹
(*uxor Ellen Thurley*)

<i>Place Tried</i> Co. Monaghan	<i>Date Tried</i> 5 March 1849
<i>Offence</i> stealing 16s ^a	<i>Sentence</i> 7 years
<i>Prosecutor</i> unknown, Cavan	<i>Previous Convictions</i> none
<i>Gaol Report</i> good	<i>Surgeon's Report</i> quiet
<i>Station of Gang</i> not stated	<i>Class</i> 3 rd from 18 February 1850
<i>Other Information</i> tried & convicted with Mary King (<i>qv</i>); 4 years 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> 19 ^b	<i>Native Place</i> Co. Cavan
<i>Height</i> 5' 4½", 5' 4"	<i>Complexion</i> ruddy, freckled; fair
<i>Head</i> large, round	<i>Hair</i> dark brown, fair
<i>Visage</i> round	<i>Forehead</i> high
<i>Eyebrows</i> brown	<i>Eyes</i> blue
<i>Nose</i> small	<i>Mouth</i> large
<i>Chin</i> large	<i>Marks</i> none
<i>Family</i> mother Catherine; brothers William & James; sister Catherine (prisoner in this colony 3 years since for 10 years) ^c	

14 April 1849	Received at Grangegorman Depot, Dublin at 5pm. ²
26 April 1850	Contracted as PPH to Stephen Addison, High St, Hobart, 12m at £9 pa. ³
6 July 1850	Contracted as PPH to Peter Briggs, Forest Rd, Hobart, 12m at £9 pa. ³
23 November 1850	Contracted as PPH to Peter Briggs, Forest Rd, Hobart, 12m at £7 pa. ³
17 April 1851	Illegitimate daughter Mary Ann Browne born at Cascades FF; baptised 21 April 1852 in parish of St Joseph's RC Church, Hobart; sponsor Mary Brown. ⁴
27 August 1851	Sponsor at baptism of William Kelly, son of Mary Kelly (<i>qv</i>), at Hobart. ⁵
17 November 1851	Charged at Cascades FF with disorderly conduct in the ward; sentence not to be allowed task work until further orders. ⁶
13 February 1852	Charged at Cascades FF, brought up from 12 February, with having tobacco, box & pencil improperly in her possession; sentence task work stopped & to be brought up when removed from her child. ⁶
21 June 1852	To Brickfields Hiring Depot, Hobart. ⁷
22 June 1852	Contracted as PPH to Stephen Large, New Town, 12m at £7 pa. ⁸
20 September 1852	To Cascades FF, then to Revd P Palmer, Trinity Parsonage, Hobart. ⁷
29 September 1852	To Cascades FF, then to Mrs Stewart, Davey St, Hobart. ⁷
15 October 1852	To Cascades FF, Hobart. ⁷
25 October 1852	To Captain TS Downes, Kelly St, Hobart. ⁷
6 November 1852	To Cascades FF, Hobart. ⁷
9 November 1852	Ticket-of-Leave granted. ⁷
22 December 1852	Daughter Mary Anne Browne, 20m, died of croup at Hobart. ⁹
25 July 1853	Married as 23y, spinster, to James Thurley (<i>Mount Stewart Elphinstone</i> 2), 26y, splitter, at St David's CE Cathedral, Hobart; witnesses W Giles & R Ellis. ¹⁰ Husband James Thurley received Certificate of Freedom. ¹¹

^a Offence given as cow stealing on Grangegorman prison register.

^b Age given as 20y on Grangegorman prison register.

^c No record of Catherine found on Irish transportation index.

22 October 1853	Ticket-of-Leave revoked for failing to report to district PO in June. ¹²
December 1853	Mustered in Huon district, resident with husband James Thurley, Flights Bay. ¹³
31 October 1854	Ticket-of-Leave restored. ⁷
27 December 1855	Son William Thurley born in Huon district; baptised 12 September 1856 in Huon district; sponsors James Wade & Catherine Reilly. ¹⁴
5 March 1856	Free by servitude.
12 September 1857 ^d	Daughter Elizabeth Thurley, splitter's child, born in Franklin district; baptised 24 November 1857 in Huon district; sponsor Peter Feeny. ¹⁵
1858	Husband James Thurley occupier of hut at Surges Bay (<1 acre). ¹⁶
19 February 1859	Daughter Kitty Thurley, splitter's child, born at Surges Bay. ¹⁷
26 March 1859	Daughter Kitty Thurley, 5w, suffocated owing to one or both of her parents laying on her. ¹⁸
3 September 1861	Son Joseph Thurley born in Huon district; baptised 7 October 1861 in Huon district; sponsors John Spenser & Mary Spenser. ¹⁹
9 August 1863	Son Henry Thurley born in Huon district; baptised 8 September 1863 in Huon district; sponsors John Donnelly & Anne Donnelly. ²⁰
5 July 1864	Son Edward Thurley born in Franklin district; baptised 18 June 1865 in Franklin district; sponsor Anne Donwell. ²¹
11 February 1868	Witness at Huon PC at trial of Thomas Power (<i>Midlothian</i>) for breaking & entering. ²²
28 February 1868	Daughter Louisa Thurley born in Franklin district; baptised 20 September 1868 in Franklin district; sponsors James Thurley ^e & Mary Anne Thurley ^f . ²³
11 May 1871	Charged at Huon PO with assaulting John Vincent at Franklin on 11 May by throwing a tumbler at him & striking him in the face; discharged. ²²
1874	Husband James Thurley owner & occupier of a hut & land (20 acres) at Surges Bay. ²⁴
28 October 1874	Died of cancer of the womb at Port Esperance, 42y. ²⁵



^d Date given as 24 September 1857 in Purtscher, *Father John Murphy's "Saddlebag" Records*.

^e This was possibly a relative of James, but the relationship has not been determined.

^f This may have been the Mary Ann Thurley who died in Launceston in 1904 aged 69.

References

- ¹ AOT, CON 41/24 *Australasia* No.1007 (Ellen Browne); AOT, CON 19/8 *Australasia* (Ellen Brown); AOT, CON 15/6 *Australasia* No.16 (Ellen Brown); NAI, Prisons 1/9/4 No.1739 (Ellen Browne)
- ² NAI, Prisons 1/9/4 No.1739 (Ellen Browne)
- ³ AOT, CON 30/2 pp.87 & 265 (Ellen Brown)
- ⁴ AOT, RGD 33/4 1851/361 Hobart (Mary Ann Brown); AOT, NS 1052/8 p.137 (Mary Ann Brown)
- ⁵ AOT, NS 1052/8 p.146 (Ellen Brown)
- ⁶ AOT, CON 138/1 (Ellen Brown)
- ⁷ AOT, CON 41/24 *Australasia* No.1007 (Ellen Browne)
- ⁸ AOT, CON 30/1 p.229 (Ellen Brown)
- ⁹ AOT, RGD 35/3 1852/1973 Hobart (Mary Anne Browne)
- ¹⁰ AOT, RGD 37/12 1853/196 Hobart (James Thurley & Ellen Brown)
- ¹¹ AOT, CON 33/89 *Mount Stewart Elphinstone 2* No.20617 (James Thurley)
- ¹² *Hobart Town Gazette*, 25 October 1853 p.1026 (Ellen Brown)
- ¹³ AOT, POL 379/1 p.23 (Ellen Brown)
- ¹⁴ Purtscher, *Father John Murphy's "Saddlebag" Records* (Thurley); CCMA, FRA1 p.7 (William Thurley)
- ¹⁵ AOT, RGD 33/35 1857/557 Franklin (Elizabeth Thirley); Purtscher, *Father John Murphy's "Saddlebag" Records* (Elizabeth Thurley); CCMA, FRA1 p.16 (Elizabeth Thirly)
- ¹⁶ *Hobart Town Gazette*, 25 May 1858 p.745 (James Thorley)
- ¹⁷ AOT, RGD 33/37 1859/555 Franklin (Kitty Thirely)
- ¹⁸ AOT, RGD 35/28 1859/143 Franklin (Kitty Thurley)
- ¹⁹ Purtscher, *Father John Murphy's "Saddlebag" Records* (Joseph Thurley); CCMA, FRA1 p.40 (Joseph Thurley)
- ²⁰ Purtscher, *Father John Murphy's "Saddlebag" Records* (Henry Thurley); CCMA, FRA1 p.53 (Henry Thurly)
- ²¹ CCMA, FRA1 p.61 (Edward Thurly)
- ²² AOT, POL 377/1 pp.124 & 153 (Ellen Thurley)
- ²³ CCMA, FRA1 p.73 (Louisa Thurly)
- ²⁴ *Hobart Town Gazette*, 27 October 1874 p.1017 (James Thurley)
- ²⁵ AOT, RGD 35/43 1874/178 Esperance (Ellen Hurley) – husband's name given as John Hurley