

*Dorah Burke*<sup>1</sup>

(*nee Dorah Rowland, uxor Dorah Tighe, Dorah Hill, aka Dorah Roberts*)

Place Tried	Dublin City	Date Tried	6 January 1849
Offence	stealing £4	Sentence	7 years
Prosecutor	O'Halloran, Dublin City	Previous Convictions	1 – stealing money (3m)
Gaol Report	very good	Surgeon's Report	good
Station of Gang	not stated	Class	3 <sup>rd</sup> from 24 January 1850
Other Information	18 months on the town		
Religion	Roman Catholic	Literacy	read & write
Marital Status	single, lived with John Burke 4 years; married	Trade	housemaid
Age	24 <sup>a</sup>	Native Place	Cork City
Height	5' 1"	Complexion	fair
Head	large	Hair	brown
Visage	broad	Forehead	high
Eyebrows	brown	Eyes	blue
Nose	medium	Mouth	medium
Chin	medium	Marks	arms freckled, scar over right eyebrow
Family	father Pat; mother Ellen; brothers Pat, James, John & Cornelius; sisters Catherine & Ellen		

8 January 1849	Received at Grangegorman Depot, Dublin at 11am. <sup>2</sup>
21 August 1849	Put on <i>Australasia</i> sick list for bronchitis (off 24 August, cured). <sup>3</sup>
13 January 1852	Application for permission to marry Thomas Tighe ( <i>Cadet</i> 1) (approved 17 January). <sup>4</sup>
16 February 1852 <sup>b</sup>	<b>Married</b> as 25 or 28y, housemaid, spinster, PPH, of Avoca, to Thomas Tighe, 27 or 30y, shepherd, bachelor, TL, of Avoca, at St Paul's RC Church, Oatlands; witnesses James Tinan & Mary Kean. <sup>5</sup>
8 June 1852	Applied for Ticket-of-Leave, refused, to apply in 1 month. <sup>6</sup>
10 August 1852	Ticket-of-Leave granted. <sup>6</sup>
9 November 1852	Mustered in Fingal district, resident with Simeon Lord, <i>Bona Vista</i> . <sup>7</sup>
11 November 1852	To Mrs James McCarthy, then to Mrs Mary Gray, Fort. <sup>7</sup>
16 January 1853	To Campbell Town. <sup>7</sup>
7 March 1853	Application for permission to marry William Hill, free (approved 9 March). <sup>8</sup>
29 March 1853	Husband Thomas Tighe absent from muster; <sup>d</sup> Ticket-of-Leave revoked. <sup>9</sup>
5 April 1853	<b>Married</b> as 26y, spinster, to William Hill, 39y, carrier, at St David's CE Cathedral, Hobart; witnesses Henry Parsonage & Mary Parsonage. <sup>10</sup>
22 October 1853	Ticket-of-Leave revoked for failing to report to district PO in June. <sup>11</sup>
22 December 1853	Tried at Hobart PC, resident at Argyle St, Hobart, charged with misconduct in being out after hours at 10:30pm last night & being then in company with a man not her husband; sentence 3m HL, Cascades FF. <sup>6,12</sup>
March 1854	To her husband William Hill, Liverpool St, Hobart. <sup>6</sup>
4 April 1854	Ticket-of-Leave revoked, absent from muster December 1853. <sup>13</sup>
8 August 1854	Ticket-of-Leave restored. <sup>6</sup>
16 September 1854	Tried at Hobart PC charged with being drunk & disorderly on 15 September; sentence 7d SC, Cascades FF. <sup>6,14</sup>

<sup>a</sup> Age given as: 23y on Grangegorman prison register; 25y on description list; 28y on *Australasia* sick list.

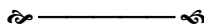
<sup>b</sup> Date given as 28 February 1852 on permissions to marry register and 14 February 1852 on St Paul's marriage register.

<sup>c</sup> Place of marriage given as Campbell Town on RGD marriage record.

<sup>d</sup> This was probably because he had died, though no death record has been found for Thomas (see Chapter 5).

26 September 1854	Ticket-of-Leave revoked; to her husband William Hill, Liverpool St, Hobart. <sup>6</sup>
6 January 1856	Free by servitude.
29 January 1857	Tried at Hobart PC charged by John Thompson with being an idle & disorderly person in being found in his enclosed yard in Campbell St on the night of 28 January for an unlawful purpose; case dismissed. <sup>15</sup>
5 March 1857	Tried at Hobart PC charged with being drunk on 4 March in a public street in Hobart; fined £1, in default 5d Cascades Gaol. <sup>15</sup>
23 March 1857	Tried at Hobart PC charged with being drunk in a public road at Sandy Bay; sentence 7d SC & fined £1. <sup>16</sup>
5 May 1857	Tried at Hobart PC charged with being drunk in a public street in Hobart on 4 May; fined £3 being 3 <sup>rd</sup> offence, in default 1m imprisonment, Cascades Gaol. <sup>15</sup>
22 March 1858	Certificate of Freedom at Hobart for collection. <sup>6</sup>
22 November 1868	Charged at 12:45am at Launceston PO with being drunk & incapable; fined 10s. <sup>17</sup>
3 December 1868	Charged at 11:45pm at Launceston PO with being drunk & incapable; fined 20s. <sup>18</sup>
16 April 1871	Charged at 10:45am at Launceston PO with being drunk & incapable; fined 5s or 12h imprisonment. <sup>19</sup>
24 November 1871	Charged at 7am at Launceston PO with larceny of a shirt & vest; sentence 1m HL (discharged w/e December 1871). <sup>20</sup>
9 December 1874	Charged at 10:45 pm at Launceston PO for being drunk & incapable in Brisbane St, Launceston; fined 10s. <sup>21</sup>
18 December 1874	Charged at 10:30pm at Launceston PO for being drunk & incapable in Wellington St, Launceston; fined 20s or sentence 5d SC. <sup>22</sup>
c1875	Formed a <i>de facto relationship</i> with Robert Roberts ( <i>William Jardine 2</i> ). <sup>24</sup>
31 January 1876	Tried at Hobart PC charged with being an idle & disorderly person in being found in a lodging outhouse in Hobart on the morning of 30 January not having any visible means of subsistence & not giving a good account of herself; sentence 1m HL, Cascades Gaol (discharged w/e 1 March). <sup>23</sup>
30 March 1876	Assaulted by <i>de facto</i> husband Robert Roberts with a tomahawk at their residence Murray St, Hobart. <sup>24</sup>
31 March 1876	Admitted to Hobart Hospital with wounds from above assault. <sup>24</sup>
8 June 1876	<i>De facto</i> husband Robert Roberts tried at Hobart SC charged with causing grievous bodily harm to her; sentence 8y imprisonment. <sup>25</sup>
14 June 1876	Admitted to New Town Invalid Depot from Hobart district (discharged on pass 5 October, able to work). <sup>28</sup>
17 October 1876	Tried at Hobart PC charged with being drunk & disorderly; sentence 7d HL, Cascades Gaol. <sup>26</sup>
30 October 1876	Tried at Hobart PC charged with being drunk & incapable; sentence 14d HL, Cascades Gaol. <sup>26</sup>
6 December 1876	Tried at Hobart PC charged with being drunk & disorderly; sentence 1m HL, Cascades Gaol (discharged 5 January 1877). <sup>27</sup>
2 December 1877	Admitted to New Town Invalid Depot from Hobart district (discharged at own request 29 September 1878, able to work). <sup>28</sup>
5 October 1878	Admitted to New Town Invalid Depot from Hobart district (discharged on pass 18 June 1879, able to work).
3 November 1879	Admitted to New Town Invalid Depot from Hobart district (discharged at own request 17 February 1880, light work). <sup>29</sup>
22 March 1880	Admitted to New Town Invalid Depot from Hobart district (discharged at own request 11 November, able to work). <sup>30</sup>

21 December 1880	Tried at Hobart PC charged with being drunk & incapable of taking care of herself on 20 December in a public street in Hobart; fined 5s, <sup>e</sup> in default 7d Campbell St Gaol (admitted from Hobart district 22 December; discharged 4 January 1881). <sup>31</sup>
14 January 1881	Admitted to New Town Invalid Depot from Hobart district (discharged on pass 10 October, able to work). <sup>30</sup>
10 October 1881	Tried at Hobart PC charged with being drunk & disorderly in a public street in Hobart on 10 October; fined 5s, in default 7d Campbell St Gaol (admitted from Hobart PO 11 October; discharged 17 October). <sup>32</sup>
19 October 1881	Tried at Hobart PC charged with being drunk & incapable of taking care of herself in a public street in Hobart on 18 October; fined 10s, in default 7d Campbell St Gaol (discharged 25 October). <sup>33</sup>
19 January 1882	Tried at Hobart PC charged with being drunk & disorderly in a public street in Hobart on 18 January; fined 5s, in default 7d Campbell St Gaol (discharged 25 January). <sup>34</sup>
12 September 1882	Admitted to New Town Invalid Depot from Hobart district (discharged on pass 18 December). <sup>30</sup>
8 January 1883	Admitted to New Town Invalid Depot from Hobart district (absconded 13 April). <sup>30</sup>
21 May 1883	Admitted to New Town Invalid Depot from Hobart district (discharged at own request 3 March 1884). <sup>35</sup>
15 April 1885	Admitted to New Town Invalid Depot from Hobart (discharged at own request 25 May). <sup>35</sup>
3 June 1885	Admitted to New Town Invalid Depot from Hobart (discharged to service 10 January 1886). <sup>35</sup>
27 January 1886	Admitted to New Town Invalid Depot from Hobart (absconded 8 January 1887). <sup>35</sup>
7 January 1889	Admitted to New Town Invalid Depot from Hobart district (discharged at own request 29 October 1890). <sup>36</sup>
31 December 1890	Admitted to New Town Invalid Depot from Hobart district (discharged to hospital 19 February 1891). <sup>36</sup>
8 August 1891	<b>Died</b> of senile debility at New Town Charitable Institution, Hobart, 70y, housewife; buried 11 August in pauper section, Cornelian Bay Cemetery, Hobart. <sup>37</sup>



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<sup>e</sup> The fine was noted as having been paid, yet she went to gaol for two weeks not one week.

## References

- <sup>1</sup> AOT, CON 41/24 *Australasia* No.1003 (Dorah Burke); AOT, CON 19/8 *Australasia* (Dorah Bourke); AOT, CON 15/6 *Australasia* No.12 (Dorah Burke); NAI, Prisons 1/9/4 No.1576 (Dora Burke); NAI, TR8 p.213 (Dorah Burke)
- <sup>2</sup> NAI, Prisons 1/9/4 No.1576 (Dora Burke)
- <sup>3</sup> AJCP, ADM 101/6 *Australasia* Sick List (Dorah Burke)
- <sup>4</sup> AOT, CON 52/5 p.467 (Thomas Tighe & Dorah Bourke); AOT, CON 52/3 p.457 (Thomas Tighe & Dorah Bourke)
- <sup>5</sup> AOT, RGD 37/11 1852/75 Campbell Town (Thomas Tighe & Dorah Burk); AOT, RGD 37/11 1852/1137a Oatlands (Thomas Tighe & Dorah Burk); AOT, NS 1052/6 No.10 (Thomas Tighe & Dorah Burk); AOT, NS 1052/13 No.3 (Thos Tighe & Dorah Burke)
- <sup>6</sup> AOT, CON 41/24 *Australasia* No.1003 (Dorah Burke)
- <sup>7</sup> AOT, POL 184/1 (Dorah Burke)
- <sup>8</sup> AOT, CON 52/6 (William Hill & Dora Bourk)
- <sup>9</sup> AOT, CON 33/58 *Cadet* 1 No.13784 (Thomas Tighe)
- <sup>10</sup> AOT, RGD 37/12 1853/164 Hobart (William Hill & Dorah Bourke)
- <sup>11</sup> *Hobart Town Gazette*, 25 October 1853 p.1026 (Dorah Burke)
- <sup>12</sup> AOT, LC 247/23 (Dorah Burke)
- <sup>13</sup> *Hobart Town Gazette*, 11 April 1854 p.341 (Dorah Burke)
- <sup>14</sup> AOT, LC 247/25 (Dorah Burke)
- <sup>15</sup> AOT, LC 247/26 (Dorah Hill)
- <sup>16</sup> AOT, LC 247/27 (Dorah Hill)
- <sup>17</sup> AOT, POL 450/1 p.361 No.504 (Enorah Burke)
- <sup>18</sup> AOT, POL 450/1 p.362 No.579 (Dorah Talbot)
- <sup>19</sup> AOT, POL 450/1 p.379 No.179 (Honora Talbot or Dorah Sullivan)
- <sup>20</sup> AOT, POL 709/2 pp.198 & 209 (Dora Talbot/Talbott); AOT, POL 450/1 1871 No.347 (Dora Talbot)
- <sup>21</sup> AOT, POL 450/2 p.8 No.352 (Dorah Talbot)
- <sup>22</sup> AOT, POL 450/2 1874 No.360 (Dorah Talbot)
- <sup>23</sup> AOT, POL 709/2 p.36 (Dora Hill); AOT, LC 247/34 (Dora Hill)
- <sup>24</sup> *The Mercury*, 9 June 1876 p.2 col.7–p.3 col.1 (Robert Roberts & Dora Hill) ; *The Mercury*, 1 April 1876, p.2 col.6 (Robert Roberts & Dora Hill); *The Mercury*, 3 April 1876 p.2 col.6 (Robert Roberts & Dora Hill)
- <sup>25</sup> AOT, CON 33/98 *William Jardine* 2 No.23088 (Robert Roberts)
- <sup>26</sup> AOT, CON 105/1 Nos.6312 & 6321 (Dorah Hill)
- <sup>27</sup> AOT, CON 105/1 No.6362 (Dorah Hill); AOT, GD 41/1 (Dorah Hill)
- <sup>28</sup> AOT, POL 709/2 pp.99, 163 & 159 (Dora/Dorah Burke)
- <sup>29</sup> AOT, POL 709/2 pp.32 (Dorah Hill or Bourke)
- <sup>30</sup> AOT, POL 709/2 pp.63, 163, 187 & 204 (Dorah Hill)
- <sup>31</sup> AOT, LC 247/35 (Dorah Hill); AOT, GD 41/1 (Dorah Hill)
- <sup>32</sup> AOT, LC 247/35 (Dorah Hill); AOT, GD 41/1 (Dora Hill)
- <sup>33</sup> AOT, LC 247/35 (Dorah Hill); AOT, GD 41/1 (Dora Hill)
- <sup>34</sup> AOT, LC 247/35 (Dorah Hill); AOT, GD 41/12 (Dora Burke/Hill)
- <sup>35</sup> AOT, POL 709/3 pp.8, 12, 43 & 87 (Dora/Dorah Hill or Burke)
- <sup>36</sup> AOT, POL 709/4 pp.35 & 180 (Dora Hill)
- <sup>37</sup> AOT, RGD 35/13 1891/605 (Dora Hill); SRCT CB Pauper Section A No.207 (Dora Hill)