

*Sarah Burke*¹
(nee Sarah Harte, uxor Sarah Dukes)

<i>Place Tried</i> Co. Clare	<i>Date Tried</i> 27 February 1849 ^a
<i>Offence</i> house burning	<i>Sentence</i> 7 years
<i>Prosecutor</i> John Sheedy, Deerpark, Clare	<i>Previous Convictions</i> none
<i>Gaol Report</i> very good	<i>Surgeon's Report</i> quiet
<i>Station of Gang</i> not stated	<i>Class</i> 3 rd from 24 January 1850, 5 July 1850
<i>Other Information</i> tried with sister Winifred Harte (not convicted)	

<i>Religion</i> Roman Catholic	<i>Literacy</i> read
<i>Marital Status</i> married	<i>Trade</i> housemaid
<i>Age</i> 30 ^b	<i>Native Place</i> Co. Clare
<i>Height</i> 4' 8", 4' 8½"	<i>Complexion</i> ruddy, fair
<i>Head</i> round	<i>Hair</i> brown, fair
<i>Visage</i> round	<i>Forehead</i> high
<i>Eyebrows</i> brown	<i>Eyes</i> light hazel
<i>Nose</i> medium	<i>Mouth</i> small
<i>Chin</i> long	<i>Marks</i> face freckled
<i>Family</i> husband Patrick Burke; brothers Patrick (transported on the <i>Hyderabad</i> ^c), Darby & Edward (Teddy); sisters Mary (transported on the <i>Earl Grey</i>), Winifred (Winnie) & Judith (Judy); father Timothy Hart (a tailor); ¹⁴ mother Julia Hart (nee Collins) ¹⁴	

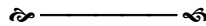
27 March 1849	Received at Grangegorman Depot, Dublin at 10pm. ²
4 July 1849	Sister Mary Harte tried at Co. Clare for burning the house of John Sheedy; sentence 10y transportation. ³
13 August 1849	Put on <i>Australasia</i> sick list for bronchitis (off 18 August, cured). ⁴
9 May 1850	Sister Mary Harte arrived in VDL, prisoner on the <i>Earl Grey</i> . ³
4 November 1850	Tried at Hobart PC charged by her mistress Mrs Samuel Barnett, Collins St, Hobart with being insolent to her on 2 November; sentence 5d SC, returned to her service. ⁵
20 January 1851	Tried at Hobart PC charged by her master Samuel Barnett, Collins St, Hobart with absence without leave from her service from 9pm until 10pm on 19 January & being insolent to her master; sentence 7d SC, returned to her service. ⁵
23 October 1851	Application for permission to marry Thomas Dukes (<i>Blenheim</i> 3); referred 31 October to Constable Wicks for enquiry, 7 November to PM Hobart, 31 October to Revd Dr Fry as to death of Dukes' wife & death of her husband (approved 10 January 1852). ⁶
2 December 1851	Tried at Hobart PC charged by her mistress Mrs Samuel Barnett, Collins St, Hobart with misconduct; discharged to her service, no persons appearing to prosecute. ⁵
8 January 1852	Tried at Hobart PC charged by her mistress Mrs Samuel Barnett, Collins St, Hobart with larceny under the value of £5 in having feloniously stolen a blanket, the property of her mistress; discharged to the service of the Crown, to Brickfields Hiring Depot, there being no case. ⁵
9 January 1852	To JM Short, Collins St, Hobart. ⁷

^a Date given as 3 March 1849 on Irish transportation register.

^b Age given as: 36y on *Australasia* sick list; 25y on Irish transportation register and Grangegorman prison register.

^c No Patrick Harte listed as transported on the *Hyderabad* to VDL. Patrick is listed on the Irish transportation index as being transported on the *Pestonjee Bomanjee*. A Patrick Hartney arrived on the *Pestonjee Bomanjee* 3 in September 1848.

2 February 1852	Married as 27y, widow, to Thomas Dukes, 24y, ^d blacksmith, at St George's CE Church, Battery Point; witnesses John Clark & Elizabeth Clark (nee Whelan, <i>qv</i>). ⁸
17 February 1852	Letters of claim to CG re Samuel Barnett, Mr Green & William Thomas (2 nd applications 5 March 1852, 3 rd application 20 April 1852). ⁹
9 November 1852	Ticket-of-Leave granted. ⁷
11 December 1852	Daughter Mary Ann Dukes born; baptised 26 December 1852 at St Joseph's RC Church, Hobart; sponsors Patrick Carthy & Mary A O'Brien. ¹⁰
June 1853	Mustered in Huon district, resident with husband, Recherche Bay. ¹¹
18 December 1854	Husband Thomas Dukes received Certificate of Freedom. ¹²
27 February 1856	Free by servitude.
28 February 1856	Certificate of Freedom collected. ⁷
c1857	Moved with family to VIC. ¹⁴
1870	Daughter Mary Ann Dukes married Michael Kennedy in VIC. ¹³
27 December 1893	Died of peritonitis & pneumonia at Yarram, VIC, 87y; buried 29 December at Greenmount Cemetery, VIC. ¹⁴
9 July 1894	Probate for will granted. ¹⁵



^d Thomas was noted as aged 28y and married with 3 or 4 children at the time of his transportation in 1850.

References

- ¹ AOT, CON 41/24 *Australasia* No.999 (Sarah Burke); AOT, CON 19/8 *Australasia* (Sarah Bourke); AOT, CON 15/6 *Australasia* No.9 (Sarah Burke); NAI, Prisons 1/9/4 No.1687 (Sarah Burke); NAI, TR9 p.10 (Sarah Burke)
- ² NAI, Prisons 1/9/4 No.1687 (Sarah Burke)
- ³ AOT, CON 15/6 *Earl Grey* (Mary Harte 1st)
- ⁴ AJCP, ADM 101/6 *Australasia* Sick List Case No.10 (Sarah Burke)
- ⁵ AOT, LC 251/2 (Sarah Bourke)
- ⁶ AOT, CON 52/4 (Thomas Dukes & Sarah Burke); AOT, CON 52/3, p.122 (Thomas Dukes & Sara Burke)
- ⁷ AOT, CON 41/24 *Australasia* No.999 (Sarah Burke)
- ⁸ AOT, RGD 37/11 1852/229 Hobart (Thomas Dukes & Sarah Burk)
- ⁹ AOT, CON 7/1 pp.46, 180 & 441–442 (Sarah Burke)
- ¹⁰ AOT, NS 1052/8 p.182 (Mary Dukes)
- ¹¹ AOT, POL 379/1 pp.21 & 22 (Sarah Burke)
- ¹² AOT, CON 33/95 *Blenheim* 3 No.22123 (Thomas Dukes)
- ¹³ VIC Marriage Record 1870/1475 (Michael Kennedy & Mary Ann Dukes)
- ¹⁴ VIC Death Certificate 1893/16518 (Sarah Duke)
- ¹⁵ GSV, *Probate Index 1889-1899*, 55/77 (Sarah Duke)