

*Ann Byrne*¹
(*uxor Ann Freak*)

<i>Place Tried</i> Co. Kildare	<i>Date Tried</i> 20 March 1849
<i>Offence</i> stealing a gold watch & chain	<i>Sentence</i> 7 years
<i>Prosecutor</i> Mr Wilson, Kildare	<i>Previous Convictions</i> 1 – stealing linen (discharged)
<i>Gaol Report</i> quiet	<i>Surgeon's Report</i> bad
<i>Station of Gang</i> Anson	<i>Class</i> 3 rd from 13 February 1850

<i>Religion</i> Roman Catholic	<i>Literacy</i> neither read nor write, read & write
<i>Marital Status</i> single	<i>Trade</i> housemaid, laundress
<i>Age</i> 23 ^a	<i>Native Place</i> Co. Kildare
<i>Height</i> 5' 3 ³ / ₄ "	<i>Complexion</i> fresh, freckled; fair
<i>Head</i> round	<i>Hair</i> dark, brown
<i>Visage</i> round	<i>Forehead</i> high
<i>Eyebrows</i> dark	<i>Eyes</i> light hazel
<i>Nose</i> thin	<i>Mouth</i> small
<i>Chin</i> large	<i>Marks</i> none
<i>Family</i> father James; mother Catherine; sisters Mary & Kate; brothers Pat & John (both in America)	

16 April 1849	Received at Grangegorman Depot, Dublin at 10am. ²
5 September 1850	Absconded from the service of Michael Fitzgerald, Elizabeth St, Hobart. ³
18 September 1850	Tried at Hobart PC charged with absence without leave from the service of Michael Fitzgerald, Elizabeth St, Hobart from 4 to 17 September when she surrendered; sentence 6m HL, Cascades FF, recommended to be hired in the interior. ⁴
22 April 1851	Charged with taking a shawl improperly out of her own bundle in stores at Brickfields Hiring Depot; sentence 1m HL, Cascades FF. ⁵
26 August 1851	Absconded from the service of Mr Miller, Macquarie St, Hobart. ⁴
2 September 1851	Tried at Hobart PC charged with absence without leave from the service of Mr Miller, Macquarie St, Hobart from 26 August until 1 September when apprehended at 9pm; sentence 6m HL, Cascades FF, recommended she may be hired in the country only. ⁴
15 January 1852	To Brickfields Hiring Depot, Hobart. ⁵
18 January 1852	To Ross FF. ⁵
21 January 1852	Charged with bringing into Ross FF a quantity of tobacco concealed on her person; sentence 2m HL, Ross FF. ⁵
10 February 1852	To Peter Pegus, Oatlands. ⁵
27 July 1852	Applied for Ticket-of-Leave, refused, to apply in 6 months. ⁵
16 August 1852	Tried at Oatlands PC charged with insolence to her mistress Mrs Peter Pegus; sentence 1m HL. ⁶
18 August 1852	To Ross FF. ⁵
13 September 1852	To William Saunderson, Oatlands. ⁵
23 October 1852	Tried at Oatlands PC, in service to William Saunderson, charged with gross misconduct in behaving with public immorality; sentence 4m HL. ⁶
24 October 1852	To Ross FF. ⁵
20 January 1853	To William K Hawkes, Franklin Village. ⁵
19 July 1853	Applied for Ticket-of-Leave, refused, to apply in 4 months. ⁵
10 January 1854	Ticket-of-Leave granted. ⁵
20 February 1854	Application for permission to marry Benjamin Freak (<i>Cornwall</i>); will be approved when he obtains his Ticket-of-Leave (approved 26 April ^b). ⁷

^a Age given as 21y on Irish transportation register and Grangegorman prison register.

22 May 1854	Married as 26y, spinster, TL, to Benjamin Freak, 27y, bachelor, TL, at Franklin Village CE Chapel; witnesses William Polley & Margaret Polley (nee Peggy Whelan, <i>qv</i>). ⁸
16 June 1854	Mustered at Longford, resident with Francis King, Perth. ⁹
30 December 1854	Mustered at Perth, 'on own hands', Perth. ⁹
13 March 1855	Husband Benjamin Freak granted Conditional Pardon. ¹⁰
20 March 1856	Free by servitude.
8 August 1856	Certificate of Freedom sent to Longford for collection. ⁵
31 December 1864	Husband Benjamin Freak received Certificate of Freedom. ¹⁰
31 December 1865	Stated she had not received her Certificate of Freedom, a replacement Certificate of Freedom collected. ⁵



^b Date given as 2 May 1854 on conduct record.

References

- ¹ AOT, CON 41/24 *Australasia* No.1010 (Ann Byrne); AOT, CON 19/8 *Australasia* (Ann Burns); AOT, CON 15/6 *Australasia* No.19 (Ann Byrne); NAI, Prisons 1/9/4 No.1779 (Anne Byrne); NAI, TR9 p.40 (Anne Byrne)
- ² NAI, Prisons 1/9/4 No.1779 (Anne Byrne)
- ³ *Hobart Town Gazette*, 10 September 1850 p.752 (Ann Byrne)
- ⁴ AOT, LC 251/2 (Ann Byrne)
- ⁵ AOT, CON 41/24 *Australasia* No.1010 (Ann Byrne)
- ⁶ AOT, LC 390/3 (Anne Byrne)
- ⁷ AOT, CON 52/7 p.124 (Benjamin Freak & Ann Byrne)
- ⁸ AOT, RGD 37/13 1854/1130 Longford (Benjamin Freak & Ann Byrne)
- ⁹ AOT, POL 491/1 (Ann Burns *ux* Freak)
- ¹⁰ AOT, CON 33/103 *Cornwall* No.24404 (Benjamin Freak)