

*Mary Carmody*¹
(*nee Mary Cain, uxor Mary Connell*)

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| <i>Place Tried</i> Co. Clare | <i>Date Tried</i> 27 February 1849 ^a |
| <i>Offence</i> stealing a cotton quilt | <i>Sentence</i> 7 years |
| <i>Prosecutor</i> unknown, Co. Clare | <i>Previous Convictions</i> 1 ^b – drunk (1m), stealing potatoes (1m) |
| <i>Gaol Report</i> quiet | <i>Surgeon's Report</i> bad, dirty |
| <i>Station of Gang</i> Anson | <i>Class</i> 3 rd from 14 January 1850 = 5 July 1850 |
| <i>Other Information</i> 12 months on the town; tried & convicted with Honora McInerhenry (<i>qv</i>) | |
| <i>Religion</i> Roman Catholic | <i>Literacy</i> read, neither read nor write |
| <i>Marital Status</i> single | <i>Trade</i> country servant, housemaid |
| <i>Age</i> 20 ^c | <i>Native Place</i> Co. Clare |
| <i>Height</i> 4' 11¼", 4' 11½" | <i>Complexion</i> dark, freckled; fair |
| <i>Head</i> round | <i>Hair</i> black |
| <i>Visage</i> round | <i>Forehead</i> high |
| <i>Eyebrows</i> black | <i>Eyes</i> dark hazel |
| <i>Nose</i> medium | <i>Mouth</i> medium |
| <i>Chin</i> large | <i>Marks</i> none |
| <i>Family</i> brothers Michael & James; sister Margaret (all in America) | |

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| 27 March 1849 | Received at Grangegorman Depot, Dublin at 10pm. ² |
| 12 July 1849 | Put on <i>Australasia</i> sick list for syphilis (off 27 August, cured). ³ |
| 28 September 1850 | Contracted as PPH to Edward Burns, Sackville St, Hobart, 12m at £7 pa. ⁴ |
| 31 March 1851 | Charged at Cascades FF with disorderly conduct; sentence 14d separate treatment. ⁵ |
| 4 April 1851 | Charged at Cascades FF with talking at exercise; sentence 3d SC. ⁵ |
| 10 April 1851 | Charged at Cascades FF, brought up from 9 April for the Visiting Magistrate, with singing in separate apartment; sentence 14d SC. ^{5,6} |
| 12 May 1851 | Charged at Cascades FF with talking in chapel; admonished. ⁵ |
| 14 May 1851 | Charged at Cascades FF with disobedience in talking; admonished. ⁵ |
| 17 May 1851 | Charged at Cascades FF with disorderly conduct; sentence 3d SC. ⁵ |
| 19 May 1851 | Charged at Cascades FF with disorderly conduct; to appear in front of the Visiting Magistrate. ⁵ |
| 29 May 1851 | Charged at Cascades FF with talking in separate apartment; sentence 3d SC. ⁵ |
| 2 July 1851 | Charged at Cascades FF with having only one petticoat; sentence 3d bread & water & 14d separate treatment. ⁵ |
| 26 December 1851 | Absconded from Brickfields Hiring Depot. ⁷ |
| 17 January 1852 | To Brickfields Hiring Depot, Hobart. ⁶ |
| 22 January 1852 | Charged with absconding from Brickfields Hiring Depot; sentence 9m HL, Cascades FF. ⁶ |
| 31 January 1852 | Charged at Cascades FF with having a dirty apartment; sentence 3d SC. ⁵ |
| 7 February 1852 | Charged at Cascades FF with having a dirty apartment; sentence 2d SC. ⁵ |
| 9 February 1852 | Charged at Cascades FF with using profane language; sentence 3d SC. ⁵ |
| 18 March 1852 | Charged at Cascades FF with talking in separate apartment; sentence 3d bread & water. ⁵ |

^a Date given as 28 February 1849 on Irish transportation register.

^b Gaol report stated once before convicted.

^c Age given as 21y on *Australasia* sick list.

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| 26 April 1852 | Charged at Cascades FF with disorderly conduct; sentence 2d bread & water. ⁵ |
| 28 May 1852 | Charged at Cascades FF with having tobacco; sentence 3d SC. ⁵ |
| 10 July 1852 | Charged at Cascades FF with being noisy in the ward; sentence 3d SC. ⁵ |
| 31 July 1852 | Charged at Cascades FF with being noisy at work; sentence 2d bread & water & dismissed from watch. ⁵ |
| 19 August 1852 | Charged at Cascades FF with using profane language; sentence not known. ⁵ |
| 11 September 1852 | To George H Anderson, Elizabeth St, Hobart. ⁶ |
| 15 September 1852 | Absconded from the service of Mrs George H Anderson, Elizabeth St, Hobart. ⁸ |
| 22 September 1852 | Tried at Hobart PC charged with being absent without leave from the service of George H Anderson, Elizabeth St, Hobart from 16 September until 21 September; sentence 18m HL, Cascades FF. ⁹ |
| 8 December 1853 | To Alexander Reid, Bothwell. ⁶ |
| 11 January 1854 | To Duncan McRae, Bothwell. ⁶ |
| 26 January 1854 | Tried at Bothwell PC, brought up from 24 January on remand, charged with having been absent without leave from the premises of her master Duncan McRae all night on 23 January last; admonished. ¹⁰ |
| 27 January 1854 | Tried at Bothwell PC charged with falsely accusing her mistress Mrs Duncan McRae of improperly detaining a sovereign, her property, on 24 January last; sentence 3m HL. ¹⁰ |
| 28 January 1854 | Sent to Cascades FF from Bothwell PO. ¹⁰ |
| 4 February 1854 | To Cascades FF, Hobart. ⁶ |
| 24 February 1854 | Charged at Cascades FF with behaving in a disorderly manner on returning from chapel; sentence 14d strict separate treatment, 1 st 3d on bread & water, & punishment dress. ¹¹ |
| 3 March 1854 | Charged at Cascades FF with insolence on being removed from her cell; sentence 48h SC. ¹¹ |
| 29 April 1854 | To Ross FF. ⁶ |
| 6 May 1854 | To John Harvey, Oatlands. ⁶ |
| 21 June 1854 | Tried at Oatlands PC charged by her mistress Mrs Thomas Nichols with insolence; sentence 6m HL. ¹² |
| 23 June 1854 | To Ross FF, then to Launceston FF. ⁶ |
| 15 October 1854 ^d | Illegitimate daughter Matilda Carmody born at Ross FF; father William Baker; baptised 30 October 1854 at Ross FF; sponsor Mary Geoghan. ¹³ |
| 6 June 1855 | To Cascades FF, Hobart. ⁶ |
| 4 February 1856 | To Launceston Gaol, then to Francis McShean, Broadmarsh. ⁶ |
| 27 February 1856 | Free by servitude. |
| 28 March 1856 | Certificate of Freedom collected. ⁶ |
| 21 April 1856 | Married as 30y, widow, to Murtagh Connell (<i>Hyderabad</i> 3), 35y, widower, ^e at St Mark's CE Church, Pontville; witnesses Mary Pithouse & Alfred Thrupp. ¹⁴ |
| 16 January 1857 ^f | Son James Connell, labourer's child, born at Black Brush; baptised 8 February at St Joseph's RC Church, Hobart; sponsors John Wooton & Bridget Wooton. ¹⁵ |
| 10 February 1857 | Husband Murtagh Connell, appeared at Brighton PC on summons for misconduct in the hired service of Edward Chaplin for absenting himself without permission from his engagement; witnesses Edward Chaplin & Edward Hurley; to pay a penalty of £1 in default 14 HL; costs 7/6 remitted. ¹⁶ |
| 7 May 1858 ^g | Daughter Catherine Connell, labourer's child, born at Marsh Paddock near Deloraine; baptised 30 May in parish of Holy Trinity RC Church, Westbury; sponsors Patrick Murphy & Mary Keane. ¹⁷ |

^d Date given as 16 October 1854 on baptism record.

^e But see entry for 13 June 1859.

^f Date given as 13 January 1857 on baptism record.

- 13 June 1859 Enquiry dated 6 April 1859 from Mary Connell of Kerry, Ireland re husband Murtagh Connell sent to CG.¹⁸
- 14 October 1859ⁱ **Daughter** Sarah Connell, labourer's child, born at *Retreat Farm* near Deloraine; baptised 15 November in parish of Holy Trinity RC Church, Westbury; sponsors Edward Tobin & Frances Deff.¹⁹
- 10 August 1861 **Daughter** Julia Connell, farmer's child, born at Deloraine.²⁰
- 12 January 1862 **Died** of epilepsy at Golden Valley, 30y, farmer's wife.²¹
- 2 September 1862 Husband Murtagh Connell, applied for admission of daughters, Catherine, Sarah & Julia, to Queen's Orphanage, New Town (Catherine & Sarah admitted 13 September).²²



⁸ Date given as 18 April 1858 on baptism record.

^h Mary Carmody's name was given as Mary Ann Keane, so the sponsor Mary Keane may have been a relative. Mary's maiden name was supposedly Cain according to the Queen's Orphanage application.

ⁱ Date given as 7 October 1859 on baptism record.

^j Date given as 24 September 1862 in *Report of Royal Commission into Charitable Institutions*.

References

- ¹ AOT, CON 41/24 *Australasia* No.1001 (Mary Carmody); AOT, CON 19/8 *Australasia* (Mary Carmody); AOT, CON 15/6 *Australasia* No.23 (Mary Carmody); NAI, Prisons 1/9/4 No.1706 (Mary Carmody); NAI, TR9 p.11 (Mary Carmody)
- ² NAI, Prisons 1/9/4 No.1706 (Mary Carmody)
- ³ AJCP, ADM 101/6 *Australasia* Sick List (Mary Carmody)
- ⁴ AOT, CON 30/2 p.303 (Mary Carmody)
- ⁵ AOT, CON 138/1 (Mary Carmody)
- ⁶ AOT, CON 41/24 *Australasia* No.1001 (Mary Carmody)
- ⁷ *Hobart Town Gazette*, 6 January 1852 p.8 (Mary Carmody)
- ⁸ *Hobart Town Gazette*, 28 September 1852 p.789 (Mary Carmody)
- ⁹ AOT, LC 251/2 (Mary Carmody)
- ¹⁰ AOT, LC 49/2 pp.631 & 634 (Mary Ann Carmody)
- ¹¹ AL&MFA, Beattie Papers, Record Book Women's Punishments 1852–1854, p.38 (Mary Carmody)
- ¹² AOT, LC 390/3 (Mary Carmody)
- ¹³ AOT, RGD 33/32 1854/175 Campbell Town (Matilda Carmody); AOT, NS 1052/13 p.61 No.51 (Mary Ann Carmody)
- ¹⁴ AOT, RGD 37/15 1856/16 Brighton (Murty Connell & Mary Carmody)
- ¹⁵ AOT, RGD 33/35 1857/60 Brighton (James Connell); AOT, NS 1052/9 p.5 (James Connell)
- ¹⁶ AOT, LC 53/5 p.455 (Murtagh Connell)
- ¹⁷ AOT, RGD 33/36 1858/302 Deloraine (Kate Connell); AOT, NS 1052/14 1858 No.54 (Catherine Connell)
- ¹⁸ AOT, GO 121 (Murty Connell)
- ¹⁹ AOT, RGD 33/37 1859/466 Deloraine (Sally Connell); AOT, NS 1052/15 1859 No.114 (Serah Connell)
- ²⁰ AOT, RGD 33/39 1861/816 Deloraine (Julia Connell)
- ²¹ AOT, RGD 35/31 1862/515 Westbury (Mary OConnell)
- ²² AOT, SWD 26/5 (Catherine, Sarah & Julia Connor)