

*Mary Coogan*¹
(*uxor Mary Topham*)

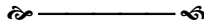
<i>Place Tried</i> Co. Kildare	<i>Date Tried</i> 11 March 1849 ^a
<i>Offence</i> stealing table cloths ^b	<i>Sentence</i> 7 years
<i>Prosecutor</i> unknown, Co. Kildare	<i>Previous Convictions</i> 3 – stealing clothes (4m), stealing cabbage (3m)
<i>Gaol Report</i> quiet	<i>Surgeon's Report</i> good
<i>Station of Gang</i> not stated	<i>Class</i> 3 rd from 31 March 1850
<i>Religion</i> Roman Catholic	<i>Literacy</i> read
<i>Marital Status</i> widow, single	<i>Trade</i> laundress, servant, country servant
<i>Age</i> 22	<i>Native Place</i> Co. Kildare
<i>Height</i> 5' 1¾", 5'	<i>Complexion</i> fair
<i>Head</i> round	<i>Hair</i> black
<i>Visage</i> round	<i>Forehead</i> high
<i>Eyebrows</i> black	<i>Eyes</i> light hazel
<i>Nose</i> short, thick	<i>Mouth</i> small
<i>Chin</i> small	<i>Marks</i> none
<i>Family</i> father James; mother Catherine; brother Peter; sisters Biddy, Margaret, Catherine & Anne; son William (5m, on board)	
16 April 1849	Received at Grangegorman Depot, Dublin at 10am with son William Coogan, born 15 April 1849. ²
12 August 1849	Put on <i>Australasia</i> sick list for dysentery (off 21 August, cured). ³
11 January 1850	Son William Coogan, 8m, died of whooping cough at Dynnyrne Nursery, Hobart. ⁴
9 July 1850	Application for permission to marry Joseph Rodgers (<i>Equestrian</i> 2); refused, 'the female refusing to marry the man'. ⁵
24 September 1850	Tried at Hobart PC charged by her master Robert Henry, Government Domain with disobedience of orders in refusing to work on 23 September; sentence 1m HL, Cascades FF. ⁶
9 August 1851	Application for permission to marry John Topham, FS (<i>Surrey</i> 3) (approved 19 August). ⁷
8 September 1851	Married as 23y, spinster, to John Topham, 37y, miller, at St George's CE Church, Battery Point; witnesses Thomas Wwyman & Sarah Wwyman. ⁸
22 January 1853	Daughter Sarah Topham born in Brighton district. ⁹
3 August 1853	Daughter Sarah Topham, 6m 12d, died of scarlet fever in Brighton district; buried in Kempton Congregational Cemetery. ¹⁰
13 September 1854	Mustered in Bothwell district. ¹¹
6 November 1854	Son John Topham, miller's child, born at Thorpe Mill, Bothwell district. ¹²
3 December 1855	Son Henry Topham, miller's child, born at Thorpe Mill, Bothwell district. ¹³
11 March 1856	Free by servitude.
17 May 1857	Daughter Sarah Topham, farmer's child, born at Cascade Rd, Hobart. ¹⁴
12 November 1876	Daughter Sarah Topham married John Shields at St David's Cathedral, Hobart. ¹⁵
3 January 1877	Husband John Topham, 72 or 74y, labourer, died of cancer at his residence 115 Davey St, Hobart. ¹⁶
18 July 1885	Son John Topham married Harriet Madeline Brown at Hobart. ¹⁷

^a Date given as 11 April 1849 on Irish transportation register.

^b Mary stated her offence as 'pledging clothes', Irish transportation register gave offence as larceny and gaol report stated 'stealing table cloths'. She was transported for stealing table cloths.

3 September 1893

Died of heart attack & dropsy at her daughter's residence, South Glenorchy, 67y, widow; buried at 3pm on 5 September in St John's Cemetery, Hobart.¹⁸



References

- ¹ AOT, CON 41/24 *Australasia* No.1018 (Mary Coogan); AOT, CON 19/8 *Australasia* (Mary Cogan); AOT, CON 15/6 *Australasia* No.40 (Mary Coogan); NAI, Prisons 1/9/4 No.1780 (Mary Coogan); NAI, TR9 p.40 (Mary Coogan)
- ² NAI, Prisons 1/9/4 No.1780 (Mary Coogan)
- ³ AJCP, ADM 101/6 *Australasia* Sick List Case No.9 (Mary Coogan)
- ⁴ AOT, RGD 35/2 1850/2887 Hobart (William Coogan)
- ⁵ AOT, CON 52/3 p.380 (Joseph Rodgers & Mary Coogan)
- ⁶ AOT, LC 251/2 (Mary Coogan)
- ⁷ AOT, CON 52/4 (John Topham & Mary Coghin); AOT, CON 52/3 p.456 (John Topham & Mary Coogan)
- ⁸ AOT, RGD 37/10 1851/289 Hobart (John Topham & Mary Coghlin)
- ⁹ AOT, RGD 33/31 1853/41 Brighton (Sarah Topham)
- ¹⁰ AOT, RGD 35/22 1853/27 Brighton (Sarah Topham); <http://eheritage.statelibrary.tas.gov.au/Resources ID=11534> (Sarah Topham)
- ¹¹ AOT, CON 41/24 *Australasia* No.1018 (Mary Coogan)
- ¹² AOT, RGD 33/32 1854/40 Bothwell (John Topham)
- ¹³ AOT, RGD 33/34 1856/2 Bothwell (Henry Topham)
- ¹⁴ AOT, RGD 33/6 1857/528 Hobart (female Topham)
- ¹⁵ AOT, RGD 37/35 1876/182 Hobart (John Shields & Sarah Topham)
- ¹⁶ AOT, RGD 35/9 1877/185 Hobart (John Topham); *The Mercury*, 22 January 1877 p.4 col.1 (John Topham snr)
- ¹⁷ AOT, RGD 37/44 1885/547 Hobart (John Topham & Harriet Madeline Brown)
- ¹⁸ AOT, RGD 35/14 1893/585 Hobart (Mary Topham); *The Mercury*, 5 September 1893 p.1 col.1 (Mary Topham)