

*Mary Cooley*¹
(uxor Mary Blackham, Mary Gale)

<i>Place Tried</i> Co. Clare	<i>Date Tried</i> 27 February 1849 ^a
<i>Offence</i> killing & stealing sheep	<i>Sentence</i> 10 years
<i>Prosecutor</i> John McMahon, Co. Clare	<i>Previous Convictions</i> none
<i>Gaol Report</i> very good	<i>Surgeon's Report</i> quiet
<i>Station of Gang</i> Anson	<i>Class</i> 3 rd from 13 February 1850
<i>Other Information</i> tried & convicted with Judith Beaky (<i>qv</i>) & Margaret Coy (<i>qv</i>)	

<i>Religion</i> Roman Catholic	<i>Literacy</i> neither read nor write
<i>Marital Status</i> married	<i>Trade</i> housemaid
<i>Age</i> 28	<i>Native Place</i> Co. Clare
<i>Height</i> 4' 11¼", 4' 10½"	<i>Complexion</i> sallow, freckled; dark
<i>Head</i> small	<i>Hair</i> black, brown
<i>Visage</i> oval	<i>Forehead</i> high
<i>Eyebrows</i> black	<i>Eyes</i> light hazel
<i>Nose</i> short	<i>Mouth</i> medium
<i>Chin</i> medium	<i>Marks</i> none
<i>Family</i> husband Michael (in hospital at Ennis); brothers Michael & John; sisters Margaret (prisoner on board ^b) & Peggy	

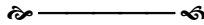
27 March 1849	Received at Grangegorman Depot, Dublin at 10pm. ²
2 January 1852	To Brickfields Hiring Depot, Hobart. ³
3 May 1852	To John Davidson, New Town. ³
20 July 1852	To Brickfields Hiring Depot, Hobart. ³
24 July 1852	To Robert Ryan, Sandy Bay. ³
20 November 1852	To Cascades FF, Hobart. ³
24 November 1852	To J Sissons, Campbell St, Hobart, then to Cascades FF. ³
7 December 1852	To Hobart Hospital. ³
31 December 1852	To Cascades FF, Hobart. ³
3 January 1853	To John Hambrook, Collins St, Hobart. ³
11 March[?] 1853	To Cascades FF, Hobart. ³
19 April 1853	To Samuel Barnett, Collins St, Hobart. ³
22 April 1853	To Cascades FF, then to John McConnell, Collins St, Hobart. ³
9 May 1853	To Cascades FF, Hobart. ³
12 May 1853	To William Jarvis, Liverpool St, Hobart. ³
4 July 1853	Witness at marriage of Margaret Beaky (<i>qv</i>) & Peter Troy at Hobart. ⁴
2 August 1853	Ticket-of-Leave granted. ³
15 November 1853	Application for permission to marry Samuel Cushon, free; will be recommended if clergyman is satisfied. ⁵
28 November 1853	Application for permission to marry Matthew Blackham, free ^c (approved 30 November). ⁶
26 December 1853	Married as full age, widow, to Matthew Blackham, 43y, proprietor, at St George's CE Church, Battery Point; witnesses William Hicks & Ann Hicks (nee Behan, <i>qv</i>). ⁷
10 June 1854	Husband Matthew Blackham, 54y, labourer, died of paralysis at Hobart Hospital. ⁸

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

^b This is likely to have been Margaret Coy (*qv*).

^c This may have been the convict Matthew Blackham transported on the *Competitor* in 1823.

11 July 1854	Application for permission to marry Edward Keely (<i>Waverley</i>); enquiries to be made as to her former husband. ⁹
24 October 1854	Recommended for Conditional Pardon. ³
25 October 1854	Application for permission to marry Henry Gale, FS (<i>Stratheden</i>); inquiries to be made (approved 15 November). ¹⁰
11 December 1854	Married as 30y, widow, to Henry Gale, 32y, hawker, at St George's CE Church, Battery Point; witnesses John Glinlin & Bridget Welsh. ¹¹
14 August 1855	Conditional Pardon approved (issued at Hobart 7 September). ¹²
27 February 1859	Free by servitude. ¹³
18 July 1862	Certificate of Freedom collected. ³
24 November 1863	Charged at 12:15pm at New Norfolk PO with being of unsound state of mind, no residence; discharged 28 November at Hobart, no sentence. ¹⁴
13 February 1864	Patient at Hobart Hospital. ¹⁵
5 March 1864	Admitted to New Norfolk Insane Asylum for amentia, 50y, labourer's wife, of Hobart. ¹⁵
8 January 1865	Died of disease of the brain at New Norfolk Insane Asylum, 51y, pauper. ^{15,16}



References

- ¹ AOT, CON 41/24 *Australasia* No.998 (Mary Cooley); AOT, CON 19/8 *Australasia* (Mary Cooley); AOT, CON 15/6 *Australasia* No.20 (Mary Cooley); NAI, Prisons 1/9/4 No.1683 (Mary Cooley); NAI, TR9 p.10 (Mary Cooley)
- ² NAI, Prisons 1/9/4 No.1683 (Mary Cooley)
- ³ AOT, CON 41/24 *Australasia* No.998 (Mary Cooley)
- ⁴ AOT, RGD 37/12 1853/416 Hobart (Mary Cooley)
- ⁵ AOT, CON 52/6 (Samuel Cushon & Mary Cooley)
- ⁶ AOT, CON 52/6 (Mathew Blackham & Mary Cooley)
- ⁷ AOT, RGD 37/12 1853/539 Hobart (Matthew Blackham & Mary Cooley)
- ⁸ AOT, RGD 35/4 1854/1355 Hobart (Mathew Blackham)
- ⁹ AOT, CON 52/7 p.237 (Edward Keely & Mary Cooley)
- ¹⁰ AOT, CON 52/7 p.155 (Henry Gale & Mary Cooley)
- ¹¹ AOT, RGD 37/13 1854/498 Hobart (Henry Gale & Mary Cooley)
- ¹² AOT, CON 56/2 No.1429 (Mary Cooley)
- ¹³ SWD 36/1 pp.1–2 No.10 (Mary Cooley *uxor* Gale)
- ¹⁴ AOT, POL 510/1 (Mary Cooley)
- ¹⁵ AOT, HSD 247/1 No.416 (Mary Cooley); AOT, HSD 285/4 No.416 (Mary Cooley)
- ¹⁶ AOT, RGD 35/34 1865/333 New Norfolk (Mary Cooley); AOT, HSD 52/2 p.55 (Mary Cooley)