

*Mary Donovan 1<sup>st</sup>*  
(*uxor Mary Borthwick*)

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| POLICE NUMBER 296 <sup>1</sup>                          | LITERACY neither read nor write |
| TRIAL DATE 1 March 1841                                 | AGE ON EMBARKATION 20           |
| TRIAL PLACE Central Criminal Court (Old Bailey), London | AGE ON ARRIVAL 21               |
| OFFENCE larceny—receiving a jacket                      | HEIGHT 5' 3½"                   |
| SENTENCE 7 years                                        | COMPLEXION ruddy                |
| GAOL REPORT poor, single                                | HEAD oval                       |
| PREVIOUS CONVICTIONS none                               | HAIR brown                      |
| SURGEON'S REPORT good                                   | VISAGE long                     |
| ON THE TOWN 2 weeks                                     | FOREHEAD medium                 |
| MARITAL STATUS single                                   | EYEBROWS brown                  |
| CHILDREN 0                                              | EYES hazel                      |
| FAMILY                                                  | NOSE long, thin                 |
| NATIVE PLACE County Cork, Ireland                       | MOUTH medium                    |
| TRADE ON EMBARKATION                                    | CHIN medium                     |
| TRADE ON ARRIVAL farm servant, milk, butter, wash, iron | MARKS rather stout              |

c1820

**Born** at Fermoy, County Cork, Ireland.<sup>2</sup>

1 March 1841

Tried at the Central Criminal Court (Old Bailey), London, England with Matilda Everdon<sup>3</sup> indicted for stealing on 4 March 1841<sup>4</sup> 1 jacket value 14 shillings and 1 crown piece, the property of David May; found guilty; sentence 7 years transportation; aged 20.<sup>5</sup>

Statement of witness David May:

*I am a sailor, belonging to a collier, which laid at Towertier. I had been three days in town—I went home at one o'clock in the morning, and fell in with Donovan, in the highway—I went home with her, and Everdon was sitting in the room—I had a crown-piece and a few shillings in my jacket pocket—I went to bed with Everdon, and gave her 18d.—I put my jacket on the bed—Donovan was down stairs in the other room—I went to bed at four o'clock—when I awoke, they had absconded, and my money was gone, with my jacket—I went to the station, got an officer, went to different public-houses, and found the prisoners sitting in a public-house in Back, both together—I gave them into custody.<sup>5</sup>*

Statement of witness John Ashby:

*I am a pawnbroker. I took this jacket in pawn of Donovan, about eleven o'clock in the morning—Everdon was with her at the time.<sup>5</sup>*

Statement of witness Frederick Picard:

*I am a policeman. I took the prisoner in charge—the duplicate of the jacket was put back into the prosecutor's pocket, and—I received it from him—Donovan said she had pawned the jacket—a waiter gave me 8s., which Everdon gave to him—he is not here.<sup>5</sup>*

Statement of witness David May:

*David May re-examined. When I was looking for the money in my pocket, as I was putting my clothes on, I found the duplicate in the pocket.<sup>5</sup>*

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<sup>1</sup> TAHO, CON40/1/4 p.33 No.296 [image 37] (Mary Donovan); TAHO, CON19/1/1 p.191 [image 99] (Mary Donovan (1)); ML, CY 1282 p.146 (Mary Donovan (1)); ML, CY 1197 p.153 (Mary Donovan); ML, CY 958 p.441 (Mary Donovan)

<sup>2</sup> TAHO, CON19/1/1 p.191 [image 99] (Mary Donovan (1)); TAHO, CON105/1/2 No.5596 (Mary Donovan)

<sup>3</sup> Matilda, aged 21, was also found guilty and sentenced to 7 years transportation but does not appear to have been transported to Tasmania.

<sup>4</sup> As this date is after the date of the trial, it may be incorrect or the date of trial given may be the first day of proceedings and Mary's case may have been heard after 4 March.

<sup>5</sup> *Old Bailey Proceedings Online*, t18410301-911 (Mary Donovan & Matilda Everdon)

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Statement of defendant Mary Donovan:

*I met the prosecutor, and another man, and two young women – he took hold of me, and said, “This is my countrywoman” – he came into my house – Everdon was sitting there – they had some drink, and went up stairs together – Everdon called me up, and said in his presence, “You take this man’s jacket down till the morning,” and in the morning she asked me to pawn it, which I did, and gave her the ticket.<sup>5</sup>*

Statement of defendant Matilda Everdon:

*Donovan fetched the prosecutor in doors – he went up-stairs with me – I called this woman up to leave the jacket till the morning.<sup>5</sup>*

- 5 April 1841 Departed Woolwich, England on the *Rajah*.<sup>6</sup>
- 19 July 1841 Arrived at Hobart on the *Rajah*.<sup>6</sup>
- c24 July 1841 Upon arrival at Hobart, sent to Launceston for assignment.<sup>7</sup>
- 10 September 1841 Charged with admitting a man into a lodging room of her master Mr Archer at midnight; sentence 6 months in the Crime Class at Launceston Female Factory.<sup>8</sup>
- 31 December 1841 Mustered in the service of Mr Herbert, Launceston.<sup>9</sup>
- 11 April 1842 At Launceston.<sup>8</sup>
- 8 March 1843 **Daughter** Eliza Donovan, illegitimate, born at Launceston Female Factory; mother Mary Donovan, prisoner; informant Robert Pearson, Superintendent of Launceston Female Factory.<sup>10</sup>
- 8 August 1844 Classified as a 3<sup>rd</sup> class probation pass-holder; gazetted 9 August.<sup>11</sup>
- 5 October 1844 Ticket of Leave granted; gazetted 8 October.<sup>12</sup>
- 21 October 1844 Charged with misconduct; sentence 2 months hard labour at Cascades Female Factory, Hobart.<sup>8</sup>
- Newspaper report:  
*Jane Dogherty,<sup>13</sup> and Mary Donovan, both T.L., and both representing themselves to be free, while at “high jinks” in a public-house, were each sent to the washtub at the Factory for two months; and Agnes Mosely, making up a nice little trio, in the same party, was sent to the same domicile for one month.<sup>14</sup>*
- 14 December 1844 Ticket of Leave granted; gazetted 17 December.<sup>15</sup>
- 21 December 1844 Paid out 2 shillings 3 pence from savings bank account No.2 held by the Government on behalf of convicts.<sup>16</sup>
- 27 January 1845 Charged with being in a disorderly house after hours in bed with a man; sentence 3 months hard labour at Cascades Female Factory, Hobart, and Ticket of Leave suspended.<sup>8</sup>
- 22 March 1845 Daughter Eliza Donovan admitted to the Queen’s Orphan Schools, New Town, aged 2, Roman Catholic, mother Mary Donovan.<sup>17</sup>
- 21 June 1845 Charged with being drunk; sentence 2 months hard labour at Cascades Female Factory, Hobart.<sup>8</sup>
- 17 September 1845 Charged with misconduct; sentence 14 days hard labour at Cascades Female Factory, Hobart.<sup>8</sup>

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<sup>6</sup> AJCP, ADM 101/63 *Rajah*

<sup>7</sup> ML, CY 1282 p.141 (Mary Donovan); ML, CY 1274 p.255 (Mary Donovan)

<sup>8</sup> TAHO, CON40/1/4 p.33 No.296 [image 37] (Mary Donovan)

<sup>9</sup> AJCP, HO 10/51 p.358 No.296 (Mary Donovan)

<sup>10</sup> TAHO, RGD33/1/23 1843/1388 Launceston (female Donovan)

<sup>11</sup> *Hobart Town Gazette*, 9 August 1844 p.945 (Mary Donovan 296)

<sup>12</sup> *Hobart Town Gazette*, 8 October 1844 p.1276 (Mary Donovan 296)

<sup>13</sup> This may be shipmate Agnes Dogherty (*qv*) as there was no convict Jane Dogherty and Agnes used this name (see her inquest).

<sup>14</sup> *Colonial Times*, 22 October 1844 p.3 (Mary Donovan)

<sup>15</sup> *Hobart Town Gazette*, 17 December 1844 p.1514 (Mary Donovan 2<sup>nd</sup> 296). The *Hobart Town Gazette* erroneously referred to Mary Donovan 2<sup>nd</sup>.

<sup>16</sup> TAHO, CON73/1/1 p.362 (Mary Donovan)

<sup>17</sup> Purtscher, *Children in Queen’s Orphanage Hobart Town 1828–1863* (Eliza Donovan); TAHO, SWD28/1/1 p.25 (Eliza Donovan)

- 18 November 1845 Charged with having in her possession a mould for coining; committed for trial,<sup>18</sup> held at Cascades Female Factory, Hobart awaiting trial.<sup>8</sup>
- 14 April 1846 Charged with being in a disorderly house; sentence 4 months hard labour at Cascades Female Factory, Hobart.<sup>8</sup>
- 22 July 1846 Charged with being out after hours and drunk; sentence 1 month hard labour at Cascades Female Factory, Hobart.<sup>8</sup>
- 25 October 1846 Charged with being drunk and out after hours; sentence 2 months hard labour at Cascades Female Factory, Hobart.<sup>8</sup>
- 11 December 1847 Charged with misconduct in being in a brothel; sentence 6 months hard labour at Cascades Female Factory, Hobart.<sup>8</sup>
- 17 December 1847 Ticket of Leave cancelled.<sup>8</sup>
- 22 January 1848 Ticket of Leave revoked for misconduct; gazetted 25 January.<sup>19</sup>
- 1 March 1848 Free by servitude; Certificate of Freedom issued.<sup>8</sup>
- 27 March 1849 Charged at the Police Court, Hobart upon complaint of Constable Perkins with being absent without leave from the service of Mr Moodie, Sandy Bay on 20 March and remaining absent until 26 March; discharged, it appearing she is a free woman not a 3<sup>rd</sup> class probation-passholder; cannot read and write.<sup>20</sup>
- 13 August 1849 Admitted to Hobart Gaol from Hamilton, free by servitude; discharged 20 August.<sup>21</sup>  
c1852 **Married**<sup>22</sup> William Borthwick<sup>23, 24</sup>
- 26 February 1853 **Son** William Borthwick born at New Wharf, Hobart; father William Bottfield, carpenter; informant mother Mary Donnovan, illiterate, resident of New Wharf.<sup>24</sup>
- 14 April 1853 Son William Borthwick died of influenza at Old Wharf, Hobart; aged 7 weeks, father William Bottfield, carpenter; informant mother May Bottfield, illiterate, resident of Old Wharf.<sup>25</sup>
- 15 August 1853 Husband William Borthwick charged at the Police Court, Hobart with misconduct in being out after hours and disturbing the peace; in the service of Goldsmith; sentence 10 days in solitary confinement at the Prisoners' Barracks, Hobart.<sup>26</sup>
- 24 August 1853 Husband William Borthwick returned to the service of Goldsmith, Government Paddock, Hobart.<sup>26</sup>
- 6 September 1853 Husband William Borthwick at the Prisoners' Barracks, Hobart.<sup>26</sup>
- 10 September 1853 Husband William Borthwick hired in private service as a probation pass-holder to T Cruttenden, Prossers Plains.<sup>26</sup>
- 3 October 1853 Charged at the Police Court, Hobart by Constable Joseph Jackson with larceny; remanded to Hobart Gaol till 5 October; aged 31, free by servitude, cannot read or write.<sup>27</sup>
- Admitted to Hobart Gaol from the Police Office, Hobart, free by servitude.<sup>28</sup>
- 5 October 1853 Brought up at the Police Court, Hobart charged as before; remanded till 7 October at Hobart Gaol.<sup>29</sup>

<sup>18</sup> No report of this trial has been found.

<sup>19</sup> *Hobart Town Gazette*, 25 January 1848 p.99 (MaryDonovan)

<sup>20</sup> TAHO, LC251/1/1 (Mary Donovan)

<sup>21</sup> TAHO, GD31/1/2 (Mary Donovan) – this entry may relate to Mary Donovan 2<sup>nd</sup>.

<sup>22</sup> It is possible, but not probable, that shipmate Mary Donovan 2<sup>nd</sup> (*qv*) was the Mary Donovan who married William Borthwick. If so, most of the remaining entries relate to her, not Mary Donovan 1<sup>st</sup> (*qv*). However, it is most likely they relate to Mary Donovan 1<sup>st</sup>.

<sup>23</sup> William Borthwick was transported for 12 years on the *Duchess of Northumberland* in 1843 for stealing £12.10 from a shop; single, striker, aged 21, native place near Newburn, Newcastle upon Tyne; Ticket of Leave 20 April 1850, revoked 23 September 1851 (TAHO, CON33/1/36 No.8647 [image 27] (William Borthwick)).

<sup>24</sup> TAHO, RGD33/1/4 1853/2162 Hobart (William Bottfield)

<sup>25</sup> TAHO, RGD35/1/4 1853/2255 Hobart (William Bottfield)

<sup>26</sup> TAHO, CON33/1/36 No.8647 [image 27] (William Borthwick)

<sup>27</sup> TAHO, LC247/1/22 p.617 (Mary Donovan)

<sup>28</sup> TAHO, GD31/1/2 (Mary Donovan)

<sup>29</sup> TAHO, LC247/1/22 p.620 (Mary Donovan)

- 7 October 1853 Brought up at the Police Court, Hobart by Robert Henry of the Public Works with stealing on 2 October at Hobart 12 palings value 1 penny each, the property of the Crown; remanded till 8 October; free by servitude.<sup>30</sup>  
Eugene McCarthy (*Royal Saxon*) charged with the same offence, remanded; a probation pass-holder.<sup>30</sup>
- 8 October 1853 Brought up at the Police Court, Hobart charged as before with larceny; remanded till 10 October at Hobart Gaol.  
Eugene McCarthy (*Royal Saxon*) brought up and charged as before with larceny; remanded till 10 October at the Prisoners' Barracks, Hobart; free by servitude.<sup>31</sup>
- 10 October 1853 Brought up at the Police Court, Hobart charged as before with feloniously receiving; remanded till 11 October at Hobart Gaol; free by servitude.  
Eugene McCarthy (*Royal Saxon*) brought up and charged as before with larceny in stealing palings; remanded till 11 October at the new Prisoners' Barracks, Hobart; 3<sup>rd</sup> class probation pass-holder.<sup>32</sup>
- 11 October 1853 Brought up at the Police Court, Hobart charged as before; remanded till 12 October at Hobart Gaol.  
Eugene McCarthy (*Royal Saxon*) brought up and charged as before; remanded till 12 October at Hobart Gaol.<sup>33</sup>
- 13 October 1853 At Cascades Female Factory, Hobart.<sup>34</sup>  
Brought up at the Police Court, Hobart charged as before; fully committed for trial.  
Eugene McCarthy (*Royal Saxon*) brought up and charged as before; fully committed for trial.<sup>35</sup>
- 17 October 1853 At Cascades Female Factory, Hobart.<sup>8</sup>
- 20 October 1853 Tried at the Supreme Court, Hobart indicted for receiving 12 palings value 2 shillings well knowing them to be stolen; verdict not guilty.<sup>36</sup>  
Eugene McCarthy (*Royal Saxon*) tried at the Supreme Court, Hobart indicted for stealing 12 palings value 2 shillings, the property of the Queen; verdict not guilty.<sup>36</sup>
- 14 February 1854 Husband William Borthwick re-issued a Ticket of Leave.<sup>26</sup>
- 14 July 1854 Husband William Borthwick granted a Certificate of Freedom.<sup>26</sup>
- 15 July 1854 Daughter Eliza Donovan discharged from the Queen's Orphan Schools, New Town to her mother, now free.<sup>17</sup>
- 20 May 1855 **Son** Thomas Borthwick born at Macquarie Street, Hobart; father William Bothwick, shipwright; informant mother Mary Donovan, illiterate, resident of Macquarie Street, Hobart.<sup>37</sup>
- 24 June 1855 Son Thomas Borthwick baptised at St Joseph's Catholic Church, Hobart; sponsors James Willson and Mary Willson.<sup>38</sup>
- 29 April 1862 Husband William Borthwick charged at the Police Court, Hobart with assaulting Joseph Hurley; fined 40 shillings and costs.<sup>39</sup>
- 14 April 1865 Husband William Borthwick a victim of theft: an old black cloth coat (paletot), pockets inside, a black cloth vest (blue flowered and bound with braid) and a green

<sup>30</sup> TAHO, LC247/1/22 p.622 (Eugene McCarthy & Mary Donovan)

<sup>31</sup> TAHO, LC247/1/23 (Eugene McCarthy & Mary Donovan)

<sup>32</sup> TAHO, LC247/1/22 p.628 (Eugene McCarthy & Mary Donovan)

<sup>33</sup> TAHO, LC247/1/23 (Eugene McCarthy & Mary Donovan)

<sup>34</sup> This entry was erroneously entered on the conduct record of Mary Donovan 2<sup>nd</sup>.

<sup>35</sup> TAHO, LC247/1/23 (Eugene McCarthy & Mary Donovan)

<sup>36</sup> TAHO, SC41/1/6 No.8 Hobart Town (Eugene McCarthy No.2166 & Mary Donovan No.296)

<sup>37</sup> TAHO, RGD33/1/6 1855/17 Hobart (male Bothwick)

<sup>38</sup> TAHO, NS1052/1/8 p.273 (Thomas Bothwick)

<sup>39</sup> *Mercury*, 30 April 1862 p.3 (William Borthwick)

- merino frock (slate-coloured lining, trimmed with black velvet, green braid round the bottom, fastens in front) stolen from his house at Lower Collins Street, Hobart.<sup>40</sup>
- 8 April 1867 Charged at the Police Court, Latrobe with being drunk and incapable at Latrobe on 6 April; plea guilty; fined 10 shillings, paid; free by servitude, aged 50.<sup>41</sup>
- 10 June 1873 Charged<sup>42</sup> at the Police Court, Hobart by Constable Burke with disturbing the public peace on 9 June in a public street in Hobart; plea guilty; fined 10/6, or in default 14 days imprisonment.<sup>43</sup>
- 24 July 1873 Charged at the Police Court, Hobart by Constable Meredyth with disturbing the public peace in a public street in Hobart on 23 July; plea guilty; fined 10/6, or in default 14 days imprisonment.<sup>44</sup>
- 7 August 1873 Charged at the Police Court, Hobart by Constable Walker with being drunk and incapable of taking care of herself in a public street in Hobart on 6 August; plea guilty; fined 5 shillings, or in default 7 days imprisonment.<sup>45</sup>
- 9 January 1874 Charged at the Police Court, Hobart by Constable Mitchell with being drunk and disorderly in a public street in Hobart on 8 January; plea guilty; fined 5 shillings, or in default 7 days imprisonment at Cascades House of Correction, Hobart.  
Description: free by servitude, Roman Catholic, aged 57, 5', complexion florid, head large, hair grey, visage round, forehead low, eyebrows grey, eyes blue, nose large, mouth large, chin large, native place Fermoy, County Cork, Ireland.<sup>46</sup>
- 11 May 1874 Son Thomas Borthwick charged at the Police Court, Hobart by Constable Meredyth with disturbing the public peace in a public street in Hobart on 10 May; plea not guilty; fined 5 shillings and to pay costs 1 shilling, or in default 7 days imprisonment; paid.<sup>47</sup>  
Statement of witness George Meredyth:  
*I am a Constable in the City Force. About 9 am yesterday I was aroused from my sleep by the noise of some boys in the street in front of where I live. It is Francis Street Old Wharf. I dressed myself and went out I then saw the defendant and other boys in that street. I saw defendant pelting stones at some horses that were in the water there. He was getting and making a gross noise and causing a great disturbance of the public peace. I brought him to the watch house.*  
*I saw you throw stones I saw you do so when I was at my window and from my door, and again after that. The defendant is known to me, he is a very troublesome boy. He was using obscene language.<sup>47</sup>*
- 2 October 1874 Charged at the Police Court, Hobart by Constable Peterson with using obscene language in a public street in Hobart on 1 October; plea guilty; fined 20/6, or in default 1 month imprisonment; paid.<sup>48</sup>
- 9 March 1875 Son Thomas Borthwick charged at the Police Court, Hobart by Constable Adams with using obscene language in a public street in Hobart on 9 March; plea guilty; sentence 14 days hard labour.<sup>49</sup>
- 23 March 1875 Charged at the Police Court, Hobart by Constable Adams with being drunk and disorderly on 22 March; plea guilty; fined 5 shillings, or in default 7 days imprisonment.<sup>50</sup>

<sup>40</sup> *Tasmanian Police Gazette*, 21 April 1865 p.61 (William Borthwick)

<sup>41</sup> TAHO, LC328/1/1 p.885 (Mary Bothwick)

<sup>42</sup> Charged also, by Constable Jackson, were Ann Smith, free by servitude, Ellen Conway, free by servitude, and Eliza Kelly, free by servitude.

<sup>43</sup> TAHO, LC247/1/34, 10 June 1873 (Mary Donovan, Ann Smith, Ellen Conway & Eliza Kelly)

<sup>44</sup> TAHO, LC247/1/34, 24 July 1873 (Mary Donovan)

<sup>45</sup> TAHO, LC247/1/34, 7 August 1873 (Mary Donovan)

<sup>46</sup> TAHO, CON105/1/2 No.5596 (Mary Donovan); TAHO, LC247/1/34 9 January 1874 (Mary Donovan)

<sup>47</sup> TAHO, LC247/1/34, 11 May 1874 (Thomas Borthwick)

<sup>48</sup> TAHO, LC247/1/34, 1 October 1874 (Mary Donovan)

<sup>49</sup> TAHO, LC247/1/34, 9 March 1875 (Thomas Borthwick)

<sup>50</sup> TAHO, LC247/1/34, 23 March 1875 (Mary Donovan)

- 17 April 1876 Son Thomas Borthwick charged at the Police Court, Hobart by Constable Connor with stealing a clock value 7 shillings, the property of Rachael Thompson; remanded till 20 April; native of Tasmania, aged over 20 years.<sup>51</sup>
- 20 April 1876 Son Thomas Borthwick brought up at the Police Court, Hobart charged as before; plea not guilty; remanded till next Tuesday.<sup>52</sup>
- 25 April 1876 Son Thomas Borthwick brought up at the Police Court, Hobart charged as before; discharged vide evidence filed away.<sup>53</sup>
- 9 June 1876 Son Thomas Borthwick charged at the Police Court, Hobart with larceny; sentence 2 months imprisonment at Campbell Street Gaol, Hobart; discharged week ending 16 August 1876.  
Description: 5' 1½", black hair, born Tasmania, free, two moles near left temple.<sup>54</sup>
- 16 May 1877 Son Thomas Borthwick charged at the Police Court, Hobart with driving a car along Sandy Bay Road on Sunday evening without having 2 lights on the vehicle, as required by law; fined 5 shillings and costs, or in default 1 week imprisonment.<sup>55</sup>
- 4 November 1879 Son Thomas Borthwick charged at the Police Court, Hobart with unlawfully and maliciously wounding a horse at Hobart on 22 October, the property of P Baker; discharged vide evidence filed away.  
Description: aged 25, 5' 4½", dark brown hair, grey eyes (squints), sallow complexion, long features.<sup>56</sup>
- 13 March 1880 Son Thomas Borthwick charged at the Police Court, Hobart by Constable Ellis with using obscene language in a public street in Hobart on 13 March; plea guilty; fined 10/6, or in default 14 days imprisonment at Campbell Street Gaol, Hobart, imprisoned; native of Tasmania.<sup>57</sup>
- 4 September 1880 Son Thomas Borthwick charged at the Police Court, Hobart by Constable Blakeny with throwing stones in a public street in Hobart on 31 August; plea guilty; fined 20/6, or in default 1 month imprisonment at Campbell Street Gaol, Hobart, fine paid; native of Tasmania.<sup>58</sup>
- 29 October 1880 Son Thomas Borthwick charged at the Police Court, Hobart with a breach of the Police Act 1865 in furiously driving; plea not guilty; fined 20/6 and costs 8/6, fine paid.<sup>59</sup>
- 30 December 1880 Charged at the Police Court, Hobart by Constable Burke with being drunk and incapable of taking care of herself in a public street in Hobart on 29 December; plea guilty; fined 5 shillings, or in default 7 days' imprisonment at Campbell Street Gaol, Hobart, imprisoned.<sup>60</sup>
- 3 May 1881 Son Thomas Borthwick charged<sup>61</sup> at the Police Court, Hobart by Constable Morgan with disturbing the public peace in a public street in Hobart on 2 May; plea not guilty; fined 42 shillings and costs 2 shillings, or in default 2 months imprisonment at Campbell Street Gaol, Hobart, fine paid.<sup>62</sup>

Statement of witness James Morgan:

*I am a Constable in the City Police. Between 7 & 8 pm yesterday I saw defendant in company with the other defendants in Melville Street in Hobart. They were using bad language and singing out and shouting and letting off fireworks. I am sure that Borthwick was one of those who did so. He disturbed the public peace. I brought him to the watch house.*

<sup>51</sup> TAHO, LC247/1/34 p.1103 (Thomas Borthwick)

<sup>52</sup> TAHO, LC247/1/34 p.1107 (Thomas Borthwick); *Mercury*, 21 April 1876 p.3 (Thomas Bothwick)

<sup>53</sup> TAHO, LC247/1/34 p.1110 (Thomas Borthwick); *Mercury*, 26 April 1876 p.2 (Thomas Borthwick)

<sup>54</sup> *Tasmanian Police Gazette*, 18 August 1876 p.131 (Thos. Borthwick)

<sup>55</sup> *Mercury*, 17 May 1877 p.2 (Thomas Borthwick)

<sup>56</sup> TAHO, LC247/1/35 p.4 (Thomas Borthwick); *Tasmanian Police Gazette*, 24 October 1879 p.170 (Thomas Borthwick)

<sup>57</sup> TAHO, LC247/1/35 p.126 (Thomas Borthwick)

<sup>58</sup> TAHO, LC247/1/35 p.187 (Thomas Bothwick)

<sup>59</sup> TAHO, LC247/1/35 p.229 (Pedder v. Borthwick)

<sup>60</sup> TAHO, LC247/1/35 p.281 (Mary Donovan)

<sup>61</sup> Also charged were Henry James and Patrick McKay; both pleaded guilty; fined 5/- and 10/6 respectively, fines paid.

<sup>62</sup> TAHO, LC247/1/35 p.383 (Thomas Borthwick, Henry James & Patrick McKay)

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*(Cross-examined) I did not see you let off fireworks. You walked away ...*<sup>62</sup>

Statement of witness Edward Plane:

*I am a Constable and was on duty in Melville Street last evening. I saw defendant there then in company with others they were letting off fireworks & brawling and using bad language. Defendant was shouting and using bad language.*<sup>62</sup>

- 6 February 1882 Letter presented at a meeting of the Hobart City Council written by son Thomas Borthwick requesting a renewal of his car-driver licence which he had been refused owing to a conviction for letting off "crackers"; letter returned, no action taken.<sup>63</sup>
- 5 April 1883 Charged at the Police Court, Hobart by Constable Craig with disturbing the public peace in a public street in Hobart on 4 April; plea guilty; fined 20 shillings, or in default 1 month imprisonment at Campbell Street Gaol, Hobart.<sup>64</sup>
- 23 May 1883 Charged at the Police Court, Hobart by Constable Kirby with being drunk and incapable of taking care of herself in a public street in Hobart on 22 May; plea guilty; fined 10 shillings, or in default 14 days imprisonment at Campbell Street Gaol, Hobart.<sup>65</sup>
- 16 June 1886 Son Thomas Borthwick charged at the Police Court, Hobart with leaving his car unguarded; fined 5 shillings.<sup>66</sup>
- 21 September 1886 Son Thomas Borthwick charged at the Police Court, Hobart with furiously driving his licensed car down Argyle Street at the rate of 14 miles per hour; fined 10 shillings and costs.<sup>67</sup>
- 28 April 1889 Granddaughter Violet Borthwick born at Yardley Street, Hobart; father Thomas Borthwick, mother Catherine McGrath; informant father Thomas Borthwick, groom, resident of 12 Yardley Street, Hobart.<sup>68</sup>
- 5 September 1889 Admitted to New Town Charitable Institution, Hobart from the Hobart district; ship to colony *Rajah*.<sup>69</sup>
- 11 October 1889 Discharged from New Town Charitable Institution, Hobart to her husband, by approval.<sup>69</sup>
- 21 May 1891 **Died** of senile debility at New Town Charitable Institution, Hobart; aged 72, born Ireland, house servant; informant George Richardson, Superintendent, New Town Charitable Institution.<sup>70</sup>
- 23 May 1891 Buried in Roman Catholic Section CC No.64 at Cornelian Bay Cemetery, Hobart; aged 72.<sup>71</sup>
- 14 September 1892 Husband William Borthwick admitted to New Town Charitable Institution, Hobart.<sup>72</sup>
- 21 March 1894 Husband William Borthwick discharged from New Town Charitable Institution, Hobart.<sup>72</sup>
- 28 August 1896 Husband William Borthwick died of senilis at New Town Charitable Institution, Hobart; aged 74, born England, shipwright; informant George Richardson, Superintendent, New Town Charitable Institution.<sup>73</sup>
- 29 August 1896 Husband William Borthwick buried in Anglican Section U No.1 at Cornelian Bay Cemetery, Hobart; aged 74.<sup>74</sup>
- 19 November 1918 Son Thomas Borthwick died at New Town Infirmary, Hobart.<sup>75</sup>

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<sup>63</sup> *Mercury*, 7 February 1882 p.2 (Thomas Borthwick)

<sup>64</sup> TAHO, LC247/1/35 p.957 (Mary Donovan)

<sup>65</sup> TAHO, LC247/1/35 p.999 (Mary Donovan)

<sup>66</sup> *Mercury*, 17 June 1886 p.2 (Thomas Borthwick)

<sup>67</sup> *Mercury*, 22 September 1886 p.2 (Thomas Borthwick)

<sup>68</sup> TAHO, RGD33/1/68 1889/910 Hobart (Violet Borthwick); Gunn & Kippen, 'Household and Family Formation in Nineteenth-Century Tasmania' No.238400 (Violet Borthwick)

<sup>69</sup> *Tasmania Police Gazette*, 18 October 1889 p.168 No.22 (Mary Borthwick)

<sup>70</sup> TAHO, RGD35/1/13 1892/1033 Hobart (Mary Borthwick)

<sup>71</sup> SCRT, *SRCT Record Search* No.8171 (Mary Borshwick)

<sup>72</sup> *Tasmania Police Gazette*, 30 March 1894 p.51 (William Bothwick)

<sup>73</sup> TAHO, RGD35/1/15 1896/883 Hobart (William Bothwick)

<sup>74</sup> SCRT, *SRCT Record Search* No.10677 (William Boswick)

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20 November 1918 Son Thomas Borthwick buried in Anglican Section U No.1 at Cornelian Bay Cemetery, Hobart; aged 64.<sup>76</sup>

**Notes**

- Mary may be the Mary Donovan (*Rajah*) engaged in private service as a probation pass-holder on 4 September 1844 to Hugh Murray, Collins St, Hobart.<sup>77</sup> Alternatively, it may be shipmate Mary Donovan 2<sup>nd</sup> (*qv*).
- Mary may be the Mary Donovan (*Rajah*) engaged in private service as a probation pass-holder on 4 September 1844 to Ann S Clark, Hobart.<sup>78</sup> Alternatively it may be shipmate Mary Donovan 2<sup>nd</sup> (*qv*).
- Mary's daughter Eliza may be the Eliza Donovan who married Samuel Carr on 5 June 1868 at Union Congregational Chapel, Hobart; Eliza aged 25, spinster, illiterate; Samuel aged 37, labourer, bachelor; witnesses RG Gray and William Pratt.<sup>79</sup>

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<sup>75</sup> TAS Death Record 1918/1754 (Thomas Borthwick)

<sup>76</sup> SRCT, *SRCT Record Search* No.20294 (Thomas Borthwick)

<sup>77</sup> *Hobart Town Gazette*, 6 September 1844 p.1087 (Mary Donovan)

<sup>78</sup> *Hobart Town Gazette*, 1 October 1844 p.1205 (Mary Donovan)

<sup>79</sup> TAHO, RGD37/1/27 1868/245 Hobart (Samuel Carr & Eliza Donovan)