

*Margaret Fitzgerald*¹
(uxor Margaret Wood)

<i>Place Tried</i> Co. Kerry	<i>Date Tried</i> 20 March 1849
<i>Offence</i> stealing 3 sheep	<i>Sentence</i> 7 years
<i>Prosecutor</i> O'Donnell, Kerry	<i>Previous Convictions</i> none
<i>Gaol Report</i> middling	<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 sister Johanna Fitzgerald (<i>qv</i>)	

<i>Religion</i> Roman Catholic	<i>Literacy</i> neither read nor write
<i>Marital Status</i> single	<i>Trade</i> country servant
<i>Age</i> 17	<i>Native Place</i> Co. Kerry
<i>Height</i> 4' 8¼", 4' 6"	<i>Complexion</i> fair
<i>Head</i> round	<i>Hair</i> brown, black
<i>Visage</i> round	<i>Forehead</i> medium
<i>Eyebrows</i> brown	<i>Eyes</i> hazel grey
<i>Nose</i> short	<i>Mouth</i> small
<i>Chin</i> small	<i>Marks</i> none
<i>Family</i> brother Edward; sisters Catherine, Mary & Johanna (prisoner on board)	

18 April 1849	Received at Grangegorman Depot, Dublin at 8:30am. ²
29 June 1849	Put on <i>Australasia</i> sick list for a scald (off 13 July, cured). ³
c1852	To Augustus W Parsons, New Town Rd, Hobart. ⁴
23 February 1852	To Brickfields Hiring Depot, then to Charles W Hall, Elizabeth St, Hobart. ⁴
23 March 1852	Contracted as PPH to Charles W Hall, Elizabeth St, Hobart, 12m at £8 pa. ⁵
26 April 1852	To Brickfields Hiring Depot, Hobart. ⁴
28 April 1852	To William G Beaumont, Old Wharf, Hobart. ⁴
25 May 1852	To Brickfields Hiring Depot, Hobart. ⁴
4 June 1852 ^a	Contracted as PPH to Hugh Clarke, Melville St, Hobart, 12m at £8 pa. ⁶
22 July 1852	Tried at Hobart PC charged by her mistress Mrs William G Beaumont, Old Wharf, Hobart with misconduct; discharged to the service of the Crown, her mistress being too unwell to attend to prosecute. ⁷
22 October 1852	To Cascades FF, Hobart. ⁴
26 October 1852	To J Fleneran, Forest Rd, Hobart. ⁴
23 November 1852	Ticket-of-Leave granted. ⁴
8 April 1853	Application for permission to marry William Wood, free ^b (approved 13 April). ⁸
4 May 1853	Married as full age, spinster, to William Wood, full age, farmer, bachelor, at Holy Trinity CE Church, Hobart; witnesses Edward Mercer & Ann Mercer (licence granted 3 May). ⁹
June 1853	Mustered in Huon district, resident with husband on Crown land, Recherche Bay. ¹⁰
18 October 1853	Recommended for Conditional Pardon. ⁴
29 August 1854	Conditional Pardon approved (issued at Hobart 3 March 1855). ¹¹
7 October 1854	Son William Wood, labourer's child, born at New Town. ¹²
20 March 1856	Free by servitude.
6 April 1857	Daughter Mary Jane Wood, farmer's child, born at Oaks. ¹³

^a Date may have been 14 June 1852.

^b There were 34 convicts named William Wood transported to VDL—Margaret's husband could have been one of them.

- 1858 Husband William Wood occupier of agricultural land (4 acres) at Norfolk Plains East.¹⁴
- 9 June 1859 **Son** Henry Wood, farmer's child, born at Oaks.¹⁵
- 17 April 1860 Husband William Wood tried at Deloraine LC charged with being drunk & incapable at Deloraine on 16 April; discharged.¹⁶
- 27 August 1861^c **Died** of phthisis in Launceston district, 30y, labourer's wife.¹⁷



^c This death has not been confirmed, but it is highly likely it is that of *Australasia* convict Margaret Fitzgerald.

References

- ¹ AOT, CON 41/24 *Australasia* No.434 (Margaret Fitzgerald); AOT, CON 19/8 *Australasia* (Margaret Fitzgerald); AOT, CON 15/6 *Australasia* No.74 (Margaret Fitzgerald); NAI, Prisons 1/9/4 No.1823 (Margaret Fitzgerald)
- ² NAI, Prisons 1/9/4 No.1823 (Margaret Fitzgerald)
- ³ AJCP, ADM 101/6 *Australasia* Sick List (M Fitzgerald)
- ⁴ AOT, CON 41/24 *Australasia* No.434 (Margaret Fitzgerald)
- ⁵ AOT, CON 30/1 p.354 (Margaret Fitzgerald)
- ⁶ AOT, CON 30/2 p.259 (Marg Fitzgerald)
- ⁷ AOT, LC 251/2 (Margaret Fitzgerald)
- ⁸ AOT, CON 52/6 (William Wood & Margaret Fitzgerald)
- ⁹ AOT, RGD 37/12 1853/557 Hobart (William Wood & Margaret Fitzgerald); AOT, NS 373/1 No.912 (William Wood & Margaret Fitzgerald)
- ¹⁰ AOT, POL 379/1 p.73 (Margaret Fitzgerald)
- ¹¹ AOT, CON 56/2 No.1249 (Margaret Fitzgerald)
- ¹² AOT, RGD 33/5 1854/1489 Hobart (William Wood)
- ¹³ AOT, RGD 33/35 1857/2073 Westbury (Mary Jane Wood)
- ¹⁴ *Hobart Town Gazette*, 11 May 1858 p.658 (William Wood)
- ¹⁵ AOT, RGD 33/37 1859/2219 Westbury (Henry Wood)
- ¹⁶ AOT, LC 114/1 (William Wood)
- ¹⁷ AOT, RGD 35/30 1861/209 Launceston (Margaret Woods)