

Mary Ann Gaffney
(nee *Mary Ann Wheatley*, uxor *Mary Ann Burge*)

Place Tried Co. Mayo
Offence robbery, stealing £7.1.4
Prosecutor Richard Nicholson, Co. Mayo
Gaol Report quiet
Station of Gang Anson
Other Information tried & convicted with husband
Michael Gaffney

Date Tried 27 December 1848
Sentence 7 years
Previous Convictions none
Surgeon's Report middling
Class 3rd from 18 February 1850

Religion Roman Catholic
Marital Status married
Age 20^a
Height 5' 2", 5' 1"
Head large
Visage oval
Eyebrows dark brown
Nose medium
Chin medium
Family husband Michael Gaffney (sentence 7 years,
transported on the *Lord Auckland* 4²); father
William; mother Bidy; brother William

Literacy neither read nor write
Trade housemaid
Native Place Dublin
Complexion fair
Hair dark brown, brown
Forehead high
Eyes grey
Mouth medium
Marks small scar on centre of forehead

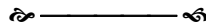
27 December 1848	Husband Michael Gaffney tried at Mayo charged with stealing £7.1.4; sentence 7y transportation. ¹⁰
24 May 1849	Received at Grangegorman Depot, Dublin at 10:30am. ³
15 July 1849	Put on <i>Australasia</i> sick list for obstipation (off 24 July, cured). ⁴
25 August 1849	Put on <i>Australasia</i> sick list for obstipation (off 3 September, cured). ⁴
13 September 1849	Put on <i>Australasia</i> sick list for bronchitis (off 18 September, cured). ⁴
November 1850	1/3 paid into Savings Bank whilst at Cascades FF. ⁵
5 February 1851 ^b	Illegitimate son Nathan Gaffney ^c born at Cascades FF. ⁶
20 February 1851	Application for permission to marry Nathaniel Burge (<i>Marquis of Hastings</i> 2); referred 21 February to Superintendent, Cascades FF (approved 18 March). ⁷
7 April 1851	Married as 21y, spinster, to Nathaniel Burge, 28y, blacksmith, at St George's CE Church, Battery Point; witnesses George Williams & Mary Williams. ⁸
c1853	Son George Burge born. ⁹
29 January 1853	First husband Michael Gaffney, 23y, arrived in VDL, prisoner on the <i>Lord Auckland</i> 4. ¹⁰
1 February 1853	Ticket-of-Leave granted. ¹¹
3 May 1853	Recommended for Conditional Pardon. ¹¹
7 June 1853	Husband Nathaniel Burge granted Conditional Pardon. ¹²
22 October 1853	Ticket-of-Leave revoked for failing to report to district PO in June. ¹³
December 1853	Mustered in Huon district, resident with John D Balfe, California Bay. ¹⁴
June 1854	Mustered in Huon district, resident with Blight, Port Cygnet. ¹⁴
14 November 1854	Conditional Pardon approved (issued at Hobart 15 December). ¹⁵
c1855	Son William Burge born. ²⁶
27 December 1855	Free by servitude.

^a Age given as 19y on Grangegorman prison register.

^b Date given as 2 February 1851 on Mary Ann's conduct record.

^c Father is likely to have been Mary Ann's future husband Nathaniel Burge.

11 January 1856	Certificate of Freedom at Kingston for collection. ¹¹
15 February 1859	Son James Burge, splitter's child, stillborn at Gardners Bay. ¹⁶
6 February 1860	Son Frederick Burge, coach spring maker's child, born at Gardners Bay. ¹⁷
27 September 1861	Daughter Catherine Burge, coach spring maker's child, born at Gardners Bay. ¹⁸
16 August 1863	Son John Burge, coach spring maker's child, born at Gardners Bay. ¹⁹
31 July 1865	Son Robert Burge, landholder's child, born at Gardners Bay. ²⁰
23 October 1866	Son Robert Burge, 15m, died of dysentery near Port Cygnet. ²¹
1867	Husband Nathaniel Burge farmer at Gardners Bay near Port Cygnet. ²²
25 May 1868	Daughter Mary Ann Jane Burge, farmer's child, born at Gardners Bay. ²³
29 December 1869	Daughter Ellen Burge, farmer's child born at Gardners Bay. ²⁴
7 May 1872	Charged at 6pm at Franklin PC with being drunk & disturbing the peace in a public place at Lovett on 7 May; property of 3/1½ & matches; detained till 7:15pm, fined 2/6. ²⁵
30 April 1877	Charged at 3:30pm at Franklin PC charged with son William Burge with having at Port Cygnet on 12 March feloniously killed & slain George Gergison; committed for trial. ²⁶
10 July 1877	Tried at Hobart SC with son William Burge charged with manslaughter; acquitted. ²⁷
13 May 1880	Son William Burge married Mary Ann Stevenson at Congregational Parsonage, Franklin. ²⁸
18 May 1882	Son John Burge, 16y, tried at Hobart SC, brought up from 8 March on remand with bail, charged with committing rape on Matilda Ann Cowen, 16y, at Gardners Bay, Franklin on 4 December 1881; sister Catherine Burge appeared as a witness; verdict not guilty. ²⁹
27 October 1883	Daughter Catherine Burge married Patrick Kenna at St James' RC Church, Port Cygnet. ³⁰
8 May 1886	Son Nathaniel Burge married Elizabeth Howell at the residence of Nathaniel Burge snr, Gardners Bay. ³¹
19 July 1887	Died of cancer at Port Cygnet, 53y, ^d farmer's wife. ³²



^d Her age may have been 55y.

References

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- ² NAI, TR8 p.120 (Michael Gaffney)
- ³ NAI, Prisons 1/9/4 No.1901 (Mary Ann Gaffney)
- ⁴ AJCP, ADM 101/6 *Australasia* Sick List (Mary/M A Gaffney)
- ⁵ AOT, CON 73/1, November 1850 (Mary Ann Gaffney)
- ⁶ AOT, RGD 33/4 1851/173 Hobart (Nathan Gaffenny)
- ⁷ AOT, CON 52/4 (Nathaniel Burge & MA Gaffney); AOT, CON 52/3 p.34 (Nathaniel Burge & Mary Ann Gaffney)
- ⁸ AOT, RGD 37/10 1851/197 Hobart (Nathaniel Burge & Mary Ann Gafney)
- ⁹ personal communication, Jennifer Robertson, 17 October 2005
- ¹⁰ AOT, CON 14/32 *Lord Auckland* 4 pp.174–175 No.92 (Michael Gaffney)
- ¹¹ AOT, CON 41/24 *Australasia* No.520 (Mary Ann Gaffney)
- ¹² AOT, CON 33/29 *Marquis of Hastings* 2 No.6862 (Nathaniel Burge)
- ¹³ HTG, 25 October 1853 p.1026 (Mary Ann Gafney)
- ¹⁴ AOT, POL 379/1 pp.85 & 87 (Mary Ann/Mary Anne Gaffney/Gafney)
- ¹⁵ AOT, CON 56/2 No.1691 (Marian Gaffney)
- ¹⁶ AOT, RGD 33/37 1859/1808 Port Cygnet (male Burge); AOT, RGD 35/28 1859/688 Port Cygnet (male Burge); personal communication, Jennifer Robertson, 17 October 2005
- ¹⁷ AOT, RGD 33/38 1860/1818 Port Cygnet (Frederick Burge)
- ¹⁸ AOT, RGD 33/39 1861/1828 Port Cygnet (male Burge)
- ¹⁹ AOT, RGD 33/41 1863/1232 Port Cygnet (John Burge)
- ²⁰ AOT, RGD 33/43 1865/1254 Port Cygnet (Robert Burge)
- ²¹ AOT, RGD 35/35 1866/402 Port Cygnet (Robert Burge)
- ²² Macphail, *Macphail's National Directory of Tasmania for 1867–68*, p.157 (Nathaniel Burge)
- ²³ AOT, RGD 33/46 1868/1209 Port Cygnet (Mary Ann Jane Burge)
- ²⁴ AOT, RGD 33/48 1870/1267 Port Cygnet (Ellen Burge)
- ²⁵ AOT, POL 377/1 p.164 (Mary Anne Burge)
- ²⁶ AOT, POL 377/1 p.204 (Mary Ann Jane Burge & William Burge)
- ²⁷ AOT, POL 709/2 p.115 (Mary Ann Jane Burge)
- ²⁸ AOT, RGD 37/39 1880/231 Franklin (William Burge & Mary Ann Stevenson)
- ²⁹ *Launceston Examiner*, 8 March 1882 p.3 col.3 (John Henry Burge); *The Mercury*, 8 March 1882 p.3 col.5 (John Henry Burge); *The Mercury*, 17 May 1882 pp.2–3 cols.7–8 (John Henry Burge & Kate Burge)
- ³⁰ AOT, RGD 37/42 1883/962 Port Cygnet (Patrick Kenna & Catherine Burge)
- ³¹ AOT, RGD 37/45 1886/811 Port Cygnet (Nathaniel Burge jun. & Elizabeth Howell)
- ³² AOT, RGD 35/56 1887/1071 Port Cygnet (Mary Ann Burge)