

*Ellen Heffernan*¹

<i>Place Tried</i> Dublin City	<i>Date Tried</i> 14 April 1849 ^a
<i>Offence</i> coining shillings	<i>Sentence</i> 7 years
<i>Prosecutor</i> the Crown	<i>Previous Convictions</i> 1 – coining (6m)
<i>Gaol Report</i> good	<i>Surgeon's Report</i> good
<i>Station of Gang</i> not stated	<i>Class</i> 3 rd from 6 February 1850
<i>Other Information</i> tried with Elizabeth Warren, ^b left her behind	
<i>Religion</i> Roman Catholic	<i>Literacy</i> neither read nor write
<i>Marital Status</i> single	<i>Trade</i> plain laundress, house servant
<i>Age</i> 21 ^c	<i>Native Place</i> Dublin
<i>Height</i> 5' 3 ³ / ₄ " , 5' 3"	<i>Complexion</i> fresh, much pock-pitted; fair
<i>Head</i> round	<i>Hair</i> black, dark
<i>Visage</i> long	<i>Forehead</i> high
<i>Eyebrows</i> black	<i>Eyes</i> dark hazel
<i>Nose</i> short	<i>Mouth</i> medium
<i>Chin</i> medium	<i>Marks</i> mole on right breast
<i>Family</i> father Michael; sisters Mary ^d & Biddy ^e (both transported to this colony 6 years since for 7 years)	

16 April 1849	Received at Grangegorman Depot, Dublin at 5pm. ²
14 August 1849	Put on <i>Australasia</i> sick list for obstipation (off 18 August, cured). ³
23 February 1850	Contracted as PPH to William Archer, Mt Nelson, 6m at £7 pa. ⁴
9 March 1850	Contracted as PPH to James Fitzgerald, Hobart Hospital, 12m at £8 pa. ⁵
27 August 1850	Charged at Brickfields Hiring Depot with not giving notice of women shifting their proper births at night; sentence 1m HL, Cascades FF. ⁶
7 January 1851	Tried at Hobart PC, in service to Mrs Thomas Y Lowes, Park St, Hobart, charged with misconduct in being in a common brothel in Argyle St, Hobart about 1:30pm on 6 January; sentence 3m HL, Cascades FF. ⁷
4 April 1851	Illegitimate son Francis Heffernan born at Cascades FF; baptised 7 April in parish of St Joseph's RC Church, Hobart; sponsor Mary Higgins. ⁸
9 July 1851	Charged at Cascades FF with refusing to be searched & being insolent; reprimanded. ⁹
6 December 1851	Charged at Cascades FF with insolence; sentence 11d separate treatment. ⁹
25 February 1852	Son Francis Heffernan, 11m, died of diarrhoea at Cascades FF. ¹⁰
1 April 1852	To R Roberts, Battery Point. ⁶
16 April 1852	To Brickfields Hiring Depot, then to Thomas Green, Elizabeth St, Hobart. ⁶
22 May 1852	Absconded ^f from the service of Thomas Green, Elizabeth St, Hobart. ¹¹
14 April 1856	Free by servitude.



^a Date given as 16 April 1849 on Irish transportation register.

^b Name given as Elizabeth Mackan on Irish transportation index.

^c Age given as: 22y on Grangegorman prison register; 26y on *Australasia* sick list.

^d There are two possibilities for Mary on the Irish transportation index – Mary Heffernan, 18y, tried 13 February 1851 at Dublin City for coining sixpences and transported for 7 years and Mary Ann Heffernan, 18y, tried 23 July 1842 at Dublin City for stealing blankets and transported for 7 years. It was not Mary Heffernan transported on the *Phoebe*.

^e No entries for Biddy have been found on the Tasmanian convicts index or the Irish transportation index.

^f There was no charge for this offence, and no more is known of Ellen after this date, so it is possible that Ellen was never recaptured.

References

- ¹ AOT, CON 41/24 *Australasia* No.798 (Ellen Heffernan); AOT, CON 19/8 *Australasia* (Ellen Heffernan); AOT, CON 15/6 *Australasia* No.91 (Ellen Heffernan); NAI, Prisons 1/9/4 No.1811 (Ellen Heffernan); NAI, TR9 p.27 (Ellen Heffernan)
- ² NAI, Prisons 1/9/4 No.1811 (Ellen Heffernan)
- ³ AJCP, ADM 101/6 *Australasia* Sick List (Ellen Heffernan)
- ⁴ AOT, CON 30/2 p.96 (Ellen Heffernan)
- ⁵ AOT, CON 30/1 p.96 (Ellen Heffernan)
- ⁶ AOT, CON 41/24 *Australasia* No.798 (Ellen Heffernan)
- ⁷ AOT, LC 251/2 (Ellen Heffernan)
- ⁸ AOT, RGD 33/4 1851/358 Hobart (Francis Heffernan); AOT, NS 1052/8 p.136 (Francis Heffernan)
- ⁹ AOT, CON 138/1 (Ellen Heffernan)
- ¹⁰ AOT, RGD 35/3 1852/1303 Hobart (Francis Heffernan)
- ¹¹ *Hobart Town Gazette*, 1 June 1852 p.448 (Ellen Heffernan)