

*Margaret Hestian*¹
(uxor Margaret Steel)

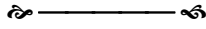
Place Tried Mayo	Date Tried 12 April 1849
Offence stealing 4 cattle	Sentence 7 years
Prosecutor John Quinn, Mayo	Previous Convictions 2—stealing clothes (9m & 1m)
Gaol Report quiet	Surgeon's Report quiet
Station of Gang Anson	Class 3 rd from 18 February 1850
Other Information possibly tried & convicted with Mary Walsh (qv) ^a	
Religion Roman Catholic	Literacy neither read nor write
Marital Status single	Trade housemaid
Age 20	Native Place Co. Mayo
Height 4' 11½", 4' 10"	Complexion fresh, sallow
Head oval	Hair black
Visage oval	Forehead high
Eyebrows black	Eyes dark hazel
Nose short	Mouth medium
Chin medium	Marks face slightly freckled, scar on centre of forehead
Family father Daniel; mother Judy; brothers Edward, Martin & Pat; sisters Bridget, Judy & Mary	
24 May 1849	Received at Grangegorman Depot, Dublin at 10:30am. ²
17 July 1849	Put on <i>Australasia</i> sick list for obstipation (off 22 July, cured). ³
12 August 1849	Put on <i>Australasia</i> sick list for obstipation (off 21 August, cured). ³
11 September 1849	Put on <i>Australasia</i> sick list for a bruise (off 27 September, cured). ³
1850	To William Stokell, Harrington St, Hobart. ⁴
26 July 1850	Letter of claim for unpaid wages to CG re William Stokell. ⁴
2 January 1851	Contracted as PPH to William Hughes, Murray St, Hobart, 12m at £7 pa. ⁵
13 February 1851	Contracted as PPH to H Godwin, ^b Elizabeth St, Hobart, 12m at £7 pa. ⁵
19 April 1851	Charged with disorderly conduct at Brickfields Hiring Depot; sentence 6w HL, Cascades FF. ⁶
15 January 1852	To Brickfields Hiring Depot, Hobart. ⁶
24 January 1852	Contracted as PPH to William Hutchins, Liverpool St, ^c Hobart, 12m at £7 pa. ⁵
2 March 1852	Must serve 3y 6m for Ticket-of-Leave. ⁶
16 March 1852	To Brickfields Hiring Depot, Hobart. ⁶
22 March 1852	Application for permission to marry George Yeates (<i>Eden 3</i>); referred 22 March to PM Hobart & 14 April to Patrick Horan[?], woman refuses to marry. ⁷
	To William Patterson, Battery Point. ⁶
7 September 1852	To apply in 1 month for Ticket-of-Leave. ⁶
26 October 1852	Ticket-of-Leave granted. ⁶
7 December 1852	Application for permission to marry Robert Steel (<i>Barossa 2</i>); referred 11 December to man for certificate. ⁸
24 January 1853	Married as 21y, spinster, to Robert Steel, 36y, labourer, at St George's CE Church, Battery Point; witnesses Charles Gungel & Maria Wilson. ⁹
29 November 1853	Husband Robert Steel granted Conditional Pardon. ¹⁰

^a Assumption made from offence and prosecutor, and they were received at Grangegorman Depot at the same time.

^b This may have been William Herbert Godwin.

^c Address given as Elizabeth St on conduct record.

10 October 1854	Recommended for Conditional Pardon. ⁶
14 August 1855 ^d	Conditional Pardon approved (issued at Hobart 5 November). ¹¹
12 April 1856	Free by servitude.
11 October 1876 ^e	Died at Moonta Mines, SA, 45y. ¹²
25 October 1895	Husband Robert Steel, 75y, died at Moonta Mines, SA. ¹³



^d Year given as 1853 on the record, but it should have been 1855.

^e This death has not been confirmed, but is highly likely to have been that of *Australasia* convict Margaret Hestian.

References

- ¹ AOT, CON 41/24 *Australasia* No.801 (Margaret Hestian); AOT, CON 19/8 *Australasia* (Marg^t Hestian); AOT, CON 15/6 *Australasia* No.94 (Margaret Hestian); NAI, Prisons 1/9/4 No.1905 (Margaret Hestian)
- ² NAI, Prisons 1/9/4 No.1905 (Margaret Hestian)
- ³ AJCP, ADM 101/6 *Australasia* Sick List (Margaret Hestian)
- ⁴ AOT, CON 7/1 p.403 (Margaret Hastings)
- ⁵ AOT, CON 30/1 pp.266, 299 & 333 (Margaret Hastings)
- ⁶ AOT, CON 41/24 *Australasia* No.801 (Margaret Hestian)
- ⁷ AOT, CON 52/5 p.543 (George Yeates & Margaret Hestian)
- ⁸ AOT, CON 52/5 p.429 (Robert Steel & Margaret Hastings)
- ⁹ AOT, RGD 37/12 1853/244 Hobart (Robert Steel & Margaret Hastings)
- ¹⁰ AOT, CON 33/59 *Barossa* 2 No.14046 (Robert Steel)
- ¹¹ AOT, CON 56/2 No.1525 (Margaret Hestian)
- ¹² SA Death Record Book 76 p.379 (Margaret Steel)
- ¹³ SA Death Record Book 230 p.120 (Robert Steele)