

*Catherine Keane*¹
(*uxor Catherine Smith*)

<i>Place Tried</i> Co. Mayo	<i>Date Tried</i> 3 January 1849
<i>Offence</i> stealing 3 sheep	<i>Sentence</i> 7 years
<i>Prosecutor</i> Mr Kate, Mayo	<i>Previous Convictions</i> none ^a
<i>Gaol Report</i> quiet	<i>Surgeon's Report</i> quiet
<i>Station of Gang</i> Anson	<i>Class</i> 3 rd from 18 February 1850
<i>Other Information</i> tried & convicted with brother Michael Keane	

<i>Religion</i> Roman Catholic	<i>Literacy</i> neither read nor write
<i>Marital Status</i> single	<i>Trade</i> housemaid
<i>Age</i> 16 ^b	<i>Native Place</i> Co. Mayo
<i>Height</i> 4' 11", 4' 8½"	<i>Complexion</i> fresh, fair
<i>Head</i> round	<i>Hair</i> brown
<i>Visage</i> round	<i>Forehead</i> high
<i>Eyebrows</i> brown	<i>Eyes</i> light hazel
<i>Nose</i> short	<i>Mouth</i> large
<i>Chin</i> round	<i>Marks</i> face slightly freckled
<i>Family</i> brother Michael (7 years sentence)	

19 April 1832	Born at Castlebar, Co. Mayo, Ireland. ²
24 May 1849	Received at Grangegorman Depot, Dublin at 10:30am. ³
31 July 1849	Put on <i>Australasia</i> sick list for obstipation (off 5 August, cured). ⁴
17 June 1850	Contracted as PPH to Richard Lewis, Collins St, Hobart, 12m at £8 pa. ⁵
August 1850	Brother Michael Keane died at Richmond Prison, Dublin. ⁶
10 October 1850	Tried at Hobart PC charged by her mistress Mrs Richard Lewis, Kemp St, Hobart with disobedience of orders in having refused to work this morning; sentence 3m HL, Cascades FF. ⁷
30 November 1850	Charged with neglect of duty; sentence 1m HL, Ross FF, to be cumulative & commence at the expiration of existing sentence. ⁸
28 June 1851	Contracted as PPH to Jose Detores, Launceston, 12m at £9 pa. ⁹
8 March 1852	Application for permission to marry John Smith (<i>London</i> 1) (approved 16 March). ¹⁰
19 April 1852 ^c	Married as 20y, spinster, prisoner, to John Smith, 27y, bachelor, TL, at St Andrew's CE Church, Perth; witnesses Henry Weston & Thomas [?]. ¹¹
11 May 1852	Mustered in Campbell Town district. ⁸
8 June 1852	To apply in 1 month for Ticket-of-Leave. ⁸
1852	Moved to small tenant farm at Illawarra (owner Thomas Reiby). ²
13 January 1853	Son Henry Smith born at Longford; baptised 20 March 1853 in parish of Holy Trinity RC Church, Westbury; sponsors William Albury & Mary White. ¹²
18 June 1855	Son Frederick Smith, labourer's child, born at Broad Valley. ¹³
3 January 1856	Free by servitude.
30 March 1857 ^d	Daughter Mary Ann Smith, labourer's child, born at Longford; baptised 14 June 1857 in parish of Holy Trinity RC Church, Westbury; sponsors Michael Wall & Mary Gilmore. ¹⁴
8 November 1859 ^e	Daughter Alice Smith, labourer's child, born at Longford; baptised 10 December 1860 in parish of Holy Trinity RC Church, Westbury; sponsor Sophia Matthews. ¹⁵

^a There was one previous conviction listed on the Grangegorman prison register.

^b Age given as 20y on description list.

^c Date given as May 1852 on register of convict permissions to marry.

^d Date given as 10 April 1857 on baptism record.

- 6 August 1861 **Daughter** Eliza Smith born at Longford; baptised 15 February 1862 in parish of Holy Trinity RC Church, Westbury; sponsors William Porter & Catherine Morrisey.¹⁶
- 1867 **Daughter** Sarah Smith born at Illawarra.²
- c1869 **Son** John Smith born at Illawarra.²
- c1870 **Son** Edward Smith born at Illawarra.²
- 21 April 1874 **Daughter** Emma Mary Smith, farmer's child, born at Illawarra.²²
- 12 June 1875 Daughter Mary Ann Smith, 17y, labourer's child, died of phthisis in Longford district.¹⁷
- 31 May 1877 Son Henry Smith married Emma Harris at St Andrew's CE Church, Westbury.¹⁸
- 25 March 1887 Daughter Alice Smith married James Jonathan Gilmore at St Andrew's CE Church, Westbury.¹⁹
- 18 January 1893 Daughter Sarah Smith married Frederick Calf at United Methodist Free Church, Burnie.²⁰
- 3 March 1895^f Husband John Smith, 70y, farmer, died of renal inflammation at Illawarra; funeral held at 3pm on 5 March; buried in Christ Church CE Cemetery, Illawarra.²¹
- 25 November 1896 Daughter Emma Mary Smith married William Harris at St Andrew's RC Church, Carrick.²²
- 4 July 1914 Daughter Emma Mary Smith died at New Norfolk.²³
- 30 April 1925 **Died** at Illawarra, 93y; relict of late John Smith of Entally; funeral held at 12 noon on 2 May; buried in St Augustine's RC Church Cemetery, Longford.²⁴



^e Date given as 22 November 1859 on baptism record.

^f Date given as 2 March 1895 in newspaper death notice and age given as 71y.

References

- ¹ AOT, CON 41/24 *Australasia* No.371 (Catherine Keane); AOT, CON 19/8 *Australasia* (Catherine Keane); AOT, CON 15/6 *Australasia* No.104 (Catherine Keane); NAI, Prisons 1/9/4 No.1903 (Cathy Keane)
- ² personal communication, Joy Austin, 29 October 2004
- ³ NAI, Prisons 1/9/4 No.1903 (Cathy Keane)
- ⁴ AJCP, ADM 101/6 *Australasia* Sick List (Cath Kean)
- ⁵ AOT, CON 30/1 p.84 (Catherine Kean)
- ⁶ NAI, TR8 p.120 (Mick Keane)
- ⁷ AOT, LC 251/2 (Catherine Keane)
- ⁸ AOT, CON 41/24 *Australasia* No.371 (Catherine Keane)
- ⁹ AOT, CON 30/2 p.296 (Catherine Kean)
- ¹⁰ AOT, CON 52/3 p.426 (John Smith & Catherine Kean); AOT, CON 52/5 p.421 (John Smith & Catherine Kean)
- ¹¹ AOT, RGD 37/11 1852/796 Perth (John Smith & Catherine Kean)
- ¹² AOT, NS 1052/14 1853 No.13 (Henery Smith)
- ¹³ AOT, RGD 33/33 1855/1114 Morven (Frederick Smith)
- ¹⁴ AOT, RGD 33/35 1857/1347 Longford (Mary Ann Smith); AOT, NS 1052/14 1857 No.59 (Mary Ann Smith)
- ¹⁵ AOT, RGD 33/37 1859/1516 Longford (Ellis Smith); AOT, NS 1052/15 1861 No.25 (Alice Smith)
- ¹⁶ AOT, NS 1052/15 1862 No.15 (Eliza Smith)
- ¹⁷ AOT, RGD 35/44 1875/479 Longford (Mary Ann Smith)
- ¹⁸ AOT, RGD 37/36 1877/816 Westbury (Henry Smith & Emma Harris)
- ¹⁹ AOT, RGD 37/46 1887/921 Westbury (James Jonathan Gilmore & Alice Smith)
- ²⁰ AOT, RGD 37/52 1893/77 Emu Bay (Frederick Calf & Sarah Smith)
- ²¹ AOT, RGD 35/64 1895/824 Westbury (John Smith); *Launceston Examiner*, 4 March 1895 p.1 col.1 (John Smith); *Launceston Examiner*, 5 March 1895 p.1 col.1 (John Smith)
- ²² AOT, RGD 37/55 1896/678 Longford (William Harris & Emma Mary Smith)
- ²³ TAS Death Record 1914/583 New Norfolk (Emma Harris)
- ²⁴ *Examiner*, 1 May 1925 p.1 col.1 (Catherine Smith)