

*Catherine Kearns'*  
(*uxor Catherine Deakin*)

<i>Place Tried</i> Co. Monaghan	<i>Date Tried</i> 5 January 1849
<i>Offence</i> stealing clothing	<i>Sentence</i> 7 years <sup>a</sup>
<i>Prosecutor</i> unknown, Co. Cavan	<i>Previous Convictions</i> 1 – drink (1m)
<i>Gaol Report</i> quiet	<i>Surgeon's Report</i> bad
<i>Station of Gang</i> Anson	<i>Class</i> 3 <sup>rd</sup> from 18 February 1850
<i>Other Information</i> 6 months on the town	

<i>Religion</i> Roman Catholic	<i>Literacy</i> neither read nor write
<i>Marital Status</i> single	<i>Trade</i> country servant, housemaid
<i>Age</i> 21 <sup>b</sup>	<i>Native Place</i> Co. Cavan
<i>Height</i> 4' 10 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>4</sub> " , 4' 11"	<i>Complexion</i> fresh, pock-pitted; fair
<i>Head</i> oval	<i>Hair</i> brown
<i>Visage</i> oval	<i>Forehead</i> high
<i>Eyebrows</i> dark brown	<i>Eyes</i> brown
<i>Nose</i> medium	<i>Mouth</i> medium
<i>Chin</i> medium	<i>Marks</i> none
<i>Family</i> brother James, sister Eliza	

14 April 1849	Received at Grangegorman Depot, Dublin at 5pm. <sup>2</sup>
10 July 1849	Put on <i>Australasia</i> sick list for syphilis (off 19 August, cured). <sup>3</sup>
27 September 1849	Put on <i>Australasia</i> sick list for dysentery (off 3 October, sent to <i>Anson</i> ). <sup>3</sup>
10 June 1850	Contracted as PPH to Joseph Freeman, New Wharf, Hobart, 12m at £8 pa. <sup>4</sup>
10 August 1850	Charged with striking a fellow prisoner at Brickfields Hiring Depot; sentence 4m HL, Cascades FF. <sup>5</sup>
6 November 1850	Charged at Cascades FF with misconduct in the dormitory & behaving in a disorderly manner; existing sentence of HL extended 4m, Cascades FF. <sup>5</sup>
11 April 1851	Charged at Cascades FF with talking at exercise; admonished. <sup>6</sup>
14 April 1851	Charged at Cascades FF with disobedience of regulations; sentence 3d SC. <sup>6</sup>
22 April 1851	Charged at Cascades FF with talking after silence bell; sentence 2d SC & 14d separate treatment. <sup>6</sup>
12 May 1851	Charged at Cascades FF with talking in the separate apartments; brought before the Visiting Magistrate; sentence 10d SC. <sup>5,6</sup>
16 June 1851	Charged at Cascades FF with being disorderly in mess room; admonished. <sup>6</sup>
1 July 1851	Charged at Cascades FF with disorderly conduct; sentence 14d separate treatment. <sup>6</sup>
5 July 1851	Charged at Cascades FF with talking in the separate apartments; sentence 3d SC & 14d separate treatment. <sup>6</sup>
17 July 1851	Charged at Cascades FF with being out of bed & noisy; reprimanded. <sup>6</sup>
30 July 1851	Charged at Cascades FF, brought up from 28 July for the Visiting Magistrate, with having 5 caps improperly in her possession; sentence 6m HL, Cascades FF. <sup>5,6</sup>
8 September 1851	Charged at Cascades FF with talking in the separate apartments; admonished. <sup>6</sup>
1 November 1851	Charged at Cascades FF with talking during the reading in the ward; sentence to be removed to A division, sleep in the separate apartments & work at the wash tubs. <sup>6</sup>
24 November 1851	Charged at Cascades FF with loud talking; sentence 3d bread & water. <sup>6</sup>
22 December 1851	Charged at Cascades FF with improperly writing a letter; admonished. <sup>6</sup>
21 January 1852	To Brickfields Hiring Depot, Hobart. <sup>5</sup>
24 January 1852	To James Norton, Cascade Rd, Hobart. <sup>5</sup>

<sup>a</sup> Sentence given as 10 years on Irish transportation register.

<sup>b</sup> Age given as 20y on Irish transportation register and *Australasia* sick list.

9 February 1852	Tried at Hobart PC charged by her master James Norton, Cascade Rd, Hobart with absence without leave from her service from 10:20pm on 7 February until given into custody the same night by her master having absented herself contrary to her master's express orders; pleaded guilty of absence without leave; sentence 6m HL, Cascades FF, recommended to be hired in the interior being a country servant. <sup>7</sup>
17 February 1852	Charged at Cascades FF with marking the wall of her apartment; sentence 24h bread & water. <sup>6</sup>
26 February 1852	Charged at Cascades FF with knitting a pair of stockings improperly; sentence 3d bread & water. <sup>6</sup>
12 April 1852	Charged at Cascades FF with taking a quantity of oil & using it for her hair; sentence 3d bread & water. <sup>6</sup>
10 May 1852	Charged at Cascades FF, brought up from 27 April for the Visiting Magistrate, with striking a fellow prisoner & making use of improper language; sentence 14d SC. <sup>5,6</sup>
17 July 1852	Charged at Cascades FF with loud talk at mess; sentence 2d bread & water. <sup>6</sup>
12 November 1852	To James Norton, Cascade Rd, Hobart. <sup>5</sup>
29 November 1852	Absconded from James Norton, Cascade Rd. <sup>8</sup>
8 December 1852	Tried at Hobart PC charged with absconding from the service of James Norton, Macquarie St, Hobart on 28 November & remaining at large until apprehended on 8 December; sentence 18m HL, Cascades FF. <sup>9</sup>
30 December 1852	Charged at Cascades FF with tearing a book committed to her charge; sentence 14d SC. <sup>5,10</sup>
21 January 1853	Charged at Cascades FF with trafficking; sentence 14d credit stopped. <sup>10</sup>
4 March 1853	Charged at Cascades FF with receiving yarn from Honora McInerhenry ( <i>qv</i> ); sentence 3d bread & water & 1m credit stopped. <sup>10</sup>
10 October 1853	Charged at Cascades FF with having additional bedding; sentence 3d SC & 1m separate treatment. <sup>10</sup>
28 November 1853	Charged at Cascades FF with disorderly conduct & talking in church; sentence 3 Sundays on bread & water. <sup>10</sup>
9 March 1854	To Ross FF. <sup>5</sup>
17 March 1854	To Robert Sutton, Campbell Town. <sup>5</sup>
3 April 1854	Arrived at Campbell Town PO from private service, under sentence. <sup>11</sup>
4 April 1854	Tried at Campbell Town PC charged by her master Robert Sutton with disobedience of orders in refusing to work yesterday; sentence 7d SC Campbell Town Gaol. <sup>12</sup> To apply in 6 months for Ticket-of-Leave. <sup>5</sup>
11 April 1854	Arrived at Campbell Town PO from Gaol under police escort to private service of Robert Sutton, Campbell Town. <sup>11</sup>
28 June 1854	Application for permission to marry James Deakin, free; <sup>c</sup> woman must be 6 months without offences. <sup>13</sup>
25 September 1854	Application for permission to marry James Deakin, free (approved 27 September <sup>d</sup> ). <sup>13</sup>
17 October 1854	Ticket-of-Leave granted. <sup>5</sup>
30 October 1854 <sup>e</sup>	<b>Married</b> as full age, spinster, to James Deakin, full age, labourer, bachelor, at St Luke's CE Church, Campbell Town; witnesses Thomas Bennett & Bridget McTighe. <sup>14</sup>
5 January 1855	Tried at Campbell Town PC charged with insulting Catherine Macdonough in a public place in Campbell Town on 31 December 1854; case allowed to be withdrawn. <sup>15</sup>
9 September 1855	<b>Daughter</b> Mary Ann Deakin, labourer's child, born at Campbell Town; baptised 16 September 1855 in Campbell Town district; sponsors James Henny & Mary Markey. <sup>16</sup>

<sup>c</sup> James is likely to have been free by servitude and to have been convict James Deakin transported on the *Duchess of Northumberland* 1 in 1842, aged 22, sentenced to transportation for life; Conditional Pardon granted on 4 April 1854. He was not James Deakin transported on the *Woodford* in 1828.

<sup>d</sup> Date given as 3 October 1854 on conduct record.

<sup>e</sup> Date given as 20 October 1854 on register of convict permissions to marry.

5 January 1856	Free by servitude.
19 February 1856	Certificate of Freedom issued. <sup>5</sup>
8 March 1856	Daughter Mary Ann Deakin, 6m, labourer's child, died of marasmus at Campbell Town. <sup>17</sup>
7 May 1856	Husband James Deakin appeared at Campbell Town PC summoned to answer the complaint of Mary O'Brien for having at Campbell Town on 4 May threatened to dash out her brains with a spade; case dismissed. <sup>18</sup>
27 June 1856	Twin <b>daughters</b> Margaret & Sarah Deakin, labourer's children, born at Campbell Town; baptised 30 June 1856 in Campbell Town district; sponsor for Margaret, Mary Smith, sponsors for Sarah, Thomas Waters & Margaret Waters. <sup>19</sup>
12 July 1856	Daughter Margaret Deakin, 15d, labourer's child, died of convulsions at Campbell Town. <sup>20</sup>
11 August 1856	Tried at Campbell Town PC charged with using indecent language & disturbing the public peace on 9 August; fined 5s for each offence, fines paid. <sup>21</sup>
22 May 1858	<b>Daughter</b> Mary Anne Deakin, labourer's child, born at Campbell Town; baptised 13 June 1858 in Campbell Town district; sponsor Ellen Blomfield. <sup>22</sup>
18 April 1859	Tried at Campbell Town PC, apprehended with Elizabeth Bonner by warrant, brought up from 14 & 16 April on remand for trial by 2 justices, charged with larceny under the value of £5 in having at Campbell Town on 5 April feloniously stolen 2 tablecloths, value 4s each, & other articles the property of Revd John Mackersey; sentence 6m HL each, Launceston Gaol. <sup>23</sup>
26 April 1859	Discharged from Campbell Town Gaol to Cleveland (en route to Launceston Gaol). <sup>24</sup>
16 October 1859	<b>Son</b> James Deakin, labourer's child, born at Campbell Town. <sup>25</sup>
1 April 1861	<b>Daughter</b> Matilda Deakin, labourer's child, born at Campbell Town. <sup>26</sup>
18 September 1862	<b>Son</b> John Deakin, labourer's child, born at Campbell Town. <sup>27</sup>
9 April 1863	Son John Deakin, 6m 9d, labourer's child, died of diarrhoea at Campbell Town. <sup>28</sup>
7 November 1863	Tried at Campbell Town PC charged with having at Campbell Town on 4 November insulted Catherine Simpson a passer-by in a street & using indecent language; fined 5s for each offence & costs 8/6, fines paid. <sup>29</sup>
28 September 1864	<b>Son</b> Richard Deakin, labourer's child, born at Campbell Town; baptised 23 October at St Luke's CE Church, Campbell Town. <sup>30</sup>
11 September 1865	Tried at Campbell Town PC charged by John Jones with having on 7 September threatened to break the head of Ann Jones his wife; to find one good & sufficient security – £10 – to keep the peace for 6 months; James Deakin £10. <sup>31</sup>
4 February 1867	Husband James Deakin tried at Campbell Town PC charged by John Penny with having assaulted his wife Sarah Penny on 29 January; case dismissed. <sup>32</sup>
5 August 1867	Tried at Campbell Town PC charged with having at Campbell Town on 1 August insulted Mary Smith a passer-by along a street; fined £1 & costs 12/6, not paid, 7d HL. <sup>33</sup>
16 December 1868	<b>Son</b> William Henry Deakin, labourer's child, born at Campbell Town; baptised at St Luke's CE Church, Campbell Town. <sup>34</sup>
6 December 1875	Daughter Mary Anne Deakin, 17y, labourer's child, died of scarlet fever at Campbell Town. <sup>35</sup>
28 October 1878	Tried at Campbell Town PC charged with assault & using indecent language; sentence 14d HL <sup>f</sup> for each offence (discharged w/e 27 November). <sup>36</sup>
7 January 1880	Daughter Sarah Deakin married Daniel Murtagh at St Michael's RC Church, Campbell Town. <sup>37</sup>
18 May 1881	Daughter Matilda Deakin married James Murtagh at St Michael's RC Church, Campbell Town. <sup>38</sup>
16 May 1889	Husband James Deakin, 64y, labourer, died of heart disease at Campbell Town. <sup>39</sup>

<sup>f</sup> This sentence may have been served at either Campbell Town or Launceston Gaol.

- 23 September 1890 Son William Henry Deakin married Ellen Ashton at Kirklands Presbyterian Manse, Campbell Town.<sup>40</sup>
- 24 June 1896 Son Richard Deakin married Catherine Reily at St James' RC Church, Railton.<sup>41</sup>
- 3 July 1907 **Died** at *Hill View*, Uxbridge, 82y.<sup>42</sup>



## References

- <sup>1</sup> AOT, CON 41/24 *Australasia* No.372 (Catherine Kearns); AOT, CON 19/8 *Australasia* (Cath<sup>e</sup> Kearns); AOT, CON 15/6 *Australasia* No.105 (Catherine Kearns); NAI, Prisons 1/9/4 No.1736 (Catherine Kearns); NAI, TR8 p.250 (Catherine Kearns)
- <sup>2</sup> NAI, Prisons 1/9/4 No.1736 (Catherine Kearns)
- <sup>3</sup> AJCP, ADM 101/6 *Australasia* Sick List Case No.37 (Cath Kearns)
- <sup>4</sup> AOT, CON 30/1 p.193 (Catherine Cairns)
- <sup>5</sup> AOT, CON 41/24 *Australasia* No.372 (Catherine Kearns)
- <sup>6</sup> AOT, CON 138/1 (Catherine Cairnes/Kearns/Kearney/Kairns)
- <sup>7</sup> AOT, LC 251/2 (Catherine Kearns)
- <sup>8</sup> *Hobart Town Gazette*, 7 December 1852 p.1192 (Catherine Kearns)
- <sup>9</sup> AOT, LC 251/2 (Catherine Kearns)
- <sup>10</sup> AL&MFA, Beattie Papers, Record Book Women's Punishments 1852-1854, pp.95-98 (Catherine Kearnes/Kearns)
- <sup>11</sup> AOT, POL 53/2 (Catherine Cairns); AOT, POL 69/1 (Catherine Kearns)
- <sup>12</sup> AOT, LC 83/12 p.189 (Catherine Cairns)
- <sup>13</sup> AOT, CON 52/7 p.92 (James Deakin/Deacon & Catherine Cairnes/Cairns)
- <sup>14</sup> AOT, RGD 37/13 1854/84 Campbell Town (James Deakin & Catherine Kearns)
- <sup>15</sup> AOT, LC 83/12 p.326 (Catherine Kearns or Dakins)
- <sup>16</sup> AOT, RGD 33/33 1855/196 Campbell Town (Mary Ann Deakin); CCMA, EC5 p.2 (Mary Ann Deakin)
- <sup>17</sup> AOT, RGD 35/25 1856/325 Campbell Town (Mary Ann Deacon)
- <sup>18</sup> AOT, LC 83/12 p.694 (James Deakin)
- <sup>19</sup> AOT, RGD 33/34 1856/177 & 178 Campbell Town (Margaret & Sarah Deakin); CCMA, EC5 p.9 (Margaret & Sarah Deakin)
- <sup>20</sup> AOT, RGD 35/25 1856/337 Campbell Town (Margaret Deakin)
- <sup>21</sup> AOT, LC 83/12 p.604 (Catherine Deakin); AOT, POL 53/2 (Catherine Deakin)
- <sup>22</sup> AOT, RGD 33/36 1858/167 Campbell Town (Mary Anne Deakin); CCMA, EC5 p.24 (Mary Ann Deakin)
- <sup>23</sup> AOT, LC 83/12 pp.892-893 (Catherine Deakin & Elizabeth Bonner)
- <sup>24</sup> AOT, POL 69/1 (Catherine Deakin)
- <sup>25</sup> AOT, RGD 33/37 1859/418 Campbell Town (James Deacon)
- <sup>26</sup> AOT, RGD 33/39 1861/627 Campbell Town (Matilda Deakin)
- <sup>27</sup> AOT, RGD 33/40 1862/175 Campbell Town (John Deakin)
- <sup>28</sup> AOT, RGD 35/32 1863/53 Campbell Town (John Deakin)
- <sup>29</sup> AOT, LC 83/13 p.285 (Catherine Deakin)
- <sup>30</sup> AOT, RGD 32/4 1864/5902 Campbell Town (Richard Deacon)
- <sup>31</sup> AOT, LC 83/13 p.404 (Catherine Kearns *uxor* Deakin)
- <sup>32</sup> AOT, LC 83/13 p.493 (James Deakin)
- <sup>33</sup> AOT, LC 83/13 p.522 (Catherine Deakin)
- <sup>34</sup> AOT, RGD 33/46 1868/164 Campbell Town (William Henry Deakin)
- <sup>35</sup> AOT, RGD 35/44 1875/120 Campbell Town (Marian Deakin)
- <sup>36</sup> AOT, POL 709/2 p.193 (Catherine Deawn)
- <sup>37</sup> AOT, RGD 37/39 1880/4 Campbell Town (Daniel Murtagh & Sarah Deakin)
- <sup>38</sup> AOT, RGD 37/40 1881/203 Campbell Town (James Murtagh & Matilda Deakin)
- <sup>39</sup> AOT, RGD 35/58 1889/596 Campbell Town (James Deacon)
- <sup>40</sup> AOT, RGD 37/49 1890/487 Campbell Town (William Henry Deakin & Ellen Ashton)
- <sup>41</sup> AOT, RGD 37/55 1896/724 Mersey (Richard Deakin & Catherine Reily)
- <sup>42</sup> TAS Death Record 1907/539 New Norfolk (Catherine Deakin); *The Mercury*, 5 July 1907 p.1 col.1 (Catherine Deakin)