

Mary Keegan
(aka Mary Foster, uxor Mary Sutton)

Place Tried Co. Longford	Date Tried 1 March 1849 ^a
Offence stealing £4.10.0	Sentence 7 years
Prosecutor Mr Meriton, Longford	Previous Convictions 2 – picking pockets (2m), drunk (twice)
Gaol Report good	Surgeon's Report middling
Station of Gang Anson	Class 3 rd from 6 February 1850
Religion Roman Catholic	Literacy neither read nor write
Marital Status single, lived with John Foster 2 years, he passed as my husband, he enlisted; married	Trade housemaid
Age 20 ^b	Native Place Co. Longford
Height 4' 11 ³ / ₄ " , 5'	Complexion fair
Head round	Hair dark, dark brown
Visage round	Forehead high
Eyebrows dark	Eyes dark blue
Nose short	Mouth small
Chin round	Marks blue ring mark on third finger of right hand
Family father Frank Keegan; ²¹ mother Ann Keating; ²¹ brothers William & Francis (transported on the <i>Lord Auckland</i>)	

18 October 1845	Brother Francis Keegan tried at Longford, Ireland charged with stealing 2½ lbs fat from Phil Collins; sentence 7y transportation. ²
25 August 1846	Brother Francis Keegan arrived in VDL, prisoner on the <i>Lord Auckland</i> . ²
14 April 1849	Received at Grangegorman Depot, Dublin at 3:30pm. ³
3 April 1850	Tried at Hobart PC charged by her master Mr Watt, Hobart with misconduct yesterday in cruelly ill-treating a dog, her master's property, & also in [mistreating] a new girl in her master's service in the same way; discharged & returned to the service of the Crown, her master declining to call evidence in proof of the offence. ⁴
31 August 1850	Contracted as PPH to Thomas Fitzgerald, Victoria St, Hobart, 12m at £9 pa. ⁵
26 September 1850	Tried at Hobart PC charged by her master Thomas Fitzgerald, Macquarie St, Hobart with misconduct; discharged, no person appearing to prosecute, to be returned to her service. ⁶
2 October 1850	Tried at Hobart PC charged with absence without leave from the service of Thomas Fitzgerald, Macquarie St, Hobart from 26 September until 2 October when she surrendered; sentence 4m HL, Cascades FF, recommended half that term be served in the separate apartments & to reside in the interior. ⁶
12 June 1851	Charged by her master John Israel with being absent without leave; sentence 2m HL, Launceston FF. ⁷
2 December 1851	Charged by her master Daniel Pestell with being under the influence of liquor & disorderly conduct; sentence 6w HL, Ross FF. ⁷
8 April 1852	To William Collis, Campbell Town. ⁷
26 April 1852	Tried at Campbell Town PC charged with absconding from the service of William Collis, Campbell Town on 23 April & remaining illegally at large until apprehended at Llewellyn on 24 April; sentence 14d SC. ⁸
10 May 1852	To Ross FF. ⁷
19 June 1852	To Mary Ann Birch, <i>Help Me Thro' the World</i> , Avoca. ⁷

^a Date given as 27 February 1849 on Irish transportation register.

^b Age given as 18y on Grangegorman prison register and Irish transportation register.

13 July 1852	To Ross FF. ⁷
10 September 1852	To Charles Barlow. ⁷
8 November 1852	Tried at Oatlands PC, in service to Charles Barlow, charged with misconduct in being found in the dairy with a man; sentence 1m HL at Ross FF. ⁹
2 December 1852	To Mrs James Gilligan, Ross. ⁷
12 January 1853	To Robert C Foster, Fingal. ⁷
16 January 1853	To Launceston FF. ⁷
14 April 1853	Ticket-of-Leave granted, not to reside in Hobart. ⁷
19 April 1853	Mustered in Fingal district, resident with Robert C Foster, Avoca. ¹⁰
25 April 1853	To Campbell Town. ¹⁰
28 April 1853	Tried at Campbell Town PC charged with being drunk & using indecent language in a public street in Campbell Town yesterday; fined 5s for each offence, fines paid. ¹¹ To Fingal district from Campbell Town, resident with Mary Ann Birch, <i>Help me Thro' the World</i> , Avoca. ¹⁰
1 May 1853	Resident with J Kelly, not to reside in Hobart. ¹⁰
4 May 1853	To Launceston. ¹⁰
16 May 1853	Charged with being absent from her authorised place of residence; sentence 1m HL. ⁷
8 July 1853	Charged with being drunk; fined 5s. ⁷
17 August 1853	Tried at Westbury PC in service to William Elliott ^c charged with misconduct in being drunk & a disorderly person; fined 5s, half to informer. ¹²
23 November 1853	Tried at Westbury PC charged with being in a disorderly house on 21 November; pleaded guilty stating she did not know it to be a disorderly house; reprimanded. ¹²
29 March 1854	Tried at Westbury PC, brought up from 27 March on remand, charged with being absent without leave on 24 March from the service of John Ritchie; sentence 3m HL. ¹²
3 April 1854	To Launceston FF. ⁷
16 June 1854	To T Skinner, Westbury. ⁷
24 June 1854	Ticket-of-Leave revoked for misconduct. ¹³
26 June 1854	To Launceston FF. ⁷
27 June 1854	To Henry Graham, Launceston Hospital. ⁷
5 July 1854	Tried at Deloraine PC charged with absconding on 27 June from the service of Henry Graham, Launceston & remaining illegally at large until apprehended at Deloraine on 3 July; existing sentence of transportation extended 12m, on probation. ^{7,14}
14 July 1854	To Launceston FF. ⁷
15 August 1854	Charged with being drunk; existing sentence extended 3m. ⁷
11 July 1855	To William Wise, Macquarie St, Hobart. ⁷
14 July 1855	Absconded from the service of Mrs William Wise, Macquarie St, Hobart. ¹⁵
30 July 1855	Charged with absconding; existing sentence of transportation extended 12m, to serve 12m probation; Cascades FF. ⁷
22 March 1856	To Brickfields Nursery, Hobart. ⁷
1 May 1856	To Brickfields Nursery, Hobart. ⁷
8 July 1856	To Edward Chandler, <i>Marquis of Waterford</i> , Murray St, Hobart. ⁷
October 1856	Absconded & apprehended, reward £2. ¹⁶
11 October 1856	To Cascades Gaol. ⁷
14 October 1856	Charged with absconding from the service of Edward Chandler; sentence 6m HL. ⁷
8 December 1856	Extended sentence remitted & the woman restored to freedom (due to expire on 1 March 1858). ⁷
15 December 1856	Certificate of Freedom available for collection (issued 10 January 1857). ^{7,17}

^c This may have been the husband of Margaret Compstick (*qv*).

- 5 December 1859 **Married** as 28y, to William Sutton, FS (*Oriental Queen*), 30y, brickmaker, at All Saints CE Church, Hobart; witnesses John Cocker & Ann Cocker.¹⁸
- 2 January 1860 **Daughter** Susannah Sutton, labourer's child, born at Macquarie St, Hobart.¹⁹
- 1885 Daughter Susannah Sutton married Matthew John Coombe in VIC.²⁰
- 16 September 1906 **Died** of paralysis, heart failure & exhaustion at Melbourne Benevolent Asylum, Hotham, 78y, widow, domestic, bootmaker's daughter; buried 17 September in Spring Vale Cemetery, Melbourne, VIC.²¹



References

- ¹ AOT, CON 41/24 *Australasia* No.370 (Mary Keegan); AOT, CON 19/8 *Australasia* (Mary Keegan); AOT, CON 15/6 *Australasia* No.103 (Mary Keegan); NAI, Prisons 1/9/4 No.1734 (Mary Keegan); NAI, TR9 p.55 (Mary Keegan)
- ² AOT, CON 14/33 *Lord Auckland 2* (Francis Keegan)
- ³ NAI, Prisons 1/9/4 No.1734 (Mary Keegan)
- ⁴ AOT, LC 251/1 (Mary Keegan)
- ⁵ AOT, CON 30/1 p.300 (Mary Keegan)
- ⁶ AOT, LC 251/2 (Mary Keegan)
- ⁷ AOT, CON 41/24 *Australasia* No.370 (Mary Keegan)
- ⁸ AOT, LC 83/11 p.152 (Mary Kegan)
- ⁹ AOT, LC 390/3 (Mary Keegan)
- ¹⁰ AOT, POL 184/1 (Mary Keegan)
- ¹¹ AOT, LC 83/12 p.2 (Mary Kegan)
- ¹² AOT, LC 534/1 (Mary Keegan)
- ¹³ *Hobart Town Gazette*, 27 June 1854 p.609 (Mary Keegan)
- ¹⁴ AOT, LC 114/1 (Mary Keegan)
- ¹⁵ *Hobart Town Gazette*, 24 July 1855 p.850
- ¹⁶ *Hobart Town Gazette*, 21 October 1856 p.1416 (Mary Keegan)
- ¹⁷ *Hobart Town Gazette*, 13 January 1857 p.32 (Mary Keegan)
- ¹⁸ AOT, RGD 37/18 1859/206 Hobart (William Sutton & Mary Keegan)
- ¹⁹ AOT, RGD 33/7 1860/3124 Hobart (Susannah Sutton)
- ²⁰ VIC Marriage Record 1885/4213 (Matthew John Coombe & Susan Sutton)
- ²¹ VIC Death Certificate 1906/9522 (Mary Sutton)