

*Mary Kelly*<sup>1</sup>  
(uxor *Mary Hobbs*)

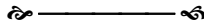
<i>Place Tried</i> Co. Tyrone	<i>Date Tried</i> 10 March 1849
<i>Offence</i> stealing 6s	<i>Sentence</i> 7 years
<i>Prosecutor</i> unknown, Tyrone	<i>Previous Convictions</i> none
<i>Gaol Report</i> quiet	<i>Surgeon's Report</i> bad
<i>Station of Gang</i> Anson	<i>Class</i> 3 <sup>rd</sup> from 24 January 1850
<i>Religion</i> Roman Catholic	<i>Literacy</i> neither read nor write
<i>Marital Status</i> single	<i>Trade</i> housemaid
<i>Age</i> 20 <sup>a</sup>	<i>Native Place</i> Co. Tyrone
<i>Height</i> 5' ¼", 5'	<i>Complexion</i> fresh, fair
<i>Head</i> oval	<i>Hair</i> brown, fair
<i>Visage</i> oval	<i>Forehead</i> high
<i>Eyebrows</i> brown	<i>Eyes</i> hazel grey
<i>Nose</i> rather flat	<i>Mouth</i> large
<i>Chin</i> round	<i>Marks</i> none
<i>Family</i> brothers John, Thomas & Daniel	

14 April 1849	Received at Grangegorman Depot, Dublin at 5 pm. <sup>2</sup>
28 August 1849	Put on <i>Australasia</i> sick list for obstipation (off 28 August, cured). <sup>3</sup>
29 July 1850	Tried at Hobart PC charged by her mistress Mrs William Slade Smith, Brisbane St, Hobart with absence without leave from her service for about half an hour yesterday afternoon; discharged, her mistress not wishing to prosecute, returned to her service. <sup>4</sup>
23 December 1850	Tried at Hobart PC charged by her master William Slade Smith, Brisbane St, Hobart with misconduct in not going to church yesterday morning having had leave to go to church; sentence 7d HL, returned to the service of the Crown. <sup>4</sup>
21 February 1851	Application for permission to marry George Bassett ( <i>Maria Somes</i> ); referred 1 March to Superintendent, Brickfields Hiring Depot & 11 March to George Bassett as an absconder. <sup>5</sup>
12 March 1851	Contracted as PPH to Peter Briggs, Forest Rd, Hobart, 12m at £7 pa. <sup>6</sup>
27 April 1851	Absconded from the service of Peter Briggs, New Town Rd, Hobart. <sup>7</sup>
c24 July 1851 <sup>b</sup>	Illegitimate son William Kelly born at Hobart; baptised 27 August 1851 in parish of St Joseph's RC Church, Hobart; sponsor Ellen Browne ( <i>qv</i> ). <sup>4,7,8</sup>
13 August 1851	Tried at Hobart PC, brought up from 9 August, on remand to make inquiry as to her absconding, charged with absence without leave from the service of Peter Briggs, New Town Rd for about the last 3 months; sentence 7m HL, Cascades FF. <sup>4</sup>
15 August 1851	Charged with being delivered of an illegitimate child, now aged about 3w, whilst at large; to serve the usual probation allotted to women delivered of illegitimate children. <sup>4,7</sup>
17 November 1851	Charged at Cascades FF with disorderly conduct in the ward; sentence not to be at task work until further orders. <sup>9</sup>
27 December 1851	Charged at Cascades FF with disorderly conduct; sentence separate treatment until further orders. <sup>9</sup>
28 June 1852	Son William Kelly, 11m, died of diarrhoea at Cascades FF. <sup>10</sup>
4 September 1852	To Brickfields Hiring Depot, Hobart. <sup>7</sup>
October 1852	14s paid into Savings Bank whilst at Cascades FF. <sup>11</sup>
9 December 1852	Charged at Cascades FF with oiling the floor; case dismissed. <sup>12</sup>

<sup>a</sup> Age given as 22y on *Australasia* sick list

<sup>b</sup> Date given as 24 August 1851 on baptism record. The correct date could have been 24 July 1851.

17 January 1853	Charged at Cascades FF with misconduct in the dormitory; sentence credit stopped to 17 <sup>th</sup> January. <sup>12</sup>
24 January 1853	To James Staples, Broadmarsh. <sup>7</sup>
4 May 1853	Mustered in Pontville district. <sup>7</sup>
10 May 1853	Ticket-of-Leave gazetted. <sup>13</sup>
15 June 1853	Application for permission to marry George Hobbs ( <i>John Calvin</i> ); will be recommended if clergyman is satisfied, referred 27 July to clergyman. <sup>14</sup>
20 August 1853	Application for permission to marry George Hobbs ( <i>John Calvin</i> ); recommended if clergyman is satisfied (approved 21 September <sup>c</sup> ). <sup>14</sup>
3 October 1853	<b>Married</b> as full age, servant, to George Hobbs, full age, labourer, at St Augustine's CE Church, Broadmarsh; witnesses Timothy Sheen & Rebecca Sheen. <sup>15</sup>
22 October 1853	Ticket-of-Leave revoked for failing to report to district PO in June. <sup>16</sup>
28 December 1853	<b>Son</b> Thomas Hobbs, labourer's child, born at Broadmarsh. <sup>17</sup>
12 September 1854	Ticket-of-Leave restored. <sup>7</sup>
10 February 1855	<b>Daughter</b> Harriet Hobbs, labourer's child, born at Argyle St, Hobart; baptised 4 March 1855 at Holy Trinity CE Church, Hobart. <sup>18</sup>
13 March 1855	Husband George Hobbs granted Conditional Pardon. <sup>19</sup>
10 March 1856	Free by servitude.
21 June 1856	<b>Son</b> George Hobbs, labourer's child, born at Elizabeth St, Hobart; baptised 21 July 1856 at Holy Trinity CE Church, Hobart. <sup>20</sup>
21 July 1856	Certificate of Freedom collected. <sup>7</sup>



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<sup>c</sup> Date given as 27 September 1853 on conduct record.

## References

- <sup>1</sup> AOT, CON 41/24 *Australasia* No.374 (Mary Kelly); AOT, CON 19/8 *Australasia* (Mary Kelly); AOT, CON 15/6 *Australasia* No.107 (Mary Kelly); NAI, Prisons 1/9/4 No.1748 (Mary Kelly)
- <sup>2</sup> NAI, Prisons 1/9/4 No.1748 (Mary Kelly)
- <sup>3</sup> AJCP, ADM 101/6 *Australasia* Sick List (Mary Kelly)
- <sup>4</sup> AOT, LC 251/2 (Mary Kelly)
- <sup>5</sup> AOT, CON 52/4 (George Bassett & Mary Kelly)
- <sup>6</sup> AOT, CON 30/2 p.265 (Mary Kelly)
- <sup>7</sup> AOT, CON 41/24 *Australasia* No.374 (Mary Kelly)
- <sup>8</sup> AOT, NS 1052/8 p.146 (William Kelly)
- <sup>9</sup> AOT, CON 138/1 (Mary Kelly)
- <sup>10</sup> AOT, RGD 35/3 1852/1565 Hobart (William Bassett or Kelly)
- <sup>11</sup> AOT, CON 73/1 (Mary Kelly)
- <sup>12</sup> AL&MFA, Beattie Papers, Record Book Women's Punishments 1852-1854, pp.94-95 (Mary Kelly)
- <sup>13</sup> AOT, CON 44/7 (Mary Kelly) – there are 2 versions of this TL application
- <sup>14</sup> AOT, CON 52/6 (George Hobbs & Mary Kelly)
- <sup>15</sup> AOT, RGD 37/12 1853/47 Brighton (George Hobbs & Mary Kelly)
- <sup>16</sup> *Hobart Town Gazette*, 25 October 1853 p.1026 (Mary Kelly)
- <sup>17</sup> AOT, RGD 33/32 1854/48 Brighton (Thomas Hobbs)
- <sup>18</sup> AOT, RGD 32/3 1855/4641 Hobart (Harriet Hobbs)
- <sup>19</sup> AOT, CON 33/88 *John Calvin* No.20322 (George Hobbs)
- <sup>20</sup> AOT, RGD 32/3 1856/4872 Hobart (George Hobbs)