

Ellen Lyden^{a,1}
(uxor *Ellén Howard*)

<i>Place Tried</i> Co. Galway	<i>Date Tried</i> 4 January 1849
<i>Offence</i> stealing 1 sheep	<i>Sentence</i> 7 years
<i>Prosecutor</i> General Alexander Thomson, Salrock, Co. Galway	<i>Previous Convictions</i> none
<i>Gaol Report</i> very good	<i>Surgeon's Report</i> quiet
<i>Station of Gang</i> Anson	<i>Class</i> 3 rd from 13 February 1850
<i>Other Information</i> tried & convicted ² with brother John Lyden, cousin Michael Lyden, his wife Mary Lyden (<i>qv</i>), Patrick Hyland, John Hyland & Michael Kyne ^b	
<i>Religion</i> Roman Catholic	<i>Literacy</i> neither read nor write, non-English speaking ³
<i>Marital Status</i> single	<i>Trade</i> country servant, housemaid
<i>Age</i> 24 ^c	<i>Native Place</i> North Galway ⁴
<i>Height</i> 5' 2"	<i>Complexion</i> fair, sallow
<i>Head</i> round	<i>Hair</i> dark, black
<i>Visage</i> round	<i>Forehead</i> high
<i>Eyebrows</i> dark	<i>Eyes</i> dark
<i>Nose</i> medium	<i>Mouth</i> medium
<i>Chin</i> medium	<i>Marks</i> none
<i>Family</i> father Martin; brothers John (transported on the <i>London 2</i>) & Patrick; sister Sarah (Sally); cousin Mary Lyden (prisoner on board)	

1846-1848	Employed as a house servant by General Alexander Thomson, Salrock, North Galway. ⁴
27 February 1849	Received at Grangegorman Depot, Dublin at 5pm. ⁵
19 March 1851	Brother John Lyden arrived in VDL, prisoner on the <i>London 2</i> . ⁶
22 April 1851	Charged at Brickfields Hiring Depot with taking a hank of worsted out of her bundle in the store without leave; sentence 14d HL. ⁷
19 January 1852	To Elizabeth Hogg, Kelly St, Hobart. ⁷
4 February 1852	To Brickfields Hiring Depot, Hobart. ⁷
30 March 1852	To George Perriman, Argyle St, Hobart. ⁷
5 April 1852	To Brickfields Hiring Depot, Hobart. ⁷
22 April 1852	To James H Warren, Elizabeth St, Hobart. ⁷
10 August 1852	Ticket-of-Leave granted. ⁷
8 March 1853	Recommended for Conditional Pardon. ⁷
5 May 1853	Tried at Hobart PC charged by her master Patrick Tierney ^d with absence without leave from her lawful & usual service; case dismissed, complainant to pay costs of 7/6, paid. ⁸
5 September 1853 ^e	Son James Howard, labourer's child, born at Hobart; baptised 18 September 1853 at St Joseph's RC Church, Hobart; sponsors Patrick Tobin & Mary Tobin. ⁹
7 February 1854	Application for permission to marry Stephen Howard, FS (<i>Constant</i>). Conditional Pardon approved (issued at Hobart 20 June). ¹⁰

^a A detailed account of Ellen's life is provided in Howard, *To Hell or to Hobart*.

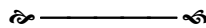
^b Michael and John Lyden do not appear on the Irish transportation index and do not appear to have been transported to VDL.

^c Age given as 21y on Grangegorman prison register

^d Patrick is highly likely to have been the husband of Winny Loughlan, daughter of Ellen Loughlan (*qv*).

^e Date given as 20 September 1853 on birth record.

16 October 1854	Married as 28y, servant, spinster, to Stephen Howard, 30y, labourer, bachelor, at St Joseph's RC Church, Hobart; witnesses John Bryan & Mary Tobin. ¹¹
6 June 1855 ^f	Daughter Bridget Howard, farmer's child, born at Adelaide St, Hobart; baptised 17 June 1855 at St Joseph's RC Church, Hobart; sponsors Denis Keady & Johanna Curtain. ¹²
4 January 1856	Free by servitude.
10 May 1857	Daughter Mary Howard born; baptised 18 May 1857 in Huon district, sponsors Roger O'Donnell & Ellen White. ¹³
1858	Husband Stephen Howard occupier of a house & Crown bush land (500 acres) at Honeywood; also owner of 2 houses with land (10 acres & 5 acres) at Honeywood. ¹⁴
21 December 1858	Son Stephen Howard, ^g farmer's child, born in Franklin district; baptised 4 January 1859 in Huon district; sponsors James Shannon & Margaret Shannon. ¹⁵
31 August 1861 ^h	Daughter Margaret Howard, farmer's child, born at Honeywood; baptised 11 October 1861 in Huon district; sponsors Robert Howard & Anne Sharp. ¹⁶
17 June 1862 ⁱ	Son Stephen Howard, 4y, died in Franklin district, accidentally burned to death. ¹⁷
18 June 1862	Inquest into death of son Stephen Howard held at house of Patrick Hill, <i>Travellers' Rest</i> , Honeywood; verdict death by accidental burning. ¹⁸
21 July 1863 ^j	Daughter Sarah Howard, farmer's child, born at Honeywood; baptised 1 September in Huon district; sponsors William Dwyer & Bridget Leyden ^k . ¹⁹
21 July 1865 ^l	Son Stephen Howard, farmer's child, born in Franklin district; baptised 30 July 1865 in Franklin district; sponsors J Smith & Mary Fitzpatrick. ²⁰
12 September 1867	Daughter Ellen Howard born in Franklin district; baptised 13 October 1867 in Franklin district; sponsors Thomas Crow & Margaret Crow. ²¹
30 May 1869 ^m	Son John Howard, farmer's child, born at Honeywood; baptised 27 June 1869 in Franklin district; sponsors William Regan & Bridget Howard. ²²
9 September 1876	Daughter Bridget Howard married Richard Reed at 287 Liverpool St, Hobart. ²³
23 January 1878	Husband Stephen Howard committed for trial for presenting firearms. ²⁴
c27 February 1878 ⁿ	Husband Stephen Howard tried at Hobart SC for attempting to discharge a firearm at his son-in-law Richard Reed with intent to feloniously, wilfully & maliciously kill him; acquitted. ²⁵
16 January 1890 ^o	Son Stephen Howard, 23y, labourer, died of morbus cordis, after a long & painful illness, at Hobart Hospital; buried in Geeveston RC Cemetery. ²⁶
15 October 1890	Son James Howard married Catherine Reilly at St Joseph's RC Church, Honeywood. ²⁷
21 November 1896	Admitted to New Norfolk Insane Asylum from Geeveston for dementia, 64y, housewife. ²⁸
7 August 1897 ^p	Husband Stephen Howard, 80y, farmer, died of old age & infirmity at Geeveston; buried in Geeveston RC Cemetery. ²⁹
17 September 1908	Died of general debility at New Norfolk Insane Asylum, 72y; ^q funeral held at 3:30 on 21 September; buried in Geeveston RC Cemetery. ^{28,30}



^f Date given as 5 June 1855 on baptism record. Baptised on the same day as Martin Gorham, who is likely to have been the son of Ellen's cousin-by-marriage Mary Lyden (*qv*).

^g Name given as James Michael Howard in Howard, *To Hell or to Hobart*, p.161.

^h Date given as 26 August 1861 and 31 August 1864 on birth records.

ⁱ Date given as 16 June 1862 at inquest.

^j Date given as 21 July 1860 and 14 August 1863 on birth records.

^k Bridget may have been a relative of Ellen.

^l Date given as 10 July 1865 on baptism record.

^m Date given as 15 June 1869 on birth record.

ⁿ An account of the trial is provided in Howard, *To Hell or to Hobart*, pp.161-163.

^o Date given as 16 January 1891 on TAMIOT.

^p Date given as 7 August 1909 on TAMIOT.

^q Age given as 76y in newspaper death notice.

References

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- ² Howard, *To Hell or to Hobart*, pp.96–97
- ³ Howard, *To Hell or to Hobart*, p.109
- ⁴ Howard, *To Hell or to Hobart*, pp.88 & 93
- ⁵ NAI, Prisons 1/9/4 No.1633 (Ellen Lyden)
- ⁶ AOT, CON 14/42 *London* 2 (John Leydon)
- ⁷ AOT, CON 41/24 *Australasia* No.449 (Ellen Lyden)
- ⁸ AOT, LC 247/23 (Ellen Lyden)
- ⁹ AOT, RGD 33/5 1853/121 Hobart (James Howard); AOT, NS 1052/8 p.207 (James Howard)
- ¹⁰ AOT, CON 56/2 No.119 (Ellen Lyden)
- ¹¹ AOT, RGD 37/13 1854/768 Hobart (Stephen Howard & Ellen Lydon)
- ¹² AOT, RGD 33/6 1855/89 Hobart (Bridget Howard); AOT, NS 1052/8 p.272 (Bridget Howard)
- ¹³ Purtscher, *Father John Murphy's "Saddlebag" Records* (Mary Howard); CCMA FRA1 p.13 (Mary Howard)
- ¹⁴ *Hobart Town Gazette*, 25 May 1858 p.749 (Stephen Howard)
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- ¹⁶ AOT, RGD 33/39 1861/1065 Franklin (female Howard); AOT, RGD 33/52 1864/769 Franklin (Margaret Howard); Purtscher, *Father John Murphy's "Saddlebag" Records* (Margaret Howard); CCMA FRA1 p.40 (Margaret Howard)
- ¹⁷ AOT, RGD 35/31 1862/168 Franklin (Stephen Howard)
- ¹⁸ AOT, SC 195/46 No.5313 (Stephen Howard)
- ¹⁹ AOT, RGD 33/41 1863/566 Franklin (Sarah Howard); AOT, RGD 33/38 1860/1094 Franklin (female Howard); Purtscher, *Father John Murphy's "Saddlebag" Records* (Sarah Howard); CCMA FRA1 p.52 (Sarah Howard)
- ²⁰ AOT, RGD 33/43 1865/555 Franklin (male Howard); CCMA, FRA1 p.62 (Stephen Howard)
- ²¹ CCMA, FRA1 p.69 (Ellen Howard)
- ²² AOT, RGD 33/47 1869/467 Franklin (male Howard); CCMA, FRA1 p.76 (John Howard)
- ²³ AOT, RGD 37/35 1876/310 Hobart (Richard Reed & Bridget Howard)
- ²⁴ AOT, CON 33/41 *Constant* No.9871 (Stephen Howard); Howard, *To Hell or to Hobart* p.161.
- ²⁵ *The Mercury*, 28 February 1878 p.3 c.2
- ²⁶ AOT, RGD 35/12 1890/1019 Hobart (Stephen Howard); *The Mercury*, 17 January 1890 p.1 col.1 (Stephen Howard); TFHS Hobart, *TAMIOT*, ES17/00043 (Stephen Howard)
- ²⁷ AOT, RGD 37/49 1890/752 Franklin (James Howard & Catherine Reilly)
- ²⁸ AOT, HSD 247/1 No.2038 (Ellen Howard); AOT, HSD 285/12 No.2038 (Ellen Howard)
- ²⁹ AOT, RGD 35/66 1897/290 Geeveston (Stephen Howard); TFHS Hobart, *TAMIOT*, ES17/00043 (Stephen Howard)
- ³⁰ TFHS Hobart, *TAMIOT*, ES17/00043 (Ellen Howard); *The Mercury*, 21 September 1908 p.1 col.1 (Ellen Howard)