

Mary Lyden^{a,1}
(*nee Mary Welsh, uxor Mary Gorham*)

<p>Place Tried Co. Galway Offence stealing 1 sheep Prosecutor General Alexander Thomson, Salrock, Co. Galway Gaol Report good Station of Gang Anson Other Information tried & convicted² with husband Michael Lyden, his cousins Ellen Lyden (<i>qv</i>) & John Lyden, Patrick Hyland, John Hyland & Michael Kyne^b</p>	<p>Date Tried 4 January 1849 Sentence 7 years Previous Convictions none Surgeon's Report quiet Class 3rd from 22 March 1850</p>
<p>Religion Roman Catholic Marital Status married Age 24^c Height 4' 11³/₄" , 5' 2" Head round Visage oval Eyebrows brown Nose long Chin round Family cousin Ellen Lyden (prisoner on board); husband Michael (sentence 7y, expected in next ship); father Michael, mother Judy; brother Michael; sisters Biddy, Margaret, Ann & Bridget; son Bartley^d (18m, on board)</p>	<p>Literacy neither read nor write, non-English speaking³ Trade country servant Native Place Co. Galway Complexion fresh, freckled; sallow Hair dark, brown Forehead high Eyes dark blue Mouth large Marks none</p>
<p>1846-1848</p>	<p>Employed as a house servant by General Alexander Thomson, Salrock, North Galway.⁴</p>
<p>27 February 1849</p>	<p>Received at Grangegorman Depot, Dublin at 5pm with son Bartley Lyden, 1y 2m.⁵</p>
<p>20 September 1849</p>	<p>Put on <i>Australasia</i> sick list for dysentery (off 28 September, cured).⁶</p>
<p>7 July 1851</p>	<p>Son Bartley Lyden, 4y 4m, admitted to Infants School, Queen's Orphanage, New Town.⁷</p>
<p>2 March 1852</p>	<p>To apply in 3 months for Ticket-of-Leave.⁸</p>
<p>13 July 1852</p>	<p>Ticket-of-Leave granted.⁸</p>
<p>21 December 1852</p>	<p>Applied for permission to marry Patrick Gorham (<i>Hyderabad</i> 2).⁸</p>
<p>8 January 1853</p>	<p>Tried at Hobart PC charged with absence without leave from her authorised place of residence at 11pm on 7 January; admonished & discharged, her character being good.⁹</p>
<p>14 February 1853</p>	<p>Married as 28y, servant, widow, to Patrick Gorham, 23y, labourer, bachelor, at St Joseph's RC Church, Hobart; witnesses Peter King^e & Bridget Carson (<i>qv</i>).¹⁰</p>
<p>10 March 1853</p>	<p>Son Bartley Lyden discharged from Infants School, Queen's Orphanage, New Town to his mother.⁷</p>

^a This is mentioned in some detail in Howard, *To Hell or to Hobart*.

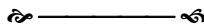
^b Michael and John Lyden do not appear on the Irish transportation index and do not appear to have been transported to VDL.

^c Age given as 29y on *Australasia* sick list.

^d Name also given as Bartholomew.

^e Peter King, alias John Gorham, was tried at the same sessions and transported on the *Hyderabad* 2 with Patrick Gorham and his brother Martin Gorham. Peter's mother was Bridget and Patrick and Martin's mother was Biddy King, but as Peter and Patrick were the same age (22y) they could not have been half-brothers, so they were probably step-brothers or twins (Patrick and Martin did state they had a brother John). Peter King and the other sponsor Bridget Carson (*qv*) applied for permission to marry four months after the wedding, but never married.

24 May 1853	Recommended for Conditional Pardon. ⁸
16 February 1854	Son Owen Gorham, labourer's child, born at Macquarie St, Hobart. ¹¹
4 April 1854	Conditional Pardon approved (issued at Hobart 29 July). ¹²
29 May 1855	Son Martin Gorham, labourer's child, born at Macquarie St, Hobart; baptised 17 June 1855 ^f at St Joseph's RC Church, Hobart; sponsors Martin Gorham ^g & Catherine Conolly. ¹³
4 January 1856	Free by servitude.
20 August 1856	Husband Patrick Gorham received Certificate of Freedom at Hobart. ¹⁴
30 March 1857	Son Martin Gorham, 2y, labourer's child, died of croup at Macquarie St, Hobart. ¹⁵
5 May 1857	Daughter Mary Gorham born; baptised 24 May 1857 at St Joseph's RC Church, Hobart; sponsors James Martin & Mary Bryan. ¹⁶
9 January 1859	Son Patrick Gorham born; baptised 27 February 1859 at St Joseph's RC Church, Hobart; sponsors Patrick Cogan ^h & Bridget Cassin ⁱ . ¹⁷
25 June 1861	Daughter Ellen Gorham born; baptised 1 September 1861 at St Joseph's RC Church, Hobart; sponsors Patrick Cogan ^h & Bridget Leech (nee Carson, <i>qv</i>). ¹⁸
27 January 1863	Husband Patrick Gorham tried at Hobart SC charged with feloniously killing James Prendergast; ¹⁹ sentence 3m HL. ²⁰
3 March 1864	Son Michael Gorham born; baptised 17 April 1864 at St Joseph's RC Church, Hobart; sponsors Patrick Mahony & Catherine Godsill. ²¹
27 November 1873	Son Owen Gorham married Mary Ann Degan at St Joseph's RC Church, Hobart. ²²
22 March 1893	Died of cancer of the uterus at her residence at Ridgeway, 65y, farmer's wife; funeral held at 3pm on 24 March; buried in Ridgeway Cemetery. ²³



^f Baptised on the same day as Bridget Howard, the daughter of Mary Lyden's cousin-by-marriage Ellen Lyden (*qv*).

^g Brother to Patrick Gorham.

^h This was possibly Patrick Keogan, son-in-law of Ann Mannion (*qv*).

ⁱ This was probably Bridget Carson (*uxor* Leech, *qv*).

References

- ¹ AOT, CON 41/24 *Australasia* No.448 (Mary Lyden); AOT, CON 19/8 *Australasia* (Mary Lyden); AOT, CON 15/6 *Australasia* No.114 (Mary Lyden); NAI, Prisons 1/9/4 No.1632 (Mary Lyden)
- 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.1632 (Mary Lyden)
- ⁶ AJCP, ADM 101/6 *Australasia* Sick List Case No.25 (Mary Lyden)
- ⁷ AOT, SWD 6/1 No.119 (Bartley Lyden)
- ⁸ AOT, CON 41/24 *Australasia* No.448 (Mary Lyden)
- ⁹ AOT, LC 247/23 (Mary Lyden)
- ¹⁰ AOT, RGD 37/12 1853/673 Hobart (Patrick Gorham & Mary Lyden)
- ¹¹ AOT, RGD 33/5 1854/622 Hobart (Owen Gourme)
- ¹² AOT, CON 56/2 No.393 (Mary Lyden)
- ¹³ AOT, RGD 33/5 1855/77 Hobart (Martin Goram); AOT, NS 1052/8 p.272 (Martin Goram)
- ¹⁴ AOT, CON 33/94 *Hyderabad* 2 No.21871 (Patrick Gorham)
- ¹⁵ AOT, RGD 35/6 1857/173 Hobart (Martin Goram)
- ¹⁶ AOT, NS 1052/9 p.16 (Mary Goram)
- ¹⁷ AOT, NS 1052/9 p.74 (Patrick Goram)
- ¹⁸ AOT, NS 1052/9 p.144 (Ellen Goram)
- ¹⁹ For more information on this crime see *The Mercury*, 12 January 1863 p.2 col.4; *The Mercury*, 14 January 1863 p.2 col.3 & p.3 col.1; *The Mercury*, 28 January 1863 p.2 col.5.
- ²⁰ AOT, CON 37/10 *Hyderabad* 2 No.5354 (Patrick Goram); *The Mercury*, 28 January 1863 p.2 col.5 (Patrick Goram)
- ²¹ AOT, NS 1052/9 p.202 (Michael Goram)
- ²² AOT, RGD 37/32 1873/355 Hobart (Owen Goram & Mary Ann Degan)
- ²³ AOT, RGD 35/14 1893/259 Hobart (Mary Goram); TFHS Hobart, *Undertakers of Hobart Vol II 1885-1907*, p.74 (Mrs Mary Goram); *The Mercury*, 23 March 1893 p.1 col.1 (Mary Goram)