

*Honora McCarthy*¹
(aka Honora Borden, uxor (Dora) Ann Deacon)

<i>Place Tried</i> Co. Cork	<i>Date Tried</i> 17 March 1849
<i>Offence</i> threatening to burn a house ^a	<i>Sentence</i> life – commuted to 7 years
<i>Prosecutor</i> unknown, Co. Cork	<i>Previous Convictions</i> 1
<i>Gaol Report</i> good	<i>Surgeon's Report</i> quiet
<i>Station of Gang</i> Anson	<i>Class</i> 3 rd from 24 January 1850
<i>Other Information</i> tried & convicted with Margaret Connell (<i>qv</i>) & Margaret Cronin (<i>qv</i>)	

<i>Religion</i> Roman Catholic	<i>Literacy</i> neither read nor write
<i>Marital Status</i> single	<i>Trade</i> nursemaid, nurse girl
<i>Age</i> 18 ^b	<i>Native Place</i> Co. Cork
<i>Height</i> 4' 11 ³ / ₄ " , 4' 5"	<i>Complexion</i> fair
<i>Head</i> round	<i>Hair</i> black
<i>Visage</i> round	<i>Forehead</i> medium
<i>Eyebrows</i> black	<i>Eyes</i> brown
<i>Nose</i> small	<i>Mouth</i> small
<i>Chin</i> small	<i>Marks</i> none
<i>Family</i> none – an orphan ²	

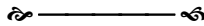
22 June 1830	Born at Dumnaway, Co. Cork, Ireland to John McCarthy & Honora Sullivan; an orphan when transported. ²
19 April 1849	Received at Grangegorman Depot, Dublin from Co. Cork Gaol at 9:30am. ³
c1850	To Lewis Solomon, Elizabeth & Liverpool Streets, Hobart (<1m in service). ⁴
18 October 1851	Application for permission to marry John Deacon (<i>Palmyra</i>) (approved 28 October). ⁵
9 December 1851	Married as 19y, spinster, PPH, to John Deacon, 36y, widower, TL, at Jerusalem in parish of St John's RC Church, Richmond; witnesses James Haslem & Sarah Davey. ⁶
15 September 1852	Son John Deacon born in Richmond district; baptised 6 October 1852 at Jerusalem in parish of St John's RC Church, Richmond; sponsors Thomas Dean & Ann Fogarty. ⁷
2 March 1853	Witness at marriage of Sarah Williams (<i>qv</i>) & James Baynton at Jerusalem. ⁸
29 March 1853	Husband John Deacon's Ticket-of-Leave revoked as absent from muster. ⁹
12 April 1853	Husband John Deacon charged with being illegally at large; returned to the service of the Crown. ⁹
3 May 1853	Husband John Deacon's Ticket-of-Leave restored. ⁹
13 September 1854 ^c	Son William Deacon, farmer's child, born at Brushy Plains; baptised 14 June 1855 at Lower Jerusalem in parish of St John's RC Church, Richmond; sponsor Susan Fairley (nee Chickley, <i>qv</i>). ¹⁰
14 June 1855	Sponsor at baptism of Edward Fairley, son of Susan Chickley (<i>qv</i>), at Lower Jerusalem. ¹¹
17 March 1856	Free by servitude.
5 January 1857	Daughter Sarah Deacon born; baptised 22 February 1857 at St John's RC Church, Richmond; sponsor Ellen Bevan. ¹²

^a Honora's conduct record also stated 'stealing a gown' – the Irish transportation register has an entry for Honora McCarthy sentenced to 7 years' transportation for stealing a gown, tried on 30 November 1848. However, this entry is for Honora McCarthy, 50y, from Mallow, transported on the *Earl Grey*. This mix up of documents eventually led to the commuting of the sentences of *Australasia* convicts Honora McCarthy, Margaret Cronin and Margaret Connell. *Earl Grey* convict Honora McCarthy was supposed to have boarded the *Australasia* and *Australasia* convict Honora McCarthy was supposed to have boarded the *Earl Grey* in order to separate her from the bad influence of Margaret Cronin and Margaret Connell, however, the reverse occurred.

^b Age given as 19y on Grangegorman prison register.

^c Date given as 13 December 1855 on baptism record, but this is clearly erroneous.

- 17 March 1861 **Daughter** Mary Ann Deacon born; baptised 15 April 1861 at St John's RC Church, Richmond; sponsors Michael Farrell & Honora Coughlin.¹³
- 16 October 1862 **Daughter** Dora Deacon born; baptised 16 December 1862 at St John's RC Church, Richmond; sponsors William Graham & Ellen Bowram.¹⁴
- 22 April 1866 **Son** Timothy Albert Deacon born near Native Corners, Jerusalem; baptised RC 22 March 1868 in Brighton district; sponsors Pat Amos & W Graham.¹⁵
- c1868 **Son** Timothy Frederick Deacon born.²
- 4 October c1870 **Daughter** Flora Florence Deacon born.²
- 9 May 1873 **Son** John Deacon married Louisa Alice Lincoln at Native Corners.¹⁶
- c1876 Moved with family from Campania to Hampshire Hills.²
- 31 August 1878 **Daughter** Sarah Deacon married Jesse Josiah Jupp at the residence of John Deacon, Hampshire Hills.¹⁷
- 10 March 1880 **Son** William Deacon married Ellen Gordon at Richmond.¹⁸
- 7 August 1881 **Daughter** Sarah Deacon, 24y, miner's wife, died of convulsions at Mt Bischoff.¹⁹
- 22 March 1883 **Daughter** Dora Deacon married Job Parton at St George's CE Church, Burnie.²⁰
- 8 May 1888 **Husband** John Deacon, 77y, farmer, died of chronic bronchitis at Burnie.²¹
- 9 September 1889 **Son** Timothy Deacon married Emily Hiscocks at Trinity CE Church, Ulverstone.²²
- 24 May 1892 **Daughter** Flora Florence Deacon married Samuel Bird at St George's CE Church, Burnie.²³
- 26 January 1898 **Died** of influenza & bronchitis at Romaine, Burnie, 62y, farmer's widow.²⁴



References

- ¹ AOT, CON 41/24 *Australasia* No.1046 (Honora McCarthy); AOT, CON 19/8 *Australasia* (Honora McCarthy); AOT, CON 15/6 *Australasia* No.128 (Honora McCarthy); NAI, Prisons 1/9/4 No.1846 (Honora McCarthy); NAI, TR9 p.12 (Honora McCarthy)
- ² personal communication, Fay Grimsey, 4 June 2004
- ³ NAI, Prisons 1/9/4 No.1846 (Honora McCarthy)
- ⁴ AOT, CON 7/1 p.413 (Honora McCarthy)
- ⁵ AOT, CON 52/4 (John Deacon & Honora McCarthy); AOT, CON 52/3, p.121 (John Deacon & Honora McCarthy)
- ⁶ AOT, RGD 37/10 1851/967 Richmond (John Deacon & Honora McCarthy); AOT, NS 1052/1 p.59 (John Deacon & Honora McCarthy)
- ⁷ AOT, NS 1052/2 p.382 (John Deacon)
- ⁸ AOT, NS 1052/2 p.74 (Ann Deacon)
- ⁹ AOT, CON 33/81 *Palmyra* No.18760 (John Deacon)
- ¹⁰ AOT, RGD 33/33 1855/1356 Richmond (William Deacon); AOT, NS 1052/2 p.499 (William Deacon)
- ¹¹ AOT, NS 1052/2 p.498 (Ann Deacon)
- ¹² AOT, NS 1052/3 p.6 (Sarah Deacon)
- ¹³ AOT, NS 1052/3 p.23 (Mary Ann Deacon)
- ¹⁴ AOT, NS 1052/3 p.30 (Dora Deacon) – mother's name given as Honora Bowden
- ¹⁵ AOT, NS 519/1 p.10 No.1119 (Timothy Albert Deacon) – mother Dorah Deacon *olim* Borden/Boralin[?]
- ¹⁶ AOT, RGD 37/32 1873/615 Richmond (John Deacon & Louisa Lincoln)
- ¹⁷ AOT, RGD 37/37 1878/485 Horton (Jessie Josiah Jupp & Sarah Deacon)
- ¹⁸ AOT, RGD 37/39 1880/180 Richmond (William Deacon & Ellen Gordon)
- ¹⁹ AOT, RGD 35/50 1880/160 Emu Bay (Sarah Jepp)
- ²⁰ AOT, RGD 37/42 1883/131 Emu Bay (Job Parton & Dora Deacon)
- ²¹ AOT, RGD 35/57 1888/164 Emu Bay (John Deacon)
- ²² AOT, RGD 37/48 1889/718 Ulverstone (Timothy Deacon & Emily Hiscocks)
- ²³ AOT, RGD 37/51 1892/74 Emu Bay (Samuel Bird & Flora Florence Deacon)
- ²⁴ AOT, RGD 35/67 1898/176 Emu Bay (Dora Ann Deacon)