

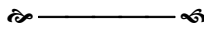
*Margaret McDermott*<sup>1</sup>  
(*nee Margaret Allen, uxor Margaret Delaney*)

<p>Place Tried Dublin City Offence stealing a chair Prosecutor unknown, Dublin Gaol Report very good Station of Gang Anson</p> <p>Religion Roman Catholic Marital Status widow, married Age 36<sup>a</sup> Height 5' 3½", 5' 1" Head large Visage oval Eyebrows brown Nose short Chin round Family father James Allen;<sup>2</sup> husband Michael McDermott (dead 4 years); daughter Elizabeth (6y, on board)</p>	<p>Date Tried 5 April 1849 Sentence 7 years Previous Convictions 2—stealing a chair (3m), stealing meat (3m), stealing cocoa (1m) Surgeon's Report quiet Class 3<sup>rd</sup> from 18 February 1850</p> <p>Literacy read Trade housemaid, dairymaid Native Place Co. Wexford Complexion fresh, fair Hair brown, dark Forehead medium Eyes brown Mouth large Marks none</p>
<p>5 April 1849</p>	<p>Received at Grangegorman Depot, Dublin at 5pm with daughter Elizabeth McDermott, 5y.<sup>3</sup></p>
<p>27 June 1849</p>	<p>Daughter Elizabeth McDermott, 6y, put on <i>Australasia</i> sick list for obstipation (off 7 July, cured).<sup>4</sup></p>
<p>4 October 1849</p>	<p>Daughter Elizabeth McDermott, 6y, admitted to Queen's Orphanage, New Town.<sup>5</sup></p>
<p>10 February 1851</p>	<p>Tried at Hobart PC, brought up from 30 January on remand for inquiry to be made of her master, charged with misconduct in altering the date of her pass from her master James Hurburgh, Passage Point &amp; not proceeding to the depot according to her pass; returned to the service of the Crown having been in custody since 30 January &amp; no answer having been received from her master concerning her.<sup>6</sup></p>
<p>29 March 1851</p>	<p>Contracted as PPH to James Hurburgh, Passage Point, 12m at £7 pa.<sup>7</sup></p>
<p>15 January 1852</p>	<p>Application for permission to marry Fenton Delaney, FS (<i>Louisa</i>, to NSW on the <i>Elphinstone</i>); referred 23 January to APM Huon, the certificates appear to be forgeries (approved 17 February).<sup>8</sup></p>
<p>14 March 1852</p>	<p><b>Married</b> Fenton Delaney at St John's Chapel, Barnes Bay, Bruny Island; witnesses Michael Skelley &amp; Bridget Harwood (<i>qv</i>).<sup>9</sup></p>
<p>22 October 1852</p>	<p>Daughter Elizabeth McDermott discharged from Female School, Queen's Orphanage, New Town to her mother now married.<sup>5</sup></p>
<p>9 November 1852</p>	<p>Ticket-of-Leave granted.<sup>10</sup></p>
<p>June 1853</p>	<p>Mustered in Huon district, resident with Richard Pybus,<sup>b</sup> Bruny Island.<sup>11</sup></p>
<p>15 November 1853</p>	<p>Tried at Hobart PC charged with being drunk &amp; with using indecent language in a public street on 14 November; guilty of being drunk only; sentence 3m HL, Cascades FF.<sup>10,12</sup></p>
<p>9 February 1854</p>	<p>Husband Fenton Delaney collected Certificate of Freedom.<sup>13</sup></p>
<p>28 May 1854</p>	<p><b>Son</b> Michael Delaney, farmer's child, born in Kingston district; baptised 27 June 1854 at St Joseph's RC Church, Hobart; sponsors Christopher Martin &amp; Sarah Wright.<sup>14</sup></p>

<sup>a</sup> Age given as: 30y on description list; 37y on Grangegorman prison register.

<sup>b</sup> This could have been an error on the records, as the next entry listed Mary Ann Montgomery (*Lord Auckland*) as resident at Delaney's, Bruny Island. Perhaps the two entries were inter-changed.

June 1854	Mustered in Huon district, resident with husband at Bruny Island. <sup>11</sup>
December 1854	Mustered in Huon district, resident at Bruny Island. <sup>11</sup>
June 1855	Mustered in Huon district, resident with husband at Bruny Island. <sup>11</sup>
21 June 1855	Husband Fenton Delaney tried at Kingborough PC on information with breach of Dog Act; information withdrawn. <sup>15</sup>
5 April 1856	Free by servitude.
9 February 1859	Daughter Elizabeth McDermott married John Slattery ( <i>Blenheim</i> 4) at St Joseph's RC Church, Hobart. <sup>16</sup>
12 April 1866	Sponsor at baptism of Michael William Colley, mother Catherine Maguire ( <i>qv</i> ), in Port Cygnet district. <sup>17</sup>
22 November 1871	Daughter Elizabeth McDermott, 30y, of weak intellect, & son-in-law John Slattery, 55y, applied for compassionate allowance; awarded 5s per week. <sup>18</sup>
21 August 1876	Son Michael Delaney married <sup>c</sup> Catherine Cox at North Bruny Island. <sup>19</sup>
28 February 1879	Husband Fenton Delaney applied for charitable allowance. <sup>20</sup>
13 May 1879	<b>Died</b> of breast cancer at Bruny Island, 65y. <sup>21</sup>



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<sup>c</sup> The witnesses at the marriage were Patrick and Julia Harwood, children of Bridget Coen (*qv*).

## References

- <sup>1</sup> AOT, CON 41/24 *Australasia* No.1047 (Margaret McDermott); AOT, CON 19/8 *Australasia* (Marg<sup>t</sup> McDermot); AOT, CON 15/6 *Australasia* No.130 (Marg<sup>t</sup> McDermott); NAI, Prisons 1/9/4 No.1714 (Margaret McDermott)
- <sup>2</sup> personal communication, Bruny Island Historical Society (Kathy Duncombe), 22 March 2005
- <sup>3</sup> NAI, Prisons 1/9/4 No.1714 (Margaret McDermott)
- <sup>4</sup> AJCP, ADM 101/6 *Australasia* Sick List (M McDermott)
- <sup>5</sup> AOT, SWD 28/1 p.35f (Elizabeth McDermot)
- <sup>6</sup> AOT, LC 251/2 (Margaret McDermott)
- <sup>7</sup> AOT, CON 30/1 p.281 (Margaret McDermott)
- <sup>8</sup> AOT, CON 52/5 p.101 (Fenton Delaney & Margaret McDermot); AOT, CON 52/3 p.122 (Fenton Delaney & Margaret McDermot)
- <sup>9</sup> AOT, NS 373/7 No.4 (Fenton Delaney & Margaret McDermot)
- <sup>10</sup> AOT, CON 41/24 *Australasia* No.1047 (Margaret McDermott)
- <sup>11</sup> AOT, POL 379/1 pp.69, 153, 160 & 162 (Margaret McDermott/McDermot)
- <sup>12</sup> AOT, LC 247/23 (Margaret McDermott)
- <sup>13</sup> AOT, CON 35/2 p.83 *Louisa* No.2074 (Fenton Delaney)
- <sup>14</sup> AOT, RGD 33/5 1854/1037 Hobart (Michael Delaney); AOT, NS 1052/8 p.236 (Michael Delany)
- <sup>15</sup> AOT, LC 304/2 p.80 (Fenton Delany)
- <sup>16</sup> AOT, RGD 37/18 1859/286 Hobart (John Slattery & Elizabeth McDermott)
- <sup>17</sup> AOT, NS 1052/56 p.7 (Margaret Delany)
- <sup>18</sup> AOT, POL 395/1 (John & Eliza Slattery)
- <sup>19</sup> AOT, RGD 37/35 1876/638 Kingston (Michael Delaney & Catherine Cox)
- <sup>20</sup> AOT, POL 395/1 p.169 (Fenton Delaney & Margaret Delaney)
- <sup>21</sup> AOT, RGD 35/48 1879/295 Kingston (Margaret Delany)