

*Mary Mulrooney*<sup>1</sup>  
(uxor Mary McGurk)

<i>Place Tried</i> Co. Wexford	<i>Date Tried</i> 8 January 1849
<i>Offence</i> stealing potatoes	<i>Sentence</i> 7 years
<i>Prosecutor</i> Nancy Burns, Co. Wexford	<i>Previous Convictions</i> 3 – stealing clothes (4m), stealing a looking glass (6m)
<i>Gaol Report</i> very good	<i>Surgeon's Report</i> bad
<i>Station of Gang</i> Anson	<i>Class</i> 3 <sup>rd</sup> from 24 January 1850
<i>Other Information</i> 3 or 4 weeks on the town <sup>a</sup>	
<i>Religion</i> Roman Catholic	<i>Literacy</i> neither read nor write, read
<i>Marital Status</i> single	<i>Trade</i> country servant, house servant
<i>Age</i> 24 <sup>b</sup>	<i>Native Place</i> Co. Wexford
<i>Height</i> 5' 2½", 5' 2"	<i>Complexion</i> brown, sallow
<i>Head</i> long	<i>Hair</i> brown, black
<i>Visage</i> round	<i>Forehead</i> high
<i>Eyebrows</i> brown	<i>Eyes</i> black
<i>Nose</i> straight	<i>Mouth</i> medium
<i>Chin</i> medium	<i>Marks</i> none
<i>Family</i> father William; brother James (both in the army)	
16 April 1849	Received at Grangegorman Depot, Dublin at 3:30pm. <sup>2</sup>
12 January 1851 <sup>c</sup>	Illegitimate son William Mulrooney born at Cascades FF; baptised same day in parish of St Joseph's RC Church, Hobart; sponsor Maria Wilkinson. <sup>3,4</sup>
7 August 1851	Charged at Cascades FF with quarrelling & being noisy; sentence not to be allowed task work until conduct reported satisfactory. <sup>5</sup>
2 January 1852	To SE Withers, <sup>d</sup> Warwick St, Hobart. <sup>3</sup>
11 February 1852	To Brickfields Hiring Depot, Hobart. <sup>3</sup>
8 March 1852	Contracted as PPH to Henry Brock, Macquarie St, Hobart, 12m at £8 pa. <sup>6</sup>
2 June 1852	To Brickfields Hiring Depot, Hobart. <sup>3</sup>
3 June 1852	To William Short, Old Wharf, Hobart. <sup>3</sup>
4 June 1852	To Brickfields Hiring Depot, Hobart. <sup>3</sup> Contracted as PPH to Christopher Basstian, Argyle St, Hobart, 12m at £8 pa. <sup>7</sup>
28 December 1852	Ticket-of-Leave granted. <sup>3</sup>
26 January 1853	Application for permission to marry Moses McGurk ( <i>London 2</i> ) (approved 2 February). <sup>8</sup>
28 February 1853	<b>Married</b> as 23y, servant, spinster, to Moses McGurk, 28y, labourer, bachelor, at St Joseph's RC Church, Hobart; witnesses Joseph Thomson & Catharine Thomson. <sup>9</sup>
18 March 1853	Tried at Hobart PC, resident with husband Moses McGurk, ostler at <i>Phoenix Hotel</i> , brought up from 12 March on remand at Cascades FF, charged with larceny under the value of £5 in feloniously stealing a feather pillow, value 2/6, & other articles, property of Thomas Mezger & Christopher Basstian; discharged, there being no case against her. <sup>3,10</sup>
5 April 1853	Husband Moses McGurk granted Ticket-of-Leave. <sup>11</sup>
5 May 1853	Tried at Hobart PC charged with misconduct in being out after hours at 10:30pm last night; admonished & discharged, being her 1 <sup>st</sup> offence in the colony. <sup>10</sup>

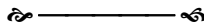
<sup>a</sup> Time given as 3 or 4 years on indent.

<sup>b</sup> Age given as: 22y on Grangegorman prison register; 23y on description list.

<sup>c</sup> Date given as 11 January 1851 on baptism record.

<sup>d</sup> This may have been Samuel Withers.

June 1853	Mustered in Huon district, resident with husband at Lady Bay. <sup>12</sup>
22 October 1853	Ticket-of-Leave revoked for failing to report to district PO in June. <sup>13</sup>
6 March 1854	Witness with husband Moses McGurk at marriage of John Spelman & Ann Mooney at St George's CE Church, Battery Point. <sup>14</sup>
20 March 1854	<b>Daughter</b> Ellen McGurk born; baptised 9 April 1854 at St Joseph's RC Church, Hobart; sponsors James Mooney <sup>e</sup> & Fanny Smith. <sup>15</sup>
4 April 1854	Husband Moses McGurk granted Conditional Pardon. <sup>11</sup>
28 April 1854	Son William Mulrooney, 3y 10m, admitted to Infants School, Queen's Orphanage, New Town. <sup>16</sup>
5 September 1854	Recommended for Conditional Pardon. <sup>3</sup>
26 September 1854	Ticket-of-Leave restored. <sup>3</sup>
17 July 1855	Conditional Pardon approved (issued at Hobart 16 September). <sup>17</sup>
8 January 1856	Free by servitude.
28 January 1856	Husband Moses McGurk received Certificate of Freedom. <sup>11</sup>
2 October 1857	Son William Mulrooney, 7y, transferred to Male School, Queen's Orphanage, New Town. <sup>16,18</sup>
4 July 1859	Husband Moses McGurk tried at Campbell Town PC, brought up from 20, 22 & 30 June on remand, charged with having at Ross on 18 June feloniously assaulted Elijah Brenon with intent to do him some grievous bodily harm; case dismissed. <sup>19</sup>
27 November 1861	Husband Moses McGurk tried at Oatlands PC charged with receiving stolen property; sentence 6m HL, Hobart Gaol (discharged w/e 3 May 1862). <sup>11,20</sup>
26 June 1863	Son William Mulrooney discharged from Queen's Orphanage, New Town & apprenticed to Denis Ryan, <sup>f</sup> Castle Forbes Bay (apprenticeship expired 26 October 1868). <sup>18</sup>



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<sup>e</sup> This is likely to have been the husband of Peggy Gannon 1<sup>st</sup> (*qv*).

<sup>f</sup> Name given as Mr W Ryan on Queen's Orphanage register of admittances and Denis Ryan on Queen's Orphanage register of apprenticeships.

## References

- <sup>1</sup> AOT, CON 41/24 *Australasia* No.1038 (Mary Mulrooney); AOT, CON 19/8 *Australasia* (Mary Mulrooney); AOT, CON 15/6 *Australasia* No.153 (Mary Mulrooney); NAI, Prisons 1/9/4 No.1788 (Mary Mulrooney)
- <sup>2</sup> NAI, Prisons 1/9/4 No.1788 (Mary Mulrooney)
- <sup>3</sup> AOT, CON 41/24 *Australasia* No.1038 (Mary Mulrooney)
- <sup>4</sup> AOT, RGD 33/4 1851/90 Hobart (William Malony); AOT, NS 1052/8 p.130 (William Mulroony)
- <sup>5</sup> AOT, CON 138/1 (Mary Mulrooney)
- <sup>6</sup> AOT, CON 30/1 p.362 (Mary Maloney)
- <sup>7</sup> AOT, CON 30/2 p.346 (Mary Mahoney)
- <sup>8</sup> AOT, CON 52/6 (Moses McQuirk & Mary Mulrooney)
- <sup>9</sup> AOT, RGD 37/12 1853/679 Hobart (Moses MacGuyrk & Mary Mulrooney)
- <sup>10</sup> AOT, LC 247/23 (Mary Mulrooney)
- <sup>11</sup> AOT, CON 33/101 *London 2* No.23941 (Moses McQuirk)
- <sup>12</sup> AOT, POL 379/1 p.157 (Mary Mulrooney)
- <sup>13</sup> *Hobart Town Gazette*, 25 October 1853 p.1026 (Mary Mulrooney)
- <sup>14</sup> AOT, RGD 37/13 1854/320 Hobart (Moses & Mary MacQuirk)
- <sup>15</sup> AOT, NS 1052/8 p.227 (Ellen McQuirk)
- <sup>16</sup> AOT, SWD 6/1 No.288 (William Murrone)
- <sup>17</sup> AOT, CON 56/2 No.999 (Mary Mulrooney)
- <sup>18</sup> AOT, SWD 28/1 p.37m (William Murrone); SWD 32/1 (William Murrone)
- <sup>19</sup> AOT, LC 83/12 pp.908-910 (Moses McQuirk/McQuirk)
- <sup>20</sup> AOT, POL 709/1 p.192 (Moses McQuirk)