

*Catherine Murphy*<sup>1</sup>  
(*uxor Catherine Cripps*)

<i>Place Tried</i> Kings Co.	<i>Date Tried</i> 29 March 1849 <sup>a</sup>
<i>Offence</i> stealing a watch	<i>Sentence</i> 7 years
<i>Prosecutor</i> John Lochlan, Kings Co.	<i>Previous Convictions</i> 1 – stealing turnips (1m)
<i>Gaol Report</i> good	<i>Surgeon's Report</i> quiet
<i>Station of Gang</i> Anson	<i>Class</i> not stated
<i>Other Information</i> committed this offence to be convicted, tried & convicted with Jane Smith ( <i>qv</i> )	

<i>Religion</i> Roman Catholic	<i>Literacy</i> read
<i>Marital Status</i> single	<i>Trade</i> housemaid
<i>Age</i> 21 <sup>b</sup>	<i>Native Place</i> Tipperary
<i>Height</i> 5' 3"	<i>Complexion</i> fair
<i>Head</i> round	<i>Hair</i> brown
<i>Visage</i> oval	<i>Forehead</i> medium
<i>Eyebrows</i> brown	<i>Eyes</i> hazel
<i>Nose</i> medium	<i>Mouth</i> medium
<i>Chin</i> medium	<i>Marks</i> none
<i>Family</i> cousin McGrath (in America)	

21 May 1849	Received at Grangegorman Depot at 9pm. <sup>2</sup>
23 July 1849	Put on <i>Australasia</i> sick list for fever (off 29 September, sent to Hobart Hospital). <sup>3</sup>
1850	To George A Kemp Esq, Kangaroo Point. <sup>4</sup>
3 September 1850	Letter of claim for unpaid wages to CG re George A Kemp Esq (2 <sup>nd</sup> application 23 July 1852, 3 <sup>rd</sup> application 8 October 1852). <sup>5</sup>
25 September 1850	Tried at Hobart PC charged by her master Mr Robertson, <sup>c</sup> Collins St, Hobart with being insolent to him this morning; sentence 3m HL, Cascades FF. <sup>6</sup>
14 May 1851	<b>Son</b> Joseph Murphy stillborn <sup>d</sup> at Cascades FF; baptised 21 May 1851 in parish of St Joseph's RC Church, Hobart; sponsor Ellen Connor ( <i>qv</i> ). <sup>7</sup>
18 June 1852	Contracted as PPH to Peter Fraser, Elboden Place, <sup>e</sup> Hobart, 12m at £7 pa. <sup>8</sup>
20 October 1852	Application for permission to marry John Cripps ( <i>Frances Charlotte</i> 2). <sup>9</sup>
29 November 1852	<b>Married</b> as 23y, servant, spinster, to John Cripps, 33y, overseer, bachelor, at St Joseph's RC Church, Hobart; witnesses George Rockwood & Bridget Rockwood (nee Sharkey, <i>qv</i> ). <sup>10</sup>
1 February 1853	Ticket-of-Leave granted. <sup>4</sup>
31 January 1854	Recommended for Conditional Pardon. <sup>4</sup>
13 June 1854	Husband John Cripps granted Conditional Pardon available everywhere save in the UK & VDL. <sup>11</sup>
19 December 1854	Conditional Pardon approved. <sup>12</sup>
25 December 1855	<b>Daughter</b> Catherine Cripps, overseer's child, born at Port Arthur. <sup>13</sup>
29 March 1856	Free by servitude.
18 April 1856	Certificate of Freedom collected. <sup>4</sup>
2 September 1856	Husband John Cripps granted Free Pardon. <sup>11</sup>

<sup>a</sup> Date given as 30 March 1849 on Irish transportation register.

<sup>b</sup> Age given as: 22y on Irish transportation register; 25y on Grangegorman prison register

<sup>c</sup> This is most likely to have been James Robertson, but could have been William Robertson.

<sup>d</sup> As the child was recorded as stillborn, it is unclear why he was then baptised a week later. Perhaps Joseph was erroneously recorded as stillborn or Catherine had twins. There is a Joseph William Murphy who died aged 37 on 21 January 1886 in Hobart.

<sup>e</sup> Address given as Davey St on conduct record.

23 April 1858<sup>f</sup>

**Son** John Cripps, drayman's child, born at 13 William St, Hobart; baptised 16 May 1858 at St Joseph's RC Church, Hobart; sponsor Catherine Watson.<sup>14</sup>

14 July 1861

**Son** George Christopher Cripps, drayman's child, born at Argyle St, Hobart; baptised 8 September 1861 at St Joseph's RC Church, Hobart; sponsors Stephen Therry & Ellen Therry.<sup>15</sup>



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<sup>f</sup> Date given as 27 April 1858 on baptism record.

## References

- <sup>1</sup> AOT, CON 41/24 *Australasia* No.1027 (Catherine Murphy); AOT, CON 19/8 *Australasia* (Catherine Murphy); AOT, CON 15/6 *Australasia* No.155 (Catherine Murphy); NAI, Prisons 1/9/4 No.1880 (Catherine Murphy); NAI, TR9 p.45 (Catherine Murphy)
- <sup>2</sup> NAI, Prisons 1/9/4 No.1880 (Catherine Murphy)
- <sup>3</sup> AJCP, ADM 101/6 *Australasia* Sick List Case No.4 (Cath Murphy)
- <sup>4</sup> AOT, CON 41/24 *Australasia* No.1027 (Catherine Murphy)
- <sup>5</sup> AOT, CON 7/1 p.249 (Catherine Murphy)
- <sup>6</sup> AOT, LC 251/2 (Catherine Murphy)
- <sup>7</sup> AOT, RGD 33/4 1851/443 Hobart (Joseph Murphy); AOT, NS 1052/8 p.139 (Joseph Murphy)
- <sup>8</sup> AOT, CON 30/1 p.165 (Cath Murphy)
- <sup>9</sup> AOT, CON 52/5 p.62 (John Cripps & Catherine Murphy)
- <sup>10</sup> AOT, RGD 37/11 1852/746 Hobart (John Cripps & Catharine Murphy)
- <sup>11</sup> AOT, CON 34/7 *Frances Charlotte* p.642 No.2172 (John Cripps)
- <sup>12</sup> AOT, CON 56/2 No.1902 (Catherine Murphy)
- <sup>13</sup> AOT, RGD 33/34 1856/1539 Tasman (Catherine Cripps)
- <sup>14</sup> AOT, RGD 33/7 1858/1437 Hobart (male Cripps); AOT, NS 1052/9 p.49 (John Cripps)
- <sup>15</sup> AOT, RGD 33/8 1851/4433 Hobart (male Crips); AOT, NS 1052/9 p.145 (George Christopher Cripps)