

*Catherine O'Neal*¹
(uxor Catherine Styles)

Place Tried	Fermanagh	Date Tried	2 January 1849
Offence	stealing £2.3.0	Sentence	7 years
Prosecutor	Cockeran, Fermanagh	Previous Convictions	3 ^a —assault (12m), assault (1m)
Gaol Report	good	Surgeon's Report	middling
Station of Gang	Anson	Class	not stated
Religion	Roman Catholic	Literacy	neither read nor write
Marital Status	single, father of her child Robert	Trade	country servant
Gunner		Native Place	Co. Fermanagh
Age	24 ^b	Complexion	fair
Height	5' 3½", 5' 4"	Hair	black, brown
Head	oval	Forehead	high
Visage	oval	Eyes	hazel
Eyebrows	black	Mouth	wide
Nose	straight	Marks	large scar on forehead, face freckled
Chin	short		
Family	mother Mary; brothers John, Thomas, Hugh, Henry & James; son James (12m, on board)		
18 April 1849	Received at Grangegorman Depot, Dublin at 8:30am with son James Connors, 9m. ²		
24 September 1850	Tried at Hobart PC charged with absence without leave from the service of Lazarus Levy, Murray St, Hobart from 22 to 23 September when apprehended at 12pm in the house of a person named Gammon[?], Murray St, Hobart; sentence 4m HL, Cascades FF, half that term to be passed in the separate apartments, recommended to then be hired in the interior being a farm servant. ³		
9 November 1851	Appeared at Fingal PC, no charge; returned to the service of the government at the request of her master Thomas Massey, ordered to the hiring depot at Ross FF. ⁴		
11 March 1852	Application for permission to marry John Mahony (<i>Pestonjee Bomanjee</i>). ⁵		
2 April 1852	Application for permission to marry William Munton (<i>Maitland 2</i>); referred to CPM Hobart, cannot be approved until within 12 months of TL. ⁶		
26 May 1852	To Mary Ann Gilligan, Avoca. ⁷		
8 June 1852	To apply in 2 months for Ticket-of-Leave. ⁷		
24 July 1852	Appeared at Fingal PC, no charge; withdrawn from the service of Mary Ann Gilligan by order of the CG & recommended not to be engaged on the Avoca side of Ross. ⁸		
28 July 1852	To Ross FF. ⁷		
18 October 1852	Illegitimate daughter Elizabeth O'Neal born at Ross FF; father William Munton; baptised 25 October 1852 at Ross FF; sponsor Ann Torpy. ^{7,9}		
30 August 1853	Charged at Ross FF with quarrelling, etc; sentence 3m HL. ⁷		
6 September 1853	Charged at Ross FF with assaulting Janet Allen; sentence 6m HL, to be cumulative, etc. ⁷		
7 March 1854	To Henry G Archdale, Fingal. ⁷		
13 June 1854	Application for permission to marry John Grogan, CP; woman must be 6 months free from offence. ¹⁰		
26 September 1854	Ticket-of-Leave granted. ⁷		
17 October 1854	Application for permission to marry John Grogan, free (approved 18 October). ¹⁰		

^a Number of previous convictions given as 2 on Grangegorman prison register.

^b Age given as 18y on Grangegorman prison register.

^c Date given as 24 October 1854 on conduct record, with the comment 'not married'.

9 December 1854	Application for permission to marry Richard Styles, free; memorial referred 15 December to Revd S Parson[?] (approved 20 December). ¹¹
1 January 1855	Married as 25y, servant, spinster, to Richard Styles, 26y, farmer, widower, at Christ's CE Church, Cullenswood; witnesses Daniel Murphy & Ann Jordan. ¹²
15 January 1855 ^d	Son Henry Styles, farmer's child, born at Cullenswood; baptised 17 February 1856 in St Marys district; sponsors James Westman & Eliza Westman. ¹³
2 January 1856	Free by servitude.
5 June 1856 ^e	Son George Andrew Styles, farmer's child, born at Cullenswood; baptised 6 July 1856 in St Marys district; sponsors William Nelson & Ellen Stevens (nee Rosney, <i>qv</i>). ¹⁴
1858	Husband Richard Styles occupier of an agricultural farm (18 acres) at <i>Londavra</i> , Cullenswood. ¹⁵
7 May 1858	Certificate of Freedom to Fingal for collection. ⁷
9 August 1858 ^f	Son Richard Styles, farmer's child, born at Cullenswood; baptised 29 August 1858 in St Marys district; sponsors William Davis & Jane Davis. ¹⁶
15 January 1869	Daughter Elizabeth O'Neal married Sebastian Siglion at St Joseph's RC Church, Fingal. ¹⁷
15 September 1873	Died of apoplexy in Fingal district, 40y, ^g labourer's wife. ¹⁸
16 September 1873	Inquest held at Avoca; verdict 'died from natural causes, to wit, apoplexy'. ¹⁹



^d Date given as 18 January 1855 on baptism record.

^e Date given as 4 June 1856 on baptism record.

^f Date given as 8 August 1858 on baptism record.

^g Age given as 44y at inquest.

References

- ¹ AOT, CON 41/24 *Australasia* No.98 (Catherine O'Neal); AOT, CON 19/8 *Australasia* (Catherine O'Neill); AOT, CON 15/6 *Australasia* No.162 (Catherine O'Neal); NAI, Prisons 1/9/4 No.1818 (Catherine O'Neal)
- ² NAI, Prisons 1/9/4 No.1818 (Catherine O'Neal)
- ³ AOT, LC 251/2 (Catherine O'Neal)
- ⁴ AOT, LC 143/2 p.304 (Catherine O'Neal)
- ⁵ AOT, CON 52/5 p.313 (John Mahony & Martha Neill)
- ⁶ AOT, CON 52/5 p.314 (William Manton & Catherine O'Neil)
- ⁷ AOT, CON 41/24 *Australasia* No.98 (Catherine O'Neal)
- ⁸ AOT, LC 143/2 p.343 (Catherine O'Neil)
- ⁹ AOT, RGD 33/30 1852/121 Campbell Town (Elizabeth O'Neill); AOT, NS 1052/13 p.57 No.16 (Elizabeth O'Neill)
- ¹⁰ AOT, CON 52/7 pp.153 & 155 (John Grogan & Catherine O'Neil)
- ¹¹ AOT, CON 52/7 p.458 (Richard Styles & Catherine O'Neill)
- ¹² AOT, RGD 37/14 1855/94 Fingal (Richard Styles & Catherine O'Neill)
- ¹³ AOT, RGD 33/33 1855/270 Fingal (Henry Styles); CCMA, EC5 p.7 (Henry Stiles)
- ¹⁴ AOT, RGD 33/34 1856/296 Fingal (George Andrew Stiles); CCMA, EC5 p.10 (George Andrew Stiles)
- ¹⁵ *Hobart Town Gazette*, 11 May 1858 p.623 (Richard Styles)
- ¹⁶ AOT, RGD 33/36 1858/438 Fingal (Richard Styles); CCMA, EC5 p.27 (Richard Styles)
- ¹⁷ AOT, RGD 37/28 1869/25 Campbell Town (Sebastian Siglion & Elizabeth Styles)
- ¹⁸ AOT, RGD 35/42 1873/133 Fingal (Catherine Styles)
- ¹⁹ AOT, POL 709/2 p.154 (Catherine Styles)