

*Caroline Rankin*<sup>1</sup>  
(*uxor Caroline Keegan, Caroline Clarke*)

<i>Place Tried</i> Co. Kildare	<i>Date Tried</i> 20 March 1849
<i>Offence</i> stealing clothes	<i>Sentence</i> 7 years
<i>Prosecutor</i> unknown, Newbridge	<i>Previous Convictions</i> 2—stealing clothes (3m, 3m & twice discharged)
<i>Gaol Report</i> good, useful	<i>Surgeon's Report</i> middling
<i>Station of Gang</i> Anson	<i>Class</i> 3 <sup>rd</sup> from 24 January 1850
<i>Religion</i> Roman Catholic	<i>Literacy</i> read
<i>Marital Status</i> married	<i>Trade</i> cook, laundress, servant
<i>Age</i> 38 <sup>a</sup>	<i>Native Place</i> Kildare
<i>Height</i> 5' 1½", 5' 1"	<i>Complexion</i> fresh, fair
<i>Head</i> round	<i>Hair</i> dark brown, brown
<i>Visage</i> round	<i>Forehead</i> high
<i>Eyebrows</i> brown	<i>Eyes</i> dark
<i>Nose</i> straight	<i>Mouth</i> medium
<i>Chin</i> large, dimpled	<i>Marks</i> none
<i>Family</i> brother George; sisters Mary & Ann; husband Edward <sup>b</sup> (in America); son Edward (3y, on board)	
16 April 1849	Received at Grangegorman Depot, Dublin at 10am with son Edward Rankin, 2y. <sup>2</sup>
24 September 1849	Put on <i>Australasia</i> sick list for dysentery (off 29 September, cured). <sup>3</sup>
4 October 1849	Son Edward Keegan, 3y, admitted to Queen's Orphanage, New Town. <sup>4</sup>
28 January 1850	Contracted as PPH to William Cole, Liverpool St, Hobart, 12m at £9 pa. <sup>5</sup>
2 April 1850	Charged by her master John Partridge with removing some coins; sentence 6m HL, Ross FF. <sup>6</sup>
2 April 1851	Illegitimate <b>daughter</b> Caroline Rankin born at Ross FF. <sup>9</sup>
19 April 1851	Charged with bringing a quantity of tobacco into Ross FF; sentence 2m HL, Ross FF. <sup>6</sup>
1 July 1851	Son Edward Keegan, 4y 9m, transferred to Infants School, Queen's Orphanage, New Town. <sup>4,7</sup>
24 September 1851	Charged at Ross FF with quarrelling & using obscene language; sentence 2m HL, Ross FF. <sup>6</sup>
12 January 1852	Sponsor at baptism of Ann Tully, daughter of Ann Tully ( <i>qv</i> ), at Ross FF. <sup>8</sup>
21 January 1852	Charged at Ross FF with appropriating the children's food; sentence 1m HL, Ross FF, to be cumulative. <sup>6</sup>
15 February 1852	Daughter Caroline Rankin, 10m 13d, died of diarrhoea at Ross FF. <sup>9</sup>
24 May 1852	To Robert Taylor, Campbell Town. <sup>6</sup>
7 September 1852	To apply in 6 months for Ticket-of-Leave. <sup>6</sup>
17 September 1852	Tried at Campbell Town PC, in service to Robert Taylor, charged with misconduct in not reporting herself at the PO on 15 September & being out after hours last night; reprimanded. <sup>10</sup>
6 November 1852	To Ross FF. <sup>6</sup>
16 November 1852	To George Hawkins, <i>Bald-Faced Stag</i> , Cleveland. <sup>6</sup>
25 November 1852	To Ross FF. <sup>6</sup>
3 December 1852	Son Edward Keegan, 6y 2m, transferred to Male School, Queen's Orphanage, New Town. <sup>4,7</sup>

<sup>a</sup> Age given as: 37y on Grangegorman prison register and Irish transportation register; 39y on *Australasia* sick list.

<sup>b</sup> Name given as Bernard Keegan in Queen's Orphanage records.

7 December 1852	Application for permission to marry Thomas Speirs, free. <sup>11</sup>
4 January 1853	Charged with not proceeding to the Depot <sup>c</sup> & being in a public house; sentence 3m HL. <sup>6</sup>
9 March 1853	To Adam Jackson, near Ross. <sup>6</sup>
22 May 1853	To Adam Jackson. <sup>6</sup>
21 August 1853	Contracted as PPH to Patrick Kearney, Campbell Town, 12m at £9 pa. <sup>12</sup>
30 August 1853	To apply in 3 months for Ticket-of-Leave. <sup>6</sup>
31 August 1853	To Patrick Kearney, Campbell Town. <sup>6</sup>
15 September 1853	To Ross FF, then to Charles Hudson, Ross. <sup>6</sup>
16 September 1853	Application for permission to marry Charles Clarke ( <i>Sir J Byng</i> ); will be approved if clergyman is satisfied (approved 21 September <sup>d</sup> ). <sup>13</sup>
9 October 1853	Sponsor at baptism of William Roote, son of William Roote & Alice Foley, <sup>e</sup> at Ross. <sup>14</sup>
12 December 1853	<b>Married</b> as 40y, widow, to Charles Clarke, 32y, labourer, bachelor, at St John's CE Church, Ross; witnesses Alice Roote & William Roote. <sup>15</sup>
20 January 1854	To Ross FF. <sup>6</sup>
21 January 1854	To Ross PO. <sup>6</sup>
24 January 1854	Ticket-of-Leave granted. <sup>6</sup>
16 May 1854	Son Edward Keegan discharged from Queen's Orphanage, New Town to his mother now married. <sup>7</sup>
4 December 1855	Husband Charles Clarke, in service to Jackson, charged with disturbing the peace; fined 5s. <sup>16</sup>
27 December 1855	Charged with being drunk; fined 20s. <sup>6</sup>
20 March 1856	Free by servitude.



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<sup>c</sup> This was probably Ross FF.

<sup>d</sup> Date given as 22 November 1853 on conduct record.

<sup>e</sup> William Roote married Alice Delahunty according to the TPI.

## References

- <sup>1</sup> AOT, CON 41/24 *Australasia* No.507 (Caroline Rankin); AOT, CON 19/8 *Australasia* (Caroline Rankin); AOT, CON 15/6 *Australasia* No.169 (Caroline Rankin); NAI, Prisons 1/9/4 No.1775 (Caroline Rankin); NAI, TR9 p.40 (Caroline Rankin)
- <sup>2</sup> NAI, Prisons 1/9/4 No.1775 (Caroline Rankin)
- <sup>3</sup> AJCP, ADM 101/6 *Australasia* Sick List (Car Rankin)
- <sup>4</sup> AOT, SWD 28/1 pp.26m & 31m (Edward Keegan)
- <sup>5</sup> AOT, CON 30/2 p.231 (Caroline Rankin)
- <sup>6</sup> AOT, CON 41/24 *Australasia* No.507 (Caroline Rankin)
- <sup>7</sup> AOT, SWD 6/1 No.28 (Edward Keegan)
- <sup>8</sup> AOT, NS 1052/13 p.56 No.7 (Caroline Rankin)
- <sup>9</sup> AOT, RGD 35/21 1852/154 Campbell Town (Caroline Rankin); AOT, NS 1052/13 p.82 No.7 (George Rankin)
- <sup>10</sup> AOT, LC 83/11 p.239 (Ellen Rankin)
- <sup>11</sup> AOT, CON 52/5 p.429 (Thomas Spirs & Catherine Rankin)
- <sup>12</sup> AOT, CON 30/1 p.97 (Caroline Rankin)
- <sup>13</sup> AOT, CON 52/6 (Charles Clarke & Caroline Rankin)
- <sup>14</sup> AOT, NS 1052/13 p.59 No.34 (Caroline Rankin)
- <sup>15</sup> AOT, NS 1190/18 No.118 (Charles Clarke & Caroline Rankin)
- <sup>16</sup> AOT, CON 35/2 p.11 *Sir J Byng* No.3582 (Charles Clarke)