

*Mary Regan*¹
(*uxor Mary or Margaret Shea*)

Place Tried Co. Cork
Offence stealing clothes
Prosecutor unknown, Co. Cork
Gaol Report quiet
Station of Gang Anson

Date Tried 14 May 1849
Sentence 7 years
Previous Convictions none
Surgeon's Report quiet
Class 3rd from 24 January 1850

Religion Roman Catholic
Marital Status single
Age 22^a
Height 5' ½", 5' 1"
Head narrow
Visage round
Eyebrows brown
Nose small
Chin round
Family father Cornelius; brothers Cornelius & Michael; sister Ellen

Literacy neither read nor write
Trade country servant, housemaid
Native Place Co. Cork
Complexion fresh, fair
Hair light brown, fair
Forehead high
Eyes hazel
Mouth medium
Marks none

- 7 June 1849 Received at Grangegorman Depot, Dublin at 2pm.²
- 31 July 1849 Put on *Australasia* sick list for fever (off 28 September, cured).³
- 26 September 1850 Absconded from the service of Mr Fitzgerald,^b Macquarie St, Hobart.⁴
c1852 To Brickfields Hiring Depot, Hobart.⁵
- 25 February 1852 To John McWaide, Bothwell.⁵
- 9 May 1852 Mustered in Bothwell district.⁵
- 6 July 1852 Application for permission to marry Timothy Shea (*William Jardine 2*); cancelled, man refuses to marry.⁶
- 7 July 1852 To Mrs Susannah Beech, *Bothwell Castle*, Bothwell.⁵
- 29 July 1852 Husband-to-be Timothy Shea tried at Bothwell for misconduct in being in a public house at night & making his escape from a constable; severely admonished.¹²
- 28 August 1852 Application for permission to marry Timothy Shea (*William Jardine 2*) (approved 1 September).⁶
- 27 September 1852 **Married** as 23y, housemaid, to Timothy Shea, 23y, shoemaker, at Bothwell Presbyterian Church; witnesses William Rosar & Ellen Connor.⁷
- 15 December 1852 To Cascades FF, Hobart.⁵
- 18 May 1852 To apply in 6 months for Ticket-of-Leave.⁵
- 28 January 1853 Mustered in Bothwell district.⁵
- 22 February 1853 Ticket-of-Leave granted.⁵
- 7 March 1853^c **Daughter** Elizabeth (Betsey) Shea, shoemaker's child, born at Bothwell; baptised 5 June 1853 at St Joseph's RC Church, Hobart; sponsors Dennis Kenny & Ann Kenny.⁸
- 14 June 1853 Husband Timothy Shea granted Conditional Pardon.¹²
- 1 August 1853 Mustered in Campbell Town district.⁵
- 3 July 1854 Husband Timothy Shea, shoemaker, tried at Richmond PC charged with misconduct in being drunk while on duty as a police constable on 1 July; fined 5s, recommended to be dismissed from the police.^{d,9}

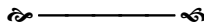
^a Age given as 20y on *Australasia* sick list and description list.

^b This may have been Michael Fitzgerald.

^c Date given as 8 March 1853 on baptism record.

^d This was not his first offence at Richmond.

9 August 1854	To Ross FF. ⁵
6 November 1854	To Cascades FF, Hobart. ⁵
7 June 1855 ^e	Daughter Ellen Shea, shoemaker's child, born at Bothwell; baptised 30 June 1855 at St Paul's RC Church, Oatlands; sponsor Ellen Connor. ¹⁰
4 December 1855	Certificate of Freedom at Bothwell for collection (issued 8 December, due 14 May 1856). ^{5,11}
21 December 1855	Husband Timothy Shea received Certificate of Freedom at Bothwell. ¹²
15 June 1857	Daughter Margaret Shea, shoemaker's child, born at Richmond; baptised 24 July 1857 at St John's RC Church, Richmond; sponsor Mary McGowan. ¹³
4 July 1857	Daughter Ellen Shea, 2y, shoemaker's child, died of croup at Richmond; buried in St John's RC Church Cemetery, Richmond. ¹⁴
22 July 1857	Daughter Elizabeth (Betsey) Shea, 4½y, shoemaker's child, died of croup at Richmond; buried in St John's RC Church Cemetery, Richmond. ¹⁵
1858	Husband Timothy Shea occupier of a cottage & shop (<1 acre) at Bridge St, Richmond. ¹⁶
17 November 1859 ^f	Son Maurice Shea, shoemaker's child, born at Coal River; baptised 1 January 1860 at St John's RC Church, Richmond; sponsors Richard Hincham & Catherine McCarthy. ¹⁷
2 May 1860	Husband Timothy Shea ^g committed for trial at Hobart SC for stealing a ledger/account book, value £5; tried 5 June; found not guilty. ^{9,12}
11 October 1860	Husband Timothy Shea bound over for 3m on sureties of good behaviour re George Lennon Goldie. ⁹
4 February 1861	Tried at Richmond PC charged with rescuing a goat on 29 January from Frederick Godfrey, detained for trespass on land of Joseph Godfrey at Enfield; fined £5 plus costs of 10/6, in default 14d HL, Cascades Gaol. ¹⁸
8 December 1861 ^h	Daughter Louisa Mary Shea, ⁱ shoemaker's child, born at Enfield near Richmond; baptised 2 February 1862 at St John's RC Church, Richmond; sponsor Mary Cane. ¹⁹
19 April 1862	Husband Timothy Shea charged Joseph & Frederick Godfrey ^j with stealing a fowl at Enfield on 16 April, value 1s, his property; both prisoners found guilty but bench declined, in consequence of their tender years, from inflicting any punishment & bound them over to be of good behaviour for 12 months, bonds of 20s each paid. ⁹
10 February 1865 ^k	Daughter Grace Mary Shea, shoemaker's child, born at Enfield near Richmond; baptised 21 May 1865 at St John's RC Church, Richmond; sponsors Thomas Forster & Ellen Finn. ²⁰
30 October 1873	Husband Timothy Shea tried at Hobart PC for larceny; sentence 7d HL. ¹²
21 September 1885	Daughter Grace Shea married George Edward Balaam at the house of Timothy Shea, Glenora. ²¹
16 May 1899	Daughter Louisa Mary Shea married Alfred Woodworth at St John's CE Church, Launceston. ²²



^e Date given as 3 June 1855 on baptism record.

^f Date given as 17 December 1859 on baptism record.

^g Timothy had also been charged in recent months several times with drunkenness and making threats.

^h Date given as 6 December 1861 on baptism record.

ⁱ Name given as Elizabeth Shea on birth record.

^j This was possibly the same Frederick Godfrey whom Susan Corr (*qv*) later married.

^k Date given as 16 February 1865 on baptism record.

References

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- ² NAI, Prisons 1/9/4 No.1910 (Mary Regan)
- ³ AJCP, ADM 101/6 *Australasia* Sick List Case No.5 (Mary Regan)
- ⁴ *Hobart Town Gazette*, 1 October 1850 p.879 (Mary Regan)
- ⁵ AOT, CON 41/24 *Australasia* No.506 (Mary Regan)
- ⁶ AOT, CON 52/5 pp.424 & 526 (Timothy Shea & Mary Regan)
- ⁷ AOT, RGD 37/11 1852/2 Bothwell (Timothy Shea & Mary Regan); AOT, CON 52/3 pp.426 (Timothy Shea & Mary Regan)
- ⁸ AOT, RGD 33/31 1853/7 Bothwell (Betsey Shea); AOT, NS 1052/4 p.197 (Elizabeth Shea)
- ⁹ AOT, LC 445/2 (Timothy Shea)
- ¹⁰ AOT, RGD 33/33 1855/21 Bothwell (Ellen Shea); AOT, NS 1052/4 p.18 (Ellen Shea)
- ¹¹ *Hobart Town Gazette*, 11 December 1855 p.1349 (Mary Regan)
- ¹² AOT, CON 33/98 *William Jardine* 2 No.23121 (Timothy Shea)
- ¹³ AOT, RGD 33/35 1857/1926 Richmond (Margaret Shea); AOT, NS 1052/3 p.8 (Margaret Shea)
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- ¹⁹ AOT, RGD 33/40 1862/1467 Richmond (Elizabeth Shea); AOT, NS 1052/3 p.27 (Louisa Mary Shea)
- ²⁰ AOT, RGD 33/43 1865/1462 Richmond (Grace Shea); AOT, NS 1052/3 p.39 (Grace Mary Shea)
- ²¹ AOT, RGD 37/44 1885/866 New Norfolk (George Edward Balaam & Grace Shea)
- ²² AOT, RGD 37/61 1899/502 Launceston (Alfred Woodworth & Louisa Shea)