

*Catherine Reidy*¹
(aka Catherine Keidy, uxor Catherine Walters)

<p>Place Tried Co. Clare Offence stealing 1 sheep Prosecutor Mr Nolan,^b Co. Clare Gaol Report quiet Station of Gang Anson Other Information tried & convicted with brother Patrick Keidy</p>	<p>Date Tried 27 February 1849^a Sentence 7 years Previous Convictions none Surgeon's Report quiet Class 3rd from 24 January 1850</p>
<p>Religion Roman Catholic Marital Status single Age 35^c Height 5' ¼", 5' Head oval Visage oval Eyebrows brown Nose straight Chin large</p>	<p>Literacy neither read nor write Trade country servant Native Place Co. Clare Complexion fresh, fair Hair brown, sandy Forehead high Eyes grey Mouth large Marks front teeth protrude, face slightly pock-pitted</p>
<p>Family sister Margaret; brother Pat (sentence 7 years)</p>	

27 March 1849	Received at Grangegorman Depot, Dublin at 10pm. ²
9 September 1849	Put on <i>Australasia</i> sick list for obstipation (off 11 September, cured). ³
29 September 1851	Charged at Cascades FF with wilful mismanagement of work; sentence 14d SC. ⁴
31 October 1851	Brother Patrick Keidy, 30y, arrived in VDL, prisoner on the <i>Blenheim</i> 4. ⁵
31 December 1851	Contracted as PPH to James Freeman, Battery Point, 12m at £7 pa. ⁶
3 January 1852	To Brickfields Hiring Depot, Hobart. ⁴
18 May 1852	To John Gillard, York Plains. ⁴
24 August 1852	To Ross FF. ⁴
9 November 1852	Ticket-of-Leave granted. ⁴
23 December 1852	Application for permission to marry Henry Walters, free (approved 12 January 1853). ⁷
18 March 1853	Married as 40y, spinster, TL, to Henry Walters, 33y, shepherd, free, at Ross RC Church; witnesses John Fox & Sarah Ritchie. ⁸
27 February 1856	Free by servitude.
20 March 1856	Certificate of Freedom to Campbell Town for collection. ⁴
8 February 1863	Sponsor at baptism of John Cornelius McLoughlin, son of Mary Boyde (<i>qv</i>), in Campbell Town district. ⁹
30 September 1887	Brother Patrick Keidy supposedly died at Cascades Hospital for the Insane. ⁵
1 December 1904 ^d	Died of senilis at New Town Charitable Institution, born Ireland, servant, 95y; buried 2 December in pauper section, Cornelian Bay Cemetery, Hobart. ¹⁰



^a Date given as 5 March 1849 on Irish transportation register.

^b Prosecutor given as Mr Kinnane on brother Patrick's convict records.

^c Age given as: 32y on Grangegorman prison register and Irish transportation register; 36y on *Australasia* sick list.

^d This death has not been confirmed, but it is highly likely to have been that of *Australasia* convict Catherine Reidy.

References

- ¹ AOT, CON 41/24 *Australasia* No.503 (Catherine Reidy); AOT, CON 19/8 *Australasia* (Catherine Ready); AOT, CON 15/6 *Australasia* No.165 (Catherine Reidy); NAI, Prisons 1/9/4 No.1702 (Catherine Reidy); NAI, TR9 p.10 (Catherine Keidy/Reidy)
- ² NAI, Prisons 1/9/4 No.1702 (Catherine Reidy)
- ³ AJCP, ADM 101/6 *Australasia* Sick List (Cath Reidy)
- ⁴ AOT, CON 41/24 *Australasia* No.503 (Catherine Reidy)
- ⁵ NAI, TR9 p.23 (Pat Keidy); AOT, CON 33/104 *Blenheim* 4 No.24745 (Patrick Kiedy); AOT, CON 14/42 *Blenheim* 4 pp.408–409 (Patrick Kiedy)
- ⁶ AOT, CON 30/1 p.334 (Catherine Reardy)
- ⁷ AOT, CON 52/5 p.509 (Henry Walters & Catherine Ready)
- ⁸ AOT, RGD 37/12 1853/86 Ross (Henry Walters & Catharine Ready); AOT, NS 1052/13 Nos.11 & 51 (Henry Walters & Catharine Ready)
- ⁹ CCMA, EC5 p.47 (Catherine Walter)
- ¹⁰ TAS Death Certificate 1904/1005 Hobart (Catherine Walters); SRCT CB Pauper Section A No.271 (Catherine Walters)