

*Mary Riordan*¹

<i>Place Tried</i> Co. Cork	<i>Date Tried</i> 9 December 1848
<i>Offence</i> stealing 7 lbs of butter	<i>Sentence</i> 7 years
<i>Prosecutor</i> unknown, Co. Cork	<i>Previous Convictions</i> 1 ^a —stealing flax (4m)
<i>Gaol Report</i> quiet	<i>Surgeon's Report</i> quiet
<i>Station of Gang</i> Anson	<i>Class</i> 3 rd from 24 January 1850
<i>Religion</i> Roman Catholic	<i>Literacy</i> neither read nor write
<i>Marital Status</i> single	<i>Trade</i> country servant, housemaid
<i>Age</i> 26 ^b	<i>Native Place</i> Co. Cork
<i>Height</i> 5' 2 ³ / ₄ " , 4' 10"	<i>Complexion</i> fresh, fair
<i>Head</i> round	<i>Hair</i> black, brown
<i>Visage</i> round	<i>Forehead</i> high
<i>Eyebrows</i> brown	<i>Eyes</i> hazel grey
<i>Nose</i> medium	<i>Mouth</i> medium
<i>Chin</i> medium	<i>Marks</i> none
<i>Family</i> brothers John & Daniel (both in the army); sisters Cath & Margaret	

1 March 1849	Received at Grangegorman Depot, Dublin at 2pm. ²
8 April 1851	Charged at Cascades FF with disorderly conduct; sentence 14d separate treatment. ³
5 February 1852	To Cascades FF, Hobart. ⁴
c1852	To Brickfields Hiring Depot, Hobart. ⁴
28 April 1852	Contracted as PPH to Richard Drury, Liverpool St, Hobart, 12m at £9 pa. ⁵
1 May 1852	To Brickfields Hiring Depot, Hobart. ⁴
3 May 1852	To Samuel Douglas, Battery Point. ⁴
10 May 1852	To Brickfields Hiring Depot, Hobart. ⁴
11 May 1852	To TB Lewis, New Town Rd. ⁴
10 June 1852	To Brickfields Hiring Depot, Hobart. ⁴
21 June 1852	To Ann Richardson, Murray St, Hobart. ⁴
16 July 1852	To Brickfields Hiring Depot, Hobart. ⁴
20 July 1852	To James Sly, Liverpool St, Hobart. ⁴
29 November 1852	To Cascades FF, Hobart. ⁴
30 November 1852	To William Crump, Liverpool St, Hobart. ⁴
11 December 1852	Tried at Hobart PC charged by her mistress Mrs Martha Crump, Liverpool St, Hobart with insolence & disobedience of orders in refusing to work on 10 December; pleaded guilty of refusing to work only; sentence 1m HL, Cascades FF. ⁶
8 January 1853	To G Winter, ^c Cascade Rd, Hobart. ⁴
3 February 1853	To Cascades FF, Hobart. ⁴
21 February 1853	To John Hoggins, Liverpool St, Hobart. ⁴
28 February 1853	To Cascades FF, Hobart. ⁴
7 March 1853	Charged at Cascades FF, brought up from 5 March, with refusing to enter private service; sentence 14d wash tub, separate treatment when not at labour. ⁷
19 March 1853	Charged at Cascades FF with refusing to go to Brickfields Hiring Depot; sentence 3d SC. ⁷

^a Number of previous convictions given as none on Grangegorman prison register.

^b Age given as 20y on Grangegorman prison register.

^c This may have been George Winter.

28 September 1853	Charged at Brickfields Hiring Depot with using indecent expressions; sentence 3d SC then brought up for disposal. ⁷
1 October 1853	Brought up for disposal at Cascades FF; detained for further orders. ⁷
21 October 1853	To Ross FF. ⁴
23 August 1854	To Cascades FF, Hobart. ⁴
9 December 1855	Free by servitude.
31 January 1856	Certificate of Freedom. ⁴
24 May 1857 ^d	Illegitimate daughter Maria Riordan born; father John McCarthy; baptised 31 May 1857 at St Joseph's RC Church, Hobart; sponsor Sarah Corcoran. ⁸
12 January 1859	Application for daughter Maria Riordan to be admitted to Queen's Orphanage, New Town. ⁹
13 January 1859	Daughter Maria Riordan, 1y 8m, admitted to Infants School, Queen's Orphanage, New Town, mother being admitted to New Norfolk Insane Asylum. ⁹ However, being too young, Maria was taken to Brickfields Nursery then to Hobart Hospital. ¹⁰ Admitted to New Norfolk Insane Asylum for amentia, 31y, pauper, cause hocusing condition (drugged at a public house when a prisoner of the Crown), bodily condition good, duration of illness 4 years, 27y at 1 st attack. ¹¹
18 January 1859	Daughter Maria Riordan discharged ^e from Infants School, Queen's Orphanage, New Town. ¹⁰
9 July 1859	Discharged from New Norfolk Insane Asylum, recovered. ¹¹
cSeptember 1860	Forwarded from Hobart Hospital to New Norfolk Insane Asylum. ¹⁰
21 September 1860	Application for daughter Maria Riordan, 3y 4m, to be admitted to Queen's Orphanage, New Town (admitted 26 September). ^{10,12}
30 November 1863	Daughter Mary Riordan discharged ^f from Infants School, Queen's Orphanage, New Town. ¹⁰
1 December 1870	Daughter Mary Riordan, 13y 6m, employed in needlework at Queen's Orphanage, New Town. ¹²
20 November 1874	Daughter Mary Riordan recommended to be discharged from Queen's Orphanage to care of the government. ¹³
cDecember 1874	Daughter Mary Riordan absconded with Rosannah Smith from the Pauper Establishment ^g (returned January 1875). ¹³
14 March 1891	Died of inflammation of the bowels at New Norfolk Insane Asylum, 63y, pauper. ¹⁴



^d Date given as 3 May 1857 on baptism record.

^e It was not recorded to where or whom Maria was discharged.

^f It is most likely that Maria was transferred at this time to the Female School, Queen's Orphanage, New Town.

^g This was probably New Town Pauper Establishment.

References

- ¹ AOT, CON 41/24 *Australasia* No.504 (Mary Riordan); AOT, CON 19/8 *Australasia* (Mary Riordan); AOT, CON 15/6 *Australasia* No.166 (Mary Riordan); NAI, Prisons 1/9/4 No.1646 (Mary Riordan)
- ² NAI, Prisons 1/9/4 No.1646 (Mary Riordan)
- ³ AOT, CON 138/1 (Mary Reardon)
- ⁴ AOT, CON 41/24 *Australasia* No.504 (Mary Riordan)
- ⁵ AOT, CON 30/2 p.224 (Mary Reardon)
- ⁶ AOT, LC 251/2 (Mary Riordan)
- ⁷ AL&MFA, Beattie Papers, Record Book Women's Punishments 1852-1854, pp.159 & 162 (Mary Reardon)
- ⁸ AOT, NS 1052/9 p.17 (Mary Riordan)
- ⁹ AOT, SWD 26/2 (Maria Reardon)
- ¹⁰ AOT, SWD 26/3 (Maria Reardon)
- ¹¹ AOT, HSD 247/1 No.204 (Mary Reardon); AOT, HSD 285/20 (Mary Reardon)
- ¹² AOT, HA 1871 No.63 pp.1-2 & 5 (Maria Reardon)
- ¹³ AOT, SWD 53/1 (Maria Reardon)
- ¹⁴ AOT, RGD 35/60 1891/518 (Mary Reardon)