

*Johanna Sullivan*¹
(*uxor Johanna Thomas*)

<i>Place Tried</i> Co. Kerry	<i>Date Tried</i> 20 March 1849
<i>Offence</i> stealing clothes	<i>Sentence</i> 7 years
<i>Prosecutor</i> unknown, Co. Kerry	<i>Previous Convictions</i> 2—stealing money (9m & 2m)
<i>Gaol Report</i> quiet	<i>Surgeon's Report</i> indifferent
<i>Station of Gang</i> Anson	<i>Class</i> not stated

<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> 22 ^a	<i>Native Place</i> Co. Kerry
<i>Height</i> 5' 4½", 5' 3½"	<i>Complexion</i> fair
<i>Head</i> oval	<i>Hair</i> brown, fair
<i>Visage</i> oval	<i>Forehead</i> high
<i>Eyebrows</i> brown	<i>Eyes</i> hazel
<i>Nose</i> short	<i>Mouth</i> wide
<i>Chin</i> dimpled	<i>Marks</i> none
<i>Family</i> mother Catherine; brothers Darby & Michael; sisters Ellen, Mary & Abby	

18 April 1849	Received at Grangegorman Depot, Dublin at 8:30pm. ²
9 August 1849	Put on <i>Australasia</i> sick list for obstipation (off 18 August, cured). ³
21 September 1849	Put on <i>Australasia</i> sick list for dysentery (off 2 October, cured). ³
1850	To Michael Fitzgerald, Elizabeth St, Hobart. ⁴
1850	To George F Evans, New Town Bay. ⁴
14 May 1850	Letter of claim for unpaid wages to CG re Michael Fitzgerald. ⁴
14 June 1850	Letter of claim for unpaid wages to CG re George F Evans. ⁴
6 June 1850	Tried at Hobart PC, brought up from 5 June on remand, charged by her master George F Evans, New Town with using threatening language to her mistress on 4 June; ^b discharged, returned to the service of the Crown, there being no evidence against her. Witness James Whitehouse swore, 'I did not hear the prisoner use any threatening language'. ⁵
22 June 1850	Tried at Hobart PC charged with absence without leave from the service of William Brown, Liverpool St, Hobart from 7am until 8am yesterday morning when she surrendered at Brickfields Hiring Depot; sentence 1m HL, Cascades FF. ⁵
20 July 1850	Tried at Hobart PC charged by her master William Brown, Liverpool St, Hobart with larceny under the value of £5; discharged, there being no evidence against her. ⁵
6 September 1850	Contracted as PPH to Edward Brown, Battery Point, 12m at £8 pa. ⁶
20 September 1850	Application for permission to marry William Thomas, free; ^c referred 27 September to PM (approved 15 October). ⁷
4 November 1850	Married as full age, spinster, to William Thomas, full age, bricklayer, at St George's CE Church, Battery Point; witnesses Thomas Hooper & C Alexander. ⁸
2 June 1851	Witness at marriage of Bridget Sullivan (<i>qv</i>) & John Williams at Hobart. ⁹
16 April 1852	Tried at Hobart PC, in service to husband William Thomas, Liverpool St, Hobart, brought up from 12 April on remand at Cascades FF, charged with larceny under £5

^a Age given as 24y on Grangegorman prison register, Irish transportation register and *Australasia* sick list.

^b Charged with larceny on 5 June, but with using threatening language on 6 June.

^c William may have been a convict, but, if so, determining which one has not been possible as there were 47 convicts named William Thomas transported to VDL.

	having feloniously stolen a frock coat, property of Edward Brown ^d of Murray St, Hobart; discharged, there being no case against her. ^{5,10}
31 May 1852	Witness at marriage of Peggy Gannon 2 nd (<i>qv</i>) & Prince Moody at Hobart. ¹¹
8 June 1852	Ticket-of-Leave granted. ¹⁰
10 October 1852 ^e	Son James Thomas, bricklayer's child, born at Liverpool St, Hobart; baptised 1 November 1852 at St Joseph's RC Church, Hobart; sponsors William Doolan & Mary Drew. ¹²
8 February 1853	Recommended for Conditional Pardon. ¹⁰
26 October 1853	Tried at Hobart PC charged with absconding from her authorised place of residence with her husband William Thomas, New Town Rd on 14 October & remaining at large until apprehended in Hobart on 25 October; returned to the service of the Crown at Cascades FF awaiting disposal instructions (report to be forwarded to CG). ¹³
2 November 1853	Ticket-of-Leave to be revoked for misconduct (revoked 5 November) & to be detained on probation at Cascades FF for 6 months. ^{13,14}
10 December 1853	Charged at Cascades FF with loud laughing at the mess table & behaving in a disorderly manner; sentence 3d punishment ward on bread & water. ¹⁵
19 May 1854	To her husband William Thomas, Murray St, Hobart. ¹⁰
24 July 1854	Ticket-of-Leave restored. ¹⁶
26 December 1854	Conditional Pardon approved. ¹⁷
6 January 1855	Ticket-of-Leave revoked for misconduct. ¹⁸
12 May 1855	Charged with being absent from her authorised place of residence, discharged; Cascades FF. ¹⁰
2 June 1855	To James Livingstone, Cascade Rd, Hobart. ¹⁰
3 July 1855	Ticket-of-Leave restored. ¹⁰
20 March 1856	Free by servitude.
7 April 1856	Certificate of Freedom collected. ¹⁰
8 August 1856	Son William David Thomas, bricklayer's child, born at Patrick St, Hobart; baptised 16 March 1857 at St Joseph's RC Church, Hobart; sponsor Margaret Roberts. ¹⁹
c1859	Moved with family to VIC. ²⁰
10 May 1860	Daughter Ellen (Johanna) Thomas, bricklayer's child, ^f born at 3 Lonsdale St, East Melbourne, VIC. ²⁰
18 January 1861	Daughter Ellen (Johanna) Thomas, 8m, bricklayer's child, died of teething at Heywood Lane, off Lonsdale St, Melbourne, VIC; buried 19 January in New Cemetery, ^g Melbourne, VIC. ²¹
29 April 1862	Sons James, 10y, & William, 6y, admitted to RC Immigrants Home, VIC. ²²
13 November 1862	Son John Michael Thomas, bricklayer's child, ^h born at 2 Little Latrobe St, Melbourne, VIC. ²³
25 March 1868	Husband William Thomas, 39y, bricklayer, resident at Soldier's Hill, admitted to Ballarat Hospital as result of an accident, VIC (discharged 6 April 1868, cured). ²⁴
1868–1872	Husband William Thomas resident at Soldiers Hill, Ballarat, VIC. ²⁵
4 August 1886	Son William Thomas ⁱ married Jane Wright at Flynns Creek CE Church, VIC. ²⁶

^d This may have been her former master.

^e Date given as 10 November 1852 on birth record.

^f Mother's name given as Hannah Thomas, aged 30y, on birth certificate, married in Hobart 1847 with two living and three dead children.

^g Now known as Melbourne General Cemetery.

^h Mother's name given as Hannah Thomas, 33y, on birth certificate, married in Hobart 1846 with two living (James 11y, William 7y) and one dead children.

ⁱ Mother's name given as Mary Thomas, maiden name unknown. This suggests Johanna may have left or died when William was young.

- 1886 Son John Michael Thomas married Elizabeth Jane Stringer at Fitzroy, Melbourne, VIC.^{27,28}
- 4 December 1898 Son John Michael Thomas, 38y, miner, died, killed accidentally by a blast in a mine at Bendigo, VIC.²⁸



References

- ¹ AOT, CON 41/24 *Australasia* No.885 (Johanna Sullivan); AOT, CON 19/8 *Australasia* (Johanna Sullivan); AOT, CON 15/6 *Australasia* No.178 (Johanna Sullivan); NAI, Prisons 1/9/4 No.1834 (Johanna Sullivan); NAI, TR9 p.38 (Johanna Sullivan)
- ² NAI, Prisons 1/9/4 No.1834 (Johanna Sullivan)
- ³ AJCP, ADM 101/6 *Australasia* Sick List Case No.28 (Joh/Johanna Sullivan)
- ⁴ AOT, CON 7/1 pp.128 & 135 (Johanna Sullivan)
- ⁵ AOT, LC 251/2 (Johannah/Johanna Sullivan)
- ⁶ AOT, CON 30/2 p.229 (Johanna Sullivan)
- ⁷ AOT, CON 52/4 (William Thomas & Johannah Sullivan); AOT, CON 52/3 p.454 (William Thomas & Johanna Sullivan)
- ⁸ AOT, RGD 37/9 1850/316 Hobart (William Thomas & Joanna Sullivan)
- ⁹ AOT, RGD 37/10 1851/539 Hobart (Johanna Thomas)
- ¹⁰ AOT, CON 41/24 *Australasia* No.885 (Johanna Sullivan)
- ¹¹ AOT, RGD 37/11 1852/309 Hobart (Johannah Thomas)
- ¹² AOT, RGD 33/4 1852/1871 Hobart (James Thomas); AOT, NS 1052/8 p.177 (James Thomas)
- ¹³ AOT, CON 77/1 (Johanna Sullivan *ux* William Thomas); AOT, LC 247/22 (Johanna Sullivan)
- ¹⁴ *HTG*, 8 November 1853 p.1077 (Johanna Sullivan)
- ¹⁵ AL&MFA, Beattie Papers, Record Book Women's Punishments 1852–1854, p.176 (Johanna Sullivan)
- ¹⁶ *HTG*, 25 July 1854 p.742 (Johanna Sullivan)
- ¹⁷ AOT, CON 56/2 No.2036 (Johanna Sullivan)
- ¹⁸ *HTG*, 9 January 1855 p.67 (Johanna Sullivan)
- ¹⁹ AOT, RGD 33/6 1856/1601 Hobart (male Thomas); AOT, NS 1052/9 p.9 (William David Thomas)
- ²⁰ VIC Birth Certificate 1860/6539 (Ellen Thomas)
- ²¹ VIC Death Certificate 1861/536 (Johanna Thomas)
- ²² PROV, VPRS 1189U 7544 Nos.752 & 754 (James Thomas & William Thomas)
- ²³ VIC Birth Certificate 1862/22462 (John Michael Thomas)
- ²⁴ GSV, *Index to Victorian Goldfields Hospitals' Admissions* (William Thomas); Ballarat Hospital Admissions Register 1856–1913 (William Thomas)
- ²⁵ *Bailliere's Victorian Directory*, 1870/71 & 1872 (William Thomas)
- ²⁶ VIC Marriage Certificate 1886/3805V (William Thomas & Jane Wright)
- ²⁷ VIC Marriage Record 1886/1698 (John Thomas & Elizabeth Jane Stringer)
- ²⁸ VIC Death Certificate 1898/15137 Bendigo (John Thomas)