

Margaret Walsh¹
(aka Margaret Pitham, uxor Margaret Knight, Margaret Price)

<i>Place Tried</i> Co. Wexford	<i>Date Tried</i> 2 March 1849
<i>Offence</i> setting fire to a shed	<i>Sentence</i> 7 years
<i>Prosecutor</i> Davis, Co. Wexford	<i>Previous Convictions</i> none – housebreaking (6m)
<i>Gaol Report</i> quiet	<i>Surgeon's Report</i> quiet
<i>Station of Gang</i> Anson	<i>Class</i> not stated

<i>Religion</i> Roman Catholic	<i>Literacy</i> read
<i>Marital Status</i> single, lived with James Pitham 6 weeks	<i>Trade</i> kitchen maid, servant
<i>Age</i> 19	<i>Native Place</i> Co. Wexford
<i>Height</i> 5' 3¼", 5' 2½"	<i>Complexion</i> fresh, fair
<i>Head</i> round	<i>Hair</i> dark, brown
<i>Visage</i> round	<i>Forehead</i> high
<i>Eyebrows</i> brown	<i>Eyes</i> black
<i>Nose</i> thick	<i>Mouth</i> wide
<i>Chin</i> short	<i>Marks</i> 2 scars on forehead
<i>Family</i> sister Judy	

16 April 1849	Received at Grangegorman Depot, Dublin at 3:30pm. ²
6 May 1851	Contracted as PPH to John Guthrie, Davey St, Hobart, 12m at £9 pa. ³
30 June 1851	Tried at Hobart PC charged with absence without leave from the service of Mr Dawson, architect, from 20 June until 11pm on 29 June when apprehended in the house of a man named Alexander Saunders in Norfolk Place, Hobart; sentence 4m HL, Cascades FF, first offence, recommended to be hired in the country. ⁴
c1852	To Brickfields Hiring Depot, Hobart. ⁵
6 April 1852	To Cascades FF, then to Brickfields Hiring Depot, Hobart. ⁵
22 April 1852	Contracted as PPH to John Eaves, Flight's Bay, Huon, 12m at £7 pa. ⁶
1 June 1852	To Brickfields Hiring Depot, Hobart. ⁵
1 July 1852	To James W Ward, Bothwell. ⁵
31 July 1852	To Brickfields Hiring Depot, Hobart. ⁵
7 September 1852	To apply in 2 months for Ticket-of-Leave. ⁵
6 October 1852	To James Brough, Port Cygnet. ⁵
23 November 1852	Ticket-of-Leave granted. ⁵
11 February 1853	Application for permission to marry Henry Knight (<i>Grace Darling</i>) (approved same day). ⁷
14 March 1853	Married as 21y, servant, spinster, to Henry Knight, 40y, labourer, bachelor, at St John's CE Church, Franklin; witnesses John Lorkin & Thomas Leach. ⁸
June 1853	Mustered in Huon district, resident with Richard Hill, Hospital Bay. ⁹
8 November 1853 ^a	Son William Knight, sawyer's child, born in Hobart district; baptised 29 July 1856 in Huon district; sponsors Philip Brady & Anne Fitzpatrick. ¹⁰
24 July 1854	Husband Henry Knight charged at Franklin PO by Richard Hill with misconduct in being insolent; admonished. ¹¹
27 February 1855	Husband Henry Knight granted Ticket-of-Leave. ¹¹
2 March 1856	Free by servitude.
1 June 1856	Son John Knight born; baptised 11 June 1856 in Huon district; sponsors Michael Higgins & Mary Ann Simpson. ¹²

^a Date given as 29 July 1853 on baptism record.

6 January 1857	Certificate of Freedom sent to Franklin for collection(issued 31 January). ^{5,13}
28 April 1857	Husband Henry Knight granted Conditional Pardon. ¹¹
22 July 1859	Unnamed twins , son _ Knight & daughter _ Knight, sawyer's children, born at Flight's Bay. ¹⁴
23 July 1859	Twin son _ Knight, 1d, died of inanition at Flight's Bay. ¹⁵
31 July 1859	Twin daughter _ Knight, 9d, died of inanition (congestion of the liver & lungs) at Flight's Bay. ¹⁶
6 November 1860	Daughter Harriet Knight born; baptised 29 December 1860 at Franklin; sponsors Michael Higgins & Frances Reilly. ¹⁷
9 February 1862	Husband Henry Knight, resident at Lightwood Bottom, charged at 12:35am at Huon PO with larceny under £5 in stealing about 2 gallons of rum, property of Henry Chesterman; discharged. ¹⁸
30 December 1863	Husband Henry Knight admitted to Hobart Hospital. ¹⁹
26 February 1864	Husband Henry Knight, 45y, sawyer, resident at Huon, died of malignant disease of the stomach at Hobart Hospital. ²⁰
c1864	Married or formed a <i>de facto relationship</i> with Benjamin Price. ^b
13 October 1864	Unnamed son _ Price, sawyer's child, born at Hospital Bay. ²¹
12 November 1865	Twin sons Adam Price & Thomas Price born in Campbell Town district. ²²
22 October 1866 ^c	Died of paralysis at <i>Baskerville</i> , Macquarie River, 40y, labourer's wife. ²³
23 October 1866	Inquest held at residence of Charles Headlam, <i>Baskerville</i> ; verdict having laboured & languished under a grievous disease of the body, dropsy of the heart & lungs, she died of natural causes; buried in Kirklands Scotch Burial Ground, Campbell Town. ^{24,25}
8 August 1867	Application for daughter Harriet Knight, 6y, to be admitted to Queen's Orphanage, New Town; father & mother dead (admitted 9 August ^d). ²⁵



^b No record of marriage has been found, though it was stated they were married on the Queen's Orphanage application.

^c Date given as 21 October 1866 at inquest.

^d Date given as 13 August 1867 in *Report of Royal Commission into Charitable Institutions*.

References

- ¹ AOT, CON 41/24 *Australasia* No.830 (Margaret Walsh); AOT, CON 19/8 *Australasia* (Marg^t Walsh); AOT, CON 15/6 *Australasia* No.194 (Marg^t Walsh); NAI, Prisons 1/9/4 No.1792 (Margaret Walsh)
- ² NAI, Prisons 1/9/4 No.1792 (Margaret Walsh)
- ³ AOT, CON 30/1 p.111 (Margaret Walsh)
- ⁴ AOT, LC 251/2 (Margaret Walsh)
- ⁵ AOT, CON 41/24 *Australasia* No.830 (Margaret Walsh)
- ⁶ AOT, CON 30/2 p.101 (Margaret Walsh)
- ⁷ AOT, CON 52/6 (Henry Knight & Margaret Welch)
- ⁸ AOT, RGD 37/12 1853/950 Hobart (Henry Knight & Margaret Welsh)
- ⁹ AOT, POL 379/1 p.257 (Margaret Welsh)
- ¹⁰ AOT, RGD 33/5 1854/458 Hobart (William Knight); Purtscher, *Father John Murphy's "Saddlebag" Records* (William Knight); CCMA, FRA1 p.7 (William Knight)
- ¹¹ AOT, CON 37/4 *Grace Darling* No.1369 (Henry Knight)
- ¹² Purtscher, *Father John Murphy's "Saddlebag" Records* (John Knight); CCMA, FRA1 p.6 (John Knight)
- ¹³ *Hobart Town Gazette*, 3 February 1857 p.92 (Margaret Walsh)
- ¹⁴ AOT, RGD 33/37 1859/345 & 346 Esperance (male & female Knight)
- ¹⁵ AOT, RGD 35/28/1859/112 Esperance (male Knight)
- ¹⁶ AOT, RGD 35/28 1859/111 Esperance (female Knight); AOT, SC 195/43 No.4592 (female infant of Henry Knight)
- ¹⁷ AOT, SWD 26/10 (Harriet Knight); Purtscher, *Father John Murphy's "Saddlebag" Records* (Harriett Knight); CCMA, FRA1 p.35 (Harriett Knight)
- ¹⁸ AOT, POL 377/1 p.33 (Henry Knight)
- ¹⁹ Purtscher, *Deaths at General Hospital Hobart* (Henry Knight)
- ²⁰ AOT, RGD 35/7 1864/4298 Hobart (Henry Knight)
- ²¹ AOT, RGD 33/42 1864/765 Franklin (male Price)
- ²² AOT, RGD 33/43 1865/222 & 223 Campbell Town (Adam Price & Thomas Price)
- ²³ AOT, RGD 35/35 1866/76 (Margaret Price)
- ²⁴ AOT, SC 195/51 No.6154 (Margaret Price)
- ²⁵ AOT, SWD 26/10 (Harriet Knight)