

*Peggy Whelan*¹
(uxor Margaret Miller, Margaret Polley)

Place Tried	Co. Kilkenny	Date Tried	31 March 1849 ^a
Offence	killing cows & stealing meat	Sentence	7 years
Prosecutor	unknown, Waterford	Previous Convictions	1 – stealing cabbage (3w)
Gaol Report	quiet	Surgeon's Report	good
Station of Gang	Anson	Class	3 rd from 6 February 1850
Religion	Roman Catholic	Literacy	neither read nor write
Marital Status	single	Trade	housemaid, laundress
Age	24 ^b	Native Place	Queens Co.
Height	5' ¾", 5'	Complexion	fresh, fair
Head	round	Hair	black
Visage	round	Forehead	high
Eyebrows	black	Eyes	dark
Nose	small	Mouth	small
Chin	round	Marks	Ellen, Eliza Whelan & Michael Caton on right arm
Family	sisters Ellen (transported on the <i>Maria II</i>), Eliza & Mary		

October 1848	Sister Ellen Whelan tried at Kilkenny City charged with stealing cashmere from Mr Fergusson at County Wicklow; sentence 7y transportation. ²
16 April 1849	Received at Grangegorman Depot, Dublin at 3:30pm. ³
15 July 1849	Put on <i>Australasia</i> sick list for obstipation (off 2 August, cured). ⁴
23 July 1849	Sister Ellen Whelan arrived in VDL, prisoner on the <i>Maria II</i> . ²
13 September 1849	Put on <i>Australasia</i> sick list for dysentery (off 22 September, cured). ⁴
2 October 1849	Put on <i>Australasia</i> sick list for diarrhoea (off 3 October, cured). ⁴
23 April 1850	Application for permission to marry David Miller, free (approved). ⁵
13 May 1850	Married as 25y, spinster, to David Miller, 36y, mariner, bachelor, at St Joseph's RC Church, Hobart; witnesses William J Hildyard & Ellen Whelan. ⁶
15 August 1850	Contracted as PPH to William J Hildyard, Elizabeth St, Hobart, 12m at £7 pa. ⁷
11 November 1850	Sister Ellen Whelan married Joseph Curry ^c at St Joseph's RC Church, Hobart. ⁸
29 December 1851	Tried at Hobart PC with Ellen Whelan charged with not being under proper control, their husbands David Miller & Joseph Curry having left the colony; discharged to the service of the Crown. ⁹
30 December 1851	Confined with her sister Ellen Whelan by order of the CDC; discharged, there being no case against them, the CG having allowed them to be upon their own hands during their husbands' absence, reporting themselves to him once a month. ⁹
c1852	Allowed to enter the service of James Norton of Macquarie St, Hobart.
10 January 1852	Tried at Hobart PC charged with her sister Ellen Whelan with having on 27 December 1851 used abusive language to William Jarvey at Hobart; admonished & discharged upon payment of costs 16/6 between her & her sister. Husband David Miller absent from the colony. ⁹
16 March 1852	Ticket-of-Leave granted. ¹⁰
7 August 1852	Recommended for Conditional Pardon. ¹⁰
28 August 1852	Application for permission to marry William Polley, FS (<i>Mandarin</i>). ¹¹

^a Date given as 21 March 1849 on Irish transportation register.

^b Age given as 23 years on Grangegorman prison register and *Australasia* sick list.

^c Joseph Curry was a sailor and so may have been a shipmate of David Miller, Peggy's husband.

17 November 1852	Married as 26y, widow, to William Polley, 41y, farmer, widower, at St Joseph's RC Church, Hobart; witnesses Joseph Curry & Ellen Curry. ¹²
2 April 1853	Ticket-of-Leave revoked for failing to report to district PO in December 1852. ¹³
12 April 1853	Ticket-of-Leave restored. ¹⁰
21 June 1853	Conditional Pardon approved. ¹⁴
22 May 1854	Witness with husband William Polley at marriage of Ann Byrne (<i>qv</i>) & Benjamin Freak at Franklin. ¹⁵
31 March 1856	Free by servitude.
1858	Husband William Polley occupier of a dwelling house (<1 acre) at Perth. ¹⁶
1 June 1859	Husband William Polley, 45y, tried at Evandale PC charged with being drunk & incapable on 31 May; fined 10s, fine paid. ¹⁷
16 July 1860	Daughter Charlotte Margaret Polley, labourer's child, born in Longford district. ¹⁸
24 April 1863	Daughter Elizabeth Hannah Polley, butcher's child, born in Longford district. ¹⁹
10 May 1869	Enquiry made by Governor re husband William Polley. ²⁰
21 April 1880	Daughter Charlotte Margaret Polley married Thomas Lewis at Perth Baptist Church. ²¹
2 June 1881	Daughter Elizabeth Hannah Polley married Isaac Dennis at the residence of William Polley, Perth. ²²
1 January 1885	Daughter Charlotte Margaret Polley married ^d David Donald Turner at the residence of William Polley, Perth. ²³
17 April 1885	Husband William Polley, 85y, labourer, died of senility in Longford district; buried in Perth General Cemetery. ²⁴
15 January 1901	Died in Longford district, 76y; buried with husband in Perth General Cemetery. ²⁵



^d Charlotte was listed as a spinster, but was either a widow or still married – no death record has been located for her first husband Thomas Lewis.

References

- ¹ AOT, CON 41/24 *Australasia* No.826 (Peggy Whelan); AOT, CON 19/8 *Australasia* (Peggy Whelan); AOT, CON 15/6 *Australasia* No.191 (Peggy Whelan); NAI, Prisons 1/9/4 No.1782 (Peggy Whelan); NAI, TR8 p.226 (Peggy Whelan)
- ² AOT, CON 15/3 *Maria* 1 (Ellen Whelan)
- ³ NAI, Prisons 1/9/4 No.1782 (Peggy Whelan)
- ⁴ AJCP, ADM 101/6 *Australasia* Sick List (Peggy Whelan)
- ⁵ AOT, CON 52/3 p.306 (David Miller & Margaret Whalen)
- ⁶ TAS RGD 37/9 1850/493 Hobart (David Miller & Margaret Whelan)
- ⁷ AOT, CON 30/1 p.219 (Margaret Whelan)
- ⁸ TAS RGD 37/9 1850/540 Hobart (Joseph Curry & Ellen Whelan)
- ⁹ AOT, LC 251/2 (Margaret /Peggy Whalon/Whelan or Miller)
- ¹⁰ AOT, CON 41/24 *Australasia* No.826 (Peggy Whelan)
- ¹¹ AOT, CON 52/5 p.368 (William Polly & Margaret Wheling)
- ¹² TAS RGD 37/11 1852/741 Hobart (William Polley & Margaret Whalin)
- ¹³ *Hobart Town Gazette*, 5 April 1853 p.287 (Peggy Whelan)
- ¹⁴ AOT, CON 56/2 No.1594 (Peggy Whelan)
- ¹⁵ TAS RGD 37/13 1854/1130 Longford (William & Margaret Polley)
- ¹⁶ *Hobart Town Gazette*, 18 May 1858 p.692 (William Polley)
- ¹⁷ AOT, LC 137/2 (William Polly)
- ¹⁸ TAS RGD 33/38 1860/1463 Longford (Charlotte Polley)
- ¹⁹ TAS RGD 33/41 1863/888 Longford (Elizabeth Hannah)
- ²⁰ AOT, CON 33/1 *Mandarin* No.162 (William Polley)
- ²¹ TAS RGD 37/39 1880/388 Longford (Thomas Lewis & Charlotte Margaret Polly)
- ²² TAS RGD 37/40 1881/371 Longford (Isaac Dennis & Elizabeth Hannah Polly)
- ²³ TAS RGD 37/44 1885/821 Longford (David Donald Turner & Charlotte Margrate Polly)
- ²⁴ TAS RGD 35/54 1885/838 Longford (William Polley); TFHS Hobart, *TAMIOT*, LO04/12012 (William Polley)
- ²⁵ TAS Death Record 1901/0284 (Margaret Polly); TFHS Hobart, *TAMIOT*, LO04/12012 (Margaret Polly)