

IRISH TRANSPORTATION RECORD of CHARLOTTE GRAHAM per PHOEBE 1845  
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Larceny – Stealing Ribbons – Sentenced to 7 Years Transportation

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*Stamped* CHIEF SECRETARY'S OFFICE DUBLIN 44 JUL 7

Leamington Sep<sup>r</sup> 5<sup>th</sup> 1844

Sir,

I have had the Honor to receive your letter of the 2<sup>d</sup> Inclosing the Memorials of **Creighton Graham** and **Thos Ingolsby**, in favour of **Charlotte Graham** now in Enniskillen Gaol under Rule of Transportation for Larceny.

This woman was Tried at the last Enniskillen Sessions, for stealing a quantity of Ribbon of various patterns & different Textures, from the shop of the Memorialist Ingolsby, in Enniskillen. The Ribbons were in a drawer which had a cover, & the Theft was committed in the day time. On the same day (after the Theft had been committed), she sold portions of these Ribbons to different persons of the lower class in Enniskillen, at reduced prices, & received the amount of the sales.

On being arrested, she gave up some of the Ribbon to Mr Ingolsby's shop man, who was present, and being asked whether she had any more, she replied in the negative; but on being searched, a large roll of Ribbon which was proved to belong to Mr Ingolsby was found secreted on her person.

She made no defence, gave no Evidence of Character, nor did she state the fact mentioned in Mr Ingolsby's Memorial. That gentleman was anxious for her conviction, & prosecuted her with a praiseworthy anxiety, but when I was about passing sentence, he addressed me requesting she should not be Transported. He gave no Reason for his application, & no attention was paid to it, as he appeared to know nothing of the prisoner.

The Stipendiary Magistrate of the County, who was on the Bench, considered it a case requiring the Sentence of Transportation, & it appeared to me that it was a proper one. There was another Magistrate present, who was desirous she should be Imprisoned.

It appeared to me that the act for which the prisoner was Indicted was of a description which required the sentence which was pronounced.

I have the Honor to be  
Sir

your obedient humble servant  
Jas Bessonet

To Edward Lucas Esq<sup>re</sup> &c. &c. [*foot of page 1 of 3*]

Law to take its course

Sept 7<sup>th</sup>- Heytesbury W Connor

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Father informed 10<sup>th</sup> do AWC [*4 lines crosswise and overstruck*]

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To His Excellency, Lord Heytesbury Lord Lieutenant General, & General  
- Governor of Ireland -

The Memorial of **Terence Ingolsby**, Silk Mercer of Enniskillen

Humbly Sheweth.

That **Charlotte Graham** was detected, after having stolen some Ribbons out of memorialists shop, that memorialist was bound to Prosecute her, and she has been

Sentenced to Seven Years Transportation at the last quarter sessions here, before, James Bessonnet Esq<sup>r</sup> the Chairman.

“That Memorialist has since learned that it was an unfortunate & mistaken endeavour in the Prisoner to dress fine, being anxious to appear Engaging in the Eyes of a young man who’s affections she desired to cultivate, that prompted her to commit the offence, that Memorialist feels greatly the affliction, of the Prisoner’s aged and much respected Father, who has borne the best character.

And Memorialist prays your merciful consideration of the Case, for the aforesaid reasons, and being convinced that the prisoner is very penitent for what she has been guilty of, and which memorialist hopes maybe considered as a pardonable weakness.

And Memorialist will feel grateful, & bound to pray fir the Powers that be, &c.

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Stamped CHIEF SECRETARY’S OFFICE OF DUBLIN [*overstruck*]

To His Excellency Lord Heytesbury, Lord Lieutenant, General, & General Governor of Ireland -

The Petition of **Creighton Graham**, of Derryadd, near Lisnaskia.

Humbly Sheweth,

That Petitioner’s daughter, **Charlotte Graham**, was sentenced to transportation for seven years at the last quarter sessions of Enniskillen, by Barrister Bessonnet, for stealing some Ribbons out of a Haberdashery Shop, the property of Mr Terence Ingolsby.

That petitioner is very aged, and his gray hairs are indeed going to the grave in sorrow, at his child having been guilty of transgressing the laws of God and Man; but petitioner implores your merciful consideration of her case, her mother having been many years dead. She is now sorrowing and ashamed for the transgression.

Petitioner believes he has travelled his weary round in this world as a good member of society. He was in the service of his last employer Twenty-five years, and only then quit from being incapacitated by age and infirmity.

And petitioner will bless you with the blessing of the aged and broken father, and ever pray most fervently for the blessing of God’s son and country & our Ireland.

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Creighton Graham  
and  
Thomas Ingolsby  
7th Sept<sup>r</sup> AWC  
W Connor [*crosswise*]

Charlotte Graham

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