

IRISH TRANSPORTATION RECORD OF MARY WALSH (2) WITH CHILD MARY 22 mths PER HOPE 1842
CRF-1842-W1
LARCENY – ACCOMPLICE IN GANG OF SHOPLIFTERS - SENTENCED TO 7 YEARS TRANSPORTATION

Let this letter be transmitted to His Excellency along with any memorial of the nature herein alluded to. Ch.24 Jan/42] [*crosswise and overstruck*]
W Connor [*crosswise left margin*]

Clonmel Jan^y 20th, 1842

My Lord

I beg leave to inform you that after much trouble, a malicious gang of Robbers have been arrested, and since tried and convicted at the last Quarter Sessions at Cashel. Two of whom **Mary Halfpenny** and **Mary Walsh** have been Sentenced to Transportation, and **Mary Morrissy** the Receiver of the Stolen Property who kept a cellar in Clonmel Sentenced to eighteen months Imprisonment. The Depredations of this Band extended over nearly the entire of this County, and the value of the property stolen is incalculable.

Mary Halfpenny whose nominal place of residence was Killenaule, was the most prominent in these Robberies, but Mary Walsh who resided in Clonmel was the most cunning - as it was clearly proved that she acted the part of pretended purchaser in the different shops which they entered and gave private signals to her accomplices to steal articles from other parts of the Shops, while she kept the Shopkeeper engaged and it also appeared from the testimony of the prosecutor who was admitted as Queen's Evidence that Mary Walsh was a principal in almost every case of Larceny which was brought before the Court.

The arrest of these Parties was considered of so much consequence by The Inspector General of Police that Head Constable Butler of Clonmel was awarded Five Pounds for his exertions in bringing them to justice.

The object of my troubling Your Worship in this case is to endeavour to prevent the ends of justice being frustrated, as I understand from Mr Bagwell that a Memorial for a remission of the sentence upon Mary Walsh signed by the two Roman Catholic Priests of Clonmel is about to be forwarded to Government.

At the last Quarter Sessions at Clonmel, a woman named **Catherine Ryan** was convicted for purchasing stolen articles from a notorious young thief, and was Sentenced to Imprisonment. She forwarded a Memorial to Government, upon which the Magistrates here were directed to Report. They referred the case to me, being the Person who took the Information and I accordingly stated to Government that an example was much required in Clonmel, as Stolen Property was most unceremoniously bought up by the Cellar holders, and that it was a great encouragement to these young Robbers. I however shortly afterwards received a letter from Government informing me that the Sentence upon Catherine Ryan had been remitted.

Trusting that Your Lordship will excuse the trouble I am giving.

I have the honor to be

Your Lordship's most obedient humble servant

W H Riall

Mayor of Clonmel

To

The Earl of Donoughmore
etc. etc. etc.

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W Connor [*crosswise left margin*]

Clonmel 20th January 1842

Memorialist prays your Excellency will be pleased to take into your humane consideration the deplorable case of his unfortunate wife and restore the Memorialist Mother of his three young children their only protector and support or commute her sentence from transportation to imprisonment.

M h/and Memorialist will ever pray

James Walsh, his mark X

We the undersigned the inhabitants of Clonmel and its vicinity, consider the abovenamed Mary Walsh entitled to Your Excellency's clemency and a commutation of her sentence from her personal good Character, and being the first Offence she was ever charged with and particularly as the person who was definitely detected in taking the goods from Mr Banks has been tried and sentenced to Seven Years Transportation, which may answer are the ends of justice [*ink blot*]

Given under our hands this 10th day of January 1842

[28 Signatures – some illegible]

John Baldwin P.P. [*Parish Priest*]

Mick Benth P.P. “

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Patrick Quinn

John Butler

Thos. O'Connell

William Hogan

John Hogan

Thomas Ward

James O'Duill

Pierce Butler

James O'Donnell

Thomas Prendergast

William Hudson

James O'Mara

D F O'Leary

Peter Brennan

?

? Corcoran

Desmond Quirk

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John Shanahan

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Patrick Mahony

Michael Hastings

William Ryan

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John Prendergast

I certify that Mary Walsh the person now under sentence of Transportation & James Walsh her Husband, the Memorialist were Tenants to me for nearly Five Years, during which time they conducted themselves strictly honest sober quiet & proper in every respect. I had an opportunity of knowing Mary Walsh's Character & never heard that she was (before this transaction) charged with the most trifling offence and feel bound from my knowledge of her general good conduct and character to give her this recommendation.

John Butler

Morton Street Clonmel

20th January 1842

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W Connor [crosswise and overstruck]

In the matter)
of the Memorial)
of Mary Walsh)
a prisoner here)
Sir,

Nenagh
Jan^y 23rd
1842

With reference to the Memorial on behalf of the prisoner named in the margin, I have the honor to state for the information of his Excellency the Lord Lieutenant, that the prisoner was tried and convicted of stealing property from a shop. She belonged to a notorious gang of shoplifters that committed robberies in various towns of the County. Some of her accomplices have been within the last twelve months tried & convicted. I know of no circumstance in the case of the prisoner that would entitle her to the mercy of his Excellency.

I have the honor to be
Your [humble] obed^t ser[vant]
John Howley

(E Lucas Esq^r
(etc. etc.

[BACKSHEET]

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Larceny 7 yrs Tr.

The Law must take its course

Jan 25

1842 *Initialled*

I - A[ssistant] B[arrister])
II - W Riall) ans^d 27th Jan^y 1842
Gaoler Inf[orme]^d do AWC
