

ANN QUINN Irish Transportation Records CRF 1843 Q4 Film 105

ANNE QUINN indicted for feloniously receiving at Tuam in the county of Galway promissory notes and various goods of Pat Duffy knowing them to be stolen.

FIRST WITNESS Mary Duffy: her husband has a shop and public house at Tuam it was robbed on the night of 8th October. She went to bed at 11. Between 4 and 5 heard a noise spoke to her husband & then saw two persons John Quin and Michael Corcoran in the room. Two frock coats and 75 pounds in money in pockets of coat were taken from the room. Bacon, Lard, Tea and Silver Watch & gold chain from desk in another part of the house one Ten pound note 2 Thirty shilling notes, 4 Five shilling pieces from a box, three gowns and two silk handkerchiefs were also taken never got any of the articles again

CROSS EXAMINED Was sleeping in a lower room did not see them til they came into room they entered by an upper window there was a candle lighting generally kept a candle lighting when her husband is away, had one that night it so happened had known John Quin is sure of him her husband rose and went after the robbers did not tell him who they were for some time, they were back in the room together, don't know which took the coat Michael Corcoran is her brother saw her brother take coat Swore information Quin was near the room door, twas a glimmering light, left room door open Witnesses brother had been living in the house 2 months before.

SECOND WITNESS Michael Corcoran on 8th October was at Mrs Quin's (the prisoner) was in company with John Kilgariff John Quin and James Quin there that night we went to Pat Duffy's house John Quin and John Kilgariff got into the cellar window at the rear of the house and let me and James Quin in we took a can of cordial and keg of cordial put it outside back door I and James Quin went out and the others fastened the door and came out thro window and all went back to Mrs Quin's house we drank part of the cordial in the cellar and at Mrs Quin's we turned out again and went back to Duffy's house and I got in thro an upper front window John Quin John Kilgariff and I. James Quin staid outside John Quin lit matches and a candle and opened a box and got some checks stamps promissory notes did not see them take anything went downstairs got key on nail in kitchen and opened shop door and let in Jas Quin, Jas Quin, John Kilgariff, and John Quin, put out a ¼ of bacon Ja^s Quin and John Kilgariff broke rail/nail? and got into shop and John Quin broke desk in the shop Kilgariff put out some Lard 2/6 and 12 pence and some tea we went they left me at their own house and went to hide the Lard they returned I was asleep in Mrs Quin's Bedroom they awoke me she asked what we got we told her she asked was that all sure there was more in the house after breaking into the house where there was so much money, she said to leave me behind and go but they would not go without me we all went back and got in at the shop door which we had left open went in to the other house of Mr Duffy and to the bedroom John Quin went in and John Kilgariff just to the entrance where a chair was near door and Quin took pantaloons off it and 12/6 out of the pockets we all went again two into the room and 2 outside Witness went in as far as room door and turned out with James and witness fell on cellar stairs and made a noise John Quin & John Kilgariff were in room and took 2 frock coats Jas Quin brought witness who had taken too much cordial away John Quin and Kilgariff had the frock coats and all ran away Jas Quin had a hold of witness dragging him away we quenched the light going into the room thinks there was a snuff of a candle in the room glimmering but was not sure we went to Mrs Quin's between 4 to 5 oc. Mrs Quin got up we lit a candle went to a back room up stairs got ~~17 pound notes and one 5 pound note~~ 7 ten pound and one five pound in one pound notes and 14/6 in silver Witness got two ten pound notes for his share and handed them to Mrs Quin she said she should keep them for me lest I should be taken John Quin got two ten pound notes & John Kilgariff the like & James Quin 15 pounds and we divided the silver they all gave the notes to Mrs Quin to keep they spilled the cordial witness staid at Mrs Quin's got breakfast prepared staid there all day a search warrant came about 3 oc am and they put me upon a loft and into a hole where they hid me when the police went I was taken out and at 10oc am witness and John Quin went off to Kings Co a mile beyond Cloghan to an uncle of Quin's I had Mrs Quin's cloak about me for a mile which Kilgariff brought back Quin sent me thro a bog he said he would come back for fear he would be missed I went from that to Portrumna to County Clare where I staid three weeks or a month going to school there came back to Tuam I went to Quin's where witness staid a week they told me Kilgariff was in Bridewell and to give myself up and I went to Mr Brew he was not at home the people of the town brought me to the police and I was put into the Bridewell for a fortnight witness was threatened by Mr Brew, at first witness denied but after told all to Mr Brew witness was put to gaol and after 2 or 3 weeks bailed and after that told all to Mr Brew Mrs Quin gave me the two ten pound notes sewed up in suspender and John Kilgariff stole them He showed them to me and witness has

since been living mother at Westport, in about a fortnight after, they took the ten pound notes from me, witness had some communication with Grimes in the presence of the Quins and Kilgariss witness said I'd go to Mr Brew they s^d they did not care Grimes said he'd make one they said I would be transported and suffer as well as they Mrs Quin gave me five the pound notes in the presence Grimes Kilgariff gave her ten pounds that she might take five pounds out of it she said it was a queer thing of them to take my money and if I was right I'd go and tell all I said I'd go to Mr Brew & if they said I'd be transported myself and they did not care if they would;

I mistook the witness from his mode of pronunciation & was [afterward or at times] [...] & so wanted any note 2X (this was written at the side of the statement)

CROSS EXAMINED Was bailed by his brother in Law Mr Conealey) thinks by turning queen's evidence he expects he will not be transported the Quin's were taken up on suspicion witness had been drinking and went to bed drunk & they awoke me I was tipsey they gave me the cordial to give me courage I thought at first they did not intend to take more; when going back did not well know what he was about but knew we were going to rob Mr Duffy stood at the room door as to what he told Mr Brew "one five pound note" that is not true, **TO A JUROR** used to live with his sister, about a fortnight before the robbery had a quarrel with his sister; fell in with the Quins witness showed the Police where the hole was.

THIRD WITNESS Patrick Grimes – on Sunday before Xmas saw Corcoran at (a word written above but blotted) witness's house door witness went by his directions to Mrs Quin and saw Ja^s Quin & John Kilgariff Her and her daughter witness asked John Kilgariff would he give Corcoran the two notes he took from him Mrs Quin said he had a right to do so that He took the notes she sewed in the suspenders Corcoran came in & said come bring me to Mr Brew on which Mrs Quin said to Kilgariff come give him back the money you got your own share of the money and James asked would he give five pounds out of the money then Kilgariff consented to give him five pounds but said not till morning Kilgariff then said to Mrs Quin to give five pounds to Corcoran out of her part of the money that he could not get over the gate where his money was hid James Quin said he'd go with him and go over the gate & they went out & Witness went over to his own house & staid there till he saw them come back and witness went to them again to Quins and saw Kilgarris hand Mrs Quin a note which he said was a ten pound note & she handed Corcoran 5 notes one pound notes as she said then Mrs Quin said since all is over they should treat Mr Grimes which I refused and asked Corcoran to come home & he did Witness advised him to go to Mr Brew and offered to go with him.

CROSS EXAMINED Corocran said to witness before witness went to Quin's that he would give it to Mr Brew Kilgariff admitted he stole the money from Corcoran Witness was not acquainted with Corcoran before & spoke to him seeing him going to the house & witness wished to warn him not to go there.

The prisoner produced no witness
Verdict Guilty

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1843

Anne Quinn

Receiving Stolen Money

7 yrs (initials)

The law must take its course

May 6 1843 (Initials)

To His Excellency Thomas Philip Earl De Grey Lord Lieutenant General and General Governor of Ireland etc etc
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The Memorial of Anne Quinn now a prisoner in the Gaol of Galway. Most humbly sheweth,

That Memorialist was arraigned at the last Assizes of Galway on a charge of receiving Money. Knowing the same to be stolen, being found Guilty and receiving sentence of seven years transportation. Having being tried before the Honorable (a name has been crossed out.) Mr Justice Perrin

Memorialist Humbly hopes that your Excellency with your usual clemency will mercifully take into your consideration that Memorialist is a widow for the last six years having a family of five orphan children and the only hope they had to look for support.

Memorialist respectfully submits that for a long period of Thirty years she followed the business of a stage keeper and had the most respectable persons calling to her establishment during which time she bore the most Irreproachable character and that since the Dissolution of her Husband she had to attend fairs and markets in the capacity as a Licensed dealer in spirituous liquors to obtain a living for herself and young family. Memorialist humbly but firmly represents to your Excellency that the strongest evidence against her was a man named Grimes a most depraved character and was the person with some other evil disposed persons who tendered bad advice to two young sons of Memorialists to her great prejudice and present loss.

Memorialist further sheweth that a Man named Duffy residing in the town of Tuam had been robbed of a sum of Money by a Brotherinlaw of his named Corcoran who by the way of resorting to his own acquittal induced Memlt two sons to accept a trifle of the money she being not aware of such a circumstance Corcoran shortly after gave information and involved Memorialist.

Memorialist further sheweth that his Lordship (a name crossed out and Mr Justice Perrin inserted) gave no credit whatever to the evidence of Corcoran the principle or either to the wife of the prosecutor Duffy. The only person who tendered evidence against her was Grimes he only proved to his having seen her receive a ten pound note.

Memorialist further sheweth that should the present sentence be carried into effect that she will not survive it long as she is a very weak women being about fifty years or upwards and her four unfortunate female children the youngest not exceeding eight years of age will be cast on a pitiless world without any Guardian or Protector whatever

Memorialist trusts that your Excellency considering the features of this Unfortunate case, her delicate state of health Humbly referring your Excellency to Mr Justice Perrin as also to the evidence against her. Humbly hopes your Excellency will be Graciously pleased to take the Prayers of her Memorial into your Humane Consideration and Commute her sentence into Confinement that at last her poor orphan children may see her restored to them for their support and assistance.

And herself and orphan children will ever pray as in duty bound,

Anne Quinn

Galway

March 1843

W. Connor (written in margin)

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John [...] Clerk

I certify that from all I have Learnt of the Memorialist before and since her Conviction she bore an Excellent Character up to the period of her Husbands death when it seems her unfortunate sons obtained a complete control? over the poor woman.

Jeremiah Tully Solicitor
Grove House, Tuam

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We believe the case of the Widow Anne Quinn to be one well-deserving of His Excellency the Lord Lieutenants' humane consideration & humbly & earnestly unite in the prayer of the memorial for a commutation of the sentence pronounced upon her

List of signatories

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His Excellency The Lord Lieutenant of Ireland
etc etc etc

"Castle"

Postmark Cloghan Ap 27 1843
Dublin

To.

His Excellency, Thomas Philip Earl De Grey
Lord Lieutenant General and General Governor
Of Ireland etc etc etc

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(?) (?) May 6th 1843

I have the honor to transmit for the consideration of His Excellency the Lord Lieutenant a copy of my notes of the evidence given upon the trial of Anne Quinn – by which it will appear that she not only received the property knowing it to be stolen but encouraged four youths two of them her own sons to the commission of the burglary in the town of Tuam where she & they resided- There was not a shadow of imputation upon the character of the witness Graham or Grimes who appeared to me to have acted with a view merely to (reclaim?) Corcoran and through him have the other perpetrators of the offence punished & brought to justice – the charge against Graham in the memorial appears to me to be fake as are many other of the allegations in it and I cannot suppress my surprise that gentlemen in such stations as those whose names are annexed to the earnest prayers for the commutation of her sentence all resident at a distance from Tuam and in another county should state that they believe such a case to be well deserving of his Excellencys humane consideration with that view – The only name upon the Memorial connected with Tuam is that of an attorney who if I am not mistaken in my recollection was professionally concerned for her and her sons who with Kilgariss were tried, & convicted of the Burglary at the same assizes & sentenced to transportation for ten years – so that there are the concurrent verdict of two Juries (three words crossed out) giving credit to the testimony against the Memorialist I am therefore bound to say that I am not aware of any mitigating circumstances that renders her a proper object of mercy.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your obedient Servant
[..]Perrin

Edward Lucas
Under Secretary

John & James Quinn & John Kilgariff were transported to VDL aboard the Orator 1843.