

In and Out of the Lunatic Asylum New Norfolk

Sarah Green

NAI- Irish Transportation Records CRF 1843 G3

C° Gaol 28th January 1843

Sir

I am honoured with the receipt of the accompanying petition. And in compliance with the order thereon. Beg leave to make this Report as to Sarah Green. A convict in my custody. which is alluded to in the petition.

I find said Greene stands in my books thus -

1st Commitment. She was charged with stealing money from the person of one Horam Griffith tried at Belfast. July Sessions 1839 – and sentenced 3 months House of Correction

2^d Charged with stealing money from one James Johnston. Belfast Sessions June 1841. No Bill found

3^d Charged with a similar offence as the forgoing one – Belfast Sessions October 1841 – No Prosecution in this case

4th Commitment Charged with stealing from the person of one James Orr 3 pounds 12 shillings – Belfast April Sessions 1842 - No bill found in this case.

5th Time is the offence for which she is transported.

As to her conduct in Gaol she is very peaceable. But I give my Matrons more the credit of carrying out the discipline of the Gaol than any merit on the part of the convict.

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your most obedient

Humble Servant

E Lucas Esq
Secretary

James Erskine Governor
Of the County Antrim Gaol

His Excellency Earl De Grey Lord Lieutenant
General and General Governor of Ireland

The humble petition of Charles Mc Sparren of Belfast

May it please His Excellency

That petitioner's Cousin named Sarah Green was tried before the Assistant Barrister Gibson at the General Quarter Sessions of the peace held at Belfast on Saturday this 14th January Instant, for taken from the person of John O'Harra the sum of Nine pounds, and was therefore sentenced to seven years transportation. The unfortunate young woman herein alluded to never was tried before The Barrister before except once that she got three months and she most bitterly regrets having ever offended against the Law. Petitioner most earnestly Solicits His Excellency The Lord Lieutenant in His Most Bountiful Mercy and Clemency to please to mitigate the above mentioned sentence from that of seven years transportation to what soever period of imprisonment that His Excellency may seem meet.

The ill fated victim has left one male child about seven years old unprovided for having no relatives in circumstances to grant it any permanent support.

Petitioner most respectfully entreats that His Excellency The Lord Lieutenant will concede to his request.

And that His Excellency may be helped with Spiritual grace long life and uninterrupted happiness is the earnest prayer of your humble petitioner Charles Mc Sparren

Signature indecipherable 1843

Address: The Humble Petition of Charles Mc Sparren

To the Gvn^r of Gaol

What had been the Prisoner's previous character - ?

What has been her conduct in gaol?

Dublin Castle ,

16 January 1843

Sarah Green

Larceny from person 7 yrs transportation

The law must take its course signature 1843

Signature

Mr McSparren do Gaoler infor^d ditto date ?

Hannah Wickham

The Melbourne Argus 30/10/1846

Hobart Town Indentures – This day a case will come on for hearing at the Police Office, in which Mr Bernard McKeever is the complainant, and Hannah Wickham the defendant, who was indentured to Mr McKeever in Van Diemen's Land for three years, but according to his statement had absconded from his service for the last fifteen days. The Mayor said he had received a letter from the girl, complaining of his (McKeever's) conduct towards her, she having been only allowed to attend divine service three times during the time she had been in the district, and should her statement prove to be correct, he should turn the tables on him. He had some doubts whether could have any control over the defendant she having been indentured in Van Diemen's Land; he would however, grant the summons, and in the meantime consider how far he had authority.

The Argus 10/11/1846

To the Editor of the Melbourne Argus,

Sir-I hope you will allow me to publish in your independent paper a Report of the proceedings instituted by Mr. McKeever, the ginger-beer maker, against his apprentice, the orphan Hannah Wickham, from the Hobart Town Orphan School, and the cruel treatment she was subject to for nine months, of which I was an eyewitness, in hopes it might meet the eye of Captain Booth, Superintendent of the Orphan School, through whose agency the girl was sent to Port Phillip. On Tuesday last the girl went to the Very Rev. Mr. Therry, where she was met by McKeever, who referred his Reverence to the undersigned and his wife to show she was treated well; which assertion both of us contradicted, for the poor girl was subject to a course of ill treatment, of which, thanks be to God, we were before strangers. Beaten severely, and otherwise treated with great harshness, which the neighbours can testify, if yelling, shouting, and the noise of blows, is any indication of ill usage kept for five months without shoes, covered with rags, etc, although McKeever swore at the Police Office she neglected her religious duties, but in the position I have described above, I think McKeever, with all his effrontery, would feel ashamed to see her face a religious congregation.

I have also to complain of the treatment I received myself when giving my evidence before the Bench, for McKeever kept up a running commentary, such as "You are perjuring yourself, It is false." I claimed the protection of the Bench, which was scarcely noticed ; although I was threatened with

expulsion myself for one single remark, and ordered in the most uncouth and imperious manner to confine myself to my duty as a witness, and other remarks which He not think worth my while to notice. I hwoften heard the inhabitants of Melbourne speak of the airs shewn by the Mayor of Melbourne on the Bench, who, as Sir George Gipps said, is placed there by fortuitous circumstances, but whose Mayoralty, I am happy to see, is almost at an end, and whoso proper position was at the pestle and mortar.

I also congratulate the inhabitants upon the intended accession to the bench of a few intelligent gentlemen, by whom at least they may expect to be treated with common civility.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient

Humble servant

F.HEANEY Melbourne

26th November 1846

The Argus 13/11/1846

LANDLORD AND TENANT-The Police Court was occupied on Friday for a long period in hearing a charge of assault, preferred by Mr Bernard McKeever, grocer, Bourke street, against Mr Francis Heaney, who stood towards each other in the relative position of landlord and tenant the ease was adjourned on that day, but resume on the following morning According to the evidence of McKeever, the defendant, Heaney, had occupied, as a tenant, the upstairs rooms of his house during the last fifteen months, and the was due to him the balance of the sum of £4 13s for rent, on Thursday, Heaney said he intended to remove his goods, as he was going into the bush, and tendered thirty odd shillings in payment of his rent which complainant refused as not amounting to the rent due. Heaney then went up stairs and ought down a sofa bedstead, which complaint endeavoured to prevent him from removing, when defendant caught him by the hair of the head, beat him severely in the face, knocked him down kicked him, and then calling to his wife to bring down his pistols, said, "I'll settle with you." The pistols fortunately were not forthcoming, and someone stepping in, the combatants were separated. The defence set up was that considerable ill feeling existed between the parties, consequence of circumstances which had arisen respecting the Van Diemen's Land apprentice Hannah Wickham; again that McKeever had not adopted the remedy which the law allowed him that of distraint, and, therefore, he was not justified in stopping the goods. The bench were of opinion that McKeever was justified in stopping the goods, and that the defendant had committed a violent assault when resisting, and they sentenced Heaney to pay a fine of £3 and costs, and to find sureties to keep the peace for two months, himself in £20, and two sureties in £10 each.