

Irish Transportation Record of **Anne Martin** per Mexborough 1841
CRF 1839 – M71 – Larceny – Stealing money - Sentenced to 7 Years Transportation.
The sentence was commuted to two years imprisonment & hard labour on 14 June 1839.
Tried again at Cavan for stealing a blanket on 4 January 1841 - Sentenced to 7 Years
Transportation (with **Anne Ebbit** for being in possession of a blanket from the gaol who was
also on board).

To,

His Excellency Lord Fortiscue [*sic*], Lord Lieutenant General and General Governor of
Ireland &c. &c. &c.

The Memorial of **Ann Martin** at present a convict in the Gaol of Cavan in the County
of Cavan most humbly

Sheweth,

That your Excellency's Memor^{lst} was tried at the last Easter Sessions of Cootehill in
said County for taking a few shillings in change and some wearing apparel the property of
one **Joseph Egan** with whom she lived as a servant and of which she was convicted and
sentenced by the Court to Seven Years Transportation.

That Memor^{lst} was a hired servant at different periods before this occurrence, and
never was charged by him or any of her former employers as testified by the characters on
the inside of the enclosed form of Memorial but which Document does not distinctly state
the transaction or the cause of it which Memor^{lst} most humbly begs leave to explain to your
Excellency and which she thro' Delicacy and Ignorance did not explain at her Trial having no
Legal adviser but was put on her Trial in a short time after arriving at Cootehill the same day
she was brought from Cavan Gaol a distance of 12 Irish Miles and did not know how to act
as she had no friends being the Daughter of a very poor Parents in the decline of Life and
unable to aid her in any way.

The facts of the case are Briefly as follows: viz

That the Pros^r unfortunately seduced Memor^{lst} to his Illegal imbraces he having a
control over her which, however, Guilty she cannot now justify, he being a married man his
wife naturally became jealous, Memor^{lst} seeing she had no alternative confesses she took
some of her Mistress wearing apparel which she afterwards returned but denies having
taken the silver, this was the whole cause honestly declared, as she was found to be
pregnant by him and is now great with child.

Under the circumstances Memor^{lst} most humbly implores Your Excellency to take
this peculiar case into consideration and hopes that from her previous good character and
the nature of the case her sentence may be commuted or act otherwise as to Your
Excellency shall seem meet and Memor^{lst} will ever Pray.

Cavan Gaol 29th May 1839

Ann Martin

[Mr Connor/dated – *crosswise left margin*]

To His Excellency Hugh Earl Fortescue, Lord Lieutenant General and
General Governor of Ireland

Memorial of **Anne Martin** of Cootehill, now a prisoner in Cavan Gaol.

Sheweth

That Memorialist was convicted at the last sessions of Cootehill and sentenced to Transportation for taking wearing apparel &c^a. from her Masters house, which she returned having repented of doing so it being her first fault and committed thro' youthful Ignorance, Memst. was brought from Cavan to Cootehill Sessions for Tryal on the 3rd Ins^t. and tried on same day. Consequently had not time to get in Two or three Respectable Men to give her a character with whom the Memst. had lived as a servant from the age of Eleven or Twelve years. Memorialist is a young woman of twenty-three years of age, never was confined: till the present time, nor never before a magistrate.

Memst: most humbly prays your Excellency will be graciously pleased to mitigate her sentence of Seven Years Transportation to any less period of confinement in this Kingdom, such as may seem meet to you. Memst. has a poor Distressed mother and three children, Destitute of support, who were always depending on her wages &c^a.

She prays a Forgiveness in some measure for this her First offence, and throws herself on your Excellency's Clemency, for which she will as in duty bound ever pray.

8th April 1839

Anne Martin, Prisoner

Cavan Gaol

I certify that **Ann Martin** lived with me for the space of two years and six months. During which time she served me faithfully, honestly and with perfect sobriety and parted with her at her own request. I give this at the request of Memorialist May 20th 1839.

Peter McCabe Tullyvin County of Cavan

[?] Dawson J.P. Ianagh }

Nich. Devereux Rector of Gortin }

I certify the above statement to be correct.

John McCabe of Aghagashlan in the County of Cavan

The abovenamed **Ann Martin** lived in this Parish all her Life. I never before heard her character impeached.

Felix McCabe

PP Kill

I have not known the subject of this Memorial but I firmly believe the attestation in her favour given by her Parish Priest the Revd Felix McCabe.

James Browne DD.

Dublin, June 12th 1839

Sir,

In answer to the Memorial of **Anne Martin**, a prisoner in the gaol of Cavan, I have the honor to write that she was tried and convicted before me at the last sessions of Cootehill, of robbing her Master under the following circumstances.

Mr Egan (the Master) and his wife went to prayers before Sunday, the 3rd March, leaving the prisoner at home in charge of the House and an infant child. During his absence the Prisoner broke open a room door and also the locks of several drawers which she rifled and carried off several articles of wearing apparel belonging to the mistress, leaving the unfortunate infant to its fate. It appeared to me at the time, and I think so still, a premeditated robbing, and a gross breach of trust.

With respect to the statement in her memorial of having been seduced by her master I have only to observe that she made a similar charge at the trial which he most pointedly denied upon his oath.

I perceive attached to her memorial testimonials of character from respectable persons. She produced none at her trial. I consider it not imputable, that had she received a good character, her punishment would have been imprisonment and not transportation. At the same time it certainly is a case of a rather aggravated character, such deserving severe punishment.

I have the honor to be your humble & obt serv.

P. M. Murphy
Assistant Barrister for Cavan
33 Baggot St Lwr.

[Mr Connor *crosswise left margin*]

M 71 1839

ANN MARTIN

Commute to 2 years
Imprisonment & hard labour

Initialed

10th Mr Murphy ans^d [?]

issued 14 June 1839

To

His Excellency Lord Viscount Fortescue
Lord Lieutenant General and
General Governor of Ireland &c.

Mem^l

Castle Dublin

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