

**Irish Transportation Records Margaret Hickey CRF 1848 H 48**

H -45-48

W Hitchens

2/9/48

His Excellency the Earl of Clarendon  
Lieutenant, General, and General Governor of Ireland

The Memorial of Margaret Hickey a Convict in Nenagh Gaol, aged 12 years

Humbly Sheweth,

That your Memorialist being tried, and, convicted at the last Summer Assizes of Nenagh, charged with pledging three vests, at Roscrea, which was proved to be stolen, and Sentenced to Seven Years Transportation.

Your Memorialist did not know the vests in any manner to be stolen. She is nearly dark being afflicted with severe Cataracts on her eyes, which can be certified by the Doctor of the Gaol.

And your unfortunate Memorialist most humbly hopes, that Your Excellency will be most graciously pleased to take her youth, into your merciful and humane consideration, and not exile a blind child from her afflicted mother.

And your memorialist shall as in duty bound forever pray.

Margaret Hickey  
Nenagh Gaol  
29 August 1848

I have examined the above named Margaret Hickey and Certify she is nearly blind of both eyes from thickening of the Coats of the Cornea and adhesion in consequence of present Inflammation after measles.

O'Neil Quin M.D.  
Physician  
Nenagh Jail

<b>Before whom tried</b>	Baron Richards
<b>Where convicted</b>	[ ] Assizes
<b>When committed</b>	27 <sup>th</sup> July 48
<b>Conduct &amp; character</b>	Good in Prison
<del>xxxxxxxxxxxx</del>	Nenagh Gaol 6 <sup>th</sup> Sept 48
	<u>M.L Rock</u>
<i>initials</i>	Gov <sup>r</sup>
D.C. [.....]	

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The Chief Secretary  
Secretary of State's Office  
Castle  
Dublin  
Petition

*Stamped ROSCREA*  
SEPT 48

His Excellency wishes that she should be sent if consistent with the Regulations to the Dublin penitentiary.

This convict will be removed within course of time.

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JW Hitchins

13/9/48

The attention of the County Inspector is called to the statement A in Baron Pennyfather's report and he is requested to report thereon for His Excellency the Lord Lieutenants information.

*initials*

Knockeevan Sept 12 1848

Clonmel

Your letter of the 9<sup>th</sup> enclosing by desire of the Lord Lieutenant a memorial on behalf of Margaret Hickey did not reach me until this morning, having been misdirected to Cashel. Upon looking into my notes I find that the case was tried before me although by another mistake in the replies of the governor of the jail it was stated to have been before Baron Richards.

I have note to say for the information of his Excellency that the prisoner was convicted of stealing a waistcoat from a shopkeeper on Roscrea. She having pawned it, at an office in the same town – There were two other indictments against her for similar offences, on two subsequent days in the same month & I thought it right to be sentenced to be transported for seven years. There was no mention made to me that her eyes were in any matter affected – nor did she say although I usually enquire into the circumstances of each person convicted that she had any mother who would or could take care of her – nor did she appear to me to be so young as she now represents herself to be, & upon the whole I thought that it was better to have her removed from the country as she appeared to me to be one likely to continue depredations of a like kind as that for which she was convicted – but if the state of her eyes be as represented his Excellency may consider that it would not be right to have her removed while the disease continues & more especially if her mother be a person to whose care she can be safely entrusted.

I return the memorial and have the honor to be

Sir

Your Obedient Servant

Richard Pennyfather

J.N. Redington Esq<sup>re</sup>

**File Cover**

Co of Tipperary

H-45-1848

Margaret Hickey

Larceny 7 yrs Transportation

Report of Baron Pennyfather annexed. Her family are persons of bad character

Sept 19

Let the Law take its course

Judge & G.G inf<sup>d</sup> *initials*

Sept 22./48

Stamped CONSTABULARY OFFICE DUBLIN CASTLE

RECD SEPT 20 1848

County of Tipperary Nth

Roscrea 18<sup>th</sup> Sept 1848

I have the honor to state with reference to the attached minute of the Under Secretary that the convict Marg<sup>t</sup> Hickey, had always had tender eyes but was not considered blind. Her Brother, who there is no doubt stole the waistcoat in question and others pawned by her is one of the worst

characters in the Town, and it is very generally supposed their mother has encouraged them into thieving.

P Morgan

1<sup>st</sup> S.J.

Nenagh 19<sup>th</sup> September 1848

Submitted

Her age is 12 years

H.H.