

IRISH TRANSPORTATION RECORD OF ANN MURPHY #327 (aka Anne Murphy Maxine Quin)
PER MARY ANNE 1840
CRF-1840-M67
LARCENY – RECEIVING STOLEN GOODS - SENTENCED TO 7 YEARS TRANSPORTATION

W Connor [*crosswise and overstruck*]
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To His Excellency Lord Viscount Ebrington Lord Lieutenant of Ireland.

The Memorial of **Jane Murphy** of Enniscorthy in the County of Wexford Widow

Humbly Sheweth

That your Memorialist has been a widow for the last eight years, and is now in a most destitute situation as her only support was a little girl named **Anne Murphy** now about fourteen years of age, who by her industry at needlework assisted Memorialist on procuring for her the common necessaries of life and as she was in the act of selling her little work she stop[ped]t at a Lodging House in the Town of Leighlin and having slept in a Room with a woman of the name of **Judith Leary** who it appears was after stealing Shop Goods in the Town of Carlow. Memorialist's little girl was made a prisoner of along with this woman and Tried under the same charge with her at Carlow Assizes for being found in her company and having eaten her supper with her and sentenced with the said Judith Leary to Seven years Transportation.

May it please your Excellency to take Memorialist's case into your Excellency's humane and charitable consideration and as she is a poor distressed widow without any earthly means for her support but depending upon this little girl's industry for her Support and as Memorialist's innocent child happened unfortunately to get into company with this woman at the Lodging House far from her home, and was found guilty of a crime she never committed, as she was in a strange place and had no one to give her a character, be graciously pleased to order that the said Anne Murphy may be set at liberty, or otherwise to have her sentence commuted to imprisonment in some prison in Ireland for such time as your Excellency shall seem meet. And Memorialist will ever pray.

her
Jane X Murphy
mark

Enniscorthy
6th Aug^t 1840

We the undersigned do hereby certify that we know the Memorialist and that she is a poor widow in very distressed circumstances, and that her daughter who was sentenced to Transportation at last Carlow Assizes was her principal support and that we never heard any charge brought against said Anne Murphy before and we recommend her case to his Excellency the Lord Lieutenant's humane consideration.

Signatures:

Sam^l Goodisson
John ?
John Nowlan
John King

JEW Bryce
Joseph Parslow
James O'Shannall
Michael Whealan
John Deal

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Receiving Stolen Goods - 7 years Tn

The Law must take its course

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Ch Justice ans^d 25th

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Kilmurry Thomastown

August 15 1840

Sir,

In answer to your letter of yesterday's date, I request you may inform his Excellency the Lord Lieutenant according to his desire that the particulars of the case of **Anne Murphy** a Prisoner in the Jail of Carlow are as follows: She was indicted for six numbers upon the Crown Book, & Bills were found against her and a man **Patrick Quin** & a woman named **Judith Leary**. She was indicted by the name of **Anne Murphy Maxine Quin**, each indictment charging a separate Larceny committed in Carlow on the 2nd July: The Crown did not think it necessary to give the Prisoner her charge on more than two indictments upon which she was found guilty. In each case the owners of the goods who were shopkeepers in Carlow proved that their shop had been robbed of considerable property, and it was proved that on the following day all the goods except such parts as the Robbers had cut off, were found by the Police in a house in Leighlin Bridge 8 miles from Carlow concealed under a bed in which the Prisoner and another female Prisoner were. The Woman who owns that house proved that she kept a lodging house and that on the night before Quin and the two female Prisoners arrived there with a Donkey Cart laden with the stolen property driven by Quin. [*bottom line words black and illegible*] ...took the Prisoners into custody, and swore that the Prisoner **Anne Murphy otherwise Quin** claimed all the goods to be her own. The owners of the goods swore to the goods produced by the Police and the Prisoner made no defence and calls as witnesses and were all found guilty in both the cases tried, with the exception of one of them viz Judith Leary who was acquitted upon first Number tried but found guilty on the second. This appearing to be a case of Robbery upon a large scale, in connection to all appearances with the owners of the house in which the goods were found, & the shopkeepers [*bottom line words black and illegible*] ...frequently and to a considerable amount, as I was informed by the Magistrate. I sentenced the three Convicts to transportation for 7 years and ordered the goods so found to be distributed amongst those owners who had sworn to their identity when produced to them, either in the trial or in the Grand Jury Room which included the Prosecutors in the cases in which the Crown did not further prosecute.

I know of no mitigating circumstances which in my opinion would render this Prisoner **Anne Quin** otherwise Murphy a proper object of mercy and return herewith her petition to his Excellency.

I have the honor to be your

Faithful Serv

Charles Bushe

NH Macdonald

Dublin Castle

I [k]Now Anne Murphy this ten years Back and found nothing by her but w[h]at bane fare and Onist and her Mother also Jane Murphy. I had a tabans with the family in several towns would me work and found them strictly onist.

Patrick [*Michan*]

Mr Macdonald acquaints Jane Murphy in reply to her application on behalf of her daughter Anne Murphy - that the case having been thoroughly examined by The Lord Lieutenant, His Excellency has not been able to find any just grounds for mitigating the sentence.

The Documents enclosed in Jane Murphy's Memorial are herewith returned.

Dublin Castle
17th Sept^r 1840

Jane Murphy
at William Duffys
38 Kevin St

I know Anne Murphy is to be an honest industrious girl from her infancy and never has did thing to be alleged to her Charge. She had lived under me for a long time, and she is an honest girl,

Signed by me this day
[? *Wilkinson*]

I do hereby testify that Jane Murphy has been my Tenant these 10 or 12 years & that I consider her to be a very good Tenant & that I know her daughter Ann Murphy & have always considered her to be an innocent and honest little girl.

Given under my hand this 27th day of August 1840.

Ann Boyce) Mt Howard cottage
) Enniscorthy

I do hereby testify that the bearer Jane Murphy has been my Tenant these 10 or 12 years and that I consider her to be a good one & that I know her daughter Ann Murphy and always considered her to be honest industrious and innocent.

Given under my hand this 29th August 1840.

Ann Boyce
Mt Howard cottage
Enniscorthy

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1842 Ann Murphy M67 [crosswise and overstruck]

Signed

CHIEF SECRETARY'S OFFICE

Sally Murphy

Seal

Duffy [?]
Enniscorthy

The aforesaid papers in this case were sent to Mr Macdonald this day – HSC 16 Sep [crosswise and overstruck]

Inform that this case having been thoroughly examined by The Lord Lieutenant, His Excellency has not been able to find any just grounds for mitigating the sentence. Return documents & answer Sep 17/40 [crosswise and overstruck]

Done & documents retur^d 17 Sep for W Connor (crosswise and overstruck]

Sir,

To His Excellency, The Lord Lieut of Ireland
etc. etc. etc.

The Humble Memorial of **Jane Murphy** a poor widow residing in the Town of Enniscorthy

Most Respectfully Sheweth:-

That your Memorialist's Daughter named **Anne Murphy** has been unfortunately waylaid by a Notorious character named **Judy Leary** also of the Town of Enniscorthy whom appears was a Shoplifter previously on many occasions and the meeting with your Memorialist's daughter near the Town of Enniscorthy, Mem^s daughter being in the line of selling soft goods inveigled her to go with her on the road as far as Leighlin, where she slept with Judy Leary on the night, that Judy and her were taken for some theft, that Leary committed previously to your Mem^{ts} daughter meeting with this wicked wretch, who has been the means of destroying many other youthful and unsuspectful little Girls similar to your Mem^{ts} daughter.

Hoping your Excellency's kind and most gracious interpretation in favour of your Mem^{ts} poor innocent and really a victim to the intrigues of a seducer will weigh your Honest and feeling Heart to reinstate Your Poor Widow Applicant, to the happiness of enjoying the assistance of her dearly beloved innocent Child who had no more knowledge of the improper conduct of Judy Leary than the Child unborn.

By your well known clemency to the really innocent, the Mem^t most Humbly Supplicates that her Mem^l will be graciously taken into kind consideration by your Excellency, and as in duty bound your Mem^t will every pray.

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A[ssistant] B[arrister]

Your Mem^{ts} daughter has been found Guilty as an accomplice with the seducer Judy Leary at the last Sessions held at Carlow and is now under Sentence of transportation for seven years. There was no counsel to speak on behalf of this innocent little Girl and of course she was unsupported with any individual whom if her case was properly explained to any Court or Jury would have no hesitation in pronouncing her innocence.

The little Girl is only about 12 or 13 years of age and has never been before a Judge or Jury in her life before. In fact she is rather of an innocent harmless quiet disposition endeavouring at the time to earn some means of support for herself and poor Mother who was ill at the time and is your Mem^t.

Enclosed are Characters and testimonials which were given by respectable persons who are well acquainted with your Mem^t and unfortunate little Daughter.

Mem^t stops at present in lodgings at William Duffys No 38 Kevin Street Waiting your Excellency's kind ans^r.

[ENVELOPE]

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Private

To,

His Excellency Vic^t Ebrington
Lord Lieut^{nt} and General Governor
of Ireland

Dublin Castle
