

IRISH TRANSPORTATION RECORD OF JUDITH DWYER PER GREENLAW 1844  
CRF-1844-D6-FILM 54  
LARCENY – ROBBERY BY FORCE - SENTENCED TO 7 YEARS TRANSPORTATION  
(WITH MARGARET LYNCH CRF 1843-L28-FILM 52-15/8/16)

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To His Excellency the Lord Lieutenant General and General Governor  
of Ireland -

The humble memorial of **Judith Dwyre** etc.

Convict Prisoner

That your memorilist is under the Rule of Transportation for the Period of Seven years  
being found Guilty Before the Assistant Barrister for the alledged felony of Three Pounds Eleven  
Shillings and Sixpence at the preceding Quarter Sessions to the last held in the City of Limerick.

That Memorilist admits Justice appertained and as an Unfortunate Culprit adds that  
Heretofore her carracter and conduct thoro life was Strictly honest and Regular.

Your Unfortunate Memorilist a native of Limerick and dissended from an honest  
Parantage now alas departed and Supported an Unstained carracter as will more fully Explain by  
the Respectable Signatures hereunto Subscribed.

Your Memorilist most Humbly approach your Excellencys Clemency Praying you would in  
your Essencial Humanity Extend Unto her that mercy which the Royal prorogative so Justly  
visited in your Excellency and Grant your order of Mercy to Comute her Sentence of  
Transportation to Confindment and Labour as to your Excellency may deem meet Memorilist  
Is this day moved for Dublin.

**Judith Dwyre**

We the undersigned Inhabitants of the City of Limerick do Recommend Memorilist to the humane  
Clemency of His Gracious Vice Roy & the Lord Lieu<sup>t</sup> the General Governor of Ireland Limerick 20<sup>th</sup>  
Feb<sup>y</sup> 1844.

I hope this unhappy woman may  
if mercy be extended to her become correct

James Beal  
John Ryan  
Patrick Tierney  
W<sup>m</sup> Kelly  
Mich<sup>l</sup> Kelly  
[?]

J Braham PP St Marys  
John B Nolan PP St Marys  
Pat<sup>k</sup> [?]  
Edward Hurst

Mr Connor 21 Feb<sup>y</sup> 44 [*crosswise*]

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Fitzwilliam Square N  
March 9<sup>th</sup> 1844

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter with reference to the  
accompanying Memorial of **Judith Dwyer** a convict under sentence of transportation in the Gaol  
of Limerick and regret that in my opinion there are not any circumstances in the prisoner's case  
which would render her a proper object of His Excellency The Lord Lieutenant's Mercy. The facts  
of the case are as follows. Upon the 2<sup>nd</sup> Nov<sup>r</sup> 1843. The prisoner together with some other  
woman attacked a portrait painter named **James Fortescue** in a brothel in Limerick with knives  
and robbed him of his money. The Evidence was perfectly clear as to the prisoner's guilt (and as

indeed is admitted in her Memorial) and no witnesses as to her previous character were produced.

In consequence of the very serious nature of the offence The Bench of Magistrates did not feel justified in imposing a lighter punishment than seven years transportation, and I am unable therefore under these circumstances to recommend her to His Excellency's merciful consideration.

I have the honor to remain Sir  
Your most obed<sup>t</sup> serv<sup>t</sup>  
Robert Tighe  
Assistant Barrister  
C<sup>o</sup> Limerick

Edward Lucas Esqr  
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Mr Connor 11 Mar 44 [*crosswise and overstruck*]

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**Judith Dwyer**

The law must take its course

Mar 11 ChJ  
1844  
Gaoler infor<sup>d</sup> 12<sup>th</sup>  
A.W.C  
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