

**Irish Transportation Records Eliza Nolan/ Murphy CRF 1841 N13**

*W. Connor written up the side*

Case of  
Eliza Nolan or Murphy

Kimmage-house  
20<sup>th</sup> Oct<sup>r</sup> 1841

Sir

I have had the honor to receive your Letter and the accompanying Memorial with reference to Eliza Nolan who pleaded by the name of Murphy Prisoner in the Gaol of Newgate under sentence of seven years transportation.

I beg to state, for the information of His Excellency the Lord Lieutenant, that the Prisoner was convicted before me at the City of Dublin Sessions Court, on the 6<sup>th</sup> day of this month of having stolen a Watch & several other Articles the property of Jeffery Keating a relative of her own – I have had but several applications in the Prisoner's favour besides those forwarded by you - & I will send with this a second Memorial addressed to myself on her behalf – but her case is a very bad one – She had been twice convicted of other felonies previous to her last trial – It was on account of her misconduct that her own immediate family had discarded her - & then the relative who was the Prosecutor in the present instance [took?] pity upon her & gave her shelter & yet she stole all the property of his upon which she could lay her hands & ran off with it – She is also reported from the prison in which she was confined to have been very ill conducted – The memorial is incorrect in stating her to be but of 14 years of age – She looked twenty at the least - & also very incorrect in describing this as her first offence, under all the circumstances - & after the recommendation of many respectable persons – I am sorry to be obliged to say – that I am respectfully of opinion the Prisoner is not a deserving object of Mercy.

I have the honor to be Sir  
Your obed<sup>t</sup> humble Servant  
Fred Shaw

Edward Lucas Esq.

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*Stamped Chief Secretary's Office Dublin 41 Oct 13*  
*W Connor written up the side.*

To His Excellency Earl De Gray Lord Lieut. Gen<sup>l</sup> and Gen<sup>l</sup> Governor of Ireland  
The Humble Memorial of Eliza Nolan of [H...] Street North Strand in the City of Dublin Widow.  
Sheweth,

That Memorialist is a very poor and distressed Widow, struggling to support a Family consisting of Nine Orphan Children by manufacturing Garden and Flower Earthen Pots and that one of her said children whose services could render her assistance is her son John whose infirmity brought on by a violent and hasty decline is now totally incapacitated from Working, and that the assistance given him and the place he took in her small concern was performed by Eliza Nolan Memorialist's daughter herein after named on whose behalf the [present?] Memorialist is most respectfully presented.

That the said Eliza Nolan last named is a very young girl of the age of 14 years and not being aware of the punishment which she exposed herself was unfortunately induced to take from her cousin one Jeffery Keating some trifling articles of Wearing apparel and a Silver Watch of small value and that on the very day she did so she was arrested by a Policeman with the said articles in her possession

undisposed of and was afterwards committed to the Prison of Newgate to stand her Trial for the taking of them, were she remained until the Fifth of this Month when she was tried before the Right Honorable The Recorder and sentenced to Transportation for Seven years but which Sentence your Memorialist is believes would have been but imprisonment had Memorialist made any preparation for her said Trial which she did not do thinking it unnecessary that as the Offence was slight and a family one that the Matter would have been more humanely considered.

That the Prosecutor has obtained all his property and the said Eliza has been in long confinement and consequently as your Memorialist hopes brought to feel the hardship which comes to the committed of such crimes and as your Memorialist is [confidant?] that the said Eliza Nolan shall never again commit similar or any other grievous offence against the Laws and as Justice has been fully vindicated in her regret your Memorialist most humbly prays that Your Excellency will be graciously pleased to commute the said sentence to a period of Imprisonment and not to have the said Eliza Nolan sent away from her distressed Mother and family but give her an opportunity of assisting your Memorialist to earn an honest living for the future otherwise your Memorialist and her helpless orphans will be obliged to seek refuge in the poor House thro' want. That Memorialist as in duty bound will ever pray

Eliza Nolan

@ certify that the Memorialist – Eliza Nowlan – has always supported the very best character until the unhappy circumstance which lead to her late conviction – Her misfortune is owing more to her simplicity than to any deliberate malice or perverse disposition – or rather I should say to the wickedness & cruelty of two demons of brothers – her mother has been known all her life time in St Marys parish Dublin & supported, & continues to support, the very best of characters.

Given at No 6 Mount Joy Place  
Dublin 13 October 1841

William Young  
R.C. clergyman

I know the Petitioner?] from 21 [years?] to Be Honest and Industrious and Kind a large Family 2 [ ]  
Street North Strand  
Patrick Connolly  
Grocer [ ] Street

I know the Memorialist a considerable time, - I can bear testimony to her character; she has always been honest and industrious & she has struggled hard to support a large family.

John Laphen  
R.C. Curate of St Mary's  
Off Marble St Dublin  
13<sup>th</sup> Oct<sup>r</sup> 1841

I have known the Memorialist *blackened film – two lines*

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N 13 1841  
Eliza Nolan or Murphy  
Larceny 7 yrs Tn  
Let the law take its course  
Oct 27 1841 initials  
I. Recorder ans<sup>d</sup> 23<sup>rd</sup> initials  
Ansd Gaoler do “  
A further Meml is annexed  
30 March /42

Confirmed  
Ma.31 1842 *initials*

Gaoler *infd* do A.W.L.

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To the Right H<sup>ble</sup> Frederick Shaw Recorder of the City of Dublin  
The memorial of the Several Undersigned persons  
Shew,

That John Nolan for several years a Resident of the North Strand and by Trade a Potter by Honest Industry reared a numerous family and as far as his means permitted gave them a liberal Education.

That said John Nolan was one of those who by the Almighty's will was carried off by Cholera in the year 1832 leaving a Widow & several children.

That Memorialists up to the present occasion never heard of any Crime ag<sup>st</sup> the family of said John.

That the unfortunate Widow the mother of the Prisoner Nolan is inconsolable 1<sup>st</sup> from the tender years of the prisoner 2<sup>ndly</sup> Because it will be considered as a Stain on the Character of the rest of Her children.

Memorials therefore pray you will take the prisoners case into consideration

Thomas Scurry 49 North Strand  
Pat O'Connor Spring garden Parade  
David Delany [ ] St  
*Many other names too difficult to read on the film*

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Notations at top & along side

*...for your enquiry*

*Refer for enquiry to the Judge who tried the case*

*Initials 29 Mar/42*

To His Excellency the Lord Lieutenant

My Lord,

The undersigned is requested by the Widow Nolan to transmit the enclosed to your Excellency for your humane consideration

I am most respectfully

James [ ]

14 [ ] St  
28<sup>th</sup> March 1842

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In the case of Eliza Nolan (aged 14 years) now in the Grange Gorman prison under Sentence of transportation.

The undersigned respectfully beg leave to submit the following statement to the Authorities in this case; with an ardent & well funded hope that in their wisdom & mercy they will avert the dreadful sentence of the law, - seven years transportation of [a creature??] barely fourteen years old & that it may be commuted to imprisonment & labor; so that the child shall not be torn forever from her

miserable & afflicted mother, a widow, of the name of Eliza Nolan having eight children one in the last stage of [dissipation?? ], and earning their scanty livelihood by making Garden Pots at the Boundary wall [ ] St, North Strand:- her Husband died of Cholera some years ago, and it was the cruel treatment of one of her family to her child Eliza Nolan that first drew her to beg & then to commit the offense which have brought her mother to the brink of the grave with affliction & grief –

It is believed that from the child's great suffering and acknowledged penitence that after [clear?] correction & imprisonment, the friends of the poor widow will get her child into some assistance that may reinstate her into the paths of propriety & virtue, on her [ ] from such imprisonment as may be deemed necessary & proper, it is with this hope, and from a knowledge of the miseries of the widow said Nolan that we take leave to offer [these few?] remarks to your consideration.

*Many signatures - darkened film*

William Ellis [ ] 16 Seville Place

Robert Kane M.D. 118 Upper Gloster St.

We do not personally know much of the Widow Nolan nor her daughter, but we have made a good deal of enquiry about them, which induces us to entreat that the Lord Lieutenant will order an investigation of the child's case. If she be transported we fear injustice will be done to her & her widowed parent will be thrown onto great affliction. We are told she is an honest & much industrious poor woman – Dublin 25<sup>th</sup> March 1842

James Haughton

W. Haughton

Js. Fitzmaurice Senior

Henry Shaw