

**Catherine Gaynor – Irish Transportation Records CRF 1849 G 13 Film No 72**

City of Dublin Commission  
April 15/49

Mary Gaynor and Catherine Gaynor were indicted for feloniously stealing a Purse one Bank Note for five pounds five Bank Notes for one pound each twelve Shillings and five pieces of Paper the Property of Tho<sup>s</sup> K. Whitty.

They were also indicted for [...] and having in their possession the said Purse and knowingly found? to be have been feloniously stolen.

1<sup>st</sup> Witness Catherine Whitty.

On 21<sup>st</sup> March was in Nassau St went into Baby House to buy some articles, when there I lost my purse containing money and notes. Identifies the purse now produced as hers. Identifies the Two Prisoners as being in the shop standing beside me. I was in the shop about 15 minutes before Prisoners came in, The Prisoners were beside me when I pulled out my Purse to pay half a crown and I put my Purse either into my Pocket or Muff, saw my Purse the same evening with Police.  
X Exam<sup>d</sup> I missed my Purse in the shop before I left it.

2<sup>nd</sup> Witness. Elizabeth Murray

Knows the baby Shop in Nassau St saw Mrs Whitty in the shop on 21<sup>st</sup> March, saw Prisoners there the same day standing next to Mrs Whitty.

3<sup>rd</sup> Witness Edward McIlvery. Police

I met the Two Prisoners between 1& 2 on 21<sup>st</sup> March on a Car. I stopped the Car and asked them their names & they told me I told them I was going to arrest them for a Robbery. I did arrest them and bring them to a Police Office, and just at the Door I saw Prisoner Catherine hesitating at her Pocket and I found the Purse now produced at her feet I asked her where she had got it and she said it was hers and had been given her by her husband who was at sea, and that she had got the money from him ~~feathers~~ to buy feathers And that she came to town for that purpose – she said she had the Purse for three years.

4<sup>th</sup> Witness Esther Kennedy

Lives at the Police Office I searched Prisoner Mary and found inside her petticoat a five Pound Note cut into two and having in it 3 half Crowns. She fell on her knees and begged of me to keep them and say nothing about her. also searched Prisoner Catherine and saw hr shuffling about her bosom and I searched her and between her stays and her bosom found 2 one pound notes, she begged of me to keep them for myself and say nothing.

Guilty on the first count  
Richard Moore

Wednesday Morning  
April 25<sup>th</sup> 1849

Sir,

I lost no time in answering your letter received on Sunday last, in it, I gave my most cordial assent to forwarding your wishes with respect to your daughters.

Catherine Whitty  
Bickerton? House

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To His Excellency, Lord Clarendon  
Lord Lieutenant General and General  
Governor of Ireland

The Memorial of Thomas Gaynor of Irishtown in the County of Dublin Boot and Shoemaker

Humbly Sheweth,

That Memorialist has resided for a number of years in Irishtown and is a poor man, by Trade a Boot and Shoe Maker with a family of a wife and six children depending on him for support and to whom he has always endeavoured to give a moral and religious education and to Train them in the habit of Industry as will appear by the several Testimonials of Character herewith sent to Your Excellency.

That on the Twenty second day of March last Two of Memorialists daughters, namely, Catherine and Mary, having occasion to come to Town to purchase some small articles in Nassau Street, went to the house of Mrs OGrady in said street, and after having made their purchases, on coming away, Memorialists younger daughter Mary perceived a purse lying on the floor of said shop, which she took up without informing her eldest sister Catherine thereof:

That they were subsequently arrested and taken into custody on the same day, at which time the purse and money therein were given up.

That your Memorialist said daughters Catherine and Mary having been tried for said Offence before the Honorable Judges Jackson and Moore at the last Commission in Dublin, Both were convicted of stealing the purse from a Lady named Whitty when Catherine was sentenced to seven years Transportation beyond the Seas and Mary to six months confinement.

That neither Memorialist nor any of his family had ever heretofore been convicted of any offences whatever .

Thus under these melancholy conditions..... *(last two lines blacked photography)*

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29 Upper Fitzwilliam St  
May 18<sup>th</sup>

Sir,

I beg leave to enclose a report of the facts that appeared [...] the trials of Catherine and Mary Gaynor, for the information of His Excellency the Lord Lieutenant, and beg leave to mention, that the case relied on in the Memorial is altogether at variance with the facts as they appeared on the trial.

The prisoners are daughters of Thomas Gaynor who lives in Irish Town in the county of Dublin and they reside with him and who was indicted at the last Commission for feloniously receiving a purse, the property of one Edward Galway, it appeared on his trial that when his house was searched by police a number of shawls and various articles of different kinds were found secreted in different parts of the house, and though the prisoner was acquitted on the trial for want of identification of the property laid? in the indictment yet, no doubt was, or could be entertained, of his guilt as a general receiver of stolen property. The prisoners Catherine and Mary Gaynor having been convicted of stealing the purse. Judge Jackson and myself being satisfied that they were old offenders thought we were bound to sentence the older girl further more to be transported, but her sister, being very young she was only sentenced to 6 months imprisonment.

I have the honor to be Sir  
Your obedient Humble  
Servant  
Robert Moore

T. N. Bedington Esq<sup>fe</sup>

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We the undersigned most humbly and respectfully beg to recommend to Your Excellency's attention the prayer of the annexed Memorial as we have known Thomas Gaynor for several years and have always considered him an honest and respectable man in his station in life and as such now deserving of Your Excellency's humane and merciful consideration.

*Many signatures*

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**Information Required in the Case of Annexed Prisoner**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Age</b>	<b>Committed</b>	<b>Convicted</b>	<b>Judges</b>	<b>Conduct in Gaol</b>
Catherine Gaynor	18	1849 12 <sup>th</sup> March	1849 16 <sup>th</sup> April	Moore & Jackson	Very good

**Previous character &  
circumstances if convicted before**  
Never convicted before

**Health**  
Good

*Comment difficult to read*

Judge Moore  
Rec<sup>d</sup> May 21/49

*Comment written up the side – difficult to read*

Catherine & Mary Gaynor

Robbery 7 yrs Transp<sup>t</sup>  
( Mary 6 months Imps<sup>t</sup>)

Committed  
Report of Judge Moore  
annexed May 29  
Let the law take its course

Judge & Prison? Inf<sup>d</sup> *initials*  
20 May 49

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Memorial  
Of Thomas Gaynor of  
Irish Town in the County  
Of Dublin – Boot and  
Shoe Maker