

IRISH TRANSPORTATION RECORD OF JOHANNA AHERN PER MARY ANNE 1841
CRF-1840-A4
LARCENY -- STEALING A COAT ETC. - SENTENCED TO 7 YEARS TRANSPORTATION

Cork April 22nd 1840

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letter with the memorial to his Excellency of Maurice Ahern on behalf of Johanna Ahern under Sentence of Transportation who has been transmitted from the Gaol of the City of Cork to Dublin.

The prisoner who was tried on the 27th of March 1840 pleaded guilty to stealing a quantity of property of her Master Jeremiah O'Slattery with whom she had resided as a Servant for some months having broken out of the home in the night and carried everything she could with her; some small articles were recovered in Cork, but she acknowledged having sent the rest to friends in Waterford and promised to have them returned for which purpose she was allowed a week and then a second week, before sentence was finally passed, the property not having been restored.

I beg leave to submit for the consideration of his Excellency that no offer is made in the memorial of restitution of the property, the loss of which is severely felt by the Prosecutor.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient humble servant

Robert Bennett
Deputy Recorder
of City of Cork

William Tighe Hamilton Esqre
Chief Secretary's Office
Dublin Castle

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To His Excellency Hugh Viscount Ebrington Baron Fortescue Lord Lieutenant General and General Governor of Ireland etc. etc. etc.

The Memorial of Maurice Ahern on behalf of his sister **Johanna Ahern** a Convict in the City Gaol of Cork

Humbly Sheweth:

That Memorialist's sister was convicted before Robert Bennett Esq^r Deputy Recorder of Cork on the 27th Ult^o. for stealing a Coat etc. and was sentenced to be Transported for seven years.

Your Excellency's Memorialist is a native of Clashmore in the County of Waterford and a Farmer holding a quantity of land under Mr Power brother to the late Member for that County.

Your Excellency's Memorialist's sister left her home about six months since and has been living in the City of Cork as a Servant for the last five months, and has been up to this unfortunate transaction a young woman of the most irreproachable character never having been charged with a single act of dishonesty.

Your Excellency's Memorialist will undertake should you be pleased to order it, to fetch his sister home to his native place and to provide for her respectably.

May it therefore please your Excellency to take the case into your humane and merciful consideration and to determine respecting his unfortunate sister as to your Excellency shall seem fit.

And Memorialist will as in duty bound ever pray.

[Signature faded]

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From a [?] examination into the character and circumstances of Joanna Ahern previous to the time of her last conviction I am decidedly of opinion that she is an exception to the class of delinquents usually sentenced to transportation and was under care of pious parents and affectionate brother whose Memorial appears & to grant her liberty to become a good and useful member of society. In confirmation of the opinion I beg respectfully to refer to the enclosed certificate a character from a Clergyman who [had a primary from] W[ater]ford.

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[Recorder]

CERTIFICATE]

Johanna Ahern now confined in Cork Gaol under a charge of theft is a native of the Parish of Clashmore County of Waterford. She is the child of respectable parents being Farmers. Her character untill now was irreproachable. I have repeatedly seen and heard of her for the last seven years, up to the last half year when she left this neighbourhood and considered her honest & upright.

April 9, 1840 forty
James Curran R.C.C. Clashmore

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Johanna Ahern

Refer to the Recorder
for the facts
April 14 *initialled*

Commute to 2 years
Imprisonment with
hard labour.

5 days solitary in
each alternate month

April 28 *initialled*

Recorder ansd &
Orders referred 29th April 1840
HSC

City of Cork

Johanna Ahern

Stealing Coat – 7 years Transportation
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[BACKSHEET]

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Joh^a Ahern

The law must take its course

Aug 11 initialled

To His Excellency The Most Hbl
Lord Ebrington Lord Lieut General
and General Governor of Ireland

Castle Dublin

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