

Irish Transportation Records; Owen Kennedy CRF 1843 K8

The accompanying memorial having been sent to me, I conceive I am called upon, as the committing magistrate to state that the Convict Owen Kennedy immediately after I had committed him for trial sent for me and of his own free will & accord made a full confession of his crime and in that confession gave me such further Information as to enable me to arrest and bring to justice, Edw^d Lynch, John Kellett, and Catherine Shaw – all of whom have been tried and sentenced to limited periods of transportation – Edward Lynch 15 years, Catherine Shaw 7 years, John Kellett at Trim C^o Meath and pleading Guilty, received a further sentence of 10 years.

The information received from Owen Kennedy materially assisted me in detecting this desperate Gang of Robbers & Burglars, an analysis of the crime perpetuated by them, I take the liberty of sending herewith, it will lend to them the criminality of all & each of the Parties, who, not having been tried at the same time and before different Judges, the variances in their respective sentences, are easily to be accounted for – added to which the offences were committed in the Counties of Dublin, Meath and Kildare –

E Collingham
J. G. Co Dublin
10 Fitzgibbon Street
March 25th 1843

Persons Robbed	Crime	Articles taken & Parties implicated
1		
Aug ^t Mr Bradley Tallaght	Burglary with Arms	3 Pistols – wearing app ^l & various articles - - almost all these are found Kellett, E Lynch, Cath ^e Shaw -
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Aug ^t 9 th Mr Danley Tallaght	Burglary with Arms	Quantity of wearing appl. Silver spoons Table Cloth, Quilts – Coats etc all found Ew ^d Lynch, Kit Corcoran, Andy Magarth
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Aug ^t 19 Mr Peter Dunn [.....] Tallaght	Burglary “	Wearing apparel, Bed, Blankets etc Owen Kennedy, Jim Kennedy, John Kellett Ew ^d Lynch & Catherine Shaw Most of the articles found by Dup ^{te} got in Lynch’s room-
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Sept ^r Pat Cunningham Tallaght	Burglary with Arms	Money, <u>Bellows</u> , <u>wearing apparel</u> Owen Kennedy, Cathe Shaw, John Kellett & Coffey - Articles found by Dup ^{te} at a [house?].
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Sept ^r 24 th Mr Geoghegan & Chris Monaghan [Bovers?]	Highway Rob ^y with Arms & shot fired	money, <u>Great Coat</u> , found Kellett, Kennedy & Edw ^d Lynch -

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Sept ^r 17 th	Mr Bonds Dolphin Barn	Burglary with Arms	[..... ..], large quantity of wearing appl, <u>Hat, Carpet</u> , Bath {..... ..] etc etc Most of these are found Kennedy, Kellett, Lynch, Cath ^{ne} Shaw –
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Sept ^r 28 th	Dr Sherry Dunboyne C ^o Meath	Burglary with Arms Shot fired	<u>£1 –note</u> -19 ^s /4 ^d silver, 20 Articles of wearing apparel – <u>Calico</u> , quilts, etc etc Kennedy, Kellett, Lynch, Cath ^{ne} Shaw The Bank note has been identified by Sherry – It & other articles found under floor in Lynch's room
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Sept ^r 30 th	Beddy house [.....]	Burglary with Arms	1 <u>Coat</u> 1 <u>pr Trousers</u> , 1pr <u>women's shoes</u> 2 <u>Cloaks</u> – all found & identified Kennedy, Kellett, Lynch, Cath ^{ne} Shaw Kennedy convicted –Transported for life
9			
Oct ^f 13 th	Hugh [Shirl?] [Timahoe?] C ^o Kildare	Highway Robbery with Arms	Money 8 shillings Kellett, Lynch, Coffey & Cath ^{ne} Shaw
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Oct ^f 13 th	Wm Saults Maynooth C ^o Kildare	Highway Robbery with Arms	£1 -5-6 – <u>Whip</u> , Handkerchief Kellett, Lynch, Coffey & Cath ^{ne} Shaw The whip found in Kellett's room & identified by Saults, see Cath ^{ne} Shaw's conf ⁿ
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Oct ^f 13 th	John Hanlon Derricrig (Derricrib?) C ^o Kildare	Burglary with Arms	Entered the house down the chimney, (Kellett) but took nothing, <u>Cap</u> found after them Kellett, Lynch, Coffey & Cath ^{ne} Shaw
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Oct ^f 13 th	[...] Fegan [Timahoe?] Co Kildare	Highway Robbery with Arms	<u>Drab Great Coat</u> identified Kellett, Lynch, Coffey & Cath ^{ne} Shaw
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Oct ^f 13 th	[.....] [Timahoe?] C ^o Kildare	Highway Robbery with Arms	2 half crowns, <u>Great Coat</u> , <u>Jobbers Box</u> , Identified Kellett, Lynch, Coffey & Cath ^{ne} Shaw

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Oct ^r 13 th	- Broughan [Timahoe?] C ^o Kildare	Highway attempt at Robbery with Arms	Escaped having nothing about him – said he was the [Courts?] man Kellett, Lynch, Coffey & Cath ^{ne} Shaw
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Oct ^r 17 th	Benj ⁿ Beadley Tallaght	Highway Robbery with Arms	money, <u>watch</u> , chain & seals, 5 <u>keys</u> . Basket of trousers severely beaten on head with pistol Kellett, Lynch. Catherine Shaw The watch found & identified, do keys, Duplicate found in Lynch's room
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Oct ^r 17 th	A man unknown Tallaght	Highway Robbery attempt	Escaped by dairyman coming up Kellett, Lynch. Catherine Shaw see, Lynch Statement No 3
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Oct ^r 17 th	Kearns Dunsink Dublin	Highway Robbery Attempt Shot fired at him	This man struck Kellett a blow on his hand with a heavy whip when Kellett fired at him Kellett, Lynch, Cath ^{ne} Shaw NB. I saw the mark on Kellett's hand - EC
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Owen Kennedy, Margaret Kennedy, John Kellett, Edward Lynch & Catherine Shaw are in custody in the Gaol of Kilmainham –
Corcoran, Coffey, & Andy Magrath are not yet arrested as the proofs against them are not sufficiently matured - Rose Bradley is in confinement under conviction for having in her possession a cloak stolen from Beddy's on the night of 30th Sept^r.

E Cottingham
J. G. Co Dublin
Jan^y 1843

W. Connors written along the side

5 Fitzwilliam Square East
April 5

Sir,

I had the honor to receive last night your letter in respect of Owen Kennedy a prisoner in the Gaol of the County of Dublin with certain documents which I return enclosed.

For the information of his Excellency the Lord Lieutenant I beg to state that Owen Kennedy was tried before me at the last January Commission together with his wife Margaret Kennedy for a

burglary and felony committed on the 29th September last in the house of John Beady and stealing there out a variety of articles.

The first witness for the prosecution was Catherine Beady the wife of John Beady, they lived at Little Place near Mulhadert in the County of Dublin. Was about one o'clock at night, heard a noise, woke her husband, saw a man with pistol in the room, who desired witness to cover her head or he would blow out her brains. The man was within 2 feet of the bed, there was a light, they lighted the candle on coming in, saw three men in the room, could see into the Kitchen, various articles of wearing apparel, a coat, a cloak of John Beady, her husband's, a cloak belonging to her sister Bridget Conderman & many other articles that she does not enumerate were taken away by the robbers that night. They asked for money but could not get it as there was none in the house. Is certain the outer door was locked and bolted when they went to bed, they broke in at the jam of the door and pushed back the lock. Thinks they were in the house about a quarter of an hour.

Sergeant Lambert was with her when she viewed the clothes at different Pawn offices in Dublin.

2nd Witness John Beady, lives at [Malhudert?] about 6 miles from Dublin, on the night of the robbery heard the voices of three men, but saw but one, he had a pistol, cannot identify him, identified his trousers which were amongst the articles carried away that night. They have been since altered into breeches and also coloured, there is a mark, 4 little cracks which enables him to identify them. The trousers were brought by Constable Luke Pender. The coat also he identifies as part of the property stolen, he got it at the Pawn office in Corn Market next morning.

3rd Witness Luke Pender [*indecipherable few words*] prisoner Owen Kennedy the night of the 9th October at Island Street, a person was with him not now on trial, witness went up to him in the street told him he arrested him for felony, he resisted, dragged – forcibly his wife assisting him, witness followed to his lodgings, searched them, found no arms, but found some gun powder which he said he got in the park, witness got some duplicates from another constable No 71 there are 13 in all. The prisoner Margaret claimed them all as hers. One of these was the duplicate of the trousers, this was dated 3rd of October –

Edward Cottingham Esq Magistrate of the County of Dublin 4th Witness On the 21st of October was at the Police office found the prisoner Owen Kennedy there and committed him to Kilmainham on the charge of Constable Prender respecting this robbery, on the 28th October was sent for to go to Kilmainham, saw the prisoner Owen Kennedy, who, after being duly warned against saying anything to criminate himself & fully aware of the consequences admitted he was at Beady's robbery & admitted fully to pawning the trousers. This was the case of the crown. The prisoner called no witnesses. The Jury found Margaret Kennedy not guilty, and found the prisoner Owen Kennedy guilty – on which I pronounced sentence against him of transportation for life –

It had appeared in the course of the commission, on the [statement?] of magistrates, and otherwise, that the offence of burglary and stealing had for a considerable time back become very frequent in the County of Dublin.- The offences generally committed on the houses and families of small farmers by gangs of armed persons. The houses broken open in the middle of the night & the inmates indiscriminately robbed, these gangs were for the most part composed of Dublin rogues. The plots formed in Dublin, and executed in the country, & the goods plundered immediately disposed of amongst the low Pawn brokers in Dublin. For these reasons and as it appeared on the crown book that another bill of indictment for another burglary & robbery committed on the 8th of August in the house of one Dooley at Belgard in the County of Dublin was found against the same Owen Kennedy at the same commission which [...] to find it still undisposed of. I with the concurrence of Judge

Jackson, who sat with me in the commission, sentenced Owen Kennedy as before mentioned, considering that the putting a stop to these depredations would have a [..tary] effect.

I remain Sir your ob^t Serv^t

Edward Pennefather

Edward Lucas Esq

Chief Secretary's Office
Dublin Castle

The Humble Petition of Margaret Kennedy and her four helpless children

May it please your Excellency, Earl De Grey,

The humble Petitioner begs for Respite of her husbands Sentence who is now lying in Kilmainham Gaol under sentence of transportation for life which will be the cause of leaving herself and four helpless children without a Father; to starve on the world, knowing the humanity that lyes in your Excellency Breast, the humble Petitioners throw themselves on your Excellency Mercy that if you would mitigate the sentence of Owen Kennedy they will be in duty Bound to offer up their prayers to they^(sic) Great God for your Ellency ^(sic) welfare here and hereafter

Signed by the following Gentlemen
In behalf of Owen Kennedy

(no signatures)

K 8 1843
Owen Kennedy
Transpn for life

Refer with the Judge to see
whether under the
circumstances any remission
may be admissible

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Report annexed 5 Apl /43
The law must take its course

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1. Chief Justice and 7th
Gaoler do AWC