

Irish Transportation Records, Anne Whelan, CRF 1850 W21 Film 79

County of Carlow

Carlow 25th July 1850

With reference to paragraph marked (A) in Constable Carroll's Statement annexed, I beg to state that Anne Whelan (alias Brennan) had spent a period of 13 months in Carlow Gaol at different periods for various offences. from the time that she first became known to the Police in November 1848 until the 5th of January last, the day of her committal for the offence for which she had been sentenced to transportation -Viz

She had been convicted on the 14th November and 15th December 1848 under the Vagrant Act, for Soliciting Alms, and sentenced to one months Imprisonment on each occasion. She was convicted for larceny on the 29th January 1849 for which offence she was convicted at the March Assizes following and sentenced to 3 months Imprisonment from the date of her Committal,

J.S.Mathews Esq^{re}
Sub Inspector

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County of Carlow

Constabulary Office
Dublin Castle
23rd day of July 1850

The annexed communication
Is transmitted for the County
Inspector 's information and
Guidance

Submitted
Signature
26th July 50

Signature

W Balfour
26/7/50

The County Inspector
At Carlow

Any further statement to follow here,
And if necessary, half sheets to be
attached at the back hereof

Carlow 25 July 50

Submitted

Signature A Rogers (?)
C^o J.

The Inspector General
etc etc etc

She was again convicted for Larceny on the 24th of April /49 for which offence she pleaded guilty at the June Quarter Sessions following and was sentenced to 6 months Imprisonment from the date of her committal.

She was a third time Committed for Larceny on the 12th October 1849 for which offence she was convicted at the October Quarter Sessions and sentenced to 2 months imprisonment.

Thos Mooney
2nd (H^d) (Caus....) (501)
Carlow 25th July 1850

To Submitted
Mr Mathews
Sub Insp^{ter} 3[?]

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County Inspector

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County of Carlow

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DUBLIN CASTLE
RECD JY 22 1850*

Constabulary Office
Dublin Castle
13th day of July 1850

The annexed communication is
Transmitted to the County Inspector for
Inquiry and Report
Signature

Submitted
Signature
20th July 50

W Balfour
20/7/50

The County Inspector
Report to follow here, and if necessary,
half sheets to be attached at the back hereof

Carlow 19 July 1850

}Inspector General
}The report of Constable
}Carroll refers only to the
}character of the Convict
}previous to her leaving the
}Washhouse at Athy
}Shall therefore make Inquiry
}as to her conduct in[...]

Submitted

A. Royse
C^o J.

22/7/50

The Inspector General

Queens County

Ballintubbrit (Ballintubbret) July 17th 1850

With reference to a communication received from Edw^d H Garroway Esq^r S. J.
Concerning a female named Anne Whelan Sentenced to Transportation at the last
Carlow Assizes –

I beg leave to state that I know her to live in the neighbourhood.

Her name is not Whelan her name is Anne Brennan. She left her Father Michael Brennan about two years ago and got into the Poor House of Athy and remained there for some time She then left the Poor House of Athy in Company of a Female of ill fame and went to Carlow about twelve months ago , for her time in this County. She behaved herself sober quite. and honest she was very small when leaving home has no step father her Father's living was a place Called Rathmond near Ballintubbrit his name is Michael Brennan a very poor man has a House and two acres of land and lives by his days labour I know her Father Michael Brennan this eight years, during which time I know him to be a Sober quiet honest Industrious man and works for Mr Timothy Dunne of Southfield

Dennis Carroll
Constable

Edw^d H Greenaway Esq^r
Sub Inspector
Stradbally
18th July 1850

Submitted
Remainder indecipherable

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Queen's County
Stradbally
17th July /50

You will inquire & report for the information of the County Insp^{tor} of Carlow as to the prisoner's character and circumstances of a female named Anne Whelan who has been sentenced to Transportation at the last Carlow Assizes. She is supposed to be a native of Ballintubbrit where her Step Father Michael or Pat^k Brennan resides. You will also state the character and circumstances of this girls parents.

A gentleman named "Mr Clintsell is the agent to the land on which the Brennans reside.
Edw^d Garraway
3 S.J.

*STAMP:CONSTABULARY OFFICE
DUBLIN CASTLE
RECD JY 12
1850*

Inspector General

The Lord Lieutenant desires a report as to the prisoner's previous character & circumstances as also that of the parents referred to by Mr Mc Clintoch.

Initials
12/7/50

Margin: W Balfour
12/7/50

On Circuit
Omagh
July 11th 1850

Sir,

In reply to your letter of the 22nd instance & relative to the case of Anne Whelan a Prisoner in the Gaol of Carlow I beg to say that in consequence of the Prisoner having pleaded guilty, nothing appeared and my notes which would enable me to form any opinion on the case – and I had therefore to write to the Clerk of the Crown for the County of Carlow who has furnished me with a copy of the Information Sworn in this case, which I now enclose-

Yr faithful
John Doherty

T. M. Redington Esq
etc etc etc

PS I have thought it right to forward also the letter of the Clerk of the Crown from which it will be seen that the Crime of Arson has become very prevalent in the County of Carlow.

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9 Temple Street
8 July 1850

My Lord

I have to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 4th inst, directed to Carlow-

The case of Anne Whelan – Mary Lee and Elisha Keating were disposed of before your Lordship – and for your information I herewith enclose copies from the Crown Book and the abstract of the Indictments, the pleas of the prisoners, and the sentences in each case. Also copies of the Information so far as necessary, and copies of the statements made by the prisoners.

In each case the prisoners pleaded guilty. I think it right to mention that in our county this offence has become latterly rather a habit.

At the Summer Assizes 1849 three women were indicted for similar offences, two of whom pleaded guilty and the third was tried and found guilty before the Chief Justice.

I have to apologise for not sending your Book to Ely place, but the cases disposed of Your Lordship were nearly all of a very trifling character. I have however now sent it least you may require it again. the enclosed will afford all the information your Lordship may require

I am
Your Lordships
Obed^t Serv^t
Thos. [.....]

Clk Crown for
Carlow

To the
Right Honorable
The Lord Chief Justice
Of the Common Pleas
"on Circuit"
Omagh

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Carlow Lent Assizes 1850

Extract from Crown Book of prisoners tried before –
The Right Honorable, The Lord Chief Justice of the Common Pleas

Plead guilty
Sentence of death recorded
True Bill 68

Mary Lee }Ind^d 18th Feb. 13th Queen at
}Brownes Hill felony unlawfully
}& maliciously did set fire to a
}certain dw^s House of William
}Maher, One Henry Mahon and
}Bridget Mahon at the time of
}the Committing of the felony

Plead^d Guilty

Like rule

Elisha Keating

}aforesaid being in said dw^s Like
}House, ags^t peace & street

Committed to Transportation for life by the Lord Lieut
Letter dated 15th June 1850

William Maher

Transported for 10 years

Plead^d Guilty
Transported for 15 years

True Bill 76 Anne Whelan

} Ind^d 4th Jany. 13th Queen at
}Tullobeg for unlawfully &
}maliciously did set fire to
}...?House of Ellen Birmingham,
}with intent to injure the said
}Ellen Birmingham ,ags^t peace Like rule
Thomas Birmingham

plead^d Guilty Catherine Neill

H^d Con. Wm Johnston

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No 68 in Crown Book The Queen
v

Mary Lee &
Elisha Keating

} Copy Information of William Mahon, Sworn
}the 19th day of February 1850 – Saith that
}the House I reside in at Browneshill was
}maliciously set on fire last night about 8
}o'clock, the fire was put Outside at the Corner of

the House, The neighbours Collected and put out the fire before much damage was
done, two of my children were in bed in the room, under which the roof had been set on
fire.

Copy Statement of Mary Lee – Saith I was guilty of setting William Mahons house on fire, on the night of the 18th February inst. with a lighted rag – I did not know any person lived in said House.

Copy Statement of Elisha Keating - Saith I lit a rag, and put it into the thatch of William Mahons House, Mary Lee was with me and helped me, I saw the thatch take fire.

NO 76 Crown Book The Queen } Extract from the Information of Thomas
 } Birmingham, Sworn the 5th day January Anne Whelan
 } 1850. Saith that on the Evening of the 4th Catherine Neill
 } day of January in the year afores^d about 6
 } o'clock a House the property of my Mother
 } Ellen Birmingham was wilfully & maliciously
 } set fire to at Tallowbeg in the County of
 } Carlow that after putting out the fire I met
 } two young women I charged with having
 } burned the house. One of them who gave her name as

Anne Whelan replied I am the very person who did it and won't deny it and if I did not do it now, I will do it bye and bye again and at another time she said I will have a right blaze the next night if I cannot do it now, The other young woman denied knowing anything of it, but I believe she was in the act.

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Copy Information of William Johnston H^o Con. Sworn the 5th day of Jan^y 1850 . Saith Thomas Birmingham on the night of the 4th day of January 1850 charged two young women who gave their names, Anne Whelan and Catherine Neill with setting fire to the dwelling House of one Ellen Birmingham, Anne Whelan on being charged Commenced Crying and said that she was refused lodging every place she applied, that she did set fire to the House, and would wish to be Transported, that she would be better off than she was , I cautioned her not to say anything on the subject that anything she would say should be given in Evidence ags^t her, but she still persisted in stating that she had burned the House, I also heard her say, she set fire to part of her apron in one of the Houses near Birminghams, with which she set fire to the House. I made search for the apron on the person of the said Anne Whelan, but she had no apron but on searching the Other prisoner Catherine Neill, I saw her drop part of an apron from under her arm, On making search in Company with Valentine Goold Esq^r Sub Inspector, at the House that was fired, I found a piece of spotted Calico that exactly Corresponded as to pattern, with the piece of the apron found with Catherine Neill.

Copy Statement of Catherine Neill. Saith the apron and the piece found are my property. I assisted Anne Whelan to set fire to the House. property. I assisted Anne Whelan to set fire to the House.

Anne Whelan did not make any statement before the Magistrate.

Annotations: D Malfour
Her case should be looked into at once
Initials
22/6/50

1. Governor
11. C. J. Doherty
June 22.50

13th June No, 1646

My dear Henry,

I can find no trace of a memorial from or on behalf of Anne Whelan but from the Convict Registry Book I find that she was sentenced by Docherty last assizes to 15 years Transpⁿ for Arson . A Female Convict Ship is in Kingston and she has been ordered up for embarkation . I return Mr MClintocks letter.

Your very[..
Doug Malfour

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Annotation: Rewrite & transmit to Ch: Sec's Office – June 13
Where such cases are always recorded

1 Fitzgibbon Street
(20 June 1850.)

Sir,

I take the liberty for troubling you relative to the memorial of Anne Whelan a prisoner in the jail of Carlow, which was forwarded to His Excellency the Lord Lieutenant a few days since. As the document was unaccompanied by any testimonials, I beg to enquire whether such is required.

I am interested in the matter, the parents of the unhappy girl being tenants upon an Estate with in Queens Co. of w. I have the management.

I would esteem it a great favor your directing me in the matter. And begging you will excuse the troth I have imposed upon you.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient Servant
Alex E W MClintock

Harry? Connellan Esq

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Information required in the case of the Prisoner mentioned in the annexed memorial

Name:	Anne Whelan
Age:	17
Date of Committal:	5 th Jan ^y 1850, not bailed
Date of Conviction:	20 th March 1850
Before whom etc:	Chief Justice Doherty, pleaded guilty
Crime:	Arson
Sentence:	15 Years Transportation

Health: Good
If before convicted & what offence: Twice before convicted for Larceny
Conduct in Gaol: Good
Previous character & circumstances Prisoner's character bad, frequently committed under the Vagrancy act.

Signature of Governor, Robt McDowell

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