

**Mary Farrell Irish Transportation Record CRF 1843 F18 Film 105**

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To His Excellency Thomas Philip Earl De Grey  
Lord Lieutenant General & General Governor of Ireland

The Petition of Charles Farrell of Slanry in the Parish of Seagoe & County of Armagh  
Humbly Showeth,

That your Petitioner in the most dutiful and Respectful Manner addresses your Excellency, and earnestly appeals to your clemency in behalf of Mary Farrell his wife, who was arraigned on the 27<sup>th</sup> ult. Before the Assistant Barrister At Lurgan Sessions, for theft committed in the shops of Messrs. Paul and Shillington and Sentenced to Seven years Transportation – While your petitioner acknowledges the Justice of the Sentence passed on his unhappy wife – He would Earnestly plead in mitigation of Punishment that it is the first offence of which she was ever accused, and that from her Infancy till the commission of the offence for which she was convicted – Her character was unimpeachable, and her conduct exemplary. This was proved before the Assistant barrister, by Messrs William Robb & Wilson Irwin, - Gentlemen of extensive Property and great Influence in this part of the Country, And the Governor of Armagh gaol, declares that sine she came under his care She has conducted herself in a praiseworthy manner, and expresses great contrition for Her offence -- The crime for which she was convicted was for assisting in stealing A wool shall value about four shillings, from the shop of Averal Shillington, which as found with her Daughter who had other things on her person taken from The shop of William Paul, value about ten shillings, and which said Daughter, for said crime was sentenced to one months imprisonment, She Actuated by the weak and mistaken feelings of a Mother – Attempted to conceal them, to save the Daughter from Punishment – Petitioner has ever supported An unsullied character, and maintained himself by honest Industry. He has a Large and helpless family, and the two youngest children deprived of their Mother's care are in a very unhealthy state – and he is compelled to hire out of his Scanty Pay as a Labourer – Nurses for them which additional charge has reduced him to Great poverty, careworn, and broken in spirit, he fears that he will be thrown on the Bounty of the public for support – Unless your Excellency takes his future case In your consideration – And by commuting to Imprisonment, the Sentence passed on his unhappy wife, give him hope that she yet may be restored to him – Corrected by lengthened Imprisonment, and grateful for the mercy shown to her She may become a good and useful member of Society, and make ample atonement for her offence – My wretched children – bound by the tenderest ties to a Parent, who by one fatal error – is severed from them – Joins their prayers to mine And Implores your Excellency to pardon their unhappy Mother – And by their Good conduct they will endeavour to atone for the offence of their guilty Parent.

Pardon Gracious Viceroy – Pardon my unfortunate wife – Pity an unhappy Petitioner – who is compelled to sue for one – whom while he detest her crime He cannot cease to regard with the most tender feelings

And your Petitioner, as in duty bound will ever pray  
Charles Farrell

Turn over

We the Undersigned Gentlemen, Clergy, and Freeholders of the County of Armagh, fully agree in the prayer of this Petition – We bear willing testimony to the excellence of the character of Charles Farrell And the exemplary conduct of his wife, previous to the Commission of the Offence for which she was convicted, and we strongly, and emphatically Appeal to his Excellency, the Lord lieutenant of Ireland, to commute to Imprisonment the Sentence passed on the unhappy woman.

Francis Forde – Church Warden

Portadown

I know nothing personally of the forementioned family, but from the number and respectability of the signatures, I feel pleasure in supporting the prayers of the petition. Horace J. Townsend – Clk

William Paul – one of the prosecutors	Portadown
Averal Shillington – one of the prosecutors	D <sup>o</sup>
<i>Illegible signature</i> Manager of the Belfast Branch bank	D <sup>o</sup>
Harford Montgomery – Baker & Grocer	D <sup>o</sup>
..... Marley –      Grocer	D <sup>o</sup>
John J. Maclay/Marlay? -Corn Factor	D <sup>o</sup>
Henry Hawley Do & Grocer	D <sup>o</sup>
Josh Geo Wolsey      Do & Do	D <sup>o</sup>
Wm [Subody?] M.?. M.R.C.S.I. etc etc	D <sup>o</sup>
<i>[indecipherable]</i> Manager of the [.....] Branch Bank	D <sup>o</sup>
James Beattie Linen Draper & Merchant	D <sup>o</sup>
John Malcomson	D <sup>o</sup>
JnVerner	D <sup>o</sup>

The convict Mary Farrell was never charged with any crime but the one for which she is now sentenced to be transported. Lawrence J. Morgan PP of Seagoe

I am sure these gentlemen would not sign any thing but the fact. *indecipherable signature*

Wm Robb      Derrybrughas      Daniel Bullar

William J. Robb      D<sup>o</sup>      Banview

We the above named, do Request his Worship E. Tickell the Assistant Barrister For the County of Armagh, to Support the Prayer of the said Petition to his Excellency Earl De Grey.

And your petitioners, as in Duty bound will and shall For ever pray, for a long continuance of the Administration By which we are governed, and a long and happy life to one Noble Viceroy, is the constant and fervent Prayer of your Petitioners.

Dated at Portadown this 14<sup>th</sup> day of November 1843

From the respectability of the persons who have signed the [    ] Memorial with many of them have personally augmented I have put my signature here. *Indecipherable signature*

Wilson Irvine Keaira Linen Manufacturers.

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Mary Farrell

Larceny 7 yrs T<sup>n</sup>

I am sorry to say that I can find no reason to alter the sentence

Nov 22 1843 *initials*

Ass Bar ans<sup>d</sup> 22<sup>nd</sup>

Gaoler infor<sup>d</sup> do

Another Memorial annexed 17 Dec/43

Confirmed

Dec 18 *initials*

Gaoler infor<sup>d</sup> 14<sup>th</sup> initials

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10 Clair St 20<sup>th</sup> November 1843

Sir

I have had the Honor of receiving your Letter of the 17<sup>th</sup> Inst. Enclosing the Memorial of Charles Farrell, the Husband of Mary Farrell, under sentence of Transportation in Armagh Gaol, & the Father of Catherine Anne Farrell under Sentence of a months Imprisonment in the same Gaol. – The Prisoner Mary, was tried on two Indictments at the last Lurgan Sessions; On the First for stealing on the 5<sup>th</sup> August in Portadown 15yds of printed Calico, a woolen Handkerchief, & a woolen plaid Shawl the Goods of William Paul & on the 2<sup>nd</sup> ~~for stealing~~ she was tried along with her Daughter then s<sup>d</sup> Catherine Anne Farrell for stealing on the same day in Portadown a Woolen Shawl & 2 pair of Shoes, the Goods of Averill Shillington on both Indictments Verdicts of “Guilty” were given by the Juries. The Daughter Catherine A. Farrell was included in the First Indictment but the Grand Jury in that case ignored the Bill as ag<sup>st</sup> her. In the First Case Wm J. Paul proved that he saw Mary Farrell twice on the 5<sup>th</sup> of Aug<sup>st</sup> in his Father (Wm Pauls) Shop in Portadown. She did not buy any thing, the second time she came there she was accompanied by her Daughter Catherine. They were looking at Handkerchiefs or Shawls as if they wanted to buy some. The young man (the Shop man) showed her three. There were three young men employed in the shop – Hutchinson – H. Robb & W. Massaroon – Mr McCaffery, P. Constable, then produced 15 yards of pink printed Calico, & a Shawl which were shown to the W<sup>ss</sup>, Wm J. Paul, & were identified by him as his Father (Wm Paul’s) Property. They were in his Father’s Shop, xxxxx about 2 o’clock on the 5<sup>th</sup> Aug<sup>st</sup> there was [...] one Piece of Calico of the same Pattern belonging to his father. The Shawl was marked by Witness the Night previous to the 5<sup>th</sup> Aug<sup>st</sup>. The Prisoner Mary, said when taken, that she had bought this Shawl a week previous to that day. The Calico had the owners Shop Mark. The Prisoner Mary it was who asked to then see Shawls when she came into the Shop.

Hutchinson – H. Robb & Wm Massaroon were then sworn & ex<sup>d</sup> They did not sell or part with the articles last mentioned. The latter deposed that he shewed the prisoner Mary 3 Handkerchiefs or Shawls & then one of these was the one produced by Mr McCafferty the Policeman, W<sup>ss</sup> did not sell or dispose of it, identified Shawl.

The[Watch?] P.C. deposed that he was called on Saturday the 5<sup>th</sup> Aug<sup>st</sup> to Mr Shillingtons Shop in Portadown that on going there he found two women, Mary Farrell & her Daughter Catherine in Custody, being charged by a Shopman of Mr Shillington, & with having stolen a Woolen plaid Shawl, the property of Mr Shillington; that Witness searched the Prisoners, & found concealed on the Person of the youngest a Piece of printed pink Cotton & a woolen plaid Shawl; which were the articles identified as belonging to Mr Paul that he also found two Pair of Leather Shoes & another Shawl ~~that on the person of Mary~~ not positively identified.

The P. Catherine was with her mother when she was searched & when he arrested them. Mr W.J. Paul, the first W<sup>ss</sup> came in the Evening xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx to where the Prisoners were Mary Farrell, the Pr said that they had brought the printed Calico & the Shawl in Mr Paul’s Shop.

For the Prisoner.

Mr Robb & Mr Wilson, two respectable Persons, gave Prisoner a good Character for Honesty.

I told the Jury that if they believed the calico & the Shawl to be stolen by Catherine, the Daughter, they s<sup>d</sup> not convict the Mother, unless they believed the latter to have been present aiding & assisting in the Robbery – The Jury found her “Guilty”.

The second case Mary & her Daughter Catherine were both indicted & tried for stealing of 2 Pair of Shoes, 4 yards of Cotton & a woolen plaid Shawl, the goods of Averill Shillington.

1W<sup>ss</sup> Joseph Russell is a Shopman of Mr Shillington – on the 5 of Aug<sup>st</sup> the two Prisoners came into the Shop, the eldest asked to see some Shawls – shewed her 6 - and the eldest take one of these &

hand it to the younger, W<sup>ss</sup> turned away for a moment or two, & as he did so he heard the eldest say to the younger, “to go out & tell her Father that she was buying a Shawl”. When W<sup>ss</sup> again came to the Counter, the young Woman had gone out – W<sup>ss</sup> then counted the Shawls & missed one – W<sup>ss</sup> immediately went after the young Woman, & upon coming up to her in the Street & catching hold of her, she dropped the Shawl (which she had under her arm & said that as he had not got it on her Person he could do nothing to her – The Mother then came up & said “that as we had got our own nothing could be done to them”. W<sup>ss</sup> then gave the Prisoners in charge to the Police & saw Jn McCaffery search them & find the articles before mentioned as stated in her last Trial. The Shawl which W<sup>ss</sup> produced was Mr Shillingtons & the one which the Prisoner Catherine took out of the shop & dropped in the street. W<sup>ss</sup> also identified 4 yards of Cotton as Mr Shillingtons – which were produced to Witness in Court by J McCaffery – Mr Shillington amongst various other articles sells Shoes. The Shawl which Catherine dropped in the Street, was out of the 6 W<sup>ss</sup> shewed to her Mother. Has no doubt but that the shoes were Shillingtons.

2 W<sup>ss</sup>. Rob<sup>t</sup> Carttes – is employed with W<sup>m</sup> Francis in the Shoe Department in Mr Shillingtons. – looks on the two Pair produced they are new ones, believes both were Mr Shillingtons, but can only positively identify one Pair. This Pair was in the Shop on the 5<sup>th</sup> of Aug<sup>st</sup> & Witness did not sell it – was the only Person selling Shoes that day.

3 W<sup>ss</sup> W<sup>m</sup> Francis – looks on Shoes – did not sell them Rob<sup>t</sup> Carttes was the man in the Shop selling on 5 Aug<sup>st</sup>.

4 W<sup>ss</sup> McCaffery P.C. proves that the Shoes & Shawl shown to Witnesses were those which were taken from Catherine, ~~xxxxx~~ He also (with one McAnally) searched the Prisoners House & in it found a pawn Ticket of the [“Mout de picte.”] Establishment in Portadown, ~~xxxxx~~ which he produced & showed to the 5 W<sup>ss</sup> Flavill, who is an [o.....] in the In<sup>st</sup> de [picte?] Establishment looks on Ticket, gave it to the Prisoner Mary on her pawning 4 yds of Cotton, on looking at the Ticket I discovered that it bore date on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of Aug<sup>st</sup> & that consequently it could not relate to the same Robbery for which the prisoners were indicted namely that on the 5<sup>th</sup> of Aug<sup>st</sup> & I xxxxxx told the Jury to discharge this Part of the Case as relating to the 4 yds of Cotton out of their Recollection that it ought not to affect either of the Prisoners’

I told the Jury in this Case, also, that if they believed that Catherine took the Shawl out of the Shop, innocently concurring that her Mother w<sup>d</sup> pay for it & without any criminal intention of stealing it that neither of the Prisoners ought to be convicted for such Taking of it, & that alltho they might think that the daughter took it with the Intention of stealing it, still that they could not convict the Mother for the stealing unless she was aiding & assisting in the Robbery & that with respect to the Shoes in the same Manner, if the Mother was not participating in the Taking or in assisting or concealing or aiding the Daughter in taking them The Prs ought to be acquitted as to [ ] – The Jury found both Prs Guilty – The two Magistrates, who were on the Bench along with me during these Trials concurred that the Mother was the Principal offender, that she had used her Daughter purely as an assistant in Shoplifting & that having been convicted of two Larcenies & there being every Reason to think she had also stolen on a diff<sup>t</sup> occasion the cotton which she had pawned, they determined that she (the Mother) sh<sup>d</sup> be sentenced to 7 years Transportation. This Sentence I pronounced, alltho from the Character which she had [received?] & from her not having been previously convicted, I should have been inclined to have sentenced her only to Imprisonment. I have stated the Cases thus fully that all the facts of them may be before his Excellency. I have the Honor to be Sir

Your obt Servant

Ed Tickell

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To His Excellency Earl De Grey, Lord Lieut.. General and General Governor of Ireland etc etc  
The petition of Charles Farrell of Ballinary in the Parish of Seagoe Barony of Oneilland East and  
County of Armagh.

Humbly Sheweth,

That petitioners Wife Mary Farrell was tried and found Guilty at the Quarter Sessions held at Lurgan on the 27<sup>th</sup> October last for Shop lifting to a small amount and Sentenced to Seven years Transportation,

Petitioner begs leave to state to your Excellency that it was the first crime ever She committed or ever was charged with.

Petitioner most humbly implores your Excellency's Mercy on behalf of his Wife that you may be pleased in your Goodness and mercy to mitigate her punishment as she has a family of seven small children all female the eldest only 15 and the youngest only 18 months old now in her arms in Dublin where she is a convict.

Should your Excellency be pleased to grant a mitigation of her punishment

Petitioner as in duty bound will

Ever pray

Charles Farrell

L Dobbin Ellert hall [.....] Min Portadown

William Irwin of Kearn Linen manufacturer

Wm Marley Merchant

*2/3 indecipherable names*

I witness that Mary Farrell conducted herself properly whilst in Armagh Jail, & state [.....] from the [...] representation made to me at Portadown, to recommend this case to the consideration of His Excellency the Lord Lieutenant.

[P.....] Henry D.D.

Presb<sup>n</sup> Chaplin Armagh Jail

Thomas A. Prentice

James Gibson Snr Presbyterian Minister of Lisbooney near Tynan County Armagh

Mary Farrell conducts herself extremely well during her [xxx] imprisonment in the Armagh jail

Patrick Rooney

R.C. Chaplin Armagh Jail

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Francis Forde Ranghign [Roughan?]

I know nothing personally of the fore mentioned family but from the number and respectability of the signatures

[.....] of Cromor and Rector of Seagoe

John L. Lewis Rector of [Mountaugh?] (Moynagh?)

Wilson Irwin Linen Manufacturer Wm Robb Farmer & Potter

William John Robb

Jn Overend Portadown

I heartily concur in the [.....] the petition

Averall Shillington one of the prosecutors.

William H. Curiton of the Ulster Bank Portadown

I believe the foregoing to be correct

Laurence Laughlin Morgan P.P. of Seagoe

Thos A. Shillington Portadown

Rodger Marley Corn Merchant Portadown

Jn Marley “ “ “

N.B. Former Petition was signed by Colonel Blacker of Carrick, and Colonel Verner M.P. for the County Armagh, and other influential names in this part of the Country