

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

County of Carlow

Carlow 25<sup>th</sup> 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 5<sup>th</sup> 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 14<sup>th</sup> November and 15<sup>th</sup> 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 29<sup>th</sup> 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<sup>re</sup>  
Sub Inspector

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County of Carlow

Constabulary Office  
Dublin Castle  
23<sup>rd</sup> day of July 1850

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

Submitted  
*Signature*  
26<sup>th</sup> 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<sup>o</sup> J.

The Inspector General  
etc etc etc

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She was again convicted for Larceny on the 24<sup>th</sup> 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 12<sup>th</sup> October 1849 for which offence she was convicted at the October Quarter Sessions and sentenced to 2 months imprisonment.

Thos Mooney  
2<sup>nd</sup> (H<sup>d</sup>) (Caus....) (501)  
Carlow 25<sup>th</sup> July 1850

To Submitted  
Mr Mathews  
Sub Insp<sup>ter</sup> 3<sup>?</sup>

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County Inspector

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County of Carlow

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DUBLIN CASTLE  
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Constabulary Office  
Dublin Castle  
13<sup>th</sup> day of July 1850

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

Submitted  
Signature  
20<sup>th</sup> 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<sup>o</sup> J.

22/7/50

The Inspector General

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Queens County

Ballintubbrit (Ballintubbret) July 17<sup>th</sup> 1850

With reference to a communication received from Edw<sup>d</sup> H Garroway Esq<sup>r</sup> 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<sup>d</sup> H Greenaway Esq<sup>r</sup>  
Sub Inspector  
Stradbally  
18<sup>th</sup> July 1850

Submitted  
*Remainder indecipherable*

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Queen's County  
Stradbally  
17<sup>th</sup> July /50

You will inquire & report for the information of the County Insp<sup>tor</sup> 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<sup>k</sup> 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<sup>d</sup> Garraway  
3 S.J.

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*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 Clintoach.

*Initials*  
12/7/50

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*Margin: W Balfour*  
*12/7/50*

On Circuit  
Omagh  
July 11<sup>th</sup> 1850

Sir,

In reply to your letter of the 22<sup>nd</sup> 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 4<sup>th</sup> 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<sup>t</sup> Serv<sup>t</sup>  
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

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Plead guilty  
Sentence of death recorded  
True Bill 68

Mary Lee

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

Plead<sup>d</sup> Guilty

Like rule

Elisha Keating

}aforesaid being in said dw<sup>s</sup> Like  
}House, ags<sup>t</sup> peace & street

Commutd to Transportation for life by the Lord Lieut  
Letter dated 15<sup>th</sup> June 1850

William Maher

Transported for 10 years

Plead<sup>d</sup> Guilty  
Transported for 15 years

True Bill 76 Anne Whelan

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

plead<sup>d</sup> Guilty Catherine Neill

H<sup>d</sup> 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 19<sup>th</sup> 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.

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

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

13<sup>th</sup> 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 Transp<sup>n</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> Jan <sup>y</sup> 1850, not bailed
Date of Conviction:	20 <sup>th</sup> 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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