

Edmund Cahill, 2254, Robert Small

Marcia Watson

Name variations: Edmond, Edward

According to later records, their parents were John Cahill and Catherine Herney.

"Australia Births and Baptisms, 1792-1981", database, FamilySearch (<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:HNTD-Y7N2> : 28 January 2020), Catharina Herney in entry for Catharina Cahill, 1860.

In 1849, at the Town Hall on 16 January, John Cavanagh, William Toomey, Joseph Cahill and Edward Cahill, for robbery near Tipperary, were remanded.

Limerick Chronicle, 17 January 1849, p2

They were tried at the Tipperary Spring Assizes, Edmond Cahill and Wm Toomy pleaded guilty to stealing five gowns, the property of Matthew Burke at Ardane.

Tipperary Free Press, 17 March 1849, p1

The Clonmell Gaol Register shows:

427. Edmond Cahill, 19, can read, Catholic, 5'11", brown eyes, brown hair, fresh complexion, burglary and robbery of the house of Matt Burke on 11 January, committed 24 January 1849, tried at the Spring Assizes on 10 March 1849, 9 months with hard labour from committal, discharged 3 October 1849.

428. Joseph Cahill, 24, can read, Catholic, 5'6", grey eyes, brown hair, fresh complexion, burglary and robbery of the house of Matt Burke on 11 January, committed 24 January 1849, tried at the Spring Assizes on 10 March 1849, discharged by the Judge on 21 March 1849.

Clonmel General Register 1848-1849, Book no 1/7/4, item 2

John Cavanagh was acquitted, and William Toomy received the same sentence as Edmond Cahill

Three months after being released from prison, Edmond Cahill and his brother Joseph were again in trouble, charged with cow stealing in January 1850.

They appeared at the Spring Assizes:

Edmond Cahill and Joseph (blank) were indicted for killing, with intent to carry away, on the 12 January last, one cow, the property of Thomas Reardon of Tipperary.

John Burke, examined by Mr Scott, Q.C., deposed that he knew Mr Thomas Reardon; is in his employment; was on his land on Sunday the 13 January; remembers finding on the land the head, horns and four legs of a cow belonging to Mr Reardon; the body was taken away; the parts that were left slightly mangled and not the appearance of being taken off as a butcher would do; the prisoners did not live in that neighbourhood but about a quarter of a mile from Tipperary.

Bridget Donovan, sworn and examined by Mr Sausse, deposed that she knew the prisoners; remembers the night that Mr Reardon's cow was killed; remembers also to have seen some fresh beef in her house; they had two pieces in a bag; found some tallow also in the bag; the beef was a little hot, as if it had been killed shortly before; Joseph Cahill asked her husband to buy the beef and when he refused they said they would get others to do so; witness at length bought it for one

shilling and nine pence, which he took; they then went away; the Saturday after she lodged information before Mr Hunt, the resident Magistrate of Tipperary.

Ellen Long, sworn, deposed that she knew the prisoners; they lodged in her house in January last; on the night of 12 January they came into the house about 9 o'clock; took a knife out of a box and went out again; they did not return till 6 o'clock the next morning (Sunday); when they came in they brought with them some fresh beef; dressed it for them and they eat it; after they came in, Edward Cahill asked her to clean his shoes and in doing so, she found marks of blood on them; they then went to bed and after they got up about 9 o'clock, Edward Cahill asked her to pick some thorns out of his hand; she did so, and he was in dread he would be found out; Joseph Cahill was listening to what the other prisoners said, but did not make any remark; knew the prisoners to have frequently come into her house at night with pieces of beef.

To the Prisoner – Hade a spade to the door; the door could not be opened very easily.

To the Bench – She did not let them in. They could not have come in before six, as she was lying awake in bed.

Sub-constable Harding examined by Mr Sausse Q.C., deposed that he was stationed in Tipperary in January last; went to search in the neighbourhood of a place called Goats lane, for a carcass of Mr Reardon's cow; found, in a sewer near the place, some pieces of beef, got some more in a furze bush on the 15 January; could not say that it was part of the cow that was stolen.

Sub-constable Donohue deposed that he found in Donovan's house, two pieces of beef of about 30lbs weight.

The resident Magistrate who took informations against the parties was examined, to show that he discharged his duties towards the prisoners in accordance with the act of 10th and 11th Victoria.

The Judge charged the jury and recapitulated the evidence.

The prisoners were found guilty; and as this was not their first offence, they being notoriously bad characters, they were sentenced to 10 years transportation each.

Clonmel Chronicle, 13 March 1850, p1

Rule of Court.

To be transported for 15 years:- Mary Bowlan, arson; Mary Keane, Alice Keane, cow stealing.

To be transported for 10 years:- Thomas Heartney, sheep stealing; Edmond Cahill, Joseph Cahill, cow stealing; Patrick Power, sheep stealing; James Brien, sheep stealing; John Ryan (Darrig), arson; Michael Walshe, James Healy, John Scanlan, James Martin, highway robbery; Edmond Hally, burglary and robbery; Thomas Tobin, robbery of letters from post office.

Clonmel Chronicle, 20 March 1850, p3

Note: a number of other convicts listed above also came to Western Australia – Ryan, Walshe, Martin, Hally.

Clonmell Gaol register:

454. Edmond Cahill, 20, can read, Catholic, 6'0", hazel eyes, brown hair, fresh complexion, committed 22 January 1850, killing a cow the property of Thos Riordan on 12 January, tried at Spring Assizes in 11 March 1850, 10 years transportation, sent to Dublin on 26 December 1850.

455. Joseph Cahill, 23, can read, Catholic, 5'6", brown eyes, brown hair, fresh complexion, committed 22 January 1850, killing a cow the property of Thos Riordan on 12 January, tried at Spring Assizes in 11 March 1850, 10 years transportation, sent to Dublin on 26 December 1850. Clonmel General Register 1848-1849, Book no 1/7/5, item 3

They were in Mountjoy Prison in Dublin, under sentence of transportation.

873. Edmond Cahill, killing a cow, convicted at Clonmell on 11 March 1850 and sentenced to 10 years, single, labourer, once convicted of assaulting a habitation, can read, health good.

874. Joseph Cahill, killing a cow, convicted at Clonmell on 11 March 1850 and sentenced to 10 years, single, labourer, never convicted before, can read, health good.

Mountjoy Prison Convict Classification 1848-1850, Book no 1/11/28, item 2

Western Australia

Edmund and Joseph were both in York by the 1859 census.

E Cahill, 27, married to Bridget, Catholic, farmer, Conditional Pardon, from Ireland, arrived on *Robert Small* in 1853. He and Bridget had two children, and living with them was his brother Joseph.

Joseph Cahill, 30, single, Catholic, farmer, Conditional Pardon, from Ireland, arrived on *Robert Small* in 1853.

Deaths.

News reached here of the death at Southern Cross of Mr Edmund Cahill formerly a resident of York for a period of about thirty years. Deceased came to the colony about 42 years ago and has followed various occupations. He leaves a large grown-up family who will sincerely mourn his demise. He was much respected in York, and proved himself most energetic in matters pertaining to public interest. Like all beings subject to human frailty, he had his faults and likewise his good side. "Of the dead say nothing but what is good."

Yes, there in the grave are all metals forbid,
Save the tinsel that shines on the dark coffin lid.

Geraldton Advertiser (WA : 1893 - 1905), Wed 1 May 1895, p3

York

An old resident of this district named Joseph Cahill died at the Government Hospital on Monday last, at the age of 76 years. The deceased's remains were interred in the Roman Catholic Cemetery on Tuesday afternoon, the Rev. P.J. Gibney officiating.

Eastern Districts Chronicle (York, WA : 1877 - 1927), Sat 31 Jul 1897, p6