

Patrick Deasey, 2532, *Phoebe Dunbar*

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Name variations Deacey, Deacy

Convictions at Mayo Summer Assizes

Thomas Deacy, Patrick Deacy, John Nestor, Catherine Deacy, and Bridget Deacy, killing sheep, 7 years' transportation.¹

[Patrick Deacy 24, Thomas Deacy 21, John Nestor 40, Catherine Deacy 20 and Bridget Deacy 26]

Initially Patrick was received at Richmond Prison on 8 January 1852 and then sent to Mountjoy Prison on 15 January 1852.² The following year, on 8 January 1853 he was transferred to Newgate Prison. He was described as:

1261. Patrick Dacey, from Co. Mayo, was convicted of killing a sheep and sentenced to 7 years. He was 25, 5'8½", grey eyes, brown hair, fresh complexion, R.C., single, a tailor and was discharged 31 May 1853 to the *Phoebe Dunbar*. Note: he would have learnt tailoring skills in Prison.³

Received at Fremantle Prison on 31 August 1853, aged 26, killing sheep, convicted 24 July 1851 in county Mayo, and he had passed 12 months in separate confinement. His behaviour in Newgate Prison, Dublin, was good, and he had been convicted twice. On the ship, he was quiet and well-behaved. Entitled to a Ticket of Leave on 27 June 1854; however, it was granted on 30 May 1854.

He was described as:

2532. Patrick Deasey, 24, 5'9¾, brown hair, blue eyes, round face, fresh complexion, slightly freckled, labourer, single.

No trace has been found of Patrick after he received his Conditional Pardon on 24 December 1855.

Siblings.

Catherine Deacy, 20 and Bridget Deacy, 26, were sent to Tasmania per *Martin Luther*, that sailed on 8 June 1852 and arrived at Hobart on 1 September 1852. On Tasmanian Convict records, they only mention their two brothers as family. Possibly, the parents were dead.

Bridget, 23, married Patrick Reardon, 26, at Hobart in 1855. Witnesses at the marriage were Catherine Deacy and James Wallace. Bridget and Patrick had six children, and she died in 1904, aged 83.

Catherine Deacy, 23, married convict James Wallace, 35, in Hobart in 1854. Bridget Deacy was a witness to the marriage. Catherine and James had one daughter, and Catherine died in childbirth in 1859 in Hobart.

Thomas Deacey arrived in Western Australia, per *Robert Small*, three weeks before Patrick arrived.

More can be found on the Bio for Thomas Deacey 2193 on the Western Australian Convicts website.

¹ Mayo Constitution, 29 July 1851, p3

² Dublin-Bridewell (Richmond) Prison General Register 1847-1883, Book no 1/13/42, item 3

³ SROWA, Acc 1156/R18

John Nestor, who was convicted with the Deacy family, was transferred to Spike Island Prison and appears to have stayed in Ireland⁴

⁴ Dublin-Grangegorman Female Prison General Register 1840-1853, Book no 1/9/7, item 3