

## Daniel Farrell, 623, *Pyrenees*

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Name variation: Farrall

Daniel Farrell was born about 1821, the son of Elizabeth and Edward Farrell. His father, a cordwainer, died of asthma on 11 January 1842 at Angel Street, Manchester. Betty Farrell, widow of Angel Street, was present at his death. The family have not been found on any census.

The first record for Daniel found was when he fronted the Lancaster County General Sessions at Salford on 1 March 1841. He was 20, could read and write imperfectly, was convicted of larceny, and sentenced to 3 months. <sup>1</sup>

The following year, at the Lancaster County General Sessions at Salford on 24 October 1842, Daniel Farrell, 21, read and write imperfectly, charged with larceny from the person, and he had a previous conviction of felony. This time, he received 8 months and was sent to HM Gaol, the Lancaster Castle. While in Prison, on 15 February 1843, felon Daniel Farrell was locked up at 8:30 am for striking Joseph Cooper. Let out on 16 February at 11 am. <sup>2</sup>

In 1849, Daniel Farrell, 25, single, a factory hand, was convicted on 18 April 1849 at Manchester Sessions of stealing money from the person. He had two previous convictions for felony and had been summarily convicted six times for assault. He was sentenced to 7 years.

While in Prison, Daniel petitioned for a mitigation of his sentence. There are 3 Declarations, all in the same poor handwriting, from people who have known Daniel from childhood. They testify he is a proper, solemn and tidy young man. The people were:

Robert Armstrong, grocer, Pollard Street off Ancoats lane, Manchester.

James Hale, Boat and Service Manufacturer, 49 Axford Road, Manchester

William Graggerey, grocer and draper, Astinlender line near Manchester, Lancashire.

In his petition, received on 15 May 1849, Daniel mentions he is the son of a poor widow, Elizabeth Farrell, with six little brothers and sisters. His father died 6 years ago, and his mother resides at 2/14 Angel Street off Saint George's Road, Manchester. The Petition Cover says Daniel is 28, has been twice convicted and 6 times in Prison for assault. He declares he is innocent and states that the person who committed the offence is now at large. The writing is difficult to decipher. <sup>3</sup>

Daniel was received at Wakefield Prison on 11 August 1849 from the New Bailey at Salford. After almost a year, he was transferred on 18 July 1850 to Portland Prison, arriving the next day. Eight months later, he boarded the *Pyrenees* on 13 March 1851 for Western Australia. <sup>4</sup>

However, on 11 March 1851, the Governor received orders to be ready to embark on the *Echo* steamer tomorrow. The convicts were to be sent by the Convict Ship *Pyrenees* to Western Australia. Governors Journal, 12 March 1851: The prisoners were not taken out to labour in the morning on account of wet, thick fog. With reference to yesterday's journal, it appears that a steamer had anchored in the roads during the night; the prisoners for embarkation were got in readiness, but the Officer in Charge of the *Echo* having reported that it was too thick weather to move from the anchorage, the prisoners were not put on board.

13 March 1851: In reference to yesterday's journal, the following 77 convicts for Ticket of Leave men embarked at 7 o'clock am in the *Echo* steamer to be taken to the Convict Ship *Pyrenees* at Spithead for W. Australia. The convicts were listed, including 623 Daniel Farrell.

Boarded the *Pyrenees* on 13 March 1851 for Western Australia. <sup>5</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> TNA, UK, HO27/64

<sup>2</sup> TNA, UK, HO27/67; PCOM2/443

<sup>3</sup> TNA, UK, HO18/226

<sup>4</sup> TNA, UK, PCOM2/383; HO8/105 and 106; HO23/14; PCOM2/383

On arrival at Fremantle on 28 June 1851, Western Australia, Daniel was given number 623, issued with a Ticket of Leave and a description of him taken:

623. Daniel Farrell, 30, 5'9¼", dark brown hair, hazel eyes, round face, fresh complexion, stout build, scar inside left arm, slight scars between shoulders and left breast, labourer and cotton spinner, single.<sup>6</sup>

After 20 days, on 18 July 1851, Daniel was one of 23 men removed from the *Pyrenees* and brought ashore to the Prison and housed in the 3rd Division.<sup>7</sup>

On 22 July 1851, 40 men, with their trades, will proceed to York, including 623, Danl Farrel, Builder's labourer.<sup>8</sup> A few months later, in early December 1851, Daniel Farrell, a ticket-of-leave holder, was charged with being drunk and leaving the road party without permission. It was his second offence, and he had told Mr Vincent and D. A. C. G. Nicholson that he did not care for anyone and should leave when he thought fit. He was fined 5s and sent back to headquarters.<sup>9</sup>

He was received at the prison in Fremantle on 22 January with five other men from York.

On 22 May 1852, he worked for James Cooper of Fresh Water Bay.<sup>10</sup> Then, on 8 June 1853, he appeared in the Guildford court. Daniel Farrell, t.l., was charged with being in a public house at 11 pm and fined 5s.<sup>11</sup>

His Conditional Pardon was granted on 31 October 1853, and his sentence expired in April 1865. At some stage, Daniel returned to England, where he was again in trouble before 1864.

In a report from the Governor of the New Bailey Salford dated 19 August 1864:

Return of a Man committed to this Prison who had previously been sentenced to transportation or penal servitude.

Present Offence: Daniel Farrell, 26 July 1864 at Manchester Assizes, robbery with violence at Manchester, acquitted.

Previous Conviction. Daniel Farrell, convicted April Sessions 1849 Manchester, stealing a purse and money at Manchester, 7 years transportation.<sup>12</sup>

He had three more summary convictions since returning to England before being convicted on 10 October 1864.

Prison Registers record Daniel Farrell, 40, single, read and write imperfectly, labourer, Roman Catholic, convicted 10 October 1864 at Manchester of larceny from person and sentenced to 7 years. After 2 months and 5 days at Manchester, he was transferred to Millbank Prison on 13 December 1864, where he spent 8 months and 15 days. His mother, Elizabeth Farrell, lived at 5 Dyche St, Rochdale Rd, Manchester. His brother-in-law visited Daniel on 15 June 1865. On 28 August 1865, he was transferred again, this time to Portsmouth Prison. The Gaolers Report recorded he had been sentenced to 7 years in 1849, thrice convicted, 9 times summarily. His health was good, and his behaviour was very good.<sup>13</sup>

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<sup>5</sup> TNA, UK, PCOM2/355 Governors Journal, p107, 108.

<sup>6</sup> SROWA, Acc 128/1-32

<sup>7</sup> SROWA, Superintendents Orders, So1-So3, p63

<sup>8</sup> SROWA, Superintendents Orders, So1-So3, p 66

<sup>9</sup> The Perth Gazette and Independent Journal of Politics and New, 12 December 1851, p4

<sup>10</sup> Rica Erickson Collection, on FamilySearch

<sup>11</sup> Inquirer, 13 July 1853, p3

<sup>12</sup> TNA, UK, HO18/226.

<sup>13</sup> TNA, UK, HO24/10; HO8/167; HO18/226; PCOM2/49; PCOM2/111

In 1861, 5 Dyche Street was a lodging house with 37 occupants; Elizabeth Farrell was not among them. There was an equally large lodging house next door. She has not been found on any census in Manchester.

Daniel, whose health was good, suffered an unknown accident on 9 January 1868. With his sentence almost complete, Daniel was licensed on 12 April 1870. At this stage, he was about 50 years old.

No further information has been found.