Daniel Galvin, 2431, *Phoebe Dunbar* Researched by Marcia Watson

Daniel Galvin, son of Denis Galvin, was born between 1820 and 1828, according to the various records.

He was one of the 30 males and 7 females who were sent, in three rail-cars, to the Fermoy Sessions on 1 January 1851 held before W. Berwick Esq; Daniel had been committed to stand trial on the 17 December 1850 for stealing Indian Corn out of a Mill & also a flannel drawers. With a previous conviction, he was found guilty and sentenced to seven years transportation. The Cork Examiner reported he had broken into Mr Leech's Mill at Midleton and stolen two bags of flour. He was sent back to the Cork Gaol, where the register noted he could read and write. On the 20 August 1851, he was delivered to the Constables for removal to Spike Island.[1]

He may have been previously convicted of burglary at the Kanturk Sessions on 9 September 1850 and sentenced to three months of imprisonment. This Daniel Galvin was in Gaol from 17 June to 9 December 1850.[2]

At some stage, Daniel was transferred to Mountjoy Prison in Dublin to await transportation to Western Australia. The *Phoebe Dunbar* left Kingstown, 13km away, on 2 June 1854 with 295 convicts and arrived on 30 August.

On arrival at Fremantle, he was described as:
2431. Daniel Galvin, 28, 5' 6¼", with black hair, hazel eyes, an oval face, sallow complexion, middling stout stature, no tattoos, a labourer and single.[3] The Character Book mentions he is aged 20, a matmaker, and served 12 months in separate confinement before coming to WA. His conduct in Mountjoy was good. He was one of 215 convicts who left *Phoebe Dunbar* on 20 September and were to be housed in Divisions 4 and 5 at the prison.

Like so many of the convicts, Daniel suffered from Ophthalmia and was admitted to hospital on 28 January 1854 and discharged 'cured' on 6 February.[4] The following month, he was discharged from prison, having received his Ticket of Leave on 1 March 1854. His sentence expired in February 1858. Daniel left Western Australia from Albany on 13 April 1864 per *Alexandra* for Adelaide.[5]

ARRIVED.
Wednesday, April 13 – Alexandra, South Australian mail steamer, Knight, master, from King George's Sound April 9. G. A. and H. Bartleet, Town; Anthony and Bartleet, Port, agents. Passengers—Messrs Steele, Morley, Lloyd, Flood, and Caldicott (Mail Agent), in the cabin; Rev. A Likely, Mrs. Likely and three children, John Beattie, Elizabeth Beattie, and two children. Chas. Chester, Catherine Chester, William Shaw, Paul Quiets, Henry Brown, James Davey, R. Pomeroy, James Parsons, Francis Gibney, Jessie Ward, Michael Leahey, James Leahey, Ellen Leahey and two children, Eliza Wrish, John McNie, wife, and child, Felix O'Toole, H. Pringle. D. Galvin, and William Wellborne.

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[1] Cork Examiner, 06 January 1851, p2; Cork County Gaol General Register 1850,1852, book 1/8/5, item 4; Cork City Gaol Court Book 1850-1852, book 1/8/25, item 3
[2] Cork County Gaol General Register 1847-1849, book 1/8/57, item 3
[3] SROWA, Acc 128/1-32
[4] SROWA, Acc 1156/M18 (Medical Journal)
[5] The South Australian Advertiser, 14 Apr 1864, p2

The *Alexandra* was a mail steamer that transhipped mail, passengers and cargo from England and India between Albany and the Eastern States. Daniel's voyage arrived in Albany from Adelaide on 31 March 1864 with mail, cargo and passenger for transhipment to England. The vessel returned to Adelaide with passengers from England, Madras and Western Australia on 9 April.[6]

Daniel married Bridget Colbert the following year on 3 July 1865 at Kapunda, South Australia. He said his father was Denis Galvin.

Daniel and Bridget had three children, none of whom were registered. However, from various sources, they appear to be Mary (known as Minnie) in 1866, Denis in 1868 and Ellen in 1871. Bridget died in 1872:
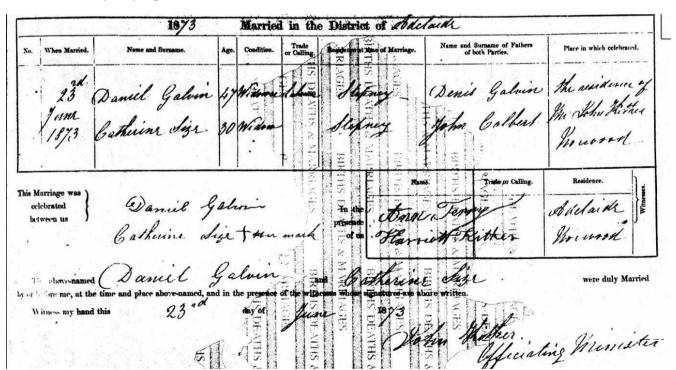
> At Norwood, on the 24 December 1872, the beloved wife of Daniel Galvin of the Gilbert, aged 29, after a long and painful illness borne with Christian fortitude. Her end was peace. She leaves behind her a sorrowing husband and three young children.[7]

Daniel, now aged about 50, remarried Catherine Size, aged about 45, on 23 January 1873 at Norwood in Adelaide. Catherine, using the name Size, suggests she was never divorced from her first husband.

Catherine Colbert had first married John Size in 1856 and had two children. John deserted his family in 1859, and at the Adelaide Court on 12 March 1860:

> Refusing Maintenance.—Patrick Size was charged, on the information of T. W. Bee, Relieving Officer, with refusing to maintain his grandchildren. The case was proved, and he was ordered to pay 7/- per week and the costs of the Court. John Size, son of the above, was charged with deserting his wife and children without reasonable cause and leaving them without proper means of support. He was sent to gaol for two months and ordered to pay the Court's costs.[8] John apparently went to New Zealand after being released from gaol.

Catherine married again in 1866 to Patrick Cudmore, a shoemaker, and had three surviving children. Patrick died of paraplegia in 1870 at Norwood. [9]

From Size-Cudmore family tree on Ancestry.com

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[6] The West Australian Times, 21 Apr 1864, p2
[7] The Irish Harp and Farmers' Herald, 3 Jan 1873, p4. The Gilbert is about 100km north of Adelaide.
[8] Adelaide Observer, 17 Mar 1860, p4
[9] Catherine died in 1916.

The marriage between Daniel and Catherine appears to have broken down by 1884 when he was admitted to Adelaide Hospital.

1661. Daniel Galvin resides in E. Adelaide, 66, widower, Catholic, admitted 19 September 1884, discharged 15 November 1884, fractured thigh, from Cork, labourer, arrived per *Clara* 30 years ago.[10]

On the 11 August 1886, he was in gaol for being drunk:

Daniel Galvin, drunk in Adelaide, fined 11/- or five days imprisonment, aged 66, read and write, widower, Catholic, labourer, arrived 1864 from Western Australia, discharged 14 August 1886.[11]

The following year, he was admitted to the Destitute Asylum on 3 March 1887.

58. Daniel Galvin, 66, per *Alexander* from Western Australia, 34 years on colonies, arrived in 1864, last residence c/- Wm Tracey, Victoria Place, Grote St. He was a labourer, with three children Mary, 21, Denis 19, Ellen 16 whereabouts not known and his wife was dead. Daniel was Irish, Catholic, and was suffering from the effects of a fractured hip. He is destitute and unable to work and has been receiving outdoor relief since 15 January 1885, but the friend with whom he had been staying has gone to Victoria, and he is unable to pay rent. He was discharged on 13 September 1893 for indecent conduct.[12]

Daniel's conduct got worse in 1899.

Indecent Assault. Daniel Galvin (78) was charged with indecently assaulting Harriet Willis, a girl above the age of 13 and under 16, at Kooringa on 20 May. Mr. I. H. Solomon defended.
The evidence in this case was of a most revolting character. The girl was taken to Dr Brummitt, who examined her. The prisoner denied the offence. After a lengthy deliberation, the jury brought in a verdict of guilty of attempting to commit an indecent assault, with a strong recommendation to mercy, on account of the prisoner's age. His Honor said he agreed with the verdict of the jury when sentencing the accused to six months' imprisonment.[13]

Adelaide Gaol Register for the 5 May 1899:

Danial Galvin, Unlawful attempt to have carnal knowledge of Harriet Willis, who is under 14 years of age, at Kooringa on 2 May 1899. He was committed at Redruth for trial at the Supreme Court and sentenced on 5 June to six months hard labor. Daniel was 78, a widower, could read and write, was Catholic, a labourer, and arrived in 1854 from Cork. He was released on 4 December 1899, time served.[14]

Sudden Death.

Paxton Square, celebrated for its notoriety in the good old days, was the scene of a sudden death on Saturday morning. For some time, an old man named Daniel Galvin, aged 84 years, lived in a house in the square facing the brewery. He was in receipt of Government rations, and though he used to take a "little drop" now and again, he was considered a peaceable resident. He was seen alive and apparently in his usual health at about 12 o'clock, and half an hour later, a neighbour, who went to "see how he was getting on," saw him kneeling down alongside the bed. He was asked to take an orange, and at that moment, he fell back and died.
When seen by our reporter, Galvin was dead and was lying on his back on the floor, with his legs buckled up under him; he was in a very emancipated condition; his clothes were disarranged, boots off, and shirt open, exposing the whole of his chest. On his bed were seen his pipe, which bore evidence of not having long been filled, his knife (open) and matches, while a mug was placed not far

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[10] Admission Registers-Adelaide Hospital 1841-1946; Reference: GRG78/49
[11] Register of Prisoners-Adelaide Gaol, 1848-1912; Series: GRS 2414
[12] Register of Admissions-Destitute Asylum 1870-1911; Reference: GRG28/5
[13] The Express and Telegraph, 8 Jun 1899, p2
[14] Register of Prisoners-Adelaide Gaol, 1848-1912; Series: GRS 2414

from him. The room was in a very dirty state, and he used to sleep and tucker in the same room, with wood, an old bucket, and other miscellaneous articles lying about.

M. C. Phelan was subsequently informed, and Dr Sangster, jun., who attended the deceased for some time, gave a certificate of burial. No inquest was held. He was the father-in-law of Mr Allen Morrison of Port Pirie. His age was recorded as 84 by the newspaper. [15]

Daniel died on 30 October 1904 and is buried at Burra, South Australia.[16]

Children:
Mary Galvin married Allan Archibald Morrison in 1889 at Kooringa near Burra in South Australia. They had six children. Mary died in 1958.

Ellen Galvin married William Roger Briggs in 1890 at Pekina in South Australia. They had one son. Ellen died in 1894.

Denis Galvin. No information was found on him. Family trees on Ancestry.com call him Edmund.

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[15] Burra Record, 2 Nov 1904, p5
[16] Catherine was residing with her daughter Ellen Size in Adelaide when she died in 1916.