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Central Criminal Court Dublin: City of Dublin Cases, Trial Record Book
C.C.C. 3 June 1925-June 1927 [1c 88 60]

CCC 2 June 1926. City of Dublin, Indictment # 34. A.G. v. M____ H____
Statement of Offence- Murder. Particulars of Offence: M____ H____ on the 31st of March
1926 in the County of Dublin did murder a female infant child of her body then recently born.
2 Witnesses, Inspector and Superintendent. Sentence: 18 cal.mos imprisonment in the second
division.

FILE CCC 7 Dec City of Dublin, Indictment # 5. A.G. v. A____ D____
Statement of Offence- Murder. Particulars of Offence: A____ D____ on the 25th November
1926 feloniously did murder an infant female child of which she had then been recently
delivered.

COUNT NO.2 Concealment of birth contra sec. 60 Offences against the Person Act 1861.

A____ D____ on 25th November 1926 unlawfully concealed the birth of an infant child of
which she had then been recently delivered by secretly disposing of the dead body.

Exhibits: One knife, One attache case. 10 Witnesses include. A____ D____.

Pl. Guilty on 2nd count. Verdict. Not guilty on 1st count.

Sentence: Prisoner undertakes to go to Good Shepherd Convent Waterford and remain there
for 12 months and is ordered to enter into recognisance in £10 to go and remain in the House
above mentioned, and to remain there for 12 months, and to keep the peace for 2 years and to
come up for sentence on getting co????

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CENTRAL CRIMINAL COURT. DUBLIN SITTINGS. 1926
BEFORE MR. JUSTICE O'BYRNE.
THE ATTORNEY GENERAL V. A____ D____

The Governor,
Mountjoy Prison,
Dublin.

It is ordered by Court that A____ D____ be detained
in Mountjoy Prison. Dublin, until Saturday, the 11th
day of December, 1926, when she is to be handed over
to Miss O'Brien, Probation Officer, who has undertaken
to the Court that she will convey the said A____
D____ to the Good Shepherd Home, Waterford and that
the expenses of the said A____ D____ to the said
home in Waterford and the return expenses of the
said Miss O'Brien Probation Officer to and from
Waterford be paid by the Prison Authorities.

This 9th day of December 1926

(Signed) Seamus O'Concúbair
Clarathoir Chondae

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City of Dublin Central Criminal Court: Trial Record Book
C.C.C. Nov. 27 to June 33 [1D 33 68]

C.C.C. Carlow. 19 Nov. 1929. #1. A.G. v. L____ B____. Murder. 14 Aug. 1929 murdered her unnamed illegitimate female child. Plead not guilty to Murder, Guilty to Concealment of a birth, Plea accepted. Sentence: 6 month H.L., Suspended. Released on entering into her Own Recognizance in £10, keep peace and good behaviour for 2 years, and enter St. Mary Magdalen Convent, Donnybrook for 2 years

C.C.C. Cavan. 19 Nov. 1929. #1. A.G. v. E____ M____. Murder. 20 July 1929 murdered her unnamed illegitimate male child. Plead not guilty to Murder. Verdict. Not Guilty, 27.11.29. Discharged.

C.C.C. Clare. 19 Nov. 1929. #1. A.G. v. A____ McN____. Murder. 18 Oct. 1929 murdered an unnamed child whereof she had recently been delivered. Plead not guilty to Murder. Verdict: not guilty of murder or manslaughter, but guilty of concealing a birth, 19.11.29. Sentence: 12 months with H.L. to run concurrently with sentence of 4 cal month imprisonment imposed upon her in Limerick CC on 11.2..28 and which was suspended upon her entering into Recognizance on said date to keep peace for 2 years and which now becomes operative by reason of her conviction this day.

C.C.C. Clare. 18 Feb. 1930. #1. A.G. v. M____ O'B____ (daughter) and K____ O'B____ (Mother). Murder. 24 Dec. 1929 murdered an unnamed male child of which the said M____ O'B____ had recently been delivered. Plead not guilty to Murder. Verdict: not guilty. Discharged 20 and 21 of Feb. 1930.

DEATH. C.C.C. Clare. 18 Nov. 1930. #1. A.G. v. M____ F____, B____ C____. Murder. 17 June. 1930 murdered an unnamed male child whereof the said Margaret Finn had recently been delivered. Trial postponed due to absence of doctor with fractured leg.

C.C.C. Clare. 3 Mar. 1931. #1. A.G. v. M____ F____, B____ C____. Murder. 17 June. 1930 murdered an unnamed male child whereof the said Margaret Finn had recently been delivered. Both Plead not guilty. Verdict: Guilty 3 march 31. With very strong recommendation to mercy in view of the exceptional emotional circumstances surrounding the birth. Sentence: M____ F____: Death by hanging on Wed. 25 of March 1931. Commuted to penal servitude for life by Criminal Court of Appeal, 6 March 1931.

Trial of B____ C____, 4 March 1931. Pleaded not Guilty. Verdict: not guilty. Discharged.

C.C.C. Clare. 19 June 1933. #1. A.G. v. B____ C____. Murder. 31 Amrch 1933 murdered her male child J____ C____ (Otherwise J____ O'B____). Plead not guilty. Verdict Not Guilty, 30/6/33 [Infanticide?]

C.C.C.Cork. 19 June 1928. #2. A.G. v. H____ L____. Murder. 1 Jan. 1928 murdered her unnamed female child of which she had recently been delivered. Plead not guilty to Murder. Verdict Not guilty. Discharged, 5 July 1928.

DEATH: C.C.C. Cork. 20 Nov. 1928. #1. A.G. v.M____ L____. Murder. 1 Jan. 1928 murdered an unnamed child of which one H____ L____ had then recently been delivered. Plead not guilty to Murder. Verdict: Guilty with very strong recommendation to mercy on account of her old age and circumstance. Sentence: Death by hanging, Thursday 27 Dec. 1928. Court of Criminal Appeal, 20 Dec. 1928, quash conviction and order retrial for same offence.

C.C.C. Cork. 29 Feb 1929. #1. A.G. v.M____ L____. Murder. 1 Jan. 1928 murdered an unnamed child of which one H____ L____ had then recently been delivered. Plead not guilty to Murder. Verdict: Jury Disagreed, 6 March 1929.

C.C.C. Cork. 4 June 1929. #1. A.G. v.M____ L____. Murder. 1 Jan. 1928 murdered an unnamed child of which one H____ L____ had then recently been delivered. Plead not guilty to Murder. Verdict: Not Guilty. Discharged 6.6.29

C.C.C. Cork. 4 June 1929. #2A.G. v. N____ C____. Murder. Between mos of November 1928 and 14 March 1929 murdered an unnamed male child to which she had recently given birth. Count # 2 Endeavouring to Conceal birth – secretly disposing of the dead body of the said child. Plead not guilty to both counts. Verdict: Disagree 1st count, Guilty 2nd count. Plead Guilty on rearraignment to concealment of a birth on first count, 26.6.29, Guilty to Concealment of a birth, Plea accepted. Sentence: 1st count- concealment of a birth, to be imprisoned for 18 months, 2nd count –concealment of a birth – like sentence to run concurrently.

C.C.C.Cork. 17 Nov. 1931. #1. A.G. v. H____ O'B____. Murder. 14 June. 1931 murdered her newly born female infant. Plead not guilty to Murder, Guilty to Concealment of a birth, Plea accepted. Sentence: Released on entering into her Own Recognizance in £20 and that of her Sister Mrs. M____ O'C____ £20 of Devonshire St., Cork, conditional that H____ O'B____ will keep the peace and good behaviour for 2 years

C.C.C. Cork. 7 Nov. 1932 . #1. A.G. v. K____ B____. Murder. Unknown day between 2.8.32 and 13.8.32 murdered her unnamed male child. [no plea or verdict?] Sentence: Bound to the court in amount of £10, keep peace and good behaviour for 12 months, Go to the Convent of the Good Shepherd, Cork for 12 months

C.C.C.Donegal. 29 Nov. 1927. #2. A.G. v. M____ E____ O'D____. Murder. 25 July 1927 murdered an unnamed male infant of which she had been recently delivered. Plead not guilty. Verdict not guilty. Discharged 16.12.27

C.C.C. Co. Dublin. 29.Nov. 1927. # 1 A.G. v. M____ G____. Murder. 3 Nov. 1927 murdered an unnamed female infant of which she had then recently been delivered. Plead not guilty. Vedict: Not guilty to Murder, but Guilty of concealment of a birth. Verdict: imprisoned for 3 cal months, 8.12.27.

C.C.C. Co. Dublin. 7 Feb. 1928. # 6. A.G. v. S____ C____. Manslaughter. 5 Feb. 1928 did kill and slay her unnamed infant child. Count # 2. Endeavouring to conceal birth. Plead. Guilty on 2nd count, accepted. Sentence: Own rec in amount of £10. Keep peace and good behaviour for 3 years, and remain in the Henrietta St. House, Dublin for 12 cal. Months.

DEATH. C.C.C. Co. Dublin. 18 Nov. 1930. #1. A.G. v. C____ R____. Murder. 6 Sept. 1930 murdered T____ R____ a male child whereof she had recently been delivered. Plead not guilty. Vedit: guilty to Murder, with a strong recommendation to mercy. Sentence: Death by hanging, Friday, 19 Dec. 1930. Commuted to one of penal servitude for life on 27 Nov. 1930.

C.C.C. Galway. 7 Feb. 1928. #1 A.G. v. M____ McN____. Murder. 12 Nov. 1927 murdered an unnamed child of which she had then recently been delivered. Plead not guilty. Vedit: Not guilty to Murder, not guilty of manslaughter, but Guilty of concealment of a birth with recommendation to mercy. Sentence: Own recognizance in amount of £25. Keep peace and good behaviour for 2 years, and go to the Henrietta St. House for girls, Dublin for 12 cal. Months.

C.C.C. Galway. 20 Nov. 1928. # 1 A.G. v. L____ D____. Murder. 19 June 1928 murdered a female infant of which she had then recently been delivered. Plead not guilty to murder but guilty to concealment of a birth, 23.11. 1928. Sentence: Record 6 months imprisonment, suspended, Own recognizance in amount of £10. Keep peace and good behaviour for 2 years, and go to the Magdalen Asylum, Galway for 2 years

C.C.C. Galway. 19 Nov. 1929. # 1. A.G. v. E____ K____ C____ K____. Murder. 14 July 1929 murdered an unnamed female child of which the said C____ K____ had recently been delivered. Both Plead not guilty 25.1...29, C____ K____ withdrew plea of not guilty and plead guilty to "manslaughter by neglect: 16.11.29. E____ K____, not guilty by direction, 25.11.29. Sentence: C____ K____: Own recognizance in amount of £10. Go to High Park Convent Drumcondra and remain there for at least two years, Keep peace and good behaviour for 2 years

C.C.C. Galway. 19 June 1930. #2. A.G. v. A____ C____. Murder. 20 May 1930 murdered an unnamed female infant of which she had then recently been delivered. Count # 2, Endeavouring to Conceal. Found insane and incapable of pleading. Sentence: Detained in strict custody and taken care of until the pleasure of His Excellency the Governor General be made known concerning her.

C.C.C. Galway. 14 March, 1933. # 1 A.G. v. B____ C____. Murder. 11 December, 1932 murdered her unnamed female infant. Plead not guilty to murder but guilty to concealment of a birth, 14.3.33. Sentence: Released on entering into her Own recognizance in amount of £100 (one hundred). Keep peace and good behaviour for 2 years, and go to the Galway Magdalen Home for 12 cal. Mons. Father, M____ C____ of Gilroe Co. Galway, Farmer, recognisance of £100 to see that the terms above are kept by his daughter.

C.C.C. Kerry. 19 June 1928. # 2 A.G. v. M____ H____ (18 years). Concealment of a birth contra. Sec. 60 Offences against the Person Act, 1861. 28 February 1928 endeavoured to conceal the birth of a child of which she had recently been delivered by secretly disposing of

the dead body of said child. Plead Guilty. Sentence: Recorded to be imprisoned for 6 months with H.L. suspended., Own recognizance in amount of £10. Keep peace and good behaviour for 2 years, and go to Henrietta St. House and remain there for 12 months

C.C.C. Kerry. 19 June 1928. # 3 A.G. v. B____ O'N____. Concealment of a birth contra. Sec. 60 Offences against the Person Act, 1861. 3 May 1928 endeavoured to conceal the birth of a child of which she had recently been delivered by secretly disposing of the dead body of said child. Plead Guilty. Sentence: Own recognizance in amount of £10. Keep peace and good behaviour for 2 years, and go to the convent at High Park, Drumcondra the Superioress of which is willing to receive her and to remain there for 12 months. Sentence recorded 6 months with H.L. in default of keeping the terms above. [Also initially charged with Murder, but not prosecution on this bill].

DEATH. C.C.C. Kerry. 3 June 1929. # 3. A.G. v. D____ S____. Murder. Between 12 and 14 Feb 1929 murdered an unnamed male child to which she had recently given birth. Plead Not Guilty. Verdict, Guilty with strong recommendation for mercy. Sentence: Execution, death by hanging on Tuesday, 9 July 1929. Counsel for Defence Mr. Devlin applied for certificate for leave to appear. Justice O'Byrne refused the application, 13.6.29.

C.C.C. Kildare. 4 June 1929. # 1. A.G. v. M____ W____. Concealment of a birth contra. Sec. 60 Offences against the Person Act, 1861. January or February 1929 endeavoured to conceal the birth of a child of which she had recently been delivered by secretly disposing of the dead body of said child. Plead Guilty. Sentence: Own recognizance in amount of £10. Go to High Park Drumcondra Convent and remain there for 18 months. Keep peace and good behaviour for 3 years

C.C.C. Kildare. 19 Nov. 1929. # 1. A.G. v. M____ K____ (Senior) M____ K____ (Junior). Concealment of a birth contra. Sec. 60 Offences against the Person Act, 1861. 12 Aug 1929 endeavoured to conceal the birth of a child of which the said M____ K____ (junior) had recently been delivered by secretly disposing of the dead body of said child. Not arraigned 26.11.29. J____ K____, _____, Co. Kildare undertakes in open Court to look after his sister M____ K____.

C.C.C. Kilkenny .17 Nov. 1931. # 1. A.G. v. M____ K____. Murder. 3 August 1931 murdered her newly born female infant. Pleaded not guilty to murder but guilty to concealment of a birth. Sentence: Own recognizance in amount of £20, and that of M____ D____ of _____, _____, Co. Kilkenny in amount of £20, conditional that M____ K____ keep the peace and good behaviour for two years.

C.C.C. Leitrim. 14 March 1933. # 1. A.G. v. C____ F____. Murder. 23 January 1933 murdered an unnamed female child. Pleaded not guilty. Verdict: Jury disagree. Put back for next sitting. [Evidence given that the child was legitimate].
2nd. Trial. 6 April 1933. Same charge. Verdict. Not Guilty. Discharged. 6.4.1933.

C.C.C. Leix. 29 Nov. 1927. # 1. A.G. v. M____ D____. Murder. 25 Sept. 1927 murdered an unnamed male infant of which she had been then recently delivered. Pleaded not guilty to

murder but guilty to concealment of a birth. Sentence: Own recognizance in amount of £50, conditional that she keep the peace and good behaviour for one year .

C.C.C. Leix. 20 Nov 1928. # 1. A.G. v. M____ McG____ M____ McG____. Murder. Between 1 and 28 Oct. 1929 did kill and murder an unnamed infant child of which the said M____ McG____ had then recently been delivered. Plead guilty on concealment of a birth. Sentence: M____ McG____ - 6 months imprisonment, Mary 6 months imprisonment.

C.C.C. Leix. 18 Feb. 1930. # 1. A.G. v. M____ T____. Murder. Between 10 Jan and 21 Jan. 1930 murdered an unnamed female child. Plead not guilty. Verdict: Not guilty of murder but guilty of concealment of a birth. 24.7. 1930. Sentence: 12 months imprisonment, suspended. Enter into her own recognizance of £20, keep the peace for 2 years, she will enter the St. Magdalen Home, Donnybrook, Dublin for 18 calendar months.

C.C.C. Leix. 9 June 1931. # 1. A.G. v. M____ H____. Murder. Between 27 and 28 April 1931 murdered her unnamed male infant. Plead not guilty to murder but guilty to concealment of a birth, 18 June 1931. Enter into her own recognizance of £10, and J____ McE____ (38) , conditional that she will marry Ja____ McE____ immediately. Copy of marriage cert attached to page - 5 August 1931. Keep the peace and good behaviour for 2 years, and come before court in so directed.

C.C.C. Limerick. 7 February 1928. # 1. A.G. v. M____ O'D____. Manslaughter. 25 Sept. 1927 did kill and slay an unnamed female infant. Count #2 - Endeavouring to conceal. Plead guilty on 2nd count. Sentence: Enter into her own recognizance of £10, keep the peace for 3 years, she will come before the court if so directed. Prisoner discharged 14.3.28.

C.C.C. Limerick. 19 Feb. 1929. # 2. A.G. v. B____ C____. Murder. Manslaughter. Between 31 December 1928 and 11 January 1929 did kill and slay an unnamed male infant. Count #2 - Endeavouring to conceal. Plead guilty on 2nd count. Sentence: The accused and Mr. P____ M____ of ____ St. Limerick, Corporation Official each acknowledge themselves bound to the state in the sum of £50, B____ C____ keep the peace and good behaviour for 2 years, she will come before the court if so directed.

C.C.C. Limerick. 19 February 1929. # 6. A.G. v. J____ D____. Murder. 25 Dec. 1928 did murder an unnamed male infant of which she had then recently been delivered. Plead not guilty. Verdict: not guilty. 22.3.29.

C.C.C. Limerick. 18 Nov. 1930. # 1. A.G. v. E____ O'D____. Manslaughter. 9 Sept. 1930 murdered an unnamed female infant. Plead not guilty. Verdict: not guilty. 25.11.30.

C.C.C. Limerick. 3 March 1931. # 1. A.G. v. M____ K____. Murder. 28 Feb. 1931 did murder an unnamed male infant of which she had then recently been delivered. Plead not guilty. Withdrew plea, and pleads guilty to Manslaughter 26.3.31. Sentence: 2 years imprisonment with H.L.

C.C.C. Limerick. 26 May 1932. # 1. A.G. v. A____ McC____. Murder. 24 March 1932 murdered an unnamed infant child. Count # 2- Endeavouring to conceal birth. Plead not guilty on 1st count, guilty on 2nd count 3 June 1932. Sentence: Accused allowed out on her own recognizance in amount of £25 conditional on keeping the peace and good behaviour for 3 years, and that she will this day enter the Henrietta St. Convent Home and remain there for 12 months.

C.C.C. Limerick. 14 March 1933. # 2. A.G. v. B____ McG____. Murder. 16 Dec. 1932 murdered her unnamed female child. Plead not guilty of murder but guilty of concealment of birth. Sentence: Accused allowed out on her own recognizance in amount of £100 conditional on keeping the peace and good behaviour for 2 years, and that she will this day enter the Good Shepherd Home at Limerick at once and remain there for at least 12 months from 30/3/33, also £100 from her father, P____ McG____ of ____ Terrace Limerick that BmcG shall keep the conditions.

C.C.C. Louth. 7 Feb. 1928. # 1. A.G. v. B____ D____ M____ K____ C____ and G____ C____. Murder. 9 Dec. 1927 murdered an unnamed child of which the said B____ D____ had been recently delivered. All Plead not guilty. Verdict: B____ D____ -Guilty of Manslaughter, M____ K. C____ -guilty of manslaughter, George C____ Guilty of concealment of a birth. Sentence: BD- own recognizance of £10 to keep the peace for 3 years. MK C____ - imprisoned for 9 months without H.L., G____ C____ - 18 Months imprisonment with H.L.

C.C.C. Louth. 19 June 1933. # 1. A.G. v. K____ McK____. Murder. Between 20 and 24th March 1933 murdered her unnamed male child. [State Entered an Nolle Prosequia on 3.7.33], 2nd Count Abandonment of a child contrary to Sec. 12 8 Ed. 7 C. 67. Plead guilty on 2nd count, not guilty on 1st count. Sentence: Accused allowed out on her own recognizance in amount of £10 conditional on keeping the peace and good behaviour for 12 months, and that she will this day enter Our Lady's House at Henrietta Street, Dublin for 12 months from 6.7.33.

C.C.C. Mayo. 17 Nov. 1931. # 1. A.G. v. B____ M____. Murder. 25 Oct. 1931 murdered her newly born infant child. Plead not guilty of murder but guilty of concealment of birth. Sentence: Accused allowed out on her own recognizance in amount of £20 conditional on keeping the peace and good behaviour for 2 years, 'and that she will come up for sentence if called on at any time within said period'

C.C.C. Mayo. 7 Nov. 1932. # 2. A.G. v. K____ H____. Murder. 12 June 1932 murdered her unnamed male child. Count #2- Endeavouring to Conceal birth. Nolle Prosequia entered on Count 1. Plead not guilty of murder but guilty of concealment of birth. Sentence: Discharged without punishment.

C.C.C. Meath. 19 June 1928. # 1. A.G. v. E____ D____. Manslaughter. 5 April 1928 did kill and slay an unnamed female child. Nolle Prosequi entered 19/6/28.

C.C.C. Meath. 3 March 31. # 1. A.G. v. M____ E____ F____. Murder. 5/6 January 1931 murdered her infant son T____ F____. Plead not guilty of murder. Verdict: not guilty. Discharged 9/3/31.

C.C.C. Meath. 17 Nov. 1931. # 1. A.G. v. M____ H____. Murder. 26 Sept. 1931 murdered her unnamed male child. Plead not guilty of murder. Verdict: not guilty. Discharged 19 Nov. 1931.

C.C.C. Monaghan. 19 Feb. 1929. # 1. A.G. v. K____ McA____. Manslaughter. 19 Jan. 1929 did slay and kill an unnamed male child. Count #2- Concealment of a birth contra. Offences against the Person Act 1861. Sec. 60. Plead guilty on 2nd count 7.3.29. Sentence: Imprisoned for 3 calendar months with H.L.

C.C.C. Monaghan. 4 June 1929. # 1. A.G. v. M____ McD____. Murder. Month of March 1929 murdered an unnamed female child. Count #2- Endeavouring to Conceal birth. Plead not guilty of murder but guilty of concealment of birth. Sentence: Bound to the court in sum of £10, good behaviour and keep peace for 3 years, and come up to receive sentence at any time.

C.C.C. Monaghan. 4 June 1929. # 2. A.G. v. E____ M____. Murder. Month of May 1929 murdered an unnamed female child. Count #2- Endeavouring to Conceal birth. Plead guilty of concealment of birth. Sentence: Bound to the court in sum of £20, good behaviour and keep peace for 2 years, and go under the control of Mrs H____ W____ and stay with her for a period of 12 months from this date at Bethany House, Blackhall Place, Dublin. 28. June 1929

C.C.C. Monaghan. 19 June 1933. # 1. A.G. v. M____ A____ K____. Murder. 22 April 1933 Month of May 1929 murdered her unnamed male child. Plead not guilty on 3 July 1933, Plead guilty of concealment of birth. Sentence: Record imprisonment for 6 months, suspended, enter her own recognizance in amount of £10, good behaviour and keep peace for 12 months from 6.7.33, and go to Our Lady's Home, Henrietta Street, Dublin for 12 months from 6.7.33.

C.C.C. Offaly. 29 Nov. 1927. # 1. A.G. v. M____ B____. Murder. 9 Sept. 1927 murdered an unnamed male infant. Plead not guilty to Murder. Plead guilty of concealment of birth- 16.12.27. Sentence: Record sentence of 6 months imprisonment without H.L., and that She (M____ B____) do enter into her own recognizance £10, to enter High Park Convent Home Drumcondra and remain there for one year.

DEATH. C.C.C. Roscommon. 4 June 1929 # 1. A.G. v. M____ A____ K____. Murder. 2 March 1929 murdered an infant male child then recently born. Plead not guilty. Verdict: guilty (10 June 1929) Jury recommend the prisoner to mercy. Sentence: Execution, death by hanging, on Thursday 4th July 1929. Commuted to one of penal servitude for life by order of the Governor General on the advice of the Executive Council 14 June 1929. Letter on book.

C.C.C. Sligo. 20 Nov. 1928. # 1. A.G. v. A____ H____. Murder. 2nd April 1928 murdered an unnamed infant. Count #2- Murder. In 1925 on date unknown did murder an unnamed infant. Plead not guilty on both counts. Verdict: not guilty by direction.

C.C.C. Sligo. 18 Nov. 1930 # 1. A.G. v. E____ D____. Murder. Between 1 Dec. 1928 and 31 Oct. 1929 murdered an unnamed male child. Plead not guilty to Murder but guilty of concealment of birth 15 Dec. 1930. Sentence: Bound to the court in sum of £20, good behaviour and keep peace for 3 years, and further that she will go to the Bethany House at 23

Blackhall Place, Dublin and remain there and observe and submit to the discipline of said House for the period of 12 Calendar months at least. [Witness for the Defense: H____ W____ (Miss) Secretary of Bethany Home, 23 Blackhall Place, (Dublin Prison Gate Misson)- deposed that accused was of the Protestant religion and that in the event of His Lordship taking a lenient course the accused would be admitted to the house and kept there for 12 months.

C.C.C. Tiperrary. 19 June 1928. # 3&4. A.G. v. J____ L____. Murder. June 1 1928 murdered an unnamed female child of which M____ S____ had then recently been delivered. Count #2- Endeavouring to Conceal birth [State entered a Nolle Prosequia on this bill]. Plead not guilty of murder but guilty to manslaughter. Sentence: 3 years penal servitude.

C.C.C. Tiperrary. 19 June 1928. # 5&6. A.G. v. M____ S____. Murder. June 1 1928 murdered an unnamed female child of which she had then recently been delivered. Count #2- Endeavouring to Conceal birth [State entered a Nolle Prosequia on both bills dated 17/7/28].

C.C.C. Tiperrary. 19 Feb. 29. # 1. A.G. v. B____ F____. Murder. 6 Jan. 1929 murdered an unnamed male child of which she had then recently been delivered. Pleads not guilty to Murder, but guilty to manslaughter. Sentence: Discharged with day.

C.C.C. Tiperrary. 18 Nov. 1930. # 1. A.G. v. M____ S____, otherwise called M____ O'B____. Murder. 26 Sept. 1930 murdered her unnamed female child. Plead not guilty of murder but guilty to manslaughter. Sentence: Enter her own Recognizance in £25, keep the peace and good behaviour for 3 years, and come up at any time to receive the sentence of the court.

C.C.C. Waterford. 9 June 1931. # 1. A.G. v. N____ H____. Murder. April 7 1931 did murder her unnamed male infant child of which she had then recently been delivered. Plead not guilty of murder but guilty to Concealment of the birth. Verdict: Not guilty of murder but guilty of concealment of birth by direction of the judge - 18 June 1931. Sentence-19.6.31- Out on her own recognizance, enter the Mary Magdalen Asylum Donnybrook the superioress of which asylum is willing to receive her. N____ H____ acknowledges herself bound in Recognizance £10, keep the peace and good behaviour for 2 years, remain at the Mary Magdalen Asylum Donnybrook Dublin for 2 years, 'and obey the orders and the regulations of the said asylum during said period'

Before Mr. Justice Meredith 1st Marcy 1932

The accused appeared on notice served on her by the Chief State Solicitor this day to show cause why she should not abide the sentence of the court she having by her conduct broken the terms of her Recognizance whilst an inmate of the St. Mary Magdalen Asylum Donnybrook Dublin.

The Court on hearing Mr. E. J. Kelly S.C. for the State ... and Mr. W. Walsh for the above named Asylum and the Accused statement from the Dock, Orders as follows: That she Nora Hannigan be transferred from the St. Mary Magdalen Asylum Donnybrook to the Magdalen Asylum Gloucester St. Dublin and that she do remain therein for two years from this 1st March 1932 and that she do enter into her Own Recognizance in £10 to abide the order of the Court this day made and to keep the peace for two years or in default to be and appear at this Court if called on to do so within 2 years to abide the further order of said Court. The Court imposes a

suspensary sentence of two years imprisonment with Hard Labour. Recognizance of Accused taken in open Court in £10 this 1st March 1932.

Central Criminal Court 13 June 1932.

By Mr. Justice O'Byrne. N____ H____ appeared on Notice from the Chief State Solicitor to show cause why the suspensory sentence imposed by Mr. Justice Meredith on 1 March 1932 should not be put in force against her. After calling on the accused for an explanation of her conduct Mr. Justice O'Byrne made the order that N____ H____ be imprisoned for two years with H.L. but that said sentence be completed from 18 June 1931.

Letters attached, including one from M____ McB____ (?), Sisters of Charity, St. Mary Magdalen, Donnybrook, Dublin date 17 Feb. 1932 to The County Registrar, the Court House, Green Street Dublin: "I regret to say, N____ H____ – who was committed to above named House 19 June 1931 has broken the "orders and regulations" of this Asylum, she has also broken the peace by endangering the life of one of its inmates –on more than one occasion. We cannot be accountable for the said N____ H____, and would deem it a favour on yur part to have her removed without delay.

DEATH; C.C.C. Westmeath. 29 Nov. 1927 # 1. A.G. v. E____ H____. Murder. 21 Aug 1927 murdered her unnamed male child. Plead not guilty of murder. Verdict: Guilty of Murder with a strong recommendation to mercy. Sentence: Death Sentence by hanging, Tuesday, Jan 10 28. Death Sentence commuted to one of penal servitude for life, Dept. of Justice notified on behalf of the Governor General acting on advice of Executive Council – 19 Dec. 1927.

C.C.C. Westmeath. # 1. A.G. v. K____ M____. Murder. Between Jan 8 and Jan 18 1930 murdered a female child. Count 2 – murder, murdered a second female child. Plead not guilty. Verdict: Guilty on both counts but insane at time of committing the offences – 25/2/1930. Detained in strict custody awaiting the pleasure of his excellency the Governor General

C.C.C. Wexford. 20 Nov. 1928. # 1. A.G. v. P____ C____. Murder. 5 May 1928 murdered her unnamed female infant of which one M____ C____ had then recently been delivered. The State enter a Nolle Prosequi on this bill 10.12.1928.

C.C.C. Wexford. 20 Nov. 1928. #2. A.G. v. M____ D____. Murder. 3(?) May 1928 murdered her unnamed female infant of which one M____ C____ had then recently been delivered. Plead not guilty to murder but guilty to manslaughter. Sentence: 12 calander Months imprisonment.

DEATH; C.C.C. Wexford. 4 June 1929 # 1. A.G. v. C____ A____. Murder. Between 30th March 1929 and 17 April 1929 murdered her female infant to which she had recently given birth. Plead not guilty of murder. Verdict: Guilty of Murder with a strong recommendation to mercy. Sentence: Death Sentence by hanging, Tuesday, 23 July 1929. Death Sentence commuted to one of penal servitude for life, Dept. of Justice notified on behalf of the Governor General acting on advice of Executive Council.

C.C.C. Wicklow 4 June 1929. # 1. A.G. v. G____ M____. Murder. 19 Marcy 1929 murdered her unnamed male child. Plead not guilty of murder. Verdict: Not guilty. Accused discharged 7/6/1929.

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C.C.C. 7 Feb. 1928 to 5th Nov. 1943 [1D 24 129]

CCC. City of Dublin, 19 Feb 1929, Indictment No. 1. — A.G. v M____ A____ S____, On 17th January 1929, did murder A____ S____ her infant daughter. Pled not guilty, 22.2.29. Verdict. Not guilty, 7.3.29. Discharged 7.3.29.

CCC. City of Dublin, 26 May 1932, Indictment No. 3. — A.G. v E____ P____, On date unknown in month of Dec. 1931 murdered an unnamed infant child. Count No. 2. Endeavouring to conceal birth contra sec. 60. Offences against the Person Act 1861. E____ P____ on a date unknown in the month of December, 1931, in City of Dublin endeavoured to conceal the birth of a child of which she had been then recently delivered by secretly disposing of the dead body of the said child. Pled not guilty to murder but guilty to manslaughter. Sentence: Held over in Mountjoy Prison until tomorrow morning, 14 June 1932 and that she then be delivered over to Miss O'Brien (Probation Officer) and that she will proceed with said probation officer to the Good Shepherd Convent at Limerick and remain therein for a period of 18 calendar months. Good behaviour, Keep the peace for 3 years.

C.C.C. City of Dublin, 14 Nov. 1932. #2 — A.G. v M____ D____, 28 June 1933 murdered her unnamed male child. Not guilty. Put back. Not guilty. Discharged from Custody. 23.11.33.

C.C.C. City of Dublin, 14 Nov. 1933. #7 — A.G. v M____ E____ B____, 14 Nov. 1933 murdered her unnamed male child aged 10 days. Guilty of Manslaughter, 1.12.33. Sentence: Imprisoned for 18 months with hard labour.

File. C.C.C. City of Dublin, 27 Feb. 1934. #2. — A.G. v. B____ McG____ (aged 21 years). 27 Nov. 1933 murdered the unnamed female child of said B____ McG____. 2nd Count. Concealing a birth. Pled not guilty on both counts. Verdict guilty on count 2. Sentence: Released from custody. Entered into her own recognisance in amount of £10 and will keep the peace and good behaviour for 3 years. Witness Statement: 13 Nov. 1933 —Bridewell Station. "I have nothing to say" B____ McG____, 122 Leix Road, Cabra.

File CCC. City of Dublin, 27 February 1934, Indictment No. 3. — A.G. v M____ R____, 27 Nov. 1933 murdered the unnamed male child of said M____ R____. Count. #2. Abandoning a child, Count # 3- Cruelty to child contra Section 12 (1) Children's Act, 1908. Plead not guilty on 1, guilty on 2 & 3. Sentence: Own Recognizance of £10, keep peace and good behaviour for 3 years. Enter the Sacred Heart Home, Henrietta Street, Dublin and remain for 12 months. Witness Statement: 8 Dec.. 1933. "I have nothing to say" M____ R____. Copy of earlier statement

File C.C.C. City of Dublin, 11 June, 1934. #1. A.G. v. E____ McA____, 5 June, 1934, murdered her newly born female child. Not Guilty to Murder, Guilty to Concealment of a birth. Sentence: 6th July 1934. Own Recognizance of £10, keep peace and good behaviour for 2 years. ... 'that the accused go and place herself in the care of the Nuns in Henrietta Street and obey the orders of the nuns for a period of 12 months from this date and record a sentence of 6 calendar months with HL in default of above. [Copied statement]

C.C.C. City of Dublin, 14 January, 1941. #1. A.G. v. B____ B____, Murder. 28 November 1940 murdered her unnamed male infant child. Not Guilty to Murder, Guilty to Manslaughter. Sentence: Record a suspensory sentence of 12 months, not to be enforced if the accused go to High Park Convent, Drumcondra for 12 months. Own Recognizance of £10, keep peace and good behaviour for 2 years. Prisoner discharged and handed over to Mrs. Bridgit Murphy, Probation Officer this 31.1.1941.

File C.C.C. City of Dublin, 22 April 1941. #1. A.G. v. M____ M____, 15 Feb, 1941, murdered an unnamed infant child of which she had recently been delivered. Not Guilty to Murder, Guilty to Manslaughter. Sentence: 25 April, 1941. Sentence of 2 years imprisonment with H.L. be recorded, not to be enforced if she enters into her own Recognizance in £10, keep peace and good behaviour for 2 years. Immediately enter and remain in High Park Convent Drumcondra for 2 years.

C.C.C. City of Dublin, 13 Oct. 1941. #?. A.G. v. E____ R____, 26 April, 1941, murdered her unnamed male infant. Not Guilty to Murder, Guilty to Manslaughter. Sentence: Record sentence of 1 year imprisonment suspended on her entering into High Park Convent Drumcondra for 1 years.

File C.C.C. City of Dublin, 2 Feb. 1941. #1. A.G. v. A____ T____, 18 Oct. 1941, murdered her newly born female child to which she had given birth. Not Guilty to Murder, Guilty to Manslaughter. Sentence: To be imprisoned for six calendar months without H.L. from 18 march 1942.

File C.C.C. City of Dublin, 2 Feb. 1942. #2. A.G. v. M____ E____ T____, 27 Dec. 1941, murdered her unnamed female infant child. Not Guilty to Murder, Guilty to Manslaughter. Sentence: Recognizance of £10. Keep peace and good behaviour for 18 months. Go to gloucester Street Convent for like period and to obey the rules and regulations of that institution.

File. C.C.C. City of Dublin, 15 Nov. 1943. #1. A.G. v. M____ C____, 24 May, 1943, murdered an unnamed infant of unknown sex. Not Guilty to Murder, Guilty of Concealment of a birth of a dead child. Sentence: Record sentence of 2 years imprisonment with hard labour, suspended on her entering into her own recognizance in amount of £25, keep the peace and good behaviour, and enter High Park Convent Whitehall (?) for 3 years.

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C.C.C. 4th Nov. 1933-22nd. Apr. 1941

C.C.C. Cavan, 27 Feb. 1934 #1. A.G. v. M____ K____ F____. 16 Dec. 1933. Murdered an unnamed child whereof the said M____ K____ F____ had recently been delivered. Count #2. Concealment of a birth. Plead not guilty. Verdict: Not guilty. Accused was discharged, 12.3.34.

C.C.C. Cavan, 24 June, 1935. #1. A.G. v. A____ C____. 8 June 1935 murdered her unnamed male child. Plead not guilty. Verdict: Jury disagreed. Put back and trial postponed til next sitting.

12 Nov. 1935. #1. A.G. v. A____ C____. Pleads not guilty to murder but guilty to manslaughter. Plea accepted. Sentence: to be imprisoned for 9 cal months from 18.6.35.

C.C.C. Cavan. 19 Oct. 1937. # 1. A.G. v. K____ R____. Murder. 24 June 1937 murdered M____ P____ R____. Plead not guilty to murder, Plead guilty to Manslaughter. Plea accepted. Sentence 12.11.37: Own Recognizance on £10, keep the peace and good behaviour for 12 months, immediately enter Convent of the Sisters of Charity, St. Mary Magdalen s, Donnybrook, Dublin and remain there for 12 Months.

C.C.C. Cavan. 27 May, 1940. #1. A.G. v. M____ R____. 9.1.40 murdered her unnamed female infant. Not guilty to murder but guilty to manslaughter. Record 18 months imprisonment not to be enforced if, Own Recognizance of £25, keep the peace and good behaviour for three years, immediately enter the Home of St. Marys Donnybrook Dublin and remain there for 3 years.

C.C.C. Cavan. 19 Nov. 1940. #1. A.G. v. J____, J____ B____ and A____ B____. 29.6.39 murdered P____ D____, a child then lately before born of the said J____ B____. Conspiracy to murder, Count 2. Murder. Not guilty to 2nd Count. Guilty on first. Sentence: 3 months suspended, Own Recognizance of £25, keep the peace and good behaviour for three months.

C.C.C. Clare. 14 Nov. 33. #1. A.G. v. N____ McI____ (senior), M____ McD____, and N____ McI____ (junior). Count 1: Murder, Count 2, Conspiracy to commit murder, Count 3: Endeavouring to conceal birth, count 4 Conspiracy to conceal birth. 8 July 1933 murdered unnamed female infant of N____ (jr). Not guilty to murder. N____ Sr. guilty on 3rd count, Discharged N____ jr, not guilty on any count. Jury recommend N____ sr to mercy. Sentence: N____ McI____ Senior imprisoned for 2 months. M____ McD____, counts 1 and 3, plead not guilty, Verdict Not guilty. Discharged 28.11.33.

C.C.C. Clare. 19 Nov. 1934. #1. A.G. v. T____ C____. 14.10.34 murdered her unnamed female infant child. Not guilty to murder but guilty to concealment of a birth, accepted. Own Recognizance of £25, enter the Home at Henrietta Street and will remain there until her marriage to M____ G____ is solemnized, whereupon she will be discharged from said house.

C.C.C. Cork. 15 Nov. 1938. #1. A.G. v. B____ D____. Murder: 10 May 1938 murdered her unnamed female infant. Not guilty to murder but guilty to manslaughter. Own Recognizance of £10, immediate enter the Madfalen Home under the care of the Sisters of Charity, St. Vincent's Convent, St. Mary's Road Cork for one year, keep the peace and good behaviour

C.C.C. Cork. 18 April 1939. #1. A.G. v. P____ and N____ S____. Murder. B/t 13 and 24 January, 1939 murdered K____ S____ [?is this an infant?] Not guilty to murder but guilty to manslaughter. Plea accepted. Sentence: P____, 3 years penal servitude, N____, Record 12 months imprisonment with H.L., suspend Own Recognizance of £25, keep the peace and good behaviour for four years,

C.C.C. Cork, 14 Jan. 1942. #1. A.G. v. E____ M____. 18 September 1940 murdered J____ F____ M____. Not guilty to murder but guilty to manslaughter(INFANT?). Record 2 years imprisonment, Suspend Own Recognizance of £10, keep the peace and good behaviour for two years, immediately enter St. Patrick's Refuge, Dun Laoghaire under the care of the Sisters of Mercy and remain there for 2 years

C.C.C. Donegal. 19 Oct. 1937. #1. A.G. v. E____ A____. Murder. 3.10.37 murdered her unnamed female child. Not guilty to murder but guilty to concealment of a birth. Own Recognizance of £10, keep the peace and good behaviour for two years, immediately enter Bethany Home, Orwell Road, Rathgar for period of three years "and if after the expiration of two years detention therein the medical officer of such House shall consider her fit for discharge therefrom she may be discharged and the period of detention shortened. Reojice in £10 of W. A____ taken as surety for the accused and undertakes to pay £26 to the authorities of the said House.

[Reogce? Abbrev. For Recognicance?]

C.C.C. Donegal, 19 Nov, 1940. #2. A.G. v. M____ McB____. Murder. 29 Aug. 1940 murdered her unnamed female child. Not guilty to murder but guilty to manslaughter. Record 18 months imprisonment, Suspended, Own Recognizance of £10, keep the peace and good behaviour for tw0 years, immediately enter High Park Convent Drumcondra Dublin 18 months

C.C.C. Dublin. 24 Jne 1935 #1. A.G. v. S____ D____. Murder. 12.5.35 murdered her unnamed male infant. Not guilty plea, Verdict Not Guilty. Discharged 15.7.35.

C.C.C. Dublin. 26 April 1938. #1. A.G. v. M____ M____. Murder. 27.9. 39 murdered her unnamed male child. Not guilty to murder but guilty to manslaughter. 12 Months imprisonment, Suspended, Own Recognizance of £25, keep the peace and good behaviour for two years, immediately enter St. Mary's Refuge, Dun Laoghaire for 2 years. Also charge separately with Concealing Birth, Nolle Prosequi entered 2.5.38.

C.C.C. Dublin. 26 April 1938. #3. A.G. v. L____ B____. Endeavouring to Conceal Birth, 27.9. 39 –disposing of body of child of M____ M____. Plea Guilty. Imprisoned for 6 months with Hard Labour.

C.C.C. Dublin, 22 April 1941. #2. A.G. v. M____ L____. Murder. 29 April. 1941 murdered an unnamed male child of which she had recently been delivered. Not guilty to murder but guilty to manslaughter. Plea Accepted. Record 2 years imprisonment, Suspended, Own Recognizance of £20, immediately enter the Convent of Hour Lady of Refuge, Gloucester Street, Dublin for 2 years.

C.C.C. Galway. 22 April, 1941. #1. A.G. v. B____ C____. Murder. 27 Jan. 1941 murdered an unnamed male child of which she had recently been delivered. Not guilty to murder but guilty to manslaughter. Sentence: Own Recognizance of £10, keep the peace for 2 years, immediately enter Henrietta Street Convent for 2 years

C.C.C. Galway. 22 April, 1941. #2. A.G. v. M____ K____ and K____ K____ (ENTERED IN IRISH ON PREVIOUS PAGE]. Murder. 22 Feb. 1941 murdered the newly born female infant of the said M____ K____. Count 2. Conspiracy to Murder. M____ Pleaded Not guilty to murder but guilty to manslaughter. Nolle Prosequi subered in the case of K____ and discharged on 13.5.41. Sentence on M____ Record 3 years penal servitude, suspend. Own Recognizance of £20, keep the peace for 3 years, immediately enter the Convent at Henrietta Street for 3 years

C.C.C. Kildare. 14 Nov. 1933. #1. A.G. v. M____ W____. Murder. Between 26 June 1933 and 12 July 1933 did murder an unnamed infant. Not guilty to murder but guilty Concealing a birth, Accepted. Sentence: Imprisoned for 12 Months from date of arrest, 13.7.33.

C.C.C. Limerick. 19 March, 1935. #1. A.G. v. M____ O'D____. Murder. Between 1 Sept. 1934 and 15 January, 1935 murdered an unnamed female child of which she had recently been delivered. Not guilty to murder but guilty to manslaughter. Sentence: Own Recognizance of £10, keep the peace and good behaviour for 3 years, released for Court and handed over to her father who was in attendance in Court, 1.4.35.

C.C.C. Limerick. 24 June 1935. #1. A.G. v. K____ K____ (Aged 35 Years). Murder. 21 March 1935 murdered her unnamed female infant child. Not guilty to murder but guilty to manslaughter. Sentence: 6 months imprisonment with Hard Labour.

C.C.C. Limerick. 24 June 1935. #2. A.G. v. B____ B____. Murder. 16 June 1935 murdered her unnamed male infant child. Not guilty to murder but guilty to manslaughter. Sentence: Record Sentence of 3 months, Suspend. Discharged on her Own Recognizance of £25, keep the peace for 1 years, and undertaking to go back to Limerick today and to go to the Legion of Mary Hostel, Limerick and remain there for three months. Fare back to Limerick paid.

C.C.C. Limerick. 21 April 1936. #1. A.G. v. E____ D____ (41 years of age, widow). Murder. 19 Feb. 1936 murdered her unnamed male child. Not guilty to murder but guilty to manslaughter. Sentence: To be imprisoned for 12 months with hard labour.

C.C.C. Limerick. 10 Oct. 1937. A.G. v M____ M____. [Charge of Murder, State entered a Nolle Prosequi on 4.11.37] Endeavouring to Conceal a Birth, on 8.4.37 endeavoured to conceal a birth of which she had been delivered by secretly disposing of the dead body of the child. Plead guilty. Sentence: Own Recognance in £20 to keep peace and good behaviour for 2 years, now enter the Convent of the Sisters of Charity at Henrietta Street, Dublin for 12 months.

C.C.C. Limerick. 19 November 1940. #1. A.G. v. B____ C____. Murder. 4 June 1940 murdered her unnamed female child. Not guilty to murder but guilty to manslaughter. Sentence: Record 18 months imprisonment, suspended. Own Recognance of £10, keep the peace for 2 years, immediately enter Henrietta Street Convent for 18 Calander months

C.C.C. Longford. 18 April 1939. #1. A.G. v. B____ C____. Murder. 17 Dec. 1938 murdered an unnamed female infant. Not guilty to murder but guilty to manslaughter. Sentence: Record Imprisonment of 2 years with hard labour, Suspend, Own Recognance of £10, keep the peace for 2 years, enter and remain in the St. Mary Magdalen Asylum, Donnybrook for 2 years

C.C.C. Longford, 27 May, 1940. #1. A.G. v. M____ E____ G____. Murder. 13 Dec. 1939 murdered her unnamed male infant. Not guilty to murder but guilty to manslaughter. Sentence: Record sentence of 6 months imprisonment, Suspend. Own Recognance of £25, keep the peace for 12 months, immediately enter Our Lady's Home, Henrietta Street, Dublin for 12 months ... "and her father J____ G____ of ____ Co. Longford also binds himself in the sum of £25 as surety for the performance of the said M____ E____ G____ of the conditions imposed on her by the Recognance which she has entered into this day.

C.C.C. Louth. 27 Feb. 1934. #1. A.G. v. M____ F____. Murder. 8 Feb. 1934 murdered the unnamed male child of the said M____ F____. Count 2, Endeavouring to Conceal birth, Count 3 Abandoning a child, Count 4 Cruelty to a child. Nolle Prosequi on 2, 3,4. Not guilty to murder but guilty to manslaughter. Sentence: To be imprisoned for 12 months suspended, keep the peace for 3 years. Mrs. A____ J____ B____, ____, Dundalk, Co. Louth appeared and undertook to the Court to take control of the accused if she were released and to keep her so long as she remained with her. Prisoner undertakes to keep the peace for three years.

C.C.C. Mayo. 19 March, 1935. #1. A.G. v. J____ M____ and D____ M____. Murder. Between 1 feb and 3 Feb 1935 murdered an unnamed male child of which the said De____ M____ had been delivered. J____ M____ Not guilty to murder but guilty to Concealment of a birth, Delia, not guilty to Murder but guilty to Manslaughter. Sentence: J____ M____ imprisoned for 2 months. D____ M____ sentenced to 9 months imprisonment.

C.C.C. Mayo. 21 April, 1936. #1. A.G. v. M____ D____ and M____ A____ D____. Murder. 273 March 1936 murdered an unnamed female infant child of the said M____ A____ D____. Both not guilty to murder but both plea guilty to concealment of a birth. Sentence: M____: Own Recognance of £25, keep the peace and good behaviour for 2 years, Sentence: M____ A____: Record sentence of 6 months imprisonment with Hard Labour, Suspend. Own Recognance of £25, keep the peace and good behaviour for 2 years, enter Henrietta Street Convent for 2 years

(from file not book) C.C.C. Mayo. 19 Oct. 1937. #1. A.G. v. M____ G____ F____.
Murder. 18 June 1937 murdered her daughter, M____ T____ F____. Deemed unfit for trial. Insane.

File. C.C.C. Mayo. 15 Nov. 1938. #1. A.G. v. C____ H____. Murder. 14 August 1938 murdered her unnamed male infant. Not guilty to murder but guilty to manslaughter. Sentence: Released on entering into her own Recognizance of £30, keep the peace and good behaviour for 3 years

C.C.C. Meath. 19 March 1935. #1. A.G. v. M____ S____. Murder. 24 Dec. 1934 murdered an unnamed male infant of which her daughter M____ S____ had been delivered. Bot Guilty Plea. Jury discharged and Accused put back in custody, 25.3.35 [Prosecution had not evidence to prove to the court that the accused had been charged before the District Justice with Murder of the Child.]

19 March, 1935. M____ S____. Murder (as above), Count 2, Endeavouring to Conceal birth – secretly disposing of the dead body of the said child. Pled not guilty to second count, 8.4.35. Verdict. Not Guilty, 8.4.35. Put back for another charge against accused. 11.4.35 Nolle Prosequi entered on application

C.C.C. Meath. 21 April 1936. #1. A.G. v. M____ S____. Murder. 9 or 10 Feb. 1936 murdered her unnamed female child. Not guilty to murder but guilty to concealment of a birth. Sentence: Record Imprisonment 12 months, Suspend, Own Recognizance of £10, keep the peace for 2 years, and go to the Henrietta Street Convent and remain there for two years

C.C.C. Monaghan. 11 June 1934. #1. A.G. v. B____ C____ C____. Murder. Between 25 and 28 Feb 1934 murdered her unnamed male child. Plead not guilty. Verdict: Not guilty of murder but guilty of manslaughter with a recommendation of Mercy. Sentence: To be kept in penal servitude for three years. Court of Criminal Appeal, Order made 31 July 1934, conviction quashed and the accused to be retried for Manslaughter at next meeting of ccc.

C.C.C. Monaghan. 19 Nov 1934. #1. A.G. v. B____ C____ C____. Manslaughter. Between 25 and 28 Feb 1934 murdered her unnamed male child of which she had been delivered. Plead not guilty. Verdict: Not guilty. Discharged 3.12.34

File Death: C.C.C. Monaghan. 15 Nov. 1938. #1. A.G. v. M____ S____. Murder. Between 11 July 1938 murdered an unnamed female child. Plead not guilty. Verdict: Guilty- Strongly recommended to mercy. Sentence:

The sentence and judgement of the court are and it is ordered and adjudged that you M____ S____ be taken from the bar of the court where you now stand to the Prison from whence you back came, and that on Wednesday the Seventh day of December in the Year of our Lord one Thousand Nine Hundred and Thirty Eight you be taken to the Commonplace of Execution in the Prison in which you shall then be confined and that you be then and there hanged by the next until you be dead, and that your body be buried within the walls of the Prison in which the aforesaid Judgement of Death shall be executed upon you.

[In red ink] Court of Criminal Appeal, By Order dated 8th December 1938. The Court Refused the Application of M____ S____ for leave to appeal and fixed the execution of the sentence as and for Friday the 23rd day of December 1938.

File C.C.C. Monaghan. 15 Nov. 1938. #2. A.G. v. B____ K____. Murder. 19 Aug. 1938 murdered her unnamed male infant child. Plead not guilty to Murder, Guilty to Manslaughter. Sentence: Own Recognizance in £10, keep the peace for 3 years, immediately place herself in the care of the Sisters of Charity at their Convent, Henrietta Street, Dublin for 2 years

C.C.C. Offaly. 14 Nov. 1933. #1. A.G. v. B____ McC____. Murder. 9 July 1933, murdered her unnamed female child. Plead not guilty to Murder, Guilty to Manslaughter, and accepted as such with strong recommendation to mercy. Sentence: To be imprisoned for 12 cal. Months from 14.11.33.

C.C.C. Offaly. 11 June 1934. #1. A.G. v. T____ M____. Murder. 30 April 1934 murdered her unnamed male child. Plead not guilty to Murder, Verdict of not Guilty. Discharged 20.6.34

C.C.C. Offaly. 12 Nov. 1935. #1. A.G. v. B____ McN____. Murder. Between 31 Aug. 1935 and 2 Sept. 1935 murdered an unnamed male infant of which she had then recently been delivered. Plead not guilty to Murder, Guilty to Concealment of a birth. Sentence: To be imprisoned for 3cal. Months from 8.10.35.

File. Death: C.C.C. Roscommon. 19 Mar. 1935. #1. A.G. v. E____ E____ and R____ E____. Murder. Between 15 Oct. 1934 and 30 Oct. 1934 murdered M____ T____ E____. Both Plead not guilty. Verdict Guilty, 28 March 1935. Sentenced to Death by hanging on Wednesday, 17 April, 1935. RED. Sentence Commuted to penal servitude for life.

C.C.C. Roscommon. 23 rd. January 1940. #1. A.G. v. A____ C____ K____. Murder. 23 Oct 1939 murdered an unnamed male infant of which she had then recently been delivered. Plead not guilty to Murder. Verdict not guilty, 25 Jan. 1940. Discharged.

C.C.C. Roscommon. 19 Nov. 1940. #1. A.G. v. M____ D____. Murder. 4 Oct. 1940 murdered M____ M____ D____ her female infant. Plead not guilty to Murder, Guilty to Manslaughter. Pea accepted. Sentence: Penal Servitude for four years.

C.C.C. Sligo. K____ A____ F____. 21 April 1936. #1. A.G. v. K____ A____ F____. Murder. Unknown date March 1936 murdered her unnamed male child. Plead not guilty to Murder. Verdict: Not Guilty direction by the judge, 26 May 1936.

C.C.C. Tipperary. 14 Nov. 1933. #2. A.G. v. M____ M____. Murder. 19 March 1933 murdered her unnamed female child. Plead not guilty to Murder. Verdict: Not guilty of murder, but guilty of manslaughter with recommendation of mercy owing to her imbalanced state of mind at the time, 29 Nov. 1933. Sentence: Imprisoned for 12 months with suitable labour.

C.C.C. Tipperary. 22 February, 1937. #3. A.G. v. M____ S____. Murder. Unknown date in Oct. 1936 murdered her unnamed female infant child. Plead not guilty to Murder, Guilty to Manslaughter. Sentence: Own Recognizance in £10, keep peace and good behaviour for 3 years, and come before the court at any time to fulfill sentence.

C.C.C. Tipperary. 26 April, 1938. #1. A.G. v. A____ J____. Murder. 23 Oct. 1938 murdered her unnamed female child. Plead not guilty to Murder Verdict: not guilty. Discharged 5 May 1938. Count 2, same date, Concealment of a birth – secretly disposing of the dead body of the child. Plead not guilty. A.G. enters a Nolle Prosqueui on 25 may 1938.

C.C.C. Tipperary. 16 Oct. 1939. #1. A.G. v. M____ O'B____. Murder. 4 May 1939 murdered her unnamed female infant child. Plead not guilty to Murder. Verdict: Not guilty by direction. 27 Oct. 1939. Discharged.

File C.C.C. Waterdford. 19 March 1935. #1. A.G. v. M____ O'T____, alias P____ O'D____. Murder. Between 2 Jan. 1935 and 18 Feb. 1935 murdered an unnamed male child of which she had recently been delivered. Count 2: Endeavouring to Conceal birth – secretly disposing of the dead body. Plead not guilty to Murder, Guilty to Manslaughter. Sentence: 5 Apr. 1935 – Allowed out on a gressing to enter Henrietta Steet for one year, Own Recognizance in £10, keep peace and good behaviour for 3 years. Accused left court with Probation officer to enter the convent.

C.C.C. Waterford. 3 Nov. 1936. #1. A.G. v. K____ D____. Murder. Unknown date between 25 Sept 1936 and 2 Oct. 1936 murdered K____ D____ her female infant child. Plead not guilty to Murder, Verdict: Not guilty, 18 Nov. 1936. Discharged.

C.C.C. Wicklow. 22 February, 1937. #1. A.G. v. K____ K____. Murder. 22 Sept. 1936 murdered her unnamed female child. Plead not guilty to Murder, Guilty to Manslaughter. Sentence: Released on her Own Recognizance in £20, keep peace and good behaviour for 3 years, and place herself under the care of the Sisters of Charity at the Convent Henrietta Street Dublin and remain there for 12 months.

C.C.C. Wicklow. 16 Oct. 1939. #2. A.G. v. M____ McC____. Murder. 11 Sept. 1939 murdered her unnamed female child. Plead not guilty to Murder, Guilty to Concealment of a birth, Plea accepted. Sentence: Released on entering into her Own Recognizance in £25, keep peace and good behaviour for 2 years, and in default to be imprisoned for 12 months, and also to go to High Park Convent Drumcondra for 2 years

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C.C.C. 13 October 1941-31st December 1945 [1D 27 1]

CCC. Carlow, 19 June 1944, Indictment No. 1. — A.G. v N____ B____, On 27th day of May, 1944, Murder of un-named infant of which she had then been recently delivered. Pass [Pose?] to Murder, but Guilty to Manslaughter. Plea accepted.

Sentence 28 June 1944. Accused acknowledged herself bound in the sum of £25.0 and that she keep the Peace and be of good behaviour for a period of 12 calendar months from this date, and that she enter St. Patricks Refuge, Dun Laoghaire forthwith, and remain therein for twelve months, and obey the rules and regulations of the said Institution, and to come up for sentence within the said period of 12 Months if called upon to do so.

CCC. Clare, 13 November 1945, Indictment No. 1. — A.G. v A____ B____, On 10th or 11th day of October, 1945, Murder of un-named female infant of which she had then been recently delivered. Pass [Pose?] to Murder, but Guilty to Concealment of a birth. Plea accepted.

Sentence 26 November 1945. Record sentence of twelve calendar months imprisonment suspended on accused entering into her own Recognisance in the sum of £10.0 .0. to keep the Peace and be of good behaviour for a period of 12 calendar months and further that accused shall this day enter Our Lady's Home, Henreitta St. Dublin and remain therein for 12 months from this date, and during her residence in the said Institution she shall obey the Rules and Regulations of said Institution , and if accused breaks the terms of the above Recognisance, she shall undergo the above recorded sentence.

CCC. Cork, 18 June 1944, Indictment No. 1. — A.G. v M____ H____, On 20th day of April, 1944, Murdered her newly born female child. Pass [Pose?] to Murder, but Guilty to Concealment of a birth. Plea accepted.

Sentence 23 rd June 1944. Accused acknowledged herself bound in the sum of £25.0 and that she keep the Peace and be of good behaviour for a period of 12 calendar months from this date, and that she enter the Henrietta Street Convent forthwith, and remain therein for twelve months, and obey the rules and regulations of the said Institution, and to come up for sentence within the said period of 12 Months if called upon to do so.

CCC. Cork, 13 Nov. 1945, Indictment No. 2. — A.G. v N____ O'S____. 27 Sep. 1945, Murdered an un-named infant child of which she had then been recently delivered. Pass [Pose?] to Murder, but Guilty to Concealment of a birth. Plea accepted.

Sentence 30 Nov. 1945. Adjourned. 7Dec. 1945. Suspend Sentence. Accused allowed out on entering into her own Recognizance in the sum of £10.0 .0. the condition being that she will appear at the next sitting of the Central Criminal Court, if called upon to do so, to receive the sentence of the court and to keep the Peace and be of good behaviour towards all the People of Ireland meanwhile.

19th January 1946 N____ O'S____ married to E____ W____ on this date. Extract from the Marriage Registry of the Parish of ____ (?) on file.

CCC. Donegal, 15 Nov. 1943, Indictment No. 1. — A.G. v A____ Do____. 27 April 1943 Murdered her unnamed male infant. Pass [Pose?] to Murder, but Guilty to Manslaughter. Plea accepted.

Sentence 3 Dec. 1943. 3 years penal servitude. Suspended. Own recognizance £25, Keep peace and good behaviour and 12 Months Gloucester St Convent.

File CCC. Dublin, 13 Oct. 1944, Indictment No. 1. — A.G. v C____ McB____. 29 April 1941 Murdered her unnamed female infant. Pleaded not guilty to Murder, but Guilty of Manslaughter. Plea accepted.

Sentence: 2 years penal servitude. Suspended. Own recognizance £25, Keep peace and good behaviour and 12 Months Good Shepherd Convent, Gloucester St. Dublin.

CCC. Dublin, 16 April 1945, Indictment No. 2. — A.G. v B____ C____. 2 March 1945 Murdered her unnamed female infant. Pleaded not guilty to Murder, but Guilty of Manslaughter. Plea accepted.

Sentence: 18 months with hard labour. Suspended. Own recognizance £25, Keep peace and good behaviour and 12 Months Our Lady's Home, Henrietta Street, Dublin. Accused handed over to Miss Carroll, Probation Officer.

CCC. Galway, 2nd Feb. 1942, Indictment No. 2. — A.G. v M____ R____. 6 February 1942 (dates???) Murdered an unnamed female infant of which she had been recently delivered. Pleaded not guilty to Murder, but Guilty of Manslaughter. Plea accepted.

Sentence: 2 years imprisonment. Suspended. Own recognizance £25, Keep peace and good behaviour and 18 Months Convent at High Park, Drumcondra, Dublin. Accused handed over to Miss Carroll, Probation Officer who undertook to see her safely into the said Convent.

CCC. Kerry, 19 June 1944. Indictment No. 1. — A.G. v J____ C____. 3 March 1944, Murdered an unnamed male infant of which she had been recently delivered. Pleaded not guilty to Murder, but Guilty of Manslaughter. Plea accepted.

Sentence: Own recognizance £25, Keep peace and good behaviour and 12 Months Convent at High Park, Drumcondra, Dublin.

CCC. Kildare, 9 June 1942. Indictment No. 1. — A.G. v J____ K____ McG____. 21 March 1942, Murder. Unlawfully killed an unnamed female infant of which she had been recently delivered. Pleaded not guilty to Murder, but Guilty of Manslaughter. Plea accepted. Sentence: 25 April 1942. Discharged on entering into her own recognizance £25, so come up for judgement at next sitting.

15 Nov. 1943. Discharge accused, Judge Haugh. Certificate of marriage dated the 16 April 1943. P____ G____ and K____ McG____.

CCC. Kilkenny, 19 Nov. 1942. Indictment No. 1. — A.G. v M____ R____. 27 Sept. 1942, Murder. Unlawfully killed an unnamed female infant of which she had been recently delivered. Pleaded not guilty to Murder, but Guilty of Concealment of a birth. Plea accepted. Sentence: Own recognizance £20, Keep peace and good behaviour for 18 months, and 18 Months Convent at Gloucester Street, Dublin. Accused handed over to Miss Elizabeth Carroll, Probation Officer who undertook to see her safely into the said Convent.

CCC. Kilkenny, 19 June 1944. Indictment No. 1. — A.G. v B____ O'D____. 24 March 1944, Murdered an unnamed female infant child. Pleaded not guilty to Murder, but Guilty of Concealment of a birth. Plea accepted.

Sentence: 23rd June 1944. Own recognizance £25, Keep peace and good behaviour for 2 years, and that she remain at home for the said period of 2 years and obey her father and mother and to come up to receive the sentence of the court within the said period of two years if called upon to do so.

CCC. Kilkenny, 11 Oct. 1944. Indictment No. 1. — A.G. v M____ T____ W____ and C____ W____. 22 Feb. 1944, Murdered the unnamed male infant of the said M____ T____ W____. M____ T____ - Pleaded not guilty to Murder, but Guilty of Concealment of a birth. Plea accepted. C____ - Pleaded not guilty to murder but guilty to manslaughter. Plea accepted.

Sentence-26th Oct. 1944: M____ T____ - Own recognizance £25, Keep peace and good behaviour for 2 years, and 2 Years at Henrietta Street Convent, Dublin. Handed over to Miss Carroll, Probation Officer.

Sentence-26th Oct. 1944: C____ W____. To be imprisoned for 18 calendar months from the 24 day of May 1944, -date of arrest.

CCC. Leitrim, 11 Oct. 1944. Indictment No. 1. — A.G. v M____ B____ B____. 17 June 1944, Murdered an unnamed male infant child. Pleaded not guilty to Murder, but Guilty to Manslaughter. Plea accepted.

Sentence: 26th Oct. 1944. Own recognizance £25, Keep peace and good behaviour for 2 years, 18 Months Henrietta Street Convent, Dublin. Accused handed over to Miss Carroll, Probation Officer.

CCC. Limerick, 13 Oct. 1941. Indictment No. 1. — A.G. v N____ O'C____. 2 July 1941, Murdered her unnamed male infant. Pleaded not guilty to Murder, but Guilty to Manslaughter. Plea accepted.

Sentence: 2 years imprisonment. Suspended. Own recognizance £25, Keep peace and good behaviour for 2 years, and on this day 31 Oct. 1941, enter St. Mary's Magdalen Asylum Donnybrook and remain there for 2 years.

CCC. Limerick, 16 Nov. 1942. Indictment No. 1. — A.G. v K____ L____. 3 Sept. 1942, Murdered her unnamed female infant of which she had been recently delivered. Pleaded not guilty to Murder, but Guilty to Manslaughter. Plea accepted.

Sentence: 11 Dec. 1942, Imprisoned for 1 year and 9 months, Suspended. Own recognizance £25, Keep peace and good behaviour for 2 years, and shall immediately enter St. Mary's Magdalen Asylum Donnybrook and remain there for 18 months. Bonded to the probation officer who undertook to see her safely into the said Institution.

CCC. Limerick, 15 Nov. 1943. Indictment No. 2. — A.G. v S____ M____. 29 Oct. 1943, Murdered her unnamed female infant. Pleaded not guilty to Murder, but Guilty to Manslaughter. Plea accepted.

Sentence: 3 Dec. 1943, Postpone sentence to next sitting of CCC. Accused allowed out.

15 January 1944: J____ J. P____ was married to S____ M____ on this date, at Church of St. Joseph, Limerick by Revd. John K. White. See Marriage Certificate on file. Discharged. (note dated 3.12.43 indicating impending marriage and promise of certificate being forwarded).

CCC. Louth, 19 June 1944. Indictment No. 1. — A.G. v M____ S____. 28 May, 1944 1942, Murdered her unnamed female infant child. Pleaded not guilty to Murder, but Guilty to Manslaughter. Plea accepted.

Sentence: 28th June 1944. Accused allowed out on entering into her own recognizance in the sum of £25, Keep peace and good behaviour for 2 years, and come up to receive the sentence of the Court within the said period if called to do so.

CCC. Mayo, 15 Nov. 1943. Indictment No. 1. — A.G. v M____ F____. 18 June 1943, Murdered her unnamed male infant. Verdict Insane, 15 Nov. 1943. Sentence: 15 Nov. 1943: To be kept in strict custody and taken care of until the pleasure of the Government be made known concerning her.

CCC. Meath, 13 Oct. 1941. Indictment No. 1. — A.G. v M____ C____. 17 Feb. 1941, Murdered her unnamed female infant. Pleaded not guilty to Murder, but Guilty to Manslaughter. Plea accepted.

Sentence: 31 Oct. 1941. Imprisoned for 1 year, Suspended. Own recognizance £25, Keep peace and good behaviour for 2 years, enter Henrietta Street Convent for 1 Year.

CCC. Meath, 15 Nov. 1943. Indictment No. 1. — A.G. v M____ G____. 8 July 1943, Murdered her unnamed female infant. Rearraigned on 30.11.43-Pleaded Guilty to Manslaughter. Plea accepted.

Sentence: 3 Dec. 1943, Imprisoned for 3 years penal servitude, Suspended. Own recognizance £25, Keep peace and good behaviour for 18 months, enter Henrietta Street Convent, Dublin and remain there for 18 months.

CCC. Meath, 18 April. 1944. Indictment No. 1. — A.G. v J____ E____. 10 Nov. 1943, Murdered newly born infant of E____ Q____. Pled not guilty to Murder, but guilty of manslaughter (by neglect). Sentence, 19 April 1944: Imprisoned for 12 months hard labour.

CCC. Offaly, 15 April 1943. Indictment No. 1. — A.G. v M____ K____. 12 January 1943, Murdered an unnamed male infant. Pled Not Guilty to Murder, Guilty to concealment of a birth. Plea accepted.

Sentence: 17 June. 1943, To be imprisoned for six calendar months from the 17th March 1943.

CCC. Roscommon, 15 Nov. 1943. Indictment No. 1. — A.G. v N____ C____. 24 Sept. 1943, Murdered her unnamed female child. Rearraigned on 2.12.43-Pleded Guilty to Manslaughter. Plea accepted.

Sentence: 3 Dec. 1943, Imprisoned for 3 years penal servitude, Suspended. Own recognizance £25, Keep peace and good behaviour for 12 months, enter St. Patrick's Refuge Dun Laoraighe and remain there for 18 months.

CCC. Sligo, 13 Nov. 1945. Indictment No. 1. — A.G. v J____ M____. 8 August 1945, Murdered her unnamed female infant of which she had been recently delivered. Not guilty to murder, Pleded Guilty to Manslaughter. Plea accepted.

Sentence: 13 Nov. 1945: Postpone Sentence. Own recognizance no amount, Keep peace and good behaviour for 2 years, enter Bethany Home, Orwell Road, Dublin and remain there for 2 years.

CCC. Tipperary, 16 Nov. 1942. Indictment No. 1. — A.G. v K____ O____. 21 July 1942, Murdered O____ O____. Not guilty to murder, Pleded Guilty to Manslaughter. Plea accepted.

Sentence: 7 Dec. 1942, Imprisoned for 2 years, Suspended. Own recognizance £25, Keep peace and good behaviour for 2 years, immediately enter the Convent at High Park, Drumcondra and remain their for 2 years. Accused handed over to Miss Elizabeth Carroll, Probation Officer who undertook to see her safely into the said Convent.

CCC. Tipperary, 15 Nov. 1943. Indictment No. 2. — A.G. v E____ Q____. 23 Sept. 1943, Murder. Unlawfully killed her unmaned female child. Pleded Guilty on 6 Dec. 1943.

Sentence: 8 Dec. 1943, Record 3 years penal servitude. Suspended. Own recognizance £25, Keep peace and good behaviour for 18 months, enter St. Partick's Refuge, Dun Laorghaire for 18 months.

17 Jan. 1944. Before Judge Haugh. Record 3 years penal servitude. Suspended. Own recognizance £25, Keep peace and good behaviour for 18 months, enter The Good Shepherd Convent, Limerick, and remain there for the balance of the 18 months imposed on her on the 8 Dec. 1943.

CCC. Waterford, 2 Feb. 1942. Indictment No. 1. — A.G. v N____ M____. 11 Nov. 1941, Murdered an unnamed female child of which one J____ M____ had then lately been delivered. Not guilty to murder, Pleded Guilty to Manslaughter.

Sentence: 10/2/42, Imprisoned for 9 cal months without hard labour. Stay of execution of sentence for three days from 10.2.42 to enable an appeal to be made to the Minister for Justice.

Sentence commuted and accused discharged by order of the Minister of Justice dated 12 Feb. 1942. See letter of Governor of Mountjoy.

CCC. Westmeath, 18 April. 1944. Indictment No. 4. — A.G. v J____ M____ and E____ K____. 8 Dec. 1943 JM and EK conspired together to murder the newly born infant of the said E____ K____. Case brought forward to Sitting of 11 Oct. 1944. No.2.

CCC. Westmeath, 11 Oct. 1944. Indictment No. 1. — A.G. v E____ K____. On a date unknown in the month of Dec. 1943 JM and EK murdered the newly born male infant of the said E____ K____. Retrial. 12 Oct. 1944 – Pled guilty to Manslaughter.

Sentence: Penal Servitude if 3 years from 12 Oct. 1944.

CCC. Wexford, 16 April. 1945. Indictment No. 4. — A.G. v M____ K____. 3 January. 1945 murdered her unnamed male child. Not guilty to murder, guilty to concealment of a birth. Plea accepted.

Sentence: 26 April, 1945. 12 months with hard labour. Suspended. Own recognizance £10, Keep peace and good behaviour for 12 months from 26.4.45, enter The Gloucester Street Convent, Dublin, and remain there for 12 months. Accused handed over to Miss Carroll, Probation Officer.

Central Criminal Court Trial Record Book

C.C.C. 11 February 1946-31 December 1954. V15 415

C.C.C. Limerick, February 1946, Case #1 — E____ Q____, Murder of M____ T____ Q____, Guilty of manslaughter, Suspended 5 year sentence of penal servitude, £10 keep the peace and good behaviour. Immediately enter The Good Shepard Convent, Limerick for 5 years.

C.C.C. Cavan, April 1946, Case #1 — A____ M____ R____, Murder of female child recently delivered. Guilty of manslaughter, £5, two years keep the peace, and immediately enter High Park Convent, Drumcondra, Dublin. 18 months. Probation Officer accompanied her there.

C.C.C. Sligo, June 1946, Case # 1— M____ E____ F____, Murder female child, Guilty of manslaughter. £10 peace and good behaviour for 18 months. Immediately enter Convent of the Sisters of Our Lady of Refuge, Gloucester Street for 12 Months.

C.C.C. Dublin, October 1946, Cases # 1 & 2 — M____ C____, Murder of female infant, 6 months suspended sentence, £20 good behaviour and keep the peace, and immediately enter Our Lady's Home, Henrietta Street, Dublin for 15 months or any institution she's transferred to.

C.C.C. Limerick, October 1946, Cases #1 & 2 — E____ McN____, Murder female infant, guilty to manslaughter, Suspended six month sentence. £20 peace and good behaviour.

Immediately enter The Convent of the Sisters of our Lady of Refuge, Gloucester Street, Dublin for 15 months.

C.C.C. Dublin, April 1947, Case # 1 — B____ McG____, murder of infant child, Guilty of manslaughter, Suspended 12 month imprisonment with hard labour, Own recognizance of £50, keep the peace and good behaviour for 2 years.

C.C.C. Donegal, June 1947, Case #1 — M____ C____, murder of male infant recently delivered, Guilty to manslaughter, Suspended 12 months, Own recognizance £20, two years good behaviour.

C.C.C. Cork, October 1947, Case #2 — M____ H____, Murder of female infant. Guilty of Manslaughter, £10, keep the peace 2 years, immediately enter The Good Shepard Convent, Limerick for 1 year there, or others she may be transferred to.

C.C.C. Donegal, October 1947, Case #1 — M____ McG____, Murder of male child P____ McG____, Guilty to Manslaughter, Penal servitude of 3 years.

C.C.C. Laois, October 1947, Case # 1 — M____ E____ C____, Murder of female infant, guilty to manslaughter, £10 keep the peace, good behaviour, 2 years.

C.C.C. Limerick, October 1947, Case #2 — K____ O'M____, Murder of male child recently delivered. Guilty of concealment of a birth. £10 good behaviour and keep the peace. Immediately enter The Good Shepard Convent Limerick, 1 year.

C.C.C. Limerick, February 1948, Case #1 — J____ O'S____, Murder of female child newly born. Guilty of manslaughter. Discharged. Not subject to any conditions whatsoever.

C.C.C. Mayo, February 1948, Case #1 — B____ F____ (25 years), Murder newborn female child, Guilty to manslaughter. 6 moths suspended. £10 peace and good behaviour. Immediately enter The Convent of our Lady of Refuge, Gloucester Street, Dublin for 12 months.

C.C.C. Roscommon, February 1948, Case #1 — M____ K____ M____, Murder female child (her sister's child), guilty of manslaughter. 6 months suspended sentence, but enter appropriate Mental Hospital for treatment of epilepsy.

C.C.C. Cork, June 1948, Case #1 — K____ M____ N____ (nee D____), Murder of male child, Guilty of manslaughter, 12 months suspended, released on her own recognisance, £10, 1 year keep the peace.

C.C.C. Laois, June 1948, Case #2 & 3 — K____ G____, Murder of unnamed infant delivered to J____ D____, pleaded guilty to two counts. Sentenced to 7 years penal servitude [9 counts of procuring miscarriage].

C.C.C. Dublin, October 1948, Case #1 — E____ O'C____, murdered male infant, P____ A____ S____, Guilty but with recommendation of Mercy, Death Sentence for November 17th, 1948 — Death sentence commuted to penal servitude for life.

C.C.C. Kilkenny, October 1948, Case # 1 — M____ McD____ (23 years), Murder of male infant recently delivered. Guilty of concealment of birth. Suspend 12 months sentence. £5 keep peace and good behaviour, and immediately enter Gloucester Street Convent, Dublin for 12 months.

C.C.C. Limerick, October 1948, Case #1 — M____ R____, Murder of male infant recently delivered. Guilty of concealment of birth, Suspended 12 month prison with hard labour. £10 keep the peace and good behaviour for 2 years.

C.C.C. Kilkenny, February 1949, Case #1 — J____ K____, attempted murder of J____ M____ Senior — 10 counts. Guilty of administering poison, £5 keep peace and good behaviour. Immediately enter Good Shepard Convent Limerick fo 12 months or any other institution to which she may be transferred.

C.C.C. Laois, July 1949, Case #1 — F____ C____, Murder of male infant, Guilty of manslaughter, £10 keep the peace and good behaviour, 2 years.

C.C.C. Laois, November 1949, Case #1 — F____ C____, Murder of R____ W____ C____, Guilty. Death sentence on December 14, 1949. Sentence commuted to Penal Servitude for life.

C.C.C. Offaly, July 1949, Case #1 — M____ J____ W____, Murder female infant, guilty to manslaughter. £10 keep the peace and good behaviour for 2 years. Immediately enter The Good Shepard Convent, Limerick for 12 months.

C.C.C. Tipperary, July 1949, Case # 1 — M____ M____ (19 1/2 years) [maid at Rockwell College], Concealment of a birth, infant recently delivered. Guilty. 1 year suspended to Mountjoy. £5 peace and good behaviour for 18 months. Immediately enter High Park Convent Drumcondra, Dublin for 1 year.

C.C.C. Tipperary, July 1949, Case # 2 — N____ M____ (17 1/2 years) [Maid at Rockwell College], Guilty to concealment of a birth. 1 year Mountjoy suspended, £5 peace and good behaviour. Immediately go to Sean Ross Abbey Convent at Roscrea, Co. Tipperary for 1 year.

C.C.C. Wexford, July 1949, Case # 1— J____ M____, Murder, male infant. Manslaughter with recommendations to Mercy. 18 months hard labour (from date of arrest).

C.C.C. Sligo, 15 November, 1949, Case #1 — F____ B____ (nee R____), Murder S____ R____, female infant. Church of Ireland. Verdict, Not Guilty. Discharged.

C.C.C. Wexford, November 1949, Case # 1 — R____ C____, unlawful carnal knowledge, T____ C____ (aged between 15 and 17 years) [gave birth at Sean Ross Abbey, Roscrea], Not guilty on 5 counts, discharged.

C.C.C. Kildare, February 1950, Case #1 — M____ and A____ C____, Murder of 9 day old infant, E____ C____. Both Guilty of manslaughter. 12 months imprisonment – Judge orderion prison altenative to look after health of M____ (?).

C.C.C. Wexford, February 1950, Case # 1 — M____ R____ (21 years), Murder, unnamed female child, Guilty to infanticide. £10 keep the peace and good behaviour for 12 months. Immediately enter The Good Shepard Convent, Waterford for 12 months.

C.C.C. 26 January 1953-31 December 1956. V14 I52

C.C.C. Carlow, January. 1953, Case #1 — A____ M____ murder of M____ M____ M____, Guilty of Infanticide. Suspended sentence of 18 months, £10 personal recognizance of 2 years.

C.C.C. Limerick, October 1953, Case #1 — M____ T____, Murder of female child. Indictment 1 and 2 Infanticide. Guilty. Released from Custody. Discharged.

C.C.C. Limerick, October 1953, Case #3 — N____ O'B____ and M____ O'B____, Murder of male child, Indictment #4, guilty of infanticide. Enter the Good Shepard Convent, 6-12 months of "as the Nuns may decide."

C.C.C. Kildare, Febuary 1954, Case #1 — M____ A____ S____, Murder of unnamed infant, Guilty of infanticide. Penal servitude of 3 years. 6 indictments. [6 counts of infanticide on 6 separate infants murdered by choking, and buried under the hen house floor]

C.C.C. Clare, February, 1955, Case #1 — C____ McC____ murder of infant B____ McCa____, Guilty of Infanticide. Discharged, £10 keep the peace, and 6 months to a year max in Ennis Dristrict Mental Hospital.

C.C.C. Dublin, October 1955, Case #2 — P____ O'S____, Murder of female infant. Guilty of infanticide, Penal servitude for 5 years.

C.C.C. Kilkenny, October 1956, Case #1 — M____ D____. Attempted Murder of J____ and M____ C____ and M____ J____ R____ by poison. Guilty, committed to Convent of Good Shepards, Limerick until 19.

C.C.C. Cases 1957-1961 – 1c I7 86

C.C.C. Dublin, November 1957, Case #2 — L____ M____, Guilty of Infanticide, 2 years suspended. [File Missing, referred to high/superior court?]

C.C.C. Cases 1962-63, up to 31 July, 1964, 1d 2146A

C.C.C. Dublin, May 1964, Case #7 — M____ (M____) R____, Murder, male infant. Guilty to Infanticide. 12 Months suspended sentence. £5 peach and good behaviour for 1 years. Immediately enter St. Mary Magdalene Convent, Donnybrook from 23 July, 1964 to 10 October, 1964.

Central Criminal Court, 26th January, 1953 – County of Carlow, Indictment Number 1

The People of the suit of The Attorney General versus A____ M____ (29yrs.)

Murder of M____ M____ M____ – Infanticide

-“did unlawfully, feloniously and with Malice aforethought Kill and slay one M____ M____ M____, of ____ Street, ____, Co. Carlow”

-Charged with Murder — 20 January, 1953

She gave three statements — three versions of the story — A, B, C

A) Married to J____ M____ for 4 years. Husband not at home for over 1 year. 3 children alive.

Fourth child born, Tuesday 21st October, 1952. Christened M____ M____ M____.

“The baby was strong enough but always whimpering,” – Child fed mixture of milk and water. 1:30pm yesterday (Sunday, November 2nd, 1952) I gave him his usual feed of milk and water. Checked him at 2:30pm. He was asleep then. ... I went up at 3:30pm again. I was going to wake him up for his feed and found him dead. He was in the same position then as when I saw him sleeping at 2:30pm.” – 3/11/1952

B) 3 bottles, 8:30am, 1:30pm, 2:30pm. “Water with a little dropping milk in it” – “Water and about two spoons of milk.” When I came down (2:30pm) he was sort of whinging. My mother went up to him. She said the teat was out of his mouth. Then I went up again about twenty minutes after, and he was crying a little bit and I put the clothes up on his little face. I was tormented. I did not know what I was doing because my husband denied he was the father of my child. I left (kept) the clothes on his little face and came down again and did not tell anyone. I went up again around half past three. I pulled down the clothes off the child’s face and saw it was dead. I came to the landing and told my mother the child was dead. I told her to tell Dr. Gavin.” 24/11/1952.

C) ... I didn’t see the child again until 2:30pm when it started to cry. I went to the child’s room for the bottle. The child was still lying on its left side. I took down the bottle and prepared the same quantity of milk and water as before (3 ounces of milk and water). I gave the bottle to the child. I came down to the kitchen where my mammy and my three children were. Some few minutes after I coming down to the kitchen, the baby started to whinge. My mother went up to the baby’s room. She returned to the kitchen in a few minutes. She said “the bottle was out of the baby’s mouth.” About ten minutes afterwards, I went up to the baby’s room. The baby’s bottle was still in his mouth and he was asleep. I could hear him breathing. I returned to the kitchen again where I remained until 3:15 or 3:30pm. I went up to the child’s room to look in on it. I found it dead. The bottle was in the baby’s mouth at this time and the baby was still lying on its left side. The blankets were across the child’s shoulders. I shouted down at my mother and told her that the baby was dead. I had to report it to Dr. G____” – 7/11/1952 (???)

Witnesses Statements – Depositions:

- M____ N____ – District Maternity Nurse of ____, Co. Carlow. – Attending Nurse at birth:

"During the time I was attending Mrs. M____ her health seemed to be quite normal, except during immediately before the birth she was rather hysterical." Dec.1, 1952.

- Dr. E. G____ – Local medical officer:

"I concluded that death was caused by asphyxiation. ... There was nothing abnormal about the accused's general maternity health, but she was in an unusually excited condition shortly before the birth of the child.

- Dr. M____ – Attended with Dr. G____ at Post-mortem:

"My opinion is that the cause of death was asphyxia." -- scars around the knees.

- J____ G____ of _____, Garda stationed in town on night of 2nd November, 1952.

"I went to the house of Mrs. B____ at _____ St., _____. I was admitted by Mrs. B____. Mrs. A____ M____ was sitting by the fire. Inquired about the death of the baby. ... Disparity between mother and daughter. ... I said that we would have to report the death to the Coroner to see if it would be necessary to hold an Inquest. Both Mrs. M____ and Mrs. B____ protested. Mrs. B____ asking, "what would they be holding an inquest on a child of a few days for, surely they don't think we killed it, what reason would we have to (sic?) the poor child." Mrs. M____ then said, "we didn't kill it anyway, we are not savages like that."

- A____ M____ examined by T.M____, M.B., D.P.M. Medical Officer, Mountjoy Prison, 13 February, 1953.

"There are no signs of mental derangement present and I consider she is able to instruct Counsel and is fit to plead. She is in satisfactory general health."... "She is slow in replying to questions and although she can read and write her educational standard appears a little below average. Her mood is one of suspicion and apprehension which may account, to some degree, for the apparent slowness in cerebration."

Sentencing: Suspended sentence of 18 months, £10 personal reconizance and keep the peace and good behaviour for two years.

Cnetral Criminal Court, April 1946, Cavan, Indictment Number 1

A____ M____ R____, Murder, Plea Guilty to Manslaughter

8 May 1946

Central Criminal Court ... 24th April, 1946

The People v. A____ M____ R____

I certify that the above named entered into a Recognizance in open Court this day in the sum of £5 that she would go to High Part Convent, Drumcondra, Dublin, and remain their for 18 months from that date and to obey the Rules and Regulations of the said Insitution.

IT WAS ORDERED BY THE COURT that the accused be taken charge of by Miss Elizabeth Carroll, Probation Officer, for the purpose of accompanying the accused to the said convent.

Clárathóir Chóndae.

— Circuit Court Office, Green Street, Dublin.

- Charged of Murder — on the 10th day of January 1946 in the County of Cavan. Murdered an unnamed female child of which she had been recently delivered.

- Literally did not understand that she was pregnant: "Then about half past eight on Thursday morning the 10th of January 1946 I was in the kitchen, when my baby was born. I was going to the table in the kitchen to get a drink of water. I took a terrible pain and my baby fell from my womb to the floor on its back. It cried for a couple of minutes. I lifted it in my arms, and I baptized it. I put a cloth around it but I held my hand to its mouth to keep it from crying first, I put the cloth around its mouth and body. I put it on fairly tight. It did cry a little after putting on the cloth. I took it outside, and it didn't cry anymore. I put it in a hold in A ___ Mc C ___ in ___.

Central Criminal Court — Committal Order

Fig. 12th. October, 1948. M ___ McD ___ – Murder, Custody, County Kilkenny.

Green Street

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

Central Criminal Court, 12th October, 1948

The People v. M ___ McD ___

I CERTIFY that the above-named entered into a Recognizance in open court this day in the sum of £5.0.0. binding herself to GLOUCESTER STREET CONVENT, DUBLIN and to remain there for 12 months from this date (or any other Institution to which she maybe transferred therefrom) and to obey the Rules and Regulations of the said Institution. It WAS ORDERED BY THE COURT that the Accused be taken charge of by Miss Elizabeth Carroll, Probation Officer, for the purpose of accompanying the Accused to the said Home.

DATED this 8th day of November 1948

CLARATHOIR CHONDAE

Central Criminal Court, 4th. July 1949 – The People v. M ___ J. W ___ (Custody)

M ___ J ___ W ___, Charged with Murder

Particulars of Offense: "M ___ J ___ W ___ on or about the 10th day of May, 1949 in the County of Offaly murdered an unmaned female infant.

Statement by M ___ J ___ W ___, 27 years, taken on 16/5/'49 at 12noon by Sgt. J ___ McT ___, ___, in Tullamore Hospital after caution.

"I have been cautioned by Srgt. McT ___ that I am not obliged to say anything unless I wish to do so and that anything I say will be taken down in writing and may be used in evidence. I am 27 years of age and resided with my parents* at ___, ___ up to Saturday the 7/5/'49. I remember (?) the 7/5/49. On that morning I gave birth to a baby at 10:30 am (old time). I knew I was pregnant but I did not think the baby would be born so early. From 1:30 am on that morning until the time the baby was born I was in pain and I knew then my baby was

going to be born. The baby was born in the bed, and I didn't want my father or mother to hear it crying. I decided to conceal it by putting it in a box, but before putting it into the box I squeezed it with my hands to choke it. After squeezing its neck it didn't cry and it was not crying when I put it* into the box. I didn't notice any injury on the child's neck after squeezing it, and I don't know what caused the cut on its neck except it might be my thumb nail. About 5 minutes after I put the child in the box my mother entered the room and up to then the child had not cried. The child cried then and my mother went to the box and found it. Mother took it out and put clothes around it and after giving it conditional Baptism she put it into the bed to me. It was crying very strong and I thought it was in pain and I looked at it and saw blood on its neck. I looked where the blood mark was and I saw* [p.t.o.] that the skin was tore across. My mother came in soon afterwards again and she saw the cut and she asked me if I did anything to it and I said I did not. I tried to breast-feed the baby on my mother's suggestion but the baby refused the breast and kept crying the whole time. After a couple hours Dr. H____ of Roscrea arrived and on his orders I was removed to Tullamore Co. Home where my baby died on Tuesday 10th May 1949.

I have heard this statement read over to me and I was asked to make alternations or corrections if I desired but it was correct.

Signed — M____ J____ W____

Witnessed by Sgt. J____ McT____ 16/5/49

[* = initialized J.M.W.]

Central Criminal Court, 12th October, 1948 - The People v. M____ McD____. Co. Kilkenny.

“Extract from the Medical Officer's Journal,” Mountjoy Prison, 17th September, 1948

“I have the honour to report that I have examined prisoner for trial M____ McD____. I examined her on August 1st and on subsequent dates.

I found her childish in manner, anxious to co-operate and she replied to questions willingly and without hesitation.

She is correctly orientated, but although she gives her age correctly, she cannot state the year in which she was born ... Her time was occupied working on the family's farm and any spare time she had she employed in knitting.

She gives an account of the birth of her child on 27th June last. Apparently she crept from her room in the early hours of that morning to an outhouse where after a final hours labour she gave birth to the child. She had experienced pains for some days in advance and these became more forcible and constant on the night of the 27th June. There was no other person present at the birth and her one fear, she states, was that her brother, T____, would hear the child cry and be angry with her for the trouble she has brought on the family.

From examinations it appears that this girl was completely ignorant of childbirth and also with some of the essential physical facts. For instance she knew nothing of the after-birth and it was only the presence of the protruding umbilical cord that induced her to send for a doctor. Such matters as haemorrhage, inability to deliver, difficult presentations etc. she had never heard of,

and her behaviour on that night is consistent with such gross ignorance. When asked why she never became acquainted with such matters she replied "I never asked anyone, I didn't like talking about it — my sister knows it all, much more than me," and no further explanation could be obtained from her.

In my view this girl is mentally immature and I regard her as being Mentally Defective."

Signed, T.M____, M.B. D.P.M.

Medical Officer

Mountjoy Prison

11th October, 1948

The Co. Registrar

Central Criminal Court, Dublin

Green Street

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN.

CENTRAL CRIMINAL COURT, 12TH OCTOBER 1948.

THE PEOPLE V. M____ MCD____

I certify that the above-named entered into a Recognisance in open Court this day in the sum of £5.0.0. binding herself to go to GLOUCESTER STREET CONVENT, DUBLIN and to remain there for 12 Months from this date (or any Institution to which she may be transferred therefrom) and to obey the Rules and Regulations of the said Institution.

IT WAS ORDERED BY THE COURT that the Accused be taken charge of by Miss Elizabeth Carroll, Probation Officer, for the purpose of accompanying the Accused to the said Home.

Dated this 8th day of November 1948.

CLARATHOIR CHONDAE

Central Criminal Court, 6th November, 1947. Country Donegal. The People V. M____
McG____.

Central Criminal Court.

Before Mr. Justice Haugh

Date:- 6th November, 1947

The People V M____ McG____ (26 years)

Indictment:- M____ McG____, about the 21st day of July, 1947, in the County of Donegal, murdered her male child, P____ McG____.

Accused pleaded not guilty of murder, but guilty to manslaughter.

Supt. W____ L____, examined by Mr. M____:-

3. And I think she went to the National School and subsequently stayed at home with her parents for a number of years? - She went to the National School until May, 1933. She was at the National School for about six years, and while there made no progress. The teacher who taught her thought she was of sub-normal intelligence and not capable of learning anything. I think myself she could not spell her own name.

Mr. Healy, S.C. for Accused: As your lordship heard, this girl is a bit sub-normal, and it was while as a migratory labourer in Scotland picking potatoes that she gave birth to her first illegitimate child. But her people are morally decent. Her mother sent her the money to come home, and she was subsequently married to a tinker. ...

Judge Haugh:- M____ McG____, I have considered this most distressing case, and these cases are not uncommon here; and the law endeavours to deal with each such case on its own merits. When unmarried mothers take the lives of their children at or about the time the child is born, great consideration is taken of the fact of the mother's condition at the time, and every allowance is made for it. Very often the mothers in such cases are sent to a Home on their own undertaking, and if not they are sent to prison. Unfortunately in this case, although I have a certain amount of sympathy for you, your child was ten days old when you took its life; and much as I would like, it is a feature that I cannot use in extenuation of your conduct. I recognize that you have two other children, one aged four and one aged two, and have been a good mother to them. I accept the evidence that you have done everything you could for them. But unfortunately you took the life of the third child. It was only at the last moment that you made up your mind on the way from the Home. I am afraid I cannot take the usual course of sending you to a Home to the Nuns, and taking everything I can into consideration I sentence you to three years' penal servitude.

C.C.C. Dublin, March 3rd, 1964. The People V. M____ R____.

The People -V- M____ (M____) R____

Exhibit No. 15.

Dublin District Court, Dundrum 10/4/64

Statement of M____ R____ taken at St. Brendan's Hospital, on 20/3/64 by Supt. J. P. McM____ and Supt. P. M____

I understand that I have been cautioned that I am not obliged to say anything unless I want to do so but whatever I say will be taken down in writing and may be given in evidence. I will tell the truth. I was (crossed out in pen and replaced with 'am') pregnant since July. On Tuesday morning 3rd March I stayed in bed all day. I was not feeling well and about half eleven went into bathroom. That was half eleven at night. I got a severe pain and I had the baby. I think I walked around the bathroom for a while and then I sat on the toilet. I stood up and the baby slipped into the toilet. At the time there was life in the baby. It just moved. I saw it bleed. I cut the cord and then immediately the after birth came. I took the baby out of the toilet and when the afterbirth came I flushed the toilet. At the same time the landlady was knocking at the door and then I don't know whether I got frightened — my mind went blank,

and I thought it would cry and I just got toilet paper and put it into its mouth. I cleaned the toilet. I came into my room, still hoping that the baby was alive. I left it under the bed — I put holy water on it before putting it under the bed. I went to bed then, and stayed sitting there until next morning — I did not sleep. The next morning the landlady brought me up my breakfast. I got up that Wednesday evening about half past two or three and I stayed up that night until half eleven. The next morning, Thursday I on my way to work I took the baby with me in the basket and I left it in the church. I went to work then. I went to work next day Friday again.

I have heard this statement read over to me and it is correct. I have no alteration I wish to make.

(M____ R____ declined to sign statement)

WITNESS: J.P. McM____, Supt.

DO. P. M____ SUPT.

20/3/64.

**Central Criminal Court, 1st June 1948. The People V Mrs. K____ G____, _____, Case # 3
J____ D____, Case #1 W____ B____**

Statement of Mrs. K____ G____, _____, _____, taken at the Garda Station, _____ on 24/2/48 by
D/Sgt. J. G____

... I wish to make a clean breast of things. My first case was J____ D____'s, B____, _____. About three years ago. It was Spring time. I was on my way to _____, when passing D____'s, J____ D____ told me that she was four months pregnant. She asked me for a dose to get rid of the baby, and I said I'd give her no dose but that if she liked I would open up the womb with a handle of a teaspoon, and if the parents consented. Both parents were there and they agreed. I open the womb that day with a spoon – teaspoon which brought on labor and I then left the house and said I would be back later. I went to D____'s hosue about 11 p.m. the same night. J____ was in bed and in labor. Her father and mother were in the kitchen. I did nothing to J____ that night. I remained in the room all night with her and about 7 a.m. on the following morning, J____ gave birth to a baby girl. The baby was alive and cried for ten minutes. I never got such a shock as J____ and her mother both told me there was not life in the baby. They ahd told me this before I used the spoon on J____ and I expected to see the baby born dead. I would judge the baby to be in or about six months old in my opinion. I baptised the baby with Easter water. I then just left it in the bed. When J____ heard the baby crying she said "smother the brat. I can't bear to hear it cry". I said "I will not smother it, I will not commit murder". I just left it to die of its own accord. The navel cord was not severed from the afterbirth and the child died after about ten minutes. I took the baby away form D____s and buried it under a rose bush in the front garden of my house at _____. There was a piece of cloth around the baby when I buried it. I took the baby form D____'s in an attache case. I kept an eye J____ D____ for a week afterwards and she got all right. Two days after the birth J____ D____'s mother gave me a pound for what I had done for J_____.

There is another case I would like to tell you about. It is about S____ F____, _____, _____. On Ascension Thursday three years ago after she following me several times and asking me to

give her something as she was two months pregnant and wanted to do away with her pregnancy. I consented on Ascension Thursday three years ago to do it. She called to P____s' at ____ Road and learned that I was gone to Mrs. P____'s house, ____ Road. She followed me there. I took her into a room and opened her womb with the handle of a teaspoon. She then went home. I met her afterwards and she told me the miscarriage had come. About four months later S____ F____ gave me one pound but I first had to write to her for it.

I also want to tell you about N____ P____ of the ____ road. I was just visiting her about three year ago and I told her about J____ D____'s case. N____ P____ told me that she was six months pregnant for a soldier and asked me to do something for her. I took her to a room in her house and opened he mouth of her womb with a teaspoon. I called the following week and N____ told me that it came away that night.

A short time after that I was staying at P____ and Mrs. P____ and J____ F____ called to see me. N____ P____ had tome them before hand that I could bring off abortions. N____ P____ introduced me to J____ F____, and J____ asked me to help her out. I asked her how long she was pregnant and she said eight months. I asked her if she felt life in the baby and she said she felt slight life. The same evening I injected the handle of a spoon into J____'s womb and opened the mouth, which was not a success as it did not bring on labor. The next day I went to see J____ at P____'s house at the ____ road. I tried again with the handle of the spoon and this time I was successful in bringing on labor. I went away and came back that night about 11 p.m. N____ P____ with with me. J____ was in heavy labor I remained with her all night. Mrs. P____ and N____ P____ stayed up all night with me. About 6 am in the morning I hae to help J____ to give birth to a baby. I pressed on her stomach and helped to relieve her at the passage. A deformed little baby girl was born with cloven hands and feet enlarged ears adna twisted face. It breathed after birth but made no sound. It opened its mouth a couple of times. Mrs. P____ Baptised it in the presence of myself and N____ P____. They were not in the room when the baby was born but I got such a fright when I saw it that I called them in. They baby only lived a second or two. There was barely time to Baptise it. I wrapped the dead body of the baby in an old cloth and put it behind the fire to burn. N____ P____ and I then left the house. When I preformed the first act for J____ at P____'s house she gave me two pounds. I visited J____ on and off until she was fully recovered.

About five months later J____ F____ called to my house at ____ and told me she was two months on. She asked me to do something for her. My daughter, A____, was with her when she called and A____ told me that Mrs. P____ had given her the bend that J____ had used the spoon on herself. On account of this I refused to have anything to do with he.

About two years ago G____ W____ came to my house and asked me if I could do something for Mrs. H____ as she was two months pregnant. Tow days later, G____ W____ and E____ H____ came to my house. I used the spoon on the H____ girl to open her womb. W____ gave me two pounds that evening and I did not see either of them again. About two years ago I heard that Mrs. H____ of ____ Road, ____ wanted to see me. I called to her house and and she told me that she was six weeks pregnant and asked me to if I could help her out. We went upstairs together and she laid down and I opened her womb with the handle of a teaspoon. The next day was Ash Wednesday and I called to see her on my way to ____ to see my daughter

J____. Mrs. H____ was not so well but told me everything was successful. She gave me 10/- for my service.

About eighteen months ago a girl called to me house at _____. I think she said her name was H_____ and told me that she was only two months pregnant. I could sworn she was three. She asked me to do something for her to get rid of her pregnancy. She said that she would drown herself if I didn't. I brought her to my house and opened her womb with the handle of a spoon. She promised to pay me two pounds and gave me 10/- that evening on account.

About two months afterwards I was in the town of _____ and I saw the girl that said her name was H_____. I made enquiries and learned that her name was J_____ McD_____, _____ Road. A couple of days later I wrote to her and gave out to her. She replied to my letter and enclosed 10/- and asked me to say nothing about it. Some time later I was again in _____ and this girl came up to me and told me that she did not like to give me her right name first time. She asked me not to divulge it to her people and that she would send me on another pound. She did write again twice and each time sent me 10/-.

Plenty have come to me since but I turned them away, I have made a resolution not to do anymore of these cases as they were worrying me.

I have heard this statement read over to me and it is true and voluntary. I have been invited to make any alterations or additions which I deem necessary but there are none I wish to make.

Signed. K_____ G_____
Witness. J. G_____, D/Sgt.
" O. B_____, Sgt
" D. McG_____. D/Gda
Concluded 4:15 p.m.

Central Criminal Court, Wexford, 4th July, 1949. The People V J_____ M_____

i) Extract from The Medical Officer's Journal of this Date (12th July 1949)- Mountjoy Prison.

... He is aware of the nature and gravity of the charge preferred against him and was able to give an account of the happenings of the evening of the tragedy. ... His educational standard is very low. ... In my view he is a man of low mental calibre, but I consider he is fit to instruct Counsel and is fit to plead. Signed- T.M_____, M.b., D.P.M.

ii) Statement of J_____ M_____, C/o J_____ Q_____, K_____, M_____, Co. Wexford, Taken by Inspector W. C_____, at W_____, on 16-5-49.

... I have been keeping company with Miss (F_____) B_____ for the past nine years. I have met her nearly every night during that period. I have had a snooze off her very nearly two or three times a week since I first got to know her. By snooze I mean putting my private part into hers. About a fortnight ago I noticed she was very full about the stomach and I asked her was she going to have child. She said where did I think it was or was it in her shoes. I didn't believe her. I knew there was something wrong with her. I knew I wasn't responsible for her

condition because I always withdrew before I discharged. [Sunday mass followed by hurling match] ... When we reached her home I went inside and F____ went up the fields. Mrs. McC____ and her son S____ were inside. Mrs. C____ asked me where was F____ and I said "she's out there". It was in or about half past seven o'clock at this time. I had my tea with the boy and sat at the fire for about an hour and a half and as F____ was not coming in I went out to look for her. I had to search for her for a while and then found her in a cornfield. She was standing in a gripe beside a fence. I asked her was she coming into ther tea and she said she'd be in in a minute. I went back to the house and told Mrs. C____ that F____ was up there in the field. I told her she was in the cornfield. After another quarter of an hour or so Mrs. C____ went out saying she would see what was wrong with F____. After a few minutes Mrs. C____ and F____ returned. F____'s stockings were all blood. I asked her what was gone wrong and she said :the changes came on me". She sat at the fire and said nothing more for about half an hour when I helped her up to bed. After I helped her to bed I went up to the field (cornfield) to the place where I had seen F____ standing and noticed the blood there. After walking about that place for a while I heard the screeching of a baby. I returned to where the blood was and close by I saw a baby covered with grass. It was alive then. I saw it moving and heard it screech. Only I heard it screech I would not have found the baby as it was completely covered with grass. I took the grass off it and left it there. I went directly to S____ D____ who is married to Mrs. C____'s sister. I told him F____ had a child up in the field. I asked him to go for Nurse K____ and I went myself and (phoned the)- caused the Guards and Dr. D____ to be phoned. It was Nurse K____ who sent me to have the phone messages sent. I did not go back to the child again until I went with Nurse K____. I didn't make any effort to bury the baby. I didn't suggest to any one that we should bury it. I wasn't talking to F____ since I put her to bed. The above statement has been read over to me and it is correct. I do not wish to have it altered in any way.

John Merriman

Witness: W. Coonan, Cig. 16-5-49, @ 2.55 a.m.

J. Spillane, Sgt. 247; 16-5-49 at 2.55 a.m.