

Martin Donovan, 2161, *Robert Small*

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By the indefatigable exertions of Sub-Inspector Butler man named Martin Donovan was arrested on Wednesday, and fully identified as the man who attacked and robbed Mr. Henry Buckley Hillsboro on the 1st inst. He is from the neighbourhood Scortduff also.

Tipperary Vindicator - Saturday 20 January 1849, p2

King's County, Tullamore.

Martin Donovan—Highway Robbery, 10 years transportation.

Kings County Chronicle - Wednesday 11 July 1849, p3

Another Highway Robbery. Martin Donovan was indicted for this offence. The facts this case were as follows—Mr. Henry Buckley, on the evening 8th January last, was returning from Parsontown to Hillsboro near Roscrea, in a gig, accompanied by ins servant Daniel Bohan; it was about half-past four o'clock in the afternoon, and having arrived at a place called Lisnageera, two men came from the ditch side, both with their faces disguised, one with a handkerchief, the other had his face blackened, they both dragged him out of the gig and pulled him on the ground, they took his silver watch and about 8s silver, and some copper, a penknife and a handkerchief, they pulled some documents out of his pocket about the road, both were armed with pistols. Mr. Buckley was unable to identify the prisoner. Daniel Bohan, the servant of Mr. Buckley, identified the prisoner. Verdict guilty.

Kings County Chronicle - Wednesday 11 July 1849, p3

Martin Donovan, 27, tried King's County, 5 March 1849 and convicted of highway robbery. Received 10 years transportation. He was single, a labourer, could read, never been convicted before and his character was bad. No parents or friends named. State of health was good.

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

25 years old, 5'8", brown eyes, brown hair, fresh complexion, can't read or write, labourer. Tried Kings County on 5 March 1849. Committed to Newgate prison on 5 September 1849 and sent to Spike Island on 19 October 1849. He had not been convicted before and was badly conducted in custody.

Dublin-Newgate (Richmond) Prison General Register 1849-1858, Book no 1/12/3, item 3