

Eliza Harrick per *Inconstant* to Adelaide
Note that this is a work in progress

Summary story

Eliza first entered the North Dublin workhouse on 17 April 1843 with her mother and three siblings. They were discharged on 16 August 1843 but were back again on 11 September 1843 where Eliza, aged 9, appears with her pregnant 30 year-old mother, Isabella, two sisters, Margaret aged 12½ and Jane 5 and her 8 year-old brother Charles. Their father, also named Charles is noted as Isabella's husband but what happened to him is not recorded. Her mother died, perhaps in childbirth on 20 December 1843 and Eliza was discharged on 18 March but the year is illegible. She returned to the workhouse on 16 June 1846, was discharged again on 21 July 1847 and returned for a final time at the age of 14 on 26 April 1848. This time she was noted in the Admission Register a Protestant orphan with no calling. She was a native of Dublin, living at Canal Terrace in North City Dublin and was 'delicate'. She was discharged in February 1849 with the annotation 'sent to Australia'.

The North Dublin Indoor Registers show that Eliza's brother, Charles Harrick returned to the workhouse or remained there. It is uncertain from the Register which noted that he was transferred when aged 8 so he either went out and returned or remained in the North Dublin Workhouse where he is noted in BG78/G/9 No.1706 as aged 15, single, labourer, Protestant, transferred from No.13824C, North City, entered 4 Feb 1851, discharged 19 May 1853.

Eliza's sister, Jane Harrick, may have also remained in the workhouse but is noted as entering in a newer register on 13 September 1851 at age 12, having been deserted. She had no occupation, was Protestant, recorded as 'transferred from 8161' had been a resident in North City Dublin and was discharged the same day as her brother, Charles on 19 May 1853.

Eliza Harrick/Harricks and her family from Indoor registers and Poor Law Guardians of the North Dublin Workhouse

The Protestant Harricks family first in the North Dublin Workhouse Register BG 78/G/1 pp.375-378, nos. 7499-7503 **entered 17 April 1843**. All were clean, from North City. The family were all discharged from the workhouse on 16 August 1843:

Isabella, 30, married 4 children, confectioner, in good health, husband Charles, 4 children
Margret, 12, no occupation, afflicted with itch, otherwise healthy
Elizabeth, 9, no occupation, afflicted with itch, otherwise healthy
Charles, 9, no occupation, afflicted with itch, otherwise healthy
Jane, 5 no occupation, afflicted with itch, otherwise healthy

North Dublin PLU BG78/G/2 No.8159 Eliza Harrick, aged 9, daughter of No.8157. All five members of the family were Protestant, clean, from North City and all **entered 11 Sep 1843** having left on 16 August, only the month before. The mother, Isabella Harrick, aged 30, married, confectioner, Protestant, mother of No. 8158-8161. 'in the family way', her husband was noted as Charles, she had the same four children with her as when she entered in April that year from North City Dublin. Isabella died on 20 December 1843 possibly in childbirth. Note the entry below that her son Joseph had entered the workhouse on 17 December 1843. Is this his birthdate when he entered aged one day old? Isabella and three of her children are on the bottom a page and Jane is the top of the next page:

No.8158 Margaret Harrick, age 12½, discharged 22 Feb 1845

No.8159 Eliza Harrick, age 9, discharged 18 Mar 184? [illegible]

No.8160 Charles aged 8 transferred to No.13824C

No.8161 Jane aged 5, entered 11 Sep 1843, transferred to 2589.

North Dublin Register BG78/G/2, pp.37-38, No.8729: Joseph Harrick, aged 1 day, mother at No.8157 [see above entry], Protestant, good health, see record of births [don't think this survives], North City, entered 17 December 1843, died 6 April 1844.

Eliza Harricks North Dublin PLU BG78/G/3, pp.139-140, No.15763, aged 12, deserted, no calling, Protestant, good health, native of Dublin, from North City Electoral Division, **entered 18 June 1846**, discharged 21 July 1847

Eliza Harricks North Dublin PLU BG78/G/6, pp.79-80, No.29777, aged 14, orphan, no calling, Protestant, delicate, '*sent to Australia*', native of Dublin, from North City, Canal Terrace, **entered 26 April 1848**, discharged [day not noted] February 1849 [see copy below]. The *Inconstant* on which she arrived in Adelaide sailed from Plymouth on 15 February 1849 so this would have been her departure for the port on her way to England.

The image shows two pages from the North Dublin Register, specifically pages 79 and 80 of the PLU BG78/G/6 register. The left page (No. 29777) lists several entries, with a red arrow pointing to the entry for Eliza Harricks, aged 14, orphan, no calling, Protestant, delicate, '*sent to Australia*', native of Dublin, from North City, Canal Terrace, entered 26 April 1848. The right page (No. 29778) continues the list, with a red arrow pointing to the entry for Eliza Harricks, aged 14, orphan, no calling, Protestant, delicate, '*sent to Australia*', native of Dublin, from North City, Canal Terrace, entered 26 April 1848.

No.	Name and Surname of Person	Sex	Age	Religion	Health	Discharge	Remarks
29777	Eliza Harricks	F	14	Protestant	Delicate	26 April 1848	Orphan, no calling, native of Dublin, from North City, Canal Terrace, sent to Australia
29778	Eliza Harricks	F	14	Protestant	Delicate	26 April 1848	Orphan, no calling, native of Dublin, from North City, Canal Terrace, sent to Australia

Eliza's brother, Charles Harrick, returned to the workhouse or remained there – it is uncertain from the Register which notes that he was transferred when aged 8, so he either went out and returned or remained in the workhouse and was re-entered in the subsequent register: North Dublin BG78/G/9 No.1706, aged 15, single, labourer, Protestant, transferred from No.13824C, North City, entered 4 Feb 1851, discharged 19 May 1853.

Eliza's sister, Jane Harrick [apparently remained in the workhouse] North Dublin PLU BG79/G/9, No. 2589 where she is noted as aged 12, deserted, no occupation, Protestant, transferred from 8161, North City, entered 13 September 1851, discharged 19 May 1853.

Until the Poor Law Guardian's minutes were examined on Find My Past it was not known what happened to Isabella's husband, the father of Eliza and her siblings. A letter was received by the North Dublin Workhouse from Charles Harricks in 1850. The details of which appear in the following entries:

North Dublin Workhouse Minutes 6 March 1850, p.403: 'annexed is a letter from Charles Harricks to two of his children at present in the workhouse, which letter he wishes to be laid before the Board'. Also on the next page [p.404]: 'Letter from Charles Harricks of Dundee, dated 2 March 1850 requesting that his children now in NDU [North Dublin Union] workhouse might be sent to him - orders that the clerk to write to them Master of the Workhouse at Dundee to ascertain whether Harricks has means to pay for the maintenance of his children'. [of course the actual letter is not there only what was recorded in the above minutes].

The Rathdown Minute book 4 Jan 1899, p.295 reports that Isabella Harricks, aged 63 died of senile decay. No established relationship to Eliza here but her mother was also named Isabella Harricks. Note that Rathdrum is a different workhouse from North Dublin where Eliza and her family were found in the Indoor Registers.

South? Dublin Minutes 29 Aug 1850 p.616: Masters Report ... that Julia Burke and Joseph Harricks applied the first for her discharge the latter for a pass, both being of unsound mind. The former referred to the Medical officer and the latter not to be granted.' This should perhaps be North Dublin or Joseph is not a relative of Eliza Harricks.

North Dublin Minutes 22 Jun 1853 p.474: 'Charles Harricks relative to his daughter Eliza Harricks, also to his claims under his Father's marriage settlement, together with a copy of Commissioners reply and requesting the Guardians to inform him if they have heard of anything from this girl since her Emigration to Australia.'

So it seems that Charles Harricks went to find work in Scotland and his wife and children entered the workhouse in April 1843.