

*Bridget Burke*<sup>1</sup>  
(*uxor Bridget Kent*)

<i>Place Tried</i> Co. Galway	<i>Date Tried</i> 30 December 1848 <sup>a</sup>
<i>Offence</i> stealing clothes, gown & shoes	<i>Sentence</i> 7 years
<i>Prosecutor</i> Michael Maley, Co. Galway	<i>Previous Convictions</i> none – stealing a calf (3m) <sup>b</sup>
<i>Gaol Report</i> good	<i>Surgeon's Report</i> middling
<i>Station of Gang</i> not stated	<i>Class</i> 3 <sup>rd</sup> from 12 February 1850
<i>Other Information</i> tried & convicted with daughter Margaret Burke ( <i>qv</i> )	

<i>Religion</i> Roman Catholic	<i>Literacy</i> neither read nor write
<i>Marital Status</i> widow, married	<i>Trade</i> country servant
<i>Age</i> 30	<i>Native Place</i> Co. Galway
<i>Height</i> 5' 5¼", 5' 3½"	<i>Complexion</i> fresh, fair
<i>Head</i> round	<i>Hair</i> brown
<i>Visage</i> round	<i>Forehead</i> high
<i>Eyebrows</i> brown	<i>Eyes</i> blue
<i>Nose</i> medium	<i>Mouth</i> large
<i>Chin</i> round	<i>Marks</i> none
<i>Family</i> husband Michael Burke (dead 2 years); daughter Margaret (prisoner on board); father Richard; sisters Mary, Ann & Anna	

27 February 1849	Received at Grangegorman Depot, Dublin at 5pm. <sup>2</sup>
October 1851	3/1½ paid into Savings Bank whilst at Brickfields Hiring Depot. <sup>3</sup>
24 October 1851	Contracted as PPH to George Hislop, Cascade Rd, Hobart, 12m at £7 pa. <sup>4</sup>
1 January 1852	To Brickfields Hiring Depot, Hobart. <sup>5</sup>
13 January 1852	To James Archer, Burnett St, Hobart. <sup>5</sup>
17 January 1852	To Brickfields Hiring Depot, then to Charles Hewer, O'Briens Bridge. <sup>5</sup>
19 January 1852	To Brickfields Hiring Depot, Hobart. <sup>5</sup>
23 January 1852	To Robert Blyth, Pittwater. <sup>5</sup>
6 February 1852	To Captain William H Glover, Pittwater. <sup>5</sup>
4 May 1852	Applied for Ticket-of-Leave, refused, to apply in 2 months. <sup>5</sup>
10 August 1852	Ticket-of-Leave granted. <sup>5</sup>
	To Captain William H Glover, Sorell district. <sup>6</sup>
5 October 1852	Application for permission to marry John Smith, free. <sup>7</sup>
14 October 1852	To Mr Council, Sorell district. <sup>6</sup>
18 October 1852	To Doyle[?], Sorell district. <sup>6</sup>
20 November 1852	To Hobart. <sup>6</sup>
23 November 1852	Charged with being absent from her authorised place of residence & being in the house of John Smith <sup>c</sup> for the purpose of prostitution; sentence 4m HL, Cascades FF. <sup>5</sup>
24 February 1853	Ticket-of-Leave restored. <sup>5</sup>
7 June 1853	Recommended for Conditional Pardon. <sup>5</sup>
July 1853	Mustered in Huon district, resident at Franklin. <sup>8</sup>
14 September 1853	Application for permission to marry James Murphy, free; will be recommended if clergyman is satisfied (approved 23 November <sup>d</sup> ). <sup>9</sup>

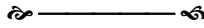
<sup>a</sup> Date given as 4 January 1849 on Irish transportation index.

<sup>b</sup> Gaol report stated never before convicted.

<sup>c</sup> This may have been the same John Smith whom Bridget had applied to marry 6 weeks previously.

<sup>d</sup> Date given as 29 November 1853 on conduct record.

- 28 February 1854 Husband-to-be Peter Wellington Kent granted Conditional Pardon available everywhere save the UK & VDL.<sup>10</sup>
- 16 May 1854 Conditional Pardon approved (issued at Hobart 1 June).<sup>11</sup>
- 15 June 1854 **Married** as 35y, servant, widow, to Peter Wellington Kent (*David Lyon*), 38y, brickmaker, bachelor, at St Joseph's RC Church, Hobart; witnesses George Pickett & Ann Pickett.<sup>12</sup>
- 30 December 1855 Free by servitude.



## References

- <sup>1</sup> AOT, CON 41/24 *Australasia* No.1004 (Bridget Burke); AOT, CON 19/8 *Australasia* (Bridget Bourke); AOT, CON 15/6 *Australasia* No.13 (Bridget Burke); NAI, Prisons 1/9/4 No.1630 (Bridget Burke); NAI, TR8 p.219 (Bridget Burke)
- <sup>2</sup> NAI, Prisons 1/9/4 No.1630 (Bridget Burke)
- <sup>3</sup> AOT, CON 73/1 (Bridget Burke)
- <sup>4</sup> AOT, CON 30/1 p.297 (Bridget Burke)
- <sup>5</sup> AOT, CON 41/24 *Australasia* No.1004 (Bridget Burke)
- <sup>6</sup> AOT, POL 625/2 (Bridget Burke)
- <sup>7</sup> AOT, CON 52/5 p.427 (John Smith & Bridget Burke)
- <sup>8</sup> AOT, POL 379/1 pp.21–22 (Bridget Burke)
- <sup>9</sup> AOT, CON 52/6 (James Murphy & Bridget Burke)
- <sup>10</sup> AOT, CON 34/2 *David Lyon* No.282 p.575 (Peter Wellington Kent)
- <sup>11</sup> AOT, CON 56/2 No.526 (Bridget Burke)
- <sup>12</sup> AOT, RGD 37/13 1854/716 Hobart (Peter Wellington Kent & Bridget Burk)