

*Bridget Carson*¹
(*uxor Bridget Leech*)

<i>Place Tried</i> Co. Galway	<i>Date Tried</i> 4 January 1849
<i>Offence</i> killing a heifer	<i>Sentence</i> 10 years
<i>Prosecutor</i> O'Flaherty, Co. Galway	<i>Previous Convictions</i> none
<i>Gaol Report</i> good	<i>Surgeon's Report</i> quiet
<i>Station of Gang</i> not stated	<i>Class</i> 3 rd from 21 March 1850
<i>Other Information</i> tried & convicted with James Carson, ^a Michael Hoolahan ^b & Bridget Coen (<i>qv</i>)	

<i>Religion</i> Roman Catholic	<i>Literacy</i> neither read nor write
<i>Marital Status</i> widow, single	<i>Trade</i> housemaid, country servant
<i>Age</i> 27 ^c	<i>Native Place</i> Co. Galway
<i>Height</i> 4' 11", 4' 9"	<i>Complexion</i> fair
<i>Head</i> round	<i>Hair</i> black, brown
<i>Visage</i> round	<i>Forehead</i> medium
<i>Eyebrows</i> black	<i>Eyes</i> grey
<i>Nose</i> short	<i>Mouth</i> small
<i>Chin</i> small	<i>Marks</i> none
<i>Family</i> brother James (in England); sister Mary	

6 March 1849	Received at Grangegorman Depot, Dublin at 4pm. ²
27 September 1849	Put on <i>Australasia</i> sick list for bronchitis (off 30 September, cured). ³
27 November 1851	Contracted as PPH to Charles Flegg, Liverpool St, Hobart, 12m at £8 pa. ⁴
c1852	To Brickfields Hiring Depot, Hobart. ⁵
25 February 1852	To John Martin, Barrack St, Hobart. ⁵
16 July 1852	To Hobart Hospital. ⁵
23 July 1852	To John Martin, Barrack St, Hobart. ⁵
5 November 1852	To Cascades FF, then to W Harrison, Collins St, Hobart. ⁵
14 February 1853	Witness at marriage of Mary Lyden (<i>qv</i>) & Patrick Gorham at Hobart. ⁶
8 March 1853	Must serve 5 years for Ticket-of-Leave. ⁵
3 June 1853	To Cascades FF, then to John Martin, Barrack St, Hobart. ⁵
29 June 1853	Application for permission to marry Peter King (<i>Hyderabad</i> 2) (approved same day). ⁷
21 July 1853	To Cascades FF, Hobart. ⁵
9 August 1853	To William Anning, Veterans Row, Hobart. ⁵
16 October 1853	Application for permission to marry James Leech, free (approved 25 October). ^{5,8}
14 November 1853	Married as 36y, widow, to James Leech, 35y, sailor, at St George's CE Church, Battery Point; witnesses James Pool ^d & Mary Moore. ⁹
22 November 1853	Ticket-of-Leave granted. ⁵
12 February 1854	Daughter Mary Leech, mariner's child, born at Goulburn St, Hobart; baptised 9 April at St Joseph's RC Church, Hobart; sponsors Joseph Ford & Margaret Beaky ^{e,10}
27 June 1854	To apply in 1 month for Conditional Pardon. ⁵

^a The Irish transportation index lists a James O'Neill, 21y, tried on 4 January 1849 and sentenced to 10 years' transportation for killing a cow, but no James Carson.

^b The Irish transportation index lists a Michael Mahony, 23y, tried on 4 January 1849 and sentenced to 7 years' transportation for killing a cow, but no Michael Hoolahan.

^c Age given as 28y on *Australasia* sick list and Grangegorman prison register.

^d This may have been the future husband of Catherine Butler (*qv*).

^e This may have been Margaret Beaky (*qv*), but this has not been confirmed.

- 20 August 1855 **Son** Robert James Leech, seaman's child, born at Goulburn St, Hobart; baptised 2 September at St Joseph's RC Church, Hobart; sponsors James Sharp & Catharine Conroy.¹¹
- 1858 Husband James Leech occupier of a house at 29A Molle St, Hobart.¹²
- 16 October 1858^f **Daughter** Margaret Jane Leech, mariner's child, born at Goulburn St, Hobart; baptised 31 October 1858 at St Joseph's RC Church, Hobart; sponsor Mary Ann Rainford.¹³
- 4 January 1859 Free by servitude.
- 1 September 1861 Sponsor at baptism of Ellen Gorham, daughter of Mary Lyden (*qv*), at Hobart.¹⁴
- 5 July 1863 **Daughter** Ann Leech, sailor's child, born at Liverpool St, Hobart; baptised 19 July 1863 at St Joseph's RC Church, Hobart; sponsor Catherine Walters.¹⁵
- 3 October 1874 Daughter Mary Leech married Edward Hughes at Chalmers Presbyterian Manse.¹⁶
- 12 January 1878 Son Robert James Leech, 22y, seaman, died of phthisis at Goulburn St, Hobart; buried in RC public section, Queenborough Cemetery, Hobart.¹⁷
- 13 October 1881 Daughter Ann Leech married Nathaniel Manhood at Chalmers Presbyterian Manse, Hobart.¹⁸
- 31 January 1882 Daughter Margaret Jane Leech married Edward Barnett at St David's CE Cathedral, Hobart.¹⁹
- 18 August 1903 **Died** at daughter's residence, 78 Goulburn St, Hobart, 80y, relict of the late^h James Leech; buried 21 August with son Robert James Leech in RC public section, Queenborough Cemetery, Hobart.²⁰



^f Date given as 17 October 1858 on baptism record.

^g This may have been Catherine Reidy (*qv*), but this has not been confirmed.

^h Husband James Leech was buried in the Presbyterian public section of Queenborough Cemetery with son-in-law Edward Hughes, but no death record has been found; being a sailor, he may have died at sea.

References

- ¹ AOT, CON 41/24 *Australasia* No.1014 (Bridget Carson); AOT, CON 19/8 *Australasia* (Bridget Carson); AOT, CON 15/6 *Australasia* No.36 (Bridget Carson); NAI, Prisons 1/9/4 No.1673 (Bridget Carson)
- ² NAI, Prisons 1/9/4 No.1673 (Bridget Carson)
- ³ AJCP, ADM 101/6 *Australasia* Sick List (Bridget Carson)
- ⁴ AOT, CON 30/1 p.224 (Bridget Carson)
- ⁵ AOT, CON 41/24 *Australasia* No.1014 (Bridget Carson)
- ⁶ AOT, RGD 37/12 1853/673 Hobart (Peter King & Bridget Carson)
- ⁷ AOT, CON 52/6 (Peter King & Bridget Cassen)
- ⁸ AOT, CON 52/6 (James Luck & Bridget Carson)
- ⁹ AOT, RGD 37/12 1853/517 Hobart (James Leech & Bridget Carson)
- ¹⁰ AOT, RGD 33/5 1854/618 Hobart (female Leach); AOT, NS 1052/8 p.227 (Mary Leach)
- ¹¹ AOT, RGD 33/6 1855/426 Hobart (Robert James Leach); AOT, NS 1052/8 p.281 (Robert James Leach)
- ¹² *Hobart Town Gazette*, 16 March 1858 p.273 (James Leach)
- ¹³ AOT, RGD 33/7 1858/1966 Hobart (Margaret Jane Leach); AOT, NS 1052/9 p.65 (Margaret Jane Leech)
- ¹⁴ AOT, NS 1052/9 p.144 (Bridget Leech)
- ¹⁵ AOT, RGD 33/8 1863/6235 Hobart (Ann Leach); AOT, NS 1052/9 p.188 (Anne Leech)
- ¹⁶ AOT, RGD 37/33 1874/226 Hobart (Edward Hughes & Mary Leitch)
- ¹⁷ AOT, RGD 35/9 1878/965 Hobart (Robert James Leach); AOT, AB 317/1 p.156 No.25 (Robert Leach)
- ¹⁸ AOT, RGD 37/40 1881/719 Hobart (Nathaniel Manhood & Annie Leach)
- ¹⁹ AOT, RGD 37/41 1882/203 Hobart (Edward Barnett & Margaret Leach)
- ²⁰ *The Mercury*, 21 August 1903 p.1 col.1 (Bridget Leach); AOT, AB 317/1 p.156 No.25 (Bridget Leach)