

*Bridget Cassidy*¹
(aka *Bridget Floyd, uxor Bridget Brewster*)

<i>Place Tried</i> Co. Monaghan	<i>Date Tried</i> 5 March 1849
<i>Offence</i> stealing 2 quilts ^a	<i>Sentence</i> 7 years
<i>Prosecutor</i> unknown, Monaghan	<i>Previous Convictions</i> 1–4 times for drunkenness & fighting
<i>Gaol Report</i> good	<i>Surgeon's Report</i> good
<i>Station of Gang</i> not stated	<i>Class</i> 3 rd from 21 March 1850
<i>Other Information</i> 6 months on the town	
<i>Religion</i> Roman Catholic	<i>Literacy</i> read
<i>Marital Status</i> single	<i>Trade</i> housemaid, servant
<i>Age</i> 19 ^b	<i>Native Place</i> Co. Monaghan
<i>Height</i> 5' 1¾", 5' 1"	<i>Complexion</i> ruddy, freckled; fair
<i>Head</i> large	<i>Hair</i> brown
<i>Visage</i> broad	<i>Forehead</i> high
<i>Eyebrows</i> black	<i>Eyes</i> dark hazel
<i>Nose</i> short	<i>Mouth</i> small
<i>Chin</i> small	<i>Marks</i> mark of a tobacco leaf on right thigh
<i>Family</i> father John	
14 April 1849	Received at Grangegorman Depot, Dublin at 5pm. ²
10 July 1849	Put on <i>Australasia</i> sick list for syphilis (off 9 August, cured). ³
16 September 1849	Put on <i>Australasia</i> sick list for obstipation (off 20 September, cured). ³
13 November 1850	Charged at Ross FF with insubordination; sentence 21d SC. ⁴
10 January 1852	Tried at Fingal PC charged on complaint of her mistress Mrs Daniel Faulkner with insolence on 6 January; returned to the service of the government, no prosecutrix appearing. ⁵
12 January 1852	To Charles Alford, Avoca. ⁴
13 January 1852	To Mary A Gilligan, Avoca. ⁴
24 January 1852	Tried at Fingal PC, brought up from 22 January on remand for examination, charged with absconding from the service of Mrs Mary A Gilligan on the morning of 19 January & remaining illegally at large until 12am the same day when she surrendered at Avoca watch house; sentence 10d SC, Ross FF, to return to her mistress' service. ⁵
28 January 1852	To Ross FF. ⁴
9 February 1852	To Campbell Town PO. ⁴
12 February 1852	To Robert C Foster, Avoca. ⁴
10 June 1852	Application for permission to marry Robert Roach (<i>Equestrian</i>); referred 11 June to Revd GL Marum[?] & man. ⁶
1 July 1852	To James Freeman, Avoca. ⁴
7 July 1852	To Ross FF. ⁴
31 July 1852	To William K Hawkes, Morven. ⁴
2 August 1852	Charged by her master William K Hawkes with being absent without leave; sentence 14d SC. ⁴
20 August 1852	To Henry Graham, Launceston Hospital. ⁴
31 August 1852	To Launceston FF. ⁴
11 September 1852	To William K Hawkes, Franklin Village near Launceston. ⁴

^a Offence stated as cow stealing on Grangegorman prison register.

^b Age given as 18y on Grangegorman prison register, Irish transportation register and *Australasia* sick list.

14 October 1852	Tried at Campbell Town PC, brought up from 8 October on remand, charged with absconding from the service of Mrs William K Hawkes, Franklin Village on 20 September & remaining illegally at large until she surrendered at Campbell Town watch house on 7 October; sentence 6m HL, Ross FF. ⁷
16 November 1852	To Ross FF. ⁴
12 March 1853	Illegitimate daughter Elizabeth Frances Cassidy born at Ross FF; father Robert Roach; baptised 13 March at Ross FF, sponsor Elizabeth Frances Hunter. ⁸
1 February 1854	To William K Hawkes, Morven, then to Robert Sutton, Campbell Town. ⁴
21 February 1854	Tried at Campbell Town PC charged by her master Robert Sutton with disobedience of orders in refusing to work yesterday; sentence 14d SC. ⁹
7 March 1854	Tried at Campbell Town PC charged with misconduct in refusing to return to the service of her master this morning; sentence 14d SC. ⁹
14 March 1854	Rationed at Campbell Town PO having arrived from private service; escorted to Ross FF by police. ¹⁰
21 March 1854	Arrived at Campbell Town PO from Gaol, PPH. ¹¹
22 March 1854	To be sent to Launceston FF from Campbell Town. ¹¹
23 March 1854	Tried at Campbell Town PC charged with misconduct; remanded, cancelled. ⁹
27 March 1854	Arrived at Campbell Town PO from Gaol for police escort to Launceston FF. ¹¹
28 March 1854	To Launceston FF under police escort from Campbell Town Gaol (arrived 29 March). ^{4,11}
15 April 1854	To S Kirby, Launceston. ⁴
17 June 1854	To Launceston FF, then to George Wilkinson, Launceston. ⁴
16 August 1854	Application for permission to marry William Green alias Griffiths, free; woman must be 6 months free from offence. ¹²
15 September 1854	Absconded from the service of William Woodward, Emu Bay. ¹³
24 November 1854	Daughter Elizabeth Frances Cassidy, 1y 8m, admitted to Infants School, Queen's Orphanage, New Town. ¹⁴
1855	Formed a <i>de facto</i> relationship with Josiah Floyd (<i>Isabella</i> 2) whilst an absconder, resident at Circular Head Forest. ¹⁶
3 June 1855	Illegitimate daughter Caroline Green, carpenter's child, born at Circular Head; father William Green. ¹⁵
6 September 1855	Apprehended & charged with absconding; original term of transportation extended 3 months. ^{4,16}
14 September 1855	Absconded from the residence of Albert H Boys at Stanley whilst under arrest. ¹⁶
25 September 1855	Reward of £2 paid for apprehension. ^{4,17}
4 October 1855	Extension of term of transportation increased from 3 months to 6 months for absconding whilst under arrest. ¹⁶
5 September 1856	Free by servitude.
10 February 1857	Married as 27y, spinster, to Thomas Ambrose Brewster (<i>Eden</i> 3), 31y, bachelor, at the residence of George Ramskill, Table Cape; witnesses Mary Ramskill & George Ramskill (licence issued 9 February). ¹⁸
21 January 1859	Daughter Elizabeth Frances Cassidy, 6y, transferred from infirmary to Female School, Queen's Orphanage, New Town. ^{14,19}
16 December 1859	Son Albert Joseph Brewster, ^c labourer's child, born in Emu Bay district. ²⁰
26 November 1861	Son Thomas Brewster, farmer's child, born at <i>Woodburn</i> , Table Cape. ²¹
12 August 1863	Daughter Elizabeth Frances Cassidy discharged from Female School, Queen's Orphanage, New Town to mother at Table Cape. ¹⁹

^c This may have been Bridget's son John Brewster mentioned in her husband's will, or John may have been born after the marriage and before Albert, with Albert having died by the time of the will.

- 14 January 1864 **Daughter** Sarah Ann (Annie) Brewster, farmer's child, born at Woodburn, Table Cape.²²
- 16 April 1866 **Daughter** Isabella Brewster,^d farmer's child, born at Mount Hicks Rd, Table Cape.²³
- 7 July 1868 **Son** Frederick Vincent Brewster, farmer's child, born at Mount Hicks Rd, near Table Cape.²⁴
- 7 December 1870 **Daughter** Mary Brewster, farmer's child, born at Mount Hicks Rd, near Table Cape.²⁵
- 14 November 1877 **Daughter** Caroline Green married Joseph Morton at Table Cape.²⁶
- 24 September 1887 **Son** Thomas Brewster, 25y, labourer, died of phthisis at Wynyard.²⁷
- 26 October 1889 **Daughter** Sarah Ann (Annie) Brewster married Thomas Bercheree at the residence of Mr Brewster, Flowerdale.²⁸
- 8 January 1891 **Son** Albert Joseph Brewster married Grace Elizabeth Alice Louchton Blight at Pine Rd.²⁹
- 20 December 1908 **Died** at Wynyard, 79y; buried in Old General Cemetery, Jenner St, Wynyard.³⁰



^d This may have been Bridge's daughter Dora Brewster mentioned in her husband's will, who married John Patrick O'Neill.

References

- ¹ AOT, CON 41/24 *Australasia* No.1022 (Bridget Cassidy); AOT, CON 19/8 *Australasia* (Bridget Cassidy); AOT, CON 15/6 *Australasia* No.44 (Bridget Cassidy); NAI, Prisons 1/9/4 No.1741 (Bridget Cassidy); NAI, TR9 p.63 (Bridget Cassidy)
- ² NAI, Prisons 1/9/4 No.1741 (Bridget Cassidy)
- ³ AJCP, ADM 101/6 *Australasia* Sick List (Brid/Biddy Cassidy)
- ⁴ AOT, CON 41/24 *Australasia* No.1022 (Bridget Cassidy)
- ⁵ AOT, LC 143/2 pp.313 & 315-316 (Bridget Cassidy)
- ⁶ AOT, CON 52/5 p.393 (Robert Roach & Bridget Cassidy)
- ⁷ AOT, LC 83/11 pp.238 & 245 (Bridget Cassidy)
- ⁸ AOT, NS 1052/13 p.58 No.21 (Elizabeth Frances Cassaday); AOT, RGD 33/31 1853/95 Campbell Town (Elizabeth Cassidy)
- ⁹ AOT, LC 83/12 pp.159, 167 & 180 (Bridget/Brigett Cassidy)
- ¹⁰ AOT, POL 69/1 (Bridget Cahill)
- ¹¹ AOT, POL 53/2 (Bridget Cassidy); AOT, POL 69/1 (Bridget Cassidy)
- ¹² AOT, CON 52/7 p.154 (William Green Griffiths & Bridget Cassidy)
- ¹³ *Hobart Town Gazette*, 26 September 1854 p.957 (Bridget Cassidy)
- ¹⁴ AOT, SWD 6/1 No.362 (Bridget Cassidy)
- ¹⁵ AOT, RGD 33/33 1855/439 Horton (Caroline Green)
- ¹⁶ AOT, POL 310/20 No.5024 (Bridget Cassidy)
- ¹⁷ *Hobart Town Gazette*, 25 September 1855 p.1050 (Bridget Cassidy)
- ¹⁸ AOT, RGD 37/16 1857/104 Horton (Thomas Brewster & Bridget Cassidy); AOT, NS 373/2 No.1734 (Thomas Brewster & Bridget Cassidy)
- ¹⁹ AOT, SWD 28/1 p.47f (Elizabeth Cassidy)
- ²⁰ AOT, RGD 33/38 1860/909 Emu Bay (Albert Brewster)
- ²¹ AOT, RGD 33/39 1861/904 Emu Bay (Thomas Brewster)
- ²² AOT, RGD 33/42 1864/586 Emu Bay (Sarah Ann Brewster)
- ²³ AOT, RGD 33/44 1866/339 Emu Bay (Isabella Brewster)
- ²⁴ AOT, RGD 33/46 1868/359 Emu Bay (Frederick Brewster)
- ²⁵ AOT, RGD 33/48 1870/372 Emu Bay (Mary Brewster)
- ²⁶ AOT, RGD 37/36 1877/423 Emu Bay (Joseph Morton & Caroline Brewster)
- ²⁷ AOT, RGD 35/56 1887/679 Emu Bay (Thomas Brewster)
- ²⁸ AOT, RGD 37/48 1889/845 Horton (Thomas Bercheree & Annie Brewster)
- ²⁹ AOT, RGD 37/50 1891/955 Ulverstone (Albert Joseph Brewster & Grace Elizabeth Alice Louchton Blight)
- ³⁰ TAS Death Record 1908/1021 (Bridget Brewster); Tasmania's eHeritage at <http://eheritage.statelibrary.tas.gov.au/Resources> IDs 117246 & 117247 (Bridget & Thomas Brewster)