

*Bridget Davin*<sup>1</sup>  
(*uxor Bridget Woods*)

Place Tried Co. Galway	Date Tried 4 January 1849
Offence stealing 10s	Sentence 7 years
Prosecutor Cornely, Co. Galway	Previous Convictions none <sup>a</sup> – stealing sheep (11w)
Gaol Report quiet	Surgeon's Report quiet
Station of Gang Anson	Class 3 <sup>rd</sup> from 18 February 1850
Other Information tried & convicted with sister Mary Davin ( <i>qv</i> )	

Religion Roman Catholic	Literacy neither read nor write
Marital Status single	Trade housemaid, country servant
Age 18	Native Place Co. Galway
Height 5' 3½", 5' 2½"	Complexion fresh, freckled; fair
Head large	Hair black
Visage round	Forehead high
Eyebrows black	Eyes black
Nose short	Mouth small
Chin large	Marks scar on right side of forehead
Family father Thomas; sister Mary (prisoner on board)	

3 March 1849	Received at Grangegorman Depot, Dublin at 5pm. <sup>2</sup>
14 January 1851	Charged at Ross FF with idleness & neglect of work; sentence 2m HL, Ross FF. <sup>3</sup>
21 October 1851	Application for permission to marry John Woods, FS; <sup>b</sup> referred 24 October to PM Oatlands (approved 11 November). <sup>4</sup>
5 December 1851	<b>Married</b> as 20 or 22y, house servant, spinster, PPH, to John Woods, 32 or 33y, shepherd, bachelor, free, at St Paul's RC Church, Oatlands; witnesses Charlie Drake & Susan Murry. <sup>5</sup>
13 September 1852	To Launceston FF. <sup>3</sup>
4 October 1852	To husband John Woods. <sup>3</sup>
7 October 1852	<b>Daughter</b> Mary Woods born at Launceston; baptised 24 October 1852 at St Joseph's RC Church, Launceston; sponsors John Regan & Mary Davin ( <i>qv</i> ). <sup>6</sup>
16 November 1852	Ticket-of-Leave granted. <sup>3</sup>
22 October 1853	Ticket-of-Leave revoked for failing to report to district PO in June. <sup>7</sup>
30 December 1853	<b>Daughter</b> Bedilia Woods born at Oatlands; baptised 24 February 1854 at St Paul's RC Church, Oatlands; sponsor Mary Sainsbury. <sup>8</sup>
30 October 1855	<b>Son</b> John Woods born at Evandale; baptised 17 February 1856 at St Joseph's RC Church, Launceston; sponsors Christopher Laird & Anne Laird. <sup>9</sup>
4 January 1856	Free by servitude.
6 January 1858	<b>Daughter</b> Ellen Woods born at Evandale; baptised 14 March 1858 at St Joseph's RC Church, Launceston; sponsors Mary Hyde (nee Davin, <i>qv</i> ) & Thomas Butler. <sup>10</sup>
6 November 1859	<b>Son</b> James Woods born at Evandale; baptised 22 January 1860 at St Joseph's RC Church, Launceston; sponsor Anne O'Callaghan. <sup>11</sup>
14 September 1861	<b>Son</b> Valentine Woods, labourer's child, born at <i>Barton</i> ; baptised 27 April 1862 at St Joseph's RC Church, Launceston; sponsor Mary Hyde (nee Davin, <i>qv</i> ). <sup>12</sup>
27 April 1862	Sponsor at birth of niece Ellen Hyde, mother Mary Davin ( <i>qv</i> ), at Launceston. <sup>13</sup>
29 September 1863	<b>Son</b> Charles Woods, shepherd's child, born at <i>Barton</i> ; baptised 28 February 1864 at St Joseph's RC Church, Launceston; sponsor Mary Hyde (nee Davin, <i>qv</i> ). <sup>14</sup>

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

<sup>b</sup> John was possibly convict John Woods transported on the *Waverley* 1 in 1841.

- 8 April 1867<sup>c</sup> **Son** Joseph Woods, shepherd's child, born at Richmond; baptised 12 May 1867 at St John's RC Church, Richmond; sponsors William Gilchrist & Catherine Moore.<sup>15</sup>
- 2 June 1869 **Son** Patrick Ignatius Woods, shepherd's child, born at Richmond; baptised 4 June 1869 at St John's RC Church, Richmond; sponsors John Gerrodd & Mary Woods<sup>d,16</sup>
- Died** of uterine haemorrhage at Richmond, 40y, shepherd's wife.<sup>17</sup>
- 15 June 1869 Son Patrick Ignatius Woods, 13d, died of ulceration of the abdomen at Richmond.<sup>18</sup>



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<sup>c</sup> Date given as 18 May 1867 on birth record.

<sup>d</sup> This was probably Bridget's daughter Mary.

## References

- <sup>1</sup> AOT, CON 41/24 *Australasia* No.675 (Bridget Davin); AOT, CON 19/8 *Australasia* (Bridget Devlin); AOT, CON 15/6 *Australasia* No.62 (Bridget Davin); NAI, Prisons 1/9/4 No.1666 (Bridget Davin)
- <sup>2</sup> NAI, Prisons 1/9/4 No.1666 (Bridget Davin)
- <sup>3</sup> AOT, CON 41/24 *Australasia* No.675 (Bridget Davin)
- <sup>4</sup> AOT, CON 52/4 (John Woods & Bridget Devon); AOT, CON 52/3 p.491 (John Woods & Bridget Davin)
- <sup>5</sup> AOT, RGD 37/10 1851/912 Oatlands (John Woods & Bridget Darwin); AOT, NS 1052/6 No.8 (John Woods & Bridget Darwin)
- <sup>6</sup> AOT, NS 1052/20 p.33 (Mary Woods)
- <sup>7</sup> *Hobart Town Gazette*, 25 October 1853 p.1026 (Bridget David)
- <sup>8</sup> AOT, NS 1052/4 p.14 (Bedilia Woods)
- <sup>9</sup> AOT, NS 1052/20 p.98 (John Woods)
- <sup>10</sup> AOT, NS 1052/20 p.139 (Ellen Woods)
- <sup>11</sup> AOT, NS 1052/20 p.176 (James Woods)
- <sup>12</sup> AOT, RGD 33/39 1861/1619 Morven (Vale/Vall Woods); AOT, NS 1052/21 p.9 (Valentine Woods)
- <sup>13</sup> AOT, NS 1052/21 p.9 (Bridget Woods)
- <sup>14</sup> AOT, RGD 33/41 1863/1041 Morven (male Woods); AOT, NS 1052/21 p.26 (Charles Woods)
- <sup>15</sup> AOT, RGD 33/45 1867/1461 Richmond (Joseph Woods); AOT, NS 1052/3 p.45 (Joseph Woods)
- <sup>16</sup> AOT, RGD 33/47 1869/1399 Richmond (Patrick Woods); AOT, NS 1052/3 p.51 (Patrick Ignatius Woods)
- <sup>17</sup> AOT, RGD 35/38 1869/469 Richmond (Bridget Woods)
- <sup>18</sup> AOT, RGD 35/38 1869/470 (Patrick Woods)