

*Bridget Edwards*¹
(*uxor Bridget O'Donnell*)

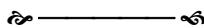
<i>Place Tried</i> Co. Clare	<i>Date Tried</i> 27 February 1849 ^a
<i>Offence</i> stealing wearing apparel	<i>Sentence</i> 7 years
<i>Prosecutor</i> Mrs Cloherly, Co. Clare	<i>Previous Convictions</i> none – stealing frocks (3m), stealing 4s (2m)
<i>Gaol Report</i> good	<i>Surgeon's Report</i> middling
<i>Station of Gang</i> Anson	<i>Class</i> 3 rd from 13 February 1850
<i>Religion</i> Roman Catholic	<i>Literacy</i> neither read nor write
<i>Marital Status</i> single	<i>Trade</i> country servant, housemaid
<i>Age</i> 25 ^b	<i>Native Place</i> Co. Galway
<i>Height</i> 5' 2", 5' 3"	<i>Complexion</i> fresh, fair
<i>Head</i> round	<i>Hair</i> black
<i>Visage</i> oval, broad	<i>Forehead</i> high
<i>Eyebrows</i> black	<i>Eyes</i> black
<i>Nose</i> medium	<i>Mouth</i> medium
<i>Chin</i> medium	<i>Marks</i> none
<i>Family</i> uncle John Nelly	
27 March 1849	Received at Grangegorman Depot, Dublin at 10pm. ²
5 August 1849	Put on <i>Australasia</i> sick list for obstipation (off 31 August, cured). ³
29 September 1851	Charged at Cascades FF with talking in the ward during the evening; sentence to be removed from Yard 1 & 7d cleaning the yards. ⁴
3 November 1851	Charged at Cascades FF with disorderly conduct; sentence to sleep in separate apartments. ⁴
2 December 1851	Charged at Cascades FF with singing when at labour; sentence 2d bread & water. ⁴
15 December 1851	Charged at Cascades FF with leaving her work & going to wash; sentence 2d bread & water. ⁴
19 December 1851	Charged at Cascades FF with breach of regulations; sentence 10d separate treatment when not at labour. ⁴
27 January 1852	To Brickfields Hiring Depot, Hobart. ⁵
6 April 1852	Contracted as PPH to John Davis, Pontville, 12m at £7 pa. ⁶
10 April 1852	To Brickfields Hiring Depot, Hobart. ⁵
12 April 1852	To William Wilkinson, Argyle St, Hobart. ⁵
26 April 1852	To Brickfields Hiring Depot, then contracted as PPH to Joseph Freeman, New Wharf, Hobart, 12m at £8 pa. ⁷
27 April 1852	To Joseph Freeman, Battery Point. ⁵
3 May 1852	To Brickfields Hiring Depot, Hobart. ⁵
8 May 1852	To George H Anderson, Elizabeth St, Hobart. ⁵
21 May 1852	To Brickfields Hiring Depot, Hobart. ⁵
2 June 1852	Contracted as PPH to Andrew Herbertson, Sandy Bay, ^c 12m at £8 pa. ⁷
21 September 1852	Ticket-of-Leave granted. ⁵
1 November 1852	Tried at Hobart PC charged with having sexual intercourse with a man, Thomas O'Donnell, TL (<i>London 2</i>), on Risdon Rd at about 9pm on 30 October (Thomas was

^a Date given as 1 March 1849 on Irish transportation register.

^b Age given as 30y on *Australasia* sick list.

^c Address given as Risdon Rd, New Town on conduct record. Bridget's future husband Thomas O'Donnell had been in service to A Herbertson of Sandy Bay, Government gardener, since 17 November 1851.

- also charged with being drunk); sentence 2m HL, Cascades FF (Thomas' sentence 4m, HL).⁸
- 5 November 1852 Not to reside in Hobart.⁵
- 13 March 1853 Illegitimate **daughter** Ann Edwards born at Cascades FF; baptised 17 March 1853 in parish of St Joseph's RC Church, Hobart; sponsor Eliza Reardon.^{5,9}
- 28 August 1853 Application for permission to marry Thomas O'Donnell (*London* 2) (refused 31 August).¹⁰
- 22 October 1853 Ticket-of-Leave revoked for misconduct.¹¹
- 10 March 1854 Daughter Ann Edwards, 2y,^d died of diarrhoea at Cascades FF.¹²
- 7 April 1854 Application for permission to marry Thomas O'Donnell, free (approved 12 April^e).¹³
- 11 May 1854 To Launceston to marry Thomas O'Donnell.⁵
- 13 May 1854 **Married** as 35y, spinster, PPH, to Thomas O'Donnell, 38y, labourer, PPH, at St Joseph's RC Church, Launceston; witnesses John Regan & Mary Regan.¹⁴
- 27 February 1855 **Son** John O'Donnell born at Launceston; baptised 11 March at St Joseph's RC Church, Launceston; sponsor Mary Charleton^f.¹⁵
- 27 February 1856 Free by servitude.
- c1857 **Son** Terence O'Donnell born.
- 1858 Husband Thomas O'Donnell occupier of a house & land (60 acres) at Forth River East.¹⁶
- c1858 **Son** Patrick O'Donnell born.
- 31 March 1860 **Daughter** Mary O'Donnell born at Forth.¹⁷
- 11 May 1862 Twin **sons** Michael & William O'Donnell born at River Forth.¹⁸
- 15 August 1864 **Daughter** Elizabeth O'Donnell born at River Forth.¹⁹
- 10 September 1866 **Son** Thomas O'Donnell born at River Forth.^{g,20}
- c1868 **Daughter** Bridget O'Donnell born.
- 3 February 1876^h Son Patrick O'Donnell, 19y, farmer, died of sunstroke at Forth; buried in McKillop Hill RC Cemetery, Forth.²¹
- 11 September 1878ⁱ Husband Thomas O'Donnell, 53y, farmer, died of inflammation of the heart at River Forth; buried in McKillop Hill RC Cemetery, Forth.²²
- 8 June 1880 Daughter Mary O'Donnell married James McCrehan at St Joseph's RC Church, East Forth.²³
- 25 May 1892 Son Michael O'Donnell married Mary Anne Keilagher at St Joseph's RC Church, East Forth.²⁴
- 11 September 1892 Daughter Bridget O'Donnell, 23y,^j spinster, died of burns & shock after her clothes caught fire at Forth; buried in McKillop Hill RC Cemetery, Forth.²⁵
- 20 November 1912 **Died** at Forthside, 101y;^k buried in McKillop Hill RC Cemetery, Forth.²⁶



^d Ann was only 1-year-old.

^e Date given as 18 April 1854 on conduct record.

^f This may have been Margaret not Mary.

^g Bridget's maiden name was given as Murphy, but the birth was not registered until 3 October 1866 and not by a member of the family.

^h Date given as 15 February 1878 on headstone.

ⁱ Date given as 11 September 1880 on headstone.

^j Age given as 24y on headstone.

^k Bridget was more likely to have been aged about 93.

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- ⁴ AOT, CON 138/1 (Bridget Edwards)
- ⁵ AOT, CON 41/24 *Australasia* No.183 (Bridget Edwards)
- ⁶ AOT, CON 30/2 p.323 (Bridget Edwards)
- ⁷ AOT, CON 30/1 pp.121 & 193 (Bridget Edwards)
- ⁸ AOT, LC 247/20 (Bridget Edwards & Thomas O'Donnell)
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- ¹² AOT, RGD 35/4 1854/1154 (Ann Edwards)
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- ²⁴ AOT, RGD 37/51 1892/742 Mersey (Michael O'Donnell & Mary Anne Keilagher)
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