

Bridget Higgins'
(uxor Bridget Walker, aka Bridget Skinner)

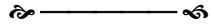
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| <p>Place Tried Galway Town Offence stealing trousers Prosecutor unknown, Galway Gaol Report quiet Station of Gang not stated</p> <p>Religion Roman Catholic Marital Status single Age 18^a Height 4' 10½", 4' 9½" Head round Visage round Eyebrows dark brown Nose small Chin medium Family half-sister Margaret</p> | <p>Date Tried 16 January 1849 Sentence 7 years Previous Convictions 1 – stealing money (2m), stealing turnips (1m) Surgeon's Report quiet Class 3rd from 6 February 1850</p> <p>Literacy neither read nor write Trade country servant, nurse girl Native Place Co. Galway Complexion fresh, freckled; fair Hair black, dark Forehead medium Eyes light hazel Mouth medium Marks none</p> |
| <p>6 March 1849</p> <p>17 December 1850</p> <p>14 January 1851</p> <p>2 August 1851</p> <p>22 September 1851</p> <p>8 May 1852^b</p> <p>21 September 1852</p> <p>19 April 1853</p> <p>20 December 1853 c1854</p> <p>31 January 1854</p> <p>7 February 1854</p> <p>8 July 1854</p> <p>15 July 1854</p> <p>6 February 1855</p> <p>16 January 1856</p> <p>13 March 1856</p> <p>25 March 1856</p> <p>cAugust 1857</p> | <p>Received at Grangegorman Depot, Dublin at 4pm.²</p> <p>Contracted as PPH to John Bounday, Campbell Town, 12m at £7 pa.³</p> <p>Charged at Ross FF with idleness & neglect of work; sentence 2m HL, Ross FF.⁴</p> <p>Application for permission to marry Thomas Walker, free; referred 8 August to PM Morven (approved 26 August).⁵</p> <p>Married as 19y, spinster, to Thomas Walker, 31y, bachelor, at Presbyterian Manse, Evandale; witnesses John Hardman & Ann Hardman.⁶</p> <p>Son John Walker, labourer's child, born at Evandale; baptised 6 June 1852 in parish of St Joseph's RC Church, Launceston; sponsors Michael Loughlin & Ann Leech (<i>qv</i>).⁷</p> <p>Ticket-of-Leave granted.⁴</p> <p>Charged with being in bed with a Ticket-of-Leave man in a disorderly house;^c sentence 3m HL, Launceston FF.⁴</p> <p>Recommended for Conditional Pardon.⁴</p> <p>Formed a <i>de facto</i> relationship with James Skinner.^{4,9}</p> <p>Charged with living in an improper manner & reporting herself married; sentence 6m HL.⁴</p> <p>To Launceston FF.⁴</p> <p>Ticket-of-Leave revoked for misconduct.⁸</p> <p>To Howell Baxter, Launceston.⁴</p> <p>Ticket-of-Leave restored.⁴</p> <p>Free by servitude.</p> <p>Certificate of Freedom at Morven for collection.⁴</p> <p>Daughter Julia Ann Skinner, labourer's child, born in Morven district; baptised 3 April 1856 at Evandale.⁹</p> <p>Son James Skinner born.¹⁰</p> |

^a Age given as 17y on Grangegorman prison register and description list.

^b Date given as 4 May 1852 on baptism record.

^c No record of this charge was mentioned in the *Launceston Examiner* Police Court reports, but there was a robbery noted – a man was charged with stealing two money orders, value £150, concealed in a bed tick from a woman named Higgins residing in Sand Hill. The man may have been the Ticket-of-Leave holder.

- 12 December 1857 Son James Skinner, 4m, labourer's child, died of natural debility at Stringy Bark Forest near Longford.¹⁰
- 13 November 1858 Unnamed **daughter** _ Skinner, farmer's child, born at Stringy Bark Forest.¹¹



References

- ¹ AOT, CON 41/24 *Australasia* No.799 (Bridget Higgins); AOT, CON 19/8 *Australasia* (Bridget Higgins); AOT, CON 15/6 *Australasia* No.92 (Bridget Higgins); NAI, Prisons 1/9/4 No.1678 (Bridget Higgins)
- ² NAI, Prisons 1/9/4 No.1678 (Bridget Higgins)
- ³ AOT, CON 30/2 p.176 (Bridget Higgins)
- ⁴ AOT, CON 41/24 *Australasia* No.799 (Bridget Higgins)
- ⁵ AOT, CON 52/4 (Thomas Walker & Bridget Higgins); AOT, CON 52/3 p.490 (Thomas Walker & Bridget Higgins)
- ⁶ AOT, RGD 37/10 1851/865 Morven (Thomas Walker & Bridget Higgins)
- ⁷ AOT, RGD 33/30 1852/376 Morven (John Walker); AOT, NS 1052/20 p.24 (John Walker)
- ⁸ *Hobart Town Gazette*, 11 July 1854 p.663 (Bridget Higgins)
- ⁹ AOT, RGD 33/34 1856/1124 Morven (Julia Ann Skinner)
- ¹⁰ AOT, RGD 35/26 1857/526 Longford (James Skinner)
- ¹¹ AOT, RGD 33/36 1858/1453 Longford (female Skinner)