

*Bridget Lynch*<sup>1</sup>  
(*uxor Bridget Burns*)

<i>Place Tried</i> Co. Clare	<i>Date Tried</i> 27 February 1849 <sup>a</sup>
<i>Offence</i> stealing a cow	<i>Sentence</i> 7 years
<i>Prosecutor</i> Mr Maloney, Co. Clare	<i>Previous Convictions</i> 1 – stealing a cow (12m)
<i>Gaol Report</i> good	<i>Surgeon's Report</i> quiet
<i>Station of Gang</i> Anson	<i>Class</i> 3 <sup>rd</sup> from 24 January 1850
<i>Other Information</i> tried & convicted with sisters Catherine Lynch ( <i>qv</i> ) & Ellen Lynch ( <i>qv</i> )	

<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> 26	<i>Native Place</i> Co. Clare
<i>Height</i> 5' ¾", 5' 1"	<i>Complexion</i> sallow, dark
<i>Head</i> round	<i>Hair</i> dark, black
<i>Visage</i> round	<i>Forehead</i> high
<i>Eyebrows</i> dark	<i>Eyes</i> dark
<i>Nose</i> short	<i>Mouth</i> small
<i>Chin</i> short	<i>Marks</i> face pock-pitted
<i>Family</i> sisters Mary (transported on the <i>Earl Grey</i> <sup>b</sup> ), Catherine & Ellen (both prisoners on board); brothers James & Pat (both convicts in this colony for 7 years, Pat dead)	

27 March 1849	Received at Grangegorman Depot, Dublin at 10pm. <sup>2</sup>
4 July 1849	Sister Mary Lynch tried at Co. Clare charged with stealing a cow from Mr Maloney; sentence 10y transportation. <sup>3</sup>
9 May 1850	Sister Mary Lynch arrived in VDL, prisoner on the <i>Earl Grey</i> . <sup>3</sup>
10 July 1850	Mustered in Ross district. <sup>4</sup>
13 May 1851	Application for permission to marry James Burns, FS ( <i>HMS Tortoise</i> ) (approved 20 May). <sup>5</sup>
20 May 1851	<b>Married</b> James Burns. <sup>4</sup>
30 June 1852	Mustered in Campbell Town district. <sup>4</sup>
27 July 1852	Ticket-of-Leave granted. <sup>4</sup>
13 March 1853 <sup>c</sup>	<b>Son</b> James Burns, baker's child, born at Westbury; baptised same day at Holy Trinity RC Church, Westbury; sponsors Ames Gifford & Catherine Keenan <sup>d,6</sup>
2 April 1853	Ticket-of-Leave revoked for failing to report to district PO in December 1852. <sup>7</sup>
29 November 1853	Ticket-of-Leave restored. <sup>4</sup>
12 December 1853	Issued with a pass to travel to the PO; to return 17 December 1853. <sup>8</sup>
1 January 1855	Issued with a pass to travel in the district of Launceston. <sup>8</sup>
15 July 1855	<b>Son</b> William Burns born at Launceston; baptised 30 July 1855 at St Joseph's RC Church, Launceston; sponsors David Brown & Catherine Brolan[?] <sup>e,9</sup>
27 February 1856	Free by servitude.
12 July 1858	Husband James Burns tried at Launceston SC charged with obtaining goods by false pretences; sentence 2y HL, Port Arthur. <sup>10</sup>
30 August 1858	Husband James Burns to Prisoners' Barracks, Hobart. <sup>10</sup>

<sup>a</sup> Date given as 1 March 1849 on Irish transportation register.

<sup>b</sup> Sister Mary received at Grangegorman Depot, Dublin on 7 September 1849 at 9pm, aged 28.

<sup>c</sup> Date given as 20 March 1853 on birth record.

<sup>d</sup> This may have been Catherine Keane (*qv*), but this has not been confirmed.

<sup>e</sup> This may have been Catherine Golden (nee Lynch, *qv*), Bridget's sister.

1 September 1858	Husband James Burns to Port Arthur. <sup>10</sup>
3 May 1859	Husband James Burns charged at Port Arthur with misconduct; sentence 14d SC. <sup>10</sup>
1 August 1859	Husband James Burns charged at Port Arthur with misconduct & assaulting Constable Morris; sentences 7d SC & 2m HL, 1m in separate treatment. <sup>10</sup>
31 March 1860	Husband James Burns discharged to freedom. <sup>10</sup>
27 March 1861	Husband James Burns charged at Launceston with stealing 1 pair of boots; sentence 3m HL. <sup>10</sup>
18 May 1868	Husband James Burns, labourer, resident at Table Cape, tried at Circular Head PC, brought up from 12 & 13 May on remand, charged with unlawfully & feloniously stealing, taking & carrying away about ½ ton of onions, value £4.10 from the premises of Albert Harman Boys, Detention River on 2 April; dismissed. <sup>11</sup>
18 March 1869	Husband James Burns tried at Circular Head PC charged with having on 17 March behaved in a violent & indecent manner at Stanley PO; sentence 7d imprisonment, Stanley Gaol. <sup>11</sup>  Husband James Burns tried at Circular Head PC, brought up from 17 March, hearing adjourned in consequence of it being found necessary to remove defendant from court for violent behaviour, charged with feloniously stealing 2 forks, value 1s, property of William Jones, Stanley on 16 March; hearing further adjourned for 1 week. <sup>11</sup>
8 July 1869	Tried at Circular Head PC, farmer's wife, charged with being a person of unsound mind & not under proper care & control at Circular Head on 6 July; 'upon receipt of the necessary medical certificate from Mr JW Pring & making the investigation required by the Insane Persons Hospitals Act, an order was duly signed for the patient's admission into the Hospital for the Insane at New Norfolk'. <sup>12</sup>
20 July 1869	Admitted to New Norfolk Insane Asylum for amentia, 55y, labourer's wife, residence Circular Head, bodily condition good but thin, duration of attack 13 weeks. <sup>13</sup>
16 September 1869	Husband James Burns, farmer, resident at South Rd, tried at Circular Head PC charged with using obscene & indecent language in a public place at Stanley on 15 September; fined 10s, in default 1w imprisonment, Stanley Gaol. <sup>11</sup>
24 September 1869	Husband James Burns tried at Circular Head PC brought up from 23 September on remand, charged with larceny under £10 in feloniously stealing, taking & carrying away from the premises of Robert Latimer, Stanley on 15 September 2 shaving boxes, value 2s, the goods & chattels of William Deaven, Circular Head; sentence 6m imprisonment, Stanley Gaol. <sup>11</sup>
22 January 1870	Husband James Burns tried at Circular Head PC charged with being a prisoner under sentence in HM Gaol, Stanley & unlawfully absenting himself without leave from his appointed place of work on 20 January; ordered to be imprisoned for 1w in addition to existing sentence. <sup>11</sup>
17 April 1874	Husband James Burns charged at New Norfolk <sup>f</sup> with larceny; sentence 3m HL. <sup>10</sup>
January 1875	Visited by one of her sisters at New Norfolk Insane Asylum; did not acknowledge her. <sup>14</sup>
22 July 1875	Husband James Burns charged at Hobart with obtaining money by false pretences; sentence 12m HL. <sup>10</sup>
18 July 1876	<b>Died</b> of disease of the brain & lungs at New Norfolk Insane Asylum, 62y, pauper. <sup>15</sup>



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<sup>f</sup> It is tempting to assume that James was in New Norfolk to visit Bridget at the asylum, but there was no mention of a visit from him in the New Norfolk Insane Asylum records.

## References

- <sup>1</sup> AOT, CON 41/24 *Australasia* No.445 (Bridget Lynch); AOT, CON 19/8 *Australasia* (Bridget Lynch); AOT, CON 15/6 *Australasia* No.111 (Bridget Lynch); NAI, Prisons 1/9/4 No.1692 (Bridget Lynch); NAI, TR9 p.10 (Bridget Lynch)
- <sup>2</sup> NAI, Prisons 1/9/4 No.1692 (Bridget Lynch)
- <sup>3</sup> AOT, CON 15/6 *Earl Grey* (Mary Lynch)
- <sup>4</sup> AOT, CON 41/24 *Australasia* No.445 (Bridget Lynch)
- <sup>5</sup> AOT, CON 52/4 (James Byrnes & Bridget Lynch); AOT, CON 52/3 p.35 (James Byrnes & Bridget Lynch)
- <sup>6</sup> AOT, RGD 33/31 1853/1129 Westbury (James Burns); AOT, NS 1052/14 1853 No.9 (James Byrnes)
- <sup>7</sup> *Hobart Town Gazette*, 5 April 1853 p.287 (Bridget Lynch)
- <sup>8</sup> ML, CY 1946 Frames 37 & 53 Reel P3-1 (Bridget Lynch)
- <sup>9</sup> AOT, NS 1052/20 p.87 (William Burns)
- <sup>10</sup> AOT, CON 37/9 *HMS Tortoise* No.3084 (James Burns)
- <sup>11</sup> AOT, LC 96/1 (James Burns)
- <sup>12</sup> AOT, LC 96/1 (Bridget Burns)
- <sup>13</sup> AOT, HSD 52/2 p.238 (Bridget Burns); AOT, HSD 254/1 (Bridget Burns formerly Lynch); AOT, HSD 247/1 1869 No.612 (Bridget Burns)
- <sup>14</sup> AOT, AB 365/1 p.31 (Bridget Burns)
- <sup>15</sup> AOT, RGD 35/45 1876/452 New Norfolk (Bridget Burns nee Lynch); AOT, HSD 247/1 1869 No.612 (Bridget Burns)