

*Margaret Magee*¹
(uxor Margaret Barden)

Place Tried	Fermanagh	Date Tried	5 March 1849 ^a
Offence	stealing wearing apparel	Sentence	7 years
Prosecutor	unknown, Enniskillen	Previous Convictions	1
Gaol Report	middling	Surgeon's Report	good
Station of Gang	Anson	Class	3 rd from 18 February 1850
Religion	Roman Catholic	Literacy	read
Marital Status	single	Trade	plain laundress, servant
Age	26 ^b	Native Place	Enniskillen, Co. Fermanagh
Height	5' 3", 5' 1½"	Complexion	fresh, fair
Head	round	Hair	black, dark
Visage	round	Forehead	high
Eyebrows	black	Eyes	dark hazel
Nose	short	Mouth	medium
Chin	round	Marks	none
Family	mother Catherine; brothers John, William, Thomas & Pat; sisters Jane (free settler at Sydney), Mary & Catherine		
18 April 1849	Received at Grangegorman Depot, Dublin at 8:30am. ²		
10 April 1850	Contracted as PPH to James Corrie, Melville St, Hobart, 12m at £8 pa. ³		
17 December 1850	Application for permission to marry Matthew Barden, TL (<i>Hyderabad</i> 2); referred 17 December to woman. ⁴		
20 January 1851	Application for permission to marry Matthew Barden (<i>Hyderabad</i> 2); referred 21 January to Thomas Stone, Green Ponds (approved 4 February) ⁴		
18 February 1851	Tried at Hobart PC, brought up from 12 & 15 February on remand for inquiry, charged with misconduct in being at O'Briens Bridge on 11 February without a pass from her master Thomas Stone, Green Ponds; discharged, returned to the service of the Crown, having been allowed by her master, she was ignorant of the regulations to come to town without a pass (to get married by permission). ⁵		
24 February 1851	Married as 28y, servant, spinster, to Matthew Barden, 21y, shoemaker, bachelor, at St Joseph's RC Church, Hobart; witnesses William McQuillen & Ellen Taylor. ⁶		
6 June 1851	Tried at Hobart PC, brought up from 5 June on remand for attendance of a witness named Conroy, charged by her husband Matthew Barden with misconduct in having a male pass-holder in her husband's house & in the act of coming from bed with him there at about 12 noon on 2 June; pleaded not guilty stating, 'The man assaulted me & I could not resist him'; sentence 3m HL, Cascades FF. ⁷		
23 June 1851	Charged at Cascades FF with disorderly conduct; sentence task work stopped until further orders. ⁸		
27 June 1851	Charged at Cascades FF with breach of regulations, not performing work in proper manner; reprimanded. ⁸		
20 November 1851	Brought a complaint against a fellow prisoner at Cascades FF for threatening her; complaint dismissed, the wrong defendant Mary Reardon having been summoned, complainant to pay costs of 7/6. ⁹		
c1852	To husband Matthew Barden. ¹⁰		
1 April 1852	Husband Matthew Barden absconded. ¹³		
6 May 1852	To Brickfields Hiring Depot, Hobart. ¹⁰		

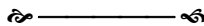
^a Date given as 8 March 1849 on Irish transportation register.

^b Age given as 25 years on Grangegorman prison register and description list.

10 May 1852	To A Briggs, then to Brickfields Hiring Depot, Hobart. ¹⁰
11 May 1852	To apply in 4 months for Ticket-of-Leave. ¹⁰ To Robert Henry, Government Domain. ¹⁰
16 May 1852	Absconded from service of Robert Henry, Government Domain. ¹¹
2 June 1852	Tried at Hobart PC charged with absconding in being absent without leave from the service of Robert Henry, Government Domain, Hobart from 15 May until apprehended at about 6:30am in the house of John Tidnell at Hobart; sentence 12m HL, Cascades FF. ⁷
6 July 1852	Charged at Cascades FF with not performing her work at the needle; sentence 48h bread & water. ⁸
7 July 1852	Charged at Cascades FF with talking at exercise; sentence 3d bread & water & not to exercise for 7d. ⁸
23 July 1852	Charged at Cascades FF with singing in the separate apartments; sentence 3d SC. ⁸
5 January 1853	Husband Matthew Barden to Prisoners' Barracks, Hobart. ¹³
8 January 1853	Husband Matthew Barden to Mr Goodwin, Elizabeth St, Hobart. ¹³
31 January 1853	Charged at Cascades FF with talking at exercise; sentence 1w not to take her meals with the other women. ¹²
3 February 1853	Charged at Cascades FF with breach of regulations; sentence 3d bread & water, wash tub & credit stopped. ¹²
3 March 1853	To husband Matthew Barden. ¹⁰
6 September 1853	To apply in 4 months for Ticket-of-Leave. ¹⁰
10 January 1854	Ticket-of-Leave granted. ¹⁰
27 April 1854	Husband Matthew Barden charged at Hobart PO with disturbing the peace & misconduct in being out after hours; fined 5s & admonished. ¹³
24 June 1854	Husband Matthew Barden received Certificate of Freedom. ¹³
11 December 1854	Charged at Launceston PC with husband Matthew Barden with stealing 100 pairs of boots & shoes, property of Charles Ward; committed for trial. ¹⁴
13 December 1854	Charged at Launceston PC with being absent from her authorised place of residence as could not be charged with above offence due to a legal figment; sentence 6m HL, Launceston ^c FF & recommended her Ticket-of-Leave be revoked. ^{10,15}
16 December 1854	Husband Matthew Barden, shoemaker, tried at Launceston QS charged with stealing 100 pairs of boots & shoes, property of his master Charles Ward; sentence 14y transportation, station of gang Port Arthur. ¹⁶
20 January 1855	Ticket-of-Leave revoked for misconduct. ¹⁷
17 May 1855	To Charles J Irvine, George St, Launceston. ¹⁰
16 October 1855	To apply in December for Ticket-of-Leave. ¹⁰
7 December 1855	Ticket-of-Leave restored. ¹⁸
8 March 1856	Certificate of Freedom issued at Launceston. ¹⁹
5 June 1857	Husband Matthew Barden charged at Port Arthur with misconduct in having money in his possession, etc; sentence 3m HL. ¹⁶
7 February 1859	Husband Matthew Barden charged at Hobart with disturbing the peace; sentence 1m HL. ¹⁶
31 May 1859	Husband Matthew Barden granted Ticket-of-Leave. ¹⁶
4 November 1859	Husband Matthew Barden to Henry Hagon. ²⁰
10 January 1860	Husband Matthew Barden absconded from the service of Henry Hagon, innkeeper, Bridgewater. ^{16,20}
14 February 1861	Husband Matthew Barden charged at Longford with absconding; sentence 3m HL. ¹⁶

^c On Matthew Barden's conduct record it stated that his wife Margaret McGee was under sentence at Cascades FF.

- 10 January 1865 Charged at 11:45pm at Port Sorell PO with being drunk & incapable in a public street at Torquay on 10 January; property of 9p; fined 10s, in default of payment 24h SC, fine paid.²¹
Husband Matthew Barden, shoemaker in the employ of Mr Lath of *Pardoe*, charged at 11:45pm at Port Sorell PO with misconduct as a prisoner of the Crown in being out after hours at 11:30pm the night of 10 January; property of 6s & a knife; admonished & discharged.²¹
- 24 February 1865 Charged at 9:30pm at Port Sorell PO with being drunk & incapable in a public street at Torquay on 23 February; fined 20s, in default 48h SC.²²
- 1 March 1865 Charged at 9:45pm at Port Sorell PO with husband Matthew Barden with disturbing the peace in a public place at Torquay on 28 February; each fined 5s & costs of 1s, in default 24h imprisonment, fines paid.²²
Charged also with husband Matthew Barden with resisting Constable John McKennie in the execution of his duty on 28 February; charge dismissed.²²
- 7 April 1865 Charged at 8pm at Port Sorell PO with being drunk & incapable in a public place at Torquay on 6 April; 3rd offence; sentence 4d SC.²³
- 13 April 1865 Husband Matthew Barden, shoemaker, resident at Torquay, charged at Port Sorell PO at 6pm with being drunk & disorderly in a public street at Torquay on 12 April; fined 10s, in default 24h SC, fine paid.²⁴
- 15 June 1865 Husband Matthew Barden, shoemaker in the employ of Mr Brown, Forth, charged at 10:50am at Port Sorell PO with absconding from his authorised place of abode on or about 10 April 1865; discharged, did not abscond.²⁴
- 30 June 1865 Husband Matthew Barden, shoemaker, resident at Forth, charged at 12 noon at Port Sorell PO with misconduct as a prisoner of the Crown in being absent from his authorised place of residence on the night of 28 June; property of a shoemaker's knife; sentence 1w HL.²⁴
- 7 July 1865 Tried at Torquay PC, brought up from 5 July, charged with being idle & disorderly in sleeping in the open air & being a common prostitute on 4 July 1865; property of 1 counterpane, 2 blankets, 1 chemise, 2 aprons, 4 boots, brush, 2 boy's shirts, 4 towels, 1 pair scissors, 2 combs, 2 handkerchiefs, needles & thread, etc; sentence 1m HL, Launceston Gaol (discharged w/e 9 August).²⁵
- 23 December 1865 Charged at Port Sorell PO at 11:45pm with husband Matthew Barden, shoemaker of Formby, with being drunk & incapable in a public place at Formby on 23 December; husband property of 2s 9p, bullocks stead[?], 1 pair boots, pair of lasts, bundle of fish, bottle of beer, key; each fined 5s, in default 24h SC, fines paid.²⁶
- 25 March 1866 Husband Matthew Barden, shoemaker for Thomas Lath of *Pardoe*, charged at 7:10pm at Port Sorell PO with misconduct in being absent from his authorised place of residence; property of a shoemaker's measure; remanded to 28 March; sentence 1m HL, imprisoned.²⁴
- 3 April 1866 Charged at 9pm at Port Sorell PO with Mary Eaton (*Blackfriar*) & David Raby (*Prince Regent*) with being idle & disorderly in behaving in an indecent manner in a public place at Latrobe on 2 April; sentence 2m HL, Launceston Gaol (discharged w/e 30 May).²⁷
- 17 April 1866 Husband Matthew Barden charged with larceny; sentence 3m, to reside north of Campbell Town.¹⁶
- 20 February 1867 Husband Matthew Barden to Prisoners' Barracks, Hobart.¹⁶
- 26 February 1867 Husband Matthew Barden granted Ticket-of-Leave.¹⁶
- 18 January 1877 Husband Matthew Barden^d married Elizabeth Hutchins at St John's RC Church, Richmond.²⁸



^d Matthew's marital status was given as bachelor, however he would have been a widower or still married. No death record has been found for Margaret.

References

- ¹ AOT, CON 41/24 *Australasia* No.1031 (Margaret Magee); AOT, CON 19/8 *Australasia* (Marg^t McGee); AOT, CON 15/6 *Australasia* No.132 (Marg^t Magee); NAI, Prisons 1/9/4 No.1819 (Margaret Magee); NAI, TR9 p.31 (Margaret Magee)
- ² NAI, Prisons 1/9/4 No.1819 (Margaret Magee)
- ³ AOT, CON 30/2 p.142 (Margaret McGhee)
- ⁴ AOT, CON 52/4 (Mathew/Mathew Barn/Bardon & Margaret McGee); AOT, CON 52/3 p.33 (Matthew Barden & Margaret Magee)
- ⁵ AOT, LC 251/2 (Margaret McGee/Magee)
- ⁶ AOT, RGD 37/10 1851/517 Hobart (Mathew Barden & Margaret Magee)
- ⁷ AOT, LC 251/2 (Margaret Magee)
- ⁸ AOT, CON 138/1 (Marg^t/Margaret/Mary Munroe/McGee)
- ⁹ AOT, LC 247/21 (Margaret Bardon)
- ¹⁰ AOT, CON 41/24 *Australasia* No.1031 (Margaret Magee)
- ¹¹ *Hobart Town Gazette*, 25 May 1852 p.426 (Margaret Magee)
- ¹² AL&MFA, Beattie Papers, Record Book Women's Punishments 1852-1854, p.113 (Marg^t Magee)
- ¹³ AOT, CON 33/94 *Hyderabad* 2 No.21777 (Mathew Barden)
- ¹⁴ *Launceston Examiner*, 12 December 1854 p.3 col.2 (Matthew Barden & Margaret Bardon)
- ¹⁵ *Launceston Examiner*, 14 December 1854 p.3 col.5 (Margaret Bardon)
- ¹⁶ AOT, CON 37/8 *Hyderabad* 2 No.2588 (Matthew Barden)
- ¹⁷ *Hobart Town Gazette*, 23 January 1855 p.103 (Margaret Mager)
- ¹⁸ *Hobart Town Gazette*, 11 December 1855 p.1348 (Margaret McGee)
- ¹⁹ *Hobart Town Gazette*, 18 March 1855 p.239 (Margaret Magee)
- ²⁰ AOT, POL 20/2 (Mathew Bardon)
- ²¹ AOT, POL 428/2 p.133 (Mathew Bardon & Anne Bardon)
- ²² AOT, POL 428/2 p.136 (Mathew Bardon & Margaret/Anne Bardon alias Margaret McGhee)
- ²³ AOT, POL 428/2 p.141 (Margaret Bardon)
- ²⁴ AOT, POL 428/2 pp.143, 151, 153 & 175 (Mathew Bardon/Bardon)
- ²⁵ AOT, POL 428/2 p.153 (Margaret Bardon); AOT, POL 709/2 p.130 (Margaret Bardon)
- ²⁶ AOT, POL 428/2 p.767 (Mathew Bardon & Margaret Bardon)
- ²⁷ AOT, POL 709/1 p.88 (Margaret Bardon); AOT, POL 428/2 p.176 (Margaret Bardon)
- ²⁸ AOT, RGD 37/36 1877/772 Richmond (Mathew Barden & Elizabeth Hutchins)