

*Biddy Sharkey*<sup>1</sup>

<i>Place Tried</i> Co. Longford	<i>Date Tried</i> 28 February 1849 <sup>a</sup>
<i>Offence</i> stealing clothes	<i>Sentence</i> 7 years
<i>Prosecutor</i> Union Workhouse	<i>Previous Convictions</i> 1
<i>Gaol Report</i> good	<i>Surgeon's Report</i> bad
<i>Station of Gang</i> Anson	<i>Class</i> 3 <sup>rd</sup> from 24 January 1850
<i>Religion</i> Roman Catholic	<i>Literacy</i> neither read nor write
<i>Marital Status</i> single	<i>Trade</i> plain laundress
<i>Age</i> 22 <sup>b</sup>	<i>Native Place</i> Co. Roscommon <sup>c</sup>
<i>Height</i> 5' 5½"	<i>Complexion</i> fresh, fair
<i>Head</i> round	<i>Hair</i> black
<i>Visage</i> round	<i>Forehead</i> low
<i>Eyebrows</i> black	<i>Eyes</i> brown
<i>Nose</i> medium	<i>Mouth</i> wide
<i>Chin</i> small, dimpled	<i>Marks</i> face slightly pockmarked
<i>Family</i> brothers James & Terence (both in America); sisters Catherine (in England), Margaret (in England), Peggy & Mary	

14 April 1849	Received at Grangegorman Depot, Dublin at 3:30pm. <sup>2</sup>
21 August 1849	Put on <i>Australasia</i> sick list for bronchitis (off 5 September, cured). <sup>3</sup>
1 October 1849	Put on <i>Australasia</i> sick list for obstipation (off 3 October, cured). <sup>3</sup>
c1851	To Brickfields Hiring Depot, Hobart. <sup>5</sup>
7 March 1851	Charged at Cascades FF with talking very loud; sentence separate treatment until further orders. <sup>4</sup>
13 May 1851	Charged at Brickfields Hiring Depot with making use of improper language; sentence 7d SC. <sup>5</sup>
23 August 1851	Charged at Cascades FF with talking in the ward; sentence 3d SC & afterwards kept at the wash tub. <sup>4</sup>
7 September 1851	Charged at Cascades FF with breach of regulations; sentence 3d bread & water. <sup>4</sup>
20 September 1851	Charged at Cascades FF with disorderly conduct in the yard; sentence 3d SC & 14d separate treatment. <sup>4</sup>
20 October 1851	Charged at Cascades FF with being disorderly at the mess table; sentence 3d bread & water & 10d separate treatment. <sup>4</sup>
27 November 1851	Charged at Cascades FF with loud talking in the mess room; sentence to take her meals separate 1w. <sup>4</sup>
3 February 1852	To Brickfields Hiring Depot, Hobart. <sup>5</sup>
20 February 1852	To William Stanfield, Clarence Plains. <sup>5</sup>
24 February 1852	To Brickfields Hiring Depot, Hobart. <sup>5</sup>
8 March 1852	To R Robertson, Elizabeth St, Hobart. <sup>5</sup>
9 March 1852	To Brickfields Hiring Depot, Hobart. <sup>5</sup>
10 March 1852	To W Shrimpton, Murray St, Hobart. <sup>5</sup>
11 March 1852	To Brickfields Hiring Depot, Hobart. <sup>5</sup>
15 March 1852	To William S Smith, Brisbane St, Hobart. <sup>5</sup>
26 March 1852	To Brickfields Hiring Depot, Hobart. <sup>5</sup>
7 April 1852	To Andrew Moore, Bathurst St, Hobart. <sup>5</sup>

<sup>a</sup> Date given as 27 February 1849 on Irish transportation register.

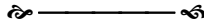
<sup>b</sup> Age given as: 23y on Grangegorman prison register and Irish transportation register; 24y on *Australasia* sick list.

<sup>c</sup> Native place given as Cork on description list.

10 April 1852	To Brickfields Hiring Depot, Hobart. <sup>5</sup>
12 April 1852	To Captain Henry Miller, Campbell St, Hobart. <sup>5</sup>
16 July 1852	To Brickfields Hiring Depot, Hobart. <sup>5</sup>
19 July 1852	To David Marlin[?], Sandy Bay. <sup>5</sup>
6 August 1852	To Brickfields Hiring Depot, Hobart. <sup>5</sup>
12 August 1852	To Robert Henry, Government Domain. <sup>5</sup>
18 August 1852	To Brickfields Hiring Depot, Hobart. <sup>5</sup>
26 August 1852	Contracted as PPH to Jacob B Chandler, Battery Point, 12m at £9 pa. <sup>6</sup>
14 September 1852 <sup>d</sup>	To Cascades FF, Hobart. <sup>5</sup>
2 October 1852	To Andrew Moore, Bathurst St, Hobart. <sup>5</sup>
5 October 1852	To Cascades FF, Hobart. <sup>5</sup>
9 October 1852	To Aaron Sheppard, <i>Bloomfield</i> , Browns River. <sup>5</sup>
26 October 1852	Ticket-of-Leave granted. <sup>5</sup>
December 1852	Mustered in Huon district, resident with Aaron Sheppard, Browns River. <sup>7</sup>
20 December 1852	Tried at Hobart PC charged with misconduct in talking to women confined in Brickfields Hiring Depot at 1pm on 19 December without authority; sentence 3m HL, recommended not to be allowed to reside in Hobart. <sup>5,8</sup>
26 December 1852	To Cascades FF, Hobart. <sup>5</sup>
27 January 1853	Charged at Cascades FF with making a noise at her mess; sentence 3d bread & water & wash tub. <sup>9</sup>
7 March 1853	Tried at Green Ponds PC charged upon suspicion of stealing a silver spoon & other articles, property of Henry Turnley, Green Ponds, on 6 March; discharged, no prosecutor appearing. <sup>10</sup>
30 June 1853	To John Martin, New Norfolk district (not to have a pass). <sup>11</sup>
cJuly 1853	To Hobart Hospital. <sup>11</sup>
7 July 1853	To Cascades FF, Hobart. <sup>5</sup>
17 July 1853	Charged at Cascades FF with insolence; sentence 1m strict separate treatment. <sup>9</sup>
1 August 1853	To J Joyce[?], Kangaroo Point. <sup>5</sup>
3 October 1853	To Cascades FF, Hobart. <sup>5</sup>
4 October 1853	To Mrs Nelson, Pittwater. <sup>5</sup>
6 October 1853	To Cascades FF, Hobart. <sup>5</sup>
7 October 1853	Contracted as PPH to David Bantick, Brighton, <sup>e</sup> 12m at £9 pa. <sup>6</sup>
31 October 1853	Tried at Brighton PC charged by her mistress Mrs Winifred Bantick with being absent without leave & insolence; guilty of absence without leave only; sentence 6m HL. <sup>12</sup>
1 November 1853	To Cascades FF, Hobart. <sup>5</sup>
4 November 1853	To serve 6 months additional probation. <sup>5</sup>
4 April 1854	Ticket-of-Leave revoked, absent from muster December 1853. <sup>13</sup>
10 April 1854	Charged at Cascades FF with refusing to go to the mess when ordered; sentence 3d SC. <sup>9</sup>
13 April 1854	Charged at Cascades FF with insolence to the matron; sentence 3d SC & to be brought up for disposal. <sup>9</sup>
18 April 1854	Charged at Cascades FF; sentence 3d SC & separate treatment until further orders. <sup>9</sup>
1 September 1854	Ticket-of-Leave restored. <sup>5</sup>
28 August 1856	Free by servitude.
16 February 1857	Certificate of Freedom at Hobart for collection. <sup>5</sup>

<sup>d</sup> This and many earlier and later entries were erroneously entered on the conduct record for Bridget Sharkey (*qv*).

<sup>e</sup> Address given as Constitution Hill on conduct record.



## References

- <sup>1</sup> AOT, CON 41/24 *Australasia* No.890 (Bidly Sharkey); AOT, CON 19/8 *Australasia* (Bidly Sharkey); AOT, CON 15/6 *Australasia* No.181 (Bidly Sharkey); NAI, Prisons 1/9/4 No.1732 (Bidly Sharkey); NAI, TR9 p.55 (Bridget Sharkett)
- <sup>2</sup> NAI, Prisons 1/9/4 No.1732 (Bidly Sharkey)
- <sup>3</sup> AJCP, ADM 101/6 *Australasia* Sick List (Bidly Sharkey)
- <sup>4</sup> AOT, CON 138/1 (Bridget Sharkey)
- <sup>5</sup> AOT, CON 41/24 *Australasia* No.890 (Bidly Sharkey) – many of the service entries for Bidly were erroneously entered on the conduct record for Bridget Sharkey (*qv*)
- <sup>6</sup> AOT, CON 30/2 pp.328 & 358 (Brid/Bridget Sharkey)
- <sup>7</sup> AOT, POL 379/1 p.216 (Bridget Sharkey)
- <sup>8</sup> AOT, LC 247/22 (Bidly Sharkey)
- <sup>9</sup> AL&MFA, Beattie Papers, Record Book Women's Punishments 1852-1854, pp.170, 173 & 178 (Bridget Sharkey)
- <sup>10</sup> AOT, LC 194/2 (Bridget Charcott)
- <sup>11</sup> AOT, POL 516/1 (Bridget Sharkey)
- <sup>12</sup> AOT, LC 53/5 p.43 (Elizabeth Sharcot)
- <sup>13</sup> *Hobart Town Gazette*, 11 April 1854 p.341 (Bidly Sharkey)