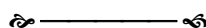


*Bridget Sharkey*<sup>1</sup>  
(*uxor Bridget Rockwood*)

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| <i>Place Tried</i> Co. Louth  | <i>Date Tried</i> 1 March 1849   |
| <i>Offence</i> stealing mutton  | <i>Sentence</i> 7 years  |
| <i>Prosecutor</i> Jemmy Hands, Co. Louth  | <i>Previous Convictions</i> 2—stealing fowls (4m),<br>stealing a lamb (3m)   |
| <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 18 February 1850   |
| <i>Other Information</i> 2 years on the town; tried with<br>Elizabeth Ryan 1 <sup>st</sup> ( <i>qv</i> ) <sup>a</sup> |  |
| <i>Religion</i> Roman Catholic  | <i>Literacy</i> neither read nor write   |
| <i>Marital Status</i> single  | <i>Trade</i> country servant   |
| <i>Age</i> 24   | <i>Native Place</i> Co. Louth  |
| <i>Height</i> 5' ¾", 5' 2"  | <i>Complexion</i> fresh, fair  |
| <i>Head</i> round   | <i>Hair</i> black, brown   |
| <i>Visage</i> round   | <i>Forehead</i> high   |
| <i>Eyebrows</i> black   | <i>Eyes</i> dark   |
| <i>Nose</i> short   | <i>Mouth</i> small   |
| <i>Chin</i> small   | <i>Marks</i> M S M C on right arm  |
| <i>Family</i> mother Peggy; brother Pat   |  |
| 14 April 1849   | Received at Grangegorman Depot, Dublin at 12 noon. <sup>2</sup>  |
| 3 August 1850   | Contracted as PPH to George S Cotterell, <i>Anson</i> , 12m at £7 pa. <sup>3</sup>   |
| 30 June 1851  | Witness at marriage of Elizabeth Ryan 1 <sup>st</sup> ( <i>qv</i> ) & William Harding at Hobart. <sup>4</sup>  |
| 13 January 1852   | Contracted as PPH to Henry Brock, Macquarie St, Hobart, 12m at £8 pa. <sup>5</sup>   |
| 24 February 1852  | To apply in 6 weeks for Ticket-of-Leave. <sup>6</sup>  |
| 20 April 1852   | Ticket-of-Leave granted. <sup>6</sup>  |
| 7 June 1852   | Application for permission to marry George Rockwood ( <i>Cornwall</i> ) (approved 15 June). <sup>7</sup>   |
| 5 July 1852   | <b>Married</b> as 22y, spinster, to George Rockwood, 26y, labourer, at St George's CE Church, Battery Point; witnesses William Harding & Elizabeth Harding (nee Ryan 1 <sup>st</sup> , <i>qv</i> ). <sup>8</sup> |
| 5 October 1852  | Husband George Rockwood granted Ticket-of-Leave. <sup>9</sup>  |
| 29 November 1852  | Witness at marriage of Catherine Murphy ( <i>qv</i> ) & John Cripps at Hobart. <sup>10</sup>   |
| 21 December 1852  | Recommended for Conditional Pardon. <sup>6</sup>   |
| 4 October 1853  | Husband George Rockwood granted Conditional Pardon. <sup>9</sup>   |
| 29 November 1853  | Conditional Pardon approved (issued at Hobart 28 December). <sup>11</sup>  |
| 6 July 1854   | Sponsor at baptism of Joseph James Brinkworth, son of Elizabeth Curry ( <i>qv</i> ), at Hobart. <sup>12</sup>  |
| 1 March 1856  | Free by servitude.   |
| 25 March 1856   | Certificate of Freedom collected. <sup>6</sup>   |
| 9 September 1856  | Husband George Rockwood received Certificate of Freedom at Hobart. <sup>9</sup>  |
| 3 September 1891  | Husband George Rockwood, 67y, labourer, died of chronic Bright's disease at Launceston Hospital. <sup>13</sup>   |
| c1 January 1919   | <b>Died</b> in Launceston, 91y; buried 2 January in Carr Villa Cemetery, Launceston. <sup>14</sup>   |



<sup>a</sup> Deduced from offence and prosecutor.

## References

- <sup>1</sup> AOT, CON 41/24 *Australasia* No.891 (Bridget Sharkey); AOT, CON 19/8 *Australasia* (Bridget Sharkey 2); AOT, CON 15/6 *Australasia* No.182 (Bridget Sharkey); NAI, Prisons 1/9/4 No.1729 (Bridget Sharkey)
- <sup>2</sup> NAI, Prisons 1/9/4 No.1729 (Bridget Sharkey)
- <sup>3</sup> AOT, CON 30/2 p.274 (Bridget Sharkey)
- <sup>4</sup> AOT, RGD 37/10 1851/241 Hobart (Bridget Sharkey)
- <sup>5</sup> AOT, CON 30/1 p.362 (Bridget Sharkey)
- <sup>6</sup> AOT, CON 41/24 *Australasia* No.891 (Bridget Sharkey) – most of the service entries on Bridget's conduct record were entered erroneously; they should have been entered on the conduct record for Bidy Sharkey (*qv*)
- <sup>7</sup> AOT, CON 52/5 p.393 (George Rookwood & Bridget Sharkey)
- <sup>8</sup> AOT, RGD 37/11 1852/338 Hobart (George Rookwood & Bridget Sharkey)
- <sup>9</sup> AOT, CON 33/103 *Cornwall* No.24529 (George Rookwood)
- <sup>10</sup> AOT, RGD 37/11 1852/746 Hobart (George Rookwood & Bridget Rockwood)
- <sup>11</sup> AOT, CON 56/2 No.2240 (Bridget Sharkey)
- <sup>12</sup> AOT, NS 1052/8 p.236 (Bridget Rockwood)
- <sup>13</sup> AOT, RGD 35/60 1891/302 Launceston (George Rookwood)
- <sup>14</sup> TAS Death Record 1919/0003 Launceston (Bridget Rockwood); TFHS Launceston, *Carr Villa Memorial Park Records*, Mon B5 4 No.3782 (Bridget Rockwood)