

*Bridget Yorke'*  
(uxor Bridget Johnson)

Place Tried Co. Meath	Date Tried 2 April 1849
Offence stealing 1/6	Sentence 7 years
Prosecutor unknown, Co. Meath	Previous Convictions none – stealing a handkerchief (discharged), stealing money (discharged), stealing a pig (discharged)
Gaol Report quiet	Surgeon's Report indifferent
Station of Gang not stated	Class 3 <sup>rd</sup> from 22 March 1850
Religion Roman Catholic	Literacy neither read nor write
Marital Status widow	Trade kitchen maid, housemaid
Age 25 <sup>a</sup>	Native Place Co. Meath
Height 5' 4½", 5' 5½"	Complexion ruddy, freckled; fair
Head large	Hair brown, dark brown
Visage round	Forehead high
Eyebrows brown	Eyes black
Nose thick	Mouth wide
Chin round	Marks face slightly freckled, scar on little finger left hand
Family mother Catherine; brother Edward; sisters Mary & Rose	
21 May 1849	Received at Grangegorman Depot, Dublin at 10:30am. <sup>2</sup>
27 July 1849	Put on <i>Australasia</i> sick list for obstipation (off 31 July, cured). <sup>3</sup>
12 September 1849	Put on <i>Australasia</i> sick list for dysentery (off 23 September, cured). <sup>3</sup>
24 July 1850	Contracted as PPH to Richard Frederick, Restdown Rd, Hobart, 12m at £8 pa. <sup>4</sup>
25 March 1851	Application for permission to marry William Johnson ( <i>Layton</i> 3) (approved). <sup>5</sup>
28 April 1851 <sup>b</sup>	<b>Married</b> as 25y, spinster, prisoner, to William Johnson, 27y, bachelor, TL, at Perth CE Church; witnesses Amos Shaw & Maria Brickfield. <sup>6</sup>
16 March 1852	Husband William Johnson's Ticket-of-Leave revoked. <sup>7</sup>
2 April 1852	Charged with drunkenness; reprimanded. <sup>8</sup>
19 July 1852	To Cascades FF, Hobart. <sup>8</sup>
29 July 1852	Charged with being absent from her authorised place of residence; sentence 3m HL. <sup>8</sup>
18 October 1852	To husband William Johnson. <sup>8</sup>
26 March 1853	Charged with using indecent language; sentence 6d SC, Campbell Town Gaol. <sup>8,9</sup>
12 April 1853	Husband William Johnson received Certificate of Freedom. <sup>7</sup>
25 August 1853	Charged with disobedience of orders, reprimanded. <sup>8</sup>
5 January 1854	Mustered in Campbell Town district. <sup>8</sup>
31 January 1854	Ticket-of-Leave granted. <sup>8</sup>
17 April 1854	Charged with being drunk, fined 5s. <sup>8</sup>
9 May 1854	Charged with being drunk; sentence 2m HL, Ross FF. <sup>8</sup>
1 July 1854	Ticket-of-Leave revoked for misconduct. <sup>10</sup>
10 July 1854	To John McKinnon, Avoca. <sup>8</sup>
16 March 1855	Mustered in Longford district. <sup>8</sup>
2 April 1856	Free by servitude.
4 April 1856	Certificate of Freedom sent to Campbell Town. <sup>8</sup>

<sup>a</sup> Age given as: 24y on Grangegorman prison register; 27y on *Australasia* sick list.

<sup>b</sup> Date given as 6 April 1851 on register of permissions to marry.

- 2 October 1857 Tried at Campbell Town LC summoned to answer the complaint of John Brown for having at Snake Banks on 22 September insulted & used abusive language to his wife Isabella Brown (nee Bell Maguire, *qv*); to enter her own recognizance of £5 to keep the peace for the next 3 months & to pay costs (returned to John Brown) of 20/6 in total.<sup>11</sup>
- 1858 Husband William Johnson occupier of a house at Church St, Campbell Town.<sup>12</sup>



## References

- <sup>1</sup> AOT, CON 41/24 *Australasia* No.33 (Bridget Yorke); AOT, CON 19/8 *Australasia* (Bridget York); AOT, CON 15/6 *Australasia* No.195 (Bridget York); NAI, Prisons 1/9/4 No.1871 (Bridget Yorke)
- <sup>2</sup> NAI, Prisons 1/9/4 No.1871 (Bridget Yorke)
- <sup>3</sup> AJCP, ADM 101/6 *Australasia* Sick List Case No.19 (Brid Yorke)
- <sup>4</sup> AOT, CON 30/1 p.157 (Bridget York)
- <sup>5</sup> AOT, CON 52/4 (William Johnson & Bridget York); AOT, CON 52/3 p.241 (William Johnson & Bridget Yorke)
- <sup>6</sup> AOT, RGD 37/10 1851/640 Launceston (William Johnson & Bridget Yorke)
- <sup>7</sup> AOT, CON 34/9 *Layton* 3 No.1165 p.356 (William Johnson)
- <sup>8</sup> AOT, CON 41/24 *Australasia* No.33 (Bridget Yorke)
- <sup>9</sup> ML, CY Reel 1160 (Bridget York) – source [www.genseek.net/ct53pris.htm](http://www.genseek.net/ct53pris.htm)
- <sup>10</sup> *Hobart Town Gazette*, 4 July 1854 p.628 (Bridget York)
- <sup>11</sup> AOT, LC 83/12 p.736 (Bridget Johnson)
- <sup>12</sup> *Hobart Town Gazette*, 20 April 1858 p.510 (William Johnstone)