

IRISH TRANSPORTATION RECORD OF BRIDGET GARDINER PER PHOEBE 1845
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LARCENY – SENTENCED TO 7 YEARS TRANSPORTATION

Stamped CHIEF SECRETARY'S OFFICE OF DUBLIN

49 Fitzwilliam Place
August 5th 1844

Sir,

I have the honor to return the memorial of **Bridget Gardiner** praying a mitigation of punishment which was referred to me for brief report, and in reply regret to say that I see nothing in the prisoner's case to render her a proper object of mercy the charge was clearly proved against her and on reference to the Governor of the Gaol I was informed that it was the 3rd larceny of which she had been convicted.

I transmit herewith for the information of his Excellency the Lord Lieutenant a copy of my note of the trial and have the honor to be

Sir
Your most obedient servant
Hartstonge Robinson
Ass Barrister
Co Sligo

Edward Lucas Esq^r

&c. &c.

Dublin Castle

No alteration necessary

Augst 6th 1844 Heytesbury Mr Connor 5 Aug/44

Ass Bar ans^d 8th Gaoler infor^d do AWC

[above 3 lines crosswise]

[note of trial]

No 28

Bridget Gardiner for stealing 3 shillings and 7 sixpences the goods of Pat Gorman.

Betsey Gorman - I am Pat Gorman's wife. We live the river side of Sligo - on 4th of last month I was in O'Donnell's Shop in Market Street. I saw the prisoner there – my money 3^s and 7 sixpences were taken out of my pocket – they were in a bit of muslin - the prisoner was standing behind me at the time - I observed her pushing me against the counter and immediately after to leave the shop - on seeing her leave the shop I put my hand to my pocket and found the money gone. I followed her and overtook her at Brady's window 4 or 5 doors off - I caught her by the arm - I told her to give me the money she took out of my pocket - she denied to have taken it – as I attempted to drag her into Brady's house I saw the money on the flag at her foot - I heard it fall. I took it up and gave it to the police. I told the police the number of pieces in the bag.

X there were 5 women in O'Donnell's shop when I went in buying cloaks there was no person present but the prisoner when the money fell.

Robert Simpson P.C. produces money in the bag.

I got it from the last witness – before I opened the bag she told me that there were 6^s X 6^d in the bag – it contains that sum.

Guilty
3rd offence Transported for 7 years

Stamped CHIEF SECRETARY'S OFFICE DUBLIN 44 AUG [?]

To His Excellency Lord Haytesbury Lord Lieutenant General & General Governor of Ireland

The humble petition of **BRIDGET GARDINER** of the town of Sligo humbly sheweth that petitioner was charged with stealing the sum of six shillings and sixpence out of the Pocket of one **Beesey** [*Daut^{er} of*] Gorman - that your petitioner went into the shop of James O'Donnell of the town of Sligo for the purpose of purchasing there some callico that the prosecutor was in the shop when she missed the money that she accused other persons for taking said sum out of her pocket did not accuse petitioner at the time while in the shop - untill she went out and went a distance of twenty yards where the prosecutor followed her and charged her of taking said sum that she the prosecutor tried petitioners person, but could find no money, but afterwards found it on the street - that the prosecutor was a girl of no fame and got married to a man named Gorman. That your petitioner was tried before Hartstonge Robinson Esquire Assistant Barrister for the County of Sligo for stealing said sum at Sligo June quarter sessions last and found Guilty of the Charge and His Worship passed sentence that your petitioner would be transported for the space of Seven years. Your petitioner Begg to state to your excellency that she is an aged woman upwards of Fifty years and a mother of eight helpless orphans destitute of friends or Relations, and without any male kind to look to them, and further Begg to state that since she was fifteen years of age she is in the habit of taking the falling sickness which deprives her of health.

She therefore humbly implores your Excellency will take her distressed state and to look to her poor orphans with an eye of Charity, and Compassion and to mitigate the sentence so pronounced and Begg to Refer your Excellency to the Recommendation of the Gentlemen of the Jury who was empannelled on said trial and also to the characters of the Gentlemen Residing in the town of Sligo and by your Excellency so doing Peti^r will ever pray.

Bridget Gardiner

Sligo Gaol July 30th 1844
Mr Connor [*crosswise overstruck*]

We the undersigned Gentlemen empannelled on the trial of the within named petitioner Bridget Gardiner and on Reading her petition and knowing her distressed orphans do hereby Recommend her as a fit and distressed object to be taken to your excellency's kind consideration as to mitigation of Punishment. Given under our hands at Sligo this 30th day of July 1844

- 1 Thomas Carter foreman
- 2 James Cregg
- 3 Samuel Lindsay
- 4 John Walsh
- 5 James Guyatt
- 6 Ormsby Hudson
- 7 Thos Sleater
- 8 Patrick Gannon
- 9 Wm McKim
- 10 James Frizzle
- 11 George Jackson

To his Excellency Lord Haytesbury Lord Lieutenant and Governor General of Ireland.

We the undersigned whose names are subscribed hereto humbly hope that your Excellency will be pleased to take into your most gracious consideration the prayer of Bridget Gardiner's petition.

John Hart T.C. [*Town Councillor*]
Michael Gethin T.C.
Ewd H Verdon T.C.
Edward Kelly T.C.
Jas Madden T.C.
Jer^h O'Donovan T.C.
Robert Sherlock Alderman

Mark McGarry
Pat^k McLoughlin
John Henery
James Tucker MD
John Streete
Terence Foley
James Hall [*PP*]
Chamberlain Murphy
[*Mich^l*] Hunt
Dominick Hunt
Jas Hencry
Mich^l Gillan
[*illegible*]
James Brennan
Pat Dessinger
Thos Kelly
John Conlon [?]
[*3 further signatures illegible*]

Seal
SLIGO JY 31 1844
To The Lord Haytesbury Lord
Lieutenant General and General Governor
of Ireland
Dublin Castle

[*the following is upside down*]
G 23 1844
Bridget Gardiner
Seal
