

**Irish Transportation records Bridget Conlan/Hartigan CRF 1848 H55, Earl Grey 1850**

*Written crossways at top* W. Hitchens 22/1/49

City Gaol Limerick  
21<sup>st</sup> Jan<sup>y</sup> 1849

Sir

The High Sherriff has this day handed me the Lord lieutenants order to discharge Bridget Hartigan Prisoner in this Gaol, sentenced to six months imprisonment for stealing shirts, which order has been compiled with.

I have the honor to be  
Sir  
your most ob. humble servt  
John Morse  
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No 2 & 3

Limerick January 18 [ ]

Sir

In reply to your letter & questions enquiring a further report upon the state of health of Bridget Hartigan. I have the pleasure of complying herewith.

She has for some time laboured under chronic inflammation of the womb, attended with all the very great distress which usually accompanies this affection, but latterly her distress and suffering has become at times, indeed very great, and in my mind, much added to by confinement, her present state, (being En Famili) requires constant watchfulness and such every day care as no gaol, at present, could supply, her this to get into pure fresh air & have some country exercise, with relief of pain, I have no doubt but that all would go on well with her, but now, she is by the occurrence of constant pain, & having terror, of it producing or causing premature confinement.

I have the honour to be  
Sir  
your ob<sup>t</sup> Serv<sup>t</sup>  
R. Felston  
Physician in the Co<sup>y</sup> Limerick Gaol

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*Written crosswise* W Hitchens 18/1/49

Limerick January 15<sup>th</sup> 1849

I have examined Mrs Bridget Hartigan & am of opinion, that her present state, being "En Famile", and also attended by painful affection of the womb, demands her immediate discharge from the Prison & further I am of opinion that further imprisonment will prove seriously injurious to her life.

RK Felston MD  
Surgeon to the Gaol of the City of Limerick

No 7

To

The Right Honorable His Excellency The Earl of Clarendon Lord Lieutenant General and  
General Governor of Ireland.

The Humble Petition of Bridget Hartigan a Prisoner confined in the City Limerick Prison  
Sheweth Unto Your Excellency,

That petitioner was tried at the October Sessions 1848 for this city before the Assistant  
Barrister at the prosecution of William Johnson for Larceny and being convicted thereof was  
sentenced to be imprisoned for six calendar months.

That since Petitioners confinement now upwards of three months she has been  
constantly suffering from ill health and is at this moment in a very dangerous state and near her  
confinement of which fact Your Excellency can be satisfied by the certificate of the medical  
Doctor of the Prison and trust in Your Excellency's mercy you will be good enough to consider  
that the time she has spent in punishment enough for the first offence to which she was ever  
before brought before a Court of Justice and promises Your Excellency that she will never  
again offend the laws. And memorialist will ever consider it her bound in duty to Pray.

Limerick 9<sup>th</sup> January 1849

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No 8

Bridget Hartigan Committed 8<sup>th</sup> August 48 and bailed same day

Convicted 30<sup>th</sup> October 1848

Jno Moore

No 9

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signature Dec 2/48*

The law must take its course

*signature Dec 2/48*

14 Fitzwilliam Square N  
December 2<sup>nd</sup> 1848

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter with reference to the accompanying  
Memorial of Bridget Hartigan a prisoner under sentence of six months imprisonment in the  
Gaol of Limerick and regret that there are not in my opinion any circumstances in the prisoner's  
case to render her a proper object of mercy. The prisoner was found guilty at the last Quarter  
Sessions of the crime of stealing a sheet the property of a shopkeeper named Daniel Johnston  
– the case was proved by Cornelius Fogarty (Johnstons Shopman & the stolen article was found  
in her possession – street robbery has increased to such an alarming extent in Limerick during  
the last three months that in a case of unquestionable guilt like the present I cannot with

propriety recommend the prisoner to the merciful consideration of Their Excellencies The Lords Justices.

I have the honor to be Sir  
Your most obed<sup>t</sup> Servant  
Robert Tighe  
Assistant Barrister

JN Redington Esq

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H 55 1848  
Bridget Hartigan  
Staling Sheet – 6 months  
Committed 8<sup>th</sup> Jan<sup>y</sup> 1848  
Bailed  
Convicted  
Report of Assistant Barrister annexed  
Decr/48

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To be discharged

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[ ] inf Jan 20/49  
AB & Gov of G inf<sup>d</sup>  
4/12 -48 H.H  
(For Lords Justices opinion see  
Asst barristers Report)  
Further application annexed  
January 16<sup>th</sup> 1849  
Resubmitted June 19

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signature Dec 21/48*

Referred to Assistant barrister  
Dec 2/48

To His Excellency Frederick William Earl of Clarendon  
The Memorial of Bridget Hartigan a prisoner confined in the prison of the City of Limerick  
Most respectfully sheweth

That Memorialist was tried at the present October Quarter Sessions for larceny os a small piece of sheeting from Mr David Johnston and found guilty and was sentenced to six months imprisonment.

That memorialist is, the mother of six young children whose Husband is a Labourer earning a poor pittance for their support.

That memorialist has always up to the time of this alleged offence (and which memorialist denies she committed) been and still is a woman of good character as will appear

from the annexed certificate of Gentlemen and Shopkeepers residing in Limerick and the Prosecutor upon the trial gave memorialist an excellent character.

Under the circumstance's memorialist trusts your Excellency will be pleased to commute her sentence and memorialist will ever feel grateful

Bridget Hartigan

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We know Bridget Hartigan otherwise Conlan of Thomond gate (who has been found guilty of larceny at the last Limerick Sessions at the prosecution of Mr David Johnston) for many years, and we do certify that she is a woman of unimpeachable good character and earnestly recommend her to the consideration of his Excellency the Lord Lieutenant

Limerick 8<sup>th</sup> November 1848

Daniel Synan PP St Munchins City Limerick

James Synan A P St Mich's  
Michael Dalahenty  
David Johnston  
T Curry  
Thos Morrison  
WH Moore  
James Waulfe  
Thomas Wallnutt Ald  
Neptune B Conway

William Crilley  
Wm L....  
Saml Tuthilly  
Edwd Bernard  
John Crilley  
Capt Thos Furnell  
Edward Cullen  
Gilbert Dowling  
James Real  
Mich<sup>l</sup> Kelly  
Thomas Lowe  
Michael Donovan