

Ann Powers ID 5453 per *Garland Grove* 1841

Ann Powers aged 24

Central Criminal Court April 1841

Stealing from a dwelling house

14 years transportation

Gaol Report - Not known here

Place - Newgate

Series – HO 18

Piece Number – 50

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The prisoner prays for mitigation on the grounds that she was led into crime by the principle offender and that her previous character was unblemished.

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Let me see the report

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To the Right Honourable The Marquis of Normanby Her Majesty's Principle Secretary of State for the Home Department.

The humble Petition of Ann Powers a prisoner confined in Her Majesty's gaol of Newgate under sentence of transportation for fourteen years.

Sheweth

That your Petitioner was tried and convicted at the present Old Bailey Sessions together with a person of the name of Fanny[ Walls/ Watts] on a charge of robbing the Master of the latter. That your Petitioner had no means of shewing except through the evidence of Fanny Walls herself how she became accessory to this robbery but she solemnly protests and it could clearly have been shewn at the trial of Council had examined her witnesses on this point that she was staying at the time with a Mr and Mrs Tree/Free at Islington and had no intention of doing anything wrong had not she accidentally met the other prisoner Fanny Walls who persuaded her to accompany her home and that then for the first time she was made acquainted with Fanny Wall's intention to rob her master, that she strongly advised her to resist it and pointed out the consequences of committing such an act but the other having already packed up some things said she was determined to take them anyway and the prisoner Ann Powers unhappily left the house with her and was persuaded to assist her in carrying some of the stolen property when they were both taken into custody.

That your Petitioner lived two years in service at the Bethlem Hospital and was much respected and a gentleman of the name of Nicolls the House Steward of that Establishment will testify as to her good conduct while in his service.

That prior to this she lived four years in one family and had the most unbounded confidence placed in her and was much esteemed for her regular and mortal habits.

That more witnesses would have been called to her character at the trial but they were unable to wait any longer having been in

attendance for two days and that your Petitioner has an aged mother almost entirely dependent on her for support.

That your Petitioner therefore most humbly prays that your Lordship will be pleased to take her case into your merciful; consideration (it being her first offence) and that you will be pleased to grant some mitigation of this severe sentence by sending her to the Penitentiary or such other relief as to your Lordship shall seem meet.

And your Petitioner will ever pray.

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We the undersigned can vouch for the truth of the forgoing statement as far as it regards us and beg leave most respectfully to recommend the unhappy woman Ann Powers to the Royal Clemency:

Mary Ann Bill

Prince of Wales Inn

Bristol

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I have known the Petitioner from her childhood and have had frequent opportunities of observing her conduct and was always that of an industrious person

Benjamin Brigg

4 Rock Hill

Bishopgate

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And 8 more signatures.

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