

Ann Smith per Harmony 1829 ID S146H (this was grouped by NA with another Ann Smith listed below. She did not come to VDL)

ANN SMITH - 1829
OLD BAILEY
HOUSE BREAKING
DEATH
SOURCE - HOME OFFICE CRIMINAL PETITIONS SERIES 1
SERIES - HO 17
PIECE NUMNER - 58
ITEM NUMBER - KN42

ANN SMITH
OLD BAILEY JULY SESSIONS 1828
HOUSE BREAKING
SENTENCE OF DEATH COMMUTED TO TRANSPORTATION FOR LIFE.

To The Right Honorable Robert Peel MP Secretary of State for the Home Department.

The humble memoral of ANN SMITH lately under sentence of DEATH in His Majesty's gaol of Newgate in the city of London but was mercifully respited during pleasure and who was convicted last July session for the alleged crime of housebreaking in the dwelling house of Mr Ewen of No 2 Noble Street, Goswell Street Road.

Sheweth,

That your petitioner solemnly decleres her innocence and that her case has been investigated by Mr Sheriff Wilde who kindly promised his humane efforts to get her case reconsidered and likewise that the Prosecutor Prosectrix and their son believe her to be innocent as well as Mr Oliver No 76 Noble Street and Mr Epsom No 1 Noble Street who will come forward if required to state such their beliefs on oath.

The bearer of these documents being the father of the prisoner humbly employes your gracious condescesion in belhalf of his child and from the proptitude the Government always shews to such cases as this is most respectfully employes your humane consideration and is in duty bound will pray for ever.

Ann Smith.

Isaac Oliver (his mark)

Thomas Epsom

Peter Foley (father of the prisoner)

No 3 Barbican Court

The above saw three women come out of the house at the time of the robbery have seen the prisoner ANN SMITH at Newgate and positively declares she was not of them.

13 August 1828

August 1st 1828

Dear Father,

I am happy to inform you that the requests came down last night and that gal has [] pleased to spare my life for which I am truly thankful there is but one man to [sus out] of mine unfortunate creatures. The shirifs have just been round the prison and I have spoken to them and they have promised to try to do something for me if they can. I should like to see you as soon as you can make it convenient for the ship will sail in a fortnight or three weeks at most and if nothing is done for me I should go then plus to ask mother to send me a plate and spoon of which she has got them to spare for I have not got any thing for my use [] I go hoping you and mother are well and Peter.

I remain your unfortunate

Ann Smith.

On the night of the 3 of June I left my home about 9 o'clock and did not return until past 5 the next morning it was very rainy and when I got home I put my bonnet and shawl and gown and hung them up as they were wet I had not been at home long when two young women of the name of Johnson and Mathews came to my door and asked me to let them stop until the rain was over they said a woman had been following them and accusing them of robbing her and [] was then at the door I went down and spoke to her but she refused to go [] and spoke to the watchman they then went away as they did not wish to get me into trouble and the woman followed them shortly after. Mathews came back and said that she had lost Johnson I asked her to come to bed but she refused and said she should go home soon and fell asleep in a chair Johnson shortly afterwards came back also accompanied by a girl that [] over my head in the same house who had a bundle with her she said she had some words with her fellow lodgers and would not go upstairs to bed and had turned out all night and had met Johnson in the street soon after the woman came to my door accompanied by an officer and he took Mathews to the watchhouse and in about 5 minutes returned with another officer in the [] Johnson had gone

up stairs into the room.

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over my head and was locked in by the girl who had brought the bundle into my room the officers asked me where she was but they [] [] not to t[tell] I therefore said I did not know one of them then went up stairs to look for her and the other asked me if I knew any think of the womans property I told him he was very welcome to search me or my room which he did and on finding the bundle asked me whose it was I said it was mine or something like that but the girl that brought them put the words into my mouth and my mind was in such a state of confusion that I scarce know what I saw or did the officer then said I must go before a Magistrate and give a better account of them and took me to the watchhouse whilst there the story of the lost boy was made up by Johnson the other girl was not taken but whilst I was in [] her fellow lodger came to one and asked me not to bring the girl into trouble that I should have a counsellor provided for me and I should be acquitted but she never came to see me and give me anything but for the sake of Johnson who behaved wrong with me until after my trial I did not say any thing as she fully expected to be tried before me and meant to disclose my innocence of the robbery but it happened otherwise and I was tried first foolishly told the same story and [] myself to serve her but she has said all she can to clear me and if it will be any use she will say it to any body she says that as she and the other girl were passing the door of the womans house and seeing it open they went in and saw a parlour door open and some children asleep on the ground and some one else in a bed and the girl went in and took the things of the drawers and tied them up in her shawl and that when they came out of the house there was a man standing at a door of a shop and another cleaning windows and the prosecutrix stated herself that two of her neighbours saw two rough dirty women coming out of her house with a bundle (words missing, torn paper) in one of their arms but they would have [] [] between me and them had they come [] this is all I know or can say about it if I was the person that did the robbing I should not have been so ready to have acknowledged thing to be mine but not being aware of the consequence and never having been in a case before I did as I was advised by those about me who I thought my friends.

Ann Smith

The name of the two men who saw the women come out of Mrs Ewens house with the bundle of cloths are:

Mr Isaac Oliver

Coal Merchant

No 76 Noble Street

and

Mr Thomas Epsom

Cheese Monger
No 1 Noble Street

ANN SMITH - AGED 22
SOMERSET QUARTER SESSIONS TAUNTON OCTOBER 1829
GAOLERS REPORT - GOOD AS FAR AS KNOWN
SERIES HO 17
PIECE NO - 58
ITEMS NO - KD 52

To The Right Honorable The Secretary of State for the Home Department

The humble petition of ANN SMITH now a prisoner under sentence of transportation in the gaol of Exeter.

Sheweth

That your petitioner is a native of Chipstable in the County of Somerset and your Petitioners father and mother and all her relations reside in or near that Parish which is upwards of thirty miles from the City of Exeter.

That your Petitioner kived in service at Budgwater and having left her place there your petitioner went down to Exeter to see a friend and happened to meet in an Inn there with the two persons who committed the bobbert (a man and a woman).

That your petitioner belived that the man took a watch from a person in the street and handed it to the woman his companion who in a moment (and without your petitioner being aware of what she was doing) gave the watch into your petitioners hand and then both the man and the woman having [] away your Petitioner was [] apprehended.

That your petitioners friends live at shuch a great distance from Exeter that your petitioner could not have an opportunity of precuring evidence as to her character upon her trial.

That your Petitioner previously to this affair always has an impeachable character and the several persons whose names are below:

Your Petitioner humbly prays for a [] of her sentence and that she may be imprisoned instead of being transported beyond the seas. An your Petitioner will for ever pray.

Sarah Chorley - this is to say that ANN SMITH lived with me 11 months and I found her a honest and good indeed.

James Webler

Fredrich Collard

John Flitch

Henry King

J Surrage - Church Warden and Overseer

John Stone - Church Warden and Overseer

James Rogers - Church Warden and Overseer

And 61 one other signatures

