

Ann Smith ID 11958 per *Tasmania* 1844

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The prisoner declares her innocence of this offence

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To the Right Honourable Sir James Graham Her Majesty's  
Principle Secretary of State for the Home Department.

The Petition of Ann Smith aged 29 years a prisoner received  
into Millbank prison on the 14<sup>th</sup> March having been convicted  
at the Liverpool Sessions on the 5<sup>th</sup> March 1844 of Larceny  
and sentenced to 7 years transportation.

Sheweth

That your Petitioner is the daughter of sober decent people  
and widow of the late John Smith. Her father Richard Walker  
worked for 16 years for Mr Fawcett Iron Founder of Liverpool  
her husband was frequently out of employ but while her  
parents lived she had a comfortable home. On their death  
her brother claimed the furniture and she with her husband  
and little boy removed to a furnished room. About 13  
months ago her husband died suddenly leaving her in bad  
health and great poverty without common necessities or a  
single article of furniture to dispose of. In this situation she  
applied to the parish authorities in Liverpool for relief but  
found she could not be assisted unless she forwarded a

medical certificate to testify that she was unfit to be removed to her husband's parish (Great Barrow Chester).

She then became a patient at the North Dispensary Liverpool and was attended by Dr [Beasrot] and Dr Midnight who frequently gave her a note to the relieving officer by which means herself and child were barely preserved from starvation, 6 months subsequent to her husband's death she was confined with a still born infant and 17 days after applied to the parish for further relief, but was told as she was able to work she must seek assistance from her husband's parish .

She would have been glad to do so but there being no land conveyance provided she was expected to go on foot and to this she felt herself utterly [ ]. She therefore remained in Liverpool two days longer on the third morning Ann Bates a woman who sat out with her when her husband died came in and on witnessing her weak and destitute condition persuaded her to go with her telling her she would obtain for her a present supply accordingly they went out together and when they arrived at the [Inston] House Ann Bates went in and after a few minutes returned with a set of fire irons which she hastily delivered to your Petitioner and then ran away, before she had time to move from the spot a clerk came out and seeing the property in her possession immediately apprehended her.

Your Petitioner humbly solicits your kind consideration of the circumstances of her case and trusts you will be pleased to

recommend a mitigation of her sentence and your Petitioner will ever pray.

The mark of Ann Smith

Witness Caroline [Hasple]

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Ann Smith aged 29

Liverpool Sessions February 1844

Larceny

7 years transportation

Gaol Report – 4 times before convicted

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