

Ann Stewart ID5037 per *Emma Eugenia* 1846

Ann Stewart aged 42

Perth Circuit Court October 1845

Theft

7 years transportation

Gaol Report – 4 times convicted of theft.

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The prisoner's mother states that the offence was a trivial one when in a state of instability approaching insanity. It is further alleged that she is of weak mind and her detention in this country is prayed for.

Blair Drummond

20th December 1845

Dear Sir James

I beg the favour of your consideration of the enclosed Petition which I have been requested to lay before you, and I trust the facts of the case may be found on inquiring to justify the disposal of it in the manner desired.

I remain Dear Sir James

Most faithfully yours

[Norman] Drummond

Unto the Right Honourable Secretary of State for the Home
Department

The Petition of Ann Young or Stewart wife of Lauchlan Stewart
residing in Perth.

Humbly Sheweth

That your Petitioner begs leave most respectfully to address your
Lordship on behalf of her daughter Ann Stewart who was tried
before Lord Wood and the Lord Justice Clerk at Perth upon the 7th
October last for the crime of theft and sentenced to seven years
transportation.

That your petitioner deeply and sincerely regrets the situation in
which her daughter by her own conduct has now placed herself and
the more so from the fact that she is the mother of two young
children unable of course to do anything for their present
subsistence. That the crime of which she was tried and found guilty
although offensive in the eyes of God and Man was but of a trivial
description and committed by her while in a state of insensibility
approaching insanity a circumstance well known to the undersigned.
That she has for the past twenty years been weak in her mind. That
your Petitioner would humbly hope that as her daughter is past the
meridian of life your Lordship will be pleased to give instructions for
her being placed in one of Her Majesty's Penitentiary in land in
where she could make herself useful at the needle or in other
aspects in place of sending her abroad. Your Petitioner humbly
trusts that your Lordship will be pleased to comply with her request
and thus relieve her sorrowful and wounded heart from much grief
and pain.

And your Petitioner will ever pray.

James Bour – Elder

David Cook – Elder

John Kelly – Elder