

Irish Transportation Records Ann Walsh CRF 1840 W26 Film 43

Mr Connor

W H July 28/40

To His Excellency Lord Ebbington, Lord Lieutenant,
General and General Governor of Ireland, etc etc etc.

Memorial of Anne Walsh, a Prisoner in the Gaol of Maryborough in the Queen's County
Most Humbly Sheweth,

That she was convicted at the late Assizes of Maryborough before The Right
Honorable Chief Justice Bushe for stealing off an Hedge some old cloths valued to Five Shillings, and
was sentenced therefore to 7 years transportation.

That your Excellency's Memorialist now Eighteen years old acknowledges
the Justice of such a Sentence and is heartily sorry for having in any way offended the laws of her
Country to which she was foolishly led by others, but now promises to be most obedient in future.

That Memorialist is the eldest of seven children who have been left
Motherless now four years, and the duty of Parent having devolved upon her would leave the
remainder with her poor Father wretchedly off indeed should they be deprived of her care.

That under these circumstances added to the tender age and inexperience of
your Memorialist, she is advised to appeal to your Excellency, to whom she is told she does not apply
in vain, in the humble hope that, in your great tenderness of heart you may be graciously pleased to
mitigate her sentence to such period of confinement as to your Excellency's wise and humane
Judgement may best seem meet so as that her almost broken hearted Father and friends may still live
in hope of having her again restored to their affectionate bosoms.

And Memorialist will ever pray

Anne Walsh

Maryborough gaol

28th July 1840

Queen's County

Ann Walsh

Robbery 7 years trans initials

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Anne Walsh

Refer to teh C. Justice

July 30 [.]

Report annexed 7 Aug

The law must take its course

Aug 8

Ch. Justice ans^d 11th

To[.] H. Macdonald [....] Dublin Castle

Upper Mount St

August 6 1840

Sir, In answer to your letter of the 12th instant to Chief Justice Doherty from whom I have received it (& to whom it was by mistake addressed & sent) requesting me by the command of his Excellency the Lord Lieutenant “to acquaint you with the particulars of the case of Anne Walsh a Prisoner in the Jail of the Queen’s County, & whether in my opinion there are any mitigating circumstances which would render her a proper object for Mercy”. I beg you pray inform his Excellency that the Prisoner was tried before me at the last Assizes for Queen’s County upon an Indictment charging her with stealing various articles of wearing Apparel – The first witness for the case was Mary Meredith who enumerated the various articles (her property) which were stolen from a Hedge which she saw afterwards in the Police office. – The 2nd witness for [...] Crown was Margaret Madden who swore that the Prisoner gave her the articles & that a Police man took them from her – Sergeant Downey of the Police Establishment swore that he took them from Margaret Madden & that he arrested the Prisoner who told him that the Property was her own – Mary Meredith being reproduced swore that the Articles were hers & had been stolen from a Hedge – The Prisoner called no witness & made no defence – upon asking the Governor of the Jail whether she had been in his custody before, he answered that she had & that the day before she committed the offence now charged upon her, she was discharged from Jail upon the expiration of a former sentence of imprisonment for a similar crime, & that she is a notorious bad character.

I sentenced her to be transported for seven years & no circumstances of a mitigating nature have come to my knowledge which would in my opinion render her a proper object of Mercy . I have the honor to be Sir your faithful serv^t

Charles Bushe

PS I return enclosed the Prisoner’s petition.

Stamped Chief Secretary’s Office Dublin 40 SEP ?

Mr Connor written up the side.

The Right Honourable his Excellency the Earl Ebrington Lord Lieu^t Gen^l & Gen^l Governor of
Ireland etc etc

The Humble Memorial of Anne Walsh

Humbly Sheweth

That your Excellency’s most humble Memorialist is a Prisoner confined in the Gaol of Maryborough in the Queen’s County under sentence of transportation for seven years for Hedge Robbery was tried at the Summer Assizes before the Chief Baron of the Exchequer as Judge of the Home Circuit when by the evidence produced she was sentenced to seven years Transportation, Memorialist is an Orphan in or about eighteen years of age the eldest of eight children her Father a Poor labouring industrious man who is from home late and early trying to earn for himself and family, through the hardness and distress of the times and the advice of others she was tempted to commit the crime for which she is now suffering under the sentence Most humble Petitioner thus troubling your Excellency is for the purpose of shewing that if she is sent out of the Country from her helpless sisters they will be forced to the road to seek their Bread and be left exposed to all kinds of evil temptations.

Petitioner therefore makes bold to lay her wretched state and that of her helpless sisters before your Excellency hoping in your most humane and gracious mercy you will be pleased to order a mitigation of her Sentence to any length of confinement your Excellency may see fit.

And as in Duty Petitioner

Will ever pray

Ann Walsh

Maryborough Gaol
26th September 1840

I the Undersigned the Prosecutrix of the Petitioner do hereby certify that if I had at first known who the Petitioner was for the value of what was taken I would not have prosecuted her I am now sorry for it and forgive her and hope your Excellency will be graciously pleased to take her into your most humane consideration and grant her the prayer of her Petition

Mary Meredith Prosecutrix
George Beale Mountmellick

W 26 1840

Anne Walsh

Robbery 7 yrs Tⁿ

The Sub Inspector states that the Prisoner is a bad character

10 Oct 1840

The law must take its course

Signature

Gov of gaol ans^d

On Her Majesty's Service
The Fright Honb^{le} his Excellency the
Lord Lieutenant General &
Gen^l Gov^r of Ireland
Dublin Castle