

Dorothy Wake ID2686 per *Baretto Junior* 1850

Dorothy Wake aged 26

Durham Sessions October 1849, Stealing a coat, 10 years transportation, Gaol Report – Twice convicted of a felony

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Convicted for the 3rd time. Transport

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The prisoner asks for a mitigation of her sentence and prays she may not be sent abroad. The Prosecutor solicits a [] of the sentence on account of its severity.

Durham Prison

10th December 1849

To The Right Honourable Sir George Grey Secretary of State for the Home Department.

The memorial of Dorothy Wake of Sunderland in the County of Durham.

Humbly Sheweth

That your Memorialist with every interment of respect begs leave to convey her unfortunate case to the humane consideration of Honourable Board.

That your Memorialist was committed to take her trial at Durham in October last for unlawfully stealing a coat valued at two shillings and

four pence, and sentence by Her Majesty's Judge to suffer a transportation of ten years.

That your Memorialist most humbly prays that in consequence of her sex with the small amount of the charge, that the feeling of humanity will be extended towards her unfortunate fate, and that your Honourable Board will feel disposed to mitigate her sentence and whatever time may be granted such period to be continued in any part of the United Kingdom, at present your unfortunate is in Durham Prison.

And your Memorialist as in duty will ever pray.

Her mark x Dorothy Wake.

We the undersigned residents of Sunderland in the County of Durham have known the unfortunate Petitioner, we do recommend her to the humane consideration of your Honourable Board trusting that her prayer will lead to a mitigation of her sentence.

Samuel Jacobs – Prosecutor

John Anderson

James Humphery

John Cooper – Prosecutor's Attorney
