

Grace Anderson ID3061 per *Cadet* 1849

Grace Anderson aged 16

Glasgow Circuit Court May 1848

Theft by house breaking

7 years transportation

Gaol Report – twice before convicted

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The prisoner's mother alleges that she is of weak health and intellect.

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

12th October 1848

The humble Petition of Elizabeth Anderson residing in Glasgow.

Most respectfully Sheweth

That Grace Anderson the daughter of your unfortunate Petitioner was convicted at the Glasgow Assizes in May last, and was fully sentence to the term of seven years transportation.

Your Petitioner begs respectfully to state to your Honour that her unfortunate daughter is 17 years of age is in a delicate state of health and troubled with a stoppage in the windpipe and she is of weak intellect.

Her father Alexander Anderson occurred a deadly wound on 10th February 1840 the even day of her Majesty's marriage he being a Night Watchman in the Glasgow Police Establishment. Your Honour the Petitioner is a widow and had 5 children besides the unfortunate individual above alluded to, humbly implores your Honour compassion, so that Her Most Gracious Majesty will mitigate the sentence of 7 years transportation to a specified place of confinement and as a pertinent sinner, and may Her Majesty's blessing await her family.

May it therefore please your Majesty to take the Petitioners case into your consideration and be pleased to mitigate the sentence – and your Petitioner as in duty bound will every pray.

Elizabeth Anderson.
