

**Irish Transportation Record CRF 1842 H1 Margaret Higgins**

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*Mr Connor written up the side*

Cork 13 Jan<sup>y</sup> 1842

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 8<sup>th</sup> Inst. accompanying a memorial of the Mother of Margaret Huggins (sic) a Pris<sup>r</sup> under sentence of Transportation in the City of Cork Gaol.

I have the honor to state for the Information of His Excellency The Lord Lieutenant, that the Prisoner and a man named Callaghan were convicted of a street robbery committed on a Sailor, who it appeared had fallen into her company at night, and went with her to drink, that on coming out the Prisoner called to some persons & he saw the shadows of men, that he wished her good night & walked away, but was knocked down; could not see by whom, that the woman cried out “out with the [b...s] money” and he noticed her after he as down, that she took his money – he never saw her before that night = A woman, who had been drinking with the sailor swore she saw the P. Huggins take off her bonnet and hand it to Callaghan the other Prisoner who immediately knocked the sailor down, and ran off. The P<sup>r</sup> Huggins stooped down and was over the sailor when a watchman came up – the sailor had screeched out –

Two watchmen were examined who were stationed at a short distance on the opposite side of the street and came across upon hearing the screech, nearly together. The first found the Pris<sup>r</sup> Huggins lying on the sailor and desired her to get off the man; she said she had him in charge and was to take him to his lodgings, the man was bleeding, the watchman raised him another watchman came up and they took him to the police house. The other watchman described the scene in like manner but being a little after the first watchman, he took the man into custody, she did not xxxxx attempt to escape, but he did not give her time. The man was nearly [souse up?] & much cut, both were taken to the police house. The woman about to be searched gave up a small pocket book & some silver - the sailors property.

The other Pris<sup>r</sup> Callaghan was arrested upon information given by the female witness who was not in custody; nor seen that night by the watchman.

There could not be the slightest doubt of that the Pris<sup>r</sup> Huggins decoyed the sailor into the way of some associates: that he was knocked down & severely cut & rendered almost senseless and robbed.

As to the Pris<sup>r</sup> Huggins ; she had been once before convicted of Larceny and imprisoned three months

I cannot avoid observing upon the Memorial, that I have been informed by the Governor of the Gaol, that the mother acknowledged that her Daughter, the Prisoner, had for some months left her & that she could not prevail on Pris<sup>r</sup> to return and the inquiries I have made as to her character do not enable me to state any ground for mitigation of her sentence, which I think her crime desired.

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your most obedient

Humble servant

Robert Bennett

Recorder of City of Cork

Edward Lucas Esq<sup>re</sup>

Chief Secretary's Office

Dublin Castle

*Stamped Chief Secretary's Office Dublin 42 Jan 8*

*Mr Connor written up the side*

To His Excellency Thomas Philip Earl De Grey, Lord Lieutenant General  
and General Governor of Ireland etc etc etc

The Memorial of Honora Huggins on behalf of her Daughter Margaret Huggins a Convict in the City Gaol  
of Cork

Humbly Sheweth,

That Memorialists daughter was convicted before the Recorder of Cork on the 17<sup>th</sup> Inst. for an assault and Larceny and was sentenced to be Transported for 7 years.

Your Excellency's Memorialist is a poor widow for the last fourteen years striving by hard labour and industry to provide an honest maintenance for the subject of this Petition and two other children, she is necessarily obliged to be a good deal from home, which caused her unhappy child to fall into the hands of bad company who brought about her ruin.

Memorialist has three nephews living in Wales who are doing well, and she engages should your Excellency be pleased to grant her the prayer of her Memorial to take her unfortunate Daughter there away from vice and her former bad associates.

May it therefore please your Excellency to take the wretched widows case into your gracious consideration & make such order as to you shall seem fit.

And Memorialist will as in duty bound ever pray

I concur in the prayer of Memorialist and respectfully beg that the Law may be relaxed in favour of her unfortunate daughter.

Dan Foley R.C.C. city gaol  
Dan Meagher  
Joseph Harty 71 Patrick Street  
Geo. S. Beal 82 Pat<sup>k</sup> St  
George N Whately Warrens Place  
R. Curry  
John Humphrey Warren's Place  
Jn Bennett Georges St  
Thomas Lyons [...]  
Two indistinct signatures,

Margaret Higgins  
Larceny 7 yrs tr<sup>n</sup>  
the law must take its course

1. Recorder ans<sup>d</sup> 17<sup>th</sup>/42  
Gaoler informed  
d<sup>o</sup> A.W.C.

