

Mary Anderson ID4726 per Emma Eugenia 1844

Mary Anderson aged 23

Newcastle Quarter Sessions 30th June 1843

Larceny

Life

Gaol report – Very dishonest – intemperate and dissolute – convicted many times before.

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The prisoner's mother prays that she may not be sent abroad for life.

To the Right Honourable Sir James Graham, Her Majesty's Secretary of State for the Home Department

5th October 1843

Honourable Sir

The humble Petition of Christina Kerr widow mother of Mary Anderson, prisoner in Millbank Prison London under sentence of transportation for life, being found guilty at Newcastle Quarter Sessions held 30th June 1843 as an accomplice with John Macklin who was sentenced to seven years for stealing one gold ring on 27th April last the property of George Samuel Lewis Jeweller of Newcastle.

Sheweth

That your Petitioner was most respectably connected in life, that her husband held the farm of Griezcell Rigg in Berwickshire for many years, that at one period they were in easy circumstances of life that

her family were respectably brought up, and with every tenderness and care, that due regard was paid to their morals, to instill into their youthful minds the value of their God, but sometime after my husbands decease, reverse of fortune beg to shew itself and since that period poverty and ruin has made rapid strides upon my family, I am now left without a child in the world save the unfortunate victim of this sequel who married a soldier in the 30th Regiment of Foot, and is now serving in the 42nd Highland Regiment, now laying at Malta, she being deprived of going abroad with her husband was left without a protector and being young became an easy prey to vice. She is truly penitent and acknowledges the justness of her sentence, but begs most earnestly of her mother to use interest for mitigation of her sentence but her feeling are too deeply wounded to expose her child to her friends, therefore she entirely depends upon your sympathy towards her, under these circumstances your Petitioner most earnestly craves that you will mercifully extend towards her your high prerogative and mitigate the punishment of her sentence to somewhat less than transportation for life, so that I may have one ray of hope left, once more reclaiming her to her family and friends and your Petitioner in duty will ever pray.

Christina Kerr
