

IRISH TRANSPORTATION RECORD of MARY ANN McFALL per PHOEBE 1845
CRF 1844 - Mc18 - Film 55
Larceny – stealing a Silver Spoon - Sentenced to 7 Years Transportation

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To his Excellency Earl De Gray Lord Lieutenant of Ireland

The humble petition of **Mary Ann McFall** now a prisoner in London Derry Gaol

Humbly Sheweth

My Lord your Excellency

Humble petitioner is a daughter of one **William McFall** a Soldier in the Royal Artillery he is enlisted in or about Eighteen years ago. My Mother and two other children and I were left to make the best provision we could.

I was the eldest, in or about four years of age when my father left us and since that time my Mother received not as much as one Shilling from my father to support his children.

My younger Sister is seriously affected occasionally by a malliday that seems to be incureable from want of intolect and unsoundness of mind. My Mother is much reduced on her account.

My Lord I was her only support. My Sister brought in a spoon which she stated she found & your petitioner took it to one Mr Barre Hyndman to ascertain the value of it. I told him to keep the spoon until he would get an answer if not to sell it. On Enquiry the owner of the spoon was found Mr W^m Doherty of Newtonlimavardy who alledged the spoon was stol. I was committed and tried for the alledged ofence of offering the spoon for sale and found guilty of same the sentence of the Court is transportation for seven years.

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May it please your Excellency in addition to all my sorrows your petitioner Large with child within one month of the time the Father of which does not own me.

My Lord I humbly solicit your Interference to cause a Mitigation of punishment by Extending your Clemency in ordering the Sentence to be reversed from Transportation to Imprisonment to what ever time your Excellency Pleases in might please God in his mercy to guard me from the many evils that are to come and give me an opportunity to see once more my father who has been so long away in British servace abroad.

By so doing your humble petitioner will as in duty bound &c. &c. &c.

Mary Ann McFall late of Newtown Limavardy
now a prisoner in Londonderry Gaol under
Sentence of Transportation for Seven years.

What was Prisoners previous character?

What her conduct in Gaol?

Dublin Castle

1 Apl 1844 [4 lines crosswise left margin]

The prisoner was convicted before James Lyne Esq^r on the 28 Dec 1841 of stealing a Silver Spoon and was sentenced to 3 weeks Imprisonment. She was again tried before Baron Pennefather on the 16 March 1842 for like offence and sentenced to 6 cal months Imprisonment.

