

Mary Ann Stewart ID4394 per *Elizabeth and Henry* 1848

Mary Ann Stewart aged 19

Edinburgh High Court July 1847

Robbery

14 years transportation

Gaol report – 19 times in prison

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We the undersigned do hereby certify that to our personal knowledge Mary Ann Stewart at present a prisoner in Mill Bank Prison preparatory to undergoing a sentence of 14 years transportation was born of most respectable parents in the city of Edinburgh and lost her father 10 years ago when she remained under the care of her widowed mother until a short time ago when she was seduced from her anxious mothers protection and by a thoughtless career of folly (not crime) induced to commit herself art and part in that unfortunate affair for which she is now suffering, we have also further to state that she never was a convicted prisoner until this time and that if it were possible to tale her severe sentence into merciful consideration in order that it might be mitigated so far as this our personal recommendation (and her own future good conduct) might lead us to believe she might in a much less period of time, be restored to her widowed and afflicted mother, to her native place, there to become an honour to her parent, a credit to herself and a useful and respected member of society is the pray of.

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Unto the Right Honourable the Secretary of State for the Home
Department

The Petition of Mrs E Stewart , 68 East Cross Causway, Edinburgh
Humbly Sheweth

That Mary Ann Stewart the Petitioners daughter and only relative
alive received a sentence from the High Court of Justiciary of
transportation for 14 years for being a accessory to a robbery
committed by a young man about nine months ago, that two or
three days before the crime was committed Mary got her arm bone
fractured so that she was in no condition to take any active part in
such an offence.

That she is in Mill Bank Prison, that your Lordship is respectfully
referred to the Testimonial herewith sent in favour of the convict.

May it please your Lordship to recommend this case to her majesty's
favourable consideration and obtain authority to retain the Petitions
daughter in this country.

The mark of Mrs E Stewart