

Mary Barry ID12146 per *Tory* 1845

Mary Barry aged 14

Bristol Sessions 16th July 1844

Stealing two Shawls

7 years transportation

Gaol Report – Character Bad – convicted before

Received into Millbank from Bristol Goal on 27th July 1844

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The prisoner declares her innocence

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

The Petition of Mary Barry aged 13 a prisoner in Millbank Prion.

Humble Sheweth

That your Petitioner is the daughter of hones, industrious persons,
her father James Barry had worked 12 years for Mr Vowles Glazier of
Bristol that on Saturday 1st June her mother sent her to purchase
some firewood at a shop belonging to a person named Meadows.
Having reached the house she proceeded up the passage to an inner
door which opened into the shop but finding it locked she knocked
repeatedly and while waiting for admittance observed 2 shawls on a
shelf within her reach, she took them down and after looking at
them replaced then as before, and proposed to return home. She
had scarcely regained the street when Mr Meadows came after her,

accused her of a design to steal the shawls and had her taken to Prison. In her trial the Judge enquired if she removed them from the shelf. Mr Meadows insisted that she did and your Petition received the above sentence.

Your Petitioner protects her innocence and humbly solicits your kind consideration of the circumstances of her case trusting that you will be pleased to recommend a mitigation of her sentence and your Petition will ever pray.

Mary Barry

Witness –Caroline Thompson.
