

Mary Smith IDS2026EH per *Elizabeth and Henry* 1846

Mary Smith aged 22

Birmingham Sessions 6th March 1846

Stealing stockings

14 years transportation

Received from Warwick prison to Mill Bank prison on 28<sup>th</sup> April 1846

Gaol report – Convicted and in prison before. Common prostitute

Series – HO 18

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The prisoner states that she is not guilty

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To the Right Honourable Sir George Grey Her Majesty's Principle  
Secretary of State for the Home Department.

The Petition of Mary Smith a prisoner in Mill Bank Prison

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That your petitioner is not guilty of the crime laid to her charge. The person who accused her was an acquaintance who wished to persuade her to leave her home and follow bad practices and because she would not consent to do so, she threatened to make her sorry for it, and brought a false accusation against her. When your Petitioner saw her in Court as a witness against her, she was so greatly incensed that she struck her, for which offence her sentence was doubled.

Your Petitioner humbly solicits your kind interference in her behalf and that you would be pleased to recommend a mitigation of her sentence, and she will ever pray.

Mary Smith