

Sarah Wilkinson ID2277 per *Asia* 1847

Sarah Wilkinson aged 30

Manchester Borough Sessions November 1846

Larceny

7 years transportation

Gaol report – Character Bad – convicted before.

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The prisoner's father states that owing her being at a great distance from home he was unable to provide for her defence. He prays that her sentence may be mitigated.

To the Right Honourable Secretary of State for the Home Department .

The Petition of William Wilkinson of Sutton in Ashfield in the county of Nottingham

Most Humbly Sheweth

That your Petition having a family of five children all of whom have been trained in, and put to industrious employ as soon as their age and strength would permit.

That your Petition has unfortunately a daughter of the age of 20, who went to a service of Housework in the vicinity of Salford in the County Palatine of Lancaster a distance from her parents of from fifty to sixty miles.

That during her service there she committed the offence for which she was sentenced to seven years transportation.

That your Petitioner having his family to support by his hard hand labour and living at so great a distance had not the means where with to apply for or employ legal assistance in order to mitigate or plead for a more lenient consideration from a Jury or Chairman.

That your petitioner would if a remittance of a part of the sentence could be affected, so that she might be again under his parental protection use a strict surveillance of duty over her, and use every means in his power to improve her moral and religious duties.

And your Petitioner as in duty bound will ever pray.

William Wilkinson

Sutton in Ashfield

22nd March 1847

This is to certify that the petitioner William Wilkinson is an industrious and steady man deserving of kind consideration and likely to endeavour to perform what he herein promises.

William Goodarce – Curate of Sutton in Ashfield and Skegby

George Hodgkinson

John Dodsley

Richard Brown

And a further 12 signatures

The Duke of Portland

I believe there is an intention of abolishing the punishment of transportation

(By Keith: The above item was written on a scrap piece of paper and attached to the Petition)
