

Susan Dunlop & Ann Kerr – Irish Transportation Database 1841 D60 Film 44

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W. Connors written up side.

To His Excellency Earl de Grey Lord Lieutenant General and General Governor of Ireland.

The petition of Susan Dunlop and Ann Kerr two female convicts confined in the Gaol of Omagh Co. Tyrone.

Most humbly shewth

That one of Your Excellencys Petit^r Susan Dunlop was tried at the Strabane Sessions 23rd day of October 1841 before Barrister Nunn for stealing poultry and sentenced to be transported for 7 years. That Pet^r has been in prison almost 4 years is much [worse? down?] being all her time in hospital as will be seen by referring to the medical officer as although that gentleman has done all in his power Pet^r is still unfit to be removed or to undergo a journey.

Under these distressing circumstances Pet^r hopes and prays that your Excellency will direct attention to this pitable case as indeed your Pet^r would prefer death to such a life of confinement.

That Ann Kerr the other Pet^r. was tried at Dunganon on the 2nd day of July 1841 before Alexander Curry Esq^r acting assistant Barrister for having stolen money in her possession and sentenced to be transported 7 years.

That Pet^r. has been in confinement 3 years as will also be seen by reference to this prison and most of her time in Hospital she being an aged woman and extremely Infirm and is much troubled with a shortness of breathing and other Infirmatys these are facts that defy contradiction.

Your Pet^{rs}. have no apeal but to your Excellencys mercy and Goodness for relief and as they have suffered such long confinement they hope and trust your Excellency will pardon their offences and order their release or make such other orders as to your Excellency in your Great Wisdom and Justice may deem must fit

And Pet^{rs} will as in duty bound ever

Pray

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Susan x Dunlop

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Ann x Kerr

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Omagh Gaol

12th June 1844

26 Oct 1841

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Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge your letter of 20th Inst. Enclosing by [Comemorand?] of the Lord Lieutenant the memorial of Susan Dunlop prisoner in the jail of Omagh.

The prisoner was convicted together with a woman named Mary Kelly, at the Quarter Sessions held at Strabane October 1840 for having received four ducks knowing them to be stolen.

A man named Charles Kelly was also convicted at the same Sessions for larceny of four Hens – After the conviction a communication was made to the court by the Keeper of the Strabane Bridewell, a highly correct & diligent officer – He stated that he had been informed that the prisoner is sister of Charles & Mary Kelly, and that under the name of Susan Kelly she had been convicted with Charles & Mary Kelly for a like offence at Londonderry, that in consequence He had written to the keeper of Derry jail, and he produced & laid before the court the [...] of the Keeper of Derry jail which stated that Charles Kelly, Mary Kelly & Susan Kelly (together with two other members of the family named Anne & Sarah Kelly) had been convicted at Derry in March 1840? for stealing Turkeys, that Charles and Mary Kelly had been convicted of a like offence in April 1839 & sentenced to several terms of imprisonment –

The prisoner is returned on the calendar aged 24 years – she states that she has a number of orphan children, and an aged mother dependent upon her for support –

If the conviction of the prisoners had been for a first offence, the sentence might not have been transportation, and under the circumstances, his Excellency may think fit to direct further enquiry in order to ascertain if she be that prisoner who was convicted at Derry in March 1838 and sister of Charles & Mary Kelly, who are now under sentence of transportation from the Strabane Sessions of 1840.

If just on this fact I beg to state that in my opinion there are not any mitigating circumstances that render the Prisoner a proper object of mercy.-

I have the honor to be

Sir

your most ob^t sv^t

R Nunn

E.Lucas Esqr etc etc

Stamped Chief Secretary's Office Dublin 41 Oct 20W. Connors written up side.

To His Excellency Earl de Grey Lord Lieutenant General and General Governor of Ireland.
The Petition of Susan Dunlop now a prisoner in the Gaol of Omagh in the County of Tyrone.

Most Humbly Shewth

That your Excellencys Pet^r was tried at Strabane on the 20th day of October 1840 for having in her House ducks supposed to be stolen before Richard Nun Esq^r. assistant Barrister for the County of Tyrone and sentenced to be transported for the space of seven years.

That Pet^r. does not presume to deny the charge of the ducks being in the House and on the contrary Pet^r. Is fully satisfied with the trouble and anxiety his worship and the Jury evinced to have the matter properly Investigated and the case appeared such, that Pet^r. would not have been transported at all had it not been at her own request.

That Pet^r. did request to be transported was owing to her Great poverty and not being able to assist her self or small orphan children in not being sufficient of herself to prevent them from Starving.

That as the Legislature has been Graciously pleased in the Great Wisdom to proceed for such as Pet^r by Building Work House Pet^r is now in the Humble hope that she would be able to assist her helpless childrens wants by going in to the Work House with them.

Therefore Pet^r Humbly hopes that your noble Excellency will be Graciously pleased to mitigate Pet^rs punishment as she is the sole Guardian of an aged mother and a number of Infant children by ordering her some confinement in the Gaol of Omagh or in any other way that would to Your Excellency seem most fit.

Susan Dunlop

N.B. Your Excellency will perceive Pet^r has been in Gaol upwards of a year.

Omagh Gaol

October 18th 1841

Susan Dunlop

Stealing fowl 7 yrs tr

Enquiry if she is the same person as Susan Kelly [...]

Report attached

signature

Stamped Chief Secretary's Office Dublin 41 Nov 3
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The Local Inspector of Derry Gaol

Presents his compliments to Mr Lucas and begs to state that agreeable to his request the Governor of this Gaol went to Omagh for the purpose of ascertaining whether the person named "Susan Dunlop" under sentence of transportation there, is the same person that was in his custody under the name "Susan Kelly"

The Gov. Of the Gaol states that she is the same individual, and that she appears in the enclosed list under the name of "Susan Kelly" and is sister to the other persons named therein.

The Local Inspector transmits a list of convictions of the Kelly Family in the County of LDerry and returns of the papers which he received from Mr Lucas

LDerry Gaol
Nov 2nd 1841

Charles Kelly - Mary Kelly – Susan Kelly – Sarah Kelly and Ann Kelly were tried March 26th 1838 for having in possession a stolen Turkey – sentence 2 mo^s Imp^t

Susan Kelly – Mary Kelly and Charles Kelly convicted 1st Ap 1839 of stealing a number of Goose – sentence 12 Cal^r mo^s Imp^t

Mary Kelly – for larceny – 2 weeks Imp^t

Phillip Kelly and Sarah Kelly stealing a hen and a quantity potatoes tried Oct 29th 1839 sentences Phillip 3 mo^s Imp^t – Sarah, 7 Years transpⁿ

Phillip Kelly, stealing a firkin butter, 7 Years transportation tried Mar 30 1840
