

Ann Harris ID2181 per *Asia* 1847

Ann Harris aged 20

Devon Summer Assizes July 1846

Larceny by a servant

7 years transportation

Gaol Report – Character not known

Series – HO 18

Piece Number – 195

Embarked for V.D.L.

Mitigation is prayed for in consideration of the prisoner's good character and the affliction of her friends who are represented to be honest well conducted persons.

To the Queen's most Excellent Majesty in Council

The humble Petitioner of the Masters and Mistresses and others as well as of the relatives , friends and acquaintances of Ann Harris a convict under the sentence of transportation for stealing some articles of clothing of small value and lately removed from your Majesty's prison Millbank to the convict hulk *Asia*.

Humbly Sheweth

That the above named Ann Harris is now under the age of twenty one years as her parents [] that previously to her committing the offence for which she is now under sentence of transportation she had maintained a character for honesty and general good conduct as far as your Petitioners know and believe and as appears by the certificates of Mr William Pope (of Spencercombe) Mr Hannah Pearce and Mrs Jane Searles during the period of the said Ann Harris's service with them respectfully. That the said Ann Harris is the eldest of eleven children eight of whom are still living. That her parents and family have been honest and industrious persons, that her father William Harris was employed for 15 years upon one farm in the Parish of Crediton in the County of Devon called Great Leigh during some part of the time by a Mr Mortimer, the certificate of whose son (Mr George Mortimer) is hereby annexed, and during the remaining part of the time by a Mr Frances Lee whose certificate given on the determination of the service is also hereby annexed. That Edward Fey the maternal Grandfather of the said Ann Harris worked as a Labourer for nine years or thereabouts for the undersigned Mr Jolin Madge whose certificate is hereby annexed and for nine years or thereabouts partly for the undersigned Mr William Roper (of Ash) and partly for one Mr Hugh May since deceased and altogether upon several farms in the same locality for upwards of thirty years being all the time in one and the same house as the undersigned Messrs John Margo, William Pope (of Ash) John May (son of the said Hugh May) and John Searles or some of them known or believe to be true. That the parents of the said Ann Harris are much distressed at the idea of their child being transported to so distant land that your Petitioner would venture to hope and believe that a milder punishment would be sufficient to answer the ends of Justice and to deter the said Ann Harris from again committing any offence against the Law and lastly your Petitioner's are assured that the said Ann Harris would cause great pain and grief to the several members of a large industrious and honest family, Grandfather and Grandmother, father and other brothers and sisters as well as other more or less usually relate to the unhappy convict.

Wherefore your petitioner's humbly pray that your Majesty will be graciously pleased to commute the sentence of transportation passed upon the said Ann Harris for such a term of imprisonment in this country as your Majesty in your Royal clemency may vouch safe to direct.

William Pope

J Madge

John May

John Searle

Hannah Pearce

Francis Lee

George Mortimer
