

Ann Spalding ID5035 per *Emma Eugenia* 1846

Ann Spalding aged 47

Perth Circuit Court October 1845

Theft

7 years transportation

Gaol report – 5 times before in prison

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The prisoner is said to have been the dupe of others who have escaped punishment – mitigation of her sentence is prayed for on account of her age and previous good character.

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

The petition of the undersigned inhabitants of Dundee.

Humbly Sheweth

That Ann Spalding or Hutton wife of Peter Hutton a Weaver of Hawkshill Dundee was convicted at the last Circuit Court at Rith on a charge of theft and sentenced to 7 years transportation, and that the case excited so much public sympathy as to induce your Petitioners to bring it under your favourable consideration resting their plea on the following amongst the mitigation in circumstances the prisoner in question is the wife of a highly respectable though humble artisan, and that she was led to the act of commission of the act of Petty Theft through the

instrumentality of others, who, as sometimes happens escape altogether while the less guilty suffer the Petitioners by no means entertain the feeling that the sentence was not legally correct, but the impression is nevertheless that the subject of this Petition was dealt with in accordance with an apparent determination at the last Rith Circuit to sweep the County so far as possible of thieves and other transgressors. Moreover the prisoner is far advanced in life , being upwards of 50 years of age and had previous borne a respectable character.

May it therefore be your pleasure to take this Petition into your favourable consideration and be the means of so far mitigating the punishment in this case as to restrict it to a short imprisonment.

William Cooper – Weaver

William Bishop – Weaver

Andrew McIntosh – Weaver

John Sin – Weaver

And another 54 signatures

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