

Ann Westwood per Edward 1834 - ID 4122

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To the Right Honourable Lord Viscount Melbourne Secretary of State for the Home Department

May it please your Lordship

The humble Petition of MARY WESTWOOD widow of the town of Dudley in the County of Worcester.

Sheweth

That your Lordship's unhappy Petitioner is the wretched mother of the young woman ANN WEDSTWOOD, who was tried at Worchester Petty Sessions held 20th February 1834 for the crime of stealing Print and Ribbon the property of SAMUEL COOK and JP GARDNER of Dudley and was found guilty and sentenced to suffer a banishment of 14 years.

That your Lordship's wretched Petitioner does not for one moment justify or qualify the crime which her daughter has committed, or murmur against the dispensation of the laws of her country.

That your Lordship's wretched petitioner humbly rests the claims of her criminal daughter upon your Lordship's merciful consideration upon the grounds of a previous good character and the fact of her never having been before the Judges of the Land, local or otherwise, save in this sad and melancholy instance.

That your Lordship's unhappy and widowed petitioner therefore in the anguish of her heart most earnestly implores your Lordship to befriend her widowhood and to restore her unworthy daughter to her arms, after a punishment regulated accordingly to your Lordship's well known clemency and your Lordship's unhappy petitioner misery.

And your Lordship's unhappy Petitioner will ever pray.

20th March 1834

SAMAUEL COOK one of the Prosecutors strongly recommends the case for a mitigation of the term of transportation

JP GARDNER one of the Prosecutors humbly recommends the prisoner to your Lordship's clemency

Samuel Finch - Farmer

Richard Harper - Miner

John Smart - Fishmonger

Joseph Fitter do certify that ANN WESTWOOD lived with me the lengthened space

of six years and always found her upright and honest.

William Cox - Master Mariner

Samuel Lees - Baker

James Morris - Chemist

And 12 other signatures

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Worcestershire

To the Right Honourable Lord Viscount Melbourne the Principle Secretary of State for the Home Department.

The humble and penitent Petition of ANN WESTWOOD aged 19 years convicted at Worchester adjourned Sessions 20th February 1834 for having with PRISCILLA WESTWOOD stolen two pieces of Print the property of SAMUEL COOKE of Dudley and a piece of pink ribbon the property of J P Gardner of Dudley aforesaid Draper and sentenced to be transported 7 years for each offence.

Most Humbly Sheweth

That your Petitioner is induced through your Lordship's well known benevolence and gracious disposition, to supplicate a share of that clemency which you have been pleased to extend towards objects of compassion.

That your Petitioner's aged mother who has had 17 children and brought up a family in respectability is in the deepest affliction and distress at the unhappy situation of your Petitioner, who for the first time in an unguarded moment quitted the paths of rectitude and propriety.

That your Petitioner was brought up a Nailer, which she has followed for several years and had given her several Masters great satisfaction.

That your Petitioner has never been guilty of any other offence or ever charged with any before, but has always borne a good character, and should your Lordship be induced to extend mercy to her, it will be the means of restoring a lost member not only to her family, but enable her to retrieve that character which is now sullied, and by her future good conduct become a good and useful member of society.

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ANN WESTWOOD

WORCESTER 1834

SHOPLIGHTING

14 YEARS TRANSPORTATION

SOURCE - HOME OFFICE CRIMINAL PETITIONS - SERIES 1

SERIES - HO 17  
PIECE NUMBER - 114  
ITEM NUMBER - WS 40

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ANN WESTWOOD - AGED 20  
WORCESTER QUARTER SESSIONS FEBRUARY 1834  
SHOPLIFTING - TWO INDITMENTS  
14 YEARS TRANSPORTATION - 7 YEARS FOR EACH INDITMENT  
GAOLERS REPORT - CHARACTER - BAD - PROSTITUTE