

Margaret Smith ID4388 per *Elizabeth and Henry* 1848

Margaret Smith aged 23, Perth Circuit Court April 1847, Theft  
7 years transportation, Gaol report – 5 times in prison for theft.  
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The prisoner's mother prays for her detention in this country but  
states no grounds

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24 Dudhopes Street

Dundee

18<sup>th</sup> September 1847

To The Right Honourable Sir George Grey Secretary of State for the  
Home Department.

The humble Petition of Ann Smith

Sheweth

That your Petitioner's daughter Margaret Smith at present in Mill  
Bank Prison under sentence of transportation for seven years was  
tried at Perth in the Spring Circuit.

That your Petitioner in veneration to the Laws of our country even  
with a mother's feelings allows the sentence just yet at the same  
time humbly hope that if consistent with your duty that you will lay  
thus a mothers Petition before Her Majesty that my unfortunate  
daughter may be allowed to remain in Mill Bank Prison all her time  
and not be sent to any foreign station , her child being left with me  
her widowed mother hoping the pray of this Petition will be granted  
as in duty bound will ever pray.

Ann Smith

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