

Irish Transportation Record of **Margaret Tanver** (AKA Margaret Peake, Margaret Pike, and Margaret Tanner) per Mary Ann 1841  
CRF 1840 P2 – Larceny - Stealing Clothes - Sentenced to 7 Years Transportation

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Ely Place  
March 26<sup>th</sup> 1840

Sir

In reply to your letter of the 25 Ins<sup>t</sup> enclosing the Memorial of **Margaret Pike** a Prisoner in the gaol of the Queens County under Sentence of Transportation requesting me to acquaint you with the particulars of the case for His Excellency's information & whether in my opinion there are any mitigating circumstances which would render the Prisoner a proper object of mercy. I beg to state that **Margaret Pike** does not appear to me to be a proper object of mercy. She had lived for some days in the house of a poor woman (**Marg<sup>t</sup> Cunningham**) the Prosecutrix, she went off having plundered the house of a quilt, sheets, blankets, and other articles which she was proved to have sold in a few days after - it is not my practice to transport in such cases, if it be a first offence, unless the Prisoner appears to be a person of bad character and I invariably make anxious enquiry previous to pronouncing Sentence. I do not see that what I heard relative to the Prisoner in this case, but it must have been something unfavourable or I should not have sentenced her to transportation, it is observable that she has not forwarded any testimonials as to her character & by reference to Calendar furnished to me by the gaoler, I find that she had before been in his Custody, and though I cannot speak from recollection, yet it is probable that on enquiry I found from him that **Margaret Pike** had been previously convicted of some offence.

I am Sir your faithful & obedient  
John Doherty

T Drummond Esq<sup>r</sup>  
&c &c &c

Mr Connor March 26/40 [*crosswise page 1 of 4*]

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To The Right Honorable Lord Ebrington and Forstecue [*sic*] Lord Lieutenant General and General Governor of Ireland &c & c &c

The humble Petition of **ThomasTanner** and **ElizabethTanner** of Mountmelick in the County of Queens.

Humbly Sheweth and Expecting Your Excellency Will Extend Your Merciful Porigative and Clemency Towards Our Unfortunate Sister **Margarett Pike** Tried and found Guilty at This last assizes in Maryborough For Stealing a Sheet and Quilt From the Barn of One **William Cunningham** and Sentenced to Seven Years Transportation for Said offence Your Excellency will take Into your kind consideration the case of this unfortunate woman. She married **Thomas Pike** against our consent and he has left her and Three Small Children and this was the cause of her misfortune and not been admitted By her [*R*]elatives But if Your Excellency commuted her Sentence from Transportation To Confinement we will take her and her children Into our Home and your Excellency by ordering The Answer to Mr Wilson the Governor of Maryborough that can certify this our Petition to be the facts of the case of our unfortunate sister **Margaret Pike** and by your Excellency granting the Prayer of the Petition we shall be Ever Bound to Pray.

We are with all Respect your Excellency Humble Servants  
**Thomas and Eliza Tanner**

her Brother and Sister  
To his Excellency the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland &c &c &c  
Mountmelick 17<sup>th</sup> day March

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Queens County,

**Margaret Pike**

7 yrs Trans<sup>n</sup> Larceny

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**M. Pike**

Refer to the Judge  
Initialled

The law must take its course.

March 29 initialled  
Ch. Justice ans<sup>d</sup> 30<sup>th</sup> Initialled

To his Excellency The Lord Lieutenant General  
and Governor General of Ireland  
&c &c &c  
Dublin Castle  
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To his Excellency The Lord Lieutenant General and General Governor of Ireland, Lord  
Viscount Ebrington &c. &c. &c.

This humble Petition of **Thomas** and **Elizabeth Tanner** of Mountmelick in the Queens  
County humbly sheweth

The Petitioners are Brother and Sister to **Margaret Pike** That was tried at Maryboro last  
assizes and found Guilty and Sentenced Seven Years Transportation and at Present  
confined in the Penitentiary at Grange Gorman and hoping Your Excellency will take the  
case Into your Kind consideration and commute Margaret Pike's Punishment to confinement  
in consequence of her small children the cheif cause of her misfortune was marrying with out  
the consent of her friends her Husband left her and her children and her friends would not let  
her in and haveing no means to support her self or children she commenced a Life of  
Badness in Petty Thiefts, and if Your Excellency will be pleased to commute her sentence to  
confinement at the Expiration of her confinement we will Take her home and be Bound for  
her Good conduct in futher as we are in a way to take care of her and her children and by  
Your Excellency complying with the Prayer of This our Petition we shall be Ever Bound to  
Pray.

**Thomas Tanner**  
her

**Elizabeth X Tanner**  
mark

Mountmelick 3 June 1840

Send an answer to Mr Henry [?Day]

Mr Connor [?illegible] Well conducted. Inf do [crosswise]

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To his Excellency The Lord  
Lieutenant, Lord Viscount Ebrington  
Governor General of Ireland  
&c &c &c  
CDublin

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