

Margaret Watson per Hector 1835 - ID 6137

Unto the Right Honourable H GOLBURN His Majesty's Secretary of State for the Home Department.

The Petition of BARBARA WATSON Widow, residing No 18 Kirkgate, Leith

Most humbly and respectfully Sheweth

That your Petitioners daughter MARGARET WALLACE was indicted to appears before the Lords of Justiciary in Edinburgh upon the 17th November last for theft when she was sentenced to seven years transportation beyond seas..

That your Petitioner begs leave humbly to represent, that her unfortunate daughter was born in South Leith on the 22nd November 1814 and baptized by the Rev Dr. Dickson one of the ministers of the parish and married to ROBERT WALLACE a Blacksmith by the Rev M Grant also one of the parish ministers nearly four years ago who like a villain deserted her only eight weeks after their nuptials which circumstance un happily drove the unhappy young woman to misery, want and despair.

That your Petitioners daughter has been long in a state of bad health is at present under the care of the Surgeon of Edinburgh Bridwell and ever since her apprehension for the crime for which she is now suffering had shown signs of the [] contrition and sincerely wishes to be admitted into the Penitentiary of London for the reception of unfortunate individuals like herself.

That your Petitioner has been a widow four years was left in very destitute circumstances with five daughters one of whom was previously married, one since, MARGARET being the third, your Petition had still two very young to support. Your Petitioner with most humble difference thus approaches the Right Honourable H GOLDBURN His Majesty's Secretary of State for the Home Department, humbly praying he will be pleased to take the case of your Petitioner's unfortunate daughter MARGARET WALLACE into your humane consideration and cause her be sent to the Penitentiary in London, in place of being sent over seas, where by admonition and food advice she may again be restored to the paths of virtue and of peace.

And your Petitioner as in duty bound will ever pray.

Barbara Batson

No 18 Kirkgate

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We the undersigned earnestly recommend the foregoing Petition to the favourable consideration of the Right Honourable His Majesty's Secretary of State for the Home Department.

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GAOLERS REPORT - CHARACTER - INDIFFERENT - CONVICTED BEFORE - MARRIED 1
CHILD.