

Catherine McDonald ID1768 per *Anna Maria* 1852

Mary Anderson

10 years transportation

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Unto the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty

The Petition of Andrew McFarlane, Potter with Messrs Murray and Fullerton Grangeadhill Glasgow.

Humbly Sheweth

That Catherine McDonald or McFarland, wife of the Petitioner was indicted to stand her trial, before the Circuit Court of Justiciary, which was held and commenced in Glasgow upon Tuesday the 22nd April last, in the present year charged with having been guilty, actor or art and part along with Mary Anderson and Janet Wise of the crime of theft in so far as on the 12th February last, within or near the shop or premises situated in High Street Glasgow occupied by David Cassells a Spirit Dealer in there the said Catherine McDonald, Mary Anderson and Janet Wise did all or each or one or other of them wickedly and feloniously steal and theftously away take from the pockets and person of Robert Allen, a Spirit Dealer, residing in Springvale near Glasgow nine Bank or Banker's Notes for One Pound Sterling each, and a leather pocket book the property of the said Robert Allen in manner set forth in the Indictment, before the Honourable Lord Cockburn upon Thursday the 24th day of the said month of April last, and sentence to ten years transportation.

That the said Catherine McDonald or McFarlane is a native of the town of Sterling and took up her residence in Glasgow when very young and is upwards of 22 years of age. She wrought in a Power Loom Weaving Factory for some time with the said Mary Anderson, who most unfortunately led her into bad company and thus was the cause of her being placed in her present unhappy condition , besides she feels much comfunction for having been concerned in the perpetration of the delinquency in question.

That the Petitioner was lawfully married to the said Catherine McDonald or McFarlane in November 1849 and since he knew her she was not charged with any delinquency, so as to involve her in a criminal prosecution until the one in question.

That the said Catherine McDonald or McFarlane is at present an inmate in the Mill Bank Penitentiary at Westminster and had instructed the Petitioner to lay her case before Her Majesty, and to pray that it:

May please Her Majesty to consider the premises, and in respect of what is before stated and the recommendations, hereon, authorise the Right Honourable Secretary of State for the Home Department to detain the said Catherine McDonald or McFarlane in the said prison or any other prison of a similar description in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland he may deem most expedient and proper, during the currency of the said sentence, instead of transporting her beyond the seas to any of the Penal Colonies belonging to Her majesty's dominions abroad.

And the petitioner as in all duty bound shall ever pray

Andrew McFarlane.

Glasgow

15th September 1851

We the undersigned most respectfully recommend the written application to the favourable consideration of The Queen's Most Excellent Majesty, in the submissive hope that it will proved successful:

John Graham - Minister PhD

John Glendenning

Mathew Saul – Builder

James McPhee – Grocer

Sal Levington – Writer

And another 45 signatures.

Glasgow

23rd September 1851

Sir

I most respectfully beg leave to direct your attention to the enclosed petition for me to the Queen on my wife's behalf for consideration and disposal and it will be very obliging if you cause an answer to be directed to me – Care of Mr John Gibson, Writer, 9 Nicholas Street, Glasgow for my satisfaction and government in the matter and

I am,

Sir

Your most obedient and most humble servant

Andrew McFarlane.

(By Keith: 2nd Application the same as the first Petition with an added paragraph thus:

I have received notice from my wife that she has left Mill Bank Prison and has been sent to Woolwich from whence she was shortly thereafter to proceed to Hobart Town Van Diemens Land, and I communicated with her in return and as she had confessed a wish that I should follow her thither as a settler and exercise my trade as a Potter there, to which I was regularly bred in this city, I have used the freedom to address you upon the subject of my wife's case for an answer to the petition and information on the subject of eligibility of my intended immigration, the more especially as we are not incumbered with any children of our marriage, an answer therefore addressed to me as in the outset of this letter will very much oblige.

Sir, Your most very humble servant

Andrew McFarlane.

No, no funds available

20th October 1851
