

Mary Wilkes per Sovereign 1827 - ID 11431

Presented by Robert Brice Esq MP

To the Kings Most Excellent Majesty

The Petition of JOHN WILKES of the Parish of Bromyard in the County of Hereford -
Labourer and Margaret his wife.

Most Humbly Sheweth

That your petitioners daughter MARY WILKES at the Lent Assizes held at Warwick was tried and convicted for in company with SUSANNAH SMITH and SAMUEL WEGDEN stealing for the person of Mr John Richards, thirty four promissory notes for which offence she was sentenced to DEATH recorded.

That your Petitioner JOHN WILKES begs leave to state that he is now in the 80th year of his age, that his said daughter is now in her 20th years of age and that the two persons whose certificates are hereunder written are the only Master and Mistress she has ever had and that previous to the commission of the above offence neither she nor any one of your Petitioners family was ever know to have committed the least depredation against the Laws of their Country their character being until then wholly unblemished.

That your Petitioners said daughter is now truly penitent and extremely sorry for having committed the heinous crime and which she as well as your Petitioners views with the greatest horror and detestation it having brought the severest calamity and sorrow on her aged and distressed parents who now suffers the same even to the greatest extremity and they have no other resourse for comfort than to your Most Excellent Majesty merciful goodness.

Wherefore your petitioner do humbly and most earnestly pray that your Majesty will be graciously pleased to take into your Most Excellent Majesty's Royal Clemency to their said daughter be admitting her to serve such limited period either in the prison at Warwick or in the Penitentiary House in London as to your most gracious Majesty may seem meet that she may not be banished from her natural country but at some future time be restored to her very aged and most sorrowful and distressed parents and again become a useful member of society and walk strictly in the paths of rectitude and honesty which she now bitterly laments to have quitted.

And your Petitioners as in duty bound will ever pray
Bromyard

28th June 1827

Bromyard
19th June 1827

This is to certify that the unfortunate girl MARY WILKES lived with me twelve months during which time she conducted herself as a steady sober and honest servant.

Thomas Johnson

Worcester
27th June 1827

The person above allowed to live with me for the space of two years during which period she conducted herself so much to my satisfaction that I should not hesitate in taking of her again into my service

Mary Ann Howe

Peter Warburton - Church Warden of Bromyard
Thomas Johnson
Richard Bradham
William Deveroux
William Phillips
James Annis
And 15 other signatures.

MARY WILKES
WARWICK 1827
STEALING FROM THE PERSON
TRANSPORTATION FOR LIFE
SOURCE - HOME OFFICE CRIMINAL PETITIONS SERIES 1
SERIES - HO 17

PIECE NUMBER - 62

ITEM NUMBER - LM 21

MARY WILKES - AGED 22

WARWICK LENT ASSIZES 1827

STEALING FROM THE PERSON

TRANSPORTATION FOR LIFE

CHARACTER FROM GAOL - NOT KNOWN HERE