

Sarah Bradshaw, ID 5081 per *Emma Eugenia* 1851

Sarah Bradshaw aged 23

Birmingham Borough Sessions March 1850, Larceny

10 years transportation, Gaol Report – Once before convicted of felony

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A commutation of the prisoner's sentence is prayed for in consideration of her penitence and the respectability of her connections who pledge themselves to provide for her if not sent abroad.

The humble Petition of Leonard Dean a Clerk in the Post Office Birmingham and who had held this responsible situation during nine years with an unblemished record.

Respectfully []

That his wife's sister Sarah Bradshaw who has for some years led an irregular life and consequently had no intercourse with himself or his family was tried at the last Recorders Sessions in the Borough and sentenced to ten years transportation.

That your Petitioner having inquired into the circumstances of the last cannot deny her guilt and thus does not presume to disrespect the justice of the sentence. But he is also a witness of the deep sorry and [] she now envies and also of the great distress of her aged mother and her sister

Petitioner's wife and painful as it is to him he cannot refuse to make this effort to assist her.

That in the Borough Gaol of Birmingham at present very earnest endeavours are making to improve criminals confined in it and that judging from the effect already produced by these on this unhappy girl your Petitioner thinks it almost certain that a long imprisonment in it would altogether reclaim her whereas if transported it can hardly be doubtful that she will perish both mind and body.

In these distressing circumstances then your Petitioner would himself ask mercy for her not that she shall not be punished (for this she undoubtedly wants) but that her present sentence may be commuted to such long period of imprisonment here as may seem fitting in the circumstance after which your Petitioner pledges himself if alive at the time to receive and endeavour to keep her again falling - he himself asks pardon if too bold in making this application.

And your Petitioner will ever pray

Leonard Dean
