

Agnes Blair ID9645 per *Navarino* 1840

Agnes Blair aged 21

Edinburgh High Court March 1840

Stabbing

7 years transportation

Gaol Report – Character in different – before charged with a similar offence.

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It is requested that the prisoner may be returned to the Penitentiary but no grounds are stated. The Penitentiary referred to as not be reported.

Unto The Most Noble Marquis of Normanby

The Petition of Alex Munroe – Labourer of Dalkeith

18th July 1840

Dalkeith

Humbly Sheweth

That your Petitioner's wife Agnes Blair was tried before the High Court of Justiciary at Edinburgh and was sentenced to transportation for 7 years – your Petitioner's wife now lyes at Millbank Penitentiary and is most anxious that your Lordship could represent her case to Her Majesty in order to get her punishment mitigated to remain at home in place of going abroad – your Petition is sorry for troubling your Lordship but humbly hopes that you will use your influence in his wife's behalf and he will as in duty bound ever pray.

Alex Munroe

21st July 1840

Dalkeith

Wee the undersigned recommend Agnes Blair to the clemency of Her Majesty in as far as the Petition requires:

J Robertson

Walter Simpson

James Miller The elder

And a further 7 signatures.

7th June 1840

Dalkeith

Sir

My daughter Agnes Munroe who was convicted some time ago before the High Court of Justiciary for a stab on her father who is now fully better was sent off yesterday to London. A Petition was sent up signed by a great number of respectable people. I hope that if you consider the prayer of the Petition that you will allow her to remain at Millbank penitentiary.

I hope that you will use your influence in behalf of my daughter and get her punishment reduced to remain in London and it will always be [extended] by.

Sir your most obedient servant

Margaret Wood or Blair.

NB

Expect you return me an answer and this address:

John Blair
Moffett Close
High Street
Dalkeith

Ormiston near Dalkeith

7 July 1840

To The Most Noble The Marquis of Normanby Secretary of State.

My Lord

It is with deep felt sorry that I now write to your Lordship but owing to my unfortunate wife Agnes Blair who was sent some weeks ago as a convict to London and sentence for 7 years banishment. Her own father on who the stab took place was wise in many ways than she was for if she had always given him drink the case would not have been as it is now, but when he was refused drink her got quite outrageous and from her sister and her having words the fatal occurrence took place. My wife's father turned a suit of Sunday clothes to her and in every respect he acted in a very indifferent manner towards her. I am sorry for troubling your Lordship but bloods being thicker than water my mind is quite uneasy until then some account of her I hope that your Lordship will recommend her to Royal Clemency so as her banishment may be committed to Millbank Penetentiary in place of being sent abroad. I hope that your Lordship will at lease let me know when I may communicate with her by letter while she remains at London . May the prayers of her unfortunate husband not only ascend the ears of your Lordships bid may they also be heard by Her Majesty and may your Lordship be pleased to write for Alexander Munroe Labourer case of John [Myhton] , High Street, Dalkeith by Edinburgh.

I am Your Lordship your most obedient servant

Alexander Munroe.