

**Irish Transportation Records Alice McQuade CRF1844 Mc41**

*Stamped Chief Secretary's Office Dublin 44 Sep 3 W. Connor*

County of Antrim

Belfast 2 September 1844

In compliance with the order on the annexed Memorial I beg to state that Thomas Johnston whose name is used therein was not the prosecutor of the convict Alice McQuaide; she was convicted of stealing a grate the property of a man named John Wakefield who resides in this town. Johnston is a carpenter, his name was used in order to obtain signatures to certify that he is a respectable man, he was aware of this transaction, Wakefield who signed the certificate at the foot of the memorial is the person whose grate was stolen, and two of Johnstons men were examined as witnesses at the trial. Alice McQuaide was five times convicted at Quarter Sessions of Larceny, and one of an assault on one of her prosecutors, she was also convicted once at an Assize of Larceny

[Fielding? Gireen?]

Sub Inspector/

District of Belfast

Antrim

Alice McQuide

Larceny 7 yrs trans

From the report annexed, it appears she was an old offender

Sept 12 44

Law to take its course

Sept<sup>r</sup> 4<sup>th</sup> 1844 Heytesbury

Johnston infor<sup>d</sup>

5<sup>th</sup> AWL.

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Stamped Chief Secretary's Office Dublin 44 Aug 29

To His Excellency Lord Heytesbury Lord Lieutenant and General Governor of Ireland  
The Humble memorial of Thomas Johnston of Belfast in the County of Antrim Carpenter  
Sheweth

That during the Quarter Sessions of the Peace commencing on the 25<sup>th</sup> day of June 1844.. and held in and for the said Town of Belfast, Alice McQuaide (on whose behalf this Memorial is drawn up) was on the Twenty Ninth day of June last at the suit of Memorialist by the Assistant barrister for said County sentenced to seven years transportation for the Confession of a small theft of which she was found guilty.

Your Memorialist further shews that the said Alice McQuaide is a widow, having two children and her mother depending on her for their means of support who if they are deprived of the assistance of her the said Alice must be reduced to destitution. Under the above circumstances your memorialist humbly begs to submit to your Excellency that the ends of Justice would be fully answered by the imprisonment only of the said Alice McQuaide for a sufficient period and further Sheweth that the said Alice McQuaide is at present confined in the County Gaol of Carrickfergus.

Your Memorialist therefore humbly prays that the sentence of transportation may be commuted into that of imprisonment and labour if to your Excellency shall seem meet.

And your memorialist will ever pray

We the undersigned have known the above named T. Johnston fro several years and beg to say that we consider him a person of good character and worthy of credit.

Ed. N. Clarke

Edward [ ]

Jno B. Wakefield

Geo C. Pine

Thomas Quin

*Written crossways*

No signature to memorial

Heytesbury

Augt 30 1844

The Sub Inspector will have two days to ascertain if the memorial emanated from the prosecutor

DC Aug 30 1844

Antrim

Alice McQuaide Transportation 7 years

Larceny

The memorial is not signed by the Prosecutor, though purporting to come from him.-