

Ann Buchannan ID12785, per *Westmoreland* 1836

Ann Buchanan aged 18

Sterling Circuit Court April 1836, Theft, 7 years transportation

Gaol Report – Twice before in convicted. Behaved ill in gaol

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Torry Village near Dunfermline

Fife County

17th May 1836

Captain Weemys

As one of your voters for this village, and as one that approved of your General Line of Conduct in Parliament, I humbly and respectfully take permission to request that you will deliver the enclosed to Lord Russell the Home Secretary for presentation to His Majesty soliciting his interference with him in behalf of my unfortunate but {senile} Granddaughter Ann Buchanan. I will not venture to describe the feelings that influence me on this occasion – suffice to say that she had actually fallen a victim to the [Artifces] of the[Proflegate] of her sex, and when her youth and the snares that were laid to ruin her are considered I trust you will consider her an object not altogether worthy of the favour I claim.

Yours respectfully

William [Hain] Senior

P.S.

You will be so good as advise me of the result of the Petition. Ann Buchanan is aged 19 years.

To the Kings Most Excellent Majesty

The Petition of William [Hain] – Coal Borer – Torry Village near
Dunfermline Fifeshire.

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Humbly Sheweth

That at the last Circuit Court in Sterling your Petitioner's Grand
Daughter Ann Buchanan was sentenced to 7 years transportation for
theft – and now lies at present in the jail of that town awaiting the
sentence being carried into effect.

That your Petitioner is verging on eighty years of age, had supported
an unexceptionable character and at this moment stands at the head
of his profession in this County is suffering a load of almost
insupportable grief for her fate as she was nurtured by him from her
infancy in the paths of virtue and religion , every care being taken to
implant these into her youthful mind.

That owing to the youth of the culprit and when it is taken into
consideration that she was seduced by the snares of the profligate
and abandoned of her sex- your Petitioner had been advised by the
most respectable gentlemen of his neighbourhood to implore the
clemency of your Most Gracious Majesty to mitigate the sentence,
by commuting it into confinement into a Penitentiary for such a
period of time as you may be pleased to order.

For such your petitioner will ever fell impressed with the most
grateful and dutiful feelings of respect

William [Hain] Senior
