

Elizabeth McKer ID5809 per *Gilbert Henderson* 1840

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8<sup>th</sup> August 1839

This is to certify that the bearer James Crooks Pen Knife Cutler is an honest, industrious man he having been in my employ near six years and I have never known him to lose one day during the six years. He has held a situation in the Church for the last seventeen and half years and that he had attended to his family though large in a comfortable and respectful manner.

William Nicholson

17 Sycamore Street

Sheffield.

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To the Right Honourable J Parker Esq. MP for the Borough of Sheffield in the County of York.

Most Honourable Sir,

I James Crooks, Cutler, father to Elizabeth Hudson of the Borough of Sheffield. She is now a prisoner in the goal of Knutsford in the County of Chester and under the sentence of transportation for seven years.

Dear Sir,

The crime which my daughter was charged with was for stealing from the person of William Macreu a silver watch and chain on the 25<sup>th</sup> June last at Macclesfield in the said county and was apprehended at Newcastle Underline on the 26<sup>th</sup> June. She was tried at the Sessions at Knutsford on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> August and was by that

bench sentenced to be transported for seven years to such a place  
Her Majesty shall be please to direct.

Most Honoured Sir what I wish you to do is that as the Prosecutor  
stated at the trial that he could not say exactly she was the person  
who stole the watch and chain but she was brought in the very act of  
pawning the watch and chain in the town of Newcastle Underline the  
following day, but I believe she was in the company of two other  
women at the time of not good character. We whose names are  
hereunto affixed knowing her father to be a man of respectable  
character which said character is enclosed and knowing the grief  
,anxiety and trouble the said Elizabeth Hudson has caused her father  
the said James Crookes beseech you to use all your influence on this  
occasion to intercede with Lord John Russell on her behalf (as it is  
her first offence) and her being only 21 years of age. To put her in a  
Penitentiary for the term of her sentence or such other term as Her  
Majesty may be pleased to direct.

Dear Sir, hoping you will exert yourself on this occasion we remain  
your most obedient servants.

William Sharp – Minister of Mount Zion Chapel Sheffield

John Gibson – Minister of the Parish Chapel

J W Hawksworth

Joseph Rogers and Sons

William Nicholson

And another 10 signatures.

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Elizabeth or Mary or Eliza Hudson or Mcker or Crooks aged 21

Cheshire Quarter Sessions 6<sup>th</sup> August 1839

Larceny

7 years transportation

Gaol Report – Very bad character convicted before of felony and twice before on other charges.

Husband has been transported.

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