

Ellen Mortimer ID13197 per *Woodbridge* 1843

Ellen Mortimer aged 40

York Summer Assizes July 1843

Receiving stolen goods

10 years transportation

Gaol report – idle and [dysfunctional] living by theft and prostitution.

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Embarked for Van Diemens Land

The Magistrates of the district oppose a Petition which is getting up in the prisoner's favour.

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Bradford

Yorkshire

16th August 1843

Sir

We take the liberty of stating to you that at the last York Assizes Ellen Mortimer was convicted of receiving a sum of money knowing it to be stole. The persons who actually stole the money were prosecuted and convicted at the same time and all sentence to transportation.

Two Petitioner – one at Bradford and the other at the village of Idle – have been gotten up and signed by a number of the inhabitants of these places in favour of Ellen Mortimer and as we think very undeservedly .

This is certainly her first conviction for felony but we are informed by our Police that for the last three years has kept a most disorderly Beer House – notorious for the reception of thieves and prostitutes and had been convicted for THIS offence.

Mr Justice Caswell in his address to the Grand Jury strongly [] upon this women's conduct.

We are also informed that all the prisoners save one, lived in the same building with Ellen Mortimer and were her tenants or lodged with her.

We have the honour to be

Sir

Your Most obedient servants

JP Tempest

Thomas Faley

John Rand

All Magistrates for the West Riding of Yorkshire.

To The Right Honourable Sir James Graham Her Majesty's Principle Secretary of State for the Home Department.

The humble Memorial of the undersigned inhabitants of Idle in the West Riding of the county of York.

Sheweth

That at the York Summer Assizes just concluded, MARY WISEMAN, ELIZABETH NORMINGTON, HARRIET McDONOUGH, ELIZABETH JONES, MARY ANN BRICE, GEORGE SMITH, SAMUEL WILKINSON and

THOMAS ROBINSON were found GUILTY of stealing at Bradford, on the fifth day of May last – from the person of Benjamin Popperwell of Guisley near Idle aforesaid 4 £5 notes, and ten shillings and ELLEN MORTIMER was found GUILTY of having received the same knowing they had been stolen.

That two of the above named prisoners were sentenced to be transported for 15 years and the others, including the said ELLEN MORTINMER to be transported for 10 years.

That the said ELLEN MORTIMER is the daughter of the last JOSHUA MORTIMER who resided for several years in Idle upon a farm of about £100 a year and filled several years the office of Overseer of Idle. That he died about 8 years ago when the said ELLEN MORTIMER succeeded him in his farm (which was rented of W.R.C. STANSFIELD of ESHOLT HALL near the place M.P.) and continued to hold it till about three years since, when having purchased some cottages at Bradford she removed thither.

That the said ELLEN MORTIMER is about 40 years of age and during the 20 years she resided in Idle, she was of honest reputation and was never charged or suspected of dishonesty before the commission of the said offence.

That the said ELLEN MORITMER about 8 years since had an attack of lunacy and at other times had been disordered in intellect.

Your Memorialists therefore humbly pray that an account of the previous good character of the said ELLEN MORITMER she may not be transported out of this Country but that her sentence may be commuted to imprisonment in the London Penitentiary.

And your Memoralists will ever pray.

Henry Garth – Constable

William Stansfield – Constable and Manufacturer

Josuha Banister – Constable and Joiner

Thomas Hattray – Constable

Joseph Hepworth – Gentleman

And a further 92 signatures
