

Emma Harling ID5397 per *Garland Grove* 1841

Emma Harling aged 23

Central Criminal Court April 1841

Attempt to murder

15 years transportation

Gaol report – Character not known

Petition Series II

Piece Number – 50

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Mr Baron Gurning recommends a reduction of the term of transportation to 10 years

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Recommend. Sentence reduced to 10 years 30 April 1841

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Central Criminal Court

At the delivery of the Queen's Gaol of Newgate holden for the Jurisdiction of the Central Criminal Court at Justice Hall in the Old Bailey, in the Suburbs of the City of London, on Monday the fifth day of April in the fourth year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lady Victoria by the Grace of God, Queen of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, Defender of the Faith, before certain Justices of our said Lady the Queen assigned to deliver the said Gaol of Newgate of the Prisoners therein being:

Whereas at this present Session of Gaol delivery:

*EMMA HARLING*

*Aged twenty three years and stands convicted of Feloniously attempting to drown and suffocate her female child.*

*It is therefore ordered and adjudged by this Court that the above named Convict be transported beyond the seas to such place as Her Majesty by the advice of Her Privy Council shall think fit to direct and appoint for the term of fifteen years.*

By the Court

John Clark

Clerk of the said Court

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Lydia Catherine Lemoyne

Grace Ward )

Eliza Harling )

William Semple ) All Guilty

Robert Semple )

James Finn )

Emma Harling )

Received that the prisoners should be transported for 10 years.

Emma Harling that she on 12<sup>th</sup> February at St Mary Islington and upon a certain female child them lately before to wit on the same day born of her body and not then named (now deceased) feloniously did make an assault and did then and there feloniously attempt to suffocate and drown said female child by casting and throwing said female child into and amongst the soil waters and filth then being in a certain privy there situate and by casting and throwing large quantities of earth mould and ashes upon and over said female child with intent to feloniously wilfully and of her malice aforesaid to kill and murder her.

Alleging said child to have been born of her body and afterward called and known by the name of Grace.

Alleging her name to be unknown

Like former [threa] only not alleging the means used in attempting to suffocate and drown her

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Sessions House

Old Bailey

14 April 1841

My Dear Sir

At the last Sessions a woman of the name of Emma Harling was convicted before Mr Baron Gurney of a Hempling to drown and suffocate her child. The shortest period of transportation which the Parliament allows is 15 years. The Baron was therefore compelled to pass that sentence but he is anxious that it should be mitigated to 10 years .

I therefore send you the order of transportation with the Judges [ ] on the Abstract Paper and shall feel obliged by your seeing that the necessary steps are taken in this matter

Yours very truly

John Clark