

Harriet Budd ID 1492 per *Angelina* 1844

Harriet Budd aged 46

Chichester Quarter Sessions October 1843

Stealing from the person

10 years transportation

Gaol Report – Character bad. Frequently charged with offences.

Series – HO 18

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This Petitioner states that the prisoner had no felonious intent and that her character is good.

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Refuse and transport

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Chichester

13<sup>th</sup> November 1843

To The Right Honourable Secretary of State

My Lord

We your Memorialists on behalf of Harriet Budd do most sincerely Petition your Lordship to take into consideration the unfortunate case of the [ ] individual. We your petitioners for the above beg to state that she was tried at Chichester at the last Michaelmas Sessions for stealing the small sum of three shillings and six pence and sentenced for a term of seven years transportation and was

sentenced again for a further three years altogether ten years transportation.

We your memorialists or rather Petitioners on her behalf are concerned that the said Harriet Budd did not take the aforesaid money under any fraudulent pretence but merely as a joke, and we consider her sentence a very severe one so much so that we aforesaid your Lordship we should not have presumed to have subscribed our names on her behalf if our thoughts did not correspond thereto.

We your Petitioner beg further to state that this is her first offence, if an offence, it can be constituted in taking a trifling sum as a mere joke.

We your Petitioners do therefore most humbly pray that your Lordship will take into consideration her previous good character through life which we are most humbly implore your Lordship without stain.

We your Lordships Petitioners therefore most humbly pray that your Lordship will most graciously be pleased to mitigate her sentence for which we your Petitioners as in duty bound will ever pray.

Robert Johnson

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Chichester

12<sup>th</sup> November 1843

Harriet Budd is the widow of John Budd who served for fifteen years in the 5<sup>th</sup> Regiment of Foot by whom she had six children five of which are entirely dependent on her for support.

Alfred Boxall

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