

Jean Baxter ID2523 per *Baretto Junior* 1850

Jean Baxter aged 22

Ayr Circuit Court October 1849, Forgery and Fraud, 7 years
transportation, Gaol report – Not Known

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The enclosed petition prays for the mitigation of the prisoner's
sentence, on account of her previous good conduct and character.

Ayrshire

Scotland

20th December 1849

Unto the Right Honourable Her Majesty's Secretary of State for the
Home Department.

The Petition of Daniel Baxter – [flesher Kilbrinie]

Humbly Sheweth

That his daughter Jean Baxter had the misfortune to be tried at last
Autumn Circuit Court of Justiciary held at Ayr for the crimes of fraud
and imposition. She pled guilty and was sentenced to seven years
transportation and is now in Mill Bank prison. It was her first
offence and previously bore an irreproachable character as is
attested by the annexed Certificate of the resident Justices of the
Peace and respectable inhabitants of her native place.

In these circumstances her sorrowing and distressed parents pray
that it may please your Lordship to take her case into your merciful
consideration and reduce the period of her imprisonment and your
Petitioner will ever pray.

Daniel Baxter.

We the local Justices and inhabitants of Kilbirine herby certify and attest that we have known the above Daniel Baxter and his family from their infancy; that his daughter Jean always bore a good character until her late misfortune and we respectfully recommend her to the leniency and mercy of Her Majesty's Secretary of State.

She is aged only about 22 years .

James Jamison JP

Robert Logan JP

John Allan JP

James Muir - The Elder

John Byrd - The Elder

And a further 30 signatures ranging from a Surgeon to a Grocer.
