

Mary Ann Clarke aged 28 per Cadet 1849

Edinburgh High Court June 1848

Theft

7 years transportation

Gaol report – In prison before

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The prisoners husband asserts that she was not concerned in the robbery which was committed by two females with which she has become acquainted with.

No new grounds stated

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

5th July 1848

The humble petition of Charles [Perman], Musician, residing at No 285 Cannon Gate Edinburgh.

Sheweth

That about ten years ago your petitioner was married to Mary Ann Clarke, who is now a convict under the circumstances to be detailed.

That your Petitioners wife the said Mary Ann Clarke was not of vicious habits but she was facile and easy led astray. That in particular she became acquainted with {Sefie] Young and Ann Thomson both of dissolute character and frequented their company. That upon the 28th day of March last, being in the company of the above individuals, a robbery was committed by them upon a person by the name of David Jollie a dealer in sheep, residing at Mill of Aucheen that in connection with this robbery your petitioners wife had nothing whatever to do, saving being known to be a companion of the other two robbers, and she participated in [] some of the plunder.

That however she along with the other two was apprehended and their trial took place before the High Court of Justice at Edinburgh upon Monday the 26th day of June last, when the evidence of the said Ann Thomson who was the principle guilty party, but who was accepted by the Crown as an [] your Petitioners wife was sentenced to transportation for seven years.

That had your petitioner the slightest opinion of his own mind that his wife was guilty of the crime he would never have thought for one moment of troubling your Honour with this petition, that on the contrary being convinced of her innocence and knowing that she was made the dupe of Knaves but too well knowing he humbly trusts that you will be pleased to log the present application before Her Majesty and endeavour to obtain from her, a gracious remission of her sentence in whole or in part pronounced against your Petitioner's wife.

That should such mercy be granted your petitioner would come under any obligation required for the future good conduct of his unfortunate wife.

May it therefore please your Honour to take the above
circumstances into your most gracious consideration and to advise
Her Majesty to grant such relief as to she may seem fit.

And your Petitioner as in duty will ever pray.

Charles Penman
