

Mary Ann Harryman ID2182 per *Asia* 1847

Mary Ann Harryman aged 18

Birmingham Sessions January 1847

Stealing from the person

7 years transportation

Gaol report – Character not known

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Request a Report of the trial

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The prisoner's father states that the Prosecutor was very drunk and that he several times handed his watch to a boy who at length gave it to the prisoner to take care of. She adds that she was never before charged with any criminal offence and prays that she may be detained in this country

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To the Right Honourable Sir George Grey Her Majesty's  
Principle Secretary of State for the Home Department.

The humble Petition of Abraham Harryman of Birmingham in  
the County of Warwick

Temperance Coffee House

New Street

Birmingham

February 1847

Sheweth

That your Petitioner's daughter Mary Ann Harryman was tried and convicted at the last Quarter Sessions held at Birmingham in and for the Borough of Birmingham of stealing a watch and sentenced by the Court to be transported for seven years.

That the Prosecutor in the Indictment against the said Mary Ann Harryman was at the time he lost his said watch greatly intoxicated and was shewing the same to several persons in the Public House and during that time he was in such Public House he gave his said watch several times into the hands of a boy who happened to be there, which boy delivered the same watch into the keeping of your Petitioner's said daughter merely for the purpose of taking care of the same as the said Mary Ann Harryman stated on her said trial and hath all along asserted the same to be the fact.

That the Petitioner's said daughter hath never been accused of any criminal offence previously to the one in question and that Mr Harry Adkins the Governor of the gaol at Warwick will give the said Mary Ann Harryman a good character for decorous and proper conduct whilst in his custody.

That your Petitioner's daughter worked for Messrs Neal and Tonks of Birmingham aforesaid Manufacturers who are men of the first respectability who are willing to received her into their service if mercy is extended to her.

Your Petitioner under the circumstances aforesaid humbly prays that the said Mary Ann Harryman may not be transported in pursuance of her said sentence but that she may be retained in this country to work out such a term of imprisonment as to her Majesty's Government shall seem fit and proper.

And your Petitioner will ever pray.

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44 Chancery Lane

12<sup>th</sup> March 1847

Sir

In answer to Mr Phillips letter of 5<sup>th</sup> inquiring into the case of Mary Ann Harryman convicted of felony at the Birmingham Sessions held in January last I have the honour to inform you that she was tried before Mr Gale who sat at those Sessions as Assistant barrister. I enclose his letter to me of this days dater and also the original dep-ositions which I have procured from the Clerk of the Peace and which as they form part of the muniments of the Court for which he is responsible I respectfully request may be returned either to him or myself.

I have the honour to be

Your obedient servant

N S Hill.

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Report on the case of Mary Ann Harryman

The Deputy Recorder states that there was nothing at the trial to raise any doubts of the prisoner's guilt.