

Mary Hart ID4320 per *Elizabeth and Henry* 1848

Mary Hart or Wilson aged 16

Liverpool Sessions May 1846, Stealing from the person, 7 years transportation, Gaol Report – 7 times in prison a thief and prostitute

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Presented by Viscount Sandon MP

The prisoner's father states that she was led into the crime by others and that she was never before convicted of felony – he prays that reference may be made to the Recorder.

30th May

Liverpool

To the Right Honourable Sir James Graham Secretary of State for the Home Department.

The humble Memorial of John Hart of Liverpool in the County of Lancaster – Labourer.

Sheweth

That your memorialist's daughter Mary Hart was convicted of felony at the last Sessions held for the Borough of Liverpool on the 11th May instant under the name of Mary Wilson.

That your memorialists said daughter is only 14 years of age on the 29th May instant altho' described in the calendar as being 16 years of age. That your Memorialist verily believes that his said daughter had been led into the commission of the offence which she has been

convicted by the other parties of more mature years who was also indicted for the same offence.

That your Memorialists said daughter had never been convicted of felony on any previous occasion.

That your Memorialist has brought up a family of 7 children besides the said prisoner by means of his labour none of which said 7 children have ever been charged with any offence against the Laws of the Land.

That in consideration of the youthful age of your said Memorialists daughter and of the conduct of the Prosecutor in treating a girl of such age to spirituous liquors and being himself at the time of doing so is in a state of intoxication with a large sum of money upon him, your Memorialists humbly implores that you will be pleased to cause an inquiry to be made for Gilbert Henderson Esq. the recorder of Liverpool as to the facts of the state of the case of his said daughter and that you will be pleased to recommend her to Her Most Gracious Majesty's pleasure as a fit object of Her Royal Clemency, with a view to a mitigation of the sentence of 7 years transportation passed upon her and such period if imprisonment as may seem meet substituted in lieu of such sentence of transportation being carried into effect.

And you memorialist will as in duty bound ever pray.
