

Mary Kirkwood ID5147, per *Emma Eugenia* 1851

Mary Kirkwood aged 17

Glasgow Circuit Court April 1850, Theft by housebreaking, 7 years transportation, Gaol Report – Character believed to have been good.

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A mitigation of the sentence is prayed for in consideration of the prisoner youth and previous character.

Unto the Queen's most excellent Majesty

The humble Petition of Mrs Rebecca Steel or Kirkwood residing in Glasgow.

Sheweth

That the Petitioner has most humbly solicit your Royal Mercy in behalf of her daughter Mary Kirkwood at present a prisoner in Millbank Prison under a sentence of transportation for 7 years. That your Petitioner's daughter is only 17 years of age and has been resident in Glasgow almost three years. Previous to that time she resided at Barrhead seven miles distant from Glasgow and was a worker in a Bleach Field there.

When she came to Glasgow she was employed as a Bleacher and also [] as a Calender. Being a young person from the county she was easily impressed upon by designing persons and a robbery having been committed by some of these parties she was unfortunately charged as being act and part and she along with these parties was tried at the last Spring Assizes and sentenced to transportation for the period of seven years.

That your Petitioner's daughter was never tried or convicted of any offence previously and she had most earnestly to request that the sentence against her be commuted to imprisonment.

The signed certificates from the former employers of your Petitioner's daughter and others, are most respectfully referred to and similar certificates would have been laid before the Judges but she was unable to employ Agent and Council to conduct her defence. It is then most humbly trusted that your Majesty will extend your Royal mercy to her.

And your Petitioner shall ever pray.

Rebecca Kirkwood her mark

We recommend Mary Kirkwood to the merciful consideration of Her Majesty.

Robert Morton – Minister of Glasgow

George Buchanan

James Cunningham

William Cochran

20 Brunswick Place

Glasgow

1st November 1850

Sir

I have been requested to transmit the enclosed Petition for mitigation of punishment awarded to Mary Kirkwood who is at present a prisoner in Millbank Prison. The parties who have recommended the application to be made, are highly respectable and they would not have interfered in the matter if they did not [

] Mary Kirkwood to be entitled to the merciful consideration of the
Crown.

I am

Sir

Your obedient humble servant

John F Smythe
