

Sarah Knight ID1749 per *Anna Maria* 1851

Sarah Knight aged 23

Liverpool Borough Sessions December 1850, Housebreaking

10 years transportation, Gaol Report – Once in prison for vagrancy

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The prisoner's parents assert her innocence and pray for a mitigation of her sentence in consequence of her previous character and the distress of her family.

20 [Plunger Street]

27th May 1851

Sir Thomas Birch presents his compliments to Mr Waddington and takes the liberty of transmitting for the compassionate consideration of the Secretary of State, the enclosed Memorial of Michael and Bridget Vallely of Liverpool; praying some mitigation of the sentence of transportation for 10 years passed upon their daughter Sarah Knight and her husband.

The Humble Petition of Michael and Bridget Vallely – residing at No 38 Upper Frederick Street Liverpool:

Humble Sheweth

That your humble Petitioners have a daughter named Sarah Knight a convict No 3797/3 in Millbank Prison London who's said daughter and her husband kept a house in Liverpool and a lodger came to the house and left some goods there that had been stolen unknown to my daughter and her husband in their house. My poor daughter and

her husband was taken from their house when the property was found in their house and was sentenced to be transported for 10 years there was never anything against them before, and my daughter have had bad health for this 2 years past she have had her confinement in prison on the 5th of this moth of a still born child she is still in the hospital of the prison, your Petitioner is broken hearted on account of our daughter who have a young child in Liverpool left without a father or mother to look after it and should, we the aged Grandmother and Grandfather be taken from her the child will be left on the wide world. We your Petitioners humbly beg your Honour to look favourable on this our humble Petition to give us your assistance to have the sentence of the 10 years of Sarah Knights transportation mitigated with the blessing of God and your kind assistance, the same may receive the benefit we so humble solicit from your hands.

Should you be please to grant our humble request we hope and trust the Almighty God will reward you with a blessing to be a fiend to the injured.

Your Petitioner as in duty bound will ever pray.

Michael and Bridget Valley

Application No 2 (The application is the same as No 1)

From the previous application to the same effect as before.

To the Right Honourable Sir George Grey Secretary of State for the Home Department.

Tis is to certify that we the under subscribed have known the Petitioners Michael and Bridget Vallely and her family for the past seven years to bear a very sober, honest and industrious character

and believe the Petitioners worthy of your Honours notice , and believe the Petition to deserve your consideration to the case of the convicts who's fault we believe was a lodger who lodged in the convicts house.

Joseph Cartin – Publican

John Gilbert

William Hackett – Grocer
