

Susannah Duffey ID11685 per *Stately* 1849

Susannah Duffey aged 29

Newcastle upon Tyne Quarter Sessions 3<sup>rd</sup> January 1849, Receiving stolen good, 7 years transportation, Gaol report – Not Known

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The Petition states that the prisoner was never before convicted and prays for mitigation of her sentence on account of her children

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Newcastle upon Tyne

24<sup>th</sup> March 1849

To Sir George Grey

I have the honour to forward for your gracious consideration a memorial from several humble but respectable tradesmen of this place acquainted with a prisoner present in the Borough Gaol of Newcastle upon Tyne named Susannah Duffey under sentence of transportation praying for a commutation of such sentence to a term of imprisonment in this country for reasons stated in the Petition. As the Attorney employed to defend the prisoner I take the liberty of adding my own testimony in support of the Petition and most humbly request that the prisoner may not be removed from the gaol of this Borough until determination of Her Majesty's Government had been [ ]the subject of the enclosed Petition.

I have the honour to be

Sir

Your most humble and obedient servant

Cooper Abbs

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

The humble Petition of the undersigned householders of the Borough of Newcastle upon Tyne.

Sheweth

That Susannah Duffey the wife of David Duffey of Newcastle upon Tyne – Labourer was convicted at the General Quarter Sessions holden in and for the said Borough on the 3<sup>rd</sup> January last for receiving stolen goods and sentenced to be transported for the term of seven years.

That your Petitioners do not impugn the correctness of the sentence passed upon the prisoner in consideration of the nature of the offence of which she was found guilty; but from the circumstances of her having a family of four young children by a former husband, one of them afflicted with a dislocation of the hip (deemed incurable) and the youngest under two years of age of a sickly and feeble constitution entirely dependent upon her for support - they venture to express a hope that the end of justice might be answered in this case by a mitigation of the sentence to a term of imprisonment in this country.

That in passing sentence there appeared to be some doubt in the mind of the recorder whether the prisoner was actually remarried as she was also indicted under her former name of Macnamara that of her first husband but that fact is established by the Certificate annexed by which appears that her marriage with Daniel Duffey was solemnized on the 3<sup>rd</sup> October last.

That up to the time of the commission of the present offence she had industriously striven to maintain herself and her orphan children and had not before been convicted of any offence.

Your Petitioners therefore humbly pray that the case of Susannah Duffey may receive a favourable consideration and the sentence of transportation be mitigated to a term of imprisonment in this country.

And your Petitioners will ever pray.

Edward Miller

Alexander Simpson

William Davidson

And a further six signatures.

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Transcription of Marriage Certificate

Marriage solemnized at the Catholic Chapel in the District of Newcastle upon Tyne Northumberland

Married 3<sup>rd</sup> October 1848

Daniel Duffey – 29 years of age – Bachelor – Bricklayer

Father – William Duffey - Labourer

Susan Mcnamara – 29 years of age – Widow - her x mark

Father – John Timons – Labourer.

Both of : Wall Knoll, Newcastle Sandgate Newcastle

Witnesses:

Patrick Develyn – his x mark

Ann Timons – her x mark

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