

**Irish Transportation Records Ann Foster CRF 1847 F19**

Ann Foster  
Larceny  
Co. Tyrone  
Judge Torrens

*Written crossways W Hutchins*

The Right Honourable the Earl of Clarendon Lord Lieutenant of Ireland.  
The petition of Robert Foster father of Anne Foster a prisoner confined in the Gaol of Omagh  
County of Tyrone.

Most humbly sheweth that at the last assizes held in Omagh pet<sup>r</sup> daughter Anne Foster was tried before the Honourable Judge Torrens for taking a sum of money from one John Goreley with whom she lived as a servant and as sentenced to be transported for seven years.

That pet<sup>r</sup> does not address your Excellency for the purpose of excusing the conduct of his unhappy daughter, but merely [word lost in fold] your Excellency in possession of the case.

That sometime previous to the transaction, for which, prisoner is now confined she had contracted an illicit correspondence with Goreley contrary to the wishes and without the knowledge of your petitioner.

That in Spring last she was sent for by a friend to go to America and in some short time after pet<sup>r</sup> heard for the first time with no little astonishment that she was charged with robing her former master the said John Goreley.

That pet<sup>r</sup> is a simple country man that knows nothing about law or its usages and he, Goreley, made him believe that he'd give her what he called a light prosecution and a good character and thereby threw pet<sup>r</sup> completely off his guard so that he was no way prepared for the trial had not so much as a man there to give his unfortunate child a good character and the Honourable Judge who tried the case was forced as it were to pass upon her the sentence of transportation.

That pet<sup>r</sup>'s friend has since repeated his invitation to her to go to that country not knowing her unhappy fate and should your Excellency be graciously pleased to commute the sentence passed upon her for time in this prison pet<sup>r</sup> would engage to send her on the expiration of her imprisonment immediately out to this country.

That her age might plead in her favour [word missing page torn] to say that she is very young being only eighteen years of age and of an innocent and confiding turn of mind to which circumstance I attribute much of her misfortune under all the circumstances of this lamentable case pet<sup>r</sup> would humbly hope that your Excellency will in mercy to this pet<sup>r</sup> his unfortunate child and the rest of his helpless family change the sentence of pet<sup>r</sup> daughter or make such other order in her behalf as your Excellency in your wisdom may think fit.

And pet<sup>r</sup> will as in duty bound ever pray  
his  
Robert x Foster  
mark

October 19<sup>th</sup> 1847

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15<sup>th</sup> October 1847

Excellency Lord Lieutenant

The humble petition of Father & Mother of behalf of Ann Foster seduced from us of immoral Habits under Sentence Transportation Omagh Gaol County Tyrone Humbly Imploring sentence may be changed to imprisonment during pleasure and petitioners will pray

Robert Foster Elizabeth Foster Guiltaugh Parish Aughavea County Fermanagh

Excellency Lord Lieutenant

We the undersigned knoweth Elizabeth Foster and Robert Foster Laborer to be honest and Anne Foster their daughter of immoral Habits under sentence Transportation Omagh Gaol County Tyrone we never heard of her being confined in this County for the like offence and we Join with Petitioners imploring her sentence may be changed to imprisonment during pleasure and may be the means of reclaiming her and we will be thankful.

*Signatures*

Hugh Gardiner William Conley Alexander Croathers William Irvine John Dunlop

*Written crossways W Hutchins*

Referred to Co Inspector who will have the goodness to ascertain & report the character of the Memorialists, the Parents of the convict.

H.H. Oct/47

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County of Fermanagh  
Inspector's Office  
Enniskillen  
2<sup>nd</sup> Nov 1847

The memorialists are well known to the County and I can confidently state, that, in their [walk?] of life there can be no better conducted persons.

W Foott  
Co Inspector

Mr Hitchens

*Initials*

3/11/47

To forward to Justice Torrens *initials*

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? Grenville St  
Nov 5<sup>th</sup> 1847

Sir,

In Reference to the memorial of Robert & Elizabeth Foster on behalf of their daughter Anne Foster now a prisoner in the jail of Omagh & under sentence of transportation for seven years, for Larceny, I have to Report for his Excellency's information, that there did not occur on the Trial any aggravating circumstances beyond the fact, that being a Prostitute she beguiled an unwary Countryman to have intercourse with her & robbed him of £5 - Her character both for Chastity & Honesty being thus forfeited, I thought it better for the unfortunate young woman herself to sentence her to 7 years transportation rather than to a period of imprisonment, at the expiration of which she would be remitted to the scenes of her former depravity - But as it would appear from their memorial that her parents are desirous to send her out of this country to America, I respectfully recommend that upon her being put on Board a vessel in the course of the Spring, bound for America or some of our own Colonies, that the sentence now recorded against her be commuted.

I have the Honor to be y<sup>r</sup> ob<sup>t</sup> s<sup>t</sup>  
Robert Torrens

T.N. Redington Esq<sup>re</sup>

W Hitchens Nov 5/47

1. W. Foott will perhaps be able to see that arrangements referred to are fully carried out and the Governor at the gaol has been instructed to discharge her, whenever W.F. shall certify that her passage has been secured etc.

It is desirable that she should be placed on board the vessel in custody of this office.

H.H Nov 30

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County of Fermanagh  
Enniskillen  
Dec<sup>r</sup> 3<sup>rd</sup> /47

The Prisoner, Ann Foster, being confined in Omagh Gaol – which is 20 miles from this. If may be attended with more convenience to the Public Service If the Inspector of Tyrone Resident in Omagh carried the orders in the annexed account of the 30<sup>th</sup> into effect.

W. Foott  
C. Inspector

To  
Under Secretary  
Dublin Castle

Referred to the Co Inspector who will be so good as to carry out His Excellency's directions – where noted; the papers to be returned, and the Governor will be instructed to discharge Ann Foster on receiving a notification that arrangements are made for her removal to America.

H.H. Dec 4/47

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Inspector's Office  
County of Tyrone  
Omagh  
8<sup>th</sup> December 1847

I have received the file of papers relative to Anne Foster confined in the Gaol here under rule of transportation for 7 years for Larceny. On the recommendation of Judge Torrens His Excellency The Lord Lieutenant has been pleased to grant a remission of her sentence on her being put on Board a vessel[to] America where it is stated this Girl has friends. In order to carry out His Excellency's directions I request you will have her Father (Rob<sup>t</sup> Foster) informed. That as soon as he can Lodge in my hands a sum of money sufficient to pay her passage out also for her servantstore. I will send a constable to put her on Board.

George Wade  
Co Insp.

Wade Foottt Esq<sup>re</sup>  
Co Inspt

Constable Jackson of McGuires Dist. Knows where Ann Fosters Father Resides.

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To His Excellency the Lord Lieutenant General and General Governor of Ireland.

The humble petition of Robert and Elizabeth Foster the parents of Anne Foster under Rule of Transportation in the gaol of Omagh County Tyrone.

Humbly sheweth that your petitioners thought at the time they made application to your Excellency for a commutation of her sentence that they would be able to procure as much money as would pay her passage to America through their own industry and assistance of friends but for want of employment or means of support a large family were Reduced to the lowest Elle (sic) of poverty from which circumstances they were obliged to take Refuge in the poor House for some time but are now living by his day Labours which is very uncertain

Petitioners Humbly beg to state that they feel most grateful for your Excellencys kind consideration of their former memorial and humbly begs you will be pleased under their distressed and lowly destitute situation to commute the sentence where it will our constant endeavours to induce her to change her former mode of life as it has invariably been our study to bring her up in a moral and Religious way.

Memorialist will pray

Rob<sup>l</sup> Foster

Eliz<sup>th</sup> Foster

15 Dec<sup>r</sup> 1847

We the undersigned beg to recommend the prayer of memorialists to the favourable consideration of His Excellency.

Anthony Henry Irvine

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County Fermanagh

Brookboro' 15 Dec 1847

I have shewn Mr Wade's communication with reference to Anne Foster under sentence of Transportation in Omagh gaol, to her parents who state they are unable to give money to pay for her passage to America.

Inspector's Office

Dec 15<sup>th</sup> /47

I send you T.P. Ormsby's report with reference to your communication annexed & also a Mem<sup>l</sup> handed to him to be transmitted to you.

W. Foott

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to

George Wade Esq<sup>re</sup>

Omagh

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County Tyrone  
Omagh  
17<sup>th</sup> December 1847

I Beg leave to state, that in order to carry out His Excellency the Lord Lieutenants directions relative to Anne Forster now confined in the Gaol of Omagh under rule of Transportation for Larceny I communicated to the County Inspector of Fermanagh the decision in this case as she is known to reside in that County. I redirected Sub Insp Ormsby's report in which he states they are totally unable to pay her passage to America. The County Insp. (J W Foott) has forwarded me a Memorial which I attached to her file.

George Wade  
Co<sup>y</sup> Insp

The Under Secretary

Papers returned to the Court Pros for his further opinion.  
H.H. Dec<sup>r</sup> 19

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Anne Foster  
Larceny 7 years Trans  
(To be relieved)

The Judge recommends a remission of her sentence on her being put on board a Vessel for America in Spring.

Nov 8

To be discharged upon the conviction submitted by Judge Torrens.

Cancelled, the conditions not having been complied with  
H.H. Dec 20/

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The prisoner is unable to comply with the conditions of His Excellency's pardon.

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Dec 29

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1. G.G & Mem inf  
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