

Ann Titlah ID1634 per *Angelina* 1844

Ann Titlah aged 30

Newcastle Quarter Sessions February 1844

Stealing from the person

10 years transportation

Gaol Report – Dishonest and desolute and has been convicted before.

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The prisoner's husband declares her innocence and state that the Prosecutor was very drunk.

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Newcastle

Folly Lane

Near Quayside

30<sup>th</sup> April 1844

Honourable Sir

I beg leave to enclose this to your Honour with the Petition respectfully signed on behalf of my wife who sailed yesterday for London , I most humbly crave your kind indulges of stating to you, the whole matter regarding the affair, for which she was convicted I do most positively assert that she is an innocent woman. She was charged by a person named JAMES RAY for extracting from him a £5 note , he the said JAMES RAY was very much intoxicated at the time and told several persons that he did not know wither he might have dropped the same, now would he not had her taken up had it not

been for a person the wife of DUNCAN McGREGOR who came up to my own house and charged her without any Police Officer with her, the said note might be as early as dropped by her, as my wife, after Mrs McGREGOR's leaving my room, I myself found the same lying at the inside of my door and did immediately give up the same to Mrs McGREGOR she has had [ ] against my wife who had no cause whatever, also when he missed his note, he went to Mrs McGREGOR and said he had lost his money, when she commenced to [rise] him, and no Police Officer present but immediately came to my house, and charged my wife with the same which your Honour will be able to judge of the same, I was not allowed to be admission as in evidence, she was completely lost, she could not speak for herself . I also beg leave to state that Mr THOMPSON the Gaoler has given her a recommendation which will I hope be of some service, and will testify to your Honour that she is worthy of your humane consideration and remit her sentence, I am and has been a sick man, under medical treatment for nearly two years and no one to look after me but an aged mother, your kind interference will oblige.

Your humble servant Sir

John Titlah.

PS.

My wife was with me upwards of one hour with me before she came to charge her with the same, and had we not time sufficient to destroy it before the Police came.

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To the Honourable Secretary of State for the Home Department

Humbly Sheweth

We the undersigned beg leave most respectfully to present this to your Honour on behalf of ANN TITLEH aged 26, who was convicted at the Quarter sessions on 22<sup>nd</sup> February 1844 for felony and sentenced to 10 years transportation.

She is at this time expecting every day to be removed to London, your petitioners beg leave to state that before this event she was a person of good moral standing and that we most humbly pray, that your Honour will take her case into your consideration and remit her sentence to such period as your Honour may deem proper in compliance we trust that it will be the means of her becoming a useful member of society and your Petitioner are in duty bound pray.

George Atkinson

John Stewart

John Robinson

And a further 6 signatures.

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