

Eleanor Williams ID4717 per *Emma Eugenia* 1841

Elenor/Eleanor Williams aged 30

Carmarthen Lent Assizes March 1841

Arson

15 years transportation

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Gaol Report – Good in gaol but has 4 illegitimate children.

The writer states that she is a WIDOW and she denies that she committed the offence, the charge being brought by another woman from malice and jealousy.

26th July 1841

My Noble Lord

Humbly beseeching your Lordship will be pleased to pardon the liberty I presume to take in writing humbly craving your Lordships kind intercession to Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen in behalf of Elenor Williams a widow now under sentence of transportation for the term of 15 years, she was tried at the last Spring Assizes for Arson which was occasioned through jealousy between the prisoner and another woman in the same neighbourhood, both women keeping company with the same man the prisoner was far advanced in pregnancy and since her trial she had been confined in childbed in

the gaol of the County of Carmarthen, she still persists in her innocence before the face of Almighty God she was quite ignorant of the charge laid against her as knowing nothing of the transaction and her trial was undefended, which her [] might swear what they though [] since the death of her husband she has always been a poor industrious widow left friendless with three small unprovided fatherless orphaned children which she laboured hard to nurse them carefully in the fear of God and without Parochial Relief, only by the sweat of her brow, therefore through the [desire] of the Parishioners at large I am induced to Petition Your Lordship as they are themselves convinced of her innocence only that the same was perpetrated through spite to occasion her utter ruin.

Humbly trusting your Lordship's tender feelings will be pleased to take her deplorable case into consideration and intercede for a mitigation of her sentence to that of imprisonment for the sake oif her fatherless children and a large circle of relatives and friends. Your Lordship's kindness will be blessed by all and warmly acknowledged by:

My Noble Lord

Your Lordships

Ever faithful humble and obedient servant

John Thomas of [Breechfa]

To be left at the Marquis of Granby

King Street

Carmarthen
