

Jean Baird ID5340 per *Garland Grove* 1841

Jean Baird or Hadden aged 40

Glasgow Circuit Court September 1840

Assault

7 years transportation

Gaol Report – Turbulant and dispicable conduct and imprisoned before for a similar assault.

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The prisoner's husband prays for a mitigation of her sentence on the grounds of her good character and large family.

Unto the Most Noble The Marquis of Normanby Secretary of State for the Home Department.

The Petition of William Hadden residing in Fairnegair (Ferniegair) near Hamilton.

Humbly Sheweth

That your Petitioner's wife Jean Hadden or Baird was tried before Lord Cockburn and Meadowbank on the 10th September 1840 and found guilty of the crime of assault and sentenced to 7 years transportation.

That your Petitioner does not plead on behalf of his wife, the great provocation which she received and which caused the assault for which she had been sentenced, nor would he presume to question the justice of that sentence, being fully convinced that it is not more severe than the offence merited, but he would most humbly solicit your Lordship's interference on the grounds herein after stated.

That your Petitioner's wife up to the time of this unfortunate occurrence had borne an irreproachable character, and had ever a most exemplary wife and mother which the accompanying testimonial will prove.

That your Petitioner's wife is the mother of seven children the youngest of whom is but 1`3 months old, and being thus denied of maternal guardianship at the period of life when most require her superintendence your Petitioner being but a poor man had to deplore utter incapability of doing them that justice which their unfortunate circumstances so much require.

That your Petitioner has been in the employment of His Grace The Duke of Hamilton for the last 15 years and can produce the most ample testimonials as to character, and attention to his duties.

Your Petitioner would therefore, most humbly but earnestly solicit your Lordship to recommend his unfortunate wife to the Royal Clemency and that such commutation of her sentence may be granted as to her Majesty may seem fit.

That in the event of a commutation of sentence not being considered consistent with the requirements of Justice, your Petitioner would most humbly pray that she may not be sent out of the country, but that she may be confined in some prison connected to the county so as he may at least have the satisfaction of looking forward to a reunion however distant the prospect, which would not be likely were she transported beyond the seas, and your Petitioner as in duty bound will ever pray.

(signed) William Hadden

Hamilton

24th April 1841

I do hereby certify that Jean Blair or Hadden the wife of William Hadden were in the habit of dealing with me from the year 1826 to

the year 1839 he kept a Public House and his wife paid the accounts
and I always found her honest in her transactions with me

(signed) John Patrick. Merchant

9th May 1841

Hamilton prison

I certify that Mrs Jean Blair or Hadden was imprisoned in this prison
on the 26th May last and was sent to Glasgow for trial on the 8th
September and during that time she conducted herself quietly and
peacefully .

(signed) David Simpson

Keeper of the Hamilton Prison.

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20th April 1841

This is to certify that William Hadden has been in His Grace the Duke
of Hamilton's employment these 15 years and had always been a
steady and decent workman.

(signed) William Lord

Overseer
