

Sarah Lucas ID 10608 per *Rajah* 1841

Sarah Lucas aged 21

Central Criminal Court November 1840

Burglary

10 years transportation

Gaol Report – Character not known

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It is said that the prisoner had previously borne a good character and that she was led into the offence by a man whom she had been seduced by.

To the Queens most Excellent Majesty.

The humble Petition of Martha Lucas of East Grinstead in the county of Sussex – Widow

Humbly Sheweth

That your Petitioners daughter Sarah Lucas was convicted at this present Sessions at the Old Bailey of a burglary and sentenced to be transported for 10 years.

That the said Sarah Lucas is only 21 years of age.

That the burglary was committed by a man who had seduced the said Sarah Lucas and instigated her to be an accomplice therein.

That your Petitioner was left a widow in many years ago with 7 children whom she educated and brought up in a decent and pious manner.

That your Petitioners daughter left her home about 2 years to go to London for a situation and until that time she had borne a good character and was much respected by a number of her neighbours by whom she was employed and your Petitioner is therefore convinced that she committed the offence of which she stands convicted while under evil influence and not through innate depravity.

That your Petitioner is persuaded that he daughter is truly penitent and anxiously desires to retrieve her character.

That several of the said Sarah Lucas late employers are willing again to take her into their service.

Your Petitioner therefore most humbly prays your Majesty that your Majesty will be graciously pleased to mitigate the sentence of the said Sarah Lucas to imprisonment in the Penitentiary for such period as to your Majesty's wisdom shall seem meet.

And your Petitioner as in duty bound will ever pray.

Martha Lucas.

Signed by the said Martha Lucas in the presence of M Crouch,
Solicitor, 37 Southampton Buildings.

We the undersigned inhabitants of East Grinstead do humbly recommend Sarah Lucas as a fit object of mercy in having known her from her infancy to the time of her leaving East Grinstead about two years ago at which time she bore a good character and was much respected.

William Blood

Richard Norman

James Sym

Thomas Charlwood

And a further 8 signatures.

I beg most respectfully to recommend Sarah Lucas to Her Majesty's merciful consideration

Francis Booth MD

(Prosecutrix)

24 Rainer Street

Bedford Square

28th January 1841
