

## Mathilde Mc Bean

**Verdict No:** 69 1882

**Prisoner No:** 11 (Fp 617)

**Sentenced to:** death

**According to** *The rescript of Sept. 3<sup>rd</sup> 1881 which conveys the*

**Verdict of** *November 23<sup>rd</sup> 1881*

**Sentenced to** *Hard labour in Prison<sup>1</sup>*

**for** *Life*

**Sentenced by the Court of first Instance by** *The Commission Verdict of September 2<sup>nd</sup>, 1880*

**The sentence expires**

*Handed over to Christianshavn's Prison on July 19<sup>th</sup>, 1882.*

*Initiated the sentence on St. Croix*

*arrest September 20<sup>th</sup>, 1881*

*Was immediately moved up to Class of Constraint 3<sup>2</sup>*

~~departed~~ *shipped to the Chief of Police on St. Croix: December 18<sup>th</sup>, 1887, in accordance with the memo of the High Inspection Division of October 31<sup>st</sup>, 87*

<b>Description</b>	<b>Height: Figure:</b>	<b>Conscripted or enrolled in the Navy</b>
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<sup>1</sup> In the prison records of Mary Thomas, Agnes Salomon and Mathilde Mc Bean, the Danish text says "tugthuset" (penitentiary). In the prison record of Susanna Abrahamson, it says "forbedringshus" (correctional house). Both are abbreviations of the full name of the prison, to which all 4 women were sent, namely "Christianshavns tugt-, rasp- og forbedringshus".

<sup>2</sup> In the Danish prison system, prisoners were divided into "classes of constraint" (Danish: tvangsstadier). A higher class meant more privileges. 1st class prisoners had no access to education and were only allowed to read the Bible. 2nd class prisoners had more privileges and could write letters and receive visitors. 3rd class prisoners had further privileges. They had more liberty during labor and could wear clothes that were more civilian than the prison uniforms etc. An inmate could be moved a class up or down depending on his or her behavior.

	<b>Limbs:</b> <b>Hair:</b>  <b>Eyes:</b> <b>Nose:</b>  <b>Hue:</b> <b>Speech:</b>  <b>Special features:</b>					
<b>Generalia</b>	<b>Place of birth:</b>  <b>Place of maintenance:</b>  <b>Last place of residence:</b>  <b>Livelihood:</b>  <b>Age:</b> 20-22 <i>years</i>  <b>Religion:</b> <i>Catholic</i>  <b>Confirmation:</b>  <b>Can read:</b> <b>Can write:</b>  <b>Is</b> <i>un</i> <b>married and has 3 children</b>  <b>Health status at arrival:</b>		<b>Previously punished:</b> <i>no</i>			
<b>The crime of which the person is convicted:</b> <i>Participation in the murder of two soldiers on the plantation Carlton and theft during the revolt of 1878.</i>		<b>Information about the prisoner's former way of life:</b>				
<b>Brought to the prison</b>	<b>Money or valuables:</b>  <i>1 pair of earrings</i>		<b>Clothes and suchlike:</b>			
<b>Behavior</b>	<b>Punishment</b>	<b>Been on the list of laziness</b>	<b>Earned overtime</b>	<b>Been to the hospital</b>		<b>Remarks</b>
				<b>Date</b>	<b>Illness</b>	
				1852		
			<b>From:</b>			

				11/12 82 <b>To:</b> 16/12 82	Headache	
				<i>From:</i> 4/3 87 <b>To:</b> 10/3 87	Sore throat	

***Mathilde Mac Bean***

*Born in Christiansted, illegitimate, raised by strangers, had 4 children, is Catholic, 20-22 years old, submitted from Christiansted arrest house on July 19<sup>th</sup>, 1882, for life, according to the royal resolution of September 3<sup>rd</sup>, 1881. According to the commission sentence of September 2<sup>nd</sup>, 1880 and the Supreme court ruling of May 23<sup>rd</sup>, 1881, she was sentenced to life imprisonment for complicity for the murder of 2 soldiers at the plantation Carlton and for theft during the revolt in 1878.*

*No previous sentences. 3 children, lives unmarried.*

*Started her sentence in St. Croix arrest house on September 20<sup>th</sup>, 1881.*

*Class of constraint: Cl. 3*

*April 19<sup>th</sup>, 83, Cl. 4*

*October 19<sup>th</sup>, 87, Cl. 5*

*December 18<sup>th</sup>, 87, returned to Christiansted in order to endure the remains of the sentence there.*

*Signed by the warden, October 31<sup>st</sup>, 1887*

**Permission to write letters and speak to relatives:**

*15/6 84 Mrs Caecilie Mc Bean, Care of Rev. father Malory (?), Frederiksted, St. Croix*

*16/11 84 Mrs Larsen, Mr Larsen, Christiansted*

22/2 85 do.
7/6 85 do. Richmond, St. Croix
16/8 85 do.
20/9 85 do.
13/12 85 do.
2/5 86 do.
8/7 86 do.
10/10 86 do.
7/11 86 do.
27/3 87 do.
3/7 87 do.
19/9 87 do.
27/11 87 do.

The monthly grades for behavior: 2

The monthly grades for diligence: 3 (however: 2 in the beginning)

For those months where there are grades for diligence in school: 3

**Class of constraint**

**Class 3:** (g-g)(g-g)(g-g)(g-g)(g-mg)(g-mg)(g-mg)(g-mg)(g-mg)

**Class 4:** 19/4 83 (g-mg)(g-mg-g)(g-g)(g-mg-g)(g-g-g)(g-mg)(g-mg)(g-mg)

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**Class 5:** 19/10 87 (g-g-mg)<sup>3</sup>

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<sup>3</sup> The Danish grading scale system at the time (The "Ørsted scale") was: **ug** (excellent), **mg** (very good), **g** (good), **tg** (rather good), **mdl** (mediocre), **slet** (bad)