

CRAWFORD, James

Variations : HOLMES

Ship	Date arrived (Sydney)
Hashemy	9 June 1849
Shipping indent has not survived	

Trial (place, date)	Offence	Sentence
Glasgow Court of Justiciary 22 Dec 1846	Stealing silk handkerchiefs	7 years
Notes: Source = SRNSW index to convict exiles. Also SRNSW "Hashemy Convict Ships – Exiles", 4/4526 (reel 704).		

Assignment

Hired by Mr J Eales for one year at £13 per annum 12 June 1849 (same day as ToL issued).
With Eales: 1849-1850

Freedom (year, details)

T.O.L.	49/287, 12 June 1849, 4/4217 (reel 962), Maitland TOLPPT 49/393, 17 October 1849, 4/4273 (reel 979). Allowed to remain at Liverpool Plains in the service of Mr John Eales. TOLPPT 50/727, 6 November 1850, 4/4276 (reel 980). Allowed to remain in the service of Mr B Leapr (?) at the Namoi for 12 months.
C.P.	
C.O.F.	

Colonial crime & secondary punishment

Date	Offence	In service of	Punishment
4 June 1850	Wilfully destroying property	John Eales	£1 10s or 3 months prison
Sources: Maitland Mercury 5 June 1850 p2			

Colonial Secretary's correspondence

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Colonial marriage

Date	Place	To whom	BDM index reference
Permission to marry:			

Death

Date	Place	Age	BDM index reference

Timeline

Date	Event
9 June 1849	arrived Sydney
12 June 1849	granted a ticket-of-leave for the Maitland district
12 June 1849	hired by John Eales for one year at £13 per annum
17 Oct 1849	ticket-of-leave passport to be at Liverpool Plains in John Eales' service
4 June 1850	finned £1 10s or 3 months prison for wilfully destroying Eales' property
6 Nov 1850	working for Mr Leapr (?) at the Namoi for 12 months.

Other (source, details)

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Maitland Mercury 5 June 1850 p2

MASTERS AND SERVANTS ACT.-Yesterday one case under this act was brought before the bench: John Eales v. James Crawford, Crawford being charged with wilfully destroying property committed to his charge. It appeared from the evidence of Mr. Eales and his son, Mr. John Eales, jun., that Crawford, who was a servant of Mr Eales's, under an agreement for twelve months, had on the 25th May gone into the slaughter-house and told young Mr. Eales that he had broken a dray, using these words " That's the ticket of soup,* I've broke the gelatine dray ;" Mr. Eales replied that he ought to be ashamed of himself to talk in that way ; Crawford said, laughing, "Oh yes, I've broke the old thing at last ;" Mr. Eales told him he would have to pay for it, and he then went and told his father, who went with him to the spot, where they found that the dray had been driven end-on to a dead lying tree, so that one wheel went on one side and the other on the other, and that the dray had been suddenly turned off on one side, so as to cause one wheel to go over the log, thereby giving the loaded dray such a jerk that the bottom came out, and the dray was injured to the extent of £1. Mr. Eales was positive that the damage might have been easily avoided, even after the dray got into the position described, and he told Crawford when he saw him that he seemed to take delight in breaking things, but he would have to pay for the damage; Crawford' replied "I'll see yon d- first." The tree, it appeared, had been laying there for years, and Crawford had frequently driven the dray that road. About an hour after the conversation with Mr. Eales, Crawford had to go with another dray for water, and after loading the dray the bullocks were moved the wrong way, and consequently the wheel broke away the earth into the well, and the wheel going in the pole of the dray was snapped off, which Mr. Eales estimated would cost 10s. to repair. In defence Crawford asserted that both injuries were accidental and arose from awkwardness on the part of the bullocks, he not being much of a bullock-driver. In answer to the bench, Mr. Eales said there were no wages owing to Crawford, he thought. The bench convicted Crawford of the offence charged, and sentenced him to three months' imprisonment unless the damages of £1 10s. and the costs were sooner paid.

General information

This document is part of research undertaken by Brian Walsh on the convicts assigned to John Eales and the ticket-of-leave holders who worked for him. Please do not email or upload/post this document online without acknowledgement. For further information and contact details see:

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A book on John Eales' convicts titled '*Toil and Trouble from Maitland to Moreton Bay*' is available from Paterson Historical Society, see:

www.patersonhistory.org.au