

KENT, James

Variations :

Ship	Date arrived (Sydney)
Bussorah Merchant	1828

Shipping indent(s)

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Trial (place, date)	Prev conv	Offence	Sentence
Maidstone, 10 Aug 1827	none	burglary in dwelling house	life
Notes: Source = indent.			

Age	Marr/S	Child'n	Relig	Educ	Native place	Country
19	s		prot	none	Kent	England
Notes: Source = indent						

Trade or calling	Height	Complexion	Hair	Eyes
farmers boy	5' 4hlf	ruddy, slightly pock pitted	dark brown	dark grey
Notes: Source = indent				
Other arrival info (eg ships musters & papers):				

Assignment

on arrival, to Thomas Graham, Botanical Garden.	
With Eales: 1828-1835→	Occupation (with Eales): labourer

Freedom (year, details)

T.O.L.	37/1355, 4/4115 reel 928, Maitland district
C.P.	49/172, 20 Dec 1848, 4/4464, reel 790 pp43-44.
C.O.F	

Colonial crime & secondary punishment

Date	Offence	In service of	Punishment
Jan 1835	insolence	John Eales	25 lashes
Dec 1840	encourage robbery	Mr Wright/Sparke	to Cockatoo Island
Sources: see assignment & TOL above, and Col Sec & 'other' below			

Colonial Secretary's correspondence

[notation on indent: to be placed on Cockatoo Island, Col Sec letter 40/753 Dec 19.]
CSLS 40/753 in 4/3688 Col Sec to Princ Supt Convicts, 19 December 1840, p439 (reel 1052). Re James Kent per Bus. Merchant assigned to Mr Wright, and two others, from Police Magistrate at Maitland to Hyde Park Barracks, request that these men be placed on Cockatoo Island in consequence of their conduct on occasion of the robbery of the public house at Black Creek kept by I.H. Cohen where they were at the time, having tended rather to encourage than to **** (unreadable) the robbers.
CSLS 41/934 in 4/3689 Col Sec, 27 January 1841, p4 (reel 1053). Re James Kent per Bus. Merchant, assigned to Mr Sparke, and three others. Ordered to Cockatoo Island but by mismanagement they are still in Newcastle Gaol which is to be kept as free of convicts as possible.
Sydney Gaol Entrance Book, SRNSW 4/6439 #328 [reel 853], admitted 12 February 1841 from Newcastle with three others. Discharged to 2nd class gang Cockatoo Island 13 February 1841.

NSW Census/musters

1828	assigned to John Eales, Hunter River
1837	

Colonial marriage

Date	Place	To whom	BDM index reference
Permission to marry:			

Death

Date	Place	Age	BDM index reference

Timeline

Date	Event
Aug 1827	tried Maidstone, life sentence for burglary
1828	arrived in Sydney on the <i>Bussorah Merchant</i>
Nov 1828	assigned to John Eales
Jan 1835	still with John Eales
1837	ticket of leave for the Maitland district
Dec 1840	sent to Cockatoo Island
Dec 1848	conditional pardon

Other (source, details)

X 707 (reel 662), SRNSW, monthly returns of summary punishment, Maitland, 19 January 1835. Kent, James, <i>Bussorah Merchant</i> , assigned to John Eales, 25 lashes for insolence.

Keywords

lashes, cockatoo island, Newcastle Gaol

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:

www.patersonriver.com.au/ealesconvicts

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