

MCLAREN, William

Variations :

Ship	Date arrived (Sydney)
England	18 September 1826

Shipping indent(s)

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Trial (place, date)	Prev conv	Offence	Sentence
Edinbro 27 February 1826	?	shop stealing	life
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Age	Marr/S	Child'n	Relig	Educ	Native place	Country
17	s		prot	reads & writes	Perth	Scotland
Notes: Source = indent						

Trade or calling	Height	Complexion	Hair	Eyes
Cabinet Maker's apprentice	5' 4 hlf	ruddy freckled	dark brown	brown
Notes: Source = indent				
Other arrival info (eg ships musters & papers):				

Assignment

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With Eales: 1843-1844, 1851-52

Freedom (year, details)

T.O.L.	40/1840, 13 August 1840, 4/4143 (reel 937), Maitland. "Cancelled & sent to Cockatoo Island for 12 months on suspicion of horse stealing" (indent indicates 7 April 1845). Restored 47/95. 47/95, 4 January 1847, 4/4211 (reel 960), Moreton Bay. TOLPPT 42/409, 23 March 1842, 4/4245 (reel 969). Allowed to remain in the service of Mr George Hobler of Liverpool Plains for 12 months. TOLPPT 43/094, 25 January 1843, 4/4248 (reel 970). Rec by Maitland Bench. Allowed to employ himself in the service of Mr Eales at Liverpool Plains for 12 months TOLPPT 47/0481, 20 July 1847, 4/4266 (reel 976) on rec of Boyd Esq. Allowed to proceed to Twofold Bay in the service of B Boyd Esq. for 12 months. TOLPPT 48/240, 12 May 1848, 4/4269 (reel 977). Scone Bench. Allowed to remain at Liverpool Plains in the service of Mr Wm Nowland. TOLPPT 49/292, 16 July 1849, 4/4272 (reel 978). Scone Bench. Allowed to travel with cattle in the district of Barwin River and Liverpool Plains for 12 months service of Mr Wm Nolan. TOLPPT 51/209, 22 August 1851, 4/4277 (reel 980). Scone Bench. Allowed to remain in the service of Mr John Eales and travel between Scone and the Barwin River. last ToL PPT for Eales to end reel 980/1853
C.P.	52/338, 18 November 1852, 4/4480 (reel 798) p334.
C.O.F.	

Colonial crime & secondary punishment

Date	Offence	In service of	Punishment
Sep 1831	absconding from the Colony		Norfolk Island 3 yrs
Mar 1836	absence without leave	Customs House Newc	14 days cells
July 1836	absconding	Pilot's Boat	50 lashes
Apr 1845	suspicion of horse stealing		ToL cancelled
Sources: see assignment & TOL above, and Col Sec & 'other' below			

Colonial Secretary's correspondence

4/3668 (reel 1043) p49. Col Sec Office Sydney 22 December 1828. His Excellency [the Governor of NSW] approved of the prisoners named in the margin to be sent to Port Macquarie as the Stone Gang (4 prisoners and overseer).

29/10,165 in 4/2024, 19 December 1828, Principal Superintendent of Convict to Col Sec. William McLaren, *England*, to be sent to Port Macquarie to be employed in the Commissariat Department, to be placed on the Hulk to await transport. [note: this is not a secondary transportation/punishment].

29/72 in 4/3896, p111, 2 April 1829, William McLaren per *England* to be embarked on *Mary Elizabeth* for Port Macquarie, CS copies of letters sent to the Sheriff.

4/3667 (reel 1043) p210, Col Sec letters sent re convicts. Col Sec Office, 18 August 1830. One of 10 prisoners, Sheriff requested to forward to Hyde Park Barracks, recently arrived on the *Mary Elizabeth* from Moreton Bay and Port Macquarie.

31/3433 in 4/2106, 11 May 1831 from D Murray, Superintendent, HM Hulk Phoenix to C Prout, Under Sheriff. William Murray CF per *Craigievar*, alias William McClaren per *England*, escaped while being transferred from the Hulk to Hyde Park Barracks, the wind and sea were very rough, he escaped during the confused landing. **Margin note:** "William Murray stated to have come free per Brig "Craigievar", but left at Norfolk Island by the ship "Mary Jane" on suspicion of being a runaway prisoner of the Crown".

[in same bundle as previous] 16 May 1831 Col Sec to Princ. Sup. Convicts - report from Commandant at Norfolk Island, a man landed on Norfolk Island by Captain Banks of the *Mary Jane* Whaler, identified as William McLaren, England, life.

31/3585 in 4/2107, 16 May 1831 from Sheriff to Col Sec, advising that William Murray alias William McLaren per England, life, who escaped while landing from the Hulk on 10 May has been recaptured.

31/137 in 4/3897, p139-140, 22 July 1831, William McLaren per *England* to be sent to Norfolk Island, CS copies of letters sent to the Sheriff.

31/190 in 4/3897, p201-202, 10 September 1831, William McLaren per *England* to be sent to Norfolk Island per *Louisa*, CS copies of letters sent to the Sheriff.

4/3670 (reel 2649) p 519. Col Sec Office 20 May 1831, report re apprehension of William McLaren per England – instructions have been forwarded to P.S. Office to pay the reward of five pounds offered on the 13th of this month by a notice from your office for the capture of McLaren. The communication from the Commandant of Norfolk Island enclosed in your letter is herewith returned.

4/3671 (reel 2650) pp431-434. Col Sec Office Sydney 16 September 1831. Ship *Louisa* taken up for conveyance of about 110 prisoners, troops and stores to Norfolk Island [list of prisoners includes William McLaren per England].

NSW Census/musters

1828	not found
1837	not found

Colonial marriage

Date	Place	To whom	BDM index reference

Permission to marry:

Death

Date	Place	Age	BDM index reference

Timeline

Date	Event
Sep 1826	arrived in Sydney on the England with a life sentence for shop stealing
Apr 1829	from Sydney to Port Macquarie to work in the Commissariat Store
Aug 1830	returned from Port Macquarie, sent to Hyde Park Barracks, Sydney
Jan 1831	absconded from no. 26 Road Gang and escaped the Colony on a whaling ship
1831	Offloaded at Norfolk Island from the whaling ship as suspected runaway, then returned to Sydney by the Government
May 1831	10th May escaped while being taken from the Hulk to Hyde Park Barracks
May 1831	14th May £5 reward posted by Government for his capture
May 1831	16th May tried at Hyde Park Barracks for absconding from the Colony
Sep 1831	from Sydney to Norfolk Island for 3 years for absconding from the Colony
Mar 1836	attached to the Customs House Newcastle, 14 days cells for absent without leave
Jul 1836	absconded from the Pilot's boat, Newcastle, apprehended, 50 lashes
Aug 1840	Ticket-of-leave for Maitland district
Mar 1842	employed by George Hobler at Liverpool Plains for 12 months
Jan 1843	with John Eales at Liverpool Plains for 12 months
Apr 1845	Ticket-of-leave cancelled for suspicion of horse stealing, sent to Cockatoo Island
Jan 1847	Ticket-of-leave restored, for the Moreton Bay district
Jul 1847	at Twofold Bay employed by B Boyd
May 1848	employed by William Nowland at Liverpool Plains and Barwin River, 2 years
Aug 1851	employed by John Eales between Scone and the Barwin River
Nov 1852	received a conditional pardon

Other (source, details)

2 April 1829 from Sydney to Port Macquarie per Mary Elizabeth, 4/3596 (reel 1062) p111 (See also Phoenix Hulk, disposed to Port Macquarie 3 April 1829, 4/6285 p76, #1885 (reel 822)).

SRNSW, Phoenix Hulk Entrance Books, 4/6281 (reel 819) p127 #3129, entered the Hulk on 16 August 1830, his colonial sentence having expired.

18 August 1830 from Moreton Bay [actually Port Macquarie] to Hyde Park Barracks, Sydney, per Mary Elizabeth, 4/3596 (reel 1062) p419.

SG 4 January 1831 p4, William McLaren, England, absconded from no. 26 Road Gang.

Phoenix Hulk: Wm Murphy alias McLaren, England, admitted 9 May 1831, abscond while conducting transfer to Hyde Park Barracks 10 May. Behaviour on board 'bad'. 4/6283 p40, SRNSW.

SG 14 May 1831 p1. £5 reward, a runaway from no. 26 Road Party, escaped from the Messenger who was conveying him from the Hulk to Hyde Park Barracks on Tuesday evening 10th instant.

Phoenix Hulk: colonial conviction, General Sessions, Hyde Park Barracks 16 May 1831, absconding from the colony, 3 years Norfolk Island, forwarded 26 September 1831, 4/4534 p13 #167 (reel 821).

19 September 1831 from Sydney Hulk to Norfolk Island per Louisa, 4/3897 (reel 1062) p202

SRNSW X708 reel 662 summary punishments: March 1836 Newcastle (p117), attached to the Customs House, absent without leave, 14 days cells.

SRNSW X708 reel 662 summary punishments: July 1836 Newcastle (p126), attached to the Pilot's Boat, absconding, 50 lashes.

Keywords

Port Macquarie, Norfolk Island, Cockatoo Island, TOLPPT, EalesToL, Liverpool Plains, cells, abscond, Phoenix Hulk, Hyde Park Barracks, lashes

McClaren (McLaren) William England 1826 **1836 8 January Newcastle BB**
Attached to Custom House. Charged with going to a public house without a pass after 9 o'clock.

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McLaren William England 1826 **1836 13 July Newcastle GG**

Cabinet maker's apprentice boy aged 27 from Perth. 5' 4 1/2"; ruddy freckled complexion with dark brown hair and brown eyes. Scar on top of head, mark near left ear. Charged with robbery. Absconded from the Pilot's boat 4th July

McClaren (McLaren) William England 1826 **1836 10 August Newcastle GG**

Apprehended after absconding from the Pilot's Boat crew at Newcastle

McLaren William England 1826 **1845 31 May Maitland MM (p4)**

Ticket of leave cancelled for suspicion of horse stealing

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.

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