

MEPSTED, John

Variations : Mepstead, Mapstead

Ship	Date arrived (Sydney)
Mellish	18 April 1829

Shipping indent(s)

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Trial (place, date)	Prev conv	Offence	Sentence
Maidstone 2 August 1828	none	house breaking	life
Notes: Source = indent.			

Age	Marr/S	Child'n	Relig	Educ	Native place	Country
22	s		prot	r & w	Kent	England
Notes: Brother Richard, 24, same ship, same crime						

Trade or calling	Height	Complexion	Hair	Eyes
labourer	5' 6 hlf	ruddy	brown	blue
Notes: Source = indent				
Other arrival info (eg ships musters & papers):				

Assignment

on arrival, to John Eales, Wallis Plains.
With Eales: 1829

Freedom (year, details)

T.O.L.	42/1165
C.P.	47/948, 30 September 1847, 4/4453 reel 784 pp395-396 Col P, 12 Nov 1849, 4/4494 reel 771 pp179-180
C.O.F	

Colonial crime & secondary punishment

Date	Offence	In service of	Punishment
Aug 1829	absconded	John Eales	Iron Gang
Sept 1829	repeated absconding	Iron Gang No. 7	3 years Moreton Bay
July 1836	absconded	Richard Jones	
Aug 1836	[apprehended]		
Sources: see assignment & TOL above, and Col Sec & 'other' below			

Colonial Secretary's correspondence

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NSW Census/musters

1837	25, assigned to William Jones, Paterson
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Colonial marriage

Date	Place	To whom	BDM index reference
1844		Mary A Low	V1844593 29/1844 & 39C/1844
Permission to marry: in 1844 by Jennings Smith, Paterson. Age 36, ToL, to Marry Ann Lowe, BC, free. Marriage recorded as 'Mapstead'			

Death

Date	Place	Age	BDM index reference

Timeline

Date	Event
Aug 1828	tried Maidstone, life sentence for house breaking, along with his brother
1829 April	arrived in Sydney on the <i>Mellish</i> and assigned to John Eales, Wallis Plains
1829 July	Absconded from John Eales
1829 Sept	sentenced to 3 years Moreton Bay for repeated absconding from Iron Gang
Jan 1830	transported under sentence to Moreton Bay
1833	returned from Moreton Bay
by 1836/37	assigned to William Jones, Paterson
1842	ticket of leave
1844	permission to Marry Ann Lowe (given at Paterson), marriage not found
1847	conditional pardon

Other (source, details)

Sydney Gazette 28 July 1829 p4, repeated 4 August 1829, absconded from John Eales, Hunters River.

SRNSW Phoenix Hulk Entrance Book. Mepstead John, Mellish, from Wallis Plains 26 September 1829 p101 #2499 reel 819, 4/6281. Convicted at General Sessions, Wallis Plains 8 September 1829 for repeated absconding from No. 7 Iron Gang and on suspicion of committing various robberies, sentence 3 years Moreton Bay.

SRNSW reel 822 Phoenix Hulk, 4/6285, p101, #2620 discharged to Moreton Bay 6 January 1830 per ship Lucy Ann.

SRNSW Phoenix Hulk Entrance Book. Mepstead John, Mellish, from Moreton Bay 24 August 1833 p272 #667 reel 819, 4/6282.

Keywords

brother, iron gang, col pardon, Phoenix Hulk, Moreton Bay

Results from "Free Settler or Felon" web site: <http://www.jenwilletts.com/search.htm>

Mepsted (Mapstead) (Mepstead)	John	Mellish 1829	1837 22 March	Paterson	GG
Perpendicular scar on upper lip right side, small one at corner, a great number of letters on right arm and woman anchor and other marks on left, son moon and star on breast, small scar over right eye. Absconded from Richard Jones 29 July 1836					
Mepsted (Mepstead)	John	Mellish 1829	1838 8 August	Paterson	GG
Apprehended after absconding from service of R. Jones					
Mepsted (Mepstead)	John	Mellish 1829	1829 4 August	Hunter's River	SG
Labourer aged 22 from Kent. Blue eyes, brown hair, ruddy complexion,. Absconded from John Eales					

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