

MITCHELL, John

Variations :

Ship	Date arrived (Sydney)
Portland	26 March 1832

Shipping indent(s)

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Trial (place, date)	Prev conv	Offence	Sentence
Hereford Assizes 2 Aug 1831	6 months ago	stealing knife	life
Notes: Source = indent.			

Age	Marr/S	Child'n	Relig	Educ	Native place	Country
20	s		prot	r& w	Gloucestershire	England
Notes: Source = indent						

Trade or calling	Height	Complexion	Hair	Eyes
ploughs, milks, reaps	5' 9 hlf	sallow	brown	brown
Notes: Source = indent				
Other arrival info (eg ships musters & papers): notation on indent - "15 years transportation, Maitland QS 29 Nov 1842				

Assignment

on arrival, to MT Somerville, Swan Reach. In 1836/37, John Eales, Maitland
With Eales: 1834-1841

Freedom (year, details)

T.O.L.	41/429, 4/4148 reel 939, Maitland district, revoked 1842
C.P.	
C.O.F	

Colonial crime & secondary punishment

Date	Offence	In service of	Punishment
1835 Jan	absconding	Mr Eales	50 lashes
1837 Apr	disorderly and drunk		50 lashes
1839 Mar	drunk and insolent		36 lashes
1842 Nov	burglary and assault	ToL	15 years transportation
1845 Jan	larceny under £5		3.5 years probation
1845 Jul	receiving stolen tobacco		100 lashes
Sources: see assignment & TOL above, and Col Sec & 'other' below			

Colonial Secretary's correspondence

CS In-letter 42/9546 in 4/2585.9 to Col Sec from Edward D Day, Bench of Magistrates, Police Office Maitland 19 December 1842, returning a notice signed by the chief constable, to be published in the next two Government Gazettes, as follows: "To be sold by public auction 2 working bullocks belonged to John Mitchell per Portland 1832, life, late a Ticket of Leave holders for district of Maitland who was convicted of Felony at the last Court of Quarter Sessions Maitland" (signed by George Wood, Chief Constable, Maitland).
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NSW Census/musters

1837	27, assigned to John Eales, Maitland
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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
1831 Aug	tried Hereford Assizes, life for stealing a knife
1832 Mar	arrived in Sydney on the <i>Portland</i> , assigned to MT Somerville, Swan Reach
by 1835 Jan	assigned to John Eales, Maitland
1841	ticket of leave for the Maitland district
1842 Nov	sentenced to 15 years transportation by Maitland Quarter Sessions for burglary
1843 Sep	sent to Van Diemens Land
1850 Dec	ticket of leave (Van Diemens Land)
1853 Mar	ticket of leave revoked - absent from muster

Other (source, details)

NSWGG 15 Aug 1832 p235, assigned to MT Somerville, Swan Reach.
 NSWGG January 1835 p33, absconded from 'I Eales' Maitland 8 January.
 X 708 (reel 662), SRNSW, monthly returns of summary punishment, Maitland, 27 January 1835. John Mitchell, *Portland* 1832, assigned to Mr Eales, absconding 50 lashes.
 Newcastle Gaol Entrance Book, SRNSW 2/2007, admitted 2 August 1839 on suspicion of robbery, remanded, examined, discharged to John Eales 22 January 1840.
 Darlinghurst Gaol Entrance Book, SRNSW 4/6440 #1773 [reel 854], bond, Native Place Gloucester, admitted 6 December 1842 from Police for transportation PS, transported to Cockatoo Island 16 December 1842.
 Phoenix Hulk Transportation Entrance Book: 1842 #1773 p171 reel 820, 4/6445. Tried Quarter Sessions Maitland 2 (Dec?) 1842 for burglary and assault, sentenced to 15 years penal servitude.
 SRNSW reel 821 Phoenix Hulk Transportation Book, p56 #1773, 4/4537. Tried Quarter Sessions Maitland, 15 years, sent to Van Diemens Land, forwarded 16 September 1843.
 Secondary transportation via *Sir John Byng*, Sydney to VDL 14 Sept 1843, 4/4523 reel 1260 p164 re 15 years for burglary, Maitland QS 29 Nov 1842

Keywords

VDL, Port Arthur, lashes, Phoenix Hulk, Cockatoo Island, solitary

VDL CON35/1/1/p424 "Extract from Sydney Record... 25 April 1837, 50 lashes disorderly and drunk; 29 March 1839, 36 lashes drunk and insolent. Was again tried Maitland 28 29 Nov 1842 for Burglary and transported to a penal settlement for 15 years. Stated arrived Sydney per *Portland* in 1832. Sentenced life for house robbery, now transported for burglary. Single, C. E.

Three and a half years probation 16 January 1845 for larceny under £5. 12 mo hd labor 90 days of which in Soly Conft with an interval of one month between 3 periods of 30 days in Soly Conft **** ** 23/1/45

15 July 1845 ** a/c receiving five pounds of tobacco the property of the Crown well knowing it to be stolen 100 lashes *** ** 3 Oct 1845 having **** ** in his

possession 14 days hard labor in chains *** **** 10/10/45 six months further
probation vide March 47 P Arthur return. 3 class 26 Aug 47. Application for a T of L
refused 27/1/49 - T of L refused 14/8/49. Dec 27/49 *** being in town without a pass
*** ** TL refused to apply in 6 months 19/6/52

May 25/50 Smithy(?) insolence 10 days solitary confinement. Sept 7/50 Smithy(?)
misconduct *** **. Recd for a cp 4/2/52 & TL 24/12/50

TL revoked absent from Dec (?) muster 29/3/53

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:

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