

MURPHY, John

Variations :

Ship	Date arrived (Sydney)
Mermain	7 May 1830

Shipping indent(s)

Fiche	Page	Reel	Shelf	Type
675	89		4/4015	bound

Trial (place, date)	Prev conv	Offence	Sentence
London 11 June 1829	none	highway robbery	life
Notes: Source = indent.			

Age	Marr/S	Child'n	Relig	Educ	Native place	Country
30	s		cath	none	Co Armagh	Ireland
Notes: Source = indent						

Trade or calling	Height	Complexion	Hair	Eyes
laborer	5' 2hlf	ruddy	dk brown to grey	grey
Notes: Source = indent				
Other arrival info (eg ships musters & papers):				

Assignment

on arrival, "not assignable".
With Eales: 1842-1843

Freedom (year, details)

T.O.L.	40/2368, 4/4145 reel 938 for Port Macquarie district 46/731, 4/4207 reel 959 for Goulburn district TOLPPT 41/0021, 15 January 1841, 4/4241 reel 968, rec by Maitland Bench. Allowed to proceed to Liverpool Plains in the service of Mr John Redcliff Lyon for 12 months. TOLPPT 42/0700, 8 July 1842, 4/4246 reel 970, rec by Maitland Bench. Allowed to proceed to Liverpool Plains in the service of Mr John Eales for 12 months
C.P.	49/745, 15 February 1849, 4/4466 reel 791 pp193-4
C.O.F	

Note: the 1842 TOLPPTs to work for Eales were issued on the same day: for Liverpool Plains – Robert Grey, William McGill, John Murphy and Thomas Ostler; for Darling Downs – James Broom and Richard Nash.

Colonial crime & secondary punishment

Date	Offence	In service of	Punishment
1832 Mar	absconded	no. 23 Road Gang	
1832 Dec	absconded	lent for harvest	
Sources: see assignment & TOL above, and Col Sec & 'other' below			

Colonial Secretary's correspondence

4/3898 reel 1063 p234 from the Sydney Hulk to Port Macquarie 8 February 1833 per <i>Isabella</i> .
--

NSW Census/musters

1837	age 30, Gov, Port Macquarie
------	-----------------------------

Colonial marriage

Date	Place	To whom	BDM index reference
Permission to marry:			

Death

Date	Place	Age	BDM index reference

Timeline

Date	Event
1829 June	tried London, life sentence for highway robbery
1830 May	arrived in Sydney on the <i>Mermaid</i> , regarded as unassignable
1832 Mar	absconded from no. 23 Road Gang and apprehend
1832 Dec	lent for harvest, absconded and apprehended
1833 Feb	sent from Sydney Hulk to Port Macquarie
1840	ticket of leave for the Port Macquarie district
1842	working for John Eales on the Darling Downs
1849 Feb	conditional pardon

Other (source, details)

NSWGG 21/3/1832 p26 runaway, apprehended, from no.23 road gang.
 NSWGG 12/12/1832 p462 runaway, apprehended, from lent for harvest.
 NSWSR, Phoenix Hulk Entrance Book 4/6282 (reel 819) p184 #2, John Murphy, Mermaid, bond, received into hulk 2 January 1833 from Hyde Park Barracks for Port Macquarie In*** [invalid??] Depot, disposed to Port Macquarie per Isabella 9 February 1833.

Keywords

TOLPPT, abscond, Port Macquarie, Phoenix Hulk, Liverpool Plains, EalesToL

Proceedings of the Old Bailey (www.oldbaileyonline.org)

JOHN MURPHY, Violent Theft > robbery, 11th June 1829.

1290. JOHN MURPHY was indicted for feloniously assaulting John Waer , on the 28th of May , with intent feloniously to steal his goods and monies : against the Statute.

SECOND COUNT, with intent to rob: against the Statute.

JOHN WAER . I live at Windsor. On the 28th of May, between eleven and twelve o'clock at night, I was about three quarters of a mile from Hounslow, down the backroad - I was alone; I sell things about the country , but had nothing to sell at that time - I was not at all intoxicated: the prisoner, whom I had not known before, came up to me, and asked charity - that was just going into Brentford from London; he told me he had not broken his fast that day; I took him to a public-house, gave him some roll and cheese, and part of two pints of beer - when we left, he said he would bear me company on to Windsor; we went on about three-quarters of a mile from Hounslow , when he said, "Come in this field, and lie down till morning;" I said I would keep on my journey - he then said, "Give me what money you have;" I said, "I have no money, my lad;" he did not speak in a begging tone, but demanded it - he then knocked me down with his fist; I had no money; I had a handkerchief - I cannot say whether he got that or not; if the patrol had not come to my assistance, I think I should have been a dead man - I cried out; he jumped over the gate, got into the field, and got away - the next morning I saw him before the Magistrate - I am quite certain of his person.

Prisoner. Q. When I first saw you, you were in a public-house, three miles from London? A. No, you overtook me on the road - you struck me on the temple, and knocked me down; the blow stunned me.

CHARLES ALLEN . I am one of the mounted patrol of Bow-street. I was within fifty yards of the Bell public-house, where two roads divide; one goes to Staines - the prosecutor said good night to me; there was a person with him whose dress corresponded with the prisoners, and I believe he is the man - I stopped about seven minutes to communicate with my partner, who calls there; I then went slowly back towards Windsor, and when I got about three-quarters of a mile from where I first saw them, I heard a scuffle on the road; I went up, and heard the prosecutor say, "You must be a villain to use an old man like me so, who am a cripple, and blind with one eye;" I went up, found him lying on his back, and his hat seven or eight yards from him - I asked what was the matter; he said, "The man you saw with me has demanded my money, and knocked me down;" I said, "Where is he gone?" he said, "Over in this field;" I challenged in the field, but no one answered - I got a description of him from the old man, went on, and gave the description down the road; I returned in a few minutes, but did not see the prisoner till the next morning - I believe him to be the person I saw with the prosecutor.

SAMUEL DUNNER . I am one of the mounted patrol. I received a communication from Allen - I found the prisoner near the spot where I was told the offence was committed - I heard something move in the field, and called out, "What do you do there - who are you?" No answer was given; I called again, and said if they did not answer I would fire - the prisoner then said he had gone into the field to sleep; this was about ten minutes before one o'clock: I told him to come out, and took him - the prosecutor saw him between nine and ten the next morning, and said he was the man - Allen said he was the person he saw with the prosecutor; the prisoner had nothing on him.

Prisoner's Defence. The first time I saw him it was about eleven o'clock in the day; we went into a public-house, and had a slice of bread and cheese; he said, "You look very bad;" I said, "I am out of work;" he said, "So am I, come along with me:" we went begging together, and drank all we got on the road - I should not have gone that road but for him; he pretended to be blind, and a cripple, and got money where I could not.

GUILTY . Aged 30.

Transported for Life .

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