

## TAFFE, John

Variations : Taff, Taafe, Taaffe

Ship	Date arrived (Sydney)
Marquis of Hastings	31 July 1827

## Shipping indent(s)

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Trial (place, date)	Prev conv	Offence	Sentence
Northampton Assizes 3 July 1826	none	housebreaking	7 years
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Age	Marr/S	Child'n	Relig	Educ	Native place	Country
23	s		prot	reads	Manchester	England
Notes: Source = indent						

Trade or calling	Height	Complexion	Hair	Eyes
boatman	5'4 3/4	ruddy	dark brown	hazel
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Other arrival info (eg ships musters & papers):				

## Assignment

on arrival, to Jno Eales, H. River.	
With Eales: 1827-1831 →	Occupation (with Eales 1828): labourer

## Freedom (year, details)

T.O.L.	
C.P.	
C.O.F	33/718, 10 July 1833, 4/4316 reel 991

## Colonial crime &amp; secondary punishment

Date	Offence	In service of	Punishment
1831 Apr	absconded	John Eales	
1836 Jan	?	free	14 days labour Sydney Gaol
Sources: see assignment & TOL above, and Col Sec & 'other' below			

## Colonial Secretary's correspondence

CSLS 33/678 in 4/3678 Harrington to Hely (Col Sec to Princ Supt Convicts) 2 October 1833, p460 (reel 1047). Re John Taff, M. Hastings, free, £1 7s 10d [withdrawn from his convict savings account upon gaining his freedom].
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## NSW Census/musters

1828	24, GS, protestant, labourer, John Eales, Hunter River
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
1826 July	tried Northampton for housebreaking, 7 year sentence
1827	arrived in Sydney on the <i>Marquis of Hastings</i> and assigned to John Eales
1831 Mar	still with John Eales when he absconded
1833 July	certificate of freedom
1836 Jan	sentenced to 14 days labour in Sydney Gaol
1838-39	some minor offences, time in Sydney Gaol
1839 Dec	Sent by court to lunatic asylum

## Other (source, details)

Sydney Gazette 15 March 1831 p4 (repeated 22 & 29 March, 5 April 1831 p4), absconded from John Eales, Maitland.

Sydney Gaol Entrance Book, SRNSW 4/6436 #98 [reel 852], **free**, native place Shrewsbury, Protestant, sawyer, admitted 16 January 1836 from Sydney for labour, 14 days, discharged 9 February.

Sydney Gaol Entrance Book, SRNSW 4/6437 #990 [reel 853], John Taaffe, M. Hastings 1826 (sic), native of Shrewsbury, Protestant, labourer, admitted 12 June 1838 from Sydney for "bail and confine". Bail to 12 June 1838.

Sydney Gaol Entrance Book, SRNSW 4/6437 #1091 [reel 853], John Taaffe, M. Hastings 1827, native of Shrewsbury, Protestant, sawyer, admitted 3 July 1838 from Sydney for "bail", discharged 17 July 1838.

Sydney Gaol Entrance Book, SRNSW 4/6438 #401 [reel 853], John Taaffe, M. Hastings 1826 (sic), native of Shrewsbury, Protestant, labourer, admitted 12 February 1839 from Police. Confine 7 days or pay 10/-. Free 18 February 1839.

Sydney Gaol Entrance Book, SRNSW 4/6439 #2834 [reel 853], free, native of Shropshire, admitted 19 October 1839 from Brisbane Water for trial. Discharged to lunatic asylum 16 (?) November 1839.

## Keywords

lunatic asylum

**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](http://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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