

WOOL, James

Variations :

Ship	Date arrived (Sydney)
Lonach	4 September 1825

Shipping indent(s)

Fiche	Page	Reel	Shelf	Type
659	1			irish
656	237		4/4009A	bound

Trial (place, date)	Prev conv	Offence	Sentence
Cork, March 1824		uttering forged notes	life
Notes: Source = indent.			

Age	Marr/S	Child'n	Relig	Educ	Native place	Country
46			cath		Co Cork	Ireland
Notes:						

Trade or calling	Height	Complexion	Hair	Eyes
labourer and baker	5'10	fresh	black grey	grey
Notes: Source = indent				
Other arrival info (eg ships musters & papers):				

Assignment

Assigned on arrival to Mr Duguid, then to John Eales in July 1826.	
With Eales: 1826-1831	Occupation (with Eales): labourer

Freedom (year, details)

T.O.L.	Ticket of Exemption from Gov Labour 31/165, 4/4285 & 4/4062, fiche 1005, 1006, with his wife Mary, free per Hooghley
C.P.	37/7896, 16 Nov 1837 4/4481 reel 774 p13 39/164, 20 Nov 1837, 4/4436 reel 777 p303.

Colonial crime & secondary punishment

Date	Offence	In service of	Punishment
Sources: see assignment & TOL above, and Col Sec & 'other' below			

Colonial Secretary's correspondence

<p>CS in-letter 29/1740 in 4/2022 (a printed form), the humble petition of James Wool per Lonach, life, dated 5 March 1829. Has been in the service of John Eales since August 1826, his good conduct certified by F Allman JP. Requesting to be reunited with his family [via free passage for them to NSW], wife Mary Connel living in Cloyne, County Cork, children William 22, Mary 19, Margaret 17, Ellen (Glen?) 15, Francis 13, James 11, Stephen 8, form indicates the family is known by four JPs. Letter is annotated "nothing recorded, included in the list sent home per Harmony, Wool informed 30 October 1829".</p> <p>CSLS 31/962 in 4/3672 Harrington to Hely (Col Sec to Princ Supt Convicts) 15 Oct 1831, p23 (reel 1044). Re James Wool per Lonach. In service of Mr Eales of Hunters River, wife and family have arrived in the Hooghley, please report on his case.</p> <p>CSLS 31/8370 in 4/3672 Harrington to Hely (Col Sec to Princ Supt Convicts) 27 Oct 1831, p66 (reel 1044). Re James Wool per Lonach. Ticket of Exemption to be prepared, to reside at Maitland with wife Mary Wool recently arrived free in the Hooghley.</p> <p>CSLS 31/910 in 4/3671 Harrington to Hely (Col Sec to Princ Sup. Convicts) 30 September 1831, pp481-482 (reel 2650). Mrs Wool and five children arrived per</p>
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Hooghley, and parties are to be informed of their relatives' arrival. Wool's husband was the assigned servant of Mr John Eales at Newcastle in September 1828.

CS In-letter 31/8676 in 4/2119 from Princ Sup't Convicts Office to Col Sec, 24 October 1831 re James Wool per Lonach:

- arrived in the Colony 4 September 1825, life, was assigned to Mr Duguid until June 1826, and in July 1826 to Mr John Eales of Hunters River where he still is;
- seeking a ticket of exemption to reside at Maitland with his wife Mary lately arrived per Hooghley;
- appending a separate letter from John Eales indicating no objection to Wool being assigned to his wife, and a letter from Wool to his wife on board the Hooghley [written in John Eale's hand], see transcription at end of Wool's data.

CS In-letter 32/7339 in 4/2156 from F Allman JP to Col Sec 30 September 1832 re James Wool:

- a good character, since his family joined him 12 months ago 2 daughters have been respectably married and a son is apprenticed to a trade;
- James Wool partly disabled one of his hands and cannot support his family. He is a good baker and has been offered employment in Sydney;
- request his ticket of exemption be changed from Maitland to Sydney;
- final part of letter reads "I am further induced to intercede for this poor man for the purpose of affording medical and religious aid to his wife whose health and spirits have of late been much depressed from a domestic calamity having lost on the passage out her eldest daughter";
- notation: "This man appears to have done well at Maitland and will probably continue to do so. Unless this *** be an absolute necessity I cannot authorise a change into Sydney from the Hunter District".

CS In-letter 36/9444 in 4/2331.3, 15 November 1836 from Edward Johnstone JP, Police Office Paterson to Col Sec, have today sworn in as constables for this district James Wool and John Tool, both free, in room of Donald Ross and John Daly who have resigned [this would be James Wool **jnr** given the free status in 1836, his father received ticket of leave in 1837].

CS In-letter 38/3753 in 4/2420.1 To Col Sec from Edward Johnstone JP, Paterson Police Office 17 April 1838, recommending appointment of James Wool **snr** as Ordinary Constable for this district at 2s 9d per diem from 9 April, being the day he was sworn in, vice John Lawless, resigned;

- Wool is about 45 years of age, holds a ticket of leave but has been recommended by the late Governor for a Conditional Pardon, he reads and writes and is of good character;
- he was formerly in the Police but resigned on account of ill health, but has since recovered;
- also recommending appointment of Martin Tighe vice James Wool **jnr** who has resigned;
- notation: "Approved, Gazette 24 April 1838" [appeared in GG 25 April 1838].

NSW Census/musters

1823-25	not found
1828	Wood (sic) James, Lonach 1825, 50 GS, life, labourer, cath, John Eales, Swan Reach, Hunter River
1837	age 50, T of L Paterson

Death

Date	Place	Age	BDM index reference

Timeline

Date	Event
Mar 1824	tried Cork for uttering forged note, life sentence
Sep 1825	arrived in Sydney on the <i>Lonach</i> , possibly assigned to Eales on arrival
1828	by 1828 assigned to John Eales, Swan Reach, Hunter River
1831	ticket of exemption from gov labour via assignment to his wife Mary.
1834	appointed police constable at Paterson (later resigned due ill health)
1837	conditional pardon
1838 Apr	reappointed as police constable at Paterson
1839 May	resigned as watch house keeper at Paterson (might be his son James)

Other (source, details)

NSWGG 14 June 1834, James Wool per *Lonach* 1825, ToL holder [actually ticket of exemption], appointed constable at Paterson in place of William Shaw.
 SG 11 November 1837, Stephen Wool and James Wool jnr [both are James Wool's sons] appointed constables at Paterson.
 SG 3 February 1838, James Wool snr resigned from position of constable at Paterson.
 NSWGG 1 May 1839, James Wool resigned from position of watch house keeper at Paterson.

Keywords

baker, family passage, constable

Transcription of Wool's letter to his wife appended to Col Sec In-letter 31/8676 in 4/2119:

Swan Reach 10 October 1831

My Dear Wife

I am happy to hear of your arrival in the colony. I hope you and our dear children are all well. Mr Eales my master has been kind enough (sic) to give his consent for me to be assigned to you provided it meets with the approbation of the Government. You will therefore take the enclosed certificate to the secretary office and get me transferred and send it down on Friday next and then I shall have the pleasure of being with you on Wednesday next

I pray my *** wife

Yours very affect

James Wooll

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