EDWARDS, George

**Variations**

 Alias : 

**Ship** | **Date arrived (Sydney)**
---|---
City of Edinburgh | 27 June 1832

**Shipping indent(s)**

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**Trial (place, date)** | **Prev conv** | **Offence** | **Sentence**
---|---|---|---
Cork 23 September 1831 | Nil | Stealing shawl | 7 years

**Notes:** Source = bound indent

**Age** | **Marr/S** | **Child’n** | **Relig** | **Educ** | **Native place** | **Country**
---|---|---|---|---|---|---
20 | S | Prot | R & W | London | England

**Notes:** Source = bound indent

**Trade or calling** | **Height** | **Complexion** | **Hair** | **Eyes**
---|---|---|---|---
Sugar refiner | 5' 8 | Fair & freckled | Brown | hazel

**Tattoos:**

Other features: mole on centre of forehead

**Notes:** Source = bound indent. Notation on indent “IG” [iron gang]

**Other arrival info (eg ships musters & papers):**

**Assignment**

On arrival, to James P Webber, Hunters River, as per PRO HO10/29 & GG 26 Sept 1832 p310 & SG 27 Sept 1832 p2.

At Tocal: 1832

**Tocal occupation:**

**Freedom** (year, details)

**C.O.F.** | 40/1425, 29 August 1840, 4/4360 [reel 1006]

**Colonial crime & secondary punishment**

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<td>Attempting to rob &amp; abscond</td>
<td>James P Webber, JP</td>
<td>6 months in irons &amp; returned to Govt</td>
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**Sources:** see Col Sec and ‘other’ below. Note: he received his COF 9 years after his original trial, indicating a possible extra 2 years in iron gangs.

**Colonial Secretary’s correspondence**

**2 October 1832** (CSIL 33/843 filed with 34/2571 in 4/2221.2). Court of Magistrates, Patersons Plains. George Edwards (City of Edinburgh), 7 years, assigned as labourer to James P Webber JP. Crime: attempting to rob and abscond. Punishment: to be worked in irons for six months and be returned to Government.

(same reference). To the Keeper of HM Gaol at Newcastle and all concerned. These warrants rejected because not tried by two magistrates. Amended warrants to be substituted quickly. Prisoners are still being sentenced to Iron Gangs by single magistrates “notwithstanding the provision of the Act of the Governor and Council… to the Contrary… and the circular letter of 24 September last [1832] No32/52 explanatory of that Act.” Two must sign the warrant.

(same reference, same situation for George Savage, assigned to James P Webber Esq JP). Note as James Webber was the only other local magistrate, he could not sit on the Bench for cases involving his own convicts, hence the dilemma faced by P Anly JP (Police Magistrate for Paterson). In the correspondence re Savage, Anley notes “no other magistrate is at present in this district”.

**16 February 1833.** To PN Anley Esq JP [resident magistrate Maitland and Patersons Plains]. The warrants under which Geo Edwards (City Edinbro) and Geo Savage (Cambridge) were
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<td>Arrived Sydney and assigned to James Webber [Tocal]</td>
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<td>1832 Aug</td>
<td>Apprehended after absconding from James Webber, given 21 days solitary</td>
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<td>1832 Oct</td>
<td>Sentenced to six months Iron Gang for absconding and attempting to rob</td>
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<td>1833 Mar</td>
<td>Removed from Iron Gang at Newcastle (sentence illegal) and assigned to a distant part of the interior</td>
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<td>1840 Aug</td>
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<td>Probably married Elizabeth COOPER in the Maitland/Morpeth area.</td>
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Other (source, details)

- SG 23 August 1832 2.3 (& GG 22 August 1832 p250). Edwards George, on list of runaways apprehended, from JP Webber, Patersons Plains.
- SR Newcastle Gaol Entrance Book 1829-33, 2/2004 [reel 755]. Admitted 28 August 1832 from Maitland, 21 days solitary confinement and returned to his Master, Mr Webber on 18 September.
- SR Newcastle Gaol Entrance Book 1829-33, 2/2003 [reel 755]. Admitted 3 October 1832 from Patersons Plains for 6 months to an iron gang, disposed to Superintendent of No3 Stockade 19th March 1833 (see Col Sec correspondence above).
Research on Tocal's convicts was undertaken by Brian Walsh. Please do not email or upload this document without acknowledgement.
For further information see the book *Voices from Tocal – Convict Life on a Rural Estate* by Brian Walsh, available from www.tocal.com
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