

## COOPER, John Darby

Variations :

Alias : Samuel HARRIS or HARRISON, John Cooper BRIGGS

Ship	Date arrived (Sydney)
Atlas	19 October 1819

## Shipping indent(s)

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Trial (place, date)	Prev conv	Offence	Sentence
Nottingham Summer Assizes		House breaking	7 yrs (death R)
Notes: Source = PRO London, Home Office, Criminal Registers HO27/16 [reel 2761]. Trial date is 16 July 1818 – see 'other' below.			

Age	Marr/S	Child'n	Relig	Educ	Native place	Country
26					Cheshire	England
Notes: Source = bound indent						

Trade or calling	Height	Complexion	Hair	Eyes
Labourer	5' 5 3/4	Fair sallow	Light brown	blue
Notes: Source = bound indent				

## Assignment

With JP Webber [Tocal] Sept 1823, see Col Sec below	
At Tocal: 1823	Tocal occupation:

## Freedom (year, details)

<b>C.O.F.</b>	5/4019, 1 August 1825
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## Colonial crime &amp; secondary punishment

Date	Offence	In service of	Punishment
1821			Newcastle 12 months
1822	Steal & hock corn		Limeburners
1823	Neglect of duty		14 days cells & Gaol Gang
1823	Insolence		14 days cells
1825	Forgery	Free	3 months Gaol
1828	Horse Stealing	Free	14 years Moreton Bay
Sources: see 'other' and census below			

## Colonial Secretary's correspondence

<b>1821 Jun 11</b> On list of prisoners transported to Newcastle per "Governor Bligh" (Reel 6008; 4/3504 p.85)
<b>1823 Sep 11</b> Convict servant of Mr Webber. To be victualled from the Store at Newcastle for six months (Reel 6011; 4/3509 p.230) - request that Mr Webber and his six convict servants be victualled from His Ms Store at Newcastle for six months from 11 Sep 1823. The six were Stephen Hower (Mary 3), Jno Waggoner (Minerva), JD Cooper (Atlas), Rich'd Clarke (Providence), John Benson (Recovery) and Wm Shields (Surry).

## NSW Census/musters

1822	Govt employ, Newcastle
1823-25	In gaol, Sydney
1828	Moreton Bay, 14 years
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
1819	Arrived Sydney
1821	Transported to Newcastle
1822	Assigned to Limeburners
1823	Assigned to JP Webber at Tocal and probably back to Newcastle (see offences)
1825	COF followed by 3 months Gaol for using a forged reference
1828	Moreton Bay, with 14 year sentence for horse stealing

## Other (source, details)

<p>SR. Sydney Gaol Entrance Book, 4/6360 [reel 850]. 2 June 1821, Jno Darbey Cooper, Atlas (last), convicted by Sydney Bench, sentence Newcastle 12 months.</p> <p>SR. COD 120. Register of Convicts at Newcastle against whom complaint lodged, from 14 July 1818 (each entry below is for John Darby Cooper, Atlas):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 6 July 1822, steal and hock corn, sent to limeburners</li> <li>- 18 January 1823, neglect of duty, 14 days cells and Gaol gang</li> <li>- 29 October 1823, insolence, 14 days cells</li> </ul> <p>Sydney Gazette, 13 October 1825 p3</p> <p>“John Darby Cooper, free, charged with having uttered a forged written character, with a view to obtain a situation in a gentleman’s family, was, on due conviction of the offence, fined £20, under the Act; and, not paying the same, was sentenced to the Gaol, as the House of Correction, to labour for 3 calendar months.”</p> <p>[note: he obtained his COF two months previously].</p> <p>SR. Sydney Gaol Entrance Book 1825-1828, 4/6429 [reel 850]. JD Cooper admitted 5 October 1825 [no other details recorded].</p> <p>SR. Sydney Gaol Entrance Book 1825-1828, 4/6430 [reel 851]. 5 October 1825, Cooper JD alias Samuel Harris, free, committed by general sessions, Sydney for imposing a forged character with intent to obtain a service. To pay 20 pounds and in default, hard labour to HM Gaol for three months. Discharged 7 January 1826.</p> <p>SR. Moreton Bay Penal Establishment, 4/3794 [reel 749]. Original conviction – tried 16 July 1818 at Nottingham Assizes, John Darby Cooper, alias Samuel Harrison. <b>Convicted is this colony in the name of John Cooper Briggs.</b> Colonial conviction in Sydney Criminal Court 1 December 1827, 14 years and hard labour in chains. To Moreton Bay 11 February 1828 per Barque Lucy Ann.</p> <p>Sydney Gazette, 29 August &amp; 5 September 1827. John Cooper Briggs convicted of horse stealing, judgement reserved and prisoner remanded following legal argument.</p> <p>Sydney Gazette, 3 December 1827. Saturday 1 December... list of prisoners convicted during the Criminal Sessions, received sentence... John Cooper Briggs, for stealing a mare, death recorded.</p> <p>Note: the following index entries for the PRO (per re-index of Dean Index) have been checked and are not this JD Cooper. Cooper JD [writer] 1833. CO201/235/R190-1 ML CY2452/V3/pp 689 &amp; 694 (Lord Fitzroy C NOV)</p>
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