

DOBSON, Roger

Variations :

Alias :

Ship	Date arrived (Sydney)
Ocean	27 August 1823

Shipping indent(s)

Fiche	Page	Reel	Shelf	Type
650	76		4/4009	Bound
See also papers re unsuccessful insurrection on the voyage. SR. 4/1765 p184 [reel 6056]. Individuals involved are not named.				

Trial (place, date)	Prev conv	Offence	Sentence
York (Summer) Assizes 20 July 1822		Highway Robbery	life (death, R)
Notes: Source = bound indent. Offence source = PRO London, Home Office, Criminal Registers HO27/24 [reel 2768].			

Age	Marr/S	Child'n	Relig	Educ	Native place	Country
22			Prot		Yorkshire	England
Notes: Source = bound indent. For religion, see 1828 Census of NSW						

Trade or calling	Height	Complexion	Hair	Eyes
Ploughman	5' 8hlf	Ruddy	Brown	hazel
Notes: Source = bound indent				
Other arrival info (eg ships musters & papers):				

Assignment

To JP Webber [Tocal] September 1823 – see Col Sec below	
To Capt WH Clarke, April 1834 by transfer – see 'other' below.	
At Tocal: 1823-34	Tocal occupation: labourer

Freedom (year, details)

T.O.L.	34/152 Paterson 25 April 1834 on recommendation of the Paterson Bench 31 May 1833, 4/4092 [reel 920]. Notation: cancelled for attempting to pass counterfeit coin, see Col Sec 34/697 10 December 1834. Renewed Vide No.35/919 dated 3 November 1835, this having been torn up. 35/919 Paterson 3 Nov 1835, 4/4100 [reel 923]. Notation: "Cancelled and approval of pardon revoked – having property in his possession he could not account for, and dissolute and immoral conduct. Gov min dated 27 aug 1842 on letter per P Mag Paterson reg 42/9224". [could not be found]. TOL renewed 42/3331 dated 20 December 1842 for the district of Dungog, 4/4171 [reel 947]. In lieu of 35/919 cancelled. "Ticket of Leave torn up, Dobson having obtained a Cond Pardon No 48/150 dated 31 December 1848".
C.P.	Recommended June 1842, signed July 1842 but cancelled before being sent. Finally issued 1848, 48/150

Colonial crime & secondary punishment

Date	Offence	In service of	Punishment
1823	Absconding	JP Webber	50 lashes
1826	Absconding	JP Webber	
1834	Pass counterfeit coin	TOL	TOL withdrawn
1842	Dissolute & immoral conduct	TOL	TOL withdrawn
Sources: see 'other' and Col Sec below			

Colonial Secretary's correspondence

1823 Sep 12 On list of prisoners assigned, to JP Webber Newcastle (Fiche 3290; 4/4570D p.31).
1823 Sep 19 Servant to Mr Webber. Permitted to proceed to Newcastle per "Fame" (Reel 6011; 4/3509 p.289).
12 Sep 1834 From Princ Superintendent of Convicts Office to Col Sec, recommending TOL be cancelled. CSIL 4/2231, 34/6576
10 Dec 1834 TOL 34/152 (Roger Dobson, Ocean) cancelled "attempting to pass counterfeit coin" (Police Magistrate, Maitland) 4/3680 p316 [reel 1048]
8 June 1835 from Police Office, Maitland to Col Sec, recommending restoration of TOL to Roger Dobson. (His life was threatened as a result of giving evidence re cattle stealing, and on the recommendation of the magistrate he was moved to Sydney). This correspondence contains supporting letter from K Mitchell JP (Maitland, 8 June 1835). Dobson was lent to me during last harvest, then being attached to the Road Party, in my service usual six weeks, exemplary good conduct, fit and proper person to merit a TOL Also supporting letter from James P Webber JP. "The Petitioner Roger Dobson lived with me for a number of years during which time his conduct was meritorious and certainly requires me to recommend him in the strongest manner to His Excellency's notice". CSIL 4/2291.1, 35/4321
31 Oct 1835 TOL restored on recommendation of the Police Magistrate at Maitland. 4/3681 p359 [reel 1049]
23 August 1842 Recommended for a CP 13 June 1842, CP written out and signed 1 July 1842 but not sent, overwritten "cancelled". [see notation on TOLs above]. CSIL 4/2567.2, 42/6192 [reel 2250]

NSW Census/musters

1823-25	(not found)
1828	Age 28, GS, protestant, labourer at Markham [Tocal], Paterson's Plains, employed by Webber
1837	Age 33, at Paterson, T of L

Colonial marriage

Date	Place	To whom	BDM index reference
1843	Morpeth	Susannah GEORGE	V1843 592 162A
Permission to marry: Yes, in 1835 (not proceeded with?), and in 1843 re the above marriage. Note the BDM and permission record the spouse as Susan SOFELY			

Death

Date	Place	Age	BDM index reference
1864	Wingham		1864/4153

Timeline

Date	Event
1823	Arrived Sydney
1823-34	At Tocal, then at James Webber's Munnmurra Station, Cassilis
1834 Apr	Transferred to Capt WH Clarke, Cassilis, purchaser of Munnmurra Station
1834-35	TOL, then withdrawn and restored
1842	TOL withdrawn and pardon (recently approved) revoked
1848	Conditional pardon

Other (source, details)

SR. Register of Convicts at Newcastle against whom complaint lodged, from 14 July 1818 [COD 120]. 22 Dec 1823 , absconding from service, 50 lashes.
SG 14 Oct 1826 p4. Absconded from JP Webber JP. "Supposed to have a false certificate, and gone to the Hawkesbury".
SR, Maitland Quarter Sessions, 4/8413 p291 [reel 2408]. Peter Talty, Jane 1831, life, assigned to James Webber, charged with robbing his Master's store at Munnmurra Station on 22 January 1834 and having property in his possession that he could not account for – shoes, frock, trousers etc, the goods and chattels of James Webber esq. Depositions were taken in April 1834 by magistrates William Dumaresq and HC Semphill [Cassilis Bench?] from the following:

- James Clarke of Peele River (by time of trial, overseer to Mr EG Cory at Liverpool Plains)
- William Clewley, assigned servant to James Webber (by time of trial, transferred to Captain Clarke)
- Patrick Healy, assigned servant to James Webber (by time of trial, transferred to Captain Clarke).

Following the depositions, Talty was committed for trial, and finally tried in August 1835. The following witnesses were required by the prisoner: John Beck (TOL Cassilis), **Roger Dobson** (TOL at the Old Banks), Samuel Doyle (prisoner assigned to Richard Stone employed near Cassilis).

NSW GG 25 June 1834 p439. One of three farming men transferred from JP Webber to Capt Clarke. [This followed the sale of Webber's Munnmurra Station at Cassilis to Clarke. Dobson is not mentioned in the GG by name, but has been identified by datamatching].

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General information

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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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