

DOYLE, Michael

Variations :

Alias : Peter DOYLE, Michael DOYNE

Ship	Date arrived (Sydney)
Countess of Harcourt	28 June 1827

Shipping indent(s)

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664	97		4/4012	Bound

Trial (place, date)	Prev conv	Offence	Sentence
Dublin 24 October 1826	2	Sheep stealing	7 years
Notes: Source = bound indent. COF indicates tried Dublin City.			

Age	Marr/S	Child'n	Relig	Educ	Native place	Country
22	S		Cath	R & W	Dublin	Ireland
Notes: Source = bound indent						

Trade or calling	Height	Complexion	Hair	Eyes
Plasterer's labourer	5' 7 hlf	Ruddy	Brown	grey
Tattoos: BS inside lower right arm (COF)				
Other features: Squints (indent). Cast inward in right eye. Circular scar ball of right thumb, scar back of top of middle and little fingers or right hand (COF)				
Notes: Source = bound indent & COF				
Other arrival info (eg ships musters & papers):				

Assignment

On arrival to JP Webber, Patersons Plains	
At Total: 1827	Total occupation:

Freedom (year, details)

C.O.F.	33/1285, 18 Nov 1833, 4/4319 [reel 992] & 39/0107, 23 Jan 1839, 4/4346 [reel 1002] in lieu of COF 33/1285, returned mutilated. Year of birth 1804.
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Colonial crime & secondary punishment

Date	Offence	In service of	Punishment
1831 Sept	Disobedience, bad conduct	42 road gang	3 months iron gang
1833 Apr	Absconded	Road Party No. 6.	
Sources: see 'other' below			

Colonial Secretary's correspondence

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NSW Census/musters

1828	Michael DOYNE, Countess of Harcourt, Road Gang-29. Note: a matching of the shipping indents and the 1828 Census for Doyle/Doyne on the Countess of Harcourt (all trips) confirms this entry is for Michael Doyle (C of H, 1827)
1837	

Colonial marriage

Date	Place	To whom	BDM index reference
Permission to marry:			

Death

Date	Place	Age	BDM index reference

Timeline

Date	Event
1827 June	Arrived Sydney and assigned to JP Webber
1828 Nov	In Road Gang 29
1831 Sept	In Road Gang 42, sentenced to three months in an iron gang
1833 Apr	In Road Party 6.
1833 Nov	COF, renewed 1839

Other (source, details)

SR. Newcastle Gaol Entrance Book 1829-33, 2/2003 [reel 755]. "Peter Doyle or Michael Doyne, C'ess Harcourt 1826", bond, from Dublin, RC, plasterer, admitted 29 September 1831 from Maitland, sentenced to three months in an iron gang, having been attached to 42 road Gang, disobedience of orders and general bad conduct. Forwarded to Sydney Gaol 11 October 1831. NSW GG 8 May 1833 p166. Doyle Michael, Countess of Harcourt, 27-939, 22, Plasterer's labourer, Dublin... absconded from No.6 Road Party since 17 th April.

Keywords

UJPW, Road party, iron gang

Note: Great care needs to be taken when interpreting the records to distinguish two men on the Countess of Harcourt in 1827, namely:

DOWNES, Michael, tried in Dublin in 1826, life sentence, aged 20, carter, #27/923

DOYLE, Michael, tried in Dublin 1826, seven year sentence, aged 22, plasterer's labourer, #27/939 (the subject of this datasheet).

The corresponding entries in the 1828 Census of NSW for these two individuals are:

DOWN, Michael, 20, Countess of Harcourt 1827, life, Bathurst.

DOYNE, Michael, Countess of Harcourt, Road Gang 29.

The following entry in the Sydney Gazette on 16 June 1831 illustrates the problem: 'Doyne or Down, Michael, No. 27-923, Countess Harcourt, 22, carter, Dublin, 5 feet 5 ½, brown eyes, dark brown hair, ruddy pock-pitted complexion. Absconded from Road Gang 42'. He was apprehended soon after (SG 26 June 1831). It seems both men were in Road Gang 42 in 1831. Michael Downes was sent to Moreton Bay at some stage.

General information

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