

## EDWARDS, George

Variations :  
Alias :

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

## Shipping indent(s)

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682	49		4/4017	Bound
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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
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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 Total: 1832	Total occupation:

## Freedom (year, details)

<b>C.O.F.</b>	40/1425, 29 August 1840, 4/4360 [reel 1006]
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## Colonial crime &amp; secondary punishment

Date	Offence	In service of	Punishment
1832 Aug	Absconding	JP Webber	21 days solitary confinement
1832 Oct	Attempting to rob & abscond	James P Webber, JP	6 months in irons & returned to Govt
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

<p><b>2 October 1832</b> (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.</p> <p>(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).</p> <p>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".</p> <p><b>16 February 1833.</b> To PN Anley Esq JP [resident magistrate Maitland and Patersons Plains]. The warrants under which Geo Edwards (City Edinbro) and Geo Savage (Cambridge) were</p>
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sentenced to Iron Gangs are signed by you only. If a second magistrate was present, new warrants to be prepared. One magistrate cannot sentence to an iron gang. Letters to Benches of Magistrates, Justices of the Peace and Superintendents of Police, 33/111 in 4/3834, p72 [reel 2809].

**15 March 1833** (CSLS 4/3676 p387, reel 1046). Sydney, Col Sec to FA Hely Esq [Princ Sup Convicts], re Geo Edwards (City of Edinburgh) and George Savage (Cambridge). Sentence to iron gangs illegal because only signed by one magistrate. Directed by the Governor to send these men from Newcastle to Hyde Park Barracks and assign them a great distance in the Southern or South Western parts of the interior.

**15 March 1833.** To PN Anley Esq JP [resident magistrate Maitland and Patersons Plains]. Re Geo Edwards (City Edinbro) and Geo Savage (Cambridge). Conviction to an iron gang was by a single magistrate, not in accordance with act of Council 3 Gul IV No.3. Because of the illegal sentence the men have been removed from the iron gang at Newcastle and ordered for assignment to the South or South West of the Interior. Imperative correct procedures be followed. Letters to Benches of Magistrates, Justices of the Peace and Superintendents of Police, 33/187 in 4/3834, p148 [reel 2809].

**15 March 1833** (CSLS 4/3676 p391, reel 1046). Sydney, Col Sec to Convict Assignment Board. George Edwards (City of Edinburgh) to be removed from the ironed gang at Newcastle because he was improperly sentenced to such punishment, and to be assigned in the most distant parts of the South or South Western interior.

[note 1: Edwards had already served 5 months of his 6 month sentence! Note 2: Col Sec correspondence on this matter to PN Anley, Police Magistrate at Maitland can be found at CSLS (Letters addressed to Benches of Magistrates, Justices of the Peace and Superintendents of Police), 4/3834 p72 16 Feb 1833 and pp148-149 15 March 1833 [reel 2809].]

## NSW muster

1837	(not found)
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## Colonial marriage

Date	Place	To whom	BDM index reference
P1840	Mait/Morpeth	Eliz COOPER	V1840 596 24B
Permission to marry:			

## Death

Date	Place	Age	BDM index reference

## Timeline

Date	Event
1832 June	Arrived Sydney and assigned to James Webber [Tocal]
1832 Aug	Apprehended after absconding from James Webber, given 21 days solitary
1832 Oct	Sentenced to six months Iron Gang for absconding and attempting to rob
1833 Mar	Removed from Iron Gang at Newcastle (sentence illegal) and assigned to a distant part of the interior
1840 Aug	COF
1840	Probably married Elizabeth COOPER in the Maitland/Morpeth area.

## 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 19<sup>th</sup> March 1833 (see Col Sec correspondence above).

<b>General information</b>
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