

HALFPENNY, William

Variations :

Alias :

Ship	Date arrived (Sydney)
Ann & Amelia	2 January 1825

Shipping indent(s)

Fiche	Page	Reel	Shelf	Type
654	139		4/4009A	Bound
		2749	X30	Irish

Trial (place, date)	Prev conv	Offence	Sentence
Dublin City, 5 March 1824		Felony bagpipes and flute	Life
Notes: Source = bound indent & Irish indent			

Age	Marr/S	Child'n	Relig	Educ	Native place	Country
24/21			Cath		Co. Dublin	Ireland
Notes: Source = bound indent, Irish indent (respective ages). Religion source = 1828 Census NSW						

Trade or calling	Height	Complexion	Hair	Eyes
Carman	5' 3 3/4	Fresh freckled	Brown	Lt blue
Tattoos: nr				
Other features: nr				
Notes: Source = bound indent				
Other arrival info (eg ships musters & papers):				

Assignment

On arrival, to Appin for distribution (as per indent), then to JP Webber [Total] as per punishments (see Col Sec below)	
By May 1825 in the service of William Evans	
At Total: 1825	Total occupation:

Freedom (year, details)

T.O.L.	46/1147 Bathurst 19 August 1846, 4/4209 [reel 959]. Altered to Carcoar 18 February 1847 on letter 46/10905. Cancelled on 4 April 1851 absent from district. Restored, absence explained papers 51/2814.
C.P.	52/89, 19 February 1852 (registered 1 March 1852), 4/4474 [reel 795].

Colonial crime & secondary punishment

Date	Offence	In service of	Punishment
1825	Refusing work	JP Webber	
1825 Feb	Refusing work	JP Webber	50 lashes
1825 May	Neglect of work & refusing to work	William Evans	50 lashes
1826 Oct	Theft	Govt Newcastle	1 year additional transportation
1829 Aug	Drunk on duty	Govt Newcastle	24 hours solitary confinement
1829 Oct	Drunkenness	Govt Newcastle	50 lashes
1832 Mar	Absconded for the fourth time, & apprehended	Bathurst Bridge Party	Parramatta Gaol
1832 May	Absconded for the fifth time	Parramatta Gaol	
1832 Aug	Highway robbery		Death commuted to hard labour in irons, Norfolk Island
Sources: see Col Sec and 'other' (below)			

Colonial Secretary's correspondence

1825 Feb, May	On monthly return of prisoners punished at Newcastle (Reel 6023; 4/1718 pp.199, 205) February 1825, in the service of James Webber, 50 lashes for refusing work, second offence.
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May 1825, in service of William Evans, 50 lashes ordered by JP Webber for neglect of work and refusing to work.
 SR, Col Sec, Copies of Letters to Benches of Magistrates, Justices of the Peace and Superintendents of Police, 4/3829, p95 [reel 2808]. 22 September 1830. William Halfpenny dismissed as cook at Newcastle Gaol after accusing a man of perjury in a Coroner's Inquest into the death of John Mason. For further details of his dismissal, see 4 September 1830, from the Sheriff to Col Sec, in-letter 30/6826 in 4/2079.
1832 December 27. On list of prisoners under transportation to Norfolk Island, to be embarked on the brig *Gov Phillip*, properly ironed and narrowly searched (CSLS 4/3898 p169, reel 1063).

NSW Census/musters

1823-25	C, Ann & Amelia 1825, 7 years (sic), Govt servant to Mr Evans, Newcastle
1828	GS, Ann & Amelia 1825, 7 years (sic), Catholic, cook, Newcastle Gaol, 16 acres of which 12 cleared and cultivated.
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
1825 Jan	Arrived Sydney and assigned to JP Webber [Tocal] soon afterwards
1825 May	Assigned to William Evans
1826-29	Assigned to Govt Newcastle. In Nov 1828 was cook at Newcastle Gaol and was apparently responsible for 16 acres of land. Dismissed as cook Sept 1830.
1832 Mar	In Bathurst Bridge Party
1832 Dec	To Norfolk Island, hard labour in irons
1845 Dec	Returned from Norfolk Island
1846	TOL
1852 Feb	CP

Other (source, details)

SR. Returns of Trials, Newcastle Bench of Magistrates [COD 120].

- Oct 1826, in Govt service, theft at John Smith's house, one years additional to OS of transportation [OS = original sentence]
- August 1829, in Govt service, drunk on duty, 24 hours solitary confinement
- October 1829, in Govt service, drunkenness, 50 lashes

SR, Phoenix Hulk Entrance Book 1831-1833, 4/6282 [reel 819]. #73, admitted 10 January 1831 from Hyde Park Barracks to give evidence in criminal proceedings, Young & others. Released to Hyde Park Barracks 15 January 1831, behaviour in hulk "tolerable".

SG 8 March 1832 4.1: Absconded from Government Employ, Bathurst, 4th time of running.

SG 5 April 1832 2.2: On list of runaways apprehended to 2 April, from Bathurst Bridge Party

SG 10 May 1832 2.1: Absconded from Parramatta Gaol, 5th time of running.

SR. Transportation Entrance Book for the Phoenix Hulk 1831-34, 4/4534 [reel 821].

- Colonial conviction for highway robbery, sentenced by the Supreme Court Sydney on 16 August 1832 to "death commuted to hard labour in irons". On the decision of his Excellency the Governor, sent to Norfolk Island, life on the public works, forwarded from the prison hulk on 28 December 1832.

Notation on shipping indent indicates he returned from Norfolk Island in December 1845 (45/11124)

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General information

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