

## HAWKER, Thomas

Variations : Hawkins

Alias :

Ship	Date arrived (Sydney)
Susan	7 February 1836

## Shipping indent(s)

Fiche	Page	Reel	Shelf	Type
716	35		X636	Printed
721	35		X639	Printed

Trial (place, date)	Prev conv	Offence	Sentence
Somerset Assizes 31 March 1835	1	Highway robbery	life
Notes: Source = printed indent. Prev conv was two weeks earlier			

Age	Marr/S	Child'n	Relig	Educ	Native place	Country
19	S		Prot	None	Somersetshire	England
Notes: Source = printed indent						

Trade or calling	Height	Complexion	Hair	Eyes
Shoemaker, tolerable	5' 2 hlf	Dark sallow	Dark brown	greenish
Tattoos: <b>TH</b> inside lower right arm.				
Other features: nose a little cocked, small dark mole right side of nose, hairy mole back of right cheek, scar back of right hand, scar back of left thumb.				
Notes: Source = printed indent. Notation on indent "R. 25 Nov 1839, Paterson B. Report 40/1288". [the "R" is "ran" and the "B" is "Bench"].				
Other arrival info (eg ships musters & papers):				

## Assignment

By June 1836, with C&F Wilson Tocal (see 'other' below). Probably there until he ran in November 1839 (see notation on indent, and 'other' below).	
At Tocal: 1836-44	Tocal occupation:

## Freedom (year, details)

<b>T.O.L.</b>	44/1496 Maitland 14 May 1844 on recommendation of the <b>Paterson Bench</b> January 1844, 4/4187 [reel 952]. Altered to Paterson 2 March 1847. CP December 1847 (rec?)
<b>C.P.</b>	49/715, 15 February 1849 (26 March 1849), 4/4466 [reel 791].

## Colonial crime &amp; secondary punishment

Date	Offence	In service of	Punishment
1836 June	Pilfering	C&F Wilson, Tocal	50 lashes
1839 Oct	Ran (absconded)	C&F Wilson	
1840 Jan	Stealing grain (alleged)	Mr Cornelius, Morpeth	
Sources: see 'other' below			

## Colonial Secretary's correspondence

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## NSW muster

1837	Age 19, with C&F Wilson, Paterson
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## Colonial marriage

Date	Place	To whom	BDM index reference
1844	Morpeth area	Charlotte STAPLEY	V1844 552 29
Permission to marry: No. Note: name appears as Thomas OCKER in marriage record. His correct identity in relation to the marriage, ie Thomas Hawker, is confirmed by a descendant and by subsequent records such as birth of children.			

## Death

Date	Place	Age	BDM index reference
27 Apr 1905	San Bernadino, California, USA	91	<i>Pers comm</i> , descendant

## Timeline

Date	Event
1836 Feb	Arrived Sydney and was at Tocal by June that year, probably there on arrival
1839 Oct	Absconded from Tocal
1840 Jan	Apprehended in Sydney after allegedly stealing in Morpeth
1844 May	TOL Maitland
1844	Married Charlotte STAPLEY in the Morpeth area
1845	Working at Tocal as a labourer when his daughter was born
1849	CP
1854	Emigrated to California with a group of Mormans
1905	Died in California at the age of 91

## Other (source, details)

<p><b>20 June 1836.</b> (SR. Colonial Trials and Records, Benches of Magistrates 1832-36, Return of Convicts Tried at Paterson, X708, reel 662). Thomas Harcourt, <i>Susan</i> [there is no such person on this ship, the entry refers to Thomas Hawker], assigned to C&amp;F Wilson, Tocal, 50 lashes for pilfering.</p> <p>The Australian <b>23 January 1840.</b> Thomas Hawkins, a runaway convict from the service of C&amp;F Wilson, for whom a reward had been offered, hired himself as a free man for Mr Cornelius of Morpeth to thresh and store wheat. Allegedly absconded taking one quarter of the wheat. Apprehended in Sydney and sent back to Maitland Bench to be dealt with. The newspaper report says he and John Ross (TOL) were bushrangers. "Mr Cornelius say, he has no doubt, these are the men whose depredations on the road have kept the district in a state of alarm and insecurity so long".</p> <p><b>21 January 1840.</b> SR, Sydney Gaol Entrance Book 1839-1840, X843 [reel 1864]. Admitted (#128), committed by J R Brennan 21 January by Police for robbing and runaway. Disposed to Bench Maitland.</p> <p>NSW GG <b>19 February 1840</b> p.179. List of absconding convicts. Hawker, Thomas, Susan (2), 23, Somersetshire, shoemaker (tolerable), 5' 2½", dark sallow comp., dark brown hair, greenish eyes, nose a little cocked (etc), from T Wilson Patterson since October 25, 1839.</p> <p>NSW GG <b>11 March 1840</b> p241. Apprehended... Hawker Thomas, Susan (2), T. Wilson, Paterson.</p>
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## General information

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