

HOVER, Stephen

Variations : Hower

Alias :

Ship	Date arrived (Sydney)
Mary	23 January 1822

Shipping indent(s)

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647	53		4/4008	Bound

Trial (place, date)	Prev conv	Offence	Sentence
Sussex Quarter Sessions (Easter Session) 4 May 1821		Stealing one fowl, value 2s & 6d.	7 years
Source = Indent & PRO London, Home Office, Criminal Registers HO27/22 [reel 2766]. Trial Papers, East Sussex Record Office, ESRO QR/6/767/268 (courtesy of Rowena Sloan).			

Age	Marr/S	Child'n	Relig	Educ	Native place	Country
31	M*	3*			Sussex	England
Notes: Source = bound indent. *information from a descendant.						

Trade or calling	Height	Complexion	Hair	Eyes
Flour miller	5'7	Pale	Brown	grey
Notes: Source = bound indent				
Other arrival info (eg ships musters & papers):				

Assignment

To JP Webber [Tocal] 4 March 1822 (see Col Sec below)
At Tocal: 1822-26 Tocal occupation:

Freedom (year, details)

C.O.F. (died while still serving his sentence)

Colonial crime & secondary punishment

Date	Offence	In service of	Punishment
Sources:			

Colonial Secretary's correspondence

1822 Mar 4 On list of prisoners assigned (Fiche 3290/reel 586; 4/4570D p.51) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To JP Webber, Newcastle
1823 Sep 11 Convict servant of Mr Webber. To be victualled from the Store at Newcastle for six months (Reel 6011; 4/3509 p.230) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> request that Mr Webber and his six convict servants be victualled from His Ms Store at Newcastle for six months from 11 Sep 1823. The six were Stephen Hower (Mary 3), Jno Waggoner (Minerva), JD Cooper (Atlas), Rich'd Clarke (Providence), John Benson (Recovery) and Wm Shields (Surry)

NSW Census/musters

1822	C, Mary, 7 years, Govt employ, Newcastle
1823-25	C, Mary, 7 years, Govt servant to Mr Webber, Newcastle

Colonial marriage

Date	Place	To whom	BDM index reference
Permission to marry:			

Death

Date	Place	Age	BDM index reference
25 May 1826	Patersons Plains		V1826 6846 2C

Timeline

Date	Event
1822 Jan	Arrived Sydney
1822 Mar	Assigned to JP Webber, one of Tocal's first four convicts
1826 May	Died at Patersons Plains

Other (source, details)

From Rowena Sloan, a direct descendant:
 Stephen Hover was christened on 21 March 1790 at Warbleton Parish Church (his parents Stephen Hover and Jemima Gurr had been married in the same church on 4 October 1789). He married Harriet Wratten on 21 February 1814 at the age of 23/24. They had two daughters – Harriet in 1817 and Caroline in about 1819, both baptised in the independent Baptist Chapel (their mother's religion). A son "Jabez" was christened in February 1822 (just after Stephen's arrival in NSW).

Trial information per Rowena Sloan:

"In the April 1821 Stephen went out in the night and stole a hen from a local land owners farm (named Jesse Smith) and then another cock and hen from a farm also owned by Jesse Smith in Herstmonceux. The witness statements give detailed accounts of this. His trial would have been at Lewes but it was moved to Hastings. He pleaded Not Guilty to both charges and the jury found him 'not guilty' of stealing the cock and hen from herstmonceux so he was acquitted, but they did find him guilty of stealing the hen from Warbleton, so they had him transported for 7 years."

Keywords

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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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