

HUGHES, Richard

Variations :

Alias :

Ship	Date arrived (Sydney)
Guildford	15 July 1822

Shipping indent(s)

Fiche	Page	Reel	Shelf	Type
648	135		4/4008	Bound

Trial (place, date)	Prev conv	Offence	Sentence
Chester 10 September 1821		Burglary	Life (death, R)
Notes: Source = bound indent & PRO London, Home Office, Criminal Registers, HO27/21 [reel 2765].			

Age	Marr/S	Child'n	Relig	Educ	Native place	Country
20			Prot		Liverpool	England
Notes: Source = bound indent. Religion source = 1828 Census NSW.						

Trade or calling	Height	Complexion	Hair	Eyes
Rope maker	5' 6	Fair	Light	blue
Tattoos: nr				
Other features: nr				
Notes: Source = bound indent				
Other arrival info (eg ships musters & papers):				

Assignment

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> to William Smith, Sydney, July 1822 returned to prisoners barracks 21 December 1824 to JP Webber, Newcastle 12 January 1825
At Total: 1825-32 Total occupation: Tobacconist

Freedom (year, details)

T.O.L.	32/1138, 15 December 1832 Patersons Plains on recommendation of Patersons Plains Bench 31 May 1832, 4/4086 Patersons Plains[reel 918] 37/1114, 10 August 1837 Maitland, 4/4113 [reel 927], in lieu of 32/1138 surrendered mutilated and cancelled. PP 26 June 1839 per PM Maitland's letter of 9 April.
C.P.	40/135, 1 August 1839 (registered 20 July 1840) 4/4438 [reel 778]

Colonial crime & secondary punishment

Date	Offence	In service of	Punishment
29 Dec 1824	Insolent, indolent & disorderly		Clearing party for 12 months

Sources: SR. Colonial Trials & Court Records, Benches of Magistrates, Sydney, 4/6671 1824 [reel 660]. Note 1: no ship is given and there were three Richard Hughes Convicts in NSW at that time, but one had a CP in 1818 and the other was FBS in 1798, so both are eliminated. Note 2: despite the Bench sentence to a Clearing Party, Hughes was assigned to James Webber at Total two weeks later.

Colonial Secretary's correspondence

<p>1822 Jul 24 On list of prisoners assigned (Fiche 3290; 4/4570D p.53) To William Smith, Sydney, 24 July 1822, returned to prisoners barracks 21 December 1824</p> <p>1825 Jan 12 Assigned to JP Webber, Newcastle (reel 586, 4/4522)</p> <p>1833 Feb 7 CSIL 4/2204.3 Police Paterson 1833, 33/1198. Letter from the Police Office, Paterson to the Col Sec regarding the Governor's disapproval of the appointment of Richard Hughes, Ticket of Leave holder, as constable because vacancies are to be filled by free immigrants. However Hughes was appointed one month before these instructions were issued and needs to be paid for the time employed</p>
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(this was approved by the Governor). Letter 33/2079 in the same file, April 1833, recommends Constable McGinty, a free immigrant appointed vice Hughes, be dismissed for drunkenness and neglect of work. [note: the Governor's initial refusal to appoint Hughes is set out in a letter from the Col Sec to PN Anley JP, Police Magistrate at Maitland, dated 26 January 1833, see CSLS (Letters addressed to Benches of Magistrates, Justices of the Peace and Superintendents of Police), 33/59 in 4/3834 pp 13-14 [reel 2809].

22 Feb 1833. To PN Anley Esq JP, Patersons Plains. Richard Hughes (holding a Ticket of Leave) to be paid 2/3 per day for acting as constable at Patersons Plains from 26 December 1832 to 4 February 1833. Letters to Benches of Magistrates, Justices of the Peace and Superintendents of Police, 33/132 in 4/3834, p93 [reel 2809].

1834 Oct 17 CSIL 4/2251.2 Police Paterson 1834, 34/2571. To Col Sec from Police Magistrate at Maitland advising he had ordered a temporary exchange of duties between Constable Richard Hughes, (holding a TOL) of Paterson, and Constable Robert Cussen (per Mangles) attached to Maitland. *"I have strongly to urge His Excellency's confirmation of this arrangement, Cussen (who has already lost his ticket for drunkenness) being associated with the most worthless and abandoned characters in this town – and Hughes being less addicted than men of his class usually are to the prevailing vice of Maitland"*.

1834 Oct 22 Newcastle Bench Book SZ80 [reel 2721], p387. Constable Richard Hughes, T.L. Maitland, charged with allowing female prisoners to get drunk while under his charge. [He brought four women prisoners from Maitland to Newcastle under sentence to solitary confinement]... not the first time he brought females to the gaol drunk, and has been warned before. One time he kept a woman in the town [of Newcastle] all night and brought her to the gaol next morning. The proceedings to be forwarded to Mr Campbell, Police Magistrate at Maitland, with the following opinion..."Constable Hughes is in our opinion guilty of the offence he is charged with, and it appears he repeatedly encouraged drunkenness in women placed under his charge".

NSW Census/musters

1822	(not found)
1823-25	C, life, Govt servant, Mr Webber, Newcastle
1828	C, Protestant, tobacconist, life, Markham [Tocal], Patersons Plains, TP Webber (sic)
1837	Age 32, TOL Maitland.

Colonial marriage

Date	Place	To whom	BDM index reference
1835	Newcastle	Mary Ann EVANS	V1835 1378 19
Permission to marry: Yes (Hughes was TOL, Evans was bond)			

Death

Date	Place	Age	BDM index reference

Timeline

Date	Event
1822 July	Arrived Sydney and assigned to William Smith, Sydney
1824 Dec	Returned from Smith to prisoners barracks
1825 Jan	Assigned to JP Webber [Tocal]
1828 Nov	Tobacconist at Tocal
1832	TOL Patersons Plains
1833-35	Police Constable at Paterson and Maitland
1835	Married Mary EVANS at Newcastle
1837	TOL Maitland
1840	CP.

Other (source, details)

NSWGG 8 January 1834 p15. Paterson: Richard Hughes, holding a Ticket of Leave, to be constable, in the room of Patrick Neal, dismissed for neglect of duty.

NSWGG 4 November 1835 p783. Maitland: Richard Hughes resigned as Constable.

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General information

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