

SHEA, John

Variations :

Alias :

Ship	Date arrived (Sydney)
Borodino	14 July 1828

Shipping indent(s)

Fiche	Page	Reel	Shelf	Type
669	91		4/4013	Bound

Trial (place, date)	Prev conv	Offence	Sentence
Tralee 15 August 1827	Nil	Lamb stealing	7 years
Notes: Source = bound indent			

Age	Marr/S	Child'n	Relig	Educ	Native place	Country
20	M	0	Cath	None	Co. Kerry	Ireland
Notes: Source = bound indent						

Trade or calling	Height	Complexion	Hair	Eyes
Farm labourer and herds	5' 1 3/4	Ruddy freckled	Brown	Dark hazel
Tattoos:				
Other features: several moles on lower part right cheek				
Notes: Source = bound indent. Notation on indent: "speaks no English"				
Other arrival info (eg ships musters & papers):				

Assignment

On arrival, to Sir John Jamison, Regent Ville, as per indent	
To James Webber at Tocal, 22 July 1829, from William Clayton (deceased) see Col Sec below	
At Tocal: 1829-34	Tocal occupation:

Freedom (year, details)

C.O.F.	34/1373, 17 October 1834, 4/4325 [reel 993]
---------------	---

Colonial crime & secondary punishment

Date	Offence	In service of	Punishment
1845 Sep	Wounding with intent	Free	Transportation for life to VDL
1851 Jan	Misconduct		1 month hard labour
1851 Mar	Absence		3 days solitary confinement
1851 Sep	Absconded & drunk		7 days solitary confinement
Sources: see col sec below & 'other' below			

Colonial Secretary's correspondence

<p>20 July 1829 CSIL 29/5763 in 4/2040 from Princ Sup of Convicts to Col Sec. Have received a letter from James P Webber Patersons Plains requesting that the prisoners James Smith (Phoenix), Jno Shea (Borodino), Elias Suffolk (Bus Merchant) and Wm Andrews (Guildford) be assigned to him from the deceased William Clayton whose effects Mr Webber had administered.</p> <p>22 July 1829 CSLS 4/3668 p455 [reel 1043]: the four men [see above] transferred to the service of James P Webber esq Patersons Plains.</p> <p>12 March 1834 (CSLS 4/3679 p345, reel 1047) John SHEA (Borodino), Paterson. For wives and families from England. To be informed that their names will be included in the next list of persons recommended home for the indulgence.</p> <p>4 February 1835 (CSLS, 4/3680 p379, reel 1048) Commendation for wives and families to be sent to NSW at Gov expense has been transmitted by the ship Redman.</p> <p>20 August 1836 (CSIL 37/737 in 4/2359.2) From Dublin Castle. John Shea, Borodino 1828. Johanna Casey and one child – accepted offer of free passage "but when order was sent for her and daughter to embark per Thos Harriden it was reported that she had removed to some other place – not known where".</p> <p>24 October 1845 (CSIL 45/7693 in 4/2707.3) John Shea, Borodino. In list of prisoners on Cockatoo</p>
--

Island under sentence of transportation to VDL, vessel now in port to take them to Hobart Town. 31 October 1845 (Col Sec, Returns of Prisoners under Sentence of Transportation Oct 1844 – Jan 1847, X747, reel 2720). On Cockatoo Island, John Shea, Borodino, colonial conviction in Quarter Sessions, Bathurst 22 September 1845, wounding with intent, transportation for life.

NSW census/muster

1828	Hyde Park Barracks, Sydney
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
1828 July	Arrived Sydney and assigned to Sir John Jamison, Regent Ville
1828 Nov	In Hyde Park Barracks
1829 July	Assignment transferred from William Clayton (Deceased) to James Webber
1834 Mar	Informed is wife and family to be given free passage to NSW
1834 Oct	COF
1836 Aug	Wife could not be found at time of embarkation for passage to NSW
1845 Sep	Convicted of wounding with intent, and sentenced to transportation for life VDL
1851 May	Arrived back in VDL after four year labour on Norfolk Island

Other (source, details)

<p>National Archives of Ireland. Archives relating to the Transportation of Convicts from Ireland to Australia:</p> <p>On list of convicts who have applied for their wives and families to be sent to NSW at the expense of Government. Wife, Johanna Casey, residing at Kilgarvin (document FS 1835 List 1)</p> <p>Convict's wife, Johanns Casey, granted a free passage to NSW, 26 June 1835 (document FS 1835-6 A 27)</p> <p>List of woman and children who have accepted the government offer of a free passage to NSW. Wife's name, Johanna Casey, January 1836 (document FS 1836 List 4)</p> <p>List of the free women and children for whom accommodation is to be provided on board the Thomas Harrison, wife's name, Johanna Casey, 8 December 1835 (document FS 1835 List 5)</p> <p>List of wives and children who have declined accepting the Government offer of a free passage to NSW. Wife's name Johanna Casey, 20 August 1836 (document FS 1836 List 1)</p> <p>List of persons who refuse to join their relatives in NSW, or who cannot be found. Wife's name Johanna Casey, 1836 (document FS 1836 List 2)</p> <p>SR, Darlinghurst Gaol Entrance Book 1844-1849, 4/6441 [reel 854]. Admitted (#906) 6 October 1845 from C' Court Bathurst, for life, transportation to Cockatoo Island 10 October 1845.</p> <p>SR, Convict Records 4/4523 p238 [reel 1260]. 28 November 1845, John Shea, Borodino, on assignment list of 20 male prisoners transported from Sydney to VDL per Wanderer. Convicted Bathurst 22 Sept, wounding with intent to do grievous bodily harm, life, recommended to be placed in a penal settlement. [See also Phoenix Hulk Transportation Entrance Book 4/6445 p195 reel 820].</p> <p>Archives Office of Tasmania:</p> <p>Indent for John Shea, Wanderer 1845 (CON16/3 p200). Tried at Bathurst on 22 September 1845, age 52, sentence life, single, highway robbery of Mr Falby at Black Creek Bathurst. Mr Falby said he was struck with a sword. Remarks: Uncle Neal Shea, Aunt, Kate Shea.</p> <p>Conduct record (CON 39/2 p189). Arrived 8 December 1845, 4 years labour on Norfolk Island, arrived back VDL 13 May 1851. Details of several misdemeanours noted.</p>

Keywords

Noenglish, Hyde Park Barracks, Cockatoo Island, familypassage, Norfolk Island, solitary, Phoenix Hulk

General information

Research on Tocal's convicts was undertaken by Brian Walsh. Please do not email or upload this document without acknowledgement.

For further information see the book *Voices from Tocal –Convict Life on a Rural Estate* by Brian Walsh, available from www.tocal.com

For contact details see www.tocal.com

research by Brian Walsh