

## SHIELDS, James

Variations : Sheal, Shields

Alias : Shane

| Ship   | Date arrived (Sydney) |
|--------|-----------------------|
| Surrey | 20 December 1816      |

## Shipping indent(s)

| Fiche | Page | Reel | Shelf  | Type  |
|-------|------|------|--------|-------|
| 636   | 216  |      | 4/4005 | Bound |

| Trial (place, date)  | Prev conv | Offence         | Sentence |
|--|-----------|-----------------|----------|
| Dublin Co. February 1816   |           | Highway robbery | life     |
| Notes: Source = SR. Convict Ships, Musters and Papers 1814-40. 2/8279 p17 [reel 2428]. |           |                 |          |

| Age  | Marr/S | Child'n | Relig | Educ | Native place | Country |
|--|--------|---------|-------|------|--------------|---------|
| 23   |        |         | Cath  |      | Co. Dublin   | Ireland |
| Notes: Source = bound indent. Religion = 1828 Census NSW |        |         |       |      |              |         |

| Trade or calling                                | Height  | Complexion | Hair  | Eyes |
|---|---------|------------|-------|------|
| Servant & labourer                              | 5' 4qrt | Dark pale  | Brown | blue |
| Notes: Source = bound indent                    |         |            |       |      |
| Other arrival info (eg ships musters & papers): |         |            |       |      |

## Assignment

|  |                                   |
|--|-----------------------------------|
| At Total assigned to JP Webber by September 1823 (see Col Sec below) |                                   |
| At Total: 1823-37  | Total occupation: Overseer (1828) |

## Freedom (year, details)

|               |  |
|---------------|--|
| <b>T.O.L.</b> | (as Sheal/Shane) 27 December 1830, 30/874, 4/4077 [reel 914] Patersons Plains on the recommendation of the Patersons Plains Bench 30 June 1830. Year of birth 1796. Granted in pursuance of the Gov't Order of 1 January 1827 for apprehending 4 bushrangers and bringing to justice 1 harbourer of bushrangers. |
| <b>C.P.</b>   | 39/142, recommended 20 November 1837, signed (registered?) 10 January 1839, 4/4436 [reel 777]. Delivered 26 August 1842 (as per TOL butt)  |

## Colonial crime &amp; secondary punishment

| Date                                   | Offence | In service of | Punishment             |
|--|---------|---------------|------------------------|
| 1820 June                              |         |               | Newcastle, three years |
| Sources: see Col Sec and 'other' below |         |               |                        |

## Colonial Secretary's correspondence

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| <p><b>1819 Sep 6,8</b> Re permission to marry at Parramatta; appears as Shields (Reel 6006; 4/3500 p.250) This was approved</p> <p><b>1820 Jun 26</b> On list of prisoners transported to Newcastle per "Lady Nelson" in June 1820 with a three year sentence by the Liverpool Bench 26 January 1820 (Reel 6007; 4/3502 p.101)</p> <p><b>1823 Sep 11</b> Convict servant of Mr Webber. To be victualled from the Store at Newcastle for six months (Reel 6011; 4/3509 p.230)</p> <p>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 <b>Wm Shields (Surry)</b>. Note: there is no William Shields on the Surry, &amp; other records confirm this is James Shields (Surry).</p> <p>CSLS (Letters addressed to Benches of Magistrates, Justices of the Peace and Superintendents of Police), 4/3831 p164 [reel 2809]. 13 January 1832 to P Anley esq re rates of pay for Police at Patersons Plains. Listed are John Hanley and James Sheal (holding a ToL). (&amp; see note for next entry)</p> <p><b>1835 Feb 19</b> James Shields dismissed as constable at Paterson. SR, CSIL 4/22915, 35/1445. Note: no ship is stated but circumstantially it is likely to be the correct person. (Also gazetted, see NSWGG 22 April 1835 p230 - Paterson, James Shields dismissed as Constable.)</p> |
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## NSW Census/musters

|         |  |
|---------|--|
| 1822    | (Shields) C, Govt employ, Newcastle  |
| 1823-25 | (Shiel) C, Govt servant to Mr Webber, Newcastle  |
| 1828    | (Shiels) Surry 2. Age 33, GS, Catholic, <b>overseer</b> , at Markham [Tocal], Patersons Plains, employed by Webber |
| 1837    | TOL Paterson   |

## Colonial marriage

| Date   | Place | To whom | BDM index reference |
|--|-------|---------|---------------------|
| Permission to marry: Yes, 1819, but no marriage recorded and no evidence of wife in musters & census |       |         |                     |

## Death

| Date  | Place         | Age | BDM index reference       |
|---|---------------|-----|---------------------------|
| Buried 27 June 1850                               | East Maitland | 55  | V1850 1148 117 (Catholic) |
| Note: This is probably him, but it is not certain |               |     |                           |

## Timeline

| Date    | Event                    |
|---------|--------------------------|
| 1816    | Arrived Sydney           |
| 1820    | Transported to Newcastle |
| 1823-37 | At Tocal                 |
| 1830    | TOL                      |
| 1839    | Conditional Pardon       |
| 1850    | Probable death           |

## Other (source, details)

**26 June 1820.** SR. Sydney Gaol Entrance Book 1819-1823, 4/6360 [reel 850]. Committed to Sydney Gaol by Thomas Moore Esqre, admitted 26 June 1820, disposed to Newcastle for three years.

**27 July 1830** made deposition regarding the burglary of Bona Vista. For details see data sheet for John Shepherd, *Ocean*. In this deposition, Shields is described as overseer to Mr Webber. SR, Clerk of Peace, depositions, T148 No.38 31/9.

**7 January 1831** James Shields *Surry*... admitted to the Phoenix Hulk from Hyde Park Barracks 1 January 1831 to give evidence in criminal proceedings Styles & others, returned 5 January 1831, behaviour in hulk "tolerable". SR Phoenix Hulk Entrance Book 1831-33, #48, 4/6282 [reel 819]. Similar entry in separate volume, reason given as "King versus Styles & others". SR Phoenix Hulk Entrance Book 1825-1831, #3406, 4/6281 [reel 819].

**18 October 1831** Approval of James Sheal's appointment as constable at Patersons Plains. SR, Letters to Benches of Magistrates, Justices of the Peace and Superintendents of Police, 31/775 in 4/3830 p451 [reel 2808].

**21 November 1831** Sydney Herald, p1 col 1. James Sheals, ticket of leave, appointed constable at Patersons Plains in room of Green resigned.

**13 January 1832** James Sheal, constable at Patersons Plains, holding a ticket of leave, to receive 2/3 per diem. SR, Letters to Benches of Magistrates, Justices of the Peace and Superintendents of Police, 32/32 in 4/3831 p451 [reel 2809].

**1837.** Made deposition 1837 at Tocal re the death of Patrick Costigan. SR. 9/6309 Clerk of Peace, Depositions - Supreme Court, Paterson 1837.

**4 July 1838** NSWGG p513. James Shields dismissed as constable at Raymond Terrace.

[SG 5 Jan 1826 p2. James Shields (no ship stated) sentenced to treadmill for stealing. This is probably James Shields (Lord Sidmouth 1821) and has not been included in analysis of re-offences.]

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**General information**

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