

SMITH, Thomas

Variations :

Alias : Jackson Jn

Ship	Date arrived (Sydney)
Malabar	30 Oct 1819

Shipping indent(s)

Fiche	Page	Reel	Shelf	Type
642	432	394	4/4006	Bound

Trial (place, date)	Prev conv	Offence	Sentence
Trinidad (Court Martial) 3 Sep 1818		Desertion	Life
Notes: Source = bound indent. Offence source = Phoenix Hulk Transportation Book			

Age	Marr/S	Child'n	Relig	Educ	Native place	Country
28					Manchester	England
Notes: Source = bound indent						

Trade or calling	Height	Complexion	Hair	Eyes
"Barber & labour"	5'6	Dark sallow	Black	dark
Notes: Source = bound indent				
Other arrival info (eg ships musters & papers):				

Assignment

<p>4 March 1822 to JP Webber esq Newcastle (listed as Thomas Smith, Mangles –see note following). Date of Payment commencing 8 March 1822. Returned 2 Nov 1822 for disorderly conduct. SR. List of Artificers, and others who have been overseers, assigned, 4/4520 p17 [reel 586]. Note: Smith's occupation is not stated on this return, an exception as the trades of most of the men assigned on this list were recorded.</p> <p>Note: there is no Thomas Smith on the ship <i>Mangles</i>. In the muster of 1822 Tocal's first four convicts were listed as "Newcastle", this muster being taken in September, so the correct Thomas Smith will be listed as such. There were 3 Thomas Smith's at Newcastle in September 1822:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Malabar, life • Earl St Vincent (1820), 7 years • Shipley, life (he was assigned in May 1822 and can therefore be eliminated) <p>Circumstantial evidence points to Thomas Smith Malabar (and is a likely error to be written as Mangles). This man was transported to Port Macquarie in 1823 and has no other record of assignment to private settlers.</p>	
At Tocal: 1822 Mar to Nov	Tocal occupation:

Freedom (year, details)

T.O.L.	46/1158, 19 Aug 1846 Queanbeyan, 4/4209 [reel 959], cancelled 22 July 1851 – absent from district (& probably restored at some stage, see death reference below).
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Colonial crime & secondary punishment

Date	Offence	In service of	Punishment
1820 Feb	Runaway & stole whaleboat		Transported to Newcastle, 7 yrs
1821	Robbery & taking to the bush		75 lashes
1822 Nov	Disorderly conduct	JP Webber	Returned to Government
1823			Transported to Port Macquarie
1828 Apr May	Absconded from No. 4 Iron gang and recaptured		To be forwarded to lower Branch
1829 Jan-Feb	Absconded from No. 9 Iron Gang for the second time		

1830 Jan&Aug	Absconded from No. 3 Iron gang		
1830 Feb	Absconded from No. 8 Iron gang		
1831 April	Absconded from No. 25 Road Gang		
1831 June	Absconded from No. 3 Iron gang		
1832	One of 3 armed bushrangers		Death sentence, respited. Transported to Norfolk Island - hard labour in irons for 14 years
1851	Absent from district	Had TOL	TOL cancelled

Colonial Secretary's correspondence

<p>1819 Nov 5 On list of convicts disembarked from the "Malabar" and forwarded to Emu Plains for distribution (Reel 6007; 4/3501 p.14)</p> <p>1820 Apr 13 Escaped awaiting transportation to Newcastle but recaptured and sent per "Elizabeth Henrietta" (CSLS Reel 6007; 4/3501 p.340) Details: on list of prisoners transported to Newcastle. He was sentenced in the Sydney Criminal Court 15 March 1820 to seven years, Newcastle. He and 11 others broke gaol on 9 April 1820, he was apprehended 12 April 1820.</p> <p>1820 Apr 13 On list of prisoners transported to Newcastle per "Elizabeth Henrietta" (Reel 6007; 4/3501 p.341)</p> <p>1821 Mar On monthly return of prisoners punished at Newcastle (Reel 6023; 4/1718 p.125) 75 lashes for robbery and taking to the bush</p> <p>1823 Sep 25 On list of convicts removed from Newcastle to Port Macquarie per "Elizabeth Henrietta" (Reel 6019; 4/3864 pp.428-9)</p> <p>27 March 1827 Thos Smith or Jackson, Malabar, into Hyde Park Barracks, just arrived from Port Macquarie. CSLS 4/3665 p289 [reel 1041].</p> <p>5 March 1832 Thomas Smith (Malabar) named as one of three armed bushrangers captured on 29 Dec 1831 (other two were Oliver Wilks and Philip Eaton). CSLS 4/3674 p3 [reel 1045].</p> <p>16 March 1832. Thomas Smith, Malabar, on list of prisoners sentenced to Norfolk Island to embark on the <i>Gov Phillip</i>, taking care they are properly ironed. CSLS 4/3897 p383 [reel 1062].</p>

NSW Census/musters

1822	C, life, Govt employ Newcastle
1823-25	C, life, Govt employ Port Macquarie
1828	Iron gang 8
1837	(not found, was on Norfolk Island)

Colonial marriage

Date	Place	To whom	BDM index reference
Permission to marry:			

Death

Date	Place	Age	BDM index reference
1857	Parramatta	66	
SR. Death Register 1828-79, 4/4549 [COD 16].			

Timeline

Date	Event
1819	Arrived Sydney
1820	Escaped while awaiting transportation to Newcastle, recaptured and sent
1821	75 lashes for robbery and taking to the bush
1822 Mar	One of Tocal's first four convicts – assigned to JP Webber
1822 Nov	Returned to Government for disorderly conduct
1823	Transported to Port Macquarie, returned 1827.
1828-31	Numerous abscondings while serving in iron gangs and road parties
1832	Armed robbery/bushranging, sentenced to 14 years hard labour in irons on Norfolk Island. Returned 1839, then to Cockatoo Island
1846 Aug	TOL
1851	TOL cancelled for being absent from district
1857	Died at Parramatta aged 66.

Other (source, details)

SR. Sydney Gaol Entrance Book 1819-1823, 4/6360 [reel 850]. Thomas Smith, Malabar, admitted 14 February 1820 as a runaway (with three shipmates).

SR, Court of Criminal Jurisdiction (Sydney), Session 15 March 1820, case papers SZ790, p90 info No 10 [copy at COD 450]. Thomas Blazey, Edward Aibry, Thomas Smith, Thomas Fox and John Sears, all from the Malabar, charged with stealing a whaleboat, the property of William Stewart (they were remanded by the Windsor Bench, 10 February 1820). They left their employ on 24 January, had 200lbs biscuits, water cask, two muskets, powder and lead on board the whaleboat, intending to go to Timor.

SG 7 April 1828 3c (& repeated 14 April, 5 May 1828). Smith Thomas (Malabar) absconded from No.4 Iron Gang [description, native place etc all matches with indent].

SR. Sydney and Darlinghurst Gaols 1825-28, 4/6430 [reel 851]. 6 May 1828, General Sessions Sydney. Runaway from his gang, to be forwarded to lower Branch, 9 May Parramatta.

SG 13 Jan 1829 4b (& repeated weekly to 5 Feb 1829). Absconded from No. 9 Iron Gang, second time of running.

SG 7 Jan 1830 4.2 (& repeated 12 Aug 1830 4.5). Thomas Smith (Malabar), barber, from Manchester, absconded from No.3 Iron Gang, a notorious runaway.

SG 18 Feb 1830 4.1. As above, but from No. 8 Iron Gang.

SG 5 April 1831. Absconded from No. 25 Road Gang, a notorious runaway.

SG 2 June 1831. Absconded from No. 3 Iron Gang.

Aust. 6 January 1832 3.4. Details of circumstances re capture with Wilks and Eaton.

SG 12 Jan 1832 4.2. Apprehended following his abscondment from No. 3 Iron Gang

SR. Supreme Court. Criminal Jurisdiction. Annual Returns of Prisoners Tried, X727. 14 Feb 1832. Stealing in dwelling house and putting in fear. Guilty. Death passed. Transported to Norfolk Island in irons for 14 years.

Details of the above trial are contained in the Clerk of Peace Depositions SC T33; CP T152 1832 (32/35a 42). Oliver Wilks, Thomas Smith and Philip Eaton entered a dwelling house at Lower Portland Head and stole tobacco, tea, shoes, clothes, wine and beer, coin and promissory notes.

Note: There is a notation on his shipping indent with reads "Norfolk Island" and, written in a different hand "September 1844, ret June 1846, 46/6011"

14 February 1832 Thomas Smith (Malabar) admitted to Phoenix Prison Hulk following his conviction in Sydney Supreme Court for "Steal in a Dwelling House & put in fear". Sentence "Death to 14 years in irons, Norfolk Island", forwarded 17 March 1832. Original offence is also noted, as "desertion" (Phoenix Hulk Transportation Book, 4/4534 [reel 821, p35])

5 March 1832 Details of reward received by those who apprehended the three armed bushrangers Oliver Wilks (Guildford), Thomas Smith (Malabar) and Philip Eaton (Bus'h Merchant). £10 and Tickets of Leave for the two convicts involved in the capture (there were two free men also involved). Letters to Benches of Magistrates, Justices of the Peace and Superintendents of Police, 32/50 and 32/178 in 4/3831 [reel 2809].

2 May 1839. SR Sydney Gaol Entrance Book 1838-1839, 4/6438 [reel 853]. Admitted from Norfolk Island. Disposed for examination to Cockatoo Island 13 May 1839. [similar entry at X843, reel 1864].

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General information

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