

SMITH, William

Variations :
Alias :

Ship	Date arrived (Sydney)
Planter	15 October 1832

Shipping indent(s)

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683	96		4/4017	Bound
701	119		X634	Printed

Trial (place, date)	Prev conv	Offence	Sentence
Middlesex 5 April 1832	1	Robbing shop	7 years
Notes: Source = bound indent			

Age	Marr/S	Child'n	Relig	Educ	Native place	Country
16	S		Prot	R & W	Eton	England
Notes: Source = bound indent						

Trade or calling	Height	Complexion	Hair	Eyes
Cutler's boy	4' 11 hlf	Fair	Light brown	hazel
Tattoos: Pricked for an archer inside lower left arm. Blue ring on left middle finger.				
Other features: Scar inside right wrist				
Notes: Source = bound indent. <i>There were two William Smith on the Planter in 1832 so great care needs to be taken with the records to avoid confusing the two</i> (the other was a printer from Middlesex, aged 20, 7 year sentence, notation on indent '12 months IG 1834, IG 1838).				
Other arrival info (eg ships musters & papers):				

Assignment

On arrival (October 1832), to JP Webber Patersons River, as per PRO HO10/29, GG 26 December 1832 p486 & SG 27 Dec 1832, occupation ' Carter's Boy '. Note: the other 'boy' in this scheme (see Col Sec below), Frederick Scammell, was confirmed assigned to James Webber at Tocal by other records. As both boys appear in the same manner in the list, as assigned to J Webber, it is likely William Smith was also at Tocal.
At Tocal: 1832 Tocal occupation:

Freedom (year, details)

C.O.F.	39/1766, 12 October 1839, 4/4352 [reel 1004].
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Colonial crime & secondary punishment

Date	Offence	In service of	Punishment
1835 Feb	Absent without leave	14 road gang	25 lashes
1835 Mar	Insolence & neglect of work	14 road party	14 days cells
1837 Feb	Refusing to work	Mr Singleton	50 lashes
Sources: see 'other' below			

Colonial Secretary's correspondence

31 October 1832 (CSLS 4/3675 pp457-459, reel 1046). From Col Sec to Princ Sup't Convicts re 11 boys arrived on the Planter and 20 boys on the Hercules (including William Smith). "I am directed by His Excellency the Governor to request that you will apprise the Several Parties that it is the intention of Government to continue these Boys in their service for the full period of Seven Years (unless their sentences sooner expire) and that in consideration of this, it is expected that they will make a point of neither returning nor transferring them during an equal time." "It is also expected that each Master will exert himself to impart to these Boys such habits of industry and propriety as may render them useful, and if possible respectable members of
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society when they attain their age of manhood.”

NSW muster

1837	Age 22, Govt, Patrick Plains [Note: this might be the other Wm Smith Planter, but the age indicates it is probably the correct one]
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Colonial marriage

Date	Place	To whom	BDM index reference
1850 possible	Camberwell	Ann Carter	V1850 593 36B (& <i>pers comm</i> descendant. However the evidence is slim!)
Permission to marry: There is a permission to marry for William Smith (Planter) in 1840, his status given as ‘bond’. This is almost certainly the other Wm Smith (Planter) whose 7 year original sentence was extended by two iron gang sentences and was still ‘bond’ in 1840.			

Death

Date	Place	Age	BDM index reference
Poss 1856	Cockfighter’s Creek	40	

Timeline

Date	Event
1832 Oct	Arrived Sydney and assigned to JP Webber, Patersons River
1836/37	Possibly assigned to Government at Patricks Plains
1839 Oct	COF

Other (source, details)

2 February 1835. SR. Punishment Book (“Black Book”), Patricks Plains 1833-39, 7/3714, page 69 [reel 689]. Smith William, Planter 1830 [sic, no such ship 1830], 7 years, employed in 14 Road Gang, absent without leave, 25 lashes.

19 March 1835. SR. Punishment Book (“Black Book”), Patricks Plains 1833-39, 7/3714, page 69 [reel 689]. Smith William, Planter 32, 7 years, employed in 14 Road Party, insolence and neglect of work, 14 days cells.

16 February 1837. SR. Punishment Book (“Black Book”), Patricks Plains 1833-39, 7/3714, page 91 [reel 689]. Smith William, Planter 32, 7 years, employed by Mr B Singleton, refusing to work, 50 lashes.

6 November 1837. SR. Punishment Book (“Black Book”), Patricks Plains 1833-39, 7/3714, page 143 [reel 689]. Smith William, Planter 32, 7 years, employed by Mr Singleton, ill treating a bullock, discharged.

Note: the above entries for the Patricks Plains’ Black Book have been allocated to this William Smith, Planter 1832, and not to the other man of the same name and same ship, on the basis that the 1836/37 muster indicates this William Smith (distinguished by age) employed by Government at Patricks Plains, and secondly that the other William Smith incurred a 12 months Iron Gang sentence sometime in 1834, making it highly unlikely he was in road gang 14 (an unironed gang) in February 1835.

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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

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