

STILES, James

Variations : STYLES

Alias :

Ship	Date arrived (Sydney)
Marquis of Hastings	31 July 1827

Shipping indent(s)

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Trial (place, date)	Prev conv	Offence	Sentence
Lewes, 4 January 1827	Nil	House breaking	7 years
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Age	Marr/S	Child'n	Relig	Educ	Native place	Country
23	s		Prot	None	Kent	England
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Trade or calling	Height	Complexion	Hair	Eyes
Farmers man & shop groom	5' 7 3/4	Ruddy freckled	Brown	Grey
Tattoos: JS anchor and lady on right arm. Mermaid "James Stiles" on left.				
Other features: Blue scar on chest.				
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Other arrival info (eg ships musters & papers):				

Assignment

On arrival, to Rev R Cartwright, male orphan school.	
At Tocal: 1830	Tocal occupation:

Freedom (year, details)

T.O.L.	C.O.F.
	37/82, 7 February 1837, 4/4337 [reel 998]. Trade given as sawyer.

Colonial crime & secondary punishment

Date	Offence	In service of	Punishment
1830 July	Burglary	JP Webber, Tocal	Death respited to 3 yrs iron gang
1830 Nov	Mutinous behaviour	Newcastle Gaol	50 lashes
Sources: see Col Sec and 'other' below			

Colonial Secretary's correspondence

Princ Sup Convicts to Col Sec (Alexander McLeay), 8 August 1827, in-letter 27/7499 in 4/1941. In reply to your letter of 7 th Inst (#672) in which you requested I select and report the name "of a Kentish Labourer accustomed to the Cultivation of Hops, who may be employed at the Male Orphan Institution". James Styles, Marquis of Hastings, is likely to answer the above description and the Land Board have been apprised accordingly. Separate page: Styles was sent up to Mr Cartwright some weeks ago [Robert Cartwright was master of the Male Orphan School from 1825-1829].
George Brooks to Col Sec, 1 November 1830, in-letter 30/152 in 4/2095. James Stiles received 50 lashes for mutinous behaviour including an attempted break out of Newcastle Gaol, fighting and abusive language [further details in other enclosures filed with 31/295 in 4/2095].

NSW Census/musters

1828	In Town Gang -24, Windsor.
1837	With Government, Vale of Clywdd.

Colonial marriage

Date	Place	To whom	BDM index reference

Permission to marry:

Death

Date	Place	Age	BDM index reference

Timeline

Date	Event
1827 July	Arrived Sydney and assigned to Rev Cartwright at the Male Orphan School
1828 Nov	In Town Gang no 24, Windsor
1830 July	Committed burglary at Bona Vista while assigned to James Webber at Tocal
1830 Sep	Attempted break out of Newcastle Gaol
1831-33	Three years in an iron gang
1836/37	Assigned to Government at the Vale of Clywdd
1837 Feb	COF

Other (source, details)

SR, Col Sec, Copies of Letters to Benches of Magistrates, Justices of the Peace and Superintendents of Police, 4/3829, p208 [reel 2808]. 11 November 1830, James Stiles, corporal punishment on account of mutinous behaviour in Newcastle Gaol.

SR, NSW Supreme Court papers, T32 no.38 31/9 and Clerk of Peace depositions T148 no.38 31/9. On 4 January 1831 found guilty in the Supreme Court Sydney of burglary along with John Shepherd. Offence was committed in July 1830 at Bona Vista, neighbouring Tocal, while he and Shepherd were assigned to J Webber at Tocal. Details of the case are attached to John Shepherd's data sheet.

SR, Sydney Gaol Entrance Book 1830-1831, 4/6432 [reel 851]. Admitted January 1831 from Newcastle, tried for burglary in Criminal Court 4 January 1831, Death Respited to 3 years iron gang. Admitted again 19 July 1831 from Phoenix Hulk under a commuted sentence, from death respited to an iron gang 3 years. [This entry is similar to the one that follows].

SR, Sydney Gaol Entrance Book 1831-1832, 4/6433 [reel 851]. James Styles, M Hastings 1827, from Canterbury, Protestant, labourer. Admitted 1st January from Newcastle for trial, burglary. Disposed 4th January, Death Recorded, to Hulk. Admitted again 19 July 1831, #1702, from Phoenix Hulk for Iron Gang 3 years.

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Phoenix Hulk, iron gang, lashes

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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