

STOTTER, George

Variations :Sutter, Stottor

Alias :

Ship	Date arrived (Sydney)
Katherine Stewart Forbes	19 February 1830

Shipping indent(s)

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675	62		4/4015	Bound

Trial (place, date)	Prev conv	Offence	Sentence
Abingdon 25 July 1829	2	House breaking	14 years
Notes: Source = bound indent. Note that the indent records his sentence as seven years but all other records (TOL, CP, Col Sec correspondence) indicate 14 years. Trial place is given as Berks Assizes in Col Sec correspondence.			

Age	Marr/S	Child'n	Relig	Educ	Native place	Country
46	S		Cath	R	Berkshire	England
Notes: Source = bound indent						

Trade or calling	Height	Complexion	Hair	Eyes
Labourer, reaps	5' 4	Ruddy much pock pitted	Dark brown/black	hazel
Tattoos:				
Other features: blue marks under left eye. Raised mark on arm over right thumb.				
Notes: Source = bound indent				
Other arrival info (eg ships musters & papers):				

Assignment

To Charles Moore, Castlereagh St Sydney on arrival, as per indent	
To JP Webber, Paterson's Plains between January and March 1832 as per GG 4 July 1832 p166 and SG 5 July 1832.	
At Total: 1832-37	Total occupation: Farm constable (1837)

Freedom (year, details)

T.O.L.	37/900 Paterson 3 June 1837 on recommendation of the Paterson Bench February 1837, 4/4112 [reel 927]. Note trial place is shown as Berks Assizes and sentence as 14 years.
C.P.	40/74, 1 May 1839 (registered 6 July 1840) 4/4438 [reel 778]. Sentence is shown as 14 years, hair as light brown to bald. Note, the pardon is conditional only to the expiration of Stotter's 14 year sentence. He could then return to Britain.

Colonial crime & secondary punishment

Date	Offence	In service of	Punishment
1830 Dec	Insolent and disobedient		Treadmill seven days
1831 Feb	Absent and disobedient		Treadmill 28 days
1833 July	Absconding	JP Webber	50 lashes
Sources: see Col Sec and 'other' below (and attached transcripts).			

Colonial Secretary's correspondence

7 February 1839 (CSIL 39/1711 and enclosures within it, in 4/2433.2) – transcripts attached. George Stotter shot and killed an absconding convict who was about to shoot another man. Stotter was recommended for, and received, a conditional pardon for bravery. Note also the correspondence mentions that Stotter had earlier received his TOL for bravery in apprehending “two notorious offenders”.
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1837	George SUTTER, Katherine Stewart Forbes, age 53, C&F Wilson, Paterson
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Colonial marriage

Date	Place	To whom	BDM index reference
Permission to marry:			

Death

Date	Place	Age	BDM index reference

Timeline

Date	Event
1830 Feb	Arrived Sydney and assigned to Charles Moore
1832 July	Assigned to James Webber [Tocal]
1837 Apr	Farm Constable at Tocal
1837 June	TOL Paterson
1839 May	CP

Other (source, details)

<p>George Stotter, aged 46, prisoner, taken ill at sea, sick or hurt, dysentery, put on sick list 23 December 1829, discharged 10 January 1830, well (PRO, ADM 101/40/2, Medical Journal of Katherine S Forbes, convict ship, from 18 September 1829 to 2 March 1830).</p> <p>August 1833 George Stotter 49 labourer from Berks, absconded from JP Webber at Hunters River since 30th July (GG 7 August 1833 p302).</p> <p>SR. Merton Bench Books 1832-34, 4/5599 [reel 670]:</p> <p>Before Gregory Blaxland and Wm Ogilvie esqrs... William Andrews, Guildford, Life George Stotter, Cath S Forbes, 14 years Assigned to J.P. Webber esq, for desertion. The deposition of John McGuinnis, constable On Thursday last I apprehended the two prisoners in a hut on Mr Busby's farm at Munmurra - they stated that they had deserted from Mr Webber's farm on the Paterson. Sworn before us at Merton 20th August 1833. Forwarded to Paterson's River to be dealt with.</p> <p>Stotter made a deposition at Tocal in 1837 regarding the killing of Costigan by Lyons – for transcript see the data sheet for Bernard Lyons. In these depositions, George Stotter is referred to as farm constable.</p>

Keywords

Lashes, treadmill, bravery, constable

Pattersons Plains
17 January 1839

Sir

I have to acknowledge the receipt of yours of the 5th Ins and in reply, I beg to state for the information of his Excellency the Gov that the proceedings of the Inquest on the body of John Kelly p Hero, are in the hands of the Atty Genl. from the knowledge I had of the decd Kelly, I am convinced, that had not George Stotter acted in the prompt manner that he did in shooting Kelly, that Kelly would have shot a free immigrant from Bath(?), in the employ of Mrss Wilson.

I have the honor to be

Your Obed-t

W Dun

Coroner

To the
Hon'le Col Sec

Police Office
Paterson 26th Novembr. 1838

Sir

I have the honor to acquaint you for the information of His Excellency the Governor that the Prisoner named in the margin (John Kelly per "Hero" 1835 7 years) lately the assigned Servant of Mr James Bignall of the lower Paterson absconded on the 19th Inst. Taking with him a Gun, Powder and Shot belonging to a man named Watts, and that in the afternoon of the 21st He was met in the Bush by George Stotter per "Katharine Stewart Forbes" 1830 14 years, accompanied by James Eggins a free Emigrant who went in pursuit of him and that upon approaching, he Kelly levelled his Gun at Eggins, Stotter seeing that no time was to be lost and being aware that Kelly was charged with having committed a Rape on the Body of a Mrs King on the morning that he absconded, promptly fired at him which took effect and in consequence he died on the following morning the 22nd Inst. upon which day an Inquest was held upon the Body and a verdict returned of "Justifiable homicide".

Stotters conduct appears to me to have been such upon the occasion as to induce me to recommend him to His Excellency for a remittal of the remainder of his Sentence.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obt. Servt.
"Signed" Edwd. Johnstone J.P.

P.S. Stotter holds a Ticket of Leave for this Dist. and has uniformly borne a good character since his arrival in the Country.

"Signed" E. J. J.P.

To
The Principal Supt. of Convicts

(transcripts continue next page)

1 Decr.

Mr Belcher report

George Stotter per K.T. Forbes 1830 was Tried at Berks Ass. 25 July 1829

Sentence 14 years. Obtained a Ticket of Leave for Paterson dated 3 June 1837 which he still holds.

Signed W.E.B.
10 Decr./38

Mr. Kingdon Police History

Stotters name is as returned by the Paterson Bench for a Ticket of leave in September 1836, but was then refused, not being entitled from the following punishments until February 1839

“Decr 20th 1830. Seven days Treadmill. Insolent and disobedient

Feby 22 1831 Twenty Eight days Treadmill. Absent and disobedient

Augt. 27 1833 Fifty Lashes – Absconding

In February 1837 another application was forwarded and strongly recommended by the Paterson Bench (Stotter having since his first application for Indulgence was made) apprehended two notorious offenders on which in June 1837 he obtained a Ticket of Leave.

Nothing since recorded
(Signed) H.F.K.

Let me have the proceedings before the Coroner

(Signed) G.G.
Decr. 15

The Coroner Paterson
Jany 5 1839

Let him be recommended for
a Conditional Pardon
39/873
Signed G.G.
Feby. 11

General information

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