

WAGGONER, John

Variations :

Alias :

Ship	Date arrived (Sydney)
Minerva	16 December 1821

Shipping indent(s)

Fiche	Page	Reel	Shelf	Type
646	437		4/4007	Bound

Trial (place, date)	Prev conv	Offence	Sentence
York (city) Assizes 10 March 1821		Stealing 12 pieces of woollen cloth valued at £40	Life (death, R)
Notes: Source = bound indent & PRO London, Crown Minute Book for the City of York Assizes, Lent 1821, ASSI 41/12.			

Age	Marr/S	Child'n	Relig	Educ	Native place	Country
18			Cath		York	England
Notes: Source = bound indent. Religion source = 1828 Census NSW						

Trade or calling	Height	Complexion	Hair	Eyes
Coachsmith	5'3 3/4	Ruddy	Brown	hazel
Notes: Source = bound indent				
Other arrival info (eg ships musters & papers):				

Assignment

To JP Webber [Tocal] March 1822 (one of the first four convicts) – see Col Sec below	
To J Cobb Maitland 1838 (see 1837 Muster below)	
At Tocal: 1822-30	Tocal occupation: labourer

Freedom (year, details)

T.O.L.	30/765, 8 November 1830 Patersons Plains, 4/4077 [reel 914]. Cancelled 1 May 1834 for Gross Prevarication [corrupt action in a court of law]
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Colonial crime & secondary punishment

Date	Offence	In service of	Punishment
1833	Tippling in an unlicensed house and gross prevarication	TOL	TOL withdrawn
1838	Acquitted of murder on grounds of insanity		

Sources: see Col Sec below

Colonial Secretary's correspondence

<p>1822 Mar 4 On list of prisoners assigned, to JP Webber [Tocal]. (Fiche 3291/reel 586; 4/4570D p.127) The above assignment information is repeated at 4/4521 [reel 586]</p> <p>1823 Sep 11 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 Wm Shields (Surry). (Reel 6011; 4/3509 p.230)</p> <p>1832 Aug 27 John Waggoner per Minerva, TOL holder, recommended for appointment as Police Constable at Patersons Plains by JP Webber JP and PN Anley JP[local magistrates]. "Waggoner is 29 years of age can read and write, and is a very well conducted man". SR. CSIL 32/6518, 4/2154.</p> <p>1833 Sep 30 Maitland Court of Petty Sessions recommended "the dismissal of Constable Waggoner of the Paterson's Plains Establishment, who has been found guilty of tippling in an unlicensed house and also sentenced by the same court to be dismissed of his Ticket of Leave for being guilty of gross prevarication in giving evidence against the proprietor of that House". Notation on letter "Governor's decision... approved... removed as Constable... notified 22 Oct 1833". SR. CSIL 33/6593, 4/2203.3. Other papers relating to the above incident are in CSLS 4/3679 p34 & 464 [reel 1047]</p> <p>1838 May 18 Acquitted of Murder by the Sydney Supreme Court 8 May 1838 "on the ground that he</p>
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was of unsound mind at the time of committing the Act"... "Perhaps Your Excellency will be pleased to give order for the unhappy man, to be removed to the Lunatic Asylum". This was approved by G Gipps, NSW Governor on 18 May 1838. SR. CSIL 38/3030 included in 40/5050 4/2493.1 [reel 743]
1838 May 21, 23. John Waggoner, tried and acquitted of the murder of James Heron, on the grounds of an unsound mind, be removed from his present place of confinement to the Lunatic Asylum. SR, CSLS to the Sheriff 4/3900 p356 [reel 1064].
1838 July John Waggoner, age 38, ship *Minerva*, was admitted to the Liverpool Lunatic Asylum on 29 May 1838. SR. Lunatic Asylum Liverpool. Monthly Report of Lunatics July 1838. 38/8205, 4/2401.5
1839 June 10 John Waggoner, *Minerva*, committed by the Supreme Court "decidedly insane and dangerous. Murder". SR. Nominal List of Patients Confined by Criminal Courts at the Lunatic Asylum Tarban Creek. SR 39/6674, 4/2493.

NSW Census/musters

1822	C, life, Govt employ, Newcastle
1823-25	C, life, Govt servant to Mr Webber, Newcastle
1828	C, age 25 yrs, Catholic, labourer, Markham [Tocal], Patersons Plains, employed by Webber
1837	Age33, assigned to John Cobb, Maitland

Colonial marriage

Date	Place	To whom	BDM index reference
Permission to marry:			

Death

Date	Place	Age	BDM index reference
13 May 1844	Lunatic Asylum, Hunters Hill. Buried at St Anne's, Ryde	40	V1844 484 29

Timeline

Date	Event
1821 Dec	Arrived Sydney
1822 Mar	Assigned to JP Webber at Tocal
1830 Nov	TOL Patersons Plains
1832 Aug	Appointed Police Constable at Patersons Plains
1833 Oct	Dismissed as Constable and TOL withdrawn
1838 May	Acquitted of murder on grounds of insanity and placed in a lunatic asylum
1844 May	Died at the Tarban Creek Lunatic Asylum and buried at St Anne's Ryde.

Other (source, details)

The Australian 21 September 1832. John Waggoner appointed constable at Patersons Plains. NSWGG 1832 p301. Col Sec Office 17 September 1832, Police Paterson's Plains: John Waggoner, per *Minerva* holding TOL to be Constable from 27th Ultimo vice WC Stewart, dismissed for disobedience.
 SR. Newcastle Gaol Entrance Book 1838-1839, 2/2006 [reel 756]. Admitted 7 April 1838 from Invermein, committed for murder and forwarded to Sydney Gaol 13 April 1838.

Keywords

Constable

General information

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