

BUCHANAN, James

Variations : BUCHANNAN

Ship	Date arrived (Sydney)
Hashemy	9 June 1849
Shipping indent has not survived	

Trial (place, date)	Offence	Sentence
Edinburgh Court of Justiciary 21 Dec 1846	perjury	7 years
Notes: Source = SRNSW index to convict exiles. Also SRNSW "Hashemy Convict Ships – Exiles", 4/4526 (reel 704).		

Assignment

Hired by Mr J Eales for one year at £13 per annum 12 June 1849 (same day as ToL issued).
With Eales: 1849-1850

Freedom (year, details)

T.O.L.	49/280, 12 June 1849, 4/4217 (reel 962), Maitland TOLPPT 49/392, 4/4273 (reel 979), 17 October 1849, allowed to remain at Liverpool Plains in the service of Mr John Eales. 51/29, 16 January 1851, 4/4224 (reel 964), Yass
C.P.	
C.O.F.	

Colonial crime & secondary punishment

Date	Offence	Punishment
5 Dec 1850	neglecting to report his place of presence	7 days cells
27 Nov 1849	Drunkenness	fined 5/- by Murrurundi Bench
7 Mar 1850	Absence from service	ToL cancelled
25 Feb 1851	Absent from district without authority	ToL cancelled (2nd ticket)
Sources: SRNSW "Hashemy Convict Ships – Exiles", 4/4526 (reel 704).		

Colonial Secretary's correspondence

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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
9 June 1849	Arrived Sydney
12 June 1849	Granted a ticket-of-leave for the Maitland district
12 June 1849	Hired by John Eales for one year at £13 per annum
27 Nov 1849	Drunkenness, fined 5/- by the Murrurundi Bench (same for Peter Wright)
7 Mar 1850	Absence from service (and losing sheep), ticket-of-leave cancelled
1851	Ticket-of-leave restored, for the Yass district
25 Feb 1851	Absent from district without authority, ticket-of-leave cancelled

Other (source, details)

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Maitland Mercury 3 April 1850 p1

The tickets of leave of the undermentioned prisoners of the crown have been cancelled for the reasons stated opposite their respective names :

Hugh Baird, Randolph, breach of the Master and hired Servants Act, and wilfully losing his master's sheep ; Warialda bench

William Southwell, Randolph/ breach of the Master and hired Servants Act, and wilfully losing his master's sheep ; Warialda bench.

William Wiggs, Randolph, breach of the Master and hired Servants Act, and wilfully losing his masters sheep ; Warialda bench.

William Pettigrew, Randolph, breach of the Master and hired Servants Act, and wilfully losing his master's sheep ; Maitland bench.

James Buchanan, Hashemy, breach of the Master and hired Servants Act, and wilfully losing his master's sheep ; Maitland bench.

General information

This document is part of research undertaken by Brian Walsh on the convicts assigned to John Eales and the ticket-of-leave holders who worked for him. Please do not email or upload/post this document online without acknowledgement. For further information and contact details see:

www.patersonriver.com.au/ealesconvicts

A book on John Eales' convicts titled '*Toil and Trouble from Maitland to Moreton Bay*' is available from Paterson Historical Society, see:

www.patersonhistory.org.au

Maitland Mercury 20 February 1850 p2

The 'New Ticket of Leave Holders.-A week or two back Mr. J. Eales sent one of the Randolph ticket-of-leave holders in his employ before the bench, where the superintendent deposed that the man had been disobedient to orders; he was sentenced to forty-eight hours in the cells, and ordered to return to his service -Yesterday James Buchannan, a ticket-of leave holder per Hashemy, was brought before the bench ; and it appeared by the evidence of Mr. Eales's superintendent that Buchannan was in Mr. Eales's service under a written agreement, but had **absconded** on Saturday last, and did not return till Monday evening; Mr. Eales now wished to return Buchannan to government. The bench ordered Buchannan to be returned to government accordingly.

Maitland Mercury 10 July 1850 p2

The second case was John Mash v. John Eales. Mash, a ticket-of-leave holder per Hashemy, had hired with Mr. Eales for twelve months, at £13 per year; he had served the year, and he now claimed £8 14s. 9d. balance of wages, which he said was owing to him ; he had applied to Mr. Eales for a settle- ment, but Mr. Eales told him he (Mash) was in debt, instead of there being anything coming to him. In defence Mr. Eales was sworn, and deposed that he had explained the account pro- duced to Mash when he applied to him ; Mash and another man named **Buchanan** were entrusted with a flock of valuable Merino sheep to take to Liverpool Plains ; by wilful neglect they lost many of them, and Mr. Humphreys, his superintendent, arranged with the two men that they should each pay £6 out of their wages rather than be prosecuted, and he now produced the agreement signed by the two men, to that effect; Mash had been a very idle man, and had been fre- quently sick, and in the account produced the days he was thus absent from work were charged to him at something over 2s. 6d. per

day ; a bill for £2 4s. had also been sent in for Mash for the hospital ; and these with other charges for stores &c., and cash paid, made the amount against Mash £19 4s. 2d. The bench read over these items to Mash, and he admitted, more or less directly, the correctness of nearly all of them, but said that he did not know what he was signing when he put his mark to the sheep agreement, and that the sheep were lost, if it were true that there were any missing from the flock, through their not being provided with proper dogs. The bench told Mash the account was £34s. 6d. against him, instead of being in his favor, and they dismissed the case.

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