

FORRESTER, James

Variations :

Alias :

Ship	Date arrived (Sydney)
Lady Harewood	5 August 1832

Shipping indent(s)

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Trial (place, date)	Prev conv	Offence	Sentence
Middlesex Gaol Delivery 8 September 1831	Nil	Stealing in dwelling house	7 years
Notes: Source = indent			

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

Trade or calling	Height	Complexion	Hair	Eyes
Butcher	5' 8 qrt	Ruddy	Brown	hazel
Tattoos:				
Other features: carotty whiskers, scar back of left jaw				
Notes: Source = indent				
Other arrival info (eg ships musters & papers):				

Assignment

On arrival (August), to JP Webber, Tocal, as per GG 28 November 1832 p423 and SG 29 November 1832 p1.
With Eales: ←1837→

Freedom (year, details)

T.O.L.	50/26 Mudgee 1 August 1850, 4/4227 [reel 891]. Indicated tried at Maitland Quarter Session 9 October 1848 and sentenced to five years.
C.O.F.	38/1037, 1 December 1838, 4/4345 [reel 1002].

Colonial crime & secondary punishment

Date	Offence	In service of	Punishment
1848 Oct	Horse Stealing	Free	5 years
Sources: Notation on TOL butt & MM (see below)			

Colonial Secretary's correspondence

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NSW Census/musters

1837	Age 27, with John Eales, Maitland, freed.
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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
1832 Aug	Arrived Sydney and assigned to JP Webber, Tocal
1836 Feb	Assigned to Mr Clerk, Newcastle
1836/37	With John Eales, Maitland
1838 Dec	COF
1848 Oct	Sentenced to 5 years for stealing a horse
1850	TOL for Mudgee

Other (source, details)

GG August 1832. Forrester, James, Lady Harewood, butcher, to JP Webber, Tocal. SR, Newcastle Bench Books 1835-1836, 4/5608 [reel 2722] p545. James Forrester, assigned servant to Mr Clerk, Newcastle, gave evidence 16 February 1836. [**note, there is only one James Forrester convict to NSW**].

MM 11 October 1848 p2. James Forrester found guilty of stealing a mare at Corinda, the property of A Lang.

SR, Darlinghurst Gaol Entrance Book 1844-1849, 4/6441 [reel 854]. Admitted (#1316) 18 October 1848 from QS Maitland for labour in roads, I Gang. Disposed Lab on Rds to Cockatoo Island 23 October 1848.

Keywords

Butcher, Cockatoo Island, Iron gang

Results from "Free Settler or Felon" web site: <http://www.jenwilletts.com/search.htm>

Forrester	James	1836 16 February	Newcastle	BB	Assigned servant of Mr. Clerk
Forrester	James	1847 19 June	Maitland	MM	Fined 20/- for assaulting Constable Rushton
Forrester	James	1848 7 October	Tamworth	MM	To be tried at Maitland Quarter Sessions for horse stealing
Forrester	James	1848 11 October	Maitland	MM	Remanded for sentence after being found guilty of stealing a horse belonging to Archibald Bell
Forrester	James	1848 11 October	Maitland	MM	Sentenced to 5yrs labour on the roads for horse stealing

Proceedings of the Old Bailey (www.oldbaileyonline.org)

JAMES FORRESTER, Theft > simple larceny, 8th September 1831.

1650. JAMES FORRESTER was indicted for stealing, on the 30th of June , 1 pair of trousers, value 1l.; 1 waistcoat, value 10s.; 2 handkerchiefs, value 5s.; 1 gold ring, value 5s., and 2 sovereigns , the property of John Welsford .

JOHN WELSFORD. I lodge in Rupert-street - the prisoner slept in the same bed with me for one week - another man slept in another bed in the room. On Wednesday night I saw all my property safe in my box, at the foot of the bed; I went out about six o'clock in the morning, returned about nine, and missed this property - the box had been forced open; one sovereign was a dark colour, and had not the George and dragon on it - the other had, and was disfigured on the edge; I had looked at it, thinking it was not good - (looking at two sovereigns) this one I can swear to; I have not found my clothes.

Cross-examined by MR. LEE. Q. Do many persons lodge in the house? A. Three besides the prisoner - the room door was not kept locked; the other lodgers were not in the habit of

coming home till night - I went out first in the morning; I saw the things there at night, but not the sovereigns - I had put them into the trunk on Monday.

MARK MERRITT . I am a Policeman. I took the prisoner about twelve o'clock that day, and got these two sovereigns from him, and 15s.

JOHN WELSFORD . I know this to be one of the sovereigns which was in my box, by this mark at the edge; I had looked at it particularly, and being a gilder by trade, I thought it was a gilt one - I can swear the other sovereign was a darker colour, and had not the George and dragon; this is one of that description, but I will not swear to this.

JOHN CHAPMAN . I slept in the same room with the prosecutor; the prisoner and the landlord's son slept in the same room - I got up at a quarter to seven o'clock that morning; the landlord's son got up at the same time - we left the prisoner in bed; there was then a basket on the prosecutor's trunk, and nothing seemed to be out of its place.

REBECCA SNELL. I keep the house. Welsford came down about a quarter past six o'clock that morning; Chapman and my son came down together at a quarter to seven - the prisoner did not come down till a few minutes after eight, but I had heard him about for an hour before; there had been no one else in the house, but myself and my husband - I am quite sure nobody went up stairs nor came down till the prisoner came down; I went up to make the beds about half an hour after he left, and am certain nobody had been in the house - when I went up I saw the basket on the floor, and the lock hanging to the box; my house stands back in a yard, and consists of three rooms, one above the other - there is no passage; the stairs come down into the room which I was in that morning - I was ironing, and never left the room; I sent for the prosecutor, who came home and discovered his loss - I did not leave the house till he came home; I went to several pawnbrokers, and while there the prisoner came into one, and was taken.

Cross-examined. Q. Do you let lodgings by the night? A. No, none are less than weekly lodgers; the prisoner came on the 22nd of June - when he came down he said, "My week's rent is up to-day?" I said, "No, not till tomorrow;" he just spoke as he went through, but did not stop - he must have had the property about him then, but I was busy; he had no bundle.

GUILTY . Aged 23. - Transported for Seven Years .

General information

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