

WILSON, John

Variations :

Ship	Date arrived (Sydney)
Ocean	27 August 1823

Shipping indent(s)

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Trial (place, date)	Prev conv	Offence	Sentence
Middlesex Gaol Delivery 7 July 1819		picking pocket	life
Notes: Source = indent.			

Age	Marr/S	Child'n	Relig	Educ	Native place	Country
21			Prot		Edinburgh	Scotland
Notes: Source = indent. Religion from 1828 Census						

Trade or calling	Height	Complexion	Hair	Eyes
painter	5' 8qrt	brown	dark flaxen	grey
Notes: Source = indent				
Other arrival info (eg ships musters & papers):				

Note: there are three John Wilson's on the Ocean 1823. Two can be eliminated by age when matching to the 1828 census entry for Eales. The 14 year sentence in the census for this John Wilson is incorrect (none of the 3 had a 14 year sentence).

Assignment

by 1828 assigned to John Eales, Swan Reach, Hunter River.	
With Eales: ←1828-1834	Occupation (1828): labourer

Freedom (year, details)

T.O.L.	34/1607, 4/4096 [reel 922] Maitland, tried MGD 41/255, 4/4148 [reel 939] Scone, tried MGD
C.P.	1 Jan 1842
C.O.F	

Colonial crime & secondary punishment

Date	Offence	In service of	Punishment
1825 July	drunkenness, furiously driving and ill-using a horse	?	"10 days"
1827 July	absent from Barracks one night	?	lumbered 3 months
Sources: see assignment & TOL above, and Col Sec & 'other' below			

Colonial Secretary's correspondence

WILSON, John. Per "Ocean", 1823; three convicts of this name by this ship	
1823 Sep 2	On list of convicts landed from the "Ocean" and forwarded to Airs for distribution (Reel 6011; 4/3509 p.163)
1823 Sep 12	On list of prisoners assigned (Fiche 3291; 4/4570D p.132)
1825 Jan 26, Mar 2	Servant to Joseph Willmot of Castlereagh Street. Petition by Willmot for mitigation of sentence of Wilson (Fiche 3251; 4/1875 p.199)
1825 Jan 27	Servant of Reuben Uther, hatter of Pitt Street. Petition for free passage for his wife Mary and two children (Fiche 3288; 4/1112.1A pp.401-3). [not likely Eales' man]
1825 Mar 10	Re exemplary conduct during illness of Mrs Willmot (Reel 6014; 4/3513 p.582)

CS In-letter 30/3302 in 4/2072, 28 April 1830, to Gov Ralph Darling, the humble petition of John Wilson per *Ocean* [*but which one???*], has been in the Colony nearly 8 years, never been guilty of any misdemeanour, seeking a "ticket of exemption", references of good conduct supplied by Jos Willmot, W (M?) Bland in whose service Wilson was for upwards of 2 years, and George Porter (also in his services for 2 years). Notation (report on this character from the official records): 15 July 1825, 10 days for drunkenness, furiously driving and ill using a horse; 2 July 1827 lumbered 3 months for absenting himself from Barracks one night (even this report noted 3 John Wilsons on the *Ocean*, do this indicate some uncertainty for which man these offences refer to??).

CSLS 4/3682, 17 June 1836, p205 (reel 1049). Re John Wilson per *Ocean* 3, TOL 34/1607 transferred from Maitland to Invermein district.

26/2023 in 4/1887 reel 6078. 3 April 1826 from Elizabeth Cox requesting assignment of John Wilson, a coachman per ship *Ocean*, now in a road party.

This coachman is not the correct John Wilson.

27/5446 in 4/1934. Ultimo 1 June 1827 to Col Sec from MA Stephen requesting to retain assignment of John Wilson, a coachman per ship *Ocean*, "a coachman and the very best in the Colony". **This coachman is not the correct John Wilson.**

NSW Census/musters

1823-25	inconclusive due to the 3 John Wilson's on the <i>Ocean</i> 1823
1828	26 GS Protestant labourer, assigned to John Eales, Swan Reach, Hunter River
1837	not found (prob because TOL 1834)

Colonial marriage

Date	Place	To whom	BDM index reference
Permission to marry:			

Death

Date	Place	Age	BDM index reference

Timeline

Date	Event
July 1819	Tried London for picking pockets, life sentence
Aug 1823	Arrived Sydney
By 1828	Assigned to John Eales, Swan Reach
Dec 1834	Ticket of Leave
Jan 1842	Conditional Pardon

Other (source, details)

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Keywords

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

JOHN WILSON, Theft > pocketpicking, 7th July 1819.

924. JOHN WILSON was indicted for stealing, on the 17th of June, one handkerchief, value 5 s., the property of Marshall Robinson, Esq., from his person.

MARSHALL ROBINSON, ESQ. On the 17th of June, about one o'clock in the day, I was walking in Bedford-square, felt something pull my coat behind, turned round, and charged the prisoner with picking my pocket - he had his hand behind his back - I took hold of him, and he instantly gave me my handkerchief, said he was very sorry, but he did it from distress, and if I would let him go he would never do so again; two others were with him, who went off. I took him to Marlborough-street.

(Property produced and sworn to.)

Prisoner's Defence. Two men were following the gentleman, one of them threw the handkerchief over his shoulder, and I picked it up.

(Property produced and sworn to.)

GUILTY . Aged 16.

Transported for Life .

Second Middlesex Jury, before Mr. Recorder.

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

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