

COTTON, James

Variations :

Ship	Date arrived (Sydney)
Mangles	6 July 1824

Shipping indent(s)

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Trial (place, date)	Prev conv	Offence	Sentence
London Gaol Delivery 10 Sept 1823		Stealing a handkerchief	life

Notes: Source = indent and Old Bailey trial proceedings.

Age	Marr/S	Child'n	Relig	Educ	Native place	Country
18			cath			

Notes: Source = indent and 1828 census

Trade or calling	Height	Complexion	Hair	Eyes
Indoor servant	5' 2"	pale	brown	hazel

Notes: Source = Lists of Convicts with Particulars, CO207/9(UK), CO207-1-3(Aust)

Other arrival info (eg ships musters & papers):

Assignment

On arrival July 1824, to Mrs Clarke, Pitt Street (as per CO207)
26 Nov 1824, to A.B. Spark, George St (as per Col Sec)
24 Dec 1824, to E.G. Cory, Newcastle (as per Col Sec)
With Eales: 1842-1843

Freedom (year, details)

T.O.L.	36/1258, 20 June 1836, 4/4105 (reel 925), Port Stephens district, altered to Port Macquarie February 1837, altered to Maitland July 1837, altered to Moreton Bay October 1843. TOLPPT 42/319, 4 March 1842, 4/4244 (reel 969). Allowed to proceed to Liverpool Plains in the service of Mr John Eales for 12 months.
C.P.	47/504, 30 July 1847, 4/4452 (reel 784) pp7-8
C.O.F.	

Colonial crime & secondary punishment

Date	Offence	In service of	Punishment
Feb 1826	absconding	E. Cory	
1830			iron gang

Sources: SG 25 February 1826 p4.

Colonial Secretary's correspondence

1824 Nov 23	Convict servant of Mr A B Spark. To be victualled from the Store at Newcastle for six months (Reel 6014; 4/3513 p.39)
1824 Nov 26, Dec 24	On list of prisoners assigned (Fiche 3290; 4/4570D p.16): 26 Nov to A.B. Spark, George St; 24 Dec to E.G. Cory, Newcastle.

NSW Census/musters

1823-25	
1828	COTHEN, 25, GS, Cath, labourer, E.G. Cory, Vineyard Cottage.
1837	(not found, was ToL)

Colonial marriage

Date	Place	To whom	BDM index reference
Permission to marry:			

Death

Date	Place	Age	BDM index reference

Timeline

Date	Event
July 1824	arrived in Sydney on the <i>Mangles</i> with a life sentence for stealing a handkerchief
July 1824	assigned on arrival to Mrs Clarke, Pitt Street
Nov 1824	re-assigned to A. B. Sparke, George St Sydney, worked for him at Newcastle
Dec 1824	re-assigned to E. G. Cory, Newcastle (actually on the Paterson River)
Feb 1826	absconded from E. Cory (evidently apprehended and returned)
Nov 1828	still with E.G. Cory at Patersons Plains
1830	in no.5 iron gang
June 1836	ticket-of-leave for Port Stephens, altered to Port Macquarie February 1837.
July 1837	ticket-of-leave altered to Maitland district (began working for Eales???)
Mar 1842	working for John Eales at Liverpool Plains for 12 months
Oct 1843	ticket-of-leave altered to Moreton Bay (working for Eales???)
July 1847	Gained a conditional pardon

Other (source, details)

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Keywords

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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

Proceedings of the Old Bailey

JAMES COTTON, Theft > pocketpicking, 10th September 1823.

1049. JAMES COTTON was indicted for stealing, on the 3d of July, a handkerchief, value 2 s. 6 d., the goods of Edward Brown, from his person.

THOMAS WITHEY. I am a constable. On the 3d of July, about five o'clock in the afternoon, I was coming along Hatton-garden, and saw the prisoner running furiously along, followed by Mr. Brown, and some other gentleman - before I could get up, the gentleman had caught him, and was bringing him back. I took him to the watch-house, Mr. Brown delivered the handkerchief to me.

MR. EDWARD BROWN. I belong to a public office, and live in Hunter-street, Brunswick-square. On the 3d of July, about five o'clock in the afternoon, I was going up Holborn towards home; and near Hatton-garden, I felt a slight touch at my back, turned round and saw a man (not the prisoner) who I suspected; I felt in my coat pocket, and missed my handkerchief. I then observed the prisoner running down Holborn-hill. I followed him; he turned into Ely-place, and when he entered a passage leading into Hatton-garden, I had got very close to him, and he dropped my handkerchief. I picked it up, continued the pursuit, and finding he gained ground, I called out - a gentleman followed - he turned round Charles-street, and in a gateway

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there was taken. I only lost sight of him as he turned the corners, and have no doubt of him. (Property produced and sworn to.)

Prisoner's Defence. I happened to be passing the corner of Bleeding Heart-yard, when a gentleman said he wanted me, and detained me till the prosecutor came up - and at the office he said he could not swear to my picking his pocket.

GUILTY . Aged 18, Transported for Life .

Sydney Gazette 25 February 1826 p4, list of convicts absconded:

1. Cotton James, Mangles, 20, 5 feet 2 and a half,
dark hazle eyes, brown hair, pale comp. from Edw. Cory,
Hunter's River.

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