

JOHN HOGAN

One of 250 Convicts Transported on "Ratcliffe" 1848
Sentenced to 7 years at Cornwall Assizes
Transported to Van Diemen's Land

NAME: JOHN HOGAN
AGE: 23 – born about 1823
NATIVE PLACE: Munster-Northern Ireland

TRIED: 1 August 1846, Cornwall Assizes
TRIED WITH: Thomas Conboy and John Oram (both also onboard "Ratcliffe")
SENTENCE: 7 Years - Sentence to be computed from 4 August 1846
CRIME: Stealing clothing

GAOL REPORT: 1st conviction
HULK REPORT: Good

SHIP: Ratcliffe (second voyage) – departed Spithead 29 July 1848, arrived Hobart 12 November 1848, a voyage of 106 days, carrying 250 male convicts (248 landed). Master Phillipson, Surgeon John Gibson

SURGEON'S GENERAL COMMENTS: (Folios 14-15) - The numerous cases of diarrhoea on board was attributed by the surgeon to the change of diet. The guard, convicts and seamen all suffered more or less from the disease at Spithead and in the Channel. On approaching the Cape and the Colony the disease appeared again from the sudden vicissitude of climate. The surgeon suggested that warmer clothing should be allowed. Included in the general remarks is a table of the average height of the thermometer and barometer and remarks about the weather during the period of the voyage, and also regulations for the guidance of the convicts on board set up by the surgeon.

RELIGION: Roman Catholic
LITERACY: Can read and write a little

FAMILY –
Marital status: Single
Brothers: Michael, Thomas (America)
Sisters: Harriet and Bridget (Native Place), Kath (America)

DESCRIPTION –
Trade: Labourer
Height: 5' 10"
Age: 23
Complexion: Sallow
Head: Medium
Hair: Brown
Whiskers: None
Visage: Oval
Forehead: Medium
Eyebrows: Brown
Eyes: Grey
Nose: Medium
Mouth: Medium
Chin: Medium

Native Place: Munster
Remarks: Scar on left hip

TASMANIAN CONDUCT RECORD –

Crime:

Desertion and Stealing boots, stockings &c from my comrades – 2 indictments. Absent 30 days. Tried with Conboy and Horan (Oram)

Army Career:

3 years and 8 months in the 55th Regiment

Probation:

Offences and Sentences:

15 Nov 1850 – Constable, Swan Point – Misconduct in being insolent to Mr William Harris – Admonished

15 May 1851 – Constable, Swan Point – Misconduct in going into a public house and unnecessarily annoying the landlord - Admonished

Assignment:

16 Nov 1848 – Appointed as Constable

Ticket of Leave:

Conditional Pardon:

26 May 1849 – Refused

20 September 1850 - Recommended

9 September 1851 - Approved

DEPARTURES INDEX:

Not found

COLONIAL FAMILIES INDEX:

John Hogan, born 1823 in Ireland, died 1897 Launceston-Tas

DEATH:

Launceston Examiner, 4 August 1897 – Benevolent Asylum – The monthly report of the Superintendent (Mr T. Clements) as tabled at yesterday's meeting of the board of management, stated that on July 1 there were 207 inmates in the institution; admitted during the month, 18; discharged, 10; died, 8; remaining on 1st inst, 207; of which 153 were males, and 54 females. The deaths during July were – Benjamin Brown, native of West Indies, aged 53; Michael McGuire, Ireland, 82; William Cropper, England, 78; Augustus Knight, England, 64; John Hogan, Ireland, 74; Thomas Hampson, England, 79; Mary Sissons, England, 66; Margaret Sabin, Wales, 77; the average age of the males being 71 years eight months; and that of the females 71 years six months.

Ancestry.com – John Hogan, died 19 July 1897, Tasmania, aged 74 years (registered Launceston 189)

NEWSPAPER REPORTS –

CORNWALL ROYAL GAZETTE, 31 JULY 1846 - To be tried at Cornwall Summer Assizes, John Hogan and John Oram for stealing money and clothes from Charles Woolcock of Tavistock a miner; also stealing money, clothes and a watch from Wm. Coleenso of Tavistock miner; same two prisoners along with Thomas Conboy with stealing various articles of clothing &c from William Harvey of South-Petherwin, and James Coumbe of Northill

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WEST BRITON, 7 AUGUST 1846 – SUMMER ASSIZES – CROWN COURT, Tuesday, August 4, before Mr Justice Erle -

JOHN HOGAN, 20, JOHN ORAM, 20, and THOMAS CONBOY, 21, were indicted for stealing, on the 16th of July, a pair of boots, a brass pound weight, two pieces of silk, and some lamb, the property of WILLIAM HARVEY, of South Petherwin.

MARY BATT, the servant of the prosecutor, said she recollected the three prisoners coming into her master's house; they went into the front room, called the club-room. They had something to drink, and after they were gone she missed the articles named in the indictment, the whole of which she had previously seen in the room.

WILLIAM DINGLE said he had apprehended the prisoners; he took Oram first, and found upon him the boots and piece of silk. The other two prisoners, Hogan and Conboy, were caught in a wood; he found the neck of lamb in Hogan's possession. The jury found Hogan and Oram Guilty, but Acquitted Conboy.

The same three prisoners were then charged on a second indictment, with having stolen, on the 16th of July, in the parish of Northhill, seven stockings, a cloth cap, and a shawl, the property of JAMES COOMBE. The prosecutor stated that he was a cooper, living with his mother, who keeps the Ring of Bells public house. He recollected the prisoners coming into his mother's house and calling for some cider and one of them had some spirit and water. Witness left the house before the prisoners went away.

JANE COUMBE said she lived at the Ring of Bells, and recollected the prisoners coming there on the 16th of July, and calling for some refreshment. After they were gone she missed some stockings, a cap, a shawl, which she had previously seen in the room where they had been drinking. She ran after them, and charged them with having her son's cap; they said they had not, one of them had put it in the cupboard. Constable DINGLE then came up, and the prisoner Conboy returned with him to the house, but the cap was not there. The constable afterwards brought them all back, and the cap and other things were recovered.

JOHN COODE, living at Northhill, said he saw the three men in the village on the 16th of July, and had some conversation with them. Not liking their appearance he followed them at some distance, and observed them when they thought they were out of sight begin to run. Witness saw constable Dingle afterwards, who required his assistance, and witness mounted a horse and rode after them. When he overtook Hogan and Oram he called to them to stop, but Oram lifted his stick and said no one should stop him. Some other men, however, being near on the road, witness succeeded in taking him. GORGE DAW, a shoemaker, gave a very interesting account of the chace and capture of one of the prisoners, and deposed, as did also the preceding witness, to the finding of some stockings, a jacket, &c.

CONSTABLE DINGLE said he was sent for by Mr. Coumbe, and took Conboy; Oram and Hogan secreted themselves in a wood, but were afterwards found and brought back to the Ring of Bells. The jury found all three prisoners Guilty, upon this indictment. There were two other indictments against Hogan, for stealing various articles at Tavistock, the property of CHARLES WOOLCOCK and of WILLIAM COLENSO. These indictments, however, were not tried. The learned Judge said it appeared from the depositions that the prisoners were soldiers, who had deserted from their regiments, and had since employed themselves in stealing. He should not be doing his duty to suffer such dangerous men to remain in the country, and should therefore sentence them each to Seven Years' Transportation.

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