

CONVICT RECORD (Archives Office of Tasmania)

BLYTH(E), ROBERT 2244

Born	c. 1818
Native Port:	Norwich, Norfolk, England
Tried:	York Quarter Sessions, England on 5th Jan 1841
Embarked on:	"Layton 4" on 20th Mar 1841
Arrived:	Van Diemens Land 1st Sep 1841
Sentence:	14 years transportation for larceny, part of a gang of thieves (including Father, James Blyth,) stole sacks of linen.
Marital Status:	Single
Trade:	Labourer
Complexion:	Sallow
Height:	5 ft 6 ins
Head:	Small
Age:	24 years
Hair:	Black
Religion:	Protestant
Whiskers:	B1 a c k
Read & write:	Both
Visage:	Long
Eyes:	Hazel
Eyebrows:	Black
Nose:	Small
Mouth:	Small
F o r e h e a d:	High retreating

Surgeons Report ; On "Layton" indifferent behaviour
Remarks: 21 Dec 1846 left for Norfolk Island from ?
26 Jan 1847 arrived Norfolk Island

Period reduced to 8 years, the instruction being conditional on good behaviour
21 Aug 1848
17 Jan 1852 F Synnot Bothwell
7 Sep 1852 Not to enter service in the district of Hobart Town or Launceston
19 Sept 1854 apply in 6 months for TL (Ticket of leave)
22 Jan 1856 Must hold TL for 2 years
Not to reside in the district of Hamilton
Petition for Free Pardon approved 28 Sept 1858

OFFENCES AND SENTENCES AFTER ARRIVAL IN VAN DIEMENS LAND:

20 May 1842 Misconduct guilty 4 days solitary
PGL (probation gang labour) exp? 15 Mar 1843
13 Nov 1845 Burglary guilty and committed for trial at Launceston on 2nd July 1846.
Crime being "Burglary, being armed and stealing 20 lbs tea, 40 lbs sugar, 40 lbs bacon, 9 coats, 5 waist coats and a silver watch

Found GUILTY and death verdict recorded and set for July 1846. To be transported for life and forwarded to Norfolk Island there to remain for ten years..... 15 July 1846.
Reprieved and sentenced to life transportation to Norfolk Island, left on 21 Dec 1846
Arrived Norfolk Island 26 Jan 1847.

OFFENCES AND SENTENCES AFTER ARRIVAL ON NORFOLK ISLAND:

25 Feb 1847 Disobedience 14 days solitary
12 Mar 1847 M i s c o n d u c t admonished
21 Oct 1851 Disobedience guilty 3 months solitary
10 Dec 1851 Insolence 2 months solitary
PH (pass holder) 10 Nov 1852
Left Norfolk Island to return to VDL 10 Nov 1852
Ticket of Leave 27 March 1855
Conditional Pardon July 1857
Free Pardon 6 Nov 1860
Prison Pardon 21 Dec 1865 destroyed and prison pardon issued ..Vide Co 21.12.65