Name James FORBES

Convict core details

Port Arthur Convict: Yes **Point Puer Convict:** No
Police Number: 15237
Surname: FORBES
First Name(s): James
Alias:
Ship(s): Sir George Seymour
Embarkation Date: 22/10/1844
Arrival Date: 27/2/1845
Age on arrival: 31
Trade: Farm laborer, can plough and rough shoemaker
Religion: Protestant
Marital Status: Single
Spouse:
Children:
Level of Literacy: Can read a little
Native Place: Inverness
Trial Place: Inverness Court of Justiciary
Trial Date: 20/4/1843
Transported for: Theft by cattle and horsestealing.
Stated this offence: Stealing a cow and a horse. Prosecutor Lachlan McQueen near Granton.
Sentence: 7 years
Prior convictions:

Gaol Report:
Hulk Report:
Surgeon's report: Very good.
Remarks: Father: Alexander; Mother: Jane; Brothers; John, George, Sandy; Sisters: Grace, Bell, Jane, Ellen, Jess. [All at] Native place.

HeightFt: 5
HeightIns: 10.25
Complexion: Fresh
Head: Large
Hair: Brown
Whiskers: Brown to red
Visage: Long
Forehead: Medium height
Eyebrows: Brown
Eyes: Hazel
Nose: Medium
Mouth: Medium
Chin: Long
Marks: Scar on back of left wrist, small scar on 3rd finger left hand.

References: Con 33/64 p. 15237; Con 39/2 p.295; Con 14/26 pp.168-169; Con 18/44.

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Offences

No	Date	Location/Situation	Offence Detail	Sentence
1	27/12/1845	Constable. Hobart	Absent without leave from his duty.	One calendar month imprisonment and hard labor [sic]. /W.C./ Approved Broad Marsh. Vide extract from General Sessions Police Report 2/1/1846.
2	9/1/1846	Hobart	Housebreaking. Breaking and entering the dwelling of Benjamin Bantick and stealing 2 pairs of trowsers [sic] value 10/- each and other articles his property.	Committed for trial. /P.M./. Tried Hobart Supreme Court 21/1/1846. Guilty of the larceny only. Vide return for January 1846. To be transported for 7 years. To be sent to Port Arthur for two years vide Colonial Secretary's Memo
3	1/4/1846	Port Arthur	Absconding.	30 days solitary confinement. /L.F.J., R.P.S./ Approved. Vide Lieutenant Governor's Decision 10/4/1846.
4	27/5/1847	Port Arthur	Misconduct in having a shirt, silk handkerchief and two pair of socks improperly in his possession.	Six months hard labor [sic] in chains. /W.C./ Approved 29/5/1847.
5	29/6/1847	Port Arthur	Idleness.	Existing sentence of hard labour in chains extended 14 days. /W.C./.
6	23/10/1847	Port Arthur	Refusing to work.	Existing sentence of hard labor [sic] in chains extended one month. /W.C./ Approved 23/10/1847.
7	25/10/1847	Port Arthur	Refusing to go to work.	Fourteen days solitary. /W.C./.
8	19/9/1848	Morrison. Pontville	Absconding.	Twelve months imprisonment and hard labor [sic] Prisoners' Barracks. /A.P.M. & E.F./ Approved Impression Bay 22/9/1848.

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9	14/10/1848	Cascades	Misconduct in shouting and hissing in his cell.	Six weeks probation recommended on expiration of existing sentence. /S.B./Not approved 21/10/1848.
10	2/12/1850	Hobart	Absent from his authorised residence.	14 days hard labor [sic]. /P.M./.
11	18/7/1851	Tried Hobart Town Supreme Court.	Uttering a forged £5 note with intent to defraud Thomas Holt.	To be transported for 20 years. 6 years probation at Norfolk Island. Lieutenant Governor's Decision on Judge's report 8/9/1851.
12	22/12/1851	Norfolk Island	Disobedience.	14 days hard labour chains. Entered from record from Norfolk Island.
13	13/3/1855	Port Arthur	Misconduct in giving onions out of Lieutenant Gray's garden to a soldier without authority.	Six months hard labour. /J.B./ Approved 29/3/1855.
14	24/11/1855	Hobart	Absconding.	Six months hard labour. /C.P.M. & E.A./ Approved 30/11/1855.
15	3/12/1858	Tried Hobart Town Supreme Court	Unlawfully presenting a pistol at Luke Kenny.	4 years penal servitude. /E.A./.
16	5/5/1862	Port Arthur	Absconding.	12 months hard labor [sic] in heavy chains. /__(?) & J.E./.
17	8/4/1862	Tried Supreme Court Hobart Town	Sheepstealing.	8 years penal servitude.
18	2/7/1863	Port Arthur	Absconding.	18 months hard labor [sic] in heavy chains to operate against task work credits. /J.B. & J.E./.
19	20/7/1863	Port Arthur	Misconduct in having the skin of a Government bullock improperly in his possession etc.	14 days solitary confinement. /J.E./.

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Locations/situations and levels of freedom

No.	Date	Location	Comments
1	6/3/1845		Sir Eardley Wilmot, 12 months.
2	-		Constable.
3	27/12/1845	Prisoners' Barracks	
4	7/1/1846	Prisoners' Barracks	
5	5/7/1848	Prisoners' Barracks	
6	11/7/1848	Spring Hill	
7	22/8/1848	Prisoners' Barracks	
8	28//8/1848	Hobart	A. Morrison.
9	5/9/1848	Gaol Pontville	
10	20/9/1848	Prisoners' Barracks	
11	27/9/1848	Cascades	
12	20/6/1849		Ordered to Port Arthur to be employed in the shoemaker's shop. Colonial Office 20/6/1849.
13	18/7/1849	Port Arthur	
14	17/10/1849	Prisoners' Barracks	
15	23/10/1849	Bothwell	Captain King.
16	5/12/1849	Prisoners' Barracks	and to Henry Lawson, Brisbane
17	8/1/1850	Prisoners' Barracks	and to Henry Lipscombe, Sandy Bay.
18	2/4/1850		Apply in 6 months for a Ticket of Leave.
19	2/12/1850	Prisoners' Barracks	
20	16/12/1850		Ticket of Leave.
21	16/6/1851	Gaol Hobart	
22	12/9/1851	Prisoners' Barracks	
23	23/9/1851	Port Arthur	
24	1/11/1851		To Norfolk Island.

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25	21/11/1851		Arrived Norfolk Island..
26	-/11/1854		Returned per Franklin November 1854, 14 months 11 days original and 14 days Norfolk Island time to complete.
27	29/5/1855		Probation to be computed from date of conviction __(?) of date of arrival at Norfolk Island. Colonial Office 29/5/1855.
28	24/10/1855	Prisoners' Barracks	
29	5/11/1855	Brighton	J. Kenmore (?).
30	4/12/1855		Gazetted. Reward £1.
31	10/3/1856	Prisoners' Barracks	
32	15/4/1856	New Norfolk	Huston.
33	23/4/1856		Absconded.
34	6/5/1856		Gazetted.
35	11/5/1858	Gaol Hobart	
36	15/12/1858	Port Arthur	
37	17/5/1859		10 days remitted. M.C. Colonial Office 17/5/1859.
38	12/4/1861		30 days remitted.
39	12/4/1862	Prisoners' Barracks	
40	23/4/1862	Port Arthur	
41	9/6/1862		Absconded.
42	23/10/1862	Prisoners' Barracks	
43	5/11/1862	Port Arthur	
44	21/5/1863		Absconded.
45	26/6/1863	Port Arthur	

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No.	Date	Freedom	Remark
1	20/8/1848	Probation Pass Holder	
2	3/9/1850	Ticket of Leave	

Death	Details of	Death Location
5/12/1866	Killed by falling of a tree at Long Bay, Port Arthur 5th December 1866.	Port Arthur