

Jonathan Harris / Axedale 3786-17

"Waterbury"

Number.	NAME.	Where Tried.	When Tried.	Height.	Age.	Sentence.	Religion.	Read or Write.	Married or Single.
	Barnett Joseph also Arthur Birmingham	Ammit Court Rooms No 100 for signature in N. B. Lane		5' 7 1/2"	33	15 Mo	M. P.	N.	M.
	Dooney Patrick	do do do	10. 4. 60 - 100 -	5' 11 1/2"	18	15 Mo	M. P.	N.	M.
	Harris Jonathan Junior	Birmingham D. P. Lane	10. 4. 60 - 100 -	5' 7 1/2"	19	15 Mo	M. P.	B.	S

27 April 1871 Mt Alexander Mail

MELBOURNE.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

Wednesday evening.

The funeral of Sir James Palmer took place to-day, and was largely attended, as a last testimony of respect by a number of gentlemen who had been his colleagues in Parliamentary business, and other institutions. His Excellency's carriage containing his Secretary also followed. The procession went from Hawthorn by way of the Treasury and Spring-street, and so on through the city to the cemetery.

The Chairmanship of Committees contest will I find represent a triangular duel, inasmuch as there are three aspirants in the field, Messrs F. L. Smyth, B. G. Davies, and G. V. Smith. The election will not probably take place till Tuesday. The Whip is still wielded by Mr Burt.

Messrs O'Brien and Jonathan Harris had an interview to-day with the President of Lands to represent that a certain piece of land which had been marked off as a racecourse at Axedale had been surveyed into allotments, with a view of its being sold by auction, and they as a deputation wished to express the wishes of the residents that the land should be reserved for its original intention. Mr Macpherson promised that if the facts were found to be as described, the land should not be sold.

In my report of the position of the members

WEDNESDAY, 4th OCTOBER,
At Three and Four o'clock,
On the Premises,
Corner Gore and Moor streets,
FITZROY,
Gold-street, near Johnston-street,
COLLINGWOOD.
VALUABLE FREEHOLD PROPERTIES.

GEORGE RUSHALL has received instructions from the executrix in the estate of the late **Jonathan Harris**, to Sell by Public Auction, on the premises, as above,

At three o'clock,

All that piece or parcel of land having a frontage of 40ft. to Gore-street by a depth of 31ft. 8in. along Moor-street, on which are erected two brick cottages of three rooms each (bring in a rental of £10 8s. per annum).

At four o'clock,

All that piece or parcel of land having a frontage of 30ft. to Gold-street, by a depth of 80ft. 5in. to a made right-of-way in rear 10ft. wide, on which are erected two brick buildings, containing three and four rooms each, and known as Sussex cottages (bring in a rental of £14 4s. per annum).

Terms at sale.

For further particulars apply at the rooms of the auctioneer; or to J. W. Rymer, solicitor, Pall Mall, Sandhurst. 3067

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THE CALIFORNIA MAIL. — The Sandhurst letters by the California mail arrived here last night, and will be delivered by the first post this morning. Another exemplification of the ignorance displayed by some persons in America and the mother country of the geography of Australia came to light in the form of a letter by this mail being addressed in a good business hand to "**Jonathan Harris**, bootmaker, Sandhurst, Victoria, Auckland, New Zealand."

fast disappearing no one seemed to think it his duty to put on paper the facts he is able to relate. As regards the Hustler's line, all that he had been able to gather so far was that the reef was first mined by one Jonathan Harris, in 1853. Jonathan sold his claim to the late Thomas Hustler and Latham and Watson, a claim having an area of 144 square feet. The first crushing, it is said, gave as much as 26 ozs to the ton on the average, and that some lots gave 100 ozs to the ton. He (the lecturer) well remembered the astonishment of the people of Melbourne when rich specimens from the claim were exhibited there in 1854. The same specimens were also shown at the first exhibition held in Melbourne in connection with the Paris Exhibition in 1855. There were also exhibited at the same time two models of quartz crushing machines by Mr. Hustler. Where were those models now? The first stamping machine used in Bendigo was of the rudest construction, being a "dolly," and the quartz must have been indeed rich when it paid the miners to work such an appliance. Subsequently other claims were added to that originally held, and the proprietors obtained a cake of gold weighing 1,270 ozs after three weeks' crushing. Messrs. Latham and Watson, who finally became the sole proprietors of these claims, went to work with energy, and displayed great intelligence in all that they did both below ground and above. They erected a stamping machine with a grating, but did not use quicksilver. Subsequently vast improvements were made in appliances, and Sandhurst owed a debt of gratitude to the energetic, able, and persevering men who in those days expended the money they received for their gold in machinery and prospecting operations. The drainage of the mines in the early days was a very serious matter involving great expense. Messrs. Latham and Watson boldly met the difficulty, and sunk a shaft deep enough to drain their mine. They penetrated to a depth of 450 feet, raised the water, and not only benefited themselves but others also. The small area lying between Commissioners' Gully and Ironbark Gully was very lively in old days, and it would gladden the eyes of many to see the like activity there once more. The plans and sections illustrative of the lecture, and which he submitted for their inspection were prepared by Mr. Arthur F. Walker some seven years ago, but whether any additions had been made to them he could not tell. They, however, sufficiently exhibit the formation

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In our reference to the first discovery of gold at the Hustler's Reef in our issue of the 15th November, we spoke of the discoverer, Mr. Jonathan Harris, as one of a numerous party of colored men. This was not correct. Mr. Harris was born in Sussex, England. His sons, Messrs Harris brothers, of Axedale, have furnished us with the following particulars -

'Jonathan Harris was born in Sussex England, and came out to Australia when seven years old. He spent his younger days in Sydney, and from there he went to Tasmania, and was a detective in police force. He captured one of the notorious bushrangers in Tasmania, and brought him 100 miles by coach to Hobart.

He left that position and went to the California diggings, and was there some time, and came to Bendigo and started digging for alluvial. He and his wife kept a store on the Third White Hill. One morning he said to Mrs Harris " I think I will take a walk to Eaglehawk"

He took his hammer with him , and on the way he came on a reef, now the old Hustler's , and the first piece he knocked off was covered with coarse gold. (We have the piece now) He worked the reef for some time, and then he got two American darkies to join him, and they worked it with gads and hammer, and got a lot of stuff out. There was no machinery to crush at that time, and he sold out to the American darkies, their names being Dunlop and Foster.

He then went home to England and took several boxes of fine specimens with him. Some he sold in Melbourne, and what he took home he got crushed in England. In those days it was crushed through rollers instead of stampers, but the machinery being new, he lost a good bit of the gold through it sticking to the rollers.

He speculated in England in rum, which he purchased from Lemonheart's big spirit store in London. Returning to Australia, he started business in Melbourne. He was there for some time, but, not getting his health, decided to take up land at Axedale.

We have the baton which he had when detective: also the Colt's revolver which he had in the mountains of California. In that country he saw stirring times. Besides encounters with grizzly bears and other things, he saw something of lynch law. Once he was in a fight on the diggers' side, the other side being the storekeepers. He got a couple of big bullets in his legs. Dr Wall (?) a well known Bendigonian, was the first man that landed Mr. Harris off the boat when he first came from England. Mrs Harris died two years ago on Christmas Day at Axedale, aged 84 years. "

23 MAR
1825
AGE 26



JONATHAN G HARRIS

BIRTH 1799 • Uckfield, Sussex, England

DEATH 4 OCT 1891 • Garden Street, Benalla, Victoria, Australia

Conviction

Sentenced to death - changed to Transportation.

Public Record Office, Chancery Lane

Sussex Assize Records, Lent Session 1825:-
(Home Circuit)

Indictments (Ref: ASSI35/265/5) Sussex Calendar, Lent Assizes, Horsham.
Wednesday 23rd March 1825.
before

Right Honourable. Sir William Alexander, Knight Lord Chief Baron of His Majesty's Court of the Exchequer.

Honourable. Sir Robert Graham, Knight & one of the Barons of the same Court.
James Henry Slater, Esquire., Sheriff.

For Trial No 31 Jonathan Harris alias Alcorn, Labourer.
Committed 28th February 1825 by Richard Ironmonger Esquire. Charged on the oath of Thomas Cobram & others, with burglariously breaking and entering the dwelling house of the said Thomas Cobram at Uckfield feloniously stealing there from six linen shifts, one mahogany desk & other articles value 40/- his property.

(ASSI34/52)

Charged with Burglary at Wivelandfield 24th January 1825. From John Knight & Ebenezer Knight goods valued at £18/13/-

Witnesses:	Prosecutor.	Costs: £1/1/-
	Mary Cobram.	6/4d
	John Cobatch.	"
	Joseph Jones.	"
	+ William Hallett.	"
	+ William Pilbeam.	"
	Jonathan Wize.	"
	Alexander Cheale.	"
	Isaac Wilmshurst & wife Elizabeth.	"
	Thomas King.	"
	++ Philadelphia Vinall.	"

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Charged with stealing at Buxted on 28th February 1825. Goods off persons unknown.

+ William Hallett & William Pilbeam were witnesses in this case also & the second charge of Jonathan Harris.

No record of sentence on Philadelphia possibly let off for giving kings evidence in Jonothans case.

(ASSI31/24) Thursday 24th March 1825 continued before the Lord Chief Baron
Jury say Guilty. No goods returned. Sentenced to be Hanged & Court
Judgement recorded.

Also 2nd charge. Jury say Not Guilty. Acquitted & reprieved for
Transportation for Life in Colony Beyond the seas.

Expect some more information next month from England.

With best regards,

Eric Betts.

23 Mar 1825 • Horsham - Sussex Lent Assizes

Yesterday four men were committed to take their trial for robbing one Alfred King, an old man, at Chillick's public house, on the Sydney road, of £47. The prisoners and prosecutor had come down the country from near Goulburn in company. Two of the prisoners have been sent to Hyde Park barracks to be identified; the other two Jonathan Harris and his son Jonathan, are committed. The father holds a ticket of leave. Six one pound notes, part of the property, were found concealed in one of the drays.—Correspondent.



THE HOBART TOWN GAZETTE.

TUESDAY, JUNE 6, 1848.

CONVICT DEPARTMENT.

June 5, 1848

It is hereby notified to the under-mentioned individuals, that it is the intention of his Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor to recommend them to the gracious consideration of her Majesty the Queen for conditional pardons:—

Connolly, Patrick, Lord Petre; Bowler, Thomas. Andromeda; Barrett, John, Westmoreland; Hall, Thomas, Anson; Porter, Henry, Susan 2; Houlder, William, Maria Some; Chandler, Robert, Layton 4; Hudson, William, Palmyra; Rowlands, Hugh, Lady Raffles; Maher, James, Duke of Richmond; Harris, Jonathan, Waterlily; Caravan, James, Marquis of Hastings; Tyler, John, Moffatt 3; Rowbottom, Henry, London; Giffin, Ann, Royal Admiral; Kelly, Ann, Rajah; Shipworth, Thomas Albert, Elphinstone; Drew, Thomas, Augusta Jessie; Griffiths, Marquis of Hastings; Baggott, Charles, Emily; Cook, Samuel, Equestrian; Garde, Isaac, Duncan; Leyfield, Noah, John Renwick; Moss, Joseph Henry, M. S. Elphinstone; Newton, William, Duncan; Radford, Edward, Barrosa; Turner, Emanuel, Lord Lyndoch 3; White, John, Lady Raffles.