

William ATKINS Alias Aldous

Ipswich Journal 1840

**SUFFOLK TRINITY SESSIONS,  
Sisteridge, July 6.**

*William Atkins alias Aldous, 19, convicted of having assaulted and robbed Wellington Catterwell, of Eye, and stealing a pocket knife, and other articles, his property; fifteen years transportation.*

Catterwell appears as 20 year-old Wellington CATERWELL in the 1841 Census and was living in Church Street Eye with his father John (70) and mother Frances (50).

Australian Convict Transportation Register for 1839-41:

Source: *Ancestry.co.uk*

*William Atkins alias Aldous*      *Q:*      *3<sup>rd</sup> July 1840*      *Fifteen years*

William Atkins alias Aldous, Suffolk Quarter Sessions 3rd July 1840, 15 years.

**Vessel:** Asia, sailed 24 April 1841. [Separate records have the ship Asia VI sailing from Portsmouth 17 April 1841 and arriving at Hobart 21 August 1841. Master John DAVISON, Surgeon Andrew Sinclair.]

**Destination:** Van Diemen's Land (Tasmania). Arrived 21 August 1841.

The Barque/Ship "Asia" was built at Aberdeen in 1819 and displaced 536 tons.

Conduct Registers of Male Convicts Arriving in the Period of the Probation System

Source: *Archives Office of Tasmania*

*Atkins W<sup>m</sup> alias. Aldous*  
*Fined Suffolk Q. J. 3<sup>rd</sup> July 1840 - 15 Yrs*  
*Embarked 6 April 1841 - Arrived 21<sup>st</sup> August 1841 -*  
*Protestant - Can neither read nor write -*

Number 1964

Tried 3 July 1840. Embarked 6 April 1841. Arrived 21 August 1841.  
Protestant - can neither read nor write.

Transported for stealing from the person. Gaol report previously convicted character & conduct very bad. Hulk's report good single (?). Stated this offence Highway Robbery fr Mr Carrawell. I took a watch & some money. He was a labouring man at my native place once ---- breaking into a butcher's shop. Single.

*[Also recorded here is the convict's own statement of his crime, which was taken by personal questioning on board ship before disembarkation and which usually expands the information formally recorded of the offence.]*

General conduct good.

Trade: farm labourer, ploughman

Height: 5' 5½"

Age: 21

Complexion: Fair

Head: large

Hair: sandy

Whiskers: sandy, very fair

Visage: long

Forehead: high -----

Eyebrows: dark brown

Eyes: grey

Nose: large

Mouth: medium

Chin: broad

Native place: Hoyer Nr. Diss Suffolk

Remarks: several large scars on breast. WA on back of rt. Hand. Several moles on arms.

Period of probation: Two years. 28/8/42 2 months (initialled). 6/11/43 two months from this ----- (initialled)

Station of Gang: Lovely Banks [*a probation station south of Oatlands on the road from Hobart to Launceston in the north*] 19/11/43 (initialled) 6/9/44 (initialled).

Class: 3rd 2nd PPH [*Probation Pass Holder*] 3 Class

Offences & sentences:

20 Oct 1842 Pro--- L Bks absent from work without leave. Seven days solitary (initialled)

1 July/ 43 P-- L Bks Misconduct when cook in appropriating (?) a portion of the rations. Eight Days Solitary (initialled).

6th January 1844 Ext<sup>d</sup> Term of Prob<sup>n</sup> Expired. [red ink]

6 June 1848 (initialled SL) [red ink]

18 Nov 48 L---- misconduct in not proceeding in accordance with his pass. Reprimanded.

10 Apr 51 Longfd (?) misconduct in being drunk when in charge of his master's wagon ----- 19/4/51.

14 July 52 Th / Longfd<sup>d</sup> / drunk. Fined 5/ /CA

8th April 54 Th / Long / drunk – Fined 5/ / CA / same date misconduct in offering a bribe of 1£ to a Constable to liberate him. 2 mo<sup>s</sup> hard lab<sup>r</sup> / CA / App<sup>d</sup> 15/4/54

26 Apl 55 Th / Long / Being an idle & disorderly person. Two mo<sup>s</sup> h<sup>o</sup> of corr<sup>n</sup> / CA / App<sup>d</sup> 4/5/55

Cert 6/7/55 Longford [*presumably certificate of freedom*]

Remarks are unreadable apart from the odd word and date.

### Convict Indent

Source: Archives Office of Tasmania

1964 no. 105 no. 105	Atkins William alias Aldous	Hoye, Near Diss, Suffolk	5' 5 1/2" 21	Ploman F Labor	o	-	P	R	Suffolk Q.S.
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3 <sup>rd</sup> July 1840.	Highway Robbery. p. Mr Carrawell - took a watch and some money. he was a labouring man at my Native place. once/over (?) 6 mo for breakg into a butcher's shop. Proper Name Atkins.	15	Good	F. William at Native place D.B. Anthony & David - 1st Eliza at 2 <sup>nd</sup> P.
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Native place: Hoye near Diss Suffolk

Height: 5' 5 1/2"

Age: 21

Trade or Calling: Ploman F Labor

Married or single: S

Children: -

Religion: P

Read or write: N

Where tried: Suffolk Q.S.

When tried: 3rd July 1840

Offence: Highway Robbery to Mr Carrawell - I took a watch and some money. he was a labouring man at my native place. once/over (?) 6 mo for breakg into a butcher's shop. Proper Name Atkins.

Sentence: 15

Surgeon's Report: Good

Remarks: F. William at Native Place. 2B Anthony & David 1S Eliza at NP

### And then ....

#### **'Permissions to Marry'**

ATKINS, William - free

GRANT, Isabella - ship Emma Eugenia (5th voyage)

[This was the ship's final trip as a convict transport. Mastered by F T Davies, departed London on 30 October 1850 and reached Hobart Town on 7 March 1851 with 170 female prisoners.]

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..... however Isabella GRANT (ex-Emma Eugenia) died on 12 Mar 1860 at Launceston, age 41.

Closest death:

#### **ATKINS, WILLIAM**

**Gender:** Male

**Birth:** 1818

**Marriage/Relationship:**

**Death:** 1863 - LONGFORD, Tasmania

### So who was he?

Possibilities:

- William (29) ATKINS was baptised at Eye on 10 February 1820, the illegitimate son of Sarah - probably Sarah (4). Susan (2) ATKINS married a John ALDOUS on 13 August 1822 - may be relevant.
- William ADKINS baptised 28 JUL 1820 at Bardwell, Suffolk. Son of William & Hannah. (8 Sep 1813 - marriage of William ATKIN and Hannah DAY at Bardwell. A William ADKINS also married Elizabeth FULLER at Bardwell in 1824.)