

Wanganui District Court Indictment Book 1860s

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Trial 20 Jun 1860

James Burnett, aged 25yrs, labourer was committed on 09 Jun 1860 – larceny

On 24 Dec 1858 two planes, one saw, one brace and bit, one compass, one oil stone, three chisels, one screw driver, and one pair of trousers of the value of £2 of the goods and chattels of Joseph Northover. On 26 Dec 1859 one gold watch chain of the value of £2 of the goods and chattels of John Batty Tuke. Pleas: Not guilty; Verdicts: Guilty; Sentenced to six months imprisonment with hard labour.

Trial 19 Dec 1860

John Morris Beynon, aged 43yrs, labourer was committed on 21 Jun 1860 – false pretences

On 16 Jun 1860 unlawfully did falsely pretend to one Alexander Gray that a certain order for the payment of money purporting to be signed by Hugh Ingram bearing date at Rangitikei 14 Jun 1860 addressed to W. & G. Turnbull & Co., Wellington and whereby they were requested to pay John Price or bearer the sum of £6 for work done on his account, was the order of a certain Blacksmith of Rangitikei named Archibald Ingram (the said Archibald Ingram being known by repute to the said Alexander Gray)... Plea: Not guilty; Verdict: Guilty; Sentenced to nine months imprisonment with hard labour. The prisoner had voluntarily worked upon the Roads from the period of his committal six months previously.

Trial 19 Dec 1860

William John Mullins, aged 31yrs, labourer was committed on 31 Jul 1860 – larceny

On 28 Jul 1860 two gold rings of the value of 20s, three gilt brooches of the value of 6s and one pair of boots of the value of 9s of the goods and chattels of Stephen Curtis. Plea: Guilty; Sentenced to six months imprisonment with hard labour. The prisoner had voluntarily worked upon the Roads from the period of his committal six months previously.

Trial 19 Dec 1861

Albert William Frederick James Whitaker, aged 33yrs, watchmaker was committed 18 Feb 1861 – larceny

On 25 Feb 1861 two hundred gold coins of the Realm called sovereigns of the value of £200, three trunks of the value of 30s, three chests of the value of 30s, three boxes of the value of 30s, four blankets of the value of 20s, one bag of the value of 1s, one bed of the value of 10s, two pillow cases of the value of 2s of the goods and chattels of Walter Redpath. Plea: not guilty; Verdict: not guilty

Trial 01 Feb 1866

John Goldsmith, aged 26yrs, a Corporal of the Commissariat Transport Corps at Wanganui was committed 19 Jan 1866 – larceny

On 20 Dec 1865 one leather purse and twelve pounds in money of the monies, goods and chattels of Charles Chitty. Plea: Guilty; Sentenced to six months penal servitude.

Trial 01 Aug 1866

Thomas Cloney, aged 30yrs, labourer was committed 15 May 1866 – larceny

On 09 May 1866 a valuable security to wit a Bank Deposit Receipt for the sum of £45 payable on demand to Andrew Stewart. Plea: Not guilty; A "Nolle prosequi" entered by Crown Prosecutor, the Prosecutor failing to appear. Recognisance ordered to be entreated.

Trial 01 Aug 1866

Felix McCann, aged 32yrs, contractor was committed 04 Jun 1866 – misdemeanour

On 25 May 1866 unlawfully knowingly and designedly did falsely pretend to one Thomas Ballardie Taylor that a certain order for the payment of money drawn by him upon the Chairman of the Town Board at Wanganui... Plea: not guilty; Verdict: guilty; Sentenced to 18 months imprisonment with hard labour.

Trial 01 Nov 1866

All Committed on 14 Aug 1866

David Adams, aged 20yrs, labourer – misdemeanour

John Meehan, aged 28yrs, Private 14th Regiment – misdemeanour

Thomas Handley, aged 29yrs, Private 14th Regiment – misdemeanour

On 11 Aug 1866 did beat, wound and ill- treat Patrick Hoare. Pleas: Not guilty; Verdict: guilty; Sentenced to seven days imprisonment.

Trial 01 Nov 1866

James McQuale, aged 23yrs, Private 14th Regiment – larceny

On 01 Sep 1866 four shirts, five handkerchiefs, one dress coat, one over coat, one pair of trousers, one pair of gloves, one gold chain and two gold pins of the goods and chattels of Charles Thomas. Plea: Guilty. Sentenced to 18 months imprisonment with hard labour.

Trial 01 Nov 1866

John McKenzie alias John McDonald, aged 30yrs, late steward 'Wanganui' steamer was committed 24 Aug 1866 – larceny

On 05 Jul 1866 sixty pounds weight of butter the property of Thomas Waters and others. Plea: Not guilty; Verdict: not guilty.

Trial 01 Nov 1866

Benjamin Peyman, aged 32yrs, photographer was committed 26 Oct 1866 – larceny

On 21 Oct 1866 one bill of exchange for the payment of £107 16s 4d the property of Matthew Vere Hodge. Plea: not guilty; Verdict: guilty. Sentenced to two years imprisonment with hard labour.

Trial 01 May 1867

John Hymus, aged 28yrs, labourer was committed 07 Feb 1867 - misdemeanour

On 20 Jan 1867 at Rangitikei assaulted Martin Newill of Rangitikei, labourer. Plea: not guilty; Verdict: not guilty

Trial 01 May 1867

Campbell McLeod, aged 32yrs, carrier was committed 04 Mar 1867 – two misdemeanours

On 01 Mar 1867 did obtain from John Davidson of Wanganui, hotelkeeper, one meal that is to say a breakfast; a bed and two feeds of Oats and stabling for his horse of the value of 8s 6d... and did pretend to John Davidson that a certain cheque or order for the payment of £2 18s 6d drawn upon the Bank of New South Wales at Wanganui...Plea: not guilty; "Nolli Prosequi" and Verdict: guilty; Sentenced to 18 months imprisonment with hard labour in the Common Gaol, Wanganui

Trial 01 May 1867

Patrick Conway, aged 32yrs, labourer was committed 29 Apr 1867 – misdemeanour

On 20 Feb 1867 did unlawfully sell to Henry James Reid, waiter, a revolving pistol without a license in the form A in the schedule to the Arms Act 1860. Plea: not guilty; Verdict: guilty; Sentenced to one month's imprisonment with hard labour in the Common Gaol, Wanganui. Prisoner recommended to mercy by the Jury.

Trial 01 Aug 1867

Edward Lonsborough, aged 27yrs, labourer was committed 10 Jun 1867 – larceny

On 07 Apr 1867 did receive into his hands from Josiah Oakley, storekeeper £12 the property of George Beaver, merchant and did fraudulently take or convert the same to his own use. Plea: not guilty; Verdict: guilty; Sentenced to six months imprisonment with hard labour.

Trial 01 Aug 1867

Alexander Ard Smith, aged 34yrs, labourer was committed 18 Jul 1867 – misdemeanour

On 09 Jul 1867 did obtain from Charles Henry Blake, saddler, £15 18s and did falsely pretend that a certain order for the payment of £23 drawn by him upon George Gower of Turakina, farmer... Plea: not guilty; Verdict: guilty; Sentenced to two years penal servitude

Trial 01 Nov 1867

James Crowther, aged 34yrs, Bellman was committed 07 Aug 1867 – two misdemeanours

On 02 Aug 1867 did falsely pretend to Frank Mailman of Wanganui, shopman, and to John Hurley of Wanganui, storekeeper that he had an order for six Crimean shirts a verbal order from some one or more of the "Nathan Juvenile Troupe" of the value of £4... Plea: not guilty; Verdict of acquittal no evidence being offered

Trial 01 Nov 1867

All committed 18 Oct 1867

Francis Maule, aged 33yrs, Master Mariner – Larceny

Henry Nelson, aged 40yrs, Mate – Larceny

Alexander Maule, aged 21yrs, Ordinary seaman – Larceny

Hector Urquhart, aged 26yrs, Ordinary seaman – Larceny

On 12 Oct 1867 six bags of oats of the value of £6 of the goods and chattels of Robert Christie and James Brown of Wanganui, livery stable keepers. Plea: not guilty; Verdict: Francis Maule guilty and recommended to mercy; others not guilty

Trial 01 Aug 1868

Henry Bradford Morley, aged 24yrs, labourer was committed 09 Jul 1867 – Larceny

On 08 Jul 1868 thirty six pounds weight of Tobacco of the value of £8 of the goods and chattels of Gregory Waller of Wanganui, tobacconist. Plea: not guilty; Verdict: guilty; Sentenced to penal servitude for a period of fifteen calendar months.

Trial 01 Aug 1868

Benjamin Strachan, aged 28yrs, hairdresser was committed 30 Jun 1867 – Larceny as Bailee

On 19 Jun 1866 did receive into his hand from Henry Boydon Roberts of Wanganui, Solicitor as Bailee, one shaving chair, one foot stool, three sets of curtains, a quantity of floor cloth, sixty seven towels, six toilet covers, three baths, one iron tank, a quantity of lead piping and certain other goods and chattels and fixtures of the value of £50... Plea: not guilty; Verdict: not guilty
