

## **James Ives, 1915, Pyrenees**

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According to the 1851 census, James Ives was born in Norwich, Norfolk. The first record found for James was in 1846 when he fronted court as a 16-year-old.

Norfolk County Assize, on **24 March 1846**.

James Ives and Samuel King were charged with breaking into and entering the house of Ann Roland of Whitwell and stealing one waistcoat and £2. 7s in money. Ives pleaded guilty, and King not guilty. The prisoners had no counsel.

Ann Roland said she kept a lodging house at Whitwell. She went to bed at about 10 p.m. on 3 March. There were two men and a woman sleeping in the house. All the doors were fastened, and all the windows closed, if not fastened. When she arose in the morning, she found her clothes taken out of the drawers and scattered on the floor, and the money was gone. There were ten half-crowns, one crown piece, 14/6 in silver and 2/6 in half pence. A waistcoat which she had worn the previous day was also missing. All the doors were undone except for two locked doors. The thief appeared to have gained entry by the back window; the back kitchen door was open.

John Taylor, a weaver boy, said he saw Ives on the 3 March. King came up to Ives and asked him to go with him as he knew a good place about thirteen miles away; he described a lodging-house and said he slept there one night. Ives wanted the witness to lend him his shoes, but he refused. He saw Ives and King the next day at about 11 a.m.; they went to bed. Witness asked King how they got on. King said they made about 24s each and took some vitals out of the cupboard while robbing the house. Ives said they found a waistcoat.

Ives and King were apprehended about 12 a.m. on the 7 March. King wore a waistcoat, and Ann Roland identified it as her property. Ives claimed he did not go into the house and stayed outside; he did not know King was robbing the house.

They were found guilty. King was then charged with breaking and entering a house in Acle, to which he pleaded guilty. King was sentenced to ten years transportation, and James Ives received 12 months imprisonment.<sup>1</sup>

Stealing Goods from Carts. This kind of robbery has been rather prevalent of late, especially on market days, when country people are returning from the city.

On Wednesday, two youths named Ives and Edwards were brought before the Magistrate on suspicion of having stolen a bundle of linen from the cart of Mr Gillingwater of Salhouse. On the previous Monday, the cart was driven along Silver-road in Pockthorpe. There was a hamper in the cart and a bundle of linen tied up with a blue handkerchief on top of the hamper. On arriving at Denmark's farm near Sprowston, Mr Gillingwater missed his bundle and gave information to the police. The prisoner Ives was seen by several witnesses running away with a bundle concealed under his coat. The blue coloured handkerchief was seen while the prisoner was running down narrow lanes in the neighbourhood of Mousehold. As there was insufficient against Edwards, he was discharged. Ives was remanded.<sup>2</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Norfolk News - Saturday 04 April 1846, p3

<sup>2</sup> Norfolk Chronicle - Saturday 15 January 1848, p2

Two months later, at the Norwich City Sessions, on **23 March 1848**.

James Ives (18) was indicted for having stolen a frock, one shift, three aprons and two handkerchiefs, the property of Sarah Gillingwater, from her cart. He was found guilty and sentenced to one year with hard labor.<sup>3</sup>

James appeared in court again the following year at the County Sessions on **17 October 1849**. James Ives (20), William Snelling (22) and William Hales Bushell (23) were charged with breaking into the dwelling house of William Sadd and stealing 6½d. Mrs Sadd and her daughter were away from the house and, on returning, met the prisoners coming from her house. She found her chamber window open, and the doors of the house she left closed were open, and things had been pulled about. She immediately told the police, and the prisoners were apprehended shortly afterwards. Ives and Snelling, having several been several times convicted, were sentenced to 10 years transportation. William Hales Bushell received 12 months imprisonment with hard labor.<sup>4</sup>

In December 1849, the newspaper reported the prisoners had been removed from Norwich Castle to the Millbank Penitentiary in London, including:- James Ives, Wm Snelling [convict 1914]<sup>5</sup>

James Ives, 20, single, read and write, a chimney sweep, was received at Millbank Prison on 4 December 1849. He had been twice convicted and six times in prison. On 20 August 1850, James was transferred to Portland Prison. The 1851 census records Jas Ives, a prisoner, unmarried, age 22, chimney sweep, born in Norwich in Norfolk. He boarded the *Pyrenees* on 24 January 1853 for the voyage to Western Australia.<sup>6</sup>

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<sup>3</sup> Norfolk Chronicle - Saturday 25 March 1848, p2

<sup>4</sup> Norfolk News - Saturday 20 October 1849, p4

<sup>5</sup> Norfolk Chronicle - Saturday 08 December 1849, p2

<sup>6</sup> TNA UK, HO4/24; PCOM2/383, p263; HO107/1857, p613