

John Charles Oldham - Convict number 7506 - "Lord Dalhousie" - 28 December 1863

John was born on the 9th August, 1834 in Bodmin, Cornwall, England

Baptised on 21 September, 1834, Higher Bore Street, Bodmin

Parents: Thomas Davis Oldham & Mary Rowe Williams

Source: FHL Film Number: 0236545, 0236548

1841 Census: John is listed as John Oldani (transcription error) living with his parents in Higher Bore Street, Bodmin

Source: HO 107/152/3

1854-1855 - John is in Crimea - Regimental No. 970 - Royal Engineer

Source: UK, Military Campaign Medal and Award Rolls, 1793-1949

National Archives of the UK, Kew, Surrey, England; Class: WO100; Piece: 23

1858 - 23 Sep 1858 - Corfu, Kerkira, Ionian Islands, Greece

Regiment: Royal Engineer - Court Martial

Source: UK, Naval and Military Courts Martial Registers, 1806-1930

The National Archive of the UK; Kew, Surrey, England; Judge Advocate General's Office:

District Courts Martial Registers, Home and Abroad, Series: WO86; Piece Number: 10

1861 - 26 Apr 1861 - Corfu - Court Martial - Regiment: Royal Engineer

Source:

UK, Naval and Military Courts Martial Registers, 1806-1930

The National Archive of the UK; Kew, Surrey, England; Judge Advocate General's Office:

District Courts Martial Registers, Home and Abroad, Series: WO86; Piece Number: 11

1862 - 07 Jan 1862 - Woolwich, England

Sentenced to 10 years - Striking his Sergeant with a Poker. Regiment - Royal Artillery

Source:

UK, Naval and Military Courts Martial Registers, 1806-1930

The National Archive of the UK; Kew, Surrey, England; Judge Advocate General's Office:
District Courts Martial Registers, Home and Abroad, Series: WO 92/2

1862 - 11 Apr 1862 - Middlesex, England - Millbank Prison

Source: Millbank Prison, Middlesex: Register of Prisoners

1862 - 25 Apr 1862 - Middlesex, England - Pentonville Prison

Source: Pentonville Prison, Middlesex: Register of Prisoners

1863 - 25 Sep 1863 Portland, England - Departure aboard "Lord Dalhousie"

Source: Australian Convict Transportation Registers - Other Fleets & Ships,

1791- 1868 Class: HO 11; Piece: 18

1863 - 28 Dec 1863 - Arrival - Fremantle, Western Australia

Source: Western Australia Convict Records, 1846-1930 - Reel Number 24. Reference Number ACC 1156/R27

1863 - 31 Dec 1863 - Convict property list. 1 Hymn book, box 2 books, needles, 1pr Boots, tunic, cap, pr of trousers, pr of socks, flannel shirt, cotton shirt, pr of braces, stock Sent to York 03 Oct 1865

1864 - Description - 5ft 10in, Light Red Hair, Light Hazel Eyes, Long Face, Sallow Complexion, Middling Stout Build, Scald on Left Shoulder, Single. Occupation: Carpenter

Source: Western Australia, Australia, Convict Records, 1846-1930 for John Charles Oldham

Convict Department, Registers > General Register nor Nos 7233-7518 (R29)

1865 - 08 Oct 1865 Bunbury, Western Australia - Eligible for Ticket of Leave

Source: Western Australia, Australia, Convict Records, 1846-1930 for John Charles Oldham

Convict Department, Registers > General Register, 1850-1868 (R21b)

1869 - 27 May 1869 - Bunbury, Western Australia - Marriage to Kate Horley (Note: I have now found information that Kate is actually Catherine Herlihy - who arrived on "The Strathmore" 05 Jan 1869 - listed as Catherine Heilhy)

*Note: Catherine (Kate) made a Petition for Remission of Sentence passed on Mary Herlihy in 1884 and stated that Mary was her mother. Reference code: AU WA S675- cons527 1884/2243

1870 - Birth of son - John Oldham, Bunbury, Western Australia - does not appear to have been registered.

1870 - 27 Jun 1870 - Received Conditional Pardon

1873 - 08 Dec 1873 - Birth of daughter - Mary Oldham - birth was not registered- date given by Mary herself.

*Note: 22 Jan 1890 - Roman Catholic Cathedral, Perth - Mary would marry William Joseph Humphreys son of Matthew & Bridget

1873-1882 - John seemed to be in and out of trouble Drunkenness and Disorderly conduct being the charges against him.

Source: Western Australian Convict Records

1887 - 09 Jul 1887 - Death - Jarrahdale, Western Australia

Inquest states John died from: Disease of the Heart accelerated by excessive drinking

Source: SROWA - Series 675 - cons527-1887

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