

Baptism	4 January 1818, Sheviock, Cornwall, England
Parents	Robert Pawley and Mary Hancock
Parent's marriage	27 May 1817, Sheviock
Siblings	Sarah (1819), Maria Hancock (1821), James (1823), Rebecca (1825), Elizabeth (1827), William (1829), Susan (1832), Jane (1834), Ellen (1839)
Wife (1)	Mary Ann Parson(s)
Married (1)	1839, East Stonehouse, Devon
Children (1)	Lewis Parson (1840-1840), Emily (1842), John Parson (1844)
Wife (2)	Priscilla Cartwright
Married (2)	1852, Perth, Western Australia

John Pawley was the eldest son of Robert and Mary Pawley. He became a tailor like his father. In the September quarter of 1839, John married Mary Ann Parson or Parsons in East Stonehouse, which is now part of Plymouth.

Their first child, Lewis Parson Pawley, died at St Germans, Cornwall, in December 1840, at the age of 4 months. He was buried at Sheviock.

The 1841 census at Crafhole, Sheviock, Cornwall:<sup>1</sup>

John Pawley, 25, tailor; Mary Ann Pawley, 25. Both were born in the County.

Living in the same village were:

Robert Pawley, 45, tailor; Mary, 45; Rebecca, 15; Elizabeth, 14; William, 11; Susan, 9; Jane, 7; Ellen, 2. Crafhole was a small village about 1.3km from Sheviock.

Two more children were born to John and Mary Ann in 1842 and 1844 at Sheviock. What happened between 1844 and 1848 is unknown, but John appears to have deserted his family and gone to London.

On 30 September 1848, at the Bow Street Court, four letter carriers, John Pawley, John Mills, Charles Manser and Joseph Kingsbury, were charged with stealing:

John Pawley, a letter carrier, was charged with stealing two letters containing the sum of £2 10s, the property of the Postmaster General.

The letters in question were addressed to "Miss Martha Walters, 7 Dorchester-place, New North-road" and "Mr John Scott, 90 Britannia-street, Hoxton." In each was enclosed the money produced, which the inspectors of letter carriers had previously marked. On the prisoner returning from his delivery, he was searched by Peake, the officer attached to the Post Office, and the money was found upon him. The prisoner declared that the sovereign found upon him was his own property. He was ordered to be remanded.<sup>2</sup>

On 4 October, at the Bow Street Court, the four letter carriers, remanded on Saturday on charges of stealing letters containing money, were brought up for final examination, and the evidence being completed against each of them, they were fully committed to Newgate for trial.<sup>3</sup>

Later in the month, on 23 October at the Central Criminal Court, John Pawley pleaded guilty to stealing two letters containing money, the property of the Postmaster General and was sentenced to 7 years transportation. He was 29 years old.

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<sup>1</sup> The National Archives of the UK (TNA): HO107/135/11

<sup>2</sup> Morning Herald (London), 02 October 1848, p7

<sup>3</sup> Standard of Freedom, 07 October 1848, p15

The Prison Registers show John Pawley, 29, married, could read and write imperfectly, was a tailor and postman, and was convicted on 23 October 1848 at the Central Criminal Court for stealing letters containing money and sentenced to 7 years transportation. It seems unusual that John was judged semi-literate when both occupations needed him to be literate.

He was received at Millbank Prison on 28 November 1848 from Newgate Prison; it was his first conviction. John weighed 11 st 4 lbs; he was born at Shevioc, Cornwall, and was married with two children; his father, Robert Pawley, a tailor, lives at Millbrook near Devonport.

The whereabouts of his wife, Mary Ann, 29 and children, Emily, 6 and John, 4 were unknown.

On 24 November 1848, he was transferred to Pentonville Prison. After a year, on 27 December 1849, he was removed to the *Justitia* hulk at Woolwich.<sup>4</sup> John boarded the *Pyrenees* on 5 March 1851 for the voyage to Fremantle, Western Australia. Two other letter carriers charged at the same time, Josiah Kingsbury and John Mills, also arrived on the *Pyrenees*.

On arrival at Fremantle on 28 June 1851, John was assigned number 551, issued with a Ticket of Leave and a description of him taken.

551. John Pawley, 30, 5'8½", dark brown hair, grey eyes, long face, fresh complexion, stout, no marks, a tailor, married with two children.<sup>5</sup>

16 July 1851. Seventy-one men from the *Pyrenees* were received at the Prison and will be located in the No. 3 division, including 551 John Pawley.<sup>6</sup>

John worked in the Guildford district when he appeared at the Perth Police Magistrates' Court on 13 February 1852. Both John and Simon Gulliver, ticket-of-leave holders belonging to the district of Guildford, were found in Perth without a pass on the 12th instant and dismissed with a caution.<sup>7</sup>

A few months later, in May 1852, J. Pawley of the Swan district obtained a Dog License.<sup>8</sup>

On 22 April 1852, married at Mrs Matheson's Private House, Perth, by William Lowes, according to the rites of the Wesleyan Church, were:

John Pawley, 34, bachelor, tailor, residing at Guildford, father Robert Pawley, tailor

Priscilla Cartwright, 35, widow, residing at Guildford, father James Hammonds, butcher

Both signed the register. Witnesses were Eliza Matheson and Mary Lowes.

Then, at Guildford, on 15 May 1852, John Pawley, ticket-of-leave holder, resident in Guildford, was ordered to be sent to headquarters for having married under false pretences.<sup>9</sup>

The Superintendent of the Prison noted in his journal:

17 May 1852. No. 551 John Pawley, a Ticket of Leave Holder from the Guildford District, having been received this day under orders of His Excellency the Governor, will be placed within the usual prison discipline.<sup>10</sup>

20 May 1852. No 551. John Pawley will be removed from the Associated Room and forwarded by the Police Boat to Perth, where he will report himself to the Colonial Secretary. The marriage was registered in 1854.<sup>11</sup> Information about both their families left in England follows later.

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<sup>4</sup> TNA: HO24/16; PCOM2/29; HO77/55; HO24/4; PCOM2/62

<sup>5</sup> SROWA, Acc 128/32

<sup>6</sup> SROWA, Superintendents Orders, So1-So3, p61

<sup>7</sup> The Perth Gazette and Independent Journal of Politics and News, 20 February 1852, p4

<sup>8</sup> The Perth Gazette and Independent Journal of Politics and News, 14 May 1852, p6

<sup>9</sup> Inquirer, 17 May 1852, p3

<sup>10</sup> SROWA, Superintendents Orders, So1-So3, p12

<sup>11</sup> SROWA, Superintendents Orders, So1-So3, p14

On 20 July 1853, John applied to purchase a town allotment. "Guildford lot No. 8 is vacant and available for purchase; the regulated upset price is £10, signed J.S. Roe, Surveyor General, dated 20 July 1853".

The land was approved for sale by public auction in Perth on 7 September 1853, with an upset price of £10 by the Governor. John deposited £3 6s 8d with his application.

APPLICATION TO PURCHASE A <i>Small</i> ALLOTMENT OF LAND IN W. AUSTRALIA.				
NAMES AND ADDRESS OF APPLICANT.	NO OF LOT.	TOWN.	REMARKS BY APPLICANT.	REMARKS BY SURVEYOR GENERAL OR GOV. RESIDENT.
<i>John Pawley</i>	<i>8</i>	<i>Guildford</i>		<i>Guildford lot No. 8 is vacant, available for purchase - Regulated upset price £10. Made Sub. Sec. 20 July 1853</i>

I hereby apply to purchase the above described  
TO THE HONORABLE THE SURVEYOR GENERAL.

Received the fee of £2.6 on this application. *[Signature]*  
SURVEYOR GENERAL.

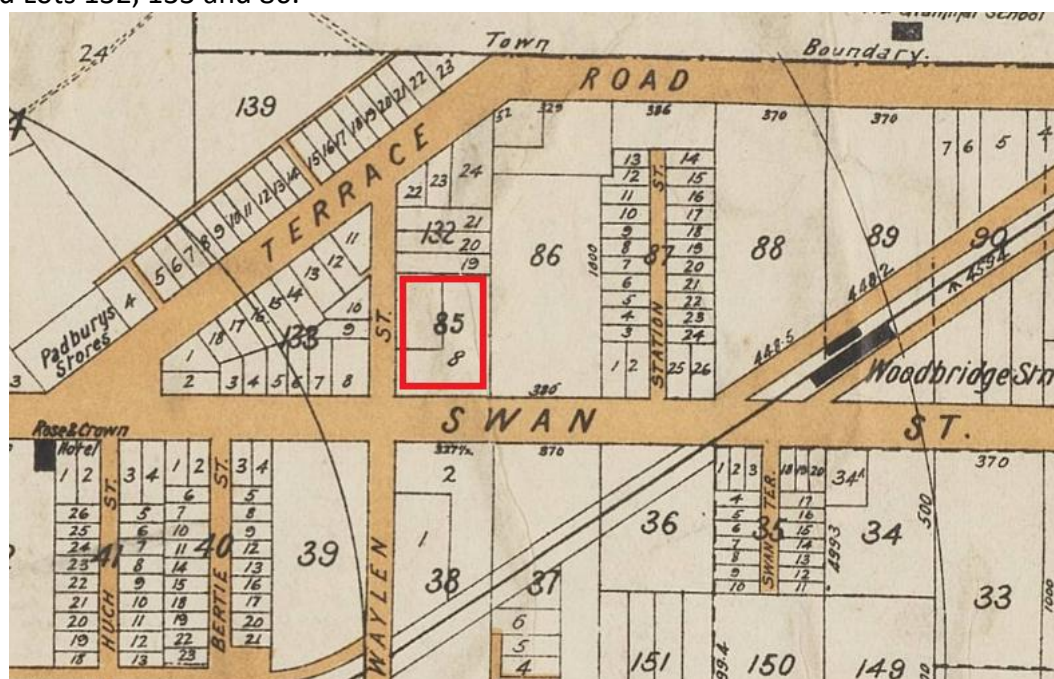
Signature. *John Pawley*  
Date. *Guildford July 20 1853*

Rec<sup>d</sup> the deposit of £3.6.8. on this application.

for COLLECTOR OF REVENUE. *[Signature]*  
Approved for Sale by Public Auction, at *£10*  
on *7 September 1853* upset price *£10*  
*Charles O'Connell*  
GOVERNOR.

John Pawley purchased on 23 September 1853 lot No 8, which was 1 acre 2 roods 5 perches. The land was bounded on the South by 3 chains 70 links of Swan St, on the North by south boundary of Guildford allotment No. 132 measuring 3 chains 69 links, on the east by 4 chains 15 links of west boundary of allotment No 86, and on the West by 4 chains 15 links or east boundary of allotment No 133.<sup>12</sup>

The land is possibly Lot 85 or part of it on this 1903 map of Guildford. His land was bounded by Swan Street and Lots 132, 133 and 86.<sup>13</sup>



<sup>12</sup> <https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CSN9-X19S?view=fullText>

<sup>13</sup> [https://purl.slwa.wa.gov.au/slwa\\_b4584695\\_2](https://purl.slwa.wa.gov.au/slwa_b4584695_2)

As a later court case indicates, John may have worked as a tailor, full-time or part-time in Guildford. The Quarter Sessions, on 5 July 1860:

Stephen Moulton was charged with stealing on 1 June, at Guildford, two coats, the property of John Sewell; a second count charged with receiving them knowing them to have been stolen.

At his trial, Police Sergt Piesse stated he searched the prisoner's box and found a black cloth coat in it. **The prisoner said when arrested that the coat was made by a person named Pawley, who left the colony about three years ago**; William Beattie said he made the two coats for Mr Sewell.<sup>14</sup>

With a Conditional Pardon granted on 23 April 1853 and his sentence expiring in October 1855, John left the colony in 1857. The *Swallow* left Perth on 30 April 1857 for Adelaide, arriving on 27 May. The passenger list at Adelaide mentions that John, Priscilla, and Emma Pawley were steerage passengers. The ship continued its journey to Melbourne, leaving on 6 June with 12 unnamed passengers.<sup>15</sup> It is unknown where the Pawley family disembarked.

No further trace of John Pawley has been found.

The marriage of John and Priscilla may not have lasted and she may have gone back to using the surname of Cartwright.

A possible death of Priscilla Cartwright, was buried 8 July 1893, Rookwood Cemetery, no information on NSW deaths index. She is buried in a common grave with 4 others who died in July.

### **The Pawley family in England.**

#### **Mary Ann Pawley:**

On the 1851 census, Union Workhouse, Liskeard, Cornwall.

Mary Ann Pawling, 33, born Sheviock; John Pawling, 7, born Sheviock; Frederick Pawling, 3 months, born Liskeard.<sup>16</sup>

Frederick was born on 12 January 1851 at the Union Workhouse. No father is named, and his mother, Mary Ann Pawley, registered the birth.

No further information has been found on Mary Ann or Frederick.

#### **Emily Pawley**

1851 census, Insworth Mills, Maker, St Germans, Cornwall.

Nicholas Parsons, 42, miller and farmer of 140 acres, employing five labourers; Sarah May, wife, 31; Mary Ann, daughter, 1; William Parsons, brother, 48; Richard Parson, brother-in-law, 20, visitor; Peter Hutt, uncle, widower, 64, formerly shoemaker; **Emily Pawley, niece, 9, scholar**; and four house or mill servants.<sup>17</sup> Note: Nicholas Parsons is the brother of Mary Ann Pawley née Parsons.

Emily and John Parson Pawley were at Insworths Mills, St Germans, on the 1861 census.

Nicholas Parsons, widower, 53, farmer of 120 acres and miller employing five men and three boys; John Parsons, son, 8; Sarah, daughter, 4; Jane, 2; Grace Parsons, mother-in-law, 72, retired farmer's wife; **Emily Pawley, 19, dairy maid**; **John Pawley, 17, carter**, a servant and a child's maid/nurse.<sup>18</sup>

Emily Pawley married Thomas Henwood in 1863 at St Germans, Cornwall.

1871 census Shooting Lane, Millbrook, Cornwall.

Emily Henwood, 29, sempstress, born Sheviock; Emily, 7; Kate, 4, Arthur T, 2, all born at Millbrook.<sup>19</sup> The family moved to Canada the following year.

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<sup>14</sup> The Perth Gazette and Independent Journal of Politics and News, 6 July 1860, p3

<sup>15</sup> South Australian Register, 28 May 1857, p2

<sup>16</sup> TNA: HO107/1902

<sup>17</sup> TNA: HO107/1899

<sup>18</sup> TNA: RG9/1522

<sup>19</sup> TNA: RG10/2228

By 1881, the family were in Hamilton, Ontario, Canada.

Thomas Henwood, 39, rope maker; Emily, 38; children Emily, 17, servant; Catherine, 14; Arthur, 12; Earnest, 6 and Sydney, 1. Ethel was born the following year.

Emily died in 1924, and Thomas Henwood in 1927.

### **John Parson Pawley**

On 3 June 1866, at Stoke Damerel, John Parson Pawley, 23, miller, residing at Stoke Damerel, father John Pawley, tailor, married Harriet Rundle, 31, living at Stoke Damerel, father John Rundle, pensioner. (Harriet was actually 35)

1871 census Gilley Mills, Roche, St Austell, Cornwall (hamlet of Dyhouse)

John P Pawley, 27, journeyman miller, born Sheviok; Harriet, 36, born St Austell; Charles L, 2, born Saltash; Ida J. F., 6 months, born St Austle.<sup>20</sup>

John and Harriet had three children – Charles Lewis (1868), Ida Jane Frances (1870) and George Cyrus (1872)

In The Aldine Centennial History with index, Index of People in the NSW Central Coast area, p741: JOHN PARSON PAWLEY was born in Cornwall, England, in 1844, and until thirteen years of age, learned the business of a miller at Millbrook in that county. In 1875, he came to New South Wales and resided in Sydney for two years. He visited Inverell, worked at the Farmer 's Mill for twelve months, and then removed to Wellington, where for two years he was employed at Ferguson 's mill. In 1881, he returned to Inverell and joined Mr T. H. Marks in a milling business they carried on together for five years. At the end of this period, Mr Marks retired from the firm, and Mr Pawley became sole proprietor, a position he has since retained. During the last eighteen months, he has materially added to the value of the mill, spending £700 on the latest improvements. He was elected alderman in 1886 and is a member of the Hospital Committee, a churchwarden, and P.M. of the local Masonic Lodge. Mr Pawley is married and has two sons and one daughter.

Harriet Pawley died in July 1914 in Sydney, aged 83.

John Parson Pawley died on 4 July 1918, at his residence, 139 Regent Street, Sydney, in his 75<sup>th</sup> year.<sup>21</sup>

### **Priscilla Cartwright's family in England.**

Priscilla Hammonds, daughter of James and Sarah, was born on 3 February 1810 and baptised on 26 November 1817, in Sheffield. Her father was a labourer. The 1851 census records that she was born at Stockport, Cheshire.

George Cartwright, bachelor, married Priscilla Hammond, spinster, on 6 November 1830 at Sheffield, York, by banns. George and Priscilla both made their mark. Witnesses Joseph Hudson and Thomas Hayland. Hudson is a witness to numerous marriages.

There is also a marriage on 31 October 1829 by banns. Both parties made their marks. Joseph Hudson and Elizabeth Roberts (her mark)

George Cartwright joined the Royal Regiment of Horse Artillery at Manchester on 30 January 1826; he was 18 years old, born in Newport, Shropshire. He served in England and Ireland.

Served as a gunner in 1827; promoted to shoeing smith, 1827-1834; promoted to carriage smith 1834-1839; promoted to farrier, 1839-1844.

In 1839, he was kicked by a horse and ruptured his right groin, and had to wear a truss. On 8 March 1844, he was deemed too unfit to continue and discharged from the service after 18 years. He received a small pension.<sup>22</sup>

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<sup>20</sup> TNA: RG10/2266

<sup>21</sup> The Sydney Morning Herald, 5 July 1918, p6

<sup>22</sup> TNA, GMB/WO97/1218/246.

### Children:

- Jane, born about 1832-3
- Priscilla, daughter of George and Priscilla, born 11 March 1835, baptised 25 March 1835, Wellington Street, carriage smith, Royal Horse Artillery, Woolwich. Died aged 2 months.
- George, born 11 March 1839, bap. 24 March 1839, Woolwich. Died aged 9 months in Newcastle.
- Emma Cartwright, baptised 29 November 1840 at St. Andrew, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, Northumberland.
- Sarah, born about 1843, co. Limerick, Ireland
- Joseph Cartwright, son of George and Priscilla, Charles Street, smith, born 5 September 1845, baptised 21 September 1845 at Woolwich.
- Margaret Cartwright, daughter of George and Priscilla, Brewer Street, blacksmith, born 25 June 1858, baptised 16 July 1848 at Woolwich. Died at Woolwich in 1849, aged 14 months

1841 census, Newcastle Cavalry, Artillery and Infantry Barracks, parish of St Andrews, Newcastle upon Tyne. <sup>23</sup>

George Cartwright, 30, farrier in the army, not born in the county

Priscilla, 30, not born in the county

Jane, 9, born in Ireland

Emma, 6 months, not born in the county

1851 census; 19 Brewers St, Greenwich. <sup>24</sup>

Priscilla Cartwright, head, married, 36, midwife, born Stockport, Cheshire

Emma, daughter, 11, born in Newcastle on Tyne

Sarah, daughter, 7, scholar

Joseph, son, 5, born Woolwich

Soon after, it appears that Priscilla abandoned her family and travelled to Western Australia with her daughter, Emma, by April 1852.

Husband, George Cartwright, 48, died 29 November 1855 at 27 Henry Street, Woolwich, Pensioner from R.A., phthisis for 3 months, Charlotte Cartwright (possibly a relative, not a wife) present at death, 25 Sprays Buildings, Plumstead. Buried on 4 December 1855, at Woolwich.

Emma Cartwright married John Falconer in Sydney in 1859. She was buried on 10 November 1902 at Rookwood Cemetery. Her husband was buried 22 November 1891 at Rookwood. They had 6 children. When Emma died, her parents were named as John and Priscilla Cartwright.

Note: John Falconer is probably the same person who sponsored her sister, Sarah, to NSW in 1863.

### The three children who remained in England:

Daughter Jane Cartwright, 22, married William Davison, 23, on 6 February 1855 in the county of York. Her father was George Cartwright, a farrier.

Daughter Sarah Ann Cartwright, head, unmarried, 18, dressmaker, born Limerick, Ireland. Lodger Lucy Whitehead, 27, dressmaker. <sup>25</sup>

The ship *Hotspur* left Plymouth on 6 September 1863 and arrived at Sydney on 5 December 1863. Sarah Cartwright, 19, milliner, born Limerick, parents George Cartwright, Priscilla, mother living in NSW, Protestant, can read, good health, **relation in the colony - Priscilla Cartwright, mother, address not known**, remarks by Immigration Board - £3 - **John Falconer**.

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<sup>23</sup> TNA, HO107/847/8

<sup>24</sup> TNA, HO107/1589

<sup>25</sup> TNA, RG9/406

1861 census, Royal Navy vessel *Eagle*, at Southampton. <sup>26</sup>  
Joseph Cartwright, 16, 2nd-class boy, single, born in Woolwich, Kent.

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<sup>26</sup> TNA, RG9/4439