

Robert Hogg, 80, Hashemy

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Baptism	~1826, Edinburgh, Scotland
Parents	Susan
Parent's marriage	
Siblings	John (~1815), Susan (~1821)
Wife	
Married	
Children	

Nothing is known about Robert's early life. On the 1841 census, living at Pauls Work, 3, Leith, Midlothian, Scotland were: ¹

Ann Baillie, 40, Midlothian, Scotland

Catherine Campbell, 35, Midlothian, Scotland

Andrew Baillie, 18, Midlothian, Scotland

Susan Hogg, 50, England

Robert Hogg, 15, Midlothian, Scotland – Robert was carver apprentice.

William White, 35, Midlothian, Scotland

Margaret White, 35, Midlothian, Scotland

Alexander White, 15, Midlothian, Scotland

In December 1848, at the High Court of Justiciary, Edinburgh:

Robert Hogg was next placed at the bar, accused of theft by housebreaking, opening lockfast places, and previous conviction. The indictment charged him with two separate acts of housebreaking and theft, the first by breaking into a house in Melville Street and stealing therefrom a great number of articles of plate, and some wearing apparel, on 17 June last; and the second by having feloniously entered a house in Charlotte Square and stealing a banknote for one pound, 4s 6d in silver money, two brooches, and various other articles. The prisoner pleaded not guilty, and the case went to proof.

It may be interesting to mention that one of the principal points of evidence against the prisoner, as regards the house in Charlotte Square, consisted in the production of a small bit of steel and an old knife, the bit of steel forming a portion of the blade of a pocket knife, was found upon the premises, after the robbery had been committed, having obviously been used to force open a side-board drawer, from which some of the missing articles had been extracted; and the knife, of which the blade formed the remaining portion of the steel, was found in possession of the prisoner, and the connection between the broken parts completely made out.

After a lengthened evidence, the jury found the prisoner guilty on both charges; and he was sentenced to fourteen years transportation. Hogg has been well known for several years as a successful housebreaker, and on many occasions, has baffled the efforts of the police to convict him. ²

National Records of Scotland has two references to Robert:

Reference	AD14/48/366
Title	Precognition against Robert Hogg for the crime of theft by housebreaking and opening lockfast places at Melville Street, Edinburgh
Dates	1848
Accused	Robert Hogg, Age: 22, carpenter, Address: Well Close, Leith Wynd, Edinburgh
Victim	Jane Athole Galloway, Melville Street, Edinburgh
Reference	JC26/1848/537
Title	Trial papers relating to Robert Hogg for the crime of theft by housebreaking and opening lockfast places at Melville Street, Edinburgh. Tried at High Court, Edinburgh
Dates	18 Dec 1848

¹ Edinburgh Leith Wynd; ED: 1; Page: 5; Line: 530; Year: 1841

² Greenock Advertiser - Friday 22 December 1848, p4

Accused Robert Hogg, Verdict: Guilty, Sentence: Transportation - 14 years
 Victim Jane Athole Galloway, Melville Street, Edinburgh

Robert Hogg, 22, reads & writes well, a porter, was convicted 18 December 1848 at Edinburgh, of theft by housebreaking. He received 14 years' transportation. Robert had been in prison once before for wilful mischief. He was received at Millbank Penitentiary on 20 February 1849 from Edinburgh Gaol. During his stay, he was once reported for dissension. Eight months later, on 21 October 1849, he was removed to Portland Prison. From here, he boarded the *Hashemy* for the voyage to Fremantle.³

On arrival at Fremantle, his description was:

Robert Hagg, 25, 5' 7", light brown hair, blue eyes, long face with angular nose, fair complexion, stout-heavy, sandy whiskers, small burn under the right armpit, a carpenter and single.⁴

General Register:

80. Robert Hogg, 25, single, last maker, Presbyterian, private schooling, reads fairly, can write and tolerable at accounts. Said his brother John Hogg, carver, who lives in Thistle Street, Edinburgh.

Attended Divine Service?	Not regular
Received Sacrament?	Never
Habits?	Generally sober & attentive to work
Intellect?	Sound
State of Mind?	Hopeful
Knowledge, Secular?	Tolerable
Knowledge, Religious?	Limited
Alleged Cause of Crime?	Improper company

Name of Person referred to for Character, &c. Mr James Swords, cabinet maker, Hanover St, Edinburgh.⁵

On 28 November 1850, he absconded from prison; Robert received six weeks solitary and six weeks hard labour, ticket of leave suspended.⁶

Fremantle sick list.⁷ Ap = aperient

Hogg Rob	25 February 1851	Rash	Ap: medicine
Hogg Robt	21 March 1851	Sore throat & bad eyes	Ap: medicine; gargle, lotion

Robert was issued with a Ticket of Leave issued on 13 March 1852, and a Conditional Pardon was granted on 24 March 1855.⁸

Robert Hogg left Western Australia and arrived at Adelaide on 20 March 1857, per *Lochinvar*.⁹
 No further trace of him has been found.

His brother.

John Hogg, carver and gilder, appears in the 1843-1848 Post Office Directories as living at various addresses in Thistle St, Edinburgh. He married Janet Hall on 24 May 1835 in Edinburgh.

1841 census: 46 Thistle St, Edinburgh.¹⁰

John Hogg, 25, carver, born Midlothian

Jessie Hogg, 20

Susan Hogg, 20, book folder, born Midlothian - probably a sister of John and Robert Hogg

John Hogg, 5; Amelia Hogg, 3; George Hogg, 1

By 1851 the family had moved to Lambeth in Surrey. John, 36, was a woodcarver and was born in Edinburgh. On the 1861 census, the family had moved back to Leith near Edinburgh.

³ HO24/4 HO8/105

⁴ SROWA Acc 128/40-3

⁵ SROWA Acc 1156 R21A

⁶ AJCP. CO18/58, p245

⁷ SROWA Acc 1156 CS1

⁸ SROWA Acc 1156 R21B

⁹ Adelaide Times (SA : 1848 - 1858), 21 March 1857, p2

¹⁰ Edinburgh St Luke; ED: 3; Page: 4; Line: 1060; Year: 1841