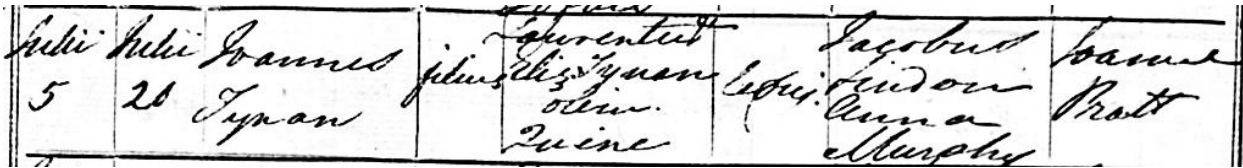


## John Turner 401, Pyrenees

Researched by Marcia Watson

The correct surname is Tynan.



Born	5 July 1828, Liverpool, Lancashire
Baptism	20 July 1828, St Nicholas, Liverpool, Lancashire
Parents	Lawrence Tynan and Elizabeth Quine
Parent's marriage	20 December 1824, Liverpool
Siblings	William (1826), Lawrence (1827), Edward (1830), Maria Helena (1831-1831), Elizabeth (1833), Lawrence (1835-1836), Lawrence (1837-1838), Isabella (1839-1840)
Wife	Catherine Cormack
Married	South Australia. No marriage found.
Children	

John's parents married at Liverpool parish: Lawrence Tynan, of this parish, plasterer, married Elizabeth Quine, spinster of this parish, on 20 December 1824. Both signed the register.

Manslaughter at Liverpool, March 1834. James Kirkby, 19, Lawrence Tynan (brother-in-law of the deceased), Thos Smith, John Parr, 22, and Alexander Logan were indicted for killing and slaying Thomas Quine on 24 March 1834. On the day in question, the deceased and Kirkby fought in the Sandhills, about two miles from Liverpool. Smith and Parr were seconds for Kirkby, and Logan and Tynan seconded the deceased. The fight continued for an hour and five minutes, and 26 rounds were fought, when the deceased was unable to come to the scratch. He was then removed and a medical man called in, but notwithstanding his skill, the deceased lingered until the next day, when he died of a ruptured blood vessel in the brain. There was no kicking in this case, but it appeared to be a perfectly fair fight. The jury found them guilty but strongly recommended them to mercy, on account of the provocation they had received from the deceased.

Kirkby - 5 months; Tynan - one week; Smith - 10 weeks; Parr - 3 months; Logan - one week.

Lawrence Tynan lived in Burlington Street and kept a beer shop. <sup>1</sup>

1841 census, Burlington Street, Liverpool, all born in the county. <sup>2</sup>

Elizabeth Tynan, 33, beer retailer

William Tynan, 15, plasterer's apprentice

John Tynan, 13

Elizabeth Tynan, 9

This conviction is possibly John. Liverpool Borough Sessions, 23 October 1843.

John Tynan, 14, can't read or write. Larceny. Sentenced to one month and whipped.

1844, Liverpool Accidents: On Tuesday, John Tynan, a plasterer, whilst working at some new buildings now being erected in Fenwick-street, fell from an eminence upon a pile of slates, and severely hurt his leg. <sup>3</sup>

John moved to Manchester around 1845-6. At the Manchester Borough Sessions, 3 April 1848.

<sup>1</sup> Liverpool Standard and General Commercial Advertiser, 01 April 1834, p3; Liverpool Albion, 18 August 1834, p5

<sup>2</sup> The National Archives (TNA) UK, HO107/563/9

<sup>3</sup> Liverpool Mercury, 13 September 1844, p6

John Tynan, 18, can't read or write, Larceny, 3 months.

John was convicted of a felony in October 1848; unfortunately, there is no newspaper account of the crime.

The Prison Registers show that John Tynan, 18, single, can't read or write, plasterer, was convicted on 16 October 1848, Manchester, for felony after previous conviction, sentenced to 7 years transportation. He was received at Millbank Prison on 29 December 1848 from Salford and removed on 7 August 1849 to the Warrior hulk at Woolwich. John Tynam (sic) boarded the *Pyrenees* on 5 March 1851 for the voyage to Western Australia.<sup>4</sup>

### **Petition.**

This is to certify that John Tynan, who stands convicted in the ..... house of correction, has worked under me for the term of eighteen months as a Plasterer and Painter. During which time he behaved himself as a sober and honest young man. Given under my hand at .... Manchester. Dated 29 November 1848. Archeble Jeffreys, Mr Plasterer and Painter, Broughton, Manchester.

28 November 1848. This is to certify that John Tynan, who now stands convicted for felony, has been in our employment for the space of two years, during which time we found him to be an honest, upright and sober boy, and the only reason we had for parting with him was that we were short of employment for him. The wages we gave him at the latter part of the time were eighteen shillings per week. Your obedient servants

W Ward and Co, Plasterers and Painters, Strangeways, Manchester.

Received 18 January 1849.<sup>5</sup>

Sir, This is the Humble Petition of John Tynan, who lies convicted as a transport in Woolwich on Thames.

John's petition from Woolwich is very difficult to decipher.

He says he is an orphan without a father or mother. He is the only support for his two little sisters and little brother.

Cover: John Tynan, 18, Manchester Boro Sessions Oct 1848, Larceny, 7 years transportation.

Gaol Report: convicted before.

The appn represents the good character of the prisoner. States that he supported his orphan brothers and sisters, he was led to the offence when intoxicated.

Nil - Answered 16 February 1849

On arrival at Fremantle, Western Australia, on 28 June 1851, John was assigned number 401, issued with a Ticket of leave and a physical description as recorded.

401. John Turner, 21, 5'2½", dark brown hair, dark hazel eyes, oval face, fair complexion, scar on the left shoulder, one tooth out of the top jaw, plasterer, and single.<sup>6</sup>

The compiling and printing of this list of convicts arriving in Western Australia is where the error occurred in his surname. Other records in Western Australia use his correct surname, Tynan.

The Superintendent's Journal shows:

1 July 1851. The first 50 men from the ship *Pyrenees* were received at the prison and located in Division No. 3, including 401. John Tynam (sic).

11 July 1851. The following men will proceed on Ticket of Leave to their respective Masters viz, 401 John Tynan and 481 Thomas Pettit, to Mr Monger, York.<sup>7</sup>

The Prison register records six men from the *Pyrenees* discharged to Ticket of Leave, including

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<sup>4</sup> TNA, HO24/4; HO8/107

<sup>5</sup> TNA, HO18/225

<sup>6</sup> SROWA, Acc 128/32

<sup>7</sup> SROWA, Superintendent's Orders, So1-So3, p46, p55

J. Tynan.<sup>8</sup>

By 31 December 1852, John Tynan had paid back £3.16.2¾ of his passage money.

A Conditional Pardon was granted in June 1853.

John travelled to Adelaide on the S.S. *Alexandra*, leaving from King George's Sound on 19 June 1865. He is listed as J. Synan, in steerage. The vessel arrived at Adelaide on 23 June 1865.<sup>9</sup>

These appearances in court may be John Tynan from Western Australia.

Port Adelaide: 3 July 1867. John Tynan was charged with riding in a railway carriage without paying his fare and refusing to pay the same. He was ordered to pay the amount of his fare, with a fine of 5s.<sup>10</sup>

Adelaide. 7 December 1868. John Tyler, alias John Tynan, was charged with stealing a pair of trousers, value 2s., the property of Martin Ryan. His Worship thought the evidence insufficient to convict the prisoner and therefore discharged him.<sup>11</sup>

At some stage between 1865 and 1870, John appears to have married Catherine Cormack, although no marriage has been found.

At Kapunda, on 29 December 1870, John Tynan and Catherine Tynan (his wife) were charged, on the information of Trooper O'Connor, with having stolen from the house of the Rev. M. Williams, on the 26th or the 27th inst., a French gilt timepiece, value £3 10s. The court sentenced the man to six months' imprisonment, with hard labour—the woman being let off with four months; the Court holding that she might have acted under her husband's guidance.<sup>12</sup>

The Adelaide Prison records show:<sup>13</sup>

29 December 1870. John Tynan, stealing a clock, the property of Morgan Williams at Kapunda on 27 December, 6 calendar months, 34, read and write, married, R.C., labourer, arrived 1861 from Plymouth, discharged 28 June 1871.

Cath Tynan, 4 calendar months, 46, reads, married, R.C., housewife, arrived 1856 per *Birkenhead*, discharged 28 April 1871.

Until about 1884, John's age is always about 10 years younger than he was.

John had begun a long history of appearances in court, fined for drunkenness, or time in gaol for felony.

Adelaide, 12 August 1871. John Tynan, plasterer, was charged, on the information of Inspector Bee, with stealing from the dwelling house of Michael O'Loughlin on 10 August, one pair of blankets, value £1, the property of Wm Jabez Smith, who said the blankets produced were his. He left then with Michael O'Loughlin. Afterwards, he saw them at the Police Station. Lewis Irvine stated that the blankets were sold to him by the prisoner for 6s. Wm Miller, storekeeper at the Destitute Asylum, said the blankets produced were similar to those he had given to Smith. Police-constable Preston stated that when arrested, the prisoner denied the charge. The prisoner, who elected to be summarily dealt with, was ordered to be imprisoned for six calendar months with hard labour.

15 August 1871, John Tynan, stealing blankets value 20/-, the property of Michael O'Loughlin, 6 calendar months, 36, read and write, married, R.C, labourer plasterer, arrived 1862 from Plymouth, discharged 10 February 1872.

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<sup>8</sup> SROWA, Receipts and Discharges, 1855 - 1859 (Rd1 - Rd2), p8

<sup>9</sup> Adelaide Observer, 24 June 1865, p2

<sup>10</sup> South Australian Register, 4 July 1867, p3

<sup>11</sup> The Express and Telegraph, 8 Dec 1868, p2

<sup>12</sup> Kapunda Herald and Northern Intelligencer, 30 December 1870, p3

<sup>13</sup> Australia, South Australia, Prison Records, 1838-1912 <https://www.familysearch.org/en/search/collection/2613137>

At the same time, John was also charged with stealing oranges with William Jabez Smith.

Adelaide, 14 August 1870. John Tynan and William Jabez Smith were charged with stealing 60 dozen oranges, valued at £2, from William Everard. James Aitkin identified the oranges by a peculiarity of colouring. He missed about 60 or 70 dozen on 9 August. Detective Hoyle and Police-constable Ramsay deposed he compared the marks of Tynan's boots with footsteps in the garden, and found them to correspond. Smith, who pleaded guilty, was committed for one month hard labour. Tynan was remanded for further Evidence.

The following day, John Tynan, labourer, was charged on remand with stealing oranges, the property of Wm. Everard. Mr Bee having no further testimony to produce, His Worship dismissed the information, considering there was not sufficient evidence.<sup>14</sup>

The following year, John Tynan, charged with wilfully and of malice aforethought killing and murdering one James Hugh McFarlane, alias Morgan, at Adelaide on 24 July, was found guilty of manslaughter, and sentenced to two years' imprisonment with hard labor.

The most important testimony was given by Dr Ellison, who said the death was caused by effusion of blood on the brain, which might have resulted from a blow, fall or burst blood vessel. Excitement and intemperance could cause the bursting of a blood vessel. There were no signs of violence on the deceased's head. The prisoner's defence was that McFarlane had been a man of drinking habits, and his death was caused by intemperance.<sup>15</sup>

Adelaide Gaol. 30 July 1872, John Tynan, feloniously killing and slaying one James A McFarlane at Adelaide, was committed by coroner, convicted in the Supreme Court on 1 August 1872, 2 years hard labour, can read and write, married, plasterer, arrived 1863 from Plymouth, discharged 17 August 1872 to Dry Creek Prison.

The Dry Creek Prison records show:

John Tynan, received 17 August 1872 from Adelaide Gaol, Convicted 13 August 1872, manslaughter, 2 years hard labour, born Liverpool, arrived 9 years ago per *Burlington* from Plymouth, no previous conviction in colony, last employer was Mr Stevens, wife residing in Adelaide, R.C, can read and write, and was a mason and plasterer. He was 36, 5'3½", 9st 11lbs, stout, fresh complexion, light brown hair thin on top, good forehead, grey eyes medium mouth, 2 teeth out on upper and 1 on lower jaw front, round chin brown whiskers, stern expression, scar right arm below elbow, burn scars and vaccine marks left arm, discharged 9 January 1874.

Note: the ship name appears to come from the street he lived on in Liverpool!

John kept out of trouble until 1878.

23 August 1878. John Tynan, feloniously stealing one coat and handkerchief value 6/-, the property of William Berry at Mt Pleasant, convicted at Mt Pleasant, 3 calendar months, 42, read and write, single, R.C, plasterer, arrived 1855 from Plymouth, discharged 21 November 1878.

13 August 1881, John Tynan, drunk, 10/- or 5 days, 48, read and write, married, R.C., plasterer, arrived 1851 from Plymouth, discharged 19 August 1881.

28 November 1881, John Tynan, drunk, 11/- or 5 days, 50, read and write, married, R.C, Plasterer, arrived 1851 from Plymouth, discharged 2 December 1881.

Adelaide Hospital. John Tynan, Morphett St, 50, married, R.C., admitted 24 June 1882, discharged 1 July 1872, cured, constipation, born Liverpool, labourer, arrived per *Burlington*, 31 years in colony.

John knows that Catherine has died, as he now states he is a widower on the following records.

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<sup>14</sup> South Australian Register, 16 August 1871, p3

<sup>15</sup> South Australian Chronicle and Weekly Mail, 17 August 1872, p7

17 October 1884, John Tynan, stealing one duck valued 3/- at Glenelg on 15 October 1884, convicted at Glenelg, one month hard labour, 55, read and write, widower, R.C. Plasterer, arrived 1851 from Plymouth, discharged 15 November 1884.

5 January 1886, John Tynan, idle and disorderly, 2 months hard labour, 60, can't read or write, widower, R.C., plasterer, arrived 1851 from Plymouth, discharged 4 March 1886.

13 May 1887, John Tynan, feloniously stealing from dwelling house 3 night dresses to the value of 10/-, 3 pillow slips value of 1/6, 2 towels value of 1/6 property of Margaret Taylor on 12 May at North Adelaide, 6 months hard labour, 66, widower, R.C, plasterer, arrived 1849 from Plymouth, discharged 1 November 1887.

Adelaide Hospital. John Tynan, Adelaide, 67, single, R.C., admitted 30 January 1888, died 9 March 1888, phthisis, born Liverpool, plasterer, arrived per *Burlington*, 37 years in colony. His final resting place has not been discovered.

### **Catherine.**

1 August 1872, Cath Tynan, indecent language on 11 July, 10/- or 14 days, 47, can read and write, married, R.C, prostitute, arrived 1854 from Dublin, discharged 14 August 1872.

Adelaide, 15 August 1872, Catherine Tynan, wife of John Tynan, was fined 10s. for using in decent language.

4 July 1877. Catherine Tynan, indecent language, fine £3 or 3 calendar months, 47, can't read or write, married, R.C. prostitute, arrived 1856 per *Birkenhead*, discharged 3 October 1877.

2 June 1874. Catherine Tynan, stealing one tin dish valued 2/-, the property of Mary Smith, Adelaide, on 1 June, two calendar months hard labour, 39, can't read or write, married, R.C, prostitute, arrived 1855 per *Birkenhead*, discharged 1 August 1874.

24 November 1875. Catherine Tynan, loiter for the purpose of prostitution in Kimberley Street, one month hard labour, 49, can't read or write, married, R.C., prostitute, arrived 1855 per *Birkenhead*, discharged, 23 February 1876.

6 February 1882. Catherine Tynan, damaging plate glass, value £25, property of Ernest Winckler at Adelaide on 4 February, 6 months hard labour, 53, reads, married, R.C., prostitute, arrived 1853 per *Birkenhead*, discharged 19 May 1882 to Adelaide Hospital

Adelaide Hospital. Catherine Tynan, resident Adelaide Gaol, 49, married, R.C., admitted 19 May 1882, discharged 27 June 1882, chronic pneumonia, from Ireland, arrived per *Bucephalis*, spent 40 days in hospital. She was sent back to gaol to finish her sentence.

27 June 1882. Cath Tynan, wilful damage, see folio 392 6 February 1882, 6 calendar months, 53, reads, married, R.C, arrived 1853 per *Birkenhead*, discharged 5 August 1882.

Destitute Asylum, 18 August 1882.

Catherine Tynan or Cormack, 49, arrived per *Bucephalus* in 1855, has been in H.M. Gaol the last 6 months, **states her husband, John Tynan, plasterer, left her five years ago**, she is Irish, R.C., recently discharged from Gaol where she has served a sentence of six months for breaking the windows of the Criterion Hotel. She is now suffering from extreme debility and weakness and is quite unable to work for her living at present. Discharged 22 September 1882, died.

Her final resting place has not been discovered.

### John Tynan's brother.

William Tynan, 24, imp, previous assault and robbery at Manchester, Liverpool Assizes in December 1850, acquitted, was imprisoned in Manchester Gaol in March 1850 for want of sureties. 7 years. <sup>16</sup>

Petition of William Ward on behalf of William Tynan, who was tried at an Assize held in Liverpool, 21 March 1851, and sentenced to 7 years transportation. That the said William Tynan was in the employment of your Petitioner for a period of more than 2 years, during which time I found him to be honest, steady and industrious and notwithstanding the unfortunate situation which he now occupies, your Petitioner would not have the least hesitation in taking him again into his employ, whenever the opportunity should offer, so confident is he of his being well disposed. Your Petitioner would further trespass on your Lordship's condescension in order to state that he, **William Tynan, was the main support of his orphan sisters, who deprived of his aid have since his incarnation been an inconvenience of the town**, on these grounds Your petitioner ventures to make an appeal to your Lordship's clemency in the humble hope that your Lordship will graciously take these facts into consideration and be pleased to recommend the said William Tynan to her most gracious Majesty for a pardon and mitigation of sentence. Your humble servant, William Ward, Manchester, 2 December 1853. <sup>17</sup>

Cover: William Tynan, 24, Lancaster Lent Assizes, Liverpool 22 March 1851, robbery, 7 years.

Gaol report: Once acquitted of assault and robbery, and once summarily convicted.

Nil. Answered 12 December 1853.

1851 census, Kirkdale Gaol.

William Tynan, prisoner, unmarried, 24, plasterer, born Liverpool. <sup>18</sup>

William Tynan was committed to Manchester Gaol and convicted on 22 March 1851 at Liverpool Assizes.

He spent 4 months in Kirkdale Gaol.

18 July 1852, transferred to Leeds Gaol, where he spent 13 months in separate confinement.

17 August 1852 to 5 August 1854, he was on the *Warrior* hulk, where his conduct was exemplary.

Licence No 1285, destination was Manchester. <sup>19</sup>

Roman Catholic, health is good.

Next of Kin: His brother John Tynan, Manchester. [He doesn't seem to know his brother was transported to Western Australia]

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<sup>16</sup> TNA, PCOM2/125

<sup>17</sup> TNA, HO18/380

<sup>18</sup> TNA, HO107/2190

<sup>19</sup> TNA, PCOM3/13; HO23/3