



## Swing Riot Trials

### **Wilts Special Commission, (Saturday, Before Mr Justice Alderson, in the Council Chamber.)**

Stephen Moon, Richard Grove and Joseph Pinchin, charged with destroying a thrashing-machine, the property of George Winter, at Pewsey, were Acquitted.

William Hibberd, Shadrack Amor, John Moon, and Joseph Pinchin, were convicted of feloniously breaking a thrashing-machine, the property of John Cook, at Pewsey.

Richard Grove and Stephen Moon, were then convicted of having destroyed a thrashing-machine, belonging to Michael Cook, at Pewsey.

**Salisbury and Winchester Journal, 10 January 1831**

### **OPC Notes:**

#### **Tasmanian convict records show:**

Joseph Pinchin, 43, Ploughman, married with nine children, wife Hannah, Transported to Van Diemen's Land on the Eliza. Received Free Pardon on 3 February 1836.

John Moon, 26, ploughman. Transported for 7 years on the Eliza, arriving in Van Diemen's Land. Married with 2 children, wife Sarah, a third child, a daughter was born to Sarah less than 2 weeks after the Eliza sailed, though child lived less than 2 weeks. A previous conviction for stealing peas. He was assigned to Peter Murdoch, until he received his ticket of leave on 1 June 1835. Free Pardon received 3 February 1836.

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Stephen Moon, age 30, ploughman. Transported for 7 years on the Eliza, arriving in Van Diemen's Land. Married with wife Sarah, and 3 children. His third child was born two weeks before the Eliza sailed. His wife Sarah died in August 1832. One previous conviction for trespass. Upon arrival in Van Diemen's Land in the Eliza, Stephen Moon was assigned to Mr. Tolmey of Lucaston, but he died within a few days of reaching his property, on 19 June 1831. He was buried at Jerusalem, Van Diemen's Land, Australia.

William Hibberd, age 44, Master ploughman. Married with 6 children, wife Ann. Transported for 7 years on the Eliza, arriving in Van Diemen's Land. His conduct record shows two convictions for being drunk in 1833, and on September 17 1833, as he was too infirm for assignment he was removed to a road party where he could break stones. Received ticket of leave in 1835 and a free pardon on 3 February 1836.

Richard Groves, 23, ploughman. Transported for 7 years on the Eliza, arriving in Van Diemen's Land. A previous conviction for assault. He was assigned to George Nicholas of Lower Clyde and remained with him until he received a 12 month sentence for insolence and disobedience. He was reassigned to a new master after his sentence, but in November 1834, was imprisoned again for 12 months, for taking liberties with a free female in the service of his master. He received a free pardon 3 February 1836. He married Mary Moran, an Irish bounty immigrant and they had six children. He established a successful brickmaking business in Geelong, and was joined by his brother, Joseph who came out from England.

Shadrack Amor, 21, single, Farm labourer, Groom. Transported for 7 years on the Eliza, arriving in Van Diemen's Land. Upon arrival he was assigned to J. Lucas, a farmer in South Esk area, but by the following year he was working on the property of Affleck Moodie, where he remained until he received his ticket of leave in 1835 and free pardon on 3 February 1836. Four weeks later he married Elizabeth Moor in Hobart. Shadrach and Elizabeth moved to Sydney, where he established a market garden at Five Docks. He was later joined by his widowed brother Thomas and his three children and two nieces. Shadrach Amor died in Sydney on 24 June 1900, his birthday.

**Additional information supplied by Mrs J. C. Webster, Queensland.**