

Simplified transcript

Name	William Towers 4099
	Photo of Prisoner
Description when set free	
Age	12
Height	4 feet 5½ inches
Hair	Brown
Eyes	Brown
Skin	Fresh
Where born	Richmond
Married or single	Single
Job	none
Any other special marks [e.g. a scar]	none
Address when arrested	9 Botroms Place New Richmond
Case heard by a judge or tried by a Jury	Judge
Place and date when found guilty	Richmond 20 December 1872
Crime	Theft stealing 2 live tame rabbits
Sentence	1 month hard labour
Date to be set free	16 January 1873
Place where the person will live on leaving prison	9 Botroms Place New Richmond

Full transcript

Name and Aliases	William Towers 4099
	Photograph of Prisoner
Description when liberated	
Age (on discharge)	12
Height	4ft 5½ [inches]
Hair	Brown
Eyes	Brown
Complexion	Fresh
Where born	Richmond
Married or single	Single
Trade or occupation	none
Any other distinguishing mark	none
Address at time of apprehension	9 Botroms Place New Richmond
Whether summarily disposed of or tried by a Jury	Summarily
Place and date of conviction	Richmond 20 Dec [18]72
Offence for which convicted	Simple larceny stealing 2 live tame rabbits
Sentence	1 month. H.L.
If liberated on Licence, date when sentence will expire	
Date to be liberated	16 Jan [18]73
Intended residence after liberation	9 Botroms Place New Richmond

Glossary

Aliases	false names, different names
Apprehension	arrest (for a crime)
Age on discharge	age when set free
Complexion	appearance of the skin, usually the face
Conviction	when a jury or judge decides that a person is guilty of a crime
Date to be liberated	date to be let out of prison
Discharge	let out, release
Distinguishing	different, distinct, recognisable (a distinguishing mark might be a scar for example)
Expire	end, finish
Intended residence after liberation	place where the person will live on leaving prison
H.L.	hard labour (hard, difficult, boring work)
Jury	a group of people in a law court who listen to the evidence and decide if a person is guilty or not
Larceny	theft, stealing someone's property
Liberated on licence	the person is set free but a record is kept of their crime and they must not commit another crime for some time afterwards
Offence	crime
Sentence	punishment given to a person found guilty of a crime
Summarily disposed	when a judge or magistrate hears a case without a jury and decides if the law has been broken