

Bob Clayton's , great, great, great, great grandfather's brother John Scripts was convicted in 1850 for stealing a sheep and killing a lamb, and sentenced to be transported for 10 years. He was sent to Van Diemen's Land (Tasmania) on the Maria Somes convict ship leaving his wife and children behind. He never returned to England, but married a female convict in Tasmania and had another child. His descendents still live in Tasmania today, and Bob is in the process of trying to contact them via the Ancestry website.

| County of Hertford | | Register of all Persons charged with INDICTABLE OFFENCES | | | | at the Assizes and Sessions held within the County during the Year 1847. | | | |
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| 408 | Names of Offenders | Degree of Indictment | Age | At what Session Tried or Discharged without Trial | OFFENCES of which those Tried were Convicted or Acquitted—and of which those discharged without Trial were charged on Indictment or Committed | SENTENCE | | | |
| | | | | | | Death | Transportation | Imprisonment | Whipping, Fine, &c. |
| | Bartholomew Russell | Wife | 31 | County Assize Sessions 25 th November | Larceny | | | 6 Months | |
| | John Scripts | M | 35 | " | Sheep Stealing before const. of Tolney | | 10 Years | | |

John Scripts, aged 35 gets 10 years transportation from the Hertford County Court for stealing a sheep