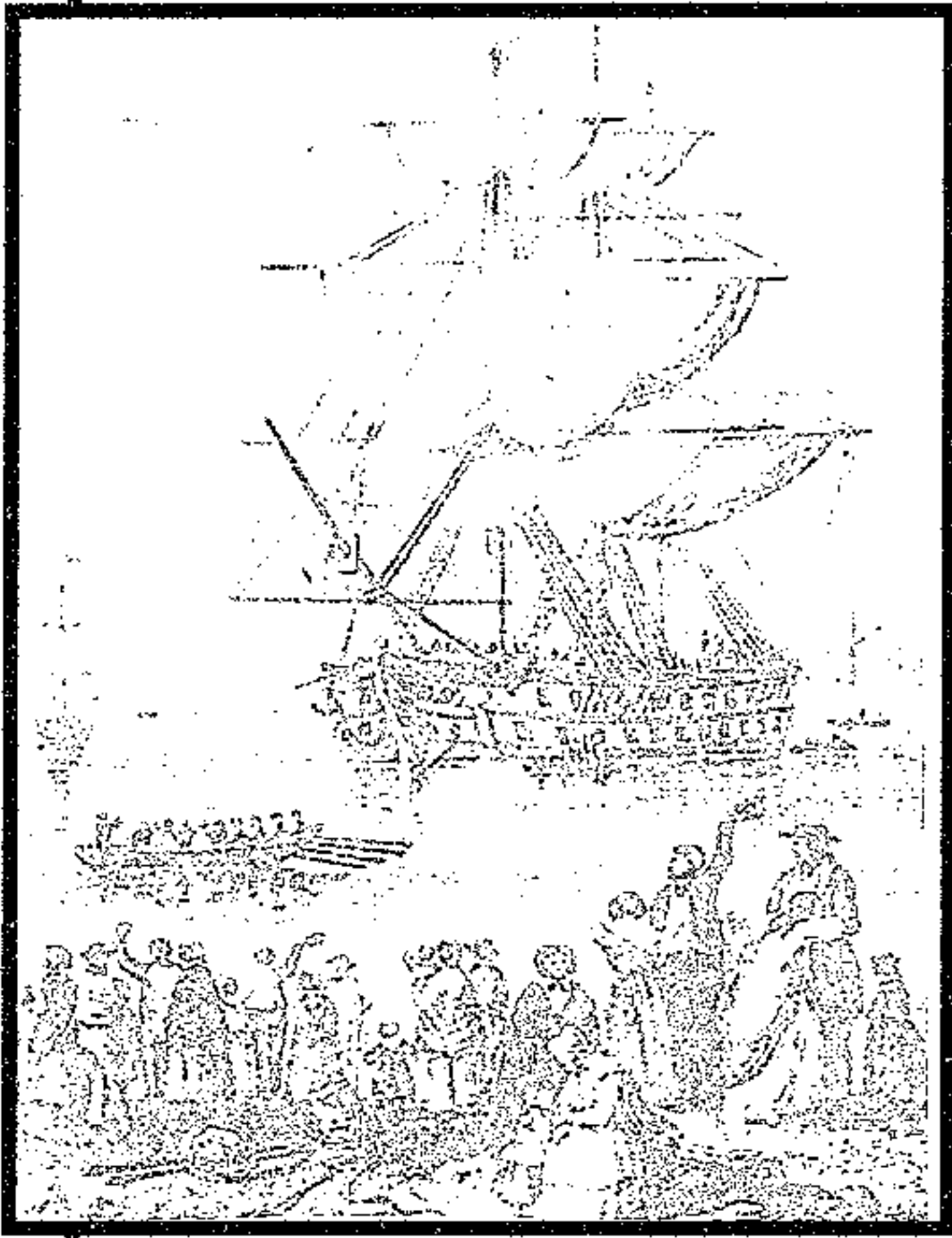


John Parker 30.9.1790 - 21.5.1874



John Parker (aliases Atmore, Atmoor, Pattmore), was born in England.

He married Rebecca Huggins on 15th April, 1816 in Garboldisham, Norfolk. They had three children (Charles, David and Hezekiah) and lived in Wilby in Southern Norfolk.

In Norwich City, on 30th July, 1822, John was found guilty of assault and sentenced to hang .

However, when he arrived on the "Ocean 11" after a voyage of 125 days on 27th August, 1823, his sentence had been commuted to "Life".

During the voyage scurvy had broken out due to the horrific conditions and a half-hearted attempt was made to take over the ship.

On arrival in Sydney, he was consigned to Parramatta and on 2nd September, 1823, to John Herbert at Prospect Hill.

(John Herbert had also been a convict)

*He is also listed in the General Muster List of N.S.W 1825*

*"Parker John Status C Ocean 1823 Life Govt. Servant to John Campbell Esq. Parramatta. Alias Palmore"*

He was granted a Ticket-of-Leave in 1832.

In 1832 he petitioned to be allowed to bring his wife, Rebecca and his three sons out to the colony .

On 10th November, 1834 he also applied to marry a Maria Robson.

Maria was a widow with five children. She had arrived on the "Diana" in 1833.

Permission was denied, possibly because he was already married! Maria later married James Smith of the "Regalia" in 1835.

In December, 1834 Rebecca arrived. They had a further two children in Australia (Henry and John).

His name appears on the 1837 Convict Muster :

(Age 41. Assigned to Rev. Thomas Hassall. Penrith District. On Loan . Ticket of Leave.)

He later received a Conditional Pardon in 1838 and another in 1845.

Family legend has it that he drove a team and waggon from Kurrajong to the city carrying produce one way and merchandise the other.

He later acquired "Parker's Farm" at Castlereagh.

His occupations were variously listed as "ploughs and makes butter"..... labourer.....convict .....carrier ..... farmer.

He became a prosperous landholder and his will aimed to make sure Rebecca and his Australian born sons and their descendants were well looked after.

