

# Sources found for Old Jackey

Google Books

1. **“Indigenous Intermediaries, New Perspectives on Exploration Archives”** by Shino Konishi, Maria Nugent and Tiffany Shellam 2015.

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## “Indigenous Intermediaries, New Perspectives on Exploration Archives”

At the end of Leichhardt’s 1845 expedition, the colonial secretary distributed £1,000 among its members: Leichhardt received £600; his adult European companions £125; a 16-year-old boy £70; a convict (who also received a government pension) £30; and Harry Brown and Charley Fisher, the Aboriginal guides, £25 each, the last deposited in a savings bank and drawn out only with the bank’s approval.<sup>27</sup> The distribution was determined not by Leichhardt himself but by the governor, who followed military conventions,<sup>28</sup> perhaps underscoring the way in which expeditions were conceived as hierarchical pseudo-military enterprises by authorities, or perhaps merely reflecting a lack of imagination about alternative models of reward distribution. John Piper agreed to accompany Mitchell on his third expedition in exchange for being clothed, fed and given a horse.<sup>29</sup> When Mitchell’s fourth expedition returned to Sydney, Yuranigh received a ‘small gratuity’.<sup>30</sup> At the end of the Eyre expedition, Wylie received a weekly government ration of flour and meat as well as £2 and a medal from the Agricultural Society of Perth. He was also appointed a constable of Albany.<sup>31</sup> Tommy Windich also became a police tracker and constable, and at the time of his death was working on the overland telegraph, positions he probably acquired because of his expedition experience, although they scarcely rank as rewards.

The presentation of breastplates to local Aboriginal ‘kings’ is well documented and was well understood at the time, as is indicated by the reaction of John Piper.<sup>32</sup> When Mitchell rewarded Piper with a breastplate, it was inscribed, at Piper’s insistence, not with ‘King’ – he said there were ‘too many kings already’ – but with ‘Conqueror of the Inland’.<sup>33</sup> Jackey Jackey, celebrated survivor of Edward Kennedy’s ill-fated 1848 expedition, also received a breastplate and a government gratuity. Uniquely, Jackey Jackey’s breastplate was solid silver. The inscription read:

Presented by His Excellency Sir Charles Augustus Fitz Roy K.H., Governor of New South Wales, to Jackey Jackey, An Aboriginal Native of that Colony, In testimony of the fidelity with which he followed the late Assistant Surveyor E.B.C. Kennedy, throughout his exploration of York Peninsula in the year 1848; the noble daring with which he supported that lamented Gentleman, when mortally wounded by the Natives of Escape River, the courage with which, after having affectionately tended the last moments of his Master, he made his way through hostile Tribes, and an unknown Country, to Cape York; and finally the unexampled sagacity with which he conducted the succour that there awaited the Expedition to the rescue of the other survivors of it, who had been left at Shelbourne Bay.<sup>34</sup>

## 2. "King Plates: A history of Aboriginal" Gorgets by Jakelin Troy 1993.

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### King Plates: A history of Aboriginal Gorgets

In about 1851 **Jackey Jackey** was rewarded by the governor with a gorget which is the only one known to have been made from solid silver. It was a masterpiece by the firm Brush and MacDonnell and possibly their earliest piece (Hawkins 1973, 32). The engraved eulogy testifies to **Jackey** Jackey's loyalty and heroism in the face of tremendous hardship and danger:

Presented by His Excellency Sir Charles Augustus FitzRoy K.D. Governor of New South Wales, to **Jackey Jackey**, an **Aboriginal** native of that colony. In testimony of the fidelity with which he followed the late Assistant Surveyor E.B.C. Kennedy, throughout the exploration of York Peninsula in the year 1848; the noble daring with which he supported that lamented gentleman, when mortally wounded by the Natives of Escape River, the courage with which after having affectionately tended the last moments of his Master, he made his way through hostile Tribes and an unknown Country, to Cape York; and finally the unexampled sagacity with which he conducted the succour that there awaited the Expedition to the rescue of the other survivors of it, who had been left at Shelbourne Bay. (Mourot and Jones 1979, 18 (plate on p.60))

## 3. "Australia on Horseback" by Cameron Forbes 2014

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“Australia on Horseback” Chapter 5: They eat horses, don’t they?

He was, as usual, drunk and, as usual, wrapped in his old, stained blanket. He had little else. At Singleton in 1850, he had sold his horse, saddle and other blankets to buy alcohol. It was 1854 and he had built a campfire beside the rough road to Albury. He fell into it. He burnt to death. He was, perhaps, 21. He was not wearing his silver breastplate. He never had. It was a fine piece of work by Messrs Brush and Macdonnell of George Street, Sydney, the top edges drawn up into two curved swan necks. It was not meant for wearing and he would not have been able to read the inscription:

PRESENTED

by

His Excellency Sir CHARLES AUGUSTUS FITZROY, K.H.,

Governor of New South Wales,

to

JACKEY JACKY

an Aboriginal Native of that Colony. In testimony of the fidelity with which he followed the late Assistant-Surveyor E. B. C. Kennedy throughout his exploration of York Peninsula in the year of 1848; the noble daring with which he supported that lamented gentleman, when mortally wounded by the Natives of Escape River, the courage with which after having attended the last moments of his Master, he made his way through hostile Tribes and an unknown Country, to Cape York; and finally the unexampled sagacity with which he conducted the succour that there awaited the Expedition to the rescue of the other survivors of it, who had been left at Shelburne Bay.

Judith Wright wrote a poem about ‘Master’ and ‘Native’, called ‘Two Sides of a story’:

I. Kennedy

That obstinate thoughtless proud  
intelligent gay young man  
read in his tent by night  
from Leichhardt’s journal, and said  
‘I shall lead these tatterdemalion  
convicts and rogues of mine  
even through hell outright,  
like this proud contrary German.  
My heartbeat tells me I can.’ . . .

II. Jacky Jacky [sic]

#### 4. A History of Aboriginals Sydney

<http://www.historyofaboriginalsydney.edu.au/north-west/1820s>

In Threlkeld's 1828 "return of the Black Natives" to the Colonial Secretary, he defines the local "tribe" as "all the persons related to (Old Jackey) and gave their "usual Place of Resort" as bounded to the south by Reid's Mistake/entrance to Lake Macquarie, to the north by Newcastle & Hunter River, to the west by the five islands 10 miles west of our station (local family group/clan). Mathews named these people as Wannerawa (Wonnorua) and Wannungine. (Ford 340). I.e "Wannerawa, language of Brisbane Water towards Wollombi; Wannungine language Lake Macquarie. (Ford p339-41).

**Bungaree** invites French visitors Dumont d'Urville and Rene Lesson to a "great gathering of tribes" at the old Brickfields ground in Sydney. This includes Aboriginal people from Windsor on the Hawkesbury River, Broken Bay and the Hunter River. Each group is painted in distinguishing designs and each is headed by a "Chief". The guilty stand trial by spear and club. There is "general fighting...with admirable order". (Karskens, 446).

## Trove

### 5. Theatre. The Sydney Gazette and New South Wales Advertiser : ( 9<sup>th</sup> August 1834)

<http://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/article/2216821?searchTerm=Old%20Jackey%20aboriginals%20%20Hunter&searchLimits=-state=New+South+Wales||sortby=dateAsc>

#### Theatre

The very pretty play called The Foundling of the Forest was brought out for the first time, at the Sydney theatre, on Wednesday, and repeated on Thurs. day evening. It was eminently successful, and, in justice to the performers, we must add deservedly so. We do not know a play better adapted to the talents of the Sydney actors than this; and we really feel gratified in stating that, although tolerably well acquainted with the text, we detected but few inaccuracies in that portion of the performance which we could spare time to witness. Count de Valmont was very creditably played by KNOWLES ; but we would suggest to him that YOUNG, the most polished and correct actor of his day, always delivered the soliloquy over the portrait, in the last act, sitting at a table, in a musing and melancholy tone of voice, until disturbed by the pertinacious entrance of Monica. He did not approach the foot lights, and tell the people " all about it" -/us grief was of that quiet, suppressed character which carried the audience with him, at times dissolved in tears, up to the moment when his delirious shriek proclaimed his recognition of the long-lost, long supposed -dead Eugenia. This remark, we hope, may be taken in good part-at all events it meant to be so; because we unhesitatingly declare that we have seen the play not at all so well performed in several provincial theatres in the mother country. Mrs. MEREDITH, as the Unknown Female, Mrs. TAYLOR, as the pert waiting woman' (decidedly her line) Mrs LARA as Monica,

MEREDITH as L'Clair, Palmer as Longueville (a little too melodramatic, perhaps), Mrs. JONES as Geraldine, and SIMMONS as Bertrand, did justice to the parts assigned them, and to the author. The Foundling of the Forest ought to be, and we are sure will be, a favourite with the Sydney play-goers.

The trial of **JACKEY**, an aboriginal native, for the murder of an assigned servant of Mr. MOSSMAN'S at William's River, in the month of April last, took place in the Supreme Court yesterday, and terminated in a verdict of manslaughter against the prisoner, with a recommendation to mercy by the jury. Mr. G-. Tt. NICHOLS gratuitously defended the prisoner, for which act of humanity the CHTE? JUSTICE observed from the bench that Mr. N. was entitled to the thanks of the Court, and the public.

## **6. Reid's Mistake: the story of lake Macquarie from its discovery until 1890 by Keith H. Clouten 1967.**

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## 7. The Estimates for 1840. Commercial Journal and Advertiser: ( 24<sup>th</sup> August 1839)

<http://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/article/226455068?searchTerm=Old%20Jackey%20aboriginals%20%20Hunter&searchLimits=l-state=New+South+Wales|||sortBy=dateAsc>

### The Estimates for 1840

he five Aboriginal blacks, King Jackey, Jemmy, Billy, Sandy and. Cooper, were brought up for sentence before His Honor the Chief Justice, on Monday last,1 who having prefaced the sentence by an " impressive address , " stated that the Court adjudged that they be transported beyond the seas for the term of ten years !!

## 8. Insolvency Proceedings. Meeting of Creditors : ( 17<sup>th</sup> January 1855)

<http://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/article/697171?searchTerm=Old%20Jackey%20aboriginals%20Hunter%20Newcastle&searchLimits=l-state=New+South+Wales|||sortBy=dateAsc>

### Insolvency Proceedings. Meeting of Creditors

An Aboriginal Found Dead.-On Friday, an inquest was held by Mr. Parker, at the Lamb Inn, Largs, Dunmore, on the body of an aged aboriginal, named Jackey, who had been found lying dead in the bush, near the town-ship. It appeared that Jackey usually worked for settlers about Bolwarra and Dunmore, cut-ting firewood, husking com, &c. He had not been seen for two or three days before he was found, and then a bottle which had contained rum was found lying by him. Dr. Getty examined the body outwardly, and was of opinion that death had occurred from exposure and drunkenness. The jury returned a verdict of found dead.