## Henry JEFFS

### Personal Details:
Married, as his wife Ann Jeffs was the executor of his Will. Died on 27 February 1771 and buried at sea in the Indian Ocean.

### Position On-Board:
AB seaman who was the ship’s butcher.

### Biographical Summary:
The ship’s muster role does not record how old he was when he enlisted on 6 June 1768. He joined as an A.B. seaman, but is known to have acted as the ship’s butcher, killing the animals on board as food was needed.

Jeffs was punished only once on the voyage. He was sentenced to receive 12 lashes after Cook learned that he had bullied a Tahitian woman. The woman was invited on board *Endeavour* to witness the punishment, and was so shocked when she saw Jeffs being lashed that she tried, unsuccessfully, to stop the punishment being completed.

Jeffs was one of the crew who died of dysentery, contracted from the contaminated fresh water taken on board at Batavia.

He left a Will, held by The National Archives (Will Reference PROB 11 / 969).

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