

A hawker's license was issued by the local authority and cost 4/- p.a. in the 1820s. It lasted for one year from date of issue. To obtain such a license, the applicant had to produce references of good character from a clergyman and two householders or a Justice of the Peace or Superintendent or Inspector of Police. They had to have their name and the words 'Licensed Hawker' visibly written, painted or printed on every box, package and every vehicle used for the carriage of goods and on every room or shop in which his/her goods were sold.

Mary Jones was apparently licensed to sell tea, tobacco and snuff. Her travels took her from Newtown to Aberystwyth four times a year.



Some of the items in Mary's basket

For more examples of Pedlar dolls, check this site.

[http://www.bbc.co.uk/ahistoryoftheworld/objects/g5Wreyc6TwC
CPmaCHt1iDw](http://www.bbc.co.uk/ahistoryoftheworld/objects/g5Wreyc6TwC
CPmaCHt1iDw)

or here: [https://collections.vam.ac.uk/item/O1131610/pedlar-
doll-unknown/](https://collections.vam.ac.uk/item/O1131610/pedlar-
doll-unknown/)