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WILLIAM PRICE

William Price was born on Christmas Day 1793 in Chermside Essex. His parents were Sarah (nee Smith) and William Price.

A family story states that one of our distant relatives got into trouble over a girl. The crime that nearly cost William his life may link to that story.

His trial:

Lent Assizes Essex 1815

At the General session of the Delivery of the Gaol of our Lord the King of the County of Essex, Holden in Chelmsford in the said county on Monday the sixth day of March in the fifty fifth year of the reign of our Sovereign Lord, King George the Third, by the Grace of God of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, King Defender of the Faith before Sir Allan Chamber, Kt., one of the Justices of our said Lord the King, assigned to deliver to the said gaol of the prisoner to be tried:

William Griarley, William Price, John Brown, All Labourers of Parish of Buttsbury, Essex. Charge: All charged with breaking and entering the dwelling of William Merrington in the day time and stealing goods to the value of twenty eight pounds.

Committed on the 29th January 1815 (By John Grabge and John Lewis.)

Charged on the oaths of William Cross, Sarah Arbor, William Harvey and others with having feloniously broke and entered the dwelling house of William Merrington of Buttsbury farm on Sunday the 29th instant and stealing therein...

(Part of the trial document that was found in London had something dropped on it with the result that parts are hard to read. A list of stolen items are included in this document.)

ESSEX: The Jurors for our Lord King upon their oath present that William Grinley late of the Parish of Buttsbury in the County of Essex, Labourer, William Price late of the same, Labourer, and John Brown late of the same, on the 29th day of January in the 55th year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord George the Third by

the Grace of God in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, King, Defender of the Faith, about the hour of 2 in the afternoon of the same day with force of arms at the Parish aforesaid, in the County aforesaid, the dwelling house of William Merrington there situated did feloniously did steal, take, and carry away:-

*One pistol of the value of one pound
One silver mug of the value of six pounds
Six silver tea spoons of the value of Twelve shillings
One coat to the value of one pound
Two waistcoats of the value of twelve shillings
Two pairs of breeches of the value of one pound and ten shillings.
Two cravats of the value of five shillings.
One handkerchief to the value of two shillings.
One razor case to the value of sixpence
One watch chain to the value of sixpence
One watch key of the value of two pence
Of the goods and chattels of the said William Merrington
One cloak to the value of one pound ten shillings
Two shawls to the value of ten shillings
One gown of the value of one pound ten shillings
One bed gown of the value of ten shillings
Four yards of lace of the value of four shillings
Of the goods and chattels of Ann Merrington, widow
One purse of the value of three shillings
One snuff box of the value of one shilling
One ring of the value of three shillings
One handkerchief of the value of two shillings
One hat of the value of five shillings
Of the goods and chattels of John Scott.
And four bank notes for the payment of one pound each and the said banknotes at the time of committing the felony and housebreaking aforesaid being the property of the said John Scott, the said sum of four pounds payable and secured by and upon the said Bank Notes being then due and unsatisfied to the said John Scott the proprietor thereof against the for of the statute in such case made and provided and against the peace of our Said Lord King his Crown and Dignity.*

William's description tell us that he was five foot six inches tall, had a sallow complexion and brown eyes. William travelled to Australia on the Ocean that arrived January 1816.

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He was assigned to William Cox of Clarendon where he worked as a tanner and currier. His trade was that of bootmaker.



Above: William Price

During his time as a convict working for Cox he was called to give evidence at the Bligh report. Documents from the report have been edited by John Ritchie. Chapter 9, Volume 1 contains a transcript of William Price's evidence – it does not contain the question.

29th November 1820.

I have been five years in the country come next January. I am a Prisoner for Life. I have been always in the service of Mr Cox since I came to this Country. I am a currier by trade. I got my Ticket of Leave last June. I now carry on the Trade of Tanning and Currying and Shoe-making in Richmond. Mr Cox gave me an Acre and 5 Rods of land there. I have a wife and family, and married a free Colonial Girl three years after I arrived. Mr Cox has allowed me to have a Government man in consequence of my marriage, and I also agreed to do Mr Cox's business with the man, and when it was finished to work for myself. The man's name is Thomas Highland, he is now in the Chain Gang. I used to work for Mr Cox with the man before I got my Ticket of Leave. I have worked for Mr Cox since I got it. In August twelvemonth I recommended T Highland to Mr Cox. That should he go to him and receive his food and wages, and I would do the Currying of the leather for ten pound – that Mr Cox was to allow me. He did allow it to me in property. I have never received any payment from Mr Cox since I got my Ticket of Leave, but I

was in debt to him. McGrath's cattle skins were found in my house. T Miller is the Inspector and District Constable.

William did not get the land promised to him until the late 1830s at which time he paid over one hundred pounds for it.

A Few Documents Relating to William Price

Col. Secretary Letters

Mitigation of Sentence

*His Excellency, Governor Macquarie,
The humble petition of William Price*

Respectively sheweth,

That your petitioner arrived in the transport ship Ocean 1st Captain Johnston in the year of 1816 having been tried at Chelmsford in the month of March 1815 and sentenced to transportation for life.

That on his arrival he was assigned to William Cox of Clarendon with whom he now lives and hath behaved himself and become a faithful servant. He humbly presumes to solicit his Excellency to grant him the indulgence of a Ticket of Leave.

And petitioner

Will Ever Pray

Signature of four magistrates followed

I certify that the petitioner has lived with me ever since being in the colony and that he is sober honest and industrious, has a wife and family, one of the Orphan School.

Wm Cox

I beg to leave and recommend petitioner to his Excellency the Governor's notice for a Ticket of Leave agreeable to the General Orders of 9th January 1813.

William Price later received a full pardon.

Price, William Tradesman at Richmond, 22 Jan 1825, to have John Brett assigned to him. The

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1828 Census listed John Brett aged 38 years, shoemaker assigned to William Cox of Clarendon.

Memorandum for William Cox Esquire to be pleased to recommend the undersigned Mount(?) Keeper of the District of Richmond to receive the Convict Mechanic John Brett, ship County of Harcourt now on the Government Establishment at Emu, and formerly the Govt Servant of the said undersigned on the prescribed rule of paying for his services

*And as in duty bound
Will ever pray*

*Wl Price.
I certify to Major Goulburn Col Sect that Price is an industrious tradesman and deserves arrangement. Wl Cox JP.*

Application of William Price of Richmond Currier, Tanner etc for permission to purchase land. Dated 17th February 1836.

*Sir,
Being desirous to purchase the following piece of land I request you will obtain the Governor's authority that it may be put up for sale at the minimum price determined by the Government, agreeable to the Regulations of 1st November 1833, viz:- One hundred acres situate in Richmond situated between land belonging to James Daly and William Cox Esq respectively and bounded by the Road leading from Richmond to Penrith towards the South West by twenty chains on...side to include the quantity.*

This application is made for the purpose of converting the same 100 acres into a Tan Yard.

I am free, and arrived in the Colony by the ship Ocean the first from England in the month of February in the year 1816.¹

*A Holden
Clerk Windsor
...Minimum price ...Surveyor Genr. The land applied for is part of the Richmond Common and*

¹ The ship arrived 30.1.1816 but the convicts were probably not taken off the ship for a few days.

cannot therefore be sold. Refused for the reason stated.

*Richmond, April 6th 1836
Sir,*

I have the honor to request you will inform me of the mode of proceeding to be adopted in Procuring a Grant of the Crown to an Allotment of ground promised to me by the late Governor Macquarie to myself, and which is situate in the Township of Richmond.

*I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient sert.
William: Price
Tanner and Currier Richmond.*

*The Hon Alexander McLeay
Colonial Secretary
Sydney.*

*Rev Branch Col Treasury
Sydney 14th April 1837
Referring to my letter of 10th ultimo No 37/561 transmitting report of the sale of land on 8 & 9 ultimo and Lots 22,23,24 & 25 of that Report which states William Price of Richmond to be purchaser of these Lots containing Lots 22,23,24 on hundred and ten acres each and Lot 25 one hundred and twelve acres in the County of Cumberland parish of Castlereigh for the sum of one hundred and ten pounds ten shilling which he has paid.*

I have the honor to request that you will please cause the Deed of Grant in his favor of each of the Lots abovementioned to be prepared and transmitted to me though the usual channels as early as convenient.

*I have the Honor to be
Sir,
Your most obedient servant
CD Riddely
Colonial Treasurer*

*Deeds executed 16th July 1837
Dispatched 23rd October 1837.*

20th August 1838

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*To His Excellency, Sir George Gipps Knight
Captain General and Governor in Chief
Of Her Majesty's Territories of New South Wales
and its Dependencies
Assistant Surveyor Galloway
38/710
The Memorial of Wm Price*

*Most respectfully showeth that your
Memorialist on the 10th day of March 1836 most
respectively addressed a Memorial to your
Excellency Praying that you would be pleased to
direct a Deed of Grant might be prepared of an
allotment of Land in the Possession of your
Memorialist and charted on the map of Township
of Richmond as Allotment No 3 in Square No 9.*

*That your Memorialist not hearing of your
Excellency's comment thereon, and having been
in the possession twenty years and made
improvements to the value of eight hundred
pounds your Memorialist as desired by the Hon
the Colonial Secretary is once more embolden
but with great humility to address your
Excellency.*

*Praying a Deed of Grant and your Memorialist as
in duty bound,*

Will ever pray,

No39/57

Description:

*One rood, five perches, County of Cumberland,
Parish of Ham Common, Town of Richmond,
Allotment No 3, Selection No 9 Bounded on West
by allotment No 1 being a line bearing North
twenty degrees East twenty degrees South two
hundred and seventy degrees West three
hundred and seventy four links and on the South
by allotment No 4 being a line bearing West
nineteen and a half degrees North two hundred
and seventy seven links to the aforesaid South
East corner of Allotment No 1.*

*The allotments Deed of Grant of which is hereby
classified as No 3 of Section 9 is now charted on
the present map as well as on Mr Cox's map, to
W Price, the present claimant – it is also the ...to
the lease of 1822 as belonging to W Price – by
the original map signed by Governor Macquarie,
it is found to be part of the Allotment No 6
located to Wm Bowman – consequently it is to*

*be made inferred that some subsequent
arrangement was made by Mr Cox; other ...lies
having received a portion of the allotment as
originally located to Bowman. The allotment
has been measured by WA....Surveyor Galloway
in order to obtain a description for insertion in
the Deed of Grant and copy thereof is forwarded
herewith.*

SA Perry

Surveyor General's Office

19th February 1839

No 39. 46 Folio 108 Vol 2

*There seems no objection to advertise the
allotment for the claimant 22 February*

No 30/86 – 3

*The quantity of this allotment is given as 1a, 0,
5p in the margin of the description as one rood
five perches in words at length. The Surveyor
General is requested to state the correct
quantity.*

Banklove 7 March, 1839.

39/186

*The correct quantity is one rood and five
perches.*

SA Perry

13th March 1839.

Richmond January 13, 1840

Sir,

*In attention to your letter of 24th October last, I
beg to leave to acquaint you the [reason] I lay
claim to Allotment of the land at Richmond
described as No 3 of Section 9 as Proprietor
thereof, by virtue of an Authority from His
Excellency Governor Lachlan Macquarie Esquire
to the late William Cox Esquire who place me in
possession of the said allotment some time
since; I have also to acquaint you the surname is
Price; Christian name: William; Residence
Richmond.*

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your most obedient servant

William Price.

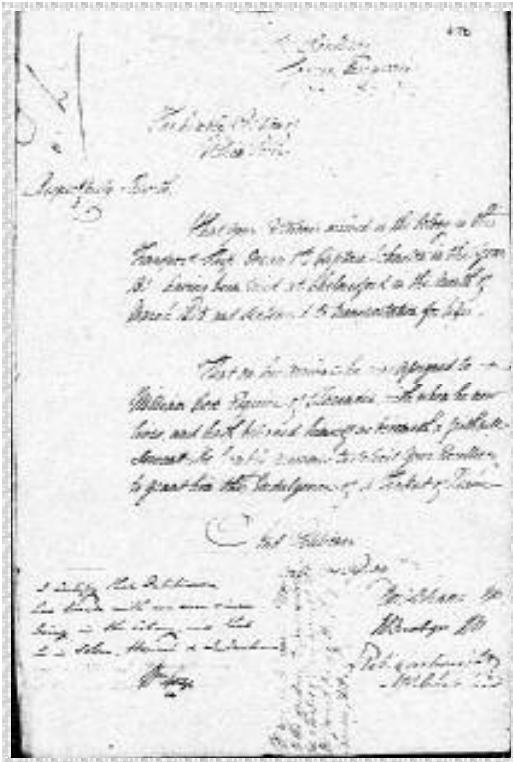
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Price home at Richmond. It faces the common. At the time when renovations included the removal of an addition to the building a small tombstone with the word *Toby* was found.

William Price was granted a full pardon on 1st January 1840.

Below is a document requesting mitigation of sentence (sent to me by Harold Price – descendent of Rowland Price.) The document is now hard to read but shows an educated hand.



Reminiscences in Windsor Richmond Gazette
February 10, 1910

Then there was a vacant allotment next in my earliest days. Later on, but standing on this piece of ground is the old two storey place which has been in the possession of the Price family for many years. The old brick work was done by Caleb Crisford and his father. Grandfather Price died there, as did Rebecca, his daughter. It was from this place that Mrs Archie Kennedy buried a son, Donald, and a daughter, Mary in a very short space of time. Mrs Parkinson who afterwards went to England kept school there. Next door we have the old home of the Price family which I don't remember getting built. Old Mr William Price (great grandfather of the two young Prices now living in Richmond), kept a post office in Richmond in the old place. At the back was a tan yard. He also carried on undertaking etc. Again there was vacant land, but afterwards there was a blacksmith's shop erected, and this combined with monumental work made is a scene of activity.

March 19, 1910

Windsor Street, continued... In the house which is now at the back of the Commercial Hotel and which was occupied by Miss Caroline Price for many years Mr Alfred Cox lived for sometime. He was the son of the original Cox who died at Fairfield after leaving Clarendon...It was a post office also for some time previous to the new office being built. Mr White who married a step-daughter of Mr William Reid and a sister to the present Mr Joseph Onus of Richmond was post master at the time. In years after Mr George Cobcroft bought the property and built the hotel in front of it.

Next door Mrs Parkinson as I have stated, kept her school and I was her milk boy also...[further down the street] I think where the Price brothers have their office was the chemist shop kept by "Cocky" Jones. He also kept the post office. When he left "Grandfather" Price kept the post office and sold patent medicines, perfumery etc.

May 5 1903

I have been informed that Mr Price was the first Postmaster to hold the position in Richmond, some time in the teens of the century; but finding it interfered with his private business he

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resigned. It was then carried on by different storekeepers viz Mr Blue and then Mr Ducker. [Some family histories state that William Price was the fourth Post Master - however from this information it would suggest that he was both the first and fourth.]

Subsequently Mr Price again took up the management as before stated and remained in the position until the telegraph line was extended to Richmond in 1858 or 1859 after which it was removed to premises which I have before referred to as being enlarged by Mr Cobcroft and placed under the control of a professional official, Mr J Betts, who was succeeded by Mr White.

Other Odds & Ends of Information

1828 Census – Convicts Assigned to William Cox:
 William Bellinger 41 FS Adament 1821 7 P shoemaker
 William Brian 26 FS L Sidmouth 1821 7 labourer
 Mary McCarthy 27 FS Woodman 1821 7 C servant

1837 convict assigned to William Price
 Thomas Hirons 32 Catherine Stewart Forbes 1829.
 William Draper 25 Manlius 1826 (in 1828 census he was a labourer assigned to Alex McLeod Luskintyre)
 Samuel Broughton 24 Asia 1830
 James Barlow 19 Bussoral Merchant 1831.

One of William Price's account books (photocopies of a number of pages loaned to me) for the period circa 1834-1839 records purchases of shoes, boots, tea, sugar etc and funeral expenses. This information was written on one of the double pages. When the book was completed it was turned upside down and the other side used for information on indents and punishment of convicts. For example:

*Broughton, Punished once.
 10 May Spoilt the Coffin plate. Frequently out at night without permission Whitmunday till 11 o'clock and later had Wm Brown Rule...*

11 June out an hour or two 14 out without leave in the morning between 8 and 10 16 out from 5 o'clock to 7 18 from 5 to half past six.

July 8 out – out 1836 the same as Smith

July 10 1 Bed 1 Blinket, 2 Pieces.

Out repeatedly and after my bedtime going out after Muster till after 11 o'clock if not all night.

*Do 22 Nove Bed 1837 Feb 4 1838
 Found in his waiststuck supposed made by our Taylor who stole the stuff from us.*

Twice punished.

The Memorial written on behalf of his wife and her sister and brother indicates that William was literate and by the 1840s well versed in the writing of Memorials. The full document covers some five or six pages. The first two pages transcribed follows:

1401 23rd May 1844

<i>Sarah Moore</i>	<i>To His Excellency</i>
<i>Thos Cooper</i>	<i>Sir George Gipps Knight</i>
<i>Ann Price</i>	<i>Govrn in Chief NSW</i>

The Memorial Respecting Money Lost in the Almorah

*Sarah Moore
 Thomas Cooper
 Ann Price*

Humbly Showeth

That your Memorialists were Born in this Colony. Our Mother died at Windsor. Our Father Charles Cooper left us in 1817 with horses sent to Batavia and died at Java in August 1820. Leaving to us his children seven hundred and ninety seven Spanish Dollars, One Pr...and a half which was placed in the Orphan Chambers at Batavia till (by Power of Attorney, James Norton Esq, Solicitor of Sydney) it was forwarded through their Agents at Calcutta, to this Colony, in that at present to us. Unfortunate Ship Almorahs. Messrs Walker and Jones Merchants of Sydney Received the Bill Lodging with the letter on Ship Arrival but before the money was landed the Ship was taken by HMS Slaney and with her sailed for England which act we infurd was not approved of by the

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British Government as Five Thousand Pounds was awarded by the British Parliament to compensate the losers in that case. We have made since that time repeated applications for our Money but without success. By some we have been abused. From others received evasive answers. But from the last His Excellency Sir MC O'Connell Knight & CB the greatest kindness but no relief, a copy of whose letter will be seen on P3 of this, with one from Commissary Goodsir Esq to the above Gentlemans enquiry. We have been told that their was removed [?] plus money in the Commisariat Department after other claimants were paid and that amongst themselves said it must be the children's money, by I Norton Esquire, but we never could get it. We are poor and have no money to fee Lawyers. Having large family...

We have frequently been urged to lay the case before the Governor seeing all other help fails we have presumed on your Excellencys time and patience praying that you will take such steps as in wisdom you see best for the recovery of an our long-missed but long sought Rights.

And you Petitioners as in duty bound will pray

*To Remain your Excellencys
Your Obedient and Humble Servants
John & Sarah Moore
Thos & Emma Cooper
Ann Price
& Wm Price for the above*

May 18 1844.²

It is somewhat ironical that the lower classes, including William Price could receive the death penalty for stealing anything valued above the value of one shilling and the loss of seven hundred and ninety seven Spanish Dollars go un noticed by the British Government.

William's will was his final document that gives some idea of his station in life and wealth accumulated. The document was written in longhand without paragraphs. I will put breaks into the document to allow for easier reading.

*THIS IS THE LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF ME
WILLIAM PRICE OF Richmond in the Colony of*

² This Memorial was found by family researcher Marie A Chalker who kindly shared with us all.

New South Wales, Gentleman. I revoke all former and other Wills by me at any time heretofore made I appoint the Reverend James Cameron Presbyterian minister and John Ducker and Roland Hill Ducker, Storekeepers, all of Richmond aforesaid to be the Executors and Trustees of this WILL I GIVE AND BEQUEATH all my personal estate (including gold and mining shares) of everykind and description whatever and whosoever subject the payment thereof of all my just debts, funeral and testamentary expenses unto and equally between my daughters Caroline and Rebecca share and share alike absolutely.

I DIRECT that my said daughters Caroline and Rebecca Price shall be permitted to use and occupy for twelve calendar months after my decease rent free the house with appurtenances which I and they now occupy situate in March Street Richmond the aforesaid with their appurtenances occupied at present by Thomas Perry and Cornelius Mills my tenants

AND subject to the directions aforesaid I dispose of my real Estate in the same manner following that is to say:

I give and devise unto my said Trustees and their heirs ALL that my messuage or tenement and premises situated at Richmond aforesaid in March Street with the rights easements and appurtenances as the same hereditaments are now occupied by my eldest son William Thomas Price and assigns during his life without impeachment of waste And after the determination of that Estate by forfeiture or therwise in his lifetime To the use of the said Trustees and their Heirs during the life of the said William Thomas Price In trust to preserve the contingent remainders hereinafter devised And after the decease of the said William Thomas Price To the use of William Robert Price (the eldest son of the said William Thomas Price) and his assigns during his life sans waste and after the determination of that Estate the forfeiture of otherwise in his lifetime To the use of the Trustees and their Heirs during the life of the said William Robert Price to the use of Lewis Price (son of William Thomas Price) and his assigns during his life without impeachment of waste And after the determination of the Estate

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by forfeiture or otherwise in his lifetime to the use of the said Trustees and their Heirs during the lifetime of the said Lewis Price to severally and successively according to their respective minorities in tail male and for default of such issue To that use of my own rights heirs forever.

I GIVE AND DEVISE all that my other messuage or tenement land and hereditaments situate in March Street at Richmond aforesaid being the hereditaments next to those herein before described as being occupied by my eldest son and which said messuage or tenement and hereditaments now devised are present occupied by myself with their rights easements and appurtenances unto my said Trustees and their Heirs To the use of my eldest son William Thomas Price and assigns during his life without impeachment of waste And after the determination of that Estate by forfeiture or otherwise during his lifetime To the use of the contingent remainders hereafter limited. And after the decease of the said William Thomas Price and his assigns during his life without impeachment of waste And after the determination of that Estate by forfeiture or otherwise in his lifetime To the use of the contingent remainders hereinafter limited

And after the decease of the said William Thomas Price To the use of my other son James Price and his assign during his life sans waste And after the determination of that estate by forfeiture or otherwise during the life of the said James Price To the use of the Trustees during his life to preserve the contingent remainders hereinafter limited and after the decease of the said James to the use of Rowland Price To the use of the said Trustees during his life to preserve the contingent remainder herinafter limited To the use of the said Trustees during his life to preserve the contingent remainders hereinafter limited

And after the decease of the said Rowland Price severally and successively according to their respective seniorities in tail mail and for default of such issue To the use of my own rights heirs forever.

I GIVE AND DEVISE unto my said Trustees and their Heirs ALL THAT messuage or tenement of

land and hereditaments situated at Richmond in March Street aforesaid with the rights easements and appurtenances as the same hereditaments and premises are now occupied by my tenants Dennis Hendley and Elizabeth Cornell To the use of my second son Charles James Price and his assigns during his life without impeachment of waste

And after the determination of that estate by forfeiture or otherwise in his lifetime to the use of the said Trustees and their Heirs during the life of the said Charles James Price and his assigns during his life sans waste and after the determination of that estate by forfeiture or otherwise in his lifetime to the use of the said Trustees and their Heirs during the life of the said George Price in trust to preserve the contingent remainders hereinafter limited.

And after the decease of the said George Price to the use of Edward Price (son of Charles James Price) and his assigns during his life without impeachment of waste. And after the determination of the estate by forfeiture or otherwise in his lifetime to the use of the said Trustees and their Heirs during the life of the said Edward Price in trust to preserve the contingent remainder hereinafter devised and after the decease of the said Edward Price severally and successively according to their respective seniorities in tail male and for default of such issue to the use of my own right heirs forever.

I GIVE AND DEVISE ALL those fifty acres of land and appurtenances portion of my own farm of one hundred and eighty acres purchased by me from Howe situated at Kurrajong in the County of Cook and the Colony aforesaid and which fifty west by the Comerloy Road and on the other two sides by the remaining devised and are eleven and a half chains wide and unto the sue of my said son William Thomas Price his heirs and assigns for ever.

I GIVE AND DEVISE ALL that remainder of my said farm land which contains one hundred and thirty acres more or less and which said farmland and hereditaments are present occupied by my eldest son William Thomas Price and ... Myers and ... Mitchell with all the rights

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easements and appurtenances unto the use of my third son John Price and his heirs and assigns Subject to and upon condition of his paying to my daughter Martha the wife of Robert Cooper Martin during her life an annuity of clear yearly sum of Ten pounds sterling to be paid to her in the sum of two pounds ten shillings at the end of every three calendar months the first of such payments to be made to her on the ninetieth day after my death free from legacy or other duty and I charge the said farm on one hundred and thirty acres devised as aforesaid to my said son John Price with the payment of the said annuity. And in order to secure the due payment thereof and in case of default in such payment I GIVE to my daughter Martha Martin full power of entry and distress and sale similar to those of a landlord in case of non payment of rent in and upon the said farm and hereditaments

I GIVE AND DEVISE unto my said Trustees and their Heirs ALL THAT messuage or tenement land and hereditaments and appurtenances situated at Richmond aforesaid in Windsor Street with the rights of easements and appurtenances as the same hereditaments and appurtenances are now occupied by Cornelius Mills my tenant UPON TRUST TO PAY the rents issues and profits of the said hereditaments into the hands of my eldest daughter Mary Ann now the wife of Caleb Crisford during her life for her own sole separate and personal use and benefit free from the debts and control intermeddling or engagements of her present or any future husband and after her death I give and devise the last mentioned hereditaments to the said Trustees and their Heirs during the life of the said Mary Ann Young to the use of James Crisford (eldest son of the said Mary Ann Crisford and Caleb Crisford) and assigns during his life without impeachment of waste.

*AND after the determination of the said estate by forfeiture or otherwise in his lifetime to the said Trustees and their Heirs during the life of the said James Crisford and in trust to preserve the contingent remainders hereinafter divided AND after the decease of the said James Crisford in trust to the use of the first and every other son of the said **James Crisford** severally and successively according to their respective seniorities in the tail male AND for default of*

such issue To the use of my own right heirs forever I give and devise to my said Trustees and their Heirs all that messuage or tenement land and hereditaments wherein I lately dwelt known as the Old Richmond Post Office and now occupied by Mr Hughes Chemist situated in Windsor Street Richmond aforesaid with all the rights members lights easement and appurtenances to the use of my fourth daughter Caroline and her assigns during her life without impeachment of waste and after the determination of that Estate by forfeiture or otherwise in her lifetime to the use of the said Trustees and their Heirs during the life of the said Caroline Price and in trust to preserve the contingent remainders hereinafter limited

*And after the decease of the said Caroline Price severally and successively according to their respective seniorities in tail male and for default of such issue to the use of the said Trustees and their Heirs in trust to preserve the contingent remainder hereinafter limited and if there shall not be any children of the marriage of the said Caroline To the use of the said Trustees and their Heirs All that messuage or tenement land and hereditaments situated at Richmond aforesaid next to the Old Post Office now occupied by the said Mr Hughes with all the rights lights easements and appurtenances To the use of the said Trustees and their Heirs during the life of the said Rebecca Price if she shall have been married To the use of and successively according to their respective seniorities in tail male and for default of such issue To the use of the said remainders hereinafter limited And if there shall not be any grandson Albert the son of my eldest son William T Price his heirs and assigns for ever. I GIVE AND DEVISE to my said Trustees and their Heirs ALL that my messuage or tenement and hereditaments situated in Windsor Street Richmond aforesaid with the rights easements and appurtenances as the same hereditaments and appurtenances are now occupied by my tenant Thomas Perry Taylor upon trust to pay the rents issues and profits of the said hereditaments into the hands of my third daughter **Lydia Ann Crisford** and her assigns during her life sans waste And after the determination of that estate by forfeiture or otherwise in her lifetime to the use of the said Trustees and their Heirs the contingents*

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remainders hereinafter limited and after the decease of the said Clara Ann Martha Crisford to preserve the contingents remainders hereinafter limited and after the decease of the said Clara Ann Martha Crisford To the use of Mary Jane Crisford second daughter of the said Lydia Ann Crisford and her assigns during her life without impeachment of waste And after her lifetime To the use of the said Trustees and their Heirs during the life of the said Mary Jane Crisford severally and successively to their respective seniorities in tail male And for default of such issue To the use of my own right heirs forever

I GIVE AND DEVISE to my said Trustees their Heirs the rest and remainder of my real estate To the use of my said sons and daughters their heirs and assigns forever equally as tenants in common

I GIVE AND DEVISE unto my said Trustees their Heirs and assigns ALL estates vested in me as Trustee or mortgagee TO HOLD the same respectively Upon the several trusts and subject to the several equities affecting the same whether the Trustee or Trustees shall be acting under a trust created expressly or by implication to be valid and sufficient discharge to any person or persons paying any moneys to them him or any of them as such Executors Trustee or Trustees or relation thereto And such receipt, or receipts shall effectually exonerate and discharge the person or persons paying the money from seeing to the application form being answerable for any such loss misapplication or non application of the money in any such receipt mentioned and expressed as having been paid and received And at anytime it shall be necessary to appoint a new Trustee or Trustees or this my Will I DECLARE that everyone of my said sons shall successively and in seniority during his life be the person hereby nominated for the propose of appointing a new Trustee or Trustees pursuant to the 63^d section of the Trust Property Act of 1862 IN WITNESS WHEREOF I the said William Price the Testator have to this my last Will and Testament written on six sheets of brief paper signed my name at the foot of every sheet and at the foot or end of the whole Will this twenty-first day of June in the year one thousand eight hundred and seventy five.

WM PRICE

Signed by the said Testator as and for his last Will and Testament in the presence of us present at the same time who at his request in his presence and in the presence of each other have hereunto subscribed our names as Witnesses

Wm Walker, Solicitor Windsor
Edwin Young, Bootmaker Richmond
William Sullivan, Bootmaker Richmond.

THIS IS A CODACIL to the last Will and Testament of me William Price of Richmond in the County of Cumberland in the Colony of New South Wales, Gentleman which Will bears the date the twenty first day of June one thousand eight hundred and seventy five WHEREAS by my said Will I have devised the premises in which I now reside situate in March Street Richmond aforesaid after the decease of my said son William Thomas Price "to my other son James price" Now is my will that such words "to my other son" shall be obliterated and my said Will and the words "to my grandson and the son of William Thomas Price" and the words "to my other son" being inserted in error. Further it is my will with reference to my property in Windsor Street Richmond aforesaid consisting of four tenements devised respectively to my daughters Mary Ann Young, Caroline Price, Rebecca Price, Lydia Ann Crisford and their heirs that a right of road or way sufficient for a carriage shall be allowed and reserved leading from Windsor Street aforesaid at the sides of the portions devised respectively to the said Mary Ann Young and Lydia Ann Crisford and through the centre of such property so as to afford access to the yard at rear of the portions thereof devised as aforesaid to the said Caroline Price and Rebecca Price respectively AND I DECLARE that the devises aforesaid to the said Mary Ann Young and Lydia Ann Crisford are subject to the reservation of such right of way. Further I will and direct that my said property in Windsor Street shall be fairly divided into four portions so as to give each devisee an equal share thereof

LASTLY I confirm my said Will in all other respects IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand the eighteenth day of January in the year one thousand eight hundred and seventy six. WL PRICE

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Signed by the Testator as a Codicil to his last Will and Testament in the presence of us present at the same time who his request in his presence and in the presence of each other hereunder to subscribed our names as Witnesses, EDWIN YOUNG, WILLIAM SULLIVAN.

9th August 1877 Probate on the Will and Codicil thereto of William Price late of Richmond in the State of New South Wales, Gentleman, was granted to JAMES CAMERON, JOHN DUCKER and ROWLAND HILL DUCKER the executors names in the said Will. Testator died 28th May 1877.

William, his wife Ann and son Benjamin are buried in Londonderry Cemetery. A bronze plaque to them is placed on Price graves in the cemetery behind the RAAF base at Richmond. The following information about the burials is found in *Hawkesbury Chronicle* 10th March 1898

Mr Arthur Price has erected over the remains of his father and mother at the Wesleyan Cemetery Londonderry a magnificent tombstone which reflects great credit on him as the whole of the work is from Mr Price's own hands.

Hawkesbury Herald 29th April 1904
Reference to Robert Farlow's description of the burial area at Londonderry
Anyhow the consecrated place is no disgrace to the Wesleyan community of Richmond for I have seen many a cemetery within the borough in much greater disrepair. A few ornamental trees had been planted, which I suspect was the thought and handiwork of my valued friend Mr Arthur Price...

Then goes on to mention particular tombstone inscriptions - the one to the Price family follows:

*In Memory Of Benjamin Arthur Price
who departed this life
November 5th 1854
Aged 20 years
(verse obliterated)
Also
Ann Price
born January 21st 1801
Died May 10th 1856*

ALSO

*William Price
born December 25th 1792
died May 28th 1877
"Tis Jesus the first and the last,
whose spirit will guide us safe home;
We'll praise him for all that is past
And trust him for all that is to come.*

ALSO

*Rebecca
sixth daughter of the above
who died July 21st 1880
Aged 37 years.*

In an enclosure of the most up to date masonry to be found in the cemetery I find a few names familiar to me.

*William Thomas Price
died 20th April 1895
Aged 75 years.
Dear Father.
Caroline
beloved wife of
died 3rd December 1878
aged 54 years.
Dear Mother
Albert
youngest son of
William Thomas Price
died 4th April 1876
aged 10 years
William Robert Price
beloved husband of
Elizabeth (nee Young)
eldest son of WT Price and Caroline Price
died 30th January 1899
aged 47 years.*

Mr William Price here mentioned as "Dear Father " was the father of our intellectual and progressive citizen Mr Arthur Price. I remember the old gentleman very well, and he and I were the best of friends. Many a morning I met him in Cox's Lane as early as half past five, and always received a friendly "good morning Robert!" from him. Later in life I knew him more intimately and we had many a pleasant chat together.

William Robert Price who carried on blacksmithing establishment in Richmond for

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many years I knew also, and many a time have been to his shop with some portion of farming implement when I was a boy. I knew him later as an Oddfellow and claimed him as brother, and we all regretted his death while still in the prime of life. He died at Penrith but I was pleased to see they brought him over and laid him to rest with his parents, and that he was accorded an Oddfellow's funeral.

As I stood with their grave at my feet I thought of the times when we foregathered under pleasant circumstances; thought of the good days when few pounds were nothing to us; thought too, of the attention of my valued friend, Mr Arthur Price, has given to their resting place. In this attention he has set a noble example, and proves that their memory is still dear to him. He has enclosed their resting place with a unique and ornamental masonry of Waratah blue stone, which works up admirably, and very much superior to the majority of freestone available for monumental work. The corner stone weigh one ton each and the other sections are proportionately substantial, while in the centre stands an ornament of the same material. The remaining portion being covered with beautiful bronze gravel...

William's sister-in-law, Sarah Cooper married John Moore. One son, William Moore entered the ministry and worked for over twenty years in Fiji. On his retirement his farewell was reported in the *Hawkesbury Advocate* April 1885. In it was mentioned that William Price was instrumental in influencing his nephew to become a Wesleyan Minister and the following text from the farewell refers to this influence and suggests why William Price became a convict before becoming a *Gentleman*.

His preaching had invariably been for the young – for he knew that the most important thing in the young of both sexes was their character. Nature laid heavy hands upon them at times, and we were all prone to physical and moral weakness, and therefore he had always made a point of instilling in the minds of the young the necessity of maintaining their character – when a man or woman loses their character in society it is not easy to bring it back again. It tingled in his ears even now, what had been said to him by

men who were no more, as to this very subject. He had never forgotten it, and it had been his constant theme to the young, from then till now...

A number of William and Ann Price's direct descendents also joined the ranks of Wesleyan Ministers. Other occupations included the undertaking business, Postal Officers and teaching.

William Price married a girl from the Orphan School. Her name was Ann Cooper, daughter of Charles and Alse (nee Davis) Cooper who came to Australia on the *Barwell*.

Charles Cooper

Charles Cooper was born circa 1773 at Stratford on Avon Warwickshire. A family story is that Charles' mother was Lady Margaret Vane who ran off with the groom. His father's name was Thomas.

Charles was tried at Leicester on 16.3.1796 and sentenced to death. This was commuted. He spent 14 months in Leicester prison until the 12th May 1797 when he was transferred to the hulk *Fortune* in Langstone Harbour where he remained until 18th October when he was transferred to the *Barwell*.

It is not known when he married Alse Davis but it was sometime before the birth of his daughter Sarah in December 1793.

Alice and Sarah boarded the *Barwell* on 24.10.1797. Shortly after arrival their son Thomas was born. He along with his sister Margaret died young. No details of Alse's death have been found. Charles did go back to England in 1817 and his daughter Ann was in the Orphan School at the time she met her husband William Price. It may be that Alse Cooper was buried in 1806 under the name of Ann Cooper? It is possible that she had TB – a disease that also was the cause of Ann Price nee Cooper's death.

Charles Cooper died in Java in August 1820. He had taken horses there. [See Memorial written by William Price re money sent home to the Orphan children.]

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Whitehall 30 Mar 1796
Justice of Assizes for the Midland Circuit
Gentlemen,

The following persons having been tried and convicted before you at the last Assizes holden on the Midland Circuit of the crimes hereafter mentioned:

THOMAS DAY – at Northampton of a Highway Robbery

THOMAS FRETWELL - Derby of stealing a Ram Lamb

THOMAS HERON ALIAS CROWDER at the Castle of Leicester for sheep stealing.

JESSE HUDSON at the same assizes of Housebreaking.

CHARLES COOPER and JOHN LEE at the same Assizes on two indictments for horse stealing.

JOHN COX at Warwick for Horse stealing

JOSEPH SMITH BENNET and HENRY JOHNSON at the Borough of Leicester for Burglary

...and you having by Certificate under your hand humbly recommended them as fit objects of the Royal Mercy on Condition of their being transported beyond the Seas for the term of their several natural lives, His Majesty has been thereupon graciously pleased to Extend his Royal Mercy to the said several persons on condition of their being severally transported to the Eastern Coast of New South Wales or some one or other of the islands adjacent and has commanded me to signify the same to you that you may give the necessary directions accordingly.

I am...

PORTLAND

[HO 13/10 Reel 420 National Library of Australia.]

Description

Native Place Stratford-on-Avon; Trade Groom; aged 43 [sic 23]; complexion dark; hair black; eyes grey; height 5ft 7inches.

Extract from the log of the *Barwell*
Volume 420G preserved in the India Office Library.

The *Barwell* was used only once to bring people to NSW. After disembarking convicts and free passengers at Port Jackson the *Barwell* resumed

its normal operations by proceeding to China for a cargo of tea to be taken to England.

No specific list of free passengers appear in the log of the *Barwell* but names were recorded *en passant* in the daily log. The first details of passengers are:

On Sunday 10th September 1897 while in the Thames at Long Reach there were received on board, JOHN BOWMAN and his wife and two sons and one daughter, and JOHN SMITH and his wife, three sons and one daughter with their baggage and several packages for New South Wales.

On Tuesday 12th September 1797 received on board ANDREW McDOUGALL his wife and five children.

On Thursday 14th September 1797 received 33 soldiers as a guard, one woman, three children, and officer and servant.

On 19th September 1797, 115 convicts were embarked and on 23rd September the Barwell sailed for the Downs and Spithead under John Cameron the master.

On 18th October 1797 a further 186 convicts were embarked at Spithead and whilst there a few sick convicts were disembarked. On this date a tally of 297 convicts, 18 passengers and 32 soldiers were stated. The un named woman with the three children and one soldier were not mentioned and they do not reappear in the log.

On Tuesday 24th October 1797 received Alice Cooper on board wife of Charles Cooper convict, with her child.

Finally before setting sail on 31st October 1797 Mr DOVE, his son and servant embarked. Mr Dove was a judiciary official presumably going to New South Wales to take up his official post.

CENSUS INFORMATION

1800/1802

Barwell – Cooper Charles resides Sydney, Ticket No 552 Conditional Emancipation.

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Barwell – Cooper Alice resides Sydney, No of Ticker 132 Free.

PRO 63
CHARLES COOPER May 1798 *Barwell* FBS [works for] Sutton Parramatta.
Cooper, Alice CF Parramatta –

Marsden's muster information
Cooper, Alice Married England, 2 legitimate males and 2 legitimate females
Sentence Expired, Cooper Charles, On Stores, Labourer.

1811 Census
NSW Convict M Cooper Charles Barwell
[sentenced] March 1796 Leicester 7

1814 Census [between 17th October and 16th November]
Charles was registered at coachman in the colony and had 4 children – off stores. He was also registered as a labourer.

1816 Census
Coachman to Mrs Macarthur.

6th March 1817 an absolute pardon was granted by Hunter and Charles advertised in the *Sydney Gazette* on 1st March 1817 his intention to leave the colony – *Charles Cooper leaving the colony by an early opportunity requests all claims against him may be presented.*

He sailed on *Surry* on 17th March 1817 for England. His passage which he worked took 15 months.

Details of the births, deaths and marriages of the Cooper Children are found in Chapter One. The sad deaths of Thomas and Margaret are recorded in the *Sydney Gazette* June 3 1805 - *A fine boy of seven years of age, son of Chas Cooper, was drowned on Tuesday at Parramatta while bathing.* And the same paper June 8 1806 - *On Thursday last [6.6.1806] at Parramatta an infant of Charles Cooper between two and three years old unfortunately fell into an iron pot full of boiling water, and was scalded in the most dreadful manner.*

The mystery child is William who was born in 1800 and died, aged 22 years, in 1822. The 1814 census states that there were 4 children. At that time the only ones that I know living were Sarah, Thomas (second), William and Ann.