

William Hill (17701840)

William was the father in law of James Reddy Clendon

At age 23 William Hill was convicted of a felony in Essex in 10 July 1793 and received a life sentence. William was transported from Portsmouth to Sydney Australia, reaching Port Jackson in the *Ganges* in 1797.

William became superintendent of the government slaughter-house, had an absolute pardon in 1813 and was a butcher in Pitt Street in 1828.

William married Mary Johnstone Beray but not until 1829 after the birth of all but one of their children.

No. 27 MARY JOHNSON.

Convicted.	11/4/1797 at Middlesex.
Sentence.	7 years.
Transport.	"Britannia".
Arrived.	18/7/1798.
Died.	30/1/1852 (aged 80)

Mary Johnson was tried in Middlesex on 11th. April 1797, aged 25, 5'6" tall, fair complexion, brown hair, hazel eyes, married of London.

She was convicted of stealing a callico gown piece from H. Jackson, and sentenced to seven years.

She was committed to New Prison (Newgate) and transferred on 28/9/1797.

The fact that she was married at the time of her trial may explain why she and William Hill never married until 1829, after twelve children.

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William was not happy with James Reddy Clendon as his daughter Sarah was pregnant at the time and family tradition has it that William chased James with a meat cleaver to the port where sailors from the ship had to hide their captain and restrain William!

He and his wife nonetheless founded a significant Australian family

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