

## BROWNLEA, James

Variations : Brownlee

Alias :

Ship	Date arrived (Sydney)
Mangles	2 June 1828

## Shipping indent(s)

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Trial (place, date)	Prev conv	Offence	Sentence
Armagh 3 August 1827	Nil	Cow stealing	7 years
Notes: Source = bound indent			

Age	Marr/S	Child'n	Relig	Educ	Native place	Country
31	M	2	Prot	R	Armagh	Ireland
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Trade or calling	Height	Complexion	Hair	Eyes
Farm & Home Servant & Butcher	5' 5 3/4	Ruddy freckled	Light brown	brown
Tattoos:				
Other features: Small perpendicular scar between eyes, dark spot inside right arm				
Notes: Source = bound indent				
Other arrival info (eg ships musters & papers): Notation on indent "Norfolk Island".				

## Assignment

To JP Webber, Patersons Plains (as per indent)	
At Total: 1828-p33	Total occupation: labourer

## Freedom (year, details)

<b>T.O.L.</b>	33/214, 1 May 1833 Patersons Plains on recommendation of Patersons Plains Bench 31 August 1832, 4/4088 [reel 919]. Altered to Maitland Vide Col Sec letter 33/404 dated 11 June 183*. Sentenced for 6 months by the Maitland Bench from 3 February 1834 for breach of contract.
<b>C.O.F.</b>	34/1216, 30 September 1834, 4/4324 [reel 993]

## Colonial crime &amp; secondary punishment

Date	Offence	In service of	Punishment
1834 Feb	Breach of contract	TOL	6 months
1838 Sept	Cattle stealing	Free by servitude	Life to 10 years Norfolk Island
1840 Aug	Theft	Gov, Norfolk Island	
Sources: see Col Sec below			

## Colonial Secretary's correspondence

SR Norfolk Island 1845, 4/2698.1 [reel 770]. List of men married in New South Wales, who have not been before refused, and who are thus specially recommended to be allowed to proceed to Sydney instead of going to Van Diemens Land: Name: James Brownlee, Mangles. Sentence: Life to 10 years [colonial sentence] Where tried: Qr Ses Maitland. When tried: 10 Sep 38. Offence: Cattle stealing. Arrived: 5 Nov 38 [on Norfolk Island]. Remarks: Once before the Bench in Aug 1840. Theft. Good shepherd & butcher – generally steady.
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## NSW Census/musters

1828	James BROWNLEA, Age 31, Protestant, labourer, with JP Webber, Markham [Tocal], Patersons Plains
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1837	(not found)
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## Colonial marriage

Date	Place	To whom	BDM index reference
14 Dec 1834	Maitland	Julia CAREY	V1834 2453 93
Permission to marry:			

## Death

Date	Place	Age	BDM index reference
30 July 1870	Narrabri	73	1870/6231

## Timeline

Date	Event
1828 June	Arrived Sydney and assigned to James Webber at Markham [Tocal]
1833	TOL for Patersons Plains
1834 Feb	TOL withdrawn, 6 months sentence for breach of contract
1834 Sept	COF
1834 Dec	Married Julia Carey at Maitland
1838 Sep	Convicted of cattle stealing and sentenced to 10 years on Norfolk Island
1845	Recommended for return to Sydney
1870	Died at Narrabri
1877	His colonial wife Julia died at Narrabri

## Other (source, details)

<p>1. Petition from Irish wife &amp; others following his conviction for cow stealing (Ireland 1827) National Archives of Ireland. <i>Archives relating to the Transportation of Convicts from Ireland to Australia</i>. Document PPC 3186 [reel M2139]. Petition dated 5 September 1827 on behalf of James Brownlee, tried and imprisoned in Armagh for cow stealing and sentenced to transportation for seven years. Petition is signed by the Curate of Moy and six others. Petition states Brownlee has a wife and four small children and that it is his first offence. It says "We know him, his parents and family to be honest, just and sober residents in and about Portadown. There is a similar petition from his wife Catherine Brownlee filed with the above petition.</p> <p>2. Petition from colonial wife following his conviction for cattle stealing (Maitland NSW 1838) SR. CSIL 38/11654 in 4/4203.3, 1838 [reel 2211] Petition to Sir George Gipps The Respected Prayers of Julia Carey now Brownlee Free Most Humbly Sheweth That your Excellency's Petitioner having Emigrated to this Colony per ship David Scott in 1834 and became married to a James Brownlee (Free) by servitude in December of Same year with whom she had three young and helpless children and Pregnant of the Fourth. That Petitioner is reduced to the most calamitous circumstances arising from the conviction of her Husband James Brownlee at the General Quarter Sessions of the Peace holding at Maitland in September last and sentenced to transportation for Life for Cattle Stealing. That Petitioner not having the means of procuring for herself and destitute Family either Food or Garment since the conviction of her Husband nor future prospects, but depending on a Benign and Beneficent Community. Thus Reduced your Petitioner will humbly and Respectfully beg leave to appeal to your Excellency whom Providence has Blessed with power of doing good most earnestly, and [--?] imploring to take her distressful case and that of her young and helpless Children into consideration and be favourably pleased to mitigate the sentence of her Husband to any period that may seem meet to your Excellency so that they may [--?] hereafter for the mutual happiness and comfort. And your Excellency's Petitioner as in duty bound will ever pray Julia Carey now Brownlee Annotation: Impossible GG Oct 30"</p>
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## Keywords

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