

Thomas Macrow, 546, *Pyrenees*

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Name variations: Mackrow, McRow, McCrow, Maycrow

Born	16 August 1798, Tottington, Norfolk
Baptism	19 August 1798, Tottington
Parents	William Mackrow and Elizabeth Blackman
Parent's marriage	28 March 1797, Tottington
Siblings	Angier Blackman (1797, half-sibling), James (1800), William (1804), George (1810)
Wife 1	Harriet Thompson (1806-1832)
Marriage 1	9 October 1825, Tottington, Norfolk
Children	Charlotte (1826), James (1828), Matilda (1830-1832), William Thompson (1832-1832)
Wife 2	Ann Reeve
Marriage 2	3 November 1838, Tottington.

William Mackrow of the Extraparochial place of Sturston, single man and Elizabeth Blackman of this parish, single woman, were married by Banns at Tottington on 28 March 1797. Thomas was born the following year. Before the marriage, Elizabeth gave birth to a son, Angier Blackman, on 24 February 1797.

A Thomas Maycrow was convicted at the Norfolk July Sessions in 1818 of larceny and fined 1/-. This may be him.

In 1825, Thomas Macrow married Harriet Thompson by Banns on 9 October. Both made their mark. Harriet died in 1832, a month after giving birth to her fourth child, who died aged 2 days.

Four years later, in 1836, Thomas Maycrow, 37, was committed on 21 March 1836, charged on the oath of Buscall Fox of Bodney, farming bailiff, with having on 18 March 1836 stolen a bay horse pony in Bodney. At the Lent Assizes held at the Castle of Norwich on 26 March, Thomas, 37, who could not read or write, was convicted and sentenced to be transported for Life. ¹

William Maycrow, pardon.

William R. Whereas Thomas Maycrow was at the Gaol delivery holden at the Castle of Norwich for the County of Norfolk on Saturday 26 March last, convicted of Horsestealing and sentenced to be transported for Life for the same. We in Consideration of some circumstances humbly represented unto us are Grievously pleased to extend our Grace and Mercy unto him and to Grant him our Pardon for his said Crime on Condition of his being Imprisoned and kept to **hard labour for one year**, the same to be computed from the said 26 March last, our Will and Pleasure therefor is that You to give the necessary directions accordingly. And for so doing this shall be Your Warrant given at our Court at St James the 11 April 1836 in the 6th year of our Reign. ²

Sent to our Truly and Well-loved, our Justices of Gaol delivery for Norfolk.

A year had passed since his conviction, and Thomas was released from prison and returned to Tottington.

On 3 November 1838, Thomas Macrow, full age, widower, labourer of Tottington, son of William Macrow, labourer, married Ann Reeve, full age, peasant's widow of Tottington, daughter of William Rayner, labourer of Tofts Norfolk. Thomas made his mark, and Ann signed.

¹ TNA, UK, PCOM2/348; HO27/52

² TNA, UK, HO13/69, p30

The 1841 census, living at 'by the Green', Tottington were:

Thomas Macrow, 40, ag lab; Ann Macrow, 45; James Macrow, 13; Mary Reve, 14; Sarah Reve, 12 and Christopher Reve, 3.

Charlotte Macrow, 16, is living with James Cook and his family in Tottington.³

Thomas was convicted three times, summarily before 1848, when he was sentenced again to transportation.

The Prison Registers show Thomas Macrow, 47, married, can read, labourer convicted 26 October 1848 at Swaffham of housebreaking after a previous conviction and sentenced to 7 years. He was received at Millbank Prison, from Swaffham, on 8 March 1849. On 8 April 1848, he was transferred to the *Justitia* hulk at Woolwich.⁴

The *Justitia* Register records his wife Ann, 40, lives with another man at Tottington; he has two children by first wife: Charlotte, 22, at Northwold and Jane [James], 20, at Tottington.⁵

He boarded the *Pyrenees* for the voyage to Western Australia on 5 March 1851.

On arrival at Fremantle, Western Australia, on 28 June 1851, Thomas was assigned number 546, issued with a Ticket of Leave, and a description taken:

564. Thomas Macrow, 53, 5'5", dark brown hair, dark brown eyes, long face, sallow complexion, thin build, cut on right wrist, labourer, married with two children.⁶

Seventy-one men from the *Pyrenees* were transferred to the prison located in the 3rd division on 16 July 1851, including 546 Thos McCrow.⁷

Six days later, on 22 July 1851, 40 Men, with their trades, proceeded to York, including 546 Thos McRow, farm labourer.⁸

His Conditional Pardon was granted on 23 April 1853.

Thos. McCrow, 49, died in 1854, place unknown.

His age was calculated from his conviction in 1848; he was 55-56 years old.⁹

³ TNA, UK, HO107/785/28. Reeve is misspelt Reve.

⁴ TNA, UK, HO24/4

⁵ TNA, UK, PCOM2/29

⁶ SROWA, Acc128/1-32

⁷ SROWA, Superintendents Orders, So1-So3, p61

⁸ SROWA, Superintendents Orders, So1-So3, p66

⁹ Deaths, WA 1854/677