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Reibey, Mary

(1777 - 1855)

Born	17770512, Bury England
Died	18550530, Newtown Sydney New South Wales Australia
Occupation	Businesswoman, Convict

Summary

Mary Reibey was orphaned as a girl and arrested in 1791 after disguising herself as a male, James Burrow, and attempting to sell a stolen horse. As James Burrow she was sentenced to seven years transportation and arrived in the colony on 7 October 1792. Through marriage to her husband Thomas Raby, with whom she had seven children, Mary grew wealthy. She continued to accumulate property after his death, though the family fortune was strained by the misadventures of two of her sons-in-law.

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