

Title/rank:	In March 1796, James enlisted in the 6th Regiment (known as the Warwickshire Regiment, being near Birmingham) at the age of 16 and then signed up to the NSW Corps. After its move to Sydney, James was a Private until his discharge in 1807.
Born:	5 March 1779
Place of origin:	Baptised at Uttoxeter, Staffs, in March, 1780, then moved to Birmingham.
Marital status & children:	Married Ann Wilson on 28 October 1798 at Aston Juxta, Birmingham. Ann was born in 1770.
Place where lived	Initially in military housing in what is now Kent Street, Sydney In 1810 he was granted 90 acres of land at what is now Punchbowl. Soon after he received a land grant near Liverpool, to which he moved, and named it Bull's Hill.
Role/job:	James became a successful farmer and publican. He obtained land grants in 1809 which were confirmed by Governor Macquarie in 1810 and this started his career as a farmer, naming his estate <i>Bull's Hill</i> . He had several convicts assigned to him. His land was rich and fertile with streams and creeks running through his property. In addition to cattle and sheep he also grew grapes, several types of grain, fruit and vegetables.
Contribution to Liverpool:	<p>From 1810 to 1820, he supplied the Government with quantities of meat, and is considered as the town's first butcher. By 1821 he was shown as holding 450 acres at Liverpool. (<i>Bulls Hill</i> appears to be close to land bordering that of the Orphan School.)</p> <p>Both James and Ann held licences to sell liquor from time to time.</p> <p>They were public spirited, James gave sums of money to certain funds including a gift to assist in the erection of the Supreme Court in Sydney.</p> <p>James was shot by a bushranger on 9 September 1822 and died approximately six weeks later. By the time of his death James had acquired 340 acres and two houses</p> <p>His wife Ann remarried to William Shepherd in 1824 and lived with him and her three sons who joined her until her death in 1833.</p>
Died/age:	James died on 23 October 1822 - aged 43
Religion	Church of England Grave No. B 36
Source of info.	John A Franklin LLM 1993. Member of RAHS, Author of <i>The Bulls of Bull's Hill</i> near Liverpool, NSW. SL. Also Bruce Shepherd, MLDFHS