

B46 Frederick Meredith – First Fleeter, Chief Constable & first Postmaster of Liverpool, former sailor, baker, farmer

Title/rank:	A sailor on the First Fleet. Steward to Captain John Marshall; eventually became Chief Constable in Liverpool.	
Born – date/year:	c. 1764. Was said to be 23 on arrival in Sydney in 1788.	
Place of origin:	England	
Marital status & children:	Had relationships with several women. First was Mary Allen, who had arrived in Sydney as a convict. They had a daughter named Charlotte, but she did not survive. His next relationship was with Mary Kirk, who bore him a daughter, also called Charlotte, in 1794. Frederick finally settled into a steady relationship with Sarah Mason in about 1800 and married her in February 1811. They had six children. After Sarah died in 1832, he married Mary Anne Day in 1833. However, when he died in 1836 he was buried at Liverpool Cemetery alongside Sarah.	
Place where lived:	Frederick was granted 60 acres at Liberty Plains (Homebush area), which he called <i>Charlotte Farm</i> . He was later given three more grants of land, one at Concord and two at Bankstown.	
Role/job:	Was put on board the <i>Sirius</i> on 2 May 1788, which then circumnavigated the world via Cape of Good Hope and the Horn, in seven months and six days. The <i>Sirius</i> was later wrecked at Sydney Bay at Norfolk Island. Frederick probably returned from Norfolk Island by the <i>Supply</i> . Was recorded as a baker on that ship. He went back to England in August 1790 to give evidence about the wreck of the <i>Sirius</i> , and was paid off from the Navy. He then returned to Sydney Around 1800, Frederick was one of 50 men sworn in as Voluntary Police, known as the Loyal Sydney Association.	
Contribution to Liverpool:	Frederick became Chief Constable of Liverpool in 1822, and his son later followed him in that position. In 1828, he also was appointed first Postmaster at Liverpool. However, he and his family lived mostly on his land grant in Bankstown.	
Died/age:	June 23 1836 - aged 72	
Religion:	Church of England	
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