

A25 William Childs

Successful ex-convict farmer

Title/rank: Mr.

Born – date/year: 1804

Place of origin: Hampshire, England.
Found guilty of poaching in 1828 at Pittwork, England. Sentenced to 7 years, and transported to Sydney in Dec. 1828. Was assigned to Mr McCleay at Elizabeth Bay as a farm employee. Served his full term by 1835.



Chipping Norton Homestead, on site of the original by William Childs.

Marital status & children: At age 35 he married Frances Little (also a convict, transported to Sydney in 1836) on 15 July 1839. Raised a large family, 8 of whom survived.

Place where lived: Childs established a very large and prosperous farm at Chipping Norton.

Role/job: Farmer at Chipping Norton.

Said to have helped capture a dangerous convict, and given a grant of land east of Liverpool that became known as *Green Hills*.

Contribution to Liverpool: His grandson, Mr Albert Childs, born in 1884, became mayor of Liverpool and a noted identity in the Chipping Norton and Moorebank area in the 1930-50's.

Died/age: At Moorebank in 1888, aged 84 years. His wife Frances died first in May 1854 and is buried in grave no. 25. William was also buried there when he died. Their youngest daughter, Sarah, is also buried there.

Religion: Presbyterian

Source of info. John Bertram & Barbara Ann Childs, 10/63 Castlereagh St., Liverpool.

Also note by Norman Gale JP, 1985