

**Daniel Brown, 162, Hashemy**

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Baptism	12 March 1826, Rickmansworth, Hertfordshire
Parents	Thomas Brown and Susanna/Susan Beaumont/Beamont
Parent's marriage	28 September 1816 at Rickmansworth, Hertfordshire
Siblings	James (1817), Sally (1819), Elizabeth (1821), Martha (1823), George (1829)
Wife	
Married	
Children	

Daniel Brown has not been found on the 1841 census. His father, Thomas Brown, 56, an agricultural labourer, and three of his children, Elizabeth, 20, Martha, 18, and George, 10, lived at Woodcocks Hill, Rickmansworth, Watford, Hertfordshire. Also living with them was Martha's nine-month-old daughter, Sally.<sup>1</sup>

Daniel's mother, Susan, died in 1835, aged 40. His father died either in 1853 or 1865, aged in his 70s.

In January 1849, at Rickmansworth, Daniel Brown (22), James Rackley (23) and Aldred Lunnon (23) were committed to the Hertford Assizes for burglary.<sup>2</sup>

On the 17 January, three men named Brown, Lunnon, and Rackley, were examined before the magistrates at Rickmansworth, charged with breaking into the dwelling-house of Mrs Mary Stacey and stealing a £5 Bank of England note and other money belonging to her. Several articles, the property of Mrs Benham, who resides with Mrs Stacey, were also stolen.

*The prosecutrix stated that she resides at Scotchhill, near Rickmansworth. On Friday last, she went to bed soon after ten o'clock, but before retiring, she fastened the doors and windows of her house. About twelve o'clock, she was awoken by a noise resembling the beating of a door. She got up and struck a light. Soon afterwards, she heard the smashing of glass in her own bedroom and also in the room in which Mrs Benham sleeps. Two stones came into her bedroom, and one into Mrs Benham's bedroom. She went into Mrs Benham's room and closed the door. Soon afterwards, several persons broke the panel of the door and entered through the aperture. Four or five of the party had clubs. Four of the party had their faces blackened, apparently with soot. One of the depredators had a smock-frock, another a blue frock, another a blue striped frock, another a fustian coat, and another a ragged smock-frock. When Daniel Brown asked Mrs Stacey for money, she replied that "he should have all she had got." He accompanied her into the back room and took a five-pound Bank of England note and one pound in silver. The intruders searched the drawers and boxes everywhere. They also turned the bed. On the mantelpiece downstairs, there were left 1s in silver, 3d in copper, and three silver fourpenny pieces, which were all taken away. The robbers went away at about a quarter to one. One of the men said that "witness might now go to bed comfortably."*

*Four of the party had clubs; one had a broomstick, which had been left outside her house on the night of the robbery. Daniel Brown had held a club over her head and said he would kill them if she made a noise. Another of the party said, "What a b— murder we will have tonight." Alfred Lunnon had not so much black on his face as the others. There were three clubs left behind. The tin box produced is the property of Mrs Benham. There were marks of blood on the stairs. Alfred Lunnon's finger was found to be cut when brought up for examination.*

At the Hertford Assize on 28 February, it appeared that six persons had entered the house, three of them were armed with sticks, and the fourth had the bar that had fastened the window before it was broken open. Mrs Stacy identified Brown and Lunnon, although their faces were blackened. It was that

<sup>1</sup> HO07/438/21, p14

<sup>2</sup> Chelmsford Chronicle, 26 January 1849 , p4

Rackley's shoes correspond to footsteps that were under the window. Also, on the morning after the burglary, he was seen in company with the other two prisoners at a beer shop, and that they all three washed their faces, which appeared to have been blackened with soot. The jury found all the prisoners guilty, and they were transported for fourteen years.<sup>3</sup>

Daniel Brown, 22, can read and write imperfectly, single, a labourer was convicted at Hertford Assizes on 27 February 1849 of burglary and sentenced to fourteen years transportation. No Gaoler's report was received. Daniel was received at Millbank Penitentiary on 10 April 1849 from Hertford Gaol. He was transferred to Portland Prison on 1 May 1850. From here, he boarded the *Hashemy* on 19 July 1850 for the voyage to Fremantle.<sup>4</sup>

On-board the *Hashemy* with him was Alfred Lunnon. James Rackley was sent to the *Owen Glendower* hulk at Gibraltar before boarding the *Ramillies* in 1854 for Fremantle.<sup>5</sup>

On arrival at Fremantle, in October 1850, Daniel was described as: 162. Daniel Brown, 24, 5' 7¼", brown hair, grey eyes, an oval face, dark complexion, stout, anchor n right arm, a labourer and single.<sup>6</sup>

Shortly after arriving, he was on the casual sick list at Fremantle.<sup>7</sup>

Brown Danl	9 November 1850	Bad leg	Poultice
Brown D	10 November 1850	Bad leg	Poultice
Brown D	11 November 1850	Bad leg	Dressing, Pilul Hyd every night
Brown D	12 November 1850	Bad leg	Dressing, Pilul Hyd:
Brown D	15 November 1850	Eruption	Op: Draught: Sulph powder

A Ticket of Leave was issued to Daniel on 26 June 1852.

He was granted a Conditional Pardon on 18 November 1854.<sup>8</sup>

<sup>3</sup> Northern Star and Leeds General Advertiser, 03 March 1849, p15

<sup>4</sup> HO24/4; HO8/105

<sup>5</sup> Lloyds Weekly Newspaper, 4 March 1849, p5

<sup>6</sup> SROWA Acc 128/40-3

<sup>7</sup> SROWA Acc 1156 CS1

<sup>8</sup> SROWA Acc 1156 R21B