

Thomas Glen, 525, Pyrenees 1

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Born	16 September 1830, Edinburgh, Scotland
Baptism	23 May 1840, Edinburgh
Parents	Thomas Glen and Margaret Hardie
Parent's marriage	9 October 1827, Edinburgh
Siblings	Isabella (1832), James (1835-1849)
Wife	
Married	
Children	

Thomas and his sibling were all baptised on the same day in 1840. His mother, Margaret Glen, née Hardie, was the daughter of James Hardie.

The 1841 census for 1 Richmond Place, St Cuthbert's, Edinburgh, shows several families at the address, including:

Thomas Glen, 35, printer J; wife Margaret 35; Thomas, 10, Isabella, 8; James, 6.
James Hardie, 50 (*sic*), warper; Mary Hardie, 25, flower lasher.

In 1851, James Hardie, 73, and his daughter Mary Hardie, 36, lived at 6 Beaumont Place, St Cuthbert's parish, Edinburgh. Convict Thomas Glen named Mary Hardy, from this address, as his relative.

James Glen, brother of Thomas, died of consumption on 20 January 1849, aged 15. His address was the same as the 1841 census. No trace has been found of the rest of the family.

Young Thomas had a previous conviction for theft at the Edinburgh Sheriffs court on 9 January 1847. Then, on 7 November 1848, he was accused of theft at Clerk Street, Edinburgh. He had no occupation, confessed to his crime, and was sentenced to seven years transportation.¹ Thomas was in Calton Jail.

The newspapers noted that The High Court of Justiciary was keen to dispose of the petty cases, including:

Thomas Glen pleaded guilty to a charge of theft, aggravated by a previous conviction, and was sentenced to transportation for seven years.² Chartists were being tried during the same session.

Thomas Glen, 17, was convicted of theft on 7 November 1848 at Edinburgh and received seven years transportation. He had four previous convictions for theft, twice convicted of being disorderly and once detained on suspicion. The English records described Thomas as:

Aged 17, single, can read and write, light brown hair, grey eyes, light brows and lashes, common nose, small mouth, fresh complexion, an oval face, slight stature, 5'5¼", a labourer and a dissenter (Presbyterian). His aunt, Mary Hardy, lived at 6 Beaumont Place, corner of St Leonards Street, Edinburgh.

Thomas was removed from gaol in Edinburgh and transferred to Millbank Prison on 20 February 1849. On 16 April 1849, he was transferred to the Defence hulk at Gosport as an invalid. He was suffering from Scrofula. After almost eighteen months, he was transferred to the Stirling Castle hulk at Portsmouth on 12 December 1850. He spent three months on public works before boarding the Pyrenees on 10 March 1851 for the voyage to Western Australia.³

¹ NRS Reference JC26/1848/507; HH21/5/8 p. 119

² Caledonian Mercury, 09 November 1848, p3

³ HO*/100; HO8/106; PCOM2/29; PCOM2/132

On arrival at Fremantle in June 1851, his description was slightly different.

525. Thomas Glen, 19, 5'6", dark brown hair, hazel eyes, an oval face, sallow complexion, slight build, a labourer, and a large scar on his left jaw.⁴

On 18 July 1851, Thomas received a Ticket of leave and was to the North Fremantle Station and received a Conditional Pardon on 23 April 1853.^{5,6}

The 1903 Electoral Roll shows Thomas was a pauper, living at the Old Men's Depot.

Thomas Glen died at the Old Men's home on 23 April 1904, aged 73. He was buried at Karrakatta Cemetery, as Thomas Glenn, in the Presbyterian Section, AA, grave 187.

⁴ SROWA Acc 128/1-40

⁵ SROWA Acc 1156 R21B

⁶ The Perth Gazette and Independent Journal of Politics and News (WA : 1848 - 1864), 25 July 1851, p2