

Notes for **Martha Chamberlain**:

Martha Chamberlain was born in 1776. Native place is Parish of St Giles, Middlesex.

On the 23rd May 1795 at about 10pm, Martha was indicted for stealing various items of clothing valued at 39 shillings. From a room of John Cox at 22 Compton Street, St Giles, London. The accomplice, John Jones, was also indicated.

Martha was committed to Newgate Goal and tried at the Old Bailey on 1 July 1795. At the age of 21, Martha was found guilty of stealing goods, but not guilty of breaking and entering. Martha was sentenced to transportation for seven years, John Jones was also transported.

HMS "Indispensible" a ship of possibly 350 tons and French built and launched in 1791.

Reached Australia via Rio de Janeiro with 133 passengers including females. Two passengers died on the trip. Arrived in NSW, Port Jackson 30th April, 1796.

Martha was assigned to George Best in 1801.

Martha Chamberlain Middlesex Sessions Records and Calendars of Indictments, Gaol Delivery of Newgate - January 1791 to Dec 1811...puts himself Jury say guilty of stealing foods value 39 shillings only but not guilty of breaking & entering the dwelling house in the night time no goods to be transported beyond the seas for the term of seven years to such place as His Majesty with the advice of his privy council shall think fit to declare and appoint pursuant to the statute John Jones and Martha Chamberlain were indicted for feloniously & burglariously stealing, breaking & entering the dwellinghouse of John Cox, about the hour of ten in the night, on the 23rd of May 1795, and burglariously stealing therein, a man's clothcoat, value 6s. a pair of mens velveret breeches, value 7s. a man's hat value 10s a woman's cotton gown, value 10s. a black silk bonnet, value 6s and a stuff quilted petticoat value 7s. The goods of the said John Cox....John Jones, GUILTY of stealing to the value of 39s but not of the burglary (age 22) Martha Chamberlain, GUILTY of the same (age 21) Transported for Seven Years Tried by the Second Middlesex Jury before Mr Justice Lawrence Tried 01 JULY 1795 Transported per "INDESPENSIBLE" arrived Port Jackson 30 Apr 1796.

Martha Chamberlain died 14 March 1833 and buried 17 March 1833 by Samuel Marsden aged 57 years and George Best died 3 July 1836 and buried 8 July 1836 aged 81 years. They are buried together in the burial ground of St John's, Parramatta.

Sources

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