

# *Andrew Thompson*

## CHRONOLOGY

1760		Father John Thompson of Town Yetholm marries Agnes Hilson of Sprouston
1762		Brother William Thompson is born
1765		Brother Walter Thompson is born
1767		Sister Margaret Thompson is born; dies in 1770
1770		Brother Robert Thompson is born; dies in 1773
<b>1773</b>	<b>Feb 7</b>	<b>Andrew Thompson baptised Kirk Yetholm, 6<sup>th</sup> child, John and Agnes Hilson</b>
1786		William marries Jean Young and establishes the firm 'Thompson, Gillespie & Sweet'
1788		Andrew leaves school and starts a weaving apprenticeship
1789	Jul 14	French Revolution
1790	June	Stops his apprenticeship because of sickness and returns to school
	Aug 5	Thompson family attends St James Fair in Kelso
		William's house broken into; pistols, gunpowder, dye and tea stolen
	Aug 7	Walter Turner's shop burgled of linen and woolen cloth
		Journeyman weaver John Aitkin flees Yetholm
	Aug 24	Constable George Kerr takes Andrew to Sheriff in Jedburgh
	<b>Aug 25</b>	<b>Andrew charged with theft</b>
	Aug 31	King's Advocate Norris prepares detailed indictment against Andrew Thompson
	Sep 4	Advocate's messenger Robert Shortreed presents indictment to Andrew
	Sep 5-6	Indictment given to Aitkin's girlfriend and announced in Jedburgh marketplace
	Sep 10	Thompson released on bail; must return to prison on Sep 20
	Sep 21	Assize Court trial of Andrew Thompson and pleads guilty
	<b>Sep 22</b>	<b>Judge Hailes sentences Andrew to 14 years transportation</b>
1791	May	Petition made by Duke of Buccleuch to Home Office Secretary for mercy
		Andrew selected among 46 Scottish convicts for transportation to New South Wales
	June	Transport <i>Pitt</i> arrives at Spitwater ready to receive convicts
	Jul 17	<i>Pitt</i> departs Portsmouth for NSW
	Aug 16	<i>Pitt</i> reaches Cape Verde; loads provisions and departs Aug 20
	Oct 8	<i>Pitt</i> docks in Rio de Janeiro; loads provisions and departs Nov 1
	Nov 27	<i>Pitt</i> docks in Cape Town Harbor
	Dec 4	Judge Haile responds negatively to Laird of Niddrie appeal for mercy
	Dec 22	Ship <i>Waaksambeyd</i> rescued in Cape Town harbour
	Dec 24	<i>Pitt</i> sets sail for NSW
1792	Feb 7	Henry Dundas refuses Duke of Roxburghe plea for mercy
	<b>Feb 14</b>	<b><i>Pitt</i> arrives in Port Jackson with 319 male and 49 female convicts; Andrew is 19yo</b>
		Andrew sent to Rose Hill as labourer on stone mason's gang
		Andrew appointed asst. storekeeper to the Parramatta government store
	Dec 10	Arthur Phillip departs on the <i>Atlantic</i> ; arrives back 19 May 1793
	Dec 11	Major Grose become Lt Governor
<b>1793</b>		<b>Andrew becomes convict constable at Toongabbie government farm, under Barrington.</b>
	Dec	Aboriginal attacks in the Toongabbie area
1794	Dec	Grose resigns Governorship; Capt William Paterson acts in the interim
1795	Sep 7	<i>HMS Reliance</i> brings John Hunter as 2 <sup>nd</sup> Governor
<b>1796</b>	<b>July</b>	<b>At 23 Andrew becomes a constable at Green Hills and moves into the white cottage</b>

	Dec	Andrew becomes and <i>elected</i> constable of the Hawkesbury district
1797	Oct 17	Andrew given an absolute pardon by Gov. Hunter
1799	Mar	Hawkesbury flood 50ft (15m) ; Andrew heavily involved in rescues
	Apr	Andrew buys his first farmland; 30 acres from Henry York
	Aug	Lt Thomas Hobby new Hawkesbury commandant – aborigine hostilities increase
	Oct 1	Andrew granted 14yr lease on 1 acre of land in GH government precinct
Following the	Nov 19	Andrew asked by Hunter to survey grain production at Hawkesbury
1800	Jan 14	Andrew one of 15 asked by settlers to draft petition to Hunter on high costs
	Feb	Second petition sent to Hunter
	Mar	Hawkesbury floods again
	Apr 15	Capt King arrives on <i>Speedy</i> to be next governor
	Sep 25	Philip Gidley King installed as 3 <sup>rd</sup> Governor
	Nov 13	Thompson appointed Registrar of Agreements at the Hawkesbury
1801	Feb 21	Eleanor Moore arrives on the <i>Anne</i>
	Mar	Third flood in succession in the Hawkesbury areas Thompson purchases 30 acres adjacent to existing farm
	July	Muster shows Thompson has 34 acres under cultivation; employs 20 people Thompson appointed Chief Constable at Green Hills
	Nov	John Macarthur banished to England (1 <sup>st</sup> time) on the <i>Hunter</i>
1802	early	Thompson increased farm on South Creek to 120 acres; West Hill builds Red House
	May	Thompson granted permit to build toll bridge over South Creek
	Aug	Muster shows Thompson 2 <sup>nd</sup> largest grain grower in area; employs 32 men
	Oct 18	Andrew launches boat <i>Hope</i> 16 tons for Hawkesbury trade
1803	Sep 17	Andrew launches boat <i>Nancy</i> 40 tons
	May	Thompson arrests Thomas McLaughlane for Palmer murder
1804	Feb	Andrew launches boat <i>Hawkesbury</i> 30 tons
	Mar 4	Irish rebellion suppressed at Castle Hill; 12 killed
	May	King grants Thompson 78 acres land at the Nepean & Yellow Mondays Lagoon Thompson purchased additional 200 acres; consolidated becomes Agnes Banks farm Thompson constructs buildings on 1 acre Gov Precinct, incl retail store & warehouse
	Aug	Andrew granted 260 acres near Chain of Ponds calls it Killarney Farm
	Nov	Thompson purchases <i>Speedwell</i> (18 ton) from John Grono
	Dec	Thompson's salt boiler on Mullet Island in production
1805	Apr	Thompson leads party to capture aborigines accused of murdering settlers
	Jun	John Macarthur returns from England (1 <sup>st</sup> time)
1806		Thompson acts as mediator in preventing more settler-Aborigine conflicts
	Mar	Thompson trials the growing of flax on one of his farms
	Mar	Hawkesbury floods again 50ft; Thompson involved in many rescues over 3 days Thompson sustains losses; sells sloop <i>Hope</i> to repair buildings
	May	Thompson buys three new properties incl Wardle Bank and Glasgow
	May 11	Thompson granted licence to build brewery at Green Hills
	Aug	Muster shows Thompson has 918 acres land; 703 cultiv.; employs 124 men
	Aug 6	William Bligh arrives on <i>Sinclair</i> ; becomes 4 <sup>th</sup> Governor
	Sep 18	Macarthur sues Thompson over promissory note made out in grain
1807	Jan 1	Bligh buys Blighton model farm land and appoints Thompson bailiff
	Jan 29	Settlers send Bligh petition on grain prices – Thompson one of the main authors
	Feb	PG King departs on <i>HMS Buffalo</i>
	Feb 25	Settlers send Bligh letter thanking him for his support; organised by Thompson

	<b>Mar 21</b>	<b>Thompson launches new ship <i>The Governor Bligh</i></b>
	Apr	Thompson buys Balmain's 270 acre adj. West Hill farm; 6.5 acre on Govt. Precinct
	May	Thompson falsely accused of distilling; Bligh dismisses charge
	July	Macarthur appeals verdict on Thompson promissory note; Bligh dismisses appeal
	Oct	Lease granted to Thompson for prime land in Sydney
	Nov	Macarthur charged with convict escape on his boat <i>Parramatta</i>
	Dec	Thompson accused selling barrel of rum intended for Hawkesbury settlers Found guilty and fined £100
1808	Jan 1	Thompson informs Bligh of forthcoming Hawkesbury Loyalty Address
	Jan 14	Macarthur refuses to give up prime lease in Sydney
	Jan 25	Trial of John Macarthur; abuses Atkins and he walks out. Macarthur released
	<b>Jan 26</b>	<b>NSW Corp led by Johnson; followed by Macarthur, Lord, Kable, Wentworth, arrests Bligh</b>
	Jan 27	Thompson interrogated by the rebels on the managing of Blighton farm
	Jan 28	Signatories sought for letter congratulating Johnson on Bligh's arrest
	Feb 2	<b>Thompson dismissed as Chief Constable; mock trial for Macarthur held</b> Bligh requests 13 men return to England with him as witnesses; includes Andrew
	Feb 26	<b>Macarthur takes £10,000 capias out on Thompson if he leaves the colony</b>
	Jul 28	Lt. Col. Foveaux back in Sydney, takes charge of rebel government
	Nov 4	Hawkesbury petition sent to Secr Castlereagh to reinstate Bligh
	Oct	Sydney property transferred to Thompson by Eleanor Moore for £40
	<b>Dec 31</b>	<b>Thompson receives 5000sq m Sydney plot from Foveaux; builds mansion</b>
1809	Jan 1	Col. Patterson arrives from Launceston to lead the rebels
	Jan 21	Thompson appointed official auctioneer at Hawkesbury by Paterson
	Jan 30	Bligh and Mary imprisoned in Corps barracks
	Feb 20	Bligh boards <i>HMS Porpoise</i> to leave colony
	Mar 17	<i>HMS Porpoise</i> departs and sails to Hobart
	Mar 28	Macarthur and others depart on <i>Admiral Gambier</i> for England (2 <sup>nd</sup> time)
	Mar 29	<i>HMS Porpoise</i> arrives in Hobart, Bligh seeks David Collins' help
	Apr	<i>HMS Porpoise</i> blockades Hobart harbour
	<b>May 15</b>	<b>Major flooding on Hawkesbury and Nepean up to 66ft; Thompson rescues</b>
	<b>July</b>	<b>New floods at Hawkesbury reach 86ft</b>
	Dec	Thompson's health was declining; John Howe appointed manager
	Dec 28	Lt. Col. Macquarie arrives on the <i>Dromedary</i>
1810	Jan 1	Lachlan Macquarie is installed as 5 <sup>th</sup> Governor Ellis Bent leases Thompson's house in Sydney
	Jan	Bligh ends blockade of Hobart; sails back to Sydney
	<b>Jan 14</b>	<b>Thompson appointed JP and magistrate at the Hawkesbury</b>
	Jan 17	Bligh arrives back in Sydney on <i>HMS Porpoise</i>
	Mar	Thompson appointed to Turnpike Road Trust
	May 12	Bligh (without daughter Mary) departs Sydney on <i>HMS Hindostan</i>
	July	Thompson so weak he is confined to bed
	Oct 6	Thompson's last will is witnessed by Lock, Bladdey and Ruse
	<b>Oct 22</b>	<b>Thompson dies in Green Hills</b>
	Oct 25	Thompson buried at new cemetery – to become St Matthews; his will read out Bligh arrives back in England
	Oct 27	Thompson's obituary appears in <i>The Sydney Gazette</i>
	Nov 6	Macquarie leads tour of all western farming districts
	Dec 6	On tour, Macquarie announces 5 new towns at a dinner at the Hawkesbury

1811	Jan 12	Macquarie names park in centre of Windsor <i>Thompson Square</i>
	May 1	Macquarie visits Windsor and open cemetery with Thompson's grave
	Jul 2	Court martial of Lt. Col. Johnson concludes
1813	July	Macquarie installs a tombstone on Thompson's grave
1817	Apr	Macquarie opens <i>The Bank of New South Wales</i>
	Sep	Macarthur returns to colony from England (2 <sup>nd</sup> time)
	Dec 1	Macquarie sends resignation letter to Colonial Office
1818	Jan 26	Colony become 'Australia'. First Australia Day celebration
1819	Sep 20	Commissioner John Bigge arrives
1820	Feb	Macquarie resigns for second time
	Dec	Thompson's last property, St Andrew's farm, is sold
1821	Feb	Commissioner Bigge returns to England
	Dec 1	Thomas Brisbane becomes 6 <sup>th</sup> Governor
1822	Feb 22	Macquarie and family depart colony
	July	Macquarie arrives back in London; Bigge's Report tabled in Parliament
1823	July	Macquarie rebuts the Bigge Report
		Macquarie convinced Thompson family to look favourably on the will
1824	Jul 1	Macquarie dies on the Isle of Mull aged 62
1825	Aug 25	Thompson family officially accept Andrew's inheritance