

Pentrich Revolutionaries

Brandreth, Turner & Ludlam were the last people in England to be sentenced to be "Hanged, drawn and quartered", though in the end their sentence was remitted and instead they were hanged and beheaded. They met their death in front of thousands of onlookers, outside Derby Gaol on November 7th 1817 on a drop, which was erected especially. The great poet Percy Bysshe Shelley is believed to have witnessed the executions, as he wrote and published a pamphlet days later titled "An address &c." also referred to as "We pity the plumage but forget the dying bird".

The 14 men sentenced to transportation... spent a short time on board the "Retribution Hulk" waiting for the time when they must leave the shores of England.

Ten of the prisoners left on board the "Tottenham" & the remaining four sailed on the "Isabella".

On 14th September 1818 the "Isabella" reached her destination... Sydney Cove. The "Tottenham" also anchored in Sydney Cove a month later on Wednesday October 14th 1818. It is believed that all 14 men worked in, or near to, Parramatta on the outskirts of Sydney, New South Wales.

Many of the men settled in Sydney after their sentences had been served & their tickets-of-leave had been issued. Some of the men married and a few re-married and had second families... As they knew they would never see their wives & families back home. It is believed none of the 14 men ever returned to Derbyshire.

This list was compiled using various Pentrich revolution records which are held at the Derby County Records Office or at the Derby Local Studies Library.

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*England's Last Revolution by John Stevens,  
Moorland Publishing (1977)*

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List of Persons apprehended on 10th June 1817

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*Calendar of Prisoners (26<sup>th</sup> July 1817)*

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Sentences of Prisoners (26th July 1817)

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*The Execution of Jeremiah Brandreth, William  
Turner & Isaac Ludlam (Nov 6<sup>th</sup> 1817)*

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*History & Gazetteer of the County of Derby
(1829)*

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*Depositions from the prisoners (1817)*

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*Report of the whole proceedings "The Trials"
(1817)*

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*Special Assizes 15<sup>th</sup> October 1817 – The King  
Against Thomas Bacon & others for High  
Treason. (1817)*

*It should be noted that the above resources, often recorded different information for the same person. Where conflicting information has been found you will find two entries.*

*For example 24-27 means he was 24 or 27.  
Pentrich-Ripley means he was from Pentrich or  
Ripley.*

## THE PENTRICH REVOLUTIONARIES



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## Pentrich Revolutionaries

\*\*\*Name\*\*\*Age\*\*\*Occupation\*\*\*Resides at\*\*\*

### **THE EXECUTED (Derby 7<sup>th</sup> Nov 1817)**

Jeremiah Brandreth, 27-31, FWK, Sutton-in-Ashfield  
Isaac Ludlam the Elder, 52, Stonegetter, South Wingfield  
William Turner, 46, Stonemason, South Wingfield

### **THE TRANSPORTED - FOR LIFE**

Thomas Bacon, 64, FWK-Labourer, Pentrich  
John Bacon, 54, FWK-Labourer, Pentrich  
George Brassington, 33-32, Miner, Pentrich-Ripley  
German Buxton, 31-29, Miner-Labourer, Alfretton-Swanwick  
John Hill, 29-30, FWK-Labourer, South Wingfield  
Samuel Hunt, 22-24, Farmer, The Lodge, Sth Wingfield Park  
John McKesswick alias the Scotchman, 37-38, FWK-Labourer, Heanor  
John Onion Snr. 49-48, Iron Worker, Pentrich-Butterley  
Edward Turner, 31-34, Stonemason-Farmer, South Wingfield  
Joseph "Manchester" Turner, 18-19, Clerk, South Wingfield  
George Weightman, 25-26, Sawyer-Labourer, Pentrich

### **THE TRANSPORTED - FOR 14 YEARS**

Thomas Bettison, 35-33, Miner-Labourer, Alfretton-Swanwick  
Josiah Godber, 53-54, Labourer-Collier, Pentrich  
Joseph Rawson alias Joseph Thorpe, 30-32, FWK-Labourer, Alfretton-Swanwick

### **THE JAILED - 2 YEARS**

John Moore, 49, FWK-Labourer, Pentrich

### **THE JAILED - 1 YEAR**

Edward Moore, 27, Shoemaker-Labourer, Pentrich- Ripley  
William Weightman, 27, Labourer-Farmer, Pentrich

### **THE JAILED - 6 MONTHS**

William Hardwick, 24, Collier-Labourer, Pentrich-Newhall nr Burton on Trent

Alexander Johnson, 24, Labourer-FWK, Pentrich  
Charles Swaine, 33, FWK-Labourer, South Wingfield Park

### **TRIED & FREED**

William Adams, 20, Collier-Labourer, Pentrich or Newark, but worked at Ripley

Thomas Ensor Jnr. Engine Man-Labourer, Pentrich-Ripley

Isaac Ludlam Jnr. 20, Labourer, South Wingfield Park

Samuel Ludlam, 32, FWK-Labourer, South Wingfield

William Ludlam, 23, Labourer, South Wingfield

Joseph Savage, 41, Foundry Man-Labourer, Pentrich-Butterley

Joseph Topham, 20, Blacksmith, Pentrich

Robert Turner, 17, FWK-Labourer, Pentrich Lane-South Wingfield

James Weightman, 18, Labourer, Pentrich

Joseph Weightman Jnr. 15, Labourer, Pentrich

Thomas Weightman, 18, Labourer, Pentrich

John Wright, 21, Collier-Labourer, Pentrich-Ripley

### **CHARGED BUT NEVER TRIED**

William Barker, Labourer, South Wingfield

James Barnes, FWK-Labourer, Swanwick-Alfretton

Samuel Briddon, Labourer, South Wingfield

William Elliott, Labourer, Swanwick-Alfretton

Edward Haslam, FWK-Labourer, Swanwick-Alfretton

John Horsley, Tailor, Alfretton

Benjamin Taylor, Labourer, South Wingfield

James Taylor, FWK-Labourer, South Wingfield

Joseph Taylor, Labourer, South Wingfield

Samuel Walters, alias Dudley, Labourer, Pentrich

Joseph Weightman Snr. Labourer, Pentrich

### **APPREHENDED & RELEASED**

Henry Alkin, 16, Foundry Man, Ripley

George Bacon, Alfretton

Amos Ball, 20, FWK, Loscoe

George Bryan, 19, FWK, Swanwick

George Burrows, 44, Stockinger, Ripley

Anthony Elliott, 20, Collier, Swanwick

Jonathan Elliott, Swanwick ~ John Fletcher, 32.

William Flint, 57, Collier

Francis Grooby, 32, FWK, Nr. Langley Mill

Joseph Hall, 24, Cordwainer, Swanwick

Joseph Harris, 23, FWK, Ripley ~ Daniel Hunt

Nathaniel Jennings, 22, FWK, South Wingfield

George Jepson, 24, Labourer, Greenwich

Isaac Moore, 40, Pentrich Lane End, Stonemason

Robert Moore, 22, Carpenter, Ripley

Benjamin Onions, 30, Foundry Man-Moulder, Butterley

George Rhodes, Loscoe, FWK

Edward Robinson, 21, Stonemason, Swanwick

James Robinson, 34, Cordwainer, Swanwick

Francis Rawson, 24, FWK, Swanwick

Thomas Turner, 22, FWK, South Wingfield

### **MARCHED, INCLUDING THOSE WHO**

### **WERE FORCED**

John Alkin, Ripley ~ George Alton, Labourer, Ripley

Thomas Alton, Wingfield ~ William Alton, Labourer, Ripley

George Anthony, Ripley ~ William Anthony, Ripley

Jeremiah Bacon, Pentrich ~ Miles Bacon

Joseph Bailey, Ripley - Samuel Barratt, Pentrich

Barratt of Swanwick, Labourer-Hawker

Francis Bettison, Swanwick ~ Jesse Birkhamshaw, Ilkeston

William Blount, FWK, Ripley

William Blount, Greenwich, Ripley

John Boler, FWK, Wingfield ~ Charles Booth

George Booth, Mosley ~ John Booth, Ripley

John Bradley, Pentrich ~ James Bramley, Pentrich

George Bramley, Wingley

Richard Bramley, South Wingfield

William Bramley, Swanwick

George Breedon, Collier, Swanwick

Frances Briddon, Wingfield ~ Edward Briggs

Robert Briggs ~ Thomas Brown, Pentrich

William Brown ~ John Carter, Aldercar

Edmund Cocker, Pentrich ~ John Cope

James Daykin, Collier, Swanwick

John Dexter, Servant, Buckland-Heage

David Elliott, Pentrich ~ Henry Elliott, Swanwick

John Elliott, Swanwick ~ Thomas Elliott, Swanwick

Thomas Francis, Blacksmith

George Frost, Butterley ~ Thomas Gaunt, Wingfield

Robert Godber, Labourer, Ripley

Edward Hall, Swanwick

Edward Hall Jnr. Swanwick ~ John Hall, Swanwick

William Hall, Swanwick ~ William Hardy, Aldercar

James Hill, FWK, South Wingfield ~ Henry Hole

James Hopkinson ~ John Howitt, Heanor

Gregory Isaac, Blacksmith, Ripley ~ Abraham James

Joseph James ~ Samuel James

Thomas Masland, Wingfield ~ Joseph Mather, Swanwick

John Moore Jnr. ~ Thomas Moore, Ripley

John Onion Jnr. Iron Moulder, Butterley

William Peach, Swanwick ~ Thomas Rawson

Samuel Rawson, FWK, Swanwick

James Saint, FWK, Ripley ~ John Sellars, FWK, Pentrich

Samuel Sellars, Alfretton ~ William Smith

John Spencer, Pentrich ~ John Storer, Farmer, Pentrich

Joseph Swaine, Wingfield Alfretton Taylor

John Taylor, Wingfield ~ James Turner, Pentrich Lane End

Joseph Turner (not Manchester), Wingfield

Robert Turner, FWK, South Wingfield

Samuel Turner, Wingfield

William Turner, Pentrich Lane End

Joseph Turton, Ripley ~ Job Thompson, Pentrich

John Walker, FWK, South Wingfield,

William Walker, FWK, South Wingfield ~ Charles Walters

Enoch Walters, Pentrich ~ Jeremiah Walters, Pentrich

Samuel Walters, Collier, Pentrich ~ Tristram Walters

William Walters, Pentrich

William Walters, Collier, Pentrich

Joel Waters, Collier, Pentrich

John Waters, Collier, Pentrich

Ned White, Codnor

Joseph Wilkinson, Labourer, South Wingfield

William Williams, Swanwick