

# Skeletons in the Closet: Convicts, Prisons & Asylums

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- ◆ Lots of resources especially in State Archives, newspapers, online indexes etc
- ◆ Gateway sites, more popular sites, lesser known sites
- ◆ Some examples demonstrating the records



# Convicts in Australia

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During the late 18th and 19th centuries, large numbers of [convicts](#) were [transported](#) to the various [Australian penal colonies](#) by the British government. One of the primary reasons for the British settlement of Australia was the establishment of a [penal colony](#) to alleviate pressure on their overburdened [correctional](#) facilities. Over the 80 years more than 165,000 convicts were transported to Australia.<sup>[1]</sup>

The number of convicts pales compared to the immigrants who arrived in Australia in the 1851-1871 gold rush. In 1852 alone, 370,000 immigrants arrived in Australia. By 1871 the total population had nearly quadrupled from 430,000 to 1.7 million people.<sup>[2]</sup> The last convicts to be transported to Australia arrived in [Western Australia](#) in 1868.

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## Convict Records

Web Sites for Genealogists - An Australian gateway site for tracing your family history by Cora Num

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### General

[Ancestry.com.au](#). This commercial site offers access to the *Convict Transportation Registers 1788-1868*. These are arranged by First Fleet 1787-1788, Second Fleet 1789-1790, Third Fleet 1791 and other fleets, and ships 1791-1868. Convict musters 1806-1849, convict pardons 1834-1859, convict lists 1787-1834 and the 1828 census are also available. The records are fully indexed with a free surname search. A variety of subscription options offer access to digitised copies of the original records.

State Library of Queensland - [Convict Transportation Registers Database 1787-1867](#). This database, compiled from British Home Office (HO11) records, details over 123,000 of the estimated 160,000 convicts to Australia. It lists name, sentence details, ship, departure date, arrival date and place for those convicted in England, Wales and Scotland, not Ireland. Court-martialled soldiers from British colonies (West Indies, India, Pakistan and Canada.) sentenced to transportation are also included. It also offers the facility to post comments on the convict records as a way of sharing information. The dates of conviction are being added to each record as an ongoing project.

[Convicts to Australia](#) A Guide to Researching your Convict Ancestors by the Perth DPS. This site contains information on many aspects of the convict system and includes a glossary, bibliography and extensive online convict databases.

[Convicts Australia](#) by Jenny Fawcett offers access to many useful online convict indexes. It is no longer being maintained as it was superseded by the *Genseek Genealogy* site which is currently not available.

[Swing Riots & Rioters.com](#) by Jill Chambers includes detailed information on the Swing Riots of 1830 and 1831. There are details on the machine breakers, rioters and protestors many of whom were transported to Australia. The site also includes the name, age, place & date of trial, and sentence of those on board the *Eliza* to Tasmania 1831, the *Eleanor* to New South Wales 1831 and the *Proteus* to Tasmania 1831. **Updated**

John Owen Smith's site details some of the personalities associated with the [Selborne & Headley \(Hampshire\) Workhouse Riots](#) in 1830. Over 345 men were tried for disturbances in Hampshire before a Special Commission at Winchester 20th-30th December 1830. This site details the 22

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# Convicts to Australia

A Guide to Researching Your Convict Ancestors

Another [Perth DPS](#) Project [www.convictcentral.com](http://www.convictcentral.com)

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*"The definitive site  
 for Convict  
 Research on the  
 World Wide Web"*

Most family historians in Australia regard a convict in their ancestry as enormously desirable. "Convicts to Australia" is intended to guide, inform and entertain those just starting the hunt as well as the more experienced researcher. The site is a 'work in progress' and data is being added regularly. We hope your convict research is made easier by our efforts and above all we hope you have FUN. Although **feedback and suggestions** are welcome, unfortunately we are unable to answer individual questions and research requests.

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 above to search  
 the entire Site



### What's New

#### W.A. - Vimeira 1865

(We're systematically expanding the WA Convict pages with trial details & physical descriptions.)



### Research Guide

An overview of Australian settlement and convict transportation. Helpful hints for convict researchers on a wide range of themes.



### Timeline

A year-by-year account of the settlement of Australia and convict transportation at a glance. Gives perspective to a confusing period.



### Convict Ships

Chronological Lists of all the Convict Transports sent from England. Includes Alphabetical Lists of the First, Second and Third Fleet convicts.



### Bound for W.A.

English, Irish, Scottish and military convicts transported to Western Australia between 1850 and 1868 ... physical descriptions and trial details.



### N.S.W. Women

Convict Women arriving in New South Wales from England, Ireland and Scotland 1788-1828. (Search by ship or use our special search engine.)

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**1891 Petition (New!)** The Society is working on the identification of the names of those from the Ballarat area who signed the 1891 Women's Suffrage Petition. Go to the [1891 Petition Project](#).

**Library Collection** The Ballarat and District Genealogical Society's entire library collection catalogue is now accessible and searchable on-line on the [Central Highlands Regional Library Corporation](#) or direct from the link - [B&DGS Library Collection](#)

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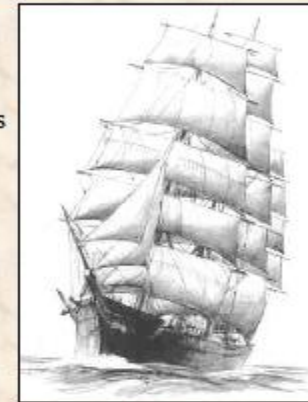
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**Advice for Locating Convict Information**

The following links will provide access to some information on tracking convict ancestors in Australia. This set of links is not meant to be exhaustive but to provide some starting points for Australian convict information. One of your best resources is to use a very good search engine such as "[Google](#)"



#### First Fleet

- [1st Fleet Convict List](#) - Convict ships in the 1st Fleet: "Alexander", "Charlotte", "Lady Penrhyn", "Friendship", "Prince of Wales", "Scarborough". Other ships were, "H.M.S. Sirius", "H.M.S. Supply", "Fishburn", "Borrowdale", "Golden Grove".
- [Ships of the First Fleet](#) - this page by Faye Guthrie has illustrations of the ships in the First Fleet.
- [Australia's First Fleet](#) - article by Cathy Dunn and Marion McCreadie
- [First Fleet Online Database](#) - First Fleet OnLine is a resource for students and teachers of any age, professional historians, family tree enthusiasts, descendants of the First Fleeters, and amateur researchers, anywhere in the world. It has been provided free of charge by the University of Wollongong as a community service.
- [Fellowship of First Fleeters, Northcoast Chapter](#) - a Chapter of the Fellowship of First Fleeters on the North Coast of NSW, with Coffs Harbour being the central point.
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# Convict transportation registers database

The **British Convict transportation registers 1787-1867** database has been compiled from the British Home Office (HO) records which are available on microfilm. You can find details for over 123 000 of the estimated 160 000 convicts transported to Australia in the 18th and 19th centuries - names, term of years, transport ships and more. More detailed information is available [about this convict database](#). You can also find out about the [creation and launch of the database](#).

**Please note:** The original records on which this database is based are not an exhaustive list of all convicts sent to Australia.

**Check out our new search (now available through One Search)**

**Find a convict**

Go

Here are some [search tips](#) to help you locate your convict.



Image taken from J.J.Knight's *In the early days : history and incident of pioneer Queensland* (1898)

<http://www.slq.qld.gov.au/info/fh/convicts>



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## Ireland-Australia transportation database

The National Archives of Ireland holds a wide range of records relating to the [transportation](#) of convicts from Ireland to Australia covering the period 1788 to 1868. In some cases these include records of members of convicts' families transported as [free settlers](#).

To mark the Australian Bicentenary in 1988, the Taoiseach presented microfilms of the most important of these records to the Government and People of Australia as a gift from the Government and People of Ireland. A computerised index to the records was prepared with the help of IBM and is available for use at various locations in Australia.

While the collection of [convict petitions](#) dates from the beginning of transportation from Ireland to Australia in 1791, all transportation registers compiled before 1836 were destroyed in the Four Courts fire of June 1922. Therefore, if the person you are researching was convicted before 1836, but was not the subject of a petition, he or she will not appear on this database. In other words, the records from which the transportation database was compiled such as the [transportation registers](#), convict reference files and petitions to government for pardon or commutation of sentence, are incomplete.

### Online search

To search the transportation database, please click on the following link: [Ireland-Australia transportation database](#)

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## RICHARD WALKER, Royal Offences > coining offences, 2nd June 1813.

**Reference Number:** t18130602-37

**Offence:** [Royal Offences](#) > [coining offences](#)

**Verdict:** [Guilty](#) > [pleaded guilty](#)

**Punishment:** [Transportation](#)

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552. RICHARD WALKER was indicted for that he, on the 26th of December , had in his custody and possession, a forged 2 l. bank-note, he knowing it to be forged .

To this indictment the prisoner pleaded

GUILTY .

Transported for Fourteen Years .

First Middlesex jury, before Mr. Recorder.



<http://www.oldbaileyonline.org/>

# New South Wales & Tasmanian Convicts

- ◆ State Records New South Wales
  - [www.records.nsw.gov.au](http://www.records.nsw.gov.au)
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## Index to the Colonial Secretary's Papers, 1788-1825

Arranged by surname and subject this is the most comprehensive index of early NSW settlement.

- » [Search and browse the original text-based index](#)

The Papers include:

- » petitions by convicts for mitigation of their sentences;
- » requests for permission to marry;
- » memorials attesting to the worthy character of potential settlers;
- » applications for land grants or leases;
- » reports on official visits;
- » information about court cases and lists of assigned servants

– in fact anything to do with the colonial administration of the day.

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### Accessing the records

Microfilm copies of the Correspondence can be viewed in our [reading rooms](#). Printed versions of the index are also available in the reading rooms.

Alternatively, the [Archives Resources Kit](#), which comprises the core of the State's historical records is available in 40 community access points including our Regional Repositories throughout country New South Wales. A number of other institutions and organisations around the State also hold parts of the kit and copies of State archives.

You can also order copies of the records online via the search facility. Simply 'tick' the relevant search result(s) and follow the instructions.

The **copy service fee** is \$25.00 (includes administration, postage/handling and the first entry). Additional entries are \$3.00 each.

<http://www.records.nsw.gov.au/state-archives/indexes-online/colonial-secretary/>

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**WALKER, Richard**

1810 Dec 22 Juror at inquest on James Davis held at Sydney (Reel 6021; 4/1819 pp.157, 159)

**WALKER, Richard**

1816 Mar 12 Evidence at inquest on Thomas Robinson (Reel 6021; 4/1819 pp.599-600)

**WALKER, Richard**

1819 Feb 15 On list of applicants for renewal of spirit licences in Sydney (Reel 6006; 4/3499 p.318)

1820 Dec 20; 1821 Nov 14 Juror at inquests on Ellis Colebrooke & William Tibbet held at Sydney (Reel 6021; 4/1819 pp.83-4, 687, 689)

**WALKER, Richard.** Per "Admiral Gambier", 1808

1817 Petition for mitigation of sentence (Fiche 3182; 4/1853 p.351)

**WALKER, Richard.** Per "Lord Sidmouth", 1819

1823 Apr 11, Nov 5 On list of prisoners assigned (Fiche 3291; 4/4570D pp.130, 132)

1825 Servant of William Henry Moore of Sydney; testimony as to his character for a ticket of leave (Reel 6027; 4/1717.2 pp.16-7)

**WALKER, Richard.** Per "Somersetshire", 1814

1814 Oct 25 On list of convicts disembarked from the "Somersetshire" & forwarded to Windsor for distribution (Reel 6004; 4/3493 p.346)

1819 Jan 25; 1820 Jun 24 Clerk. On returns of storekeepers & extra clerks in Commissariat Department (Fiche 3301, 4/1093.2 p.1; Reel 6049, 4/1744 p.373 & 4/1745 pp.1, 2)

1819 Dec 4 Clerk in Commissariat. Petition for mitigation of sentence (Fiche 3201; 4/1860 p.72)

1821 Sep 8 Clerk, Commissariat Department. On list of all persons victualled from H.M. Magazines; with wife & three children (Reel 6016; 4/5781 p.64)

<http://colsec.records.nsw.gov.au/indexes/colsec/>

**WALKER, George.** Son of Dorothy Walker

1815 Jun 19 On list of persons on board "Northampton" (Reel 6045; 4/1732 pp.160, 163)

**WALKER, George.** Per "Batavia", 1818

1818 Apr 14 On list of convicts disembarked from the "Batavia" and forwarded to Windsor for distribution (Reel 6006; 4/3498 p.152)

1820 On list of convicts maintained by William Cox free of expense to the Crown in 1820 (Reel 6050; 4/1746 p.141)

**WALKER, George.** Per "Earl St Vincent", 1818

1818 Dec 21 On list of convicts disembarked from the "Earl St Vincent" and forwarded to Parramatta for distribution (Reel 6006; 4/3499 p.221)

**WALKER, George.** Per "Morley", 1817

1817 Apr 18 On list of convicts disembarked from the "Morley" and forwarded to Bringelly for distribution (Reel 6005; 4/3496 p.117)

1818 Jun 30 Bleacher. On return of prisoners to be sent to Newcastle per "Lady Nelson" (Reel 6006; 4/3498 p.291)

**WALKER, Hannah**

1818 Jan 24 On list of persons for whom land grants ready for delivery (Reel 6038; SZ759 p.429)

**WALKER, Harris**

*n.d.* In index to land grants in Van Diemen's Land (Fiche 3262; 4/438 p.99)

**WALKER, Harris.** Master, "Maria"

1821 Jan 17 Re attested copy of muster roll of the "Maria" bound for Batavia (Reel 6018; 4/3521 p.275)

**WALKER, Henry** (Runaway from Port Dalrymple) see **FERGUSON, Henry**

**WALKER, Henry.** Came free per "Northampton", 1815; son of Dorothy Walker

1815 Jun 19 On list of persons on board "Northampton" (Reel 6045; 4/1732 pp.160, 163)

1824 Sep Memorial (Fiche 3115; 4/1840A No.1013 pp.49-52)

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## Convict Details

### Moore, Adam

Convict No: 50276

Extra Identifier:

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Voyage Ship: Maitland (1)

Voyage No: 228

Arrival Date: 03 Mar 1844

Departure Date: 14 Feb 1844

Departure Port: Norfolk Island

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# WA & SA Convicts

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  - [www.srowa.gov.au/collection/convict.asp](http://www.srowa.gov.au/collection/convict.asp)
  - Useful guides, downloadable indexes
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### Introduction

The Swan River Settlement had been in existence for twenty years when it took the unusual step of electing to become a British penal settlement in 1849. Eager Home authorities accepted the offer and quickly dispatched the barque *Scindian*, which arrived in Gage Roads on the 1st June 1850 with a cargo of 75 male convicts aboard. This was to be the first of 43 shipments of convicts to the colony over an 18 year period.



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### Transported convicts

The following database will allow you to access details on persons convict in South Australian courts to transportation.

Many people have expressed surprise that South Australian courts were involved in the transportation of convicted criminals but every court in every jurisdiction throughout the British Empire operated with the same statutes.

An examination of the offences which resulted in conviction revealed that the South Australian courts were closely aligned to the sentencing strategies of their British counterparts.

The South Australians sentenced to transportation in the first eleven years of settlement [1837-1848] can be located at State Records by searching through a range of material including the Adelaide Gaol registers which are on microfilm. For the remaining period [1849-1851], the material is a little more elusive and a multitude of sources, all incomplete, need to be examined. The best sources are the newspaper reports, however, these do not indicate a subsequent pardon or commutation of the sentence. Moreover, the details of the actual transportation are not outlined as in the gaol records. Once the name is secured the researcher can check the indexed Colonial Secretary's and Supreme Court correspondence files for further details. This is a rather hit and miss affair as not all those convicted were the subject of correspondence. Some correspondence on related matters does refer to the transportees but this can usually only be located by checking the whole index. References to convicts have been noted in correspondence to Colonial Secretaries of neighbouring colonies, agreements between the government and ship owners to transport convicts and pay adjustments for police escorting convicts.

In the early days of settlement, South Australia was plagued with problems attributed to escaped convicts [called bolters] from the penal settlements in the east of the continent. These outlaws saw the colony as a safe haven but had to resort to a life of crime as they were unable to obtain legitimate work.



<http://www.jaunay.com/convicts.html>

## Courts and Criminal Justice – Convict Records

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Convicts as referred to in this *PROVguide* are those people convicted of an offence in Britain, or a British colony, whose sentence was to be transported to New South Wales, Tasmania or Western Australia. Transportation officially ceased in New South Wales and Tasmania in 1853 and in Western Australia in 1868. Strictly speaking, no convicts were transported directly to the Port Phillip District of New South Wales. However convicts did find their way to the District, and this generally happened in one of three ways: a convict from Sydney could be assigned to a work gang in Port Phillip; a ticket of leave holder might enter Port Phillip from either New South Wales or Tasmania to work and was required to register with the authorities; or the convict may have been an Exile.

### A select list of convict records held at PROV

The following records are available on microfiche or microfilm through PROV's reading rooms and do not have to be ordered.

#### Registers and indexes

[VPRS 2149 Register of Convicts \(Superintendent, Port Phillip District\) 1842 – 1854](#). This is a microfilm copy of [VPRS 110](#) which is available online. This single volume covers Melbourne, Bourke and Westport.

Details recorded are:

- assigned servants
- nominal list of ticket of leave holders in Port Phillip District 1843-1848
- applications for ticket of leave commencing 1 Jan 1843
- applications for pardons Feb 1845 – May 1854
- certificates of freedom delivered Jul 1848 – Dec 1851
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## Tickets of Leave.

name	Ship	no of 1/2	Remarks
William Norris	Beaufort	43/305	Letter Rec 8/11/1823.
William Lee	Andromeda	29/295	
William Furlong	Albion	34/694	
John Egan	Eliza	42/364	
Geo Davenport	Colandrice	39/303	
<del>William Brown</del>	<del>Prudence</del>	42/265	
Caleb Sandy	Alia 5	42/267	Renewal fee charge £2/3
John Drury	Midas	43/187	
William Golday	Laxton	38/269	
Samuel Sulmistrak	Claudine	39/173	
Norman Hollis	Portsmouth 15	47/778	
John Broome	Neoa	42/359	
William Leath	Penworth	39/252	
William Chapman	Atlas 131	40/591	
James Brown	Surrey 141	40/876	
John Brown	Phoenix	36/1247	
Joseph Woodhead	St George 121	37/1630	

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On this day THE SYDNEY MORNING HERALD (NSW : 1842-19..., THURSDAY 17 MAY 1951

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On Thursday an inquest was likewise held at the "Black Dog" public-house, Cambridge-street, Rocks, on the body of Richard Walker, who, the preceding morning, between 9 and 10 o'clock, fell to the earth in the yard at the back of the house in which he lived in the above street. He was carried to bed speechless, and remained in that state until about four o'clock the same day. The jury returned a verdict of—"Died by the visitation of God." In the course of the examination of witnesses, it appeared that a man of the name of Thomas Mosher, a poor cobbler living in the same house with deceased, went, between two and three o'clock, to the shop of Surgeon Hosking, and requested his attendance to the deceased, who had grown worse. Upon being informed that the applicant had no pecuniary means of remunerating him, Surgeon H. declined attending, alleging his "business would not permit him." At this conduct the jury, one and all, expressed their indignation in the severest terms language could convey; as it was their unanimous opinion, that had the assistance required been afforded to the individual now dead, in all probability he would have recovered; and this their opinion they requested the Coroner to represent through the proper medium.

## *Sydney Gazette and New South Wales Advertiser*

30 June 1832 and 3 Jul  
1832

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### Original Correspondence.

*To the Editor of the Sydney Gazette.*

Sir,—I cannot allow the aspersion thrown out against my professional character in your report of the Coroner's inquest held on the body of *Richard Walker*, which appeared in your last *Gazette*, to pass without notice—especially as I consider no Coroner's Jury have a right to call in question the motives of any medical man for not doing what they may consider to be his duty.

In the first place, I have to state, that although the applicant had no pecuniary means of remunerating me, as stated at the inquest, had it been otherwise, I could not have gone at that time to visit the person, having but a few moments returned from a patient whom I could not have left for any length of time. Finding I was engaged, why could not the messenger have sought other medical assistance? and, moreover, it would have been useless had I gone, as I have heard since that the man was dead before he returned home.

I cannot close these few remarks without saying that I consider the expressions made use of by the jury uncalled for, unjustifiable, and unwarrantable.

I am, Sir,

yours obediently,

P. M. HOSKING.

*George-street, Sydney.* }

*July 2d, 1832.* {

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# Criminals Overview

- ◆ Very similar records and information as convicts
- ◆ State Archives – Courts, Police, Prisons  
NB Useful guide - *Criminal Records: A guide to sources in Queensland* (my Dip FHS 1992 thesis on my website at [www.shaunahicks.com.au](http://www.shaunahicks.com.au))
- ◆ Cora Num's gateway site [www.coraweb.com.au/](http://www.coraweb.com.au/)
- ◆ Australian Newspapers, Picture Australia
- ◆ Police Gazettes



## Index to the Gaol Photographs

We are progressively adding other gaols to this index in alphabetical order of the gaol.

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There are currently c.37,500 entries, from the photographic description books listing prisoners from the following gaols:

- Albury (1876-1929) [NRS 1966](#)
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- Bathurst (1874-1930) [NRS 1998](#)
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- Broken Hill (1904-1929) [NRS 2057](#)
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- Goulburn (1884-1930) [NRS 2232](#)
- Grafton (1894-1929) [NRS 2258](#)
- Trial Bay (1892-1901 - latest addition) [NRS 2549](#)

## Contents of the Gaol Photograph Description Books

The Gaol Photographic Description Books contain a photograph of each prisoner and the following information: number, prisoners' name, aliases, date when portrait was taken, native place, year of birth, details of arrival in the colony - ship and year of arrival, trade or occupation, religion, standard of education, height, weight (on committal, on discharge), colour of hair, colour of eyes, marks or special features, number of previous portrait, where and when tried, offence, sentence, remarks, and details of previous convictions (where and when, offence and sentence).

<http://www.records.nsw.gov.au/>

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## St Helena Convict Indexes 1863-1936



These indexes record the names of all convicts (prisoners) who were held at St Helena Penal Establishment. The records were created in part by the Police Department, Water Police 1863-1867 and, H M Penal Establishment, St Helena 1867-1886, and the Brisbane Correctional Centre 1917-1923.

Each series has been individually indexed under its series title.

### Background

#### 1. Series ID 7299 General record and description of prisoners admitted to St Helena, 1917-1923

The following details are recorded in the register (Item ID 271421; A/18565):- prisoner number, name of prisoner and alias if used, papers, date of receipt in prison, offence, date of sentence, sentence, special remission, date of discharge by remission, date when discharged, by whom sentenced, remanded or committed for trial, previous convictions, trade or calling, date of birth, height, colour of hair and eyes, remarks.

This register appears to have been written at H.M. Prison, Brisbane, and may have been a central record for the disposal of prisoners throughout Queensland. This particular section refers to those admitted to St. Helena. Although the register generally records those prisoners admitted from 1917 onwards, prisoners who were already at St. Helena in 1917 are also recorded, together with their date of admission.

#### 2. Series ID 7300 Register of Male Prisoners Admitted to St Helena (with descriptions) - Sentences 12 months and upwards, 1919-1924

This register (Item ID 271422; A/18565) records details of male prisoners serving sentences of twelve months and upwards at HM Penal Establishment, St Helena, kept by HM Prison, Brisbane (Boggo Road).

The following information is recorded : number, name, prison, date of receipt in prison, offence, date of sentence, sentence, special remission, date of discharge by remission, date when discharged, where sentenced, remanded or committed for trial, previous convictions, trade or calling, age, height, colour of hair and eyes, papers and remarks.

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### The administration of gaols and penal institutions in the nineteenth century

Prior to 1871 penal institutions and gaols were separately administered by officers located within the Chief Secretary's Department ([VA 475](#)). In 1871 under the provisions of the *Statute of Gaols Amendment Act 1871*, the Inspector-General of Penal Establishments assumed responsibility for the administration of gaols, and a Penal and Gaols Branch ([VA 1464](#)) was established within the Chief Secretary's Department. The branch was responsible for the management of Victorian gaols and penal institutions and the control and supervision of the adults and minors who were detained.

The earliest penal institutions were almost entirely punitive in emphasis, while gaols were used for the detention of prisoners not sentenced to hard labour, such as debtors, lunatics, the old, the destitute and children who had been convicted of vagrancy. For more information about records concerning the administration of prisons, probation and parole, and for records of individual institutions see [VRG 9 Prisons and Youth Training Centres](#) and [VRG 93 Corrections](#) on PROV's online catalogue at [www.access.prov.vic.gov.au](http://www.access.prov.vic.gov.au).

### Records relating to gaols and penal institutions: a select list

Victorian prisons were required to submit information about the prisoners in their custody to the Penal and Gaols Branch ([VA 1464](#)) of the Chief Secretary's Department. There was no state-wide centralised registration of prisoners until 1985. In the nineteenth and early twentieth centuries it was common practice for a prisoner to be moved directly from the court where the trial was held to a local prison, such as Beechworth. If the trial took place outside the Melbourne area researchers are advised to consult the records of local prisons. For records of individual institutions see [VRG 9 Prisons and Youth Training Centres](#) on PROV's online catalogue.

### Online Records

The following records have been digitised and can be accessed online:

[VPRS 515 Central Register of Male Prisoners \[1850 – 1948\] \[selected volumes only\]](#)

This series is indexed by [VPRS 10867/P0 Alphabetical Index to Central Register of Male Prisoners, 1868-1947](#).

VPRS 516 Central Register of Female Prisoners (referred to above, and accessible on microfiche in PROV Reading Rooms) is indexed by [VPRS 10879/P0 Alphabetical Index to Central Register of Female Prisoners \[1857-1948\]](#).

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## VPRS 515/P0 Central Register of Male Prisoners [selected volumes only]

A selection of volumes (6, 9, 20, 48, 51, 55, 57, 61, 69 and 74) containing entries on Male prisoners in Victoria.

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No. 26559

Name *Browne Edward*

*E. B. Sedgely*

Height ...	<i>5-ft. 8 1/2</i>	Sentence.	<i>3 Months 1/2 Months 1 1/2</i>	<i>12 Months 12 Months 12 Months 4 years 2 1/2</i>	<i>12 Mos 12 Mos 12 Mos 4 years 2 1/2</i>	<i>12 Mos 12 Mos 12 Mos 4 years 2 1/2</i>	<i>12 Mos 12 Mos 12 Mos 4 years 2 1/2</i>	<i>12 Mos 12 Mos 12 Mos 4 years 2 1/2</i>	<i>12 Mos 12 Mos 12 Mos 4 years 2 1/2</i>
Weight ...	<i>105</i>	<i>5 years 7 1/2</i>	<i>1 Month 2 1/2</i>	<i>first 4 days of 1<sup>st</sup> week of</i>	<i>Hard Labor</i>	<i>Impr.</i>	<i>Hard Labor</i>	<i>Impr.</i>	<i>Hard Labor</i>
Complexion ...	<i>Sallow</i>		<i>(Cumulative)</i>	<i>2<sup>nd</sup> and last month of det.</i>	<i>Impr.</i>		<i>Hard Labor</i>		
Hair ...	<i>Brown</i>		<i>6 Months 2 1/2</i>	<i>in det convt - Cumulative</i>	<i>Impr.</i>		<i>Hard Labor</i>		
Eyes ...	<i>Blue</i>		<i>Impr.</i>				<i>Impr.</i>		
Nose ...	<i>Convivial</i>	Date of Conviction.	<i>14. 5. 94</i>	<i>15. 5. 94</i>	<i>18. 6. 94</i>	<i>12-1-97</i>	<i>1-2-97</i>	<i>1. 5. 99</i>	<i>28. 14-03</i>
Mouth ...	<i>Medium</i>		<i>9. 8. 04</i>	<i>14. 5. 94</i>					
Chin ...	<i>Medium</i>			<i>15. 5. 94</i>					
Eyebrows ...	<i>Black</i>	Offence.	<i>Imprisonment</i>	<i>Breaking into a</i>			<i>Prova<sup>(2)</sup> attempted</i>		<i>Unlawfully</i>
Visage ...	<i>Long</i>		<i>Imprisonment</i>	<i>country house</i>	<i>Perjury</i>		<i>and shoplifting</i>	<i>Receiving</i>	<i>using a</i>
Forehead ...	<i>Medium</i>		<i>Uttering</i>				<i>45 p.c. s</i>		<i>horse</i>
Date of Birth ...	<i>1867</i>	Where and before whom tried.	<i>Hellbourne</i>	<i>Hellbourne</i>	<i>Melbourne</i>	<i>Colony</i>	<i>Melbourne</i>	<i>Melbourne</i>	<i>Bell City</i>
Native Place ...	<i>Leamington</i>		<i>Supreme Court</i>	<i>Supreme Court</i>	<i>Supreme Ct</i>	<i>City Sessions</i>	<i>Supreme Court</i>	<i>Supreme Court</i>	<i>Supreme Court</i>
Trade ...	<i>Book</i>		<i>Supreme Court</i>	<i>The Chief Justice</i>	<i>Justice</i>	<i>Justice</i>	<i>Justice</i>	<i>Justice</i>	<i>Justice</i>
Religion ...	<i>Anglican</i>		<i>Supreme Court</i>	<i>for some Madden</i>	<i>Justice</i>	<i>Justice</i>	<i>Justice</i>	<i>Justice</i>	<i>Justice</i>
Read or Write ...	<i>Both</i>		<i>Supreme Court</i>	<i>for some Madden</i>	<i>Justice</i>	<i>Justice</i>	<i>Justice</i>	<i>Justice</i>	<i>Justice</i>
Particular Marks.	<i>Lost four fingers left hand, faith hope and charity clasped hands right arm. Sharp and void inside elbow opp arm - marked face left wrist - least 1000 right knee</i>								
Previous History.	<i>Married Wife Mrs J. Brown living Rathdown St. Carlton. For N. M. J. Elyria from Plymouth to Sydney 1855. 67 Oct 1894</i>								

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Name Smith Stephenus

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Height ...	...	Sentence ...	...
Weight ...	115	...	...
Complexion ...	...	...	...
Hair ...	...	...	...
Eyes ...	...	Date of Conviction ...	7-11
Nose ...	Medium	...	...
Mouth ...	Medium	...	...
Chin ...	Medium	...	...
Eyebrows ...	Full	Office ...	Lancing as a school (2 charges)
Visage ...	Serious	...	...
Forehead ...	Large	...	...
Date of Birth ...	1864	Where and before whom tried ...	Ballarat Petty Sessions
Native Place ...	England	...	...
Trade ...	Commercial Traveller	...	...
Religion ...	Methodist	...	...
Read or Write ...	Both	...	...
Particular Marks ...	Scar, little finger of hand, left thumb and left chin, artificial teeth upper jaw Scar mark right side of body		
Previous History ...	Per Rome 1880 - Ardour French. No. 11111, living in 11 George St Sydney.		

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Name of Offender.	Place of Arrest.	Name of Charge.	If Arrested on Warrant or Otherwise.	Reference to Police Gazette or Official Gazette.	How Case Disposed of.	Arresting Constable.
Boonagour (A.S.)	Pleas Creek	Threatening words	No warrant	31	Fined 20 or 3 months' imprisonment	West-les Constable E. Levin.
Edin Clark, alias	Haroldston	Explosive	4390	4390	3 months' imprisonment	West-les Constable J. Holman.
George Hammond	Mitchellton	Stealing without a licence	On warrant	4390	Fined 20 lbs. and 10s. 4d costs or 3 months' imprisonment	At the instance of Acting Sergeant D. Duffy.
Thomas Henry Marshall	Cassowary	Stealing	No warrant	4390	On warrant	Constable E. J. Higgins.
Frank Lynn	Nashort	431a	On warrant	Police Gazette, 1904, page 130	Fined 20 lbs. 10s. 4d. restriction, or 3 months' imprisonment	Constables W. Adams and J. O'Dea.
Edie	4310	Stealing jewellery	4320	31	Fined 22 or 1 month's imprisonment according to previous sentence	4310.
John Bayart	Dugden	Supplying liquor to a South Sea Islander	On warrant	4320	Fined 20 or 1 month's imprisonment	At the instance of Constable G. Ebbels.
William Wm (Frank)	4310	Aggravated assault on a female	No warrant	4320	4 months' imprisonment	Constable J. Brady.
Arthur Mason	Dryden	Public nuisance	4320	4320	3 months' hard labour	West-les Constable E. Berry and Constable W. E. Fisher (I.L.S.)
Charles Hutchinson	4310	Obscene language	431a	4310	Fined 20 or 3 months' imprisonment	Constable J. Brady.

RETURN OF PRISONERS TRIED AT CIRCUIT AND DISTRICT COURTS IN QUEENSLAND.

Name.	Where Arrested.	Date Charged for Trial.	Court where Tried.	Date of Trial.	Offence.	On Whom Committed.	Sentence.	By Whom Awarded.
John T. Coffey	Charlton Towers	7 Mar. 1904.	Circuit Court, Charlton Towers	1904, 5, 6, 7, 8 May	Stealing a cow	G. Patterson	3 years and 9 months' hard labour	Constable G. C. Aspinall.
James Martin	4310	18	4310	4310	Stealing	J. Porter	2 years and 12 months' hard labour	Sergeant M. King (I.L.S.) and Constable J. Egan.
James Mahony	4310	24	4310	4310	Assault involving bodily harm	W. Williams	30 calendar months' hard labour	Sergeant M. King and Constable J. Egan.
Andrew Robert Fraser	Barnwood	20 April 1904.	4310	4310	Eviction—stealing	J. Cross	24th period ordered	Constables Crowl and Mathias.
John Parnell	Charlton Towers	24 Dec. 1903.	4310	4310	Stealing	F. Cocher	3 years' hard labour. Sentence suspended under section 66, Criminal Code Act, 1900, if 210 to be of good behaviour for that period	Sergeant M. King (I.L.S.) and Constable Mathias.
George Parker	4310	24	4310	4310	4310	4310	4310	4310.
John O'Brien	4310	7 Mar. 1904.	4310	4310	Stealing cow	G. Patterson	Discharged	Constables G. C. Aspinall and J. J. Gray.
Joseph O'Brien	4310	7	4310	4310	4310	4310	4 years' hard labour	4310.
Alfred Reeves	4310	24	4310	4310	Assault involving bodily harm	W. Williams	6 calendar months' hard labour	Sergeant M. King (I.L.S.) and Constable James Kelly.
Joe Pak	Barnwood	20 April	4310	4310	Common assault	Constable Crowl	3 calendar months' hard labour. Sentence commutative with other sentence prisoner is undergoing on a charge of supplying opium to an aborigine.	Constables Crowl and Mathias.
Thomas White	Bookkington	14	Byegone Court, Bookkington	11 May	Stealing	Mrs. Stebbins	3 years' hard labour	Sergeant J. Wier (I.L.S.)
William Baker	4310	12	4310	4310	4310	W. Linn	3 years' hard labour. Sentence suspended under section 66, Criminal Code Act 1900, if to make up for sentence when under 21 years, and to enter into bond of 200	Constable W. Daniels.
William Lewis	4310	12	4310	4310	Attempted suicide	Nil	4310	4310.

\* Reported from District Court, 22nd February, 1904.

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Name of Offender.	Place of Arrest.	Nature of Charge.	If Arrested on Warrant or Otherwise.	Reference to Police Gazette or Criminal Offence.	How Case Disposed of.	Arresting
Noswimeaw (S.S.I.)	Pisane Creek	Threatening words	No warrant	Nil	Fined £5 or 3 months' imprisonment	First-class Constable
Ellen Chick, alias Ellen Ferguson	Barcaldine	Vagrancy	ditto	ditto	3 months' imprisonment	First-class Constable
George Hammond	Muttaburra	Hawking without a license	On summons	ditto	Fined £10 10s. and 10s. 4d costs or 3 months' imprisonment	At the instance of A.C.
Thomas Henry Burchill	Cunnamulla	Stealing	No warrant	ditto	Committed for sentence, District Court, Roma, 14th June, 1904	Constable H. J. House
Frank Lyons	Nambour	ditto	On warrant	Police Gazette, 1904, page 193	Fined £2, 13s. 3d. restitution, or 1 month's imprisonment	Constables W. Adams
Ditto	ditto	Stealing conjointly	ditto	Nil	Fined £2 or 1 month's imprisonment (cumulative with previous sentence)	ditto.
John Haygart	Ingham	Supplying liquor to a South Sea Islander	On summons	ditto	Fined £5 or 1 month's imprisonment	At the instance of C.O.
Wat-teet Win (kanaka)	ditto	Aggravated assault on a female	No warrant	ditto	4 months' imprisonment	Constable J. Brady.
Arthur Mason	Brisbane	False pretences	ditto	ditto	3 months' hard labour	First-class Constable W. E. Foster (C.I.)
Charles Hutchinson	ditto	Obscene language	ditto	ditto	Fined £5 or 3 months' imprisonment	Constable J. Sexton.

RETURN OF PRISONERS TRIED AT CIRCUIT AND DISTRICT COURTS IN QUEENSLAND.

Name.	Where Arrested.	Date Committed for Trial.	Court where Tried.	Date of Trial.	Offence.	On whom Committed.	Sentence.	By
John T. Carley	Charters Towers	1904, 7 Mar.	Circuit Court, Charters Towers	1904, 3, 4, 5, & 6 May	Stealing a cow	G. Pattendon	3 years and 9 months' hard labour	Constable G.
James Martin	ditto	18 "	ditto	"	Stealing	J. Porter	2 years and 10 months' hard labour	Sergeant M. Constable
James Mullaly	ditto	24 "	ditto	"	Assault occasioning bodily harm	W. Williams	10 calendar months' hard labour	Sergeant M. Jss. Kenn
Andrew Robert Fraser Smollett	Ravenswood	20 April 1903.	ditto	"	Horse-stealing	J. Cross	<i>Non prosequi</i> entered	Constables G.
*Eva Furlong	Charters Towers	24 Dec.	ditto	"	Stealing	F. Caseley	3 years' hard labour. Sentence suspended under section 605, Criminal Code Act. Bond of £100 to be of good behaviour for that period	Sergeant M. Constable
*George Furlong	ditto	24 " 1904.	ditto	"	ditto	ditto	ditto	ditto.
John O'Shea	ditto	7 Mar.	ditto	"	Stealing a cow	G. Pattendon	Discharged	Constables Cleary, ditto.
Joseph O'Shea	ditto	7 "	ditto	"	ditto	ditto	4 years' hard labour	ditto.
Alfred Burrows	ditto	24 "	ditto	"	Assault occasioning bodily harm	W. Williams	6 calendar months' hard labour	Sergeant M. stable Jan
Foo Pah	Heavenwood	28 April	ditto	"	Common assault	Constable Cowell	3 calendar months' hard labour. Sentence completed with other sentence prisoner is	Constables

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**APPEALS.**

*The Sydney Morning Herald..., Wednesday 5 December 1928 p 14*  
 ... APPEALS. The following appeals against the magistrates' orders convictions will be heard lion rd in No 3 District Court, Queen's-square.—George Brown Ilrown Mitchell, false pretences; **Denis Patrick Finn**, false pretences: S[?]as Vounc MalUp Secret CommI\*innu Prohibitlrm Act ... 37 words

**REMANDS.**

*The Brisbane Courier..., Wednesday 19 October 1927 p 3*  
 ... REMANDS. **Denis Patrick** (29, labourer), who was charged with having wilfully destroyed ed a plate-glass window, valued at £2, the property of Margaret Smith, \* on Monday, was remanded for a -week, on bail of £5, by Mr. Berge, P.M. John Thomas Moloney, Moore-street, Albion, who appeared on summons, ... 77 words

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### MOTOR ACCESSORIES STOLEN

According to Senior-Sergeant F. M. O'Driscoll, police prosecutor, Ernest Alexander Hillman (35), plasterer, was seen placing a parcel under a seat in a railway carriage, and then enter another compartment. On being told that the train would not leave for some considerable time he walked away without the parcel. Hillman was charged before Mr.

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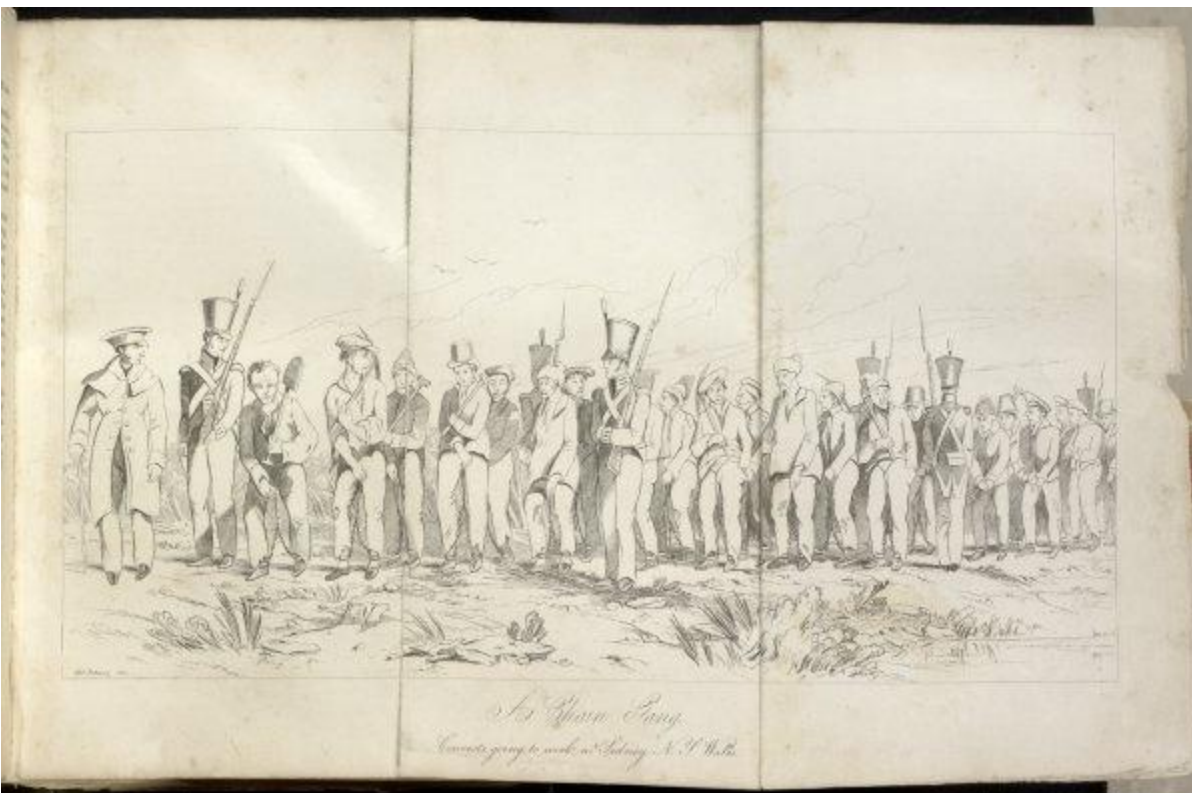




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of Australia



*The Chain Gang  
Convicts going to work in Sydney N.S.W.*

# What are asylums?

- ◆ Terms include benevolent, mental, psychiatric hospitals, sanatoriums
- ◆ For the sick, not just those with mental illness
- ◆ For the aged
- ◆ For the destitute
- ◆ For the forgotten
- ◆ For those with no one else to care for them



# Reasons for Female Admission into Victorian asylums (examples)

- ◆ Change of life
- ◆ Desertion of husband
- ◆ Destitution
- ◆ Lonely life in the bush
- ◆ Religion, Religious mania
- ◆ Senility
- ◆ Worry
- ◆ Worry about family
- ◆ Worry & hard work
- ◆ Alcohol
- ◆ Child birth
- ◆ Climacteric (menopause)
- ◆ Heredity
- ◆ Influenza
- ◆ Fright caused by child nearly drowning in river
- ◆ Shipwrecked at one time
- ◆ Shock, death of husband

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# Agencies Creating Records

- ◆ Asylums
- ◆ But also
  - Colonial (Chief) Secretary's Office
  - Hospitals
  - Justice Department (inquests)
  - Police Department
  - Prisons Department (gaols)
- ◆ And don't forget
  - Newspapers



# Types of Records

- ◆ Admission files
- ◆ Admission registers (registers of patients)
- ◆ Case books (case files)
- ◆ Indexes and alphabetical lists
- ◆ Medical case books
- ◆ Warder's diaries
- ◆ Access varies around Australia



# Finding Aids

- ◆ Records usually with the State Archives
  - ◆ Brief Guides or Fact Sheets
  - ◆ Online Indexes and Databases
  - ◆ Digitised Records
- 
- ◆ Now we will have a look at the various Australian states



# Queensland

## Queensland State Archives

- ◆ <http://www.archives.qld.gov.au>
- ◆ Brief Guide 26 – Guide to Dunwich Records
- ◆ Brief Guide 39 – Insanity/Mental Asylum Records
- ◆ Wolston Park Hospital (Woogaroo Asylum) 1865 – current
- ◆ 100 years access
- ◆ Public Curator Insanity Files



# Insanity / Mental Asylum Records

A 3 page  
guide listing  
main series

## Brief Guide 39

This Brief Guide provides an overview of Queensland State Archives records relating to mental health patients. Prior to the separation from New South Wales in 1859, there were no facilities for psychiatric treatment in the Moreton Bay Region. As such, mentally disturbed persons, or “lunatics”, would have been sent to Brisbane Gaol or possibly to an asylum in Sydney. Woogaroo Lunatic Asylum opened in 1865 with 69 patients, and has undergone many name changes and renovations since.

There are two main types of mental asylum records held at Queensland State Archives: Public Curator Insanity files and Goodna Case Books.

### Public Curator insanity files

In general Public Curator insanity files held at Queensland State Archives consist of records of people who were admitted to the institutions in Goodna (Woogaroo), Ipswich (Sandy Gallop), or Toowoomba (Willowburn).

The main series of records at Queensland State Archives that relate to insanity and

<http://www.archives.qld.gov.au/>

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# New South Wales

## State Records New South Wales (SRNSW)

- ◆ <http://www.records.nsw.gov.au>
- ◆ Archives in Brief (AIBs)
- ◆ Resources for Family Historians - Asylums

## Sydney Benevolent Asylum (Mitchell Library)

- ◆ <http://www.sydneybenevolentasylum.com>
- ◆ Online index to admissions & discharges 1857-1900 (78,000 records)



## Asylum records

A common way of finding out if a relative was in a mental hospital is to check the death certificate. If a person died in a mental hospital or asylum it will be stated on the death certificate.

- ▶ [How do you know if your ancestor was in an asylum?](#)
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## How do you know if your ancestor was in an asylum?



You may also know that an ancestor spent some time in an asylum from hearsay or family stories.

Try to gather as much information as you can.

### What we need to know

To help you track down the records we need to know:

- ▶ what asylum your ancestor was in
- ▶ approximate date or year in asylum, and
- ▶ the date of death in the asylum or discharge from the asylum.

**NOTE:** We cannot search large periods of time as lengthy research would be required and we do not undertake research.

## How to access patient records



Patient identifying records are closed to public access (CPA) for 110 years. This direction covers records created or maintained by the Department of Health.

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# Victoria

## Public Record Office Victoria (PROV)

- ◆ <http://www.prov.vic.gov.au>
- ◆ *PROVguide 23* PROV's Digitised Records and Online Indexes NB some asylum PDFs are quite large but you can save them to your computer for use offline
- ◆ *PROVguide 59* Mental Health Records
- ◆ *PROVguide 71* Inquest Records



## Mental health

### Digitised records

[VPRS 7446/P1 Alphabetical Lists of Patients in Asylums, 1849-1885](#)  
[VPRS 7427/P1 Nominal Register of Patients, Ararat Asylum, 1867-1906](#)  
[VPRS 7426/P1 Nominal Register of Patients, Ballarat Asylum, 1893-1907](#)  
[VPRS 7428/P1 Nominal Register of Patients, Ballarat/Sunbury Asylums, 1877-1907](#)  
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[VPRS 7396/P1 Case Books of Female Patients, Beechworth Asylum, 1878-1912](#)  
[VPRS 7493/P1 Register of Patients, Bendigo Receiving Ward, 1874-1908](#)  
[VPRS 7721/P1 Register of Patients, Collingwood Asylum, 1866-1873](#)  
[VPRS 7425/P1 Nominal Register of Patients, Kew Asylum, 1871-1906](#)  
[VPRS 7690/P1 Nominal Register of Patients, Kew Asylum, 1871-1914](#)  
[VPRS 7680/P1 Register of Patients, Kew Asylum, 1871-1919](#)  
[VPRS 7423/P1 Nominal Register of Patients, Royal Park Hospital for the Insane, 1907-1913](#)  
[VPRS 7490/P1 Asylum Records \[Case Books\], Sunnyside Licensed House, 1905-1915](#)  
[VPRS 7422/P1 Index to Male and Female Case Books, Yarra Bend Asylum, 1848-1912](#)

Records are digitised and  
freely accessible online

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Ararat, Ballarat, Beechworth, Bendigo,  
Collingwood, Cremorne, Kew, Royal Park,  
Sunbury, Sunnyside, Yarra Bend

of Admissions. (at length.) Catherine Kavanagh DATE OF ADMISSION. March 18<sup>th</sup> 1907 3.25 pm.

Sex— Female Age— 31 yrs. Single, Married, or Widowed— Single Previous occupation— Housekeeper (near Beechworth) Habits of life— Destructive Native place— Beechworth Religion— Roman Catholic

No. of children alive— " " dead— Age of youngest child—

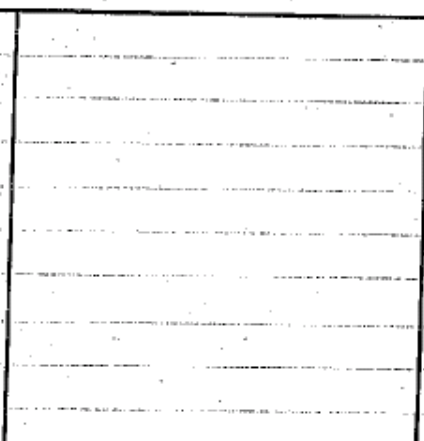
Previous place of abode— 6 miles (near Beechworth) Name, addresses of friends or relatives— (Father) Laurence Kavanagh 6 miles near Beechworth

Whether first attack— Not known Age on first attack— Duration of existing attack— About 8 days

Whether and when and where in other Asylums— Cause of attack— Whether suicidal— How suicidal— Whether epileptic— yes Whether destructive— yes

Whether of defective habits— Whether heredity direct collateral of Insanity— Name of relatives insane— Alcoholism— Phthisis— Nervous affections—

Essentials of Medical Certificates. Dr. Shuter: Epilepsy: I have seen her after a fit in a condition of mania in which she is dangerous to herself & others; now in condition of dementia continually talking to herself in a noisy incoherent manner & cannot be induced to give any address to her & cannot be



PHOTOGRAPH ON ADMISSION.

PHOTOGRAPH ON DISCHARGE.

25.3.07 Note first day - druggery, eyes closed: did not sleep last night with Laspro 1/2. Trains tonight

Note at end of week - not sleeping or do feel a Sufphone or Dione. Choral 1/20 p.m. 1/20 p.m. given last night: slept well. Looks less stuporous than on reception.

Copy of Medical Superintendent's report to Central-Office } 27.3.07 face stuporous expression: almost continually talking or muttering incoherently

Replies to questions are also meaningless. One's reason or purpose. Typical epileptic expression. Sleeps badly (requires Chloral + Bromide) definite history of epileptic seizures (none since reception). Very restless especially when in bed B.H. Shows no organic disease but several scars of burn on face, neck, arm, shoulder: (burns received in seizures, little time left to rub or heal).

# Other Victorian Sources

## Alfred Hospital & Melbourne Benevolent Asylum

- ◆ Index to deaths

<http://www.tfoenander.com/alfredhospindex.htm>

- ◆ History of the Melbourne Benevolent Asylum

<http://localhistory.kingston.vic.gov.au/htm/article/302.htm>



# DEATHS AT THE ALFRED HOSPITAL & THE MELBOURNE BENEVOLENT ASYLUM.

Part 1 - October, 1872 to December, 1877.

## INTRODUCTION.

The listings included here have been compiled from data shown in the [Melbourne] ARGUS for the period October, 1872 to December, 1877. The names are, in most cases, accompanied by age at death, nativity, year and vessel of arrival in the colony of Victoria, and the date and cause of death.

The listings have been divided into two sections, the first showing the Alfred Hospital deaths, followed by the deaths at the Melbourne Benevolent Asylum. For some reason, none of the Benevolent Asylum listings included year of arrival or the vessel arrived in. The Alfred Hospital listings were first published in the ARGUS, in October, 1872, and the Melbourne Benevolent Asylum listings commenced in December, 1875.

Listings for April 1873, February 1874, February, April, May and December 1876 and May 1877 have not been located, and as such, are not included here.

Each name is cross-referenced by number to the actual date on which the details appeared in the ARGUS. The reference guide is included at the end of the list of names.

All details have been transcribed exactly as shown in the lists, including spelling errors which occur often, especially where medical terms are shown. I have included the year of death in brackets for clarity. A small number of entries only show the individual's surname, and gender can be determined, in some cases, through the details shown for that entry.

## SECTION 1: DEATHS AT THE ALFRED HOSPITAL.

**Owen Ahern**, labourer, aged 48, native of Ireland; arrived in 1856 by the Saldini; died September 30 [1872], of fracture of the skull. [1]

**Ah Hay**, aged 48, storeman, native of China; date of arrival unknown, vessel unknown; died June 3 [1875], of cancer of liver. [34]

**Ah Suen**, aged 37, native of China; date of arrival unknown, vessel unknown; died October 13 [1875], of erysipelas. [39]

**John Allen**, aged 46, publican, native of Sheffield; arrived in 1851, vessel unknown; died December 27 [1873], of hypertrophy with dilation of heart. [16]

# Tasmania

- ◆ Archives Office of Tasmania (AOT)
- ◆ <http://www.archives.tas.gov.au>
- ◆ Hospital Records – some inc Royal Hobart and Royal Derwent hospitals (75 years closed access)
- ◆ Inquest Records – index online 1828-1930



# South Australia

## State Records South Australia (SRSA)

- ◆ No digitised images or indexes online
- ◆ <http://www.archives.sa.gov.au>
- ◆ Adelaide and Parkside Lunatic Asylums later Glenside Hospital
- ◆ Alphabetical lists of patients 1846-1901
- ◆ Record of Patient Deaths 1891-1909
- ◆ Correspondence, police reports



# Western Australia

## State Records Office Western Australia (SROWA)

- ◆ <http://www.sro.wa.gov.au>
- ◆ Hospitals and Health Records
  - Fremantle Asylum est 1865 closed 1909
  - Claremont Hospital for the Mentally Insane est 1903
  - Lemnos Hospital
  - Whitby Falls
  - Heathcote Mental Hospital
  - Greenplace Hostel



# Police Records – Police Gazettes in *FindMyPast Australasia*

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## THE SOUTH AUSTRALIAN

Habib (alias Charlie, alias Habib Matta), by Det. Priest, at Adelaide, for larceny from Sulieman Joseph Antoni, at Broken Hill; remanded there.

Michael Fitzgerald, by M.C. Searson, for larceny from Heinrich Hertzberg, at Hamley Bridge; two months.

Jane Shields Sheehy, by F.C. McCabe, as a lunatic, at Adelaide; sent to the asylum.

Winifred Ann Stokie and Richard Ashley, from Broken Hill, by M.C. Foote, as lunatics, at Cockburn; sent to the asylum.

John Shanahan, by F.C. Maloney, as a lunatic, at Adelaide; sent to the asylum.

Frank Connors, by Dets. Kitson and Loughlin, as idle and disorderly, at Adelaide; two months.

Hedley Stutley and John Molloy, by Dets. Kitson and Loughlin and F.C. Walsh, for larceny from Walter Rowland Langford, withdrawn; and for larceny from Ellen O'Dee, at Adelaide; Stutley discharged, Molloy reformatory until the age of 18 years.

William Cooper, sen., by M.C. Giles, for incendiarism on the property of Alfred Campaign, at Port Lincoln; committed.

SA 1900

## ESCAPED LUNATIC.

ESCAPED from Goodna Asylum, between 4 and 5 a.m. on the 15th instant, a patient named Henry Dredge. Description:— 44 years of age, 5 feet 10 inches high, fair complexion, brown hair, grey eyes, smart appearance; is an Englishman and a cooper; single, and a member of the Church of England; dressed in dark-tweed coat and trousers, twill and flannel shirts, blucher boots, dark-tweed or felt hat, and great coat; all except hat and great coat bearing Asylum brand.—O. 900. 28th May, 1894.

QLD 1894

## ESCAPED LUNATIC.

**A** RCHIBALD Moore, an insane patient, escaped from the Hospital for Insane, at New Norfolk, on the 2nd inst. Description—38 years of age, 5 feet 5 inches high, dark hair, dark grey eyes; dressed in blue jacket and vest, fustian trousers, cap ornamented. Likely to make for Glenorchy.

TAS 1879

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# Website Resources

- ◆ Brick wall blogs
  - Unlock the Past Blog  
<http://www.unlockthepast.com.au/blog>
- ◆ Groups
  - Genealogy Wise  
<http://www.genealogywise.com/group/brickwallsweallhavethem>
  - Looking4Kin  
<http://looking4kin.ning.com/>
- ◆ Google
  - Dan Lynch *Google Your Family Tree*



# Conclusion

- ◆ There are lots of resources for researching convicts prisons and asylums – see talks on my website
- ◆ The biographical and physical information is not always available elsewhere
- ◆ New resources – more online indexes, digitised records, ongoing
- ◆ Revisit your missing ancestors, maybe you will find your skeletons and those brick walls will come down!

