

Behind Bars: Convicts & Criminals

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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.^[1]

The number of convicts pales in comparison 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.^[2] The last convicts to be transported to Australia arrived in **Western Australia** in 1868.

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- Further correspondence on the subject of convict discipline and transportation, 1852-1855
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- Further correspondence on the subject of convict discipline and transportation, 1849-1850

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[Ancestry.com.au - Australia Convict Collection](#) offers access to 20+ convict databases. The records are fully indexed with a free surname search. A variety of subscription options offer access to digitised copies of the original records. Records include:

- Australia - Convict Savings Bank Books, 1824-1886
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- Australian Convict Transportation Registers – Other Fleets & Ships, 1791-1868
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(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.



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The Convict Stockade is a community site with the goal being to create a knowledge hub for everyone who is interested in Australia's convict origins. As such it is a site for participation and collaboration. Due to significant attempts to spam these pages WE WILL NO LONGER ACCEPT ANY NEW MEMBERSHIPS USING HOTMAIL ADDRESSES.

New updates will be added over the Christmas/New Year break. All ship lists between 1820 and 1830 will be refreshed and loaded. To keep informed of changes and updates to this site please subscribe to our Twitter feed.

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The fire in the Public Record Office complex in the Four Courts during the Irish Civil War (1922-1923) resulted in the severe damage and destruction of records. Although not all records from the Chief Secretary's Office in Dublin Castle survive, especially from the period before 1836, sufficient material has survived to make the transportation records held in the National Archives a major source for Australians researching Irish convict ancestors. Penal transportation to Australia (and later to Bermuda or Gibraltar) covered the years 1791 until 1853 when the sentence of penal transportation was commuted to a prison sentence in Ireland.

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How do you know if there was a convict in your family? Find out where to start and how to dig further into the records, including: trial and transportation records, penal settlements, emancipation, and families of convicts.

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His name was actually Pyers –
S Pyers = Spires so beware those spelling variations!

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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.

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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)

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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

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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)

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Index to the Colonial Secretary's Letters relating to land, 1826-56

This index covers requests from individuals for land - leases and purchases - received by the Colonial Secretary's office between 1826 and 1856. There are 10849 entries to search.

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About the Indexing project

The index is part of the first stage in a long-term project to ensure the preservation and accessibility of the Colonial Secretary's papers, 1826-56, the major official primary source for Australian history in the first half of the nineteenth century.

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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

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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50276	Moore	Adam			03 Mar 1844	Maitland (1)	14 Feb 1844	Norfolk Island	
50277	Moore	Adam			01 Jan 1831	Prince Regent			Arrived free. Tried Hobart 1836

Sort Options:

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Departure Port: Norfolk Island
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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 at all Australian State Libraries. 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](#).

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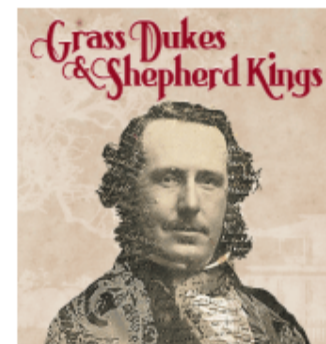
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CONVICT RECORDS

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.

Although a total of 9,925 convicts were officially transported during this period, it is estimated that some 500 of these were local prisoners intermixed with the transported convicts.





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Convicts transported from South Australia

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.



www.jaunay.com/convicts.html

Norfolk Island Convicts & Victorian Exiles

- ▶ Two convict settlements on Norfolk
 - Mar 1788 – Feb 1814 males, females, family groups with children. Closed down and relocated to Tasmania 1807–1814
 - 1825 – 1855, only males, no females, a penitentiary

- ▶ Victorian Exiles



ACTING ASSISTANT COMMISSARY GENERAL'S OFFICE,
Hobart Town, Saturday, 29^h March, 1817.

A List of Settlers who have tendered Wheat for the Supply of His Majesty's Stores, with the Quantity that will be received from each.

By Whom Tendered.	Quantity to be receiv'd	By Whom Tendered.	Quantity to be receiv'd
	bushels.		bushels.
James Austin	48	Mich. Lawler	45
Robert Aldama	51	Mr. T. A. Lalcelles	135
William Atkins	36	Mich. Lackey	36
Urias Allendar	30	Silvester Lush	18
William Anderson	12	Ann Lucas	48
William Blyth	95	Thos. Murphy	30
J. Beaumont & J. Smallman	120	Richard Morgan	77
Francis Barrow	75	Mich. Mansfield	24
John Boyle	36	Edw. Miller	30
John Bichall	270	Peter M'Guire	108
John Blinkworth	50	Augustus Morris	75
T. W. Birch	120	John M'Coy	60
John Bentley	25	Wm. Maum	237
Joseph Beadie	30	James M'Guley	69
Richard Barrows	60	Hugh M'Ginns	75
James Ballance	24	Wm. Nichols, sen.	78
Ann Billeet	27	Wm. Nichols, jun.	48
Q. Ch. Chaffey	18	James Nairn	30
Wm. Cockerill, jun.	27	Robert Nash	135
Thos. Chaffey	30	Geo. Porter	24
John Cropper	15	Samuel Pyers	18
Thos. Clark	15	John Prestage	45
Mark Carter	6	Price Ritchard	—

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Courts and Criminal Justice – Convict Records

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 Westernport.

Details recorded are:

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Names	Ship	Ticket		Occupation
		Date	N ^o	
Booth John ✓	L'hydroch	20 Jan 42	40/261	Wearer
Rayley Joseph ✓	Heber	12 Dec 42	43/5158	
Wilton William ✓	Susan			
Brook George ✓	Woodbridge	3 Sept 41	41/764	Sailor
Wilton John ✓	Beas "	17 Dec 40	43/5198	Ground
Watson William ✓	Muskodale	20 Mar 39	39/1984	Blacksmith
Barbary W ^m Tho ^s	B th Merchant	10 Dec 42	43/2018	Labourer
Bridges Henry ✓	Minerva	20 Feb 42		Cancelled see
Powditch William ✓	Anna Eugenio	4/538	43/538	Labourer
Bulford William ✓	S ^t Paul	2 Mar 41		Labourer
Bond James ✓	Argyll	21 Feb 42		Labourer
Praybrook Abraham ✓	Brookley	4 Mar 42	43/606	Labourer
Britton John ✓	Minerva	10 Dec 42	43/538	
Budge Alfred ✓	Matutoo (1)	11 Oct 42	43/2459	Labourer
Brown Garrett ✓	Hera	10 Dec 42	43/2629	Labourer

A select list of records relating to Exiles

Exiles were people who had been convicted of an offence in Britain and were serving their sentence in an English prison, and who were then transported to the Australian colonies. Certain prisoners, depending on their crime, who were seen as being well behaved while serving the early part of their sentence were given an option of being sent to the Australian colonies, and on arrival being given a conditional pardon. The condition of the pardon was that the person remained in the colony for the duration of the unexpired part of their sentence. In effect they were exiled to Australia.

VPRS 89 Notification of Pardon of Exiles (Superintendent, Port Phillip District) 1844 – 1849

This series lists prisoners under sentence of transportation, including their name and the date and place of their conviction.

Use [Index to Registers of Assisted Immigrants from UK 1839 – 1871](#), available online, to access references to passenger lists from VPRS 7310 Registers of Assisted Immigrants from UK 1839 – 1871, available on microfiche.

VPRS 7310 records the arrival of passenger ships to Port Phillip and Victoria. The ships carrying exiles are:

Vessel	Arrived	Port	No of Exiles
Royal George	16 Nov 1844	Melbourne	21
Sir George Seymour	Mar 1845	Geelong	176
Stratheden	27 Jan 1846	Melbourne	51
Maitland	10 Jan 1847	Melbourne	291
Thomas Arbuthnot	4 May 1847	Melbourne	289
Joseph Somes	24 Sep 1847	Geelong	248
Marion	27 Jan 1848	Melbourne	292
Anna Maria	23 Jun 1848	Geelong	156
Eden	21 Feb 1849	Geelong	199

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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)
- ▶ Trove
- ▶ Police Gazettes
- ▶ Specialist Groups eg Fremantle, Boggo Road



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(A [review](#) of *What Was The Voyage Like* and *Your Family History Archives* by Dr Sebastian Gurciullo appeared in *Archives and Manuscripts*, Nov 2010)

Family History on the Cheap, Unlock The Past, Modbury North SA, 2010

Family & Local History Resource Directory for Victoria, Unlock The Past, Modbury North SA, 2010

It's Not All Online: A Guide to Genealogy Sources Offline, Unlock The Past, Modbury North SA, 2011

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New South Wales

[Decisions of the Superior Courts of New South Wales, 1788-1899](#). This site also includes Moreton Bay cases (1850-1859) and Port Phillip District cases (1841-1847). There are subject and case indexes plus information on how to use this site for family history research. There are also links to other similar sites.

[State Records New South Wales, Indexes Online, Courts include:](#)

- *Bench of Magistrates* (1788-1820) includes criminal and civil cases, publicans' licenses, constables appointed, controlling the markets etc.
- *Court of Civil Jurisdiction* (1799-1814) includes judgements on legal and equity matters, especially promissory notes and recovery of small debts.
- *Criminal Court Records* (1788-1833) includes criminal cases from the Court of Criminal Jurisdiction and the Supreme Court of Criminal Jurisdiction. The index shows date, name(s) of perpetrators, offence (including names of victims), record details and remarks.
- *Criminal Depositions Received* (1849-1949). A search returns, names, alias, place and date of committal, alleged offence, committed for trial at and references.
- *Quarter Sessions Cases* (1824-1837) includes case papers for criminal and civil cases registered by the Clerk of the Peace.

Indexes Online, Gaols include:

- Gaol Photographs (1870-1930) for Albury, Armidale, Bathurst, Berrima, Biloela, Broken Hill, Darlinghurst (Sydney), Deniliquin, Dubbo, Goulburn, Grafton, Maitland, Parramatta (Sydney), Trial Bay and Young. More gaols will be added as they become available. If the record has been digitised it is available online for free otherwise State Records offers an online copy service for a fee. This series is also available on the commercial site Ancestry.com (fees apply).

[Ancestry.com.au](#) offers access to the *New South Wales, Gaol Description and Entrance Books, 1818-1930*. The records are fully indexed with a free surname search. A variety of subscription options offer access to digitised copies of the original records. The description books contain photos and personal information. Currently there are records from: Albury (1876-1929), Armidale (1894-1915), Bathurst (1874-1930), Berrima (1883-1888), Biloela (1885-1906), Broken Hill (1904-1929), Darlinghurst (1869-1914), Deniliquin (1895-1929), Dubbo (1889-1920), Goulburn (1869-1930), Maitland (1867-1930) and Trial Bay (1892-1901). *New*

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[Bench of Magistrates Proceedings, 1788-1820](#)

This index includes criminal and civil cases, publicans' licenses issued/cancelled, constables appointed, controlling the markets etc. There are over 3000 entries.

[Coroners' Inquests, 1796-1824](#)

[Court of Civil Jurisdiction, 1799-1814](#)

The Minutes of proceedings show date of sitting, members present, the nature of the action, and the judgment of the Court. The arguments put forward by both parties are also summarised. Where an action concerned a business document (such as a promissory note), which was tendered in evidence, a copy of the document was normally entered up.

[Criminal court records, 1788-1833](#)

This is a valuable resource relating to the New South Wales colonial justice system and will be of benefit to those of you researching criminals, convicts and crimes committed during the early years of the Colony. There are over 5000 entries in this index.

[Criminal Depositions Received, 1849-1949](#)

Includes criminal actions at country Quarter Sessions relating to cases of a non-capital nature etc.

[Divorce Case Papers, 1873-1930](#)

This Index now covers the years 1873-1923. There are over 20,000 entries covering a 50 year period. Entries for the letters F G H and I for the years 1897-1903 are missing. These entries will be added to the index shortly.

[Quarter Sessions Cases, 1824-37](#)

The case papers are numbered and arranged chronologically. The papers usually include the name of the

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Index to Gaol Photographs

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COX	Henry	1875	Wagga Wagga	Darlinghurst	21/07/1909	11051	181	NRS2138	[3/6074]	5113	Alias: WALSH, Michael Alias: WALKER, H	2138_a006_a00603_6074000181r	<input type="checkbox"/>

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PROVguide 58: Prison Records

Courts and Criminal Justice – Prison Records

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.

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

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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Name *Brown John*

Height ...	5-ft. 9"	Sentence.	6 Months	6 Months				
Weight ...			In default	of Bail				
Complexion ...	fresh		of	swidies				
Hair ...	black							
Eyes ...	blue							
Nose ...		Date of Conviction.	14. 5. 94	1. 6. 00.				
Mouth ...				arrested				
Chin ...				17. 9. 00.				
Eyebrows ...		Offence.		Threatening				
Visage ...			Threatening	Life.				
Forehead ...			Life					
Date of Birth ...	1856.	Where and before whom tried.	Jth Melbourne	Jth Melbourne				
Native Place ...	Victoria		Betty Jess	Betty Jess				
Trade ...	Laborer.		Jh	Ch				
Religion	Presbyterian		of Bench	of Bench				
Read or Write ...	Both.							
Particular Marks.	Hole left side of mouth.							
Previous History.								

Previous History.	<p>Marrred. 2. 4. 92, 14 days (assault) Imp. 18. 5. 91. 14 days. (Smuggling goods) Imp. as John Brown</p>								
At what Station.	When Received.	Offences, Sentences, &c.						Extensions by—	
								Visiting Justice.	Governor.
								M.	D.
Melbourne Gaol	14. 5. 94.	21 st July 1894 To Freedom by order of His Excellency, the Governor on entering into his own recognizance.							
Melbourne Gaol.	17. 9. 00.	<p>July. 1901 warrants des. 22nd June 22. 2. 1 To Freedom by Ammission</p>							



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RETURN OF PRISONERS TO BE DISCHARGED FROM HER MAJESTY'S PRISON, ROMA, DURING THE MONTH OF MAY, 1895.

Name.	Where Tried.	Date of Discharge.	Offence.	Sentence.	Native of	Age.	Stature.	Make.	Complexion.	COLOUR OF		Remarks.
										Hair.	Eyes.	
Adam Johnson	Roma	1895. 2 May	Threatening language	1 month's imprisonment or £2 fine	Ireland	51	5 6½	Medium	Fresh	Light-brown	Hazel	A long scar on right side of head; small right ear; minus two front teeth
Charles Fritchard	Charleville	6	Larceny	3 months' hard labour	England	26	5 2½	ditto	Fair	ditto	ditto	Two large burn marks on left arm.
Charles Smith	St. George	11	Riotous conduct	2 months' hard labour	Canada	44	5 2	Stout	Sallow	Dark-brown	ditto	Two moles on left breast; several old under left eye; cross on left forearm

LIST AND DESCRIPTION OF HORSES AND CATTLE REPORTED TO THE POLICE AS STOLEN DURING THE WEEK ENDING 4TH MAY, 1895.

No.	Date of Report.	Colour and Sex.	Brands and Description.	From where taken, when, and under what circumstances.	Name and Address of Owner, and Reward, if any.	
1	1893. 18 October	Bright-bay entire colt	Unbranded, two years and four months old, well grown, hind legs white nearly up to hocks, near fore leg white nearly to knee outside and above knee inside leg, large heart-shaped star on forehead, continuing into narrow strip down nose and widening over nostrils; value, £200	Afton Downs, March, 1893	Robert Johnson, care of Hughenden Police.	Other Colonies
2	1895. 15 April	Creamy mare	MS over M near shoulder, black points	} River Tree, near Stanthorpe, about April, 1894	John Charles Rebooa, Wilson's Downfall, New South Wales.	
3	15	Bay mare	MS over M near shoulder			
4	13	Chestnut-roan gelding	DO1 near shoulder, star, scarred on back, aged, near side eye sunk in, draught; value, £2	Bald Hills Flats, about 1st March, 1895	John Horsburgh, Bald Hills Flats.	
5	4	Bay gelding	MS M near shoulder	} Albro Station, near Clermont, about October, 1895	McCartney and Percy, Diamantina Lakes.	
6	4	Bay gelding	MS M off shoulder			

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RETURN OF PRISONERS DISCHARGED FROM HER MAJESTY'S PRISON, FORTITUDE VALLEY, DURING THE MONTH OF DECEMBER, 1900.

Name.	Where Tried.	Date of Discharge.	Offence.	Sentence.	Native of	Age.	Stature.	Make.	Complexion.	COLOUR OF		Remarks.
										Hair.	Eyes.	
Christina Campbell	Brisbane	1900. 1 December	Drunkenness	7 days' imprisonment or £1 fine	Scotland	45	4 11	Stout	Sallow	Dark-brown	Dark-brown	Minus teeth upper jaw.
Ellen Ferguson	ditto	6 "	Obscene language	1 month's imprisonment or £3 fine	ditto	39	5 4½	Medium	Fresh	Brown	Brown	Second finger right hand disfigured.
Maria Billson	ditto	7 "	Drunkenness	7 days' imprisonment or £1 fine	England	64	4 1½	Slight	Sallow	ditto	Blue...	Nil.
Ellen Murphy	ditto	7 "	Obscene language	48 hours' imprisonment or £2 fine	Ireland	56	5 1½	Stout	ditto	Grey	ditto	Blind right eye.
Mary A. McGregor	ditto	9 "	Drunkenness	14 days' imprisonment or £1 fine	England	46	5 2	ditto	ditto	ditto	ditto	Lame from rheumatism.
Ellen Hayes	ditto	9 "	ditto	7 days' imprisonment or £1 fine	Ireland	33	5 2	Medium	ditto	Brown	Brown	Second finger right hand disfigured.
Sarah Palmer	ditto	10 "	Obscene language	ditto	ditto	62	4 10	ditto	Pale	Grey	Blue	Scar over right eye; lobe left ear scar neck.
Sarah Martin	ditto	10 "	ditto	48 hours' imprisonment or £2 fine	Queensland	28	5 1½	Stout	Fresh	Brown	ditto	"I love F.H. Fred Hayes" right arm.
Catherine Ferguson	ditto	17 "	Drunkenness	7 days' imprisonment or £1 fine	Ireland	60	4 11	Medium	Sallow	Grey	ditto	Right wrist dislocated; scar right cheek.
Mary Healy	ditto	21 "	ditto	ditto	ditto	39	5 5½	Slight	ditto	Brown	ditto	Nil.
Catherine Hannen	ditto	21 "	ditto	7 days' imprisonment or £2 fine	ditto	52	5 1½	Medium	ditto	ditto	Brown	Scar left eyelid; minus all her teeth.
Lizzie Kelly	ditto	22 "	Obscene language	48 hours' imprisonment or £2 fine	ditto	37	5 0	Stout	ditto	ditto	ditto	Nil.
Emily Meredith	ditto	25 "	ditto	7 days' imprisonment or £1 fine	N. S. Wales	58	5 4	Medium	ditto	Grey	Hazel	Mole right cheek; scar on chin.
Annie Maher	ditto	28 "	ditto	14 days' imprisonment or £2 fine	Ireland	49	5 1½	Stout	ditto	ditto	Blue	Nil.

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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 Officer.
Noswignew (S.S.I.)	Plane Creek	Threatening words	No warrant	Nil	Fined £5 or 3 months' imprisonment	First-class Constable B.
Ellen Chick, alias Ellen Ferguson	Barcardine	Vagrancy	ditto	ditto	3 months' imprisonment	First-class Constable J.
George Hammond	Muttaborra	Hawking without a license	On summons	ditto	Fined £10 10s. and 10s. 4d costs or 3 months' imprisonment	At the instance of Actg.
Thomas Henry Burchill	Cunnamulla	Stealing	No warrant	ditto	Committed for sentence, District Court, Roma, 14th June, 1904	Constable H. J. Houston
Frank Lyons	Nambour	ditto	On warrant	Police Gazette, 1904, page 192	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 Con.
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 B.
Charles Hutchinson	ditto	Obscene language	ditto	ditto	Fined £5 or 3 months' imprisonment	W. E. Foster (C.I.B.) Constable J. Sexton.

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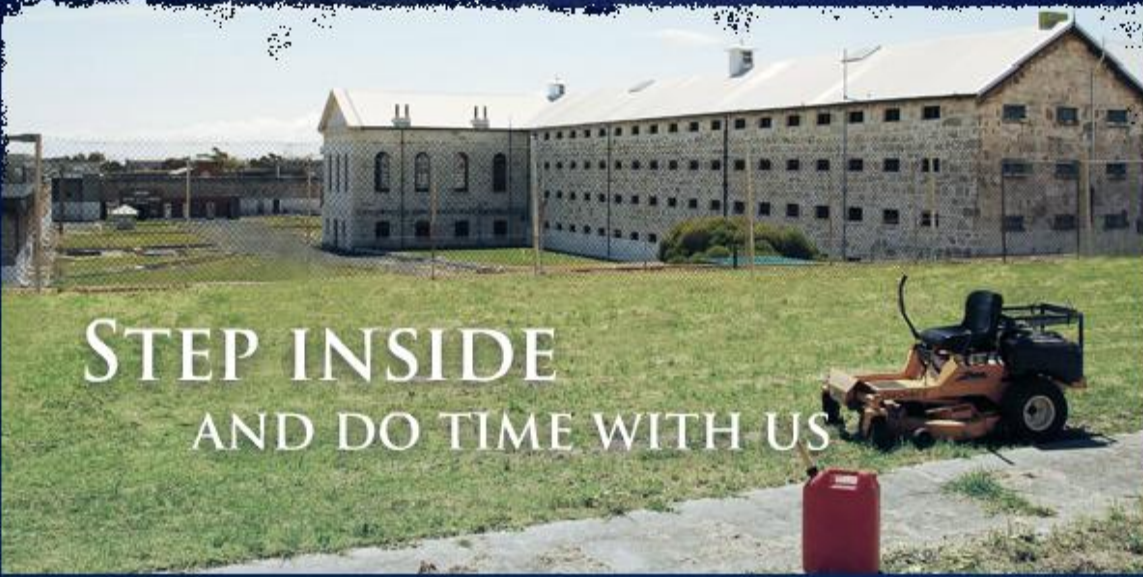
Brief History

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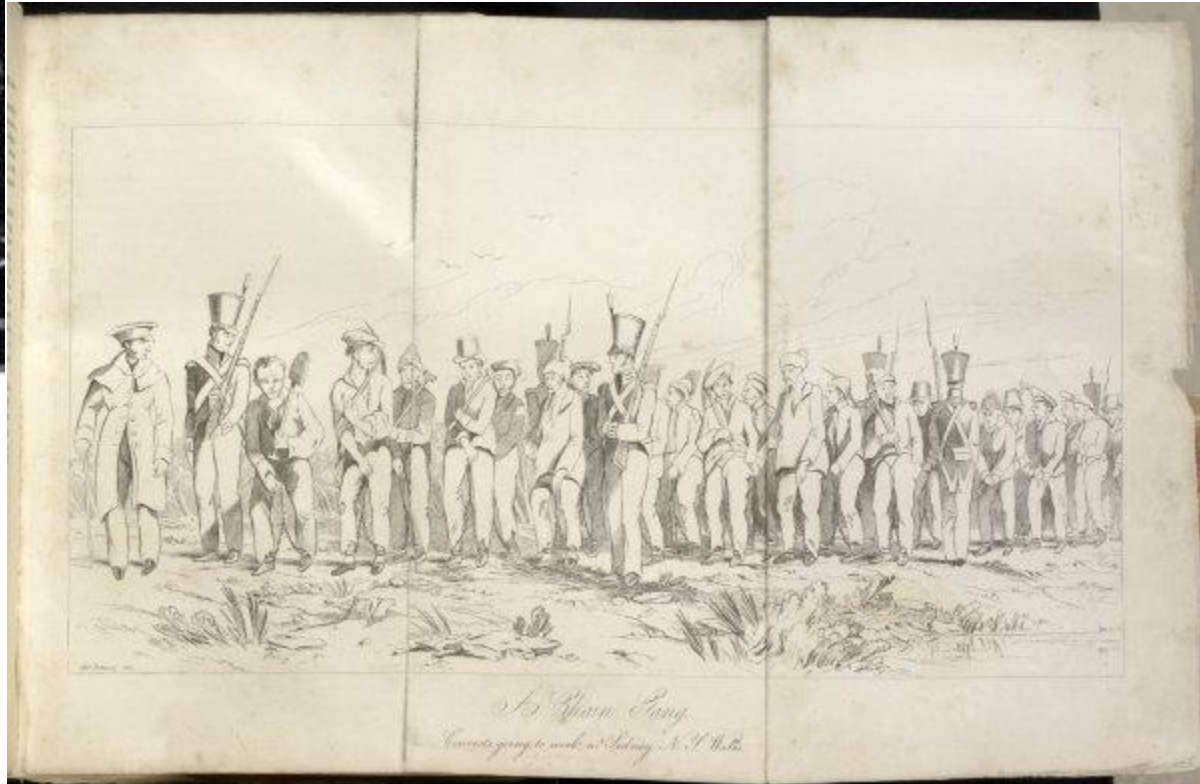
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Conclusion

- ▶ There are lots of resources for researching convicts and criminals see handout for references
- ▶ The biographical and physical information is not always available elsewhere
- ▶ New resources – more online indexes, digitised records, ongoing
- ▶ Revisit your missing ancestors and maybe those brick walls will come down

