Skeletons in the Family: Convicts, Prisons & Asylums

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Convicts in Australia

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This article is about convicts transported to Australian penal colonies. For the Australian rules football team, see Australian Convicts.

Between 1788 and 1868, approximately 162,000 convicts were transported to the various Australian penal colonies by the British government.^[1]

The British government began transporting criminals to overseas colonies in the 17th century. When transportation to the American colonies declined with the move towards American independence in the 1770s, an alternative site was needed to avoid further overcrowding of British prisons and hulks. In 1770, James Cook charted and claimed possession of the east coast of Australia for Britain. Due to the continent's isolation, it was considered ideal for a penal colony, and in 1787 the First Fleet of eleven convict ships set sail for Botany Bay, arriving on 20 January 1788 to found Sydney, the first European settlement in Australia. Other penal colonies were established in Van Diemen's Land (Tasmania) in 1803 and in Queensland in 1824, while Western Australia, established in 1829 as a free colony, received convicts from 1850. Penal transportation to Australia peaked in the 1830s and dropped off significantly in the following decade. The last convict ship arrived in Western Australia on 10 January 1868.

Many convicts were transported for petty crimes while a significant number were political prisoners. More serious crimes, such as rape and murder, were punishable by death, and therefore not transportable offences. Once emancipated, most ex-convicts stayed in Australia and joined the free settlers, with some rising to prominent positions in Australian society. However, the so-called "convict stain" would be a source of shame until well into the 20th century, contributing to Australia's "distinct ambivalence" towards its own history. Attitudes have since become more accepting and it is now considered by many Australians to be a cause for celebration to have a convict in one's lineage. The convict era has inspired famous novels, films and other cultural works, and the extent to which it has shaped Australia's national character has been studied by many writers and historians.^[2]



Drawing of convicts in New Holland, ☐ 1793

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above to search the entire Site 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.



descriptions.)

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W.A. - Vimeira 1865 (We're systematically expanding the WA Convict pages with trial details & physical



Research Guide

An overview of Australian settlement and convict transportation. Helpful hints for convict

researchers on a wide range of themes.



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Timeline

A year-by-year account of the settlement of Australia and convict transportation at a



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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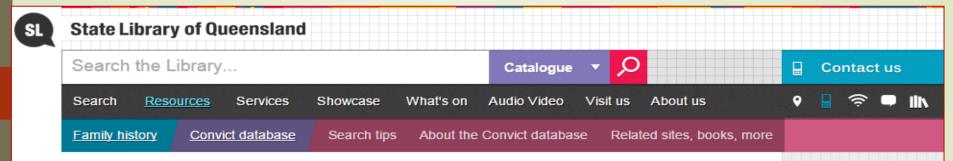
E stablished by genealogist <u>Lesley Uebel</u>, the Claim a Convict website originally went online on the 19 August 1998. The site offered researchers a free service that enabled those researching the same convicts ancestors to contact each other directly by email. Although the site did not include every convict that arrived, the lists provided an invaluable resource to the research community. Unfortunately Lesley fell ill during the second half of 2013, passing away on the 20 January 2014.

It was during the latter part of 2013 when Lesley's website was no longer active, a small team of individuals set about to get the website back online. Particular mention and thanks should be made to Lesley's husband, Colin Kennedy, and friend, Coralie Hird, for their work in getting the original website files to the current Claim a Convict team of Michelle Nichols and Jonathan Auld. At the beginning of 2014 the data contained on the original website files was converted into a more manageable format and a new database driven interface was designed for the site by Jonathan Auld.

As a result of linking the data together, the site is now more interactive and should benefit researchers in finding their convict(s) of interest. Although email addresses are required so that fellow researchers can contact claimants, no email addresses are publicly published on the site. In order to claim a convict, researchers will be required

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www.hawkesbury.net.au/claimaconvict



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.

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

Do you want to know more?

Convict Queenslanders

Profiles of some of the convicts that have made a s

Related websites, books and more

Useful links to the internet and the other resources

Find a convict



Here are some search tips to help you locate your

Title: Samuel Evans, one of 300 convicts transported on the Baring, December 1818.

Author/Creator: Great Britain. Home Office.; State Library of Queensland.

Subjects: Evans, Samuel;

Baring (Ship);

Convicts -- Australia -- Registers;

Australia - Genealogy

Publisher: Canberra A.C.T.: Australian Joint Copying Project Is Part Of: Criminal: Convict transportation registers [HO 11]

Date: 1948-1990 Language: English

Notes: Sentence details: Convicted at Monmouth Assizes for a term of 14 years on 30 March 1818.

Vessel: Baring.

Date of Departure: December 1818. Place of Arrival: New South Wales.

Source: Australian Joint Copying Project. Microfilm Roll 88, Class and Piece Number HO11/3, Page Number 131 (67)

Other title(s): British convict transportation registers 1787-1867 database.

Convict transportation registers.

More title information - other title(s): Evans, Samuel

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

Reference Number: t18130602-37

Offence: Royal Offences > coining offences

Verdict: <u>Guilty</u> > <u>pleaded quilty</u> Punishment: <u>Transportation</u>

Related Material: <u>Associated Records</u>
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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

21. 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.

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- Tasmanian Archive and Heritage Office convict portal www.linc.tas.gov.au/convict-portal
- State Records Office of Western Australia
 www.srowa.gov.au/collection/convict.asp

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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 Clerk. On returns of storekeepers & extra clerks in Commissariat Department (Fiche 3301, 4/1093.2 p.1; Reel 6049, 4/1744 p.373 &

24 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)

Colonial Secretary Papers, 1788-1825

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



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Convict life: a convict career

Over 75,000 convicts served time in Van Diemen's Land. The Calcutta carried the first convicts from NSW in 1803 and the St Vincent disembarked the final convicts to Hobart in 1853. Until 1812 all VDL convicts came via NSW. These early convicts had poor documentation. The Indefatigible brought the first transported convicts directly from England in 1811. The term convict applied to those transported from England and its Colonies as well as those convicted locally.



Convict life: The earliest arrivals 1803-1810

The resumption of the Napoleonic Wars in 1803 made the delivery of supplies to the new Colonies impossible. After the initial supplies ran out both the convicts and their masters were thrown upon their own resources. Those with skills were employed in building official buildings but very little official work was able to be done... more

- Historical Records of Australia : Series 1
- Macquarie Governor: journals 1810-1822
- The Calcutta Convicts



Convict administration - The Assignment Period 1803-1839

Convicts' food and clothing demands on the government was gradually replaced by a reliance on private settlers during the Assignment Period. Comprehensive records were developed to manage each convict's "career". Both male and

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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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www.sro.wa.gov.au/archivecollection/collection/convict-records

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http://fremantleprison.com.au/history-

heritage/history/convict-database

Date of Birth: 1831

Marital Status: Unmarried

Occupation: Labourer

Literacy: Semiliterate

Sentence Date: 1858

Sentence Place: Chelmsford, England

Crime: House breaking

Sentence Period: 6 years

Previous Convictions: Yes

Ticket Leave Date: 18 Feb 1863

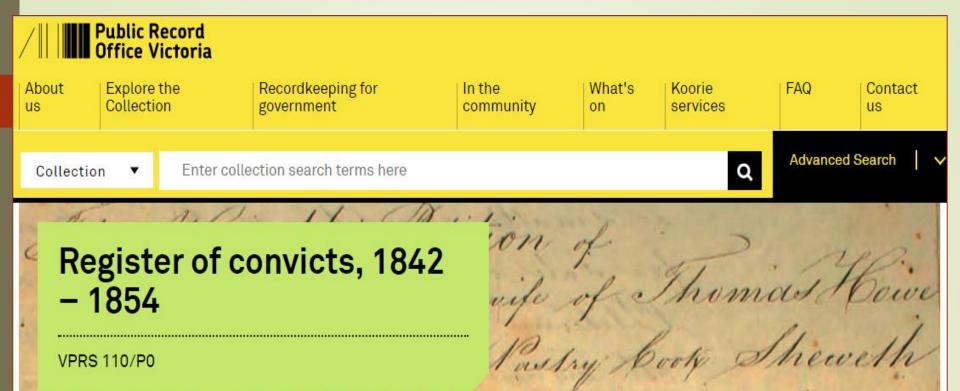
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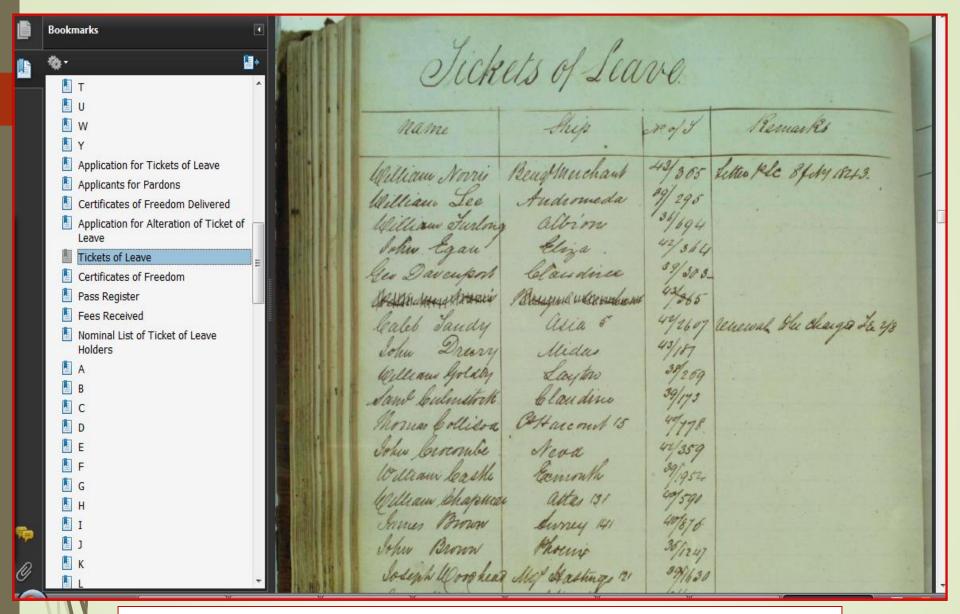
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Arranged in alphabetical sections, the first list in the volume is of Assigned servants (Melbourne, Counties of Bourke and Western Port) for which the dates are unclear. Details given are the name of the assigned servant, the ship (upon which the convict had been transported to Tasmania or to New South Wales), the year, the sentence and the authority, the name of the assignee (the employer) and how the convict was employed and punishment awarded by this Bench (presumably the Melbourne Bench of Magistrates). Space was allowed for an indication of the date upon which the convict obtained a Ticket-of-Leave, a Conditional or Absolute Pardon and a Certificate of Freedom.

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VPRS 2149 Register of Convicts (Superintendent, Port Phillip District) 1842 – 1854.



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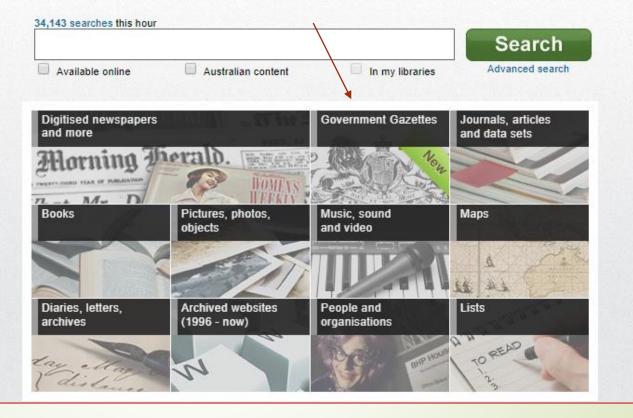
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In inquest was holden on Thursday last, at the Black Dog, Cambridge-street, on the body of an old man named Richard Walker. It appeared in evidence, that on the morning of Thursday last the deceased had called at his daughter's house on the Rocks, and that he had gone into the back-yard, and remained there such an unusual time, that his daughter was induced to go and seek him. She found the old man extended in the yard in a fit. She called her husband and some of the neighbours and removed him into the house and put him to bed. The son-inlaw immediately repaired to Dr. Hosking. and after stating the nature of the fits, requested him to give his attendance. The Doctor enquired who was to pay him? The son-in-law pleaded poverty, and declined becoming security for any sum, however small, though a good shoemaker. Accordingly the Doctor finding that the charity was to be all on his side, did not go. The old man lingered in the fits until three o'clock in the afternoon, and then he expired. The Jury returned a verdict-" That the decased had died by the visitat on of God."

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.

Sydney Gazette and New South Wales Advertiser

30 June 1832 and 3 Jul 1832

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- Prisoners admitted, Toowoomba 1895 to 1906 Male and female prisoners admitted to the gaol who were tried at District and Circuit Courts at Toowoomba, Warwick, Roma, Dalby, Stanthorpe, Brisbane, Ipswich, and Bundaberg.
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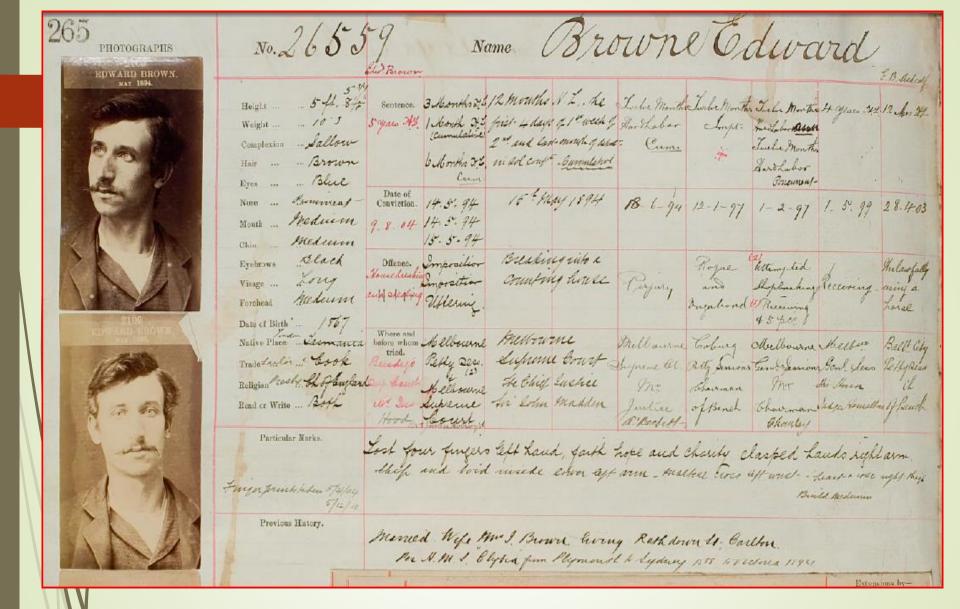
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(Rumania); Wm. Massey (New Zealand); Epitacio Pessoa (a Brazilian jurist); and Prince Peisal (the Sultan of the Hedjaz)

SUSPECTED PERSONS

Four men appeared in the Police Court yesterday, before Mr. W. E. H. Perguson, P.M., charged with being suspected persons. They each pleaded not guilty, and were each remanded on a bail of £20, with one surety of £20. Senior-Sergeant F. B. Kearney

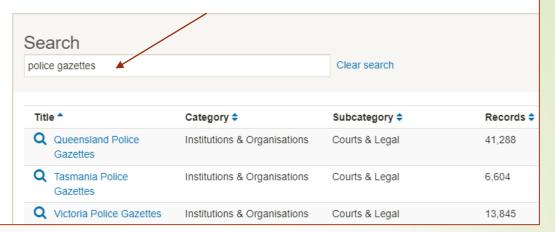
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John Foster, alias John Harrison, alias John Hardy (32), salesman, and Denis Finn, alias Denis Patrick Finn, alias Johann Romanoff (35), salesman, were each charged that on March 31, at Brisbane, being a suspected person, he was found in the Town Hall with intent to commit an indictable offence. Both were remanded until April 9.



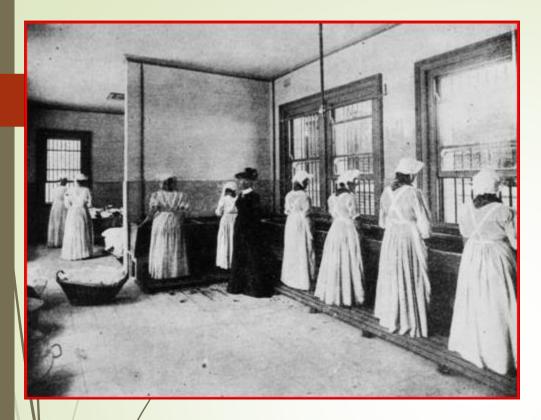
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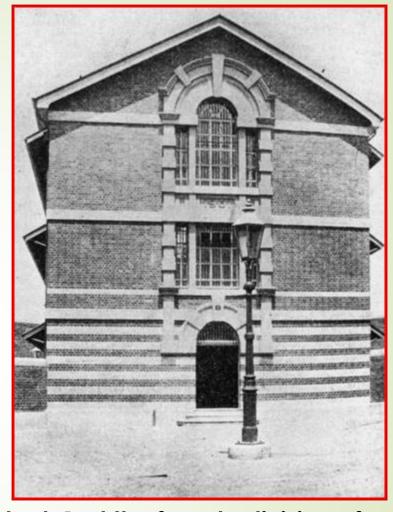


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Prisoners using the laundry facilities at the new female division of Boggo Road Gaol, Brisbane, 1903



Cell Block B at the female division of Boggo Road Gaol, Brisbane, 1903

What are asylums?

- Terms include benevolent, lunatic, mental, psychiatric hospitals, sanatoriums
- For the sick, not just 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

- Climacteric (menopause)
- Desertion of husband
- Destitution
- Lonely life in the bush
- Religion, Religious mania
- Senility
- Worry & hard work

- Alcohol
- Child birth
- Heredity
- Influenza
- Fright caused by child nearly drowning in river
- Shipwrecked at one time
- Shock, death of husband

Agencies Creating Records

- Asylums
- But also
 - Colonial (Chief) Secretary's Office
 - Hospitals
 - Justice Department (inquests)
 - Police Department
 - Prisons Department (gaols)
 - 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
- Online guides or Fact sheets
- Online indexes
- Digitised records

Queensland

Queensland State Archives

- 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 (75 year access)



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- > Courts

Schools, hospitals and orphanages

Queensland State Archives (QSA) holds many of the nineteenth and early to midtwentieth century records on Queensland government schools, hospitals, asylums, medical staff, orphanages and children's homes.

We also have records relating to buildings constructed by or for the Colonial and State government, for example courthouses and local government buildings owned or occupied by these agencies.

Search the State Archives

- ArchiveSearch catalogue
- Search the Indexes
- Request archive copies

Archival research terms

www.qld.gov.au/recreation/arts/heritage/archives/schools

- Search <u>Brief guide to mental asylum</u>—records providing an overview of the records for mental health patients from 1860 onwards. Some records are subject to restricted access periods.
- Search <u>Brief guide to Dunwich Benevolent Asylum and Eventide Home</u> <u>records</u>. Many of these records are subject to a 100 year restricted access period.

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Mental asylum records

Brief guide 39 | Queensland State Archives

This brief guide provides an overview of mental asylum records at Queensland State Archives.

Queensland State Archives holds records for mental health patients from 1860 onwards.

Prior to separation from New South Wales in 1859, there were no facilities for psychiatric treatment in the Moreton Bay region. Persons with mental health issues, or mentally disturbed persons were sent to Brisbane Gaol or possibly to an asylum in Sydney.

Many of the mental asylum records at Queensland State Archives were created by the Public Trustee (formerly the Public Curator) and Queensland Health (and related agencies).

Some records are subject to restricted access periods. Further information about access is provided below.

The records can be found in ArchivesSearch (the Queensland State Archives' catalogue).

Records from the Public Trustee

History

The name of the Public Curator of Queensland changed to The Public Trustee of Queensland on 1 January 1979. It is responsible for the administration of deceased estates and trusts as well as other legal, financial and property services.

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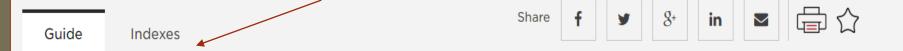
State Archives & Records Authority of New South Wales

Online guides and indexes

Sydney Benevolent Asylum (Mitchell Library)

- www.sydneybenevolentasylum.com
- Online index to admissions & discharges 1857-1900 (78,000 records)

Mental Health Facilities Guide



Contents

Mental health care terminology

Past terminology

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Care for the infirm and destitute

Brief History of the administration of mental health care

Mental health facilities

Using the catalogue to find record series

This guide describes the different **types of patient records available** and where to access them. It also provides a brief history of mental health care administration.

Mental health care terminology Past terminology

You will notice terms such as 'asylum', 'lunatic', 'lunatic asylum' and 'mental hospital' are used in both the records and in our finding aids. These are terms that were used when the records were created.

Mental health care

<u>www.records.nsw.gov.au/archives/collections-and-research/guides-and-indexes/mental-health-facilities-guide</u>

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Search the Index



Summary of Results

If you find a POSITIVE match on this index, click the 'Submit Request' link for the person you are interested in, and we will then provide you with the 'notes' field from our database where available. This can provide further identifying information.

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www.sydneybenevolentasylum.com



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Health and welfare

Accessing records of mental and physical health

Adoption and wardship (1864-1961)



Records of children in state care

Hospital patient records



Various series

Mental health records (1849-1912)



Various record series

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We have a digitised copy of a master list of patients for each of the asylums linked to below - this may help you identify which asylum your relative may have been admitted. It will also offer the admission date which can then help you identify the case file for that patient. Click on the name of an asylum, download the patient list and browse it for names of interest: Yarra Bend, Collingwood, Ararat, Beechworth, Kew, Ballarat, Sunbury.

http://prov.vic.gov.au

Ancestry has digitised versions of the Victorian Asylum records (1853-1940) online. They cover the following asylums:

- Ararat Asylum
- 2. Ballarat Asylum
- 3. Belmont / Glen Holme / Landcox Licensed Houses
- 4. Cloverdale Licensed House
- Collingwood Asylum
- 6. Kew Asylum
- Kew Cottages
- 8. Lara Inebriate Retreat
- 9. Merton Licensed House
- 10. Mont Park Hospital for the Insane
- 11. Mt Ida Licensed House
- 12. Northcote Inebriate Asylum
- 13. St Helens / Pleasant View Licensed House
- 14. The Tofts Licensed House
- 15. Yarra Bend Asylum

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Tasmania

- Tasmanian Archive and Heritage Office
- Hospital Records some inc Royal Hobart and Royal Derwent hospitals (75 years closed access)
- Inquest Records index online and digitised copies

Royal Derwent Hospital 1827-2000

The Hospital was created to provide in-patient treatment and rehabilitation of mentally ill and mentally handicapped persons, including treatment of alcoholics.

It has been known by various names throughout its history. In 1968 the Lachlan Park Hospital, as it was then called, was merged with the Millbrook Rise Psychopathic Hospital to form the Royal Derwent Hospital, the name it would retain until its closure in 2000.



history/Pages/Royal-Derwent.aspx

What is online?

- Admission papers, 1843-1964 (HSD285) Not all admissions have been scanned. It is better to conduct an item search on the patient's name (in the form Citizen, John). This will display other records that are available, such as the patient file. The admission papers can still be viewed online using this method.
- Records of patients transferred from the Asylum at Port Arthur, 1877-1893 (HSD54) There is an index that has been digitised.
- Alphabetical monthly register of patients and attendants 1841-1842 (HSD104) indexed in Patient records, administration papers (HSD285)
 WWW.linc.tas.gov.au/family-

What else is there?

- Patient files, 1857-1993 (HSD284) Not all files have survived. An item search is preferable (see above).
- Admission registers, 1830-1954 (HSD247) See also the following source.
- New Norfolk Invalid and Mental Asylum: Patient admission register, 1830 1930 by Dianne Cassidy. This work is based on the admission registers (HSD247 above) and is easier to use than the original source
- Register of death, transfer or discharge of patients, 1830-1966 (HSD254) Chronological. Note: There are access restrictions. Please contact us for more information.
- Alphabetical register of patients, 1888-1974 (HSD252)
- Patient files of the Millbrook Rise Psychopathic Hospital, 1934-1968 (AB372) Millbrook Rise merged with Lachlan Park Hospital in 1968 to form the Royal Derwent Hospital. These files contain only administrative correspondence. Clinical data is on the Case Book sheets, AB479 (see below)

South Australia

State Records South Australia (SRSA)

- 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)

- 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



Ararat Asylum Image State Library of Victoria

Conclusion

- Lots of resources use portal sites, archives
- Biographical & physical information not always found elsewhere
- Online indexes & digitised records ongoing
- Missing ancestors or undiscovered skeletons? Why not have a look?