

Looking for Convicts in the Family

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Convict Statistics

New South Wales 1788-1840

- Approx 80,000 convicts (85% males, 15% females)
- Norfolk Island 1788-1814 males & females
- Norfolk Island 1825-1855 as place of secondary punishment, males only

Tasmania 1803-1853

- 332 ships (over 74,000 convicts – 12,500 women)

Western Australia 1850-1868

- 43 shiploads of male convicts

Queensland 1824-1839

- 2280 convicts – place of secondary punishment

Victoria

- 1803-1804 Sorrento moved to VDL
- 1826-1828 Western Port moved to Sydney
- 1844-1849 Port Phillip exiles

Richard Walker

Indicted 26 Dec 1812 for having a forged 2 shilling banknote in his possession

Pleaded guilty – sentenced to 14 years

Acquitted on forging charge

He was 44 years old, 5 ft 4 ins, grey hair and hazel eyes

Married with a wife and 5 children - a surgeon and apothecary

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Several bugs have been fixed and tagging errors corrected. In addition, the following new features have been added: '

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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 2l. 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.

553. RICHARD WALKER was indicted, for feloniously forging, disposing of and putting away, on the 26th of December, a forged, 2l. bank-note.

Mr. Knapp, counsel for the prosecution, declining to offer any evidence, the prisoner, of this charge, was

ACQUITTED.

First Middlesex jury, before Mr. Recorder.

Richard's New Life

Sailed *Somersetshire*
arrived Sydney 16 Oct
1814 - assigned with a
group of 50 male
convicts to Windsor
area

Wife Mary & 5 children
arrived 18 Jun 1815

Richard received ticket
of leave Jul 1815 –
appointed clerk at
General Hospital

Next he was a
Commissariat Clerk

31 Jan 1820 granted a
conditional pardon –
could not return to
England the only
restriction

Certificate of freedom
2 Jun 1827

Wife Mary died 21 Oct
1823 aged 47

Richard died 29 Jun
1832 aged 64

Three children married
free persons &
daughter Emma
married a convict

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Convict Indents list the convicts transported to NSW. Early indents provide name, date and place of trial and sentence; later indents usually contain more information

WALKER, Richard. Per "Somersetshire", 1814

<i>1814 Oct 25</i>	On list of convicts disembarked from the "Somersetshire" & forwarded to Windsor for distribution (Reel 6004; 4/3493 p.346)
<i>1819 Jan 25; 1820 Jun 24</i>	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)
<i>1819 Dec 4</i>	Clerk in Commissariat. Petition for mitigation of sentence (Fiche 3201; 4/1860 p.72)
<i>1821 Sep 8</i>	Clerk, Commissariat Department. On list of all persons victualled from H.M. Magazines; with wife & three children (Reel 6016; 4/5781 p.64)

WALKER, Dorothy. Mother of George, Henry, Elizabeth, Emma and Maria Walker

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

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)

Always look for names of family members too

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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.

Richard died 29 Jun 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.

Samuel Evans

Born 1792 Chepstow, Monmouth, Wales

Convicted of having forged notes in his possession - sentenced to 14 years transportation

Aged 26 years, shoemaker, 5 feet 5 ½ inches, black hair, blue eyes, pale complexion

Transported on *Baring* in 1819 – voyage of 150 days instead of usual under 130 days – light winds at the Equator

Forced to land Hobart for fresh provisions & water - health problems with 50-60 convicts with scurvy - 5 deaths

Men's Names, Ages, Qualities, Time when and where taken Ill.	The History, Symptoms, Treatment, and daily Progress of the Disease or Hurt.	When dis- charged to Duty, Died, or sent to the Hospital.
Mr Painter et bo Convict 5 April Diarrhoea & Hæmorrhage	A feeble old man when he came on board of the Ship - informed me he had been repeatedly ill in the Gulkes with the same complaint except that it was not complicated with Hæmorrhage - His Gums were much affected and quite dark - his breath very fetid his legs swelled and discoloured - frequent stools very offensive - Debility great - I ordered him the Lemon Acid with Sugar but it frequently griped him	

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	<p>Sugar but it frequently griped him so much that I was obliged to join a few drops of R. Opii - His diet consisted of preserved meat & Vegetable Soup with wine & Sago and some Porter was kindly supplied to him & others by Mr Lamb the master but he did not at all improve and his Debility kept increasing still - for a few days before his death his Stomach rejected every thing and he Died June 6th 1819</p>	<p>Died June 6th 1819</p>
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It was a small world!

Samuel Evans first married Mary Ann Crane

Mary Ann's brother John, 32 years - widower - married Rebecca England, 17 years

Rebecca arrived free - *Northampton* 1815 as did Emma Walker daughter of Richard Walker

Emma Walker became second wife of Samuel Evans

Look for connections between families

Where To Begin – Identify Your Convict

Birth, Marriage and Death records

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Tickets of leave, Certificates of freedom & Pardons

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Biographical report for Samuel EVANS

Person ID: B#10014020301
Birth: circa 1793 Monmouth MON WLS
Arrival: 1819 NSW per Baring (Convict)
Death: 1830 Sydney NSW AUS

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Date	Group	Biographical record	Source
1819 Jun		Samuel Evans, Aged: 26 years Born: Monmouth [MON WLS]; Shoemaker, Height in feet/inches & fraction of inch: 5/5 1/2; Complexion: Fair pale; Hair: Black; Eyes: Blue; Court: Assizes, Tried: 30 Mar 1818, at Monmouth [MON WLS], Sentence: 14 years, Embarked from: England; Arrived per Baring (2), Arrival status: Convict 26 Jun 1819, at Sydney [NSW]; Certificate issued: Ticket of Leave number 2574; Repository: SRNSW ref.: [Biog Item No. 100140203]	Convict Indents & Ship Musters, 1813-1828 ABOUT »
1821 May		Letter Dated: 1821, May 7, 9; Samuel Evans, Ship: Baring, Year: 1819, Sydney NSW AUS; Original Remarks: Re permission to marry at Sydney. [Biog Item No. 140045604]	Colonial Secretary's Papers Index 1788-1825 ABOUT »
1821 May		Samuel Evans, aged 25, Bachelor, Abode: Sydney [NSW AUS], Shoemaker, Signed; & Mary Ann Crane, aged 23, Spinster, Abode: Sydney [NSW AUS], Signed X; married 28 May 1821 Church [NSW AUS], registered St Philips Church of England Sydney [NSW AUS] by Banns by Richard Hill; Witness: Christopher Crane, Signed; Witness: Ann Chenhalls, Signed [Biog Item No. 300031202]	Church Register: NSW Sydney St Philip CE Marriage ABOUT »

1827 Aug		<p>Charles Henry Evans, [child of] Samuel Evans, Shoemaker & Emma Evans; Abode: Sydney [NSW AUS]; Born 19 Aug 1827, Baptised 9 Sep 1827, by Reverend William Cowper, Registered at St Philip's Church of England Sydney, [NSW AUS] [Biog Item No. 300016255]</p> <p>LIST ALL PERSONS »</p>	<p>Church Register: NSW Sydney St Philip CE Baptism</p> <p>ABOUT »</p>
1828 Nov		<p>Henry Jackson, Age: 15, Protestant, Arrived per Friends 1816, Came Free; Apprentice to Saml Evans; Householder; Residence: Princes St [NSW AUS]; Household Return district: Sydney [NSW AUS] [Biog Item No. 110626959]</p> <p>LIST ALL PERSONS »</p>	<p>Census &c: NSW Census 1828</p> <p>ABOUT »</p>
1828 Nov		<p>James Green, Age: 15, Protestant, Born in Colony; Apprentice; Householder: Saml Evans, Shoemaker; Residence: Princes St [NSW AUS]; Household Return district: Sydney [NSW AUS] [Biog Item No. 110623478]</p> <p>LIST ALL PERSONS »</p>	<p>Census &c: NSW Census 1828</p> <p>ABOUT »</p>
1828 Nov		<p>Emma Evans, Age: 20, Protestant, Arrived per Northampton 1815, Came Free; Householder: Samuel Evans; Residence: Princes St [NSW AUS]; Household Return district: Sydney [NSW AUS] [Biog Item No. 110620764]</p> <p>LIST ALL PERSONS »</p>	<p>Census &c: NSW Census 1828</p> <p>ABOUT »</p>
1828 Nov		<p>Samuel Evans, Age: 36, Protestant, Arrived per Baring 2 * 1818, 14 years, Ticket of Leave; Shoemaker; Householder: Samuel Evans; Residence: Princes St [NSW AUS]; Household Return district: Sydney [NSW AUS]; Editor's Remarks: * # Ship & Year: Baring's first voyage 1819 - HO/11/3/131 [Biog Item No. 110620763]</p> <p>LIST ALL PERSONS »</p>	<p>Census &c: NSW Census 1828</p> <p>ABOUT »</p>
1829 May		<p>Georgiana Evans, [child of] Samuel Evans, Shoemaker & Emma Evans; Abode: Sydney [NSW AUS]; Born 6 May 1829, Baptised 5 Jul 1829, by Reverend William Cowper, Registered at St Philip's Church of England Sydney, [NSW AUS] [Biog Item No. 300016559]</p> <p>LIST ALL PERSONS »</p>	<p>Church Register: NSW Sydney St Philip CE Baptism</p> <p>ABOUT »</p>



Biographical
Database of Australia (BDA)

Biographical report for Mary Ann CRANE

Person ID: L#11051739101

Arrival: 1816 per Morley (Came free)

Date	Biographical record	Source
1816 Jan	Mary Ann Crane, Arrived per Mary Ann 19 01 1816; AUS]; Other Remarks: free on permission to marry Samuel Evans - convict - Baring 2. [Biog Item No. 100511446]	Free Passengers NSW Arrivals 1788-1825
1822 Sep	Mary Ann Crane; Arrived per Morley, Arrival status: CF (Came Free); Occupation/Residence &c, Sydney [NSW AUS], Wife of S Evans [Biog Item No. 110404893]	Census &c: NSW General Muster 1822
1825 Sep	Mary Ann Crane; Arrived per Mary Ann 1816, Arrival status: CF (Came Free); Occupation/Residence &c, Sydney [NSW AUS], Wife of Samuel Evans [Biog Item No. 110517391]	Census &c: NSW General Muster 1823/4/5

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In **December 2019** this website was updated with the addition of [two datasets on convict tattoos](#) and a new search feature allowing you to **search by convict occupations**. A substantial number of additional **punishment outcomes** have been linked to trials. We have made a number of corrections to convict **genders and ages**, and new visualisations have been added to the [visualisation gallery](#).

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Life of the week

Mary Ann Hall, b. 1840

Mary Ann was born in Kingston upon Hull to William and Eleanor White in 1840. The pattern of Mary Ann's offending is intriguing. She was in her late twenties when she first came before the courts.

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Richard Walker

Single record

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Life archive

Old Bailey Associated Records 1740-1834

20th September 1813

Record ID oar787126669Walker

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Sir.

Distribution Street Woolwich
Jan 9 27th - 1814.

With the greatest reluctance I communicate to you my wretched situation, and what renders it still more cutting. Mr. W. has not the power to assist me in the least way. having been confined to her Bed these last eight weeks and upwards with the Rheumatic Gout, under such melancholy suffering, I trust your goodness will pardon the liberty I have taken, and allow me a trifle to procure a few newspapers this place and the severe season of the Year requires. I am now in possession of such circumstances that would render the Bk. the greatest service. and had I my liberty could I am sure be acted on immediately. relying on your generous assent.

I remain Sir

with the greatest Gratitude

Yours most. Obedt.
and very Hble Servt.

Richard Walker.

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OBITUARY Mr. Richard Walker

Article - The Dubbo Liberal and Macquarie Advocate (NSW : 1894 - 1954) Tuesday 5 October 1948 - Page 1

... OBITUARY Mr. **Richard Walker** The death of Mr. **Richard Walker**, aged 67 years, of 18 Strictland ... 303 words

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WALKER.—October 29, at his son's residence, Norton-street, Ashfield, Henry Walker, aged 83 years 9 months, a resident 71 years of the colony, and one of the oldest residents of Ashfield; beloved husband of Mrs. H. Walker; beloved father of Mrs. A. Reid, of West Maitland; beloved father of Mrs. C. Smith, of Ashfield; beloved father of Mr. John H. Walker, of Wallisend, stationmaster; beloved father of Mrs. A. Tounted, of Newtown; beloved father of Mr. Alfred Walker, of Golden Grove, Sydney; beloved father of Mr. William P. Walker, late of Queensland; and the beloved father of Mr. George A. Walker, of Ashfield. After a long and painful illness.

We saw him fading day by day,
And saw him pass away;
We nursed him with the tenderest care,
But could not make him stay.

Put in by G. A. W.

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Before transportation

From 1788 to 1868 over 160,000 men, women and children were punished with transportation to Australia. On this page you will find links to information on the life of convicts before their arrival in Australia and their journey to Australia.



Convict life

Although they were servants, as they were needed to ensure a productive economy, convicts had a measure of power. They were given a ration of food and clothing as set out in official regulations.



Freedom

The first freed convicts in VDL were those who arrived in 1803. The better behaved of them were given land. Those who were free by the 1860s did not fare so well. The period in which freedom was given made a difference to later prospects.



Convict landscapes

Locate Tasmanian convict places across time and space with this mapping portal.

<https://libraries.tas.gov.au/convict-portal/Pages/convicts.aspx>

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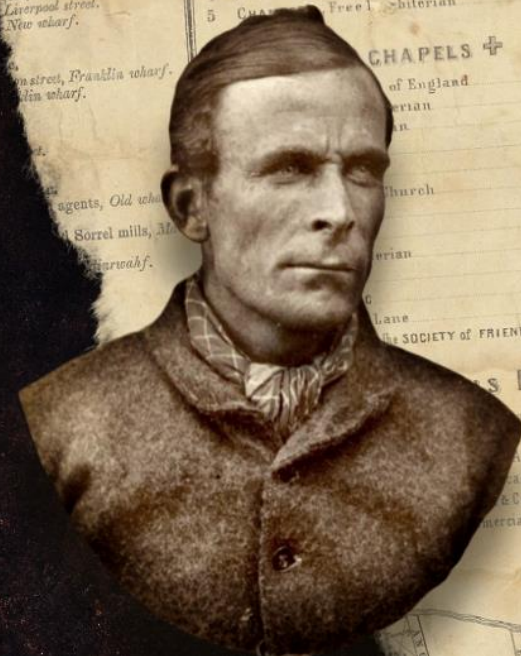
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- [Court](#) (1830-1858). Supreme Court. Minutes of proceedings in criminal cases. ^[2]
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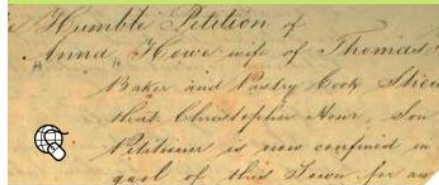
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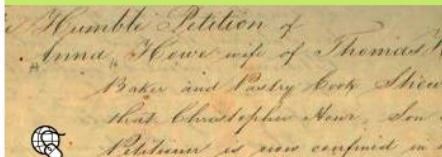
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Register of convicts, 1842-1854



Register of Male and Female Prisoners (1855-1947)



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What do I need to know?

The records are separated into lists of pardoned exiles arriving on eight ships between 1844 and 1849.

You need to know the name of the person, or the ship the person arrived on. Alternatively, [you can browse all of the lists here](#).

How do I search?

If you know the name of an exile, use the [Index to Assisted Immigration](#) to identify the ship of arrival.

Type the name of the ship into the search form below.

Notification of exiles, 1844-1849 Search Form

Enter a ship name into the search box.

Ship name

Search

What are in these records?

Details given are the name of the prisoner and the date and place of conviction.

Some of the pieces of correspondence in this series are annotated with the name of the ship upon which the group of prisoners was transported and the date of its arrival.

www.prov.vic.gov.au

About these records

This series consists of notifications to the Governor of New South Wales, the Governor of Van Dieman's Land and the Superintendent of the Port Phillip District of prisoners under the sentence of transportation, who were to be pardoned upon their arrival in the colony on the condition that they were conveyed to, and remained in, the Port Phillip District for the duration of their original sentence.



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

Register of convicts, 1842–1854

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Last updated: October 6, 2021

What do I need to know?

The name of the convict.

How do I search?

The register is divided into several sections. The page reference numbers for each of the sections appears in an index that is on the very first page of the register. Use the index to find the most relevant section for what you are seeking, or browse the entire volume.

This record is now accessible as a [digitised volume](#) (the contents have not yet been indexed for searching so you will need to browse each of the sections as described in the previous paragraph).

About these records

What are in these records?

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)
- 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.

Names	Ship	Year of Arrival	Embarked	Authority	Assignee or Employer
Pitt Thomas 700d	Arcturion	1839	14	Mr. W. Watson	
Palmer Thomas	W. Gardiner	1838	11	Mr. W. Watson	
X Punchard Henry	Ann Mary	1836	20	Mr. Arthur Edge	
Pye Thomas	St. George	1837	5	Mr. A. Brown Edge	
Pridgo John	England			Stockade	
X Prentice Edward	Lynarch			Border Police	

Convicts

www.wa.gov.au/organisation/state-records-office-of-western-australia/convicts

The State Records Office holds comprehensive sets of records relating to convicts transported to Western Australia between 1850 and 1868.

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.

Home authorities eagerly accepted the offer and quickly dispatched the vessel *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 transportation of convicts to the colony over an 18 year period.

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

Transportation of convicts to Western Australia ceased in 1868 as a result of a reassessment of British home policy. The last convict ship to Australia, the *Hougoumont*, arrived in the Swan River Colony on 10 January 1868 with 229 convicts aboard. Convict labour continued to be used for sometime following the end of transportation, relying on local prisoners and those convicts yet to serve the remainder of their sentences. At the time of the *Hougoumont's* arrival, some 3,158 convicts remained under government control in Western Australia.

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The town of Fremantle ... looks pretty and cheerful. Conspicuous above all rises the prison, or, as it is called here, the 'establishment'. - James Roe, Convict # 6709

Fremantle Prison was built as a convict barracks in the 19th century and remained in continual use until 1991. The Prison was a place of hangings, floggings, dramatic convict escapes and prisoner riots. Inmates included imperial convicts, colonial prisoners, enemy aliens, prisoners of war and maximum-security detainees.

The first convict transport sailed into Fremantle Harbour in 1850. The Convict Establishment, as the prison was first known, was built by convict labour between 1852 and 1859 using limestone quarried on the site. The first prisoners moved into the main cell block in 1855.

The Establishment was renamed Fremantle Prison in 1867. Transportation ceased the following year when the Hougoumont carried the last convicts to Fremantle. Nearly 10 000 convicts passed through the 'establishment' between 1850 and 1868.

At first only imperial convicts were confined at Fremantle Prison. By 1886 less than 60 convicts remained inside a prison built to hold 1000 men. Perth Gaol closed and Fremantle Prison became the colony's primary place of confinement for men, women and juveniles. With the population boom of the 1890s gold rush, Fremantle Prison became busy once again.

More space had to be found for a burgeoning prison population. After the Rottnest Island Aboriginal Prison closed in 1903, prisoners from Fremantle Prison were sent to the island to carry out public works. New Division was built and opened in 1907. During the Second World War, the Australian Defence Department sequestered part of the prison as a military detention centre. A large number of Italian Australians, identified as 'enemy aliens' were incarcerated at Fremantle during the war.

Following a series of prisoner riots and growing concerns with prison conditions, a royal commission in 1983 recommended the Prison's closure. Female prisoners had already been transferred to a new facility at Bandyup Women's Prison in 1970. Fremantle was decommissioned on 8 November 1991 and its prisoners transferred to Casuarina Prison, replacing Fremantle Prison as the state's main maximum-security prison.

After its closure the WA state government embarked on a long-term conservation plan to ensure the Prison's preservation for future generations. Fremantle Prison is one of the largest surviving convict prisons in the world today.

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SEARCH CONVICT BY NAME

Search the Convict Database to discover the men who were transported to the Swan River Colony, Western Australia from 1850 to 1868.

This database is built on research undertaken by Rica Erickson and Gillian O'Mara for the publication *Convicts in Western Australia 1850-1887 Dictionary of Western Australians Volume IX*, University of Western Australia Press 1994.

Official convict records are held by the State Records Office of Western Australia and should be consulted when conducting official genealogical/ historical research.

Search by surname



A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z

NAME	CONVICT NUMBER	DATE OF ARRIVAL	SHIP	
AARON, Thomas	1306	1 Aug 1852	William Jardine	
ABBOTT, Edward	3061	7 Aug 1854	Ramillies	
ABBOTT, Henry	5814	11 Feb 1861	Palmerston	
ABBOTT, John	6203	9 Jun 1862	Norwood (Journey 1)	
ABBOTT, William	6501	31 Dec 1862	York	
ABBOTT, Edwin	9377	13 Jul 1867	Norwood (Journey 2)	
ABBOTT, Henry	9979		Colonial	
ABBOTT, Henry	10108		Colonial	
ABBOTT, Henry	10300		Colonial	

ABBOTT, Henry 5814 11 Feb 1861 Palmerston

Other No: 9979, 10108, 10300

Date of Birth: 1830

Marital Status: Unmarried

Occupation: Gentleman's servant

Literacy: Semiliterate

Sentence Date: 1858

Sentence Place: Chelmsford, Essex, England

Crime: Firing haystack

Sentence Period: 10 years

Ticket Leave Date: 28 Jul 1862

Conditional Pardon Date: 15 Sep 1868

Certificate of Freedom
Date: 14 Aug 1869

Comments: Reconvicted in Western Australia

ABBOTTS, Abraham 9059 22 Dec 1866 Corona

Date of Birth: 1819

Marital Status: Married 5 children

Occupation: Miner

Literacy: Illiterate

Sentence Place: Stafford

Crime: Breaking & entering

Sentence Period: 10 years

Previous Convictions: Yes

Ticket Leave Date: 5 Jun 1869

Certificate of Freedom
Date: 26 Jun 1875

Comments: Servant, labourer, brick maker, fence maker. To England, 28 Jul 1875

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Details for the convict Joseph Oakley (1833)

Convict Name: Joseph Oakley
Trial Place: Middlesex Gaol Delivery
Trial Date: 5 July 1832
Sentence: 7 years
Notes:

Arrival Details

Ship: [Lotus](#)
Arrival Year: 1833

[Claim Joseph Oakley as yours](#)

Researchers who have claimed this convict

There is currently one researcher who has claimed Joseph Oakley

- Researcher (Jill Mozina)



Biographies

Joseph Orland Oakley was born on 5th February 1810, in Chertsey, Surrey, England, the son of James Oakley (1772-1813) & Sarah White (1771-1831). Joseph at the age of 18, was 5'6" tall. Fair complexion, round head, brown hair, Low forehead, eyebrows brown, eyes dark blue, medium length nose, small mouth. Joseph was by trade a blacksmith, Groom, Labourer & Carrier.

Joseph was tried in the Old Bailey, Middlesex, England, for stealing an old coat and an old saddle. Joseph's plea was that it was done out of despair and starvation. Found guilty, was sentenced to 7 years and transportation.

Joseph departed 20th December 1832, Portsmouth England, aboard the ship 'Lotus', arriving 16th May 1833 in Hobart, Tasmania, Australia, as a Convict.

Joseph was consigned to a man called Hudspeth, who was very strict and cruel to all of his convicts.

Over a period of time, Joseph was given 101 lashes by Hudspeth, and reprimanded, cautioned, dismissed, and even given 7 days on bread and water.

In 1840 Joseph was given his ticket of leave, however it was crossed out by Hudspeth, and in 1841, finally was given his ticket of leave.

On 16th May 1833, Joseph married Sarah Ann Smith in Launceston, Tasmania, Australia. They were married for over 50 years, with Sarah passing away in 1883.

Joseph and Sarah had 9 children.

Sarah Ann Harriet Oakley, John James Oakley, Edward Thomas Oakley, Georgina Rachel Oakley, Frederick Charles Oakley, Louis Joseph Orland Oakley, Martha Elizabeth Oakley, Sarah Anne Frances Oakley, and William Henry Oakley.

Joseph was granted property in Oatlands, Tasmania, where he became began a blacksmith shop, dwelling and cottage. Joseph also became a carrier. He worked hard, raised his growing family and became well respected in the community.

In 1895 Joseph travelled to India, to see his son Louis, died 12th October 1895, and was buried there.

Submitted by Researcher (Jill Mozina) on 8 November 2021

Australian Joint Copying Project (AJCP)

- ▶ 10,000 reels microfilm – held NLA, State Libraries & via interlibrary loan
- ▶ Colonial Office - correspondence
- ▶ Home Office – convicts – criminal papers, Old Bailey sessions, transportation registers, musters
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Penal transportation records: Ireland to Australia, 1788-1868

Irish archives are a major source for Australians researching Irish convict ancestors, despite the fact that not all records from the Chief Secretary's Office in Dublin Castle survive, especially from the period before 1836. Penal transportation to Australia, and later to Bermuda and Gibraltar, covered the years 1791 until 1853, when the sentence of penal transportation was commuted to a prison sentence in Ireland.

The National Archives holds a wide range of records relating to the transportation of convicts from Ireland to Australia covering the period 1788 to 1868, which are available on a the **Transportation database**. In some cases, these include records of members of convicts' families transported as free settlers. 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 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 as the records from which the transportation database was compiled are incomplete. A successful search in the records may produce not just a bald official summary, but perhaps one of the thousands of petitions submitted by, or on behalf, of prisoners. The records relating to transported convicts comprise:

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- Free Settlers' Papers, 1828-1852; (f) Male Convict Register, 1842-1847;
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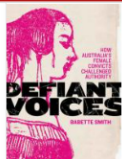
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Port Arthur, Tasmania 1874

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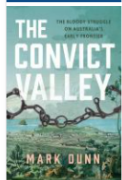
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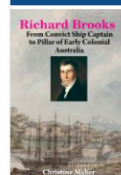
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