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ABBREVIATIONS

| | |
|------|--|
| ACC | Accession |
| AJCP | Australian Joint Copying Project |
| AN | Archive Notes |
| BPP | British Parliamentary Papers |
| CONS | Consignment |
| CSO | Colonial Secretary's Office |
| ITR | Irish Transportation Records |
| MN | Manuscript Notes |
| NLA | National Library of Australia |
| SO | Superintendent's Order Books |
| SLWA | State Library of Western Australia; J S Battye Library |
| TNA | The National Archives United Kingdom |
| WABI | Western Australian Biographical Index |
| WAGS | Western Australian Genealogical Society Inc. |

CONVICT ABBREVIATIONS in chronological sequence.

| | |
|--------------|--------------------------|
| TL | Ticket of Leave |
| CR | Conditional Release |
| CP | Conditional Pardon |
| CF | Certificate of Freedom |
| Cert of Rem. | Certificate of Remission |
| Exp. | Expiree |
| FP | Free Pardon/Full Pardon |

AUSTRALIAN JOINT COPYING PROJECT (AJCP) ABBREVIATIONS

| | |
|-------|-----------------------|
| ADM | Admiralty |
| CO | Colonial Office |
| HO | Home Office |
| MT | Ministry of Transport |
| P.Com | Prison Commission |
| WO | War Office |

INTRODUCTION

It is believed that 9501 convicts stepped onto Western Australian soil alive, though some died shortly after. Only males were to be transported to Western Australia. Twenty eight deaths at sea are listed in the numerical passenger listing, and/or Surgeon's Journals of the 43 ships that brought transportees to this Colony. Only 28 journals have been located among the records held in Western Australia.

It should be noted that the Western Australian convict numbering system includes Colonial Prisoners, those being convicted or re-convicted during the period 1850-1868. Colonial Prisoners could be either free settlers, or transported convicts that have been reconvicted. Convicts were transported from various places including England, Ireland, Bermuda, Tasmania etc. Most non-Australian transportees were sent to England before being transported to Western Australia and include soldiers court martialled from British Regiments in such places as India, Gibraltar, Ceylon, New Zealand and Tasmania. The exceptions are the Irish transportees on the *Robert Small*, and *Phoebe Dunbar* which left from Ireland.

The country of conviction is no guarantee that that is the nationality of the person concerned. Many Irish were convicted in England and were therefore considered English prisoners and this applies to other nationalities.

The first convicts arrived before they were expected and therefore a convict establishment was needed quickly. Daniel Scott's warehouse was leased and approximately 20 prisoners from the *Scindian* were brought ashore to prepare the building for the remainder of convicts on board. Scott's building was used for this purpose even after Fremantle Prison was built and accommodating inmates.

A note of caution - all types of crimes are found within the records of Western Australian convicts - not just petty crimes. One has to look at history to find that human life was of little consequence while crimes against property, such as firing a stack, poaching, horse stealing, were often severely punished.

Regulations covering the convict system, ticket of leave etc. changed periodically and the correct regulations for the particular time period should be sought. The regulations governing convicts are to be found in the quarterly returns in Colonial Secretary's Office records and some in the Australian Joint Copying Project microfilms.

Where the records are held or are available is noted in each section. When it is known that the records are on microfilm or microfiche this is also noted.

When searching for a convict record three items are necessary - Name and/or alias, convict number and ship of arrival. This has been found to be the most successful way of researching the convict records of Western Australia.

SUGGESTED STEPS FOR TRACING CONVICT RECORDS IN WESTERN AUSTRALIA

– Consult in the following order. Each Step is more fully explained in subsequent pages

STEP 1 *The Bicentennial Dictionary of Western Australians pre 1829-1888*

STEP 2 *Convicts in Western Australia 1850-1887*

STEP 3 **Shipping Lists and Convict Indexes**

Western Australian Convict Records

STEP 4 **Background to Convict Establishment in Western Australia**

STEP 5 **Convict Registers**

STEP 6 **Ticket of Leave Registers**

STEP 7 **Convict Depots and Road Parties**

STEP 8 **Correspondence**

STEP 9 **Medical Records**

STEP 10 **Convict Families**

STEP 11 **Absconders, Escapees and Reconvictions**

STEP 12 **Petitions, Pardon, Freedoms and Expiration of Sentence**

STEP 13 **Life in Western Australia**

STEP 14 **Death**

British and Irish Convict Records

STEP 15 **Prisons and Hulks**

STEP 16 **Irish Transportations**

STEP 17 **Trials**

STEP 1: "THE BICENTENNIAL DICTIONARY OF WESTERN AUSTRALIANS pre 1829-1888 Vol. 1-4" compiled by Rica Erickson

The *Bicentennial Dictionary* was based on the six coloured volumes of the "Dictionary of Western Australians" which resulted from research for WA's sesquicentenary in 1979 and information from the public summarised in the WABI files. These early volumes were based on specific time periods and were replaced by the *Bicentennial Dictionary* which is organized alphabetically over the entire time period 1829 to 1888 and was published to commemorate Australia's 1988 celebrations. If the *Bicentennial Dictionary* entry refers to your ancestor as an expirée then you should proceed to "Convicts in Western Australia 1850-1887" Step 2 of this guide.

Information contained in these Dictionaries should be used as a guide only and all information should be independently verified.

*Available from the
State Library of Western Australia
State Records Office of Western Australia;
Western Australian Genealogical Society Inc.*

*Or are available for download in digital format on the
Friends of Batty Library Inc.
www.friendsofbattylibrary.org.au*

The Rica Erickson Collection of WABI Files

The files are now held in Private Archives of the State Library of Western Australia, (3rd Floor), J S Batty Library of West Australian History and the listing can be found under Manuscript Note MN1217.

The convict files commence at Acc 3780A and these give an indication of where and when a convict worked for certain employers, or for themselves, along with the information found mainly from Acc 1156 "R" Series (State Records Office of Western Australia). The alphabetical section commencing at Acc 3710A may also include information of a biographical nature and all of the index should be referred to.

Note: There are Family Trees on some convicts and/or information submitted on the Western Australian history of some convicts.

All information contained there within the Family Trees should be confirmed by research into records available as described in this book.

*Available from the
State Library of Western Australia*

Western Australian Biographical Index (WABI)

This alphabetical card index is of tremendous assistance to the researcher. The card system was designed to contain information for the *Dictionary of Western Australians* Volumes 1-5 and the *Bicentennial Dictionary of Western Australians* Vol. 1-4. The term expirée / exp. or a date of arrival however no ship name on a card indicates immediately that reference should be made to *Convicts in Western Australia 1850-1887*

*Available from the
State Library of Western Australia
Microfilm Acc 3710A-3753A*

There is currently a digitisation project being undertaken these will be available online in the near future

STEP 2: "CONVICTS IN WESTERN AUSTRALIA 1850-1887"

Dictionary of Western Australians Volume IX

Compiled by Rica Erickson and Gillian O'Mara, with the information taken from government records on convicts transported to Western Australia; transported convicts who were reconvicted in the Colony and those colonials who were convicted in the Colony between the periods of 1850-1868.

The name listed is that given on official records and not always the birth name of the person.

This Dictionary is an important step in seeking out convict records for Western Australia. "Abbreviations and Terms Used in the Dictionary and Notes on its Use" pp. vii-xii contain invaluable information also contained in this guide.

The large amount of research, writing and typing involved means errors may possibly have crept in and the actual data contained on each convict should be checked and confirmation made of each item. Without doubt there will be additional information found by following through the sources listed herein.

The dictionary is alphabetical by surname. It gives information on approximate birth year, marital status, occupation at time of sentencing or arrival in Western Australia, where and when convicted (in most cases) and term of sentence. Arrival ship and date, convict number, dates for TL, CP, CR, CF, Cert. of Rem., districts worked (if known), occupation and any other relevant information such as death date, permission to marry, have been included.

*Available from the
State Library of Western Australia;
State Records Office of Western Australia;
Western Australian Genealogical Society Inc.*

*Fremantle Prison has a database searchable by ship name or convict name and is available online at
<http://www.fremantleprison.com.au/Pages/Convict.aspx>*

*This database was compiled from information in the Convicts in Western Australia 1850 – 1887
and coordinated by Gillian O'Mara*

When searching for Western Australian convict records three items are necessary:

| Name | Number | Ship |
|------|--------|------|
|------|--------|------|

as this has been found to be the most successful way of researching the records of this State.

An example of the information found in an entry is:

TROTT, Thomas, (Henry Thomas) (11) bp23.10.1823-6.5.1910 Bunbury - Unm, mason, lit. Meth, conv Lincoln Ass 1847, stealing & assault with Benjamin BARKER & John RAISON (64), 15 yrs; arr *Scindian* 1.6.1850 TL 3.12.1850 Fremantle Exp. 6.2.1863; *Serpentine*, Bunbury. Granted permission to marry in ½ yearly return 30.6.1852. Mar Ellen MEADE C/E 15th & RC 25.8.1851 Fremantle. Reconv WA 20.3.1854 break & enter 1yr; Fremantle. Son of Hudson & Maria nee BARKER of Boston Lincoln. Brother James TROTT (3408)

This entry provides the following information: -

Name/Alias, Convict number, age/baptism/birth date, death date and place, marital status, occupation, literacy, religion, sentencing place and date/year, crime and accomplices, sentence term, ship of arrival in WA and date, Ticket-of-Leave date and place, Expiration of sentence date and place, Extra information.

STEP 3: SHIPPING LISTS AND CONVICT INDEXES

Direct transportation of convicts to the Swan River Colony began in 1850. Convicts were formally handed over to the master of a ship at the beginning of the voyage and then transferred into the custody of the Governor of the colony upon their arrival. Indents or Indentures, were the documents used to record the transaction on arrival.

“Passenger Arrivals in Western Australia 1839-1890”

This database compiled by the Western Australian Genealogical Society Inc. contains the details of approximately 26800 Immigrants including convicts and their guards arriving in Western Australia from the United Kingdom, Europe, Asia and other ports in Australia. Information on convicts on this database came from Acc 128.

Available from

Western Australian Genealogical Society Inc. (CD) through the Library or for purchase; Members of the Western Australian Genealogical Society Inc. are able to view this data through the Members Only area.

*State Library of Western Australia
State Records Office of Western Australia
Ancestry www.ancestry.com.au*

A complete listing of Convicts and the Ships of their Arrival found at

*Fremantle Prison
www.fremantleprison.com.au/Pages/Convict.aspx
Perth Dead Person's Society
<http://members.iinet.net.au/~perthdps/convicts/con-wa.html>*

Records available from the State Records Office of Western Australia

Convict Lists and Registers, 1850-1868, Acc 128, Archive Note (AN) 358

This collection contains the majority of convict passenger lists held by the SRO and is indexed alphabetically by surname. Convict lists contain considerable information on the physical descriptions and background of convicts. Other information available includes returns of prisoners on board the *Minden* and *Mermaid* and the Prisons and hulks from which they were transferred, as well as a crew list for the *Minden*.

Acc 128 - Description list of convicts (microfilm)

| Acc 128 Volume | Title |
|---------------------------|--|
| 7 | Description list of convicts numbers 1-75 |
| 8 | Nominal return of all convicts on board the <i>Minden</i> and conduct during journey |
| 9 | Nominal return of all convicts embarked in the <i>Minden</i> including statement of monies payable. Ex Portland Prison |
| 10 | Nominal return of all convicts embarked in the <i>Minden</i> including statement of monies payable. Ex Parkhurst Prison |
| 11 | Nominal return of all convicts embarked in the <i>Minden</i> including statement of monies payable. Ex <i>Stirling Castle</i> hulk |
| 12 | Nominal return of all convicts embarked in the <i>Minden</i> including statement of monies payable. Ex Dartmoor Prison |

| Acc 128 Volume | Title |
|-------------------|---|
| 13 | Nominal return of all convicts embarked in the <i>Minden</i> including statement of monies payable. Ex <i>Warrior</i> hulk |
| 14 | Nominal return of all convicts embarked in the <i>Minden</i> including statement of monies payable. Ex <i>Justitia</i> hulk |
| 15 | Nominal list of convicts embarked in the <i>Minden</i> including statement of monies payable. Ex <i>York</i> hulk |
| 16 | Nominal list of 51 convicts delivered on board <i>Minden</i> from Portland Prison |
| 17 | List of male transports on <i>Minden</i> from <i>Stirling Castle</i> hulk |
| 18 | List of convicts' belongings <i>Minden</i> |
| 19 | List of convict's earnings <i>Minden</i> |
| 20 | List of convicts who may have deposited money in the Surgeons hands. <i>Minden</i> |
| 21 | List of male transports on <i>Mermaid</i> from Parkhurst Prison |
| 22 | List of male transports on <i>Mermaid</i> from <i>Justitia</i> hulk |
| 23 | Assignment list of 209 male convicts on <i>Mermaid</i> |
| 24 | Nominal list of convicts on board <i>Mermaid</i> from Pentonville Prison |
| 25 | Nominal list of convicts on board <i>Mermaid</i> from Parkhurst Prison |
| 26 | Nominal list of convicts on board <i>Mermaid</i> from Portland Prison |
| 27 | Nominal list of convicts on board <i>Mermaid</i> from <i>Justitia</i> hulk |
| 28 | Return of convicts per <i>Scindian</i> |
| 29 | List of male transports on <i>Pyrenees</i> from <i>York</i> hulk |
| 30 | List of ships that have arrived in Western Australia from 1 June 1850 |
| 32 | Description lists of convicts numbers 1-10377 |
| 33 | Description lists of sundry convicts whose names were still on the books of the convict department 1 June 1865 |
| 35 | List of crew <i>Minden</i> |
| 36 | Memorandum re description lists dated 19 October 1876 |
| 38 | Convict register for numbers 3722-6200 |
| 39 | Correspondence Letters received 1854-1865 |
| 40 | Correspondence Letters forwarded 1854-1865 |
| 41 | Description book. Convicts register numbers 1-3444, included returns for dates of entitlements to Ticket of Leave for years 1851-1853 |
| 42 | Description book. Convicts register numbers 1-4500 (1-74; 4068-4500 missing) |
| 43 | Description book. Convicts register numbers 6999-10155 |

The physical description of the convict by numerical sequence is contained here with such other information as: Convict number, name, age, height, hair colour, eye colour visage, complexion, build, distinguishing marks (such as scars and tattoo marks), occupation on arrival, marital status on arrival, number of children.

The State Records Office and Ancestry have been working together on an index and digital images are available from Ancestry www.ancestry.com.au

An index to these registers is available on microfiche from the State Library of Western Australia State Records Office of Western Australia

Acc 41 Item 36 Colonial Office Despatches – Convicts; includes Assignment list of 260 Convicts aboard the *Adelaide*

Cons 318 Item 1 Register – Expirees and Conditional Pardons 1863-1894

Nominal register of Expirees and Conditional Pardon holders who left the colony by ship from Albany.

The convicts are listed alphabetically by surname and the volume contains the following information: Convict name, number, date of departure and name of vessel, destination, ship in which arrived, and any remarks regarding the subsequent return. Many of the convicts made journeys to the eastern colonies and then returned to Western Australia. Others left and settled elsewhere. Convicts needed permission to leave WA and if permission was not gained were considered to have absconded.

Departures from other points in Western Australia appear throughout the British Parliamentary Papers and in some Police Gazettes.

Cons 391 Item 330 Memorandum and Enclosures

Acknowledgement of despatches from the Colonial Office by the Governor; included within these files are the following items of interest

List of staff employed by the Convict Establishment on convict duties on the

1 April 1866; Assignment list of 277 convicts transported per *Belgravia*; Return of Ticket of Leave holders recommended for Conditional Pardon 17 October 1865; Civil Service Employment forms and Civil Service examination papers for James Mellows late of the 64th Regiment for a position of Assistant Warder (includes a copy of his baptism certificate).

Cons 929 Item 1 List of convicts of good conduct

List of 28 convicts who were described as displaying good conduct by the Surgeon Superintendent aboard the *Runnymede*

Cons 4285 Lists - Convicts

Cons 4285 Item 1 List – convicts transported in the convict ship *Hashemy*

Cons 4285 Item 2 List – convicts transported in the convict ship *Sea Park*

Records available from the State Library of Western Australia

Australian Joint Copying Project - AJCP

In October 1945 an agreement was made between the Commonwealth National Library (which later became part of the National Library of Australia) and the Public Library of New South Wales to jointly microfilm material in the Public Record Office, London (now National Archives of UK), relating to Australia. Later the decision was taken to include other material in Britain and ultimately Europe. The geographical scope then extended to New Zealand, the Pacific region, most of South East Asia and Antarctica. All State Libraries became participants with New Zealand joining the project later.

Admiralty - ADM

The Admiralty Office controlled the Navy and Navy officers where they were employed in other positions

Colonial Office - CO

The Colonial Office controlled the administration of the Australian colonies. These records include various information including letters and petitions from individuals as well as the colonies official reports including such information as land grants, debts, appointments, expeditions, arrival of emigrants, conduct of convicts, admission to asylums and more.

Home Office - HO

The Home Office controlled the administration of the penal system within the colonies as well as in the United Kingdom

War Office - WO

The War Office controlled the military within the colonies.

AJCP – Part 7 - Admiralty Records

ADM 101 Admiralty and predecessors; Office of the Director General of the Medical Department of the Navy and predecessors: Medical Journals
Contains medical journals for some other convict ships that came to Western Australia, by Reel No., Piece No, and ship.

| ADM 101 | Reel Number | Ship Name |
|----------------|--------------------|--|
| 101/32/6 | 3197/32 | <i>Hashemy</i> |
| 101/62/7 | 3208/62 | <i>Pyrenees</i> |
| 101/62/7A | | <i>(transcription of folios within this record can be found at National Archives UK)</i> |
| 101/62/7B | | <i>(transcription of folios within this record can be found at National Archives UK)</i> |
| 101/66/8 | 3209/66 | <i>Scindian</i> |
| 101/66/8A | | <i>(transcription of folios within this record can be found at National Archives UK)</i> |
| 101/66/8B | | <i>(transcription of folios within this record can be found at National Archives UK)</i> |
| 101/74/8 | 3212/74 | <i>William Hammond</i> |
| 101/74/8/1 | | <i>(transcription of folios within this record can be found at National Archives UK)</i> |
| 101/74/8/2 | | <i>(transcription of folios within this record can be found at National Archives UK)</i> |
| 101/74/8/3 | | |
| 101/74/8/3 | 3212/74 | <i>William Jardine</i> |
| 101/253/1A | M711 | <i>Phoebe Dunbar</i> |
| 101/254/1A | M711 | <i>Adelaide</i> |
| 101/252/1E | M711 | <i>Minden</i> |
| 101/252/1B | M711 | <i>Mermaid</i> |
| 101/252/1B | M711 | <i>Lord Dalhousie</i> |
| 101/255/1G | M711 | <i>Marion</i> |
| 101/253/1C | M711 | <i>Robert Small</i> |
| 101/253/1B | M711 | <i>Ramillies</i> |
| 101/255/1A | M711 | <i>Merchantman (1)</i> |
| 101/253/1E | M711 | <i>Sea Park</i> |

*Transcription of ADM101/253/1A – 101/253/1G can be found at
National Archives UK
www.nationalarchives.co.uk*

AJCP – Part 7 - Admiralty Records continued

| ADM | Title |
|----------------|--|
| 101/62 | General Orders, General Remarks and Sick List of the <i>Pyrenees</i> |
| 101/74 | General Orders, General Remarks and Sick List of the <i>William Hammond</i> |
| 101/253/1A | General Orders, General Remarks and Sick List of the <i>Phoebe Dunbar</i> |
| 101/253/1C | General Orders, General Remarks and Sick List of the <i>Robert Small</i> |
| 101/253/1E | General Orders, General Remarks and Sick List of the <i>Minden</i> |
| HO8/97 and 103 | Health Report on <i>Scindian</i> Convicts; Convict per <i>Scindian</i> Portland Prison |
| HO11/16 | General Remarks and Sick List of the <i>Mermaid</i> 1851 |
| MT32/6 | Rules and Regulations on the <i>Clyde</i> |

The Western Australian Genealogical Society
Convict Special Interest Group
 digital transcriptions of the following records are available online at
www.wags.org.au

AJCP – Part 3 - Home Office Records (HO) – Reels 92 and 93 HO11: Convict Transportation Registers 1787-1870

| HO11 Volume | Date | Ships bound for Western Australia include |
|----------------|---|---|
| 15 | Convicts transported 1846-1848 | <i>Ameer</i> (Parkhurst Boys – no names recorded) |
| 16 | Convicts transported 1849-1850 | <i>Mary</i> (Parkhurst Boys – no names recorded) <i>Scindian</i> ; <i>Hashemy</i> ; <i>Mermaid</i> |
| 17 | Convicts transported 1851-1852 | <i>Pyrenees</i> (1); <i>Minden</i> ; <i>Marion</i> ; <i>William Jardine</i> ; <i>Dudbrook</i> ; |
| 18 | Convicts transported 1853-1863; has name, place and date of crime, sentence received | <i>Pyrenees</i> (2); <i>Sea Park</i> ; <i>Ramillies</i> ; <i>Stag</i> ; <i>Adelaide</i> ; <i>William Hammond</i> ; <i>Runnymede</i> ; <i>Clara</i> (1); <i>Nile</i> ; <i>Lord Raglan</i> ; <i>Edwin Fox</i> ; <i>Sultana</i> ; <i>Palmerston</i> ; <i>Lincelles</i> ; <i>Norwood</i> ; <i>York</i> ; <i>Merchantman</i> (1); <i>Clyde</i> ; <i>Lord</i> <i>Dalhousie</i> |
| 19 | Convicts transported 1864-1867 | <i>Clara</i> (2); <i>Merchantman</i> (2); <i>Racehorse</i> ; <i>Vimiera</i> ; <i>Belgravia</i> ; <i>Corona</i> ; <i>Norwood</i> ; <i>Hougomount</i> |
| 20 | Old Criminal Papers 1787-1870 | List of all convict ships into Australia including dates of departure |
| 21 | Account of number of convicts transported, by year and to which state of Australia; Number of convicts transported each year by ship with destination | |

Digital copies of these records can be downloaded from the
 National Archives of UK
www.nationalarchives.gov.uk

Database for HO11 - Convicts transported to Australia
 can be found from
 State Library of Queensland
www.slq.qld.gov.au/resources/family-history/convicts

This index and digital images can be found from
 Ancestry www.ancestry.com.au

AJCP – Ministry of Transport Records (MT)– Reel 3181

MT32 - Admiralty Transport Department, Surgeon Superintendents' Journals of Convict Ships

Surgeons' Journals deal with the voyage, treatment of the sick and differ greatly in the amount of information contained therein.

| MT32 | Date | Ship Name |
|-------------|------------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1 | 6 February – 8 June 1858 | <i>Lord Raglan</i> |
| 2 | 30 January 1860 - 7 September 1861 | <i>Lincelles</i> |
| 3 | 4 February- 14 June 1862 | <i>Norwood (1)</i> |
| 5 | 10 October 1862- 24 February 1863 | <i>Merchantman (1)</i> |
| 6 | 23 February – 2 June 1863 | <i>Clyde</i> |
| 7 | 11 January – 16 April 1864 | <i>Clara (2)</i> |
| 8 | 11 June – 30 September 1864 | <i>Merchantman (2)</i> |
| 9 | 26 April – 23 August 1865 | <i>Racehorse</i> |
| 10 | 16 September 1865 – 6 January 1866 | <i>Vimeira</i> |
| 11 | 4 September – 26 December 1866 | <i>Corona</i> |
| 12 | 11 March – 29 July 1867 | <i>Norwood (2)</i> |

AJCP – Part 4 - War Office Records (WO)

| | | |
|-------------|--|--|
| WO22 | Reel 1302 piece 248 (1845 – 1854) Reel 3918 piece 226 (1862 – 1867) | Royal Hospital Chelsea: Returns of Payment of Army and Other Pensions 1842-1883 Contain information on Pensioners of convict ships relevant to Western Australia. |
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STEP 4: BACKGROUND TO THE CONVICT ESTABLISHMENT IN WESTERN AUSTRALIA

The Swan River colony was established as a free colony in 1829. In the early 1840s some colonists lobbied the Legislative Council to petition the British Government to send convicts to be used as a labour source to build much needed infrastructure. A ticket of leave system was set up, giving those convicts in the last stages of their penal sentence a chance at a better life as well as assisting the colony with labour and the money the British Government had to pay for convict upkeep

Fremantle Prison or the Convict Establishment was built between 1852 and 1859 by convicts using the limestone carved from the local site.

Background on the Convict Establishment and Fremantle Prisons role can be found at www.fremantleprison.com.au

Records available from the State Records Office of Western Australia

| Acc 128 Volume | Title |
|---------------------------|---|
| 1 | Estimates of convict expenditures 1859-1860 |
| 2 | Estimates of convict expenditures 1860-1861 |
| 3 | Estimates of convict expenditures 1860-1861 |
| 4 | Estimates of convict expenditures 1861-1862 |
| 5 | Annual estimates for convict services 1857-1858 |
| 6 | Report and estimates for convict services 1860-1861 |

The State Records Office and Ancestry have been working together on an index and digital images are available from Ancestry www.ancestry.com.au

Acc 134 – Despatches from The Secretary of State - Relating to Convicts

Copies of despatches relating to convicts received by the Governor from the Secretary of State for the Colonies. The despatches deal with the finance and administration of the Convict Establishment, public works carried out with convict labour, also numbers of convicts available for transportation, warders' employment matters, dates names of convict ships, assents and refusals to granting of conditional pardons, free pardons etc. Some enclosures are included.

Acc 257 – Convict Finance Board 5 May 1851 – 25 May 1855

Acc 396 Item 1 – Governors Minute Book – Convict Finance Board

Records available from the State Library of Western Australia

The Western Australian section of the Colonial Office England (CO) (AJCP – Part 2) records contains a large variety of records which are divided into approximately 28 different classes. Of particular interest are the Half Yearly Returns from the Convict Establishment. These records encompass not only convicts but warders, Pensioner Guards, Enrolled Pensioner Force and all matters relating to the Convict Establishment. These can also be found in the published British Parliamentary Papers under the title The Convict System (step 8). The duplication of some of the material is unavoidable though many letters from convicts and the Establishment contain signatures and handwriting which is unavailable in other records.

The filming of documents began in August 1948 and to date most of the material filmed has consisted of official papers in the National Archives of UK which is the central repository for these records. The bulk comes from the Colonial Office with an exception being material in the Miscellaneous section, which contains such records as missionary societies, papers in private hands, County Record Offices and selected papers held at such places as the National Library of Scotland, The British Museum, Guildhall Library etc.

The AJCP films contain information not found elsewhere among the Colonial Secretary's Office records particularly with reference to the enclosures. Other types of material e.g. Passage Money being payment by the convict of passage money at a designated rate according to his sentence years; Ticket of Leave; Conditional Pardon; Certificate of Remittance; Certificate of Freedom; Permission to Marry; Deaths; Absconders; the buildings of the Convict Establishment, plans and sketches etc. There are a large number of reels of film but by using the information and sequence in which the records have been filmed, the next set of reels that cover the Half Yearly Returns can be estimated fairly accurately. Most Convict Establishment matters are indexed at the end of the Return with a reference number and then can be readily found by going backwards to the relevant page.

AJCP – Part 2 - Colonial Office Records

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| CO18/58 | Reel 447-8 p.277 etc. | Convict establishment maps, diagrams, sketches of buildings (prisoner's barracks, Plan No. 2). |
| CO18/60 | Reel 450 p.318 etc. | Fremantle Prison Plans and Cottage barracks for Pensioner Guards etc. |

AJCP – Treasury Records (T)

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| T39/2 T39/3 | Reel 3165; 1846 - 1869 | This Treasury Chest deals with Western Australia and is of interest to the convict researcher as it contains information regarding financial matters and payment or non-payment of dues, letters regarding complaints that a convict has not received the money earned while on Public Works in England etc. |
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AJCP – Part 4 – War Office Records

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| WO4 | Reel 1300 | Instructions to Bruce and the voyage of the <i>Hashemy</i> and gives background to the treatment convicts receive; references to Pensioner Guard misdemeanors, rations for the voyage and other relevant information. All of this section should be checked for the time period required. |
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Other sources at the State Library of Western Australia

Acc 6103A - HENDERSON, Sir Edmund Yeamans Walcott

Appointed by Earl Grey to be Comptroller of Convicts in Western Australia, to where he sailed on board the *Scindian*, with 75 convicts and some free settlers, arriving at Fremantle 1 June 1850 to take up his duties. He left the colony on 7 February 1863 on the *York*.

Call Number 365.941 WES - Rules and regulations for the Convict Department, Western Australia, 1862.

STEP 5: CONVICT REGISTERS

These records were derived from the Comptroller General records within the Convict Establishment. They consist of General Registers and Character Books, note that each set of records contain different information.

Records available from the State Records Office of Western Australia

Acc 128 Item 38

Convict Registers for convict numbers 3722 – 6200

The State Records Office and Ancestry have been working together on an index and digital images are available from Ancestry www.ancestry.com.au

Acc 1156 R series

The information contained in some sections of Acc1156 R may give Convict number; name; date of reception; from which English prison; ship of arrival; occupation; age; marital status and number of children upon arrival in Western Australia; literacy, read and/or write; religion; date of conviction; place of conviction; crime; sentence; residence of family or next of kin; names and ages of family; character and other information; convictions after arrival (note most of these convictions did not warrant a new convict number or *reconviction*); dates of employment; type of work; rates of wages; district of work; employer; residence; Ticket of Leave date; Conditional Pardon; Certificate of Freedom and death date and place.

| Acc 1156 Volume | Title of volume |
|----------------------------|---|
| R1 | General register for convict numbers 4679-5166 |
| R1A | General register for convict numbers 5167-5177 |
| R1B | General register for convict numbers 308-513; 983-985 |
| R2 | Distribution book for convict numbers 7602-8107 |
| R3 | General register for convict numbers 8127-8190 |
| R4 | General register for convict numbers 5497-5894 |
| R5 | General register for convict numbers 5895-6135 |
| R6 | Ticket of leave register – years 1857-1861 |
| R7 | Probation prisoners with convict numbers 5586-6999 |
| R8 | Character book for convict numbers 4508-5585 |
| R9 | General register for convict numbers 6136-6382 |
| R9A | Register for convict numbers 6393-6932 |
| R10 | Register of reconvicted prisoners September 1856-November 1859 |
| R11 | General register for convict numbers 5895-6392 |
| R12 | Register of convicts with numbers 1495-3784; which include ships <i>Dudbrook; Pyrenees (2); Robert Small; Phoebe Dunbar; General Godwin; Sea Park; Ramillies; Guide; Stag; Adelaide</i> and the <i>William Hammond</i> arriving 7 February 1853 - 29 March 1856; does not include all convicts in this range. |
| R13 | General register for convict numbers 8476-8870 |
| R14 | General register for convict numbers 8771-9058; including some Colonial convicts |
| R15 | General register for convict numbers 9059-9598 |
| R16 | General register for convict numbers 9599-10128; includes some Colonial convicts |

| Acc 1156 Volume | Title of Volume |
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| R17 | Character book with convict numbers 1-383; then intermittent numbers up to the year 1857 |
| R18 | Character book for convict numbers 2373- 2652; 2930 – 2931; 3089 - 3639 |
| R19 | Character book for convict numbers 3640-4432 |
| R20 | Alphabetical register for convicts for arrivals on the <i>Scindian</i> to the <i>Hougomount</i> ; also include Colonial convicts convicted during this time frame. This volume contains limited information |
| R21A | General register for convict numbers 1-299 |
| R21B | General register for convict numbers 1-8157 |
| R22 | General register for convict numbers 6393-6932 |
| R23 | General register for convict numbers 3844-10049; 10243-10454 |
| R24 | General register for convict numbers 4375-4534 |
| R25 | General register for convict numbers 6383-6458 |
| R26 | General register for convict numbers 7000-7326 |
| R27 | General register for convict numbers 7326-7607 |
| R28 | General register for convict numbers 7632-8125 |
| R29 | General register for convict numbers 7233-7518 |
| R30 | General register for convict numbers 8192-8475 |
| R31 | General register for convict numbers 1553-8146; not all numbers included in this volume |
| R32 | <i>Nile</i> |
| R33 | <i>Lord Raglan</i> |

The State Records Office and Ancestry have been working together on an index and digital images are available from Ancestry www.ancestry.com.au

A full chronological index to Acc1156 R is on microfiche from the State Records Office of Western Australia; The State Library of Western Australia; and the Western Australian Genealogical Society Inc.

CHARACTER BOOK.

Register No. 3384 Name James Johnson Date when received 25 May 1855 From what Prison Portland
 Age 44 Trade Shepherd Married or Single M U C Reads Scanty Writes Scanty

| Nature of Offence | Sentence and Date of Conviction | Period already passed in separate Confinement | Class (in Prison) | | | Religious Persuasion | Pages | | Remarks |
|----------------------------|---------------------------------|---|-------------------|-----|-----|----------------------|---------------|------------|--|
| | | | 1st | 2nd | 3rd | | In Misconduct | In Journal | |
| Sheep-Stealing (2 charges) | Years 15 26 Oct 1852 | | | | | Methodist | | | See James Johnson's Journal Caldwell. Lenth. |

Character and special information received with the Prisoner as to previous Convictions, &c.

Septen "V.C." Portland "E" found in way "C" Register but a minute previous

Entered to Sept. 26 April 57

REMARKS

2/7/55 class book 100

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| Feb. | | | | | | |
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| Oct. | | | | | | |
| Nov. | | | | | | |
| Dec. | | | | | | |

1855 2/4/56 M U C

How and when disposed of:

Died at Mount Olga 26 May 1856.

Fig.1 – Character Book entry for Convict Number 3384 James Johnson - Acc 1156/R18

STEP 6: TICKET OF LEAVE REGISTERS, CONDITIONAL PARDONS, CERTIFICATES OF FREEDOM.

Actual paperwork for most WA convicts is no longer extant. A few documents e.g. tickets of leave, can be seen in the AJCP reels, in museums, framed on walls of government departments or in private possession however they are very scarce. The main documents issued were:

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| Ticket of Leave (TL) | Ticket of leave was granted before the sentence expired. It freed the convicts to seek employment under a master or to seek their own work. It obliged them to report each month to the local Resident Magistrate. They were not permitted to leave the district allocated without permission and a pass. |
| Conditional Pardon (CP) | Conditional pardon freed a man of the TL restrictions but he was not permitted to return to England. (Note: Many CP men left W.A. for eastern colonies or South Africa, and then left for England as free men.) |
| Certificate of Freedom (CF) or Conditional Release (CR) | The regulations governing these certificates sought to prevent the convict leaving WA before the full expiration of the sentence term had been served in Western Australia. |
| Certificate of Remission (Cert. of Rem.) | This certificate enabled the man to serve less time than the original sentence. Many remissions were granted in England before the convict actually arrived in Western Australia. |
| Free Pardon (FP) | Sometimes called a Full Pardon. The convict was released from serving his full sentence because of some act, e.g. saving a life. |
| Expiree | The full length of sentence had been served and the convict was free. |

Ticket of Leave was granted for many reasons apart from having served the regulated time. Some of these reasons were: acceptance of transportation to Western Australia from England, or there being not enough room at the Convict Establishment particularly in the early period of transportation.

A Conditional Pardon was granted to many convicts when Governor Robinson departed in 1883. Freedom was granted to most transportees on the 50th Jubilee of Queen Victoria in 1887 though this did not include those with a crime against the Crown. Fenians were not therefore included in this freedom or expiration of sentence.

The Convict regulations should be searched in the British Parliamentary Papers and also in Acc 128 (State Records Office of Western Australia) and the Colonial Office CO18 Half Yearly Returns (State Library of Western Australia) and the Government Gazettes (online or State Library of Western Australia) as these regulations were altered a number of times see also the Colonial Office and the Government Gazettes.

Records available from the State Records Office of Western Australia

Ticket of Leave Register – Master Index

An index compiled by the Western Australian Genealogical Society Inc. – Convict Special Interest Group.

Registers that have been indexed are

| ACC | LOCATION | YEARS |
|------------|-----------------|--------------|
| Acc1156 R6 | Perth | 1857-1861 |
| Acc1171/1 | Swan | 1859-1866 |
| Acc1386 | Perth | 1851-1878 |
| Acc1914 | Geraldton | 1866-1877 |
| Acc240 | Swan | 1866-1881 |
| Acc3314/1 | Vasse | 1855-1860 |
| Acc5225 | York | 1872-1887 |
| Acc594/25 | Busselton | 1860-1866 |
| Acc720/30 | Toodyay | 1862-1863 |
| Acc720/31 | Toodyay | 1863-1870 |

Information on the index includes Name, Convict Number and page on the Register that the Ticket of Leave can be found. These registers are records of Ticket of Leave, Occurrences; to whom assigned in the particular districts, and for what rate of pay, for example

AARON, Thomas, Convict No 1306 has a Ticket of Leave in the Busselton Register Acc594 on page 11 and in the Vasse Ticket of Leave Register Acc3314/1 page 486

*Also available from the
State Records Office of Western Australia
and the Western Australian Genealogical Society Inc.*

Acc 1156 R6 Ticket of Leave Register – Perth (available on microfilm)

Information contained in this Register includes Convict No; Name; Date of reception in Western Australia; from what prison in England; Ship of arrival; trade; age; married or single, number of children; ability to read or write; religion; date of conviction; place of conviction; crime; sentence; residence of convicts family or next of kin; names and age of wife and children; character and special information; date of probation; other offences occurring in Western Australia; Date of discharge on Ticket of Leave; occasionally date and place of death are noted.

*The State Records Office and Ancestry have been working together on
an index and digital images are available from
Ancestry www.ancestry.com.au*

Acc 1171 Item 1 Ticket of Leave Register - Swan District including Guildford

This register covers the period 30 December 1859 to December 1866, includes Name, age, ship in which convict arrived, name and residence of Master, rate of wages, district for which he has a ticket of leave, districts for which he has a passport, description of convict, date of transfer to the district, remarks

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an index and digital images are available from
Ancestry www.ancestry.com.au*

Acc 1386 Ticket of Leave Registers and Occurrence Books - Perth District (available on microfilm)

Information includes Name, age, ship in which convict arrived, name and residence of Master, rate of wages, district for which he has a ticket of leave, districts for which he has a passport, description of convict, date of transfer to the district, remarks

Acc 1386 has fifteen volumes consisting of:

| Acc 1386 Volume | Title |
|----------------------------|--|
| 1 | Ticket of Leave Register 1851 - August 1854 |
| 2 | Ticket of Leave Register July 1854 - August 1857 |
| 3 | Ticket of Leave Register August 1857 - June 1862 |
| 4 | Ticket of Leave Register June 1862 - 2 September 1865 |
| 5 | Ticket of Leave Register 2 September 1865 - 31 December 1875 |
| 6 | Ticket of Leave Register 24 January 1876 - 16 April 1887 |
| 7 | Occurrence Books and Prison Earnings 8 April 1862 - 3 December 1863 |
| 8 | Occurrence Books and Prison Earnings 4 December 1863 - 26 May 1865 |
| 9 | Occurrence Books and Prison Earnings 27 May 1865 - 17 April 1867 |
| 10 | Occurrence Books and Prison Earnings 18 April 1867 - 21 December 1869 |
| 11 | Occurrence Books and Prison Earnings - Index to Volume 10 |
| 12 | Occurrence Books and Prison Earnings 1 January 1870 - 10 July 1872 |
| 13 | Occurrence Books and Prison Earnings 11 June 1872 - 11 October 1876 |
| 14 | Occurrence Books and Prison Earnings 27 March 1878 - 2 April 1887 |
| 15 | Police Magistrate Perth in Account with Ticket of Leave Holders for Cash Receipts and Payments per Contra. |

*A chronological index to these volumes has been compiled by the Western Australian Genealogical Society Inc. Convict Special Interest Group and is available for purchase on microfiche from them, with a copy being held in The State Library of Western Australia;
State Records Office of Western Australia;
and the Western Australian Genealogical Society Inc.*

Acc 1914 Ticket of Leave Register - Geraldton 1866-1877 (available on microfilm)

Acc 240 Ticket of Leave Register - Swan 1866-1881

Acc 3290 – Correspondence – Comptroller General to Perth Police Magistrate 1855 – 1877

Acc 367 Item 17 – Pinjarra Police Station, Register of Ticket of Leave Holders in the Murray District 1852 - 1900

Acc 3314/1 Ticket of Leave Register - Vasse 1855-1860 (available on microfilm)

Acc 5225 – York 1872-1887 (available on microfilm)

Cons 5226 Item 1 York – Ticket of Leave Butts 1853-1857

Acc 594/25 – Busselton 1860-1866 (available on microfilm)

Acc 720/30 – Toodyay 1862-1863

Contains 349 Tickets of Leave for Convicts who were employed in the Toodyay District

This register has been indexed by both convict and master and contains 349 digital images and is available on CD (and for sale) from the Western Australian Genealogical Society Inc. or in hard copy at the State Records Office of Western Australia

Acc 720/31 – Toodyay 1863-1870

Contains 891 Tickets of Leave for Convicts who were employed in the Toodyay District

This register has been indexed by both convict and master and contains 891 digital images and is available on CD from the Western Australian Genealogical Society Inc. or in hard copy at the State Records Office of Western Australia

The State Records Office holds a number of original documents

Ticket of Leave Certificates

| | | |
|---|-------|--|
| Joseph CLARKE | 10060 | Cons7287/04 |
| Christopher EDGE | 9725 | Cons 7287/14 |
| George MATHER | 4238 | Cons7287/02 |
| A SHURMAN* | 5015 | Cons7287/03 |
| * Convict No 5015 is William JOHNSTON per Lord Raglan | | |
| Stephen WILLIAMS | 3712 | Cons7287/19 |
| Henry BONE | 9390 | Cons1230/01 |
| John BRADY | 10021 | Cons1230/02 |
| Thomas COLLINS | 10229 | Cons1230/03 |
| Patrick DYNAN | 9437 | Cons1230/04 |
| Charles EASTWOOD | 8551 | Cons1230/05 |
| John HALL | 7711 | Cons1230/06 |
| Patrick HIRLEY | 8588 | Cons1230/07 |
| John LEE | 8339 | Cons1230/08 |
| Peter LEIGH | 10212 | Cons1230/09 |
| Owen MCCORMICK | 9814 | Cons1230/10 |
| Alexander MCDONALD | 5081 | Cons1230/11; Cons 1230/12 |
| Neil MCGUIRE | 9816 | Cons1230/13 |
| Henry James PHILLIPS | 8387 | Cons1230/14 |
| Henry James PHILLIPS | 10334 | Cons1230/15 |
| James PICKERING | 10330 | Cons1230/16 |
| William STUART | 8122 | Cons1230/17; Cons1230/18 |
| D THOMAS (employer) | | Cons1230/19 (memo not Ticket of Leave) |
| Aaron RODGERS | | Cons1230/19 (memo not Ticket of Leave) |
| Neil MCGUIRE | 9816 | Cons1230/19 (memo not Ticket of Leave) |
| Edward BRENNAN | 9673 | Cons1230/20 (memo not Ticket of Leave) |

Acc 41 – Colonial Office Despatches

Contain letters from Colonial Office United Kingdom and its Dependencies to the Comptroller General Western Australia. These files contain many letters mainly about Government Issues, expenses and Assistant Warders information however they also include information on Convicts who are eligible for Tickets of Leave, Conditional Pardons, Requested Remission of Sentence, this is also a source for Letters from family members requested to know the whereabouts of their Convict or if the Convict has died the return of any monies owing to the Convict be returned to the family. Below are some items of note

Colonial Office Despatches - Convicts

| Acc 41 Item | Title | Dates |
|-------------|--|-----------------------|
| 36 | Includes Assignment list of 260 Convicts aboard the <i>Adelaide</i> | March - December 1855 |
| 39 | Includes list of six Convicts who showed exemplary conduct whilst aboard the <i>Stag</i> and <i>Sea Park</i> , these Convicts where eligible for Conditional Pardons, return of six Ticket of Leave holders tried by Court Marshall who will become eligible to Conditional Pardons between 1 April and the 30 June 1856 | 1856 |
| 43 | Includes a letter re the Swan River Colony to become a Penal Colony, acknowledging the execution of a Convict | January – May 1857 |
| 44 | Includes a report on petitions of four named convicts whose sentences are to be reconsidered, of these only Thomas Pacey was granted a Pardon, John Darnall, Richard Johnson and John Hughes were all denied | June – December 1857 |
| 48 | Includes a letter re the wife and two children of Henry Kennington Convict Number 3779 wishing to come to Western Australia; Granting of Ticket of leave to Walter Blackford arrived on the <i>Dudbrook</i> | January – June 1858 |
| 49 | Includes an extract from medical officer's book of the health of four convicts from Portland Prison, stating that there were no signs of insanity whilst they were there. | July – December 1858 |
| 52 | Includes the issue of Ticket of Leave to eight Convicts who arrived per <i>Edwin Fox</i> , return of 60 named Ticket of Leave holders who became eligible for Conditional Pardons between 1 January – 31 March 1860; also samples of hessian the Convict Establishment were considering purchasing | 1859 |
| 55 | Includes petitions relating to the Mitigation of Sentences, Petitions to the granting of Tickets of Leave | 1860 |
| 57 | Includes the Free Pardon given to Edward Bell who arrived per <i>Palmerston</i> and authorizing him free passage to return to England if he desires | 1861 |
| 60 | Includes a report that 18 prisoners whose good conduct has deemed them eligible to a Special Clasp badge termed Red badge whilst in Boaz Island; these men arrived in Western Australia aboard the <i>Merchantman</i> | 1862 |
| 62 | Includes the return of Men who arrived on the <i>Merchantman</i> with additional terms of sentence whilst serving in Bermuda | 1863 |
| 65 | Includes letters granting of Conditional Pardons to various Convicts; Letter referring to the Discharge Papers of Military Convicts | 1864 |

Acc 45 Index to Colonial Office Despatches 1854 – 1873 contains cross references to Acc 41 despatches (it has been noted that not all letters have been entered into the index)

Records available from the State Library of Western Australia

Government Gazette

The Western Australian Government Gazette is also a confirmation source for such items as Ticket of Leave, Conditional Pardon, Conditional Release, etc. The Gazette lists all such items and they can be approached from using the "Convicts in Western Australia"

Using the date recorded one can go to the Gazette and search from approximately three months either side of that date to find the one that is being sought. Many other items of interest are contained in the Gazettes, such as tenders for buildings, equipment and supplies, for the Convict Establishment, which again expands our knowledge of the convicts' life. Dog licences, Land leases, Unclaimed Mail, and many other facets of colonial society can fill in the jigsaw to make the whole picture.

Nominal lists of Prisoners showing the dates upon which they respectively become eligible for Tickets-of-Leave, from and after which periods they await employment at the undermentioned Stations and Road Parties.

*Comptroller General's Office,
Fremantle, 11th August, 1863.*

CONDITIONAL PARDONS have been signed for the following Men and forwarded to the undermentioned Magistrates of their Districts for delivery to whom the Men are directed to make immediate application.

| When signed. | Reg. No. | Name. | To whom sent. |
|-------------------|----------|---------------------|---------------|
| On the 31st July, | 3955 | Christopher Glennon | R. M. Bunbury |
| „ | 5101 | George Bunney | R. M. York |

By His Excellency's command,
G. F. NEWLAND,
Comptroller General.

Fig 2. The Western Australian Government Gazette; August 11, 1863 pg 160

NOMINAL LISTS of Prisoners shewing the dates upon which they respectively become eligible for Tickets-of-Leave, from and after which periods they await employment at the undermentioned Stations and Road Parties.

11th August, 1863.

CONVICT ESTABLISHMENT, FREMANTLE.

| REG. | NAME. | SHIP. | ELIGIBLE FOR TICKET-OF-LEAVE. | TRADE. |
|------|------------------|-----------|-------------------------------|------------|
| 6925 | Mc Dermid Jas. | Lincelles | 10th May | Labourer |
| 6450 | Scunpey, Thos. | Norwood | 12th August | Baker |
| 6433 | Saunders, Geo. | Do. | 11th " | Labourer |
| 6074 | Challoner, Thos. | Lincelles | 15th " | Labourer |
| 6543 | Clifford, Robt. | York | 21st " | Labourer |
| 6371 | Mc. Donald, Jas. | Norwood | 22nd " | Bricklayer |

PERTH PRISON, and SUB-STATIONS.

| REG. | NAME. | SHIP. | ELIGIBLE FOR TICKET-OF-LEAVE. | TRADE. |
|------|------------------|------------|-------------------------------|----------|
| 6698 | Parsonage, Jno. | York | 14th July | Butcher |
| 7001 | Atkinson, Wm. | Clyde | 23rd June | Hawker |
| 6428 | Stevens, Wm. | Norwood | 18th July | Labourer |
| 6735 | Saville, George. | York | 14th " | Weaver |
| 6683 | Martin, Jno. | York | 23rd July | Labourer |
| 6416 | Quaid Thos. | Norwood | 18th " | Labourer |
| 6313 | Hay D. | Do. | 11th August | Labourer |
| 6362 | Lavery T. | Do. | 7th " | Painter |
| 6308 | Gilson, Wm. | Do. | 23rd " | Butcher |
| 6678 | Smith, Wm. | Palmerston | 22nd " | Baker |
| 6464 | Turner, Thos. | Norwood | 24th " | Labourer |

NORTH FREMANTLE and SUB-STATIONS.

| REG. | NAME. | SHIP. | ELIGIBLE FOR TICKET-OF-LEAVE. | TRADE. |
|------|--------------|---------|-------------------------------|--------|
| 6289 | Fenton Thos. | Norwood | 11th August | Baker |

TOODYAY DEPOT.

| REG. | NAME. | SHIP. | ELIGIBLE FOR TICKET-OF-LEAVE. | TRADE. |
|------|----------------|---------|-------------------------------|---------|
| 6471 | Wade, Thos. | Norwood | 22nd " | Laborer |
| 7118 | Gleaves, Geo. | Clyde | 23rd June | Bontman |
| 7128 | Garside, Thos. | Do | 23rd " | Laborer |

Fig 3. The Western Australian Government Gazette; August 11, 1863 pg 161

The Government Gazettes have all been digitised and are available from the State Law Publisher

www.slp.wa.gov.au

or on microfilm at the

State Library of Western Australia

Police Gazettes

Contain many items of interest to the convict researcher such as: deaths, absconders, Fenians, warrants, apprehensions, ticket of leave, conditional release holders, inquests, certificates of freedom, prisoners discharged, expirers and who left the colony, stealing in dwellings, miscellaneous, prisoners quarter session records, certificate of remission, etc. are all covered. The volumes are indexed under the headings mentioned above and items of interest can be found in all sections of the Gazette. The Government started publishing the Gazette in 1876.

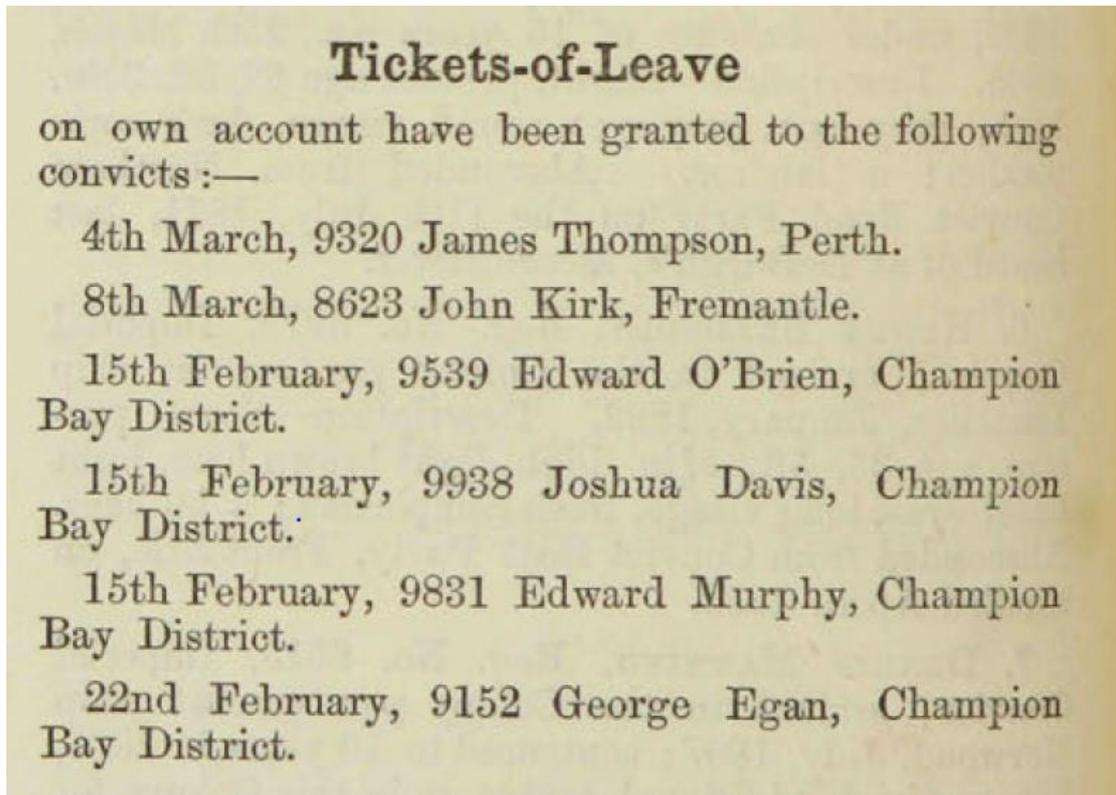


Fig 4. Police Gazette Number 3 Wednesday 15 March 1876, pg12

The Police Gazettes from 1876 to 1900 have been digitized and are fully text searchable they are available at www.slwa.wa.gov.au/find/eresources/police_gazettes

Colonial Office Records

AJCP – Part 2 - Colonial Office Records

| | | |
|----------|----------------|--|
| CO18/58 | Reel 448 p.264 | Ticket of Leave Men to December 1850 for <i>Scindian</i> |
| CO18/110 | Reel 768 p. 80 | Return for June 1859 including petitions |
| CO18/111 | Reel 769 | Return for December 1859 |
| CO18/115 | Reel 771-2 | Return for 1860 |

Employers of Ticket-Of-Leave Men Acc3780A-3794A (available on microfilm)

These records contain information on convicts recorded by name and number and also give the period of time of employment by an employer and usually the occupation of the convict at the time. These records are alphabetical by employer. Note: many convicts became employers of Ticket of Leave men and therefore may be listed as both convict and employer.

Acc 182A - Leave pass, 1876 May 22 [manuscript]

Pass issued to reg. no. 9061 to permit travel Williams to Kojonup district for 4 days.

Call No 345.9477 - Regulations for holders of Tickets of Leave. 1850s

Call No345.941077 WES - Regulations for Ticket of Leave holders 1869

STEP 7: CONVICT DEPOTS AND ROAD PARTIES

Should no record be found of where the convict is after extensive searching of available sources, you may find him on road parties or in convict depots. Records should be searched backwards from the known to trace the arrival in the area. A good example being the convicts of the *Minden* where some convicts disappear from Fremantle and turn up in the Greenough/Geraldton, Geraldine Mine areas.

Albany – 267 Stirling Terrace

For further information, www.historicalalbany.com.au/convictgaol.htm

Albany Road Party

Bilgoman Well / Greenmount

– corner Darlington Road and Great Eastern Highway, Greenmount

For further information, www.mundaring.wa.gov.au

Bunbury - Stirling Street near Arthur Street (no evidence remains); Bunbury Museum is now on this site.

Canning River

Champion Bay, Geraldton

Claisebrook

Clarence

Fremantle

Freshwater Bay Convict Hiring Depot and Well, Claremont

– 288 Stirling Highway Claremont

Geraldton – North East Corner of Chapman Road and Bayley Street

Guildford – 16 Meadow Street, Guildford

Includes Pensioner Guard Cottages

Guildford Road, Belmont

Lynton, Port Gregory – Henderson Terrace off Port Gregory Road, Yallabatharra

Mount Eliza

North Fremantle Depot – 77-83 Stirling Highway

(no evidence remains)

Perth Causeway

Perth Gaol

Point Resolution

Redhill, Toodyay – Toodyay Road, 7.3km east of Roe Highway, Red Hill

Rottnest Island

Toodyay (Newcastle) – Fiennes Street

Vasse (Busselton)

Warren Bridge Work Party

York – Brook Street



Hampton Cheeses – Found whilst realigning Great Eastern Hwy Belmont
These are being preserved by Belmont Museum
Photograph courtesy of Lorraine Clarke 2013

Records available from the State Records Office of Western Australia

Cons 129 Item 17/433 Closure of Convict Depot at Albany

Cons 129 Item 17/484 Closure of Convict Depot at Champion Bay

Cons 129 Item 17/491 Closure of Convict Depot at Busselton

Cons 129 Item 17/492 Closure of Convict Depot at Newcastle (Toodyay)

Cons 364 Item 88 Nominal list of prisoners transferred from Fremantle and Perth to Albany Road Parties

Cons 1198 Item 2019 Moore R Jennacubbine 1930 re convict depot at Linton

Cons 3846 Item 071 Avon Roll showing Avon country above Toodyay, Avon River, Convict Depot, Millaros Pool

Cons 3846 Item 117 Plan of Fremantle showing position of stone quarries, Convict Depot, Lunatic Asylum and Cemetery

Cons 3850 Item 17(c) Plan showing addition to convict depot Fremantle, November 1851

Cons 3850 Item 23(d) Geraldton Convict Depot

Cons 3850 Item 25(e) Part of Guildford showing site of Convict Depot on Meadow Street and Lots in vicinity of Swan Street, Mangles Street, Helena Street and Terrace Road

Cons 3850 Item 28(a) Newcastle townsite showing lots bounded by Henry Street, New Road, Pelham Street and Avon River, showing Convict Depot on Fiennes and Lincoln Streets

Cons 3850 Item 41 Plan showing positions of building lot R1 on Toodyay townsite and of 10 acres adjoining purchased from J Herbert as site for convict depot; also position of soldiers barracks, April 1853

Cons 6306 Item N92/021 National Trust of Australia (WA) – Lynton Hiring Depot conservation study

Cons 7245 Item 3 Comptroller General

Inspectors letter relative to Williams and Toodyay Road Party

WAS 235 Item 305 Perth 180 Plan, part of Perth showing Convict Depot under Mount Eliza by William Phelps Fieldbook 1

Convict Depot and Work Party Occurrence Books (available on microfilm)

| Acc 1156 Volume | Title | Date |
|----------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|
| OCC5 | Fremantle Prison Hospital | 15 June 1858 – 26 March 1859 |
| OCC9A | Fremantle Prison | 23 September 1872 – 3 February 1874 |
| OCC10 | " | 5 February 1874 – 11 November 1874 |
| OCC10B | (Chief Warder's Journal) | 9 January 1880 – 30 August 1881 |
| OCC11 | (Chief Warder's Journal) | 30 August 1881 – 29 April 1883 |
| OCC12 | (Chief Warder's Journal) | 4 May 1883 – 9 April 1885 |
| OCC10A | (Religious State) | 3 July 1896 – 12 July 1909 |
| OCC13; OCC19-21 | " | 1 June 1903 – 26 July 1938 |
| OCC3 | Mount Eliza Depot | 1 May 1852 – 22 April 1854 |
| OCC4 | " | 23 April 1854 – 11 September 1856 |
| OCC8 | " | 5 November 1857 – 17 February 1865 |
| OCC5 | " | 30 April 1864 – 2 May 1866 |
| OCC7 | " | 4 May 1866 – 4 March 1868 |
| OCC9 | " | 22 February 1867 – 15 May 1868 (also includes Fremantle prison Stores 6 November 1902 – 30 June 1903) |
| OCC18 | Perth Gaol | 31 March 1875 – 31 December 1878 |
| OCC26 | (Female Gaol) | 1 July 1876 – 26 April 1878 |
| OCC16 | Perth Gaol | 3 January 1879 – 31 December 1882 |
| OCC17 | (Warders Journal) | 4 August 1882 – 24 February 1883 |
| OCC27 | (Female Gaol) | 13 March 1903 – 2 December 1946 |
| OCC22-25; OCC15 | Rottneest Island Prison | 19 March 1886 – 9 December 1931 (note does not cover complete timeframe) |
| OCC2 | Toodyay Depot | 1 May 1859 – 24 May 1866 |

| Acc 1156 Volume OCC1 | Title | Date |
|----------------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| | Warren Bridge Road Party | 27 July 1866 – 11 November 1870 |

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Acc 1057 Fremantle Local Gaol Occurrence Book 1870

Fremantle Prison Receipts and Discharges (Prison, Hospital, or Depots)

| Acc 1156 Volume | Date |
|--------------------|-----------------------------------|
| R&D 1A | 18 June 1850 – 24 June 1853 |
| R&D 1 | 16 April 1855 – 18 September 1857 |
| R&D 2 | 19 September 1857 – 1 July 1859 |
| R&D 3 | 1 July 1859 – 17 December 1861 |
| R&D 4 | 1 February 1863 – 16 June 1865 |
| R&D 5 | 17 June 1865 – 16 April 1868 |
| R&D 6 | October 1871 – April 1874 |
| R&D 8 | April 1872 – January 1880 |
| R&D 7 | April 1874 – December 1879 |
| R&D 6A | February 1875 – May 1879 |
| R&D 9 | April 1875 – May 1877 |
| R&D 9A | January 1880 – December 1888 |
| R&D 9B | February 1882 – June 1884 |

Receipts and Discharges Fremantle Gaol

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|---------|------------------------------|
| R&D 10 | June 1884 – October 1886 |
| R&D 10A | April 1886 – February 1888 |
| R&D 11 | January 1889 – November 1891 |
| R&D 12 | April 1890 – May 1892 |

Nominal Returns – Admissions and Discharges Fremantle Gaol

– gives names and monthly Statistics

| | |
|--------|---------------------------|
| R&D 19 | April 1882 – January 1885 |
| R&D 20 | July 1892 – October 1893 |

Later dates are available for this series; further information can be obtained from the State Records Office of Western Australia

Fremantle Prison Superintendents Orders (available on microfilm)

| Acc1156 Volume | Title | Date |
|-------------------|------------|------------------------------------|
| SO14 | Index | 1 February 1867 – 29 February 1872 |
| SO1 | Order book | 25 August 1850 – 19 November 1852 |

| Acc1156 Volume | Title | Date |
|-------------------|---------------|--------------------------------------|
| SO2 | " | 1 April 1852 – 15 June 1853 |
| SO3 | “(with index) | 25 June 1853 – 30 December 1854 |
| SO4 | “(with index) | 1 January 1855 – 25 April 1856 |
| SO5 | “(with index) | 24 April 1856 – 11 June 1857 |
| SO6 | “(with index) | 11 June 1857 – 13 October 1858 |
| SO7 | “(with index) | 13 October 1858 – 30 March 1861 |
| SO8 | “(with index) | 1 April 1861 – 12 February 1864 |
| SO9 | “(with index) | 15 February 1864 – 1 February 1867 |
| SO10 | " | 1 February 1867 – 12 January 1869 |
| SO11 | " | 13 January 1869 – 29 February 1872 |
| SO12 | “(with index) | 1 March 1872 – 22 April 1874 |
| SO13 | " | 29 September 1855 – 28 November 1885 |

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An index to Acc1156 SO1 is available from the Western Australian Genealogical Society Convict Special Interest Group online at www.wags.org.au

STEP 8: CORRESPONDENCE

Convicts were controlled and monitored by the Government as such there is a great amount of correspondence forwarded to or sent from the Comptroller General on both individual convicts and the Convict Establishment.

Records available from the State Records Office of Western Australia

Police Department

Using Police records as a means of tracking the movements of Ticket of Leave holders and expirees can be most helpful to the researcher.

Police General Correspondence files (WAS76) or (WAS2126) contain many references to convicts and former convicts found within these registers. Many of these can be searched by simply using the State Records Office online catalogue using search terms such as Convicts Name, Convict Number.

Police Stations often record Convicts that have legally and illegally made it into their jurisdiction.

Acc 367 Item 17 - Pinjarra Police Station

Register of Ticket of Leave Holders in the Murray District 1852 – 1900

Acc 1008 Item 2 – Williams Police Station Occurrence Book 1881

Acc 1141 Item 84 – York Police Station

Alphabetical list of Ticket of Leave holders 1878 -1885

Acc 3313 Item 44 – Vasse Police Station, Convict Register

Convicts transferred from Sussex District 1862

Courthouse Records

Local courthouses often contain reports relating to convicts, particularly in relation to reconvictions and information pertaining to the movements of ticket of leave men. The types of records available vary between courthouses.

Acc 128 Item 37 – Convict Establishment correspondence index 1854-1880

Acc 252 Item 6 – Busselton Courthouse Register

Convicts employed in the Busselton district 1873 – 1881

Cons 488 - Governor of Western Australia Letterbooks (outwards correspondence)

| Cons 488 Volume | Title | Period |
|--------------------|-----------------------|-------------|
| 30 | Convict letterbook C1 | 1851 – 1853 |
| 31 | “ C2 | 1853 – 1854 |
| 32 | “ C3 | 1854 – 1858 |
| 33 | “ C4 | 1858 – 1865 |
| 34 | “ C5 | 1865 - 1868 |

*Indexes to Letterbooks C1 – C3 are available to download from the
State Records Office*

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

*Indexes to Letterbooks C4 and C5 are available in the Search Room of the
State Records Office*

These index contains the names of many convicts.

Acc 1914 – Geraldton Courthouse

Register – Tickets of Leave 1872 - 1886

Acc 3301 Item 5 – Perth Police Court – District Transfers 1865, 1882-1885

Colonial Secretary's Office (CSO)

The CSO was the administrative office for the Colony; the Colonial Secretary was responsible for conducting the business of the Governor with the Government Departments as well as with the Colonists.

The CSO was responsible for many of functions including customs, post offices, shipping, harbours, prisons, and Aborigines.

The Colonial Secretary's Office was the office in this colony which dealt directly with England regarding matters concerning the colony. Some of these records may be cross referenced with the AJCP Colonial Office Returns.

Archive Note 24 is the index and summary for the CSO records which are in three sequences covering records from 1829 through to 1923. They have many convict and Convict Establishment entries and may provide that final link in the chain of events being researched.

Below is a list of volumes within the Series that maybe of interest to the researcher (available on microfilm)

| Acc 36 | Folios within Volume (if not complete volume) | Title | Date |
|---------------|--|--|---------------------------|
| Volume 201 | | Comptroller General of convicts; describes the Convict Establishment, plans for employment and includes regulations for holders of Ticket of Leave | 4 June – 30 December 1850 |
| 214 | | Comptroller General | 1 January – 30 April 1851 |
| 215 | | “ | 1 May – 31 July 1851 |
| 216 | | “ | 1 July – 30 December 1851 |

| Acc 36 | Folios within Volume (if not complete volume) | Title | Date |
|---------------|--|--|---------------------------------------|
| 217 | Folios 109 – 182 | Gaols | 28 January – 28 December 1851 |
| 234 | | Comptroller General | 2 January – 31 March 1852 |
| 235 | | " | 1 April – 31 May 1852 |
| 236 | | " | 1 June – 31 July 1852 |
| 237 | | " | 1 August – 30 September 1852 |
| 238 | | " | 1 October – 31 December 1852 |
| 240 | Folios 1 – 20 | Convicts | 28 April – 31 December 1852 |
| 241 | | Convict Finance Board | 2 January – 6 April 1852 |
| 257 | Folios 43 – 244 | Comptroller General | 1 January – 28 May 1853 |
| 258 | | " | 1 February – 31 March 1853 |
| 259 | | " | 1 April – 30 June 1853 |
| 260 | | " | 2 July – 30 July 1853 |
| 261 | | " | 1 August – 31 August 1853 |
| 262 | | " | 2 September – 30 September 1853 |
| 263 | | " | 1 October – 31 October 1853 |
| 264 | | " | 27 October – 30 November 1853 |
| 265 | | " | 1 December – 30 December 1853 |
| 268 | Folios 1 - 108 | Convicts | 6 January 1852 – 14 December 1853 |
| 269 | Folios 230 – 268 | Convicts – application for payment of wife's passage | December 1853 |
| 286 | | Comptroller General | 27 December 1853 – 30 January 1854 |
| 287 | | " | 26 January – 31 March 1854 |
| 288 | | " | 4 April – 16 May 1854 |
| 289 | | " | 1 May – 22 June 1854 |
| 290 | | " | 3 July – 31 July 1854 |
| 291 | | " | 1 August – 31 August 1854 |
| 292 | | " | 1 September – 29 September 1854 |
| 294 | | " | 3 October – 31 October 1854 |
| 296 | | " | 1 November – 30 November 1854 |
| 297 | | " | 1 December – 30 December 1854 |
| 298 | Folios 1 -18 | " | 22 June – 30 June 1854 |
| 299 | Folios 76 – 88 | Convicts | 24 March – 19 October 1854 |
| 300 | Folios 1 - 51 | Board – Convict diet | 1 December 1851 – 23 January 1854 |
| 318 | Folios 7 – 9; 14 – 15 | Comptroller General | 19 June – 3 November 1855 |
| 320 | | " | 29 December – 10 May 1855 |
| 321 | | " | 2 March – 3 April 1855 |
| 322 | | " | 1 May – 29 June 1855 |
| 323 | | " | 1 July – 14 August 1855 |
| 324 | | " | 16 August – 30 September 1855 |
| 325 | | " | 1 October – 14 November 1855 |
| 326 | | " | 15 November – 31 December 1855 |
| 335 | Folios 98 – 101 | Police; includes amendments to the Regulations for holders of Tickets of Leave | 2 January 1854 – 26 December 1855 |

| Acc 36 | Folios within Volume (if not complete volume) | Title | Date |
|--------|--|--|--|
| 348 | Folios 219 – 470 | Comptroller Generals Office | 3 January – 3 December 1856 |
| 349 | | Comptroller General | 23 June 1855 – 29 February 1856 |
| 350 | | " | 1 March – 30 April 1856 |
| 351 | | " | 3 May – 30 June 1856 |
| 352 | | " | 7 July – 9 September 1856 |
| 353 | | " | 12 September 28 October 1856 |
| 354 | | " | 1 November – 31 December 1856 |
| 358 | Folios 35 – 55 | Gaols – Port Gregory, convicts | August – 15 October 1856 |
| 359 | Folios 6 – 88 | Comptroller General – General Duties | 3 January – 27 December 1856 |
| 374 | | Comptroller General | 13 December 1856 – 27 February 1857 |
| 375 | | " | 25 February – 30 April 1857 |
| 376 | | " | 1 May – 30 June 1857 |
| 377 | | " | 1 July – 31 August 1857 |
| 378 | | " | 1 September – 31 October 1857 |
| 379 | | " | 2 November – 31 December 1857 |
| 397 | | " | 2 January – 27 February 1858 |
| 398 | | " | 1 March – 30 March 1858 |
| 399 | | " | 1 April – 31 May 1858 |
| 400 | | " | 28 May – 30 June 1858 |
| 401 | | " | 1 July – 31 July 1858 |
| 402 | | " | 28 July – 31 August 1858 |
| 403 | | " | 1 September – 6 October 1858 |
| 404 | | " | 1 October – 15 November 1858 |
| 405 | | " | 16 November – 31 December 1858 |
| 420 | | " | 30 December 1858 – 29 January 1859 |
| 421 | | " | 1 February – 31 March 1859 |
| 422 | | " | 31 March – 25 April 1859 |
| 423 | | " | 30 April – 31 May 1859 |
| 424 | | " | 1 June – 30 June 1859 |
| 425 | | " | 1 July – 30 July 1859 |
| 426 | | " | 17 August – 23 August 1859 |
| 427 | | " | 23 August – 30 September 1859 |
| 428 | | " | 30 September – 11 November 1859 |
| 429 | | " | 14 November – 31 December 1859 |
| 446 | | " | 2 January – 15 March 1860 |
| 447 | | " | 16 March – 30 May 1860 |
| 448 | | " | 2 June – 31 August 1860 |
| 449 | | " | 1 September – 31 December 1860 |
| 471 | | " | 2 January – 30 April 1861 |
| 473 | | " | 2 September – 30 December 1861 |
| 512 | Folios 54 – 64 | Comptroller General – Pensioner Guards | 11 June – 8 July 1856 |
| 512 | Folios 85 – 86 | Comptroller General – Return of expenses incurred | January 1856 |

| Acc 36 | Folios within Volume (if not complete volume) | Title | Date |
|--------|--|---------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| 512 | Folio 98 | Convicts – Convict ship charter party | 6 September 1862 |
| 516 | Folios 51 – 139 | Comptroller General | 26 January – 20 December 1863 |
| 550 | Folios 134 – 222 | “ | 2 January – 23 December 1865 |
| 567 | Supplementary Folios 1 – 35 | Convicts | 5 July 1850 – 22 October 1857 |
| 568 | Supplementary Folios 1 – 68 | Comptroller General | 7 January 1864 – 30 January 1865 |
| 571 | Folios 158 - 202 | “ | 1 January – 3 October 1866 |
| 590 | Folios 31 – 44 | “ | 15 January – 27 June 1867 |
| 612 | Folio 1 | “ | 24 August 1868 |
| 658 | Folios 64 – 77 | “ | 26 February – 20 December 1870 |
| 764 | Folios 25 – 33 | “ | 9 February – 25 September 1874 |
| 821 | Folios 24 – 87 | “ | 3 January – 28 November 1876 |
| 854 | Folios 155 – 182 | “ | 5 February – 6 September 1877 |

Please note: This is a suggested reading list; it may be possible to find information about Convicts in other Volumes

Comptroller General Records

The Comptroller General was the head of the Convict Establishment, his office was established in 1850, the time of the arrival of the first convicts, and ceased in 1872. There were four Comptroller Generals during this period, Edmund Henderson; William Newland; George Hampton; Henry Wakeford each of these individuals managed the Convict Establishment in very different ways. Their correspondence gives the researcher a wealth of information both on individual convicts as well as the system that controlled them.

Correspondence from the Comptroller General unless otherwise stated (available on microfilm)

| Acc 1156 Volume | Title | Date |
|--------------------|---|--|
| C70 | Index to Comptroller Generals correspondence | 1860 - 1871 |
| C1 | Outward letters | 29 April 1853 – 1 April 1854 |
| C34 | Correspondence | 27 August 1853 – 12 April 1856 |
| C38 | “ | 14 April 1856 – 1 September 1859 |
| C28 | “ | 1 June 1864 – 25 September 1866 |
| C36 | Outward letters | 20 March 1862 – 20 November 1862 8 October 1866 – 23 March 1867 |
| C33 | Correspondence | 24 November 1869 – 5 April 1871 |
| C54 | “ | 28 April 1871 – 23 December 1872 |
| C11 | To various officials | 24 January 1853 – 31 December 1859 |
| C24 | Correspondence | 2 September 1859 – 19 March 1863 |
| C37 | “ | 1 June 1864 – 17 November 1865 |
| C15 | “ | 2 October 1861 – 10 May 1864 |
| | “ | 23 March 1867 – 10 August 1867 |
| C16 | “ | 5 March 1868 – 24 September 1868 |
| C2 | “ | 2 June 1866 – 24 February 1867 |
| C3 | “ | 27 February 1867 – 25 January 1868 |

Correspondence from the Comptroller General unless otherwise stated (available on microfilm)

| Acc 1156 Volume | Title | Date |
|----------------------------|--|--|
| C41 | Correspondence | 10 March 1870 – 6 January 1871 |
| C42 | " | 16 March 1872 – 27 November 1873 |
| C43 | " | 27 November 1872 – 1 November 1875 |
| C44 | " | 23 November 1874 – 30 June 1881 |
| C45 | " | 19 October 1876 – 5 February 1883 |
| C60 | " | 17 May 1877 – 6 August 1879 |
| C56 – C59 | " | 5 September 1904 – 31 December 1909 |
| C4 | Superintendent of Fremantle prison to Comptroller General | 11 May 1854 – 31 May 1855 |
| C5 | Correspondence | 31 May 1855 – 9 December 1857 |
| C6 | " | 9 December 1857 – 15 November 1859 |
| C7 | " | 15 November 1859 – 30 September 1861 |
| C8 | Correspondence (including convict questionnaire) | 3 October 1861 – 9 July 1865 |
| C9 | Clerk of Works letterbook | 17 November 1871 – 30 June 1874 |
| C10 | To Superintendents | 19 April 1855 – 14 October 1856 |
| C27 | Correspondence | 14 October 1856 – 28 September 1861 |
| C26 | To Superintendent of Fremantle prison | 14 April 1856 – 20 November 1859 |
| C35 | To Superintendents of depots | 5 April 1854 – 18 April 1855 |
| C12 | To Resident Magistrates | 24 November 1859 – 1 June 1864 |
| C13 | Sheriff to Colonial Secretary and other officials | 8 March 1856 – 8 September 1863 |
| C14 | Correspondence | 4 November 1863 – 9 October 1873 |
| C17 | Comptroller General's Despatch book | 5 January 1858 – 27 July 1863 |
| C18 | Governor's Order book | 27 February 1852 – 16 October 1854 |
| C19 | To Colonial Secretary | 25 January 1850 – 24 November 1851 |
| C20 | Correspondence | 2 May 1853 – 31 December 1853 |
| C21 | " | 6 October 1854 – 24 November 1855 |
| C22 | " | 1 January 1857 – 3 November 1857 |
| C23 | " | 1 April 1859 – 31 May 1860; November 1861 |
| C25 | Clerk of Works letterbook | 1 July 1874 – 30 January 1879 |
| C29 | To Deputy Assistant Commissary General | 5 April 1854 – 19 June 1858 |
| C30 | Register of letters received | 1 September 1853 – 31 July 1854 |
| C40 | Correspondence | 1 January 1856 – 30 June 1858 |
| C31 | To Surgeon | 18 January 1860 – 17 August 1868 |
| C32 | Superintendent Fremantle prison to Comptroller General | 17 July 1865 – 17 June 1869 |
| C32A | | 26 June 1869 – 27 August 1886 |
| C39 | Officer in charge Mt Eliza Depot outward letterbook | 4 May 1854 – 2 March 1860 |
| C46 | Perth Prison Gaoler letter book | 10 May 1875 – 16 October 1883 |
| C47 | Despatch book | 27 July 1863 – 12 October 1894 |
| C48 | Register of correspondence numbers 4366-6299 (index in C70) | 1864-1886 |
| C49 | "6302-7399 | 1865-1866 |

Correspondence from the Comptroller General unless otherwise stated (available on microfilm)

| Acc 1156 Volume | Title | Date |
|----------------------------|---|----------------------------------|
| C50 | "7340-8772 | 1866-1885 |
| C51 | Register of correspondence numbers 10156-11406 | 1868-1882 |
| C52 | "11407-13034 | 1869-1894 |
| C53 | "13035-13895 | 1871-1902 |
| C55 | Rules for guidance of officers | |
| C64 | Surgeon inward and outward correspondence | 21 February 1854 – 31 March 1857 |

Fremantle Prison Correspondence and Registers (may contain reconvicted Convicts) (available on microfilm)

| Acc 1156 Volume | Title | Date |
|----------------------------|---|---|
| F1 | Register of correspondence | 1883 - 1902 |
| F2A | Prison registers | 1870 - 1877 |
| F2 | Correspondence | 1874 - 1902 |
| F3 | " | 1876 - 1883 |
| F2B | " | 1877 - 1887 |
| F4 | " | 1883 - 1888 |
| F5 | Prison registers | October 1888 - May 1891 |
| F6 | Correspondence | May 1891 – December 1893 |
| F27A | " | 2 January 1889 – 31 December 1896 |
| F28 | " | 27 December 1893 – 30 November 1895 Prisoner Numbers 1144-1600 |
| F29 | " | 1895 – 1895 Prisoner Numbers 1701 - 2107 |
| F30 | " | 1898 – 1907 Prisoner Numbers 1 - 570 |
| F9 | Ration returns | 1 March 1879 – 25 December 1886 |
| F11 | Index to correspondence | 1882 onwards |
| F14 | Miscellaneous index | |
| F15 | Superintendents letterbook | 2 July 1885 – 30 October 1889 |
| F26 | Comptroller General of prisons letterbook | 24 April 1882 – 4 May 1892 |
| F30A | Work carried out within Fremantle prison materials issued | 1 December 1862 – 28 May 1869 1 April 1897 – 25 April 1900 |

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Convict Finance Board (available on microfilm)

| Acc 1156 Volume | Title | Date |
|--------------------|----------------|------------------------------------|
| FB1 | Minute book | 5 May 1851 – 16 December 1854 |
| FB2 | " | 5 May 1851 – 6 May 1859 |
| FB3 | " | 11 January 1855 – 2 April 1872 |
| FB4 | Correspondence | 2 February 1852 – 18 December 1856 |

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Fremantle Prison Records (available on microfilm)

| Acc 1156 Volume | Title | Date |
|--------------------|---------------------------------|---|
| FP132 | Letter book Comptroller General | 15 September 1862 – 25 September 1865; also includes 17 July 1942 and 19 September 1944 |

Later dates for the Fremantle Prison are available

General Duties (available on microfilm)

| Acc 1156 Volume | Title | Date |
|--------------------|-------------------------|------------------------------------|
| GD1 | Memo numbers 192A – 496 | 7 January 1853 – 3 January 1854 |
| GD2 | 542 – 1647 | 5 April 1854 – 23 March 1859 |
| GD3 | 2252 – 2950 | 3 July 1862 – 28 June 1865 |
| GD4 | 2951 – 3622 | 1 July 1865 – 10 July 1867 |
| GD5 | 3623 – 4424 | 10 July 1867 – 29 January 1870 |
| GD7 | 2560 – 5510 | 10 November 1863 – 10 October 1877 |

Contains information on the General Duties of the Assistant Commissary General – approvals of Governor in relation to staff and payments for positions

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Stamp Books (available on microfilm)

Listing of all letters sent to the Colonial Secretary and the cost of stamps

| Acc 1156 Volume | Title | Date |
|--------------------|-------------|-------------------------------------|
| S1 | Stamp books | 29 April 1857 – 30 December 1859 |
| S2 | " | 2 January 1860 – 25 September 1861 |
| S3 | " | 26 September 1861 – 30 June 1864 |
| S4 | " | 15 January 1866 – 28 September 1883 |
| S5 | " | 17 April 1868 – 31 December 1870 |
| S6 | " | 4 July 1902 – 1 September 1903 |

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Miscellaneous Volumes (available on microfilm)

| Acc 1156 Volume | Title | Date |
|--------------------|---|---|
| V1 | Miscellaneous expenditure | 31 July 1865 – 1 July 1869 |
| V2 | Comptroller Generals order book | 1 January 1878 – 3 June 1882 |
| V3 | Claims against the Imperial Government | 30 June 1886 – December 1902 |
| V4 | Claims against Colonial Government Convict earnings day book Returns of deceased men | 30 June 1870 – March 1886 1 July 1868 – 9 February 1882 June quarter 1868 – June quarter 1872 |
| V5 | Salary abstract book | 1 September 1869 – 4 April 1872 |
| V6 | Register of Officers' misconduct | 9 July 1850 – 8 March 1862 |
| V7 | Officers' appointments and salary increases | 1850 – 1870 |
| V8 | Index to registers C and D; it is unclear which register this index is referenced; the index refers to Royal Sappers and Miners, Royal Engineers, Assistant, night and probation warders | 1854 onwards |
| V35 | Convict store accounts | March 1854 – March 1860 |
| V9 | " | 2 April 1860 – 27 April 1865 |
| V23A | " | 29 January 1868 – 29 June 1870 |
| V36 | " | April 1875 – March 1877 |
| V22 | " | 4 April 1877 – 11 April 1882 |
| V10 | Superintendent's register of prisoners | 1867 – 1877 |
| V11 | Ticket of Leave memorandum book | 24 April 1872 – 21 January 1877 |
| V12 | Clothing issued to discharged prisoners; | 5 July 1875 – 29 March 1933 |
| V23A | ships and convict register numbers Clothing issued to discharged prisoners | 1 June 1850 – 10 January 1868 30 September 1870 – 30 September 1871 |
| V13 | Comptroller General's half yearly reports | 1 January 1851 – 31 December 1853 |
| V14 | Prisoners property book | 11 February 1861 – 11 July 1865 |
| V15 | Comptroller General's memorandum book | 11 August 1876 – 3 March 1886 |
| V16 | Local prisoners' register | 27 May 1858 – 18 August 1868 |
| V16A | List of colonial lunatics | 31 July 1858 – 31 May 1864 |
| V16B – D | Local prisoners' register | August 1868 – December 1870 |
| V17 | " | 7 September 1897 – 1 December 1924 |
| V23A | Index to local prisoner registers | 1858 – 1868 |
| V18 | List of prisoners at Hamel | 11 October 1902 – 7 August 1905 10 October 1902 – 1 August 1905 |
| V19 | Convicts at Fremantle and outstations Superintendent of Perth Gaol – Memorandum and letter book | October 1871 – May 1875 10 May 1875 – 147 October 1883 |
| V20 | Comptroller General Memorandum book – recording releases of prisoners on conditional pardon | 11 August 1876 – 3 March 1886 |

| Acc 1156 Volume | Title | Date |
|--------------------|--|---|
| V21 | Authorities for Prisoners' Release | 31 August 1882 – 12 April 1886 |
| V23 | Record of Court Cases | 3 July 1861 – 6 October 1914 |
| V23A | Sick reports, Requisitions by Commissariat | 19 August 1919 – 10 September 1919 4 June 1860 – 17 November 1865 |
| V24 | Various Returns connected to Ticket of Leave Holders and Lockups Death Registered Diary of Sheriff's Bailiff Gaol Department estimates and salaries | 1890 – 1897 1885 – 1900; 19 June 1882 – 11 February 1885; 1893 - 1894 |
| V25 | Comptroller generals' office attendance book | 2 October 1905 – 7 September 1907 |
| V27 | Register of outgoing Accounts | July 1904 – July 1907 |
| V28-V34 | Accounts | February 1888 – June 1918 (note not all dates available) |
| V37 | Salary Payments to Depots | July 1896 – December 1902 |
| V38 | Staff salaries | 1 January 1889 – 30 June 1903 |
| V39-V40 | Fremantle and Rottnest Prison Pay Sheets | 31 March 1907 – 29 February 1916 |
| V41 | Salaries – accounts forwarded | 29 October 1901 – 7 June 1904 |
| V42 | Creditors' claims | 1 December 1909 – 6 July 1912 |
| V43 | Vouchers Forwarded to Audit Department | June 1902 -1904 |
| V44 | Various information on Accounts | 1904 – 1913 |
| V44A | Stationary requisitions | 24 June 1870 – 8 May 1878 |
| V45 | | 23 August 1877 – 20 November 1889 |
| V46 - 50 | Prisoners private cash | 29 October 1881 – 30 June 1913 (V47 - includes food rations 1 April 1944 – 11 April 1944) |

*The State Records Office and Ancestry have been working together on
an index and digital images are available from
Ancestry www.ancestry.com.au*

*An Index to Acc1156 V1, V2, V12 and V16 is available from the
Western Australian Genealogical Society
Convict Special Interest Group
www.wags.org.au*

Records available from the State Library of Western Australia

Convict Establishment Records

Convict Discipline and Transportation – Further Correspondence on the subject of Convict Discipline and Transportation – Q 343.2 COL (microfilm)

These books are the Comptroller General's Correspondence relating to the Convict Establishment published in the British Parliamentary Papers. The information here is similar to that contained in the Quarterly and Half Yearly Returns on Colonial Office records of the AJCP microfilms and further correspondence on convict discipline and transportation. There are eight printed volumes in the Rare Book Collection and these cover:

- Vol. 1-3** **1810-1846** prior to the Western Australian convict era and deals mainly with Tasmania and New South Wales.
- Vol. 4** **1849-1850** covers Western Australia, New South Wales, Van Diemen's Land, New Zealand, Bermuda and Gibraltar.
- Vol. 5** **1851-1852** covers Western Australia, New South Wales, and Van Diemen's Land.
- Vol. 6** **1852-1855** covers Western Australia, New South Wales, Van Diemen's Land, Victoria, South Australia and New Zealand.
- Vol. 7** **1855-1857** covers Western Australia, New South Wales, Van Diemen's Land, Victoria, and South Australia, which includes a plan of Fremantle Prison.
- Vol. 8** **1859-1865** covers Western Australia, New South Wales, Tasmania and South Australia.

Details of deaths; convict applications to bring families from Britain; permission to marry in the colony (some naming the other party). The volumes contain their own indexes under subject throughout the volumes not just in the front or back of each volume.

MEMORANDUM, showing Ticket-of-leave Holders received into the Establishment Hospital during the half-year ending December 31, 1853.

Appendix "A."

| Reg. | Name. | Date of Receipt. | Remarks. |
|-------|--------------------|----------------------|----------------------------|
| 60 | Jno. Wilson - - - | Aug. 14, 1853 | Died Aug. 24, 1853. |
| ,840 | Geo. Pringle - - - | Aug. 24, 1853 | Died Aug. 24, 1853. |
| 17 | Geo. Postins - - - | Aug. 30, 1853 | Discharged Sept. 6, 1853. |
| 1,816 | Jas. Manning - - - | Sept. 8, 1853 | Discharged Sept. 15, 1853. |
| 1,037 | P. Hendry - - - | Oct. 17, 1853 | Discharged Oct. 22, 1853. |
| 182 | Jno. Foley - - - | Nov. 6, 1853 | Discharged Dec. 19, 1853. |
| 1,761 | J. Phillips - - - | Nov. 14, 1853 | Discharged Nov. 24, 1853. |
| 669 | J. Phillips - - - | Dec. 1, 1853 | Discharged Dec. 6, 1853. |
| 1,286 | Jno. Douglas - - - | Dec. 23, 1853 | Discharged Dec. 29, 1853. |
| 1,895 | J. Wilson - - - | Dec. 29, 1853 | |
| 1,732 | T. Smith - - - | Dec. 29, 1853 | |
| 1,999 | E. Smith - - - | Previously reported. | Died July 5, 1853. |
| 888 | E. Badcock - - - | | Discharged July 12, 1853. |
| 20 | M. Porteous - - - | | Discharged Aug. 4, 1853. |
| 15 | J. Sweeny - - - | | Died Oct. 24, 1853. |

THOMAS H. DIXON, Superintendent.

Fig 5. Convict Discipline and Transportation – Further Correspondence on the subject of Convict Discipline and Transportation; pg 177 February 1855

*These volumes have been digitised and are available for download from the
State Library of Western Australia
www.slwa.wa.gov.au/find/guides/family_history/heritage_online/crime_and_punishment*

STEP 9: MEDICAL RECORDS

Convict's health as well as welfare was handled by the Convict Establishment, records of a convict's time in the Fremantle Prison Hospital, whether for a day or longer period can provide the researcher a rare insight into the physical condition of the convict and the colony.

Records available from the State Records Office of Western Australia

Registers for Patients (Day) through Fremantle Prison Hospital

| Acc 1156 Volume | Title | Date |
|----------------------------|---------------------------|--|
| CS18A | Index to casual sick | 1 July 1858 onwards |
| CS1 | Registers for casual sick | 2 July 1850 – 30 July 1851 |
| CS2 | " | 16 January 1856 - 27 November 1856 |
| CS3 | " | 17 April 1856 – 16 November 1857 (includes changes to regimen 1858-1877) |
| CS4 | " | 1 July 1857 – 28 January 1858 |
| CS5 | " | 1 January 1858 – 25 August 1859 |
| CS6 | " | 29 January 1858 – 30 December 1858 |
| CS9 | " | 7 October 1859 – 15 March 1860 (some pages missing) |
| CS7 | " | 20 January 1861 – 22 November 1861 |
| CS8 | " | 23 November 1861 – 7 July 1862 |
| CS10 | " | 8 July 1862 – 12 April 1863 |
| CS11 | " | 10 December 1863 – 12 September 1864 |
| CS12 | " | 13 September 1864 – 14 October 1865 |
| CS13 | " | 15 October 1865 – 12 July 1866 |
| CS14 | " | 21 February 1867 – 26 October 1867 |
| CS15 | " | 3 June 1870 – 7 December 1870 |
| CS16 | " | 30 August 1871 – 22 June 1872 |
| CS16A | " | 9 April 1873 – 10 November 1873 |
| CS17 | " | 1 June 1874 – 3 March 1875 |
| CS18 | " | 14 October 1875 – 15 November 1876 |

CS19 – CS25 contain registers from 22 January 1889 – 1 December 1905

The State Records Office and Ancestry have been working together on an index and digital images are available from Ancestry www.ancestry.com.au

Fremantle Prison Hospital Medical Registers

| Acc 1156 Volume | Title | Date |
|----------------------------|---|--|
| M1 | Hospital occurrences medical comforts received and issued | 29 January 1855 – 27 May 1856 13 February 1857 – 30 November 1862 |
| M2 | Hospital occurrences | 1 July 1857 – 14 June 1858 |
| M18 | Medical register by patient | 1 December 1853 – 27 July 1854 |
| M13 | " | 1 August 1854 – 3 December 1854 |
| M3 | " | 1 January 1855 – June 1856 |
| M4 | " | 20 May 1857 – 6 February 1863 |

| Acc 1156 Volume | Title | Date |
|--------------------|---|-------------------------------------|
| M5 | Medical register by patient | 2 April 1857 – 17 October 1872 |
| M6 | " | 25 December 1857 – 31 May 1858 |
| M17 | " | 8 December 1858 – 14 July 1859 |
| M7 | " | 31 May 1863 – 30 October 1864 |
| M8 | " | 8 January 1867 – 17 November 1867 |
| M9 | " | 14 September 1870 – 18 April 1874 |
| M9A | " | 13 May 1874 – 9 December 1881 |
| M10 | Issues of medicines and supplies | 4 April 1858 – April 1865 |
| M11 | Medical register by patient | May 1862 – June 1867 |
| M12 | Surgeon's letterbooks | 9 February 1864 – 17 January 1867 |
| M14 | Daily medical journal | 1 May 1854 – 16 April 1856 |
| M16 | Medical register by patient | 28 November 1856 – 30 June 1857 |
| M19 | " | 26 August 1861 – 23 April 1864 |
| M15 | " | 14 December 1864 – 26 November 1865 |
| M19A | " | 16 March 1869 – 20 April 1870 |
| M20 | " | 21 April 1870 – 25 August 1871 |
| M21 | " | 4 December 1876 – 21 October 1871 |
| M21A | " | 22 October 1879 – 13 October 1880 |
| M22 | " | 10 May 1883 – 21 April 1884 |
| M23 | " | 22 April 1884 – 15 November 1887 |
| M24 – M28 | Daily medical journals | 16 November 1887 – 16 March 1907 |
| M28A and M29 | Medical diary, prescriptions and comforts | 7 September 1887 - 25 October 1932 |
| M30 – M31 | Hospital diet | 1867 – 9 April 1873 |
| M32 | register of admissions and discharges | 16 November 1857 – 21 October 1886 |
| M33 | Hospital reports and occurrences | 17 January 1885 – 28 June 1886 |
| M34 | Prescriptions for prison staff and families | 20 March 1868 – 14 June 1868 |

The State Records Office and Ancestry have been working together on an index and digital images are available from Ancestry www.ancestry.com.au

STEP 10: CONVICT FAMILIES

Records available from the State Records Office of Western Australia

Acc 41 – Colonial Office Despatches – see Step 6 Ticket of Leave registers, conditional pardons, certificates of freedom

Acc 115 – Fremantle Arrivals

This source contains records for arrivals to the colony and in particular those listed as convict families, in most cases found at the end of the normal shipping list.

Acc 101 - York Census

This is the 1859 Census of York and contains convicts and their families. Many of the ticket of leave men are listed as workers etc. This film gives place of birth; unfortunately, it also gives "England" in some cases and not a County, which would be more helpful to the researcher.

Records available from the State Library of Western Australia

AJCP – Part 2 - Colonial Office Records

| | | |
|-----------|------------------------------|--|
| CO18/69 | Reel 455-6 p.439 etc. | Permission to Marry for some convicts and Payment of Passage Money, Half Yearly Returns June 1853. |
| CO18/104 | Reel 763-4 | Part of the 1858 Returns and Applications for wives and families. |
| CO18/144 | Reel 1646-7 p.245 etc. p.328 | Applications for convict families to come to WA showing relationship, age, home address, nominator, name, address plus applications to nominate immigrants. |
| CO386/154 | Reel 987 | Register of applications for passages to the colonies for convicts' families 1848-1873; sorted by application number, gives convict name, ship name, names of family including address, cost of journey, ship in which they arrived (or intended to arrive on) in Western Australia. |

AJCP – Part 4 - War Office Records

| | | |
|------|--------------|---|
| WO17 | Reel 907-912 | 1837-1865 Office of the Commander in Chief: Monthly Returns to the Adjunct General |
|------|--------------|---|

Permission to Marry

Convicts sought permission to marry, records for this can be found within Convict Discipline and Transportation (for more information see Step 8 - Correspondence); Acc1156 C series (for more information see Step 8 - Correspondence)

212 FURTHER CORRESPONDENCE ON THE SUBJECT

No. 13 a.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

RETURN showing the Number of Ticket-of-Leave Holders who have been allowed to marry during the Half Year ending 30th June 1852.

| Register Number. | Name. | Ship. |
|------------------|-----------------------------|-------------|
| 11 | Thomas Trott - - - | "Scindian." |
| 64 | John Rasin - - - | Do. |
| 39 | George Barker - - - | Do. |
| 706 | George Smith - - - | "Minden." |
| 692 | William Tozer - - - | Do. |
| 473 | Augustus Schmidt - - - | "Pyrences." |
| 465 | William Drabble - - - | Do. |
| 480 | Joseph Freeman - - - | Do. |
| 200 | James Powell - - - | "Mermaid." |
| 1,124 | William Henry Whitfield - - | "Marion." |

E. Y. W. HENDERSON, Comptroller-General.

Fig 6. Convict Discipline and Transportation – Further Correspondence on the subject of Convict Discipline and Transportation; pg 212 December 13, 1852

STEP 11: ABSCONDERS, ESCAPEES, RECONVICTIONS

Convicts were known to reoffend; many of these offences were minor. However other crimes resulted in a Criminal Trial and if convicted they became a Colonial Prisoner.

Records available from the State Records Office of Western Australia

Police records are a good source of information when following the movements of a convict. The general correspondence files may include returns on convicts at a particular station and also report on matters relating to convicts such as absconding or escapes. (See Step 8 for further information)

Many of the minor offences were recorded within the Convict Register documents Acc1156R Volumes 1 – 33 (See Step 5 Convict Registers), however for those Offences where the Courts deemed it necessary to issue a new Colonial Convict Number these records can be found within the following registers

Cons 129 Item 6/24 - Report by York Police on Escaped Convicts, 23/3/1864

Many of the files in Series 2126 contain police reports on convict escapees and other matters dealing with convicts.

Acc 128 Item 34 - Abstract of criminal record book for Western Australia of convicts reconvicted in the colony and the expenses of such reconvictions 1851-1855

Cons 419 Item 35 - Letter book Fremantle Police Station - also contains: Warrants issued for absconders, 10/10/1868 - 27/9/1887

Acc 1156 F02B – Prisoner (local and colonial and reconvictions with dates of expiry of sentence)

The State Records Office and Ancestry have been working together on an index and digital images are available from Ancestry www.ancestry.com.au

Acc 1156 R10

Deals with reconvictions of convicts and some will be fortunate enough to find not only reconviction record but also a photograph of the convict. Information on this record will also state next of kin, naming the marriage partner and children plus sometimes a previous marriage and children in England.

The State Records Office and Ancestry have been working together on an index and digital images are available from Ancestry www.ancestry.com.au

Acc 1156 R23 – General Register for Convict Numbers 3844 – 10049; 10243 - 10454

The State Records Office and Ancestry have been working together on an index and digital images are available from Ancestry www.ancestry.com.au

Cons 3422/1 – Criminal Indictment Registers October 1830 – May 1887

Cons 3422/2 – Criminal Indictment Registers April 1887 – April 1907

These Cons contain Colonial convictions in the colony from the period before transportation through to the twentieth century. In many instances the record contains the convict's original number even though the convict may be an expirée at the time of the reconviction. (Women also feature on these records for crimes committed in the colony). For example, when the first Ticket of Leave man in the colony was reconvicted many years later for a serious crime, his original convict number was shown.

Cons 3638 – Correspondence Concerning Convicts

Letters from the Comptroller General to the Chief Justice in reference to those men who are appearing in upcoming trials.

The information includes previous convictions, his current status i.e. expirée, ticket of leave holder.

Cons 3651 – Returns of Persons committed for trial

The returns were sent to the court from either the Comptroller of convicts or the Perth Gaol

Cons 4173 – Register of Prisoners - Fremantle Prison

Cons 4286 – Photographs – Fremantle Prison

Records available from the State Library of Western Australia

Comptroller General of Convicts PR14583

Return of convicts who have escaped from the colony and whose has absconding has been notified to this office between the 1st June, 1850, and the 31st of March, 1859. –

List of twenty five convicts: -

| | |
|------------------|-----------------|
| John Mansfield | Convict No 1109 |
| John Egan | Convict No 680 |
| John Paterson | Convict No 946 |
| John Williams | Convict No 1066 |
| James Hall | Convict No 1702 |
| Thomas Stubbs | Convict No 21 |
| James Dutton | Convict No 539 |
| George Senior | Convict No 1503 |
| John Crossan | Convict No 2863 |
| John Bell | Convict No 3054 |
| Richard Hooper | Convict No 1393 |
| Joseph Ormsby | Convict No 1625 |
| Charles Lows | Convict No 1922 |
| William McDonald | Convict No 193 |
| John Rose | Convict No 2692 |
| David Ralph | Convict No 2929 |
| Peter Kennedy | Convict No 2564 |
| James Brown | Convict No 3127 |
| James Baxter | Convict No 32 |
| George Newton | Convict No 1300 |

| | |
|-------------------|-----------------|
| Michael Drury | Convict No 376 |
| William McFarland | Convict No 3370 |
| William Marney | Convict No 1095 |
| Michael Kelshaw | Convict No 1564 |
| George Rouse | Convict No 1469 |

Convict Department – PR10587

List of eighty three convicts who are supposed to have escaped from the Colony published 1880 – Gives number, name, description

Digital copy available for download

http://www.slwa.wa.gov.au/find/guides/family_history/heritage_online/crime_and_punishment

Police Gazettes also include reports on Absconders or Escapees (see Step 6 for further information)

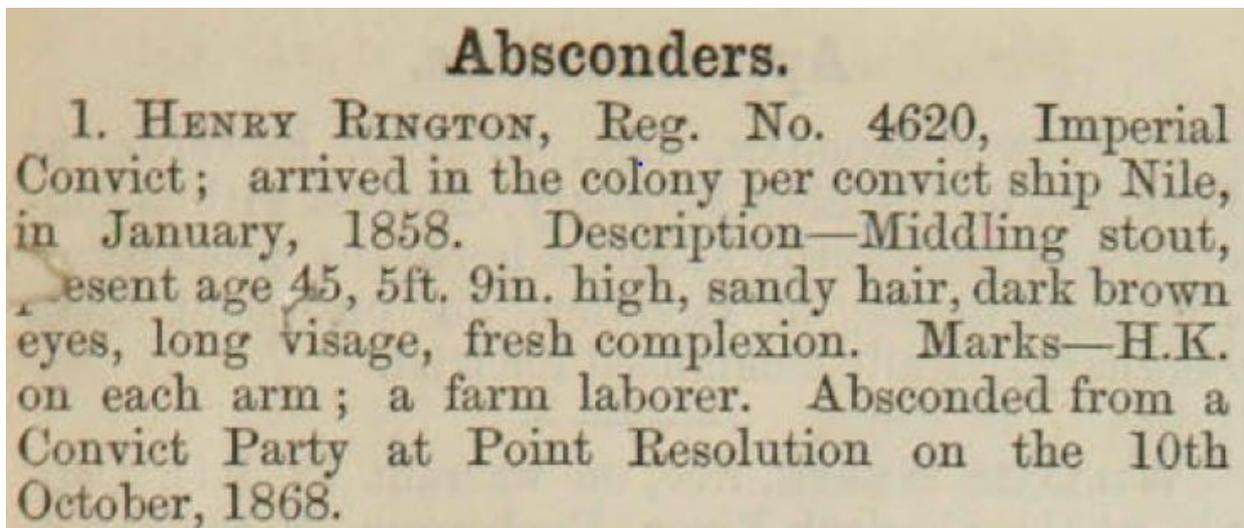


Fig 7. Police Gazette Number 3 Wednesday 15 March 1876 pg 11

STEP 12: PETITIONS, PARDONS, FREEDOMS AND EXPIRATION OF SENTENCE

Conditional Pardons could be issued to convicts who had observed all the requirements of their ticket of leave and had served more than half his penal sentence. This conditional pardon removed all restrictions placed on the ticket of leave holder except the right to leave the colony.

Convicts who had completed the full length of their sentence were known as expirees, these expiries could apply for a Certificate of Freedom, which restored the all the rights and privileges of the convict meaning while they were not permitted to return to the United Kingdom they could leave the Swan River Colony for other states of Australia; others settled down to make a life for themselves and their families in the Colony. By the end of the transportation era the colony's population had increased to over 22,000.

Another useful source for researchers studying convicts are the petitions people addressed to the Home Office requesting a reduction in sentences. None of these records have been copied as part of the AJCP. The only way you can research these at present is by visiting the British National Archives in person.

The petitions are archived in the records series Home Office (HO) 17 & 18 and dates range from around 1800 to 1854. Indexes exist for all these petitions and can be found in HO19, HO19/11A, 11B, and 12 which cover the years from 1847 to 1854 and contain the names of all prisoners who asked for their sentences to be reduced. Unfortunately, after that date the petitions appear to have been lost or may possibly be scattered among various Home Office documents and there are no indexes to enable one to find them.

Petitions were signed by neighbours, relatives and sometimes the convicts themselves. Having looked at a number of these petitions it is difficult to escape the conclusion that legal clerks routinely visited prisoners and persuaded them or their families to retain lawyers to petition on the convict's behalf. Although this may have been a lucrative exercise for the lawyers, except for some recorded remissions of death sentences, very few petitions arguing for a reduction in sentence were successful.

Records available from the State Library of Western Australia

AJCP – Part 2 - Colonial Office Records

CO714 Reel 1044-5 p.225 Indexes for Pardon request and convict data - 1851

AJCP – Part 3 - Home Office Records

HO13 Reel 3112 – 3122 **Criminal Entry Books 1782 – 1871**
Criminal Entry Books containing letters that were sent out by the Home Office concerning criminal cases, warrants for arrest and pardons

*An index and digital copies of these are available from
Find My Past www.findmypast.co.uk*

Also see Government Gazettes under Step 6

Records available from the National Archives UK

HO19 – Registers of Criminal Petitions 1797 – 1853

An index to petitions found within HO17 and HO18, these registers are arranged alphabetically by the name of the convict and give a reference to the original petition. Not all petitions have survived, includes some Scottish petitions

HO 17 – Home Office – Criminal Petitions Series 1 1819-1858

Original petitions made by a convicted persons or by family or friends on behalf of the convicted person, seeking the revocation or reduction of sentence, may include references from government officials or others as to character of the convicted person

HO 18 – Home Office – Criminal Petition Series 11 1839 – 1854

Continuation of HO 17

*Copies of the indexes HO19/11A, 11B, and 12 are available from
Swan Genealogy www.swangenealogy.com.au/Convicts
Copies of HO17 and 18 are available from
Find My Past www.findmypast.co.uk*

Records available from the State Records Office of Western Australia

Acc 41 – Colonial Office Despatches – See Step 6

Acc 128 Volume 31 Return of 84 Ticket of Leave holders who became entitled to conditional pardons between 1 July 1859 and 30 September 1859

Certificates of Freedom

Cons 1518/1-4 Comptroller General of Convicts, Certificates of Freedom

Acc 1520 Comptroller General of Convicts, Conditional Pardons

Acc 1533 Comptroller General of Convicts, Conditional Pardons

Cons 1518-1519 and Acc 1520-1521 and 1533 are actual certificates and give detailed information on particular convicts.

Conditional Pardon

| | | |
|-----------------------|------|----------|
| Robert Creswick alias | 6551 | Cons1533 |
| Henry Broughan VAUX | | |

Conditional Release

| | | |
|------------------|------|--------------|
| Christopher EDGE | 9725 | Cons 7287/01 |
|------------------|------|--------------|

Certificates of Freedom

| | | |
|---------------|-------|--------------------------|
| Joseph CLARKE | 10060 | Cons7287/08 |
| Daniel COOPER | 787 | Cons7287/15 |
| Thomas CUTLER | 3227 | Cons7287/05 |
| James GREEN | 9752 | Cons7287/07; Cons7287/13 |

Certificates of Freedom

| | | |
|------------------|-------|-------------|
| Charles HOWARD | 8867 | Cons7287/11 |
| John MATHER | 10266 | Cons7287/12 |
| William MCDONALD | 2605 | Cons7287/16 |
| Thomas SINCLAIR | 9010 | Cons7287/09 |
| Thomas TAYLOR | 10321 | Cons7287/17 |
| John WORT | 752 | Cons7287/06 |

STEP 13: LIFE IN WESTERN AUSTRALIA

Newspapers are often a wonderful source of information, but you need some basic data such as names, dates and places before starting.

Newspapers published lists from the Convict Establishment announcing the names of people and their occupations and when their ticket of leave was due to come into force, thus notifying the public that these people were available for employment. In many cases the convict - expirée's death notice or funeral notice may completely ignore the fact of his original status. In the case of some of the Fenian prisoners the report or notice may refer to "unfair bondage".

Many reconvictions and convictions are announced in the press particularly in the first ten years of transportation to the colony. Convicts' children are frequently listed in the birth, death and marriage columns proving that the children were not as isolated as their convict parent

Newspapers also give the reader partial insight into the feelings of the population, the frequent condemnation of convicts and of the whole system of transportation.

Although uneven in quality and needing a critical eye, newspapers offer a view of Western Australian society which may differ markedly from the formal, official views found in government documentation. Newspaper articles provide details of life in the Colony which may help explain why some things happened to the convict the way they did.

*Available from the State Library of Western Australia
in both microfilm and hard copy.
Trove – National Library of Australia
offers a large digital collection of Western Australian Newspapers starting in 1830.
These newspapers are fully searchable.
Available from www.trove.nla.gov.au*

Records available from the State Library of Western Australia

Diaries, Letters, Memoirs etc.

Many diaries were written by people in the second half of the nineteenth century and some give details about the history of particular areas or individuals while on Ticket-of-Leave, or when they became an expirée or were conditionally pardoned. To use diaries, it is necessary to know name of the diarist and where they lived in order to judge whether the diary will be a useful source.

The researcher may be led into records of free people, such as church records which can show not only the parents' names but those of godparents and witnesses and pinpoint a place where a further search can be carried out. Registrar General's records indicate the place of the registration. Broaden the scope of research and records can be found in various places.

Acc 3664A is an example of this. The State Library of Western Australia received a copy of a letter written by George CARTER, convict number 3664 which was sent to his sister in Great Britain from Fremantle stating his

address and news of the family. This letter implies that he was a convict as he writes: "I have been my own master for the past... years", it also shows that he made good in Western Australia and names relatives who moved to other states of Australia as free persons but sadly conveys the message that he is not free to return to England.

Some suggestions for searching are: Diaries of Benjamin PIGGOTT, "Springhill"; John Acton WROTH; John Septimus ROE.

Photographs of convicts, except when on reconviction records may appear in the Photographic Section of State Library of Western Australia but they are listed under their name, not as a convict.

AJCP – Miscellaneous series

Records from the following British Libraries are available on microfilm in the State Library of Western Australia, 3rd Floor J S Battye Library Collection (please note – some of these films maybe required to be ordered from the National Library of Australia via interlibrary loan)

| Reel | Dates | Description |
|-------------|-------------|--|
| M381 | 1849-1885 | Papers from Mathew Blagden Hale, Bishop, includes addresses by Hale relating to the transportation of convicts to Western Australia. |
| M386 | 1851 – 1855 | Correspondence of the Sanford family, William Ayshford Sanford was Colonial Secretary of Western Australia 1851 – 1855 includes letters received by him as Colonial Secretary in regard to convicts |
| M678 | 1840-1865 | Correspondence from Dr John Lee includes a letter from William Stratford Lee of Fremantle in 1865 stating that he is now a ticket of leave holder and intends leading a reformed life. |
| M835 | 1851 – 1856 | Letters from Sir Edmund Du Cane to his family concerning his life in Western Australia, treatment of convicts, road building, travels and racial conflict. |
| M945 – M946 | 1827 – 1877 | Papers from Richard Robert Madden, Colonial Secretary of Western Australia includes material on convicts |
| M2254 | 1854-1897 | Papers from the Henderson family including Sir Edmund Yeamans Henderson – Comptroller of Convicts in Western Australia 1850-1855; 1858-1863 includes a letter in 1862 from convict P Hussie at Busselton seeking conditional pardon. |

STEP 14: DEATH

Death Certificates

Information contained on death certificates prior to 1896 is limited

Name; Date; Death place (this is normally very vague ie Perth); Age; Occupation; Cause of Death.

From 1896 information provided is Name; Date; Death place; Age; Occupation; Cause of Death; Parents names (if known); Spouse names; Marriage details; Children's names; number of children; Birthplace (if known); Residency (ie length of time in each state); Burial Place.

Please note the person filling out the death certificate may not know the deceased, therefore the information may not be accurate.

Registry of Births, Deaths and Marriages

The Western Australian Registry of Births, Deaths and Marriages are a division of the WA Department of the Attorney General.

Indexes to these records are available online – www.bdm.dotag.wa.gov.au/apps/pioneersindex/default.aspx?uid=9125-2873-5779-1388

*Microfiche of these indexes are available from
The State Library of Western Australia;
The State Records Office of Western Australia;
and The Western Australian Genealogical Society Inc.*

Probate

The process in which individuals prove and register with the courts the last Will or Testament of a deceased person. Usually the executor of the deceased person handles the administration of the estate and disposes of the assets and debts according to the deceased person's wishes.

Records available from the State Records Office of Western Australia

In 1832, jurisdiction for the administration of deceased estates was vested in the newly established Civil Court of Western Australia and in 1861 jurisdiction was transferred to the Supreme Court.

Wills were registered and deposited with the Civil Court from 1832 – 1861, and with the Supreme Court from 1861, as were letters of administration granted when a person died intestate (without a will). Note, however, that not all wills came into the jurisdiction of the court, and no other record of these wills is known.

Copies of wills and letters of administration registered with the Supreme Court are available on microfilm for the period 1832 - 1947. After 1947 copies can be obtained from the Supreme Court. Probate and administration files (which usually contain documentation associated with a will and letters of administration such as valuations of property, death certificates, etc) are also held by the State Records Office for the period 1832 - 1947. [Information sheet – grants of probate (wills) and letters of administration, State Records Office of WA]

Cons 3435 – Index for Wills and Letters of Administration 1832 – 1939

Cons 5269 - Index for Wills and Letters of Administration 1900 – 1993

Cons 3403 – Files – Probate

Cons 5564 – Files – Probate

Cons 3436 – Copies of Grants of Probate

Cons 3437 – Copies of Grants of Letters of Administration

Cons 3458 – Applications for Grants of Letters of Administration

Inquests

An inquest is a judicial inquiry held to determine the cause of a person's death. Generally conducted by a Resident Magistrate, members of the inquiry always viewed the body of the deceased, many country inquests were held in the local Inn; an inquest may or may not require an autopsy carried out by a doctor.

Coroner's Court & Coronial Inquests

Relatively few coronial inquest records have survived.

Information relating to early coronial inquests can be located through the records of the local courthouse or local police station. Coroner's reports contained in court records often include evidence given by various witnesses along with the verdict reached.

References to inquests held prior to 1900 can be located within the Colonial Secretary's Office records (See Step 8).

The findings of inquests are often reported in newspapers (See Step 13) and details of verdicts can also be found in the Police Gazette (See Step 6)

Cons 348 - Albany - Report Coronial Inquests before the Magistrate, 1864-1875

An index of Inquests has been published from the Western Australian **Police Gazettes 1876 – 1903**; this index contains a listing of approximately 3500 people whose death resulted in an inquest being held in the Police Courts throughout Western Australia

*Available from
Western Australian Genealogical Society Inc. (CD) through the Library or for purchase
and the State Library of Western Australia*

BRITISH AND IRISH CONVICT RECORDS

STEP 15: PRISONS AND HULKS

Once a criminal was sentenced to transportation the process was generally three fold. First, the prisoner was sent to their local gaol or the gaol in the location where the crime had been committed, second they were transferred to a convict gaol (or several) or on the prison hulks before finally making their journey across the seas.

The hulks were decommissioned ships that the government used as floating prisons, many were anchored along the banks of the Thames and at various ports such as Portsmouth and Plymouth.

Records available from the State Library of Western Australia

AJCP - Part 6 - Prison Commission (P.Com.2)

P.Com.2 Reels 5971 to 5991 Prison books 1816-1866

Records were kept for prisoners registering where they were convicted (on their sentence date), crime, where they were sent to, etc. Some of these records contain valuable information for the family historian with one column (when used) being for visitors to the prisoner, some even containing relationship, name and address of the visitor. Only those listed below have to date been found on the AJCP reels, other registers for the Prison Commission are kept at the National Archives UK. Several entries may be found relating to the same convict because he was transferred from one place to another. It is worth covering all reels relating to the relevant time, e.g. sentenced in 1847 transported in 1852, all reels containing 1847-1852 should be searched. It should not be forgotten that at least two ships brought convicts to Western Australia who had previously been held on hulks or prisons in Bermuda.

These prison books are registers kept at Millbank, Middlesex; Pentonville, Middlesex; Portland, Dorset; Newgate, London; and for the hulks *Defence* and *Stirling Castle*, York and *Retribution*.

The P. Com.2 piece numbers ie: /21, /33 etc refer to different sections of the film and each section should be covered. On some piece numbers there is an A to Z listing although this does not mean a rigorous alphabetical list, e.g. A section, Adcock George, 1463; Abel William, 1269; Andrews Philip, 2973; Adcock Anthony, 241. The numbers following the convict's name refer to his prison number in that and only that prison, not to a page number in the register. On other sections there is no index.

AJCP – Part 6 - Prison Commission Records

| P.Com.2/ Piece No. | Title | Date | Reel No. |
|-------------------------------|---|-------------|-----------------|
| 29 - 30 | Prison Register Millbank | 1847-1851 | 5974 |
| 30 - 32 | Prison Register Millbank | 1849-1852 | 5975 |
| 32 | Prison Register Millbank | 1851-1852 | 5976 |
| 60 | End of previous register & Prison Register Pentonville | 1816-1826 | 5977 |
| 62 - 64 | Prison Register Pentonville | 1842-1852 | 5977 |

| P.Com.2/ Piece No. | Title | Date | Reel No. |
|-----------------------|--|-----------|----------|
| 65 | Prison Register Pentonville | 1852-1854 | 5978 |
| | Prison Register Pentonville | | |
| | Extracts and information regarding the transportation | | 5978 |
| 85 - 87 | system only. | | |
| 105-106 | Prison Register Portsmouth | 1852-1855 | 5979 |
| 106-107 | " | 1853-1858 | 5980 |
| 107-108 | " | 1856-1860 | 5981 |
| 108-109 | " | 1859-1862 | 5982 |
| 109-110 | " | 1860-1864 | 5983 |
| 110-111 | Prison Register Portsmouth; | 1864-1866 | 5984 |
| | Prison Register for hulks <i>Defence</i> and <i>Stirling</i> | | |
| 132 | <i>Castle</i> | 1843-1852 | 5985 |
| | Prison Register for hulks <i>Defence</i> and <i>Stirling</i> | | |
| 132-133 | <i>Castle</i> | 1849-1857 | 5986 |
| 134 | <i>Stirling Castle</i> Register | 1837-1849 | 5986 |
| 134 | " | 1837-1849 | 5987 |
| 136 | hulk <i>York</i> Prison Register | 1841-1851 | 5987 |
| 383-384 | Prison Register Portland | 1848-1853 | 5990 |
| 384 | Prison Register Portland | 1851-1853 | 5991 |

These records differ drastically from each other but most contain information such as:

English Prison No. at the prison designated, Name, Age, Literacy, Occupation, Sentence Date, Crime, Sentence, from Where (Prison, Gaol etc.), Remarks (which can include visitor(s) and addresses, relationship), Behaviour, Transported or Discharged or transferred to (Where and When).

This last column gives relevant information particularly in the case of a name like William SMITH or William BROWN eg -

| | |
|----------------------|------------------------|
| To Western Australia | Ticket of Leave |
| per <i>Scindian</i> | to Western Australia |
| date | or per <i>Scindian</i> |
| | date |

Unfortunately, the English Prison number is not the same as the one later held in Western Australia.

The order of the information varies from period to period and from prison to prison or hulk, however, from these records it is possible to trace the movement of the prisoner in convict establishments and/or hulks. Not all Western Australian convicts are covered by this source as not all National Archives material has been filmed. When a prisoner transferred to a hulk, the Home Office Handbook, section H08, should be referred to as the movement can be traced further.

Study should be made of the penal system in England to understand that prisoners were sent to Millbank, Pentonville etc. usually for a certain period before being sent to other establishments to undertake public works

prior to being transported. Note here that many of the prisoners on the first few ships to Western Australia were marked under column heading Behaviour as Bad or Very Bad, etc. then miraculously a few months before transportation, became Very Good. Western Australia had requested that only well behaved prisoners be transported to its shores.

Some Irish prisoners were transferred to Millbank and then to other prisons and subsequently to Western Australia. Welsh prisoners also went through the English system.

Prisoners sentenced in Scotland went through the English prison system before being transported to Western Australia and therefore these convict records may be found in the Prison Commission registers of P.Com.2. In the case of Scottish prisoners, the date of the sentence and crime are normally listed. They are not always found on Western Australian Convict Establishment registers or records.

This series of microfilms should be regarded as a major source for background information on the convict either for historical research or family history. As can be seen by the listing it covers not only Western Australia but other colonies with convict establishments and records for transportation to Port Phillip, in Victoria.

An index to PCom2 records has been compiled by the Western Australian Genealogical Society Inc. (Convict Special Interest Group).

*This index is available through: -
State Library of Western Australia;
State Records Office of Western Australia;
and the Western Australian Genealogical Society*

*Digital copies of these records are available from
Find My Past www.findmypast.co.uk*

AJCP - Part 3 – Home Office Records

HO8 Convict Hulks, Convict Prisons and Criminal Lunatic Asylums: Quarterly Returns of Prisons

This group of records encompasses hulk reports and when Acc 1156 "R" Series contains the name of a hulk it may be possible to trace backwards to prison records showing where a particular convict has been held and the date transferred from that prison to another or to a hulk. The record can then be searched through on the AJCP P.Com 2 section as explained later.

The hulk lists are quarterly or half yearly and some of the references needed for Western Australian convicts are listed below. Each reel of microfilm contains the hulks or prisons listed alphabetically and chronologically. To cover the period of confinement of a convict several reels must be searched.

| Hulks | Dates and Corresponding Reel |
|---------------------------------|---|
| Bermuda hulks | December 1846 (Reel 5203) – June 1859 (Reel 5227) |
| <i>Coromandel</i> | |
| <i>Dromedary</i> | |
| <i>Medway</i> | |
| <i>Tenedos Convict Hospital</i> | |
| <i>Thames hulks</i> | |

| Hulks | Dates and Corresponding Reel |
|------------------------|---|
| Gibraltar hulks | 1846 (Reel 5203) – June 1864 (Reel 5238) |
| <i>Euryalus</i> | |
| <i>Owen Glendower</i> | |
| Gosport hulks | |
| <i>Defence</i> | June 1852 (Reel 5211) - June 1857 (Reel 5222) |
| <i>York</i> | December 1846 (Reel 5203) – March 1852 (Reel 5211) |
| Invalid hulk depot | 1852 (Reel 5212) |
| Portsmouth hulks | |
| <i>Stirling Castle</i> | December 1846 (Reel 5203) -September 1856 (Reel 5220) |
| Woolwich hulks | |
| <i>Justitia</i> | December 1846 (Reel 5203) – March 1852 (Reel 5211) |
| <i>Warrior</i> | September 1846(Reel 5203) – June 1856 (Reel 5220) |

| Prisons and Asylums | Dates and Corresponding Reel |
|---------------------------------|--|
| Boaz Island prison | 1853 (Reel 5213 – 5125) |
| Bermuda prison | 1849 – 1853 (Reel 5209 – 5211) |
| Brixton prison (females) | December 1855 (Reel 5219) - December 1867 (Reel 5246) |
| Broadmoor prison | September 1862 (Reel 5234) - December 1867 (Reel 5246) |
| Chatham prison | March 1857 (Reel 5221) - December 1867 (Reel 5246) |
| Dartmoor prison, Devon | December 1850 (Reel 5209) - December 1867 (Reel 5246) |
| Lewes Invalid prison | September 1857 (Reel 5223) – December 1859 (Reel 5228) |
| Parkhurst prison females | December 1864 (Reel 5239) - December 1867 (Reel 5246) |
| Perth Lunatic asylum (Scotland) | June 1865 (Reel 5240) - December 1867 (Reel 5246) |
| Portland prison, Dorset | December 1848 (Reel 5205) – December 1867 (Reel 5246) |
| Portsmouth prison | June 1852 (Reel 5211) - December 1867 (Reel 5246) |
| Shorncliffe prison, Kent | December 1849 (Reel 5207) –June 1851 (Reel 5210) |
| Woking prison | June 1859 (Reel 5227) - December 1867 (Reel 5246) |

Reels 5219-5221 have been found to contain other Prison and hulk reports for 1855 through to 1856. Use page 39 Addenda of the Home Office Handbook - Part 3 for other periods of time. Search alphabetically for the hulk or prison name and chronologically for the time period. The above HO8 listings of time periods show that there are several hulk or prison records on the one film and care should be taken when searching through these microfilms.

As with other sections of the AJCP these records are invaluable for tracing convict movements and the transportation of convicts to Western Australia with the occasional bonus of an address or name of ancestors or kin.

*Indexes to HO8 records are available from
Western Australian Genealogical Society – Convict Special Interest Group and are available online at www.wags.org.au*

These records are indexed and digital copies are available from Find My Past www.findmypast.co.uk

Records from the National Archives UK

HO23 – Home Office – Registers of Prisoners from National Prisons lodged in County Prisons; 1847-1866

Includes county prisons at Aylesbury, Bath, Leeds, Leicester, Northampton, Nottingham, Preston, Reading, Somerset, and Wakefield, where the government rented cells for the housing of overflow prisoners from the national prisons.

The registers give each prisoner's age, marital status and number of children, whether they can read or write, trade, when and where convicted, crime, and sentence, where and whence received, previous offences, when removed and where.

An index and digital images are available from

Find My Past www.findmypast.co.uk

HO24 – Home Office – Prison Registers and Statistical Returns 1838 - 1875

Register of prisoners in Millbank, Parkhurst and Pentonville prisons. Register gives each prisoner's name, age, marital status and number of children, whether they can read or write, trade, when and where convicted, crime, and sentence, where and whence received, previous offences, when removed and where.

An index and digital images are available from

Find My Past www.findmypast.co.uk

HO77 – Home Office – Newgate Prison Calendar 1782-1853

Register of prisoners tried at Newgate, London, gives name, age, month and year of sentence, sentence and where sent.

An index and digital images are available from

Find My Past www.findmypast.co.uk

PCOM3 – Prison Commission: Male licences 1853 – 1887

Letters from convicts who were granted licences to be at large by the court (parole); especially valuable for those convicts who had previous convictions

An index and digital images are available from

Find My Past www.findmypast.co.uk

PCOM5 – Prison Commission: Old Captions and Transfer papers 1843-1871

Copies of court orders for the imprisonment or transportation of prisoners, These were written by the trial judge and given to the police as they took the prisoner to the jail after sentencing.

An index and digital images are available from

Find My Past www.findmypast.co.uk

Records available from the State Records Office of Western Australia

Acc 1829 Parkhurst Prison Register 1838 – 1864 (available on microfiche and microfilm)

Index to those boys transported to Western Australian through the Parkhurst Prison

Published resources – Andrew Gill

Forced labour for the West: Parkhurst convicts "apprenticed" in Western Australia 1842-1851

Convict assignment in Western Australia: The Parkhurst "apprentices" 1842-1851

*A list of all Parkhurst Boys who arrived in Western Australia is available from
State Library of Western Australia
Western Australian Genealogical Society Inc.*

Also see Step 3 Shipping Lists and Convict Indexes

STEP 16: IRISH TRANSPORTATION

For convicts who were convicted in Ireland ONLY between the period 1788 and 1868 it is important to see The Transportation Records - Ireland to Australia 1788-1868 "database. A gift from the government and people of Ireland to the government and people of Australia" presented by the Taoiseach, Prime Minister of Ireland Charles J. Haughey, T.D., July 1988.

For Western Australian convicts transported from or sentenced in Ireland these records are a goldmine. More than 75% of Western Australian convicts convicted in Ireland appear somewhere in the references.

Transportation Registers (TR) 1836 – 1857 each register is divided into male and female convicts, then each section is subdivided by county. The registers give details of each convict, including age, crime and sentence.

Prisoners' Petition and Cases (PPC) 1788-1836 made up of petitions to the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland requesting commutation or remission of sentences. (note relevant to Irish convicts who were transported to Australia)

State Prisoners' Petitions (SPP) 1798 – 1799 comprising petitions to the Lord Lieutenant submitted by those arrested for their involvement in the 1798 Rebellion, for which many were sentenced to transportation. (note relevant to Irish convicts who were transported to Australia)

Convict Reference Files (CRF) 1836 – 1856, 1865 – 1868 following on from the State Prisoner's Petitions, as well as petitions they contain a variety of documents relating to individual convicts, including summaries of the evidence produced at trial, judges' reports and letter from officials and other persons. Files of some of the Fenian prisoners transported in 1868, including Fenian photographs (FP), have been filmed on reel M2225.

Free Settlers' Papers (FS) 1828 – 1852 These were male convicts who served a minimum of four years of their sentence who were entitled to request a free passage for a dependent wife and family to join them in the colony. The papers include lists of convicts who requested this privilege, giving details of date of transportation, name of ship, name and address of wife, there are also some letters written by convicts to their wives.

*This database is now available from
National Archives of Ireland*

<http://findingaids.nationalarchives.ie/index.php?category=18&subcategory=147>

Records available from the State Library of Western Australia

References to the microfilm:

| | | Reel No. | Volume |
|-------------------------------|-----------|---------------------|---------------|
| Transportation Registers (TR) | 1836-1857 | 1 | TR 1 - 3 |
| " | | 2 | TR 4 - 6 |
| " | | 3 | TR 7 - 9 |
| " | | 4 | TR 10 - 12 |
| " | | 5 | TR 13 - 15 |

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| Convict Reference Files (CRF) (index at the front of each volume) | 1836-1856; | | |
| | 1865-1868 | 26 | CRF 1836 A1 – D29 |
| “ | | 27 | CRF 1836 D35 – K15 |
| “ | | 28 | CRF 1836 K17 – N20 |
| “ | | 29 | CRF 1836 O1 – V1 |
| “ | | | CRF 1836 Misc 1-116 |
| “ | | 30 | CRF 1837 A2 – D172 |
| “ | | 31 | CRF 1837 D173 – L75 |
| “ | | 32 | CRF 1837 L76 – P45 |
| “ | | 33 | CRF 1837 P47 – W75 |
| “ | | | CRF 1837 Misc 2 – 44 |
| “ | | | CRF 1838 A5 – C45 |
| “ | | 34 | CRF 1838 C48 – G46 |
| “ | | 35 | CRF 1838 G48 – O6 |
| “ | | 36 | CRF 1838 P4 – W70 |
| “ | | | CRF Misc 2 – 20 |
| “ | | | CRF 1839 A6 – C11 |
| “ | | 37 | CRF 1839 C12 – H32 |
| “ | | 38 | CRF 1839 H36 – M111 |
| “ | | 39 | CRF 1839 M112 – |
| “ | | | W51 |
| “ | | | CRF 1839 Misc 1 – 31 |
| “ | | 40 | CRF 1840 A4 – D68 |
| “ | | 41 | CRF 1840 E1 – M21 |
| “ | | 42 | CRF 1840 M23 – S8 |
| “ | | 43 | CRF 1840 S9 – W31 |
| “ | | | CRF 1840 Misc 1 – 20 |
| “ | | | CRF 1841 A1 – C96 |
| “ | | 44 | CRF 1840 D4 – K55 |
| “ | | 45 | CRF 1841 K56 – S42 |
| “ | | 46 | CRF 1841 S46 – W28 |
| “ | | | CRF 1841 Misc 1 – 15 |
| “ | | | CRF 1842 A1 – C70 |
| “ | | 47 | CRF 1842 C72 – H22 |
| “ | | 48 | CRF 1842 H28 – M13 |
| “ | | 49 | CRF 1842 M14 – R10 |
| “ | | 50 | CRF 1842 R12 – W37 |
| “ | | | CRF 1842 Misc 1 – 11 |
| “ | | | CRF 1843 A1 – C31 |
| “ | | 51 | CRF 1843 C43 – L1 |
| “ | | 52 | CRF 1843 L2 – N6 |
| “ | | 53 | CRF 1843 O2 – W31 |
| “ | | | CRF 1843 Misc 1 – 23 |
| “ | | | CRF 1844 A7 – B4 |
| “ | | 54 | CRF 1844 B21 – H34 |

| Convict Reference Files (CRF) | Reel No. | Volume |
|-------------------------------|----------|---|
| " | 55 | CRF 1844 J3 – N2 |
| " | 56 | CRF 1844 N5 – Y1 CRF 1844 Misc 1 – 31 CRF 1845A1 –B15 |
| " | 57 | CRF 1845 B18 – H17 |
| " | 58 | CRF 1845 H18 – M35 |
| " | 59 | CRF 1845 M37 – R37 |
| " | 60 | CRF 1845 R40 – W11 CRF 1845 Misc 1 – 19 CRF 1846 A2 – C43 |
| " | 61 | CRF 1846 C44 – L8 |
| " | 62 | CRF 1846 L9 – S15 |
| " | 63 | CRF 1846 S19 – W20 CRF 1846 Misc 1 – 4 CRF 1847 A4 – C59 |
| " | 64 | CRF 1847 C66 – L18 |
| " | 65 | CRF 1847 L19 – P7 |
| " | 66 | CRF 1847 P8 – Y1 CRF 1847 Misc 1 - 66 |
| " | 67 | CRF 1848 A1 – D16 |
| " | 68 | CRF 1848 D20 – H20 |
| " | 69 | CRF 1848 H54 – Mc50 |
| " | 70 | CRF 1848 Mc55 – W37 |
| " | 71 | CRF 1848 W42 – W43 CRF Misc 1 CRF 1849 A1 – F14 |
| " | 72 | CRF 1849 F15 – Mc17 |
| " | 73 | CRF 1849 Mc23 – W25 CRF Misc 2 |
| " | 74 | CRF 1850 A1 – C200 |
| " | 75 | CRF 1850 C101 – G22 |
| " | 76 | CRF 1850 G23 – L17 |
| " | 77 | CRF 1850 L18 – Mc46 |
| " | 78 | CRF 1850 Mc47 – T12 |
| " | 79 | CRF 1850 T14 – W3 CRF 1850 Misc 2 – 10 CRF 1851 A3 – C34 |
| " | 80 | CRF 1851 C38 – G14 |
| " | 81 | CRF 1851 G15 – M12 |
| " | 82 | CRF 1851 M12 – R31 |

| Convict Reference Files (CRF) | | Reel No. | Volume |
|-------------------------------|-----------|----------|---|
| " | | 83 | CRF 1851 R36 – W35 CRF 1851 Misc 1 -3 CRF 1852 B1 – C40 |
| " | | 84 | CRF 1852 C44 – M15 |
| " | | 85 | CRF 1852 M18 – S4 |
| " | | 86 | CRF 1852 S5 – W21 CRF 1852 Misc 1 – 8 CRF 1853 A1 – C53 |
| " | | 87 | CRF 1853 C60 – H30 |
| " | | 88 | CRF 1853 H31 – R20 |
| " | | 89 | CRF 1853 R30 -W 12 CRF Misc 6 – 70 CRF 1854 A1 – D1 |
| " | | 90 | CRF 1854 D29 – M27 |
| " | | 91 | CRF 1854 M29 – W16 CRF 1854 Misc 2 – 42 CRF 1855 A1 – B32 |
| " | | 92 | CRF B34 – C69 |
| " | | 93 | CRF C71 – H14 |
| " | | 94 | CRF H16 – Mc4 |
| " | | 95 | CRF Mc6 – S36 |
| " | | 96 | CRF 1855 S39 – W31 CRF 1855 Misc 1 – 65 CRF 1856 A1 – C2/50 |
| " | | 97 | CRF 1856 C2/51 – F1 |
| " | | 98 | CRF 1856 F2 – Mc30 |
| " | | 99 | CRF 1856 Mc35 – T8 |
| " | | 100 | CRF 1856 T10 – W24 CRF 1856 Misc 7 - 118 |
| " | | 101 | CRF 1866 – 1868 Fenian Photographs |
| Free Settlers' Papers (FS) | 1828-1852 | 101 | FS 126 – 499 FS 1828 1 – 1835/6 A1-A8 |
| " | | 102 | FS 1835/6 A9 – A6 FS 1836 1 – 39 |
| " | | 103 | FS 1836 40 – 1839 114 |
| " | | 104 | FS 1839 115 – 1852 6 Register of convicts on ships 1851 – 1853 (includes <i>Phoebe Dunbar, Robert Small</i>) Male Convict Register 1842 - 1847 |
| " | | 105 | CRF Corrections and Additions |

“Convicts in Western Australia 1850-1887” may give a clue to the place of conviction, ie John Boyle O’Reilly - Conv Dublin 9.7.1866 and 30.6.1866. If only a term of sentence appears i.e.: 7 years, check all records that apply.

Most transportation register records state the name of the ship to Western Australia e.g. either the *Robert Small* or *Phoebe Dunbar* in 1853. Do not discount records due to the Ship being incorrect; the records have been known to be erroneous.

When you find within a record “Sent to Millbank”, “Sent to Pentonville”, etc. it is worth checking the P.Com.2 record and Acc 1156 “R” Series as it has been found that Irish convicts were sent through the English system as well as being held in Irish prisons or hulks.

Two convict ships that particularly show up are the *Ramillies* and the *Merchantman*, as having aboard prisoners convicted in Ireland.

PCC Reels 6-19 may be found to have members of the family requesting leniency, remission of sentence etc. with the petitioner’s name, address and reference to other persons. Or it may be the prisoner himself petitioning with references from parish residents (from the home parish of the prisoner) for clemency etc.

CRF Reel 101 contains the Fenian Notes and Fenian Photographs. Only 17 Fenians have been documented here.

Verification between Western Australian records such as Acc 1156 and Acc 128 or the P. Com.2 records may give you the same names as the petitioner or a relationship may be verified. Records other than the Transportation Registers may have such details as kin, parish, native place etc.

| Match 9 from 'Ireland-Australia transportation database' | |
|--|--|
| Last name: | O'REILLY |
| First name: | JOHN |
| Full name: | JOHN O'REILLY |
| Sex: | M |
| Age: | 21 |
| Trial date: | 30/06/1866 |
| Sentence: | Penal Servitude 20 yrs |
| Document ref1: | TR 14, p 168 |
| Comment1: | Convict served in the 10th Hussars Regiment and was sentenced by General Court |
| Comment2: | Martial. Convict was sent from Mountjoy Gaol, Co. Dublin to Pentonville Gaol, |
| Comment field number: | London, 04/09/1866 and convicted of fenianism. Convict sent from England to Western Australia, 00/10/1867. |

Fig 8. Irish Transportation Database – National Archive of Ireland

From the Record of John O’Reilly (fig 8) TR 14 p 168; you would look at Reel 5 then TR14 page 168 these records give you Irish convict number; name in which the convict was tried; age; Regiment or crime; term of penal servitude; date of conviction; before whom tried; where tried; removed to which prison; how disposed of finally and remarks

John O’Reilly’s record: - Irish Convict No 122, tried as John O’Reilly aged 21 years; 10th Hussars; received 20 years PS on the 9 July 1866, charged under general court martial in Dublin, he was removed from Mountjoy Prison and sent to Pentonville Prison on 4 September 1866, sent from England to Western Australia Oct 1867, convicted of Fenianism” Queens Bench warrant sent to Governor Pentonville Prison per Principal Warder Maguire

| Match 9 from 'Ireland-Australia transportation database' | |
|--|--|
| Last name: | SHINE |
| First name: | JOHN |
| Full name: | JOHN SHINE |
| Sex: | M |
| Trial place: | Co. Mayo |
| Trial date: | 23/08/1866 |
| Crime desc: | Mutinous Conduct |
| Sentence: | Penal Servitude 10 yrs |
| Document ref1: | TR 14, p 168 |
| Comment1: | Convict was in the 2nd 60th Rifles Regiment and was sentenced by Court Martial |
| Comment2: | in Dublin for Fennianism and sent from Mountjoy Gaol, Dublin to Pentonville |
| Comment field number: | London, 24/10/1866 and from England to Western Australia, 00/10/1867 |

Fig 9. - Irish Transportation Database – National Archive of Ireland

John Shine's TR14 record (Fig 9) appears on the same page as John O'Reilly's, he was Irish Convict Number 129 tried as John Shine of the 2/60th Rifles charged with mutinous conduct, received 10 years PS, 21 – 23rd August 1866, under general court martial in Dublin, he was removed from Mountjoy Prison to Pentonville Prison 24 October 1866, convicted of Fenianism, Queens Bench warrant sent to Governor Pentonville Prison per Principal Warder Lawler, sent from England to Western Australia October 1867

| Match 11 from 'Ireland-Australia transportation database' | |
|---|---|
| Last name: | SHINE |
| First name: | JOHN |
| Full name: | JOHN SHINE |
| Sex: | M |
| Trial place: | Dublin |
| Trial date: | 01/08/1866 |
| Document date: | 03/10/1866 |
| Crime desc: | Mutinous conduct |
| Sentence: | Penal servitude 10 years |
| Document ref1: | CRF 1866 H 19 |
| Comment1: | Prisoner was a private in the 2nd Batallion, 60th Rifles. |

Fig 10. Irish Transportation Database – National Archive of Ireland

John Shine's Convict Reference File (Fig 10) is on reel 101 – the record tells the researcher that Shine was a Private in the second Battalion Sixtieth Rifles; it also verifies information from TR14.

STEP 17: TRIAL

Assize Records

Assize records are available for some periods and some counties as listed under the Assize Circuits Table.

| | |
|--------------|----------------------|
| Minute Books | Agenda Books |
| Crown Books | Order Books |
| Gaol Books | Miscellaneous Books |
| Indictments | Depositions |
| Pleadings | Estreats |
| Returns | Miscellaneous Papers |
| Certificates | Pardons |

Records such as these are not held in Western Australia but in the National Archives UK.

Quarter Session Records

Some records will also be found in the AJCP Part 8 – Miscellaneous (M) section listings for County Record Offices for example

| | |
|--|--|
| Bedfordshire M821 QSS4 | Annual records showing in each year the names of the High Sheriffs, also the number of prisoners, sentences etc from 1801 to 31 st March 1878 |
| Buckinghamshire M1667 – M1671 | Aylesbury Gaol – calendar of prisoners 1789 – 1855 |
| Cheshire M845 – M847 | Quarter Sessions Records: orders by QS and Chester Sessions for transportation of convicts 1749, 1803-1829; Orders by Secretary of State for transportation of convicts to hulks 1802-1840; reports and returns of convicts transported under sentence of transportation 1802-1856; circulars and correspondence on transportation of convicts 1802-51 |
| Essex M838 – M839 | Quarter Sessions Records: Minor functions, miscellaneous: drafts of orders of Quarter Sessions for transportation May 1845 - June 1853, showing name, crime and sentence of each convict. Clerk of the Peace Parliamentary returns; return of transportation orders 1844 - 53, giving name, age, crime and sentence of each convict; expenses of prosecution and of conveying convicts sentenced to transportation; Process books of Indictments 1782 - 1866 |
| Kent M1901 – M1903 | Records of Maidstone Gaol 1805 - 53: Convict book 1805 - 33 and calendar of Prisoners, with details of prisoners sentenced to transportation. |

| | |
|---|--|
| Middlesex M581; M3087 - 3105 | Calendar of prisoners, Newgate 1820 - 1822, 1830 - 53: arranged chronologically, giving name of each convict, age, trade, by whom and when committed, offence and sentence |
| Nottinghamshire M1617 | Card index to transportations recorded in the Nottingham borough Quarter Sessions records 1723 - 1858. |
| Oxfordshire M1638 – M1639 | Calendars 1775 - 1853 of prisoners tried at Oxford Quarter Sessions and Assizes. |
| Somerset M1949 – M1950 | Register of prisoners at Shepton Mallet Gaol 1842 - 72 with references to transportation. |
| Surrey M1834 – M1839 | Calendar of prisoners 1848 - 53 for Surrey Quarter Sessions at Newington Gaol; This calendar lists the prisoner' name, age, literacy, offence and sentence |
| East and West Sussex M816 – M819 | Quarter Sessions Records: expenses of criminal prosecutions and transport of convicts 1835 - 57; return of expenses of conveying convicts 1857 - 78 |
| Yorkshire M2519 | Calendars of prisoners 1828-53 in the house of correction including details of convicts under sentence of transportation |
| Yorkshire North M2112-M2115 | Records of Northallerton Quarter Sessions 1785 - 1853 and York Quarter Sessions 1827 - 54 including calendars of prisoners. |

Please note records for earlier Quarter Sessions maybe available

*An Index of Western Australian Convicts in M1834 Surrey is available from
Western Australian Genealogical Society
Convict Special Interest Group
online at www.wags.org.au*

Calendars of indictment, Registers of conviction, Minute books, Removal Orders, Calendars of prisoners, Process books of indictments, Gaol Registers, Transportation bonds, calendars or contracts, Session Rolls, Assize Rolls, are all possible sources of added information.

Assize Circuits

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Essex
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1558-1863

Derby
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Lincolnshire
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Nottinghamshire
Rutland
Warwick

1864-1876

as above plus
Leicestershire
Northamptonshire
Rutland

1864-1876

Derby
Lincolnshire
Nottinghamshire
Warwick
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Oxford

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Great Sessions

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Welsh Counties

North and South Wales

1830-1876

Welsh Counties
Cheshire

Records available from the State Library of Western Australia

AJCP – Part 3 - Home Office

HO16 1545 Committals for Trial at the Old Bailey and Central Criminal Court 1815-1849 - Central Criminal Court, returns of convicted prisoners

The Proceedings of the Old Bailey 1674-1913 are available at

www.oldbaileyonline.org

these records are fully searchable and digital copies of the trial transcripts are available

HO26 2750 – 2752 Criminal Registers, Middlesex 1791 – 1849

An index and digital images can be found at

Ancestry www.ancestry.com.au

AJCP – Part 4 - War Office Records

WO86 2718-2723 **Judge Advocate General's Office: District Courts Martial Registers, Home and Abroad. 1829-1979**

The microfilm reels are worth perusing for Court Martial information particularly if the convict concerned was sentenced by Military Court Martial.

WO90 2723 – 2725 **Judge Advocate General's Office: General Courts Martial Registers, Abroad. 1779-1960**

Military Court Martial information is similar to WO86

Times Digital Archive 1785 - 2010

Times Literary Supplement Historical Archive

Microfilms of *The Times* are held in the microfilm area of the State Library of Western Australia 1st Floor.

*If you are registered with the
State Library of Western Australia
you are able to access The Times online for free through their eresources
www.slwa.wa.gov.au/eresources/e-newspapers*

Palmers Index to The Times

Index to *The Times* newspaper July 1828-Dec. 1896

17th – 18th Century Burney Collection Newspapers – 1 million newspaper pages, Titles from London, British Isles and colonies

Nineteenth Century British Library Newspapers Parts I, II and III – 2 million newspaper pages, British National and regional areas

Illustrated London News Historical Archive – 1842 - 2003

Contain digital images of newspapers from the 1600's to 1950, these titles (over 10 million pages) have been OCR'd (Optical Character Recognition) meaning they are fully searchable, giving the researcher access to newspapers from all over England, Ireland and Scotland, a valuable tool when searching for information on the trials and convictions of convicts.

*If you are registered with the
State Library of Western Australia
you are able to access these newspapers online for free through their eresources
www.slwa.wa.gov.au/eresources/e-newspapers*

Records from the National Archives UK

CRIM9 - Central Criminal Court: after trial calendars of prisoners

Trials at the Central Criminal Court (Old Bailey) giving details of the prisoner, offence, indictment, date of trial, verdict and sentence.

*An index and digital images are available from
Find My Past
www.findmypast.co.uk*

HO27 - Criminal Registers, England and Wales 1805-1892

For Western Australian convicts this listing should be referred to, and particular note taken of the bracketing around either several names or offence and transportation sentence.

*An index and digital images are available from
Ancestry
www.ancestry.com.au*

CONCLUSION

This guide has been published to help the researcher find records not only in expected places but also in those that are less well known. There are many more sources available if the scope of the search is broadened. Remember that the facts in the *Convicts in Western Australia 1850-1887*, need to be confirmed and added to by consulting other sources from this guide, to help you to put meat on the bones of your subject. It is hoped that our efforts will enable the researchers examining convict lives to access the records they want with as little difficulty as possible. Research is neither easy nor quick but a challenge, with the reward of furthering our understanding of the convict era in Western Australia.

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| Name of convict | Passenger List and Acc128 |
| Year of birth | Acc (ACC)128 (age only); Marriage Certificate (age only or of full age) Death Certificate (age only); Cemetery records (age only) |
| Date of death | Acc1156“R” series; Police Gazette; Colonial Secretaries Office (CSO); Australian Joint Copying Project (AJCP) Colonial Office (CO)18; Convict Discipline; Death Certificate; Cemetery Records; Probate |
| Place and cause of death | Police Gazette; CSO; AJCP CO18; Convict Discipline; Death Certificate; Cemetery Records; Probate |
| Marital status upon arrival | Acc128; Acc1156“R” Series |
| Occupation at time of conviction | Acc1156“R” Series; AJCP Home Office (HO); AJCP P.Com 2; Trial account in British Newspapers within the district of trial or conviction |
| Literacy | Acc1156 ; AJCP Prison Commission (PCom) 2 |
| Religion upon arrival | As above |
| Place of conviction | As above |
| Date of conviction | As above |
| Date of sentence | As above |
| Nature of offence | As above |
| Previous conviction (if any) | As above |
| Length of sentence | As above |
| Name of ship in which transported | Shipping Lists; Acc128; Irish Transportation Records; AJCP P.Com.2; Acc1156“R” Series |
| Date of arrival in WA | As above and Surgeon’s Journal |
| Individual convict number | Acc128; Acc1156“R” Series |
| Date of ticket of leave | Acc1156“R” Series; Government Gazette; CSO; AJCP CO18; Convict Discipline. |
| Date of conditional pardon | As above |
| Date of full pardon | As above |
| Colonial reconviction(s) (only recorded when new number issued) | As above and Acc128 |
| Districts where known to work | Acc1156“R” Series; Acc1156“SO” series |
| Occupation after arrival | As above |
| Date of departure (for Eastern Colonies or England) | Acc318; Police Gazette |
| Permission to Marry | CSO; AJCP CO18; Convict Discipline |
| Other information: (i.e.: Expiree) | Any of the above, Acc1156 SO series in particular; Newspapers; Private Archives |

TABLE SHOWING W.A. CONVICT NUMBERS & VOYAGE DETAILS

| No of Convicts per ship | Convict Numbers | Ship | Arrival Date ** |
|--------------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| 75 | 1 - 75 | <i>Scindian</i> | 1 Jun 1850 |
| 100 | 76 - 175 | <i>Hashemy</i> | 25 Oct 1850 |
| 208 | 176 - 383 | <i>Mermaid</i> | 15 May 1851 |
| 294 | 384 - 677 | <i>Pyrenees (1)</i> | 28 Jun 1851 |
| 304 | 678 - 981 | <i>Minden</i> | 14 Oct 1851 |
| | 982 - 985 | Colonial Convicts | |
| 279 | 986 - 1264 | <i>Marion</i> | 30 Jan 1852 |
| 212 | 1265 - 1476 | <i>William Jardine</i> | 1 Aug 1852 |
| | 1477 | Colonial Convicts | |
| 229 | 1478 - 1706 | <i>Dudbrook</i> | 7 Feb 1853 |
| | 1707 | Colonial Convict | |
| 296 | 1708 - 2003 | <i>Pyrenees (2)</i> | 30 Apr 1853 |
| | 2004 | Colonial Convict | |
| 309 | 2005 - 2313 | <i>Robert Small</i> | 19 Aug 1853 |
| 295 | 2314 - 2608 | <i>Phoebe Dunbar</i> | 20 Aug 1853 |
| | 2609 - 2610 | Colonial Convicts | |
| 15 | 2611 - 2625 | <i>General Godwin</i> | 28 Mar 1854 |
| 304 | 2626 - 2929 | <i>Sea Park</i> | 5 May 1854 |
| | 2930 - 2931 | Colonial Convicts | |
| 227 | 2932 - 3208 | <i>Ramillies</i> | 7 Aug 1854 |
| | 3209 - 3211 | Colonial Convicts | |
| 6 | 3212 - 3217 | <i>Guide</i> | 9 Jan 1855 |
| | 3218 - 3219 | Colonial Convicts | |
| 225 | 3220 - 3444 | <i>Stag</i> | 23 May 1855 |
| 260 | 3445 - 3704 | <i>Adelaide</i> | 18 Jul 1855 |
| | 3705 - 3721 | Colonial Convicts | |
| 250 | 3722 - 3971 | <i>William Hammond</i> | 29 Mar 1856 |
| | 3972 - 3982 | Colonial Convicts | |
| 248 | 3983 - 4230 | <i>Runnymede</i> | 7 Sep 1856 |
| | 4231 - 4238 | Colonial Convicts | |
| 262 | 4239 - 4500 | <i>Clara (1)</i> | 3 May 1857 |
| 4 | 4501 - 4504 | <i>City of Palaces</i> | 8 Aug 1857 |
| | 4505 - 4507 | Colonial Convicts | |
| 270 | 4508 - 4777 | <i>Nile</i> | 1 Jan 1858 |
| 1 | 4778 | <i>Caduceus</i> | 5 Feb 1858 |
| 270 | 4779 - 5048 | <i>Lord Raglan</i> | 1 Jun 1858 |
| | 5049 | Colonial Convict | |
| 11 | 5050 - 5060 | <i>Albuera</i> | 28 Oct 1858 |
| 280 | 5061 - 5340 | <i>Edwin Fox</i> | 21 Nov 1858 |
| | 5341 - 5343 | Colonial Convicts | |
| 224 | 5344 - 5567 | <i>Sultana</i> | 19 Aug 1859 |
| | 5568 - 5569 | Colonial Convicts | |
| 1 | 5570 | <i>Frances</i> | 19 Nov 1859 |
| | 5571 - 5585 | Colonial Convicts | |
| 296 | 5586 - 5881 | <i>Palmerston</i> | 11 Feb 1861 |
| | 5882 - 5894 | Colonial Convicts | |

| No of Convicts per ship | Convict Numbers | Ship | Arrival Date ** |
|-------------------------|-----------------|------------------------|-----------------|
| 306 | 5895 – 6200 | <i>Lincelles</i> | 28 Jan 1862 |
| | 6201 - 6202 | Colonial Convicts | |
| 290 | 6203 – 6492 | <i>Norwood</i> | 9 Jun 1862 |
| | 6493 - 6496 | Colonial Convicts | |
| 300 | 6497 – 6796 | <i>York</i> | 31 Dec 1862 |
| | 6797 - 6806 | Colonial Convicts | |
| 192 | 6807 – 6998 | <i>Merchantman (1)</i> | 16 Feb 1863 |
| | 6999 | Colonial Convict | |
| 320 | 7000 – 7319 | <i>Clyde</i> | 29 May 1863 |
| | 7320 - 7326 | Colonial Convicts | |
| 270 | 7327 – 7596 | <i>Lord Dalhousie</i> | 28 Nov 1863 |
| | 7597 - 7607 | Colonial Convicts | |
| 301 | 7608 – 7908 | <i>Clara (2)</i> | 13 May 1864 |
| | 7909 - 7915 | Colonial Convicts | |
| 260 | 7916 – 8175 | <i>Merchantman (2)</i> | 12 Sep 1864 |
| | 8176 - 8190 | Colonial Convicts | |
| 280 | 8191 – 8470 | <i>Racehorse</i> | 10 Aug 1865 |
| | 8471 - 8475 | Colonial Convicts | |
| 280 | 8476 – 8755 | <i>Vimiera/Vimeira</i> | 22 Dec 1865 |
| | 8756 - 8770 | Colonial Convicts | |
| 277 | 8771 – 9047 | <i>Belgravia</i> | 4 Jul 1866 |
| | 9048 - 9058 | Colonial Convicts | |
| 306 | 9059 – 9364 | <i>Corona</i> | 22 Dec 1866 |
| | 9365 - 9376 | Colonial Convicts | |
| 254 | 9377 – 9630 | <i>Norwood</i> | 13 Jul 1867 |
| | 9631 - 9643 | Colonial Convicts | |
| 280 | 9644 – 9923 | <i>Hougomont</i> | 9 Jan 1868 |
| | 9924 - 10377 | Colonial Convicts | |

** Arrival date differs many times on records. Acc. 128 shipping lists give different dates when the lists were made up. Those who died at sea, died in the Establishment hospital and died in harbour are included in the numbering system for the Convicts per ship.

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