



Convicts: from trial to freedom

UK & Ireland *(before they came)*

- Archive Wales – <http://archives.wales>
- Assize Court Records – www.familysearch.org/learn/wiki/en/Assize_Court_Records
- Bedfordshire Gaol Register – <http://apps.bedford.gov.uk/grd/>
- Convict hulks – https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_British_prison_hulks
Also List of known hulks – <http://bit.ly/JFhulks>
- Devon convicts transported to Australia – www.genuki.org.uk/big/eng/DEV/Emigration/LastFarewell
- Down County Museum, Prisoners – <http://bit.ly/DownConvicts>
- Dumfries Jail Books – <http://info.dumgal.gov.uk/HistoricalIndexes/Home/IndexDescription/5>
- Index of legal terms and offences – <http://bit.ly/NRSlegalterms>
- Inveraray Jail – www.inverarayjail.co.uk/our-history/
- Ireland-Australia transportation database – <http://bit.ly/IrishTransportation>
- Irish Chief Secretary's Office Registered Papers – www.csorp.nationalarchives.ie
- Kent Quarter Sessions Index – <http://bit.ly/KentQS>
- Lancaster Castle Convict Database – www.lancastercastle.com/convict-database
- Lincolnshire Convicts Transported – <http://bit.ly/LincsConvicts>
- Looking for prisoner records – <http://bit.ly/TNAprisoners>
- Newspapers – see the eResources of your state library (get state library card): 19th Century British Library Newspapers, British Newspapers 1600-1900, Gale News Vault, Times Digital Archive
- Nottingham Convicts – <http://bit.ly/NottCourts>
- Old Bailey Online – www.oldbaileyonline.org
- Prison hulks on the River Thames – <http://bit.ly/LondonHulks>
- Scottish 'Crime & Criminals' guide – <http://bit.ly/NRScrime>
- Scottish High Court criminal trials – <http://bit.ly/NRSHighCourt>
- Scottish Prison Register Search – www.maxwellancestry.com/prisonsearch.aspx
- The National Archives (UK) (London) – www.nationalarchives.gov.uk
 - The National Archives (UK) catalogue search – discovery.nationalarchives.gov.uk
(lesser crimes tried at Quarter Sessions courts, records at English county record offices, see 'Find an archive')
 - The National Archives (UK) Podcasts – <http://media.nationalarchives.gov.uk/> *(audio lectures)*
 - The National Archives (UK) Surgeons at Sea – www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/surgeonsatsea/
- Wales' Court of Great Sessions ('Crime and Punishment') – www.llgc.org.uk/sesiwn_fawr/index_s.htm
- Warwickshire Calendars of Prisoners Database – <http://bit.ly/WarPrisoners>
- York Assizes – www.yorkfamilyhistory.org.uk/resources/york-assizes/

New South Wales

- New South Wales State Archives & Records – www.records.nsw.gov.au
 - Convict records – <http://bit.ly/NSWSARconvicts>
- Ancestry.com.au – www.ancestry.com.au *(see 'Convict Collection', subscription website)*
- Female Factory Parramatta – www.parragirls.org.au
- Female Orphan School, Parramatta – www.uws.edu.au/femaleorphanschool/home
- findmypast.com.au convict records – <http://bit.ly/fmpConvict>
- First Fleet Online – <http://firstfleet.uow.edu.au/index.html>
- Free Settler or Felon – www.jenwilletts.com
- Hyde Park Barracks Museum – sydneylivingmuseums.com.au/hyde-park-barracks-museum/stories
- Irish convicts to NSW – <http://members.pcug.org.au/~ppmay/>
- NSW Transcription agents who visit NSW State Archives & Records *(for those unable to visit themselves)*
 - Marilyn Rowan – www.transcriptions.com.au
 - Turtle Consolidated Services – <http://home.iprimus.com.au/lturtle/>

Moreton Bay *(Queensland – was NSW until 1859)*

- Moreton Bay convicts – www.archives.qld.gov.au/Researchers/Indexes/Convicts/Pages/default.aspx
- Pre-separation records – <http://bit.ly/QSAPreSeparation>
- Queensland Convict Register (1824-1839) – <http://bit.ly/fmpQldConvicts> (*findmypast.com.au, costs*)

Port Phillip District *(Victoria – was NSW until 1851)*

- Justice, crime & law – www.prov.vic.gov.au/explore-collection/explore-topic/justice-crime-and-law
- Register of Convicts – <http://bit.ly/PROVConvictRegister>
- Victoria Government Gazette Online Archive – <http://gazette.slv.vic.gov.au>
- Westernport Settlement 1826-28 – www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~nswgdhs/westport.htm

South Australia *(no convicts sent directly to South Australia)*

- South Australians sentenced to transportation – <http://bit.ly/SAconvicts> (*findmypast.com.au, costs*)
- South Australian ex-convicts – <http://bit.ly/SAexConvicts> (*findmypast.com.au, costs*)

Van Diemen's Land *(Tasmania – was NSW until 1825)*

- Convict portal – www.linc.tas.gov.au/convict-portal
- Tasmanian Names Index – https://talis.ent.sirsidynix.net.au/client/en_AU/names/
- Convict Department (guide) – https://stors.tas.gov.au/au-7-0038-00120_1
- Convict records & abbreviations – www.linc.tas.gov.au/family-history/Pages/Convict-abbreviations.aspx
- Baptisms of Children of Convicted Women – <http://search.ancestry.com.au/search/db.aspx?dbid=60750>
- Becoming Tasmania – www.parliament.tas.gov.au/php/BecomingTasmania/BTMainPage.htm
- Convicts and the Colonial Period – <http://bit.ly/TasConvictHistory>
- Early colonial administration records – <http://bit.ly/TasEarlyAdmin>
- Female Convicts Research Group – www.femaleconvicts.org.au
- Founders and Survivors – <http://foundersandsurvivors.org>
- Orphan Schools, Tasmania – www.orphanschool.org.au
- Port Arthur history – <http://portarthur.org.au/history/>

Western Australia *(received convicts 1850-1868)*

- Convict database – <http://fremantleprison.com.au/history-heritage/history/convict-database/>
- Convict records of WA – <http://bit.ly/SLWAconvictguide>
- Convicts to Australia – <http://members.iinet.net.au/~perthdps/convicts/>
- Convict Records – www.sro.wa.gov.au/collection/convict-records
- Dead Reckoning – <http://bit.ly/WADRconvicts>
- Parkhurst Boys to Western Australia – <http://bit.ly/WAGSParkhurstBoys>
- Police Gazettes – www.slwa.wa.gov.au/explore-discover/wa-heritage/police-gazettes

General

- Ancestry.com.au Convict Collection – <http://search.ancestry.co.uk/search/group/AUConvicts> (*costs*)
- Australian Joint Copying Project (AJCP) – <http://bit.ly/NLAajcp>
- Australian Royalty – <http://australianroyalty.net.au>
- Biographical Database of Australia – www.bda-online.org.au
- Claim a Convict – www.hawkesbury.net.au/claimaconvict/
- Convict creations – www.convictcreations.com
- Convict system digitised books – <http://bit.ly/SLWAconvicts>
- Convict Transportation Registers Database – www.convictrecords.com.au
- Convict Women – <http://bit.ly/WhoresDamnedWhores>
- Convicts and national character – <http://bit.ly/ConvictsNatCharacter>
- Convicts Australia – <http://bit.ly/JFConvictsAustralia>
- Government & Police Gazettes – www.findmypast.com.au (*costs*)
Also see collection on Trove
- Parkhurst Boys – <http://members.iinet.net.au/~perthdps/convicts/park.html>
- State Library of NSW, 'From Terra Australis to Australia' – <http://bit.ly/NSWSLTerraAustralis>
- Trove – <http://trove.nla.gov.au> (*digitised newspapers, pictures, books & more*)