

# Convicts

*Local and Family History*

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Eden Library:	Tues. – Fri., 9.30am – 5.00pm.	Sat 9.00am – 12 noon.	Cnr Imlay & Mitchell, Eden.

## Books

The Guide to NSW State Archives relating to convicts and convict administration (the Convict Guide) **R365 GUID LHC**

The Convict ships / Charles Bateson. **R365.994 BATE LHC**

Convict records in Australia / Cora Num. **929.394 NUM**

Death or liberty : the convicts of the Britannia, Ireland to Botany Bay, 1797 / Barbara Hall. **R929.3944 HALL LHC**

Of infamous character : the convicts of the Boddingtons, Ireland to Botany Bay, 1793 / Barbara Hall. **R929.3944 HALL LHC**

A nimble fingered tribe : the convicts of the Sugar Cane, Ireland to Botany Bay, 1793 / Barbara Hall. **R929.3944 HALL LHC**

A desperate set of villains : the convicts of the Marquis Cornwallis, Ireland to Botany Bay 1796 / Barbara Hall. **R929.3944 HALL LHC**

The Floating brothel : the extraordinary story of the Lady Julian and its cargo of female convicts bound for Botany Bay / Sian Rees. **994.0088042 REE**

Orphans of history : the forgotten children of the First Fleet / Robert Holden. **994.402 HOLD**

Convict women / Kay Daniels. **364.374 DAN**

James McClelland series of convicts arriving in Australia for years 1788-1822. **R929.394 MCCL LHC**

1788 : the brutal truth of the First Fleet : the biggest single overseas migration the world had ever seen / David Hill. **994.02 HILL**

1788 : people of the First Fleet / Don Chapman. **994.02 CHA**

The crimes of the First Fleet convicts / John Copley. **R365.34 COBL LHC**

The First fleters : a comprehensive listing of convicts, marines, seamen, officers, wives, children, and ships / R.J. Ryan. **R994.02 RYAN LHC**

Second fleet families of Australia / C.J. Smee. **R929.394 SMEE LHC**

The Second Fleet : Britain's grim convict armada of 1790 / Michael Flynn. **R994.02 FLYN**

The Second Fleet convicts : a comprehensive listing of convicts / R.J. Ryan. **R994.02 RYA LHC**

The Third Fleet convicts : an alphabetical listing of names, giving place and date of conviction, length of sentence and ship of transportation / R.J. Ryan. **R994.02 RYA LHC**

Convict society and its enemies / J. B. Hirst. **994.402 HIR**

Great convict escapes in colonial Australia / Warwick Hirst. **994.02 HIRS**

The forgotten Australians : the non Anglo or Celtic convicts and exiles / James H. Donohoe. **R994.004 DONO LHC**

## Archives Resources Kit, NSW State Records

The following are held at Bega Library in the local history collection.

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| • Index to Convict Indents, 1837-42                           | Fiche 803-806        |
| • Convict Indents, 1788-1842                                  | Fiche 614-744        |
| • Musters & other papers relating to convict ships, 1790-1849 | Reels 2417-2428      |
| • Registers of convicts' applications to marry, 1825-51       | Fiche 780-802        |
| • Assignment Registers, 1821-24                               | Fiche 745-748        |
| • Register of Tickets of Leave, 1824-27                       | Fiche 752-754        |
| • Ticket of Leave butts, 1827-67                              | Reels 909-965, 2688A |
| • Registers of Conditional Pardons, 1791-1825                 | Fiche 820-823        |
| • Registers of convicts rec. for Conditional Pardons, 1826-56 | Fiche 824-835        |
| • Registers of Absolute Pardons, 1791-1843                    | Reel 800             |
| • Registers of rec. for Absolute Pardons, 1826-46             | Reel 800             |
| • Convict Deaths, 1828-79                                     | Fiche 749-751        |

 Also check out NSW State Records website at [www.records.nsw.gov.au](http://www.records.nsw.gov.au) which has a number of online indexes relating to convicts such as tickets of leave, certificates of freedom, convict bank accounts, convict exiles, pardons, tickets of exemption from government labour and Tasmanian convicts 1804-1853. You can read Christine Shergold's enlightening article entitled "Lost and Saved" which explains which convict records have survived and which records have been destroyed.

In addition, the following **NSW State Records guides** are available online and are held in hardcopy at Bega Library:

- Archives in Brief 2: Convict records.
- Archives in Brief 34: Convict families.
- Archives in Brief 100: How to find a convict.

## Websites

**State Library of NSW** has the best research guide which takes you logically through the life of a convict. Step by step, this online guide provides resources to research your convict ancestor using a mix of websites, books, microform and CD-ROM databases.

<http://www.sl.nsw.gov.au/navigators/convicts/index.html>

**Convicts to Australia** "is intended to guide, inform and entertain those just starting the hunt as well as the more experienced researcher." A comprehensive site including lists of all the convict ships sent from England as well as alphabetical lists of the First, Second and Third Fleet convicts. Well worth a look.

<http://www.convictcentral.com>

**Society of Australian Genealogists** includes research guides on convicts to NSW and convict hulks.

<http://www.sag.org.au>

**Convict Ships – medical journals 1816-1867.** Medical journals copied as part of the Australian Joint Copying Project. <http://mc2.vicnet.net.au/home/grthom/web/medjour.html>