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<http://www.bda-online.org.au>**Convict Indents 1829-1849**

So far the only convict ships included on this website for the period 1829-1849 are those arriving in the years 1831 and 1833. Volunteers are working on 1829 and 1830 and these indents will be added when the task is complete and work will continue on subsequent years up to 1849, the last year convicts were sent to New South Wales.

From 1830 copies of the indents were printed in large volumes, mostly one year at a time. Only about 30 copies of each were printed and distributed to the District Magistrates whose clerks were able to use them to identify people and add comments into blank fields for administrative purposes.

Each entry ran right across a double page measuring 75cm. Transcriptions have been based on the printed versions, which are much easier to read than the original manuscript volumes. For most years the printed entries are listed in a different order to the manuscript version.

Because of the length of time needed to capture every detail for each convict, the details in the column "Particular Marks or Scars. Remarks" have not been transcribed at this stage. The printed and manuscript versions held by State Records New South Wales should be consulted for this information as well as for a complete catalogue of Bound Manuscript Indents (NRS 12188) and Annotated Printed Indents (NRS 12189). The Mitchell Library in Sydney holds some copies of the bound indents, but not a full set.

See www.records.nsw.gov.au and www.ancestry.com.au.

Indent transcripts for 1831 now on BDA contain 2878 convicts. With others mentioned within an entry also indexed (including spouses, parents, siblings and children), a total of 3571 entries are included for this year.

Indent transcripts for 1833 now on BDA contain 4212 convicts. With others mentioned within an entry also indexed, a total of 4993 entries are included for this year.

A total of 8564 individuals named in Convict Indents for 1831 and 1833 are now added to the Database.

For other 'Convict Indents' included in the BDA see
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