

## BDA Source Description Pages

<https://www.bda-online.org.au>**Convicts sent to NSW direct from India and other non-UK ports  
1813-1826**

The vast majority of Australian convicts sailed from Britain or Ireland. A small proportion of the convicts were transported from other places under British control, including India, Ceylon (Sri Lanka), South Africa, Mauritius and Burma (Myanmar). Some of these convicts were British soldiers, sailors or civilians, others were non-European or mixed-race people, soldiers, sailors or civilians from what were then British colonies in the Indian Ocean region.

Sometimes annotations are included giving details of tickets of leave, pardons, deaths and other details. Data fields included are ship and date of arrival in New South Wales, date and place of trial (usually the place the ship sailed from or the nearest accessible port to the place of trial), sentence, age occupation, birthplace and description (usually height, complexion, hair and eye colour). All these convicts were landed at Sydney.

This dataset derives from a UK National Archives volume extracted in the 19<sup>th</sup> century from indents and arrival musters for these convicts. The original is held at TNA ref CO 201/7 and a copy is held by State Archives New South Wales at COD 6. They have been transcribed and entered from COD 6 by Carol Baxter.

The records are digitized online at Ancestry.com.au under the category 'New South Wales, Australia, Convict Indents, 1788-1842' and sub-category 'Convicts Arriving in the Colony (not from the UK) 1807-1824' [sic, actually 1826].

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For all Convict records included in the BDA see

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