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Certificates of Freedom 1823-1869

Emancipated Convicts were issued with a Certificate to enable them to present same to any Constable, thus proving that they had completed their sentence. The Certificates give full name, aliases, ship and year of arrival, the number and date of issue. Many have original remarks, a number of which give a date of death after the issue of the Certificate and a very large proportion giving the numbers of their Tickets of Leave and in some cases the place of colonial conviction.

There were 36,622 Certificates issued between 1823 and 1869. With aliases and some other people mentioned in the original remarks, there is a total of 42,385 entries in the Dataset.

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Further Reading

Convicts and Convict Administration - Guide 4 - published by SRNSW - March 2006.

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