

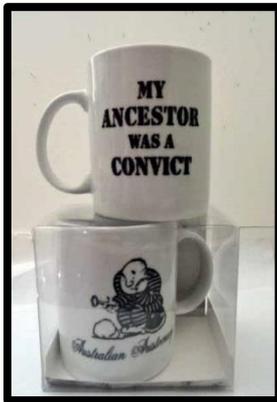


Convict Connections

# Chained Mail 2



Welcome  
to our bi-monthly  
**“Chained Mail”**  
which will keep you informed of  
what is happening at our GSQ  
Inc. Interest Group  
**“Convict Connections”**



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### DO YOU KNOW?

- Why there were female factories?
- What was their purpose?
- What were the conditons in the numerous female factories?

At our December meeting, Female Factories will be our theme for the day.

### ON THE WEB

Have you visited this site?  
<https://www.bda-online.org.au/>

The **Biographical Database of Australia** is a non-profit project which is of invaluable importance to genealogists. The site is constantly being up-dated.

Do check it out!!!

200 years ago... *The Sydney Gazette* 20 Nov 1819 –

*The arrival of the ship Lord Wellington, with female convicts, from England and Ireland, may be daily expected. We understand that many of those who embarked in England had the good fortune, during their confinement in the prison of Newgate, to be placed under the care and tuition of Mrs Fry, and the visiting Committee of Ladies; and that the habits of industry and the useful knowledge they had acquired, through the exertions of these benevolent persons, were such as to qualify them for various branches of domestic service. We trust that many of them will be found on their arrival to be still worthy of being placed in such situations; and we cannot doubt that so favourable an opportunity of seconding the efforts of Mrs. Fry and her benevolent companions, as well as of selecting good female domestics, will be gladly embraced by the respectable families of this community.*

### OUR OCTOBER MEETING 2019

Our talk for the October 2019 meeting is on two islands in Tasmania which were used as places of exile, mostly for re-offending convicts. **Maria Island** is off the east coast, and **Sarah Island** lies in the more remote Macquarie Harbour on the west coast. Both were in use before Port Arthur was opened.

### NSW & ACT Family History Conference

11 – 13 October

*Convict Connections* will be represented at Conference to be held at Knox Grammar.