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Convict Connections



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

OUR FEBRUARY 2020 MEETING

The February AGM saw no changes in positions held. We welcomed four new members and there was a round table discussion on various subjects. One was on how to find out the place of origin of a convict ancestor. We have decided to make that a topic for the June meeting.

12 APRIL 2020 MEETING

Despite it being Easter Sunday, the meeting will take place as per usual! Join us as we take a closer look at the Digital Panopticon web-site. The Resource Centre will be open from 9 am to 4 pm.

ON THE WEB

Are you keeping up with the progress of the on-line availability of the Australian Joint Copying Project (AJCP) records as they are being digitised by the National Library of Australia??

<https://www.nla.gov.au/content/australian-joint-copying-project>

200 years ago... Hobart Town Gazette 19 Feb 1820 –

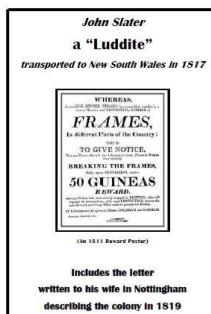
The *Recovery*, having on board His Majesty's Commissioner for the Affairs of these Colonies, JOHN THOMAS BIGGE, Esq. with T. H. SCOTT, Esq., his Secretary, was preparing to sail for this place, and is hourly expected.

These papers report the arrival from home of the *Castle Forbes*, *Prince Regent*, and *Eliza*, with male convicts; the latter after a peculiarly short voyage of 96 days; and all bringing their complements of prisoners in good health.

The *Lord Wellington*, female convict ship, has also arrived, having had a very long passage but with the prisoners quite healthy; having on board 120 female prisoners and 45 children, under the care of Dr. Bromley, of the Royal Navy, who has been repeatedly out before in charge of prisoners; the first time was in His Majesty's ship *Calcutta*, which brought out the late Lieutenant Governor Collins, now a period of nearly 17 years.

Convict Connections Chronicle

The February edition of the Chronicle has some interesting articles – one is about the above-mentioned T H Scott Esquire.



John Slater was convicted of machine breaking. Read why he was called a Luddite. Read the letter he wrote to his wife in Nottingham describing the colony in 1819.

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