

## Convicts – Canberra and District [A]

*Please note that this list is INCOMPLETE.*

**The Canberra District includes:** the area in between Gundaroo (north), Bungendore/Lake George/Lake Bathurst (east), south to the Monaro (for reasons spelt out below), Queanbeyan, and west to the Brindabella Ranges. It may include some regions beyond these boundaries, due to landholders occupying land in those regions. It does not include Goulburn or Braidwood, where these towns are specifically identified.

**The list includes:** known assignees to the Canberra district that gained a Ticket-of-leave, Free Report, Passport, a Pardon, in Queanbeyan NSW, or were Free by Servitude within the area. The 1828 Census designates some people as FREE, but since they arrived on a convict ship, they have been included until research proves otherwise. A 'F' or 'CF' has been placed next to their name since their sentence may have expired by the time they were employed in the district. Basically, if they were in the district at any point in time, then they are included here, until proved otherwise, in which case they will be removed!

Various names were used for Canberra and the surrounding district in the 1828 Census. The name 'Goulburn Plains' can include Burra, Bywong, Canbury (Canberra), Gundaroo, Limestone Plains (Canberra), Gingira (Jingera), Gunning, Michalago (Michelago), Molonglo, Murrumbateman, Murrumbidgee, Tarago, Yass and Yass Plains. 'Maneroo' (Monaro/Monaroo) can also mean those places including and south of the Limestone Plains (Canberra).

The benefit of doubt has been taken with convicts who resided on the 'Goulburn Plains', 'Yass' or 'Maneroo'. Many were employed by known local district landholders who may have deployed their labourers on other acreages they held in the region as watchmen/shepherds/hutkeepers attending stock.

Robert Campbell of Duntroon was often described in the 1828 Census as 'R. (or Robt.) Campbell, Limestone Plains, Goulburn Plains'. John Palmer of Ginninderra was likewise. In these cases only 'LP' has been used.

All ships have been checked with, and names corrected, using Bateson and/or other available shipping records as noted in the '*Key – Sources*', including the *Sydney Gazette*.

The Key to a numbered superscript reference source is located under '*Key – Sources*'. All sources are referenced wherever possible.

## Key – Abbreviations:

BC Born in the Colony  
CF Came Free  
CM Convicts applications to marry 1826-1851  
CP Conditional Pardon  
CSI mentioned Colonial Secretary's Online Index 1788-1825 (NSW State Records):  
<http://www.records.nsw.gov.au/state-archives/indexes-online/>  
F Free  
FR Free Report  
FS Free by servitude

GP Goulburn Plains  
LP Limestone Plains  
NSWSR New South Wales State Records  
Qbn Queanbeyan NSW  
PP Paterson's Plains  
PS Passport  
TL Ticket of Leave  
TL Qbn Person holding Ticket of Leave for the District of Queanbeyan - from attendance at musters covering the period 1848-1852

## Key – Sources (separated by a comma if more than one source used):

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- <sup>7</sup> Frei, Patricia. *Historical Indexes of the Canberra/Queanbeyan District*, The Heraldry & Genealogy Society of Canberra Inc., Canberra, 2006.
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- <sup>15</sup> Cumpston, J.S. *Shipping Arrivals & Departures, Sydney, 1788-1825*, Roebuck, Canberra, 1977.
- <sup>16</sup> *The Proceedings of the Old Bailey 1674-1913*, online: [www.oldbaileyonline.org/](http://www.oldbaileyonline.org/)
- <sup>17</sup> Mayberry, Peter. *Irish Convicts to NSW 1788-1837*: <http://members.pcug.org.au/~ppmay/convicts.htm>
- <sup>18</sup> Salisbury, Jean. *Canberra, St. John's Churchyard 1844-1998*, The Heraldry & Genealogy Society of Canberra Inc., Canberra, 2000.
- <sup>19</sup> Robinson, Fredk. *Canberra's First Hundred Years*, Sydney 1924.
- <sup>20</sup> *NSW Registry of Births, Deaths & Marriages*: <http://www.bdm.nsw.gov.au/familyHistory/searchHistoricalRecords.htm>
- <sup>21</sup> Familysearch.org: <http://www.familysearch.org/eng/default.asp>

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Name &/or Alias of Convict	Ship & no. of voyage	Date of Arrival	Circa Date of Birth	Native Place	Place of Trial / Crime	Date of Trial	Term	Age	Assigned to	Date of TL; FR; PS; FS; CP	Died	Trade/Calling	Remarks
ADAMS, James <sup>7</sup>	Cambridge	17 Sep 1827					7 yrs <sup>7</sup>		L Harnett	16 Nov 1839, Qbn, Absconding from Harnett – 50 lashes			
ADAMS, James <sup>7</sup>	Marquis of Huntley (1)	13 Sep 1826			Middlesex Gaol Delivery <sup>1</sup>	27 Oct 1825	Life <sup>1</sup>	64 <sup>6</sup>	Maneroo <sup>6</sup> ; JE Turner <sup>7</sup>	TL 1840-41, Qbn			
ADAMS, James <sup>7</sup>	Westmoreland (1)	15 Jul 1835			Dumfries, Dumfriesshire SCT <sup>1</sup>	20 Sep 1834 <sup>1</sup>	Life <sup>1</sup>	20 <sup>6</sup>	Ronald Campbell, Maneroo <sup>6</sup> ; 1846-47, Chas Campbell	TL 1843, Qbn <sup>7</sup> ; TL 1844, Qbn <sup>7</sup> ; PS Jan 1844, 1845 <sup>7</sup> ; PS 1846-47, Qbn <sup>7</sup>		Groom & shoemaker <sup>7</sup>	
ADAMS, Edward <sup>7</sup>	Hercules II (1)	7 May 1825			Warwick Assizes <sup>1</sup>	26 Jul 1823	Life <sup>1</sup>		T Turner, esq <sup>7</sup>	TL 1840-41, Qbn		Shepherd <sup>7</sup>	
AGNEW, James <sup>7</sup>	St. Vincent (1)	5 Jan 1837							Stewart Ryrie, jnr.	TL Qbn <sup>7</sup> ; applicn for Pardon Oct 1844 <sup>7</sup> ; PS 1845 <sup>7</sup>			
AHERNE, John <sup>7</sup>	Havering	8 Nov 1849			Limerick IRE - Larceny <sup>7</sup>	3 Apr 1848 <sup>7</sup>	7 yrs		John Hosking, Foxlow; Timothy Noonan, Canberry; Thomas Rutledge, Molonglo; Thomas Jephson; John Hunt, Queanbeyan <sup>7</sup>	TL Qbn <sup>7</sup>		Farm labourer	
ALLAN, James [alias LINN, LUNN]	Clyde I (2)	27 Aug 1832			Glasgow Court of Judiciary, Strathclyde SCT <sup>1</sup>	15 Sep 1831 <sup>1</sup>	14 yrs <sup>1</sup>		John Palmer, Richmond Vale <sup>1</sup> ; 1839 with Chas Campbell, TL 1840-43, TL altered to Wollombi <sup>7</sup> ; TL Qbn <sup>7</sup>	TL Qbn <sup>7</sup>		Labourer <sup>7</sup>	

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ALLEN, Frederick <sup>10</sup>	General Stewart	31 Dec 1818	c1802		Middlesex, 1818 <sup>1</sup> – grand larceny - with William Johnston (aged 14-fined): stealing 2 jackets, value 10s, 2 waistcoats, value 5s. from Edward Green, master-tailor, Military Asylum, Chelsea – Allen, guilty <sup>16</sup> transported <sup>16</sup>	1 Apr 1818 <sup>1</sup>	7 yrs <sup>1</sup>	16 <sup>16</sup> 25 <sup>10</sup>	John Macarthur, Camden <sup>1,3</sup> , John Palmer, LP <sup>10</sup>	FS by 1825 <sup>3,10</sup>		Shepherd	
ALLEN, James Brewing <sup>7</sup> (also LINN)	Clyde I (2)	27 Aug 1832	1807		Buckingham <sup>1</sup>	11 Jul 1831 <sup>1</sup>	Life <sup>1</sup>	30 <sup>6</sup>	GF Palmer <sup>6</sup> ; Chas. Campbell <sup>7</sup> ; Mr Lang-1845	Application TL Jul 1842, Qbn <sup>7</sup> ; FR 1845, Qbn <sup>7</sup>			6 Aug 1839-used threats to his master (C Campbell) to extort wages-6 mths in irons <sup>7</sup>
ALLEN, John	Calcutta II	5 Aug 1837			Limerick IRE <sup>6</sup>			29 <sup>6</sup>	W Harmer, Murray <sup>6</sup> ; Mr Hoskins <sup>7</sup> ; John McGuigan <sup>7</sup>	TL 1840-43, Qbn <sup>7</sup>		Shepherd <sup>7</sup>	
ALLEN, Patrick <sup>7</sup>	Borodino	12 Jul 1828	1803 <sup>17</sup>	Co. Tipperary <sup>17</sup>	Tipperary – burglary <sup>17</sup>	1827 <sup>17</sup>	Life <sup>17</sup>		John Stanton 1843 <sup>7</sup> ; 1846-Monaro <sup>7</sup>	TL 1840-43, Qbn; PS 1843; PS 1844; PS 1845-Stanton; CP 1846 <sup>7</sup> ;		Ploughman; Shepherd <sup>17</sup> ; Labourer <sup>7</sup>	
ANDREWS, Michael <sup>7</sup>	Albion (3)	3 Nov 1828			Middlesex Gaol Delivery <sup>1</sup>	10 Jan 1828 <sup>1</sup>	Life <sup>1</sup>	30 <sup>6</sup>	Eliz Guise, Liverpool <sup>6</sup> ; W & R. Guise, Gundaroo <sup>7</sup>	TL Qbn <sup>7</sup>		Groom <sup>7</sup>	28 Dec 1839-ass to Wm Guise, sent to Qbn for wine, Andrews returned drunk, 2 bottles wine broken, bad language used – 35 lashes <sup>7</sup> ; Nov 1843-drunk in Qbn, fined 5s or 6 hours.
ANDREWS, Michael	Eliza III (1)	18 Nov 1828							Wm Guise <sup>7</sup> ; Richard Guise-1844 <sup>7</sup>	TL 1842, Qbn-W Guise <sup>7</sup> ; TL 1844, Qbn <sup>7</sup>		Servant <sup>7</sup> ; Groom <sup>7</sup>	

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ANDREWS, William <sup>7</sup>	Countess of Harcourt (5)	8 Sep 1828	1798 <sup>1</sup>		Bridgewater, Somerset <sup>1</sup>	18 Aug 1827 <sup>1</sup>	Life <sup>1</sup>		R Campbell, Maneroo <sup>1,6</sup> ; Blomfield-1843 <sup>7</sup> ; Mr. Allen, Boco Rock, Maneroo <sup>7</sup> ; 1844-self & Jackson <sup>7</sup>	PS 15 Feb 1843, Qbn; TL 1844, Qbn <sup>1,6,7</sup>			
APPLEBY, Thomas <sup>6,7</sup>	Surrey I (9)	17 May 1836	1816 <sup>17</sup>	Co. Durham <sup>17</sup>	Antrim IRE <sup>1</sup> – stealing clothes. <sup>17</sup>	1835	7 yrs <sup>17</sup>	20 <sup>6</sup>	W. Wright, Yass <sup>6</sup> ; James Wright, Lanyon	TL 1840-41, Qbn <sup>7</sup> ; FR Jul 1842 <sup>7</sup> ; Free by 1843 <sup>7</sup> ; landowner		Soldier clerk <sup>17</sup> ; Overseer- to J Wright, 1839 <sup>7</sup>	
APPLEYARD, William <sup>7</sup>	Lady Kennaway (1)  to Van Diemen's Land (Tasmania); sent on to NSW <sup>1</sup> ;	13 Feb 1835	c1801	Leeds YRK; Father: John Appleyard -had 6 sisters, 1 at Halifax, rest at Leeds (1833). <sup>1</sup>	Dublin IRE; Court Martial; Military convict – 59 <sup>th</sup> Regt. – throwing down arms, mutiny, 5 times punished for selling necessaries and being drunk received altogether 1000 lashes.  Marital status: single; religion: Protestant; could read & write. <sup>1</sup>  Departed from Cork. <sup>1</sup>	28 Aug 1833	Life <sup>1</sup>	34 <sup>1</sup> [at trial]	J. Warner, Yass <sup>6</sup> ; Robt. Campbell; Chas. Campbell, Duntroon <sup>7</sup>	TL March 1844 <sup>7</sup>	9 Aug 1864, aged 65; bur. St. John's, Reid ACT <sup>18</sup>	Shepherd; Labourer  AOT-CON18/1/10 p.123: Name: Appleyard, William – Leeds. Description: Trade-Labourer; Height-5ft 8ins; Age-34; Complexion-Pale; Head-Medium size; Hair-dark brown; Visage-oval; Forehead-high; Eyebrows-dark brown; Eyes-blue; Nose-long; Mouth-small; Chin-Medium size.; Remarks- JA.L.M.EW.NG.MT .L.H.E.H. above elbow right arm-W.A.J.T above elbow. Woman below elbow left arm [tattoos?] <sup>1</sup>	24 Dec 1842, Qbn – Disorderly conduct, ass to R Campbell – 25 lashes. <sup>7</sup>  18 Jul 1850, Qbn – Drunk & disorderly in Trinculo Place, Qbn, 1 <sup>st</sup> offence, fined 6s. or 6 hours in the lockup. <sup>7</sup>  23 Aug 1855, Qbn – Drunk in Crawford St. Qbn, 9 Aug, fined 11s. – charged same day, drunk in Morrissett St, 16 Aug., fined 21s. <sup>7</sup>  3 Apr 1856, Qbn – Drunk in Qbn, 2 Apr, 24 hrs confinement. <sup>7</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Archives Office of Tasmania [AOT] – Convict No. 81224. Ship-Lady Kennaway-departed from Cork IRE: Appropriation List CS01/1/785 16764; Indent GO2/1/10, p.296; Description List: GO2/1/1 p.348, CON18/1/10 p.123.

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ARDLEY, John <sup>7</sup>	Waterloo (1)	9 Jul 1829		1805	Essex, Special Session of Gaol Delivery - Larceny <sup>1</sup>	10 Dec 1828 <sup>1</sup>	Death, transported for Life <sup>1</sup>	24 <sup>1</sup>	Capt. Wentworth, Sydney <sup>1</sup> ; Andrew Gordon, Cooma Creek <sup>7</sup>	TL 1840-41, 43-43, 1844, Qbn <sup>7</sup> ; PS 1845		Stockman <sup>7</sup>	Previous: Essex, Lent Assizes 1827, Larceny, 1 yr <sup>1</sup>
ARMSTRONG, Alfred <sup>7</sup>	Barossa (1)	8 Dec 1839			Central Criminal Court, Old Bailey, London <sup>1</sup>	17 Sep 1838 <sup>1</sup>	15 yrs <sup>1</sup>		William Guise <sup>7</sup> ; his own <sup>7</sup> ; HG Lintott, Gundaroo <sup>7</sup>	TL Qbn <sup>7</sup>		Butcher <sup>7</sup>	
ASHLEY, Thomas <sup>7</sup>	Admiral Gambier (2)	29 Sep 1811	c1762		Hythe, Kent, Session of Peace and Gaol Delivery <sup>1</sup>	6 Jan 1810 <sup>1</sup> July 1810 <sup>1</sup>	Life <sup>1</sup>	49 <sup>6</sup>	Govt. employ, Sydney <sup>1,3</sup> ; W. Dixon <sup>1</sup> ;	TL Sydney <sup>6</sup> ; TL 1844, Qbn <sup>7</sup>	26 Sep 1848 <sup>7</sup> at Qbn NSW	Servant <sup>1</sup> ; miller & labourer <sup>7</sup>	
ATKIN, Henry (ATTKIN) <sup>6,7</sup>	Captain Cook (3)	13 Nov 1836	c1815	Fifeshire SCT <sup>17</sup>	Wexford IRE <sup>1</sup> – receiving stolen goods <sup>17</sup>	1836 <sup>17</sup>	7 yrs <sup>17</sup>	21 <sup>6</sup> 24 <sup>7</sup>	Patk Main, Illawarra <sup>6</sup> ; Capt. Edmund H Cliffe, Craven Estate; TA Murray <sup>7</sup>			Soldier; farm servant <sup>17</sup>	
ATKINSON, John <sup>7</sup>	Eden I (2)	18 Nov 1840			York Assizes (East Riding), Yorkshire <sup>1</sup>	6 Apr 1840 <sup>1</sup>	15 yrs <sup>1</sup>		Lithgow & Nicholson, Curranoooley <sup>7</sup>	TL Qbn <sup>7</sup>		Labourer <sup>7</sup>	
AYRES, William <sup>6,7</sup>	Marquis of Huntley (3)	21 Aug 1830			Maidstone, Kent-Special Session of Peace & Gaol Delivery <sup>1</sup>	14 Dec 1829 <sup>1</sup>	Life <sup>1</sup>	30 <sup>6</sup>	Francis Mowatt, Yass <sup>6</sup> ; Maj. Barlow-1844 <sup>7</sup> ; Mr McCarthy <sup>7</sup> ; Ginindery; Mr Lintott <sup>7</sup>	TL 1840-41, 1844, Qbn <sup>7</sup>		Labourer	