

Convicts of the First Fleet

Meet eight First Fleet convicts who were sent to Australia on the First Fleet.



George Bannister

16 years: Job unknown

Crime: With two other boys, both aged fourteen, broke into a house and stole a petticoat, cloak, gown and a pair of stockings

Sentence: Seven years' transportation



James Grace

11 years: Shoemaker

Crime: Broke into a house and stole a pair of silk stockings and 10 yards (9 metres) of silk ribbon

Sentence: Seven years' transportation



Thomas Bryant

18 years: Labourer

Crime: Highway robbery; stole a watch and chain and a half-guinea coin

Sentence: Death, changed to seven years' transportation



Esther Abrahams

20 years: Milliner (hat-maker)

Crime: Stole 24 yards (22 metres) of black lace from a shop

Sentence: Seven years' transportation



James Freeman

16 years: Labourer

Crime: Highway robbery

Sentence: Death, changed to seven years' transportation



Elizabeth Beckford

70 years: Servant

Crime: Stole 12 pounds (5 kilograms) of cheese

Sentence: Seven years' transportation



Francis Woodcock

45 years: Labourer

Crime: Stole one sheep

Sentence: Death, changed to fourteen years' transportation



Jane Creek

48 years: Servant

Crime: Stole 35 pounds (15 kilograms) of feathers, two flat-irons and a coffee pot

Sentence: Seven years' transportation