TOODYAY CONVICT HIRING DEPOT EXHIBITION

TOODYAY'S CONVICTS FROM THE "HOUGOUMONT"

THE LAST TRANSPORT SHIP SENT TO AUSTRALIA



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The

TOODYAY'S "HOUGOUMONT" CONVICTS

January 1868

The arrival of the "Hougoumont" in Fremantle, Western Australia marked the end of penal transportation to Australia.

Out of 279 convicts on board, we know of:-

- 35 men who came to Toodyay,
- 32 of whom were sent to the Toodyay Convict Depot prior to receiving their Conditional Pardon

including

8 who were Irish political prisoners known as Fenians - agitators for an independent Irish Republic.

What were their crimes?

The latter years of transportation to Western Australia saw the worst offenders being sent to the Colony.

Here are the crimes and punishments recorded for the 35 men who came to Toodyay from the "Hougoumont". Longer sentences were given according to the severity of the offence or if there had been previous convictions.

Murder	Life	&	15 years		
Burglary	20 years (3)	&	15 years	&	10 years
Martial: Insubordination & desertion	14 years				
Martial: Mutinous conduct	10 years				
General Court Martial: Not informing o	-	eting, n	nutinous condu	ct	7 years
Martial: Mutinous conduct	5 years				
Martial: Treason	5 years		N Aili:	tanı Cou	rt Contoncos
			IVIIII	ury Cour	rt Sentences
Grievous bodily harm	20 years	&	15 years	&	10 years (2)
Manslaughter	15 years (2)				
Robbery	15 years	&	10 years		
Theft	14 years				
Receiving stolen goods	14 years				
Arson	10 years (2)				
Assault & Highway robbery	10 years				
Larceny	10 years (3)				
House breaking	10 years (2)				
Pickpocket	10 years				
Stealing coat	10 years				
Rape	, 10 years				

Name (in black: confirmed Toodyay TOL) (in blue: has an association withToodyay)	Convict Number	Arrival Date	TOL Date	Biography
Allen, Henry (1830-1892)	9646	1868- 01-09	1871- 06-23	CWA: Unm; lab; robbery 10 yrs; Toodyay, Vic Plains; gen svt, farm lab. Trove: A Henry Allen (aged 60) died at the Old Mens Home, Perth, on 1 December 1892. Ancestry: General Register for Nos 9059 - 9598 cont., 9599 - 10128 (R15 - R16): P499: 9646 Allen, Henry; Hougoumont. After TOL issued, he was sent to Newcastle, where was based for two days in the Newcastle Depot in late June 1871, then worked for various employers in the Victoria Plains district 1871 to 1873. Received his Certificate of Freedom from RM Newcastle 13 June 1876.
Austin, William (1841-)	9653	1868- 01-09	1872- 11-23	CWA: Mar; carter; larceny 10 yrs; Perth, York, Fremantle, Swan, Toodyay, Williams; bricklayer, gen svt, lab, teamster, worked for self, road work, quarrying. To USA 17-04-1886. Ancestry: General Register for Nos 9059 - 9598 cont., 9599 - 10128 (R15 - R16): P510 9653 Austin, William. Hougoumont. Went from Fremantle to Toodyay in Dec. 1877, and did some fencing for S.P. Phillips at Culham.
Bell, William (1844-)	9662	1868- 01-10	1870- 04-09	CWA: Unm; stonemason; griev bodily harm 15 yrs; Fremantle, Champion Bay, Toodyay; mason, builder, worked for self. To SA 21-08-1885. BDWA: Bell, William, b. 1846, (expiree). Arr. 10. 1.1868 per Hougoumont, dep. for S.A. 21.8.1 885. Employed a T/L labourer 1878 at Northam. Ancestry: General Register for Nos 9059 - 9598 cont., 9599 - 10128 (R15 - R16): P526 9662 Bell, William. Hougoumont. Sent from Fremantle to Toodyay on 26 April 1878; then worked for self, living Northam, as boarding house keeper, then mason and bricklayer.
Betts, Thomas (1841- 1902)	9665; 10277	1868- 01-10	1871- 12-17	CWA; Unm; currier; griev bodily harm 10yrs; Newcastle, Swan, Toodyay; gen svt; lab; wellsinker. Reconvicted WA 03-07-1879 3 yrs: Mar; collier. BDWA: Betts , Thomas, b. 1843 (expiree), son of Thomas, arr. 10. 1.1868 per Hougoumont. m. Emily Sarah CLARKE b. 8.5. 1854, dtr. of George Brown & Sarah Ann (nee Cooper). Chd. Martha Sarah b. 1878. Matilda, Alec, George, Thomas George b. 1883 (Walebing C/E). Labourer. Wellsinker. Victoria Plains. "Edibegibergi" Walebing 1884. Farmer. Pro. BDM: Married Emily Sarah Clarke in 1877; listed under Thomas Alexander Bates. Ancestry: General Register for Nos 9059 - 9598 cont., 9599 - 10128 (R15 - R16): P532: 9665 Betts, Thomas. Hougoumont. Was employed in the Toodyay district in 1872, and also later

				went on Conditional Release in 1875 and 1876, before CF given by RM Newcastle.
Blow, Alfred (1846-)	9669	1868- 01-10	1873- 11-26	CWA: Mar; 1 chd; manslaughter 15 yrs; York, Toodyay, Swan; gen svt, lab, worked for self as lab. Ancestry: General Register for Nos 9059 - 9598 cont., 9599 - 10128 (R15 - R16): P538: 9669 Blow, Alfred. Hougoumont. Was employed (various employers) in the Toodyay district Dec. 1873 to 1876.
Byrne, Patrick (1808-1882 or 1901)	9677	1868- 01-10	1870- 11-17	CWA: Mar; 6 chn; carpenter; griev bodily harm 10 yrs; Newcastle, Perth, Fremantle, Victoria Plains, York, Swan, Toodyay; carpenter, lab, gen svt. Ancestry: General Register for Nos 9059 - 9598 cont., 9599 - 10128 (R15 - R16): P552: 9677 Byrne, Patrick: Was in Newcastle in 1873; up before RM Toodyay in 1874 and 1875; worked for Toodyay, Victoria Plains and Newcastle employers (Clinch, Lefroy, Richardson) in 1875 and 1876.
Callaghan, George (1826- 1884)	9679	1868- 01-10	1874- 01-05	CWA: Unm; tailor; robbery 15 yrs; Perth, Toodyay, York, Swan, Fremantle; lab, fencing; gen svt; splitter, haymaker, reaping, grubbing, quarrier. Ancestry: WA Convict records: P556: 9679 Callaghan, George. Hougoumont. Was working in a [Road] Party in 1869 when he came into Toodyay without leave. Sent to Newcastle as TOL on 23 April 1874, to work for Dan Connor. Based at Toodyay Depot, he worked for various employers in 1874. Also in Toodyay in 1879.
Campbell, James (alias Michael Berry) (1824- 1884)	9681	1868- 01-10	1873- 04-27	CWA: Mar; flax dresser; h/breaking 10 yrs; Fremantle, Perth, York, Swan, Victoria Plains, etc etc, Toodyay; gen svt; teamster, lab, splitter, cook, clearing, fencing, woodcutter. Ancestry: WA Convict records: P561: 9681 Campbell, James (alias Michael Berry). Hougoumont. Working out of Toodyay 1876, 1878, and 1881.
Carter, John (1839-)	9683	1868- 01-10	1879- 05-01	CWA: Unm; painter; burglary 15 yrs; Perth, Toodyay, Victoria Plains; lab worked for self 1879-1880, gen svt. Ancestry: WA Convict records: 9683 Carter, John. Hougoumont. Working out of Toodyay 1879, 1880, 1882, 1883.
Cave, Robert (1826-1891)	9687	1868- 01-10	1877- 11-23	CWA: Mar; 2 chn; arson 10 yrs; bootmaker; Perth, Fremantle, Toodyay, Swan, bootmaker worked for self 1875-1876. BDWA: Cave, Robert, b. 1828, d. 11.10.1891 (Geraldton C/E), arr. 10.1.1868 per Hougoumont, wife & 2 chd. in U.K. Employed a T/L man at Toodyay 1870. ?Perth. bootmaker (1884-5 Alm). Ancestry: WA Convict records: General Register for Nos 9059 - 9598 cont., 9599 - 10128 (R15 - R16): P572: 9687 Cave, Robert. Hougoumont. Working at Toodyay 6 months Jan-June 1873, for a J.G. Woods [prob J.T. Wood].
Connolly, John (1842- 1899)	9694	1868- 01-10	1873- 05-25	CWA: Unm; assault & highway robbery 10 yrs; Perth, Fremantle, York, Sussex, Wellington, Swan, Toodyay, Champion Bay; polisher, lab, sawyer, wood cutter,

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				clearing, teamster, well sinker, road maker. Ancestry: General Register for Nos 9059 - 9598 cont., 9599 - 10128 (R15 - R16): P584: 9694 Connolly, John. Hougoumont. Working out of Toodyay a few months in 1877, well sinking for W. Padbury, Dandaragan. Trove: 1899 June: report of his accident (hit by cab) and later death. EP CEM: Inquest - Police Gazette 1899 pg 178 CWA: Unm; soldier; conv Dublin, Martial mutinous
Delaney, Thomas (1842-)	9710	1868- 01-10	1871- 07-17	conduct 10 yrs; Newcastle, Perth, Swan, Champion Bay, Fremantle, Toodyay; gen svt, lab, teamster, ostler; Ex 5th Dragoon Guards. To Vic, 1-07-1882. Ancestry: General Register for Nos 9059 - 9598 cont., 9599 - 10128 (R15 - R16): P614: 9710 Delaney, Thomas. Hougoumont. Working in Newcastle as ostler for Thomas Donegan in Feb 1878, just before CP. Trove: Story, July 1878, in Newcastle; called a 'Fenian'. And another story re Dan Connor.
Edge, Christopher (1840-)	9725	1868- 01-10	1877- 10-12 Vic Plains	CWA: mar; 1 chd; sailor; burglary 20 yrs; Vic Plains, Gerladton, Champion Bay; lab; shepherd, cook, miner, worked for self 1884. From Anne Jefferys: "C Edge 9725 left Dongara for the Victoria Plains district on or about 12 4.1887. Ref Dongara Police Occurrence book, 1887." Ancestry: WA Convict records: Seems to indicate Edge worked his TL time in the Victoria District. WA Police Gazette, 19 June 1887, p.117: "Conditional Release Holder. Reg. No. 9725, CHRISTOPHER EDGE, reported his departure from Victoria Plains, on the 13th inst., for Perth District, where he intends to reside."
Ellis, Joshua (1838-)	9727	1868- 01-10	1873- 01-22	CWA: Mar; 1 chd; coal miner; h/breaking 10 yrs; Newcastle, Fremantle, Perth, Beverley, Swan; lab, gen svt, sawyer. Ancestry: WA Convict records: General Register for Nos 9059 - 9598 cont., 9599 - 10128 (R15 - R16). P643: 9727 Ellis, Joshua. Hougoumont. Assigned as TOL to Toodyay 1878-1879, then 1879-1881 (CF). Working in Toodyay, Newcastle and Victoria Plains, for various employers.
Flood, James (1845-)	9734	1868- 01-10	1868- 12-12	CWA: Unm; fitter; Conv Dublin, treason 5 yrs; Newcastle, Toodyay; lab; to Victoria 1869-12-16 Fenian. Ancestry: General Register for Nos 9599 - 10128 cont. (R16): P15: 9734 Flood , James. Sent to Newcastle as TOL on 7 Dec. 1868. Worked there for H. Brady and Fred. Kirk until May 1869, when received Free Pardon from RM Newcastle. BDWA: Brady, Rev. Pro (Hugh?), arr. 23.3.1865 per Fitzroy from London. RC Chaplain Toodyay-Northam 1865. Bunbury & Bd. of Educ. 1873, 1877. Employed 6 T/ L men 1866-1878 including James Flood the Fenian.
Foley, William (1837-)	9738	1868- 01-10	1869- 05-11	CWA: Unm; lab; conv Dublin, Martial mutinous conduct 5 yrs; Newcastle, Northam, Toodyay, Victoria Plains; lab;

				gen svt; groom; reaping; road making. Ex Dragoon
				Guards imprisoned Mountjoy Ireland and London. To
				England and USA 1876-01-16. Fenian.
Green, James (1816- 1887)	9752	1868- 01-10	1877- 03-28	CWA: Widower; shoemaker; griev bodily harm 20 yrs; Fremantle, Perth, Toodyay, Swan, Murray; shoemaker, gen svt, lab. Ancestry: WA Convict records: General Register for Nos 9599 - 10128 cont. (R16): P45: 9752 Green, James. Hougoumont. Working as TOL in Newcastle in 1878-1879 for John Wilson and Charles Ellery. WA GG (24 Aug. 1887, p. 150): Inquests: "36-
				mileOn the 11th inst., at the" Jarrahdale Inn", before R. J. Lepper, J.P. and Coroner, on the body of James Green, exp., late 9752. Verdict "Death from natural causes."
Higgins, William (1839-)	9766	1868- 01-10	1877- 02-26	CWA: Mar; 1 chd; shoemaker; burglary 20 yrs; Guildford, Toodyay, Swan, York, Beverley; tank making, shoemaker, well sinker, reaping, clearing, shearing, millhand, lab. Ancestry: WA convict records: General Register for Nos 9599 - 10128 cont. (R16). P70: 9766 Higgins, William. Hougoumont. Working as TOL out of Toodyay, for W. Padbury, Victoria Plains, in 1878.
Holland, Henry (1843-)	9769	1868- 01-10	1873- 10-22	CWA: Mar; lab; manslaughter 15 yrs; Perth, Fremantle, Victoria Plains; lab, grubbing, brickmaker, clearing, limeburner, sawyer, gen svt. Ancestry: WA convict records: General Register for Nos 9599 - 10128 cont. (R16): P77: 9769 Holland, Henry. Hougoumont. Working as TOL out of Toodyay, in Toodyay, and Victoria Plains, for various employers, for W. Padbury, Victoria Plains, in 1876 to 1881.
Hooper, Edwin (1838-)	9770	1868- 01-10	1869- 04-28	CWA: Unm; farm lab; firing stacks 8 yrs; York, Toodyay; gen svt. To UK 05-04-1878. Ancestry: WA convict records: General Register for Nos 9599 - 10128 cont. (R16): P78: 9770 Hooper, Edwin. Hougoumont. Working as TOL in Toodyay and Northam, for various employers, in 1869-1870.
Howe, James (1834-)	9772	1868- 01-10	1871- 11-21	CWA: Single; clerk; burglary 10 yrs; York, Toodyay, Perth, Fremantle, Beverley; lab, cooking, gen svt, woodcutter, builder, worked for self 1874-1875. Ancestry: WA convict records: General Register for Nos 9599 - 10128 cont. (R16): P80: 9772 Howe, James. Hougoumont. Working as TOL in Toodyay and Northam, in 1871-1872.
Jones, John Rowland (1841-1895)	9783	1868- 01-10	1870- 06-10	CWA: Unm; clerk; forge & embezzlement 8 yrs; Fremantle, Toodyay, Perth, York; clerk, gen svt, reporter; worked for self 1872-1874. Ancestry: WA convict records: General Register for Nos 9599 - 10128 cont. (R16): P98: 9783 Jones, John Rowland, Hougoumont; Working as TOL in Newcastle for a few months for J. Flindell [Newcastle Hotel], 1871. Ancestry: Detailed Family Tree, with photos. Trove: 1895;

				availant abit /iamadist and based after a selection of
				excellent obit (journalist and head of Hansard reporters in Parliament); also mention of his TOL time in Newcastle in 1871. Inherit Database: Built first house in Subiaco (dem. 1959). Photo of house in: http://www.subiaco.wa.gov.au/CityofSubiaco/media/Cit y-of-Subiaco/Things-to-do-in-Subi/Cycling-and-walking/Walking-Subiaco-The-City-Centre.pdf
Kelly, James (1839-)	9794	1868- 01-10	1874- 07-06	CWA: Unm; bricklayer; larceny 10 yrs; Newcastle, Fremantle, Perth, Victoria Plains, Toodyay; Sussex; lab, bootmaker, axeman, gen svt, tailor, teamster, shepherd, hewer. To NSW, 06-03-1884. Ancestry: WA convict records: General Register for Nos 9599 - 10128 cont. (R16): P116: 9794 Kelly, James; Hougoumont; Working as TOL in Toodyay, and Victoria Plains districts (various farmer employers) in 1876-1878, 1880.
Killeen, Patrick (1847-1925 ?)	9798	1868- 01-10	1871- 03-17	CWA: Unm; horse trainer soldier; conv Dublin, General Crt Martial, not informing of a brewing meeting mutinous conduct 7 yrs; York, Toodyay; brickmaker, gen svt, lab, reaping, threshing, Ex Royal Regiment of Artillery. Fenian. Ancestry: WA convict records: General Register for Nos 9599 - 10128 cont. (R16): P126: 9798 Killeen, Patrick. Hougoumont; Working as TOL in Newcastle, Toodyay and Northam districts (various employers) in 1871-1872. BDWA: Killeen, Patrick, b. 1 848 (Ireland). d. 31.8 . 1925 (Claremont), (expiree). son of Hugh & Bridget. Arr. per Hougoumont 9. 1.1868. A Fenian political prisoner who was granted freedom in 1874. Worked in Swan & Avon districts occasionally between jobs after 1904. Shared a cottage at Waugh Street , Perth with old Fenians. Trove: 1913: Photo of Fenian Paddy Killeen, a well-known Armadale identity.
Malone, Edward (1823- 1880)	9818	1868- 01-10	1878- 05-27	CWA: Unm; conv Lucknow, murder life; York, Toodyay, Fremantle; fencing, gen svt, reaping. Ancestry: WA convict records: General Register for Nos 9599 - 10128 cont. (R16): P160: 9818 Malone, Edward. Hougoumont; Working as TOL in Toodyay, briefly (reaping, 2 weeks, for Rosevear), Dec. 1878.
Matthewson, Edward (1840-)	9822	1868- 01-10	1872- 10-18	CWA: Unm; ship's cook; pickpocket 10 yrs; Newcastle, Perth, Swan, Freemnatke, Victoria Plains; woodcutter, gardener, worked for self 1875, lab, gen svt. Ancestry: WA convict records: General Register for Nos 9599 - 10128 cont. (R16): P 167: 9822 Matthewson, Edward. Hougoumont, Sent as TOL to Toodyay in late 1872, but no employment recorded, sent to Guildford, then later worked in Victoria Plans (Macpherson) and Northam (Wilkerson) in 1876 before receiving CF in Newcastle.
Mitchell, Obededen (Obadiah, Obediah) (1839-1902 or after)	9824; 10336	1868- 01-10	1872- 03-08	CWA: Unm; farm lab; larceny 10 yrs; Fremantle, Plantagenet; Toodyay, York, Perth, Wellington, Swan; gen svt, lab, woodcutter. Recon: Unm; fisherman, lab.

				BDWA: Mitchell, Obadiah, b. 1841 (expiree), Arr. 10.1.1868 per Hougoumont. Applied for poor relief 1882. Ancestry: WA convict records: General Register for Nos 9599 - 10128 cont. (R16): P170: 9824 Mitchell,
				Obededan. Hougoumont. Sent as TOL to Toodyay in 1872 (S.P. Phillips) and 1880 (various employers).
Skeuart, Peter (Skewart, Stewart), also John Skewart) (1821-1884)	9875	1868- 01-10	1874- 11-09	CWA: Unm; smith; theft 14 yrs; Perth, Wellington, Murray, Fremantle, Swan, Toodyay, Victoria Plains, York; herdsman, lab, gen svt, sawyer, shepherd, woodcutter, grubbing, clearing, haymaking. WA BDM: Under Skewart (1884). No evidence found to date re TOL work at Toodyay.
Spencer, William (1830-)	9883	1868- 01-10	1874- 02-02	CWA: Mar; 2 chn; tailor; receiving stolen goods 14 yrs; Fremantle, Perth, Plantagenet, Toodyay; shingle splitter, gen svt, lab, tailor, cook, woodcutter, worked for self 1877-1878. To SA 02-10-1881. Ancestry: WA convict records: General Register for Nos 9599 - 10128 cont. (R16): P275: 9883 Spencer, William. Hougoumont. Was a TOL to Toodyay in NovDec. 1879 (only did a few days work as a cook in Toodyay in that period).
Stewart, James (1826- 1885)	9885	1868- 01-10	1873- 09-17	CWA: Unm; shoemaker; murder 15 yrs; Fremantle, Wellington, Toodyay, Swan, Perth, Murray; bootcloser, shoemaker. Ancestry: WA convict records: General Register for Nos 9599 - 10128 cont. (R16): P280: 9885 Stewart, James. Hougoumont. Was TOL in Toodyay in Dec. 1873 to Mar. 1875 (worked as shoemaker for Chas. S. Monger in that period) and Sept. to Dec. 1877 (worked as shoemaker for George Smith in Northam).
Teague, James (alias Davis, Smith, King, George) (1836-)	9890	1868- 01-10	1874- 04-09	CWA: Unm; horsebreaker; stealing coat 10 yrs; Vasse, York, Wellington, Toodyay, Victoria Plains, Swan, Murray, Perth, Sussex, Wokalup; gen svt, lab, herdsman, cook, wellsinking. Ancestry: WA convict records: General Register for Nos 9599 - 10128 cont. (R16): P291: 9890 Teague, James (Davis, Smith, King, George). Hougoumont. Was TOL in Toodyay from Aug. 1876 to May 1877 (worked as labourer, general servant and well sinker in Toodyay and Victoria Plains districts for various employers)
Thornton, John (1836-)	9893	1868- 01-10	1876- 01-10	CWA; Mar; slater; burglary 20 yrs; Fremantle, Toodyay, York, Fremantle; gen svt, shepherd, lab. To SA 20-07-1887. Ancestry: WA convict records: General Register for Nos 9599 - 10128 cont. (R16): P297: 9893 Thornton, John. Hougoumont. Was TOL in Toodyay from Jan. to Sept 1877 (working as a general servant to Thomas Larkin and Alex. Forrest in Northam).
Towler, Judd (Thomas, Batty) (1834-1912) Not a T TOL.	9897	1868- 01-10		CWA: Unm; farmer; rape 10 yrs; Fremantle. BDWA: Towler, Thomas (?Judd), (expiree), ?arr. 10. 1. 1868 per Hougoumont (free pardon), m. Emily COUSINS b . 18. 6 . 1861 (York), dtr. of John & E:lizabeth, she m. 2nd

				William JOHNSTON. Chd . Mary Emily b. 1884, Wilhelmina b . 1891 . Toodyay . Maker of mud bats. Lit . Prot. Married and died in Toodyay but was not Toodyay TOL.
Williams, Kenrick (1844-)	9913	1868- 01-10	1871- 11-12	CWA: Unm; warehouse keeper; arson 10 yrs; Albany; Toodyay; gen svt, cook, whaling. To UK 20-01-1885. Ancestry: WA convict records: General Register for Nos 9599 - 10128 cont. (R16): P332: 9913 Williams, Kenrick. Hougoumont. Was TOL in Toodyay from Nov. 1871 to Dec. 1873, working for various employers in Newcastle/ Toodyay as a general servant and cook (Dr. A.E. Growse, J.G. Flindell, A.F. Lee Steere). Left Colony for London per 'Port Philip', 20 Jan. 1885.
Young, John (1843-)	9923	1868- 01-10	1874- 03-05	CWA: Unm; soldier; conv Belgium [ie Belguam, India] Martial insubordination & desertion 14 yrs; Newcastle, Perth, Williams, Fremantle, Murray, Toodyay, York; lab, shepherd, gen svt. Ancestry: WA convict records: General Register for Nos 9599 - 10128 cont. (R16): P352: 9923 Young, John. Hougoumont. Was TOL in Toodyay in Mar-Sept. 1876 (various employers) and Dec. 1882 to Jan. 1885 in the Victoria Plains district (various employers) (shepherd and labourer). Another Ancestry record: Reconvicted in 1892 for vagrancy in Newcastle.

Information from various sources as noted.

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Abbreviations:

TOL = Ticket of Leave; CR = Conditional Release; CP = Conditional Pardon; Exp = Expiree date; CF = Certificate of Freedom; CWA = Convicts in Western Australia, 1850-1887 (book); T1 = Name is listed in Acc721/30 1862-63 WAGS CD; T2 = Acc721/31 1863-70 WAGS CD