

The 28th January marks 159 years since the Lincelles brought 304 convicts and 31 Enrolled Pensioners and family members to Fremantle. See picture attached. Many, many sandroppers are descended from this lot.

There was concern as to how many more convict ships would still come here and no worries, at least another dozen were to come.

The Lincelles convict ship, 892 tons, Captain Edwin Gooch, belonging to Messrs Dunbar, of London, had the convicts under the charge of William Crawford, Esq., Surgeon R.N. Superintendent, and Mr. W. Irwin, Religious Instructor.

As reported in the Inquirer there were also two prison warders on board.

*"The ship experienced light and variable winds which protracted the voyage to the Cape to 78 days. At Simon's Bay, where she called for supplies, were H.M. ships Orestes, arrived from England, Cossack, returned from New Zealand; the Narcissus, flag ship, and other vessels of war. The Robert Morrison, for Swan River, and a number of vessels had put into Table Bay at the same time. Some of the crew of the Robert Morrison had been brought before the Police Court for mutinous or riotous conduct. The Lincelles was inspected by Major Henderson, R.E., Comptroller General, on the 29th instant, who expressed his satisfaction with the clean and orderly condition of this fine ship, and healthy and well ordered state of the Prisoners on board, who had conducted themselves well throughout, with few exceptions. Two deaths took place on the voyage, one of whom was W.G. Pullinger, of the Union Bank notoriety, who died at sea on the 5th January, after a protracted illness, during which he was insensible to his sad fate. There is no intention, at present, to abandon transportation to this colony, but some difficulty is experienced in filling a ship with prisoners whose labour would soon become available, and the fortifications at Portland just now absorb a large number of men; but general expectation among the prison authorities at home, when the Lincelles left, was that another ship would soon follow. Many of the prisoners on board have done a good portion of their time at home. The disembarkation of the convicts commenced after the inspection.*

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