

THE BUCHANAN INDEX OVERVIEW

The Buchanan Index (Q994.1031 BUC) comprises 24 spiral-bound files available in magazine holders on the shelves of the State Records Office.

The Index references Cons 488 and Acc 1156 on microfilm in the SRO. The Index refers to letters written in various periods from 1850 to 1900. The indexing is arranged in categories as follows:

Addressee
Theme-Topics
Names
Locations
Ships & Remuneration

The Names indexed include settlers, prisoners, government workers and sappers and miners of the 20th Company. Prisoners are typed in italics with convict number in brackets. You will find records of those who were employed in the convict establishment and this could include wives and children if mentioned in correspondence; naturally this may include members of the enrolled pensioner force.

The Index is not computer-searchable at this time as it is only available in hardcopy format. Exceptions are highlighted below with links provided:

<http://www.sro.wa.gov.au/sites/default/files/488-30.pdf>

<http://www.sro.wa.gov.au/sites/default/files/488-31.pdf>

<http://www.sro.wa.gov.au/sites/default/files/488-32.pdf>

INDEX TO CONS 488		
Item No.	From	To
30 (Fitzgerald) online SRO	2 Jan 1851	5 Jan 1853
31 (Fitzgerald) online SRO	4 Jan 1853	12 Oct 1854
32 (Fitzgerald) online SRO	12 Oct 1854	4 Jul 1855
ditto (Kennedy) online SRO	5 Jul 1855	30 Apr 1858
33	12 Oct 1854	28 Feb 1862
ditto	29 Feb 1862	6 Jan 1865
34	10 Jan 1865	27 Aug 1868

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INDEX TO ACC 1156		
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C1	29 Apr 1853	1 Apr 1854
C10	19 Apr 1855	25 Feb 1856
ditto	26 Feb 1856	14 Oct 1856
ditto	19 Apr 1855	14 Oct 1856
C11	14 Jan 1853	21 Feb 1856
ditto	13 Feb 1858	31 Dec 1859
ditto	29 Feb 1856	26 Jun 1858
C12	24 Nov 1859	13 Jan 1863
ditto	16 Jan 1863	1 Jun 1864
C15 (Henderson)	20 Oct 1851	14 Jan 1863
ditto	25 Jan 1863	30 May 1864
ditto	25 Mar 1867	16 May 1867
ditto	16 May 1867	10 Aug 1867
C19 (Henderson)	25 Jan 1850	24 Nov 1851
C20 (Henderson)	2 May 1853	3 Jan 1854
C21 (Henderson)	6 Oct 1854	24 Nov 1855
C22 (Henderson)	11 Nov 1856	24 Feb 1855
ditto (Wray)	25 Feb 1856	3 Nov 1857
C23 (Henderson)	1 Apr 1859	31 May 1860
C27	14 Oct 1856	28 Jan 1858
ditto	9 Feb 1858	28 Sep 1861
ditto	19 Apr 1855	14 Oct 1856
C31	18 Jan 1860	19 Aug 1868
C35	5 Apr 1854	18 Apr 1855
C36	20 Mar 1862	20 Nov 1862
ditto	8 Oct 1866	23 Mar 1867
C37	1 Jun 1864	17 Nov 1865
C48	22 Oct 1864	13 Jul 1900
C49	22 Dec 1864	31 Mar 1898
C50 (Part 1)	12 Apr 1866	? Aug 1902
Key to Number Index FOR WAS 1818 Cons 1156 Item C15		

At first glance it would appear that some of the item numbers are missing and that the date periods often overlap or have gaps. I have no explanation for these anomalies, as to date I have not used the Index, nor do I know the methodology employed in generating the Index or filing it in the binders in the State Record Office. The item numbers and dates were copied from the front page of each binder.