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**Title**

‘the infernal villain will be sent away’: Convict Case studies in the National Archives of Ireland

**Summary**

The convict indents which survive in Australia can give us a wonderful glimpse into the trial, native place and personal details of a transported ancestor but in the National Archives of Ireland there is a wealth of documentation on the activities of men and women who came to the attention of the authorities because of their ‘criminal’ activities. For example, the man transported as a vagrant for seven years for singing ballads of the ‘most mischievous and evil tendencies’; the story behind the barbarous murder committed by three men who were executed and the appeals for recompense by the women who were witnesses or the story of a man who was so well-behaved on the Hulk at Dublin while he awaited transportation that his sentence was remitted. This historical and genealogical gold mine will be examined here.

**Audience**

All levels