

The surveillance and regulation of serious offenders, 1880-1940



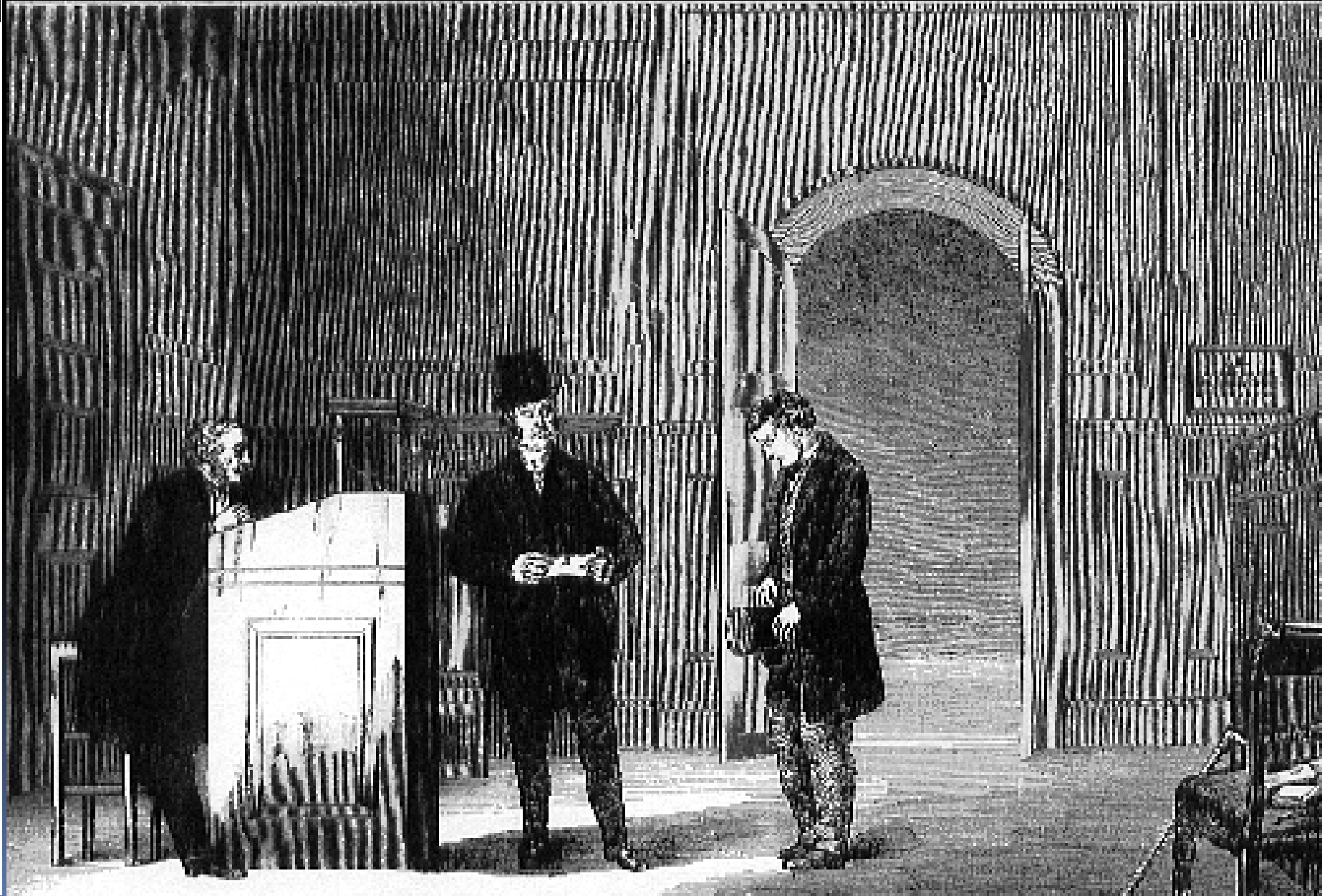
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The Penal Crisis

- Transportation to the American colonies 1718-76, thence to Australia 1787-1868
- Transportation to Australia declines 1855-68



A ticket of leave being issued



Criminals amongst us

- The Ticket-of-Leave men
- Disenchantment with prison
- The garrotting panic of 1861/2



GOING OUT TO TEA IN THE SUBURBS

A Pretty State of Things for 1862.

The Legislative response

- Increased prison sentences for repeat offenders
- Reporting conditions for released prisoners
- The 1869 and 1871 Habitual Offender Acts

Identification and control

Identify known offenders and create a huge bureaucracy to manage knowledge about individual offenders:



Information recorded

- Date and place of birth
- Hair and eye colour, tattoos, scars, birthmarks, height
- Antecedent history
- Date of release from custody
- Police response
- Recording details and breaches
- Date they left the area or died

Book CC [For instructions regarding the Photographing of Prisoners see Standing Order No 47]



PHOTOGRAPHIC RECORD OF PRISONERS IN READING GAOL, 1887

F.F.S. Name N^o George Page 16 Aug 73
and Aliases

Description
Age (on discharge) — 12
Height — 4 ft 3 in
Hair — Brown
Eyes — Blue
Complexion — Fresh
Where born — Surrey
Married or Single — Single
Trade or occupation — None
Distinguishing marks — Scar
on forehead



Address at time of apprehension — Abbe Court
West Monsey.

Place and date of conviction — Kingston — 31 July 1873

Offence for which convicted — Traffic — Wandering abroad
having no visible means of subsistence.

Sentence — 1 Cal month then 5 Years Reformatory.

Date to be liberated — 31 August 73

Intended residence after liberation — Not known at present

Previous Convictions
Summary
+ George Edward Page 24 April 73 Kingston
14 days * 4 years Reformatory
Simple Larceny Sty an 48-57
J.P.A.

By Jury

Remarks, antecedents &c

+ Return sent 26 April 73

* not sent to Reformatory.

PRISON DISCHARGE RECORD OF GEORGE PAGE, AGED 12 (1873)

Information flow
 Prison
 wardens/governors
 Police Gazette
 Criminal Record
 Office

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- DIXON, ARTHUR, alias OAKENFULL. (P.G., No. 1676, January 19th, 1900).
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- HALL, WILLIAM FLETCHER, diagnostician and public lecturer. (P.G., No. 1828, July 5th, 1901).
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- SKELL, ROBERTS, DUNLOP, BUTT, &c., "marking ink brand." (P.G., No. 1782, January 25th, 1901).
- SYMONDS' TEA COMPANY AND LONDON STORES, Savoy House, Strand, and New North Street, London, W.C. (P.G., No. 1720, June 22nd, 1900).
- TANQUERREY'S FREE PORTRAIT FRAUD. (P.G., No. 1746, September 21st, 1900).

SPECIAL NOTICE.

IDENTIFICATION OF PRISONERS.

THE EDITOR requests that Chief Officers of Police, when forwarding for identification by the Metropolitan Police the Photographs and descriptive forms of Persons in custody, will please see that the specific offense is stated, e.g.—Stealing £1,000 from bank; stealing pair of boots from shop door; stealing bale of silk, van unattended, &c., &c. This may often prove a ready means of recognition, and Judges have recently complained of the absence of such particulars in dealing with previous convictions.

APPREHENSIONS SOUGHT.

METROPOLITAN POLICE DISTRICT

- 1.—**A Division.**—For stealing £7—A MAN, age about 32, height 5 ft. 6 in., thick set, complexion fresh, hair light brown, clean shaven, eyes blue, speaks quickly; dress, blue serge button jacket, white flannel vest, blue stripes, black felt hat, brown boots. A stranger.
 Warrant issued.
- 2.—**A Division.**—For obtaining two trunks containing jewellery and clothing, by a forged document—WILFRED BLACKBURN, age about 20, height 5 ft. 3 or 4 ins., complexion, hair and eyes dark, rather snub nose, well educated, speaks French and German fluently, a good musician. Stated she was a native of Huddersfield. May seek employment as lady's maid. Supposed previously convicted and wanted elsewhere.
 Warrant issued.
- 3.—**O Division.**—For embezzling £53 3s. 11d.—FREDERICK FORD, age about 36, height 5 ft. 6 or 7 in., complexion swarthy, hair dark brown, inclined to curl, prominent eyes; dress, dark grey jacket suit, black bowler hat.
 Warrant issued.
- 4.—**E Division.**—For stealing £30, 20th ult.—JOHN H. BAKER, age about 40, height 5 ft. 8 in., complexion fresh, hair (thin on top and slightly curly) and eyes (prominent) brown, scar on right cheek, speaks with northern accent; wearing dark clothes, hard felt hat, lace boots. Supposed a native of Peterborough.
 Warrant issued.
- 5.—**J Division.**—For fraud—EMANUEL SILVERMAN, alias MENDAL SILVERMAN, a Russian, age about 35, height 5 ft. 6 in., complexion and hair dark, eyes hazel, lower lip very thick; dress, dark check suit.
 Warrant issued.
- 6.—**T Division.**—For arson, 6th inst.—JOHN JAMES KNOWLES, age 41, height 5 ft. 8 in., stout build, complexion fresh, hair and eyes brown, scar down centre of nose and back of head, 2 moles back of neck; dress, blue reefer jacket suit with light stripe, or light check suit, black hard felt hat. A scaffolder, but generally employed as a gas stoker. Has served in the Army.
 Warrant issued.
 Information to be forwarded to the Metropolitan Police Office, New Scotland Yard, S.W.

CITY OF LONDON.

- 7.—For stealing £30 13s. 10d. and a cheque for £11 15s. 4d.—HORACE LESSY FARMER, age about 28, height 5 ft. 4 in., complexion dark, clean shaven, of dull appearance; dress, blue serge suit, grey tweed soft felt hat.
 Warrant issued.
 Information to Supt. McWilliam, 26, Old Jewry, E.C.

BERKSHIRE.

- 8.—**Reading (Borough).**—For stealing a "Speedwell" bicycle, All tyre, black tyre, worth, 25 in. frame, 4 in. rubber chain, flat handle bar, No. "71" stamped on seat pillar, rat-trap pedals, transfer "Speedwell Cycle Co." on head, no brake or mudguards, plate and enamel much worn; 2 suits of clothes (1 square cut, blue diagonal)—FELLOWS, alias G. HAMMOND, age 28 to 30, height 5 ft. 7 in., hair brown, heavy moustache light, of good address; wearing the stolen blue diagonal suit, broad brimmed Panama hat, brown boots. He took lodgings stating he had taken a business in the neighbourhood. (Supposed identical with Herbert Berkeley, Case No. 17, 50th ult.)
 Warrant issued.
 Information to Capt. Henderson, Chief Constable, Reading.

CHESHIRE.

- 9.—**Birkenhead (Borough).**—For falling to report—LIAMON-BUILDER DAVID KAY, alias HAY and HAYES, Office No. 1776-01, age 34, height 5 ft. 9 in., complexion fresh, hair brown, eyes grey, scar back left thumb, outside left forefinger and back right hand, mole from neck, right side of chest, and centre of back, red mole back right upper arm. A corn merchant; native of Portpatrick. Sentenced at Carlisle City Quarter Sessions, 5th April, 1899, to 3 years penal servitude for fraud. Licenced 6th July, 1901, 2 93.
 Information to Chief Constable Davies, Birkenhead.

DEVONSHIRE.

- 10.—**Barnstaple (Borough).**—For non-payment of maintenance arrears—EYDNEY SMALE, age 35, height 5 ft. 9 or 10 in., complexion fair, hair light brown, slight moustache light, eyes blue. A farm labourer; native of Bidford.
 Warrant issued.
 Information to Chief Constable Eddy, Barnstaple.

DURHAM.

- 11.—**Sunderland (Borough).**—For larceny and embezzlement—WILLIAM BOLD, age 13, height 5 ft. 9 or 10 in., complexion rather dark, hair and eyes dark brown, good teeth; dress, light green check square cut jacket suit, white tie, black hard felt hat. A clerk. Is fond of horse racing, and may be found in company of betting men.
 Warrant issued.
 Information to Chief Constable Carter, Sunderland.

ESSEX.

- 12.—**Chelmsford (County).**—For stealing, 31st ult., at Iggestone, a brown and black check single-breasted overcoat; 3 pairs new black leather leggings, a number stamped inside; a

Vancouver "Rogues Gallery" 1897

Andy Wiggins (101)
Native of England. Age 36.
5'10 tall. Fair hair. Blue eyes.
Tattooed on both wrists. Sentenced
4 months with hard labor on
Feb 13 1899. on a charge of theft.



Police Information bulletin received by Hamilton Police Department, Canada (Offender originally wanted in New York)

POLICE DEPARTMENT

CITY OF NEW YORK

DETECTIVE DIVISION

SERIAL
No. 34

INFORMATION BULLETIN

October 19

No. 413

EXTORTION

Arrest for extortion, the following described Italians, important members of the so-called Blackhand, Blackmailers and Bomb Exploders:



GIUSEPPE FERRARA, alias JOE FAY

BERTILLON

71.5	77.0	86.2	19.4	15.0+	13.7	8.5	26.2	32.6	9.8	48.5
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Nativity, Italian or Italian descent; tailor by occupation; speaks good English; well dressed; "Wop" type; age, 22 years, 5 feet 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ or 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ inches in height, 130 to 140 pounds, medium build, dark brown hair, eyes brown, dark complexion, smooth shaven; usually wears blue suit with invisible white stripes, blue cap or black derby hat, low cut tan shoes, soft collar. Best known in 12th, 13th and 15th precincts, but may be in any other precinct where Italians reside.

GIUSEPPE POLARO, alias Beduzzo, married, has two children, Italian, wife resides at 43 Spring Street, Manhattan, don't speak very much English; age, 32 years, 5 feet 6 or 7 inches in height, 156 pounds, medium build, dark complexion, dark brown curly hair, small dark brown mustache; shabby clothes, black shirt, black and white check cap. Alleged to have served term for counterfeiting in United States Penitentiary, Atlanta, Ga. Best known in 12th, 13th and 15th precincts, but may be found in any other precinct where Italians reside.

Plain impressions of the four fingers taken simultaneously

LEFT HAND

Plain impressions of the four fingers taken simultaneously

RIGHT HAND

2009

Calgary Police Records - Offenders Book c.1910)



*Wrote report
this man was
released from Penitentiary
July 1924. Stayed in Hotel
Calgary.
July 30, 1924.*

Name *Charles Lawson*
 Alias
 Crime *False Pretences*
 Age *38* Height *5ft 3 3/4*
 Weight *133* Build *Med.*
 Hair *Brown* Eyes *Gray*
 Complexion *Ruddy* Moustache
 Born *England* Occupation *Soldier*
 Date of Birth *Jan 17 1881* Criminal Occupation *(Teamster)*
 Officer *Wm. Richardson*

Finger Print *25*
 Classification *1 00*

RECORD OF PRISONER

A-923

*Calgary Jan 15 1919 6 Months
 Oct. 21 1919 Rape C.T.T.
 Jan 21 1920 Two years
 Discharge from Stony Mountain, P.E. July 11. 1924
 Spouse taken to Calgary to find out regarding his wife, who
 had a law making application for divorce.
 (Letter for Warden sent to Caryl 9.25)*

*10th June 1925 - Locky, Alta
 21ft. *10 rds paid. as
 Robert Lawson.
 23 Sept/27 Edmonton. Assault
 1 year Susp. Sentenced
 on expiration of sentence
 28 Dec/28 - Calgary. Keep Penitentiary
 3 wks. H.
 27 Sept/28. Calgary. Not of good character
 2 yrs. Each. Penitentiary.*

April, 1950.]

Photo. Supplement to the WESTERN AUSTRALIAN POLICE GAZETTE



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109 (S40). **MORRISON, William, @ STACK, Benedict, @ MORRISON, Benedict, @ JACKAMARRA, Benedict.** A native of Pinjarra, Western Australia, born 1932, height 5ft. 9in., slim build, dark complexion, black hair, brown eyes, a labourer.

Fingerprint classification: 31/32, W/W, OMO/OH, 25/20 (Henry OM/OD). W.A. Photo. No. 38/149. Docket No. 52334. Photo. taken 24/1/50.

Address: Newcastle Road, Northam.

Convictions in Western Australia, in the Children's Court, for assault, receiving liquor, obscene, threatening and abusive language, disorderly conduct, escaping legal custody and in prohibited area. Last convicted at Northam Children's Court on 23/1/50 on a charge of unlawful assault and sentenced to one month imprisonment.

Modus Operandi.


- (1) Assailant, disorderly person.
- (2) Since 12/2/49 MORRISON has been convicted on nine different occasions, the offences being of a serious nature, but he has been treated leniently on account of his youth. He is a "trouble maker" and will be a nuisance to Police anywhere. A surly type with a bad temper and a hatred for Police.
- (3) Assaulted an exempt native in the camp and when the Police attended he threatened them with violence. On another occasion he assaulted a man after having been refused wine.
- (4) Appears likely to develop into a criminal of the "bad artist" type. Associates with other natives of similar character. Usually found in or near Northam.



**Edward Palmer, born 1869, London
(a.k.a. Edward Baker, Edward Kelly, Ned Kelly, Ned Palmer).
A typical photograph in the Birkenhead Town Thieves Register.**




Data Collection: Birkenhead Habitual Offenders

- 200
 - 176 Men 23 Women
 - 56% manual labourers and 36% unemployed
 - 73% unmarried
- 



Criminal career

- Approx half (56%) desisted before death
 - 58% minor offenders
 - Approx half (55%) committed first offence by age 21 and a third (33%) by age 16
 - Vast majority were property offenders
 - 21% were dangerous
- 

Joseph Tomlinson 1860-1920

- Juvenile offending, reform school 9-14
- Joined railway works as apprentice
- Sacked after assaulting co-worker
- Unemployed, theft boots 5yrs, released 1884
- 1887 theft
- 1888 rape reduced IA (6m)
- 1889 shop-breaking (9m)
- 1891 burglary (3 yrs)
- 1896 assault
- 1897 rape 11 year old girl (7 yrs)
- 1903 vagrant, fail report (3m)
- 1904 IA boy aged 8 (2yrs)
- 1907 IA girl aged 7 (Dis)
- 1910 UCK girl aged 13 (5 days) UCK boy aged 12 (10 yrs) released 1918
- 1918 IA boy (Dis)

Punishment

- Half (53%) were imprisoned by age 21 and a third (30%) by age 16
- 68% were imprisoned on first offence
- 65% received 1-6mths for first custody and a fifth (20%) received 18 months plus.

Edward Howard received a first sentence of 144 mths (12 yrs) for rape of 10 yr old girl in Liverpool.

Valentine Craighill 1850-1912

1864-1867 5 summary convictions

1868 Larceny of coat from employer (6 mths)

1869 Larceny at Hull (12 mths)

1871 Larceny chain from Hull Docks (8 mths and 5 yrs supervision)

1874 Larceny watch at Hull (16 mths and 7 yrs supervision)

1875 Larceny 10s cash.

1877 Larceny cask of mustard from Hull Docks (7 yrs and 7 yrs supervision)

1882 Larceny from person 2s cash (7 yrs and 7 yrs supervision)

1890 Released from HMP Portland

1892 Fail to report (Cautioned)

1893 Larceny Hull (9 mths and 1 yr supervision)

1894 Larceny Hull (3 yrs)

1897 Larceny Hull (3 yrs)

1908 Larceny

1912 Larceny

Charles Dunning 1886-1967



Conviction for vagrancy begging as child

- 1898 Larceny from person (bound over)
- 1901 Census shows him as textile worker in Yorkshire
- 1903 Indecent assault (2m 2nd div)
- 1905 Larceny from meter (6 wks) and larceny from shop (4 mth)
- 1906 Attempted suicide (bound over) Found on enclosed premises (3 mths)
Attempted suicide (4 mths)
- 1907 Housebreaking at Northampton (12 mths)
- 1908 Incurable rogue at Northallerton (12 mths)
- 1910 Burglary APC at Nottingham (5 yrs)
- 1914 Joined Cheshire regiment.
- 1917 Discharged under Kings Reg. 392 (Idiot)
- 1920 Shop-breaking in Peterborough (5 yrs and 3yrs supervision)
- 1925 Shop-breaking at Liverpool (5 yrs)
- 1929 Receiving stolen goods (3 yrs)
- 1948 Became missionary in Bahai faith in Belfast
- 1953 Became a missionary in the Orkneys

Impact of legislation

Four periods identified

1853-1869	increasing punishment
1871-1879	surveillance
1880-1909	reduced punishment
1909-1940	preventative detention

Impact on careers? Impact on individuals?