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## JOAN REESE'S NSW COLONIAL SECRETARY'S IN LETTERS INDEX 1826 ~ 1895



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*In Memory of the late Joan Reese*

I am delighted to announce the publication of this index in a field-searchable format on CD-ROM and USB. The index has been based on my mother's index entitled *Convicts and Others* which was published in a series of 11 sets of microfiche from the first one for the period 1826-1831 in 1994 to the last for 1889-1894 published posthumously in 2009. I have added the entries for 1895 so the complete index now covers 1826 to 1895 with 196,270 records.

- The type of entries over the whole period reflects the history of the Colony. As well as the convicts and early settlers, there are many memorials (petitions) from people in various districts on a vast range of subjects and bearing signatures of the residents. There are entries for maps and various lists including names of ships with early crew lists. There are many different types of records in the later periods.
- This selective index does not include every letter and only a 'cover' letter is recorded in a bundle.
- Most entries particularly in the early period have a ship name and year of arrival for convicts and those who came free have been indexed with the same information if available with '(CF)' noted. Otherwise a location, occupation or other identifier was noted. There's only rarely a description of the contents of a letter given in this index and an entry could be for anything from a short sentence to many pages.
- There are records relating to aborigines; military; free immigrants; asylum admissions; deaths; children being placed in both Protestant and Roman Catholic orphan schools; naturalization applications; settlers' applications for migration of relatives including some deposits under the Remittance Regulations dating from January 1849. There are also many local government references; exhibitions both within Australia and overseas, i.e. Chicago Exhibition and even references relating to other Australian colonies. 1887 and 1888 were times of high unemployment and many people applied for free rail passes to country areas where they hoped to find work. There are also lists of those recipients of bravery awards.
- The entries have been coded as 'Subject' and 'Name' although some references include entries from both sections. The subject type entries have been rearranged to make searching easier; for instance you could find all references relating to a particular area listed under the name of the location.
- Where the contents of the shelf containers have been microfilmed, the reel numbers have been added in a separate field.
- Some records have been relocated for 1826 and 1827 to combine them with related records. Those relocations have been noted in a separate field; also, where any amendment was made to the original record, the change has been noted in that separate field.
- The index is fully searchable by most fields or a combination of fields OR by ★*Full Search* which searches most fields in one search.
- Compatible up to and including Microsoft Windows 10.
- The index will fully install from the CD-ROM or USB.

The **PURCHASE PRICE** of either the CD-ROM or USB is **\$65 plus \$5 p&p** (within Australia). All enquiries to Linda Bowman.

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