

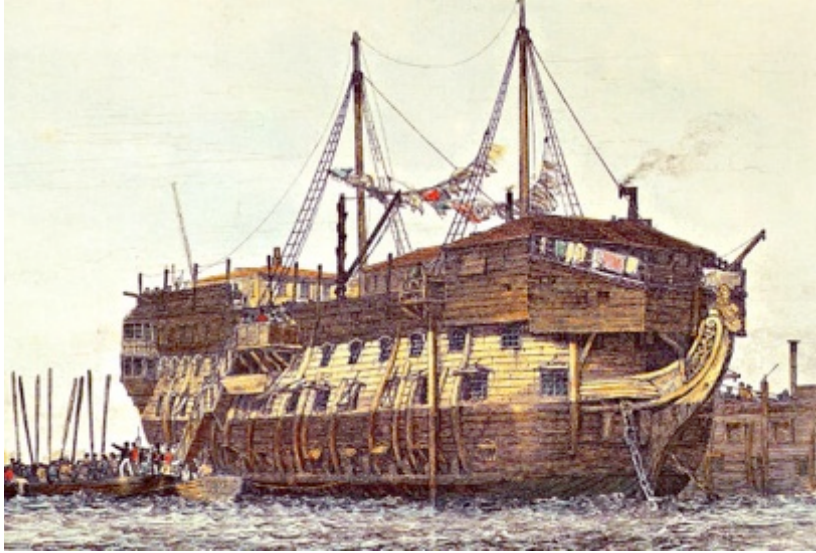


**“To Fill Dishonored Graves”
Assembling life course data for transported British convicts**



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1st assessment of the impact of transportation from conviction through to end of sentence



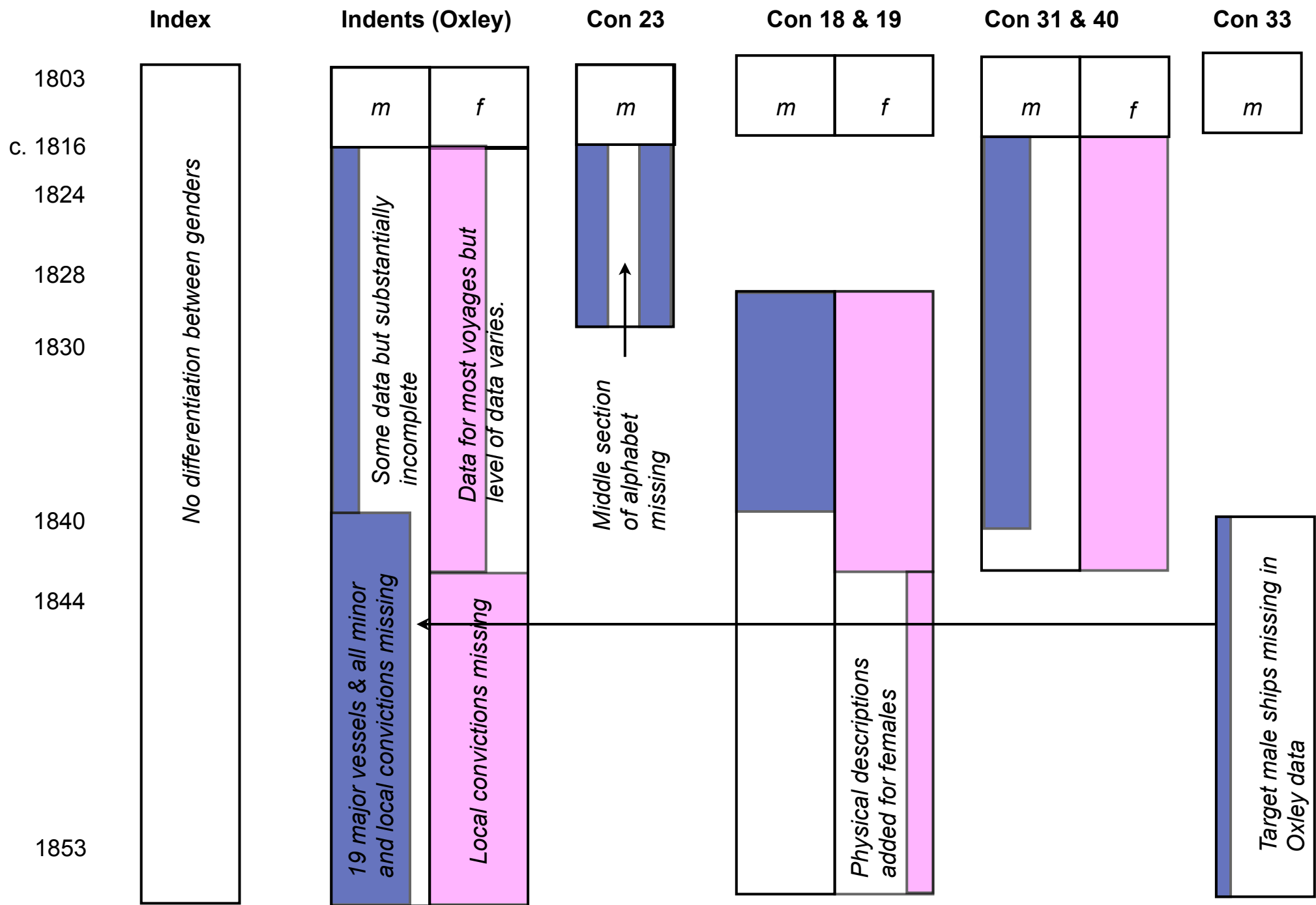
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Look at long-run social and epidemiological impact.

3

and intergenerational





Record Coverage

	TRANSPORTED FROM THE BRITISH ISLES	MINOR VESSELS FROM OTHER COLONIES	MINOR VESSELS OTHER AUSTRALIAN COLONIES	COLONIALY CONVICTED
AOT INDEX				
OXLEY				
CON 23				
CON 18/19				
CON 31/40				
CON 33				

Surgeon's Journals ←

← Trial and Hulk Records

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2456. BROWN Joseph

Lord Lyndoch/21st 20th Aug 1836.

Cambridge/Ely 21st Oct 1835. 14

NAME, Brown Joseph No. 2456.

Con 18 Description Register

<p>NAME, Pennib. John No. 2455.</p> <p>Trade ——— Millwright, Fingering</p> <p>Height (ft) ——— 5 1/2</p> <p>Age ——— 49</p> <p>Complexion ——— Ruddy</p> <p>Head ——— oval</p> <p>Hair ——— brown</p> <p>Whiskers ——— 2 1/2</p> <p>Vinap ——— small</p> <p>Forehead ——— 10 1/2</p> <p>Eyebrows ——— 2 1/2</p> <p>Eyes ——— grey</p> <p>Nose ——— broad</p> <p>Mouth ——— small</p> <p>Chin ——— thin</p> <p>Remarks ——— thin of hand left elbow</p>	<p>NAME, Brown Joseph No. 2456</p> <p>Trade ———</p> <p>Height (ft) ——— 5 1/2</p> <p>Age ——— 49</p> <p>Complexion ——— ruddy</p> <p>Head ——— oval</p> <p>Hair ——— brown</p> <p>Whiskers ——— 2 1/2</p> <p>Vinap ——— small</p> <p>Forehead ——— 10 1/2</p> <p>Eyebrows ——— 2 1/2</p> <p>Eyes ——— grey</p> <p>Nose ——— broad</p> <p>Mouth ——— small</p> <p>Chin ——— thin</p> <p>Remarks ——— thin of hand left elbow</p>
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Con 31 Offence Register

Potential Linkage Criteria

	NO. OF RECORDS	POLICE NO.	SHIP	TRIAL DATE	VOLUME NO. & PAGE	DETAILS OF CRIME & FAMILY	PHYSICAL DESCRIPT
AOT INDEX	81,575*						
OXLEY	34,624						
CON 23	8744						
CON 18/19	29902						
CON 31/40	38540						
CON 33	2435						

* = includes aliases and multiple convicts. Number unique individuals unknown. Est. 73,000

Total number of records = 195,820



Inherited data

Record Linkage Approaches

Block by ship — (in nearly every record)

Number on each ship from British Isles varied from 46-500

Series of passes linking on

- 1) Police Number, Ship and Name
- 2) Volume Number, Page and Name
- 3) Ship and Name

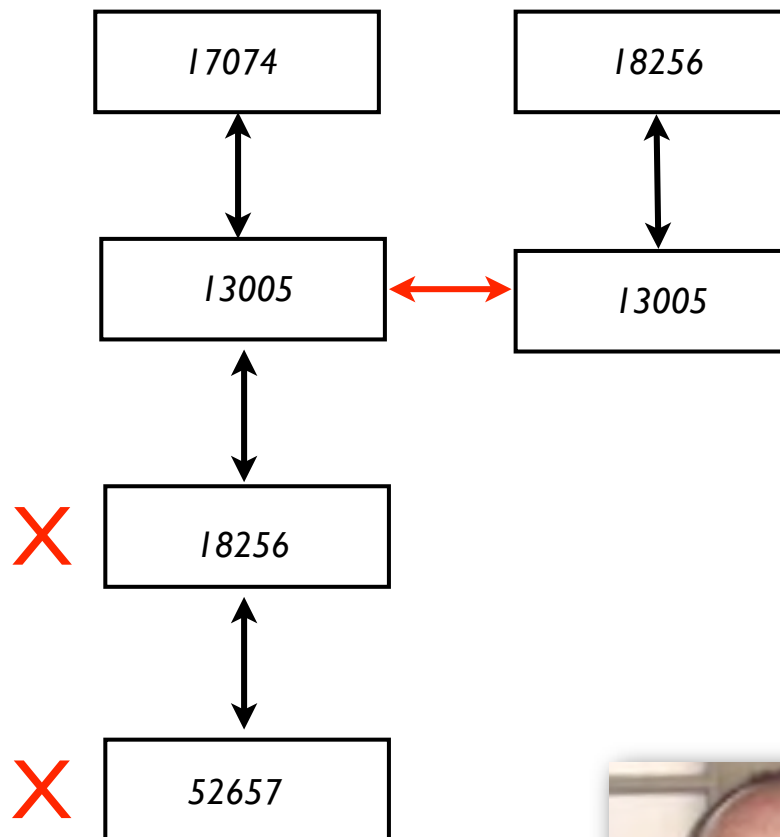
Store data as a series of chains

Matches fed into LKT — Record A - Record B

All the unique keys for records fed into LKT

LKT uses the keys to assemble the matched pairs into chains

If multiple births, deaths, police numbers, arrivals etc — an algorithm attaches flag to the chain



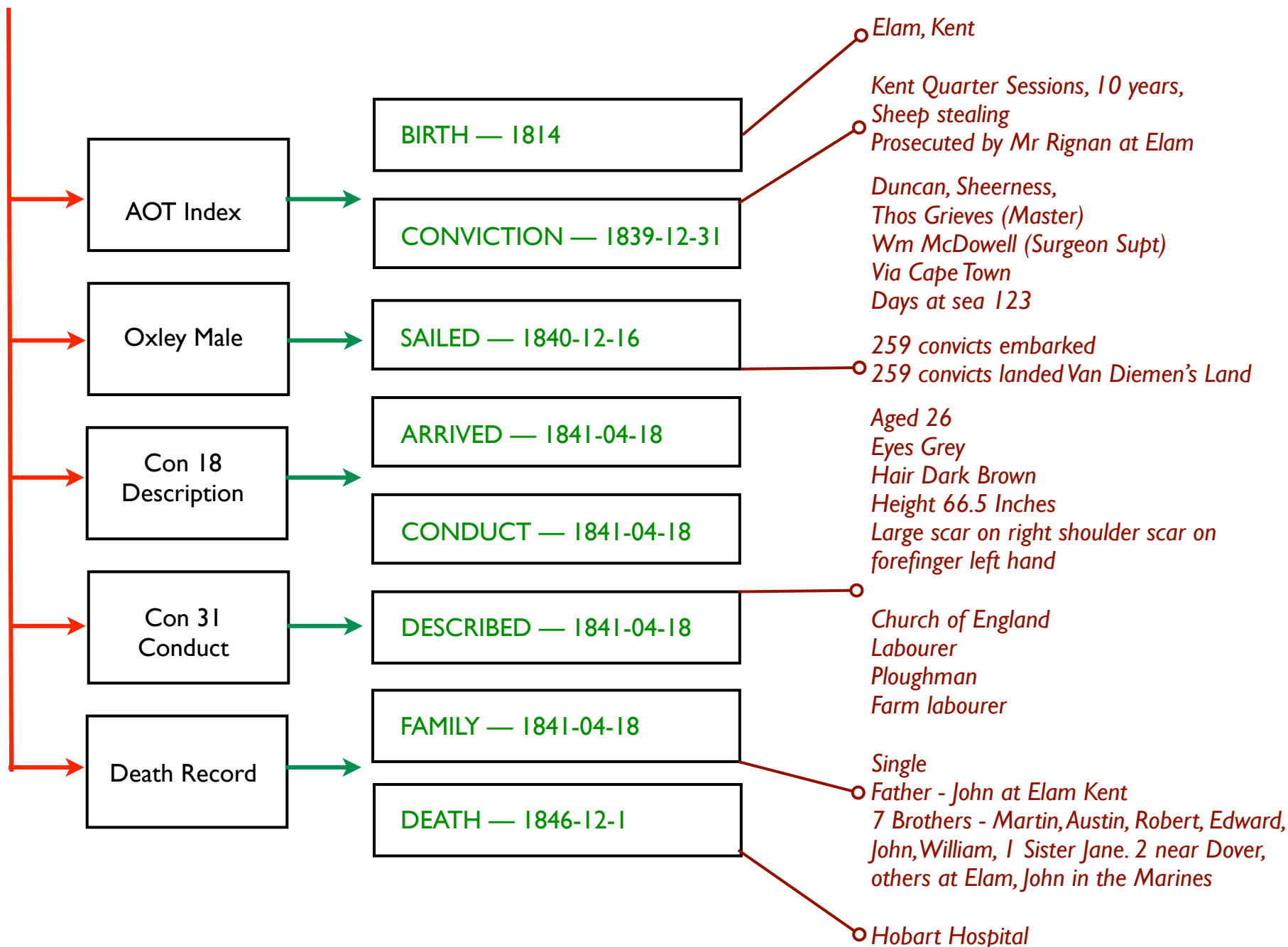
John Bass

JAMES SAVAGE per DUNCAN

Five records in chain

ASSEMBLY OF DATA IN CHAIN INTO TIME SEQUENCE

GENERATE LIFE COURSE EVENTS

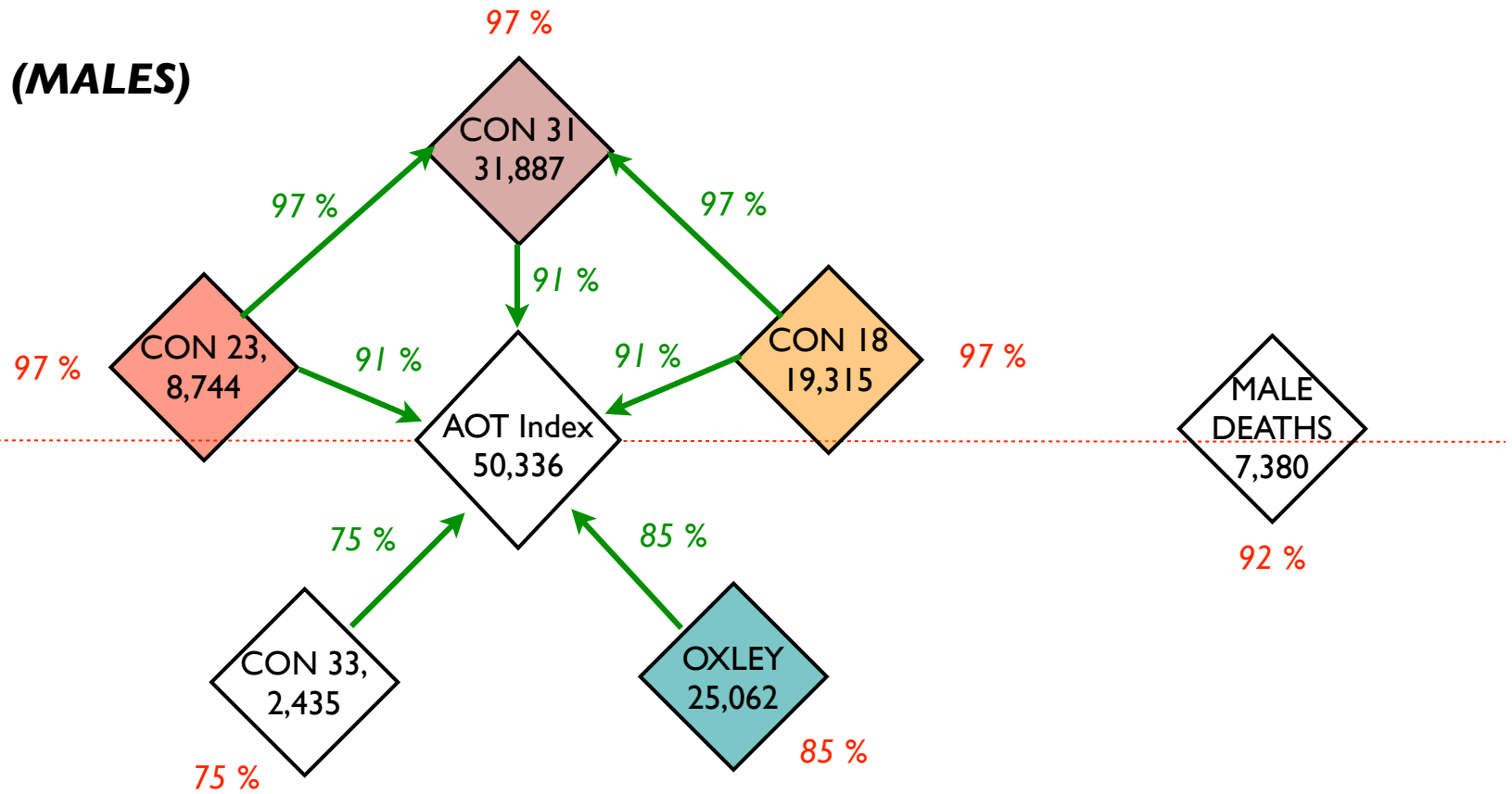


LINKAGE RATES (MALES)

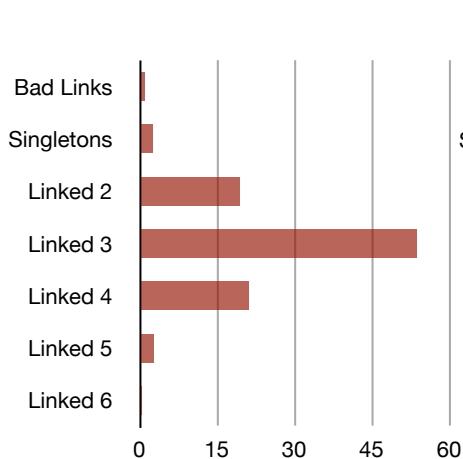
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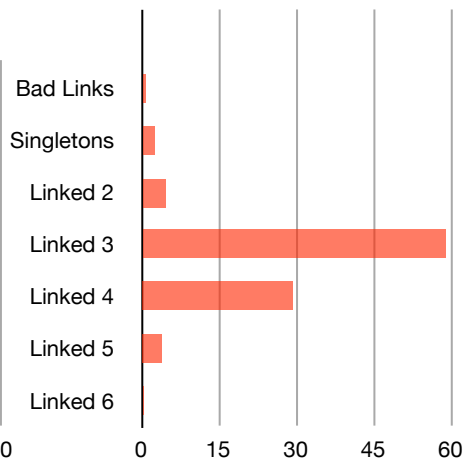
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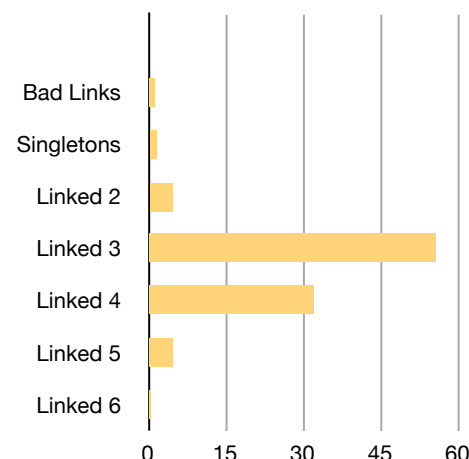
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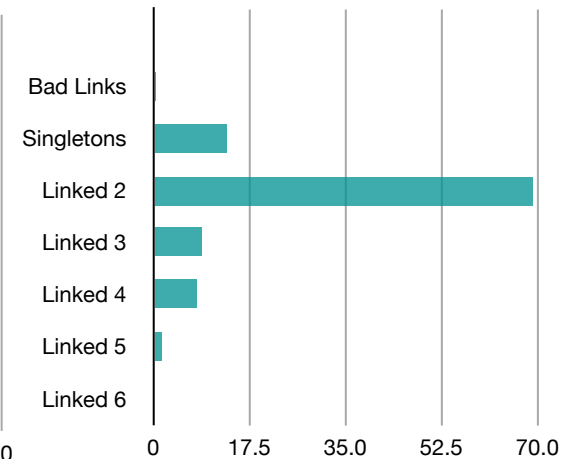
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CON 23

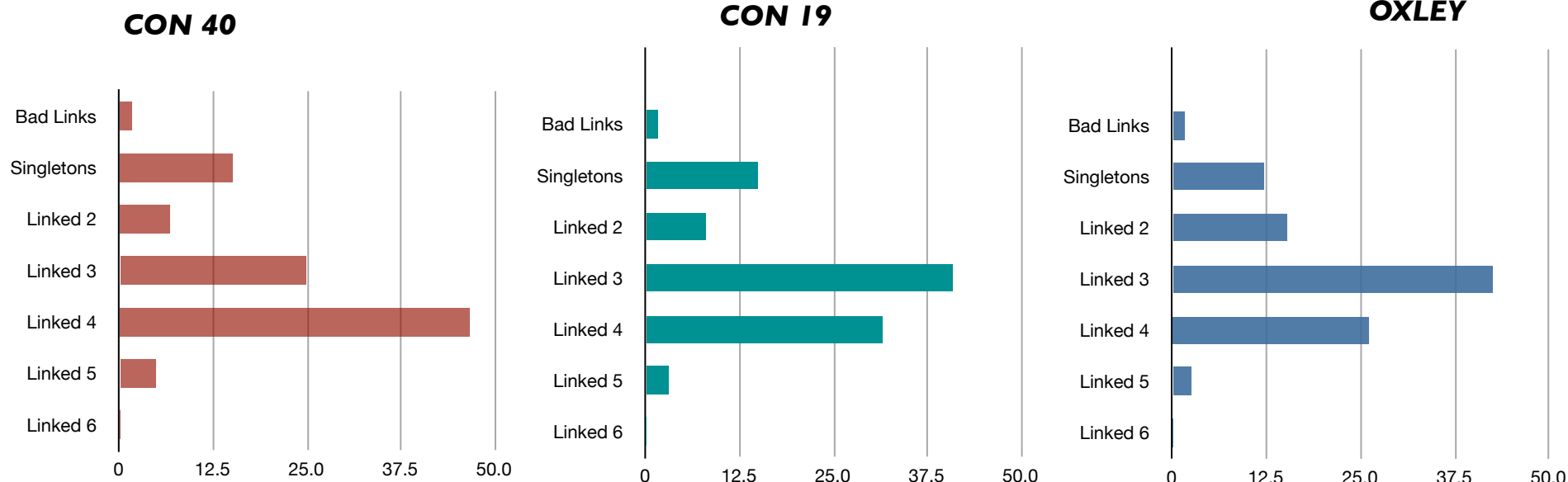
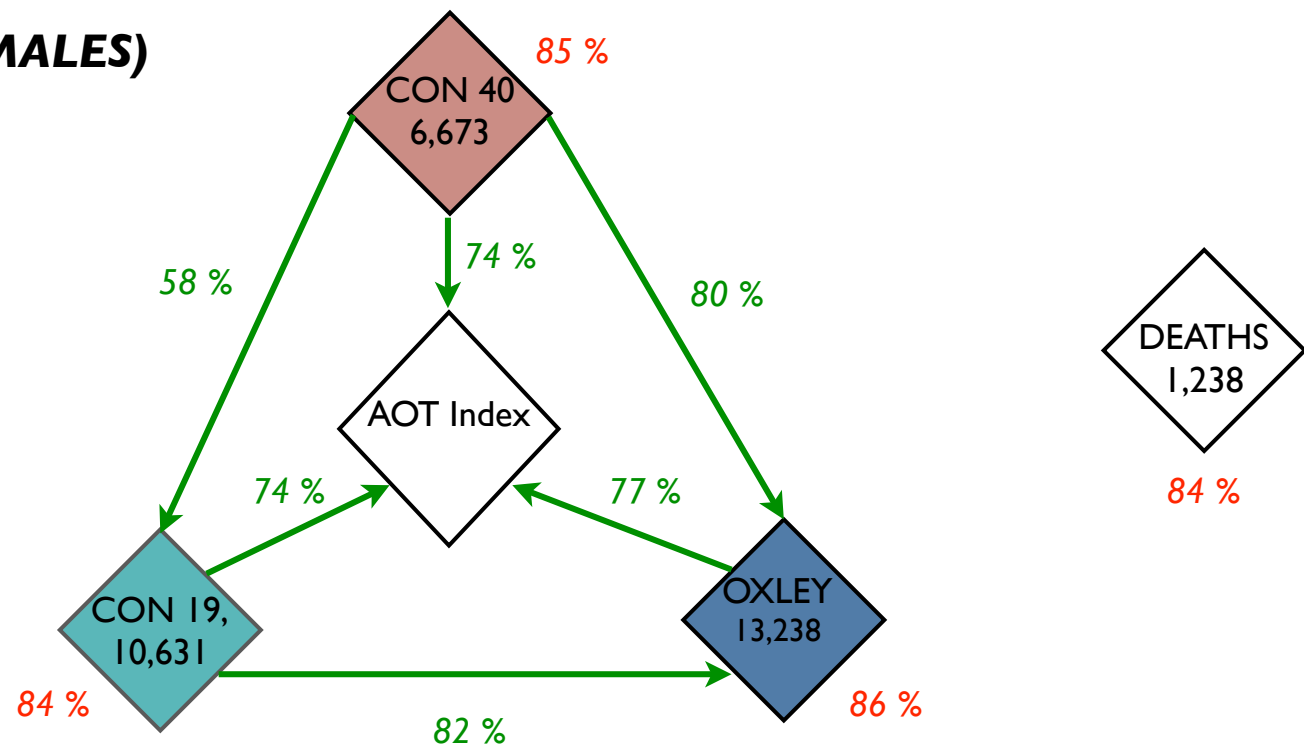


OXLEY



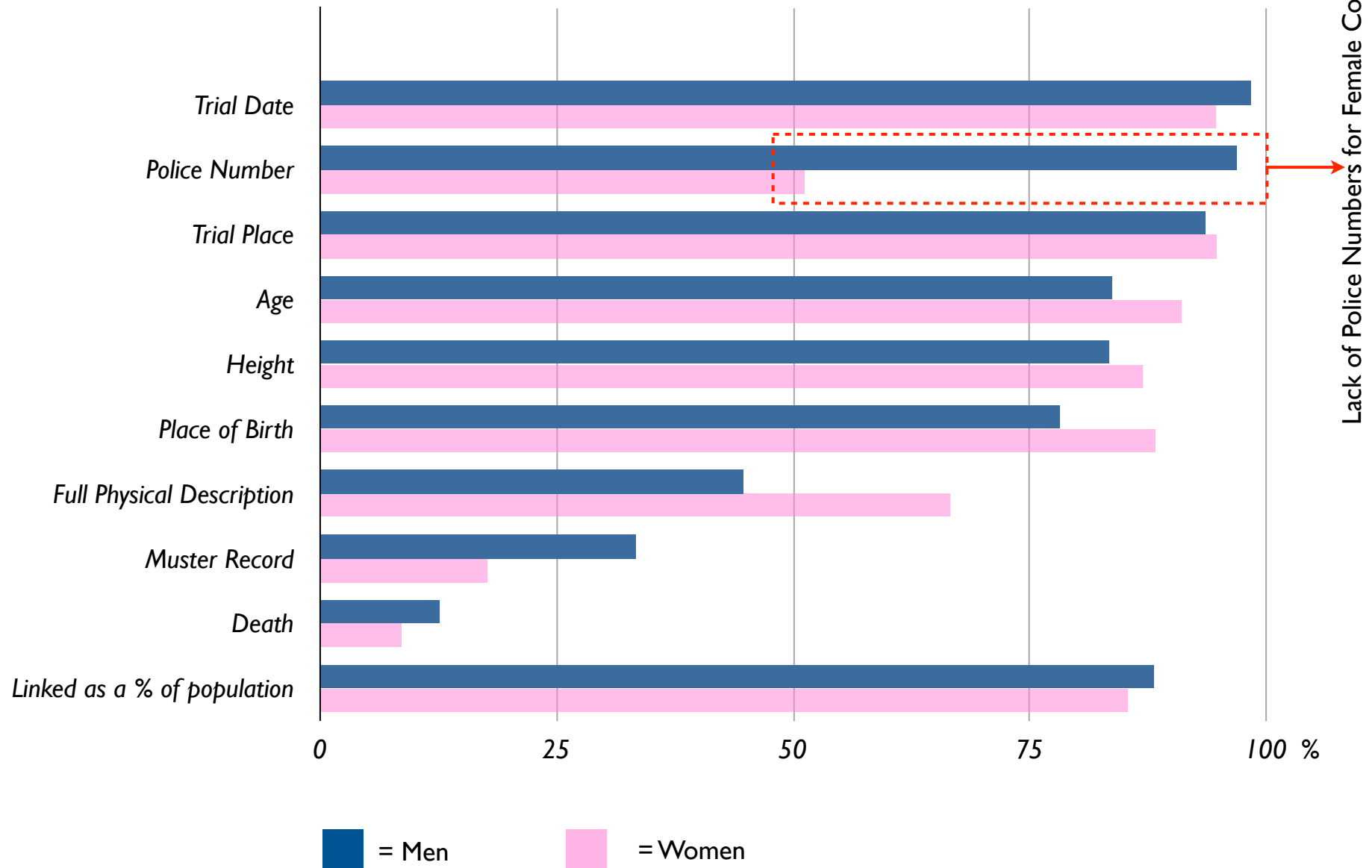
LINKAGE RATES (FEMALES)

Excluding links flagged as Bad



CHAIN CONTENT

NUMBER OF CHAINS = 62,226 (Records linked to at least one other record)



ADDING MORE RECORDS

<p><i>POLICE OFFICE,</i> Hobart Town, March 6, 1833.</p> <p>THE undermentioned prisoners having absconded from their places of residence, all constables and others are hereby required to use their utmost exertions to apprehend and lodge them in safe custody.</p> <p>M. Forster, C. P. M.</p> <p>1187 Thomas Barry, 5 feet 2, reddish brown hair, brown eyes, 23, a house servant, tried at Bristol 13th October 1828, life, per York 1. native of Bristol, absconded from a constable on his way to a road party 27th Feb. Reward 2l.</p> <p>1717 Samuel Brown, 4 feet 4, age 16 on arrival in 1832, fair complexion brown hair, a boy, tried at Lancaster 14th Jan. 1830, life per England, native of Manchester, pockmark centre of forehead, absconded from prisoners' barracks Launceston 27th Feb. Reward 2l.</p> <p>900 John Chance, 5 feet 8, light brown hair, grey eyes, 27, a butcher tried at Worcester, 28th July 1827, life, per Woodford, 2, native of Worcester. slightly pockpitted, small round scar back of right wrist, very large mark of inoculation outside left arm, absconded from a constable on his way to Bridgewater, 25th Feb. Reward 2l.</p> <p>800 Charles Denham, 5 feet 6, fair complexion, brown hair, blue eyes, 23, locksmith, tried at Warwick 24th March 1832, life, per York 2, native</p>	
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Absconding and Apprehended notices — Hobart Town Gazette 1824-1860

= 68,097

Hobart Town Gazette, Tickets of Leave, Certificates of Freedom, Pardons and Promotions.

= 182,696

Two Advantages

1) Add a police number to many chains without a police number.

2) Add the date that the convict became free.

Important because:

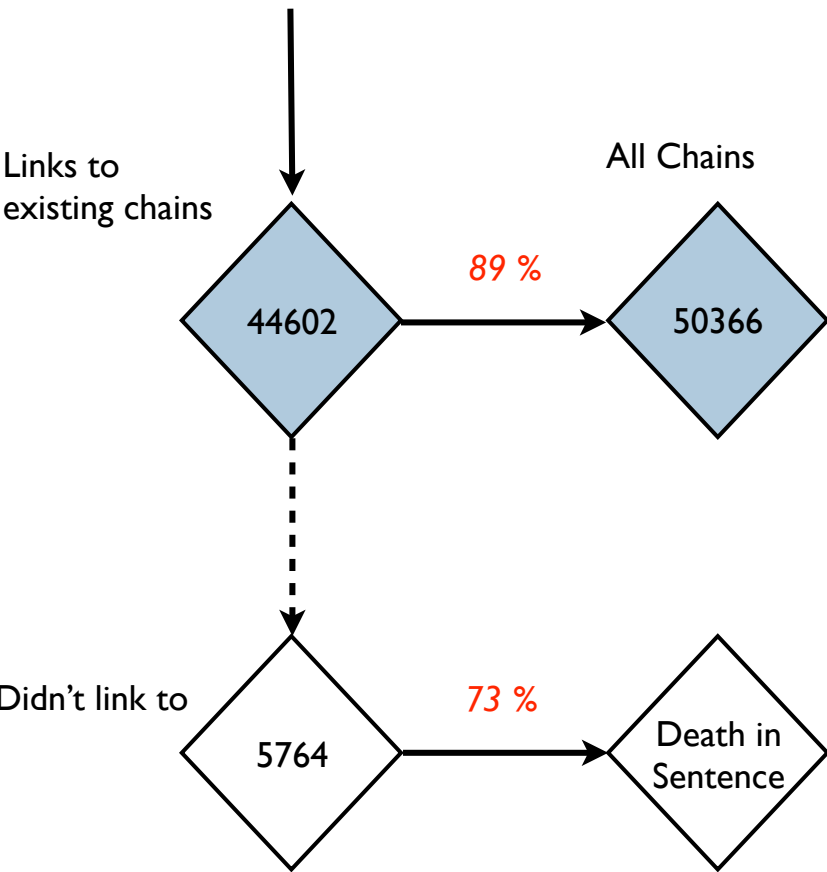
a) Should not have an entry in the Civil Register of Deaths if still a convict

b) Should not appear in the list of colonial departures

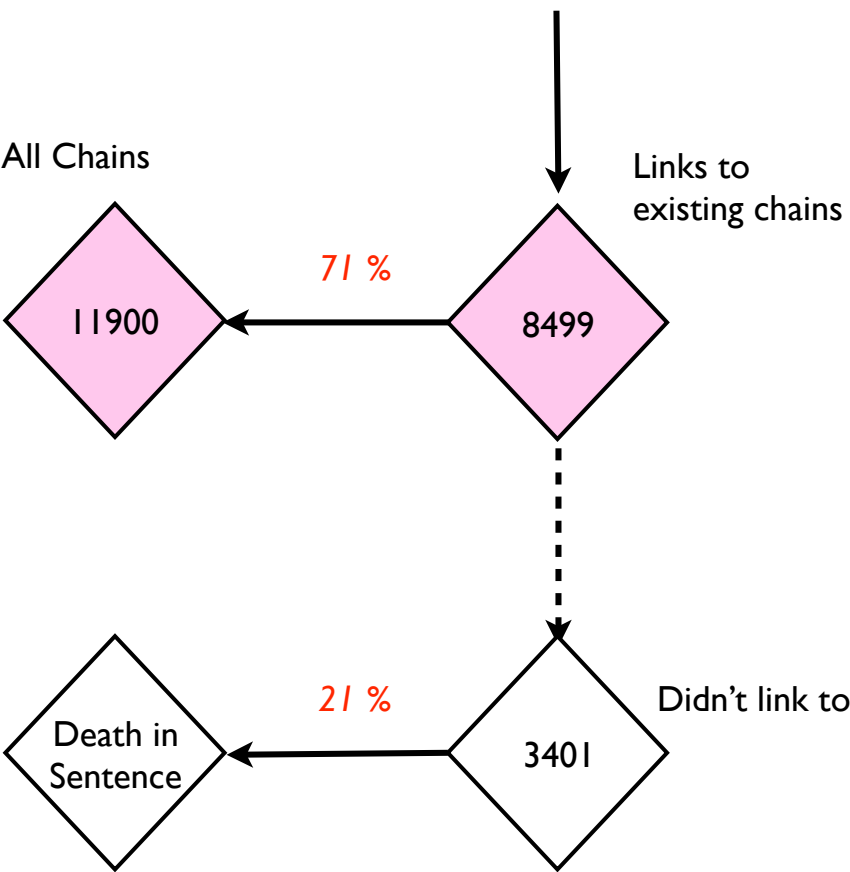
3) Identify runaways who were never apprehended

ADDING GAZETTE NOTICES

1. Appointments and dismissals from the Colonial Police
2. Ticket of Leave
3. Pardons
4. Certificates of Freedom



98% of male chains contain either a Gazette notice or a death in sentence

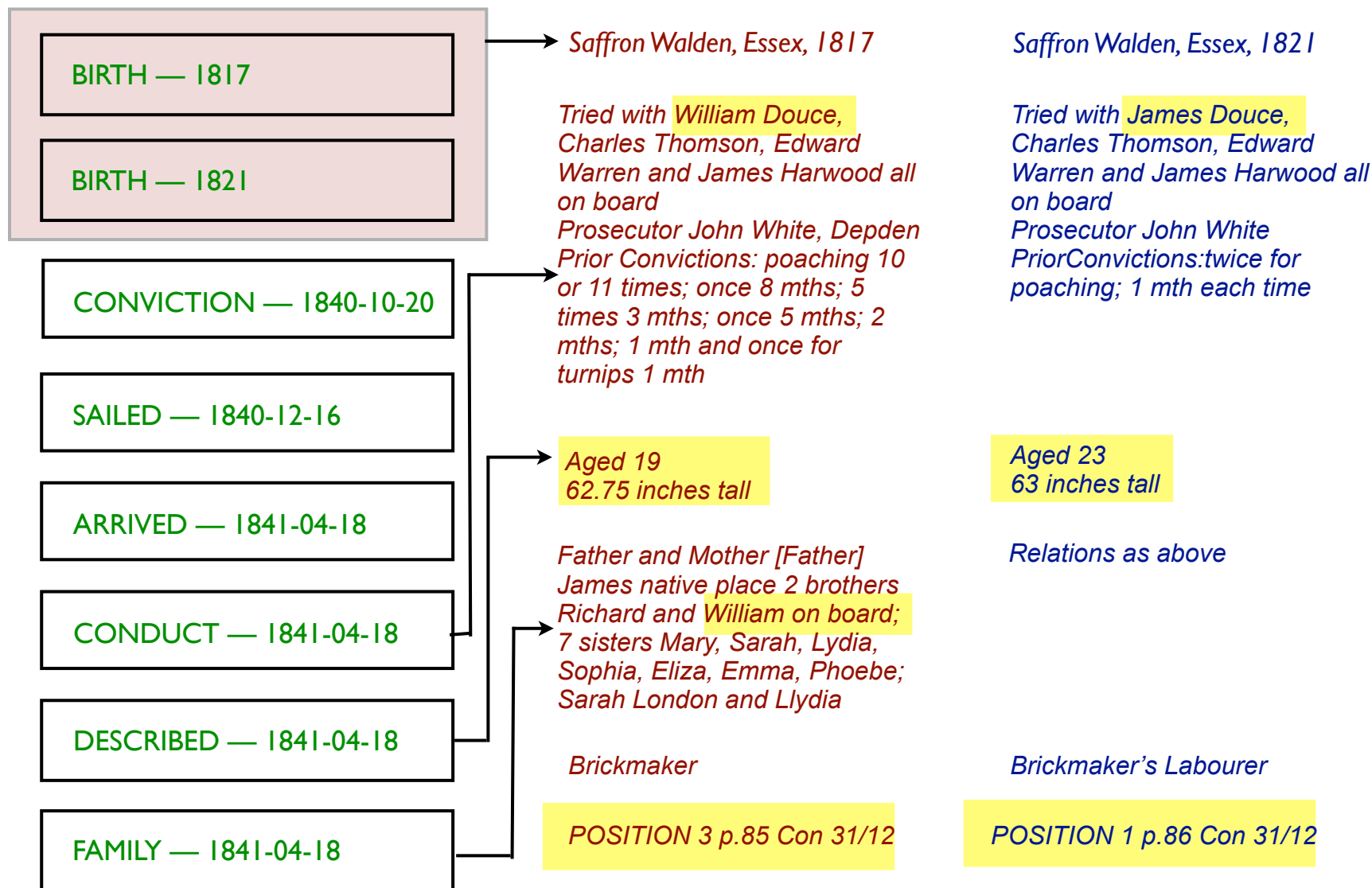


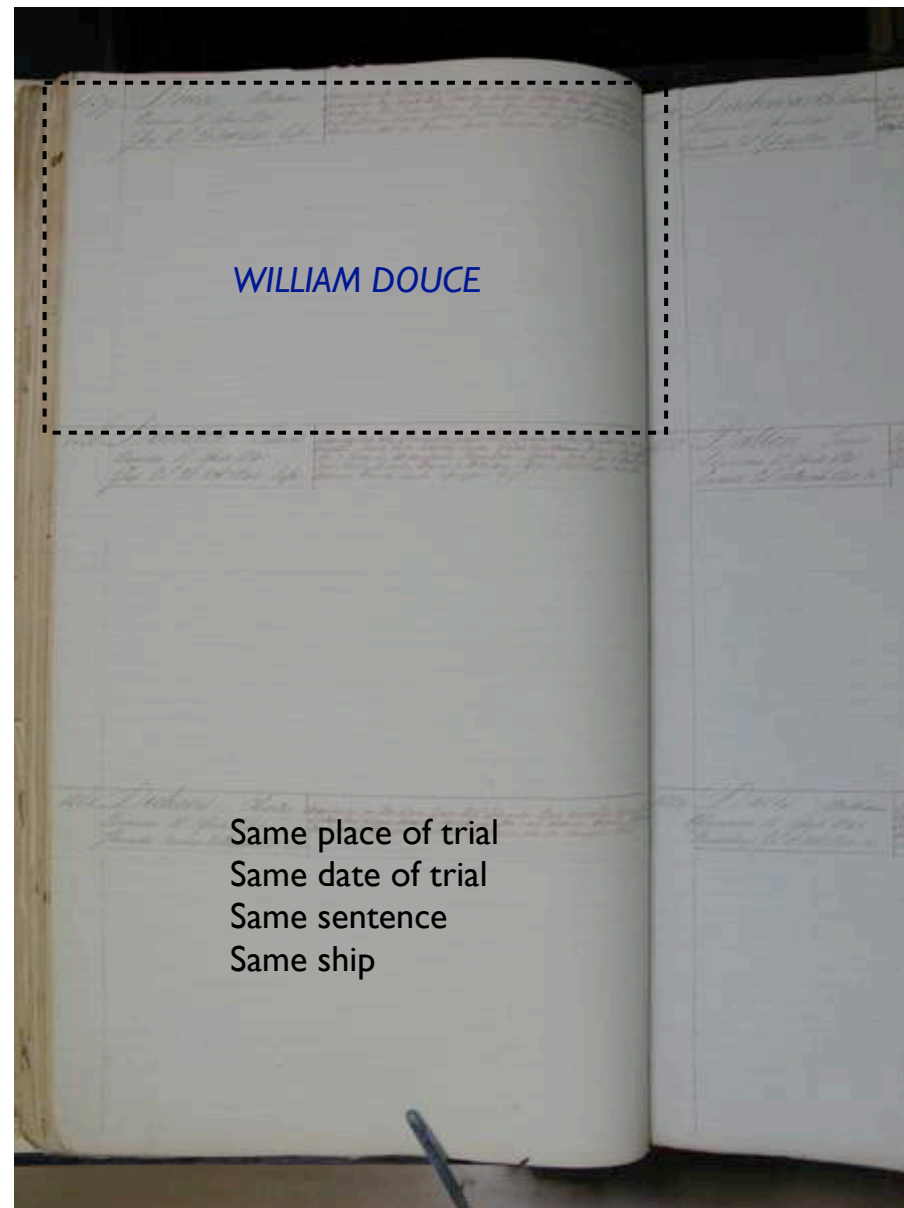
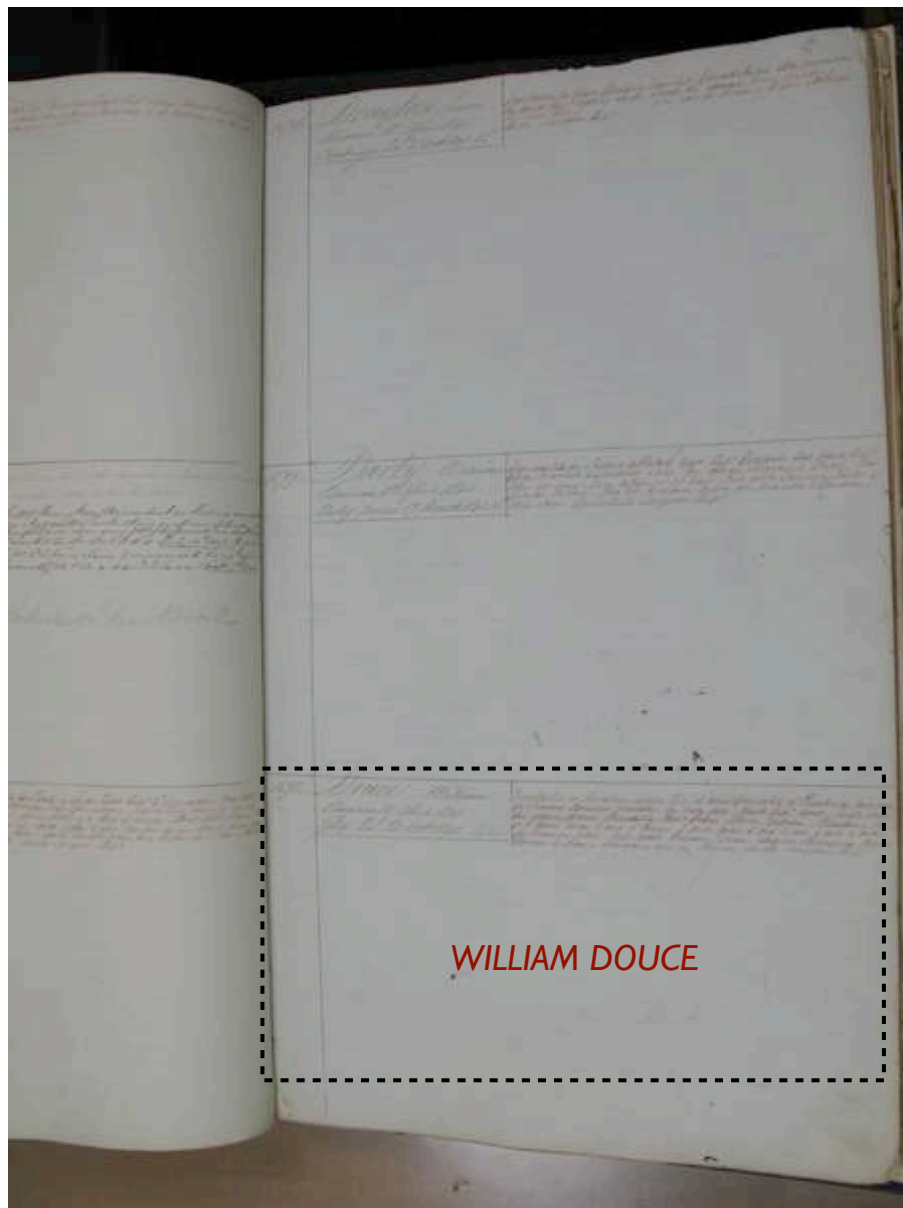
77% of male chains contain either a Gazette notice or a death in sentence

WILLIAM DOUCE per DUNCAN

~~JAMES DOUCE~~

WILLIAM DOUCE





EDWARD KENNEDY **per ELIZABETH**

December 1832 — Assigned to Mr Thomas Parker →

26 July 1833 — Parker — Gross in subordination also assaulting his master and violently beating and assaulting his fellow servant. Original sentence extended two years and recommended to be sent to a penal settlement. MLS and JW. — Con 31/26

December 1833, Public Works

17 February 1834 — Road Party — Absent from the huts at an improper hour — 6 Mos Hard Labour Grass Tree Hill Recommended. WJP. — Con 31/26

19 March 1835 — Mack — Insolence and violent conduct in Mr Muir's Public House — 36 Lashes and returned to his service. CPM. — Con 31/26

23 Sept 1835 — Transferred from J. D. Mack, Macquarie District to Alexander Downie, <[Norton Mandiville]> — Hobart Town Gazette, 24 Sept 1835.

December 1835, Assigned to Mr A Drought →

18 April 1839 — The remaining part of his extended sentence remitted by order of His Excellency, vide memo of P. Supt. — Con 31/26

Employment History

MR THOMAS PARKER

ROAD PARTY

GRASS TREE HILL

J. D. MACK
Macquarie District

ALEXANDER DOWNIE
Norton Mandeville
Hamilton

REV A. DROUGHT
Church of England
Rector Green
Ponds

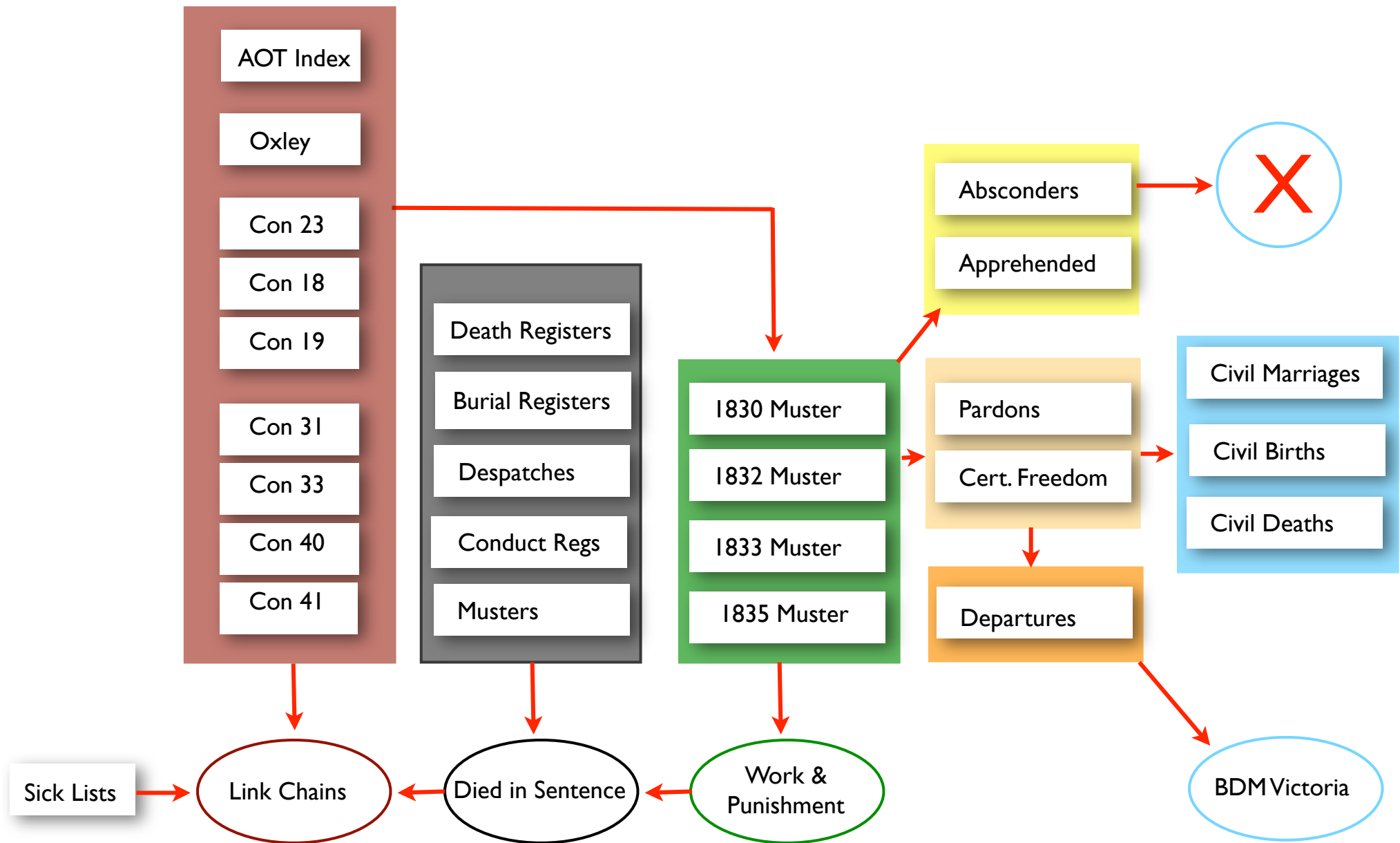
Fellow Workers

→ 367 John Andrews
1106 William Courtney
1338 William Counsel
1392 George Cornish
274 William Elliot
404 John French
723 Daniel Groves
504 James Leverett
595 Charles Lane
728 Charles Pizzie
1377 Andrew West
1379 John Wilson

211 Jane Boulter

→ 347 Thomas Fisher

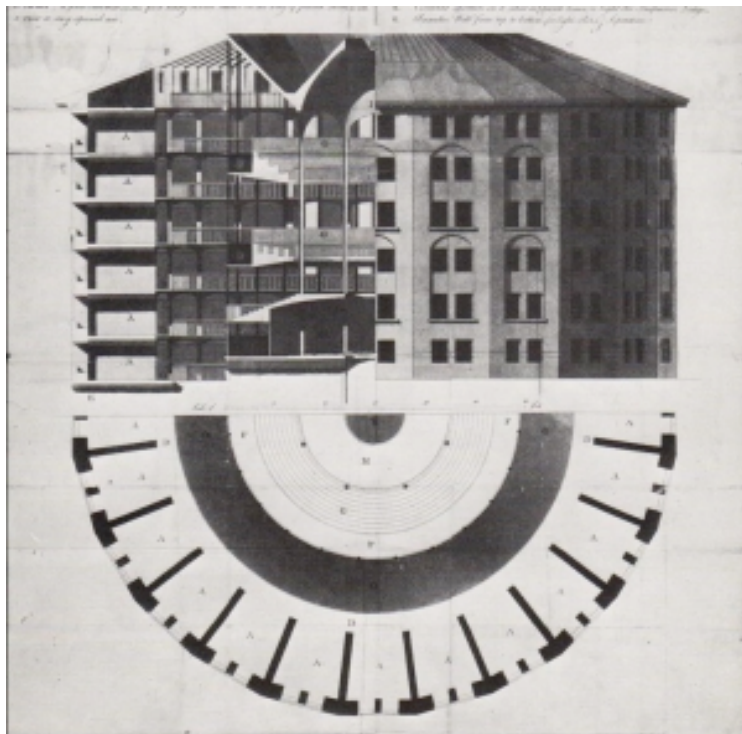
LINKAGE PROCESS



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TRANSPORTATION



CONVICTS.

(From Photographs by Herbert Watkins, 179, Regent Street.)

MALE CONVICT AT PENTONVILLE PRISON.

FEMALE CONVICT AT MILLBANK PRISON.

Death rates male convicts and prisoners, Van Diemen's Land, Millbank and Eastern State Penitentiary.

