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WENTWORTH GAOL STAFF

'Register of Prison Staff 1860-1923.
Contains all NSW gaols.
Series arranged by gaol.
State Records Kingswood. 19/10554-555.

Note that in the list of appointment the word "vice" here refers to "in place of" rather than "second in command".

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STAFF OF H.M. GAOL WENTWORTH.
Gaol disestablished 1 July 1928.

SHERINGHAM James Ed.
Position: Acting Gaoler.
First Appointed to Prison Service: 5 Sep 1891.
Appointed to Wentworth: 5 Sep 1891.
In room of:
Date of Transfer:
To present Grade: 5 Sep 1891.

SHERINGHAM Susan.
Position: Acting Matron.
First Appointed to Prison Service: 5 Sep 1891.
Appointed to Wentworth: 5 Sep 1891.
In room of:
Date of Transfer:
To present Grade: 5 Sep 1891.

RODGERSON William C.
Position: Visiting Justice.
First Appointed to Prison Service: 21 June 1889.
Appointed to Wentworth: 21 June 1889.
In room of:
Date of Transfer:
To present Grade: 21 June 1889.

[S]ISAN William B.
Position: C of E Chaplain.
First Appointed to Prison Service: 24 July 1893.
Appointed to Wentworth: 24 July 1893.
In room of: WARD.
Date of Transfer: Left District 31-3-1896.
To present Grade: 24 July 1893.

O'CONNELL Timothy.
Position: RC Chaplain.
First Appointed to Prison Service: 1 Jan 1892.
Appointed to Wentworth: 1 Jan 1892.
In room of: BARRY.
Date of Transfer: Resigned 26-1-1895.
To present Grade: 1 Jan 1892.

MAITLAND Joseph S.
Position: Acting Visiting Justice.
First Appointed to Prison Service: 2 Jan 1895.
Appointed to Wentworth: 2 Jan 1895.
In room of: RODGERSON.

Date of Transfer:
To present Grade: 2 Jan 1895.

ZUNDOLOVICH Paul Ephraim.
Position: RC Chaplain.
Appointed to Prison Service: 1 Feb 1895.
First Appointed to Wentworth: 1 Feb 1895.
In room of: O'CONNELL.
Date of Transfer: Services dispensed with from 30-6-1896 (96-4233).
To present Grade:

FROST Robert.
Position: 3rd Class Warden.
Appointed to Prison Service: 18 Dec 1893.
First Appointed to Wentworth: See disposal column.
In room of: Additional.
Date of Transfer: Instructions cancelled. Remained at Darlinghurst.
To present Grade: 18 Dec 1893.

CULLEN Gerald.
Position: 3rd Class Warden.
First Appointed to Prison Service: 3 March 1896.
Appointed to Wentworth: 7 Oct 189[rest of date obscured by tape]
In room of: Additional.
Date of Transfer: Transferred to Deniliquin 1897 (97-8983 Wentworth).
To present Grade: 3 March 1896.

THOMAS Charles William.
Position: Visiting Justice.
First Appointed to Prison Service: 23 Sep 1897.
Appointed to Wentworth: 23 Sep 1897.
In room of: WILKINSON.
Date of Transfer:
To present Grade: 23 Sep 1897.

GATES Arthur.
Position: Visiting Justice.
First Appointed to Prison Service: 17 Sep 1900.
Appointed to Wentworth: 17 Sep 1900.
In room of: vice THOMAS.
Date of Transfer:
To present Grade:

BOWRING William.
Position: Acting Visiting Justice.
Appointed to Prison Service: 12 Dec 1900.
First Appointed to Wentworth: 12 Dec 1900.
In room of: vice GATES on leave.

Date of Transfer:
To present Grade:

JAMES David.

Position: 3rd Class Warden.

First Appointed to Prison Service: 17 Mar 1892.

Appointed to Wentworth: 28 Jan 19[rest of date covered by tape].

In room of: Additional.

Date of Transfer:

To present Grade:

BUTLER Charles Frederick.

Position: Visiting Justice.

First Appointed to Prison Service: 29 Jan 1901.

Appointed to Wentworth: 29 Jan 1901.

In room of: THOMAS.

Date of Transfer: See below.

To present Grade:

EDWARDS John Oliver.

Position: Acting Visiting Justice.

First Appointed to Prison Service: 2 Feb 1903.

Appointed to Wentworth: 2 Feb 1903.

In room of: BUTLER.

Date of Transfer:

To present Grade:

SHOPSHIRE John Laynton.

Position: Visiting Justice.

First Appointed to Prison Service: 1 Nov 1884.

Appointed to Wentworth:

In room of: vice BUTLER.

Date of Transfer:

To present Grade:

McMAHON Marshall James.

Position: Visiting Justice.

First Appointed to Prison Service: 9 June 1908.

Appointed to Wentworth: 9 June 1908.

In room of:

Date of Transfer: See Bega Gaol.

To present Grade:

SHEPHERD Southby.

Position: Visiting Justice.

First Appointed to Prison Service: 9 Nov 1910.

Appointed to Wentworth: 9 Nov 1910.

In room of: vice McMAHON.

Date of Transfer:

To present Grade:

[HAMBLIN] Sidney John.

Position: Acting Visiting Justice.

First Appointed to Prison Service: 21 Oct 1912.

Appointed to Wentworth: 21 Oct 1912.

In room of: Pending arrival of successor to William SHEPHERD.

Date of Transfer:

To present Grade:

MACDOUGAL Herbert Halkerston.*

Position: Visiting Justice.

First Appointed to Prison Service: 17 Jan 1913.

Appointed to Wentworth: 17 Jan 1913.

In room of: vice SHEPHERD.

Date of Transfer: See FLYNN hereunder.

To present Grade:

* Appears elsewhere as McDOUGAL.

GUNN William Boll (or Ball).

Position: Acting Visiting Justice.

First Appointed to Prison Service: 19 Nov 1913.

Appointed to Wentworth: 19 Nov 1913.

In room of: During absence of MCDUGAL for 10 weeks from 19-11-13.

Date of Transfer:

To present Grade:

FLYNN William A.

Position: Visiting Justice.

First Appointed to Prison Service: 9 May 1914.

Appointed to Wentworth: 9 May 1914.

In room of: vice McDOUGAL.

Date of Transfer:

To present Grade:

COHEN Thomas William.

Position: Acting Visiting Justice.

First Appointed to Prison Service: 5 Oct 1914.

Appointed to Wentworth: 4 Jan 1915.

In room of: vice FLYNN for one month.

Date of Transfer:

To present Grade:

BEST Thomas Alfred.

Position: Probationary Warden; 3rd Class Warden from 1-2-15.

First Appointed to Prison Service: 1 Oct 1913.

Appointed to Wentworth: 1 Oct 1913.

In room of:

Date of Transfer: Transferred to Goulburn.

To present Grade:

COHEN Thomas William.
Position: Acting Visiting Justice.
First Appointed to Prison Service: 5 Oct 1914.
Appointed to Wentworth: 18 Dec 1916.
In room of: vice FLYNN on 8 weeks leave.
Date of Transfer:
To present Grade:

COHEN Thomas William.
Position: Acting Visiting Justice.
First Appointed to Prison Service: 5 Oct 1914.
Appointed to Wentworth: 10 Dec 1917.
In room of: vice FLYNN on 6 weeks leave.
Date of Transfer:
To present Grade:

CLEEVE Marwood Harold.
Position: Visiting Justice.
First Appointed to Prison Service: 22 Mar 1920.
Appointed to Wentworth: 22 Mar 1920.
In room of: vice COHEN.
Date of Transfer:
To present Grade: Promoted 30-3-1922.

STEVENSON George Alfred.
Position: Visiting Justice.
First Appointed to Prison Service: 30 Mar 1922.
Appointed to Wentworth: 30 Mar 1922.
In room of: vice CLEEVE.
Date of Transfer: Transferred.
To present Grade: 22/2902 [As written].

ATKINSON Roland Clar[].
Position: Visiting Justice.
First Appointed to Prison Service: 29 Nov 1928.
Appointed to Wentworth: 29 Nov 1928.
In room of: vice STEVENSON.
Date of Transfer:
To present Grade:

JONES Herbert Roy.
Position: Acting Gaoler.
First Appointed to Prison Service: 26 Aug 1927.
Appointed to Wentworth: 19 Sep 1927.
In room of: vice LINAKER on leave.
Date of Transfer: See appointment Constable FEATHERSTONE.
To present Grade:

FARRAR Cecilia Adeline May.
Position: Temp Acting Matron.
First Appointed to Prison Service: 25 Aug 1927.
Appointed to Wentworth:
In room of: vice LINAKER resigned.
Date of Transfer: See appointment Emily Olive FEATHERSTONE.
To present Grade:

FEATHERSTONE Neil Gordon.
Position: Acting Gaoler.
First Appointed to Prison Service: 20 Sep 1927.
Appointed to Wentworth: 20 Sep 1927.
In room of: vice LINAKER resigned.
Date of Transfer: Gaol disestablished 1-7-1928.
To present Grade:

FEATHERSTONE Emily Olive.
Position: Acting Matron.
First Appointed to Prison Service: 20 Sep 1927.
Appointed to Wentworth: 20 Sep 1927.
In room of: vice LINAKER resigned.
Date of Transfer: Gaol disestablished 1-7-1928.
To present Grade:

MY COMMENTS.

This appears to be a very incomplete record of the Prison Staff of Wentworth Gaol.

Acting Gaoler.

The main position at the gaol seems to be described as Acting Gaoler. This position is held:
5 Sep 1891 - James Ed. SHERINGHAM appointed as Acting Gaoler.

There seems to be no mention of when Sheringham left the gaol.

The vital date of the appointment of LINAKER as Acting Gaoler also seems to be missing. This could be an omission on my part; I'll need to recheck [if I have the courage to ask again for the biggest thickest heaviest book I've ever had to lift]. Linaker goes on leave from Wentworth Gaol by 19 Sep 1927, and resigns on 20 Sep 1927.

19 Sep 1927 - Herbert Roy JONES who had been in the service for a month seems to take on the position of Acting Gaoler just for one day 19 Sep 1927 to then hand over to Featherstone.

20 Sep 1927 - As the Wentworth Gaol winds down Neil Gordon FEATHERSTONE was appointed as Acting Gaoler on 20 Sep 1927.

1 July 1928 - The Wentworth Gaol was disestablished on 1 July 1928 - later than had previously been thought (in 1927).

Wardens.

Only four Wardens are mentioned:

Robert FROST 3rd Class Warden, appointed to Prison Service on 18 Dec 1893; Instructions to come to Wentworth were cancelled and he remained at Darlinghurst.

7 Oct 189[6] to 1897 - Gerald CULLEN, 3rd Class Warden, first Appointed to Prison Service on 3 March 1896, and appointed to Wentworth on 7 Oct 189[rest of date obscured by tape]. He was an additional warden who remained only a short time until transferring to Deniliquin 1897 (97-8983 Wentworth).

28 Jan 189[3?] - David JAMES, 3rd Class Warden, first Appointed to Prison Service on 17 Mar 1892. Appointed to Wentworth: 28 Jan 19[rest of date covered by tape].

1 Oct 1913 - Thomas Alfred BEST, Probationary Warden, 3rd Class Warden from 1 Feb 1915. First Appointed to Prison Service on 1 Oct 1913. Appointed to Wentworth: 1 Oct 1913. He was transferred to Goulburn.

Obviously the Wentworth Gaol could not have operated with just these men. The records must be incomplete.

Matrons

The Matrons of the Gaol appear to be the wives (?) of the Acting Gaoler.

5 Sep 1891 - Susan SHERINGHAM (at same time as James Edward Sheringham).

25 Aug 1927 - Ms LINAKER (wife? of Linaker) has resigned and Cecilia Adeline May FARRAR temporarily takes on the job for less than a month. It is interesting to see that Ms Linaker has resigned almost a month before her husband officially resigns.

20 Sep 1927 - Emily Olive FEATHERSTONE (at same time as Neil Gordon Featherstone takes over from Linaker as Acting Gaoler).

Visiting Justices.

21 June 1889 - William C. RODGERSON.

2 Jan 1895 - Joseph S. MAITLAND.

[WILKINSON]

23 Sep 1897 - Charles William THOMAS.

17 Sep 1900 - Arthur GATES.

12 Dec 1900 - William BOWRING (Gates on leave).

28 Jan 19... - David JAMES (Additional).

29 Jan 1901 - Charles Frederick BUTLER.

2 Feb 1903 - John Oliver EDWARDS.

John Laynton SHOPSHIRE.

9 June 1908 - Marshall James McMAHON.

9 Nov 1910 - Southby SHEPHERD.

21 Oct 1912 - Sidney John [HAMBLIN].

While awaiting replacement for William Shepherd.

17 Jan 1913 - Herbert Halkerston MACDOUGAL [McDOUGAL].
10 weeks leave from 19 Nov 1913.
19 Nov 1913 - William Boll GUNN (or Ball).
9 May 1914 - William A FLYNN (Replace McDOUGAL).
4 Jan 1915 - Thomas William COHEN(while Flynn on 1 month leave).
1 Oct 1913 - Thomas Alfred BEST.
18 Dec 1916 - Thomas William COHEN (while Flynn on 8 weeks leave).
10 Dec 1917 - Thomas William COHEN (while Flynn on 6 weeks leave).
22 Mar 1920 - Marwood Harold CLEEVE (replacing Cohen).
30 Mar 1922 - George Alfred STEVENSON (replacing Cleeve).
29 Nov 1928* - Roland Clar[k] ATKINSON (replacing Stevenson).
* H.M. Gaol Wentworth was closed officially on 1 July 1928 so why this appointment?

Visiting Clergy.

[C of E Chaplain - WARD]
24 July 1893 - William B [S]ISAN as C of E Chaplain.
31 Mar 1896 - Left the district.

[RC Chaplain - BARRY]
1 Jan 1892 - Timothy O'CONNELL as RC Chaplain.
26 Jan 1895 - Resigned.
1 Feb 1895 - Paul Ephraim ZUNDOLOVICH as RC Chaplain.
30 June 1896 - His services dispensed with.