

# Humanities computing

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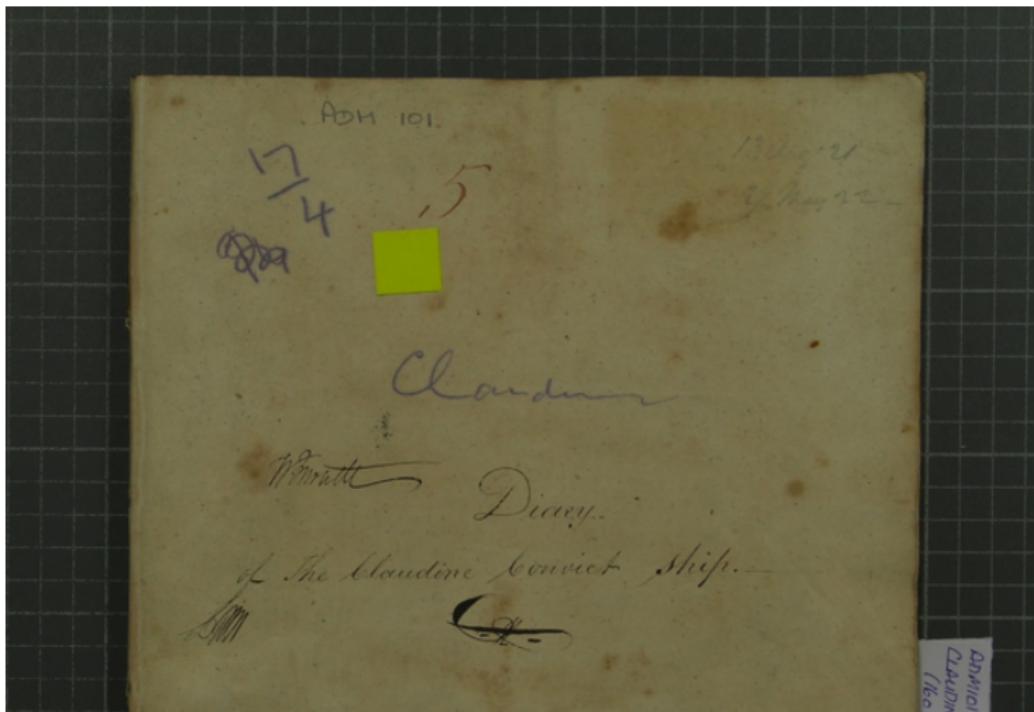
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# The *Claudine*

Woolwich 24/aug/1821 to Hobart 15/dec/1821 – 113 days at sea

160 male convicts boarded, 159 survived/landed (not a bad record)

# Journal



## Conduct registers

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Still John  
Cleric Dec 1821  
Leicester 15<sup>th</sup> Jan 1821

June 9, 1822. Received and dated 26 P.M. / 7 C. 1/ 26th 1822. D. W.  
50 Dollars & 3 d<sup>s</sup> / Sept 7, 1822 paid " of 25 Dollars (P. A. M.) Sept 10th  
of December 26 Dollars / 7 C. 1/ June 26-1822 paid " partially covering the charges of said  
meeting pleasure, which all come to 16 1822 & gave a receipt from the State Bank of  
N. Y. April 10th 1822 for 50 dollars from his friend about 12 feet of cloth on  
1822 & 21 Barn on a charge established against him for maliciously cutting  
off the Allegate Employe as on the 5th /

# Archives of Tasmania convict index

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## Convict Details

**Astill, John**

**Convict No:** 1744  
**Extra Identifier:**  
**SEE Surname:**  
**SEE Given Names:**  
**Voyage Ship:** Claudine  
**Voyage No:** 18  
**Arrival Date:** 15 Dec 1821  
**Departure Date:** 20 Aug 1821  
**Departure Port:** England  
**Conduct Record:** [CON31/1/1](#)  
**Muster Roll:** [CSO1/1/403](#) 9103  
**Appropriation List:**  
**Other Records:**  
**Indent:**  
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# Founders and Survivors



# Founders & Survivors

Australian life courses in historical context 1803-1920  
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# Van Diemen's Land

Transportation period, 1803-1853

~ 1 million rows of data

Quantifiable data: conduct registers, BDM...

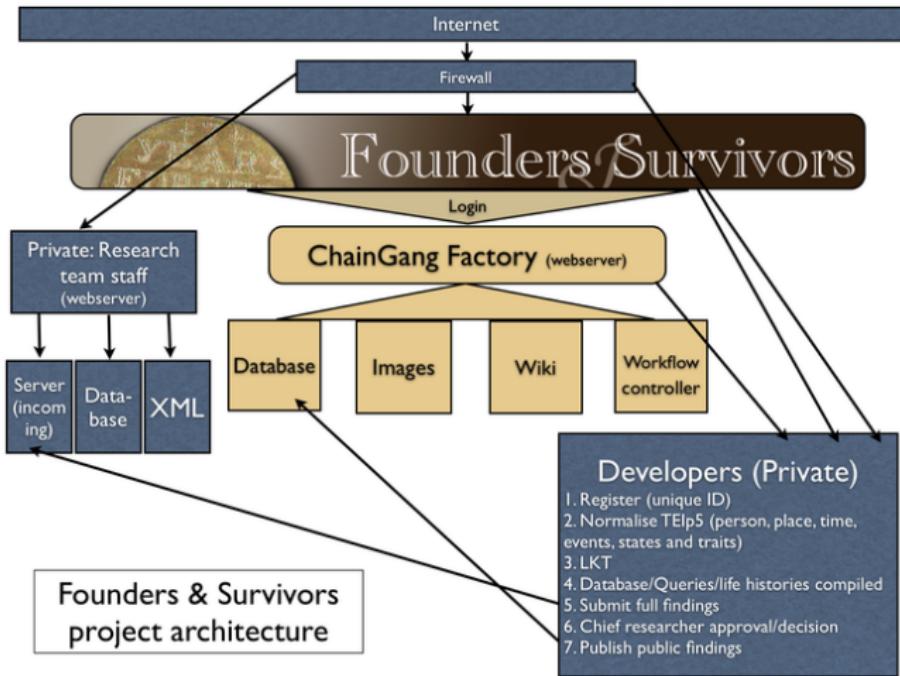
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# Genealogists

What happened to convicts after they were freed?

Links with genealogists for lives of convicts and their families.

# The 'factory plan'



# Problems/challenges

'Amateur' developer

Isolation

# 'Humanities computing'

Or 'digital humanities' ?

# Old questions, new tools?

Digitisation

Analyse large[r] amounts of material

Public access and collaboration

# The Valley of the Shadow



## Valley Personal Papers

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Augusta County: John H. Cochran to His Mother, December 11, 1860

**Summary:**

Cochran talks about the growing anxiety and uncertainty surrounding South Carolina's threat of secession and evaluates the South's readiness for a war.

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Mother

Decr. 11<sup>th</sup> 60

Richmond

Dear Mother

Your letter is received and contents noted. I will come up sometime after Christmass what time I cannot now say but as soon as circumstances will permit.

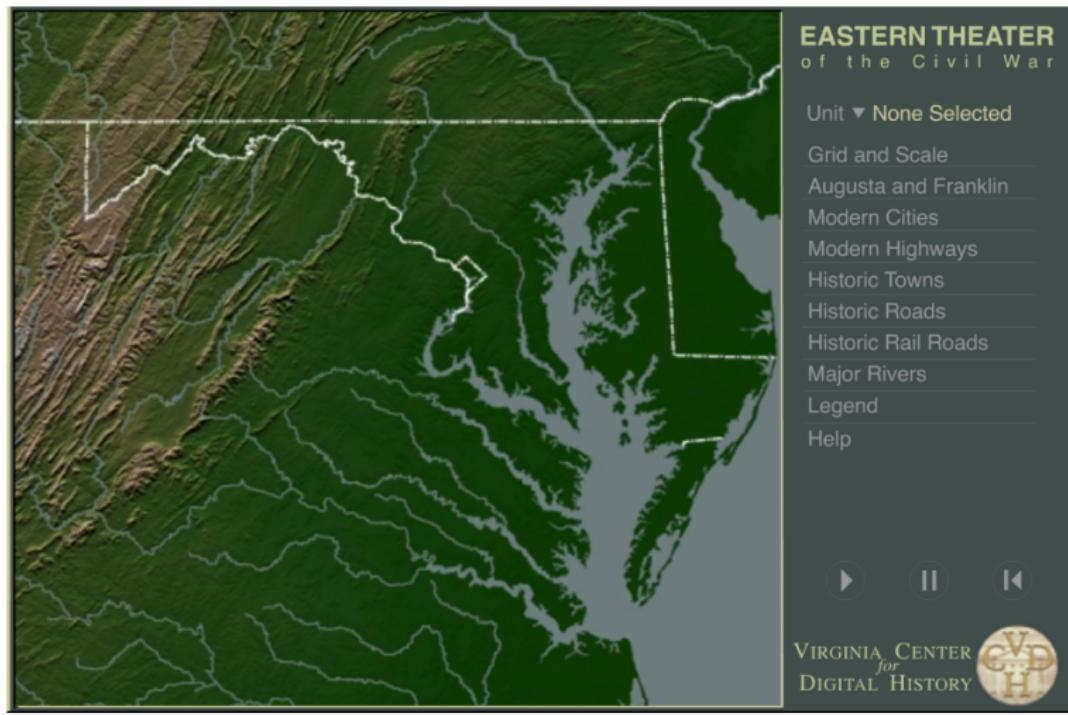
The country is now in a fearful state of agitation. So much so that thinking men believe that a war between the sections is imminent. Should things continue as they are I do not think that any one will venture into the tobacco business at least until near spring. We contemplate holding off until then as we expect that by that time things will have been settled or taken such a turn as to indicate whether the business will be safe or not. Ours (~~business~~) being a credit business and being carried on almost exclusively through agencies in the northern states would be the first and longest sufferer from civil war.

As you have seen by the papers your own glorious native state has at last determined to throw off the shackles of a government which it would be disgrace for any southern man to submit to. Glorious South Carolina how I wish I also could claim it for my native country. In this city the friends of Southern rights are not idle though we are not making any fuss or parade of our strength. We could muster

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with a days notice five hundred good men and true who are determined to maintain our rights. Even though we have to fight in the language of the infamous traitor Douglas "with halters around our necks." Blue cockades are not uncommon here. I have been wearing one for nearly two months and so help me God I intend if necessary to make the declaration implied by it good even with my hearts blood.

# The Valley of the Shadow



# Old Bailey Online

The Proceedings of the OLD BAILEY  London's Central Criminal Court, 1674 to 1913

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**Old Bailey Proceedings, 25th November 1850.**

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MUSGRAVE, MAYOR.  
CENTRAL CRIMINAL COURT.  
Minutes of Evidence,  
VOLUME XXXIII  
Session I to Session VI  
London



CENTRAL CRIMINAL COURT.  
MUSGROVE, MAYOR, FIRST SESSION.  
A star (\*) denotes that prisoners have been previously in custody—two stars (\*\*) that they have been more than once in custody—An obelisk (†) that they are known to be the associates of bad characters.

LONDON AND MIDDLESEX CASES.

OLD COURT—Monday, November 25th, 1850.  
PRESENT—The Right Hon. the LORD MAYOR, Ald. HOOPER,  
Mr. RECORDER, Mr. Ald. WILLIAM HUNTER, Mr. Ald. SALOMONS, and Mr. Ald. LAWRENCE.  
*Before Mr. Recorder and the First Jury.*

Reference Number: t18501125-1

1. JOSEPH STRICKLAND and ANN COLLINS were indicted for unlawfully conspiring together, and with one Frances M'Kenna, to cheat and defraud Ellen Savage.  
NOT GUILTY .

NEW COURT—Monday, November 25th, 1850.

# Perseus Digital Library

## Virgil's *Aeneid*

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Arma virumque cano, Troiae qui primus ab oris  
Italiam, fato profugus, Laviniaque venit  
litora, multum ille et terris iactatus et alto  
vi superum saevae memorem Iunonis ob iram;  
multa quoque et bello passus, dum conderet urbem,  
inferretque deos Latio, genus unde Latinum,  
Albanique patres, atque altae moenia Romae.  
Vergili. Bucolics, *Aeneid*, and *Georgics* Of Vergil. J. B. Greenough. Boston. Ginn & Co. 1900.

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Arms, and the man I sing, who, forc'd by fate,  
And haughty Juno's unrelenting hate,  
Expell'd and exil'd, left the Trojan shore.  
Long labors, both by sea and land, he bore,  
And in the doubtful war, before he won  
The Latian realm, and built the destin'd town;  
His banish'd gods restor'd to rites divine,  
And settled sure succession in his line,  
From whence the race of Alban fathers come,  
And the long glories of majestic Rome.

English (John Dryden)

Arms and the man I sing, who first made way,  
predestined exile, from the Trojan shore  
to Italy, the blest Lavinian strand.  
Smitten of storms he was on land and sea  
by violence of Heaven, to satisfy  
stern Juno's sleepless wrath; and much in war  
he suffered, seeking at the last to found  
the city, and bring o'er his fathers' gods  
to safe abode in Latium; whence arose  
the Latin race, old Alba's reverend lords,  
and from her hills wide-walled, imperial Rome.

English (Theodore C. Williams, 1910)

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"Police," for insertion herein, must be addressed  
to the Inspector of Police, Hobart; and every Report  
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of the District or Municipality in which it is alleged to  
have been committed.

*Whatever a reward is offered for the apprehension of an offender, such reward will not be inserted without sufficient guarantee for the payment thereof accompanying the notice to the Inspector of Police.*

*Officers of Police are requested to peruse this Report carefully, and to notify to the Inspector of Police any information in reference to any notice therein of which they may become possessed, referring to the date and page of the Report containing the same.*

*A Duplicate of every Warrant issued and intended for publication in the Crime Report should accompany the notice thereof to this Office.*

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BRIGHTON MUNICIPALITY.

**O**n the 5th instant, at Broadmead, the dwelling of  
John Blacklow was feloniously broken and entered,  
and the following articles stolen therefrom:  
1 pair pattern stockings in roses; 1 pair pattern  
stockings in stripes; 1 pair pattern stockings in  
the property of and identifiable by Alexander Hedges;  
1 carpet bag; 1 patterned silk hat; 1 small  
hat box; 1 small pocket book; 1 small  
collar; 1 small pocket book; 1 small  
coloured cotton shirt; 1 pair woolen gloves; 1 pair  
panting harness; 1 small book; Maria Rickey's  
Pence Readings; and a book on minerals; the property  
of Mr. J. J. Johnson.

I have been advised, while in the service of  
John Blacklow, that he is the same person as  
John Blacklow, alias John Hedges, alias John  
Hedges; I white hair powdered with red stripe; a  
small clock; 2 dark coats, one with velvet collar, lining of right pocket  
the property of and identifiable by Alexander Hedges;

**J**ohn Blacklow, alias John Hedges, alias John  
Hedges, alias *Joe the undertaker*, who is well known as the  
Berkwell Green Joe, Hamilton, and Richard

# Surgeon's journals

Source: Surgeon's Journal of the Marquis of Hastings (2), adm101-050-06.  
 Entries for Thomas Law (Lowe) and James Green, both of whom survived the voyage

Name of Diseas.	No. of Case	Date when and where taken and how disposed of.	The History, Symptoms, Treatment, and Daily Progress of the Disease or Illness.	Name of Diseas.	No. of Case	Date when and where taken and how disposed of.	The History, Symptoms, Treatment, and Daily Progress of the Disease or Illness.
			<p>1<sup>st</sup> Left. Burns much worse, getting in post in raised flabby patches between the teeth. Breath flabby, aspect abomin. lassitude or collapse like. Dr. Wm. St. John.            Colic. Acid. 39 per cent.            Colic. Acid. 39 per cent.            N.B. - As change, burns more painful but still patchy.            C. &amp; 39 gr. sulphur. -            2<sup>nd</sup> Burns more swollen, a blue above left after constrictor. Two flabby grey swelling on left lower canines. Breath still faded, wt. very -            Scrofulous symptoms much aggravated by the state of health but did not improve under the Extra Acid. Regurgit. of disease apparently moderated however.</p>				<p>8<sup>th</sup> Left. Burns and lymph (light).            9<sup>th</sup> Worse. Reduc. however did            periods of below seches. General            general health failing. Dr. Wm. St. John.            Colic. Acid. 39 per cent.            Dr. Rockham. C. &amp; 39 per cent.            10<sup>th</sup> Burns and general health            better improved. Restor. and            11<sup>th</sup> Same as former.            12<sup>th</sup> Burns better. Still swollen            but firmer and red -            A state of local infections            Burns and general he. Dr. Rockham            under the exhibition of Col. Acid.</p>
January 24	24	Not far distance 24 Dec <sup>th</sup> 12 at sea -	<p>1<sup>st</sup> Left. Healthy and unswollen.            Burns slightly swollen, spongy, and bleed - Remission for            the last 3 weeks -            at St. Helena got bromate            4<sup>th</sup> says the medicine makes            him sick, and upsets his appetite            &amp; P. got it to induce</p>	January 25	25	See Green Business St. John. st At sea	<p>1<sup>st</sup> Left. Same as the York. Health poor            complexion reddish - Burns inflam-            ed and flabby along the margins            blue. At St. Helena 39 per cent.            2<sup>nd</sup> Burns worse -            Same as above. At St. 39 per cent.            2<sup>nd</sup> Burns considerably worse            bleated on the margins and            protruding in spongy like gran-           ulations between the teeth. Breath            fading very offensive. no appetite            &amp; St. Helena infections</p>

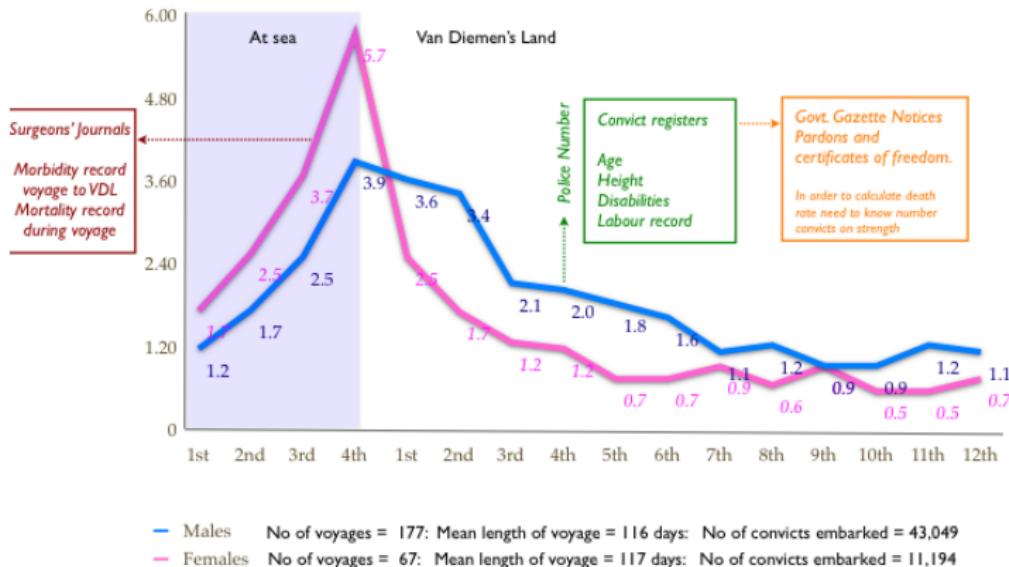
## Conduct registers

5911	Green James	<p>Sur. C.C. Court 23<sup>rd</sup> Oct. 1841. 10 yrs.          Entde 1<sup>st</sup> July 1842 Ans. C. D. New 1842          Robertson Can read and write.</p>	<p>Transported for Services in a Health House under P. G.          Part 10 month and 10 days - Sent up to Good Health          Station this Month Under          Coast Line &amp; Mr. Pitt of Belize Street          Single,</p>
		<p>Trade Carpenter Supply house Hair Dresser Barber          Warehouse man 5 1/4 26 Fair Coal Red 25 Long Yellow Hand Large          Hair yellow Large so simple all round</p>	<p>No. of Offences          Gang and New Employed          Report Sent Criminal Good</p>
		<p>Scars between 3 &amp; 4 fingers left hand. Fractured.</p>	
		<p>Remarks          Period of Conviction Labour Government Month          Pattern of Gang 15 1/2 w R.R. After 22. 4th Oct.          Exp 24 months</p>	
		<p>Officers Signature</p>	<p>Released from 1<sup>st</sup> Stage of Probation 8 Sept. 1844          26 Nov. 1847. C. L.</p>
		<p>C. P. App. 4/12/19.</p>	<p>Remarks          1st Gang 15 1/2 w R.R. After 22. 4th Oct.          Exp 24 months          Pattern of Gang 15 1/2 w R.R. After 22. 4th Oct.          Exp 24 months          2nd Gang 15 1/2 w R.R. After 22. 4th Oct.          Exp 24 months          Pattern of Gang 15 1/2 w R.R. After 22. 4th Oct.          Exp 24 months          3rd Gang 15 1/2 w R.R. After 22. 4th Oct.          Exp 24 months          Pattern of Gang 15 1/2 w R.R. After 22. 4th Oct.          Exp 24 months</p>
		<p>Free Servt. 30 Oct. 1837.-</p>	<p>Received C.P. 3/1/19.</p>

James Green's entry in  
the conduct register of  
the Marquis of  
Hastings (2), 1842.

# Data analysis

*Death rates at sea and during the first year in the colony for male and female convicts arriving on voyages to VDL 1830-1853 (deaths per 1000 per month)*



GIS

# Mapping our Anzacs

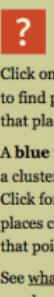
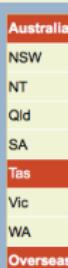
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Add a note or photograph  
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thority, by these Gentlemen.

*By His Honor's Command,*  
**JOHN MONTAGU, Secretary.**

**GOVERNMENT & GENERAL ORDER.**  
Government House, Hobart Town,  
June 23. 1825.

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# Why FOSS?

Use of resources

Community of developers

Using and adapting tools

Access

Values

# Use of resources

Expenses:

- Processing power
- Storage
- Bandwidth

# Community of developers

Mutual support

Don't reinvent the wheel

# Using and adapting tools

e.g. TEI, GEDCOM

# Access

Make archival sources and research results accessible to general public

e.g. online museums

Sharing data with other researchers

# Values

Public interest

Free access, free expression

Dialogue

Public participation

# The Two Cultures

*The Two Cultures and the Scientific Revolution*

CP Snow, Rede Lecture, 1959

Literature/humanities vs science/tech

# Many cultures?

Translating between academics, IT professionals, diverse public audience

Different priorities, research questions

# Geeks and non-geeks

Non-geeks may not understand the values behind FOSS

Technology as magic

# Where do developers belong?

Identity crisis

'Digital humanities professional'?

Background – IT or academic?

Autonomy

Career progression

Where do humanities computing projects belong?

# Resources and evaluation

Resource needs and output not like in traditional academic projects

In: computer resources, not just research time

Out: software, web, data, not just articles

# From paper to digital

6911	<p><i>Green James</i></p> <p>Trade C.C. Court 23<sup>rd</sup> Oct. 1st - 10 yrs Ends 11<sup>th</sup> July 1842 Ave 2<sup>nd</sup> Nov. 1842 Protestant Can Read and write</p> <p>Trade blacksmiths have hair brownish black eyebrows, eyes dark mouth thin Wearhouse man 5' 4 1/2 Fair oval face 20 Long thick sandy hair longish large eyebrows</p> <p>Remarks 1 Year between 3<sup>rd</sup> &amp; 4<sup>th</sup> fingers left hand crooked.</p> <p>Price of primary labor monthly £10. Station of Gang 12<sup>th</sup> Dec R.R. After 22<sup>nd</sup> Nov. 1842 Exp 24<sup>th</sup> Nov. 1842</p> <p>Officer Literacy</p> <p>2 C</p> <p>Received from 1<sup>st</sup> stage of probation of Capt. B.R. 23 Nov. 1847 S.L.</p> <p>C. P. App? 4/12/1847</p> <p>* Free Servt. 30 Oct. 1837.</p>	<p>Scrapbook of Services in a Quaker House value £2 and Report and Allego - Half yearly good service Bread and 3<sup>rd</sup> M. Cost of victuals spent Report { No of Officers New Employed Good Gentleman</p> <p>Remarks Received from 1<sup>st</sup> stage of probation of Capt. B.R. 23 Nov. 1847 S.L. 4/12/1847 4/12/1847 4/12/1847 4/12/1847 Received from 1<sup>st</sup> stage of probation of Capt. B.R. 23 Nov. 1847 S.L. 4/12/1847 4/12/1847 4/12/1847 4/12/1847 Received from 1<sup>st</sup> stage of probation of Capt. B.R. 23 Nov. 1847 S.L. 4/12/1847</p>
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James Green's entry in the conduct register of the Marquis of Hastings (2), 1842.

# Why Drupal?

Modular

Define our own content types and views

Define user roles

Workflow

# Screenshot: Index record

TODO

# Index data

Access -> Excel -> CSV

-> Drupal?

Database on the web

# Content Construction Kit

TODO URL

Define your own data structures in Drupal

TODO screenshot

# Rules

<http://drupal.org/project/rules>

More powerful than core Trigger and Action modules

Generate a title for each node

{index number} | {convict name} ({ship name})

# Views

TODO URL

Define your own views of content

# Table Wizard

<http://drupal.org/project/tw>

Expose a MySQL table or CSV file to Views

# Table analysis

TODO local copy of Skitch screenshot

<http://img.skitch.com/20100217-q5fi5t93y2nnr6p6jr3ks4isae.jpg>

# Migrate

<http://drupal.org/project/migrate>

Map structure of external table to a Drupal data structure

Migrate Extras [http://drupal.org/project/migrate\\_extras](http://drupal.org/project/migrate_extras) to migrate to CCK fields

# Content set

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# Migrate dashboard

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# Drush

Web-based dashboard good for testing on small samples

Drush: the Drupal Shell [\(out of memory issues\)](http://drupal.org/project/drush)

Run drush migrate-import {content set} from cron

Approx. one week to migrate ~ 80,000 records

# Evolving field

Challenging

Exciting

Where to from here?

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<http://www.digitalhumanities.org/Essays/>

# Questions/advice?

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