

Individuals Associated with the Provincial Penitentiary Northwest Arm, Halifax, Nova Scotia 1841-1880

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General Information on the Penitentiary

1841 Commissioners of the Penitentiary, appointed by the House of Assembly and responsible for its construction: James B. Uniacke, Edward Allison, John E. Fairbanks, Michael Tobin Jr., William Gregor

1841 land near Point Pleasant purchased from Henry Lawson

1841 two quarries on western shore of the Arm purchased from John Trider

1841 cornerstone laid June 24, 1841 by Grand Master Alexander Keith, with Masonic rites

1842 Head Mason and Contractor for the construction of the Penitentiary was George Jones. He underestimated the cost, and was bankrupt by 1842.

1844 General Rules for Management of the Penitentiary, were known as the "Auburn System" and taken from those of the Auburn State Prison of New York.

1844 Penitentiary opened June 15, 1844

1852 government of the Penitentiary transferred to the Provincial Board of Works

1867 government of the Penitentiary transferred to the federal government at Confederation. A Canadian inspector, Mr. Ferres, sent to report on the Maritime Penitentiaries, found it to be the worst governed in the country and instituted immediate reforms.

1880 Provincial Penitentiary closed and prisoners transferred to the new federal penitentiary at Dorchester, New Brunswick, July 16th

Note: dates given are those found in the sources used, but are not necessarily complete. The term "common prisoner" refers to someone sentenced for less than two years.

Governor, Chief Warden or Superintendent:

Carpenter, George (blacksmith and machinist by trade) appointed 1844, dismissed 1849, because of the escape of six convicts [JHA, RG]

Clinton, Michael, Acting Governor, February 1848 (RG)

Hutcheson, Archibald, 1850, 1852 [RG]

Fish, William 1852-1862 "On account of the several escapes from the institution it was deemed necessary to remove the keeper, Mr. Fish, and to appoint a younger and more vigorous person in his place." [JHA]

Condon, William, appointed general superintendent June 15, 1857 [RG]

Chipman, W.A. 1863-1865 [JHA, McA, RG]

McGregor, George appointed June 1865, died in office between September 1867 and June 1868. [SP, NS]

Duncan, Robert 1873, 1874 [McA]

Flinn, John, 1875-1880 [McA]

Matron:

Mrs. Martha Carpenter, appointed 1844 [JHA]

Mrs. Lucy Fish, 1861 [JHA]

Mrs. M.A. Chipman, 1863-1865 (RG)

Mrs. Mary McGregor, 1867 [SP]

Chaplain :

Bennett, Rev. William 1851 and "several years" before that date [JHA]

Cogswell, Rev. William (Church of England), appointed Chaplain November 1844, became ill and died before 1851 [JHA]

Daley Rev. T.F., (Roman Catholic) 1873, 1874, 1877, 1880 [McA] A Roman Catholic chaplain had been recommended in 1862, but not appointed. By 1867 a priest was attending on Sunday afternoons, when the same facilities were available to him as were provided to the Protestant Chaplain. [SP]

Pope, Rev. Henry (Wesleyan Methodist), 1860-1867, 1873, 1874, 1877. In 1867 he was holding a service every Sunday morning, and spending about an hour and a half at the prison. [SP, McA]

Romans, Rev. Alex, (Presbyterian) 1880 [McA]

Physician & Surgeon:

Black, Dr. Rufus S., 1844-1880 [JHA, McA, RG]

School Master:

Cotton, John F. appointed 1863. Served as Assistant Clerk and School Teacher 1873, Accountant and School Teacher, 1874, 1877, 1880 [JHA, McA]

Officers, Keepers and Employees:

Berrigan, Thomas, Under Keeper 1844 [JHA]
Brown, James, Night Watch, 1862 [JHA]
Burns, James, Trade Instructor [also called Overseer, Mason, stonemason instructor and Under Keeper] 1867, 1873, 1874, 1877 [SP,McA]
Carey, William, Guard, accompanied prisoners to Dorchester but not transferred there 1880 [AR]
Carney, John, Messenger 1850 [RG]
Carpenter, George Jr., Under Keeper and Messenger, 1847 [RG]
Christie, Thomas, Night Watch, 1865 [RG]
Clike, Alex, Cook, 1861, '62 [JHA]
Corrigan, Samuel, Guard, 1880 [AR]
Coubrough, James, Under Keeper, 1856-1857 [RG]
Creamer, D., Accountant 1873
Crawley, John, Messenger, 1880 [AR]
Crump, Joseph, Under Keeper, 1867 [SF]
Cuddahee/Cudhea/Cuddahie, George, Mason and Under Keeper, 1859 - 1867. Dismissed 1867 for allowing escape of Pratt [JHA, SP, RG]
Curley, John, Under Keeper, 1861, '62 [JHA] 1867 [SF] Messenger 1873, 1874, 1877 [McA] transferred to Dorchester, 1880, but stayed behind with Umlah "and other officers not reappointed to look after the effects of the penitentiary not yet removed or disposed of" [AR]
Doe, Robert, Keeper, 1862 [JHA]
Donoghue, Dennis, Under Keeper [RG]
Downey, John, Trade Instructor, transferred to Dorchester, 1880. [AR]
Fagan, William, Trade Instructor, transferred to Dorchester, 1880 [AR]
FitzPatrick, James, Keeper 1844 [JHA]
Godwin or Goodwin, Guard, transferred to Dorchester, 1880 [AR]
Goggin/Gogging, Kenny, Under Keeper 1850, 1860-62, 1867 [JHA, SP, RG]
Grant, Alex., Guard, accompanied prisoners to Dorchester but not transferred there, 1880 [AR]
Greenwood, Robert, Guard, transferred to Dorchester, 1880. [AR]
Hickey, Lawrence, Messenger 1844, succeeded Berrigan as Under Keeper [JHA]
Hogan, Nichol, Under Keeper, dismissed for drunkenness and escape of prisoner Ead, 1859. [RG]
Hogan, Robert, Messenger 1850, [RG]
Holloway, J., Overseer, Shoemaker and Under Keeper 1861-62, 1864-65, 1867 [JHA, SP, RG]
James, Rolph, Overseer, Carpenter etc. and Under Keeper, 1867 [SF]
Kennedy, John, Keeper, 1850 [RG]
Kennedy, M., Guard, transferred to Dorchester, 1880 [AR]
Kidney, William, Night Watch, 1867 [SF]

Lattery, Keeper. Wounded in an escape in 1878 [GM]
Lucas, James, Messenger 1844 [JHA]
McCarthy, did not turn up for the transfer to Dorchester, 1880. [AR]
McDougall, John, Under Keeper, 1857-1867 [JHA, SP, RG]
McDougall, James, Guard, 1880 [AR]
McLeod, Neil, Under Keeper, possibly dismissed 1863 [RG]
McLeod, William, Night Watch, 1862-1864 [JHA, RG]
Mauror, [probably misprint for Munro] Robert, mason 1860 [JHA]
Miller, Charles, Trade Instructor, transferred to Dorchester, 1880 [AR]
Morash, Henry, Keeper, 1850 [RG]
Morrison, Neil, Keeper, 1863 [RG]
Munro, George, Overseer, Blacksmith and Under Keeper, 1859, 1867 [RG, SF]
Munro, Robert, Mason and Under Keeper, 1861-1862, 1864-65. In 1865 he sustained injuries from a blow inflicted by one of the convicts. Cared for by Dr. Black during April and May at the penitentiary's expense. Still on the payroll in June 1865. [RG, JHA]
Nauffis, Hezekiah, Acting Guard, transferred to Dorchester, 1880 [AR]
Peare, John, Under Keeper 1847 [RG]
Penton, Robert, Under Keeper, 1860 [JHA]
Reynolds, James, Mason and Under Keeper, 1855-1857 [RG]
Robertson, George, blacksmith, 1860-1862 [JHA]
Robertson, William, Under Keeper, 1855, 1859, 1863-1865 [RG]
Rose, William, Mason, 1851-1855. Petitioned against wrongful dismissal. Said it was because he didn't support the government in power. [RG]
Ross, Charles, Head Keeper, [also called Chief Keeper, Under Warden and Chief Warden] 1873, 1874, 1877, Pursued the escapees in 1878, transferred to Dorchester, 1880. [GM, AR, McA]
Rowley, William, Under Keeper 1854 [RG]
Shiers, Edward, Turnkey or Chief Warder, 1867 [SF]
Shortell, John, Messenger 1850 [RG]
Stafford, Patrick, Under Keeper, 1867 [SF]
Taggart, John C., Messenger, 1850 [RG]
TattarieffTattary, Nathan, Acting Trade Instructor, transferred to Dorchester, 1880 [AR]
Townsend, Edward, Under Keeper 1865 [RG]
Umlah, R., Guard, transferred to Dorchester, 1880 but stayed behind with Curley, "and other officers not reappointed to look after the effects of the penitentiary not yet removed or disposed of" [AR]
Wier, Neil, Keeper, 1862 [JHA]
Wilson, James, Under Keeper, 1867 [SF]
Wright, Henry N, Trade Instructor, 1873, 1874, 1877, 1880 [AR, McA]]

- Baker, Jorden, brother of Edward, 5 years for burning a barn in Aylesford, always declared his brother to be innocent. 1861 [JHA]
- Ballantyne, Henry, 21, June 6, 1878
- Barritt or Borritt, William, 31, December 8, 1875
- Bates, Charley “of the notorious 17th regiment”, ca. 1863 [JHA]
- Bayers, Alexander, 18, labourer, December 3, 1878
- Beale, Andrew, 14, black, May 18. 1874
- Beddoe, James, Hants Co., shooting, 1850 [RG]
- Bedford, John, 25, September 6, 1876
- Bennett or Burnett, Elizabeth, 31, June 19, 1876
- Bennett, Charles H., 29, machinist, December 3, 1878
- Bennett, P. asks for mitigation of sentence 1861, refused. [JHA]
- Bent, Emma, 18, June 23, 1876
- Bent, Israel, 60, Annapolis, 2 years, receiving stolen goods, July 3, 1879 Transferred to Dorchester, 1880 [CR, AR]
- Bent, Joseph, 19, Annapolis, 2 years, receiving stolen goods, July 3, 1879 Transferred to Dorchester, 1880 [CR, AR]
- Bent, Michael, 22, Annapolis, 2 years, receiving stolen goods, July 3, 1879, Transferred to Dorchester, 1880 [CR, AR]
- Bergin, Thomas, Halifax Co., labourer, June 20, 1844, 1 year, horse stealing [JHA]
- Bergin, Thomas, (2nd) Halifax Co., July 22, 1845, 2 years, horse stealing, “an old man and of very little use to the establishment”, conduct good [JHA]
- Bergman, John, (common prisoner, 1 year), larceny, transferred to Dorchester 1880 [AR]
- Berrigan, J.M. 22, Shelburne, 2 years, larceny, June 10, 1880. Transferred to Dorchester, 1880 [AR]
- Berryman, David, 20, mulatto, June 18, 1878
- Black, Thomas, 32, July 5, 1878
- Blackburn, Joseph, 25, Kings Co., 2-1/2 years, larceny, June 9, 1879 transferred to Dorchester, 1880. [CR, AR]
- Blackwood, Alex, Halifax Co., stabbing, 1850 [RG]
- Blythe, Ferguson, 31, October 1, 1873.
- Boalby, Osborne, 22, Annapolis, 2 years, larceny, June 10, 1880. Transferred to Dorchester, 1880. [AR]
- Borden, Charles R., 33, ship caulker, June 14, 1875
- Bowers, James, (2nd), 41, stonecutter, December 5, 1876
- Boyd, Thomas, 19, Queens Co., 4 years, larceny, June 12, 1880, transferred to Dorchester, 1880 [AR]
- Brackett, Thomas, 17, labourer, December 3, 1878
- Brooker, Charles, 21, May 15, 1876
- Brown, Abraham, 16, black, July 13, 1875
- Brown, Catherine, Cape Breton Co., robbery, 1852 [RG]
- Brown, David, 23, labourer, November 2, 1877
- Brown, William, see Smith.
- Brown, William, 17, November 2, 1876
- Browne, Arthur, alias McDonald, (2nd), 28, harness maker, November 20, 1876
- Bruce, William, Halifax Co., blacksmith, July 24, 1844, 2 years, larceny, employed clearing land and sharpening tools for stone cutters “always made himself very useful”, conduct good [JHA]
- Budd, George, 45, July 9, 1877
- Buff, George 17, mulatto, laborer, February 25, 1875
- Bundy, Alexander, Halifax Co., Easter term 1842, 7 years, highway robbery, pardoned 1844 [JHA]
- Burns, “the notorious rascal”, ringleader of the prison riot in 1867
- Burns, James, Halifax Co., forgery, 1851 [RG]
- Burton, Leah, Halifax Co., stabbing, 1852 [RG]
- Cain, John, “admitted with a severe form of scrophulous disease”, 1848 [RG]
- Callaghan/Callighan, William, Halifax Co., fisherman, May 6, 1845, 1 year, larceny “an old man, but has made himself very useful as a

- cook for the convicts", conduct good [JHA]
Cameron, Daniel, 39, Halifax, 3 years, larceny, April 30, 1880. Transferred to Dorchester, 1880. [AR]
Campbell, Andrew, admitted June 1863. Dr. Black reports him probably insane and says he should be transferred to the Insane Asylum in Dartmouth. [JHA]
Campbell, C., 19, Yarmouth, 2 years, compound larceny, July 5, 1879. Transferred to Dorchester, 1880. [AR]
Campbell, Duncan, 21, October 16, 1876
Campbell, Miles, 20, June 18, 1878
Carter, John, 43, Annapolis, 2 years, receiving stolen goods, July 5, 1879. Transferred to Dorchester, 1880. [AR]
Carten, Joseph, Halifax Co., larceny, 1850 [RG]
Cawford, John, 45, Hants Co., 2-1/2 years, larceny, May 28, 1879. Transferred to Dorchester, 1880. [AR]
Chanley, Edward, deserter from the 63rd regiment, escaped 1859 [RG] .Chapman, William 38, blacksmith, July 5, 1875
Chisholm, Angus, 28, Colchester, 6 years, counterfeiting, June 11, 1880. Transferred to Dorchester, 1880. [AR]
Chiverton, Benjamin, 18, m. seaman, June 19, 1875
Chute, Nathan, Annapolis Co., carpenter, May 24, 1844, 2 years, larceny, employed clearing land, putting up fences, conduct good, pardoned 1845 [JHA]
Clarke, Henry the younger, Halifax Co., farmer, May 6, 1845, 3 years, assault with intent to commit a rape, employed clearing land and cutting stone, conduct good [JHA]
Clarke, Samuel, Jr., 21, June 5, 1876
Clayton, George, Halifax Co., labourer, December 16, 1845, 1 year, larceny, employed assisting the blacksmith, conduct good [JHA]
Cleaver, George, 18, sailor, November 6, 1875
Clike, George, 18, Colchester, 3 years, larceny, June II, 1880. Transferred to Dorchester, 1880. [AR]
Cochrane, William, June 21, 1875
Colter/Coulter, David, 20, Kings Co., 2 years, larceny, June 9, 1879, transferred to Dorchester, 1880. [CR, AR]
Conley, Jeremiah, Halifax Co., stabbing, 1850 [RG]
Conolly, Richard, asks for mitigation of sentence, 1861, refused. [JHA]
Conrod, John F., 38, trader, July 3, 1873
Conway, Thomas, 24, labourer, November 9, 1874
Cook, Charles, 21, brickmaker, February 18, 1874
Cooper, Thomas, 24, bricklayer, November 1, 1876
Coulter, David, see Colter
Countway, Joseph, discharged October 16, 1847 [RG]
Corry/Curry, John, 25, Kings Co., 2 years, larceny, June 10, 1880. Transferred to Dorchester, 1880. [AR]
Coyne, John, 26, collier, December 7, 1877
Craig, John, Yarmouth Co., larceny, 1851 [RG]
Crawford, John, 45, stonecutter, May 30, 1879
Crowe, David, died of apoplexy, 1865 [JHA]
Crowell, James 18, Annapolis, 2 years, larceny, June 29, 1880, transferred to Dorchester, 1880. [CR, AR]
Cuff, John, died 1866. [JHA]
[Culverwell?], Thomas, 24, October 2, 1876
Cummins, John, 30, July 9, 1877
Currell, Charles, Halifax Co., blacksmith, July 24, 1844, 2 years, larceny, employed clearing land and sharpening tools for stonecutters, pardoned 1845 [JHA]
Curry, John, see Corry
Daley or Dayley, John, Halifax Co., tailor, June 20, 1844, 9 months, forgery, employed clearing land, making clothes for prisoners, conduct good [JHA]
Davey, Michael, 24, November 19, 1875 .
Davidson, George, 27, boiler maker, December

- 3, 1878 .
- Davis, George, larceny (common prisoner, 1 year), transferred to Dorchester, 1880 [AR]
- Davis, William, 25, laborer, March 12, 1878
- Decost, Elisha, Guysboro Co., larceny, 1852 [RG]
- Decost, Samuel, Guysboro Co., larceny, 1852 [RG]
- Delaney, Michael, Halifax Co., stealing, 1850 [RG]
- Dougherty, John, Halifax Co., June 20, 1844, 1 year, uttering counterfeit money, pardoned 1844 [JHA]
- Dougherty, Michael, Halifax Co., labourer, December 22, 1845, 3 years, larceny, employed learning to be a stone cutter, conduct good [JHA]
- Douglas, Mate of the *Zero*, accomplice to murder, life, ca. 1866
- Doyle [no given name], July 23, 1880
- Doyle, Charles, 20, June 30, 1879
- Droit, Charles, [-7] Colchester, 2 years, larceny, October 11, 1879. Transferred to Dorchester, 1880. [AR]
- Dugan or Dugau, John, 24, seaman, June 14, 1875
- Dugas, John, Digby, 7 years, manslaughter, June 11, 1875. Transferred to Dorchester, 1880. [AR] [Probably same man as above]
- Duggan, Charles, 28, black, April 5, 1878
- Dunphy, William, 24, miner, July 9, 1877 [Durkin?] Samuel, Yarmouth Co., larceny, 1852 [RG]
- Duxbury, George, 24, weaver, August 10, 1877
- Dwyer, John, 24, labourer, September 13, 1878
- Earl, George, 21, January 20, 1876
- Ead, James, escaped and recaptured 1859 [RG]
- Egan, William, H. 21, Halifax, 2 years, obtaining money under false pretences, April 18, 1880. Transferred to Dorchester 1880. [AR]
- Ellen, Maria, Halifax Co., concealing a birth, 1851 [RG]
- Elliott, Thomas, 17, July 18, 1875
- Enob, Eli, 31, Queens Co., 5 years, receiving stolen goods, June 12, 1880. Transferred to Dorchester, 1880. [AR]
- Ernst, [Alzmio?] 17, October 28, 1876 [Fanshaw?], Charles, 17, May 10, 1879
- Farrell, father and son, Parrsboro, assault, October 1856. A petition for clemency signed by local clergy magistrates and citizens was sent on their behalf [RG]
- Farrell, Jonathan, Cumberland Co., assault, 1850 [RG]
- Ferguson, George, 36, June 18, 1876
- Ferris, Samuel, 21, Kings Co., 2-1/2 years, larceny, June 5, 1879. Transferred to Dorchester, 1880. [AR]
- Findlay, Edward, 22, shoemaker, May 15, 1876
- Fisher, John, Yarmouth Co., larceny, 1850 [RG]
- Fisher, Merlin or Morton, 19, Hants Co., 2 years, larceny, May 30, 1879. Transferred to Dorchester, 1880. [CR, AR]
- Fisher, John, Yarmouth Co., larceny, 1850 [RG]
- Fisk/Fiske, William, 25, Halifax, labourer, larceny, December 6, 1877. Transferred to Dorchester, 1880. [CR,AR]
- Flemming, Charles, Halifax, 17, 2 years, receiving stolen goods, May 10, 1879. Transferred to Dorchester, 1880. [AR]
- Foley, Peter, Halifax Co., carpenter, July 24, 1844, 1-1/2 years, larceny, sick his whole time, conduct good, pardoned 1845 [JHA]
- Forbes, Sophia, Cape Breton Co., October 7, 1845, 2 years, concealing a birth, employed knitting, spinning, washing, conduct good [JHA]
- Forrest, George, 21, sailor, June 18, 1876
- Forrester, George (2nd) 24, October 8, 1878
- Foster, Charles, 20, October 21, 1878
- Frances, James, Digby Co., farmer, May 29, 1845, 1 year, larceny, employed clearing land, escaped from the Keeper July 23, 1845 [JHA]
- Francis, John, 24, 10 years, rape, July 3, 1874. Transferred to Dorchester, 1880 [AR]

- Francis, Henry alias Thomas Williams, 32, black, July 15, 1876
- Francois, Baptiste, served 14 days, discharged October 1847 [RG]
- Freeman, Edwards, 21, November 20, 1876
- Frozzle, [Alonzo?], 23, June 19, 1876
- Gallagher/Gallighar, Francis, 22, Colchester Co., 2 years, larceny, June 14, 1879. Transferred to Dorchester, 1880. [CR, AR]
- Gallagher, Patrick, 27, November 20, 1875
- George, Frank, 34, painter, November 30, 1875
- Gillis, Alexander, 20, June 18, 1876
- [Ginnifiab?] James, 26, November 20, 1875
- Gillett, Frank, 19, October 26, 1874
- Godfrey, John, 20, Halifax, black, labourer, larceny, May 3, 1878. Transferred to Dorchester, 1880. [CR, AR]
- Goodale, John, 26, April 4, 1877
- Grant, Alex, Cape Breton Co., rape, 1850 [RG]
- Gray, Edward, 21, Shelburne, 2 years, larceny, June 2, 1880. Transferred to Dorchester, 1880. [AR]
- Gray, Simon, 54, carpenter, June 8, 1878
- Greening, George, 57, mariner, May 26, 1879
- Greenlaw, John, 24, June 19, 1880
- Greenlow, John, 20, July 5, 1876
- Greer, Alex, Halifax Co., stabbing, 1850 [RG]
- Grennail, John, 24, Annapolis, 2 years, larceny, June 11, 1880. Transferred to Dorchester 1880. [AR]
- Harris, David, 27, mulatto, farmer, April 23, 1877
- Harris, Edward, 23, black, labourer, February 25, 1875
- Harris, John, Hants Co., larceny, 1852 [RG]
- Hartley, James, petty larceny, released 1852 [RG]
- Harvey, Thomas, 20, Shelburne, 2 years, larceny, June 11, 1880. Transferred to Dorchester, 1880. [AR]
- Hazelton of the *Saladin*, piracy and murder, 1844
- [Hazlitt?] John, January 23, labourer, 1874
- Henry, John Allison, 32, black, cooper, November 20, 1875
- Henswah, Thomas, Annapolis Co., 1850 [RG]
- Herbert, Eben, 31, Antigonish, 4 years, larceny, September 21, 1878. Transferred to Dorchester, 1880. [AR]
- Herbert, Nilson, 15, black, September 28, 1878
- Higgins, George, 22, black, June 15, 1876
- Higgins, Henry, 20, black, June 15, 1876
- Hill, James, Colchester Co., robbery, 1850 [RG]
- [Hill/Hibb], William G. S., 20, sailor, June 13, 1877
- Hinds, William, Annapolis Co., larceny, 1852 [RG]
- Holder, George, 31, mason, July 29, 1873
- Howard, Frank, 28, May 15, 1876
- Hughes, Daniel, 23, mason, November 18, 1876, highway robbery, 5 years, escaped 1878 [CR, GM]
- Hughes, James, see Lewis
- Hurlbert, Ebenezer, 29, July 15, 1876
- Hurlbert, Ebenezer, (2nd), 31, September 28, 1878
- Hurlbut, Samuel, 26, shoemaker, October 4, 1874
- [Ingamills?] Thomas Henry, 21, sailor, September 15, 1876
- Ingram, James, 22, July 31, 1878
- Ireland, James, 24, August 22, 1876
- Ivery, Murdoch, 23, Inverness, 2 years, breaking and stealing, June 24, 1879. Transferred to Dorchester, 1880. [CR, AR]
- Jackson, Alexander, 33, black, shoemaker, July 3, 1873
- Jarvis, Jacob, mulatto, 20, attempted rape, 7 years, July 3, 1874, escaped 1878. Transferred to Dorchester, 1880. [GM, CR, AR]
- Jarvis, Joshua, 22, August 3, 1877
- Jarvis, Samuel, 21, June 9, 1879
- Jarvis, Walter, 18, August 3, 1877
- Jenkins, John, 15, July 5, 1878
- Jewers, John, Guysboro Co., fisherman, October 20, 1843, 7 years, arson, employed clearing

- land, building second tier of cells "learning to be a good stone cutter", conduct good [JHA]
- Jodry, James, 27, Colchester, 3-1/2 years, larceny, June 11, 1880. Transferred to Dorchester, 1880. [AR]
- Johns or Jones, Ellen, 38, Cumberland, 2 years larceny, June 26/30, 1879. Left behind in 1880 with Rebecca Annour, probably to be pardoned. [CR, AR]
- Johnson, Joseph, Guysboro Co., larceny, 1851 [RG]
- Johnston, of the *Saladin*, piracy and murder, 1844
- Johnston, Dianah, Halifax Co., December 12, 1843, 18 months, larceny, employed knitting, washing, spinning, conduct good [JHA]
- Johnston, Thomas, Annapolis Co., manslaughter, 1850 [RG]
- Jones, of the *Saladin*, piracy and murder, 1844
- Jones, David, 23, mulatto, labourer, November 30, 1874
- Jones, Ellen see Johns
- Kay, Nathaniel, 22, groom, August 22, 1878
- Keefe, Richard, 12, larceny, 5 years, August 18, 1848 [RG]
- Keefe, Richard, Halifax Co., larceny, 1850 [RG]
- Keily, John 32, labourer, May 18, 1874
- Kennedy, Jerry, assault with a hatchet, 2 years
- Kenyon, William, 1858 [RG]
- Kielly, Michael, Hants Co., fanner, May 10, 1845, 1 year, larceny, employed clearing land and cutting stone, conduct good [JHA]
- Kinnick, William, 54, October 14, 1878
- Knowlan, Fairfield, 31, November 2, 1876
- Laffin, Matthew, Halifax Co., forgery, 1851 [RG]
- Landers, Joseph, Lunenburg Co., labourer, Easter term 1844, 15 months, larceny, employed cooking and clearing land, conduct good, pardoned 1845 [JHA]
- Larkins, Patrick, 27, July 1, 1876
- Larrington, Richard, King's Co., labourer, October 23, 1845, 14 years, arson, employed clearing land, learning the art of stone cutting, conduct excellent [JHA]
- "the Lascar convict, from his ferocious disposition, appears beyond the reach of reform and causes constant trouble; it is unsafe to leave him unchained, and he has to be continually confined in his cell." The committee believe that no discipline can reform him or reduce him to obedience. They recommend the Government remove him by ship to his native land. [JHA, 1861] This reference may be to Gabriel Moriano, who is also called a Lascar, and whose conduct by 1880 is considered "exemplary" [AR]
- Leech, Nathan, Halifax Co., robbery, 1850 [RG]
- Leoftus, Bryan, 26, sailor, June 18, 1877
- Lewis alias Hughes, James, 21, larceny and arson, 7 years, October 22, 1877, escaped 1878 [CR,GM]
- Lewis, William, 27, shoemaker, December 27, 1875
- Lightfoot, William, 21, Kings Co., 2 years, larceny, June 10, 1880. Transferred to Dorchester, 1880. [AR]
- Lucas, Luke, 26, baker, August 4, 1877
- Maguire, Captain, caused death of one of his men at sea
- Mahar, Richard A., 26, June 15, 1876
- Malcolm, Alexander, Pictou Co., tailor, June 2, 1844, 5 years, larceny, employed breaking stones and making prisoners' clothes, conduct good, pardoned 1845 [JHA]
- [Mallin?] William, 31, labourer, February 8, 1878
- Martin, Fred, 21, black, June 15, 1876
- Marvin, Joseph, Hants Co., larceny, 1850 [RG]
- McCabe, William, 24, labourer, November 9, 1874
- McCallum, James, 26, painter, February 25, 1875
- McCarthy, Thomas, 1858 [RG]

- McClennan, (no given name) 31, laborer, April 2, 1878
- McClure, Thomas, 20, November 18, 1876
- McDonald, see Browne, Arthur
- McDonald, John, 24, Richmond Co., 3 years, larceny, November 28, 1878. Transferred to Dorchester, 1880. [CR, AR]
- McDonald, John, 72, Cape Breton, 3 years, larceny and shooting a cow, November 1, 1879. Transferred to Dorchester, 1880. [AR]
- McDougall, John, 36, sailor, December 6, 1877
- McGill, Hector, "the notorious", robbery, 1867, escaped three times within the year [AR 11 Sept 1867]
- McGinnis, James, Annapolis Co., larceny, 1850 [RG]
- McGinnis, George 21, October 10, 1876
- McGrath, Jonathan, Halifax Co., larceny, 1850 [RG]
- McGrath, John, Hants Co., larceny, 1852 [RG]
- McKay, Alexander, Halifax city. In 1857 his wife, left with seven small children, petitioned for his discharge in order to support the family, Henry Pryor, Mayor, recommended it. [RG]
- McKay, Bernard, 29, Queens Co., sailor, 2 years, larceny, June 20, 1879. Transferred to Dorchester, 1880. [CR, AR]
- McKenna, James, 28, tailor, 27 September, 1873
- McKenzie, Daniel, 29, Pictou, shoemaker, 6 years arson, June 24, 1875. Transferred to Dorchester, 1880. [CR, AR]
- McKenzie, John, 27, June 5, 1876
- McKenzie, John, Halifax Co., clerk to the establishment, December 18, 1845, 5 years, larceny, conduct good [JHA]
- McLean, John, Halifax Co., cooper, July 22, 1845 1 year, larceny, employed making tubs and buckets and labouring, conduct good [JHA]
- McLean, William, Lunenburg Co., labourer, October 24, 1845, 2 years, larceny. In 1846 he was put in irons for striking another prisoner and swearing at the Governor, but later he was employed labouring about the establishment, and his conduct reported good [JHA, RG]
- McLeland, Osmond, 22, shoemaker, October 22, 1874
- McLeod, Adelbert, 19, July 3, 1873
- McLeod, Albert, 22, Annapolis, colored, 5 years, larceny, July 4, 1876. Transferred to Dorchester, 1880. [CR, AR]
- McLeod, Daniel, 19, labourer, October 22, 1877
- McLeod, Thomas, 20, Halifax, 5 years, robbery, November 18, 1876. Transferred to Dorchester, 1880. [AR]
- McNaughton, Anthony, Pictou Co., carpenter, June 2, 1844, 5 years, larceny, employed cutting pickets for fencing, conduct good, pardoned 1845 [JHA]
- McNeil, Henry, 25, Antigonish, 3 years, arson, October 10/12, 1878. Transferred to Dorchester. 1880. [AR]
- McNeil, Peter, 29, June 17, 1879
- McNutt, Lemuel, false pretenses (common prisoner 1 year) Transferred to Dorchester, 1880. [AR]
- McPhee, Mary, concealing a birth, 18 months, June 1856 [RG]
- McPherson, William, 25, mulatto, servant, July 17, 1874
- McRae or McReay, James, (4th), 30, Colchester, 3 years, larceny, June 17/21, 1878. Transferred to Dorchester, 1880. [register and AR]
- McSweeney, Norman, 17, November 7, 1878
- Mennock, William, Lunenburg, completed sentence 1880
- Middleton, Henry, Annapolis Co., larceny, 1852 [RG]
- Miller, George, 15, May 10, 1879
- Moffat, Charles, 28, October 12, 1878
- Molanson, John, 28, labourer, June 12, 1877
- Mollett, Charles, also known as John, Frenchman, completed sentence 1880 [AR]
- Moore, James, 20, Guysborough, 2 years, breaking and entering, May 26, 1880. Trans-

- ferred to Dorchester. 1880. [AR]
 Moore, Joseph, 24, labourer, November 30, 1874
 Moriano, Gabriel, 53, East Indian, life, July 1, 1851, murder of the mate of the brig *Rival*, owned by Messrs. Pryor. Transferred to Dorchester. 1880.[AR] see also Lascar
 Morine, Edward, 17, Queens Co., labourer, 2 years, larceny, June 20, 1879. Transferred to Dorchester, 1880. [CR, AR]
 Morrisey, Edward, 23, shoemaker, October 19, 1876
 [Morgan?] Thomas, 18, labourer, November 20, 1876
 Moses, George, 19, black, July 4, 1876
 Munroe, Walter, 55, labour, October 22, 1874
 Muree, Reuben, 22, mulatto of French extraction, July 8, 1877, arson and robbery at Yarmouth, 14 years, escaped 1878, recaptured in Dartmouth [CR, GM]
 Murphy, William, died 1863 in the Penitentiary hospital. [RG]
 Murphy, William, 30, June 23, 1876
 Murray, Edward, 19, mulatto, July 18, 1875
 Murray, James, 12, December 3, 1878
 Musgrave, Zebulow, 23, June 6, 1878
 Neil, Joseph, 25, tailor, July 22, 1874
 Niles, Charles, 27, labourer, October 22, 1877
 Nogle, Susan Ann, robbery, 18 months, 1868 [PB]
 Nowell, John Thomas, pardoned September 1857 with only a few weeks left in a 3 year sentence. [RG]
 O'Brien, Robert, 13, December 3, 1878
 O'Brien, William, 22, July 5, 1876
 O'Donnell, John, Guysboro Co., June 19, 1843, 3 years, larceny, escaped November 28, 1844 [JHA]
 Parker, William, Halifax Co., farmer, June 17, 1845, 6 months, larceny, employed assisting the cook, conduct good [JHA]
 Patten, James, Halifax Co., stabbing 1852 [RG]
 Pearl, James, 19, June 15, 1876
 Pence, Richard, Halifax Co., stabbing, 1850 [RG]
 Pennell, James, Halifax Co., sailor, May 6, 1845, 1 year, larceny, "sickly, and has done but little work since received" [JHA]
 Perfitt, Walter, 40, musician, August 4, 1873
 Perry, Anthony, 29, August 3, 1877
 Potter, Lucy, Lunenburg Co., April 11, 1844, 2 years, concealing a birth, employed knitting, washing, spinning, conduct good [JHA]
 Powers, George 23, seaman, October 1, 1873
 Pye, Thomas, Guysboro Co., fisherman, October 20, 1843, 7 years, arson, employed clearing land, building second tier of cells, "learning to be a good stone cutter", conduct good [JHA]
 Quinn, Thomas I., 42, Halifax, stonemason, 2 years, receiving stolen goods, March 31, 1879. Transferred to Dorchester, 1880. [CR, AR]
 Rafuse, James, Queens Co., larceny, 1852 [RG]
 Randall, Benjamin, Annapolis Co., joiner, May 24, 1844, 2 years, larceny, employed erecting work shops etc., conduct excellent, pardoned 1845 [JHA]
 Roach, Walter, Annapolis Co., labourer, October 4, 1844, 2 years, larceny, employed clearing land, planting potatoes and labourer to stone cutters, conduct good [JHA]
 Robbins, James, 24, July 18, 1875
 Roberten/Robertson, William, 21, June 18, 1876
 Roberts, James, 31, sailmaker, November 18, 1876
 Robinson, J. 22, Colchester, 5 years, counterfeiting, June 11, 1880. Transferred to Dorchester, 1880. [AR]
 Rogers, John, Halifax Co., shoemaker, July 24, 1844, 3 years, assault with intent to commit a rape, employed clearing land and making and repairing shoes, conduct good [JHA]
 Rogers, William, 26, carpenter, June 3, 1878
 Rogers, William Owen, 19, labourer, October 27, 1874
 Rourke, James, Halifax Co., manslaughter,

- 1850 [RG]
Ruggles, Stephen, Annapolis Co., setting fire to a barn, 1852 [RG]
Russell, James, 24, Cumberland, 2-1/2 years, larceny, June 30, 1880. Transferred to Dorchester, 1880. [CR, AR]
Russell, [Michl?], 20, August 4, 1876
Salmon, Peter, 25, Halifax, baker, 5 years, manslaughter, November 18, 1876. Transferred to Dorchester, 1880. [CR, AR]
Saunders, Wentworth, 18, farmer, October 27, 1876
Saunders, William, 29, shoemaker, January 21, 1876
Seaman, John, 41, clerk, September 29, 1873
Semindinger, Charlotte. Halifax Co., December 13, 1842, 5 years, larceny, employed knitting, washing. spinning. conduct good, pardoned 1845 [JHA]
Seymour, John, 22, groom, September 30, 1878
Shannon, Michael, Halifax Co., larceny, 1850 [RG]
Sharpe, William, 20, Queens Co., 4 years, breaking and entering, June 18, 1878. Transferred to Dorchester. 1880. [CR, AR]
Shaw, George W., 35, June 5, 1876
Shaw, James, Yarmouth Co., felony, 1852 [RG]
Shean, Frederick, 17, labourer, December 3, 1878
Short, William, 23, mason, June 13, 1877
Simpson, Charles H., 39, seaman, July 1, 1878
Simpson, "Ginger" (pseudonym) English; had flaming red hair, a hare lip and shifting. swirling red eyes. HH May 5, 1896 p. 6
Simpson, Henry, 21, October 10, 1876
Slachenwhite. James, 32, October 14, 1878
Slade, William, 17, labourer, December 3, 1878
Small, Thomas, escaped 1858, Good cook and generally peaceable, One previous escape attempt, Traced to western side of the NW A but not recaptured despite 25 pound reward, He was later discovered in custody in St. John, New Brunswick. [JHA, RG]
Smith, William alias Brown, Halifax Co., larceny, 1850 [RG]
Snipe, Freddy, 28, black, October 25, 1878
Snow, Jacob, Guysboro Co., larceny, 1852 [RG]
Snow, William and brother, of Guysborough, for the alleged murder of two children, In a second trial they were acquitted, and always declared their complete innocence, but have already been imprisoned for six years. (1859) [JHA]
[Solgnier?], Eugene, 19, June 23, 1876
Spencer, Aubrey, 19, June 9, 1879
Spencer, Clarence, 22, Kings Co., 2-1/2 years, larceny, June 9, 1879. Transferred to Dorchester, 1880. [CR, AR]
Spencer, Richard, 18, June 9 1879
Stephens, William, 36, glass cutter, April 30, 1875
Stewart, John, 29, Cape Breton, 2 years, stabbing, November 1, 1879. Transferred to Dorchester, 1880. [AR]
Stewart, Philip, 24, February 2, 1877
Stubbert, James, of Cape Breton, imprisoned for shooting his brother when suffering from delirium tremens "it would be an act of cruelty to keep him longer confined" (1859) [JHA]
Sutherland, Charles, of West Pictou, imprisoned for assaulting a constable, Committee considers there was much provocation and extenuating circumstances; he has a large and dependent family and a numerously signed petition has been received from his neighbourhood, Recommend discharge. (1860) [JHA]
Taylor, Edward, 17, July 5, 1875
Taylor, John, larceny (common prisoner 1-1/2 years) Transferred to Dorchester 1880. [AR]
Thibadeau, Wallace, 20, labourer, November 29, 1876
Thornton, Daniel, 21, December 11, 1875
Thorpe, [Pryer?] 19, June 17, 1874
[Tinson?] John, 25, sailor, October 31, 1876
Tracey, W.H., 31, sailor, June 15, 1874

Tupper, Ardent C., 31, labourer, October 22, 1874
 Turnbull, Daniel, 19, labourer, highway robbery, 5 years, November 9, 1874. Escaped 1878. [CR, GM]
 Varney, George, 19, sailor, July 18, 1877
 Walker, Alexander, 28, King Co., 2-1/2 years, larceny, June 9, 1879. Transferred to Dorchester, 1880. [CR, AR]
 Walker, John 25, May 15, 1876
 Walsh, James, 35, labourer, May 9, 1877
 Walsh, Royal, 19, negro, larceny, 3 years, July 4, 1876, escaped 1878 [CR, GM]
 Walsh, William, 18, Pictou, 2 years, larceny, November 7, 1877. Transferred to Dorchester, 1880. [AR]
 Walsh, William J., 66, labourer, May 9, 1877
 Ward, William, Yarmouth Co., murder, 1852 [RG]
 West, H. A., Annapolis, released January 1847 [RG]
 Wetherby, Charles, 19, labourer, June 21, 1875
 Williams, Thomas, alias Henry Francis, 32, black, July 15, 1876
 Williams, Otis, Halifax Co., assault, 1852 [RG]
 Williams, Walter, 23, October 21, 1878
 Wilson, James, 23, mason, November 3, 1874
 Winslow, Saul, 22, labourer, October 22, 1877
 Winters, William, 21, labourer, November 20, 1876
 Wood, Ambrose, Halifax Co., labourer, December 22, 1845, 3 years, larceny, employed as cook for the convicts, conduct good [JHA]
 [Woolmer?] Walter, 30, labourer, September 14, 1878
 Yasco, Joseph, 18, negro, sailor, June 19, 1875
 Young, James, 23, October 31, 1876
 many members of the 16th & 17th regiments, who took part in the Halifax Riot of April, 1863
 prisoner 868 [?], James Wallis, 25, black, stoker, October 14, 1874
 prisoner 909 [Necirio?], Ellen, 27, May 15, 1876

prisoner 910 [Maltee?], Bridget, 19, May 15, 1876

prisoner 966 [Nirmile?], John 31, sailor, December 4, 1876

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 AR = *Acadian Recorder*: August 9, 1867; September 11, 1867; July 16, 1880
 CR = convict register, 1873-1880, PANS
 GM = George Morton diary, 1878, PANS
 HH = *Halifax Herald*, May 5, 1896
 JHA = Journals of the House of Assembly, 1842-1867; Acadia University
 McA = McAlpines Directory
 NS = *Novascotian*: June 22, 1868
 PB = Phyllis Blakeley, *Glimpses of Halifax*
 RG = material dealing with the Provincial Penitentiary, RG27, Vol. 6-9, PANS
 SP = Government of Canada, Sessional Papers (No. 40) 1868; Acadia University