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<https://www.bda-online.org.au>**Deane Index to UK Colonial Office NSW correspondence 1823-1840**

Mathilde Elizabeth Deane (1875-1962) was an historian employed by Australian public libraries and governments to transcribe archives in England. In 1929-1930 at the UK Public Record Office (now The National Archives) she compiled an index to files of correspondence and despatches relating to New South Wales received by the UK Colonial Office in London for the years 1823-1840.

A hard copy of the index titled 'Indexes to miscellaneous letters sent from individuals and settlers to the Colonial Office, London, 1823-1840' held by the Mitchell Library, State Library of New South Wales was revised and published as a microfiche and CD index by Pastkeys under the title 'Re-index of the Deane index 1823-1840: settlers, military, convicts etc. from Colonial Office N.S.W. correspondence / compiled by Aileen Trinder & Pat Stemp'.

Ms Trinder and Ms Stemp used microfilmed copies of the originals made by the Australia Joint Copying Project (AJCP) to edit the Deane material.

An electronic copy of the index compiled by Aileen Trinder & Pat Stemp has been supplied to BDA and is used with permission.

The original documents are held in the series 'Colonial Office and Predecessors: New South Wales Original Correspondence' at The National Archives (TNA), Kew, London UK, ref: CO201/146-305.

Scans of the original TNA CO 201 documents can now be viewed online in the category 'Diaries, letters & archives' at [trove.nla.gov.au](https://trove.nla.gov.au).

The Deane/Pastkeys index now on BDA records whether the name is the writer of the document or a subject mentioned in the document and the date. The original remarks field is a brief summary of the contents of the letter which may include individuals mentioned, family relationships, convict or free settler status, military rank, occupation and other items. TNA CO201 references and AJCP microfilm numbers (starting with R) and Mitchell Library film numbers (starting with ML CY) are also included.

For more information see Christine Yeats, 'Miss Mathilde Elizabeth Deane: a woman of many parts', *History Magazine*, Royal Australian Historical Society, Mar 2021, No 147.

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