

## Phrenology

Sometimes you can make very interesting finds among the records. Also records can have interesting other connections read the following:

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Eighteen years after Kelly's hanging, the famous nineteenth-century Italian **criminologist Professor Lombroso** of the Royal University in Turin wrote to Australian prison authorities requesting photographs and criminal histories of Victorian prisoners for 'scientific research' Professor Lombroso was a **high-profile phrenologist** and wrote books on the relationship between physical characteristics and criminal behaviour.

This file contains copies of forty-two high-profile Victorian criminals between 1862 and 1902, such as Elizabeth Scott (first woman hanged in Victoria), John Weachurch (a violent murderer), Albert Williams alias Deeming (a serial killer see PROV online exhibition site), and Ned Kelly.

It is a fascinating record of Victoria's 'top' criminals.

Professor Lombroso had 6 criminal types –Sexual Criminals, Bushranger, Burglar, Sneak Thief type, Criminal Larrikin, and Homicidal Criminals.

