

Samuel Burges Chest 'claim your own land grant' hands-on activity

This activity involves participants in:

Comparing and correctly identifying miniature replicas in the chest with the list of goods brought by Samuel Burges' family.

Understanding how the value of assets determined early settler's land allocations.

Writing with a 'mock quill pen' [making and writing with a real quill pen could be a pre or post visit classroom activity]

Understanding one of the processes used by the British Government for establishing settlement in Western Australia and the motives for early settlers wanting to emigrate.

Linked to the interpretive panel 'A New Country' which outlines some reasons for settler migration, land grants, religious freedom, examples of early settlers experiences and nearby showcases of early settlers' goods brought here or home-made.

Also linked to the portraits of one of York's earliest settlers, Samuel Burges and his wife Vittoria.

