



A Swindler's Progress: Nobles and Convicts in the Age of Liberty

By Kirsten McKenzie

Kirsten McKenzie was chasing the trail of a man charged with forgery in May 1835 in a Sydney courtroom. The prisoner claimed he was Edward, Viscount Lascelles, eldest son of the Earl of Harewood. Part mystery, part family saga, this is a tale of swindlers, adventurers and opportunists amongst the British aristocracy and in the convict colonies.

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