

PAHSMA EDUCATION PROGRAM
ONSITE EDUCATION ACTIVITIES
Activity Resource 1
CONVICT BRICK MAKING



Bricks were made at Port Arthur at two places

The first brickyard was on the shores of OPOSSUM BAY, about 1 mile from the settlement of Port Arthur. This was known as BRICK POINT. Bricks were made here until 1842. By 1846 the brickyard had moved to the area north of the Port Arthur settlement. This was called BRICKFIELDS HILL.

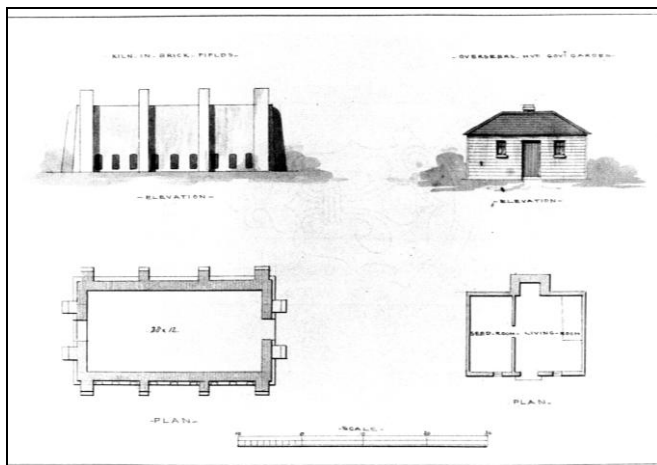


Part of the original floor of the Brick Point kiln at Opossum Bay, partly excavated by archaeologists in 2008-2009.

Things to think about before you get here.....

- ♣ Would there have been bricks at Port Arthur when the convicts arrived?
- ♣ Who do you think made the bricks?
- ♣ Where do you think the clay would have come from to make the bricks?

Use books and the internet to find out!



Original plans for the Brickfields kiln and the overseers hut

Below is a convict made brick from Port Arthur. There is a 'dent' in it – how do you think this may have happened?

