



Margaret Catchpole's Letters at The Hold

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Readers may like to see, on the following link, the BBC's coverage of *Behind Bars*, the current exhibition at **The Hold in Ipswich**.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/cder14r7651o>

Our Trust's contribution, representing that of the family, to this exhibition is enormous. Not only have we loaned Richard Cobbold's 32 original watercolours, painted to illustrate his book, and a couple of other items, but we are also providing the speaker for what in effect is the keynote speech on the heroine. His talk will be illustrated by some 60 pictures from the Trust's archive.

Robert Knipe Cobbold (1792-1859) #100 on the web family tree, donated the 2 Botany Bay Pheasants sent to Elizabeth Cobbold by Margaret, to the **Ipswich Museum** (only one survived) but, perhaps most important of all, Margaret's letters home were donated to the **State Library** in New South Wales by **Augustus Hills Cobbold (1854-1931)** #281 in 1922.

So, this is the second time those letters have been welcomed to Suffolk!