Stephen Montague Stout was one of nearly ten thousand male convicts brought to WA. Outspoken and opinionated, Stout could have fled the colony as soon as he was able, like so many other ex-convicts. Instead, he became a teacher, a leading photographer, and opened the first newspaper in Geraldton.

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