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DEADLINE DATES:- 1 January, 1 April, 1 July, 1 October

EDITORIAL

Atteeen-hun!

Eyes front for a very interesting Wartime/Military edition. First we hear from Craig Searle who had the good fortune to clear the family wood-shed and come upon a most wonderful treasure-trove of diaries, letters and memories; the sort of thing we would all love to discover. Craig has given us a small taste of the personal side of the great tragedy of World War I and the private sufferings. The work has been completed now and given to family members.

Norman Andrews brings us close to home for a brief but factual history of the Launceston Volunteer Artillery. This is great reading, written in March 1988 as a Bicentenary project. Norman is a member of the Northern Branch of the Artillery Trust of Tasmania, formed in 1982. I am sure there are many members who had an ancestor in this organisation; well, this is their story.

I feel there would be interest in any anecdotal information if readers would care to contact Norman at "Forfar", 24 Robin Street, Launceston with anything they have to share about the Volunteer Artillery.

I laughed and cried with Kathleen Alexander and her story about the Italian Prisoners of War. I was not aware that any POW's were sent to Tasmania. There must be other stories like this one. We can't imagine being in a potentially hostile situation, thousands of miles from home, for goodness knows how long and not being able to ask for a drink because of the language difficulties. The occurrences of more recent years show just how unhostile it was made for those two men.

Bev Perkins certainly does have a knotty problem with her pilot. I do hope someone reading her tale will be able to respond with some useful information.

Thelma Grunnell seems to have handled the enemy (General Rationing) in her most capable way. I don't know if things were as bad in Tasmania in World War II because I am a post-war baby. My mother does talk about swapping her sugar coupons for a friend's butter coupons so that my brother had plenty to keep him going. I should set aside some time to write down my mother's war-time experiences.

"Squad Dismiss! Fall out!"

Jenny Gill Associate Editor

Great minds think alike, so the saying goes, and so, it seems, do Family History Journal editors. That is not to say that this proves the editors have great minds. The Genealogical Society of Victoria and the Australian Institute of Genealogical Studies have both issued journals with a military theme this year. Readers should read *The Genealogist* (June 1992) and *Descent* (Summer 1991/1992) if at all interested in this aspect of family history. And lest anyone should think we simply copied them, this issue of *Tasmanian Ancestry* has been in preparation for nearly ten months.

Anne Bartlett, Editor.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The Annual General Meeting of our Society was held in Devonport over the weekend of 20-21 June with various social activities arranged by the Devonport Branch. On behalf of those who attended I feel I can say it was a most enjoyable week-end and well organised by members of the Devonport Branch. The concept of visiting various historical areas and townships was once again the theme for the weekend and the visit to Latrobe township was a delight within itself. Our tour guide made Latrobe come to life even for the many Devonport members who attended.

A Special Executive Meeting together with a Co-ordinators meeting was held on 4th July 1992. The main items for discussion at this meeting were - Society By-Laws; Policy & Procedures Manual; the Direction of the Society; Co-ordinators and Officer Bearers positions and their duties. These items because of their complexity need special discussion time set aside away from the ordinary executive meetings.

St Catherine's House Records - A decision that these records will be purchased and equal sections of the records circulated amongst the five branches and exchanged at quarterly Executive meetings has been made. An initial order for a 22 year period has been made with further years to be ordered upon receipt.

VDL Heritage Index - Volume 3 is now with the printers, approx. 170 pages and will be sold for \$16.00.

Copies of GST 1991 Members Interests have been printed and are now available for purchase. The initial issue of our 1992 Members Interests has been printed and is available for viewing at all Branch Libraries; these computerised listings have been made available through the hard work of Alan Wilson, thank you Alan.

Journal Cover designs are still being sought and will be printed in the journal for members' comments - please take the time to comment and let your Executive know your opinions.

Supplementary Congress Papers incorporating an extra 21 papers not printed in the initial Congress Papers are currently being processed and expected to be available shortly.

The question of circulating exchange journals amongst branches has been raised. The Executive will be discussing this item at future executive meetings. Currently all Exchange Journals are housed by the Hobart Branch of the GST Inc., with an inter-library loan facility available to members from any other Branch. Any inquiries should be directed firstly to your Branch Librarian. To compensate other branches for not receiving exchange journals an allowance is paid to allow purchase of journals they wish to receive regularly.

In the June journal I mentioned the dates when Branches of the Society were formed. Our society began with a group in Hobart and until Launceston Branch was formed there were no branches. Hobart Branch evolved at the same time.

Denise McNeice

PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL REPORT

20th June 1992

As your President, it gives me much pleasure to present to you this my first Annual report. 1991/92 has been a full, constructive and eventful year. A year that saw the successful transfer of the production of our Journal from Hobart to Launceston; the decision to purchase St. Catherines House Records and a long debate of housing same; the finalisation of outstanding Congress issues and the delightful distribution of profits from Congress; initial talks with the Registrar General in relation to the possibility of releasing more records and last but not least the finalisation of a new constitution to be known as the Society's "RULES". The past twelve months have been extremely fulfilling as I believe will be the next twelve months.

In the aftermath of Congress may I say it was encouraging to see the continuous dedication and genuine interest being contributed by all branches towards the betterment of the Society as one. I would like to take this opportunity to thank my working executive, who have contributed greatly to the workings of our society.

Colleen, my State Secretary, when agreeing to the position was informed that there were four Executive meetings per year and one Annual General Meeting which she would be required to attend - this last year Colleen has attended no less than 8 meetings. Thank you Colleen.

Burnie Branch - Reported meetings were well attended with an average of 30 members. They also reported the expansion of their library by the acceptance of an additional two rooms at their current premises.

Devonport Branch - Group visits by members to other branches have been enjoyed by Devonport members over the past two years, an idea to be considered by other branches. Devonport Branch have also expanded their library premises and now hold their general meetings in their own library.

Hobart Branch - A Projects and Publication Reporting Form was introduced during the year by the Hobart Branch and later endorsed by the State Executive to be used by all branches to enable the State to monitor and co-ordinate all projects and publications being undertaken. Their branch president has instigated the production of President's notes tabled at General meetings and available from Library, monthly.

Huon Branch - During 1991 members of the Huon Branch contributed to the compilation of the Victorian index project, instigated by the LDS Church, and were rewarded by the donation of the consolidated fiche of Victorian Marriages up until 1888. Members are still participating in computer indexing of pre 1900's Tasmanian Births, Deaths and Marriages. A Huon Branch Project for 1992-1993 is collecting oral histories from elderly people in the area, a very worthwhile project.

Launceston Branch - The aftermath of Congress hosted in Launceston and the move to larger and improved library premises have been the major highlights of the Launceston Branch. This branch may now sit back and bask in the glories of members' hard work, which has united them greatly. The Launceston branch is also contributing to the computerising of Tasmanian BDM's, records which will eventually form a consolidated index - it is pleasing to know that two totally independent organisations can work together to achieve the same goal.

AFFHO - Ongoing reports have been received from our mainland representative Heather Garnsey - After correspondence from us AFFHO decided to look into its meeting procedures at Congresses.

Family History Award - 1990/1991 Family History Award for both book and manuscript was well organised by the Burnie Branch with the announcement of winners and prizes presented at the Congress in May 1991 - Book section "Go... Be Fruitful and Multiply" by the French/Badcock committee; Manuscript section by Rosamonde Combes. Closing date for manuscript entries for the 1991/1992 Award, which is being administered by the Devonport Branch, is the 30th June 1992 with the winner to be announced in the December journal.

Finances - A full and comprehensive report on finances will be provided by our Treasurer. Needless to say each Branch has fared very well due to the Congress Surplus.

VDL Heritage - At last I can report that the compilation of VDL Heritage Volume 3 is now complete and ready for printing. Material for volume 4 is being entered and acceptance of entries for Series 1 has now ceased.

Members Interests - Alan Wilson has continued to computerise GST members interests, together with Congress members interests, which is now available for purchase. Also available for purchase is the 1991 GST members interests list.

Computers - Three branches now own computers and are using them for various projects. The State Executive also purchased a computer for the Journal Committee.

Burnie Branch is currently computerising records from the Advocate and other early North West Coast papers. It would be agreed by all that, when finished, these will prove a great asset to members.

Hobart Branch is currently computerising Mercury indexes which it is hoped will be published.

Journal - Successfully handed over to members of Launceston branch to be produced, which also regenerated the subject of Journal cover. Ideas are being sought and those received will be published for comments. Minimal changes in the format, coupled with the purchase of a computer, have I believe enhanced the production of our Journal. Congratulations to Anne Bartlett and her editorial committee - also to Bev Perkins and her dispatching personnel.

Libraries - It is pleasing to receive a report from a State Co-ordinator who is able to supply details relating to all Branches. Thank you Morris. This can only be possible

due to the co-ordination and co-operation of all branch librarians and they must all be congratulated on a splendid job. Two branches reported major purchases - Hobart a pre-used but much loved, Mita Copier and Launceston a new Minolta reader/printer. Library holdings lists have been exchanged by all libraries and this is updated annually. Our State Co-ordinator, Mr. Morris Lansdell continues to circulate branches with information and material that may be of interest to them.

Norfolk Island Van Diemens Land Interest Group - This group has now existed for just under twenty months. It is a rapidly growing interest group with some 110 members. Excursions to Hamilton, Bothwell, Longford and Evandale have been conducted over the past twelve months with the production of a tour booklet covering each tour. This small but popular group is greatly indebted to its co-ordinator Mrs. Irene Schaffer and her committee.

Publications and Sales - This past year has really been the first full year for the Society in the area of producing our own publications for sale. It has been extremely fruitful and rewarding and I believe that it should be explored further. The production of a Tasmanian Sources book proved to be a sure winner and with almost 1,000 copies sold a revised reprint has been decided upon. Congress Papers have sold steadily and work is under way on a second volume containing a further 19 papers which were not included in volume 1. Anne Bartlett has proved that the roles of Editor of our Journal and Co-ordinator of Publications and Sales can work satisfactorily together and has dedicated her entire strength to both tasks. Well done Anne.

Research - John Dare although thrown in at the deep end has endeavoured to provide regular and concise reports throughout the year. Lack of communication and guidance in this area is evident, but hopefully this will be overcome by the planned writing of by-laws and procedures.

TAMIOT - Betty Calverly reports that there has been very little communication between the branches. It does seem that we need to formulate some communication guidelines on reporting to State Co-ordinators etc. Betty also expressed concern at the errors of data contained on TAMIOT fiche and the transfer of these errors to AGCI index. Branches have been requested to instigate checking of TAMIOT fiche so that updating of computer records can be undertaken.

In closing I would like to say thank you to all those members who have continued to support their branches and State Executive.

In keeping with an Executive decision made in 1991 Branch Presidents reports will no longer be presented at this meeting. State Co-ordinators will not be required to read their reports as they have been made available for all to read, but the Co-ordinators will be available to answer any questions arising thereupon. This should streamline meeting procedures.

Denise McNeice

FINANCIAL REPORT 1991/92

Members,

1991/92 has seen much financial activity by the Society as shown in the attached audited statements. The total income for the year was \$76237 compared with \$57388 for the previous year, an increase of 33%. Expenditure increased from \$49794 to \$72759, an increase of 46%.

The main reason for the income increase relates to receipts from the sales of new Society publications, namely TAMIOT fiche, Anne Bartlett's book "Local and Family History Sources", Congress items following the transfer of stock and sales of Launceston Branch publications.

In relation to expenditure, there have been corresponding costs of preparing and printing publications. I can report that the Society is making a good surplus on TAMIOT sales, the Sources book and other publications.

Following the financial success of the Congress held in May 1991 it was possible to distribute to Branches surpluses totalling \$15000. These funds had been held over from recent years in case there was a need to assist the Congress.

In the Balance Sheet you will see that the Congress returned a surplus of \$32212. Of this each Branch received a cash distribution of \$4000 and in recognition of its leading role in organising and conducting the Congress, Launceston Branch received an additional distribution of \$6218. The balance of \$5594 is made up of stock on hand when the Congress books were closed. A small amount of this stock has now been sold and the balance together with some TAMIOT and Source book stock make up the stock on hand figure of \$6374 under Assets.

Already Branches have purchased new equipment and several have invested funds for future use.

Looking to 1992/93, membership subscriptions have increased and the Executive has decided (in accordance with the new Rules) not to increase subscriptions for 1993/94. From cash reserves on hand the Executive, after extensive consultation and consideration, has decided to purchase about 55 years of St Catherine's House BDMS from 1868 for use in Branches on a rotation basis.

1992/93 should see a return to what may be considered more normal levels of financial activity following the Congress.

Grahame Thom,

State Treasurer, 16 June 1992.

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 MARCH 1992

1990/91		Total	State	Burnie	D'port	Hobart	Huon	L'ton
ACCUMULATED FUNDS								
143446	Balance as at 1.4.91	151040	27549	16776	12273	46934	22126	25382
7594	Surplus (Defecit)	3478	(4662)	571	692	4491	(1929)	4315
-	Congress Distribution	32212	5994	4000	4000	4000	4000	10218
<u>151040</u>		<u>186730</u>	<u>28881</u>	<u>21347</u>	<u>16965</u>	<u>55425</u>	<u>24197</u>	<u>39915</u>
REPRESENTED BY								
ASSETS								
19332	General Bank Accounts	18817	2419	6312	458	6971	843	1814
20215	Investments	29212	15831	1011	6168	-	4059	2143
1525	VDL Account	1814	1814	-	-	-	-	-
930	Petty Cash Advances	1396	1230	50	-	-	66	50
1914	Cash in Transit	4870	4870	-	-	-	-	-
-	Stock	6374	6374	-	-	-	-	-
-	Debtors	827	827	-	-	-	-	-
55489	Equipment	70265	2814	5380	3395	27471	11920	19285
60639	Library Resources	62685	-	9526	7045	21701	7365	17048
160044		196260	36179	22279	17066	56143	24253	40340
LIABILITIES								
8780	Subs in advance	9530	7298	932	101	718	56	425
224	Creditors	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<u>151040</u>		<u>186730</u>	<u>28881</u>	<u>21347</u>	<u>16965</u>	<u>55425</u>	<u>24197</u>	<u>39915</u>
1250	MEMBERSHIP	1297	275	125	92	474	35	296



Grahame Thom
State Treasurer

GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY OF TASMANIA INC

STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 1992

1990/91		Total	State	Burnie	D'port	Hobart	Huon	L'ton
INCOME								
23423	Subscriptions	24477	20110	525	229	2297	89	1227
1297	Donations	2751	253	62	422	575	523	916
32668	Other	49009	17947	2965	2014	9716	1247	15120
<u>57388</u>		<u>76237</u>	<u>38310</u>	<u>3552</u>	<u>2665</u>	<u>12588</u>	<u>1859</u>	<u>17263</u>
EXPENDITURE								
23989	Administration	18911	7238	2536	1588	4822	855	1872
15143	Depreciation	20249	497	2009	1843	6084	3403	6413
10662	Other	33599	20237	340	-	4361	130	8531
<u>49794</u>		<u>72759</u>	<u>27972</u>	<u>4885</u>	<u>3431</u>	<u>15267</u>	<u>4388</u>	<u>16816</u>
7594	SURPLUS (DEFECIT)	3478	10338	(1333)	(766)	(2679)	(2529)	447
-	State Distribution	-	(15000)	1904	1458	7170	600	3868
<u>7594</u>	NET SURPLUS (DEFECIT)	<u>3478</u>	<u>(4662)</u>	<u>571</u>	<u>692</u>	<u>4491</u>	<u>(1929)</u>	<u>4315</u>



Grahame Thom
State Treasurer

7 June 1992

Genealogical Society of Tasmania Inc
State Executive General Account
Statement of Receipts and Payments year ended 31 March 1992

Balance as at 1 April 1991 13467.09

RECEIPTS

Subscriptions		
1991/92 Direct	2756.00	
1991/92 Branches	12155.18	
1992/93 in advance	<u>2489.75</u>	17400.93
Sales of publications		
Source book	5896.70	
TAMIOT	5724.90	
Congress book	1661.55	
Other	<u>375.20</u>	13658.35
Congress booth sales		8692.72
Congress advance repaid		100.00
Sales of Congress items		419.50
Investment recall		2818.99
Journal		
Sales	894.40	
Advertising	470.23	
Queries	<u>39.80</u>	1404.43
Donations		238.00
Bank interest		311.44
Receipts for Hobart Branch		162.69
Other		<u>57.60</u>
		<u>45264.65</u>
		58731.74

PAYMENTS

Funds redirected to Branches		15817.50
Computer		2950.00
Congress Booth Sales transferred		8692.72
Publications		
Source book	5625.93	
TAMIOT	3634.92	
Other	<u>213.85</u>	9474.70
Journal Expenses		10379.17
Journals for Branches		167.63
Petty cash advances		500.00
Transfer to Hobart Branch		162.69
Tea Towels		930.00
Administration		
Insurance	1445.20	
Meeting Room	245.00	
Post Office boxes	214.00	
Postage	1096.90	
Printing and stationery	2428.77	
Subscriptions	232.65	
Travel	975.61	
Telephone calls	222.73	
Other	<u>377.65</u>	7238.51
		<u>56312.92</u>

Balance as at 31 March 1992

2418.82

Genealogical Society of Tasmania Inc
 State Executive Term Deposits
 Statement of Receipts and Payments year ended 31 March 1992

Term Deposits Trust Bank

Account 2705 91654

Balance as at 1 April 1991	2704.04	
Interest	<u>114.95</u>	
	2818.99	
Recall to General Account	<u>2818.99</u>	
Balance as at 31 March 1992		-

Account 2705 78228

Balance as at 1 April 1991	10373.53	
Interest	<u>976.96</u>	
Balance as at 31 March 1992		11350.49

Account 2705 89232

Balance as at 1 April 1991	4109.73	
Interest	<u>370.49</u>	
Balance as at 31 March 1992		<u>4480.22</u>
		<u>15830.71</u>

Statement of Funds as at 31 March 1992
 State Committee

General Account		2418.82
Term Deposits		15830.71
Petty Cash Advances		
Journal Co-ordinator	1000.00	
Journal Editor	100.00	
Secretary	100.00	
Library Co-ordinator	<u>30.00</u>	<u>1230.00</u>
		<u>19479.53</u>

AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS

I have examined the accompanying Statement of Receipts and Payments for the year ended 31 March 1992 and the Statement of Funds as at 31 March 1992 for the State Executive of the Society. I have also examined the Consolidated Statement of Total Funds for the year ended 31 March 1992.

I have not examined the records of the branches but have relied on audited financial statements supplied by the branches.

In my opinion:

(a) The statements are properly drawn up so as to give a true and fair view of the affairs of the Society as at 31 March, 1992 according to the information at my disposal, the explanations given to me and as shown by the books of the Society presented to me.

(b) The rules relating to the administration of the funds of the Society have been observed.

Phil Blackwood, B. Comm. Assoc. ASA.

Hobart, 14 June 1992.

CO-ORDINATORS' REPORTS

RESEARCH

When writing to branches, members are asked to quote their membership number and included a large stamped self-addressed envelope with their research inquiries.

A list of research enquiries is to be drawn up and distributed to each branch on a monthly basis. It is hoped to get these under way as soon as possible. Members will then be able to check these lists at Branch libraries for others researching the same families.

Guidelines for Branch Research Coordinators are to be formulated over the next twelve months. Some recommendations were discussed at the recent meeting of the Executive and Co-ordinators at Campbell Town and Branches will be advised of these in the near future.

John Dare,

Research Co-ordinator.

MEET THE VICE-PRESIDENT



Born and bred in Wellington, New Zealand, David progressed through the usual boy's desires to be an engine driver, fireman, etc., but with a recurring theme from an early age of desiring to go to sea.

This desire was fulfilled at age 17 when he was accepted as an Apprenticed Deck Officer with the Union Steam Ship Co. of N.Z., the indentures of that time being most specific as to the hours of work and study required as well as laying down penalties for any misconduct.

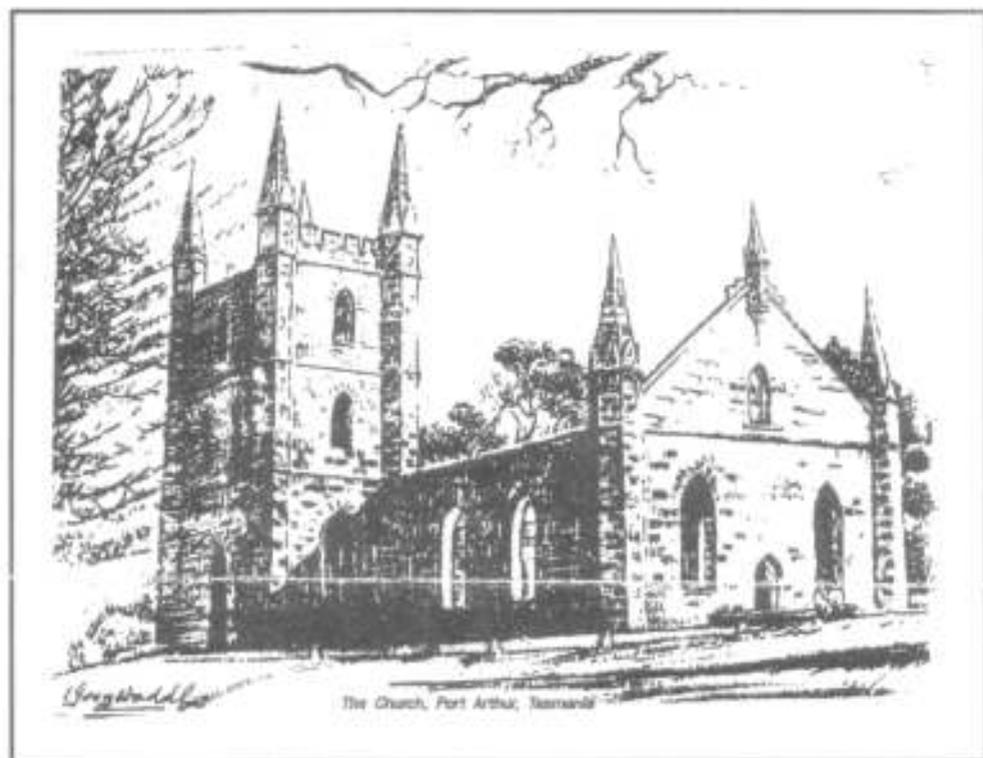
After serving his apprenticeship and a period as Third and Second Officer on New Zealand based ships, David migrated across the Tasman for what was intended to be a short period only. However a mutual friend having introduced David to Isobel, the stay became permanent.

Continued service, study and further examinations saw him qualify as a Master Mariner in 1966 and in 1967 the advent of a family saw David elect to take up a shore-based position, initially in Melbourne. A two year appointment as Terminal Superintendent - Devonport, which commenced in 1969, became somewhat extended, lasting until 1988.

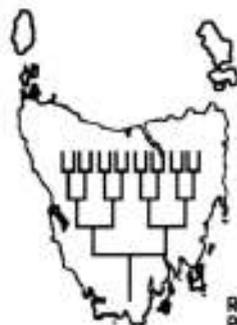
The silent and unseen partner in a joint membership of the GST, David began attending Devonport Branch meetings with Isobel in 1986 and found himself Branch chairman the following year. Three years as branch treasurer followed with concurrent service as a member of the State Executive for several of these years. Co-opted by Pat Harris to the "Congress Committee", he has also assisted with the redrafting of the constitution. David will readily admit that he is happier dealing with administration matters than research, which he leaves almost exclusively to Isobel. Although finding no direct Tasmanian ancestry, Isobel's research has found that David's g.g.grandfather stopped off in Hobart Town from 1846 to 1849 en route from Scotland to New Zealand.

Following redundancy in 1988 and two years as a lecturer at the Australian Maritime College, David is now retired and is endeavouring to rectify 23 years of neglected house maintenance and to come to grips with the electronic age by learning to use a PC.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Journal Cover and Name Change

Personally the only objection that I have to the present cover is the spiral decoration plus pedigree shapes on the left hand side. It would be better if replaced by the coat-of-arms of our cities. The result would be as follows:-

- Top right hand corner - small map of Tasmania (same size as the one currently used, including the pedigree shape).
- The writing to remain the same as at present except that the words "Journal of the Genealogical Society of Tasmania" should be added between the date and the ISSN number.
- Down the left hand side, starting from the top, the coat-of-arms of HOBART, LAUNCESTON, GLENORCHY, DEVONPORT, BURNIE and CLARENCE. To avoid any parochialism they should be placed in the order that they were created (I think the order that I have given is right).

I do not see any reason to change the name of the Society just because the word GENEALOGY is strange to some people any more than a person who collects coins should be called "a coin-man" instead of a NUMISMATIST or an ORTHOPAEDIC surgeon be called "bone-man".

Another point to remember is that the LDS Church changed the name of their Genealogical Library to Family History Centre and if we make the same change it will reinforce the idea that the GST Inc. is associated, controlled or managed by the LDS Church.

After ten years or so we have become known WORLD WIDE as the GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY OF TASMANIA Inc and as such we appear in directories, books and research publications, what advantage would a name change have? I think we should concentrate on producing high class research material and information and improve our Library facilities through out the State rather than make alterations that do not bring much in the way of worth while results. JW

I like the March 1991 Cover, its simple, distinctive and can have extra added to the design for special occasions. However as a second choice page 170 is all of these things.

With all the publicity Genealogy gets now get I don't see the problem with the need for a name change - cost wise it's expensive, one would cause confusion to the currently accepted Society recognition and our origins are not always in "FAMILY HISTORY" but in "INTERESTS" ..of places, ships, etc. No, [I] don't think a name change is beneficial. RA

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BRANCH NEWS

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Delegates	Margaret Stempel and Vernice Dudman	
Alternate	Dianne Kidd	

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Delegates	Christine Morris, Isobel Harris	
Alternate	Kerrie Dick	

The branch was pleased to have had the opportunity of hosting the Annual General Meeting during the weekend of 21-22 June. The meeting and associated social events were enjoyed by all who attended. Disappointment was expressed at the small number of members from all branches attending the various functions.

The transfer of the Branch Library to rooms 9, 10 and 11 on the first floor of Day's Building in Best Street has proved to be a successful move with a greater number of people using the facilities of the library. Opening times on Wednesdays (9.30 am - 4.00 pm) and Fridays (1.00 pm - 4.00 pm) remain the same. Visitors wishing to use the library during the Saturday opening time are advised to contact Isobel Harris (004 245328) to obtain details for entry to the building as there is only limited access during the weekend.

HOBART

President	Jim Wall	(002) 43 6810
Secretary	Anne Hay	(002) 44 2984
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The recent Annual General Meeting resulted in a few changes to the Committee, and I, as President, would like to thank the outgoing members for their work and support. I also welcome the following :- Mrs. Anne HAY (Secretary); Miss Kristin REES (Treasurer) and Mr. Grahame THOM (Member of the Research Team).

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Delegates	Irene Schaffer and Brenda Richardson	
Alternate	Jim Wall	

At the May meeting Mr. Grahame Thom presented an informative talk on the use of Lands Department Records and I am sure many members were surprised to learn how much genealogical information could be obtained by using these records.

In June Mrs. Lilian Watson provided valuable details on the type, format and availability of U.K. records covering the late 19th Century period.

One of the branch's major problems is the financing of replacement equipment; for example the present Microfiche Reader/Printer is now classed as obsolete and parts are no longer available. Therefore we need to purchase a new machine which will cost \$9,000.00 to \$10,000.00. This sort of money cannot be raised by a few cake stalls, so

we are asking Hobart Members to make cash donations to the Library Fund specifically for the purchase of a new machine which will be capable of photocopying microfiche and microfilm. It appears that a donation of about \$20 per member would raise the required amount, so shake those moths out of your wallets and let us see what we can do! Thanks to those who have contributed thus far.

This year we hope to have an exhibit at the Royal Hobart Show during the third week of October and anyone who can assist with preparing the exhibit or staffing it should please contact the Hobart branch Secretary.

As mentioned in the last Journal the November meeting will be a "Show and Tell" evening and I would like to suggest that members could jot down a few notes about their items of interest. The notes could be collected and filed in our Library for later use, especially where such items relate to Tasmanian settlement and early history.

In September Mr. Martin Davis will talk on "Hobart's Hidden Buildings" and in October Mrs. Irene Schaffer will speak on "Writing your Family History".

The Computer Users Group has now changed its meeting time from the first Wednesday of the month to the fourth Wednesday of the month.

HUON

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At the Annual General Meeting of the Huon branch, held in April, the following office bearers were elected:-

President	Michelle Harris
Vice President	Betty Fletcher
Secretary	Enid Woolley
Treasurer	Joan Balmer
Librarian	Andrea Rawlins
Library Assistant	Mavis Rumney
Publicity Officer	Helen Paul
Research Officer	Gwen Burton
TAMIOT	Wilma Woolley
Delegates	Andrea Rawlins and Mavis Rumney
Alternate	Joan Balmer

Betty Fletcher has also accepted the position of co-ordinator of guest speakers and activities at our meetings, held on the second Monday of each month. We will be alternating guest speakers and research. The guest speaker for May was Irene Schaffer and members thoroughly enjoyed her talk. We hope to have her back again in the near future. Members were happy to do research at the June meeting.

LAUNCESTON

President	Pat Harris	(003) 44 3951
Secretary	Jenny Gill	(003) 31 1150
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The following were elected at the Annual General Meeting, held in April:

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Vice President	Anne Bartlett	44 5258
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Treasurer	Mary Blyth	44 2690
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Research	Ella Crawford	39 2840
TAMIOT	Betty Calverley	44 5608
Committee	John Grunnell,	31 2145
	Bernie Finn	26 5042
Delegates	John Grunnell and Pat Harris	
Alternate	Jenny Gill	

Plans are well in hand for the branch's next fund raising project: a market to be held at the Launceston Showgrounds on Saturday 12 September from 10.00 am - 2.00 pm. Members are being asked for donations to the White Elephant, Second-hand Book, Craft and Garden Stalls. There are also spaces for anyone to have their own Car-boot Sale. Enquiries for space bookings, offers of donations for stalls and any queries should be made to the Co-ordinator, Joe Stephens on (003) 44 5969.

During the third school term the branch will be holding Family History Beginners classes through the Adult Education programme. Afternoon and evening classes will be run on Thursdays for ten weeks, beginning 17th September 1992.

To broaden public awareness of our Society, groups are being encouraged to visit our library on an organised basis. To date we have had visits from the Welsh Society and the staff from the Launceston Reference Library.

Grahame Thom will be the guest speaker at the September meeting and Margaret McKenzie will talk on Beaconsfield at the October meeting.

INTEREST GROUP REPORTS

Van Diemen's Land Norfolk Island

Our fifth excursion was held over the 14-15 March weekend at Longford on the Saturday and Evandale on the Sunday. Both days were attended by over 30 people and everybody agreed that it was a very enjoyable day. This was the first time we had ventured so far afield and we were pleased that our northern members were able to join us. We had dinner at the local inn and judging by the chatter it also was a success.

Our guides for the weekend were Mrs. Hill from Longford and Mrs Maddock from Evandale. Without their assistance my job would have been much greater. We visited two Archer properties "Brickendon" and "Woolmers" in the Longford area. We also spent some time along the Pateena road where many of our Norfolk Islanders settled in 1813. In the Evandale district we were shown over "Harland Rise" by Mr. and Mrs. Gardner, "Clarendon" by Mr. Talbot and "Strathmore" by Mr. and Mrs. Cowdrey. Mr. and Mrs. Sharman also allowed us to take a close look at "Fallgrove". Our thanks to all of these people who gave time to show us their homes and properties.

An excursion was held in Hobart in July with Martin Davis as our guide. Our last one for the year will be along the Midlands Highway from Hobart to Ross, visiting places and towns of interest along the way.

Excursion books for Sorell, Hamilton, Bothwell and Longford/Evandale are still available at \$5.00 per copy plus \$1.00 postage. Leaflets, booklets and books are also available. Some have connections with Norfolk Island, others are on interesting subjects and have been collected over the years. A percentage of sale proceeds goes towards the VDL NI group.

VDL NI (Early)

Lady Juliana Convicts in VDL	0.75
Norfolk Plains Women 1823	0.50
VDL - The First Ten Years	1.20
Burials of the First Fleeters in VDCL 1807-1860	2.50
Hobart Town Police District Land Grants Form Map	2.00
VDL NI Members List	5.00
Exiles Three Times Over (Post free)	39.95

VDL (Miscellaneous)

St. Peters Burials S/Bridgewater 1847-1912	0.75
R.C. Memorial List 1825	1.00
Swan Island Bass Strait Early History	2.50
Trade Wind, February 1858	2.50
Edward Murphy 99th Regiment, Soldier Artist 1823-71	2.50
Land Musters and Stock lists VDL 1803-1822 (post free)	55.00

Irene Schaffer.

Convener.

LIBRARY NOTES

DEVONPORT

Recent acquisitions to the library have been:

Microfiche:

Census directories of Yorkshire	1853
Queensland Births	1900-1904
Queensland Marriages	1900-1904
Queensland Deaths	1900-1914
Victorian Marriages	1914-1930
Victorian Deaths	1930-1960

Books:

- Register of One Name Studies
- Town with a History - Beaconsfield
- England to Tasmania, Brain family 1744-1991
- Three books on the 1851 Cornwall Census -
Districts of Liskeard, Camelford, Penzance.

HOBART

The Editor informs me that I have been guilty of failing to provide, for publication in the journal, items of Hobart's activities and achievements. I do apologise to our many friends who may have been disappointed at the lack of information. To compensate, the following details are provided.

Recent Acquisitions:

- Tilligary 1992 Members Interest Directory*
- Tasmanian Ancestry bound copy volume 12.
- The Catholic Records Index
- Tracing your Family History in New Zealand
- Nisbet House, A Monograph*
- Hobart High School, 50 years 1913-1963*
- Guide to Family Historians, West Yorkshire Archives*
- Gold Coast and Albert FHG Members Directory 1992
- Vernon Richard Taplin & his family*
- People and Places, Western Victoria 1854-65
- Where did they Die, relates to NSW BDM 1856-89
- The Governor's Lady*
- Directory of Parish Registers of Ireland*
- Cornwall FHS Library Holdings*
- * complimentary or donated

Microform

The updating of the collection of English County Census Directories and Gazetteers with the arrival of Nottinghamshire and Buckinghamshire fiche.

The updating of Victorian BDM with the arrival of 1941-1969 deaths.

Journals

The Hobart branch subscribes to Family Tree (UK), FFHS News and Digest (UK) Scots Links, Irish Links and Irish Roots (new).

Projects

Currently being prepared is an index of surnames occurring in the various family histories manuscripts held at the library and the feeding into the computer details of the O'Shea Index of Mercury BDM records together with the Whitton Index.

Two of our well known library "fixtures" are at present enjoying a respite in England; researching no doubt. They travelled independently of each other pursuing their own interests. We look forward to their return and the information they will no doubt offer. A possible "talk" at a Branch meeting could be contemplated.

Federation of Family History Societies

The Hobart Library acts for the FFHS in distributing its journal News and Digest on a subscription basis. If any reader would like to obtain copies of this worthwhile and informative journal (twice yearly) write to the Library Co-ordinator, GPO Box 640G, Hobart, 7001.

LAUNCESTON

Recent microfiche acquisition in the Launceston Branch Library include:

Australia:

- Geographical Dictionary or Gazetteer of the Australian Colonies
- Moreton Bay (Queensland) Pre-Separation Population Index
- West Terrace (Adelaide) Burial Register 1840-1900
- Hindmarsh (South Australia) Cemetery Burial Register 1846-1987
- Western Australia Convict Registers R series, 1849-1876
- Western Australia Convict Registers, T.O.L. series, 1851-1887
- Birth notices in the West Australian 1906-1911
- Index to Marriage notices in the West Australian 1897-1920
- Victorian Marriages 1914-1930
- Victorian Deaths 1931-1960

England

English Census Directories Series Vols 11-25:

11. Yorkshire (West)	1853	19. Cambridgeshire	1839
12. Suffolk	1896	20. Suffolk	1844
13. Norfolk	1839	21. Hampshire	1859
14. Hertfordshire	1839	22. Isle of Wight	1859
15. Surrey	1839	23. Yorkshire (South)	1868
16. Sussex	1839	24. Derbyshire (North)	1868
17. Huntingdonshire	1839	25. Nottinghamshire (North)	1868
18. Bedfordshire	1839		

Ireland:

Index to Irish Wills pre-1858, 5 vols.

1. Covers the Ossory, Leighlin, Ferns & Kildare areas
2. Covers the Cork, Ross and Cloyne areas
3. Covers the Cashel, Emly, Waterford, Lismore, Killaloe, Killfenora, Limerick, Ardferit and Aghadoe areas
4. Covers the Dromore, Newry and Mourne areas
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Abstracts of 3973 Irish Wills compiled by L. Rosbottom from various sources - with index.

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A Brief History of the LAUNCESTON VOLUNTEER ARTILLERY

N. B. Andrews

"The Launceston Volunteer Artillery Company" was formed at a meeting at the Launceston Hotel on 6th June 1860.

A Fort was built at Cormiston to repel any invading fleet which dared to sail up the Tamar. The fortification was erected in 1866 under the direction of Colonel Chesney (Royal Engineers) who came to Tasmania as Consulting Officer.

Launceston to this day has a volunteer artillery unit which is unique in Australia and claims to be the oldest volunteer artillery with a continuous history - others have broken histories.

In September 1865, the Tasmanian Government asked the British Admiralty for an iron-plated gunboat for the defence of the Derwent. The Admiralty regretted that it could not lend such a vessel and the expense of building one would be too great. But two guns were sent for the defence of Launceston. These arrived by the schooner Storm Bird on September 13th, 1866, and were soon installed at the Cormiston fort. The guns were 8 inch smooth-bore muzzle-loaders, each weighing 56 hundredweight. After approximately 15 years the two guns were sent back to England to be modernized by conversion into rifled guns.

During the 1880s the military authorities had decided that the Cormiston fort was useless as a defence post for the Tamar and the newly rifled guns were never re-mounted at the fort. The site is now private land. One of these guns now adorns Paterson Barracks, St. John Street, Launceston, and is mounted on the northern side of the main gates.

The next step taken for the defence of the Tamar was the selection of a site at Brown's Bluff, facing Nelson's Shoals (Legana area near where Muddy Creek enters the Tamar River). The land upon which it was intended to erect the Battery was purchased, but so slow was the progress of events in this direction that the intended battery was never erected.

Two muzzle-loading, smooth bore brass howitzers arrived at Launceston in 1861 to defend Launceston and were in use for drill purposes almost continuously until 1908. These were never fired against any invaders of the city. They now adorn the flagpole of the Launceston Church Grammar School. These guns were used to fire the Salutes on Windmill Hill in the 1870s.

The Government previous to that time was supporting the Volunteer movement, and was supplying uniforms; but in 1870 no provision was made in the estimates for

carrying on the Volunteer service of the colony. Consequently the Launceston Volunteer Artillery was unable to keep its members up to the original strength, which was reduced to about 25 men. These, however, remained staunch and loyal to their colours from 1870 until 1878 (a period known to the old hands as "the winter of neglect") without any assistance whatever from the Government or the public. During that period regular drills were held and the regular duties in the Corps were carried out with the same precision as they had been previously. The Queen's Birthday (May 24) was always honoured during that period by the firing of a royal salute by this loyal Corps of Volunteers in uniform, although no provision was made for the hire of horses used to haul the guns on to the Windmill Hill, where the salute was fired. To illustrate the indomitable courage and loyalty of the members of the Corps, it might be mentioned that each year they brilliantly polished the old brass howitzers, decorated them with the orthodox wreath, hooked on their drag ropes, hauled the guns up the steep incline to the aforesaid hill, fired the salute punctually at noon, returned the guns to the barracks, and then drank to the health of Her Majesty in bumpers three times three.

In 1875 the Government called for a census of the strength of all volunteer forces then in existence. As a result of the returns all other volunteer corps were ordered to be disbanded but the Launceston Volunteer Artillery with its 23 members was allowed to remain. In 1878 the Government reversed its decision and decided to increase the strength of all volunteer corps. In consequence the Launceston Volunteer Artillery was built up to 80 men.

In 1884 the Launceston Volunteer Artillery received two Armstrong 40-pounder siege guns and two 2.5 inch mountain screw guns, now the guns of the Officers' Mess, Anglesea Barracks, Hobart. The 40-pounders were breech loaders, the first seen by the volunteers. So the old muzzle-loaders went into the background as far as gunnery practice was concerned.

Many thousands of rounds were fired from the 40-pounders before they were retired to become ornaments, for a few years, on the lawn in front of the Queen Victoria Museum.

In 1885 Gunners T. Lilley and W. Learoyd, who were members of the Launceston Volunteer Artillery, enlisted into the New South Wales "A" Field Battery contingent to see active service alongside the British forces in the Sudan. These two gunners were the first members of the Launceston Volunteer Artillery to see active service. The 9-pounder B.L. gun at Ross War Memorial is one of the guns used in this action by Australian gunners.

By 1890 all the colonies had raised both permanent and part-time artillery forces.

More guns arrived in 1893. These were two 12 1/2-pounders and two 15-pounders which gave good service for 15 years.

In 1908 the Launceston Volunteer Artillery received four quick firing 18-pounders each capable of firing 20 rounds a minute. With them came four ammunition wagons

and a large quantity of general stores and equipment. The total expenditure was £7,000.0.0.

More than 40 per cent of the corps enlisted in 1914 for the First World War and went overseas with the 9th Battery. This Battery used quick-firing 18 pounders on Gallipoli and in France.

By the time war broke out in 1939 the official title of the Launceston Volunteer Artillery had become the 16th and 17th Batteries of the 6th Field Brigade.

Up to this time field artillery in Tasmania had been horse-drawn so mechanisation was the first task which confronted the Launceston unit when it moved into Brighton Camp for a month's training in October, 1939.

Shortly after the outbreak of war, many members of the Launceston Batteries enlisted in the 1st Anti-tank Regiment of 6th Div. A.I.F. In 1940 many of the others were members of 16th Field Battery which joined 2/8th Field Regiment and embarked for overseas service in November with 9th Div. A.I.F. 25 Pounder gun/Howitzers were first issued to the Launceston trained units. The 16th Field Battery served in North Africa and played an important part in the Battle of El Alamein.

Because of the Japanese threat the 9th Div. was recalled to Australia. The 16th Field Battery next went into action against the Japanese in Borneo.

The present home of the Launceston Volunteer Artillery up to June 1948 was known as Victoria Barracks, and had its name changed to Paterson Barracks in honour of Lieut. Col. Paterson, first commander of troops in Northern Tasmania. Before that the home of the Launceston Volunteer Artillery was the Volunteer Building.

For a short while after the war the unit was known as 6th Anti-Tank Regiment and reissued with 17-pounder guns. In February 1950, it became 6th Field Regiment again with 25-pounder quick-firing guns, with Regimental Headquarters and P and R batteries in Launceston still clinging proudly to its century old name - The Launceston Volunteer Artillery.

The 25-pounder gun-howitzers served the unit well through name changes, e.g. 1960 - 112th Field Battery RAA; 1963 the name reverted once again to 6th Field Regiment RAA. In 1962 muzzle brakes were fitted to the 25-pounders. 1965 saw the start of the initial phasing in of the 105mm M2A2 towed Howitzer guns (U.S.A. design), the 6th Field Regiment RAA was equipped with one battery of 6 x 105mm guns and one battery of 6 x 25-pounder QF guns. In 1967 the 105mm M2A2 Howitzers were withdrawn from the Launceston Volunteer Artillery and re-issued to the Australian Regular Army Artillery. (At this time South Vietnam was a theatre of war in which the Australian troops were involved.) So the sturdy 25-pounders were once again the sole guns in use with the Launceston Volunteer Artillery. 1973 saw the final phasing out of the 25-pounders - a gun which had served long and well, and the re-issue of the 105mm M2A2 Howitzer although the Hobart sub unit retained the 25-pounders for an extended period for use as saluting guns.

Artillery in Tasmania has passed through a bewildering number of designations since the turn of the century; the HEADQUARTERS has been located in either LAUNCESTON or HOBART with sub-units functioning in both cities.

The list of designations is as follows:-

1860-1903	Launceston Volunteer Artillery Corps
1903-1912	NO 1 Battery (Launceston) Australian Field Artillery
1912-1914	15th Battery
1914	40th Battery
1914	9th Field Battery (AIF BTY)
1915	16th Field Battery
	17th Field Battery (AIF BTY)
1921	6th Field Brigade AFA
1941	6th Field Regiment RAA
1948	6th Anti Tank Regiment RAA
1950	6th Field Regiment RAA
1960-1963	112th Field Battery RAA
1963-1976	6th Field Regiment RAA
1976-	16th Field Battery RAA

In 1951 the Royal Australian Artillery, including, 6th Field Regt CMF, was granted approval and from then on wore a replica badge to that of the famous parent Corps, the Royal Artillery, and bears the same two mottos - "UBIQUE" (Everywhere) which takes the place of individual battle honours of an infantry regiment, and "QUO FAS ET GLORIA DUCUNT".

Unlike the infantry regiments of the line the Artillery has no regimental colours - its colours are the guns themselves. Nor does the Artillery have battle honours - its battle honour is the word EVERYWHERE.

Artillery is of particular interest in Tasmania for it has played a leading role in the State's defence forces. Since 1885 artillery units have participated in most of the wars or conflicts in which Australian Military Forces have been involved. The RAA Historical Society assisted by the Artillery Trust will endeavour to record and publish the history of these and future actions.

Artillery has come a long way since the first "artillery" of the bows and arrows days. Today it may be said that artillery includes guided missiles and that the gun as we know it may well follow the long bow into history.

The Royal Regiment of Artillery is even now supplying the men behind these new weapons. The efficiency of the man must advance with the efficiency of the weapon, and gunners, as always, are meeting the challenge of the age.

Scattered throughout Tasmania and indeed Australia, in such places as town parks and war memorials many historic guns may be found that were at one time manned by gunners. The Artillery Historical Trust of Tasmania, Northern Branch, formed in 1982, is dedicated to their preservation. The Northern Branch of the Trust is based in Launceston having interests in Artillery Australia wide.

Its main objectives are as follows:-

- * To foster and maintain the history of the Tasmanian Volunteer Artillery, the Northern Branch to have emphasis on the LAUNCESTON VOLUNTEER ARTILLERY CORPS whose history is unique in the annals of the Royal Regiment of Australian Artillery as it has the distinction of being the oldest volunteer movement with a continuous history in Australia.
- * To collect, acquire, preserve and display weapons and other material relating to the history of the Australian Artillery.

Locally the Trust supports the Queen Victoria Museum and Art Gallery which is the custodian of much of the memorabilia donated to this Trust. Eventually it is hoped the Queen Victoria Museum and Art Gallery will be in a position to display memorabilia donated to this Trust in an exhibition on the volunteer history of Northern Tasmania featuring artillery.

Your support would be appreciated through applying for membership, donation of items to the Trust or donations to its fund

ALL ENQUIRIES TO: The Secretary (N.B. ANDREWS), The Artillery Historical Trust of Tasmania, Northern Branch, "Forfar", 24 Robin Street, Newstead, TASMANIA 7250. Phone (003) 44 8307.

THE SOUTH AFRICAN WAR

The South African War was the first war in which Tasmanians fought and the first contingent of soldiers left Launceston on the 28 October 1899. The photographs on page 86 are of these Tasmanian soldiers.

Top: Departure of the first Tasmanian Contingent to the South African War

Bottom: Troops on board a steamship in the river.

[Note from compiler of DVD - Despite the note on this page, there was only one picture on p86.]



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Reminiscences of ITALIAN PRISONERS OF WAR

**working on a Tasmanian farm during World War II
and the events that followed.**

Kathleen Alexander.

During World War II there was a shortage of manpower to work on farms in Tasmania. To alleviate that situation the government decided to make use of the Italian Prisoners of War as farm workers.

These men had been captured in Africa, then taken to India where they lived for some time in poor conditions until they were sent to Australia - in all, they were seven years away from their homeland.

Farmers were required to provide suitable accommodation (barn or out house) and three meals a day. The military authorities provided civil food ration coupons. The authorities also provided clothing including underwear and footwear, whilst the employer provided beds, bedding and general household needs. They had one rest day per week, preferably Sunday and the farmer paid the Government one Pound weekly per head. Security regulations had to be strictly adhered to. For companionship they were encouraged to be placed in pairs.

My father had two, Domenico and Carmine, for two years; 1943-1945. They lived in an unused house a short distance from our home. They had all their meals in our home with the family, but did their own washing and house cleaning.

Both men were in their late twenties. Domenico was a quiet, gentle man, blue eyed, fair skinned, moustache and softly spoken. Carmine, the younger of the two, a contrast in every way - darker skin, typical Italian appearance, more outgoing nature. Despite their different temperaments, they apparently lived in complete harmony.

They were both farmers from the Penne-Pescara Province on the east coast of Italy. Although they lived in the same area they didn't know each other before meeting in a prison camp.

Dominco was the only living child of his widowed mother, who was caring for the family farm while he was at war. He was betrothed to Evalina whom he married when he returned home; my parents were invited to attend their wedding.

Carmine left his girlfriend, Ida, in Italy, with whom he corresponded. He is now married to Bette! He always had an eye for the girls. My mother was conscious of this, so managed without female help in the home while they were there, so there would be no temptation. The lack of female company for these hot-blooded Italian men for many years had to be understood and recognised by the local community.

I was 14, away at boarding school, with three younger brothers at home when they came to live with us. Our family became very attached to them. In the Ringarooma district where we lived, there would have been about 20 prisoners. Some farmers had problems when there was conflict between their sometimes highly emotional charges or when privileges were abused. Any complaints from the Italians or the farmers were referred to special Army officers based at Scottsdale for our district. No doubt there would have been other centres throughout the state.

A mobile canteen staffed by Army officers visited the prisoners every two weeks, bringing mail, collecting their letters to post and to issue cigarettes, toilet needs, etc.; also to hear any grievances from them or their employers.

On one of these occasions I remember a very moving scene, when they delivered a much travelled and worn parcel for Domenico from his mother. It had been two years in transit, first sent to India before reaching its destination. We all wept with him when he opened it to reveal sheeps cheese, bread and sausages, none of which were edible. Think of a poor worried mother concerned for her only child living so far away in enemy hands.

They were not allowed to attend public functions, except church; Roman Catholic of course, which was very important to them. They had to always wear uniform which was the Australian Army uniform dyed magenta and army boots - easily distinguished should they wander out of bounds. Their dress was always a sore point. As we all know, Italian men take great pride in their appearance and they longed to be able to wear civilian clothing. They had their working uniform and a better one for church, always spotless, as they were themselves.

When they arrived not speaking a word of English and we unable to speak Italian, communication was quite a problem. They were the ones who had to survive and soon learned our language quite well and with us learning a little Italian we were able to converse. We found that many English words are based on Latin roots, so therefore it was easy to recognise some words in both languages with a common meaning.

Their eating habits were different from ours. Wine, pasta and olive oil - the basic necessities for an Italian meal were never in our traditional English style, teetotal home. My mother tried to please them by cooking pasta occasionally, but it was never quite right.

We once had an aunt staying in our home, while my mother had a holiday. She also had two prisoners on her farm, one of whom "schooled her" (as they described it) on how to cook Italian style. It was a great treat for them, one they happily recall today. They experimented in making wine for themselves from raisins and other fruit and vegetables. Now that we have visited them in their own homes we realise the difference in their eating habits and how well they accepted our food.

During the time on our farm they had very little to do with the dairying, which was the main function of the property. They helped with potato growing and clearing the farm. My father had a bullock team to do the clearing, Carmine became an expert bullock driver, using "bullockies" language and a whip.

As we all know music is a very important part of the Italian life, most of them can sing. A regular enjoyable period was a stroll along the road following their evening meal, joined by our neighbours two prisoners, singing all the beautiful Italian songs in their fine tenor voices. Our family already appreciative of this type of music, had a great deal of pleasure from it and still do from the memories.

Some time elapsed after cessation of hostilities before they were actually repatriated, hence the seven years before they returned home. They left behind them some permanent reminders - the concrete paths and borders they built around our gardens in which they placed their initials and dates. Also a tool box that Domenico had made in India is treasured by my brother Colin. It was given to my brothers by Domenico to keep their collection of birds eggs.

My mother corresponded for a while after they returned home but nothing had been heard from them for 43 years, until my daughter and daughter-in-law went to Europe in 1989. As they were leaving I couldn't help but wonder if they were still alive. I remembered my old battered school autograph book, in which they had written their names and addresses. I gave the girls Domenico's address, as I felt if he was still living he would most likely be on the family farm. I hoped they would find themselves on the eastern side of Italy and have time to seek him out.

I sent a letter to Domenico's address, saying they might contact him before a certain date. Within three weeks I received a Priority letter from him written by an interpreter, full of emotion. Now aged 73, married to his beloved Evaline, with two sons and a daughter and four grandchildren, still on the family farm, urging my girls to "please" stay. My tears flowed as I read that wonderful letter. I sent a photocopy of it to my family POSTE RESTANTE Paris. Fortunately they received it, all other letters I had sent to the UK had been missed by them. I'm sure fate took a hand in that.

Spurred on by the fascination of the story, they decided to cut short some of their planned travel and head for Penne on the opposite side of the "leg" of Italy to Rome - from which there was a four hour train journey to Pescara.

The expected time for their arrival had passed without any contact. Domenico and his family were feeling disappointed that the girls were not coming, when a phone call from a fellow train passenger, who spoke English very well, notified them that they were half an hour away. Daughter-in-law Lucia and 11 year old son Silvio arrived to pick them up, while quick preparations for their arrival were made at home. Fortunately the Italian traveller offered to be an interpreter for the two days they stayed there, this was a great help. Sally found the universal game of Naughts and Crosses was a break through while sitting alone with Silvio in the car.

Imagine the emotional reception. The wider Italian family converged on the family home to meet the two lovely young girls of their Tasmanian family they hadn't heard of for over 40 years. (I am crying with emotion as I write). A phone call at 3 a.m. from my girls and Domenico, crying between his carefully selected words of English, which he managed to recall, was one of the most memorable experiences of my life.

We had heard many years before that Carmine had been killed in Belgium. The wonderful news was that this was not correct and he was living 10 miles away at the same address which he had written in my autograph book.

The girls contacted him by phone but unfortunately they were not able to see him. I feel that since the two men returned home, although living in the same district, they seldom see each other. With the girls' return home, claiming the two days living with the Italian family was the highlight of their overseas trip, my brother Douglas, his wife Valerie, my husband Wally and I began making plans to include this part of Italy in our proposed trip to Europe in 1990.

Like my daughters before us, we arrived by train from Rome, after a four hour scenic trip through hilly countryside, dotted by small villages on the hillsides, sometimes a solitary old mansion perched high above all the others. All was ready for our arrival, carefully planned for 6 months and carried out with precision. Waiting at the Pescara station was Domenico dressed in his brown suit, hands behind his back, accompanied by his two sons. Domenico, smaller than I remembered him, now a grey-haired elderly gentleman, looking quite frail and me - instead of a dark haired 16 year old school girl - a 60 year old white haired grandmother. There were long embraces and tears of joy while his sons looked on - difficult to describe - made us realise good things can come out of wars.

Penne with a population of 15,000, 45 minutes drive away, was an ancient walled town with cobblestone streets and many old buildings dating back to 500 B.C. It was the seat of Government before Rome, therefore has a significant mark in Italian history, of which the residents are very proud. We immediately felt this must have been a contrast to the small rural district of Branxholm in such a young country as Australia, where these two young men spent two years so far from home. Living in dear Domenico and Evelina's home - modest from the outside appearance, so spotlessly clean with its marble floors, modern bathroom and kitchen, lace-edged white linen on our huge beds - was a unique experience. In contrast to the modern equipment in the home they still do their "big" cooking such as bread, big family meals of chickens and pizzas etc., in the traditional bakehouse outside. On the last night we were there 14 large pizzas were cooked there, prepared by Evalina and her female relatives who lived in conjoined sections of the house. The fire was lit in the early morning hours to make the bread and kept stoked all day. In the kitchen there was a large electric stove for cooking.

We were overwhelmed by the demonstration of love from all the family and friends and the effort to show us everything they could. We felt like royalty, every step being filmed. Meal time is very important to them. Breakfast was a typical continental breakfast with little fuss. The two main meals of the day were very different from this. There were up to 20 people seated around a long refectory style table which dominated the dining room. These were joyous occasions which lasted for hours. Drinking homemade wine, eating four courses always cooked by Evalina and served by her at the table. Whilst we ate - friends from the surrounding district would drift in and out to see the Tasmanian family whom Domenico knew during the seven years away so long ago. We didn't have an interpreter, but managed with our Italian-English dictionary.

with Domenico gradually recalling the limited English that had laid dormant for 40 years, plus much hand waving.

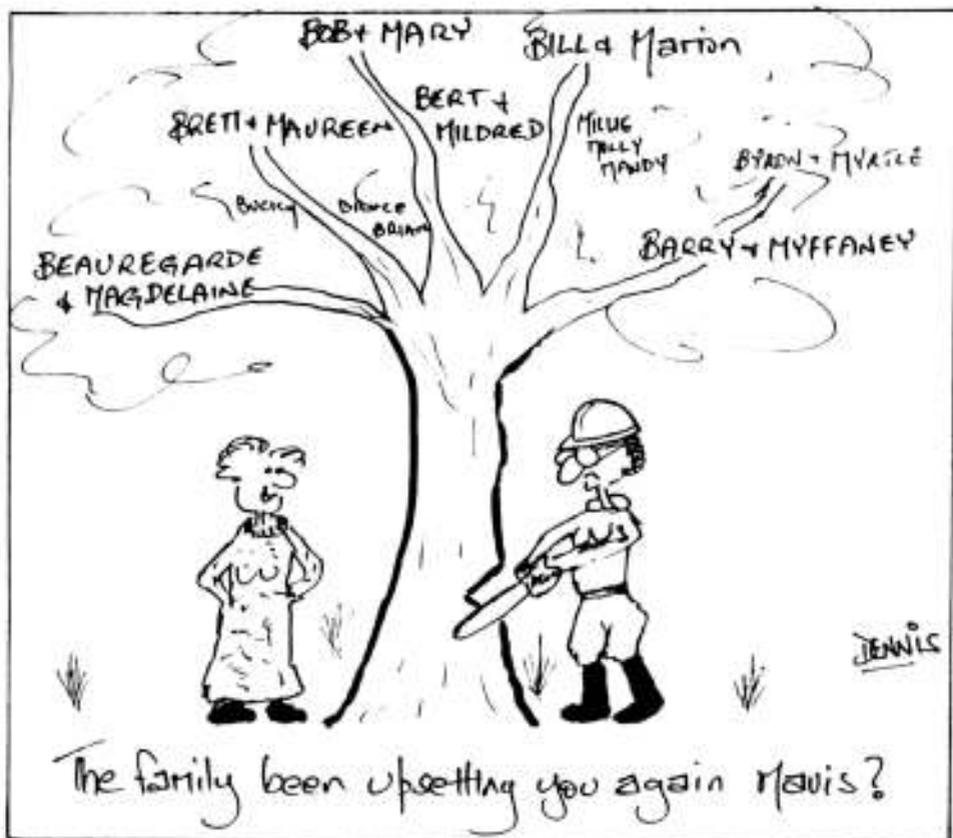
Their 50 acre farm is still intensively farmed by the elderly couple - growing grain, sunflowers, olives, grapes and other fruits and vegetables. The ground was so steep that a crawler tractor had to be used, FIAT of course. The only animals they had were 3 pigs which would all be killed on the one day for the families use. Under the house was a well planned concrete basement where bacon, sausages and other dried meat hung and homemade wines, tins of olives, oil and many foods as well as the pasta machine were stored. It was pleasing to see he had prospered. He had set all his family up in nice homes and businesses of their own, garages and mechanics and daughter Clelia in a beautiful hairdressing salon. It was evident that the quiet gentle man was very much the head of the family - a loving guiding hand over them all.

After some persuasion, the other prisoner, Carmine now aged 71 years, called to see us. He was obviously disappointed that we hadn't taken time to stay in his house too, but as I wrote earlier, we were under the impression that he wasn't living and our visit was a flow on from the first contact in 1989 with Domenico by our daughters. He was still the jolly "happy-go-lucky" type that he was when we knew him, changed very little - quite youthful for his age and spoke good English.

In 1991, our newly found Italian family received more Tasmanian visitors when my brother Colin and his wife Val visited them. This time they stayed with Carmine as well, on his small farm with his wife Bette and two sons, one of whom was married. Here they were interested to see the animals - pigs, sheep and cattle were housed under the home - as is often the custom on small farms in Europe. Carmine and his wife showered them with all the love and hospitality that this warmhearted breed of people can muster. With Carmine able to speak our language reasonably well, Colin enjoyed recalling memories, showing photos and comparing lifestyles.

The pilgrimage of the Beswick family to Italy continued, when Colin's daughter Alison stayed with them all a few months later. Knowing their love for young girls, it was not surprising she received special treatment, with much pressure to stay longer.

We now exchange letters and the occasional phone call. Although brief because of the limited understanding of our language, they never fail to stir my emotions. How happy our parents would have been to see this happy reunion of the two families, something they had planned themselves, but left too late. Precipitated by war and the events that followed, a greater understanding of these two nations now exists for us to pass on to others.



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WHAT'S IN YOUR WOODSHED?

Craig Searle

Research into my family history has led me to many dead ends and along many side-tracks. The most recent led into a woodshed in Westbury!

My paternal grandfather Edward George (Ned) Searle and two of his brothers - Ray and Viv - served with the AIF in World War I. Ned returned to Australia in 1918 having been wounded four times and decorated with the Military Medal - Ray was killed by a land mine in Belgium in 1917 and Viv by a sniper at Gallipoli in 1915.

During my research I decided to search out the details of their service - a simple enough task but one which has uncovered a veritable Aladdin's Cave of treasures.

Just after Christmas last year I was contacted by a cousin who had heard of my work. She said she had found "a few old letters" and offered to send them to me. The letters apparently had lain undisturbed in her woodshed for over forty years.

The parcel that arrived completely overwhelmed me: about one hundred letters from the three brothers covering their service through training in Tasmania, Egypt, Gallipoli, France and Belgium. A number of old photos also came to light at this time - many from the war - plus mementos that the boys had sent home to their mother and sisters.

I simply sat down on the lounge room floor and became lost in the story of three country boys who left home and family and went to the other side of the world to fight for "King and Country". It was all there; their initial excitement and sense of fun and adventure, through the fear, homesickness and eventual despair and depression.

It was a family historian's dream come true and a hitherto untold story. My grandfather would never talk much about the War. Like so many of his contemporaries, he would often relate the humorous incidents but never the serious side. Here for the first time was a full account of the whole bloody business. I found myself becoming very moved by the letters - like Ned's letter home when he had just heard that his brother Viv had been killed at Gallipoli. Ned was himself in hospital at the time recovering from a bullet wound to the head; also a legacy of Gallipoli.

The Letters were in wonderful condition, considering where they had been!

Once the initial wonderment had subsided I had several responsibilities to face. First of all members of the family would want access to the letters and secondly the letters had to be protected and preserved. I have set about transferring the letters to a word processor and eventually will produce a book containing all the correspondence for the family. I am also taking steps to preserve and copy the letters.

I have a feeling that a find such as this comes along once in a lifetime and consequently I am spending all my spare time on this project. Perhaps I'll get back to the family tree one day but I've got a few more woodsheds to check out first!

Letters to and from Viv Searle

Letter from Viv Searle, published in Weekly Courier

Thursday, 15th July, 1915

Gallipoli

Dear Mother,

I suppose you have heard all about our landing. Well, I was in the thick of it, and thank God, I came out safe. I think it must have been the prayers of you people at home that got me through. I got a scratch in the shoulder with a bit of shrapnel, which put me out of action for two days, but I am all right now, and, what's more, I am promoted. I was recommended for promotion after the fight. I am Lance-Corporal, and I have a section of my own.

When we got near the shore the coxswain yelled, "Jump out, Australia, and make a name for yourselves." We jumped, some up to their necks in water, and rushed ashore, amid a hail of lead. When we got ashore all we could see was big sand cliffs in front of us, from which the Turks were firing. We were all mixed up and disorganised, but what officers were there ordered us to take cover and throw off packs. We did. I may say that was the last I saw of my pack. Good-bye clean clothes etc. Then we got orders to fix bayonets and advance. After that it was one mad rush for those cliffs. Many of them never got there. They poured fire into us as fast as they could use their machine guns and rifles; then their artillery, and we got a taste of shrapnel, but we reached those hills, as the sailors said afterwards, like mad men, and we took them too. The Turks never waited for us; they rushed back and took up another position, and we rushed them again. But I was not in the second rush. I had to go with one officer and about a dozen men to escort an Indian mountain battery into action. They had their guns packed on mules, and the way they got up that hill was marvellous. They were Sikhs - big, black-bearded men, and cool hands, too. We got the guns into position at last, and we had to get down in front of them to protect them from being rushed. The roar they made nearly deafened us. Then the Turks started to get their range on us with shrapnel, and we had to lie there and do nothing. A good few of the Indians got knocked out, and how we escaped is a mystery to me. Bullets were hitting the ground all around us, and shells bursting right over us, but God was merciful. One of our sergeants was shot in the heel, and it was then I was hit in the shoulder with a piece of shell, which tore a hole in my tunic, but only grazed the shoulder. The Indian battery pushed on into the firing line. I went to the beach to get my shoulder attended to, and I was very pleased when I found it was only a bit of a bruise. Meanwhile



our men were entrenching themselves, and hung on to the position by the skin of their teeth, although the Turks made several attempts to drive them back on to the beach.

The first day I went back into the trenches I had another lucky escape. A bullet cut a hole in my boot, and just grazed my little toe, but we are in a good position now, and we have got the warships firing shells over our heads. The Turks only make one attack now in a fortnight. They made one just at dawn to-day. I was in the firing line. They came on yelling "Allah! Allah!" at the top of their voices, but they never got to our trenches. We opened a deadly fire on them, and they turned and ran. It is pretty quiet here now. We had a short service in the trenches this morning. The worst is over now, and I am sure I will get through all right. Bill Shaw is a corporal now. Alan Ricketts is all right. We get plenty to eat in the trenches - biscuits, bully beef, cheese, bacon, and jam.

Letter to Viv from his mother

*18th. July, 1915
Westbury, Tasmania*

My Dearest Son,

Your ever loving and welcome letter came safely on the 16th. of July and I was so pleased to hear from you again. I got your two letters a week after each other and another post card. This is Sunday evening and it is raining a treat. Eileen has another son born this morning the 18th. He is a fine little fellow, she was a bit disappointed because it was not a girl.

Ray enlisted again he never told us he had passed but he must have done for they have sent him to Bruny Island with some others to guard those that are interned there that were at Claremont. Willie Bowater came home on final leave and he told us Vera got a letter from Ned the same time as I got yours. He sent her some leaves picked from near the trenches. We are sending you some bottles of stuff that will take the place of insect powder and act better for it kills everything that is in your clothes and on your body.

We are going to send you also some books and papers every week. We have sent some already they ought to be there by this. They are the Courier and Worlds News. We are sending you the Courier this week. If you look on the 14th. page you will see your first letter from the Dardenelles or rather most of it in it. On the 30th. of this month they are going to have a great day all over the Commonwealth to be called Australia Day to raise funds in aid of the wounded soldiers. Ted Badcock goes down to camp on Tuesday and Norman Drake has enlisted.

I remembered your birthday my son as if I would forget it. I sent you a war handkerchief the only one I could get. It is khaki in colour with a red, white and blue border with two flags in each corner and a map in the centre. I forgot to tell you they are giving Ted Badcock a social tomorrow night. I have not heard anything of Daisy lately. Jack comes to the township sometimes but he never comes to let us know how they all are and I have no way of going up for it is too far to walk from the train. I have kept very well this winter. I have only had a slight cold never had to keep to my bed once and Dad is well too. Mr. French got word when Viv was wounded but I don't know whether he has written himself to let them know.

I know you must feel awful yourself for the want of a wash and a shave.

Do you ever see Henry Bennett? His mother has not heard from him for a long time and she said she would like me to ask you if you saw him to tell him to write to her, she is so anxious about him. She has a daughter going as a nurse. Well my dear son must close I have a letter to write to Ned yet so with best love to you and may God bless and keep you is the prayer of your ever loving Mother.

E.A.Searle

We are sending you the paper you asked for. Everyone wishes to be remembered to you.

Field Service Postcard

*21st. July 1915
Gallipoli*

I am quite well.

I have received your letter dated 24th. May.

Letter follows at first opportunity.

I have received no letter from you lately.

Viv Searle.

A BIT ABOUT THE THIRD BRIGADE

*First they took us off to Egypt, right amongst the sun and sand,
While we were there the first few weeks, we thought that it was grand.
We roamed about in Cairo, and we went and saw the sights,
And scaled the mighty pyramids - we only read of fights.
But when it came to working, and drilling in the sun
And tramping o'er the desert with our blooming pack and gun,
We got clean sick of Egypt, and we longed to get away,
So they packed us on a troopship, and sent us off one day.
Then everyone was happy, for we were off to fight.
"We'll show them how to do the trick!" You should have heard us "skite".*



Viv Searle



Ray Searle



Edward (Ned) Searle

*There arose much speculation as to what our job would be;
 But they took us to an island in the middle of the sea,
 'Twas the little Isle of Lemnos, inhabited by Greeks,
 And they marched us round that island for seven weary weeks,
 'Till the troopship weighed her anchor, and steamed away one night,
 And they put us on destroyers, and said "Your're now off to fight."
 Then we thought of deeds of valour that we were going to do,
 Of ribbons, and of medals, and Victoria Crosses, too.
 But when we got close to the shore and heard the rifle cracks,
 Then we got a funny feeling in the region of our backs,
 We scrambled into rowing boats - they tugged us to the shore,
 But just before we got there, the coxswain gave a roar,
 "Jump out there, you Australians, and make yourselves a name!"
 We jumped - all those that could jump, the bullets fell like rain.
 We scrambled out like water rats, our kits weighed near a ton!
 And someone yelled "Fix bayonets." We fixed them on the run.
 Then someone yelled "Take cover." There was no need for that.
 We were no sooner on the bank than everyone was flat.
 Then each man filled his magazine, and hugged his rifle tight,
 And got to work upon his bolt with all his blooming might,
 But the Turks were on a hilltop, and they were out to kill.
 We got the order "Forward!" and we charged right up the hill,
 And then the lead flew faster than e'er it did before:
 We got a taste of shrapnel, and we got a taste of war,
 And now it's "Who's in charge of us? Our officer is gone."
 And some wished they were going back, instead of going on,
 For we were only youngsters, and this was our first fight,
 But when we got our blood warmed up, we fought with all our might,
 We forgot about the danger, and no-one tried to shirk,
 The only thing we thought of, was to try and kill a Turk,
 Tho' they drove us back in places, and they cut us up a bit,
 When we charged them with the bayonet, the beggars "did a git".
 We drove them from their stronghold, although the hill was steep,
 And our dead and dying comrades upon the ground lay deep,
 We charged 'em and we charged 'em, and they charged us back again;
 But we hung to our position till re-inforcements came.
 Then they brought us picks and shovels, and we had to get to work
 To dig ourselves some trenches to protect us from the Turk,
 Now we can stop the fiercest charge that ever yet was made,
 So let the Turks come when they like - We are the Third Brigade.*

(The foregoing was written by the late Corporal F.V. Searle, 3rd. Infantry Brigade, 12th. Battalion, Australian Expeditionary Force, Gallipoli.)

Letter to Viv's family, from his uncle and aunt after receiving news of his death ...

1st. October, 1915

Tillah, West Coast, Tasmania

Dear Brother & Sister & Uncle & Aunt,

We received your very sorrowful letter yesterday afternoon and it was a very great shock to us all to hear of Vivian's death. We daresay George and yourself would be broke up over it. Percy wired you yesterday afternoon after he received your letter to accept our deepest sympathy from us all. We only hope that Ned will get well soon and that his wounds are nothing serious and hope that he and Ray will return home again.

Percy seems upset over Vivian's death and because he cannot go to the War.

Don't forget to let us know when you get word how Ned is getting on, we will be anxious to know.

Kindly remember us all to Ernie and the girls. With best love from us all to yourself and George and cheer up and let us hope for the best. We remain your loving Brother and Sister and Nephew,

B. & E. & Percy Scarle, 1/10/15

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“How did you cook in the War, Grandma?”

Thelma Grunnell

The answer to this would be “With great ingenuity, my dear.”

Turning out the other day I came across a folder of Ministry of Food leaflets which were issued to schools between 1939 and 1945, in an attempt to ensure that the up and coming house wives of the future would be able to cope with the rationing and produce tasty nourishing meals.

With the ration of one shell egg a month emphasis was on eggless recipes which depended on other agents to make a cake rise. If you were able to keep a few fowls in the backyard the egg ration was surrendered for a ration of laying meal to feed them supplemented by a variety of meagre household scraps. Do you remember powdered egg? I always had trouble reconstituting mine as it took ages to beat the powder into the required amount of water for a smooth consistency and then it had to be used right away or separation would occur. Not too good for making pancakes!

For school cookery I remember taking 1½ pence to buy a thin slice of margarine for the day's recipe and learning the minimum water method of cooking greens. Of course the day's lessons were taken home to add to the family larder and I can vividly remember the sensation on the following week when I reported my father's comment that “even the pigs turned their noses up at the new method of cooking cabbage.”

After the severest bombing raid on Plymouth most services were cut off so my mother would spend the weekend cooking for our relatives and send baskets of pies, cakes and biscuits by the local bus which would be met at the other end and an empty basket sent back for a refill. My Saturday job was to take a basket on my bicycle to the local pork butcher and stand in a queue for sausages and saugage meat (unrationed) to eke out the three shillings and seven pence worth a week meat ration. Rabbits were not on ration and I don't think I ever ate another one after peace was declared until I came to Tasmania.

Our family was fortunate to receive food parcels through Margo Parker's radio programme and to chocolate-hungry people, a block of Small's Club Chocolate, even though white on the outside from heat in its travels, was manna indeed. The fat around the tinned sausages or luncheon beef was used in pastry as a welcome addition to the fat ration. Cottee's Fruit Jellies in a large cube were also a great treat.

When I started my nursing training in 1948, rationing was still in place so we lined up each month for a bag of biscuits and a tin of jam or marmalade. IXL must have exported all the Melon and Lemon Jam the factory ever made in wartime as that was all we ever seemed to get. So if your family was not sweet toothed and could save the sugar ration you went blackberrying in summer for a most tasty change to the diet of Melon and Lemon (a nice courting activity too). Butter and marge and sugar were

issued each fortnight and we carried our containers to the ward kitchens between meals. My most shamefaced blunder occurred one Christmas when a little parcel arrived for one of the patients and I put it by the tree on top of the fireplace in the ward. Imagine my distress on Christmas morning to find that the gift had been a pat of farm butter, by then sadly molten. Having farm friends, I was able to replace it under the counter so to speak, but oh, the embarrassment to a shy 18 year old!

Snoek, a South African fish, and whale meat were used in the latter days of rationing but whale took a great deal of seasoning to disguise it. A staple of Friday evening hospital meals was semolina cheese, with onion soup for starters. Not too bad you might say, but the semolina was so thick that Home Sister's wrist action to get it on to the plate produced a most revolting slurp, so I filled up with two servings of soup and bread door-steps on those nights.

The butchers' shops on arrival at Fremantle were a feast for eyes accustomed to tins of bully beef and parsley in the windows.

Fruit for cakes was limited to about three ounces per month so we used to cut up the sultanas and raisins with scissors to make the allowance more generous in the cakes and buns.

One advantage of the rationing from my point of view was that I had no difficulty in passing my City and Guilds Plain Cookery Diploma when at Technical College, having had to make do for so long.

SEARCH FOR WORLD WAR II PILOT

On 6th July 1940, an RAF Wellington Bomber crashed close to the City of Haarlem in the Netherlands. The pilot, who survived, was John Walter Philip Perkins, born 14th May 1912 at Durban, South Africa.

Admitted to the Bar as a barrister in 1938 at Pietermaritzburg, South Africa, John worked for the law firm of Reynaud and Perkins in Durban. He married Doreen McKenzie and had a daughter Ann.

He, his wife and daughter moved to England during the war and lived near John's father at St Agnes, Cornwall. It is believed that the wife and daughter returned to South Africa after the war. John Perkins however, stayed in England for a while and it is thought that he might have migrated to Australia Here the trail ends.

Many channels have been searched by the Historical Society of the City of Haarlem which are a group of amateur historians actively engaged in the research and writing of the city's past and at present trying to complete its research on the air defence of the city during WWII.

The group would like to contact John Perkins or his next-of-kin with an invitation to return to Holland. If anyone can throw any light on this elusive John Perkins please contact Mr. W. Perkins, 33 Faulkner Road, Ravenswood, Launceston, Tasmania 7250.

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY HISTORY FOR FAMILY HISTORIANS

Anne Bartlett

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LOCAL RSL CLUBS

The RSL Club in your local area may have collections of material which may be of interest or members may be able to put you in touch with ex-servicemen or women who may be able to provide valuable information.

LOCAL MEMORIALS

There is usually one or more war memorials giving names of local servicemen and women in each town or city. Honour boards can also often be found in many churches, local government offices, large businesses, schools and clubs.

THE CENTRAL ARMY RECORDS OFFICE

Many family historians have found the Central Army Records Office (CARO) a very valuable source of information for filling in details on family members who have served in the Australian Army. CARO is located at 360 St Kilda Road, Melbourne, Victoria, 3004.

The following information has been gleaned from a information sheet entitled "All you need to know about the Central Army Records Office".

One of CARO's responsibilities is to maintain the personal files of all Army personnel, from World War One to the present day. Information from these files can only be released in a selective manner in order to preserve the privacy of the servicemen concerned.

It should be noted that CARO does not hold any records dating prior to World War One. Surviving records for the Boer War, Militia or old PMF are located in either the various State Archives or the regional offices of the Australian Commonwealth Archives. Hence application to search these records should be directed to those authorities.

The records maintained by CARO are of a personal nature only. They do not include information on unit activities, battles, areas of operation, campaigns, histories, prisoners of war, war graves, honour rolls, nominal rolls or medical records. To obtain information on these matters you should contact the War Graves Commission, the Department of Veterans' Affairs or the Australian War Memorial. When seeking information from the War Memorial you should note that the onus is on the individual to conduct their own research or to hire an approved researcher.

Obtaining copies of Service Records of Family Members

As noted above the records kept by CARO are of a personal nature and, if an ex-member is still alive then only that person is able to obtain a copy of their service record. Only direct relations are able to obtain records of deceased ex-members as shown below:

World War I	World War II
Father	Father
Mother	Mother
Brother	Brother
Sister	Sister
Widow	Widow
Son	Son
Daughter	Daughter
Grandson	Grandson
Grand-daughter	Grand-daughter

or (where parents are deceased) to a:

Nephew	Niece
Grand Nephew	Grand Nephew

Should your relationship to the person you are interested in not be as shown above, you may still be able to obtain the information you require if you can prove that you are the closest surviving next of kin.

Before information can be released CARO must have the written authorisation of the member concerned, if still living, or of the closest next of kin if deceased, so there is no point contacting CARO on someone else's behalf.

CARO receives a very great number of requests for information from service records and although some assistance can be given with genealogical enquiries, the priority is with the serving and ex-serving soldier. A limit has to be placed on enquiries and there may be a long wait before your request can be processed.

Medals

If medals have been issued and lost, only the recipient is able to receive replacements. However if the member is deceased and the medals have not been previously issued then, if you are the eldest surviving person in the following entitlement order, you may apply to CARO for a claim form giving all relevant details on the member and stating your relationship.

a. Beneficiary under Will	d. Daughter
b. Widow/Widower	e. Step-son
c. Son	f. Step-Daughter

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| g. Grand-son | m. Half-brother |
| h. Grand-daughter | n. Half-sister |
| i. Father | o. Nephew |
| j. Mother | p. Niece |
| k. Brother | q. Other person named as next-of-kin in official records |
| l. Sister | |

In order to expedite your enquiry you should note the following points:

a. All enquiries must be in writing and contain the following information:

- (1) All given names of the service person,
- (2) Army Regimental number,
- (3) Period of service (if known), and
- (4) Date of birth (if known).

If you are unable to provide all of the above information then as much as possible of the following information should be included:

- (1) Date and place of birth,
- (2) Army Unit/s
- (3) Whether the service was full-time or part-time,
- (4) The state of enlistment,
- (5) Details encribed on medals and badges if any are held,
- (6) Details of persons most likely to be recorded as the ex-member's next of kin on enlistment, e.g., parents, wife, brother or sister,
- (7) Any other name in which the ex-member might have served, and
- (8) Date of death (if applicable).

b. Enquiries should be addressed as follows:

Medal Enquiries

Medals Section
CARO/SCMA
360 St Kilda Road
MELBOURNE VIC 3004

Pre 1947 enquiries

Historical Research Section
CARO/SCMA
360 St Kilda Road
MELBOURNE VIC 3004

Post 1947 enquiries:

General Enquiries Section
CARO/SCMA
360 St Kilda Road
MELBOURNE VIC 3004

THE AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL

The Australian War Memorial is a very valuable resource for the study of Australian military history. Its Research Centre houses a vast archive of printed material (books, serials, maps, etc), private and official records, photographs, film footage and sound recordings. The Australian War Memorial publication *Roll Call: a guide to*

genealogical sources in the Australian War Memorial, compiled by Joyce Bradley et al. provides a detailed description of the various collections housed in the Research Centre. The following information has been obtained from leaflets obtained from the Australian War Memorial.

This centre has excellent facilities to assist the researcher but since 1990 it has been unable to undertake detailed research for individual enquirers. However it can help you in the following ways:

1. by providing information about whether the centre holds a particular item such as a book, war diary or photograph.
2. by providing a source analysis or bibliography if one has already been prepared.
3. by providing copies of printed and written material, photographs, or film footage where the full bibliographic reference (or similar information for photographs and films) is cited and the appropriate payment has been included. A price list is available on request from the War Memorial.
4. by giving permission to "use" material from the Memorial's collection provided the appropriate payment is made.
5. by providing a list of research agents who are familiar with the Memorial's collection.

You will need to allow up to a month for a reply to such queries.

GLEANINGS

Van Diemen's Land Heritage Project

Volume 3 of this on-going project will be available soon at a cost of \$16.00 plus postage and packing. Data for volumes 4 and 5 are now being processed and no further individual entries for Series 1 of this project will be accepted.

Congress Papers

The GST Inc is publishing a supplement to *Our Heritage in History: Sixth Australasian Congress in Genealogy and Heraldry* which contains a further 19 papers delivered at the Congress in Launceston, May 1991. The volume should be available in October at a cost of \$16.00 plus postage (\$2.00 for Tasmania and \$4 mainland Australia). The following is a list of the papers included:-

John Lawrence Cairns-Smith-Barth, Always Argyll: an Outline of Scottish Sources.

John Lawrence Cairns-Smith-Barth, Seised in a small Country: a brief Introduction to Scottish Land Records.

Patricia Barth, Family Tree Graphics: using Calligraphy for Genealogical Chart Presentation.

Colin R. Chapman, Church Records of value to Genealogists in English Archives.

Colin R. Chapman, English Education Records and your Ancestry.

Colin R. Chapman, Finding your Ancestors in English National and Local Government Records.

Colin R. Chapman, Proving a Pedigree.

Judy Grimes, Using a Computer for your Family History.

Dr. Valerie Hewitt, The Medical Necessity of Family History.

John Jameson, Genealogy and the Registry of Births, Deaths and Marriages.

Martyn Killion, Records relating to Tasmania in the New South Wales State Archives.

Dewayne Lener, How to Protect and Preserve Documentary Evidence.

Dom Meadley, The Ideal Genealogical Society.

Bruce Ralston, Trans Tasman Relations: Tasmanians in New Zealand.

Maggie Shapley, Relations in Records - Finding your Family at the Australian Archives.

Iain Swinnerton, One-Name Studies.

Iain Swinnerton, Tracing Your British Army Ancestors, Part 2 - Organisation and Records.

Nick Vine Hall, Parish Registers in Australia.

Nick Vine Hall, Ninety Million Dollar Farce: Saving the Census.

Graham Wilson, Researching family history in Mining Communities with particular reference to Hillgrove, a major goldfield in Northern New South Wales.

Examiner Indexes

The asterisk (*) against the date of the newspaper in the marriage section in Volumes 5 and 6 of the Examiner Indexes indicates that there is a photograph of members of the wedding party in that paper.

As it will be sometime before Volumes 7 and 8, covering the period 1941-1950, will be released, the hand-written transcriptions of the notices for the period 1942-1952 are available in the Launceston Branch Library for searching by members. The lists are in chronological order but are much easier to use than searching through the newspapers.

Victorian Pioneers Index

The State Reference Library, Murray Street, Hobart, has a copy of this Index on CD-ROM. This is an index to births deaths and marriages in Victoria for the period 1937-188 (see item in previous issue of *Tasmanian Ancestry* on this index).

New South Wales Wills

The prices of documents obtainable from the New South Wales Probate Division of the Supreme Court of New South Wales are as follows:

Wills

Nos 1-1793, Series 1 (pre-1850)	\$3.60 each
Nos 1794, Series 1 - 17358 Series 5 (1850-1985)	\$10.00 each
Nos 17259 Series 5 - (1985 -)	\$30.00 each

Exemplifications

Series 1 - No. 96408 Series 4	\$36.50
Remainder of series 4 and series 5	\$30.00

Members may obtain the number for a will from the New South Wales Supreme Court Probate Index. Copies of this index on microfiche are available at the Hobart and Launceston branch libraries of the GST Inc. The wills and exemplifications are obtainable from the Probate Division, Supreme Court of New South Wales, GPO Box 3, Sydney, NSW 2000.

Local and Family History Courses.

A number of courses in Local and Family History are offered externally by the University of New England, Armidale, New South Wales, including an Associate Diploma course designed for people who have never done any university study. There is also a Graduate Diploma for those with a first degree in any discipline. Brochures outlining the courses can be obtained from Leonie Munday on (067) 73 4228 or by writing to the School of Professional Studies, Faculty of Education, Nursing and Professional Studies, UNE, Armidale, NSW 2351.

Research in WA

The Western Australian Genealogical Society advises that they are willing to do "local" research for \$10 per hour for anyone in Tasmania.

Australian-Brazil Connection

Many people in Australia who are researching their family history fail to see the connection with Brazil. It should be remembered that a large number of sailing-ships, including the first fleet, called at Rio de Janeiro on the voyage from the British Isles to Australia and Brazilian records of these ships exist. In the 19th century, much of the commerce in the larger Brazilian cities was controlled by the British, and Rio de Janeiro and Sao Paulo in particular had large British and Irish communities. There were frequent instances where British and Irish families emigrated to Brazil and, after some years, continued on to finally settle in Australia. In these cases births, deaths and marriages which took place in Brazil are of course recorded in the church registers. Many of our readers have not imagined the possibility of records of their ancestors existing in Brazil. This could be a new and unexpected source of information for researchers. (See Jason Epstein's advertisement)

Elizabeth Simpson Award

Kristen Arundel, a former chairman of the Cornwall Family History Society, won the Third Prize in the Elizabeth Simpson Award for her article "People Count", which was reprinted in the previous issue of *Tasmanian Ancestry*. The award is made annually by the Federation of Family History Organisations to authors of articles that, by their style and content, make a major contribution to Family History. It would be great to see an article published by *Tasmanian Ancestry* win one of these awards.

Clan MacLellan in America Inc., Australian Region

This is part of an International Clan MacLellan Society that embraces any MacLellan kin regardless of surname spelling. It is a non-profit institution currently divided into seven regions; six in the USA and an International region embracing Australia, Canada, New Zealand and the United Kingdom.

The Civil Wars and the Reformation caused many MacLellans to leave Galloway in the 17th century and later. Some went to the Hebrides and Western Scotland and others left for the Ulster Plantation in Northern Ireland where today their descendants can still be found. From there they migrated over the years to many parts of North America, Australia and New Zealand. Many of the early settlers became great wanderers and settled in all eight states and territories. It is time we all got together!

One of the original purposes of the society, which they have accomplished, was to establish the family as a separate entity independent of any other Clan or group. They are not a sept of any Clan, but rather an ancient and historically important family, which played a prominent role over the centuries in Scotland.

A major aim of the society is to collect family histories and gather data concerning the clan's heritage in order to augment the MacLellan Archives. The society have Archives in the East and on the West Coast of the USA. These collections consist of genealogies, records and books pertaining to MacLellan family branches, history and other reference material, are under controlled conditions and can be researched by members only. The Australian Archives will be housed at Dacus Library, Winthrop College, USA, and also at a library or archives (yet to be decided upon) in Australia. The intention is to preserve records for the generations of MacLellans yet to come. Genealogical data is computerised by the Clan Archivist to assist those researching their family tree.

Membership is open to anyone associated to the MacLellan family, either through their lineage or through marriage. Full details of Clan activities and membership dues can be obtained from Maxine McLelland, Australian Director, Clan MacLellan, 6 Matten Close, Coffs Harbour, NSW 2450.

FAMILY REUNIONS

HILL

The Huon branch advises that red folder was left at the Huon Branch Library by a visitor after the Hill Family reunion. The contents of the folder includes photographs of the ship *Harriet McGregor*. Please contact Andrea Rawlings on (002) 64 1258 to arrange return to its owner.

MORLEY

It's back to Buckland, Tasmania on the 3rd and 4th October 1992 for the Morley Muster to bring together families descended from James and Martha MORLEY who arrived on the *Apolline* on the 1st October 1842. Their children were Elizabeth, Mary (CARPENTER), William, Louisa (FOX), Eleanor (BURRIDGE), Sarah (RASPIN), John, James William, Matilda (BROOKS), Margaret, George, Henry and Charles. Other associated Tasmanian family names are ARNOL, BROWN, BYE, CASTLE, DAVIDSON, GARITY, HOWELL/S, SKINNER, WALKER and WILLIAMS. For further information contact Cheryl Bailey, 12 Penson Court, Kallangur, Queensland 4503 or telephone (07) 2046304 after 7 p.m.

Tolga State School Centenary

The Tolga State School, Northern Queensland celebrates its centenary in 1995 and a committee headed by Mrs. Norma Sain is publishing a book to celebrate the event. The school opened in October 1885 and quite a few of the early families have moved out of the district e.g. Molloy, Martin, Turnbull, Lynch, Rogan, Hayes, being first in the school registers. Other early names include Dirgan, Hine, May Peberdy and Letts. They would also like any information on the early Chinese, Timber Industry Workers and Servicemen who spent time on the Atherton Tablelands in WWII. Anyone with information please contact Mrs Sain, c/- Tolga State School, Kennedy Highway, Tolga, North Queensland 4882 or phone (070) 95 4432.

COMING EVENTS

7-10 July 1994 "Blending the Cultures" - The seventh Australasian Congress on Genealogy and Family History, to be held at the Queensland University, St. Lucia Campus, Brisbane.

BOOK REVIEWS

Graeme-Evans, Alex: *OF STORMS AND RAINBOWS: The Story of the Men of the 2/12th Battalion A.I.F. Volume Two April 1942 - January 1946*, Southern Holdings for the 12th Battalion Association, Hobart, 1991, hard cover, coloured jacket, 210 X 320 mm format, 473 pages, lists, half-tone photographs, maps and cartoons.

The second volume takes up the story of the 2/12th Battalion where the first one left off. (Volume One was reviewed in the June 1991 issue of *Tasmanian Ancestry*.) If anything, Volume Two is better - there seems to me to be more analysis of the campaigns and more detail.

There are lists of members of the battalion, of casualties, and of awards and decorations. There is an index to the personal recollections scattered through the two volumes, and a glossary of terms and abbreviations. The script of an ABC Radio Programme in 1943 entitled "Bloody But Unbowed" is also included.

Briefly, the battalion trained for the Pacific during March and April 1942 in South Australia, and April and May in NSW. Through May to August 1942, they undertook jungle training in Queensland in preparation for fighting at Milne Bay, Goodenough Island, and Buna/Sananda. They returned to Port Moresby in February 1943. Some of them sailed from Port Moresby for home in the *Taroona* - a preview of homecoming for the Tasmanians.

After leave and further training, they returned to New Guinea for a second campaign in September 1943 and were withdrawn again in May 1944, this time for leave and training in amphibious landings.

On 26 June 1945 they left Australia again, this time for Balikpapan, and at the end of the war were represented at the signing of the local Instrument of Surrender on board HMAS *Burdekin* on 8 September 1945. The Battalion "ceased to exist" at 1000 hours on 2 January 1956. The general comments I made about the value of Volume 1 for genealogists apply equally to this volume. It is one of a number of books now being written about Australians in particular units and ships during the Second World War.

Hugh Campbell

A list of Parishes in Boyd's Marriage Index, 6th edition, reprinted 1992, Society of Genealogists, London, 54 pages, available from the Society for £3.35 including postage.

Now that the 534 volumes of Boyd's Marriage Index are widely available throughout the world on microfiche in Family History Centres throughout the world, this key provides an indispensable guide to their varying arrangement and coverage, an introduction explaining the abbreviations and contractions used and lists by county of all the parishes which are covered by the index. The Index itself remains a major finding aid to the whereabouts of any particular marriage. It contains about six to seven

million entries and this is thought to represent about twelve to fifteen per cent of all marriages which took place in England between 1538 and 1837.

Marriage Licences: abstracts and indexes in the Library of the Society of Genealogists, 4th edition, 1991, Society of Genealogists, available from the Society for £2.30 including postage.

This list covers England, Wales and Ireland. It is arranged by county and shows all the marriage licence material in the Library Catalogue and, as far as possible, those licences published as articles in journals. As an additional aid in this edition the Library shelf numbers have been included. Prior to 1837 the indexes to marriage licences form a valuable supplement to the various county marriage indexes. Licences were frequently sought by people who were anxious to marry away from their normal place of residence, or were in a hurry, or were nonconformists, by those who wished to marry in Lent, or without parental consent, and by those who wished to marry someone of unequal standing or age.

The address for the Society of Genealogists is 14 Charterhouse Buildings, Goswell Road, London, EC1M 7BA, England.

The Australian Commonwealth Horse, compiled by George Newbury, 1990, soft cover.

The Australian Commonwealth Horse was raised following the outbreak of war in South Africa in 1899. The volume comprises of a roll covering all units of the A.C.H. arranged in alphabetical order, detailing surname, given name or initial, regimental number, unit and state of origin of unit. An introduction explains the raising of the A.C.H., composition of its units with dates of departure and return of the ships transporting them. Lists of casualties and campaign medals awarded are included and the book is illustrated with photographs, some of which have names appended. There are brief biographical notes on some servicemen.

Mentioned in Despatches, Australians WWI, compiled by George Newbury, 1989

Compiled from The Commonwealth Gazette and with an index at the commencement, this volume lists those mentioned in despatches with the name of the General recommending the citation and giving the sphere of service. The service personnel are listed with their regimental numbers and rank/unit. Mention is also made if the person died after the commendation was gazetted. The volume is illustrated with photographs relevant to the period but not of those on the roll.

Copies of both books are available at the Launceston Branch Library.

Thelma Grunnell

Dating Family Photos 1850-1920, Lenore Frost, Valiant Press, Berwick, Vic., 1991, card cover, 185 x 250 mm format, 128 pages. Available from Lenore Frost, 8 Cliff Street, Essendon, Victoria 3040 for \$19.50 (includes P&P).

This well presented volume fills a void in the resources available to those wishing to date and identify un-named family photos. The book is divided into two parts.

The first deals with dating by the type of photograph. The author discusses dating by photographer's studio, by studio backdrops and types of photograph. Eleven different photographic processes are discussed in varying detail and in the chronological order in which they appeared.

The second and far larger part deals with dating by costume. Separate sections discuss the clothing of men, women and children for each decade, commencing at 1850, and together with sections on clothing for weddings, riding, mourning and work. Each chapter is very well illustrated with photographs featuring the fashion of the period under discussion. Details which help date the photograph accompany each one, including the name of the photographer (where known), the dates between which that photographer operated, the type of photograph and a discussion of the dressmaking or tailoring features of the costume of the subject. However in one or two instances the text does not match the photograph.

A short but valuable section on the conservation of photographs is included. The volume, which is well indexed, also contains a glossary of clothing terms, a list of photographers used in the book and a selected bibliography (divided into photographs and costumes) which covers Australia, New Zealand, Great Britain and the United States.

This book should be on the bookshelves of every family and local historian.

SOCIETY SALES

The GST Inc. has published the following items which are all (except the microfiche) available from Branch Libraries. All Mail Orders should be forwarded to the Sales and Publications Co-ordinator, PO Box 60 PROSPECT, Tasmania, 7250. Please allow extra for postage.

Microfiche

GST Inc. TAMIOT Records - 33 fiche (P&P \$2.00).....\$75.00

An index to headstone inscriptions and memorials transcribed from cemeteries from all parts of Tasmania.

Books

Our Heritage in history: Papers of the Sixth Australasian Congress on Genealogy and Heraldry, Launceston, 1991.....32.00
 Our Heritage in History: Supplement (due October).....16.00
 Van Diemens Land Heritage Index Vol. 2.....10.00
 Van Diemens Land Heritage Index Vol. 3 (due October).....16.00
 1991 Members Interests.....15.00

Other Items

GST Inc. Book Marks..... 0.75
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 Congress Sweaters..... 27.00
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Folios of sets of 6 Greg Waddle prints. 14 different sets available:-

Latrobe, Launceston, Longford, National Trust, Port Arthur, Richmond, Risdon Cove Historic Site, Ross, Stanley, Swansea, Tasmania (2 different), Ulverstone, Zeehan.
 Price per set..... 3.00

The following back issues of *Tasmanian Ancestry* are available for sale from the Journal Co-ordinator, PO Box 60 PROSPECT, Tasmania, 7250:-

Dec 1988 - Vol. 9 No. 4.....1.00
 Jun 1990 - Vol. 11 No. 1..... 3.00
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 Mar 1991 - Vol. 11 No. 4..... 3.00
 May 1991 - Vol. 12 No. 1 (Special Congress Ed)..... 3.00
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 Sep 1991 - Vol. 12 No. 2..... 3.00

Postage for journals is as follows:- 1 copy \$0.95 (\$0.80 Tas) 2-3 copies \$1.50 (\$1.25 Tas), 4-5 copies \$2.65 (\$2.00 Tas)

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Family Pedigree Chart (a working "Score sheet").....	3.00		

Publications Guides, etc.

Archives Office of Tasmania (revised 1992).....	2.00
Notes on Bothwell (A4).....	0.60
"Let's Begin".....	0.60
Notes on Cemeteries in Tasmania (A4).....	0.60
Family History Records in Tas (A4).....	0.60
FFHS News and Digest (plus postage 1.50) each.....	4.00

Books

How to Record your Family Tree.....	5.95	Beginning your Family History.....	5.95
Dating Family Photos, L. Frost.....	19.50	Christopher Calvert.....	12.00
Trying to find Seafaring Ancestors.....	1.20	Writing a Family History.....	7.50
Ancestor Trail in Ireland.....	5.50	Compiling your Family Tree.....	5.50
Society of Australian Genealogists.....	7.00	Visible Immigrants.....	9.50
Burials of First Fleeters VDL.....	5.00	Norfolk Island 1788-1813.....	12.00
Tasman Peninsula Chronicles Nos. 1-5 each.....	7.00		
Computers in Genealogy (New Edition).....	14.95		
Bishop Transcripts and Marriage Licences (English).....	5.50		
Short Guide to tracing Convict Ancestry.....	3.00		
Index to Early Land Grants VDL 1804-1823.....	8.00		
Profiles of Norfolk Islanders to VDL: Lady Nelson 1807 Vol 1.....	9.50		
	Porpoise Vol 2 Pt 1.....	20.00	
	Porpoise Vol 2 Pt 2.....	20.00	
Family History for beginners, Heraldry & Genealogical Society, Canberra.....	9.00		
First Fleeters Buried at New Norfolk and Back River.....	2.50		
First Fleeters buried at Rokeby, Kempton and Longford, each of three.....	1.20		
First Fleeters buried at St. David's.....	2.00		
The Archers of Van Diemen's Land.....	POA		
Index to Tasmanian Births/Baptisms 1803-40, A4 soft cover.....	18.50		
Tasmanian Land Grant Wall Maps.....	14.00		

The above is a sample of what is on offer at the Hobart Branch Library. Place your order with the Librarian, GPO Box 640G, Hobart, Tas 7001. Please allow for postage. Prices are subject to change without notice. If you require assistance in obtaining any book, journal or stationery item contact the librarian.

BRANCH LIBRARY ADDRESS, TIMES AND MEETING DETAILS

- BURNIE** Phone: (004) 35 7349 (Branch Secretary)
Library: 62 Bass Highway, COOEE, (above Bass Bakery)
Tuesday, 11.00 a.m. - 3.00 p.m.
Saturday 1.00 p.m. - 4.00 p.m.
Meeting: Branch Library, 62 Bass Highway, Cooee, 8.00 p.m. on 3rd Tuesday of each month, except January and December. The library is open at 7.00 p.m.
- DEVONPORT** Phone: (004) 24 5328 (Mr. & Mrs. D. Harris)
Library: Rooms 9, 10 and 11, First Floor, Days Building Best Street, DEVONPORT
Wednesday 9.30 a.m. - 4.00 p.m.
Friday 1.00 p.m. - 4.00 p.m.
Meeting: Branch Library, First Floor, Day's Building, Best Street, Devonport, on the last Thursday of each month, except December.
- HOBART** Phone (002) 44 2070 (Branch Secretary)
Library: 19 Cambridge Road, BELLERIVE
Tuesday 12.00 noon - 3.30 p.m.
Wednesday 9.30 a.m. - 12.30 p.m.
Saturday 1.30 p.m. - 4.30 p.m.
Meeting: Tasman Regional Library, Bligh Street, Warrahe, 8.00 p.m. on the 3rd Tuesday of each month, except January and December.
- HUON** Phone: (002) 66 0263 (Branch Secretary)
Library: Soldiers Memorial Hall, Marguerite St., RANELAGH
Saturday 2.00 p.m. - 4.00 p.m.
1st Wednesday of month 12.30 p.m. - 2.30 p.m.
Meeting: Branch Library, Ranelagh, 7.30 p.m. on the 2nd Monday of each month, except January.
- LAUNCESTON** Phone: (003) 31 1150 (Branch Secretary)
Library: Flat 2, 47-49 Elphin Road, LAUNCESTON.
Tuesday 10.00 a.m. - 3.00 p.m.
Wednesday 7.00 p.m. - 9.00 p.m.
Saturday 2.00 p.m. - 4.00 p.m.
Meeting: Kings Meadows High School, Guy Street, 7.30 p.m. on the 1st Tuesday of each month, except January.

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Ordinary member	\$25.00
Joint members (2 people at one address)	\$33.00
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Joint pensioners	\$23.00
Corporate Members (Institute or Society)	\$33.00

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Application for Membership:

Application forms may be obtained from Branches or the GST Secretary, and be returned with appropriate dues to a Branch Treasurer or sent direct to the GST Treasurer, PO Box 60, PROSPECT, Tasmania 7250. Dues are also accepted at Libraries and Branch Meetings.

Donations:

Donations to the Library Fund (\$2.00 and over) are TAX DEDUCTIBLE. Gifts of family records, maps, photographs, etc. are most welcome.

Research Queries:

Research is handled on a voluntary basis in each branch. Simple queries from members will be answered on receipt of a large stamped addressed envelope when membership number is quoted. For non-members there is a fee charged. A list of members willing to undertake record-searching on a PRIVATE BASIS can be obtained from the Society. **THE SOCIETY TAKES NO RESPONSIBILITY FOR SUCH PRIVATE ARRANGEMENTS.**

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