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Editorial

Those of you with convict forebears who are keen to check every source will be aware of the Australian Joint Copying Project—AJCP, and will have read David Hawkings book, *Bound for Australia.* This book illustrates the variety of sources available including *HO 9, Miscellaneous Convict Registers.* It can be found on AJCP Reels 4879–4883 and has been indexed by Marcia Watson [see pages 27–31]. This should be a great help in finding your way through these records relating to the hulks from 1801–1844. Thank you Marcia.

This issue contains information on a variety of subjects and I thank all those who have either written or found articles and sent them in. It is very pleasing to be able to include an article by a member of long-standing—Barbara Bolt—and I look forward to being able to share more from some of you who have grown up with the society—there must be many stories to tell, especially as we approach our 21st anniversary.

Although we advertised that members’ email addresses would be included with the New Members listing there seems to have been a hiccup in the works but we hope to be able to remedy this in the next issue.

If you have never been to a GST Inc. AGM don’t be put off by the formality of the ‘notice’. It is only one part of the weekend conference and all are welcome to attend, although you must be financial to vote. Please come along, enjoy the speakers and food, join in the fun and friendship and get to know members from all over the state. See you there.

Rosemary Davidson

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PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

PREPARATIONS for the celebration of the society’s 21st anniversary in the year 2001 are well under way. A three day conference on Tasmanian Genealogy is to be held in Launceston during the March Labour Day long weekend. A series of workshops, lectures, tours and other social activities is being planned for this weekend. Topics suggested for the conference include Genealogy and the Internet, Convict Research, Conservation of materials, using family history research in Medicine. Members are encouraged to offer suggestions for topics and speakers to their local branch office bearers to bring to the next meeting of the organising committee.

Kate Ramsay, a member of the Hobart branch is currently busily preparing a comprehensive index to Vols 1–20 of the society’s journal *Tasmanian Ancestry*. The index will be released during conference on Tasmanian Genealogy.

Another suggestion has been to organise a trip to Melbourne, Sydney and/or Salt Lake City to enable members to undertake family history research at the libraries, archives, and other record repositories in those centres. To enable the executive committee to gauge whether to go ahead and organise one or more of these trips members are asked to indicate whether they would be interested in joining in one of these trips.

The Salt Lake City trip would be for approximately two weeks in September of the year 2001. Members would spend ten days in Salt Lake doing research at the LDS Library. The cost of the airfare, accommodation and meals and one or two day trips would be in the vicinity of $5,000. Those going on the trip may have the option of travelling to Europe or other parts of the USA at the conclusion of the stay in Salt Lake City.

At this stage no definite decisions regarding the timing or length of visits to Sydney and/or Melbourne have been made. Members who may be genuinely interested in participating in one or more of the proposed trips are asked to complete the form below (or photocopy it if you don’t want to cut a page out of your journal) and return it to the Executive Secretary, GST Inc., PO Box 60 Prospect or hand it in at the AGM in June. If there is sufficient interest in any or all of the trips, the executive committee will proceed further with the idea.

Anne Bartlett

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I am interested in participating in the trip to (tick one, or if interested in more than one trip, mark 1, 2, 3 in order of preference)

- [ ] Salt Lake City
- [ ] Sydney
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Please return to The Secretary, PO Box 60 Prospect Tasmania 7250 by 20 August 1999
NOTICE OF MEETING

Notice is hereby given in accordance with Rule 14, that the

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

of the

Genealogical Society of Tasmania Inc.

is to be held on

Saturday, 19 June 1999

at the

Lindisfarne Activities Centre, Lincoln Street Lindisfarne

commencing at 1.30 p.m.

Voting is restricted to financial members of the Society and a current membership card may be required as proof of membership.

AGENDA

1 Welcome
2 Apologies
3 Presentation of the 1999 ‘Lilian Watson Family History Award’
4 Presentation of Special Awards
5 Read and Confirm Minutes of the 1998 AGM
6 Business Arising
7 Reports
8 Election of Office Bearers and Endorsement of Branch Delegates
9 General Business:
   i Rule Change to Rule
      Proposed motion: That the constitution of the Society be amended by
      the addition of an extra clause to rule 9, said extra clause to read:
      9.g. Where at the Annual General Meeting of the Society, insufficient
      nominations are forthcoming to fill all Executive positions, an elected
      Branch delegate may offer their services to fill a vacant position
      provided that if accepted they immediately stand down from the
      position of Branch Delegate. The purpose of this clause being to
      preserve the viability and integrity of the Executive and its ability to
      function as required by Rule 7.
   ii Venue for 2000 Annual General Meeting

Anne Bartlett
PRESIDENT
Our first meeting of the New Year was a 'get to know your library night’, when members took the opportunity to check out the new additions. The lending of old journals has proved very popular, and our January Newsletter seems to have stirred members back to researching, as the library has been very busy since reopening.

The March meeting was held in the main street of Burnie—old Burnie, that is—at the Pioneer Village Museum, followed by a tour of the museum’s many old relics, including the recently installed old town clock.

The Advocate BDMs Committee is pleased to announce that the second edition in the series of Indexes, 1926–1930 will be printed by June and work is continuing on the next volumes 1936–1940 and 1900–1910. [See page 12 for information about Volume 1 1931–1935—Ed.] The production of these volumes would not be possible without all the work done by the team of ‘scribes’ who have been visiting the Advocate and listing all the personal notices over the last few years—a big thank you to these people. Also we are thankful for the generous time given by members Ann and Rick Bailey in repairing and cleaning the micro-fiche readers.

Activities for the year commenced with January’s meeting being held at Ulverstone and the theme centred on the Ulverstone area. Several members first enjoyed a pleasant counter meal at which there was a sharing of holiday experiences. The meeting commenced with Adrian Loone launching the publication of the transcriptions of the Ulverstone Public Cemetery. Craig Broadfield was the guest speaker for the evening and gave details of the latest work being compiled by members of the Ulverstone Local History Museum and showed examples of the extensive photographic collections and some of the recent publications.

It was a pleasure to welcome Hobart members, Joyce Purtscher and Rosemary Davidson, to the February meeting. Joyce Purtscher gave a very enlightening talk about early Tasmanian orphanages with graphic details about some of the Hobart institutions.

The first of the day-time meetings was held in February with a good attendance. This was an informal meeting and it was encouraging to note the participation of all those present in the discussions.

Several activities were planned for Family History Week in March. The display of posters and memorabilia in the Devonport Library illustrated the way in which family trees can be compiled using the details which are contained in family
heirlooms together with the information which is gathered during family research. During the week a group booking was made at the Devonport Online Access Centre where members were able to look up useful web sites and share information. There was also an open day at the branch library.

The first fund-raising activity was held in March. After a leisurely stroll around the extensive garden of the branch librarian, Glenice Brauman, a beautiful barbecue meal was enjoyed.

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Our first two general meetings for 1999 were very well attended. In March (at the meeting held during Family History Week) a record seventy members and visitors were treated to a most interesting address by Richard Davis on ‘VDL and the Irish Famine 1845–1850’. The Williams Database of Irish Convicts (see page 12) proved a big attraction during supper and we thank Marianne Davis for her contribution to the success of the evening. Also during Family History Week, the branch opened the library to the public for a free introduction to our genealogical resources. Thank you to the members who provided their experience to assist the thirty or so visitors who took the opportunity of learning more about getting started or further developing their family history.

The library committee have been very pleased with the response to their Workshops for Library Assistants, and a Saturday or Sunday session in July is planned for those who have been unable to attend on weekdays. A notice will be posted in the library office advising the date and asking for expressions of interest.

Our projects and publications continue apace. The launch of our *Queenborough Cemetery Index* on microfiche and in hard copy (see elsewhere in this journal for details) saw the culmination of years of dedication to this lengthy project, and sincere thanks are extended to all involved during this period. While work continues with the Cornelian Bay transcriptions and other projects, more recently our efforts have been concentrated on the cemeteries in Richmond. Hopefully the fourth volume in our series *Cemeteries in Southern Tasmania: Richmond (inc. Cambridge)—Anglican, Congregational & Roman Catholic* will be launched during the AGM Conference.

Hobart branch looks forward to welcoming old friends and new to the Conference on 19–20 June (see March journal for programme and registration form). We hope many people will take the opportunity to join us for what should be a most informative and interesting weekend. Late registrations will be accepted at Lindisfarne on the Saturday (except for lunch and dinner, due to catering restrictions). Of course, all members are welcome to attend the AGM and presentation of the Lilian Watson Family History Award at 1.30 pm on Saturday, 19 June.

**Guest Speakers at General Meetings:**

**June 15**—Peter O’May, Hobart Ferries
**July 20**—Stephanie McDonald, *Conservation of records*
**August 17**—Bill Penfold, *A stroll through New Town*
**September 21**—Simon Cubit, *Central Highlands*
The next English Research Interest Group Meeting will be held on Sunday, 1 August.

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We have changed our meeting nights as three of our regular office bearers and workers could not attend due to a change in their work. We will now meet on the second Monday night at 7.30 (instead of the Tuesday) commencing 10 May. Our AGM will be 19 April (Monday) at 7.30 pm. Our Saturday library sessions have been quite busy but alas our members on duty are dwindling so if any of our members could help out on a Saturday afternoon please let us know. We have ceased our first Wednesday of each month night time opening but increased the daytime by one hour 12.30–3.30 pm.

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Moving our meetings from St John Street to the library has proven successful, the numbers attending have increased substantially. Our Newsletter, *The Northern Gazette* has been mailed out to approximately 250 addresses.

Early in March members manned a stand at the Computer Show run by the Launceston Computer Group. Our two computers together with ‘Brother’s Keeper’ were in great demand, and a lot of interest was shown in the society publications. A number of new members have resulted.

In March forty-three members and friends from the Launceston School for Seniors, went on a bus trip to the Bothwell district. Mrs Mary Ramsay of ‘Ratho’ was our guide, taking us to the following properties: ‘Dennistoun’, ‘Nant’, ‘Ratho’ and ‘Cluny’. After lunch we visited ‘Fort Wentworth’, the former Barracks and looked for ancestors amongst the graffiti on the walls of the old cells. We travelled home via the Lake Highway stopping at the Steppes Sculptures and the Steppes Historic Site for afternoon tea.

Lost: An exchange journal, *Catholic Ancestors*, has gone missing from our library. If anyone has inadvertently picked up this journal, would they please return it to the library as soon as possible, as it was only on loan to our library and must be returned.

Our programme for the coming months is listed below. Note that we have changed the starting time of our June and August meetings to 3 pm.—on a trial basis. We hope this change of time will enable more members to attend.

**Tuesday 1 June**, at 3 pm.—Members’ Workshop—Wills and English Probate Index.

**Tuesday 6 July**, at 7.30 pm.—Computer Workshop.

**Tuesday 3 August**, 3 pm.—Research Problem Solving—forms obtainable from the library, to be submitted by Tuesday, 27 July.

**Tuesday 7 September**, 7.30 pm.—Research Problem Solving—forms to be submitted by Tuesday, 24 August.
CAN YOU PUT A NAME TO THESE RICHMOND FACES?

The Coal River Valley Historical Society would be grateful if anyone could help them name these men from the Richmond area. Some of the band members are known: Fred Wright, Harry Jacobs, Silas Jacobs, A. F. Jacobs, Walker, Costello, Drew and their manager Mr Bates with young Teddy Jack seated in the front. These and other photographs will be on display during our AGM weekend visit to Richmond on Sunday, 20 June.
ABOUT fifteen years ago I started dabbling in the project of finding out some of the background of the various branches of my family tree.

One of these branches led me to Isaac ILES (previously spelt EYLES and ISLES) who was born at, or near the delightful little English village of Upavon, just a few short miles from the Wiltshire-Hampshire border and close to the border town of Tidworth.

My research leads me to believe that the baby Isaac Eyles who was baptised on 25 March 1804 in the lovely old village church of St Mary the Virgin at Upavon was the Isaac Eyles who was my great-great-grandfather.

The baptismal register showed that he was the illegitimate son of Mary Eyles who had been married to Richard Eyles. They married on 2 April 1791. They had a daughter, Jane Eyles (baptised 23 February 1794) but Richard seems to have disappeared shortly after. Mary later married John TARRANT at Upavon on 21 December 1806.

The next reference I can find to Isaac was in 1830 when at the age of 26 he became involved in the Swing Riots. The family now lived in the Tidworth district, a few miles south-east of Upavon and just over the border into Hampshire. His convict records show that by this time he worked as a market gardener, a maltster and a brickfields labourer.\(^1\)

The industrial and agrarian changes at this time led to widespread economic and social oppression for English workers, especially among village labourers whose standard of living had suffered as a result of a considerable fall in wheat prices, very low wages, high rents, church tithes and a very harsh legal system. The poor relief system also led to hardship for many. Poverty and starvation spread widely among the agricultural workers. The atmosphere was ripe for serious unrest to occur.

The final straw seemed to be the introduction of threshing machines. Farm workers felt their livelihood was threatened, despair became more widespread and in the latter part of 1830 the ‘Swing Riots’ broke out in most counties across southern and eastern England. The riots were aimed basically against the use of farm machinery. Although no deaths occurred in these riots, many haystacks were burnt and farm machines smashed, hence the term ‘machine breakers’ being applied to these rioters. In the Swing Riots the general practice developed for the rioters to talk with farmers and priests (the Church owned large areas of land) requesting higher wages and the destruction of threshing machines. If this was not agreed to, machinery was often smashed and some haystacks burnt. Some rioters also asked for money for food or payment for loss of wages. Several farmers and priests who were obviously afraid for their safety did give money to the rioters under these circumstances. This was later classed by the courts as ‘robbery’.\(^1\)
After the riots, those involved were quickly brought to trial in the various counties. In all there were 1976 cases tried in 90 courts. Some 800 were acquitted, seven fined, one whipped, 644 gaol ed and 252 sentenced to death, many of whom (including Isaac Isles) had their death sentences reduced to transportation. In all 505 were sentenced to transportation, of whom 149 actually arrived in New South Wales and 332 in Van Diemen’s Land.

Isaac (whose surname was now spelt Isles in the various records) became involved in the unrest in the parish of Kimpton on 21 November 1830. He was arrested and brought to trial at Winchester. Trials of some 345 prisoners began on Monday, 20 December 1830 in the Great Hall, Winchester Castle. The prisoners were generally tried and sentenced in batches. It was all over by 30 December—justice was certainly swift in those days!

Records connected with Isaac’s arrest and trial may be read in the various Home Office records. Jill CHAMBERS in her excellent book ‘Hampshire Machine Breakers’ quotes various extracts, including the following two.

OFFENCE: (98) ISAAC ISLES, aged 25. Committed by Sir L. Curtis, Bart. & Sir J. W. Pollen, Bart. charged with having on the 21st day of November instant, at the parish of Kimpton, in company with divers other persons, to the number of two hundred, riotously and tumultuously assembled together, and feloniously, with threats demanded and received from John Barnes, of Kimpton, one sovereign of the current coin of this realm, and divers quantities of beer and victuals, the money, goods and chattels of the said John Barnes; he, the said John Barnes being put in bodily fear of his person and property.—Warrant dated November 27, 1830.

PETITIONS OR LETTERS: To Viscount Melbourne from Mr. Dyson, Rector of South Tidworth, Hants, dated 9 January 1831. Mr. Dyson says that he attended the Special Commission at Winchester with the express purpose of being present for the trial of Isaac Isles. However he had to return home before the trial came up and Isaac Isles was tried and convicted in his absence. Since then ‘he has taken pains to get acquainted with his case.’ From what he was able to find out it would seem that Isles was in his bed when the alarm of ‘Fire’ was given. The fire was in a barn about two miles away and by the time Isles and the others arrived was almost out. About 40 people had gathered at the scene and the number gradually increased to around 200. A small cottage nearby was set on fire, ‘the inhabitants and their effects having been removed first.’ Isles was not implicated in this but a witness said that he was seen with the mob that went to the house of Farmer Barnes and ‘with threats demanded beer, a sovereign was also given by the farmer’. There is some question as to the reliability of the witness against Isles as there had been ‘enmity between them caused it would seem over the subject of a young woman who ultimately married the son of the witness’. (PRO HO 17/54 Pt 1 Ip2).

It is this letter from Revd DYSON that makes me think Isaac may have been falsely accused by the family of his rival for the affections of the young lady concerned. After experiencing the trauma of being sentenced to death and then a few days later having this amended to transportation for seven years, Isaac along with many of his fellow machine breakers were taken to the prison hulk York at
Portsmouth, where they arrived on 10 February 1831. Most of the machine-breakers were bundled off to the Antipodes quite promptly. The first batch of 224 sailed for Sydney in the Eliza on 6 February 1831, with Isaac and 97 others following in the Proteus on 14 April, and another 133 to Sydney in the Eleanor in June 1831. The Proteus, under the command of Captain Sylvester J. BROWN, arrived in Hobart 4 August after a journey of 111 days.

Like most of the machine-breakers, Isaac’s behaviour was quite good and he was granted a free pardon on 3 February 1836. However, prior to this, Isaac met Eliza GIFFORD, an assisted migrant who had arrived from Somerset on the Strathfieldsaye on 13 August 1834. Isaac applied for permission to marry Eliza. They were married on 14 September 1835 at St David’s Church, Hobart by the Revd William J. AISLABE.

In October 1837, after receiving his pardon, Isaac became licencee of the Canterbury Inn at Hollow Tree Bottom, which was about a mile north of Colebrook. However, there is no mention of his licence being renewed the following year and Isaac reverted to farming.

The 1842 and 1843 censuses showed Isaac and his family lived at Tea Tree Brush, while the 1851 census showed they had moved to Brandy Bottom. In 1851 the house was inhabited by ten people on the night of the census. Isaac must have worked and saved hard because he was able to buy several blocks of land. For example, in 1862 he owned and resided on 100 acres of land at Brandy Bottom. This land had an annual value of £25. On 27 March 1874 he purchased a further 19 acres for £23/11/00 on the edge of the Coal River and adjacent to land owned by George STOKELL. On 16 April 1879 ‘Isaac Iles the elder’ purchased another 15 acres fronting the Coal River and adjacent to land previously purchased by him. He paid £12/6/3 for the 15 acres.

Isaac and Eliza had ten children, nine of whom reached adulthood. They were Thomas Henry Harrington (c.1837–1918), William (16 January 1838 – 29 December 1896), Isaac (16 May 1839 – 7 October 1856), John (2 September 1840 – after 1896), Mary Ann (27 June 1842 – 16 February 1908), Henry Edward (28 September 1844 – after 1873), George (16 September 1846 – 31 October 1928), David (13 March 1850 – 2 October 1932), James (13 July 1852 – after 1898/9) and Eliza (15 October 1854 – 24 March 1938) who was my great grandmother.

Isaac eventually died at Brandy Bottom on 3 September 1896 at the ripe old age of 92 (although newspaper articles gave his age as 96—which is not correct). Isaac was buried at St James’ Church of England, Colebrook. Rev. F. THORPE officiated at the funeral.

Notices of Isaac’s death appeared in at least two of Tasmania’s newspapers—The Hobart Mercury on Saturday, 5 September 1896 and The Tasmanian Mail on 12 September 1896. The Tasmanian later also contained an obituary about Isaac.

Eliza lived for nearly six years after Isaac’s death. She died at the age of 92 on 26 May 1902 at the Homœopathic Hospital, Hobart. I believe this is now St John’s Private Hospital, South Hobart. She was buried at St James’ Church of England, Colebrook on 30 May 1902. The Revd. F. Thorpe also officiated at her funeral.
Unfortunately, there is no headstone marking the grave of this fine, hard-working, pioneering couple. But there are some of their descendants such as Burny Iles, living in the Colebrook district who can show where the grave site is.

Finally, my research has led me to believe that there are more than 1000 direct descendants of Isaac and Eliza. I would be interested to correspond with any person, especially a member of the Iles family who may be able to help me add to the list I have of these descendants.

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MEDICAL TRANSPORTEES TO AUSTRALIAN COLONIES: 1788–1868

David Richards

SOME 162,000 persons were transported to the Australian colonies, between 1788 and 1868. Not surprisingly, they included medical and paramedical practitioners of differing expertise, skills and training, intellectual and practical abilities, and ethical persuasions. At least 112 medical felons arrived in Australia as transportees between the arrival of the First Fleet at Port Jackson in January 1788 and of the Hougoumont, the last convict transport at Fremantle on 9 January 1868 (Cleland, 1937, 1952; Richards, 1987, 1994). Whilst pen-portraits are available for a small number of notable medical convicts, e.g. John Irving (Gray, 1954–5), William Redfern (Dunlop, 1928 and Ford, 1953–4 and 1955), William Bland (Dunlop, 1924; Ford, 1955 and McIntosh 1954–5) John Tawell (Buckland, 1988) and Kevin Izod O’Doherty (Patrick & Patrick, 1989), the lives of the majority of these 112 medical miscreants have remained unchronicled. Detailed biographical study of them is continuing, and an attempt is being made to chart their lives both before transportation; and also the Australian colonies as ‘government men’ and as ‘ticket-ofleave men’ or ‘free from servitude’ settlers.

The history of convict transportation has been well described in recent years (Hughes, 1987). It is pertinent to recognise that the term ‘convict’ has been used to group together all victims of the penal code regardless of the degree and type of crime committed. Anyone caught, charged and sentenced, and who could not bring influence to bear in an endeavour to prevent transportation was a convict. Further, contemporary medical men or doctors did not constitute a homogeneous group of practitioners. The medical community was evolving from an amorphous body (in which perhaps two-thirds of practitioners were not formally qualified) to one in which qualifications and ethical standards were becoming more prevalent. In the early years, few doctors on the colonies’ medical establishment were formally qualified, and there was relatively little to distinguish immigrant medicos who were free men from those tainted with the stigma of convictism. Three groups of medical convicts may be discerned: (a) those who practised some form of medicine prior to their conviction and subsequent transportation, (b) those who appeared to have few medical occupational links prior to their utilization en route as medical orderlies, and (c) those who improvised to assume the role of medical men after their arrival. They were a miscellaneous and motley band of practitioners. The early medical history of both New South Wales and Van Diemen’s Land provides frequent and sustained references by the official establishment of colonial medical staff to the recurrent and burgeoning need for additional medical manpower. The Colonial Office in London, being loath to increase expenditure, turned a deaf ear to these pleas for the appointment of increased numbers of medical officers. In the circumstances, Whitehall and the colonial
authorities appeared willing and ready to make use of medical convicts' services. The availability of medical transportees proved a bonus for the colonies. It prompts a question. For some medical transgressors did transportation, rather than some other penalty, fit the crime?

Data relating to the 112 medical convicts reveal doctors arrived as convicts throughout the period under review, with the heaviest concentration occurring in the decade 1830–1839, when forty-eight were landed. From 1788 to 1799 eight medical convicts arrived; from 1800 to 1809 six arrived; from 1810 to 1819 thirteen medical convicts were landed; from 1820 to 1829 eighteen arrived. With the ending of transportation to NSW and then later to Tasmania, the medical convicts who arrived in the 1850s and 1860s were sent to Western Australia.

Whilst the vast majority of these medical convicts arrived from the British Isles, some came from other British colonies. Further, in some instances, offenders were transported from one Australian colony to another, e.g. William Ledgard, who arrived as a settler in Western Australia in 1830, was in January 1835 sentenced to transportation for plundering the wreck of the Cumberland and sent to Tasmania; William Vance arrived in Western Australia in 1842, two years before his subsequent conviction for stealing and transportation to Tasmania; and similarly George Steele, an 1828 arrival at Hobart, was seven years later convicted of cattle stealing and transported to NSW. In most instances, medical convicts came from England (seventy-three), and Ireland (twenty)—with nine others arriving from Scotland and one other (Alexander McDonnel) from Wales.

Three medical convicts (William Bland, James Paterson and Francis Lonson) came from India, and one each from New Zealand (George Delvin Nugent) and Canada (Samuel Newcombe). New South Wales received eighty medical convicts; twenty-one were sent to Van Diemen's Land, and eleven to Western Australia.

Theft, larceny or shoplifting led to twenty-six medicos being transported. Financial offences were common amongst medical transportees: nineteen were found guilty of forgery or issuing false banknotes, whilst a further twelve were convicted of obtaining money or goods under false pretences. House-breaking or burglary was the cause for the transportation of ten medical men, whilst pickpocketing led to the dismissal of a further six transgressors. Political charges were the cause of transportation for six doctors—five from Ireland and one from Canada. In the former cause Charles Deane, Bryan O'Connor and Daniel MacCallum were transported for political offences in connection with the Irish Rebellion (involving the United Irishmen movement), and Kevin Izod O'Doherty and John Martin were similarly dismissed on account of their involvement with the Young Ireland Movement. An American citizen, Samuel Newcombe, implicated in the armed rebellion in Lower Canada and convicted of high treason at Montreal in April 1839, arrived at Sydney in the following year. There were three convicted bigamists, and the same number transported for the offences of manslaughter or receiving stolen goods. There were also individual cases of doctors being found guilty of the offences of shooting, rustling, plundering a wreck, body-snatching, and military misdemeanours.
Many of these medical convicts lived humble and unspectacular existences. Others had extraordinary lives. I select thirteen of these men to convey something of their unique contributions to the early history of medical service in Australia. Contrary to the current assumption that the First Fleet convicts included but one medical transportee, John Irving (Gray, 1954–55), there also came a second medical man, Samuel Lightfoot, who was destined to play a unique role in the development of the first hospitals established in both Sydney and Hobart. Convicted at Exeter on 14 March 1785 for the theft of linen shirts, handkerchiefs and other goods, he arrived on board Charlotte. He was soon engaged on some duties at the hospital, as he appeared at the 16 July 1788 trial of three men charged with stealing a gallon of red wine from a hospital store tent. In 1794, he received a land grant on the north side of what is now Sydney Harbour. In 1800, with his sentence expired, he sold up and returned to England. He must have carried with him favourable testimonials, since he joined Collins’ expeditionary party to Port Philip. He eventually settled at Hobart in 1804 and was appointed an assistant at the hospital. He served there until his death, at 64, on 17 May 1818.

Joseph Hyams, a 24 year old Jewish dentist, arrived on Somerseshire at Sydney on 16 October 1814. He had been tried and sentenced to life imprisonment at the Old Bailey on 27 October 1813. He was allowed to take up dental practice— possibly the first to do so in the colony—and, from his residence at 31 Pitt Street offered the services of ‘sealing, cleaning and drawing the teeth where necessary without causing pain and supplying the vacancy with others of pure ivory’. Practice by quasi-practitioners became the subject considered by a special board of inquiry in June 1820. Hyams was named and ordered to give up practice. A notice to this effect was printed in the Sydney Gazette of 29 July 1820. Having been denied his primary source of income, he returned to crime. In 1827, despite his strong pleas of innocence, he was found guilty of robbery and transported to Moreton Bay. By 1833, he was in Sydney employed as a guardian of trees in Hyde Park.

Theodore Charles Henry Constantine (or Constantini) was twice transported. He was convicted at the Old Bailey on 23 October 1822 and sent to NSW, after being found guilty of larceny. On arrival in 1823 he was assigned to work at Bathurst. Within two years he had been granted a pardon by Governor Brisbane at the specific request of the visiting French navigator Bougainville, who needed a French-speaking medico. Following a voyage through the South Pacific he returned to France, and Exeter. There, in March 1827 he was found guilty of stealing two five pound notes from the captain of the vessel which had conveyed him back to England. He was sentenced to be transported. He arrived at Hobart in 1827. With several ‘black marks’ registered against him for troublesome conduct, he was sent to Macquarie Harbour and later Port Arthur, where, in addition to showing skill as a draughtsman, he performed medical duties. He assisted a local doctor at Oatlands, but subsequently built a reputation as a portrait and landscape painter. Examples of his work can be found in state art collections.

Patrick Connolly, a 37 year old surgeon and native of County Cavan, was tried on 4 March 1824 for shooting a bailiff who was about to arrest him in Dublin, for
debt. Originally sent to Hobart he soon found his way to Sydney, where he was offered an opportunity to assist the military. He soon incurred criticism from both Alexander Macleay, the Colonial Secretary, and Governor Darling. The latter noted ‘he has no pretensions to any respectability of character. He is a drunken worthless fellow’. Notwithstanding this he continued to reside and practise in George Street, Sydney.

Jorgen Jorgensen arrived as a convict in Hobart in 1826, almost a quarter of a century after his first visit. He led a remarkably colourful life—as a seaman, naval captain, revolutionary, gambler, hospital dispenser and doctor, continental traveller, spy, explorer and editor. Although born in Denmark, he went to sea on a British collier as a youth. In 1800 he left for Australia, where he sailed on the *Lady Nelson* for over three years. In 1804 he became the captain of a whaler operating in Tasmanian waters. He returned with a full cargo to London. From there he sailed to Denmark in 1807, only to be captured as a British prisoner-of-war. He soon obtained his release and sailed to Iceland. There he replaced the Danish Governor and, for 100 days, acted as self-appointed King of Iceland. Following the arrival of a Royal Navy warship he was deposed and taken to London. He managed to explain his behaviour satisfactorily since he was sent as a spy to the continent. He observed both the Battle of Waterloo and the Treaty of Paris. He gambled. This proved to be his undoing. In 1820 he was arrested for pawning some of his landlady’s furniture. Sentenced to seven years exile, he ignored the sentence. He was then (1822) further charged and sentenced to death. He succeeded in staying in England for a further three years, obtaining a post as surgeon’s assistant at Newgate Prison. Antagonism following his publication of religious tracts led to his transportation to Hobart. He assisted the ship’s surgeon. On the voyage he also served as a constable, again indulged in gambling, displayed a weakness for drink, led an expedition into the interior and wrote plays and pamphlets. His multifaceted life ended aged 61, in 1841.

Henry White arrived in Hobart in 1826 following his conviction the previous year at the Old Bailey for forgery. A London surgeon, he had been connected with the South Sea Co. and was tried on three charges. Pleading guilty to the lesser charge of forging the signature of a witness, he avoided a death sentence on charges of forging money. On this voyage, he assisted the convict transport’s surgeon, who spoke well of his medical services. He was sent to Sydney and deployed at Emu Plains. He was soon recalled to act as assistant surgeon to the Western Port expedition. The settlement was abandoned, prompting his return to Sydney. In 1830 he was sent to Stroud as an assigned convict to provide medical services for the Australian Agricultural Company. Following a series of conflicts he was transferred to Maitland in 1832. When his sentence expired he entered private practice and settled at Windsor. His life prospered, although he was unable to satisfy the Medical Board of NSW about his qualifications.

James Souter arrived at Sydney in 1831, having been convicted at Durham Assizes of stealing clothes. A native of Perthshire he had qualified as LRCS Ed., in 1826. He took part in Mitchell’s first expedition of 1831–2 as one of the 14 convicts in the party and acted as their medical attendant.
He again served Mitchell in 1835 on the expedition to the River Darling—obtaining a good testimonial to mark the exemplary conduct of his duties. He was rewarded with his ticket-of-leave and the sum of £10 on 10 November 1835.

**Alexander McDonnell** was convicted of false pretences at Glamorgan Assizes, in 1833. Notwithstanding his request to be employed on medical duties at Liverpool, the Governor ruled that convicts should not be employed as doctors within the Colonial Medical Service. The Medical Board of New South Wales declined to register him, or to accept his certificate of qualification from the Andersonian University of Glasgow. It further refused to accept his claim that the diploma for his LRCS Irel. qualification had been stolen from him. Notwithstanding these setbacks he practised in Goulburn for a number of years.

**Peter Gardner** was charged at Glasgow in 1831 of ‘violating the sepulchres’, bodysnatching. A 26 year old surgeon from Glasgow, he was caught at Kircintilloch burial ground holding a sack containing a woman’s body. He had been attending medical classes in Glasgow for five years. In 1829 and 1830 he had served as a doctor on two whalers. On the latter voyage he was shipwrecked and lost his possessions and he was forced to miss further medical classes. He was subsequently transported to Hobart, arriving in 1835.

**Samuel Playsted Jeston** was convicted of bigamy at Kent Quarter Sessions in June 1837. He was transported to Sydney, arriving the following year with his occupation listed as surgeon. A person of the same name obtained the MRCS qualification on 22 June 1847 and was registered by the Medical Board of NSW on 3 January 1848.

**Samuel Newcombe** arrived in 1840, a 65 year old native of New York who had been implicated in the Lower Canada rebellion. His occupation was given as surgeon. Notwithstanding this the *Australian Medical Journal* (1846–7), was scathing in its criticism of him following his treatment of a girl bitten by a snake—‘he is not a legally qualified practitioner, neither does he possess the slightest pretensions to scientific knowledge’. He was pardoned in 1844, and granted a free passage home in 1847.

**George Delvin Nugent** was tried at Wellington Crown Court in 1843. He had arrived on 6 March 1842 as the surgeon on the New York Packet. He had qualified MB from Trinity College, Dublin, and was transported from New Zealand to Tasmania, following his conviction of stealing pistols and a shirt, the property of several guests at Barrett’s Hotel. A signed confession dated 27 February 1843 also referred to several misdemeanours, including theft, which occurred on his passage from England. He unsuccessfully petitioned the (Tasmanian) Court of Medical Examiners to register him. In 1850 he was prosecuted for practising after the court rejected his application. By 1857 he was registered and practising at Bothwell. He was also registered in Victoria between 1853 and 1862.

**John Sampson** was convicted at Gloucester, in 1855, for dealing in false bank notes. He was sent to Western Australia, arriving on the *Clara* in July 1857. He practised as a surgeon at Bunbury between 1860 and 1880. An accomplished musician, he played the organ at the local Congregational church, and bought the instruments for Bunbury’s
first brass band, which he conducted. Following the death of his wife in August 1867, he in April 1868 married Sophia Wilhelm(e). She was the widow of another Western Australian medical convict, Auguste Wilhelm(e), convicted at Liverpool 1858, and transported for life. In 1864 he fell from his horse, and was found dead in the bush.

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**AFFHO NEWSLETTER**

The February 1999 issue has used photographs and photography for a theme with nineteen articles covering a wide range of topics including:
- BDMs of Photography
- Finding Families in Photographs
- Family Photos on the Net
- Aboriginal Images in Family History
- Lost Baby Photos
- Will your grandchildren have photos of you?
- Guarding your photographs
- Ownership of photographs
- Face Value
- The use of photographs in the Salvation Army Tracing Service.
- Negatives—Net Query
- Commercial Handling of Negatives

Well worth a look.
I think most genealogists, amateur or otherwise, would accept that they are perfectionists at heart: everything has to be down in black and white. My paternal grandmother’s family tree was well-documented in parts before I even contracted the genealogy bug. As a teen I was only mildly excited by my listing in Max Johnston’s *Johnston Family History*. But being a perfectionist I followed cousin Max’s steps and ensured that I acquired all the civil records not included in his book. Among these was the marriage certificate of my great grandparents Cyril Christopher JOHNSTON and Barbara Myra HAAS. I felt the Haas branch of my family needed to be further investigated.

It was never a family secret that I was of partial German descent. After all such facts are difficult to deny when your great grandmother was born in Ringarooma with the surname Haas. Her marriage certificate indicated that she was the daughter of Christian Haas and Louisa Mary WOODS. Following a very simple paper trail I ordered her birth certificate (which reiterated the full names of her parents and gave me their year of marriage), then the marriage certificate of Christian Haas and Louisa Mary Woods (thereby learning the parentage of both) and so in order to cut down on cost, visited the local studies library to copy the birth records of Christian and Louisa.

Christian’s birth record indicates that he was born to Christian and Barbara Haas of Cullenswood. Barbara’s surname is not recorded the same way twice on any of her children’s birth records: Griener, Gronen, Grueber, Gower, Ghomer, Gomery, Gomerey, Nicoli, Gromley. However as her name is only recorded as Haas and Hayes on the other two brothers who were married after 1896, I am satisfied to record it as it appears on my great-great grandfather’s marriage certificate: Groumer. Two of those marriage records list her full name as Christina Barbara Haas. Much to my delight, Pat Harris and Irene Schaffer list Christian’s family in *German Immigrants: Arriving in Tasmania per ‘America’ 1855*. Their respective death certificates indicate that they were both from Germany and both include an estimate of their tenure in the commonwealth, roughly corresponding with the arrival of the *America*. In fact Christian senior was a Lutheran vinedresser from the Province of Wirtemburgh. But as so often happens, success on one branch is tempered by frustration on another. I discovered that Louisa was the daughter of William James Mason Woods and Mary FERDINAND. However I could not find any birth records for either of these ancestors— it was a case of not being able to see the whole tree for the Woods! But as you might expect, I was not prepared to give up that easily.

Closer inspection of the actual marriage certificate revealed that Mary was in fact a widow. Her obituary revealed that she had been born Mary LAW and was the daughter of Mr and Mrs George Law of Ross. It was then possible to determine that she had been previously married to
an Antone Ferdinand to whom she had a child but who later died in an accident. Her maiden name is listed as Law on three of her subsequent children’s birth registrations. I was only a little surprised to discover that Mr and Mrs George Law were in fact convicts. In fact they both had to apply for permission to marry and *The Mercury* kindly lists the names of the ships on which they were transported. This enabled me to procure their convict records and give me an excellent insight into their backgrounds. Many of their children were registered, as are their deaths, giving me their full names: George Thomas Law and Anne DAY. I must have hit the mark pretty close because that discovery alienated me from a great-great aunt.

One advantage that Mr Woods offered me as a researcher was the fact that he had a very distinctive third name. I wasn’t really surprised when I found that other Woods from the Alberton/Ringarooma area had that middle name as well. I was able to obtain a list of birth and death records from 1900 to 1950 and a map of the Ringarooma cemetery from the Dorset Council. It was obvious that a family of Woods had been centred around Alberton but my Woods lived at New River, so I had no definite proof. Thomas Mason Woods and Mary Anne LOWES, married at Sorell in 1862 and had a number of children in the Fingal district through the 1860s and 1870s. That fits the time and geographical parameters of my ancestor, as his death certificate indicated that he was born at Hobart in 1861. I didn’t think it was unreasonable to suspect that Thomas and Mary had children before they relocated. My suspicions were confirmed when I discovered that a certain John Thomas Mason Woods, two years younger than William, who married at Alberton, was listed as the second son of Mr and Mrs Thomas Woods of Alberton in his Fiftieth Wedding Anniversary notice. The fact that John’s birth was not registered either, made me suspect that they may have both been born before the Woods came to Fingal.

Things started to get interesting when I discovered that following the death of Thomas Mason Woods in 1886, a Mary Anne Woods, widow, remarried a Thomas John CLEARY in 1888. It wasn’t the fact that Cleary was many years her junior that fascinated me but the fact that she was married in the same company as John Thomas Mason Woods. Both were married in the house of William CLARK. Therefore I concluded there was a possibility that they were connected somehow: that Mary had been the widow of Thomas Mason Woods and probably the mother of John Thomas Mason Woods. There were no children registered as having been born to the Clearys, so I was surprised to find a reference to a single child in his obituary. There are two obituary notices for T. J. Cleary, one placed by his wife and the other by his brother William of Pioneer. A study of the civil register revealed that they had to be the children of Thomas Cleary and Sophia HERBERT. William married Annie MACLAUGHLIN and had six children: Sophie, William, David, Thomas, Elsie, and John. This is the exact family described by a certain Miss Ada Cleary who is one of the major contributors to the book *Ringarooma One Hundred Years 1888–1988*. Suddenly this elderly spinster had become very significant. In her contribution to the aforementioned book there are a number of sideways references to a Woods family...
which lived at Alberton. Unfortunately she is listed on my map of the Ringarooma Cemetery, a sad testament to the fact that it is never too early to contact people but it can be too late. However, her reminiscences in the book enabled me to make further progress. She mentions that she was adopted and that she was born around 1896. Her description of the Cleary family leaves me in no doubt that it is the same one as I have already described. She mentions a Mr and Mrs Jack Woods, Mr and Mrs Bob Woods and a Mr and Mrs Fred Woods.21 Robert Woods who married Florence Emily BECKER in 1899, was the son of Thomas Mason Woods and Mary Anne Lowe (sic).22 Taking a risk and perhaps hoping that William James Mason Woods would be a witness to the marriage, I ordered the marriage certificate of Frederick Woods and Elsie Frances Becker. Not surprisingly he was also the son of Thomas Mason Woods and despite the fact that my ancestor wasn’t listed on the record, I was rewarded by the fact that Fred’s mother was listed in full as Mary Anne Cleary, formerly Woods and neé Lowes. Elsie was also the daughter of Godfrey Becker.23 Well, it was all starting to fall into place. The section of the book describing the Maypole Ball made it clear that these were the Woods mentioned by Ada Cleary:

I remember a Maypole Ball in the old Ringarooma Hall around 1909–10. My Mum’s grand-daughter, a pretty little blonde girl named Francie Woods was one of the maypole dancers. Her mother, Mrs. Fred Woods of ‘Nettle Banks’ took me along with her to see Francie dancing … Mrs. Woods was a very beautiful woman and a beautiful dancer. She was still a beautiful woman at one hundred years of age. She was the daughter of Godfrey Becker.23

Around this time I came into contact with a Mrs Sue Woods, a fellow researcher, who is married to a descendant of John Thomas Mason Woods. In exchanging information I learned that Jack Woods had established a very large family around Wynyard. Furthermore, she mentioned to me in a letter that she was trying to solve a mystery. Sue told me that Geoff Woods (a grandson of old Jack Woods) and his wife Lorna used to visit a lady known to them as Aunt Ada Cleary in Ringarooma. Ada told Geoff that she was not really their Aunt, but was brought up by some Woods in the Ringarooma area. They told Sue that Ada died in her nineties. I felt sure that I had discovered the identity of the mystery child mentioned in T. J. Cleary’s obituary and in doing so, accumulated more evidence needed to tie W. J. M. Woods to the Alberton family.

Perhaps it would all remain a neat little theory that only the very stubborn or ignorant would dismiss if it were not for one little clue I neglected to mention. At first glance the marriage record of William James Mason Woods and Mary Ferdinand (nee Law) is not very revealing. It took place in the house of Mr Patrick O’DOHERTY, a well known Catholic identity around Ringarooma and more importantly it took place thirteen years before the names of parents had to be listed on marriage records in Tasmania. There are two witnesses to the marriage however, one is Patrick O’Doherty himself and the other is a certain Thomas Mason Woods.25 Despite that revelation, there are still other things to look into: the parentage of Mary Anne Lowes (possibly two more convicts, Robert Lowes and Agnes Boyne, as one witness to her first marriage is an Agnes Lowes);26 as well as the place of origin of Thomas Mason.
Woods (when he died in 1886, place of birth was not recorded). But I am not that concerned about those things, just glad that not all branches are as elusive as this one. I suppose a little bit of lingering mystery never hurt. After all despite being perfectionists, we genealogists wouldn’t want to be accused of knowing everything, would we?

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WHEN my ancestor, Shadrack Purton, arrived in Van Diemen’s Land on the barque Persian, 25 April 1832, he was one of twenty-three passengers. The report of the vessel’s arrival states that the immigrants included ‘a number of persons belonging to Col Latour’s establishment’. There were no convicts but passengers are named in the Customs’ list of 26 April, and also named are the eighteen crew. [See list page 25—Ed.]

For many years I had assumed that the ‘establishment’ refers to a household or secretariat for one of the military settlers who were taking up land in the colony of Van Diemen’s Land; or possibly a group of government officials connected with the convict system—the presence of engineer Felix Wakefield, who would be Superintendent of Roads for the colony, would seem to confirm this. The Persian was a vessel of 399 tons with four guns. Her captain, Captain Plunket, had died before the ship was out of the Channel, but, with cargo and passengers intact, she had been brought safely to VDL by Captain Friend. Besides Wakefield, his young French wife and baby daughter, the cabin passengers included a medical officer, H. D. Lloyd MD. My ancestor was a pensioned soldier, an ex-private of the 52nd Regiment of Foot, and a veteran of Waterloo. Shadrack and Sarah (Smith) had married in St Johns, New Brunswick, but both were originally from Kent. They had three sons and a fourth would be born soon after their arrival. Sarah was used to moving with her husband’s regiment, and was well prepared for hardship—a fellow passenger later recalling her providing tea from her own store when the ship’s supply ran out, no doubt making her very popular!

In 1989 I wrote their story as I then knew it. Published in Tasmanian Ancestry it was read by other descendants of the couple, Liz Cox of Swan Hill, Victoria, among them. Oral history of the family spoke of monies in Chancery left by a brother of Shadrack, and she had copies of the affidavits written in 1882 when Shadrack’s eldest son, George Smith Purton, then living in Kyneton, Victoria and the son-in-law of his brother, William Purton of Geelong, applied to be recognized as the heirs of the late George Perton of Gloucester. Their application was quickly dismissed, but led to the identification of families of Purtons living in Yalding and other villages around the area of East (Great) Peckham (given as Shadrack’s birthplace on his army papers). It was clear that the childless wealthy jeweller was not the George Purton Ag. Labourer of the 1841 census who was their brother.

It seemed appropriate that this further revelation of family history should be published in Victoria, and it duly appeared in the GSV’s Ancestor magazine.

Again publication resulted in correspondence; a letter from a descendent of another of the Persian’s passengers, Jill Miller of South Caulfield, set me off in a new direction. She was able to give me...
some information about Colonel Latour or Lautour as his name should have been spelt, which she had gleaned from a book about early surveyors in Western Australia. The Colonel was a director in an early colonization scheme based on land grants in the Swan River Colony, a fellow director Edward Gibbon Wakefield.

A photocopied page from an unidentified reference book of Landed Gentry in England gave the background of Lautour.

Peter Augustus LAUTHOU CB KH colonel h.p. of the 20th light-dragoons who served with distinction at Waterloo, younger brother of Joseph Andrew LAUTHOU, of Hexton House, Herts, sons of a Frenchman who had been a successful merchant and banker in Madras [who] Unable to return to France after the Revolution had established himself in Hertfordshire.

Lautour’s link with the colonies of Western Australia and Van Diemen’s Land have the common element of organized free settlement usually associated with Edward Gibbon Wakefield, and Wakefield’s name appears as a director of the Western Australia Company, its Chairman William Hutt, an unsuccessful precursor of the Swan River Company which eventually settled that colony. The Company had planned to purchase the Grant of 103,000 acres from Colonel Lautour, but the enterprise proved a costly failure, particularly for Lautour who had taken shares in the Company in lieu of payment. The failures tend to be forgotten by history and it has been difficult to find any information about the enterprise.

But there must have been several such attempts at free settlement, following the first exploration of the Swan River area, and the recommendations of explorer James Stirling were that the area was very suitable for a free colony, and that a private syndicate be allowed to organize it. The newspapers of the time reported that ‘Swan River Mania’ had afflicted a great majority of highly respectable and independent persons [including] numbers of military and naval officers who had been on halfpay since the end of the Napoleonic Wars.

Lautour no doubt was among them.

In 1828 the West Australia Company was quickly set up, ready to sell to would-be settlers land granted to its directors, but the Government was not willing to grant a charter to a private colonising company. The Colonial Office’s idea for settlement would be based on schemes already operating in Van Diemen’s Land and elsewhere, and at the beginning of 1829 gazetted regulations to the effect that land would be made available according to a scale based on money and goods taken out by the would be settlers.

Such a scheme would have enormous appeal for ‘agricultural labourers’ and tenant farmers already suffering through changed circumstances in the agricultural revolution which followed the Napoleonic Wars, but demanded considerable capital—brought to the colony by families like the Archers of Van Diemen’s Land, the passages paid to the colonies of the ‘bounty’ schemes—and ultimately the convict labour which came to Western Australia when transportation to the Eastern colonies ceased.

Lautour’s land grants were considerable, presumably based on advances made in the name of would-be settlers although in the event he never came to Australia, and was instrumental in only despatching eighty-five emigrants, to Swan River.
It seems that was not the end of Lautour’s optimism. The Australian Trust’s *Great Places of Australia* revealed that the town of Longford in Tasmania was originally named after Col. Peter Augustus Latour, a director of the English Syndicate known as the Cressy Establishment (a grant of 2,000 acres). The received story in our family history is that before he left England Shadrack had mortgaged his pension in return for a promised grant of land. A list of old soldiers applying for a grant (CSO 5/122/2839 p.328) would seem to confirm this, but the application was made several years after he arrived in VDL and seems to be unrelated to his original decision to emigrate. A more likely scenario would appear that Shadrack had pledged his pension in return for a share in the ‘Cressy Establishment’.

Perhaps Shadrack Purton did surrender part of his army pension to the English Syndicate hoping for a farm of his own. Fifty years later he would see his sons and grandsons benefit from the government’s beneficence, but he would never own a farm to call his own.

The presence of Felix Wakefield on the Persian may have been related to this other forgotten Syndicate, rather than to a Government appointment. Shadrack’s position as a civilian overseer was a gesture of compensation for the loss of the expected land grant. Wakefield himself would acquire land near Launceston, but a few years later would follow his brothers to New Zealand and a permanent home there. Obviously there is more research to be done into Lautour’s ‘Cressy Establishment’.

I would be delighted to hear from any other descendants of passengers on the Persian’s voyage who may care to join me in this.

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**REPORT of the ARRIVAL at the Port of Hobart Town of the Barque Persian April 25 1832.**

**From whence**  London
**When sailed**  26 December
**State of Health**  Good
**Master**  Chs Friend
**Owners**  Js Gale & Son
**Tons**  399
**Guns**  4
**Register**  London
**Built**  Quebec
**Crew**  23
**Convicts**  -- M -- F
**Cargo**  General
**General Remarks**  Capt. Plunket died a few days after leaving England

**Cabin Passengers VDL**
Danl Sutton esq  Robt Sutton esq
Miss Sutton  Miss Moriarty
Felix Wakefield  Mrs Wakefield
Miss Wakefield  H. D. Lloyd MD
Master Douglas
**Steerage Passengers VDL**
- John Austin
- Nancy do
- John do
- Stephen Creed
- Willm Richards
- Eliza Richards (the younger)
- Henry Martin
- Luke Martin
- Thos Minton
- Margaret Frazer
- Dorcas Webb
- Shadrack Purton
- George do
- Shadrac do
- Mary Albony

**Steerage Passengers NSW**
- Joseph Harrison
- James Smith
- Gabriel Ryde
- Willm Bell
- Henry Viga
- ------Spencer
- Mary Albony

**List of Crew:** CUS 30 pp.91–92
- Henry Crawford, 1st mate
- Charles Cook 2nd mate
- John Ludby, Carpenter
- George Hardy, Bosun
- George Harding, Steward
- George Bevered, Cook

**Seamen:**
- Antonio Ros
- Edward Falk
- Joseph Patterson
- James Kimber
- John Banks

**Apprentices:**
- Quinton Houghton
- Thomas Collins, Servant

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**PORT ARTHUR CONVICT RESEARCH PROJECT**

The project aims to identify convicts who were sent to Port Arthur between 1830 and 1877 and provide in-depth knowledge for research and interpretation purposes. This involves scanning all conduct records of every convict who came to Tasmania—over 75,000 of them. Sue Hood, the Research Project Officer, says that to date 5,000 out of a possible 12,000+ have been identified and these are to be logged in a database at Port Arthur. As a result Sue has become very proficient at reading and transcribing records. Many researching their Tasmanian convicts have trouble deciphering these records, especially the abbreviations. Sue is able to provide a limited research and transcription service, whether that convict was sent to Port Arthur or not.

Sue writes that she has received some lovely letters and it has been a pleasure to be able to put some in touch with others who share the same ancestor.

If you have any queries, please contact Sue at the Database Office, Port Arthur Historic Site, Port Arthur Tasmania 7182, fax (03) 6250 2494 or ☎ (03) 6250 2363.

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An Index to
HO 9 MISCELLANEOUS CONVICT REGISTERS
Marcia Watson

- The Reference Card does not always appear to reflect what has been filmed. The hulks are not always named and where possible I have checked convict names against quarterly hulk returns to find the name of the hulk.
- All page numbers quoted refer to the stamped number on the RHS of the book.
- (a) or (b) refer to side of page ie (a) is LHS and (b) is RHS.
- Numbers referred to in an index are the original numbers on the top of each page, not stamped numbers.
- Dates: First date is generally only a guide to when the hulk received convicts and convicts may have been convicted much earlier. Second date is the last time convicts were received on the hulk.
- Numbers in square brackets, [ ], are the numbers assigned to convicts on the hulk.

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1825–1833:
Hulk: Justitia 1825–1833 [1–7481]

1834–1836:
Hulk: Justitia 1834–1836 [1–2763]

Reference Card: HO 9/5 Index to Justitia

pp.1–46 Index to Justitia on pages 56–151 of HO 9/4 (Years 1814–1824)
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pp.69b P continues
pp.76a B continues

INDEX 2 starts on p.79 and is a continuation of Index 1.

It begins with letter A and has the following anomalies:

p.95b C continues
p.96a C continues
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p.103a B continues
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p.106 B continues
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pp.109–146 Index to Justitia on pages 246–288 of HO 9/4 (Years 1834–1836)

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pp.1–31 Index to Retribution on pages 130–142 of HO 9/7
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Note: There are two indexes which cover these pages—you need to consult both.
INDEX 1: starts on p.33
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- p.74a and p.75a Letter O
- pp.85–154 Index to Retribution on pages 66b–130 of HO 9/7
  Note: p.130 Q before P
  p.154 W continues after Y

Reference Card: HO 9/7
1802–1834: Retribution and Bellerophon
pp.1–124 Hulk: Retribution ~1810–12 May 1831 [1–9357]
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pp.143–182 Index to Bellerophon pages 183–219 (Adults) & pp.220–229 (Boys)
This appears to be only a partial index.
(End of Bellerophon overlaps with start of Euryalus)
some boys listed
p.219b Hulk: Bellerophon 14 May 1818 [15 Adults]

Reference Card: HO 9/8
1802–1836: Portsmouth: Portland, Captivity and Leviathan
pp.1–28 Index to Portland on pages 39b–74
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Note: Began renumbering. Convicts given new numbers.

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pp.257–278 Hulk: *Hardy's Sentence Book 1819–1832*
pp.279–293 Index to *Hardy on pages 257–278*

Reference Card: HO 9/10

**Letter Book: 1837–1843: Euryalus**

pp.1–75 Hulk: *Euryalus* 11 May 1837–23 May 1843 [45–145 then 2724–4813]

Reference Card: HO 9/11

**1837–1843: Letter Book: Fortitude**

pp.1–167 Hulk: *Fortitude* 1 Jan 1837–6 Dec 1843 [3460–8573]

Reference Card: HO 9/12

**Letter Book: 1837–1844: Ganymede and Warrior**

pp.73–178 Hulk: *Ganymede* 10 Jan 1837–9 Dec 1839 [4007–5919]
pp.1–72 Hulk: *Warrior* 8 Jan 1840–25 Mar 1845 [1–2964]

Reference Card: HO 9/13

**Letter Book: 1837–1844: Justitia**

pp.1–125 Hulk: *Justitia* 1 Jan 1837–27 Nov 1840 [2764–6385]

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Reference Card: HO 9/14

**Letter Book: Leviathan**

pp.1–133 Hulk: *Leviathan* 24 Jan 1837–6 Jun 1844 [2912–7061]

Reference Card: HO 9/15

**Letter Book: 1837–1843: York**

pp.1–140 Hulk: *York* 7 Jan 1837–about 1842 [7097–10150]

about 1842–24 Jul 1845 [Began renumbering about 1842; some earlier prisoners have 2 numbers]

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COCKLE CREEK CEMETERY
THE SOUTHERNMOST CEMETERY IN AUSTRALIA?
Wally Short

My job as a coach driver takes me to many outback places. One of these is Cockle Creek in Tasmania. As I go to the southernmost place accessible by road in Australia, this cemetery must be the most southern in Australia. I have found fourteen identifiable graves. Three have no identification and three I am unable to transcribe due to weathering.

The time span for these graves is from 1882 to 1936. Because of the over-grown area, there could be more graves amongst the weeds etc.

The people named on the headstones:

- John Edward Louis Evorall
died 24 February 1936 aged 44
- Alice Field
died 26 February 1927 aged 46
- William Thomas Field
drowned 7 January 1926 aged 19 [18]
- Richard Mott
died 30 May 1927 aged 66
- Richard Mott
died 15 May 1882 aged 72
- Rosanna Mott
died 7 October 1888 aged 68 [67]
- Rosanna Elizabeth Mott
died 24 July 1907 aged 24
- Sydney Augustus Mott
died 3 August 1927 aged 36
- 20389 Pte Sydney Mott
2nd WIB NZ Forces 3 August 1927
- Thomas Tasman Mott
killed on active service 27 July 1917
aged 24 years
- Maryann Tedman
died 17 May 1899 aged 83
- William Tedman
died 17 December 1893 aged 85

This cemetery, along with many others, is included on the new TAMIOT (Tombstone and Memorial Inscriptions of Tasmania) microfiche to be released at the GST Inc. AGM in June—Ed.
THE TASMANIAN TILLEYS
Shirley Foster

My father’s name was Stanley Victor TILLEY (1898–1985). He was born in Victoria. He went to the Yarra Park School among others. He said his name was on the honour board. That might be a fairy story if he meant an honour board for the First World War. Perhaps he meant for being a good student. He was usually near the top of the class.

The earliest photo I have of my father is of him sitting on the stairs with his brother Norman who was a bit older. Little Stanley looked quite angelic and was known to be a good little boy, in fact he was a bit of a goody-goody. For example, he would sit and read the Bible to his mother whilst the other boys were outside playing football. The poor twenty-eight year old lady was dying of tuberculosis at the time, so he could be excused for doing this I suppose.

The Tasmanian Tilley dynasty can be dated back to the flapper era of the 1920s, for although Stanley was a Victorian, he became a Tasmanian about this time. Fate determined his destiny when a shipping strike stranded the young man, who was on holiday in the apple isle for a month. The result of this minor event was that if he were alive today he would be able to claim numerous descendants, which includes thirty great grandchildren.

My father was very interested in family history and kept a record of what was known. This was contained in a book he called the Book of Tilley. There were bits pasted in from obituaries and other scraps of information. He knew the names of his grandparents, that is, back to the first Tilley to come to Australia in 1851. In fact he had a copy of his ticket for the passage on The Constitution.

Surprisingly enough, he did not apparently know that other members of the Tilley Family who emigrated the same year on another ship had brought with them a family tree which dated back to the 17th century in Wales. This document revealed that Francis was a name used for generations of Tilleys, as was the first name, George.

Stanley’s forebears were:-
Percival Norman Tilley 1875–1934
Francis Tilley 1844–1923
Samuel Tilley 1809–1873
George Tilley 1776–1828
George Tilley 1750–
George Tilley

Samuel Tilley and Francis Tilley were born in Shropshire UK, and when I searched the records in England, I found that Samuel was an innkeeper. I don’t think my father knew that his grandfather was an innkeeper because when I showed him a photograph of the inn which was called The Ludlow Arms and Bowling Green, he said, ‘Well I’ll be blowed’. On the ticket for his passage to Australia he was listed ‘gentleman’. He apparently did not know either that Samuel’s brother George was also an innkeeper who emigrated to Australia in 1851. This man brought with him a brood of young children, as did Samuel, and all these cousins had similar names, but one of George’s children had the ship’s name, Manchester, as a middle name to commemorate the voyage to Australia. He was born on the way.

George Tilley’s descendants became well-known manufacturers of soap. Tilley’s Soap is still on the market, but
has ‘slipped’ out of the families’ hands. However, in this little story, I will refer to any of George Tilley’s descendants as the Soap Tilleys. The Soap Tilleys have the original document with the names, dates of birth etc. of their ancestors, and also documents about the auction of farm and goods which took place before the family left the UK for Australia. Apart from the names Francis and George, there were other names that have been used for generations in the Tilley family. Norman is one of them. There is a Soap Tilley called Norman Victor Tilley who currently lives in Queensland. Stancel is a middle name that has been used too, and I found that this dates back to 1608 and border country farming families in Wales and Shropshire.

People of my father’s generation were very sensitive about convict origins. This may have been the reason that the Tilleys let it be known that they emigrated as free settlers and paid their own passage, proudly keeping the original ticket. Later in life, my father received a letter from a cousin, who informed him that his grandfather Francis Tilley married the daughter of two convicts. However, he never referred to this. Francis Tilley’s wife was his dearly beloved grandmother, who was held in very high esteem by her church, family, friends and neighbours. She had taken over many of the household duties when Stanley’s mother was dying, and had risen to the occasion by not only supporting the bereaved young family after the young mother died, but taking the baby, Myra, who was only a few months old, and rearing her until she left school.

My father had a very enquiring mind and was interested in learning. When he started work as an office boy, an accountant in the firm which employed him noted his natural ability, and persuaded him to do an accountancy course at night school in Melbourne. He completed his degree without any problems, but it was hard to find employment at that time, as there were a number of men returning from WW1 also looking for work. After a holiday in Tasmania, where he’d met his future bride, he considered taking positions in other states of Australia. But his fiancee cut an advertisement out of the paper, mailed it to him and persuaded him to come back to Tasmania and join the Launceston Examiner’s staff as their accountant.

So the Tasmanian Tilley dynasty dates back to 19 April 1922, when Stanley Victor Tilley married Elsie Collingwood CORRICK at the Paterson Street Methodist Church, and the newly weds looked at the empty chairs around the dining room table and decided that one day there would be little Tilleys occupying them.

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• That the Devonport suburb of *Ambleside* was named after the English tourist resort in Cumbria in the Lakes District. The name Ambleside does not mean a promenade to ‘amble’ along, it means ‘pasture by a river with sandbanks’ and is derived from three Old Norse words: ‘a’ (river) ‘melr’ (sandbank) and ‘saetr’ (shieling or summer pasture). This word denotes the practice in England of transferring stock to mountain pastures during the summer months.

• That *Barrington* near Sheffield was named after the Parish of Barrington, the earliest reference to which was 1855. The parish was probably named after Lord Barrington, a prominent English statesman (or after his seat, the town of Barrington, England).

Associated names: Lake Barrington and Barrington Creek.

• That *Copper Alley Bay* is named after the Lymington area, previously known as *Copper Alley* in the 1840s. Police troopers were stationed at Lymington Convict Probation Station in the mid to late 1840s and therefore the area was *alive with coppers*, hence the name. The area probably got its name as a warning to the large number of ex-convicts of Irish descent who were working in the area. As far as is known, the metal copper was never discovered or mined here. Osborne Geeves, the pioneer from Geeveston, mentions Copper Alley in his reminiscence of the Huon written in 1921.

... It was in the 40’s that probation stations were established at Southport, Port Esperance, Port Cygnet and *Copper Alley* (now Lymington) ...

• That the name for *Drip Beach*, Lymington, was derived from a spring of water above the beach which dripped down the bank onto the sand. In keeping with the name, the sea water makes a strange noise as it ebbs and flows through cracks in the rocks at the point here. The sound is quite unusual as it resembles the gurgling noise that liquids make when being poured from a narrow-necked bottle. This beach was famous in the 1800s for its lace agates and other gemstones. It was also a source of pipe clay.

Associated name: Drip Beach Road.

• That the numerous conical peaks in Tasmania called *Sugar Loafs* gained their peculiar name from their resemblance to cones of sugar. In the early days of settlement, when sugar was imported into the state in sailing ships, it was crystallised into large, conically-shaped lumps to facilitate storage and handling. The bottom layer of sugar would be stored with the bases of the cone on the deck and the peak pointing upward. The second layer would then be stacked on top of this in an inverted form with the peaks pointing downward. In this way the sugar cones would be firmly locked together to minimise the risk of movement in stormy weather.

• That *Quoins* are low, wedge-shaped mountains. Quoin is the anglicised French word *coin* meaning wedge. For example, *Gunners Quoin* near Old Beach on the Derwent is purported to resemble the wedges used by gunners (ie artillerymen) to chock their guns to minimise recoil.
REUNIONS

Descendants of THOMAS SIMMONDS and ESTHER HILLS and WILLIAM BAKER

children were
Thomas Henry Simmonds and Letitia Howes
George Christopher Simmonds and Charlotte Markham
Frances Eliza Simmonds and Robert Phillips
Frank Simmonds and Kate Anne Bessell
Elizabeth Simmonds and John Charles Taylor
William Baker
Arthur Baker and Louisa Barrenger
Esther Harriet Baker and Walter Sydney Whitchurch
Mary Ellen Baker and John Dunkin

Are invited to a Reunion at the Summerhill Community Hall Stanley Street, Prospect, Launceston 7 November 1999 11 am to 4 pm Display charts, photos and the launch of a book BYO lunch to share, no alcohol, tea and coffee will be provided.

Any queries please contact Margaret Walker on (03) 6343 8835.

Descendants of FRANK SIMMONDS and KATE ANNE BESSELL

children were
Frank Ernest Simmonds married Elizabeth Ann Jones
Kate Simmonds married Robert Thompson
Thomas Henry Simmonds married Elsie May Oliver
Mary Simmonds married Henry Boden Grace Simmonds married Sydney Palmer

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JOSEPH McGINNIS and Mary Jane neé Spaulding

married at the Carlton in 1857 (known children: Clare Margaret b.1858, Mary Ann b.1861, William Newman b.1867, James Henry b.1870 and Jane Edith b.1874)

2 Christina neé Harris married in Hobart in 1883 (known children: Joseph Tasman b.1884 and Violet Isabel 1886)

Some Port Arthur descendants of Joseph McGinniss are planning a family reunion at PORT ARTHUR on the weekend of 25/26 March 2000 If anyone has any information or photographs to share I would be most grateful. All items will be returned.

Contact Mrs Ann McGinniss 7 Stewarts Bay Road, Port Arthur TAS or Phone (03) 6250 2268

Reunions are also listed under Coming Events on pages 63 and 64 of this issue.
THE WHISTON TESTIMONIAL

THE following is a transcription of an undated parchment document found amongst family papers belonging to Ian R. N. Miller of Upminster, Essex, England. The original document has been promised to the archivist at King’s School, Rochester, Kent but Ian Miller has kindly sent this transcription. William Carter (named) was the first Mayor of Hobart from 1853–54 so it would seem likely that this would have appeared in The Mercury and/or The Examiner during that time. Any further information welcomed—Editor.

THE Reverend Robert Whiston, Fellow of Trinity College, Cambridge, was some years since appointed by the Dean and Chapter of Rochester to the Head Mastership of the King’s School in that City. The School was founded by Henry the Eighth, the founder also of the Cathedral, and the King’s Scholars had then assigned to them a stipend of Two Pounds Thirteen Shillings and Four Pence per annum. The Dean’s stipend was then Five Hundred Pounds per annum and each of the Prebendaries received Twenty Pounds per annum. The revenues of the foundation increased and when Mr. Whiston was appointed to the Head Mastership the Dean was in receipt of a Thousand a Year, and each of the Prebendaries’ income amounted annually to upwards of Five Hundred, whilst the King’s Scholars continued to receive the Stipend paid to them under the founder’s statutes, Two Pounds Thirteen Shillings & Four Pence.

When Mr. Whiston entered upon the duties of his office he had a school and a salary, but very few scholars. Under his efficient management the reputation of the King’s School rapidly increased and high University distinctions were obtained by Gentlemen there educated. Mr. Whiston, conceiving that the King’s Scholars were entitled, pro rata with the Dean and Chapter, to an increase in their stipends, represented their case to the Dean and Chapter, and subsequently to the Bishop, but his representations were disregarded; the Bishop referring him for redress to the Court of Chancery. Mr. Whiston then published his justly celebrated pamphlet entitled “Cathedral Trusts and their fulfilment”; and this publication being deemed by the Dean and Chapter gravius delictum he was removed from his situation of Head Master of the School.

To that Office he has however been restored since January last, but in obtaining justice he has been subjected to law expenses amounting to Fifteen hundred pounds.

A Subscription has been commenced in England to defray these expenses, to which fund contributions from Van Diemen’s Land are solicited. It is proposed to limit these subscriptions to One Guinea, and should the sum raised in England be sufficient to liquidate the costs and charges incurred by Mr. Whiston “in the prosecution of right”, then it is intended that the money collected here should be applied in the purchase of some testimonial to Mr. Whiston, to be hereafter determined by the subscribers.
Already the stipends of the King’s Scholars have been by the Dean and Chapter increased; a mere instalment, it is true, of their rights for which they are indebted exclusively to the perseverance and ability of Mr. Whiston.

A Subscription for such a purpose will it is believed go far to show that, even at this distance, we are not uninterested in England or in the purity of her Educational Institutions: that we deprecate the misapplication of charitable funds and appreciate the exertions of the man through whose disinterested and untiring exertions in the case of Rochester School, a gross abuse has in some degree been abated.

Non obtusa adeo gestamus pectora Pævi
Nec tam aversus equos Tyria Sol jungit
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LETTERS TO MRS WILSON
THE CONCLUDING STORY OF JOHN WILSON
Samuel Sawyer

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Hobart Town March 10th 1858

To

Mrs. Wilson

Prior to receiving a letter from you directed to your husband to my care, I a few days previous, to my surprise and sorrow heard of his sudden death. I repaired to the house of the Rev'd Mr Nicholson of the Free Church of Scotland in this City to whom your late husband had made himself known and related the circumstances as I then had learned them and perhaps knowing more of your husband than any one in this part of the world having become intimately acquainted with him I was more able particularly as he was able to tell out his complaints and hopes and cares and sorrows to me. I was able to give Mr Nicholson some idea of the man contrary to the view he had formed of him. I told Mr Nicholson I believed by the next mail from England I should receive a letter from you for your husband which when I received together would open the letter. Mr Nicholson called on me and he broke the seal and in my upper rooms he read the letter and we with my wife did indeed most deeply sympathise with you. Previous to his departure for the country he lodged next door to mine with a poor widow woman who liked him well for the love he had for his family and was much affected to hear of his death. In this woman's possession he left his box and a bag of articles which the Police on being acquainted of his death fetched the box away. The Rev'd Mr Nicholson went to the Police Office and enquired about it and was answered that official enquiry was being made and in all probability the property might, by applying to the Colonial Secretary, be restored and transmitted to you. I myself have been three times to the Office but no word as to particulars have as yet reached Hobart Town. I will now proceed to give you as good and as faithful an account as of your late and much lamented husband's circumstances as I am able. When he first came to Hobart he was directed to me in consequence of his enquiring for the Rev'd Mr Nicholson. After finding Mr Nicholson he came again to me and from that time again and again and spent many hours from time to time with me which gave me an opportunity of forming a right judgement of him. I believed him to be an upright and deserving man. One that loved and feared God and one like many others having his peculiar trials yet with all not cast down, always hoping for the best. His poor wife and children was always uppermost with him. His anxieties for and about you was very great which I am afraid as he carried them into practical bearing was to much for his bodily strength to endure. Had he have kept for a time in the employment of Mr Maule which for him was a comparative home and commensurate with his bodily state I believe he would have been alive now but he was bent upon Harvest work and this Summer of ours was an unusually hot and oppressive one and he also being so
very anxious to make money and at the same time being very far from a sound state of health of body as I could easy convince you had I space to say all I could. I say that it is my conviction that these combined circumstances accelerated and hastened on his death. Up to the time of his death he worked very hard with little or no comfort or support. He had been at one place for six weeks, never seen a bed and where he did try to sleep he was so disturbed with fleas and other insects that rest he never could get. When he got to his lodgings, he for 2 or 3 days was confined to his bed unable to take much nourishment. He applied to a chemist, took medicine, rubbed into his chest a linement, it brought out a severe rash. He heard of a man at Ironstone Creek wanting harvest men. He went himself and a fellow lodger traveled many miles in most oppressive weather whent into the field to work. The other man left him and returned to Hobart Town and only at home one day when the report came as he said like lightning to him that poor Wilson had dropped down dead. This man told me that he pulled of his flannel and shirt and worked in the state of bodyly complaint as I have before described. A Coroners inquest was held upon his body but the particulars have not as yet reached Hobart Town. I beleve the particulars will be officially made known to you. I have thought it my duty under all circumstances to give you all the information I am capable of and have taken great pains to collect all the particulars respecting your poor husbands death, and from what I can gather it appears, and I have it from persons lately on the spot, that your husband on Sunday the 14 day of February 1858, just after Dinner, fell down and instantly expired, his mouth being full of blood and that an inquest sat on the body and the verdict was died from affections of the heart. He was in the employ of a Mr Walton of Ironstone Creek in the neighbourhood of the Franklin who as I am informed gave a very decent burial. A Mr Tining, Presbyterian minister officiating. All this is wat I have heard, the substance of which I cannot fully vouch for its correctness as yet it is not officially made known. I only tell you this from some strangers lately from the Franklin at your husbands late lodgings. I beleve the Rev'd Mr Nicholson will also write to you. He told me he would, and now Mrs Wilson and at the same time to the poor bereaved children, will you allow a stranger, one apart sixteen thousand miles from you but not a stranger, to sympathise, to speak a few words of comfort to you as God shall enable me. Oh remember your husband your father is not dead but sleepth. The object of your fondest love and affection is gone, never more to fix his eyes on you or you to fix yours on him. O how uncertain is all things here below. If you could have witnesed is deep anxiety for you all as I have done you would indeed without a shadow of doubt recognized the true heart of a fond husband and a most kind indulgent and loving father. O how he wanted to be with you, is indeed the last impression made upon my mind from the very last words that spoke to me in this world on going out of my door. Now remember all he ever will speak to you now is from Heaven and I know you will often hear him speak, will he not say meet me in Heaven or I never can open my bosom unto you again. O prepare to meet God my beloved children or after all my deep anxieties for you, my love for you, my tears for you, my prayers for you, it should be my experience in the day of Final Distribution to see you eternally
banished from the presence of God and that Heaven and that most delightfull asoociation of glorified spirits and the company of holy angels, to have your doom eternally fixed with lost and banished ones in the bottomless pit. Oh I think could you hear your dear husband, your dear father thus speak, would be enough to increasingly offer up all the best powers of your soul so as to con--- [constrain] thy desire and pray and live so as to secure an intrest in that Saviour your late lamented and loved father so much loved and trusted in, I beleve he had a good hope through grace. His delight appeared to be in his ways and frequently used to speak of his dear partner in life as being anxious about his spirituall welfare. O you his children, now be sure look to your poor afflicted mother, do all you can to comfort her and to help her. It is only for a short time. Death will come for you all soon and then to be gathered home as a family together, not one of you left behind, not to have said to any one of you, Go ye cursed into everlasting fire but come ye blessed. O I think wat a blessed meeting then, you will again see your father and your fathers God, the prayer of your friend Samuel Sawyer.

Hobart Town Sept’ 30 1858
Mrs Wilson

I received your letter in due course and was glad to find that my letter found you. I was aware it would be a heavy stroke for you we deeply sympathize with you and pray that your affliction may be sanctified to the everlasting benefit of you all. (You are aware phraps) that the Vessel in which your late husband was to have sailed for India laden with horses was a complete wreck so that in this instance he was taken from the evil to come. Since writing to you last I learned from the Minister down at Iron Stone Creek with whom I have personal knowledge. He told me that while they were at public Worship on the Sunday morning a man came in and called Mr Walton your late husbands employer out and told him that the man in the hut had dropped down dead. He the Minister the Rev’d Mr Giles whent into the hut and found him lying with his head on the Hearth Stone with a bruise on the head from falling. He was a stranger to them all he said and they could only merely conjecture as to his name by the marks on His Cloaths that is the reason for so imperfect and mistaken decorum [description?] of him as is found in the newspaper. His Box was left at [h]is lodgings next door to my house, the Constables at the Police Office fetched it away and it is now at the Office. I think if any of you were here it might be given up to you. I will now give you the information you desire of me as far as I can. On the arrival of your husband in Hobart Town he took lodgings at the house of a Barber, in the house he made enquiries as to the Rev’d Mr Nicholson these people informed him that Mr Sawyer attended the Ministry of Mr Nicholson and that likely he might give him the satisfaction he required. He came to me I directed him to where he could find Mr Nicholson from that time he kept coming to my house and finding him a person of intelegence and of good and interesting information and a man of whom I formed a most favorable oppinion I tried somewhat to comfort him under the various trials and disappointments to which he said he had been exposed. I tried to get him into something and succeeded but in the mean time he had entered the Police.
I remember him the second day in coming to my house and after relating himself as destitute he asked me to lend him money on his watch, he being an entire stranger to me I must say at this I was rather surprised and considering all circumstance was decidedly against doing that (I did not see the Watch) I told him I could not do that there were pawnbrokers in the Town for the purpose and he asked me where I told him. I said to him as you are getting into a situation keep your watch wait a bit and I put my hand into my pocket and gave him half a crown which he has spoken of with much gratitude to the woman Mrs Wray with whom he lodged. I never spoke to him afterwards or he to me about a watch.

I went to the Police Office several times and saw his Box and since I received your last letter I showed it to the Inspector of Police and asked him to open the Box and see if it contained a pawn Ticket of a Watch but we could not find one. Everything in the Box was laid out with the greatest care and nicety. Several books and papers and a silk neck Tie with a Gold Brooch attached to it some snuff and Bottles of Oil and linament which the Constable ordered to be left out lest they should spoil the cloaths. I went to the Pawn Shop where I supposed he might have left the Watch and about the time as I supposed he had pledged it he found a German Silver watch in the name of Wilson.

(Description) Makers name Chas Crawley London No 1069 pledged Decr 8th 1857 for 4 shillings no/on Ticket 14923 the intrest money had amounted to four shillings altogether as much as the watch is worth then me not knowing anything about the watch as to it being the identical one I could do nothing in it. I only regret for your sake your husband had not continued to leave his property in my house no one should have taken them from me, then you might have got them. I am informed that Mr Walton buried your husband and then applied to the Government for the expences which amounted to three pounds. This they told me at the Police Office. I should advise you to write to the Colonial Secretary here about the Box and it might be restored to you. The Hon Win Henty Esq is Colonial Secretary here and I will endeavour to see him for you in the mean time. You may like to have restored to you all that remains of your poor husband but wether or not the expense would be greater than the advantage to you remains for you to decide. I should have wrote to you last Mail but I scarcely knew how to act, I went thinking I might learn something at the Staff Office but your late husband was unknown there as a Pensioner in fact they most positively denied that he was a Pensioner. He told me he was. Mrs Wilson any thing I may have done for you you are welcome am much concerned for you and hope this will find you all well. Myself and Mrs Sawyer are not at present in the enjoyment of the best health we are advancing into years fast and are about to return to the land of Spirits and to be for ever with the Lord. Yours with Prayr to God

Samuel Sawyer

I am afraid you will find difficulty in making out my writing but have to labour from weak nervous debility causes me much weakness and shaking I can scarcely hold a limb still. My hand and arms shake much but I hope with a little care and patience you will make it out. S Sawyer. Remember me to your poor Children and tell them from me to be careful for their own sakes and their poor Farther to prepare to meet him in Heaven as you will especially wish when you are called to do.
NOW WHAT DO I DO
WITH ALL OF THIS STUFF?
Edward Henry Gaulin (Snr)

A message on the Internet caught my eye the other day and I can’t get it out of my mind. A West Coast genealogist had been exchanging information with a researcher in Virginia for some time. Then it happened. Her last message bounced—it couldn’t be delivered as the address no longer existed. Fortunately she had received a number of family group sheets from her correspondent which listed a telephone number. When she called the number a man answered, so she asked for her Internet friend and, after a slight hesitation was told, ‘Oh, Mary Ann passed away three weeks ago’. Shocked, but ever gracious, she expressed her sympathy and commented how close this long-distance relationship had become and how it will be missed by her. The husband explained that he was sorry that he couldn’t be of any help because he really didn’t know much about what his wife was doing with her genealogy.

Perhaps you too have noticed at genealogical gatherings that the average age of the participants is something in excess of thirty-nine years, at least judging by hair colour. Most of us really don’t have a lot of time to devote to our hobby until after the kids are grown, out of school, and we’ve retired. Then it is no longer a hobby, it becomes an obsession. At some point in our continuous search for dead people, our ancestors, we recognize our own mortality and start to think about a permanent home for our research. If our children or grandchildren appear to be interested, we have it made, but frequently that’s not the case. Then what happens to our “stuff”?

Genealogists are usually pretty smart people, until it comes to providing for the distribution of their genealogical assets. The latter, in my case anyway, is a room full of books, journals, magazines, pamphlets, maps, photographs, brochures, newsletters, computer equipment and furniture (desk, chairs, file cabinets, tables, lamps, etc.). The files are loaded with folders bearing family and town names, historic events, and a bunch labelled ‘MISC.’ There are miles of computer printouts, hundreds of photocopies, and many ‘original’ vital records. My desk is usually loaded with correspondence awaiting an answer—either mine or from someone else. What should my wife do with all this stuff when I make the ultimate research trip—a personal meeting with my ancestors?

Some of our brighter colleagues say ‘My college library is getting all my stuff’ or it’s going to the local public library, or to the LDS Family History Library in Salt Lake City, or even to the Library of Congress. Well, I hate to be the one to tell you this, but unless you are a celebrity or a huge financial donor, these institutions probably won’t want your material—they just don’t have room for it. They would be grateful for a copy of your book, but they might not want the manuscript or research notes. The FHL would appreciate a GEDCOM disk of your genealogy database files, but it doesn’t want your paper pedigree charts or
family group sheets.

So what are your spouse and children to do with all of your stuff? They could really do a couple of dumb things with it if you don’t provide guidance to them while you still can. It could be placed in the weekly trash collection and don’t say ‘They wouldn’t do that’ because it unfortunately happens all the time. How about a garage sale? Now that is really scary, but it also happens every day. Remember all those old photos and tin types you have seen in flea markets? How about all those bargain genealogy books you bought because you got to that garage sale before the dealers did? They all had to come from some place.

What should you do to insure the sane distribution of your genealogical assets? Perhaps the first thing is to make a record of what you have and then try to keep it current. Show the acquisition date and how much you paid for each item on the inventory sheets. This is especially helpful for artifacts, collections, and books. A photographic record of these items, including those of rare books, could also be useful. Microfilm, microfiche and complete photocopies of books and some records have value. Back issues of many journals, newsletters, and magazines are also in demand by genealogists and therefore have value. However, if you don’t tell them what is valuable, your heirs probably won’t know.

Now that you have identified your assets, you need to tell someone what you want done with them. Maybe the simplest way is to prepare a letter to your heirs, but remember this lacks the force of law. If they want to, they can toss everything in the trash. A better way to provide for the distribution is in your will, particularly if you also designate sufficient funds to carry out your wishes. Your Last Will and Testament is also where you may make specific bequests: your copy of the 1898 edition of Burke’s Peerage to your FGS Conference room mate or your old roll-top desk to your newest granddaughter. Your wishes can now be enforced by the courts, if necessary.

If you still want to have any of your assets given to your alma mater or a local library or anywhere else, personally contact that agency and discuss the possibility—right now. It won’t come as a surprise to them and they should be able to advise you immediately of any conditions of acceptance. If you can support those conditions, ask for a written acknowledgment that can be placed with your will.

Some other things that you can do right now are to distribute copies of your research among your family, friends, and, perhaps, local or national libraries. This is simple if you have progressed to the book-writing stage, but don’t be too concerned if you haven’t. Many genealogists assemble their pedigree charts, group sheets, pertinent vital records, selected family photographs, and other important documents in notebook form. They write a brief introduction, provide a table of contents, and sometimes an index before having copies made for distribution. Afterwards, the notebook can be kept current with a new year’s letter which might include new charts and photos.

Computerized genealogical data can be distributed in the same way on diskette. Sometimes an envelope or jacket is provided in the notebook described above to house data disks. Another way some researchers try to insure the safeguarding of their electronic data is to submit it to the LDS Ancestral File (™) or one or more of the other commercial collections. If you
don’t know how to do this, consult your local genealogical society or Family History Center or even the public library for instructions.

Another thing you can do right now to benefit your heirs is to clean up your files. Eliminate unnecessary correspondence and duplicate copies of records. Toss out all those old printouts you made in 1984 on your Apple Ile computer. Sell all the Genealogical Helper magazines you have saved since 1973, because you will never open one of them again and you know it. If you get 50 cents each for them you can have a pretty good dinner. Give away all that old computer software that is taking up room on your bookshelves—it’s probably not worth anything anyway. Label your photographs, and diskettes too.

I find it a bit morbid, but you may wish to write your epitaph and select your tombstone now to insure future researchers will not encounter some of the same problems that you’ve had.

If you decide to follow some of these suggestions, when you do eventually meet your ancestors they may thank you for perpetuating their memory. They may also show you where you made some of your mistakes and be able to fill in a few of the blank spaces in your previous research. Remember, do it now; there may be no tomorrow.

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THE OLD DULCOT SCHOOL

THE building of mud brick (pise), with walls eighteen inches thick, was built prior to 1833. It was used as a dwelling but served as a school from 1870 to 1900 when a new school was built higher up the hill. The old school then reverted to a dwelling with the last occupant being the late Phil Cousins (1990). The building, lately derelict, has been fully restored (1977) and can be seen near the Belbin Rivulet 300 metres up on the high side of the road. This photo was taken circa early 1890s showing pupils with their teacher Jack Hartnett posing for a group study.

Information supplied by the Coal River Valley Historical Society.

Photograph: Coal River Valley Historical Society

The Old Dulcot School

Front row—left to right
Eliza Woolford, Caroline Woolford, Lizzie King (Ted King’s sister) Ida Holmes, Ruby Backhouse, May Blackburn, M. Reardon, Ethel King, Phoebe King, Lizzie King, Daisy Blackburn, Bridget King, Mary Bailey and Liz Murray.

Back row—left to right
Bob Woolford, Lewis Woolford, Frank Blackburn, Herb Woolford, Herb Hanslow, Ted (son) King, Clarence Ratcliffe, Matthew King and Jack Hartnett.
USEFUL REFERENCE SOURCES
Thelma Grunnell

WHILE preparing the talk given on the AGM bus trip last year I discovered references to applications for Convict assignment in the ‘Tasmanian Colonial Index’ microfiche prepared by the Family History Resource group, Kiama. The material indexed is held by the Mitchell Library and the Australian Genealogical Education Centre, Kiama. This set of microfiche complements the index to ‘More Tasmanian Convicts—papers re Convict ships 1814–1849’. Both are held by Launceston Branch and at the Launceston City Library Reference room.

To try and fill in the picture on Thomas Leaman BICKFORD/BECKFORD (the subject of my talk) I sent for printouts of the references given. Among the sheets received were the following which may help others. In most cases the master to whom the servant was assigned is listed—all in beautiful script.

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John Cridland " Major Gray
William Clark " Lieut. Gray
George Hill " Major Gray
William Carte " A. F. Kemp Esq.
Thomas Hunt " B. B. Thomas Esq.
Joseph Munns " W. E. Laurence.
John Gamble(Miller) " Mr D. Sutherland
Thos. Cooling " Mr W. Hill Campbell Town
Thos. Ellison " W. E. Laurence
Edwd. Hearne " J. Aikin S. Esk
John Holloway " G F Read Esq.
Henry Bratcher " Mr Toosey
James Milland " Mr Toosey
James Bishop " B. Leake (Campbell Town)
William Woodgate " Mr Jas. Clark (Jones River)
Emanuel Robinson " W. E. Laurence
Thos. Barnsley " Mr Groom

(2 Pages of Assignments)

Maybury Wm. 23 Iron Moulder Mr Petchey
Nicholls Wm. 18 Labourer W. M. Allan
Newbury Saml. 29 Labourer T. L. Bickford
Norton Wm. 23 " Major Gray
Newnham John 20 " B. Horne Esq.
Nash James 20 Fr. Ploughm W. R. Allan/Oyster Bay
Olliver Thos. 24 Frs. Labourer Henry Morisbly C. Plains
Price Richd. 29 Soldier Mr Toosey
Parsons Elijah 21 Goldsmith Dr Paton
Powell Wm. 24 Hawker Mr D. Stanfield Green Pt.
Pledger Wm. 35 Frs. Labourer Mr Mackersay
Reckett Wm. 35 Tailor Mr Frasier
Raindell Robt. 38 Fr & ploughman B Horne Esq.
Reed Michael 29 Gardner Mr Hobler
Randolph Robt. Sick on Shore
Read James 20 Shoemaker Mr Peet
Robinson Wm. 23 Tailor Andw. Tolmmy
Robinson Emanuel 23 Fr & Ploughman W. E. Laurence
Raven Samuel 21 Brass Founder Mr Powell P.D.
FreeBMD http://freebmd.rootsweb.com/ is an innovative new project that we can all get involved with. As a research source at the moment it is limited with only about 100,000 records (0.05% of the total indexes) entered, but with time this will become one of the most valuable research tools for those tracing English or Welsh ancestors. FreeBMD stands for Free Births, Marriages and Deaths. The FreeBMD Project’s objective is to provide free Internet access to the Civil Registration index information for England and Wales (the GRO BMD). In use since 1837 civil registrations are significant sources for birth, death, and marriage information.

Currently GRO BMD is usually viewable on microfilm or fiche, often in poor quality reproduction. I know the one entry I desperately need is located under a smudge on the fiche that the GST Inc. hold. As it was created alphabetically in quarters there is no quick way to search. There has never been a master index. This is the aim of this web site.

The exciting thing is we can all be a part of the indexing and the more people who help to index the faster the site will be a useable resource for all.

There are several ways to help, but the most basic and innovative is casual entry in which when you are using the index you simply record the details for ten entries either side of the name you are researching.

The site contains details of how to format this information in simple text files (so your computer make or model won’t be a problem) and submit them to the index. Their aim is that over time every entry will be transcribed at least twice, thus enabling cross checking for accuracy. Visit the site and check the FAQ (Frequently Asked Questions) for more information.

The owners of the records, the ONS/PRO simply do not have the resources, funds or even the legal ability to undertake such an index. I suggest all those who are able should throw their support behind FreeBDM and show what a group of volunteers (for it is entirely dependant upon volunteers) can achieve. Then we can sit back and reap the benefits for years to come.

http://www.tip.net.au/~dnum/
Cora Num—Genealogy Online—Web Sites for Genealogists. You may have heard of Cora’s wonderful book, but did you know she also has a great web site full of those terrific links and more.
http://home.global.co.za/~mercon/begin.htm a beginners’ page with clear concise starting points for genealogy.
http://www.koalanet.com/world-time-zones.html and http://www.koalanet.com/currency.html Two wonderful sites I could rave about for pages. One to tell you the time in any part of the world, complete with maps of time zones and the other to quickly convert any currency into any other, accurate and up to date. No more gues sing when to make that annoying 4 am. phone call to the rellies, or wondering just how much you are about to spend in the UK.

GENES ON SCREEN
Vee Maddock

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This is a select list of books on history and genealogy which have been added to the Tasmaniana Library between late September and late December 1998. They are mostly, but not all, new publications; the Tasmaniana Library often acquires older works which relate to Tasmania and which it does not already hold. The list has been kept as brief as possible; normally only author, title and the Tasmaniana Library’s reference number are given. If you would like further information about any of the books listed, please contact the Tasmaniana Library at 91 Murray Street, Hobart 7000 Telephone (03) 6233 7474, fax (03) 6233 7902. Further information is also available on TALIS, the State Library’s on-line information system. TALIS terminals are available in all city, and many branch, libraries throughout Tasmania. It is also possible to connect to TALIS through the State Library’s Home Page on the World Wide Web; its URL is http://www.tased.edu.au/library/library.htm

Please note that, while all of these books are available for reference in the Tasmaniana Library, **they are not available for loan** (although some of them may be available in city and branch libraries).

Anglican Parish of Brighton, *An early summer’s day excursion to ten historic places in the parishes of Clarence and Brighton* (TLP 919.4665 EAR)

Cahill, Jack, *Forgotten patriots: Canadian rebels on Australia’s convict shores.* (TL 971.03 CAH)

Chugg, Neville, *Families of the Northern Midlands of Tasmania: the ancestors and descendants of John Gilbert Chugg, Ada Rose Williams, Reginald Kenneth Hayes and Dorothy Ethel Atkinson.* (TLQ 929.2 CHU)

Clarke, Frank G., *The big history question: snapshots of Australian history.* (TL994. CLA)

Coupe, Robert, *Australian bushrangers.* (TL 364.1550994 COU)

Cubit, Simon, *Characters of the Central Highlands of Tasmania.* (TLAC 994.63 CUB)

Cubit, Simon, *High country life: living and working on the roof of Tasmania.* (TLAC 994.63 CUB)

Day, Eleanor, *Sheffield III.* (TLP 994.633 DAY)

Dean, Claudia, *Cattle king of Van Diemen’s Land: William Field (1774–1837).* (TLQ 994.62 FIE)

Donoghue, Jed, *Rendezvous in Hobart: seven pubs, parks & churches.* (TLP 919.4661 DON)

Fahy, Kevin and Andrew Simpson, *Australian furniture: pictorial history and dictionary, 1788–1938.* (TLQR 749.2994 FAH)

Field, William, *Interview with Mr. W. Field at a radio station in Chicago, USA.* (TLAC 920. FIE)

Ford, Geoff, *Australian pottery: the first 100 years.* (TLQ 738.0994 FOR)

Freeman Firth, Port Arthur Historic Site Management Authority (Tas.), and the National Estate Grants Program (Australia), *Point Puer, Port Arthur Historic Site: archeological

Gaunt, Pauline, Captain John Wyrill 1836–1921. (TLQ 387.2043 WYR)

Genealogical Society of Tasmania Inc. Burnie branch, Index to the Advocate births, deaths & marriages, 1931–1933. (TLQ 929.3 IND)


Gott, K. D., The manned Tasmanian lighthouses. (TLQ 387.155 GOT)

Gregg, Sandra, Once upon an island. (TLQ 994.651 GRE)

Heazlewood, Venetia, Reflections of my grandfather (Jack Pearn). (TLP 920. PEA)

Hewitson, Jim, Far off in sunlit places: stories of the Scots in Australia and New Zealand. (TL 305.821094 HEW)

Hudspeith, Audrey, The rise and fall of the bottom end of town: Hobart’s Old Wharf and Wapping district. (TLPQ 994.661 HUD)

Knolle, Wendy K., Index to photographs of WWI servicemen and women in the Tasmanian weekly magazines, Volume 1: the Weekly Courier. (2nd ed., revised and enlarged.) (TLQR 929.3 IND)

Lampkin, Marjorie, All the yesteryears. (TLQ 929.2 BEL)

Lowe, Madge, I pass this way but once. (TLQ 920 LOW)


Macknight, Charles C., Low Head to Launceston: the earliest reports of Port Dalrymple and the Tamar. (TL 994.61 MAC)

Manning, Beryl, Gleanings from the past. (TL 920. MAN)

Milne, Mary Gordon, North American political prisoners. (TLQ 994.603 MIL)

Molony, John N., A soul came into Ireland: Thomas Davis, 1814–1845. (TQ 941.5081092 DAV)

Petrow, Stefan, Going to the Mechanics: a history of the Launceston Mechanics’ Institute, 1842–1914. (TL 374.994611 PET)

Posthumus, Louis Hablutzel, The remarkable voyage of the Neptune, February 1849 – April 1850. (TL 910.45 POS)

Roundhill Beautification Committee, Roundhill quarries rehabilitation study. (TLQ 333.73150994636 ROU)

Schaffer, Irene, Pamphlets relating to early Tasmania. (TLPQ 994.6 SCH)

Sternes, Richard John, The Sternes family in Australia: a personal history. (TLQ 929.2 STE)

Stoward, John (Ed.), 1999 Tasmanian sporting almanac. (TLR 796.09946 TAS)

Taplin, T. C., Hobart Sovereign Chapter No. 33, the first fifty years, 1946–1996 (TLQ 366.1 TAP)

Thompson, John, Old Wharf probation station. (TLPQ 994. 661 THO)

Ulverstone Local History Museum, Marriages in the Horton, Emu Bay, Montagu & Stanley districts taking in the whole of the Burnie area to the year 1899. (TLPQ 929.1 ULV)

Watson, Reg A., A quinology of Tasmanian crime cases. (TLP 364.109946 WAT)
‘The Marriage Index—its history and how it may help you with your research’
by Janet Huckle in the West Middlesex Family History Society’s journal Vol.16, No.2, June 1998, pp.12–14. The Marriage Index compiled and held by the West Middlesex Society has over 60,000 entries. Several years ago a Miss Dean indexed the Gentleman’s Magazine for marriages between 1731–68, sorted them into counties and sent each family history society the marriages for that county. Cliff Webb has also contributed a vast number of entries for the Middlesex area. For information and how to access this index, consult the last page of their journal.

‘ArchiVista—News and Views from the State Archives of NSW’ No.44 in Progenitor the journal of the Genealogical Society of the Northern Territory, Vol.17, No.2, June 1998, pp.51–52. Information on cemetery records held by the State Archives of NSW. These include Wollongong Roman Catholic Cemetery Trust from 1805–1914, (most entries 1838–57); Mudgee Cemetery Register 1845–85; plus nearly 3,500 burial licences found in the Colonial Secretary’s Correspondence 1866–1880, and how to access them.

‘The Case of Samuel Blackall’ by Jean Debney in the Berkshire Family Historian Vol.21, No.4, June 1998, pp.25–28 of the Berkshire Family History Society journal. Samuel Blackall of Basildon, Berkshire was tried in July 1820 with Robert Leach and Gabriel Parker for sheep stealing. Samuel was transported to Van Diemen’s Land, arriving the following year on the Medway. His wife Charlotte and their five children joined him in Hobart Town in 1824. Charlotte was later granted land at New Norfolk. Samuel was free by 1841 and became a licenced victualler near Hobart, dying in 1874. Descendants of his daughter Mary still reside in Tasmania.

‘Last Resting Place’ in Furness Families the journal of the Furness Family History Society No.42, May 1998, p.6. This article explains why very early graves in England were unmarked, the common practise being to clear graves from time to time and to put bones in a ‘charnel house’ (a place for storing bones). Wealthier people were buried inside the church. It was not until the 17th century that headstones were erected. These were put on the south side of the church near the porch. The north side (known as the ‘devil’s side) was for burying suicides and the unbaptised.

‘A Life On The Ocean Wave—A review of some recently released naval records’ by Ian Waller editor of the Hertfordshire People the journal of the Hertfordshire Family and Population History Society, No.65, June 1998, pp.33–34. The PRO in England has recently released records relating to both Merchant Seamen and the Royal Navy. No registers were kept for Merchant Seamen between 1857–1913 and it was only from ships’ crew lists and agreements, which are not indexed, that any trace could be found. In 1913 a Central Index Register was started for
Merchant Seamen, including mates, cooks, stewards and engineers. Records released are from 1913–1941; during 1918–21 a photo (and ships served on) is included. The Royal Navy records released cover 1853–1923 and although not in an alphabetical index, men can be located by their service number. References to these records are included in this article.

‘All Saints, Islington, with St John’s Mission’ by Lilian Gibbens in Metropolitan the journal of the London & North Middlesex Family History Society. The records for All Saints and St John’s Mission in Islington are held by the London Metropolitan Archives. These cover christenings 1839–1979 and marriages 1846–1977. A Parish magazine was published by this church and included many births, deaths and marriages. A list has been extracted for 1897 and can be found in Vol.20, No.3, April 1998 on pp.98–100 and continued in Vol.20, No.4, July 1998, pp.141–42.

‘Early Burials in New Southgate Cemetery’ by Brigid Grafton-Green in Metropolitan the London and North Middlesex Family History Society. The New Southgate Cemetery, formerly the Great Northern, opened in 1861 and 17,000 people were buried there. The oldest section ‘W’ was leased by the parish of St George The Martyr, Bloomsbury with 229 interments between 1861 to 1914. This section was to be claimed for housing in 1979, and of the remaining seventy-four headstones, only nineteen were legible. These have been transcribed and are featured in this article.


Page 220, ‘Volunteer Burgess of Paisley’ who acted to protect the town in the Jacobite rising of 1715–16. Lists name, residence and occupation.

Pages 222–23, ‘Returns of Post Office Employees relating to Glasgow and Edinburgh for 1845’. Lists name, date commenced, duties, department and salary. Taken from the House of Commons returns, Edinburgh 1845.

Pages 225–27, ‘Return of every person employed in the Glasgow Post Office’, includes date commenced, duties (eg. letter carrier, stamper) and salary.

‘Immigrant Ships to Nelson’ by Mrs Jean Coulthard in Cootin Kin the journal of the Shetland Family History Society No.26, Autumn 1998, pp.20–22. An index containing 2,400 names of immigrants arriving at Nelson, New Zealand between 1874–1880 who were originally from Shetland. A card index with some additional information has been compiled by Mrs Coulthard who is willing to give or receive further information on these families. Contact address 56 Tui Glen Road, Atawhai, Nelson, New Zealand (include sae).

pp.11–13. Taken from the ‘Lancaster Gazette’ from 1801 to 1850 these extracts include marriages, deaths, meetings, ships launched, to name just a few of those listed.

‘A Message To Our Visitors From Overseas’ by Gwen Rawlingson in The Essex Family Historian No.87, Winter 1998, p.11 of the Essex Family History Society for which Gwen is a member and asks intending visitors to England to write to the society in their area of interest. This will allow time for members to help in locating any records or information. Often visitors arrive late on a Saturday or are about to return home therefore do not give enough time for a society to help with queries eg locating headstones.


1 ‘Some Australians Serving in the Waikato and Taranaki Regiments’ by John E. Bingley pp.19–20. Lists of men who served in New Zealand with year and state of birth, plus their Regiment and name of ship to New Zealand during 1863–64. Many of these men came from Tasmania.


‘Dorsetshire Gamekeepers’ certificates are listed in Volume 11, No.4 and continued in Vol.12, No.1–2 of the Dorset Family History Society journals. Extracted from ‘The Western Flying Post’ or ‘Sherborne Yeovil Mercury’ in 1806, an alphabetical list of Gamekeepers in Dorset with the name of landowners and their addresses.

‘Derbyshire Villages—South Normanton’ in the Derbyshire Family History Society journal No.86, September 1998, pp.26–28. This village was once part of the vast forest known later as Sherwood Forest. The three page article on its history has been extracted from ‘History of South Normanton’ by John Spencer.

‘Bristol Sam’ by Hilary Ford of Devon, UK in the journal of the Bristol and Avon Family History Society No.93, September 1998, pp.36–39. The trial of Samuel Wilcox of St George, Bristol for horse stealing with two others Robert Smith and William Redwood, held April 1827. His statement and those who gave evidence are recorded in this article. Samuel, known as ‘Bristol Sam’, married with four children, was found guilty and transported to Van Diemen’s Land arriving in 1827.

‘The Royal Hospital, Chelsea and its Pensioners’ by Col Iain Swinnerton in the International Society For British Genealogy and Family History Newsletter, April–June 1998, pp.26–28. Details the history of the Royal Chelsea Hospital, founded by King Charles II in 1682, up to the present day; also noted are the records of the Pensioners and where to find them in the (WO) War Office series.

Three new exchange journals are Furness Families from the Furness Family History Society, Cumbria, Wakefield and District Family History Society, West Yorkshire and Twigs and Branches from the Terang and District Genealogical Society in Victoria.
‘THE PEOPLE’S VOICE’

‘The People’s Voice’ aims to encourage participation of local communities across Australia in the Centenary of Federation program by exploring their involvement in the process of Federation and their contributions to national life since then.

Specifically, the project aims to develop World Wide Web sites for as many communities as possible. Each site will tell the story of its community’s participation in the Federation process and demonstrate the community’s continuing contribution to the life of the nation since 1901. These sites will be attached to the web site of the National Council for the Centenary of Federation.

The project is, under the auspices of the National Council, being undertaken by the National Film and Sound Archive. The Project Director is Dr Jeff Brownrigg, who has many years of experience in the work of the NFSA. (The project began about a year ago as the acronymically more interesting, but possibly more cryptic, title of ALFRED—‘Australia’s Links to Federation Research and Education Data’.)

Linked to this project is ‘Memories & Memorabilia’, which aims to develop related web pages describing each community’s recognition and preservation of Australia’s war heritage. This project is being directed by Dr Richard Reid, an historian working with the Department of Veterans’ Affairs.

Jeff Brownrigg and Richard Reid visited Tasmania recently. In Hobart, they attended a meeting of representatives of the State Library of Tasmania, the Archives Office of Tasmania, the Australian Society of Archivists and the Genealogical Society of Tasmania Inc. as well as independent historians.

Some potential Tasmanian sites have already been identified—including Launceston, St Helens and Richmond—but Jeff and Richard are both keen to identify and develop further Tasmanian sites. Jeff Brownrigg will be in Tasmania again in the next few months, visiting Hobart and the West Coast. In the meantime, I have been nominated as a Tasmanian contact for the project. Anyone with enquiries, suggestions or proposals is very welcome to contact me at the State Library of Tasmania. My telephone number is (03) 6233 7498 and fax (03) 6231 0927; email Tony.Marshall@central.tased.edu.au.

I’d be happy to give you further information.

Tony Marshall
Senior Librarian (Heritage Collections)
State Library of Tasmania

AUSTRALIAN FIRST CLASS CRICKETERS

Rick Smith

The Australian First Class Cricketers Project is seeking assistance in the compilation of a biographical dictionary of all Australian players who have appeared in first class cricket, either in this country for state or national teams, or for Australian teams overseas, since it began in 1850.

Cricket has been an integral feature of Australian life since the earliest days of European settlement and its recreational and cultural impacts have been significant factors in the formation of the Australian national heritage.

The general history of Australian cricket has been well documented, it is, however,
the players who have contributed most to the success of the game and little has been recorded about the majority of them. For every Bradman, Benaud or Border there are hundreds of others who appear as only names in score and record books. Although cricket will be the major theme of each entry, it is proposed to place it in a broader biographical context. Reference to family background, work achievements and community involvement will be made wherever of interest or note. It is also intended to include a head and shoulders portrait of each individual with their entry. The location, collection and reproduction of these photographs will be a major exercise.

We believe that you, as genealogists are in a position to be of considerable help. In researching your family lines you may have come across a first class cricketer. The information you have could be of great importance to us. You may even have a photograph which we could copy for inclusion in the final work. If you can help in any way, please contact one of the four authors listed below.

Warwick Franks, 20 Uralla Circuit, Kelso NSW 2795 (02) 6332 3083, a lecturer in English and Sports History at Charles Sturt University, editor of *The Oxford Companion to Australian Cricket* and contributed to the Australian edition of *Wisden Cricketers' Almanack*.

Rick Smith, 19 Country Club Avenue, Prospect TAS 7250 (03) 6343 0290, a teacher of photography at Launceston College, author of eight books on cricket, including *Great Days in Test Cricket and The ABC Guide to Australian Test Cricketers*.

Ray Webster, PO Box 1074 Glen Waverley VIC 3150 (03) 9802 5835, retired bank officer, compiler of *First Class Cricket in Australia*, and also an editor of *The Oxford Companion to Australian Cricket*.

Ken Williams, 7 Westminster Drive, Rowville VIC 3178 (03) 9764 5095, a retired secondary school teacher. An authority on first class cricket and was responsible for compiling the Australian first class matches guide for the Association of Cricket Statisticians and Historians and a major contributor to *The Oxford Companion to Australian Cricket*.

**FAMILY REGISTER OF THE MID WEST REGION OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA**

Members of the Geraldton Family History Society Inc. have undertaken a project to record the names and details of those people who went to the Mid West region of Western Australia prior to January 1901. The Family Register will become a valuable source for genealogists and historians alike and will be available for all to use. Information and submission forms are available from the Geraldton Family History Society Inc., PO Box 2502 Geraldton WA AUST 6531

**BIOGRAPHICAL REGISTER OF THE ACT: CANBERRA, QUEANBEYAN AND DISTRICT 1820–1930**

The Heraldry & Genealogical Society of Canberra have undertaken a new project—an earlier edition was published in the late 1980s which covered the period until 1911. With the new edition they are extending the coverage from Federation, to the formation of the ACT, together with the foundation of the national capital, until 1930. If you would like to submit information please contact the Project Manager, Peter Procter at PO Box 3621, Weston Creek, ACT 2611
Lost, Stolen or Strayed ... and Found

Mrs Shirley Hay in New Zealand compiles a column called *Tracing Your Ancestors in a Dunedin community newspaper*. It appears fortnightly and usually comprises a small article of local interest, a family photograph, queries from researchers and notices of forthcoming events.

Please write clearly and print surnames. Send clear photograph copies only. Include a SAE for a copy of the printed page and any other information that may arise. If a contact phone number and an offer to refund postage or phone costs is included, a reply is more likely to be forthcoming.

Queries should relate to the Dunedin and Otago area and be sent to her at 13 Beach Street, St Clair, Dunedin, 9001 New Zealand, fax 64 3 455 2661 or email: smhay@xtra.co.nz

The Belfast Branch of the North of Ireland Family History Society has published a microfiche of 1370 baptisms from 1869 to 1920 and 3300 burials from 1845 to 1959 recorded in the Carnmoney Parish Church. The residences mentioned in these registers stretch from Belfast to South Antrim. Contact Mrs F. Jackson, 19 Norwood Crescent, Belfast BT4 2DZ

Stepping Stones, specialises in supplying email and photo quality copies of British church, sanitorium, hospital and convalescent home postcards. They have about 2000 cards catalogued, with more to be added, which include the names and addresses of recipients and dates of posting. They also produce directories, trade directories and other material of interest to family historians on CD. They have a web page at stepping-stones.co.uk or write to 3 George Hudson Street, York YO1 1JL England for a list of publications or you can email: judd@mjudson.freeserve.co.uk

Mr John Westell of Tweed Heads, NSW, has donated his book *James Westell* to the Hobart Branch Library. This is an unpublished folder containing the history of the Westell family beginning with the convict James Westell/Worstell/Warstell who married Bridget Malony. It traces their life in Kempton, Bothwell and the Steppes and gives details of their English and Irish backgrounds, their sons and the ensuing descendants. It involves the Munro, Craig, Cummings, Wood, Robinson, Crainer, Davie, Rogers and Bean families of the second generation who lived mainly in the Midlands of Tasmania.

John Steward has donated two of his publications to the society—*Tasmanians*, published in 1998 and the *1999 Tasmanian Sporting Almanac*. *Tasmanians* has listings for over 3,000 people—a great source of information for family historians.

Such was the response from his readers to his request for further historical sporting information, a subsequent publication, *Tasmania 2000 Sporting Almanac and Book of Facts* will be published in November 1999. He would welcome any sporting information from any sport for inclusion—but please be quick if you can provide material.

John may be contacted at PO Box 2091 Hobart TAS 7001, *(03) 6224 8818, email stoward@h130.aone.net.au or fax *(03) 6224 8823.*
Thelma Grunnell has forwarded a recent letter from Iain Swinnerton with another change of address in case anyone wishes to contact him re Army ancestry. He will be attending the 2000 Congress in Perth. His new address is Cobwebs, Longburton, Sherbourne Dorset DT9 5PD England. Email IainSwinnerton@compuserve.com

The society has received a complimentary copy of The North-Easterner, a local/family history magazine which covers the counties of Northumberland, Co. Durham, Tyne & Wear, Cleveland and Northern North Yorkshire. It is only available by mail order (a year's subscription with four issues is £10.00 for overseas). The editor, Michael Southwick, may be contacted at 21 Meldon Way, Hanover Estate, Winlaton, Tyne & Wear NE21 6HJ England with a web site at http://www.north-easterner.freeserve.co.uk or he may be emailed at michael@north-easterner.freeserve.co.uk. Original articles welcomed and you might even receive a small remuneration!

Ted Burkmar of Victoria, British Columbia, Canada, found an entry of Tasmanian interest in the Ross Bay Cemetery Tombstone Records compiled by Myrtle M. Smith and Audrey L. Shaw. Ross Bay Cemetery is an historic cemetery in Victoria and this tombstone record is a collection of typed bound pages, year unknown.

Charles LEE
Died Jan. 16, 1881
Aged 98 years
A native of Hobart Town
Tasmania

ELIZABETH SIMPSON AWARD 1998

The winners and commended journals for the Elizabeth Simpson Award for 1998 were announced by Richard Ratcliffe, chairman of the judges, at the AGM of Federation of Family History Societies at Winchester on 10 April. They are:

Joint 1st:
The Australian Institute of Genealogical Studies (The Genealogist)
The New Zealand Society of Genealogists (The New Zealand Genealogist)

2nd:
East of London Family History Society (The Cockney Ancestor)

Joint 3rd:
Buckingham Family History Society (Origins)
Powys Family History Society (Chronicl)

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BOOK REVIEWS


Although British convicts sentenced to transportation have been written about by numerous writers for a variety of purposes, they had little opportunity of expressing their own feelings.

Convict love tokens are mute relics of the sadness and pain felt by convicts with little hope of ever seeing home and loved ones again.

This book outlines the history of the making and collection of the leaden hearts, mainly 1797 Cartwheel pennies which were engraved by convicts waiting in the hulks for transportation to Australia. Coins were engraved with messages of love and despair. Some were engraved by skilled craftsmen, others by determined and patient amateurs.

An anecdote of particular interest to Tasmanians is The Case of the Luddites: Thomas Burbury and Benjamin Sparks. A chapter on Dickensian characters confirms the truth of Dickens’ reportage of the appalling conditions of poverty and unemployment in nineteenth-century England together with harsh sentences imposed, such as the death sentence passed on a thirteen-year-old boy for one count of ‘feloniously breaking and entering’.

Felon’s reactions were also printed in single-sheets which purported to contain ‘the last dying speech and confessions’ of those sentenced to death. These were a sort of macabre souvenir program sold to crowds gathered to watch public executions.

A chapter is devoted to tattoos and their relation to working class culture of the time. Some were a record of defiance of the state others were sentimental.

Other types of memorials and keepsakes are also examined. Although many of these were more expensive and indicative of higher social position, the sentiments expressed were not dissimilar to those of the convict love tokens.

This book contains numerous illustrations. There is a chronological list of all love tokens known at the present date as well as an alphabetical index of the names on love tokens.

This is an entertaining read for the general reader as well as a resource for researchers of convict ancestry.

Jeannine Connors


Andrew Peake’s first historical reference book entered the literary scene in 1977 and we welcome this second edition. Much of the earlier format and categories have been retained, but there is an enhanced presentation of sections dealing with Employment, Health and Welfare, Law and Order and the inclusion of Electoral Rolls and Phone Books in the Directories. There is no doubt that an essential source of genealogical information lies in telephone books.

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Family and Local History Faire organised by the Westbury Historical Society. Contact Katrina Treloggen, 28 Lyall Street Westbury TAS 7303.

7 November 1999

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12–13 November 1999
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John Thomas BRIGGS married Harriet RIDLEY, Longford Tasmania in January 1845. Emily Elizabeth, their first born child, was born in Tasmania; William Henry, Sarah Jane, Thomas, Harriet Selina, John and Frederick were born in South Australia. Eventually some moved to NSW, especially Condoblin area. Would appreciate contact with any of their descendants. Ruth Ridley, PO Box 409, Kippax ACT 2615

CASSIDY/COLEMAN/McNAMRA
John CASSIDY married Susan McNAMARA, Adelaide 1852. Issue born Deloraine included, John 1853; Thomas 1856; Michael 1860 and William 1871.
Patrick COLEMAN married Margaret McNAMARA 1858, Deloraine. Issue: Mary 1859 married Charles BRICKNELL and Thomas 1861 married Margaret HOPE.
Patrick Coleman died 1867. Widow Margaret married John HEATH. David Heath 1874 married Florence HORNE. I would like contact with any descendants.
Mrs Judith Button, 8 Parish Crescent, George Town TAS 7253

COLE/BASSETT/BAKER
I am trying to find the descendants of William COLE born 1853, who married Sarah BAKER/BASSETT in 1854 Launceston. Sarah was born 1820. Their children were: Thomas William born 1856, Female born 1859, Springfield born 1861, Martha born 1864 and Alice born 1862. This family were from the Wynyard District. Any help will be much appreciated. Annette Banks, 23 Tracy Road, Austins Ferry TAS 7011 ☏ (03) 6275 0388 or email abdraft@southcom.com.au

CONVICT SHIP ELIZA 1831 AND THE MACHINE BREAKERS
An elderly visually impaired man in Victoria is seeking information on the Machine Breakers who arrived on the Eliza in 1831. He is descended from one of these men who were transported from England for smashing machinery which had taken their jobs. He wishes to contact anyone who has researched the Eliza or any of the convicts brought out in her.
Please contact Mrs Faye Gardham, 116 Summerhill Drive, Port Sorell TAS 7307

DARVIN/WOODS
Bridget DARVIN (Irish convict) married John WOODS at Oatlands around 1851. It is believed they had seven children including a Joseph and Patrick. Could descendants or anyone having any information please contact June Humphrey, 9 Tilden Place, Cook ACT 2614
DOWN/HAMMOND/STEER/ADAMS
Emily Amelia DOWN was born at Westbury, 1 January 1865 to Ambrose and Elizabeth Medhurst (née NEWMAN) Down. She married Robert George HAMMOND at Scottsdale, 24 April 1889 and in the late 1890s worked as a teacher or assistant teacher at the North Scottsdale School. In 1901 (aged 35 and a spinster!) she married William Thomas (Dick) STEER (21, miner, born England) in St Marys. They later lived at North Scottsdale with a daughter, Ivy (possibly born around 1905), but separated in June 1918. Emily died as Emily Amelia Hammond (formerly of Scottsdale) in L’ton 11 August 1919, aged 54—with no mention of a daughter or husband on grave or death notice. A Wm Thos Steer married Ivy Victoria ADAMS in 1918. Any information on either husband or daughter would be appreciated. Lorraine Wootton, 3 Ethel Street, Scottsdale TAS 7260 (☎ 6352 2385) or email woottondes@microtech.com.au

EDWARDS/MOONEY/DOWN/HARRISON
George EDWARDS (60) married Rosanna (Rosina) MOONEY (22) in Fingal district in 1875. They had 9 children. George died in Fingal in 1895 and Rosina married Henry HARRISON in 1902, and died prior to 1918. Their 5th child, Thomas Edward Edwards was born 1883, Fingal District. He married Florence Parthiner DOWN in 1908, probably in L’ton, where they lived for some time—they had no children. They also lived in Ringarooma Road (Legerwood) in 1915–6 where he is included on the Roll of Honour for WW1. Thomas enlisted in 1916 and was killed in action in Belgium, 19 February 1918. Florence later married George Henry Tasman McDONALD (married Myrtle Claire Kate Edwards 1916, divorced 1920) who, it is said, saw Thomas Edwards shot down during the war. They lived at Kayena, West Tamar, but had no children. Information on any aspect of the above would be appreciated. Lorraine Wootton, 3 Ethel Street, Scottsdale, TAS 7260 (☎ 6352 2385) or email: woottondes@microtech.com.au

FORREST
Information is sought for any details of Ann FORREST, born Launceston 26 December 1844. She was the twin daughter of William and Elizabeth Forrest (née HAWKINS). She was baptized along with her twin sister Elizabeth on 7 January 1845 at St John’s Church, Launceston. Elizabeth went to Victoria around 1854, aged 9 years. She married James HUGHES when she was 18 and died on 10 September 1925, buried Malmsbury, Victoria. Other than her birth and baptism, nothing is known of Ann. There have been several variations in the spelling of Forrest. They include Forest, Forester, Forrester, Forist and Frost. Please contact: Sandra Duck, 71 Gibson Street, Kings Meadows Tasmania 7250 or sduck52@hotmail.com

HOPE/McKENZIE
Mark HOPE per Equestrian 3 married Elizabeth McKENZIE 1857, Deloraine. Issue: Flora 1858; Amelia 1860; William 1863; James 1865; Mark 1867 married Eliza Jane BARRATT. Married (2) Evelyn L. DOUGLAS; Elizabeth 1871 died 1871; Elizabeth 1872 married Alfred SELLARS 1891, Deloraine; Jane 1876 died 1891; Hannah 1879 died 1879 and Margaret 1880. Mark senior died 1885, widow Elizabeth married James PARSONAGE 1890. Sarah Ann born 1876 mother Flora Hope, Deloraine. I would like contact with any descendants.
Mrs Judith Button, 8 Parish Crescent, George Town TAS 7253
LUCAS/GRIGGS/DIXON/PHELPS
James Hunt LUCAS, NSW Corp., and Sarah GRIGGS, convict 2nd Fleet Neptune, Norfolk Island, late 1790s. I would like to make contact with any descendants of children: Sarah jnr, (father John TOWNSON), James Hunt jnr and Mary Ann. Also seeking descendants of Thomas DIXON (VDL 1812) and Charlotte Sarah PHELPS, married Portsmouth, UK.
Please write: Miss Gai Lucas, 5 Pine Street, Moss Vale NSW 2577

O’CONNOR/HART
Felix O’CONNOR born c.1846 Ireland, died August 1907, Hobart Tasmania, married Ellen HART, born c.1845, daughter of John and Julia Hart. Children: Mary Julia (WALTERS), Ellen Eugene, Joanna (CRAIG), Amy, Felix, John, Charles and Bernard. Would appreciate any information on family.
Mrs Carlene Charlton, PO Box 505 Ulverstone TAS 7315

PERTH RIVER DIGGINGS
I am trying to find information about a locale called PERTH RIVER DIGGINGS. The Diggings were given as the address of a referee, Wm MACKAY a bookseller, for a late relative of mine, Thomas WRIGHT, in 1857. I would be pleased to hear from anybody who may be able to assist in identifying the location of Perth River Diggings.
Helen Ayers, 3 Arndell Street, Macquarie ACT 2614

STEEL
Michael STEEL, born c.1794, arrived VDL prior to 1823, received a grant of 2,000 acres in the Macquarie district. Was in Melbourne 1838. Returned to England where he married Martha MOORE, 16 December 1840 at Preston Bagot, Warwickshire. Returned to Australia by mid 1840s. Sarah Moore, sister Martha, married John HIGHLET 1 September 1846 at New Town VDL. Jane Steel, sister of Michael, married Richard COOK, who died in Melbourne 1844. Michael died at Begbroke House, near Oxford in 1865, his wife, Martha, died in London 1881. Would be grateful for any information regarding Michael Steel, his sister and possibly a brother.
Eric Tetlow, 29 Henderson Road, Yarra Glen VIC 3775 (03) 9730 1445

WATERLOO VETERANS
I am seeking any references to veterans of the Battle of Waterloo who came to Australia either with their regiments or as emigrants. Interested in army record, arrival, family, place of settlement, death and burial etc. Any information greatly appreciated.
Mrs Kerrie Alexander, 6 Habeda Avenue, West Dapto NSW 2530 or email kat@keira.hotkey.net.au

WINDLEY/HERON
WINDLEY HERON, Jane 1873–1967 (died Hobart): the daughter of Stephen Windley of Esperance and wife of George HERON 1869–1949 (died Hobart). Mother of Jane (Jenny) Smith CRAWFORD (died 17 March 1984 in Hobart at age 85) wife of Robert Stanley Crawford. Contact: Laurel King Schnitzer, 809 West University Avenue, Champaign, Illinois 61820 USA or email: jischnit@uiuc.edu or 📞 217–356–2216
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Editorial

Our patron, Professor Michael Roe, is to be congratulated on the release of his latest book, *Life over Death, Tasmanians and Tuberculosis*, published by Tasmanian Historical Research Association. Many turned out on a chilly winter morning to attend the launch in the courtyard of the Tasmanian Museum and Art Gallery, adjacent to where many will remember having their chest x-rays taken some years ago.

Please note the new web address for the society. In the next issue we should be able to tell you more about the home page for Hobart branch (and others?).

While preparing the list of new members I was surprised (and delighted) to see how many have included their email address. With almost half having access to email it certainly makes a necessary addition to our listing, allowing for faster communication and sharing of information.

There have been some questions raised on reciprocal rights. Please note these points taken from the *Rule Book*. It is

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The Rev. Robert Drought served in Bothwell during the 1830s—see article page 85 this issue.
The Tasmanian Local History Societies Fifth Biennial Conference ‘Fields to Furrow, Flocks to Fleece’, will be held in Bothwell 9 and 10 October 1999.
CONGRATULATIONS to Hobart branch for a very successful and enjoyable Annual General Meeting Conference weekend. Participants had the opportunity of listening to four very informative and accomplished speakers and the catering was excellent.

For the first time in a number of years there was a full complement of nominations for the executive. Among changes to the executive are the election of Colleen Read and Peter Cocker as vice presidents. I would like to thank all those members who have retired from branch or state executive committees and welcome those who have been elected to office for the first time.

Professor Lucy Frost’s talk ‘No Place for a Nervous Lady’ was thoroughly enjoyed by all who braved the cold winter’s night to attend the dinner on Saturday. I was particularly interested in her comments on needing to go back to the original document rather than using a transcription. The transcription she found had been sanitised and gave a false impression of its subject. In her talk Lucy went on to describe the trail she followed in finding the current copyright owner of an unpublished manuscript, a task I am currently involved in. Her talk is a reminder to all family historians that all unpublished manuscripts such as diaries, letters, etc. are subject to copyright laws no matter how old and that if we want to publish significant portions it is necessary to seek out the current holder of the copyright and gain their permission.

The second edition of the TAMIOT Index is at last available on microfiche, thanks to the countless hours of recording, organising and preparing of data by Betty Calverley and the small band of branch TAMIOT workers. Thanks to the enormous amount of work done by these people we now have a product of which the society, and particularly those involved in its production, can be justly proud. Full details of this new valuable resource are given elsewhere in this edition of the Tasmanian Ancestry.

I remind members of the proposed family research tours. It has been suggested that the society organise a trip to Melbourne, Sydney and/or Salt Lake City to enable members to undertake family history research at the libraries, archives, and other record repositories in those centres. To enable the executive committee to gauge whether to go ahead and organise one or more of these trips, members are asked to indicate whether they would be interested.

Anne Bartlett.
ADIES and gentlemen, in presenting the annual report to the society, I would first like to extend my thanks to the members of the executive who have so ably assisted me throughout the year. I would like to thank David Harris who volunteered to continue as vice president of the society when no nomination was received for that position, and he has continued to assist without hesitation whenever asked. David’s help and advice has certainly made my task a much easier one.

I would also like to thank Muriel and Betty Bissett who form a very able and efficient team. At the 1998 AGM there was no nomination for executive treasurer and following this meeting Betty volunteered to undertake the duties of treasurer which she has fulfilled in a very efficient manner. For the first time, I believe, the society has had a budget presented at the beginning of the financial year. Betty has continued to assist Muriel with the taking of minutes at the executive meetings. Muriel has continued as executive secretary from the previous year and she has been ably assisted by Pat Harris who, for a number of years, has been responsible for collecting and distributing the society’s mail. Pat also deals with all correspondence regarding the sale of the society’s publications.

At the national level the society continues to be a member of AFFHO. During 1997 the society was without a representative on the AFFHO council. Early this year an approach was made to AFFHO about finding a replacement for Alison Brain who had resigned a year earlier. As a result of this approach Maurice Weston agreed to represent the society and was nominated to the position of Treasurer of AFFHO by the GST Inc. We look forward to a long working relationship with Maurice.

At the 1998 Annual General Meeting a further six members of the society were granted Certificates of Meritorious Service. More nominations have been received this year and a second member of the society has been elected to the roll of Fellows of the Society. Congratulations to all recipients. It is pleasing to see that members are continuing to recognise the value of the long and dedicated service some members make to the society and genealogy in general.

The Probate Calendars for the United Kingdom, the last of the state purchases of records on microfiche, arrived towards the end of 1998 and following the receipt of these records the roster for the circulation of the microfiche was reorganised. Although members sometimes have to wait a while to view the records they want, the system provides them with the opportunity of using records, the cost of which were beyond the financial capability of individual branches.

Progress in a number of projects, at both state and branch level, has been achieved throughout the year:

1 The TAMIOT Index is at the publishers and it will be only a matter of two or three weeks before the second edition of this valuable resource is available for sale. Betty Calverley has led a small but dedicated band of members who have worked hard over a number
of years to bring about this result. Betty has been TAMIOT coordinator for the last eight years and, following the completion of the updating of the files for the second edition of microfiche, resigned as coordinator. The society is deeply indebted to all those who worked on these files and in particular to Betty for all her work over those years. Thanks also to Henry Bartlett who prepared the computer files for microfiching. This work took much longer than first envisaged but the task is now completed.

2 Hobart and Launceston branches are working towards transcribing all headstones in the state’s two largest cemeteries. Once completed TAMIOT indexes to Cornelian Bay and Carr Villa Cemeteries will be released by Hobart and Launceston branches respectively.

3 Volume 4 of the Van Diemens Land Index was published towards the end of 1998 and Neil Chick quietly continues working on Volume 5.

4 Early in the year the state negotiated with the Fred Thornett for the rights to produce a set of microfiche of his valuable index Tasmanian War Memorials Database. The set is now available for sale through the society.

5 Peter Cocker has continued his work on developing the society’s home page on the Internet. Earlier in the year some difficulties arose in accessing the home page to undertake modifications but hopefully this has now been overcome. Peter will continue to update the information on the home page when necessary. Some branches are also working on setting up a home page of their own.

6 Branches have continued to use the production of publications as a means of raising the much needed revenue required for the upkeep of their branch libraries. Burnie, Devonport and Launceston have all released further indexes to the personal announcements in their local regional newspapers. In addition, Devonport and Hobart have produced volumes of cemetery transcripts and Launceston has undertaken the task of indexing some of the information contained in Walch’s Tasmanian Almanacs. Again, the work in producing these publications has been undertaken by a small dedicated band of workers who in some instances are also involved in other projects within their branch.

Planning for the Family History Conference in Tasmania has continued. This conference will now be held in the year 2001, instead of 2000 as originally announced. It will be part of the celebrations for the twenty-first anniversary of the formation of the Genealogical Society of Tasmania. The conference will be held in Launceston over the March long weekend in that year. The index to Tasmanian Ancestry will be released in the second half of 2001, following the publication of volume twenty of Tasmanian Ancestry. Family history research tours will be organised by the executive provided there is sufficient interest from members.

Finally I would like to thank all state coordinators. The journal committee, led by Rosemary Davidson, has continued to produce a high quality journal and it is efficiently distributed by David Freestun and his team of helpers. Thelma McKay keeps track of the exchange journals and it is pleasing to note that the number of
societies the journal is exchanged with has increased this year.

Don Gregg, together with his small committee again undertook the organisation of the Lilian Watson Family History Award for a third year and they have agreed to do it for a further year. The rules for this award were revised during 1998 and it was decided to do away with the three categories that were currently in place and replace it with an award for a Family History. The executive has also decided to introduce a separate award for manuscripts.

John Dare and Allen Wilson have worked quietly behind the scenes keeping a record of the members and their research interests. John took over as membership secretary when Vee Maddock resigned, while Allen has been keeping the members’ interests records for nearly ten years. Denise McNeice fulfils a number of roles and her knowledge of the workings of the society is a valuable help to all those on the executive committee.

All coordinators’ and branch reports will be tabled at the Annual General Meeting for members to see.

Each branch is manned by a core group of dedicated workers. In some cases this group is quite small and the makeup has not changed in several years. Each year a few drop out because of age or other commitments. In closing I would like to thank all those who have, in some way, assisted with the running of the society and call on all members to undertake some small task within their branch and so share the responsibilities. As the saying goes ‘Many hands make light work’.

Anne Bartlett

[See page 132 for Auditor’s Report—Ed.]

VALE

Michael Joseph Howe

Mike’s many friends in the society, especially those more closely associated with him at the Hobart branch, were deeply saddened by his untimely death on 4 June. Mike had a wonderful sense of humour and was much admired and respected by fellow members. He will also be much missed for his invaluable contribution as Hobart Branch Treasurer, and his assistance to the publications committee and the computer group. His expertise with computers was legend and he was never too busy to lend an expert hand to others. Deepest sympathy is extended to Mike’s wife Lee, his mother Doreen, and his sister and brothers and their families.

Jean Lillian McKenzie

Jean was an active member from the very early days of the society and her death on 20 June is mourned by her many longstanding friends. During her lengthy period of membership Jean became involved with a wide range of activities within the society. For five years she served on the executive committee of the state council. From 1982–1991 she was closely associated with the production and dispatch of our journal. Jean also spent ten years as a library assistant—regularly twice each month. Her award for Meritorious Service last year was a fitting tribute to her service to the society. Jean lived for her family and sincere sympathy is extended to her husband Allan, son Robert and grand children.
FEW persons have contributed as much to the cause of genealogists and family historians in Tasmania as has Mr Neil Kay Chick.

Neil’s contributions are not limited to Tasmania but have far-reaching implications for genealogists both now and in the future within and beyond the shores of Australia.

Neil was a member of the Australian Institute of Genealogical Studies (AIGS) whose Tasmanian members together formed the Genealogical Society of Tasmania in April 1980 with Neil accepting the position of senior vice president in the new body. He was largely responsible for the first constitution of the society. This first constitution had seventeen clauses and occupied three pages as compared with our current six pages supported by a book of by-laws. The changes have become necessary due to the continued growth of the society and the need to become an incorporated body.

Neil initiated the work on the TAMIOT project, set the standards for cemetery transcriptions and designed the transcription cards for use by members.

Neil also contributed the double helix design representing ancestor trees, descendant trees and the double stranded genetic inheritance of RNA and DNA. This design was used on the cover of all journals until September 1993 and still features in the border of all official correspondence of the society.

Over the years Neil has published many articles of genealogical interest in both our own Tasmanian Ancestry and the journals of other similar bodies. His work The Archers of Van Diemens Land, is a major work detailing the lives and descendants of this pioneering family.

In September 1985 Neil embarked on the Van Diemens Land Heritage project in association with the society. Four volumes of this work of major significance have already been published with the material for a fifth volume already to hand. In this work Neil has corrected and enlarged on the original submissions thus filling many gaps for the contributors.

Neil was also a major player in the team led by the late Lilian Watson whose efforts led to the release of the pre 1900 Birth, Death and Marriage records for Tasmania.

In recognition of his service to the society in particular and to genealogists and family historians in general, we, the undersigned have pleasure in nominating Neil Kay Chick to receive the award of Fellow of the Genealogical Society of Tasmania Inc.

Proposer: James R. Wall. Seconders: Anne M. Bartlett, State President, David L. Harris, State Vice President, Muriel Bissett, State Secretary, Betty Bissett, State Treasurer.

20 February 1999
MERITORIOUS SERVICE AWARDS

AT the AGM five members of the society were presented with Certificates of Meritorious Service. The Burnie members who were unable to attend will receive theirs at a function later this year. The recipients were:

**Betty Calverley** (Launceston) for the enormous amount of time and expertise she devoted to the compilation of the revised TAMIOT Index.

**Dawn Collins** (Burnie) received two nominations. One for long service on the state executive as a branch delegate, vice president and executive secretary. The second outlined the many ways in which she participated in the administration of the Burnie branch over a period of eighteen years including being research officer, branch secretary, branch vice president and branch president. At state level Dawn was a Burnie representative on the 1991 Congress Committee and coordinated the Family History Award for two years.

**Morris Lansdell** (Hobart) for his long service to both the society and Hobart branch as state library coordinator and branch librarian. Morris was also involved in the drafting of the current rules of the society.

**Thelma McKay** (Hobart) for her work in overseeing the production of *The O'Shea Indexes to ‘The Mercury’,* now available in nine volumes. At a state level Thelma served for a time as journal coordinator and is currently exchange journal coordinator. At a personal level Thelma has been involved in the production of a number of books and indexes of a genealogical nature.

**Alma Ranson** (Launceston) in recognition of the countless hours she has devoted to the running of the Launceston branch library in her role as branch librarian and for the many ways she has been involved in the administration and activities of the branch.

**P. V. (Villy) Scott** (Burnie) for service to the society and Burnie branch as TAMIOT Coordinator, state vice president, and branch delegate. At branch level Villy initiated the branch’s major project, the indexing of personal announcements in *The Advocate* and early North West and West Coast newspapers. In the extended genealogical community Villy has been a director of a LDS Family History Centre.

**James Wall** (Hobart) for the major role he played in the early years in the TAMIOT project and for serving the society and Hobart branch as state vice chairman and public officer and as branch vice chairman and chairman. Jim was one of the founder members of the society and was involved in the rewriting of the society’s rules. In the wider genealogical community he has been associated with the Pioneer Index Project and has served as a director of a LDS Family History Centre.
LILIAN WATSON FAMILY HISTORY AWARD

1999 Award
There were three entries for the 1999 award, which was for a commercially published book.

• ‘The von Bibra Story’ by Lois Nyman and Graeme von Bibra, Tasmania (to be placed in the Launceston Branch Library).
• ‘They Came to Preach and Prosper: a brief history of the Geeves or Jeeves Family in Tasmania & Australia 1842–1998’ by Kenneth J. Read, Tasmania (to be placed in the Hobart Branch Library).
• ‘Kettle-Broth for Tea’ by Trevor Byard, Victoria (to be placed in the Launceston Branch Library).

The award was won by Graeme von Bibra and Lois Nyman for ‘The von Bibra Story’. Certificates and a cheque were presented to the winners by the society’s Patron Professor Michael Roe at the Annual General Meeting on 19 June.

This book was reviewed by Audrey Huds- peth in Tasmanian Ancestry, March 1997.

‘The first two chapters of this book deal with the illustrious ancestry of the ancient von Bibra family, barons and prince bishops in old Germany. Chapter 3 begins the story of Franz Ludwig, a half-pay officer, like many others seeking a fortune in a new colony after the Napol- eonic wars. Franz Ludwig, however, had recommendations from the royal family after tutoring two illegitimate daughters of the Duke of Clarence, later King William IV. This enabled him to obtain a cheap passage for his family and a grant of 1000 acres. He died a few months after his arrival. The family scattered, and the main storyline then follows the fortunes of Francis Louis, an adventurous fellow whose varied occupations included gatekeeper at the Female House of Correction and Superintendent of the Male House of Correction in Launceston, later Superintendent of the Treadmill. Escaping from these dreary occupations he eventually founded a pearling industry in Western Australia. Two of his sons remained to become well established in Tasmania. The von Bibras were an accomplished tribe, and in Tasmania it became a well known family with a record of public service.’

2000 Award
The Lilian Watson Award for 2000 will be for a ‘book’, however produced or published. The new conditions for the award were listed in Tasmanian Ancestry for March 1999.

The competition is open to the general public as well as to members of the society. Entries must have a significant Tasmanian content.

Closing date for entries is 31 December 1999.

Further information about the 2000 Award and entry forms are available from the branch libraries of the society or by applying to:

Family History Award Coordinator
GPO Box 640 Hobart TAS 7001 •
BRANCH NEWS

Burnie
President Ray Hyland (03) 6431 7404
Secretary Judy Cocker (03) 6435 4103
PO Box 748 Burnie Tasmania 7320
email: petjud@bigpond.com

Congratulations to Dawn Collins and Villy Scott on their Certificates of Meritorious Service Award presented at the State AGM. It was unfortunate they could not be there to receive the awards as Dawn and Villy have been active in the branch and at state level for many years and are thoroughly deserving of these certificates.

The second volume in our series of Indexes to the Advocate BDMs 1926–1930 has been printed and is available for sale. Work is continuing on several more volumes and thanks to Doug Forrest for his continuing work on these.

At the AGM in April, Peter Cocker spoke on his German ancestors and the success he has had following up and receiving information through the internet. Computer awareness was the topic for the May meeting and we made use of our new computer to inform members of the benefits of computers for family research. Since connecting to the internet members have made good use of this valuable research tool.

A successful Irish night was held in June, with the theme ‘Did Your Ancestors Come From Ireland?’ Amidst the strains of Danny Boy, streamers, balloons and shamrocks decorating the walls, members shared their Irish research along with a few Irish jokes!

Congratulations to Hobart branch on a great AGM weekend. The speakers, lunch and dinner were all very enjoyable and the fine day at Richmond just topped it off! Hope to see everyone in Burnie next year!

Devonport
President Sue McCreghan (03) 6428 2288
Secretary Isobel Harris (03) 6424 5328
PO Box 587 Devonport Tasmania 7310

A change has been made to the opening times of the Devonport Branch Library. The library will now be open each Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

On Tuesday and Thursday it will be open from 10.00 am until 4.00 pm. and on Wednesday it will open from 10.00 am until 1.00 pm.

There will no longer be a Saturday opening but if there is a need to visit the library outside of the normal opening times arrangements can be made by phoning (03) 6424 5328.

The last three monthly meetings have been conducted by our local members. In April some members brought interesting documents which they had recently received and which confirmed or added new information to their family lines. One member displayed an antique doll and recounted the interesting details as to how she had obtained possession of the doll. In May, Helen Anderson gave some helpful hints about researching available records and the methods of recording the information. As a follow up to this topic, genealogical computer programmes were discussed at the June meeting. Several members spoke about the programme.
they used and a variety of printed charts from the various programmes were displayed so that members could evaluate the type of programme which best fitted their needs.

The afternoon meetings have continued to be successful and it is pleasing to see new members attending these sessions. Genealogical programmes were also discussed at one of these meetings.

Several members took part in an excursion to the Grubb Shaft Museum at Beaconsfield and they were most interested in the displays and a pleasant day was had by all.

A mid-year Christmas Dinner was held at the Birdcage Tavern at Spreyton. This was a most enjoyable function in a friendly, relaxed atmosphere.

**Hobart**

President Colleen Read (03) 6244 4527
Secretary Cynthia O’Neill (03) 6243 6200 or 0419 319 774
GPO Box 640 Hobart Tasmania 7001
email: crone@southcom.com.au

In June Hobart Branch was delighted to welcome so many members to the AGM Conference ‘Quiet Voices’, which was opened by our Patron Professor Michael Roe. We were enthralled by Dr Alison Alexander’s lively address on the lives of three of the women highlighted in her book *Governors’ Ladies*. (NB a reprint is due for release in August). Dr Hamish Maxwell-Stewart intrigued us with his talk about convict narratives which includes the sentiment and meanings behind convict tattoos and love tokens. Tony Marshall presented detailed information on the wide range of family and local history resources available for research in the State Library’s Heritage Collections. That evening our after-dinner speaker Professor Lucy Frost gave us an amusing account of the problems she encountered in recent research. Correspondence to and from a number of family members gave graphic evidence of Lucy’s struggle to establish the whereabouts and ownership of an original diary so vital for her work.

Heartiest congratulations are extended to all society members honoured with special awards at the AGM, especially our new Fellow, Neil Chick. We were delighted our three Hobart Branch members—Morris Lansdell, Thelma McKay and James Wall—were present to accept their Awards for Meritorious Service.

The Coal River Valley Historical Society prepared a wonderful photographic display for our Conference visit on the Sunday, and a large group of members enjoyed the tour of historic Richmond led by Peter MacFie and Dianne Snowden. This newly formed society is currently preparing their own history rooms for permanent displays etc. and we wish them every success with their venture.

Thanks to the concerted efforts of many dedicated members, volume four in our series *Cemeteries of Southern Tasmania: Richmond—Anglican, Roman Catholic & Congregational (includes Cambridge)* was launched at the AGM Conference (see p.98 for details).

June was a very sad month for Hobart Branch with the deaths of two of our much respected and hard working members—Jean McKenzie and Mike Howe. (see p.78 for Vale). They will both be much missed by their many friends in the society.

On a happier note, we were delighted that in the Queen’s Birthday Honours...
List, Bryce Ward was awarded a Member in the Order of Australia for services to education in Tasmania as a teacher and administrator, and to the community through service, social welfare and sporting groups. Bryce’s ability and willingness to take such an active role in our society typifies the attributes he has brought to so many other community groups. Congratulations Bryce.

Following the success of our involvement in Seniors Week last year, another free session at our library is planned for Seniors Card Holders on Saturday 25 September from 10.30 am to 12.30 pm.

**Future Guest Speakers:**
- September 21—Simon Cubit, Central Highlands.
- October 19—Dianne Snowden, Irish convict women and their families.
- November 16—Jill Cassidy, Oral History.

A group visit to the Tasmanian Museum & Art Gallery is planned with Alison Melrose for Sunday, 3 October to view the Museum’s Photographic Collection. Numbers are essential—members not already booked should contact Bev Richardson on 6225 3292 or email hunterj@trump.net.au

**English Research Interest Group:**

- Sunday 7 November at 2.00 p.m.

**Launceston**

President Jenny Gill (03) 6331 1150 or 0417 159 794

Secretary Betty Bissett (03) 6344 4034

PO Box 1290 Launceston TAS 7250

In May it was our turn to have the English Probate Indexes at the Library for three months. They have proved to be very popular and fruitful. When they come to your branch you are in for a treat. David and Isobel Harris kindly came from Devonport and outlined the contents of the indexes and gave helpful hints for researching. We held our general meeting in June at the altered time of 3.00 pm. The meetings were packed, so much so that we have decided that we will also have an afternoon meeting on Tuesday 2 November.

Congratulations to our librarian Mrs Alma Ranson and Mrs Betty Calverley the branch and state TAMJOT coordinator who both received Meritorious Service Awards at our recent Annual General Meeting.

On Saturday the 28 August we, along with the other branches of the society, will be participating in the Westbury Historical Society’s Family and Local History Faire.

We accepted with regret Dian Smith’s resignation as a Launceston Delegate on the State Executive, and extend sincere thanks to Dian for the dedicated service over the years both on the State Executive and the subcommittees. Our branch will now have two new faces on the State Executive: Anita Swan will join Pat Harris as a Delegate and our Vice President Alan Leighton will be our Alternative Delegate.

**Programme for the next three months:**

- **Tuesday 5 October.** At 7.30 pm.—Irish Research and introducing Griffith’s Valuation for Ireland.
- **Tuesday 2 November.** At 3 pm.—Irish Research and introducing Griffith’s Valuation for Ireland.
- **Tuesday 7 December.** At 7.30 pm.—Christmas Breakup—members bring a plate.

No report received from Huon branch.
THE TRAGEDY OF  
THE REVEREND ROBERT DROUGHT 
W. K. Piper

In April 1836, a middle-aged clergyman died in ignominy in the ‘Derwent Hotel’ in Hobart after a life which resembled a classical tragedy. His great mistake was the dutiful loving care shown to his own daughter.

Robert Campbell Drought was born in King’s County, Ireland in 1774. He was the eldest son of a rich and powerful Anglo-Irish family. Droughts had owned and traded in land since the time of Cromwell. Besides their Irish properties, the family enjoyed the society of the spa city of Bath.

Robert’s father, James, held professorships in Law and in Divinity at Trinity College Dublin. Robert himself was educated by tutor at home, and graduated from TCD at a youthful twenty years of age. His prospects seemed rosy indeed!

In 1793 Robert Drought fell in love with a girl named Anne. Her ambitious parents opposed the marriage. Both young people were told that the other had lost interest, and Anne soon married someone of her parents’ choosing in the English political establishment. Robert too married: his bride was Mary BRISTOW, daughter of his father’s oldest friend.

One night in November 1797, Robert and Anne met at a party in Bath, and discovered the truth. In one passionate reunion, a child was conceived.

When Anne’s husband discovered that he had been cuckolded, he deserted her, and he challenged Robert to a duel, twice. Once was with swords, the other was with pistols. On each occasion Robert wounded his opponent.

These events led to a premature confinement in July 1798, and Robert visited Anne just before she died. She made him promise to keep her husband’s identity a secret, lest his political career be harmed. The child, a girl, survived and was named Anne. She was placed with a couple in London, named CROSS, who had just lost their baby at birth. Thus Anne was passed off as their own. Robert, when he inherited some money from his mother, arranged an annuity for her.

For a while Robert returned to Ireland, where he joined a local militia fighting against the Fenian insurgency. In 1801 he took holy orders, and his career in the Church began. So did his family. His oldest daughter was Elizabeth; others were born in different parishes in England. There was James, born in Chester about 1796, later a JP of Banagher, Ireland. Charles Bristow Drought was born about 1800. Justinian Raynsford Drought born in Claines, Worcestershire on 7 September 1801 and Richard, 1802. Other daughters were Mary and Henrietta. Soon he had six or seven children and was a rising star in the Church.

In September 1815 Drought learned that his other daughter, Anne, had married James GIDDINGS, and his interest in this daughter quickened. He started to keep contact with her. Anne was worried because Giddings was keeping bad company. In an effort to remove him from malign influences she persuaded him to move to the parish of Shadwell, in east London.
Then in some way which I cannot understand, she persuaded her father, the Reverend Robert Drought, to come to Shadwell as well. Mary Drought and her daughter Elizabeth were away touring France at the time. When she returned to England she found her husband living with his sons in the house of a strange woman whom he declared to be his own illegitimate daughter! He had taken the post of Curate in the parish, thereby receiving much lower status and remuneration than he had previously enjoyed in charge of parishes in England and Ireland. The family moved into church accommodation together.

Mary and Elizabeth denied at first that Anne could possibly be who she claimed. Their furious antagonism was not unnoticed by the parishioners of Shadwell.

In 1822, Giddings was convicted of some crime, and was transported to NSW. Robert accompanied Anne to the convict transport, Eliza, where, to the amazement of the crew and the officers, he appealed to the captain to treat Giddings kindly.

From then, the regular visits that Robert paid her and her two sons, excited scandalized comment in the parish. There were some wealthy citizens in Shadwell, an area of riverside docks and warehouses; during one sermon, Robert commented upon the unkindness of certain churchwardens towards some poor parishioners, and this gravely antagonized the clique. Their hostility focused upon his interest in Mrs Anne Giddings and also upon the continuing fury of his wife and daughter.

Gossip was deliberately fuelled. Nevertheless, Drought remained very popular with most of the people who regarded him as a dutiful pastor and a talented preacher.

In 1824 a committee of parishioners organized an investigation into Drought’s conduct, reporting directly to the Bishop of London, William HOWLEY. The committee exonerated Drought on all counts, and the Bishop was satisfied that Drought should continue his work. However the clique would not give up; they pestered the vicar, Charles le BAS, and the Bishop, until both men became very weary of the affair. Such was the atmosphere they created, that eventually, in 1826, Drought was persuaded to leave the parish to allow calm to be re-established.

Now began a time of great hardship. The family found living space in Southwark, south of the Thames, but his wife became debilitated and of unsound mind. Drought himself found no paid employment, and his fertile mind ached for activity. Although his father had died in 1820, Robert seems to have benefited little from his inheritance. The family sank beneath a burden of poverty. Elizabeth provided much of the strength of the family, writing audacious letters of appeal for help. This dragged on for three years.

In 1829 Elizabeth was distraught. Harried by debtors, Drought disappeared. In fact he had found a post as Chaplain to the convict colony of Van Diemen’s Land, not, however, through normal channels. He sailed from England in the naval store ship Lang. Drought occupied a cabin as befitted a clergyman of his status. Among the steerage passengers was a Mrs Anne GRAY and her two sons.

How can I explain Drought’s extraordinary behaviour? I imagine that it was an act of sheer desperation, aimed at finding by any means some source of income, rather than letting his family starve.
The voyage was eventful. In the south Atlantic, Lang was attacked by a pirate vessel, but fought her off. Of almost equal importance to the respectable passengers bound to Van Diemen’s Land was the behaviour of the Rev Mr Drought, who paid dutiful attention to Mrs Gray, the woman in steerage. Tongues wagged, and, not long before arrival at Hobart, an explanation was demanded. To the even greater scandal of his fellow passengers, Mr Drought revealed that Mrs Gray was Mrs Giddings, his own natural daughter.

The Church in Van Diemen’s Land needed troops to provide for the well-being of its disparate population, as well as to counter the influence of the non-conformists and the Papists. Drought’s arrival in April 1830 was celebrated in The Colonial Times of 5 November 1830:

We congratulate the Colony upon the late addition to the Clerical Establishment of the Reverend Mr Drought. His style of preaching is of the peculiar character that speaks to the heart, in a manner that is not to be withstood—there is no affectation in it—no pomposity—no seeking to obtain favour with man by out-of-place allusion—but clear, bold, and nervous, he considers all his hearers as equally requiring the word of God to be revealed to them, and equally addresses his language to the proudest Pharisee as to the most lowly Publican ...

Drought was appointed to the outlying district of Green Ponds, with pastoral responsibilities as far away as Bothwell, Jericho and Oatlands. First, though, he had to appeal for funds to purchase a horse to carry him to his district and around the parish. The government rented him a cottage from a local farmer. Drought’s ability as a preacher and caring spiritual advisor ensured a good reputation among his flock. However he conflicted with the local Police Magistrate, John WHITEFOORD, over Whitefoord’s failure to attend church, and his setting a bad example to the convicts of the district. In retaliation, Whitefoord justified himself by the fact that Drought was living with a woman not his wife. If she was indeed his natural daughter, that only made the situation worse! A campaign of vilification was conducted by Whitefoord and his supporters.

Another neighbour, Dr Edward GORRINGE, disputed with Drought over the boundaries of the glebe land. When Drought objected to Gorringe’s pigs foraging on the glebe, Gorringe threatened him and his dog with a gun.

Thomas ANSTEY of Oatlands, the son of a Shadwell resident, received from his father the results of the committee’s investigation—from the viewpoint of Drought’s enemies. He published a clear assertion that Anne was not Drought’s daughter, and also wrote to the Governor, George ARTHUR.

Then there occurred a remarkable incident. Arthur learned that a visitor to the colony, carrying letters to senior clergymen, had previously practised as a draper in Shadwell. He asked him to his office. George THOMPSON had once been one of Drought’s most loyal supporters, but had been turned away by the campaign against him. Through him, George Arthur learned Drought’s story.

In desperation, Drought appealed to Arthur for justice against the persecution of Whitefoord and Gorringe. By now Arthur had little time for him. During an interview, Arthur directly accused Drought of serious weakness in bringing Mrs Giddings to VDL with him.

Drought made various mistakes; for instance, he was reputed to have conduct-
ed a marriage in an inn, and to have paid his workers in vouchers for spirits. Preoccupied, he was sometimes late in paying bills, and his financial affairs were described as being in a parlous state.

Arthur had already found some of the practices of the Church an irritation in his management of the colony. Nevertheless, he had a warm relationship with the Archdeacon of New South Wales, William BROUGHTON. During his periodic visitation of VDL, Broughton investigated the stories circulating about Robert Drought. Detailed correspondence continued between him and Arthur, even when Broughton visited England. Broughton met Howley, now Archbishop, and confirmed to Arthur the details of the Shadwell scandal.

Everywhere Drought turned, his past caught up with him. He received news of the illness of his daughter, Elizabeth, and the death of his son Justinian, in Madras in October 1831. He suffered illness himself, nervous twitches, headaches and fevers. His judgement declined, and he lost control of his temper. Through all this, he continued God’s work in the colony, and won the love and affection of his diminishing band of supporters. In 1835, when it appeared that he would have to leave his parish, they presented a petition expressing their admiration of him. One of his warmest supports was the Presbyterian chaplain of Bothwell, James GARRETT.

In the face of orchestrated hostility and of Arthur’s irritation and disbelief, Drought prepared legal action. He threatened Whitefoord with court action in London. He also sought permission to consult a lawyer in Sydney who knew Giddings, and would provide proof of Anne’s identity. The Legislative Council in Hobart, at Drought’s request, prepared to investigate the allegations of misconduct he brought against Whitefoord and Whitefoord’s counter-allegations. During this time, James Giddings, now with a ticket-of-leave, arrived in Tasmania. But it all came to nothing. In 1836 Drought, now a broken man, went to Hobart for medical treatment. He died in his hotel. The government breathed a collective sigh of relief.

George Arthur reported the death to the Colonial Secretary in London, who in turn informed Elizabeth. Arthur wrote

My own impression from various occurrences is that Mr Drought laboured under occasional temporary derangements. He possessed admirable powers of mind which were occasionally obscured by conduct that admitted no other construction than that it was the result of disease.

(AOT, Despatches Vol. 22, p.185)

Anne Giddings was refused a colonial land grant, usually awarded to the children of deceased colonial clergymen. She was considered unsuitable. Her oldest son, known usually as James Gray, married Frances RUSSELL at Green Ponds in 1841, and they had many children. Her other son, Robert Cross Giddings shot himself. James Giddings senior is buried at Green Ponds. Anne later married Thomas HAMILTON, a jeweller in Hobart.

Robert Drought’s son Matthew Albert had received a scholarship to Christ’s Hospital school in London, mainly through the letter-writing efforts of his sister Elizabeth. Later he became a cadet in the East India Company and a Commander in the Indian Navy. Charles Bris-tow Drought was a successful clergyman in England. Major General Richard Drought owned Mau Summit in Kenya,
and was later a Commander of the Bath. Elizabeth never married. She died alone, aged 43, in London.

Notes on sources.
The correspondence between Archdeacon Broughton and Lt Gov Arthur is available in Arthur’s papers in Mitchell Library.

Papers about Drought’s litigation and complaints while he was in Green Ponds and Jericho are in AOT, microfilmed by the Genealogical Society of Utah.

Papers concerning the investigation of his conduct in Shadwell are in Lambeth Palace Library, London.

I have found no evidence for the duel, apart from Drought’s own testimony to the Shadwell enquiry.

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The limbs that move, the eyes that see,
these are not entirely me;
Dead men and women helped to shape,
the mold that I do not escape;
The words I speak, the written line, these
are not uniquely mine.
For in my heart and in my will, old
ancestors are warring still,
Celt, Roman, Saxon and all the dead, from
whose rich blood my veins are fed,
In aspect, gesture, voices, tone, flesh of
my flesh, bone of my bone;
In fields they tilled, I plow the sod, I walk
the mountain paths they trod;
Around my daily steps arise—the good
the bad—those I comprise.

Translation from a work by Richard Rolle,
c.1300–1349, early English mystic and author of
mystical and ascetic tracts.
Submitted by Lynne Curtis—title unknown.

TASMANIAN LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETIES
FIFTH BIENNIAL CONFERENCE

‘FIELDS TO FURROW,
FLOCKS TO FLEECE’

BOTHWELL TOWN HALL
9 and 10 OCTOBER 1999

This year the conference is to be
hosted by the Bothwell Historical Society on the 9 and 10 October 1999 at the Bothwell Town Hall.

• The programme will begin at 9.00 am.

with registration and morning tea followed
by presentation of papers between
10.00 and 12.00. After lunch there will
be guided church tours before further
presentation of papers. A conducted tour,
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later in the afternoon will be followed by
pre-dinner drinks in the Bothwell Town Hall with a Farmhouse Supper at 6.30 pm.
• To conclude the day’s events there
will be a showing of early local farming
films at 8.00 pm.
• Those who stay overnight will be able
to enjoy walking tours of the Bothwell
township and visits to places of interest in
and around Bothwell on the Sunday
morning.
• Displays will be included and space for
sales outlets will be provided on request.
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will need to make their own arrangements
with regard to accommodation.
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lunch $5.00 and dinner $12.50.

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Princess Royal Girls
Thelma McKay

In a previous issue of *Tasmanian Ancestry* (Vol. 17, No. 2, September 1996) a request was made for any information from descendants of the first free immigration girls who arrived in Hobart Town on the *Princess Royal* in September 1832. My thanks go to those who did make contact but there are still many of these girls I have not been able to trace. There are at least four listings of their arrival with name variations and incomplete entries. These have been compared in an attempt to trace each female—for example; if and when married, issue, abode and death details—for a book being compiled on these *Princess Royal* girls.

Perhaps the entry into VDL for your great great grandmother is not known, only whom she married. The following alphabetical list showing the names of the girls and their prospective husbands, plus date of marriage, may help to identify them. If anyone can help with these families please contact Mrs Thelma McKay at 55 Auburn Road Kingston TAS 7050 or phone/fax (03) 6229 3149.

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FACT OR FICTION?
Ronald Mallett BA

GENEALOGICAL research involves tracing the parentage of individuals. That process can be achieved through reflecting on a plethora of records available to the public and originally compiled by church and state. However the onus of proof is forever on the researcher. The process of connecting together generations is one that needs to be approached with a prudent temperament. Without proper scrutiny, evidence presented to support a genealogical thesis can be easily undermined. In the most extreme cases that may result in certain genealogies to be found to be wrong, a potentially embarrassing predicament and one that may undermine the true value of the bulk of a researcher’s work.

The lack of information recorded on early records has caused numerous problems for genealogists, amateur or otherwise. Following the 1838 Registration Act, birth, death and marriage records were compiled by the state. Prior to 1896, Tasmanian birth registrations recorded names, sex, date and place of birth, names of parents (including the mother’s maiden name) and the occupation of the father. Tasmanian death registrations prior to 1897 comprised of the name, age and occupation of the deceased and the place and date of death. Tasmanian marriage registrations before 1896 merely included the full names of both parties, their ages (although sometimes only if they were legal adults), occupations, nature of their marital status and the names of the witnesses to the ceremony. Records until the turn of the century then, were very scant in relation to detail. Improvements to the quality of Tasmanian records began in 1896. Birth registrations incorporated the date and the place of the marriage of parents from 1896. The ages and birthplaces of the parents were added in 1902 and previous issues were listed in 1909. Death registrations included the birthplace of the deceased in 1897 and in 1914, it was compulsory to record age at marriage and number of issue. Probably the most important improvement was the addition of the names of parents on marriage registrations in 1896. The places of birth of both parties were also recorded from that year.

The best way of establishing links is with a seamless paper trail. A link might be evidenced with a birth record (stating date of birth, full name and parents), marriage record (stating name, age and the names of parents) and a death record (listing spouse and issue). In the absence—or in addition to those forms of evidence—a researcher may be able to use wedding and anniversary notices, letters of administration and obituaries. These types of proof often state the nature of the relationships between parties of interest. More tenuous forms of evidence can also be used including the names of witnesses to various records, listings of age and even places of birth or origin. These are inadequate alone in proving links as they do not openly state the exact nature of the relationships between the parties in question and their usage ignores the possibility of coincidence. It is my opinion that they are better used to reinforce the validity of the more detailed records.
My study of the BOXHALL family demonstrates how the nature of state records can affect the capacity of individual family members to be properly traced. Boxhall siblings William, Thomas and Mary were all born in Longford and went on to raise their own families. There are birth and baptism records for all three, indicating that Isaac and Ann Boxhall had children with these names in Longford. Thomas is the one married after it became necessary to list parents on marriage records. This is very fortunate for his descendants as they do not have to rely on the more circumstantial forms of evidence, as do the descendants of William and Mary: Mary’s marriage record indicates that she is the same age as the Mary born to Isaac and Ann; she is married in the house of Mrs A. Boxhall shortly following the death of Isaac and a witness to her marriage is a William Boxhall and Ellen WHITELEY. When William Boxhall marries Ellen, he is shown to be the same age as the William born to Isaac and Ann and a witness to his marriage is a person with the same name as Mary’s husband, William TAYLOR. Despite the absence of a directly stated link on any record, both William and Mary appear to have been the children of Isaac and Ann and the siblings of Thomas—but that cannot be stated with total confidence.

A study of the William Taylor mentioned illustrates how frustratingly deficient many records were last century. On his marriage record there are no parents listed, his death certificate merely records his birthplace as Tasmania and his obituary and will leave no further clues as to his origin. There were many people called William Taylor, born early last century, who might have been him. A study of the life of one of their sons, Eardley, however, indicates the benefits of the more detailed record keeping that became practice around the turn of the century. Fortunately Eardley married late and therefore his parents are listed on his marriage certificate. It is then possible to match that information with his birth record. He is also the executor of his father’s will (lucky considering he had 16 siblings), his name (Horace Eardley Taylor) and his relationship to William Taylor deceased in 1914 at Longford (son) stated in full. While Eardley was a great grandfather to me, his sister Mary Emily was a great great grandmother and she married too early to have her parents conveniently listed on her marriage record. However as she was Mrs Alfred Robert TURNER for over 60 years, she was listed as the daughter of Mr and Mrs William Taylor of Longford in her Diamond Wedding Anniversary notice in The Examiner. In the same article, her husband is referred to as the second son of Mr and Mrs Turner and not Mr and Mrs David Turner, as David Turner was a convict! A birth record exists for an Alfred Robert Turner, born to David and Emma Turner in Longford, whose age roughly corresponds to that stated on my great great grandfather’s marriage registration. This also suggests that many have been careful to reveal as little as possible when disclosing any information concerning their origins, further impeding the process of tracing links. The case is strengthened when his marriage record is studied: a Clara and a William John BROOKS are witnesses to the marriage. A Clara Malvina Turner was also born to David and Emma and a woman of the same name and age married William John Brooks in 1885 at Longford. On the
basis of the evidence available then I
would have to conclude that Horace
Eardley Taylor was the son of William
Taylor and Mary Boxhall, Mary Emily
Taylor (later Turner) was their daughter,
and that Alfred Robert Turner was very
probably the son of David Turner and
Emma BEAMS.

Reliance on hearsay is another trap
waiting for the unsuspecting amateur.
Much of it in my experience is not
reliable. Instead I think it should only be
used as a guide as it can give a researcher
an idea of the direction their research
should be taken. It helped in relation
uncovering the origin of Mary Emily
Taylor. Family have told me that my
grandparents needed to have blood tests
done in order for the process to proceed
with their marriage. This was enough to
have me suspect she was born to the same
family of Taylors as Eardley. I could not
be sure of this fact until I located her
anniversary notice. On the other side of
the family, the oral accounts of the family
story were not so reliable. My other
grandfather and his siblings always
maintained that their grandfather
MALLETT was drowned when their
father was a baby. Another account was
that he drowned on the boat over from
England! In fact he was the son of an
Irish immigrant who deserted his family
and drowned 15 years later, making his
wife a bigamist. The oral evidence was
largely myth but it contained an element
of truth. However the myth was enough
to alert me to the fact that I was probably
searching for a man who drowned in an
accident after 1885. Other information
passed on concerning a link to a family of
HANDLEYS made the process of nar-
rowing down the suspects much easier
but it remained a theory until enough
legal evidence had been gathered.16

It appears then, that aside from a few
rules relating to commonsense, it is often
left up to the judgement of the individual
researcher to assess the validity of their
work. Many genealogists are simply
amateur enthusiasts and have received no
formal research training; therefore it is
necessary for many to exercise great care
in drawing conclusions from records. It
would be so easy for a pet, unverified
theory to gestate into a fact. In the end,
the genealogist who has prepared a study
must be happy with the strength of
evidence that can be provided. But it
must be remembered that it is the right of
any concerned individual to act as devil’s
advocate to any study, providing they can
present evidence to support their
objections. It is very satisfying to be
aware that while prudence may stunt the
growth of any tree and keep one’s
research folder in healthy proportions, it
can leave the genealogist with a body of
work that is protected from any
reasonable challenge.

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BEDFORD CONVICTS—1789 LENT ASSIZES
Rhonda Cole

Among the many minor gems for the Australian researcher at the Public Record Office in Kew is piece ASSI 94/1317. Described as ‘Indictment Files,’ they may be the best clues we have to the history of several convicts sentenced at Bedford in March 1789, four of whom would find themselves on the third fleet to Australia.

One of them—the main subject of this article—is my ancestor, Samuel Odkenbaker, but it’s worthwhile looking at the fate of others. The files, some quite detailed, concern eleven defendants. One was hanged; two were sentenced to transportation for seven years; three, of whom Odkenbaker was one, were sentenced to death commuted to transportation for life; there were two findings of ignarusmus, and three acquittals. One of those acquitted was William Mayes and the finding is interesting given that he had pleaded guilty. He was up on a charge of stealing from his employer and any family historian might conclude that ‘a piece of cotton value 16s, a ready made shirt value 3s & other articles of smaller value’ would be good for at least seven years. There is nothing in the files to indicate what role his employer played, and Mayes ‘says it is his first fault,’ but acquittal on a charge you confess to seems strange given the severity of sentences we believe our ancestors could come to expect.

The seven-year men and the three respites were John Williamson, William Green, Joseph Hall, George Davis and Samuel Odkenbaker. Williamson and Green, both of the parish of St Paul, Bedford, were tried jointly on a charge of stealing seven geese from William Sharp in the parish of St Peter—one year for each goose, they might have said to each other, of their sentence. There were three other charges against Williamson and one other against Green, none of them heard. Green signed a confession but, unlike Mayes, no good came of it—he was to die, aged 50, on the hulks, eighteen months into his sentence.

Of Joseph Hall we learn that he was sentenced to death for stealing ‘a nag mare, chestnut colour with only one eye, aged, about 14 hands, value £6, from Edward Kitchener of Hawnes’ (probably Haynes). He is described as a cordwainer or shoemaker, married (he subsequently remarried on Norfolk Island), of Houghton Conquest, late of Clophill, earlier of Pulloxhill, Bedfordshire. (This is the stuff family historians love to find!) A second charge of stealing four sheep was not heard.

Davis and Odkenbaker were also tried jointly and fortunately the paperwork is informative. There are the usual bill of indictment and the recognizances of the witness and prosecutor to appear in court. Both made (but refused to sign) statements which have survived. There are slight inconsistencies between the various documents, but it seems that on the night of 7 August 1788 Davis and Odkenbaker broke into the shop of Francis Millard, a draper at Hockliffe in Bedfordshire. They removed stockings and handkerchiefs to the value of £6 15s, and possibly also £3 13s 6d in cash.

Less than two days later, they were picked up at Harpendon in Hertfordshire, on ‘very strong suspicion.’ It was also suspected that there were unknown accomplices involved.
Odkenbaker’s defence was that, a week before they were apprehended, as He was travelling in the Country, but He doth not know where, He met [Davis] whose Christian Name alone viz George, He hath known, and who was carrying a Burthen of things to sell. [Davis] retain’d Him to accompany Him on his Travel and carry for Him a part of his said Burthen—That the Wages He agree d for are 8d pr day and his victuals. Davis claimed that he had bought the goods from a ‘John Smith of Castle Street in the Town of Birmingham’ and had paid twenty-five guineas for them. Both were found guilty and sentenced to be hanged.

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It wasn’t until December 1789 that these three, along with Williamson and Green, were transferred, probably on foot, from the county gaol to the hulks at Portsmouth. Home Office correspondence of the time shows regular letters from County Sheriffs pleading for relief for their gaols. Just as regularly the Home Office writes back pointing out the ‘extreme danger’ of overcrowding even more the already overcrowded hulks. But by December the second fleet had loaded its cargo. Two days before Christmas, the five Bedfordshire convicts were received on the Ceres hulk in Langstone Harbour, there to labour on the rebuilding of Fort Cumberland at Eastney Common. Conditions on the Ceres would have been no better than on the other hulks and may well have been worse. By the middle of 1790, Joseph Hall—45 years old we learn from the hulk returns—had developed rheumatism. By September, William Green was dead. The work on the fort consisted in digging and making Moats; delivering Vessells loaded with Stones; in Hewing the same; making Bricks; raising Glacis, and in various other works.

Perhaps there was a feeling of relief when, on 3 March 1791, Williamson, Hall, Davis and Odkenbaker were delivered for transportation on the third fleet. They were among the last convicts to occupy the Ceres—on 7 March, Lord Grenville at the Home Office ordered the vessel cleared and discharged from service. If there was any feeling of relief, it was misguided. The four were embarked on the Matilda. Twenty-five of the 230 convicts died on the voyage and John Williamson, at 50 the eldest of the four, was one of them. Many of the survivors required treatment on arrival at Port Jackson and there were further deaths. George Davis, though only 26, may have been one of these. He appears on the Matilda indent but I can find no further record of him in the colony and no death is registered.

For Hall and Odkenbaker, the journey was not yet over. They were obviously considered fit and on 8 August 1791, a week after arrival, they sailed on the Mary Ann for Norfolk Island.
Hall’s record appears in Irene Schaffer and Thelma McKay’s ‘Exiled! Three Times Over’; now I shall try to piece together something of Samuel Odkenbaker’s life.

He was my great great grandfather, but who was he? And what kind of a name is Odkenbaker anyway!

He is referred to as ODKINBAKER in all the assize records except one—the bill of indictment is a fine parchment document which clearly shows that it has been scraped and an ‘e’ inserted over an earlier erasure. Why? Was it to overcome the technicality by which

if a man’s name was wrongly spelt in the Indictment, the Indictment was quashed, and he went out a free man?4

Quite possibly Samuel could at least spell his own name and it’s as Odkenbaker that I’ve come to think of him. So he appears in all the hulk returns (from which we learn that he was aged 20 in December 1789) and the Matilda indents. On the transportation registers he appears as OAKENBAKER but this occurrence is unique and seems to be a transcription error.5

From his arrival in the colony, however, he becomes known as Samuel Baker, Odken being used as a middle name. It appears often though, and it’s clear he must have used it when asked his name. And is it just a blemish on the microfilm or is he really ‘Samuel O’Baker’ on Major FOVEAUX’S list of settlers holding land on Norfolk Island?6 No doubt a sense of humour, Irish or not, would have stood him in good stead.

His name is found in most of the standard Norfolk Island lists and victualling books of the time but there is little to fill in any fine detail. It’s unlikely that he left the island between 1791 and his final removal to Port Dalrymple on the Minstrel in 1813. He worked as one of the convict sawyers and was usually victualled from the stores. In 1801 a son, William, was born to Samuel and convict Elizabeth LEWIS.7 She had been transported on the Britannia in 1798 for seven years for ‘privately stealing 6 guineas &c’ and was described as ‘an old offender’.8 The child died within three months of birth and the relationship didn’t become permanent—Lewis completed her sentence and returned to Port Jackson in 1809. By that time, Samuel had become the holder of 15 acres of land with 14 pigs, subsequently erecting a ‘small dwelling house’.9

The consensus of recent opinion is that there was great reluctance amongst the Norfolk Islanders to quit the island. It was certainly true in the period up to about 1808, when large numbers were transferred to Van Diemen’s Land. But by 1813, with fewer than 200 remaining, the end must have seemed inevitable. What would Odkenbaker have thought? There were the prospects of a pardon, compensation for the building he was to leave, assigned servants and a larger grant of land. He may well have been suspicious of these promises—news no doubt filtered through from those transferred earlier that things hadn’t quite worked out like that—and he may not have received news of the pardon granted in January 1813.10 But there was no choice.

It was undoubtedly no bowl of roses, but there would have been some brighter moments over the next few years. In 1814, the Kangaroo brought from Port Jackson Mary BRENNAN, a 26 year-old from Dublin transported on the Catherine for seven years. She was probably originally an assigned servant but, in 1816, she gave birth to the first of their
three daughters. By 1818, a second daughter had been born and Samuel was approved constable in Launceston, qualifying for an extra half-ration from the stores.\textsuperscript{11} Thirty acres on the South Esk had been located to him, although it’s not clear if he ever occupied the land. (It was situated where Baker Court now stands in Blackstone Heights.) At some stage he became locatee of two blocks in Brisbane Street.\textsuperscript{12} A third daughter was born in 1820. He may also have been the ‘Mr Baker’ appointed in 1818 as the agent to whom Port Dalrymple subscribers to the \textit{Hobart Town Gazette} were to give ‘a satisfactory Reference for the punctuality of their Payments’. The index to the facsimile edition gives this as Samuel Baker, but I am not yet wholly convinced. There were at least two other Bakers in town and, constable or not, Samuel Baker the convict sawyer from Norfolk Island seems a strange appointment.\textsuperscript{13}

Mary Brennan is variously described as ‘married to S. Baker’ and ‘wife of Baker’ but there is no record of a marriage.\textsuperscript{14} When the children were baptized together in 1825, Rev. YOUL in the St John’s register named the parents as ‘Samuel and Mary Baker,’ which he then crossed out and replaced with ‘Samuel Baker and Mary Brenan’ [sic], the convention of the time to indicate that the parents were unmarried.\textsuperscript{15} (The entry in the register also gave rise to a minor error. The children were baptized in May, but it does I admit look like ‘Aug’ and whoever prepared the transcription which was subsequently microfilmed can be forgiven. The error has been carried forward to the \textit{Tasmanian Pioneers Index}.)

By now though, the wheels were starting to fall off.

On 15 August 1826, Samuel Baker appeared before Magistrate Peter MULGRAVE charged with having in his possession a stolen blanket. The charge was dismissed but, only four days later, Mulgrave might have recognised the man up on the much more serious charge of ‘illegally retailing spirituous liquors’—the sly grog shop! The fine of £25 would have been a great blow.\textsuperscript{16}

But there was worse to come. Eight days later, on the 27 August, Mary Brennan died. ‘Occasion’d by Drink,’ noted Rev. Youl of the death, and so we gain some clues to what life may have been like in the household in the preceding years.\textsuperscript{17}

So the children lost their mother, but it seems little else changed. The following year, the grog shop was still running and in November came another £25 fine, this time with costs. We get a measure of the severity of these fines by the price agreed when, three months later, and probably of necessity, one of the Brisbane Street blocks was sold. The buyer, Alexander WALES, commander of the brig \textit{Tranmere}, might have struck a bargain. Baker received £35.

He was now some 60 years old and describing himself as a carpenter. As early as 1819 he had gone off the stores and his service as constable was probably long over. In July 1831, the two elder daughters married within twelve days of each other: Mary Brennan Baker was 14 when she married James EAST, and Elizabeth (‘Betsy,’ Samuel used to register her as—a human touch) only 13 when she married John BROWN. They were likely skilled homemakers and older than their years—their father had been busy accumulating six appearances before the magistrates for drunkenness, each resulting in a 5/- fine.
The second Brisbane Street block was sold in 1833, raising £160, but then there is a period of silence in the records about the life of Samuel Baker and his youngest daughter, Sarah. She was married in June 1840, aged 19, to John BASSETT. Samuel had surfaced again three weeks earlier. It was yet another 5/- fine but, after nine years of an apparently clean sheet, you feel like being charitable and suggesting that it’s only natural for a father to celebrate perhaps his daughter’s engagement. And anyway, as a family historian, you would know already that Samuel Odkenbaker had less than one year to live. He died at Launceston on 7 April 1841, an old man but probably three or four years younger than the 77 he was stated to be.

There remains much to be discovered (I hope!). The very name is, in my experience, unique—I have never come across anything even vaguely similar. In the statement taken down all those years earlier in 1788, he describes himself as Samuel Odkinbaker of Rickmansworth in [Herts.], Chimney-Sweeper and Chair-Bottom Maker.

But even plain Bakers are thin on the ground in the Rickmansworth parish register after 1750. More interesting were two BACKER entries. I have wondered if the name could be a corruption of a Dutch or other Germanic name. The Dutch pronunciation of ‘Hootkenbakker,’ or some such, if it isn’t wholly fanciful, could well end up as Odkenbaker at the hands of the typical parish clerk. Could the family, or even a collateral line, have chosen to become known as Backer? A James Backer died in 1772 and a Sarah in 1783, but any family they may have had were not registered in Rickmansworth.

Whatever name it is we’re looking for, it has died out now in Australia. Had he lived, Samuel Odkenbaker would have become grandfather figure to twenty-six grandchildren through his three daughters. There are many descendants of those trying to piece together his life and his ancestry.

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IS ANYONE LOOKING FOR
CAROLINE WILKINS?
Lucille Andel

URING the course of re-indexing the assisted passenger arrivals at the Public Record Office in Melbourne, I came across an informative report on the above, Caroline Wilkins, who had a Tasmanian connection. The report was written by the Surgeon Superintendent of the ship Nelson which arrived in Port Phillip on 11 November 1848.

Caroline Wilkins was on her way to Hobart Town to join her mother. She was a ‘Housemaid’ aged 21 years. According to information on the shipping list her native place was ‘Nottingham’ and she could ‘read and write’.

The report, written by John Denniston, the Surgeon Superintendent of the Nelson was prepared for Dr Patterson, the Immigration Officer. Details from the report follow:

Caroline Wilkins embarked on board the vessel as a free Emigrant at Deptford, on the 15th July last—previous to embarkation I examined her along with others in the presence of Lieut Lane RN but observed nothing peculiar in her appearance. She was long an invalid from Sea Sickness and invariably considered her quiet and grateful for any attention, at length when she was enabled to come on deck and obliged to dress in loose attire I observed a visible alteration in her form. In a few days when a favourable opportunity presented itself I questioned her when she informed me that she was “enceinte” and that about 16 months previously she had a former child which was taken from her and sent to Nurse, that she expected her accouchement to take place at the end of November. The Father of both children, she stated to be an Artist in London who would follow her next year and marry her. She was selected in London at 9 Park Street, Westminster and since the arrival of the Ship has proceeded in the Brig Raven, Capt Bell to Launceston on her way to Hobart Town to join her Mother, who she states was sent there some years [ago] but has lately married and [is] comfortably situated, her name is Mrs Clayton.

I can only say in conclusion that during the whole time Caroline Wilkins was under my charge I never heard an indelicate expression or witnessed the slightest impropriety of conduct on board.

In one place on the shipping list her name is given as ‘Catherine Wilkins’. John Denniston seems to have had doubts that the London Artist would follow her out by underlining the words ‘and marry her’.

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THESE can be found amongst the British Parliamentary Papers at the University of Tasmania Library.

The Superintendent of the Prisoners’ Barracks, Hobart Town was required to submit a report relative to the convicts of the ship Lord Dalhousie (Volume 12 pp.22–25, 56–62). Statements were taken from several of the prisoners with references to their treatment and discipline in Irish prisons. Mr J. BOYD, the superintendent, also commented on the differences between the Irish and other prisoners at the prison. Whilst their obedience was regarded as orderly, their work habits, cleanliness and intelligence left much to be desired.

Prisoners arrived per Lord Dalhousie who gave statements were: James FOLEY, John HOGAN, Patrick FAHEY, Michael FAHEY, Garret LANDERS, Michael HACKETT, Patrick CONWAY, James HEWLETT, James CONWAY, and William John ROURKE.

In Volume 8 (pp.53–56) are more statements from prisoners who arrived per Hyderabad 1849. They were: Michael McDONALD, John MOONEY, Patrick McHUGH, Lawrence KEHOE, Michael BRIEN, Michael TORPEY and John McGUIRE.

Typical of these statements is that of John Mooney. Cannot read. Single

I am about 22 years of age. I was sentenced on the 31st March 1847, and embarked for Van Diemen’s Land on the 19th May 1849.

I was employed when a boy in working about a gentleman’s house, after which I was employed in a stable, and subsequently got a situation in Waterford in a corn store. My wages when I went to work in a stable were £5 per annum, and when I was employed in the corn store I had 8/- a week. I was considered an industrious man by my masters. I was never in prison until confined for the offence for which I was transported. I never attended any school until I went to Waterford gaol, but I used to go to the chapel every alternate Sunday. I spent nearly all my wages in the public house, and it was there I met the men who urged me to commit the crime for which I am now suffering. I was convicted at Waterford for stealing a cow, and sentenced to seven years’ transportation. I was twelve months in Waterford gaol, during which time my employment was weaving. I was obliged to weave five yards a-day, and if I did any more I received an additional allowance of bread in proportion to the extra quantity wove.

The prisoners slept in small rooms, four in each, there were also some larger rooms for the prisoners, when the prison was crowded. There was no light nor any person on duty in the rooms at night, and the men used to converse together. The prisoners slept on iron bedsteads, two men on each, with the same bedding. No man had a bed to himself unless he was sick. The governor of the prison, accompanied by an officer, went round the rooms at nine o’clock every evening, to see that the men were orderly, but no other person went round at night. I attended Divine service every Sunday and school for two hours daily, but did not learn anything. About thirty men attended the school daily, and the schoolmaster was a convict.
The breakfast ration consisted of eight ounces of Indian corn meal, and a pint of new milk. Dinner, one pound of bread and a pint of churned milk, and no supper. There was no difference in the ration throughout the week. The prisoners took their meals in a day-room: grace was said, and an officer remained present.

I was removed from Waterford to Spike Island Depot, and thence to Kingston for embarkation.

John Mooney (his mark)
Francis John Drake (witness)

If anyone would like a copy of any of these statements, they can send to the Hobart Branch Research enclosing a self-stamped-addressed envelope plus an extra stamp to cover photocopying.

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A HIGHLIGHT IN FAMILY HISTORY RESEARCH
Joyce Purtscher

One of our correspondents, Shirley Stevenson, of Bairnsdale Victoria, amazed us with her luck and sleuth-like researching to track down John Smith’s descendants in America.

Tasmanians are grateful to John Smith’s brother, James, who was better known as James ‘Philosopher’ Smith, the discoverer of tin on Mt Bischoff. Shirley’s research gives us hope when chasing all the Smiths, Williams and Johnsons on our family trees!

Thank you to Shirley for her recollections of a visit to her great grandmother.

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OF SMITHS AND SAILING SHIPS
Shirley Stevenson

At the age of ten I accompanied my grandmother on a holiday to Tasmania. We stayed with my great grandmother who lived in a small cottage ‘Rosemont’ on a hillside overlooking the township and the river at Forth.

It was a cozy home, warmed by a wood-burning stove on top of which simmered pots of barley broth and mutton birds. The kitchen was a busy place but everything stopped for the daily ritual of listening to Blue Hills. In the evenings it seemed the entire township drifted into that kitchen. The table was covered with an amazing assortment of home-made treats. Spellbound, I listened to stories told of happenings and characters in that small village. When all had departed and I was ‘tucked in’ for the night, I pondered over one of those stories. My great grandfather’s only brother had sailed away to California in the 1870s. Much speculation as to the outcome of this adventure had been discussed and when I finally slept it was to dream of high seas and sailing ships.

These memories stayed with me, surfacing at various times over the years until finally I found time to research the mystery of my seafaring ancestor.

Amazingly I was able to trace a descendant of my John Smith who sailed to California. This newly found cousin and his wife came to stay with us and together we returned to our great great grandparent’s original land grant on the east bank of the River Tamar at Swan Bay, Tasmania.
On the evening of 21 July 1838 a fresh faced young lad of the tender age of 14, stood before learned Judge Sir J. B. BOSENQUET at Lincoln Assizes and listened, seemingly without feelings, to the stern words that heralded the end of his life—a sentence of execution. Samuel KIRKBY had just endured a trial for murder lasting more than eight hours and the verdict, guilty as charged, delivered by the jury must have been a devastating blow to the boy, his family and the overcrowded courtroom.

John BRUCE, a master butcher of the City of Lincoln, rose heartily from his bed at about 8 am on Saturday 7 April 1838. He washed and dressed, cleansed his teeth in water brought to him by his daughter and then went into the kitchen. He passed comment to his daughter that the water she had supplied had tasted somewhat bitter, drank two cups of tea and then went into his shop to await the morning customers. Suddenly his healthy countenance took a turn for the worse and he returned to the kitchen and was violently sick. Mr BROOKE, the surgeon, quickly attended his patient, having been fetched by the butcher’s apprentice boy, Samuel Kirkby. The first diagnosis was a bilious attack, but when the servant girl and a charlady, Betty RAVEN also began to vomit and displayed similar symptoms, Brooke had a radical rethink. He questioned the members of the house and the staff in an attempt to find a solution to the sudden illness. Raven initially denied eating or drinking anything in her master’s house that morning, but following the death of John Bruce at 2 p.m., she broke down and admitted that she had finished the remains of a cup of tea left by him. Now Brooke had something to go on. Suspecting poison, he called upon the assistance of two other local professionals; one, Mr HEWSON, a surgeon, had considerable experience and knowledge of chemistry. It took him only a little time to discover that water in the kettle, from which the tea had been made, was heavily contaminated with arsenic. Enquiries quickly established that the apprentice boy had in the past week obtained a small quantity of arsenic supposedly to poison rats. It was common knowledge that only a week before he had been severely punished by his master for allowing, through his own negligence, a lamb to die. At the time of this punishment he had uttered veiled threats of revenge. Samuel Kirkby was taken into custody on the Sunday and examined the following day. He remained cool, confident and refused to answer any questions about the arsenic.

Despite Samuel’s protestations of innocence, the evidence presented at his trial was overwhelming. The post mortem on the unfortunate butcher established beyond doubt that arsenic poisoning had been his downfall. Sufficient quantities had been consumed to cause two layers of the stomach wall to be eaten away. Tests on the kettle taken from the kitchen of John Bruce had also proved positive for arsenic. To illustrate these findings to the jury the tests were repeated in court. The prosecution then offered evidence that the accused, in the week prior to the murder, had canvassed errand boys from three
separate druggists. He had pleaded with them to provide him with arsenic from their master’s stores in order that he might kill some rats. Finally, one of the boys, William HICKS, had succumbed to the pleas and had supplied the butcher’s boy with half a tablespoonful of the poison. The reason that Kirkby had given for his requirement of the substance would have been plausible had he not approached Hicks the day after the murder. He implored the boy not to reveal to anyone that the arsenic had changed hands. Hicks, not wishing to be implicated in the killing, immediately informed the police authorities of Kirkby’s actions and threats. The defence put in an impassioned plea that the innocence and age of the accused would have prevented him from committing such a heinous crime against his employer, a man with whom he had resided for the past two years. The jury did not accept this argument and found Samuel Kirkby guilty but did plead to the judge for clemency. Judge Bosenquet was not swayed and passed the ultimate penalty, stating that Samuel Kirkby had deliberately murdered his master in an act of revenge. His age would have been a mitigating factor when considering the sentence had Kirkby merely approached one person for the drug, but his determination to kill was clearly illustrated by his deliberate approach to three possible sources of supply.

Following his initial arrest and examination the young Kirkby was incarcerated in the city gaol at Lincoln. At this time there was no separate provision for juvenile offenders, and accused and convicted as young as 8 years of age were locked together with the most hardened of criminal offenders. He was removed to the Castle of Lincoln for his trial and following the passing of the death sentence he was returned to Lincoln Gaol to await his execution on 3 August 1838. His behaviour in the gaol is described as good, his calmness giving the impression of him being more of a hardened criminal than a frightened boy. In fact the only emotional outburst appears to be on his way to the cells following sentence when it is recorded he burst into tears. Samuel was visited in the gaol by his father and some other family members while in Lincoln, and at many of the other county towns petitions were raised pleading for his death sentence to be changed. As the citizens of Lincolnshire did their utmost to prevent the rope from going around the boy’s neck his executioner arrived in Lincoln. Jack KETCH, a familiar figure on the gallows, had been hired for the sum of £5 plus expenses and had made the journey north from Newgate. Fortunately for Samuel this was one occasion Jack Ketch did not need to perform any gruesome deed to earn his money. On the 2 August the County Sheriff received a message signifying that Lord John RUSSELL had advised her Majesty Queen Victoria to commute the sentence of death into transportation for life. Why Samuel received this act of clemency is not recorded. Maybe the petitions influenced the authorities, maybe it was his age or possibly his confession made in Lincoln Gaol on 29 July did the trick.

On 17 August, following his reprieve, Samuel was escorted from Lincoln Gaol and taken to the ‘Green Man’ public house to commence his journey to the prison hulks moored on the River Thames at Woolwich. He appeared carefree and ordered a cigar and grog, declaring: ‘now
my head is free of the hemp ...’ He was accompanied on the journey south from Lincoln by two other criminals under sentence of transportation; William DAVIS a 22 year old purse thief and William SMITH, a pickpocket, ten years his senior. All three were eventually housed in the Hulk Justitia and here the records state that Samuel’s travelling companions were bad of character. Unfortunately these two were to spend some months with the boy as the three Lincolnshire convicts were to travel to Van Diemen’s Land on the prison ship Gilmore. The prisoners from the Justitia were placed on board at 10 a.m. on the 22 September 1838. The Gilmore proceeded to Spithead where some 180 other prisoners were taken on board and placed in quarters below deck. Final departure came on the 5 October and after a reasonably uneventful journey of 111 days, the prisoners were sent onto dry land at Hobart. The name of Samuel Kirkby does not appear among the many prisoners recorded as having minor illnesses during the voyage, which is probably more to do with his youth than to the conditions on board.

The young Lincolnshire farmer’s son had arrived in his new ‘home’ and was about to commence the second stage of his eventful life. An announcement in the Hobart Gazette on the 13 August 1861 gave notice to friends and customers that Samuel Kirkby was transferring his license from the ‘Golden Fleece’ to ‘Todd’s Hotel’. His intention was to rename his bigger and better establishment the ‘Bellerive Hotel’. It appears that twenty years on from his treacherous and appalling act in his home town, Samuel had become an established member of the community in his enforced home. How had the authorities managed to achieve this with a young man once described as ‘of a drunken and malicious nature’? On his arrival Samuel had been transferred on orders from the Secretary of State from Hobart to Port Arthur to work on the roads. This transfer appears to be unusual, but may have been due to his age and nature of his crime. Three years later the result of a survey of the Port Arthur penal colony was published. The author described his visit to various parts of the work place.
and, on his visit to the boat yard, he found cause to single out ‘Kirkby, the poisoner of his Lincolnshire master’, whom he found now to be a young man of exemplary character. Samuel Kirkby’s convict record revealed one reprimand for a misdemeanour. This was adequately cancelled out by a commendation for assisting the local police to extinguish a building fire which had threatened a number of other buildings. Bundles of faggots at the bakery belonging to Mr Lake had caught fire. The danger had been spotted by the local constable who called for assistance from other officers and convicts working in the vicinity. Samuel was one of these convicts and his efforts were justifiably recognised.

The rehabilitation of Samuel Kirkby appeared to have made excellent progress. He was awarded his ticket-of-leave on the 2 February 1847. A period of stability took over his turbulent life. Following an earlier successful application to wed, Samuel Kirkby, described as a boat builder, married Mary Turnbull, a free woman, on 16 December 1848. Five years later the Kirkby family, with children, moved into the ‘Golden Fleece’ public house at Kangaroo Point. The previous licensee was Jacob Turnbull, possibly Mary’s father. Samuel Kirkby not only built up his family, but also built up the business and his standing in the community. By 1861 he was a successful licensee, a member of the Tasmania Primitive Lodge and a brother in the Ancient and Independent Order of Oddfellows. No wonder he considered the time ripe for expansion to the larger and better appointed ‘Todd’s Hotel’.

Unfortunately the story does not end there for eight months later it was all over.

At 3 a.m. on the 22 April 1862 Sergeant McIvor of the Municipal Police was summoned to the ‘Bellerive Hotel’ by the ostler Arthur Williams. On his arrival the doors of the ‘Bellerive Hotel’ were locked and bolted but following some frantic hammering on the door they were admitted by an incoherent and obviously sick Kirkby. When McIvor entered the dining room he found the landlord collapsed on the sofa and was greeted by the words, “It’s all up.” It was evident that Samuel had been drinking heavily and when the officer took three bottles from Kirkby’s pocket, one of which was clearly marked ‘Laudanum wine of opium’, he realised that something was drastically wrong. He immediately dispatched Williams for the doctor and also sent for Mrs Kirkby who was staying with her brother Jacob. Dr Forman arrived somewhere around 6.30 am., examined the collapsed patient, and immediately formed the opinion that he was under the influence of narcotics and alcohol. He administered an emetic, but unfortunately his efforts were in vain and the patient died at 11 o’clock that same morning.

At the subsequent inquest, held in the hotel the following day, Mary Kirkby informed the coroner that her husband had spent the day drinking heavily, was in a very bad temper and had struck her during an argument. She had left the premises, leaving the children in the house, and had gone to stay with her brother. This was not an unusual occurrence. With regards to the poisons, laudanum and strychnine, witnesses declared that Samuel often had drugs in his possession to treat sick cows and to kill rats. He had frequently been heard, when excited, to threaten to poison himself.
The jury returned a verdict ‘That the deceased, Samuel Kirkby came to his
death by poison, administered by his own
hands, while unsound of mind and under
the influence of drink.’

The funeral of Samuel Kirkby took place
three days after his death. The cortege
left the hotel at 2 pm. and made its way to
the Kangaroo Point steamer jetty. Members of the Albert Lodge of the
Independent and Ancient Order of Odd-
fellows met the funeral party at the jetty
and accompanied their deceased brother
to his final resting place. Six months to
the day after his death, a notice appeared
in the Hobart Mercury informing
interested parties of the impending sale of
the lease, goodwill, fixtures and furniture
of the ‘Bellerive Hotel’, Kangaroo Point, occupied by Mrs Kirkby.

So ends the story of a Lincolnshire
farmer’s son, a story of poison from
beginning to end. However it should be
observed that alcohol paid a significant
contribution to both fatal incidents.
Samuel had, in his signed confession in
Lincoln Gaol following his conviction,
cautioned his acquaintances ... against
frequenting public houses and indulging
these feelings of revenge which have
brought me into my present miserable
state and condition. What prompted him
to take his own life will never be known,
but there is no doubt he had been
imbibing heavily on beer and gin for
some time prior to the act.

Footnote: Samuel Kirkby was born
9 August 1823, the eldest of six children
of James and Amy Kirkby of Croft, near
Wainfleet, Lincolnshire. Sadly his
mother died in 1833 shortly after the birth
of the youngest member of the family,
Mahala. His physical appearance can be
compiled from various sources as
between 5 feet and 1½ inches and 5 feet
and 2½ inches, fair complexion, brown
hair, hazel eyes, long head, long visage,
medium forehead, black eyebrows, long
nose, round mouth, three scars between
finger and thumb of left hand. His father,
James Kirkby, farmer of Croft, died in
1852 and his will records all the members
of his family with the noticeable excep-
tion of his errant son. Samuel, however,
did not forget his family roots. He
married Mary Turnbull in 1848 and with
her had six children. He gave two of his
sons the middle name of Soulby, the
maiden surname of his grandmother, and
also named one of his daughters after his
sister Mahala. I wonder how Samuel
would have felt had he known that one of
his grandsons, David Kirkby, would be
awarded an OBE in 1965 and his great
grandson Alan would be administering
justice in an Australian Court of Law as a
Justice of the Peace.

Sources: These are too numerous to mention in
full, but include reports from contemporary Lin-
coln and Hobart newspapers; gaol, prison hulk
and prison ship records in the Public Record
Office, Kew; convict records in Tasmania
Archives, Hobart; and Civil Registration records
of births, deaths and marriages for England and
Wales and Tasmania. Full details and copies of
the relevant source material are available if
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The portrait of Samuel Kirkby was published in
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The State Library of Tasmania’s Heritage Collections include rich holdings of Tasmanian images. Those in the Allport Library and Museum of Fine Arts are probably the best known—oil paintings, watercolours, sketches, drawings and prints by many of the most significant artists of the nineteenth century. The W. L. Crowther Library also has a wide range of works—paintings, prints and photographs as well as objects such as scrimshaw. And the Tasmaniana Library has many illustrated publications as well as substantial collections of Tasmanian postcards and posters.

For the past two years, our collections of images have been progressively photographed, scanned and made available through the Library’s ‘Images from the Heritage Collections’ web site http://www.tased.edu.au/tasimg/home.htm By 30 June 1999 there were 2,114 images available on the site.

From the Allport collections, there are all of the original works of art and many prints. From the Crowther Library, there are original works of art, pieces of scrimshaw and photographs (including all 230 images in the well-known Abbott Album and many other images by Samuel Clifford, Henry Hall Baily and William Cawston). The Tasmaniana Library is represented by all of the Tasmanian images in the Picturesque atlas of Australasia and the Jubilee history of Tasmania, and the first one hundred posters in the J. W. B. Murphy Collection of theatre posters (of which there are 364 in all).

Future additions to the site will include:
- about four thousand postcards from the Tasmaniana Library
- the remainder of the Murphy Collection posters
- decorative arts (glass and silver) from the Allport Library and Museum of Fine Arts
- more photographs from the Crowther and Allport collections
- and, eventually, photographs from the Launceston Local Studies Library.

The site is easy to use, either by key-word searching or by browsing through alphabetical lists of artists and photographers. Each image is available in two versions, as a thumbnail (accompanied by full catalogue description) or as a full-screen image. Reference prints can be taken from the web site, but the images have deliberately been scanned at too low a resolution to be satisfactory for reproduction. The Library can, however, provide colour prints made from 35mm transparencies.

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HERITAGE COLLECTIONS
June 1999
In the search for one’s ancestors you often come across a particular story that tears at your heart. This has happened to me recently with efforts to tie in all of one name from the Tasmanian Pioneers Index. When I first began researching the name of SHIPTON for Tasmania it initially struck me as being an unusual name but of course time has taught me never to think that way about any name. Having since sourced the family back to Gloucester, I realised how common the Shipton name actually was. However, with only twenty-six entries of this surname on the Tasmanian Pioneers Index I felt they had to be all related in some way.

Having centred on my core family and connected up all but five entries, I then began to look closer at the remaining, four deaths and one marriage. Copies of all five were obtained. Two of the male deaths were without much information to follow but the remaining three entries all appeared to relate to one couple. The marriage between a John Shipton and Sarah STEVENS occurred in March 1847 in the district of Campbell Town. This was prior to the arrival in approximately 1857 into the Campbell Town area of my ancestor George, his wife Mary Ann and three children. The marriage witnesses of the 1847 marriage did not help but the copy indicated that Sarah was a convict. Due to the information that can be found on these records a copy of Sarah’s convict records was sent for, together with a request to the Tasmanian Archives of the possibility that John may have been a convict as well.

Back came records, John had indeed also been a convict. Sarah, from Brighton, was tried at Gloucester Assizes and transported in the ship Emma Eugenia arriving in Hobart in April 1844. John had been transported aboard the Norfolk arriving nine years earlier in August 1835. Sarah, from her description papers was a petite dark haired lass. Her indent record suggested she had left behind two sisters in Brighton. With no indications of her placements in the colony on her main record other than a six month probation, I could not determine where she may have met John. She had been convicted for ‘attending fairs and races in company of thieves, and robbing a man of 16 shillings’. Her trade was listed as ‘nursemaid’ which immediately struck me as sad, as there appeared no children of her marriage to John listed on the Tasmanian Pioneers Index.

John from Falfield, Gloucester, appeared to be a dark haired man but with a large face and frame. He had attained his conditional pardon by February 1847, thus being considered ‘free’ at the marriage in March that year. His conduct in the prison in Gloucester indicated ‘troublesome’ and that he had been convicted for stealing on three occasions, ‘a fishing net’, ‘bread and butter’ and a ‘smock’. John’s main record had no entries for placement in Tasmania either, but a small ‘CT’ on the side could be deemed to mean Campbell Town.

With no offences shown against him perhaps he was a peaceful, simple man who gave no problems except when he
was imprisoned in the ‘Prison Hulks’ in Gloucester. John may have remained in the Campbell Town area perhaps at the one place or property. I had been fortunate enough to look through the Gatenby Journal from 1847 to 1857, from the property ‘Bicton’ on the River Isis, near Campbell Town, in which a number of references to a ‘SHIPTON’ were made as a shearer for the GATENBY family throughout the book. A copy of this unique farm diary is now held at the Archives Office in Tasmania courtesy of Mr Barney Gatenby and his family who still operate the ‘Bicton’ property today. The references to the shearer Shipton in the journal could not be my George but, I determined, could very well be the John. As my George and his family ended up at the River Isis on Gatenby property, it seemed logical this John would indeed fit into the family somehow.

The deaths then became of interest. Sarah at age 72 years died in December 1890 in the district of Campbell Town, but John appeared to have died at the New Norfolk Asylum in 1891. This interested me as the gap between them was so short. I had previously obtained New Norfolk Asylum admission record copies for a different ancestor which were most helpful, so I applied for copies of John’s admission. Admitted in July of 1891, died September 1891, there only two months—only nine months after his wife Sarah had died. The third page held the connection I had been seeking. Next of kin was entered and, yes, there it was as written in July 1891, ‘George Shipton—brother, Isis River’. John’s status of ‘widower’ reconfirmed that I had the husband of Sarah. Reason for admission stated ‘person of unsound mind, not under proper care and control’. This raised my eyebrows a bit until I read on further. John had tried to commit suicide by drowning himself in the river, trying to suffocate himself and hitting his head against the wall causing severe injury. Yet he suspected the doctor of trying to poison him and fought violently against all help—would not eat, would not let them wash or re-clothe him, tearing at his clothes and destroying the walls of his room. The ‘condition’ had only been occurring for six months prior to his July admission and the doctors did not know the cause. To me it was obvious.

Here was a man who must have struggled from a young age to survive in the back streets of his home in Gloucestershire, using his obvious strength to stand up for himself as his livelihood was threatened by the growing use of machines, the growing poverty of his own kind massing around him. He suffered the indignities of being cast from family and friends to an unknown world and destiny across the great waters. He finally cut out a simple but contented existence in the middle of nowhere, trusted by his peers, earning honest wages and obviously devoted to his pretty little wife, the centre of his life. Sarah’s cause of death was put down as ‘senility’. They had had only each other for 43 years when Sarah was suddenly taken from him. Having buried his wife seven months before his admission to the asylum at New Norfolk, after perhaps caring for her over the last years of her life, the man’s mind had snapped from the grief. He must have loved her so much that he felt it was not worth living any more without her. The pain must have been awful. The hospital records did not really indicate how he died but only that he died with cause ‘senile decay’. Even while at the asylum for that
two months he made unsuccessful attempts to end it all. Perhaps he finally succeeded or perhaps at age 79 the pain of Sarah’s loss was so great that this big strong heart finally gave up the fight to live and gave in to John’s will to die. Being the softie that I am, I couldn’t help but shed a tear for this couple and hope with all my heart that there is indeed a heaven where they could be together again forever.

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25 September  30 October
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Ian Pearce—State Archivist—May 1999

GRO CONSULAR RECORDS INDEX

Tasmanian Ancestry has incorrectly advertised these indexes on microfiche so here is a list showing the title of each index under this heading with apologies for any inconvenience we may have caused.—Ed.

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- Army Marriages 1881–1955
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- High Commission Marriages 1950–1965
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- List of Army Registers
FAMILY BIBLES
Shirley Foster

My New Zealand-born mother, Elsie Collingwood Corrick Tilley (1894–1974), never tired of telling stories about her famous family, as she called the Corricks, who were a celebrated family of musicians, and her Calvert, Pickering and Collingwood relations. Her kinsfolk kept records of their forebears in the back of their bibles, so my mother wrote in hers:

Sir Cuthbert Sharp’s daughter became Grandma Pickering
her daughter became Grandma Calvert
her daughter became Grandma Corrick (Sarah Alice Corrick)
her daughter became Elsie Collingwood Tilley (Lord Cuthbert Collingwood connected to Grandma Calvert)
Grand Pa Pickering married twice
1st Grandma Pickering’s daughter was Elizabeth “Abba Close” Richmond (Aunt Angles)
2nd Grandma Pickering’s daughters were Ellen and Mary Pickering—who became Mrs Smith who was Violet Campbell’s grandmother.

Various stories were passed down about these people, many of who were staunch Wesleyan Methodists. I was fortunate enough some years ago to make contact through the Northumberland and Durham Family History Society journal with a Mike Pickering in Durham, UK, who had researched his family tree back to the year dot. This helped me prove that most of my mother’s scribbled records were correct. The Pickerings were flour millers who owned the Hart and Elwick Mills near West Hartlepool in County Durham, UK. The mills still stand today and I was very pleased when Mike told me where to find them. One story recorded by John Pickering’s granddaughter, Mary Smith Campbell (b.1862) was:

It was the custom of grandfather John Pickering to go on horseback some distance for the men’s weekly wages. One evening he did not return but the horse came home without him. His body was found at the foot of a cliff and he was robbed of his money and valuables. It was never proved whether he was murdered then thrown over the cliff or whether the horse had thrown him and he had been robbed afterwards. His [2nd] wife died shortly afterwards.

His 1839 death certificate confirmed the story that his body was found at the bottom of a cliff. His three children, Elizabeth and her little half sisters, Mary and Ellen Pickering were left orphans.

An aunt named [Mary Pickering] Angles had a farm in Yorkshire called ‘Abba Close’. She took the children and kept them until the oldest one was married to her cousin William Calvert at the age of 16. William Calvert [senior], one of God’s elect took the younger ones. Some of our Pickering relations ‘who belonged to the Methodist Community, all of whom were in good positions … subscribed … and built their own ship … called ‘The Emigrant’ leaving Sunderland Durham [for Australia] on 11 September 1852’.

By chance I found a paper written by Patricia J. Storrey about The Emigrant in another Northumberland and Durham journal. Her research found that,
A plan for the emigrants to have shares in the vessel, which would then be sold in Australia, failed when a number of passengers preferred simply to pay passage money … the owner returned a portion of their payments to those who had opted to take shares so they became passengers and gave up all interest in the vessel. So the story about the Pickerings, SMITHS and their Methodist friends building their own ship is ‘half right’. The Calverts William and Elizabeth Calvert emigrated from Bishopwearmouth, Durham, on 12 November 1859 to New Zealand on the sailing ship Zeelandia with their family of three boys and five girls. Elizabeth Pickering Calvert claimed that she was related to the great Northumberland Collingwood family through her mother Mary Collingwood Pickering. She started a tradition of including the middle name, Collingwood, in the family line. ‘Was it over the blanket or under the blanket?’ a cheeky person asked mother. I still don’t know. The Calverts were very musical. Several were professional musicians, so when Sarah Calvert (1855–1935) married the colonial musician Albert Corrick (1848–1914) they produced eight remarkably musical children. By 1902 the Melbourne Punch and other press reviewers throughout Australia were reporting that The Corrick Family … now giving nightly entertainment … are especially gifted with the same artistic ability… a unique illustration of hereditary and consanguinity and urging Melbourne’s concert goers to not miss their performances. The Corricks A note in the back of mother’s bible reads Albert and Harry Corrick were born at Street Somersetshire England. Step Grand- ma Corrick was Miss Parkman of Tinchley England. Grandma Corrick’s brother Mr. John Parkman was partner of “Shoobridge and Co” Tottenham Court London. Harry Corrick described his arrival in NZ as a twelve year old boy in his memoirs. I came to New Zealand with my parents in the ship ‘Mermaid’ commanded by Captain Rose landing in Lyttelton on December 26 1862. My father secured a section in St. Albans Christchurch and having brought a colonist’s outfit we all set to work to make a tent in which we lived for three months until we completed a portion of the house. The design of the house was a bungalow…I might mention that the house can still be seen in Columbo Street today with gables and dormer windows. I was set the task of sawing out the ornamental barge boards with a curb saw. This was slow work so I quickly made a saw out of a crinoline steel and set it in a frame and so finished my task with ease. The barge boards are there today as sound as ever. Subsequently I attended Mr John Broughton’s Academy at St. Albans where I gained some useful knowledge. Having been taught music when very young I was appointed organist of the Crescent Road Church St. Albans at the age of 17 and later received the appointment of organist and choirmaster of the Oxford Street Baptist Church. It was a remarkable thing that my brother [Albert] who is known all over the colonies was the organist of St. Andrew’s Church and later his daughter was organist of the Methodist Free Church and my daughter was organist of the Primitive Methodist Church These were all salaried positions. My research found that the name of Corrick is common around the Taunton area in Somerset. John Corrick (1800–35) was born at Trull. His son John Corrick (1842– ) the immigrant to NZ was a
musician and shoemaker who worked for CLARK’S Shoes in Street, Somerset. A history of the firm reads

C. and J. Clark were careful to gather round them a body of shoe-makers expert in their craft from neighbouring towns such as Taunton … men who took an artistic pride in their work and a keen interest in the growing reputation of Street goods.

John Corrick’s name was among them. This was before the Industrial Revolution when goods were outsourced and master craftsmen with their young apprentices worked at home. John Corrick had his home and workshop in Goldswell Lane, so it was here in 1856 he taught teenage William Stephens Clark to make hand made shoes when young Clark entered his family’s business and was learning the trade. Shortly after this, machinery was introduced and the factory system arose, changing people’s lives. Between 1859 and 1862 Clark’s Shoes were in critical financial difficulties and suffered heavy losses, so John Corrick decided to emigrate to Christchurch NZ where shoe makers were in heavy demand. John Corrick’s photograph and the beautiful hand made shoes he taught Clark to make are now in Clark’s Museum in Street. Five generations of New Zealand Corricks were retailers or wholesalers of shoes, but the Albert Corrick family were musicians who toured internationally. When they retired in 1914 Albert and Sarah Corrick, an adult son and six out of seven adult daughters settled in Launceston Tasmania. Then they opened their huge black heavy lec terrain size ‘official’ Corrick Bible with its hand written records, glued two pages together to prevent prying eyes checking up on the ages of ‘the girls’ and put it in the bookshelf.

I found family bibles to be a useful source of information. My mother had several which she seemed to have ‘inherited’ from various relations. Incidentally, one which came to her from great aunt Lizzie Calvert Smith (1843–1917) was published in 1693, but the records in that only go back to 1840. I discovered there are scores of Pickering, Calvert and Corrick descendants living in Tasmania and other states, as well as in New Zealand. I’m probably related to more people in New Zealand than there are sheep.

Two mysteries remain to be solved. Was Hartlepool Durham-born Jane Sharpe Calvert’s (1782–1808) mother ‘Lady Sharpe’ and was there a Collingwood connection? Or was that wishful thinking? There are bible stories which remain to be unravelled.

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OUR FADING, FUZZY PHOTOGRAPHIC HISTORY
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There can hardly be a person in the developed world who doesn’t own some sort of camera, whether it be an ancient Russian-made Zenith, a modern can’t-go-wrong automatic, or a single-use throwaway camera. Yet history may well look back on the second half of the 20th century as a photographic black hole.

I write this article as a keen genealogist and sometime photo-journalist, and as someone who is dismayed by the prospect that by the middle of the next century, few families will have a photographic record of their 20th century ancestors.

My concern is based on two broad levels:
1) the decline in the official family photograph, and
2) the poor archival quality of many modern colour photographs.

In much the same way that a proliferation of television channels drives down quality, we have seen a decline in quality photography over the recent decades.

Once it was the tradition to have a formal family group or portrait picture taken from time to time in a studio by a professional photographer. The taking of these photos was an event, and the results became prized possessions to be passed on from generation to generation.

Sure, those pictures taken in the early decades of photography had a certain sameness and falseness about them; they were of people who seemingly never smiled, and they stood or sat rigid-backed, carefully posed in a studio setting far removed from their real home environment.

For all their posed falseness, these old photographs were exquisite works of art, of incalculable historical and social value, and intended to be treasured.

Because photos are now so easy to take, and so cheap to process, the results are, sadly, less valued. Negatives are usually thrown away or lost, and little or no thought goes into picture composition, or whether the photo is worth taking in the first place.

The colour dyes in many of the photographs will be lucky to survive more than a decade or two—less if they are displayed in bright light. Mantlepieces and bookshelves around the world are already littered with colour photographs that have faded to a sickly blue tone.

The only professionally-taken photographs in the lifetime of the average modern family are a few taken during their school days—and perhaps a wedding album. And wedding albums are becoming rarer, as fewer people choose a life of married bliss—or get married so often they decide the event is hardly worth photographically recording.

Now that a ‘professional’ camera can be bought for as little as £100, so is within the financial reach of most people, couples frequently no longer think it necessary to call on the services of a professional wedding photographer.

If you want everyday evidence of the sad state of our national photographic record, look no further than the many fuzzy, badly composed photographs that appear in our newspapers and on our television screens whenever there is a murder or a child is missing.
Even newspaper obituary pages do not escape the blight of the fuzzy photo—demonstrating that even the great and the good nowadays often don’t get decent photos taken of themselves.

Perhaps surprisingly, Amanda Neville, the Head of Museum at the National Museum of Photography in Bradford, does not share my concern and indeed is no fan of the photographs I prize so much.

I feel those stylistic pictures don’t actually tell you anything about the people in them. They fulfil conventions, but that’s all.

Now that photography is more accessible, we are getting away from that stylised form of photography and this has given us a very democratic, fuller record, Neville says.

She has a point, of course, but at the very least the old photos are better than nothing. And ‘nothing’ is what we will have if families don’t take active steps towards preserving their prints—and negatives—from the 1950s onwards.

Will digital photography save the day for the next century? Perhaps, eventually. But digital still cameras remain some years away from being able to match the picture quality and price of cameras using traditional film. In any case, will families take any more care with the quality of their digital photographs or the filing of the digital disks?

Colab, the Midlands photographic processing service, offers a useful digital restoration service, Caring Memories, but this is expensive (£30 minimum for one 7" X 5" copy).

And it worries me that Colab encourages not just the restoration of photos, but in the same breath offers what is effect is the re-writing of history through a manipulation service, deleting or adding people and generally tidying up photos.

I had an experience of just this sort of thing recently when I sent Colab a wartime photograph of my late uncle posing with fellow crew members in front of his battered Wellington bomber. It came back with the bomber carefully restored to its newly-commissioned, unwanted appearance.

I make no apology for putting forward a pessimistic view about family photographic records.

All I can hope for is that this article will give families food for thought. If they care about history, they will treasure and lovingly preserve their best family photographs on behalf of the generations to come.

There is still time, but not much.

PS: I could also have urged that every family photograph be identified carefully on the back with the full names of those in it, the location, and the date. Then our descendants will not have to go through what we regularly do, trying to figure out the who, where and when of old family pics.

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[Although Ian refers to English places and people I am sure we can relate to similar examples in Australia—Ed.] ●
Calculating the relationship between two people in a family tree is often a confusing issue. This online calculator makes it quick and easy. Just enter the relationship to the common ancestor and it will present you with the relationship that exists now.

http://www.prenticenet.com/roots/tools/cusncalc/cusncalc.htm#

The author of this site believes that getting to the information should be as easy as possible. Therefore he does not have banners, graphics, fancy awards or information about his family and pets. Just straightforward lists that cover genealogical source material from all over the world. A wonderful resource for beginners and experienced researchers.

http://freespace.virgin.net/alan.tupman/sites/

Another excellent resource, this list of indexes from Jenny Fawcett seems to contain everything from a list of ‘contact’ ads placed in the 1800s in newspapers to people who died at sea from various newspapers. Also a strong Irish selection of references.

http://www.standard.net.au/~jwilliams/data.htm

If you’ve run out of options then this list may be worth looking at. A huge listing of files, similar to those contained on many genealogical BBS sites before the internet came along. It begins in German but keep scrolling and you’ll find everything from PRO leaflets to partial transcriptions of census records and cemetery records. My advice use the ‘search in page’ to find the files that refer to the county or country you want.

http://www.bt.com/phonenetuk/

A useful search engine for queries etc. posted on the web in genealogical areas. Don’t be too specific to start with, just select the defaults and type a name, then pick and choose the results to look at.

http://www.familysearch.org/

The long awaited and much talked about page from The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. I found the Ancestor search at the beginning somewhat frustrating. I put in a name I knew was on the IGI and searched and it came up with only a few web sites which mention the surname. However the custom search was more rewarding. If you don’t live close to a Family History Centre then this site is a definite jewel. If you do then you have to weigh the online cost versus being able to view a fiche at a time and scroll through records. I have to admit, to check that sudden inspirational idea (maybe they got married in Berkshire, since his brother was there) at 1 am. this site can’t be beaten.

http://www.concentric.net/~lkessler/gplinks.shtml

A top site of links to information, discussion and evaluations of the many different genealogy programs available.

http://www.toltbbs.com/~kbasile/software.html

Another site which invites readers to review programs for others.
TASMANIANA LIBRARY, STATE LIBRARY OF TASMANIA
NEW ACQUISITIONS

This is a select list of books on history and genealogy which have been added to the Tasmaniana Library between late March and June 1999. They are mostly, but not all, new publications; the Tasmaniana Library often acquires older works which relate to Tasmania and which it does not already hold. The list has been kept as brief as possible; normally only author, title and the Tasmaniana Library’s reference number are given. If you would like further information about any of the books listed, please contact the Tasmaniana Library at 91 Murray Street, Hobart 7000 Telephone (03) 6233 7474, fax (03) 6233 7902.

Further information is also available on TALIS, the State Library’s on-line information system. TALIS terminals are available in all city, and many branch, libraries throughout Tasmania. It is also possible to connect to TALIS through the State Library’s Home Page on the World Wide Web; its URL is http://www.tased.edu.au/library/library.htm

Please note that, while all of these books are available for reference in the Tasmaniana Library, they are not available for loan (although some of them may be available in city and branch libraries).

Addison, Marilyn, King Island, a time of change: an oral history of King Island. (TL 994.692. KIN)
Cape Wickham lighthouse on north end of King Island. (TE 387.15509944692 CAP)
Evans, Kenneth J., Blood and water: a family tapestry from Trafalgar to Tasmania. (TLQ 929.2 EVA)
Fingal Anglican cemetery (new section) headstones up to 1900. (TLPQ 929.5 FIN)
Fingal Catholic cemetery headstones to 1900. (TLPQ 929.5 FIN)
Genealogical Society of Tasmania Inc. Launceston branch, Index to births, deaths and marriages, Volume 13: 1956–1960, from The Examiner newspaper. (TLQ 929.3 GEN)
Gibson, Judy, New beginnings: the Samuel Eals and Emily Jane Hutchins family reunion, November 1998. (TLQ 929.2 EAL)

Oral history of the Mersey Bluff, Devonport. (TLQ 994.632 ORA)
Purtscher, Joyce, Deaths at General Hospital Hobart, January 1864–June 1884. (TLQ 929.3 PUR)
Reakes, Janet, How to trace your convict ancestors. (TL 929.3 REA)
Saunders, Gordon and Joan, Another fork in the road. (TL 920. SAU)
Stansall, Max, Alive to the great work: stories and artefacts from Wesley Church, Hobart 1820–1977. (TLQ 287.194661 ALI)

State Library of Tasmania. Launceston Reference Library, Launceston cemeteries. (TLPQ 929.5 STA)
Talbot, Terence A., Correspondence from, to & about members of the Glover family. (TLPQ 929.2 GLO)
Tait, Peter, *No scintilla of scandal: the life of honest John Tait*. (TLPQ 994.02 TAI)
Ulverstone Local History Museum, *Births in the Mersey and Sheffield districts to the year 1899*. (TLR 929.3 ULV)
Ulverstone Local History Museum, *Births in the Ulverstone district to the year 1899, including the entire police district of Port Sorell to the year 1875*. (TLR 929.3 ULV)
Ulverstone Local History Museum, *Deaths in the Mersey, Port Frederick and Sheffield districts to the year 1899*. (TLR 929.3 ULV)
Ulverstone Local History Museum, *Deaths in the Ulverstone district to the year 1899, including the entire police district of Port Sorell to the year 1875*. (TLR 929.3 ULV)
Ulverstone Local History Museum, *Marriages in the Mersey, Port Frederick & Sheffield districts to the year 1899*. (TLR 929.3 ULV)
Ulverstone Local History Museum, *Marriages in the Ulverstone district to the year 1899, including the entire police district of Port Sorell to the year 1875*. (TLR 929.3 ULV)

**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 Coordinator, PO Box 60 Prospect TAS 7250.

**Microfiche**

Tombstone and Memorial Inscriptions of Tasmania, 2nd Edition . . . . . . $100.00
1996/97 Members’ Interests (inc. postage) . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . $5.00
1997/98 Members’ Interests (inc. postage) . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . $5.00
The Tasmanian War Memorials Data base, comp. Fred Thornett, (22 fiche) (p&h $2.00) $60.00

**Books**

Local and Family History Sources in Tasmania, 2nd Ed. (p&p $4.20) . . . . . $12.00
Van Diemens Land Heritage Index, Vol. 2 (p&p $4.20) . . . . . . . . . . . . $10.00
Van Diemens Land Heritage Index, Vol. 3 (p&p $4.20) . . . . . . . . . . . . $16.00
Van Diemens Land Heritage Index, Vol. 4 (p&p $4.20) . . . . . . . . . . . . $25.00

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**BRANCH SALES**

See pages 98 and 104 in this issue for new releases from Hobart and Burnie branches.

Please contact your branch library for a copy of the sales brochure.

Please note that items advertised are only available from the branches as listed and must be ordered from the address given.
‘Genealogists’ Lost and Found (or in this case mostly lost!)’ by Greg Davis in *The Ancestral Searcher*, the journal of the Heraldry and Genealogy Society of Canberra Vol.21, No.2, June 1998, pp.69–73. Whilst searching through old newspapers a ‘Missing Friends’ column, which appears to have been originally published in ‘Lloyd’s London Weekly’ newspaper, was found in *The North Queensland Register* newspaper. These were inquiries from relatives in England as to the whereabouts of family members in Australia and contain names, last known address, occupations and sometimes ship of arrival in Australia. Those listed in this article cover the years 1892–93 with several from Tasmania.

‘Sussex Will Beneficiaries Indexes’ compiled by John Nightingale. Published in the June, September and December 1998 issues of the *Sussex Family Historian*, the journal of the Sussex Family History Group. This index to the beneficiaries mentioned in wills covers six West Sussex Parishes in the 18th century. It includes a list of 243 wills with number of probate, volume and folio number, witnesses and alias from 1700 onwards and are held at the West Sussex Record Office.

‘Did your Grandmother Go To Kendrick?’ by Ann Davis in *Berkshire Family Historian* Vol.22, No.1, September 1998, pp.29–35, the journal of the Berkshire Family History Society. The aim of the ‘Kendrick Girls School’ was to prepare girls for a business career rather than university. The history of this school in Reading, dating back to 1876, is included plus list of names for 1876–1877 with date of birth, parents names and addresses and date when left the school.

Two articles on post offices can be found in the *Glasgow and West of Scotland Family History Society* journal No.53, Autumn 1998 issue.

1 ‘Post Office Records’ p.19 by David Campbell. Dating back to 1636 Post Office records are held at Freeling House in the Mt Pleasant Complex in London. In this article each section is described eg. letter carriers, clerks and telegraph messengers. The two main sources being the lists of all employees from 1831, (ref. Post class 58) and Pensions and Gratuities from 1719 (Post class 1).

2 ‘Return of Post Office Employees Relating to Glasgow and Edinburgh for 1845’ compiled by William Cross on pp.21–23. This list includes name of each person with date entering the service, duties and salary and was taken from the House of Commons return for 23 June 1845. More information can be obtained from Mr Cross (Flat 10, 31 Dewar Street, Peckham Rye, London SE15 4JP) or the Post Office Archives and Record Centre at Freeling House in London.

‘The Dillingham Letters’ by Graeme Robinson in *The Mail*, the newsletter of The Descendants of Convicts Group Nos 87 and 88, 1998. Richard Dillingham, a convict tried at the Bedford Assizes in 1831 who arrived in VDL on the *Catherine Stewart Forbes* in 1832, wrote...
eight letters home to his family between 1831 to 1839. These letters are still held by descendants of his family in England. Recently a book was found in a second-hand shop containing these letters which had been published during the 1960s in Melbourne. The letters describe his family in England and early life in Hobart Town.

‘Irish Catholic Marriages In The London Lying-In Hospital Records’ by Sheila Gallagher in Catholic Ancestor the journal of the Catholic Family History Society Vol.7, No.3, November 1998, pp.102–109. Between 1750–1767 four charities opened lying-in hospitals in London. An Act of 1773 stated that illegitimate children born in these hospitals should derive their settlement from their mothers. Married women were required to provide details of their marriage and husband’s settlement and single women as to their own status and settlement. Records are available for Westminster Lying-in Hospital 1812–1858, (some have been indexed by the East Surrey FHS) and the Queen’s Lying-in Hospital. Most records refer to Protestants but some Irish/Catholic marriages are noted in this article.

In the Devon Family Historian No.88, November 1998 issue of the Devon Family History Society pp.29–32 contain several lists taken from The Alfred, the West of England Journal And General Advertiser, Tuesday 21 August 1821. These include ‘Devon Llammas Assizes’ containing names and offences (some were transported), ‘Bankruptcies’, lists name, abode and trade, ‘Hatches, Matches And Despatches’ and ‘Odds And Ends’ include names, occupation and addresses.

‘Bristol Burgess Books Index’ in the journal of the Bristol and Avon Family History Society No.94, December 1998, p.54. The Burgess Books Index for Bristol contain the names and trade of all men admitted to the freedom of the City of Bristol from 1557 to the present day. The original books are on microfiche at the Bristol Record Office. Enquires to the above society, which hold records back to 1732, can be sent to John Butland Watts, 3 Poplar Avenue, Stoke Bishop, Bristol BS9 2BE UK.

‘Chobham, Surrey: 1831 Census –1’ in Root and Branch the West Surrey Family History Society’s journal Vol.25, No.3, December 1998, pp.109–112. The 1831 census records for the Parish of Chobham in Surrey have survived and are held by the Surrey Record Office (now known as the Surrey History Centre). A transcription appears in this article from A to G and will be continued in the following issue of Root and Branch.

‘England and Wales Marriage Certificate Information’ by Barbara Dixon in The Pivot Tree No.60, January 1999 issue of the Geelong Family History Group. This interesting and informative article describes the sort of information that can be found on marriage certificates for England and Wales and includes the historical background for marriages in England. Each heading to be found on a marriage certificate is explained in detail plus additional information to help in researching religion, ages at marriage and marital status.

‘St George’s Cathedral, Southwark’ in the Catholic Ancestor the journal of the Catholic Family History Society Vol.7, No.4, February 1999, p.162. Mr Bernard Cullen of 39 Beechcroft Road, Tooting
London SW17 7BX UK is willing to transcribe extracts from the registers of St George’s Cathedral in Southwark. Although the early registers are on microfiche, many historians request extracts from the later era and Mr Cullen, who is in charge of these registers, has indexed the marriages from 1823 to 1918. Fees are £7 for the first hour and £5 for each additional hour.

‘Girls Friendly Society’ by Mrs Dee Monnery in the Sussex Family Historian the journal of the Sussex Family History Society Vol.13, No.5, March 1999, pp.171–175. The Girls Friendly Society was formed in 1875 to ‘encourage strict purity of life, dutifulness to parents, faithfulness to employers and thrift. To provide friendship and assistance to all members ...’. The alphabetical list of girls’ names appearing in this journal has been extracted from The Parish Magazine for the Rural Deanery of Torrington 1882–1892.

‘Immigration Information—When and Where Did They Come From’ in the New Zealand Family Tree journal of the New Zealand Family History Society Vol.30, No.4, March 1999, pp.87–90. Information on where to look for records relating to emigrants arriving in New Zealand. These include port of arrival and dates covered, newspaper indexes and where each are held. Many are in the National Archives of New Zealand, museums, the Alexander Turnbull library and many libraries throughout New Zealand.

VARIEETY BAY CHURCH & PILOT STATION SITES
An update from Kathy Duncombe

The Bruny Island Historical Society in conjunction with the Bruny Island Community Association have now obtained a lease over the historical sites at Variety Bay with Hazell Bros for up to fifty years. We are at present having the areas surveyed and Peter Spratt is preparing a report on the structure of the Church. We have started a Preservation Fund and welcome any donations!

The Cultural Heritage Branch of the National Parks and Wildlife Department has prepared a General Conservation Guidance Report and acting on this, we have working parties on the 4th Sunday and following Wednesday of every month, and have now removed all dead trees amongst the pilot station, without disturbing one brick, thanks to the skill of a local. Fencing off the areas to protect them from animals, is our next priority. We are at present in the process of preparing a management plan for the sites. Naturally, we seek help from anyone with expertise in the area. If any members would like to visit on the working days, and bring a picnic lunch, I can assure you they won’t be disappointed. Already walls are starting to appear under the bracken, as more and more of the pilot station is revealed. We hope to have archaeologists in over the next twelve months.

Working Bees:
September Sunday 26 & Wednesday 29
October Sunday 24 & Wednesday 27
November Sunday 28
December Wednesday 1

Contact Kathy at (03) 6260 6287

[If you would like a copy of any article, please write to Thelma McKay at the Hobart Branch Library and include a SSAE with your request.—Ed.]
Lost, Stolen or Strayed ... and Found

The Morgan Society, formed five years ago, now has some 150 members throughout the world in England and Wales, Ireland, Scotland and Australia with vast support through Morgan Migrations, an American publication. They produce a quarterly journal Clann Morgainn named after the mention in The Book of Deer from Scotland, perhaps the oldest surviving British manuscript? The name is as widespread in Scotland, where there is a Morgan Tartan, as it is in Wales and they have a theory they come from the Celtic Tribe, the Cornovii. Contact David Morgan, 11 Arden Drive Dorridge Solihull West Midlands B93 8LP who would be delighted to hear from anyone with Morgan connections.

Barbara Stroud of NSW has donated a copy of the biography she has written, A Man Who Wears Well, about her great grandfather, Charles Saunders, a Wesleyan minister in Tasmania and Victoria during the second half of the nineteenth century. As he was stationed in many towns the book also contains mini-histories of the places where he lived and worked. A well-referenced book with a good index which has many entries for the North and North-west of Tasmania. Thank you Barbara.

Another book has recently been published on Wesley Church. Alive to the Great Work is by a former minister, Rev. Max Stansell. It includes a summary of Wesley history, transcripts of two documents of Benjamin Carvosso and an inventory of the considerable holdings of the Wesley Museum. The book is available for $15.00 from the Uniting Church Office at 58 Melville Street Hobart TAS 7000 or ☏ (03) 6231 4033, fax (03) 6234 6947 or email: office@citycentre.tas.uca.org.au

Thanks also go to C. G. Hughes of the ACT who has donated another of his indexes to the society. The latest is Names Shown on Broadbent’s Map 321 “Eastern Half-Victoria” 1951. An alphabetical list with original grid references.

Richard James, the CarmsList Sponsor has written that if you have ancestors from Carmarthenshire in Wales, or Pembrokeshire and Glamorganshire, join the list by subscribing to Carmsroots@aol.com

Family history indexes for Wiltshire researchers are available from the Wiltshire Index Service. Contact Mrs Pat Wilson, 11 Ardmore Close Tuffley Gloucester GL4 0BJ UK, check the web site http://www.wis.memail.com or email wis@memail.com

Cassandra Pickworth of Hillingdon Historical Services offers a photographic service and will locate streets, buildings and grave sites (mainly in the Sydney area) and supply photographs. For charges and other services contact: PO Box 1537 Warriewood Square NSW 2102 or email cassie@acay.com.au

A book about The Champion of the Seas, one of the clipper ships which carried over 5,000 emigrants to Victoria, was released in May and is available from Pilgrim Printing Services Pty Ltd at PO Box 1245 Glen Waverley VIC 3150.
BOOK REVIEWS

_Tasmanian Police from Force to Service 1803–1999_, edited and compiled by Geoff Easton.

This book outlines the development of Tasmania Police from Lieutenan-Governor Collins’ Night Watch which was introduced in 1804 to ‘protect persons, property and the peace of the colony’ to present day Police Service with a new charter and commitment to the community as a service provider.

All facets of police work are covered and most noteworthy events are given a mention including the capture of Martin Cash, the ‘67 bush fires, the Mount St Canice explosion, the Tasman Bridge disaster and the Port Arthur massacre.

The 100-page book which is soft cover A4 landscape format contains a number of photographs. An unfortunate defect is its lack of an index which diminishes its value to researchers.

Jeannine Connors.

_Federation of Family History Societies (Publications) Ltd._ Available from FFHS (Publications) Ltd, 2–4 Killer Street, Ramsbottom, Bury Lancashire BL9BZ.

_British genealogical microfiche_, Stuart A. Raymond, Birmingham, 1999.

This is an attempt to list all microfiche and microfilms currently in print and likely to be of interest to the British genealogist. A few types of fiche have been omitted eg. local histories and miscellanea issued by record societies but there is still much material of interest to local historians.

The contents are confined to fiche and films, published anywhere, relating to England, Scotland and Wales but not to Ireland. Material is grouped together in respect of commercial and private publishers, societies and libraries, and record offices. Listing by publishers is followed by indexes of authors, placenames, surnames and subjects. The author warns that complete accuracy cannot be claimed because the information given is the result of a questionnaire sent to publishers who did not all respond as thoroughly as was desired. Prices are those quoted by publishers and are likely to vary from time to time.

This is a useful reference tool for librarians, genealogists and researchers of local history.

_An introduction to ... tracing your German ancestor_, Peter Towey, in association with the Anglo-German FHS, 1998.

Researching German ancestry is complicated by the fact that ‘German’ includes the German-speaking kingdoms, dukedoms and free-city states which existed until the emergence in 1871 of the country we now know as Germany.

Before dealing with methods and resources, the author gives a brief account of German-speaking areas in Europe and a summary of the history of German immigration to England. This book is in two parts, dealing firstly with tracing ancestry in England and Wales, then with tracing ancestors in the German-speaking parts of Europe, showing in each part what records are available and how to use them. Part 2 includes a map of the German Empire 1871–1919, showing when civil registration began in each area.

Also included are useful addresses with information about German genealogical
societies and addresses of German Internet sites.

The book has a comprehensive bibliography.


This is a guide to the use of death and burial records, including wills, manorial records, coroners’ records and the Commonwealth War Graves Commission, where to find them and some of the problems likely to be encountered when using them.

It lists indexes used to locate records of this kind and provides a bibliography for further reading, together with a list of useful addresses. It reminds the reader of some points that, though not frequently occurring, will be found from time to time in respect of spelling, quoted ages, addresses and social upgrading.

It is also a fascinating history of death and burial customs from the Middle Ages to our own time.

**Basic approach to ... keeping your family records**, Iain Swinnerton, 2nd ed., 1999.

This is a survey of ways of storing information, from card files and looseleaf binders to computers. It emphasises the benefits of simplicity and of choosing the methods that best suit one’s own situation.

The use of birth briefs, pedigree charts and dropline charts is demonstrated and advice is given about the storage of photographs.

There is advice about the choosing of computers and the programs to be used with them.

This is a good guide for beginning genealogists since it discusses the advantages and disadvantages of the different ways of storing information. It also gives a brief list of suggested programs.

**Basic approach to ... making contact with relatives**, Peter C. Amsden, 1999.

This book lists possible sources of information, including directories of various kinds, then explains how to go about making and following up contacts tactfully and profitably. It includes advice on letter writing, use of the telephone, personal visits and use of the Internet. It illustrates an example of a letter inviting correspondence between oneself and a relative, also an example of a family questionnaire.

It concludes with a list of useful addresses and a bibliography.


This is a catalogue of resources containing lists of men. Often complete lists of names associated with a specific regiment have not been found but it was hoped that the information contained here will be of use to researchers. Sources of records given are for regular soldiers (sometimes back to 1880), for members of specialist army groups, Royal Flying Corps, women’s services, Cavalry regiments and English, Welsh, Scottish, Irish and Channel Islands regiments with no obvious place of origin. English county regiments are also listed.

There is a bibliography of books useful in finding records and a reference section on research methods and location of sources.

Titles of regiments used are those in use in 1914.

Theo Sharples
COMING EVENTS

TASMANIA

Unless otherwise notified, all Tasmanian Historical Research Association (THRA) Meetings take place on the second Tuesday of the month in the Royal Society Room, Custom House, Tasmanian Museum and Art Gallery, Macquarie Street Hobart starting at 8.00 p.m.

14 September—THRA
Dr David Jones, Zephaniah Williams.

29 September to 1 October
Australian Historical Association Regional Conference 1999—Australian and Britain Over Two Centuries. University of Tasmania, Sandy Bay Campus. Special speaker will be Jeremy Black, Professor of History at the University of Exeter. Contact Dr Richard Ely, School of History and Classics, University of Tasmania GPO Box 252–81 Hobart TAS 7001 or email r.g.ely@utas.edu.au

9 and 10 October 1999
Tasmanian Local History Societies Fifth Biennial Conference, Fields to Furrow, Flocks to Fleece, Bothwell Town Hall. Contact: Mary Ramsay, Bothwell Historical Society PO Box 1 Bothwell TAS 7030. Phone/fax (03) 6259 5702 email: clyde-river-hol@trump.net.au

October 12—THRA
Dr Scott Bennett, Tasmanians and the Boer War.

7 November 1999

November 9—THRA

December 13—THRA
Eldershaw Lecture (in conjunction with University of the Third Age) Prof. Richard Davis: Irish Transportation Policies in the 1840s. Note: The Eldershaw Lecture will be held Monday morning 10 am. to 11 am. in the Life Sciences Theatre No.1.

25/26 March 2000

1 and 2 April 2000
Viney Family Reunion and Book Launch at the Evandale Hall with church service and picnic lunch at Clarendon. Queries may be directed to Bruce Viney, chairman (03) 9391 1126; Bev Perkins, secretary (03) 6339 1270 or treasurer Noel Viney (03) 6425 2581.

March Labour Day long week-end 2001
A three day conference on Tasmanian Genealogy to be held in Launceston. A series of workshops, lectures, tours and social activities are being planned. Contact the GST Inc. State Secretary PO Box 60 Prospect TAS 7250 or email gensctas@southcom.com.au

INTERSTATE AND OVERSEAS

23 October 1999
1999 Annual Gathering of Martins (and variants including Martyn, Martine, Marten, Marton, Marteine, and Merton) at the Cheltenham meetinghouse of The
Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints
from 10 am until 4 pm. Further details from
Anthony J. Martin, UK Branch Chairman,
The FHS of Martin, 5 Otlinge Close, St
Mary Cray Orpington Kent England BR5
3SH (Int +44 1689 816114)

12–13 November 1999
Post Haste the Millennium: Opportunities
and Challenges in Local Studies, 2nd
National Local Studies Conference, The
Rose and Crown Hotel, Guildford WA.
Contact: Jenni Woodroffe, 9/85 South
Terrace Como WA 6152 or email:
jenni@omen.net.au

5–7 April 2000
From Strangers to Citizens, Integration
of Immigrant Communities in Great Brit-
ain, Ireland and the Colonies, 1550–1750,
Dutch Church, Austin Friars, London
EC2N 2EJ. Hosted by the Huguenot
Society of Great Britain and Ireland in
Collaboration with the Jewish Historical
Society of England and Other Appropriate
Bodies.
c.littleton@history.bbk.ac.uk

26–30 April 2000
Domesday to Database The Millennium
British Family History Conference at
Bath University, UK—hosted by the Wilt-
shire FHS in Association with the FFHS

2–7 May 2000
24th International Congress of Genea-
logical and Heraldic Sciences, Besançon,
France. Email: congress2000@besacon.net

27 September–1 October 2000
Let Records Speak, the 9th Australasian
Congress on Genealogy and Heraldry at
University of Western Australia, Perth
Western Australia. For details contact:
Mrs Diane Jarvie, PO Box 980
Rockingham WA 6168.

CONGRESS 2000
9th AUSTRALASIAN CONGRESS ON
GENEALOGY AND HERALDRY
The theme is “Let Records Speak”—a
reflection of the importance of records to
genealogists. There will be three main
streams: Yesterday—Traces of the past,
Today—Capturing the present and Tomor-
row—Looking ever forward.
Keynote speakers have been announced.
Rosemary Bigwood—a professional
genealogist and researcher who
specialises in Scottish Records. Her
particular interests are in the records of
the Commissary Courts, Church records
and local records. She will be presenting
three lectures concerning Scottish records
and one on Computers, Clues and lateral
thinking—open doors or tunnel vision?
Michael Gandy—A Londoner who
specialises in the religious records:
Catholics, Quakers, Huguenots and the
old English Catholics and the poor Irish
immigrants in England. Michael will be
presenting four lectures including Tracing
your Huguenot Ancestry, Movement for
the sake of religion and Problems of
London Ancestors.
Professor Bob Reece—Director of the
Australian Institute of Irish Studies at
Murdoch University, Perth, has written
numerous books and presented papers on
Irish research and Convict Records.
Professor Reece will be presenting
“When the records are silent”.
Colonel Iain Swinnerton—specialises in
military history and heraldry and will be
presenting four lectures including Army
Records of the Boer War and Records of
Regiments which served in Australia and
New Zealand in the early years of the
colonies.
[See previous column]
SCOPE

We have audited the accompanying consolidated statement of receipt and payments of The Genealogical Society of Tasmania Incorporated for the year ended 31 March 1999. These statements have been prepared on the basis of historical costs.

The association's management committee is responsible for the preparation and presentation of the financial statements. We have conducted an independent audit of these accounts in order to express an opinion on them to the members of the association.

Our audit has been conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Concepts to provide reasonable assurance as to whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. Our procedures included examination, on a test basis, of evidence supporting the amounts and other disclosures in the financial statements, and the evaluation of accounting policies and significant accounting estimates. These procedures have been undertaken to form an opinion as to whether, in all material respects the financial statements are presented fairly in accordance with Accounting Standards and the historic cost basis of accounting so as to present a view of the association which is consistent with my understanding of its financial position and the results of its operation.

QUALIFICATION

We have not audited the financial statements for the following Branches of the Genealogical Society of Tasmania Inc:

Burnie Branch
Devonport Branch
Hobart Branch
Huon Branch

These individual branch reports have been independently and separately audited by various other auditors. The consolidated statement of receipts and payments has been prepared solely on the basis of the information supplied in the audited branch reports referred to above.

QUALIFIED AUDIT OPINION

In our opinion, because of the existence of the limitation on the scope of our work as described in the qualification paragraph, and the effects of such adjustments, if any, as might have been determined to be necessary had the limitation not existed, we are unable to and do not express an opinion on the accuracy of the attached consolidated statement of receipts and payments. No further audit or review has been performed by us on the individual branch reports that form the basis of these consolidated statements and as such no assurance is expressed.

As an audit procedure it was not practicable to extend our examinations of income beyond the accounting for amounts received as shown by the books and records of the association. It is the responsibility of the committee of management to ensure that proper control and supervision is maintained over the control of receipts and payments.
In our opinion:

Subject to the foregoing reservation:

(a) the financial statements referred to above are properly drawn up so as to give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the association as at 31 March, 1999, and of its results for the year ended in all material respects, according to the information at our disposal, the explanations given to me and as shown by the accounting records.

(b) the rules relating to the administration for the funds of the association have been observed; and

(c) the association has kept proper records and other books during the period covered by these accounts.

POWELL PREECE & ASSOC

G V Powell
CHARTERED ACCOUNTANT
Dated at Launceston this 17th day of June 1999
Genealogical Society of Tasmania Inc  
Consolidated Statement of Receipts and Payments for the Year Ended 31 March 1999

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GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY OF TASMANIA INC
STATE EXECUTIVE

AUDIT REPORT

SCOPE

We have audited the accompanying Statement of Receipts & Payments. This statement has been prepared on the basis of historical costs.

The associations management committee is responsible for the preparation and presentation of the financial statements. We have conducted an independent audit of these accounts in order to express an opinion on them to the members of the association.

Our audit has been conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Concepts to provide reasonable assurance as to whether the accounts are free of material misstatement. Our procedures included examination, on a test basis, of evidence supporting the amounts and other disclosures in the financial statements, and the evaluation of accounting policies and significant accounting estimates. These procedures have been undertaken to form an opinion as to whether, in all material respects the financial statements are presented fairly in accordance with Accounting Standards and the historic cost basis of accounting so as to present a view of the association which is consistent with my understanding of its financial position and the results of its operations.

OPINION

As an audit procedure it was not practicable to extend our examinations of income beyond the accounting for amounts received as shown by the books and records of the association. It is the responsibility of the committee of management to ensure that proper control and supervision is maintained over the control of receipts and payments.

In our opinion:

Subject to the foregoing reservation:

(a) the financial statement referred to above is properly drawn up so as to give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the association as at 31 March, 1999, and of its results for the year then ended in all material respects, according to the information at our disposal, the explanations given to me and as shown by the accounting records.

(b) the rules relating to the administration for the funds of the association have been observed; and

(c) the association has kept proper records and other books during the period covered by these accounts.

POWELL PREECE & ASSOC

G V Powell
CHARTERED ACCOUNTANT
Dated at Launceston this 17th day of June 1999
GST Inc. State Executive — General Account  
Statement of Receipts and Payments  
for the Year 1st April, 1998 to 31st March, 1999

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| PAYMENTS                                  |          |
| Insurance                                 | 2,603.00  |
| Cost of Sales                             | 7,152.54  |
| - Publication Payments                    | 5,980.59  |
| - TAMIOT Payments                         | 251.35   |
| - Presentation Mugs                       | 720.60   |
| - Royalties                               | 200.00   |
| Bank Charges - Cheque Account only        | 80.66    |
| Sundries                                  | 1,331.82  |
| - Branch Grants                           | 1,227.82  |
| - Contra                                  | 104.00   |
| Journal Payments                          | 12,627.98 |
| Capital Purchases                         | 504.35   |
| - Fiche - Balance on Probate Records      | 394.35   |
| - Other - Storage Draws                   | 110.00   |
| Administration Payments                   | 6,946.89  |
| - AGM Expenses                            | 225.00   |
| - Audit Fees                              | 400.00   |
| - Corporate Affairs                       | 40.00    |
| - Executive Travel                        | 2073.00  |
| - Exchange Journal Payments               | 30.95    |
| - Lilian Watson Family History Award      | 279.85   |
| - Membership Expenses                     | 1,130.51  |
| - Postage/Boxes & Telephone               | 1,171.57  |
| - Printing and Stationery                 | 1,148.25  |
| - Research Payments                       | 10.00    |
| - Rent (Campbell Town Hall)               | 120.00   |
| - Subscriptions                           | 317.76   |
| TOTAL PAYMENTS SUB TOTAL                  | 31,247.24 |

| TOTAL PAYMENTS                            |          |
| Balance as per Cash Book 31/3/1999        | $26,141.08 |

| REPRESENTED BY:                           |          |
| Balance as per Trust Bank Cheque Account 31/3/99 | $26,250.08 |
| Less Cheques Unpresented                  |          |
| 676719                                    | 30.00    |
| 676720                                    | 34.00    |
| 676721                                    | 45.00    |
|                                          | 109.00   |
|                                          | $26,141.08 |

| Plus Interest Received to 31/12/1998                  | 226.69    |
| Less Bank Charges                                     | 0.13     |
| Transfer to Trust Bank Cheque Account 1/1/1999       | 7,339.45  |
| 14/12/98 - Bass & E Building Society Investment Account 152720110 @ 4.5% - 6 months | $8,000.00  |

TASMANIAN ANCESTRY September 1999
LIBRARY NOTES

State Microfiche Roster

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Set 2  Griffith’s Valuation for Ireland Series
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Set 3  St Catherine’s Index 1898–1922 and
       AGCI
Set 4  National Probate Calendars 1853–1943
Set 5  St Catherine’s Index 1923–1942
       Exchange journals Members’ Interests and
       One Name Studies Index

BURNIE

Accessions—Books
* An Outline of Heraldry in England and Scotland, Robert Innes-Smith
* A Transcription of the Public Cemetery—Ulverstone, GST Inc. Devonport Branch
* Belfast, ed. J. Beckitt and R. Glasscock
Cemeteries of Southern Tasmania—Richmond, GST Inc. Hobart Branch
Deaths at the General Hospital, Hobart, Joyce Partsch
Genealogical Research Directory 1999
Index to Advocate BDMs 1926–1930, GST Inc. Burnie Branch
Index to Examiners—Vol.10, 1951–55, Births, GST Inc. Launceston Branch
Index to Examiners—Vol.13, 1956–60, Deaths, GST Inc. Launceston Branch
* Montague Memoirs, J. Lambart and J. Evans
* Royal Heraldry—Beast and Badges of Britain, J. P. Brock-Little
The Great War, Christine K. Schaefer
* The Townsville and District Pioneer and Biographical Register, Marilyn Hammond

Accessions—Microfiche
1998 Members’ Interests, Cornwall Branch
* Indicates items donated
DEVONPORT

Accessions—Books
‘A Comedy of Errors’ or The Marriage Records of England & Wales 1837–1899,  
M. W. Foster
Applications for Queen’s Orphanage Hobart Town 1858–1878, J. Purtscher
Cemeteries of Southern Tasmania Vol. IV Richmond—Anglican, Roman Catholic,  
Congregational (including Cambridge), GST Inc., Hobart
The Examiner Index to BDMs Vol. 10 Births 1951–1955, Launceston Branch Publication
The Examiner Index to BDMs Vol. 13 Deaths 1956–1960, Launceston Branch Publication
* Family of George Burgess & Ann Haines, Burgess Family Research Committee
Father John Murphy’s ‘Saddlebag’ Records, Catholic Baptisms Huon District 1885–1864,  
J. Purtscher
* GST Inc. [Devonport Branch] TAMIOT Database
Genealogical Research Directory 1999, Johnson & Sainty
Index of News Items, Obituaries & Photographs of World War II Tasmanian Servicemen &  
Women published in The Examiner from 23 September 1939 – 31 December 1940,  
W. Knolle
Index of News Items, Obituaries & Photographs of World War II Tasmanian Servicemen &  
Women published in The Examiner 1941, W. Knolle
Index to The Advocate BDMs 1926–1930, Burnie Branch Publication
Index to Walch’s Tasmanian Almanac—Postmasters & Postmistresses 1863–1910, S. Duck
* Leven Parish Church of England Marriages 1900–1948
* Monumental Inscriptions—Gundagai North & South Cemeteries
* Names Shown on Broadbent’s Map 301B “100 Miles Around Melbourne”, C. G. Harvey
* Once There Was A Very Old Gum Tree—Herbig Family South Australia, D. Herbig
Shipping Arrivals & Departures, Tasmania 1843–1850 Vol. 3, G. Broxam
* St Johns Anglican Church, Devonport 1906–1998, N. Stubbs

Accessions—Microfiche
Miscellaneous Certificates Vol. 10
Queenborough, Tasmania Cemetery
* Suffolk Members’ Interests 1999
* Indicates items donated

HOBART

Accessions—Books
1851 Census Index For North West Kent—Volume V, Dartford Registration District;  
NW Kent FHS.
1851 Census Index For North West Kent—Volume VI, Sevenoaks Registration District;  
NW Kent FHS.
A Provisional List of City of London Poor Law Records, 2nd Edition; Cliff Webb.
* A View To Cradle—A History of Tasmania’s Forth River High Country; Nic Haygarth.
Cemeteries in Southern Tasmania, Volume III—Queenborough Cemetery, Hobart:
Cemeteries of Southern Tasmania, Volume IV, Richmond, Anglican, Catholic,  
Congregational (includes Cambridge); GST Inc. Hobart.
* The Convict and the Captain’s Daughter; M. A. Anderson & I. D. Wooley.
Gedcom Data Transfer—moving your family tree, second edition 1994; David Hawgood
Genealogical Research Directory—National & International; Library of Australian History
Health, Wealth, Wisdom—papers from the Third Victorian Family History State
Conference; Leslie Berry
How To Find Shipping and Immigration Records in Australia—4th Edition; Cora Num
Index to The Advocate—Births, Deaths & Marriages 1926–1930; GST Inc. Burnie
Index to The Examiner—Births, Deaths & Marriages, Volume 10, Births 1951–1955;
GST Inc. Launceston
Index to The Examiner—Births, Deaths & Marriages, Volume 13, Deaths 1956–1960;
GST Inc. Launceston
Index of News Items, Obituaries and Photographs of World War II Tasmanian Servicemen
and Women as published in the Launceston, Tasmania newspaper The Examiner 1941;
Wendy Knolle
Petitions Indexes; Jill Chambers
  Petitions Index, 1819–1839—Part 1
  Criminal Petitions Index, 1819–1839—Part 2
Pocket Guide to Griffith’s Valuation and other Irish resources; Christine Smith.
* Notes Regarding Major Robert Horner and his Family in Tasmania 1821–1826;
  Ken McCallum
SA Convicts Sentenced To Transportation 1837–1851; Graham Jaunay
Scottish Census Indexes—Covering the 1841–1871 Civil Censuses; Peter Ruthven-Murray
NB Home and a Range, The Hean Family of Tasmania, by L. W. Dimmick in December
1998 was a donation by Mr Dimmick, not a purchase.
The publication The Glover Family listed in the last issue was donated by the author,
  Terence A. Talbot.

CD-ROM
Telstra White Pages Directory—September 1997 (Version 1.4); Telstra Corporation Ltd
Telstra White Pages Directory—April 1998 (Version 1.5); Telstra Corporation Ltd

Accessions—Fiche
1851 Census—Guisborough; Cleveland FHS
1851 Census—Lambeth Registration District; East Surrey FHS
1851 Census of Scotland—Ronsay & Egilshay, Orkney; David Armstrong
Argus Passenger Indexes 1866–1868; Marion & Westley Button
Brecon Enumeration District—1851 Census; Powys FHS
The British Army in Australia 1788–1870, James Hugh Donohoe
Composite Index to Miscellaneous Certificates, Volumes 1–10 [AUS]; Jill Statton
East India Register 1808; MM Publishing
Electoral List 1841–1851 [VIC]; Marion Button
Glamorgan Marriage Index—Pre 1837, Glamorgan Family History Society
Index to Prerogative Court of Canterbury Wills & Administrations 1701–1749;
  Friends of the Public Record Office
Index to Wills Proved in the Prerogative Court of Canterbury 1750–1800;
  Society of Genealogists
Indian Army & Civil Service List—July 1869; MM Publishing.
Inner London Directory 1838–1847 (An Index to Tallis’ 1869 publication); S. M. Hay
Marriages—Buckinghamshire; Buckinghamshire FHS
• Aston Clinton (St. Michael 1557–1837, St Leonards 1739–1754)
• Buckland (All Saints 1609–1837) & Hulcott (All Saints 1539–1840)
• Drayton Beauchamp (St Mary 1541–1837) & Cholesbury (St. Laurence 1576–1838)
• Great Marlow (All Saints 1592–1837)
• Ludgershall (St Mary 1570–1836) • Wingrave (St Peter & St Paul 1550–1837)
Wotton Underwood (All Saints 1600–1836)
Miscellaneous Certificates—Volume 10 [AUS]; Branch-Out Research and Services
NW Kent 1851 Census Index, Volume II—Woolwich Parish; NW Kent FHS
Parliamentary Papers for Colony of Victoria—Volume 1: 1852–1859/60 (An Index of the
‘Ordinary People’ they uncover); AIGS. Inc.
Queenborough Cemetery Index; GST Inc. Hobart
* The Return of Owners of Land 1873 for the County of Yorkshire—West Riding;
Rosemary Cleaver.
* St Giles Church, Bubbenhall, Warwickshire (Memorial Inscriptions); FFHS
* Southfleet, Kent Parish Registers 1558–1812; Kent Family History Society.
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LAUNCESTON

Accessions—Books
A Transcription of the Public Cemetery, Ulverstone, GST Inc. Devonport Branch
* Butterworth & Mary Eliza Alliston
Deaths at General Hospital Hobart, January 1864 - June 1884, Purtscher, Joyce
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CRAWFORD
Seeking descendants of William Cash CRAWFORD/Harriet ROBINSON, Ulverstone, Tasmania. William died 18 August 1879 and Harriet died 9 June 1905, both at Ulverstone. Any knowledge of parents (Abraham Crawford/Mary Cash?), siblings (George and John Smith Crawford?) or descendants to Margaret and Doug Welshe, 13 Le Claire Place Buderim QLD 4556

CREELEY/CREELEY/BAXTER
Thomas CREELY (18), tailoring lad, from Belfast, sponsored by his father? Nicholas Creely, came as a bounty immigrant, from Liverpool to VDL, on the Sir W. F. Williams in 1856. He married Elizabeth BAXTER (21) in Deloraine 29 September 1879 and had at least 9 children, all born in Westbury. They were: Eliza Ann Louisa born 3 October 1880; Margaret Elsie Agnes born 13 November 1882; Lyndon John born 4 August 1884 (married Ellen Elvie PEARCE in L’ton, 1909, lived at Pattersonia and L’ton); Edward Thomas born 31 July 1886; John Gordon born 10 June 1888 (married Julia HUTCHINS 1909 at Beaconsfield); Mary Madeline born 19 August 1890 (married Ivor Chas Holly HALLAM); Ina May born 15 October 1891 (married or died in 1917); Edward Stanley Albert born 19 October 1894; and Eva Alice? born 18 June 1897 (died 1 June 1921 at Westbury). I would like to contact any descendants or anyone who has any knowledge of this family or other CREEL(E)Y families, as they all appear to be related. Lorraine Wootton, 3 Ethel Street, Scottsdale TAS 7260 (03) 6352 2385 or email: woottondes@microtech.com.au

EDWARDS/MOONEY/DOWN/HARRISON
George EDWARDS (60) married Rosanna (Rosina) MOONEY (22) in Fingal district in 1875. They had 9 children. George died in Fingal in 1895 and Rosina married Henry HARRISON in 1902, and died prior to 1918. Their 5th child, Thomas Edward Edwards was born 1883, Fingal District. He married Florence Parthiner DOWN in 1908, probably in Launceston, where they lived for some time—they had no children. They also lived in Ringarooma Road (Legerwood) in 1915–6 where he is included on the Roll of Honour for WW1. Thomas enlisted in 1916 and was killed in action in Belgium, 19 February 1918. Florence later married George Henry Tasman McDonald (married Myrtle Claire Kate Edwards 1916, divorced 1920) who, it is said, saw Thomas Edwards shot down during the war. They lived at Kayena, West Tamar, but had no children. Information on any aspect of the above would be appreciated. Lorraine Wootton, 3 Ethel Street, Scottsdale, TAS 7260 (03) 6352 2385 or email: woottondes@microtech.com.au

HART/PEARSALL
Florence Mary (Emily) PEARSSALL was born to William Pearsall and Louisa Mary néé COLLIS in 1883. Florence married Dennis (Daniel) John HART in Hobart 1904.
They had a son Dennis William born Hobart 1905 who married Myrtle Jane JONES in Melbourne, Victoria, in 1929. Information required on background of Florence and Dennis John Hart please. Jenny McGillvery 32 Warring Street Ravenswood TAS 7250

Grace HOLLIDAY/HALLIDAY
What happened to Grace HOLLIDAY—was she a part of your family? Grace was born on 23 May 1842 at East Arm, Tamar near Launceston to William HOLLIDAY and Martha (née PRIESTLY). Two weeks later, on 6 June 1842, her mother died. Grace was christened 10 June 1842 at St Mary Magdalene’s Anglican Church, George Town, the day of her mother’s funeral. Despite research in both Victoria and Tasmania no further mention has been found of Grace. Did she die? Was she adopted by another family? She had several brothers and sisters aged between three and sixteen and their descendants have been traced. What happened to Grace Holliday?
Julie Stevens ‘Clyla’ 8 Perry Street Seddon VIC 3011 ☎ (03) 9687 3663

LEONARD
Margaret Ellen, married Matthew BOSKELL 1873, died 1917 at Latrobe Hospital. I have been trying for some time to trace a birth or baptismal record. Her siblings were born in Hobart and baptised at St John the Baptist in Hobart in the early 1850s. Can anyone help? Mrs Margaret Muir, 41 Mary Street East Devonport TAS 7310

NEWMAN, William
Mrs Sherril Michael, 40 Allardyce Street Graceville QLD 4075

RUSSELL, TASMANIA
I am endeavouring to locate the town of Russell in Tasmania. In 1911 my great grandparents honeymooned there, staying with the WESTERWAYS (described as nice, homely people with everything up to date, a splendid piano, even a bath heater). In a letter home it is described how the residents of Russell gave them such a nice evening as a welcome home to Clyde JONES (my great grandfather), that the ladies of Russell presented them with a lovely marble clock and reference is made to Clyde’s friends on the Railway. Clyde also mentions that he was getting a nice salmon for breakfast every morning. Can anyone tell me where Russell is or was?
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PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

As the end of the year fast approaches, the president and executive of the society, take the opportunity to wish all members a joyous festive season and prosperous and rewarding New Year. May the New Year be studded with finds of long lost relatives.

Anne Bartlett

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Editorial

The production of this issue of the journal has caused some concern because of the lack of articles submitted, particularly during the last quarter. Only two unsolicited items were received, with only one of those being from a member. Fortunately we had a small backlog, now almost depleted, which leaves little on hand for the final journal of Volume 20 in March next year.

The journal doesn’t ‘just happen’. It needs your help and its success can only be measured by the amount of support it receives. Please help us continue to produce a successful journal for the benefit and enjoyment of the society’s members. Original articles are urgently needed although we are also happy to receive requests to reprint articles from other sources.

Next year the journal will be celebrating twenty-one years of publication, culminating in 2001 with the conference on Tasmanian Genealogy where it is hoped to release an index to Tasmanian Ancestry being prepared by Kate Ramsay, Hobart branch and journal committee member.

As part of these celebrations each branch will be responsible for most of the material for the twenty-first volume of Tasmanian Ancestry. This will be done in chronological order with Hobart branch preparing the June issue (with assistance from Huon branch) followed by Launceston, Burnie and Devonport.

Regular features such as ‘From the Exchange Journals’, ‘Genes on Screen’ and the reports will continue allowing for up to approximately forty pages to be submitted by each branch. We hope this will include items on the history of the branches and some of their prominent members as well as an abundance of articles relating to the areas! There may be articles that appeared in early issues of Tasmanian Ancestry that you consider worthy of reprinting.

Branches are requested to send material as soon as possible and not wait until they have enough to produce the whole issue. Thank you to all those who have supported the journal during past years and best wishes for a happy festive season to all our readers.

Rosemary Davidson

VALE

W. David Freestun

The sudden death of David on 7 October 1999 was a great shock to members of our society, especially Hobart branch and those on the journal committee. Since Hobart members undertook the production of the journal in 1996 he has been a stalwart of the team and his conscientious proof reading and advice will be sadly missed. He possessed a quick wit and wonderful sense of humour, always quietly delivered. Over this period he had also assisted David Hodgson as journal coordinator and had since taken over that position which he managed with his customary efficiency, enthusiasm and meticulous attention to detail. We value his contribution to the journal and the Hobart branch. Sincere sympathy is extended to his wife Gwen and their family.
BRANCH NEWS

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Spring fever hit the Burnie branch in October with a re-arrangement of the library and a chance to clean out and discover some ‘new’ research material. Thank you to all those who helped with the move.

The branch was represented at the Westbury Family History Faire and also the Seniors Expo held at the Burnie Civic Centre, both days proving very beneficial. At our meeting in July, Greg Blake gave a very interesting demonstration on restoring old photos, and at the August meeting Villy Scott was presented with his Meritorious Service Award and spoke briefly on the IGI. David and Isobel Harris gave us an insight into the National Probate Indexes at the September meeting and the fiche proved very popular with members.

We had a very busy lead up to Christmas starting with a Colonial Dinner, attended by a small group at the Waterfront Restaurant, Wynyard. It was the first dinner held for some time and we took the opportunity to present Dawn Collins with her Meritorious Service Award and to pass on our thanks and appreciation to Rex Collins, who since undergoing a second hip operation in May, has persevered with many obstacles over the past months and still managed his ‘treasury’ duties to keep the branch running smoothly. Depending on numbers a bus trip to the Archives in Hobart is planned for the end of October. Members will then be looking forward to the Christmas break when the library will close at 4 p.m. on Saturday 11 December and re-open on Tuesday 11 January. The library can be opened for inter-state visitors by arrangement. There will be no general meeting until February.

We wish all members a safe and happy Christmas and let’s hope the turn of the Century turns up some exciting finds for us all!

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The day-time meetings every second month have been appreciated by members who are unable to attend evening meetings. The monthly meetings have continued to be well attended.

Members took advantage of using the St Catherine’s House Indexes during an open research night in July. Pat Young was the guest speaker at the August meeting and her topic was ‘Research over the Waters’. She gave some valuable tips to take into account when planning an overseas trip, whether it be for research or for pleasure. Peter Cocker gave an interesting talk about German research at the September meeting.

The open day during Seniors Week was appreciated by a larger number of folk visiting the branch library.
The branch is delighted to be able to announce that at last it has been possible to purchase a computer and a start has been made in supplying associated software.

Plans are under way for a display in the Public Library during Family History Week in March 2000. The theme will be ‘From there—To here’. It is envisaged that posters will depict the place of origin of ancestors and show details of travel to their place of settlement.

Activities for the year will culminate in several Christmas functions.

The November meeting will be a fun night followed by supper. On 9 December there will be a Christmas counter meal at the Alexander Hotel. The Christmas Hamper Raffle will be drawn at the dinner.

The library will close for the Christmas break on Thursday, the 9 December 1999 at 4.00 p.m. and it will reopen on Tuesday the 11 January 2000 at 10.00 a.m.

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1999 has been a busy year for our Branch with several initiatives introduced to improve the quality of service to our members and the working conditions for our staff.

On 5 December, Vee and Mrs Maddock will again kindly open their home for our branch’s end-of-year function to thank the library assistants who contribute to the smooth operation of our library.

We are indebted to Vee Maddock for her time and expertise in producing and maintaining a most professional web site for Hobart branch.

Thanks to the endeavours of several members with computers and the Monday working bee group, the inputting and checking of data from headstones at Cornelian Bay Cemetery has now reached the half-way stage, a significant milestone in this huge project. Other members continue to work on the Keating undertaker’s records.

Recognising that Richmond is a popular tourist town, the fourth volume in our series *Cemeteries of Southern Tasmania: Richmond* is now also published in three smaller volumes ie. *Part 1 Anglican; Part 2 Roman Catholic; Part 3 Congregational (includes Cambridge).* Being smaller and lighter these books should prove more suitable for tourists and are available for purchase in the recently opened rooms of the Coal River Valley Historical Society in the Old Court House at Richmond. All mail orders, however, should be directed to Hobart Branch Library as usual.

Hobart branch acknowledges Irene Schaffer’s huge contribution and thanks her for the nine years she has devoted to the VDL and Norfolk Island Interest Group, now in recess. Our members have been more able to enjoy the benefits of local membership with tours and outings, as well as the many publications Irene and her group have produced. We wish Irene all the best with her new interests.

Hobart library will be closed from Thursday 16 December to Friday 14 January. We hope everyone has a safe and happy Christmas, and that the new millennium brings us all success with our family research.
Programme for early 2000:

Sunday 6 February—English Research Interest Group Meeting

Tuesday 15 February—Elizabeth Godfrey—A century of women 1898–1998 (the story of ordinary women’s lives during this period).

Tuesday 21 March—Ross Latham—Finding Family in the National Archives.

NB This meeting will be held at the National Archives, Bligh Street, Rosny at 8.00 p.m. (entrance to carpark is opposite K Mart at Eastlands).

Tuesday 18 April—Branch AGM—speaker to be advised.

Huon

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In the past few months we have been busy reorganising our rooms to accommodate the upgrade of our computer and an extra fiche reader-printer which was loaned while our other one was being serviced and in the end was donated to our branch. Thanks to John Gillham for the carpentry work.

We held another successful evening to raise funds to help pay the rent. We have successfully negotiated with the Ranelagh Hall Committee to have our rent reduced to $720.00 per year. Although not as low as we would like, it saves us $280.00 so we are thankful for that.

We have had some mainland visitors to our library and they were impressed with the amount of research material available.

We wish all a happy and safe holiday season with lots of success in our research efforts.

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The main activity this last quarter was manning a stall at the inaugural Westbury Local and Family History Faire which was held the last Saturday in August. There was a lot of interest in the society, new memberships etc. and over $900 was raised from the sale of publications statewide. The Launceston branch is interested in participating next year, and suggestions came forward for improving in our presentation.

Library Holiday Arrangements:

Closed from 3 p.m. Tuesday 14 December and re-open on Tuesday 18 January 2000. Members are reminded that there will be a working bee at the library Monday 17 January from 10 am.

Programme

Tuesday 1 February at the Launceston Access Centre. Time: 7 p.m.–9 p.m. Genealogy on the Internet—hands on. There will be a small charge and a limit of twenty people, so please register your interest at the library.

Tuesday 7 March, at the branch library, 2 Taylor Street. Time: 3.00 p.m. Possibly members of the British Interest Group (sub group of the Launceston branch) will speak about the activities of the group—to be confirmed.
DICK REED
CENTRAL HIGHLANDS CHARACTER
Simon Cubit

Simon Cubit, guest speaker at the September meeting of the Hobart branch, is an historian who has written widely on European use of the Central Highlands and who lately has been a regular guest on the ABC ‘Sunday Program’ relating stories of the high country. He believes that contact between a largely emigrant society and the environment of the Highlands has led to some interesting cultural adaptations. He believes that, in time, the relationship between European Tasmanians and the Highlands will become of significant interest as we seek to understand who we are and what we are. In this event, he argues, documenting the poorly recorded history of these areas will become a critical current task. This is particularly important for those land uses, such as hunting for the fur trade, for which first hand written accounts are very rare.

To give the meeting a sense of some of the historical characters who lived, worked and played in the high country, Simon spoke of two very different men: Patrick Hartnett and Dick Reed. The text of his story about Dick Reed is included:

While Dick was born with a silver spoon in his mouth, he was a person who chose the bush rather than the cocktail circuit and the ‘At Home’ parties. While I’m sure he was very comfortable in that social environment, it was the bush that was the central motivation in his life.

It began, as he told me, when he was around twenty and living on a family property at Evandale. Someone showed him an old map of Tasmania with great blank spaces in southwest Tasmania. At that stage of his life he was young and ambitious and wanted to know if there was any grazing country down there in those blanks spaces. Now one of the people who worked for Dick’s family at that stage, a man Dick called Bully HENDRICKS, claimed to have had experience in the south west cutting tracks. That was enough to fire Dick’s imagination, so he organised a trip, taking Bully with him. In 1919 they left Evandale and travelled on horse back to Mole Creek. They went up the Mersey on the old stockroutes, through Howells Plains, up into Lees Paddocks where they left their horses and continued on foot. Some eighteen days later they emerged in the Vale of Rasselass on the Gordon River and there began Dick’s great adventure.

Dick loved these wild places. He loved being there, exploring their nooks and crannies and building huts. He leased the Vale of Rasselass for a while, ran cattle and built a hut there. Over the space of the next fifty years he moved on to a number of other places. From the Gordon he
moved to the Jubilee Range where he built another hut. From there he later moved to a place near Derwent Bridge. Then a decade later he moved to a place called Lake Naomi on the southern edge of the Central Plateau. It was while he had the hut at Naomi in the 1960s that another employee of his, a man from the Sheffield area called Harold Riley, took him on horseback west to Lake Meston and to Junction Lake, south of the Walls of Jerusalem. Dick thought that these places were absolutely phenomenal, some of the most beautiful places he had seen in Tasmania and resolved then and there that he would build a hut at both places.

Dick, who was then in his seventies, spent a year or two with a variety of colleagues, trying to find a pack horse track from the nearest road head down to Meston and Junction. It was a long hard task. When a track was eventually found, which I should tell you involved the use of explosives along the side of Lake Adelaide, he then set about building these extraordinary huts at Meston and at Junction.

Now I should talk a little about these huts. Dick was a great friend of a Launceston lawyer whose name was Reg HALL. Reg was a great outdoorsman, foundation member of the Northern Tasmanian Alpine Club in 1929 and a pioneer of walking in the Walls of Jerusalem area. He was a great designer of outdoor equipment and was, in fact, a peer of Paddy PALLIN. Dick and Reg spent a lot of time thinking about mountain hut design and Dick put their ideas into practice. The Lake Meston Hut is one of the best designed and most beautifully crafted of any mountain hut in the state. Dick designed the hut to withstand heavy snowfalls, knowing from discussions that he had had with hunters such as Arthur YOUD that the site at Meston caught and held lots of snow. It is a log cabin with a relatively steep gable roof with an integrated lean-to on one side, designed so that if someone was snowed in they could get out of the hut into the overhang to get firewood, water and so on. It was built out of local materials by local builders Boy MILES and Alf WALTERS—both men had themselves built many mountain huts. The hut at Junction Lake was built to the same design but in a different style reflecting the local materials that were available at each site.

Dick had both huts built by around 1970 and used them for many years. He used these huts for weeks at a time. He loved exploring and would go out for little expeditions to see what was over that ridge, what was up that gully, what that lake was like, or try to find old hunters' huts and so on.

He was then in his seventies but it got to the point where he was having trouble riding his horse. He’d lost two or three fingers on one hand and had trouble holding the reins and he kept on falling off so frequently that he thought he’d better give it away and simply walk with a pack horse. He did that for some years, lugging this pack horse in all the way from the Fish River down to Lake Meston, which was a long and tiring journey. Then it got to the point where he couldn’t manage the pack horse any more. It used to pull him around too much and he had difficulty loading it into a horse float by himself. So eventually, and this was when he was in his eighties, he said, “Well I’ve got to give that away don’t I”. But he was determined not to give away the mountains.

So over the next couple of years, he started the task of pioneering new shorter walking
routes into Meston and Junction. Now at
that time there were no tracks into these
places and the area through which he
wanted to find a route was some of the
roughest in the whole Plateau. He con-
sulted old hunters about possible routes,
looked at aerial photographs and just went
up there to try and find a way. Over a long
period with a wide variety of people who
would go up there with him for a weekend
he explored a number of potential routes.
He would push up this creek, up that ridge,
over that hill—all the time building up his
understanding of the area. Eventually, he
found viable routes which he was able to
push through to Meston and Junction. He
then used these tracks to walk into his
huts. These tracks exist today as the
Moses Creek and Jackson Creek tracks.

Walking was fine for a while but it got to
the point, in his mid eighties, where his
eye sight began to fail him. At the same
time he also had major surgery. But he
was still determined to get back to his huts
so he’d talk people into coming in with
him and he used to walk in holding their
elbow. It would take him all day—ten or
twelve hours—to go a distance that might
take me three or four. And he’d fall over
all the time but he’d get up again and keep
on battling on. He just loved it that much.

But eventually, in his late 80s it came to a
point where no matter what he did he was
physically unable to get into his beloved
Meston and Junction.

Not to be totally defeated he then arranged
to spend time at cattlemen’s huts that he
could easily walk to such as Lees
Paddocks and those he could drive to such
as Dublin Plain. At these huts he would
potter around, cut a bit of wood and revel
at simply being in the bush. The cattlemen
gladly let him use their huts. He had such
great spirit that even the cattlemen, used to
seeing people maintain their relationships
with the bush into old age, thought him
something of a legend.

The last time I saw him was in the late 80s
when he must have been 90. The
Mountain Huts Preservation Society had
rebuilt the Trappers Hut at the top of the
Horse Track going into the Walls of
Jerusalem and invited Dick, who was then
their patron, to the official opening. Dick
knew this hut well and was absolutely
delighted to accept the invitation. The
local people found this little white pony
and he rode the horse up the track to the
hut. He participated in the opening and
had a great time. He died some months
later but is remembered fondly by a wide
circle of people and will, I have no doubt,
continue to be remembered for a long time
to come.

Hobart Town Gazette
21 August 1819

A few days ago, as a stock-keeper of
Mr. D. Stanfield, Sen. was in quest of
some stray sheep at the Broad Marsh, he
discovered a skull and a few human bones
in a hole of water; upon further search, he
found a shoe; on examining it, he
recognized FIVE nails in the heel; and
this very singular circumstance brought
to his recollection that the skull and bones
must be the remains of the long-lost
THOMAS DAVENPORT, as he observed
him put the nails in the shoe on the
morning of his departure to hunt
kangaroo. The deceased went with his
master’s permission with a musket and
dogs into the woods to hunt; but after an
absence of three days the dogs returned
without him; and his mysterious dis-
appearance has long been attributed to the
murderous hand of MICHAEL HOWE.
NEWS FROM THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES OF AUSTRALIA, HOBART

A change of name (yes we were once known as the Australian Archives), new national headquarters, publications galore, touring exhibitions, an ever improving website, new databases for public use—much has happened in the National Archives in recent times and these are only a handful of examples.

Whilst a more detailed article regarding recent developments will appear in the March edition of this publication I am very keen to bring you up to date with some important innovations designed to assist you in your research.

Let us start with the recently established Services to Genealogists button located on the homepage of our website. Over half of all reference enquiries handled by the NAA relate to genealogy. In recognition of this fact we have developed a series of linkages to assist genealogists with their research.

There are seven linkages ranging from tips on getting started, summaries of the various record types, our fact sheets and details of forthcoming events. A detailed inquiry form is also available at this site which includes a number of prompts to assist you in lodging your inquiry. Our website can be found at www.naa.gov.au

RecordSearch has recently become available in our reading rooms replacing ANGAM II and RINSE. We are hoping to have the database available on our website in the not too distant future.

RecordSearch is a far more user-friendly system that makes use of Windows technology to alleviate the need to become acquainted with function keys and allows far more detailed searching. After some initial problems during the early weeks I am pleased to report that the database is working well and you are more than welcome to visit any of our offices to give it a try.

So why not pay us a visit and have a look around. There are two public user PCs linked to a laser printer and equipped to provide access to RecordSearch and Internet Explorer, a handy reference library that includes copies of all of our subject guides, a microfilm reader printer, video viewing facilities and most importantly specialist trained staff to assist with your research inquiry.

Our Hobart office is located at 4 Rosny Hill Road, Rosny Park and is open from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. weekdays. There is ample free parking or alternatively we are only a 10 minute bus trip from the city.

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By whichever means we would love to hear from you!

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TASMANIAN ANCESTRY December 1999
EDWARD ABBOTT AND ARISTOLOGY
Tony Marshall

Am here this evening to talk to you about Edward Abbott, the ‘Australian Aristologist’, and the cookbook which he published in 1864. But I want to begin nearly thirty years earlier, with the man who coined the term (if not the philosophy) of ‘Aristology’.

Thomas Walker, who was born in 1784 and died in 1836, was a police magistrate and barrister of London. In 1835 he published (indeed, he entirely wrote) twenty-nine issues of a weekly journal called The Original. It was a forum in which he could write about the many and wide-ranging subjects which interested him: the art of listening, the twopenny post, labourers, dunning, health, pauperism; as he put it:

It is my purpose to treat, as forcibly, perspicuously, and concisely as each subject and my own ability will allow, of whatever is most interesting and important in Religion and Politics, in Morals and Manners, and in our Habits and Customs. Besides my graver discussions, I shall present you with original anecdotes, narratives, and miscellaneous matters, and with occasional extracts from other authors, just as I think I can most contribute to your instruction or amusement; and even in my lightest articles I shall, as often as I am able, make subservient to the illustration of some sound principle, or the enforcement of some useful precept—at the same time rejecting nothing as too trifling, provided it can excite in you an antibilious sensation, however slight.1

What is most likely to excite in us an ‘antibilious sensation’ is what Thomas Walker called ‘aristology’, or the art of dining (from the Greek ‘ariston’—to dine). It was a subject on which he had firm and carefully-considered opinions. In his own words,

I endeavour to exhibit the true philosophy of dining, leaving the practice to be modified according to tastes and circumstances … As … the true philosophy of dining would have great influence upon our well-being, bodily and mental, and upon the good ordering of our social habits, I think it well worth serious consideration.2

His consideration extended well beyond food and its accompaniments, to embrace the size and nature of the company at dinner, the mode of service, the environment (decoration, lighting, the proportions of the dining room and its temperature) and the kitchen in which the dinner is prepared. In brief, he was an advocate of simplicity and excellence in all things; of the use of ingredients in their proper seasons, selected to suit the prevailing climate; and of entertaining according to one’s station in life.

One more passage perhaps epitomises his philosophy:

I think it would be a vast improvement in society if the practice of familiar dining were introduced—parties not exceeding eight, without the trouble of dressing beyond being neat and clean, with simple repasts, costly or otherwise, according to the means or inclinations of the givers, and calculated to please the palate, and to promote sociability and health.3

Thomas Walker died in 1836, but his journal, the Original, lived on. After its
first printing, it was republished in another three editions between 1836 and 1839, and was later rediscovered and reissued in a further five editions—both English and American—between 1874 and 1887. The articles on ‘aristology’ were first published separately in 1881 and have been reissued several times since then. My own copy was published as a Christmas gift book by the University Press at Cambridge in 1965.

I now want to move from Thomas Walker, writing in London in 1835, to Edward Abbott writing in Hobart nearly thirty years later. But to get him, and us, there I’m first going to give you a brief biographical sketch, beginning with Abbott’s father.

Edward Abbott, senior, was a Canadian-born soldier who arrived at Port Jackson as a member of the New South Wales Corps in June, 1790. Following several voyages to and from England (and numerous postings around New South Wales), as well as an indirect involvement in the mutiny against Governor Bligh, Abbott senior was appointed Deputy Judge Advocate in Van Diemen’s Land. He (and, presumably, his family) arrived in Hobart in February, 1815.

The *Australian dictionary of biography* tells us that ‘Despite his small knowledge of law and his large concern for the welfare of his family, [he] was very successful’.

Among his foibles was apparently a refusal to visit Launceston in the course of his duties (an early manifestation, perhaps, of Tasmania’s notorious parochialism—south *versus* north, Hobart *versus* Launceston). But, with perhaps some sort of poetic justice, he was in 1825 appointed Civil Commandant of the northern settlement, and remained there until his death in 1832. Like most senior public servants, he was the recipient of land grants, including 210 acres known as the ‘Launceston Swamp’. Legal difficulties surrounding this grant were to occupy much of his eldest son’s time and energies.

The Edward Abbott in whom we’re interested was born in Sydney in 1801, the first of three sons. Presumably he travelled back and forth between the colonies and England with his father, and we might therefore assume that he received his education in Sydney, in England and perhaps in Hobart. In 1818 he was appointed as clerk to his father, and the following year became a court registrar in Launceston; he later took up grazing, and in 1839 established the *Hobart Town Advertiser*, which he ran for the following three years and used to support the administration of Sir John Franklin.

In 1834 Edward Abbott began proceedings over his father’s disputed land grant. It was to take nearly thirty years for the matter finally to be resolved. The first of his several pamphlets on the subject appeared in 1837; it had the resounding title

> **Official Documents and Papers, connected with the claim of the late Major Abbott, Civil Commandant at Launceston, to Two hundred and ten acres of land given him by Lieutenant Governor Sorell, in the year 1824, For long Services in the Civil Department in the Colony of Van Diemen’s Land, which was subsequently confirmed by Sir Thomas Brisbane, Governor-in-Chief, and Earl Bathurst, Then Secretary of State for the Colonies, in the year 1826. Hobart Town, Van Diemen’s Land, January 21, 1837.**

A second instalment—entitled *Additional Documents, etc.*—appeared in print seven
months later. More salvos were fired in succeeding years, as the case proceeded—at a glacial pace, it seems.

With the establishment of responsible government in Tasmania in 1856, Edward Abbott was elected to the Legislative Assembly where, until 1864, he represented the people of Clarence (on the eastern shore of the Derwent River). He transferred to the upper house—the Legislative Council—as member for Cambridge until 1866, and continued his public service as Usher of Black Rod in the Legislative Council from 1867 until his death in 1869. He was active in local government as well, serving as the first Warden of the municipality of Clarence; and he served for decades as a justice of the peace and magistrate.

We’re given a picture of Abbott (though I can’t believe an entirely accurate one) by Maxwell Miller, who in 1860 composed and published what he called a ‘metrical catalogue’ of the Tasmanian House of Assembly—a poem about politicians. Moving from verse to prose to describe Abbott’s travails over the land grant, he tells us that

… he has gone on year after year, devoting his life, his mind, and his rapidly decreasing pecuniary resources to this apparently hopeless struggle.  

And, likening Abbott’s labours to those of Sisyphus, he imagines him looking back

… at all the incidents in his own case, the sort of purgatory which he has been made to undergo; the dreary history of his repeated struggles; his wasted prime, and his unavailing success …

This brings me—or nearly so—to Edward Abbott and his cookbook. But first, I want to draw a very brief picture—perhaps a series of snapshots—of the colony and the town in which Abbott lived and worked.

In 1863, the total population of Tasmania was about 90,000—that is, about half the population which now lives in the greater Hobart area. Hobart Town’s population (including nearby townships such as Bellerive) was then a little more than twenty thousand. It was home to twelve legally qualified medical practitioners and more than fifty magistrates (of whom Abbott was sixth in seniority—he’d been appointed in 1828, when he was only twenty-seven years old). There were six cricket clubs, many public houses and numerous temperance societies. Perhaps more pertinent to Edward Abbott’s work, there were several libraries—the Tasmanian Public Library, boasting nine thousand books; the Mechanics’ Institute, with four thousand; three circulating libraries; and, of course, the Parliamentary Library, to which Abbott would have had access.

And on the subject of the Parliament, there were a total of forty-five Members in the two houses; eight of them (including one who represented Hobart) gave their ‘town address’ as the Ship Hotel.

Edward Abbott lived on the eastern side of the Derwent River at Bellerive, a township of 250 people in the Rural Municipality of Clarence. Clarence was, according to Walch’s Tasmanian Almanac for 1864, ‘noted for its fine fruit and onions’. It was linked to Hobart Town by ferries, of which there were daily five or six crossings in each direction across the river.

And now, at last, we come to the reason for our interest in Edward Abbott—the
publication in 1864 of *The English and Australian cookery book. Cookery for the many, as well as for the 'upper ten thousand'.* By an Australian aristologist. Although it was published pseudonymously, the book contains ample and explicit indications of Abbott’s authorship.

I can’t believe that Abbott was as bowed down with care and wasted opportunity as Maxwell Miller suggests; but I wonder if Miller’s reference to his ‘rapidly decreasing pecuniary resources’ suggests at least one of Abbott’s motives for assembling and publishing the book? Did he, perhaps, do it for the money? He certainly tells us, in his concluding chapter, that

> We desire that it [the book] may be remunerative, being of Ensign O’Doherty’s opinion … that every unpaid author is, *ex vi termini*, an ass.7

I should also note a nice irony, about which I’d like to know more. The Cookery Book has two dedications. The second is to his fair countrywomen of the “beautiful land”; the “blue-eyed daughters with the flaxen hair”, the ladies of the “sunny south”…8

but the first is to William Charles Wentworth, against whom he had battled for so many years over the infamous land grant. Of him, he says

> I know little of Mr Wentworth, except as a public man, and perhaps he may not thank me for thus sounding “the trumpet of his praise”; that I disregard, when I consider I am performing a public duty to my country.9

Abbott’s book is undoubtedly the first *Australian* cookery book; but it claimed also to be English. So where does it fit into the development of the *English* cook book? He tells us in his ‘Introductory preface’ that

> My book will combine the advantages of Mrs Acton’s work with the *crème de la crème* of the cheapest of Soyer’s productions.10

Eliza ACTON’s *Modern cookery* had been published nearly twenty years earlier, in 1845; her *English bread book* appeared in 1859. Alexis Soyer’s output began in 1846 with *The gastronomic regenerator* (the first printing of which—two thousand copies—sold out in two months, at two guineas a copy). The following year he turned to the other end of the gastronomic spectrum and published *Charitable cookery, or the poor man’s regenerator*. In 1849 he aimed for the middle ground, producing *The modern ménagère, adapted to the wants and habits of the middle classes*; and followed this with *Soyer’s shilling cookery* in 1851 and *A shilling cookery for the people* in 1855. The other major figure in the field was, of course, Mrs Beeton, whose *Book of household management* had appeared in 1861.

If Abbott’s scope was (as we will see) astonishingly broad, his vision was firm. He was an aristologist. “It must be seen”, he declared,

> that my object is a laudable one—to promote sociability and good-will by enjoining hospitality; and, as an aid to the latter virtue, to show how the good things of this life may be rendered fit for the table.11

He carried out this object by compiling an extraordinary volume of one hundred and fifteen chapters—an amazing assemblage of recipes, lengthy quotations, pithy maxims, history and science.

The book derives partly from his own experience—he writes knowledgeably on
foodstuffs (especially fish, flour, beer and wines) and comments as an expert on some recipes. In his chapter on ‘Home-made wines and cordials’, he declares that he is ‘… obliged to have recourse to a few of our own [recipes]’.12 He apologises for his lengthy discussion on making hams and bacon by declaring that ‘this latter is a subject in which we fancy we are more than an amateur’.13

But a great deal is derivative—from others’ recipes, and from an astonishingly wide range of sources. Abbott apologises for this in his preface:

The original matter to be found in any work of this kind must, ex necessitate, be trifling. I only lay claim to, and put forth, “this little volume” … as an industrious and, I trust it will be found, a judicious, compilation.14

The index of The English and Australian cookery book lists more than three hundred sources (though Abbott claimed to have consulted a thousand authorities). They range from local and inter-colonial newspapers and local writers such as Louisa Anne Meredith to most of the plays of Shakespeare and several books of the Bible. In the Preface alone, which is of seven pages, he manage to quote, or refer to, the Bible, Burke and Wills, Sir John Franklin, Eliza Acton, Alexis Soyer, Milton, Disraeli, Baron Rothschild, Thomas Walker, Napoleon I and Sir Walter Scott. The sources most frequently quoted throughout the book are Cooley’s Cyclopædia of practical receipts; Hints for the table; Dr Kitchener; Dr Paris; the Quarterly review; Shakespeare; Timbs’s Things not generally known; and Andrew Ure’s Dictionary of arts, manufactures and mines. He also quotes extensively from Brillat-Savarin but, oddly, does not include him in the index. Some of these hundreds of sources were available in the public libraries of Hobart, but many were not. Abbott must have had an extensive, and perhaps an eclectic, library of his own.

I have not yet resolved to my own satisfaction if Abbott read widely to inform his writing; or if he simply used what was immediately available. Did he search for what he needed, or grab at what he had? The former, I hope; I like to think of him as an irrepressibly enthusiastic polymath. A lateral thinker, too: why else would he include, as a footnote to his chapter on tablecloths and napkins, the following quote from Harriet Martineau?

Those who have the sense and courage to wear the natural comforter, which gives warmth without pressure—the beard—improve their chances for a sound throat, a clear head and a long life.15

In the chapter on poultry there, all of a sudden, is a note on the literary and political uses of the word ‘canard’. And again, his chapter on drinks, he moves from Burton’s Anatomy of Melancholy; to a comment on the importance of temperance (‘… in both eating and drinking, for whoever cannot moderate himself in both enjoyments descends to the level of the lower creation’16); to a misquotation of Samuel Johnson’s well-known remark about claret, port and brandy; to a recipe for ‘blow-my-skull’ (a fearsome brew apparently favoured by Thomas Davey, an early Lieutenant-Governor of Van Diemen’s Land); concluding with a long and very boring list of ‘ancient wines’ set in almost unreadably small type.

It is a work which is uneasy about its content and its audience. In part, he was writing (or compiling) a book of English cookery—and, despite his acknowledged lack of admiration for it, French cookery—
for both English and Australian audiences. But he was also trying to introduce these audiences to a wider range of influences. In his chapter on ‘Made dishes’, we have phrases such as ‘This is the Brazilian mode …’ and ‘This dish, as made at Constantinople, is as follows …’ (and there is an entire, and lengthy, chapter on Hebrew refection). And then, at times, he becomes an ardent advocate for Australian, and especially Tasmanian, produce and recipes. This might have been understandable and useful to his colonial audience, but surely bemusing to the English.

I want to say a little about the arrival, and reception, of the *English and Australian Cookery Book* in the colonies. Its coming to Australia, and especially to Tasmania, can be followed through the pages of *Walch’s Literary Intelligencer*, a monthly journal (largely an advertising medium) published by what was then Tasmania’s largest bookseller and also the colonial co-publisher of Abbott’s book. In September, 1864, there is a piece of puffery which reads suspiciously as if it was written by Abbott himself. Telling us that the book will be of four hundred pages (in fact, it has only three hundred), we’re then advised that

> This small work has been carefully compiled, and will contain, *mulsum in parvo*, the modern cookery of the mother country and the colonies, from the sensible ‘Roast Beef of Old England’ to the Australian Kangaroo, in its various modes of being dressed; also the Hebrew preparation of different dishes. The book is interspersed with appropriate quotations and racy extracts (so as to lessen its monotony as a reference) …

Those ‘racy extracts’ intrigue me; because, in the printed book, they are referred to as ‘*easy* extracts’. And in a copy in the State Library of Tasmania’s collections, the word is corrected by hand, presumably by Abbott himself. Did his English publisher perhaps consider ‘easy’ a more acceptable term than ‘racy’?

In the November issue of *Walch’s*, there is a lengthy review by ‘Reader’—apparently an English reviewer, because we’re told that

> one of our principal book-sellers and publishers … has published a work on Australian cookery, in which, though there is not much that is new, yet very many old things have been carefully collected and industriously put together in a cheap and compact volume. It is clear that we in England can learn little or nothing from Australian cookery …

The review concludes that

> On the whole, the Australian cookery-book is a highly creditable compilation, and it ought to have a large sale in Melbourne, Adelaide, Tasmania and Sydney.

One of the odd things about this review is that more than a quarter of it is devoted to the chapter on Hebrew refection. The next issue of *Walch’s*, for December 1864, has a brief and breathless note that the clipper screw steamer *Great Victoria* has at last arrived at Melbourne, bringing the first supplies of the book; and warns us that the greater part of the stock expected in Hobart is already subscribed for.

By July 1865, *Walch’s* can quote with pride the opinions of the local press: ‘… decidedly one of the best of its kind we have ever seen’ declares the *Gippsland Times*; ‘One of the most amusing, as well as instructive publications we ever had the pleasure of perusing’, says the *Cornwall*...
There is no doubt that Abbott hoped to publish a second edition of the *Cookery Book*. In 1867 George Robertson, the Melbourne bookseller and publisher, issued a twenty-four-page pamphlet entitled *Hebrew cookery*, by ‘An Australian’ (no longer an aristologist). It was described as being ‘From the English and Australian Cookery Book, New Edition, No.CIX’. Its price was threepence. It is largely a reprint of the chapter on ‘Hebrew refection’ in the first edition of the *Cookery Book*; but in some respects it is even more idiosyncratic. The recipes are straightforward; but he has now interpolated yet more ‘racy extracts’, including one on Chinese cookery!

This pamphlet also includes the information that ‘The next Hand-book published will be Dinner according to Count D’Orsay. No.XXXIV. Price Threepence’. This chapter in the first edition amounted to only one-and-a-half pages, almost entirely lifted from other authors. Abbott must have been doing a great deal more reading and writing to turn this into threepence-worth.

But before a new edition could be completed, Edward Abbott died—on 4 April, 1869. There is a memorial to him in the grounds of St Marks Chapel of Ease in Bellerive (at which the 1991 edition of Roger McShane and Sue Dyson’s *Food lover’s guide to Tasmania* was launched—a wonderful occasion of fine Tasmanian food and wine under the gum-trees on a perfect, early summer day). The inscription on the memorial reads:

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**IN MEMORY OF**

**EDWARD ABBOTT ESQ**

who departed this life
April 4th 1869
Aged 69 years

He represented the District of Clarence for many years in both Houses of Parliament and was Warden of this Municipality since it’s Commencement

This monument is Erected by His friends as a testimony to his worth.

There is no mention here of his contribution to gastronomy—too frivolous a subject, perhaps, for a public memorial. The obituary published in the *Tasmanian times* was more forthcoming, telling us that he was ‘a liberal patron of field sports and of the turf, and was noted at all times for his open hospitality and the excellence of his cuisine’. It also noted the publication of the *Cookery Book*, ‘a very readable book indeed, and eminently characteristic of the author’s peculiar studies, favourite pursuits, and natural humour’. And, no matter what the defects of Australia’s first cookery book might be (and I note that he is to be ‘debunked’ later in this Symposium), this seems to me to be a fine epitaph for both the book and its compiler.

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For our next issue, Hamish Maxwell-Stewart, Port Arthur Fellow, has given permission to publish his paper on Convict Food which he presented on 28 September at the 11th Symposium of Australian Gastronomy.
Thanks also to Scott Minervini, convenor of the symposium, for permission to publish.
DO ANY OF THESE FACES RING A BELL?

HOBART branch member, Sid Davis, has this photograph taken by R. McGUFFIE & Co. amongst his collection and is anxious to identify these men. They were all members of the Hobart Amateur Bell Ringers and the photograph was probably taken about the turn of the century.

He has identified three of the men. Front row left is Edwin John ROGERS, born 18 September 1858 while next to him is A. F. JOHNSON. (Perhaps Alfred Frank Johnson born in Green Ponds in 1873?) Rogers and Johnson are both listed as Master Bellringers at Holy Trinity church in Hobart. On the far right of the front row is Sid’s father, James Michael Quin DAVIS, also a bell ringer, who was born in 1870 to Richard Archibald Davis and his wife Louisa Ann Frances neé EDWARDS.

On 18 February 1893 James married Louisa Ann Frances SCOTT and in 1898 was licensee of the Alabama Hotel in Liverpool Street. The family later lived in Ranelagh south of Hobart.

The Hobart Guild of Bellringers would also be delighted to identify these men. Please contact the journal, or Sid Davis at davissq@southcom.com.au if you have any information that may help.

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A MOST DEPLORABLE CASE OF DISTRESS.

Two highly respectable females, sisters, natives of Dublin, who had a most flourishing school in Hobart Town, Australia, about three years since; it how ever, pleased God to afflict the eldest, by depriving her of her eye sight. After undergoing several severe operations, all of which were to no purpose, as a last resort they returned to their native country for the purpose of consulting some of the more eminent faculty in England; having expended all their savings on travelling expenses and enormous fees to doctors, they arrived in the city perfectly penniless, and are now in a most deplorable state of distress, and were it not for the kindness of some few tender-hearted Christians they would have long since perished. They make this appeal to a humane public in the hope of raising a little means that would enable the one to open a school for the purpose of trying to support her sister, who is now irrecoverably Blind.

The smallest donations will be gratefully received by the following gentlemen and ladies, who will certify to the truth of this statement:—

His Grace the most Rev. Dr. Murray, 9 Mountjoy-square; Rev. Dr. Laphen, and the Rev. Gentlemen of Marlborough-street chapel; Rev. Dr. O'Connell, P.P., and the Rev. Gentlemen of SS. Michael and John’s chapel; Mrs. Walsh, and the religious ladies, the Sisters of Charity, Gardiner-street Convent; Miss Dennis, No. 5 Hardwick-place; Mr. P. Danniel, Ironmonger, Grafton-street; Mrs. Samuel Do., Mary-street.

[Who were they?—Ed.]

WAS YOUR GRANDFATHER A HELLIER?

Thelma Grunnell

RECENTLY I received a photocopy of a page from the Tavistock St Eustachius baptismal register for 1796 on which was the entry for my 3x great grandmother. Although this was of personal interest, another couple of entries caught my eye. The occupation of the male parents concerned was Hellier. At first I thought that this could be a peculiarity of the handwriting but on comparison with the other entries decided that this was correct. I thought that it could be something to do with the local serge weaving industry but could find nothing to confirm this.

Next avenue was a phone call to Nick Vine Hall who later sent me a copy of a page from the Penguin Dictionary of Surnames by Basil Cottle, published 1984, which gave the following definition:

Helliar, Hellier; roofer, tiler, Slater OE; variants in Hill are commoner, but Hellier is typical of Cornwall-Devon-Dorset-Somerset.

Mystery solved! The majority of the houses in the market town of Tavistock are slate roofed and the Cornwall slate quarry at Delabole, not many miles distant, is one of the most famous in England.

The Launceston Branch Library should now have the book mentioned available for reference.
EARLY OCCUPATIONS
Maurice Appleyard

The following sets out descriptions and definitions of some of the more unusual occupations found in 19th century documents. This is not a comprehensive list of occupations. There are a number of books published that provide more extensive lists, including the ‘Dictionary of Old Trades & Occupations’ by Andres & Sandra Twining.

ACCOUCHEUR  Obstetrician or midwife who assisted in childbirth.
ACKERMAN  Ox herder.
ADVOWEE  A person who possessed an Advowson, usually a noble, who had the right to present a clergyman to benefice (parish), in the Church of England.
AFFEEROR  Official of a manorial court who decided the penalty for an offence. Collected taxes.
ARMIGER  A person entitled to bear heraldic arms.
BACKSTER  Baker; sometimes female.
BADGER  Corn miller, dealer or seller of food.
BALISTER  Crossbowman or archer.
BALLADIST  Writer or singer of ballads.
BALLARD  A person who makes, repairs and sells saddles and other leather accessories for horses.
BAL MAIDEN  A young girl, working at the top of a mine, who broke up the ore with hammers.
BAREMAN  Pauper; a destitute person supported by the parish.
BARILLA MAKER  A person who burnt certain plants (saltworts- or usually plants growing near the sea for their high salt content) to obtain an impure mixture of sodium carbonate and sodium sulphate from the ashes to be used in the manufacture of glass, ceramics and paper.
BARM BREWER  A person who produced yeast.
BATT MAKER  A person who prepares felt for the manufacture of hats.
BATTLEDORE MAKER  A person who made bats (a wooden utensil) for beating dust etc from clothes, carpets and rugs.
BEGGAR-BANGER  Parish officer responsible for controlling the length of stay of any stranger.
BESSWARDEN  An officer appointed by a parish to look after its animals.
BIDDY  Young female servant, often Irish.
BLOCKER  A person who laid down the blocks on which a ship’s keel was laid.
BOMBASIN MAKER  A person involved in the manufacture of padding from cotton, silk or other fabric.
BONDAGER  Female servant; usually employed by a hind.
BOONMASTE  Surveyor of highways appointed by the parish.
BUSS MAKER  Manufacturer of guns.
CAFENDER  Carpenter.
CAFFLER  Rag and bone man.
CASHMARIE  Fish pedlar.
CATCHPOLE  Sheriff’s officer who arrested debtors.
CHAINMAN  A person who measured the distances during a land survey.
CHAMBERMASTER  Boot and shoemaker.
CHAPMAN  A chapman was a pedlar. The name derives from the Old English *ceapman*; ceap meaning barter.
CHIP  Ship’s carpenter.
CHIRURGEON  Surgeon.
CLAPMAN  Town crier.
CLICKER  Foreman in a shoe factory or printing works.
CLIPPER  Mining term. Many of the old mines had two sets of rails coming out of the mine—one for the loaded skips of coal and the other for the empty skips returning. An endless wire rope ran down the centre of each track and a ‘clip’ was used to hook onto the skips and then clamped onto the moving rope.
CLOUTER  Cobbler.
CORVEYSER  Shoemaker.
COSTERMONGER  A person who sells fruit, vegetables etc., mainly from a barrow.
CURSITOR  Clerk in the Court of Chancery who drew up writs.
CUTLER  One who makes or deals in knives and similar utensils.
COPEMAN  A dealer; in the 18th century it came to mean a receiver of stolen goods.
DEXTER  A person who dyed fabric.
DOGGER  Hunter of dingoes.
DRAW BOY  Young boy who perched at the top of a weaving loom to lift and move the heavy warps.
ELLIMAN  A person dealing in oil.
FAN MAKER  Person who breeds, trains or hunts with hawks and falcons.
FANCHIER  A person who bred plants or animals.
FARANDMAN  An itinerant merchant.
FELLMONGER  A person who cures and deals in animal skins or hides.
FEUAR  The tenant of a feu—a feudal tenure of land for which rent was paid in money or grain (a Scottish term).
FLETCHER  Maker or seller of arrows. [Middle English from Old French *fleche* arrow.]
FOGGER  Pedlar, headman at a farm, groom or manservant.
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<td>FRANKLIN</td>
<td>Steward or bailiff.</td>
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<td>FROBISHER</td>
<td>A person who polished suits of armour.</td>
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<td>FULLER</td>
<td>One who fulls cloth [cleanse and thickens the cloth].</td>
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<td>FURNER</td>
<td>Baker. [May be from the Middle English word furnace; from Old French <em>fornaisi</em> from Latin <em>fornax-acis</em> (<em>fornus</em> oven)].</td>
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<td>GAFFMAN</td>
<td>Bailiff.</td>
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<td>GIMBLET MAKER</td>
<td>Maker of instruments to bore holes in wood.</td>
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<td>GRAINER</td>
<td>A person who removed the hair or wool from a hide or skin before tanning.</td>
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<td>HAGIOGRAPHER</td>
<td>A person who writes about the lives of the saints.</td>
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<td>HAYMONGER</td>
<td>Dealer in hay.</td>
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<td>HEDGER</td>
<td>Hedger was a person who made or trimmed hedges.</td>
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<td>HELLIER</td>
<td>Tiler of roofs or thatcher.</td>
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<td>HIGGLER</td>
<td>An itinerant dealer; generally with a horse and cart. [Higgle is a variation of haggle.]</td>
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<td>HIND</td>
<td>Farm labourer. [A UK farm servant; especially a married and skilled farm-workman, formerly having charge of two horses, and provided with cottage on the farm.]</td>
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<td>Herdsman [Old English].</td>
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<td>HOWDIE</td>
<td>Midwife.</td>
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<td>HUER/HEWER</td>
<td>A clifftop signalman in seine-fishing or a look-out.</td>
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<td>IRONMONGER</td>
<td>Dealer in iron goods.</td>
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<td>JAGGER</td>
<td>A person who carried small loads, eg. hay, on a horse.</td>
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<td>JAPANER</td>
<td>A person who polished metal surfaces; a finisher.</td>
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<td>JARVEY</td>
<td>Hackney coachman.</td>
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<td>KIBBLE FILLER</td>
<td>A person who filled the buckets for hoisting in mines.</td>
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<td>KITTER</td>
<td>Maker of wooden tubs and buckets.</td>
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<td>LATTENER</td>
<td>Worker of latten; which is made in thin sheets of metal or alloy, especially brass.</td>
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<td>LEERIE</td>
<td>Lamplighter.</td>
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<td>LEIGHTONWARD</td>
<td>Gardener.</td>
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<td>LITSER</td>
<td>Dyer.</td>
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<td>LORIMER/LORNIER</td>
<td>A person who makes bits, spurs and other small metal mountings for horses.</td>
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<td>LOTSELL</td>
<td>Street seller.</td>
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<td>LUDDITE</td>
<td>Not an occupation, but the term used for the followers of Ludd between 1811 and 1816, a secret organisation, who attempted to stop the introduction of machinery, by breaking and damaging it, as it was installed in factories</td>
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and mills at the time of the Industrial Revolution. Many involved with this group were convicted and sent to Australia.

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<td>MALENSER</td>
<td>Farmer</td>
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<td>MERCER</td>
<td>Dealer in textile fabrics, especially silks and other costly materials.</td>
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<td>from Latin merx mercis; goods.]</td>
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<td>NAPPER</td>
<td>A person in charge of table linen.</td>
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<td>NEATHERD</td>
<td>Cowherd. [Neat is an archaic name for any bovine animal.]</td>
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<td>OBLATE</td>
<td>A person dedicated to religious work, eg a monk.</td>
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<td>PEDAGOGUE</td>
<td>Schoolmaster or mistress, ie a teacher.</td>
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<td>PELISSE MAKER</td>
<td>A person who made fur-trimmed coats.</td>
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<td>PERUKE MAKER</td>
<td>Maker of wigs for men.</td>
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<td>Young boy employed to sort the ore at a mine (aboveground).</td>
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<td>Person responsible for rounding up and impounding stray cattle and animals within a manor.</td>
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<td>A person who puts paper (during paper making) into a screw press to squeeze out excess water.</td>
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<td>SCRIVENER</td>
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SHIFTMAN  In mining, a skilled worker in the mines who mostly worked with the timber supporting the roof.
SIZER     A member of the Assize.
SLOP WORKER Tailor, maker of shirts, etc in the 18th and 19th century.
SLUBBER   A person who dressed fibres prior to spinning yarn.
SOUTER    Shoemaker or cobbler [Scottish and Northern English].
SPERMACEI CHANDLER Dealer of spermaceti (a white waxy substance obtained from oil taken from the heads of sperm whales) which was used in the manufacture of cosmetics, candles, etc.
STRIKER   A person who harpoons whales or fish.
SWAILER/SWEALER Miller or dealer in corn.
TAMBOURER A person who embroidered fabric on a tambour (a small circular embroidery frame, consisting of two concentric hoops over which the fabric was stretched).
TAWER     A person who converts skins into white leather by treatment with mineral salts. Also known as a Whittier.
TATTIE HOWKER Potato harvester; employed on a casual basis to harvest the crop.
TASKER    Reaper or thresher.
TACKSMAN  Holder of a tack or lease; normally of fishing rights; farm or mill, taxes and tolls.
THROWSTER A person who twists silk or other fibres into yarn.
TIDEWAITER Customs Officer boarding ships to enforce Customs Regulations.
TILTMAKER A person who made awnings or canopies, usually of canvas, for a boat or both.
TOOL HELVER A person who made handles for tools.
TRAPPER   In mining—the person, usually a young boy, who opens the doors to let the Wheeler get the horse and skips through without having to stop. The doors are part of the ventilation system of the mine.
TREPANGER Wood sawyer who uses a circular saw for cutting timber.
WALKER    From the term wealcere; Old English for a fuller.
WAULKMILLER Another term for a Fuller.
WHARFINGER A person who owns or manages a wharf.
WHEELER   In mining; the person who leads the horses that pull the coal skips underground in a mine.
WHIG      Scottish horse drover. [Probable abbreviation of whiggamer; to drive.]
WHIPPERIN A person employed to assist the huntsman managing the hounds.
WHITTAWER Saddler.
WIMPLER   A person who made the pleats or folds in fabric.
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BANISHED TO THE COLONIES
A report by Jack Blair

The speaker at a Tay Valley Family History Society meeting, the Rev. James A. P. Jack of Invergowrie Parish Church, subtitled his talk 'The Elshender Affair', explaining that this was the old Scots for Alexander and his talk was a case study of a transportee. Jack Blair, who attended the meeting, compiled this report.

It all started in 1977 when a great-aunt told him that he was named after his grandfather James Alexander PENRICE who in turn, was the grandson of James ALEXANDER, a convicted murderer. The search in time was to show that this was generally correct, except that the conviction was not for murder. In 1807 in Lanark the 7th and 8th children were born to William Alexander and Jean SMITH. She died in childbirth and the twins were not baptised. William, a blacksmith, moved in Martinmas 1819 to Forth where he purchased ground to build a house and smiddy. James was one of the twins. During the twins’ formative years some 200 new laws under George IV were introduced. Till then prison sentences, in general, had been relatively short, often in a local steeple or tollbooth, or by other means of public humiliation like the stocks, jougs and punch. From 1829 poaching became a serious offence and, if two or more were found, transportation of 7 to 14 years could be imposed. The first account of the twins came from the records in Register House. On a farm outside Forth both John ORROCK and James Alexander were caught poaching by the game keeper KIRKHOPE. They resisted and ran off, but a teacher recognised Alexander’s voice. James was cleared of assault but found guilty of killing game with no licence and fined a hefty £20. Orrock was imprisoned for assault.

On 26 January 1833, James and William Alexander and Robert FISHER, while out poaching, were caught by gamekeeper John DOD on the banks of the River Clyde. Fisher was taken into custody and received a prison sentence, but the Alexanders evaded capture. In May 1833, John CURRIE, Messenger-at-Arms at Lanark, arrested James who refused to move. A stage coach was brought out to take him in forcibly. When news went round a mob gathered and attempted to free Alexander. John HEPBURN, a comrade of Currie in the Napoleonic Wars, came out but the mob broke his ribs. A Thomas PAUL then rushed in and apprehended James. Subsequently, James was sentenced to four months, of which the first three and a half were in Glasgow. For the last fortnight he was transferred to Lanark under the still smarting John Hepburn, who placed him in the Upper Room. On appeal, the local Managers agreed that James could spend 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. downstairs.

On a visit from his wife he requested a jug of milk and a jug of water, and, as the warder delivered these with his hands full, James pushed past him and made his escape and remained at large. On 4 October he attended a Ball in Forth. Warned there that a posse led by Currie was out to arrest them, the brothers armed themselves with guns and fired on the posse. They then sought out a farm servant, Robert Brownlie, suspected of betraying their whereabouts and beat him up. Wanted
notices were posted in Liverpool, London, Aberdeen and Edinburgh for the Alexanders. A year later, James had enough of the fugitive’s life, and with his wife emigrated to Canada to join two of his brothers. There, after a taxing journey by river and lakes, they reached Georgetown near the border with USA. He shared a 50 acre lot with his brother-in-law John SOMMERVILLE. Two of their children who were born there were baptised by the Rev. Muir, who established the local Presbyterian church in 1830. In 1839 James and John and their families returned to Scotland.

When a travelling man, Robert BURNET, was pulled from his cart and robbed of £14 one dark night in Lanarkshire, John Currie followed up his suspects and learned that Alexander was at a fair in Carnwath. He had already been apprehended and tied up in the schoolhouse, but rubbed through the ropes and escaped. However, the law officers caught up with him and took him to Lanark. Sommerville remained at large. At Lanark, Alexander requested to go into the courtyard to relieve himself. There he found a rope and, attaching a shovel, he flung it over the wall and made his escape yet again.

Sommerville and Alexander hid in Edinburgh, but they were given away and Currie arrested them at an inn there. They were soon conveyed to Glasgow, where they stood trial in 1841. Only Alexander was found guilty and was sentenced to be transported to Australia. He was shipped from Glasgow to Woolwich and set to work dredging in the hulk *Justitia* [Justitia]. Transportation started on 16 August aboard a 220 ton vessel *Berosa* [Barossa], carrying 330 prisoners guarded by forty soldiers, some accompanied by their wives. The ship’s doctor kept an excellent record of the whole voyage, describing its passage, the weather, the condition of the prisoners and others aboard. They crossed the equator on 1 October and by late November had reached Tristan da Cunha. After months at sea, with the loss of three prisoners, they reached Hobart where the soldiers and crew immediately departed. It was three weeks later before the prisoners disembarked in very poor health. A detailed description of prisoners gives physical features, occupation, birth place, sentence and reason for conviction.

James Alexander fared well in Hobart, for within two years he was made a police constable and put in charge of arms and the fire station. He was fortunate that this was near the end of the transportation regime. He met a woman there and by this wife had two more children. After many years of good service as Chief District Constable he was dismissed for drunkenness. His appeals failed and he found new employment on Lady Franklin Island, near Hobart. The island was owned by a society for the introduction of animals and paid him £50 p.a. as a warden. The society failed, but James, known then as Old Alec, served another eight years without pay, dying there in his 72nd year. The obituary recognised amusingly that he had a taste for his work and shows he was appreciated well in his place of transportation.

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THE FILLEUL FAMILY
IN VAN DIEMEN’S LAND 1853–1858
Michael Blakeston

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HILST researching ‘A History of Sandford, Dorset’ for a projected Millennium book, I was loaned a manuscript, ‘Filleuls past & present’ which was written by the Rev. Samuel Edward Valpy FILLEUL in 1918. He said he was born in Tasmania hence the connection with this article.

The Rev. Filleul, always known as Edward, was a curate in nearby Wareham from 1833–1888 and in 1891 married into a very wealthy family of RODGETTs who had made their money from the cotton industry in Lancashire before retiring to Sandford in 1863. His manuscript traces his family from the 13th century in Normandy, France, through a move in the 17th century to Jersey, to their eventual arrival in England in the 18th century.

His father, Philip Valpy Mourant Filleul was also a curate and in 1853 he accepted an offer from the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel, the SPG, to be warden of Christ’s College in Tasmania, then called Van Diemen’s Land. Just before setting sail he married a Miss Marianne GIRDLESTONE and three weeks later they left Plymouth in the Anglesea. They had a fair voyage arriving at their destination by the middle of December. It was at Bishopsbourne, some fifteen miles south of Launceston.

The institution had been founded in 1846 for the education of sons of the settlers and was in very low waters financially. The Rev. Philip toiled with sometimes good, and sometimes inefficient helpers to pull it round but failed to do so. He covered the deficit with the sale of fruit from the garden and orchard (he made £250 one year by the sale of apples alone) which fetched a high price when exported to the Ballarat goldfields in Victoria.

The Rev. Philip made many devoted friends amongst the settlers including the HENTYS, TOOSEYS and CREARS. Two boys were born there, William unexpectedly in 1854 at the Crear’s station at Clyneval and Edward at the college in 1855. The Rev. Edward recalls modestly that he must have been a beautiful baby and a very well behaved one from what lady friends wrote about him. Miss Crear wrote to Mrs NIXON, the Bishop’s wife,

The baby is the most beautiful boy with the sweetest temper that I suppose was ever born. His mother has no nurse with her and he wants none, for he either sleeps or lies on the floor with us or in a room by himself crowing and laughing for his own amusement and nothing can make him cry after he wakes. He will remain for an hour or longer without being taken up and is so sweet and smiling that he looks like an angel. He has magnificent hazel eyes, regular features, a noble head and skin like ivory.

His mother hated the dreariness of that outlandish country and the banishment from home in England but his father would have enjoyed it there had there been any hope of success. He made a first rate colonist, gardening, farming, doctoring and building, filling up his spare time to the full. They had none but convict servants at first—many of them were excellent. His father was always neat in his dress and in later life told Edward that
when they arrived in Tasmania and met the trustees and officials of the college, one of them patted him on the back and said, “My dear fellow, your coat will save the College!” He always wore a top hat, not only on Sundays but also on weekdays, at weddings and funerals and also when gardening or attending to his bees.

The college was closed when Edward’s father resigned in 1857 but was re-established some years later in Hobart. The party of four sailed home by way of Cape Horn in the *Avon* and arrived in England without any mishaps in the early days of 1858.

The Rev. Edward writes that at that time the long voyages to Australia, frequently taking five or six months, were sometimes very trying as you might have to share a cabin with a disagreeable fellow traveller. His Uncle William was once billeted with a Jew whose keen business instincts led him to buy up all the dirty linen that was usually thrown overboard by passengers on long voyages, after being worn till they became insufferably dirty, for water could not be spared for washing linen. The accumulated bundles of odorous merchandise were stored under his bunk in the cabin and his poor uncle had the full benefit of all the discomforts without a share in the profits.

Prior to the four or five years in Tasmania, two of Edward’s uncles, William and Richard, had spent many years sheep farming in New Zealand in the neighbourhood of Oamaru, Canterbury Province. There they left a permanent mark in Dunedin where part of the main street was named Filleul Street. Back in England some 100 years later, the Rev. Edward’s children were instrumental in having a new road in Sandford named Filleul Road.

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**A WAY TO CELEBRATE**

**Jill Jones**

I enjoy reading letters and articles about ways to share the results of our family history research in an interesting and accessible way with family members. Readers may be interested in an approach that I used.

At my father’s 90th birthday celebrations last year I handed out to everybody a copy of *The George Times*. This was a 4-page, legal-size ‘newspaper’ I’d prepared full of photos and short articles about my father, George Rutherford’s, 90 years.

It started with an item headed ‘It’s a Boy!’, which I wrote in the style of a birth announcement—together with a baby photo. It continued with articles and photos about his childhood, youth, romance and marriage (‘Romance at the Hendon Town Hall!’), work, family, war experiences, hobbies and talents, retirement, etc.

It ended with a Stop Press announcement: ‘November 22, 1998—George is 90!—Many Congratulations!’ I kept the tone and style light-hearted, but it included the major points about my father and his 90 years. I also included a couple of old clippings from a real newspaper about him—as well as a postcard he wrote to ‘My dear old Pater …’ at age 13.

*The George Times* was well-received by my Dad, his family and friends. It was a way to share information and photos as well as a way to celebrate his 90 years. It’s much better to celebrate a life while the person is still around to enjoy the celebration, than to wait for a funeral.

Another photograph from the collection of Sid Davis. On 29 June 1886 Sid’s father, James DAVIS, was indentured to James BURDON and Son, Coach Builders, for the term of five years and two months in the trade of coach smith. James Davis is pictured in the centre of the middle row, proudly holding a hammer.

James Burdon, blacksmith, coach and carriage builder of Argyle Street in Hobart, was born in Nottinghamshire, England, and arrived at Port Phillip in 1841 per the Westminster, and in Tasmania in 1842 with Edward ESPIE on the Essington. In 1846 he married Mary BURGESS and they had at least five children before she died in 1855. He remarried in 1856 to Nancy BARDSLEY. Their eldest son, James born 1847, was also a coach builder. He married Annie Espie in 1874 but died in August 1893 aged only 47. His father had died only two months earlier aged 70.

James Davis was born in 1870 therefore about 16 at the time he was apprenticed. This photograph would have been taken about 1890. Are the Burdons in the photograph or only the workers? Like the previous photo we would appreciate any help in identifying the men, and boys.
TO PLOUGH VAN DIEMEN’S LAND

Michael Taylor

In a previous article in ‘Hertfordshire People’ on the GINN family of Hertfordshire, (Spring 1995), one of the individuals studied was William Ginn of Sacombe. He married a Hannah SURRIDGE in 1826 and they proceeded to have six children.

The couple were poor. William was a labourer and in 1829 the family attempted to move to Cheshunt, but were turned back because of the laws of settlement. Had they been allowed to move then things might have turned out differently.

William disappeared from the records in the 1840s. In 1851 Hannah described herself as a widow yet there was no local record of William’s death. This puzzled me for over a year and then by chance I came across a copy of Ken Griffin’s excellent work on transported Hertfordshire convicts.

There was no hint of any criminal tendencies in the Sacombe GInns in any of the records and William’s previous character appeared exemplary. However, the family’s poverty had brought them into contact with a Thomas MARDELL, the local Overseer of the Poor. Whether there was ill-feeling between the two is unknown but in late 1841 William stole one of Mardell’s sheep. William was swiftly taken to Hertford Prison, appeared at the Quarter Sessions early the next year and was sentenced to be transported to Van Diemen’s Land for twelve years.

Records show that he was quelled by the savage treatment handed out on prison hulks and he was probably glad to sail for Australia on the Triton in August 1842. He must have known that he had little prospect of ever seeing England again, as few convicts were allowed, or had the opportunity, to leave the prison colony, even after they had served their term.

Arriving in December, William was put to work on the probation gang, a chain gang system introduced that year to act as a short sharp shock for new arrivals in the colony. He was a podgy little chap; detailed descriptions were always taken of convicts on arrival and it was thus no surprise to find that whilst acting as cook to the gang he had stolen extra food.

He survived his allotted two years on the gangs, by far the worst of his confinement, being subsequently assigned as a farm worker to a chap called Chitty. Unfortunately William became ill, dying in hospital in Westbury in September 1846, aged 42 years.

Back in Sacombe, Hannah struggled on with the children. She look in laundry to survive. She was obviously notified of William’s death but never remarried. She died in 1883 aged 77 years. The couple have many descendants, ironically including a Magistrate in Southampton and a growing branch of Ginns in Australia. It is a chastening thought that nothing of William’s fate would have been known had I not stumbled across Ken’s book some eighteen months ago.

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ENEALOGISTS use RootsWeb and the incredible power of the Internet to learn more about ancestors and to find far-flung cousins. However we are caught in an incongruous position on privacy matters.

Everyone wants their privacy respected, but are you invading that of your relatives? Technology enables us to share genealogical information easily and quickly via email, mailing lists, chat rooms, bulletin boards, newsgroups, GEDCOMs, CDs and Web sites. In our eagerness to obtain and to share data we forget that our living family members have a right to privacy. We also post personal details about ourselves that we would not put on the local supermarket bulletin board.

Aunt Martha might reveal her real birth date and confess that she had a child out of wedlock when she was 19. Sweet old Uncle Jim may tell you that he has been married and divorced six times. However, you are invading their privacy if you publish this information or if you share it with others via a GEDCOM or family group sheets. Information on home pages, bulletin boards, and mailing lists is electronic publication. It is OK to collect and compile information about your living relatives, but don’t share it (unless you have their permission, of course) with others—in any format via any means.

During the preparation of a talk for my local genealogical society on this subject, I searched hundreds of genealogy-related home pages. At one I found the names and details about everyone in the family, including when and where they were all born, right down to a one-month-old grandson, listing the hospital in which he was born.

One researcher reports,

In just one file that I downloaded ... I found more than 200 names of persons born within the last 70 years ...

Another notes,

I was shocked and dismayed to find that someone had copied my entire GEDCOM and put it up on their Web site. While I have no objection to anyone using my dead ancestors, this person had included the living as well ...

Now, I’ve heard from several genealogists who claim it does not matter what we put up on our home pages or share on the Internet since ‘this information is all public information, anyway’. Another one argues that

unless and until they quit putting births, deaths and marriages in the newspapers the basic relationships and names are and will remain public info.

I have no quarrel about marriage and death records—if they are really obtained from public sources. However, I asked several correspondents to provide me with the source of the birth information posted on their home pages, and guess what I learned? In every instance the data were either supplied by a cousin or obtained from a GEDCOM that someone had sent them. In other words, they had not found the information in a public source at all.

OXYMORON:
PRIVACY AND THE INTERNET
Myra Vanderpool Gormley, CG
Take a look at the policy posted at *Don’t Mess with the Living, Texas* [http://home.sprynet.com/~harrisfarm/warning.htm](http://home.sprynet.com/~harrisfarm/warning.htm)

It is the policy of the Texas GenWeb Project to protect the rights and privacy of our living relatives. We strongly encourage all involved to do their best not to place information on the Internet about anyone who is still living, unless you have their express permission to do so.

Among the suggestions for ways to protect living family members are:

- When requesting information (via e-mail, chat, queries, etc.) do not include personal information on living persons.
- When responding to requests for information, especially to someone you really do not know, do not provide them with personal information about living persons. They could post it on the Web or do who knows what else with it.
- Before sharing GEDCOM files with others, expunge information on all living persons. Programs such as GEDClean, GEDLiving, and GEDPrivy will do this for you.
- If you have a genealogy Web site, remove information about all living persons. (Check Cyndi’s Genealogy Home Page Construction Kit [http://www.cyndislist.com/construc.htm](http://www.cyndislist.com/construc.htm) for tips and links to the several GEDCOM utility programs that will exclude such data.)

British genealogists are using the ‘GEN100’ logo to signify that their Web site respects a cut-off date of 100 years, and to advise that information which is less than 100 years old will not be divulged. Many Americans use January 1920 as the cut-off point, since that is the most recent federal census available to the public.

We should exercise good manners and respect the privacy of our families—those generous relatives who have shared information with us or who shared with a cousin of a cousin. Additionally, there is another and growing problem—identity theft. Why make it easy for cyberthieves to steal your or a loved one’s identity? When you post public messages about your research, it is sufficient to say you are researching a Cynthia Jones line. You don’t have to reveal relationship by saying she is your mother or maternal grandmother. To learn more about identity theft and other privacy issues visit: [http://www.identitytheft.org/](http://www.identitytheft.org/) and [http://www.privacyrights.org/](http://www.privacyrights.org/)

In the pursuit of our ancestors, let’s not hurt ourselves or our living family members. Think before you post or share data.

NUMBER PLEASE!
Allison Carins

A telephone cable has been laid right through our property, part of a state-wide scheme which promises wondrous services right into the 21st century. (That was not the first time a cable had been laid in our place, but more about that later.)

No doubt telephone services have become wonderfully sophisticated with Direct Dialling, car phones, ISD, fax machines, etc. We could hardly envisage such a thing as ISD in 1937 when the family combined to pay £6.00 for a special 80th birthday present for our grandmother—a call to England to her sister whom she had last seen fifty years earlier when the family migrated.

It all had to be arranged by letter so that both could be where there was a phone, at the appointed time. Came the emotional moment—and all she heard was, “Is that my sister?”, when there was too much disturbance. A second attempt the next night enabled Grandma to speak with her niece—the sister had returned home disappointed.

All the same, I have some rather nostalgic memories of the days when calls went through the Derby Telephone Exchange—which provided some services that Telecom certainly cannot. We were fortunate to be on Derby exchange—our property is on the boundary between Winnaleah and Derby—as Derby had a 24 hour service, while Winnaleah and other country towns only had limited hours. (Winnaleah did however, become the first country town to have an automatic service.) Derby’s 24 hour service by the way meant someone used the fold-up bed kept in the Post Office.

Our telephone hung on the wall—a brown wooden cabinet style, but it did have an extra ear-piece if you were hard of hearing—or two could listen in together—not so convenient if a mischievous member of the family tried to play gooseberry during a romantic conversation!

The turning of a handle alerted the exchange. “Number please!” The operator would plug in and give a ring. If no answer, she would try again, giving sufficient time for an answer.

It may be, “Sorry, no answer.” Sometimes she would try again later. If I was outside and heard the phone, I might be late getting there, but I could ring the exchange and ask “Who called?”, and be put through. I have arrived home late, having expected a long-distance call, enquired of the exchange, “Any trunkline calls?”. “Yes, one from Launceston”, and I could call that person.

The doctor always rang the exchange if he was out socially, or if there was no one to take calls, and the operators would know where he was in case of emergencies.

If there was a power failure, we would wait a little while, and then ring the exchange and ask, “Is the power off everywhere?”. (If it wasn’t, it was our responsibility to notify the HEC.) If it was a general failure, the operator would be able to tell you how long it was likely to be off.
Fry’s bus in those days seemed to be often late, at night especially. Before going a few miles to collect passengers or a parcel, one could ring the exchange and ascertain the likely time of arrival—saving perhaps a long wait.

Fred COX at Gladstone was a memorable exchange operator. I frequently rang a particular friend. Fred came to recognise my voice from just two words, “Four please”. Fred would ring the number, at the same time have a chat, “How’s things? How’s Peter?”; then, “She might be out at the clothes line, I’ll give another ring”. Another time, it was, “She’s not home, I just saw her go up the street”.

Mrs BRYCE was a Post Mistress for sixty years (most of the time at Weldborough) and she received a medal at Government House to mark that long service. Because she had to man the telephone as well, she crocheted during the spare time and produced a great quantity of exquisite items.

Of course the phone lines were mostly overhead wires strung along poles. After a wild storm, there could be interference to the reception with bark or branches from trees, joining two wires together. The owner himself might try to clear the line by throwing a cord with stone attached to try and separate them, or poking with a long pole. If within yelling distance of the house, a wife might be exhorted to “Try ’er again now!” From time to time, probably after rough weather, the girls would “test the line” by ringing each householder, saying, “Testing the line”, and we would just ring back, so ensuring all was clear.

Back to the cable mentioned earlier. Radio 7DY was on our property, and many programmes in those days were relayed by telephone. There were also lines to Mrs HAWKEY’S house for the CWA Session and to the churches for Sunday night vespers and evening services. Near 7DY, the last few hundred metres of the lines were underground to prevent interference with the radio masts and reception.

Once Peter, ploughing the paddock near the station, brought up the whole of the cable and the station was briefly off the air—a mild panic for a while! This new optic cable, judging by the depth of the excavations, is far too deep for such a thing to happen in the future.

[HEC—Hydro Electric Commission  
CWA—Country Womens Association—Ed.]

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ONE DAY AT A TIME  
Jeni King

Night moves in across the coastline like a slow, threatening stormcloud. With the darkening comes a cold biting wind, whipping up the waves in a white froth as they meet the rocky outcrops on the shoreline. Dinghies nearby on the sandy shore are grasped at vigorously by the rising waves. Boats anchored in the shallows toss from side to side. Anchors, ropes and chains strain with an out of tune melody of squeaks and groans as they hold their ‘charges’. A thin layer of ice would be on the ground by morning.

Cluttering the shoreline are small dark houses; some show faint glows in unshuttered windows. All is quiet in town but for the whistling of the wind and the crashing of the waves on the rocks. Mainstreet buildings and shops rise in darkness on either side. The local hotel, the only exception, murmurs the only signs of noise and life.

Snuggled up next to his older brother, John hears the wind under the door, feels the cold draught through his one thin blanket and tries not to move. His mind thinks of the far away places he had read about in the books at the library that afternoon after school. The librarian always let him stay a little longer after closing. As John imagined himself standing on the deck of a big passenger liner sailing into the horizon to a different world and untold adventures, feeling a warm sun beating down on him, he dozed off.

A hand shakes him in the dark. “C’mon” a voice says. John needs no further command for it is his brother Brian signalling him to get ready for work. A glow emits from the next room where his father is also up. Slipping his feet over the edge of the thin mattress of the wire bed he pulls himself up out of the warm hollow reaching with a yawn and shudder for his shirt, pants and old woollen jumper. Once dressed, from the back pocket of his shorts, he pulls out a piece of canvas that he had found the previous day and stuffs it into his left shoe. The shoes had been his brother’s and cousin’s before that and now had two holes in the sole but he would have to wait until someone got a new pair. He would have to find another piece as the right shoe was through as well. Grabbing a black comb with half the teeth missing he combs his jet black hair into some order as he gazes at his reflection in the broken piece of mirror resting on the window ledge. Next to it sits a small rag doll, looking as forlorn as him, with a torn dress and with one button eye missing. He wondered if Doreen had a toy as he had been saving the doll for her for three years now. But when he would see her again, he did not know. He missed his little sister and her happy face. He also ached for his mum and her warm comforting voice and embrace, but he knew he would never see her again. He remembered wanting to cry at the funeral but couldn’t, he only felt the pain. He still felt it.

His father had spoken. The tone of the voice moved him like a rocket out of the house up on to the rear of the cart next to his brother, beside the milk canisters. Brian deliberately ruffled John’s combed hair and scoffed at him. John rolled his
eyes at Brian and attempted to straighten his hair with his fingers. Brian began to chuckle but cut short when their father turned and scowled at them, “Cut the tomfoolery”. John knew his father felt the pain too; he and Brian used to hear him moan their mother’s name at night sometimes in the dark when he thought the boys were asleep. They sat silently, the cold wet air pressing in on them, biting at their cheeks as the cart bumped slowly along the road to the dairy, vapour gusting from the horses’ nostrils as they snorted. Dawn was silently approaching. Covering a yawn, John watched the ground as they passed, noticing the thin ice crusting the sides of each puddle. His toes ached at the thought of getting wet again.

The aroma of freshly baked bread broke through the dampness. Rumbles erupted from his stomach but he knew breakfast would be a only cup of cold milk after they had done all their deliveries. The cart splashed through a large puddle and John shivered as the cold water struck his ankles. Once again he silently reminded himself to try to miss the puddles when he delivered the milk.

This short story is a tribute to my father who at the age of seven suffered the sudden loss of his mother due to heart disease. Caught in the middle of the Depression the young family was fragmented in their grief. My grandmother’s well meaning brothers and sister decided that Doreen at age three required a more stable environment so ‘took’ her from my grandfather stating he was not able to appropriately look after a small female child. This was probably right, but by taking Doreen and leaving the two boys, the children all grew up to believe they were not good enough in one way or another. Doreen always felt her own birth had caused the reasons behind her mother’s death, thus feeling responsible and unloved and set apart all her life. My father and his brother never said it but must have felt they were not good enough to have been taken by the better off relations along with their little sister. They seem to have been kept apart from that time. To their credit though, they all went on to have full lives and loving families. Brian stayed in Tasmania but John and Doreen both left to start their lives in other states.

Sadly my grandfather seemed to have become a bitter and difficult man as the years went by but he never married again. He died twenty years almost to the day that his wife Marion died and while both have unmarked graves I have been fortunate enough to have visited both sites to pay my respects to the grandparents I never had the chance to know or even meet.

The stalwart of my grandfather’s family was his sister ‘Aunt Linda’, Mrs Albert GRIEVE. She took on many of the families wounded in those years, that was on top of caring for her own eight children and they were just as poor as most of the population during the Depression. Linda always managed to fit another one under her wing when required despite the obvious fact that she struggled at times to handle it all. It was to Aunt Linda that my father often went for school holidays. It would have been the only ‘family’ he would have experienced. I’m certain that it is by Linda’s example that my father maintains a strong sense of family unity today. He loves to be called grandfather,
even growing a beard to ‘look the part’ with the arrival of his first grandson back in 1974.

My father John never really speaks about his childhood. It has taken me many years to glean the basics so I have taken a great liberty in imagining what he must have gone through at that time in his life. I apologise if it offends anyone or is inaccurate to the times in any way. I have been brought up in privileged times because my father made sure his children never did without and I can only imagine the struggles faced daily back then by many of today’s readers.

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**NEWS ITEM FROM**

*The Examiner*

30 May 1874

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[This item was found in the Launceston newspaper by Pat Harris. The figures don’t quite add up—perhaps Mr Holiday was one of 17—but as she commented ‘What a find if doing this family—30 deaths in one month!’—Ed.]

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THE Genealogical Society of Victoria Inc. in conjunction with Trevor McClaughlin are planning for a revised edition of the very useful work, Barefoot and Pregnant: Irish Famine orphans in Australia. Publication of the new version is planned for late 2000 or early 2001.

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Please write to Dr Trevor McClaughlin, C/- Department Modern History, Macquarie University NSW 2109 or to The Editor, The Genealogical Society of Victoria Inc., and we will forward them to Trevor McClaughlin.

HOBART TOWN GAZETTE
30 August 1823

ORIGIN OF THE TERM “SPINSTER”.—

Among our industrious and frugal forefathers, it was a maxim, that a young woman should never be married until she had spun herself a set of body, bed, and table-linen. From this custom all unmarried women were termed spinsters, an appellation they still retain in all law proceedings.

Submitted by Maree Ring
WHEN tracing a family tree, inevitably most researchers will come to a 'problem' ancestor, one who doesn’t quite match the ages, dates, names, occupations as recorded in their paper history. Perhaps it is only one date on one certificate that is inconsistent (either by error or deliberate action). Often though, it is a major discrepancy and it can really hold your research back as you try to puzzle out the jigsaw.

My 'problem' person is my great grandfather, and his problem (or rather my problem) is with his name. As I was beginning to sketch out my tree I found that in 1873, in Longford, Jane DOWNEY married Frederick WALTERS aged 26. Nice and simple, one name—Frederick, however he didn’t match the Freds on the Pioneers Index. Oh well, I kept looking.

My aunt told me where to find his grave at the Springfield cemetery and I made a note that he was buried under the name Frederick G. Walters. With the death date I found his obituary in The Examiner, with his name recorded as Frederick George. This was a clue—perhaps he might have been born George Frederick and just gone by his second name, as sometimes happens. I rechecked the records and found a George David born to David Walters and Mary Ann NUNN (Mary Ann was a convict and David the son of a convict, Benjamin Walters who married Eliza Ann WISE the daughter of convict Richard Wise) in Longford in 1846. His wife’s obituary in 1942 names him George David as well. Now the problem is that there might be just coincidences at work, as the dates don’t fit as snugly as could be, and it is possible for my Frederick George David (as I have come to know him) not to be the son of David and Mary. In trying to find any other connection I realised that Jane and Fred’s son Clarence Gordon may have been named after David and Mary’s other son Clarence. There are some indications that young Clarence Gordon went by his second name, perhaps to avoid confusion with his uncle. So if my great grandfather is the same man, he has been known by Frederick, Frederick George and George David at different times in his life. There are enough pieces of the puzzle, but you have to cut off some of the corners to make them fit.

The other question that may be asked is why would any person be known by such a wide range of names. I think the answer may lie in his convict ancestry (if he indeed is the son of David and Mary). In the mid 1800s transportation to Van Diemen’s Land ended, and convicts and children of convicts were especially keen to put the past behind them. It doesn’t pay to be too concise with your details when they tie you to a troubled past. This makes it difficult for those of us trying to pin them down in these days when a troubled past for our ancestors is merely an exciting chapter of a family study, and the truth is valued (or should be valued) above all. Of course a lot of people even now, have names they are known by at home which are different to the names on their birth certificates, but with new technology the certificates and documents of our lives are matched and cross-matched and researchers of the future should have less ‘problem’ pieces which don’t fit the puzzle.
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GENES ON SCREEN
Vee Maddock

RECENTLY I was asked to proof read a web site. One comment I made was that they had incorrectly spelled ‘site’ as ‘sight’ when referring to the page. I was told with much conviction that ‘other sites’ spell it that way so it must be right.

This is a classic mistake made by many who use the internet, the belief that if it is on the net it must be correct. Although cautions not to believe everything we read in the papers abound, the same cautions need to be repeated constantly regarding information found on the net.

There is no governing body on the internet, no editing service, no publisher, no controls. Anyone can (and does) publish anything they like on the web. Whilst the internet is a great source of information the actual sources need to be carefully checked for authenticity.

Those who set out to publish a book usually spend far greater time and energy checking for errors before publication than any web publisher does and we are well aware of the numerous errors some books contain. Many of these books have gone through a complicated publishing process consisting of editors and type setters, publishers and proofs. However if I wanted to place a statement about my family tree on the web I could type it up in a moment eg. John James Maddox was born in 1854, died in 1876 and had three sons. Within a few minutes I could have a web page up headed up John Maddox. Mere minutes after that it could be found on a multitude of search engines by anyone searching for the word Maddock. Bingo, they’ve discovered their long lost relative John Maddock. After all if he’s listed on the web then it must be true, right? Never mind the fact that I made John up, the dates actually belong to another member of the family, and that by that period the family was consistently using the Maddock spelling.

There is an addictiveness to publishing on the web that makes people crave putting up anything they can lay their hands on. Pages galore exist telling you of their hobbies, the name of their dog and what they ate for dinner last Christmas. Genealogists have been affected by the same bug. The mere fact that it is possible to convert GEDCOM files into family trees online has led to a rush to publish. Some are very good, but always remember that this is simply someone else’s research and that they are as capable of making typos and mistakes as the next person. Take anything you find with a grain of salt until the original sources can be authenticated.

- The Genealogical Society of Tasmania Inc. has a new web address at http://www.clients.tas.webnet.com.au/geneal/ and some branches are developing their own web pages.
- Hobart branch has a new page devoted to the activities, holdings and sales of the branch. Among the links is a section for Genes on Screen. From this issue any site that is mentioned in this column will have a link online—no more meticulous retyping of all those // and ~ characters. http://www.southcom.com.au/~gsthowebt/
One of the most difficult things about the web is trying to find just the piece of information you are looking for. Often search engines seem to generate ‘finds’ that bear little resemblance to the original topic entered.

http://www.infind.com/ is an inference index. It takes the entered subject and applies to many other engines and brings back a variety of results. I tried ‘Tasmania convict’ and got everything from the Port Arthur Historic Site (http://www.portarthur.org.au/) to an article from The Mercury in 1995 about convict shipbuilding. A wide variety, but nothing that was actually off topic.

http://www.genealogyportal.com/ This search portal covers an amazing number of areas from personal sites and surnames to archives and libraries, software, research supplies and historical sites. Simply click the category you want to search and enter your topic. The results appear to be very accurate and to the point which is refreshing.

The State Library of Tasmania has a wonderful resource of images online from their Heritage Collections. A clear image of the painting is accompanied by information about the artist and subjects. http://www.tased.edu.au/tasimg/

http://www.ons.gov.uk/ is the home page for the Office for National Statistics in the UK. Follow the links referring to registration of BDM and find all you ever needed to know about the Family Records Centre in London. How to apply for certificates in person, or by mail, opening times, how to use the indexes, holdings, etc.

If you’ve been told your family has a coat of arms—forget it. The large majority of arms were presented to individuals not to families and therefore belong only to the original grantee and his direct male descendants. For more information on the Heralds and Coats of Arms see http://www.kwtelecom.com/heraldry/collarms/

Applications by non British subjects for certificates of denization and naturalisation for the period 1835–1905 are held by the Archives Office of Tasmania. This site gives an index of names and the appropriate record numbers. http://www.tased.edu.au/archives/11anatndx.htm

A useful list of categorised sites dealing with the history and genealogy of Tasmania is available at http://www.sff.net/people/ladym/history.htm Very comprehensive with links to general histories as well as specific family trees. An interesting read for beginners and a reminder for the rest of us is the online article Twenty Ways to Avoid Genealogical Grief http://www.rootsweb.com/roots-l/20ways.html

The Parks and Wildlife Service of Tasmania has some interesting information on their page concerning historical sites. http://www.parks.tas.gov.au/his/her.html Included is a link to further information about some of Tasmania’s many ship wrecks. Also a history of the whaling industry.

Ron Taylor’s UK census finding aids and indexes at http://rontay.digiweb.com/-Default.htm#joc

An interesting site with lists of strays and visitors from the UK census, mainly 1851. One feature is the ability to check for records of your surname and discover in which counties it has appeared.
This is a select list of books on history and genealogy which have been added to the Tasmaniana Library between late June and late September, 1999. They are mostly, but not all, new publications; the Tasmaniana Library often acquires older works which relate to Tasmania and which it does not already hold. The list has been kept as brief as possible; normally only author, title and the Tasmaniana Library’s reference number are given. If you would like further information about any of the books listed, please contact the Tasmaniana Library at 91 Murray Street, Hobart 7000 (telephone (03)6233 7474, fax (03)6233 7902). Further information is also available on TALIS, the State Library’s on-line information system. TALIS terminals are available in all city, and many branch, libraries throughout Tasmania. It is also possible to connect to TALIS through the State Library’s Home Page on the World Wide Web; its URL is


Please note that, while all of these books are available for reference in the Tasmaniana Library, they are not available for loan (although some of them may be available in city and branch libraries).

Aheimer, Rosemary and Paul Maguire, Our family history: William Maguire & Sarah Crosscombe & their descendants. (TLQ 929.2 MAG)
Aird, Diana, ... and begin the world again: the story of John and Ann Cox of Norfolk Plains, Tasmania – Australian pioneers. (TLQ 929.2 COX)
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FROM THE EXCHANGE JOURNALS
Thelma McKay

‘Making Sense of the Census’ Part 1 by Barbara Bolt in Links’N’Chains the Liverpool and District Family History Society’s newsletter, No.50, February 1999, pp.20–26. This comprehensive article describes the varying information required by the UK Government in different decades from 1801 to 1921. Early census records did not include names, only the number of persons at each household. It was not until 1841 that more information was included. Abbreviations used in census records are also listed. Part 2 in No.51, May 1999, pp.15–17 gives details of census records available for America, Australia, Barbados and Canada.

‘Some New Bishop’s Transcripts Found’ in the journal of the Northumberland and Durham Family History Society Vol.24, No.1, Spring 1999, pp.6–7. In October 1998 several Parish Register Transcripts were found in the Dean and Charter Library at Durham. These include the parishes of Denton, Elwick Hall, Escomb, Esh and Greatham in Durham and Elsdon in Northumberland, plus 12 in North Yorkshire. A list of areas and dates c1700s is included.

‘MI Index and Churchyard List’ by Janette Scarborough in The Essex Family Historian the Essex Society for Family History No.91, Winter 1999. Another eleven churchyards have been transcribed and added to this society’s Monumental Inscription project, which now lists over 30,000 names. A search service is available at 50p per surname with a minimum of £1.50 (plus 2 IRC) by contacting Janette Scarborough at 44 Bodmin Road Chelmsford Essex CM1 6LJ UK.

‘Liverpool Marriages at Gretna Hall 1829–1855’ by Arthur Brack, Liverpool Family Historian the journal of the Liverpool and SW Lancashire Family History Society Vol.21, No.1, March 1999 pp.37–39. The history of Gretna Green marriages is described in this article. Details of over 30 marriages are included giving date of marriage and residence of bride and groom, many of whom came from Liverpool.

Two separate lists are featured in Illawarra Branches No.58, March 1999, the Illawarra Family History Group newsletter.

1 ‘Names of Persons Buried in the Old Roman Catholic Cemetery—Wollongong’ pp.8–9. This list contains the names of deceased, dates and when buried.


‘Tracing Nineteenth Century Criminals’ by Stuart Tamblin in the Genealogists’ Magazine the journal of the Society of Genealogists Vol.26, No.5, March 1999, pp.165–68. Although the research for his case study of NSW convict Hannah Myes was undertaken at the PRO in London, many records used are also available in Australia. A list is included with the references, to be found in the Home Office (HO) series on prisoners. These records were microfilmed under the AJCP (Australian Joint Copying Project) and are available at archives offices and some
libraries in Australia and include hulk registers, criminal and transportation records, census and musters to name just a few. Stuart Tamlin has started indexing entries for a number of counties in England and to date has published 27 volumes between 1805 to 1840.

‘The Pubs, Inns and Taverns Index 1801–1900’ in Gwynedd Roots No.36, April 1999 issue of the Gwynedd Family History Society journal, p.12. An index of pubs, inns and taverns in London, the home counties, Essex and Kent is being compiled by Stan Gooch, member of the East of London FHS and Rob Sones from the Berkshire FHS. Over 61,000 entries have been indexed and include the inn keeper’s name, address, and the source. For more information please contact the above persons at their respective society.

‘The Maori War: a Tasmanian Connection’ by Peter Thomas in the Progenitor the journal of the Genealogical Society of the Northern Territory Vol.18, No.1, March 1999. Research on the Rice family in Hobart and a Maori War Medal donated to the Tasmanian Museum and Art Gallery by Mrs F. E. Rice in 1964 may be a missing link for Peter Thomas who is tracing his ancestor William Rice, resident in Hobart from 1821. One of his descendants also named William has not been traced and the medal and the donor may be some connection. An index to names in this article is included.

‘Scottish Poor Laws: An Invaluable Aid to the Genealogist’ by Kerry Farmer and David W. Webster in The Scottish Genealogist, journal of the Scottish Genealogy Society Vol.46, No.1, March 1999, pp.17–23. This interesting article not only describes the Scottish Poor Law Records but gives details of two case histories. They include a great deal of background material on the persons applying for relief and their families eg. dates of birth, names of parents and family names.

‘Newspaper Columns For Family Historians’ in The Pivot Tree the Geelong Family History Group No.61, April 1999, pp.18–20. Newspapers and magazines are listed that offer family history columns and are willing to publish queries. Included are all Australian states, New Zealand, South Africa and four in England and mailing addresses are given.

‘Internet Sites for Genealogists—The Apple Isle Tasmania’s Genealogy and History’ by Meg Bate and Dawn Kelcher in Victorian Gum News Vol.15, No.10, June 1999, pp.8–9. Tasmanian resources on the Internet are listed with their web sites. They include the State Library of Tasmania and the Archives Office of Tasmania plus the Parks and Wildlife Service web page on historic sites, shipwrecks and shore-based whaling.

‘Archival Anecdotes, News from the State Records (NSW) Convicts are Closer Than You Think!’ by Christine Yeats, Manager and Selena Adcock, Archivist, in Descent the journal of the Society of Australian Genealogists Vol.29, Part 3, September 1999, pp.164–65. This article describes the ‘Genealogical Research Kit’ for NSW convicts produced by the then Archives Authority (now State Records). The contents of the GRK are described in detail in Information Leaflet 37 ‘How to use the GRK’ soon to be available on website www.records.nsw.gov.au New arrangements are now in place for handling written enquiries. Complex or lengthy research has been discontinued, requests are now being referred to organizations that maintain lists of professional researchers.
Lost, Stolen or Strayed ... and Found

Clif Cook wrote to say he is keen to make contact with someone who has researched the family history of one Jas. KENNY, (date of birth unknown). His interest stems from possession of a brass 'name plate' which he found on lightly wooded sand dunes near Swimcart Beach north of St Helens, Tasmania, some years ago. This artifact would no doubt be of interest to those for whom Jas. Kenny was a forebear. The plaque reads—

JAS. KENNY, R.A.M.C. (VOLS) GLASGOW, C's

He will be happy to give it to anyone who can prove to his satisfaction that this Jas. Kenny was an ancestor of theirs. Failing this he will have to find another safe home for the item—perhaps the Royal Army Medical Corps Archives in Glasgow? Contact Clif K. Cook, PO Box 266 St Helens TAS 7216 or telephone (03) 6376 3810

Mrs Patricia Hinds has written to tell us about a photograph of a small middle-aged man with a trim beard, hanging on the wall in the Maritime Museum, Lyttleton, (near Christchurch) New Zealand, with these details:

Captain JOHN W CLARK, Harbour Master at Lyttleton 1885–1909. Born Hobart, Tasmania. Spent thirteen years as master of various steamers in the Trans Tasman Trade before joining the Union Steam Ship Co. in 1879 prior to becoming Harbour Master. He was in command of the paddle tug Lyttleton which was built in England in 1878 for the harbour board. Photograph presented by Mrs. G. Burgess.

The Public Record Office of Victoria has a new web address: www.prov.vic.gov.au

The Viney Family Book Committee are looking for photographs of James and Hannah VINEY, George and Elizabeth VINEY, Martha, Mary Ann and Emily LOCKE and David and Fanny GIBSON to include in their publication, One for all, All for one. For further information on this, an events leading up to the reunion in April 2000, please contact Bruce Viney (03) 6391 1126, Bev Perkins (03) 6339 1270 or Noel Viney (03) 6425 2581.

The Latter Day Saints Family History Centre in Launceston has a new address—PO Box 261 Newstead TAS 7250.

Soon to be released is the history of a branch of the Garrard family. Chiefly the family of Hatsell GARRARD who came to Australia from Suffolk in 1841. If you are interested please contact Geoff Aslett, 3 Coombell Street Jindalee QLD 4074 or email sbp@bit.net.au

Lesley Uebel has published The First 25 Years of Convict Transportation to New South Wales. This contains a list of all the convicts who arrived in NSW between 1788 and 1813 on all eighty convict transport ships, sorted alphabetically by convict name. Contact Lesley at 38 Congham Road West Pymble NSW 2073 or email ckennedy@nsw.bigpond.net.au

The society has received another publication by C. G. Harvey. This one is titled An Alphabetical List of Victorian Place Names pre 1851. With location and Grid Reference. From Broadbent Maps 320 & 321.
BOOK REVIEWS

Life Over Death: Tasmanians and Tuberculosis, Michael Roe, Tasmanian Historical Research Association, Hobart 1999, soft cover, 234pp. Available from bookshops or THRA, Box 441 Post Office Sandy Bay Tasmania 7006. $15 for THRA members and $20 for others, including postage.

Members of the Genealogical Society will recall an evening meeting when Michael Roe presented in poignant dramatic form the real-life situation of a tuberculous mother faced with separation from her child by public health regulations. He now gives us an outstanding account of the fight against this serious disease, the dramatic changes in its diagnosis and treatment and its far-reaching social implications. The theme is rich in social history, as he well illustrates, and includes material from early colonial days. ‘Numma Kibley Lutha’ (‘a devil is eating my inside’) was how an Aboriginal woman described her pain, and there are also accounts of the disease among convicts.

The author is sensitive to the human suffering and the stigma attached to the illness, and for ethical reasons gives no names of patients after 1920, unless already on open record. A formal oral history programme was not undertaken, but the voices are still heard, emerging from reminiscences, reports and letters in moving testimony. Not only the patients themselves and the families from whom they were often separated, but the pioneering medical staff who treated them and the politicians who adopted their cause appear in this comprehensive narrative. Was the height of Tasmania’s anti-tuberculosis campaign an overkill? These and other issues of social and medical policy in relation to the disease, such as the provision of special allowances and the painful dilemmas of unpleasant compulsory treatment, are thoroughly explored.

A final chapter, ‘A Tuberculosis Case Book’ by physician Richard Wood-Baker, selects ten cases which illustrate treatments and patient reactions over the past 60 years. There are some heroic stories here. The book is illustrated and indexed, with a bibliography and statistical appendix, and the welcome feature of easily accessible footnotes. Congratulations to the author of this deeply interesting work, and to THRA, who have published yet another important contribution to the history of public health in Tasmania, enriching our understanding of the problems faced by both our distant and immediate forebears.

[THRA has also published Sanatorium in the South by Stefan Petrow and the Great Scourge by Ann Killalea.]


In spite of the disadvantages of distance and penal status, Van Diemen’s Land was not remote from ideas and innovations in the ‘old country’. The London Mechanics Institute was founded in 1823, and by 1831 it was being proposed that...
Launceston should follow suit. Directed mainly towards the skilled tradesman or ‘mechanic’ the aims of these Institutes were to offer educational and cultural opportunities for the working class, to nurture responsibility and respectability, and to discourage idleness and disreputable leisure pursuits. The author comments that few towns could have needed it more than Launceston. Of males over 21, 70% were convicts or ex-convicts, and for females over 21, the figure was 48%. The favourite leisure activity was drinking. The Institute was finally launched in 1842.

This is the remarkable story of how the Mechanics’ Institute not only established an architecturally distinguished building for its activities, but laid the foundations of Launceston’s cultural and community life. The traditional scientific thrust of a mechanics’ institute expanded to include the arts in general and eventually brought about the establishment of the Public Library and the Queen Victoria Museum and Art Gallery.

The path to these triumphs was sometimes a rocky one. Early developments owed a great deal to a few remarkable Nonconformists, full of energy and moral fervour and constellating around them a group of public-spirited citizens. Its excellent library, established early, was a great public resource. There were disagreements at times, sour complaints of dominance by an élite, or accusations of encouraging frivolous pastimes to the detriment of earnest instruction: in 1851 chess was opposed as a possible precedent for time-wasting activities such as cards, billiards and bagatelle, and objections were raised to the purchase of popular fiction for the library. The spirit of the times prevailed, however as the Institute broadened its perspective, from penny readings and spelling bees to musical performances and art exhibitions. There is both charm and instruction in reading of the waxing and waning popularity of the improving recreations of an earlier age.

I found this an entertaining and profitable read, essential for anyone interested not only in the social history of Launceston but in the development of cultural life in Tasmania. It is illustrated and meticulously referenced, and genealogists will appreciate the nine page Appendix which lists names and occupations of office bearers and members of the Board of Management from 1842–1914.

Audrey Hudspeth


There is a wide variety of publications used in tracing family trees including introductory guides and guides to specific sources. These are published by a wide variety of organizations but are not always included in the bibliographic tools used by booksellers. This book attempts to remedy that situation by listing all titles of genealogical interest currently in print. The listing is confined to books published anywhere in the world relating to England, Scotland and Wales but not to Ireland. Publications of member societies of the Federation of Family History Societies are excluded, since they are already listed in John Perkin’s *Current Publications from member Societies* published in 1997 by the Federation.

The author does not guarantee complete accuracy, since the text was compiled
from the results of a questionnaire among publishers who did not always give the desired amount of detail.

Books listed are arranged under publishers, then followed by indexes to subjects, family names, authors and place names. Since many publishers have web sites these addresses are given when known.

Theo Sharples

Ireland & Tasmania 1848 Sesqui-centenary papers, ed. Richard Davis and Stefan Petrow, 1998 for School of History & Classics, University of Tasmania, A5, soft cover, 152pp., price $19.95 from Department of History University of Tasmania, GPO Box 252–81 Hobart Tasmania 7001.

This interesting book is a collection of papers given at ‘The 1848 Irish Rising: 150 Years On, A One-Day Commemorative Seminar’ held at the Arts Lecture Theatre, University of Tasmania in Hobart on 3 October 1998.

Professor Michael Bennett, Head of the School of History & Classics, University of Tasmania, in his introduction places the Irish Rising of 1848 within the framework of the political scene in France and England at the time.

Professor John Molony, a distinguished Australian historian, looks at the life and philosophy of Thomas Davis, who established the Eighty-Two Club which virtually died with Davis in 1845.

Hugo McCann comments on ‘Young Ireland: Writing and National Building, The Verse of Davis and Mangan’, saying that the writings of both men led to a shaping of notions of Ireland that still retain a life in the present.

Emeritus Professor Richard Davis details the background and events of the Insurrection of 1848 and its continuing relevance.

Mella Cusack tells of her family and the Young Irelanders from the areas around Carrick-on-Suir and Tipperary.

Dr Stefan Petrow gives insight into the life of John Balfe, the ‘Supergrass of 1848’, while Richard Davis in his Epilogue looks back at ‘United Irishmen and Young Ireland, The Continuation of Irish Nationalism’.

The Appendix gives details of the Young Irelanders in Tasmania, and there is a comprehensive index, and twenty-five pages of references.

Although not especially useful to the genealogist, this book is absorbing background reading for those with an interest in Irish history.

Cynthia O’Neill

NEW RELEASES

GST Inc. Burnie Branch

Index of Birth, Death and Marriage Notices in The Advocate

Vol. 4 1926–1930
Price: $30.00 plus p&p
Vol. 5 1931–1935
Price: $30.00 plus p&p
$6.50 p&p for 1 book or 2

Further volumes to be printed from 1900
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COMING EVENTS

TASMANIA

Unless otherwise notified, all Tasmanian Historical Research Association (THRA) Meetings take place on the second Tuesday of the month in the Royal Society Room, Custom House, Tasmanian Museum and Art Gallery, Macquarie Street Hobart starting at 8.00 p.m.

December 13—THRA Eldershaw Lecture (in conjunction with University of the Third Age) Prof. Richard Davis: Irish Transportation Policies in the 1840s. Note: The Eldershaw Lecture will be held Monday morning 10 to 11 am. in the Life Sciences Theatre No.1, University of Tasmania.

29 and 30 January 2000
Basset/Cole Reunion. A reunion for descendants of Sarah Brennan/Baker. The event is to be held at the Kaloma Scout Camp, Reservoir Drive, Wynyard, Tasmania on the 29 and 30 January 2000 (Australia Day long weekend). Contact Annette Banks, 104 Branscombe Road, Claremont, TAS 7011 (03) 6275 0388 or email abdraft@southcom.com.au

25/26 March 2000

1 and 2 April 2000
Viney Family Reunion and Book Launch at the Evandale Hall with church service and picnic lunch at Clarendon. Queries may be directed to Bruce Viney, chairman (03) 9391 1126; Bev Perkins, secretary (03) 6339 1270 or treasurer Noel Viney (03) 6425 2581.

March Labour Day long week-end 2001
A three day conference on Tasmanian Genealogy to be held in Launceston. A series of workshops, lectures, tours and social activities are being planned. Contact the GST Inc. State Secretary PO Box 60 Prospect TAS 7250 or email gensctas@southcom.com.au

INTERSTATE AND OVERSEAS

5–7 April 2000
From Strangers to Citizens, Integration of Immigrant Communities in Great Britain, Ireland and the Colonies, 1550–1750, Dutch Church, Austin Friars, London EC2N 2EJ. Hosted by the Huguenot Society of Great Britain and Ireland in collaboration with the Jewish Historical Society of England and other appropriate bodies. c.littleton@history.bbk.ac.uk

26–30 April 2000
Domesday to Database The Millennium British Family History Conference at Bath University, UK—hosted by the Wiltshire FHS in association with the FFHS.

2–7 May 2000
24th International Congress of Genealogical and Heraldic Sciences, Besançon, France. email: congres2000@besacon.net

27 September–1 October 2000
Let Records Speak, the 9th Australasian Congress on Genealogy and Heraldry at University of Western Australia, Perth Western Australia. For details contact: Mrs Diane Jarvie, PO Box 980 Rockingham WA 6168. http://www.cohsoft.com.au/afhc/ags/html
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- *Is Yours an SS Great Britain Family? Adrian Ball*
- It is Written—Westbury Historical Society Vols 1 & 2
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Mr S. T. Smith, 44 Grange Road Rokeby TAS 7019 or (03) 6247 7423

COLE/WESTON
I am seeking the descendants of Annie May COLE (born 1888 died 1944) married Joseph Henry WESTON (born 1887 died 1968). Their children were Joseph, Cyril, Thomas, Zena, Sydney, Leonard, Edward, Iris (Pam), Hector, Charles, Clifford and James. Most of the above family grew up in the Hobart and surrounding areas. Any information regarding the above family would be appreciated. Annette Banks, 104 Branscombe Road Claremont TAS 7011 (03) 6275 0388 or email: abdraft@southcom.com.au

Springfield COLE
I am looking for descendants and information on the Wynyard Cole Family. Springfield COLE born 1861 died 1929, son of William Cole and Sarah Ann BRENNAN/BAKER. He married Eliza REEVE born 1883 died 1947, daughter of William Reeve and Cornelia WHITE. They spent most of their lives in the Lapoinya district. Their children: Grace (WALTERS), Sarah (FLINT), John, Joseph, Martha (GOODFELLOW), Gordon, Francis, Susan (ARMSTRONG), Keith, Sydney, Colin, Leonard and Beryl (COLLIS). Any information or people researching any of the family would be much appreciated. A book is being produced for the Bassett/Cole reunion in January 2000. Annette Banks, 104 Branscombe Road Claremont TAS 7011 (03) 6275 0388 or email: abdraft@southcom.com.au
COLE/LANCASTER
Seeking information on the family of Thomas William COLE (born 1856 died 1927) married Mary LANCASTER (born 1865 died 1899). Mary is the daughter of Abel Lancaster and Harriet BURGESS. Their children were: James Cole born 1883 married Isobel INNES, Martha born 1886 married Benjamin MITCHELL, Annie born 1888 married Joseph WESTON and Eva born 1891 married Bert GILLIS. Any help with this family would be very appreciated. Annette Banks, 104 Branscombe Road Claremont TAS 7011 ☎ (03) 6275 0388 or email: abdraft@southcom.com.au

CRAWFORD/BRYANT/COXALL
Seeking any information on Peter CRAWFORD, labourer, named as father on the birth certificate of Peter James CRAWFORD, born to Hannah Mary BRYANT, on 15 September 1880. The birth was registered in Launceston by a friend Alfred RAY, of Hadspen, Tas. The couple never married. The child was raised by his grandparents William BRYANT, and Mary (nee JOHNSTON) with their 12 children in Hadspen, and later Scottsdale, and took the surname BRYANT. Hannah married James COXALL in Launceston in 1884, and had a daughter. Any information appreciated. Evelyn R. Bryant, PO Box 131 Dallas VIC 3047 or email: evndav@alphalink.com.au

DARK (DART)/THOMAS/MORGAN
Elizabeth THOMAS married Edward James DARK 21 August 1822. There were possibly two sons, John and William, known as DART. Elizabeth had additional children with a Richard MORGAN but did not marry him until 23 May 1838. They are all buried at Rokeby. Any information on the ancestors or descendants of the above would be appreciated.
Mr S. T. Smith, 44 Grange Road Rokeby TAS 7019 or ☎ (03) 6247 7423

KELLY
Thomas, born Galway Ireland, arrived Tasmania 1857 (age 10) with parents James and Mary KELLY, sister Bridget and brother Martin. Thomas disappears from the Electoral Roll in 1881. The family lived at Forth. Bridget Kelly married (1) KENNY and (2) NEVILLE. S. Stevenson, 13 Marrah Drive Bairnsdale VIC 3875

LONDON
On behalf of a contact in sunny Cyprus I am looking for information about an Ernest Howard LONDON and his wife Christina who may have lived in Hobart in the early 1900s. They may have died in Hobart, he in 1932 and Christina in 1945.
Brian Austen, 440 Strickland Avenue South Hobart TAS 7004 email: austenbjjr@trump.net.au

RUSH
Require information re Thomas RUSH who married Mary FOY, Westbury 1851. John, Thomas and Michael Rush were found guilty of sheep stealing and transported from Ireland in 1847. They arrived in Tasmania on Neptune after stops at Bermuda and Cape Town. Details sought of this family by S. Stevenson, 13 Marrah Drive Bairnsdale VIC 3875
SCOTT/SWIT
Louisa Elizabeth SCOTT, 9th child of David Scott and Elizabeth ALLEN, born 21 July 1888 Ben Lomond, married 23 December 1910 Currie, to Charles Frederick SMITH born 12 December 1884 Fingal, 4th child of Charles Robert Ward/Wain Smith and Emily GOFF/GOUGH. Louisa died 27 May 1911 Currie, nine days after giving birth to Percival Charles Smith born 18 May 1911. Louisa is buried at Currie CE cemetery between her eldest brother, David Melross Scott died 18 September 1919 and her father David died 24 June 1918. Charles Frederick Smith married a second time to Ellen Waller DOWDE, born 4 June 1891 Launceston, on 28 August 1915 Launceston and on wedding certificate it quotes that his son is still living. Can anyone give any leads to find Percival Charles Smith? Sue Hinds, 6 Parnella Drive St Helens TAS 7216 or ☏ (03) 6376 3271 or email sunnysue@start.com.au

SMITH/DEAN
William Coulton SMITH/Louisa Smith DEAN married Launceston 13 November 1877. Issue: Emma Marianne (16 October 1878) married Frederick Henry RALPH—issue Byron, Coulton, Dorothy, Marjorie, Irene; Leicester Henry William (29 April 1880); Frank Coulton (26 December 1881) married Elsie Hilda DELL—issue male, 2 females; Andre Houghton (19 October 1883) married Alice Maude WILLIAMS—issue?; Leopold Staunton (14 October 1886) married Ada RAY—issue?; Ivo Perch (18 September 1888) married Vera Maud (Powell) RATTRAY—issue Beverley? Would appreciate contact with any descendants.
Merilyn Ragg, PO Box 351 Kograh NSW 1485 or email haslett@one.net.au

STEVEN, Andrew—Victoria
Seeking descendants of Andrew STEVENS, born 1857 Ballarat to Thomas Stevens and Mary PLEWRIGHT. In 1880 married Susannah DANIEL and their surviving child, Andrew Gordon Stevens was born in 1890 in Footscray, a suburb of Melbourne, Victoria. Andy married Myrtle Olivette SHARP and I believe they had two children, Allan Gordon Victor and Roma Olive. Andy died in 1968 and was buried in the Footscray Cemetery. I would love to make contact with Allan and/or Roma and their families.
Julie Stevens, ‘Clya’ 8 Perry Street Seddon VIC 3011 or ☏ (03) 9687 3663

WILSON, William Stutsbury
I am trying to trace other descendants of William S. WILSON who was born in England 1814 and came to Tasmania with the British Army. He served in the 12th and 99th Regiment. He married Ann MASON on 16 October 1854 and had four sons, William (born 23 May 1856), John (born 22 July 1857), Henry (born 12 September 1862) and Charles (born 16 June 1865) and had one daughter, Elizabeth (born 22 March 1861). He died 11 September 1903 after living in the inner West Hobart district (Goulburn Street, Forest Road). There is evidence that he was a baker, located at 166 Liverpool Street, Hobart in 1857. One clue may be the given name STUTSBURY or STUCHBURY (or similar) after an old town in Northamptonshire, UK. Please contact Kevin Wilson, 101 Marilyn Road South Hobart TAS 7004 or ☏ (03) 6223 1687
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