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Editorial

As your new journal editor, I found the method of production of this issue a steep learning curve after my previous experience with the journal, which was as a member of Audrey Hudspeth’s ‘team’ between 1981 and 1991. During that time our main method of production, once the articles had been typed, was one of cutting and pasting them onto consecutively numbered pages and gluing on a ‘Letraset’ heading. Hopefully the appearance of the page was straight! The journal has grown, the number of pages having more than doubled. I thank Rosemary for all her help and willingness to share her methods of formatting such a well-structured and impressive journal. I hope that I can maintain the high standard.

I thank Max Frost from the Westbury Historical Society for his interest in sending three articles and photographs, making a feature for this issue. Also for permission to use the drawings by Janet Allen.

We always welcome articles and ideas, as the journal can only be interesting and successful as a result of the material we receive. Feel free to contact me with any comments and suggestions about what you would like in the journal. An issue with a sporting theme has already been suggested.

Leonie Mickleborough

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PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

CONGRATULATIONS to the Devonport Branch for their hospitality in hosting the Annual General Meeting on Saturday, 22 June. The venue for the meeting was most appropriate, being the Latter Day Saints Church and Family History Centre at East Devonport. After registration and morning tea, we were entertained by a pictorial presentation on Devonport’s past with commentary by Faye Gardam. Following this presentation, Faye gave the meeting a very informative talk on the Mersey Region. Faye’s passion about history in general and the Mersey region in particular certainly was evident, well done Faye.

During the Annual General Meeting our Patron, Dr Alison Alexander, presented the Lilian Watson Family History Award to Paul Fenton for his entry. This was a book on the history and family of James Fenton, one of Tasmania’s early pioneers. It was pleasing to note the number and quality of entries for the 2001 Awards.

I would like to offer my thanks to all the members of the executive committee who served as delegates or elected officers during my first term as President. For those who did not seek re appointment, I wish you well. To members of our new executive I am looking forward to working with you all and trust that we can advance our Society to achieve the outcomes we desire.

One never knows when you may come across information about your ancestors. It has happened several times to me recently. In some cases the information was already known, in others I was not aware of it. I was pleasantly surprised on reading our last journal that Allison Carins had written an article about the Maternity Hospital at Derby. The Dr von See mentioned in her article was my maternal grandfather. Although he died before my mother married, I have been told many stories about him both from my mother and my Aunt. Dr von See originally came out to Australia as the personal physician to my grandmother’s elderly wealthy cousin who lived in Victoria. The family story is that the doctor and the old cousin had a difference of opinion and after leaving her employment he came to Tasmania as the first Medical Officer with the then new Company, The Emu Bay Railway. After spending a couple of years with the Emu Bay Railway, he started a practice at Derby in 1900.

For those of you who seem to have many brick walls in your research, don’t despair; one day when you least expect it you will find what you have been looking for. Researching your ancestors has a parallel to inventing. Inventors spent years and years exploring all the permutations and possibilities to produce one item. If we have a brick wall, hundreds of documents and different sources must be examined and read before we may be lucky enough to find the key that we are searching for. For many of us it is the researching and the journey we take with our research that is exciting. When we find what we are looking for often it is not as exciting as the anticipation or the expectation of finding it.

Peter Cocker
LILIAN WATSON FAMILY HISTORY AWARD

There were twelve entries in this year’s Award. The books represent a wonderful amount of research and dedication to family history. The judges have enjoyed their work over the past few years.

In past reports to State Executive I have suggested that the Society should look into another, separate competition for our own stories; our autobiographies. This is a wonderful new range of family histories that is emerging and now needs recognition. Our society is in an ideal position to give that recognition. I have enjoyed my time as Coordinator and have found all the books submitted over the years very interesting.

The 2001 entries were:

Winspear – History and Recollections, by Susan Barter [Devonport Branch]
The Book of Tilley, by Shirley Foster [Hobart Branch]
The Johnsons of Castle Hill, by Edith Calvert [dec’d] & Lois Calvert [Launceston Branch]
James Fenton of Forth, by Paul Fenton [Launceston Branch]
The Clarke Family of Tasmania, by Kim O’Brien [Devonport Branch]
Strongest Hand Uppermost, by Kath Lonergan [Hobart Branch]
The Merchant of Van Diemen’s Land, by James Bruce Merchant [Huon Branch]
When Camp Creek Flowed Free, by Cyril G. Dixon [Burnie Branch]
Born in the Great Depression, by G. A. Able.
Brennen Family History, by Joan Brennan Dixon [Huon Branch]
Anecdotes and Family Trees, by Marjorie Porter [Launceston Branch]
A Salute to Their Courage, by Margaret May Muir [Devonport Branch]

The award was presented at the AGM by our Patron, Dr Alison Alexander, to the winning entrant, Mr Paul Fenton, for his work James Fenton of Forth—a Tasmanian Pioneer, 1822–1901. Lois Calvert received a ‘Highly Commended’ for her work, The Johnsons of Castle Hill—The Story of a Tasmanian Family.

Jenny Gill

Paul Fenton’s book James Fenton of Forth—a Tasmanian Pioneer, 1822–1901 was the recent winner of the Lilian Watson Family History Award for 2001. This is a beautifully produced, large format book with excellent illustrations, which tells of the life and times of James Fenton. Fenton was the first to settle in the Forth district, near today’s Devonport, and after overcoming many difficulties he prospered there. Later he retired to Launceston, where he wrote his well-known ‘History of Tasmania’ (1884). He also wrote ‘Bush Life’, a collection of newspaper articles which vividly described life in the bush in the 1870s and 1880s.

Paul Fenton’s book includes three contemporary autobiographical notices about Fenton, many of his articles, and articles by various writers about aspects of his life, and his colleagues, such as the Rev. Charles Price of Launceston and James ‘Philosopher’ Smith. One set of articles was intended for publication as a book but were not published in Fenton’s lifetime, and this is the first time they have been published together. The whole makes a most interesting book, and the excellent production makes it a pleasure to handle.

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The Burnie Branch’s latest publication, An Index to Early Coastal Newspapers 1877–1912 was launched at our June meeting by the Reference Librarian at the Burnie Public Library, Sue Macdonald. Our July meeting was held at the ‘Hillside’ in Burnie where members enjoyed a counter meal before the meeting. Our guest speaker was local MHR Sid Sidebottom who spoke on ‘Co-incidences in History’.

Our night meetings 17 September, 15 October and 19 November will include sessions on computer use, visit to the Burnie Pioneer Village Museum (for a meeting) and our November meeting will be back at the ‘Hillside’ for a meal and meeting.

Our day meetings are proving to be very popular with good attendance at these meetings which are held on the 1st Monday of each month commencing at 10:30 a.m., at our Branch Library.

Our computer set up from the eHeritage grant has arrived in our library and we look forward to beginning work on the filming of the headstones in our area. The branch has purchased three full size computer desks and this will give us more room in that section of the library, as we had an assortment of odd desks and tables.

Our representative Judy Cocker continues to provide excellent assistance at the Burnie Public Library every second Wednesday. Judy helps people access the family history records available at both the Public Library and our Branch Library.

We have recommenced our monthly working bees and it is pleasing to see the good attendance by members who are willing to assist our branch.

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The Branch had the pleasure of hosting the AGM on 22 June. Our thanks go to the various members who organised the day’s activities at the Church of the Latter Day Saints at East Devonport and for the morning and afternoon teas and lunch which were provided. It was a privilege to welcome Dr Alison Alexander to her first function since becoming Patron of the Society. The speaker for the morning session was Faye Gardam who delivered two very interesting talks. She gave a slide presentation entitled Devonport— A Pictorial Past and this was followed with a talk about Recollections of the Mersey Region. The latest volume dealing with the year 1908 in the North West Post series was also launched. The day was followed by a very enjoyable dinner at the RSL Club. Some keen researchers also took the opportunity to visit the Branch Library on the Sunday.

The 21st Anniversary of the Branch was celebrated with a Buffet Dinner at the Devonport Bowls and Croquet Club on 23 July. It was a time for reminiscing and meeting up with former members. It was also an opportunity to launch another book in the In Loving Memory series entitled A Transcription of the Chudleigh & Mole...
Creek Cemeteries. The birthday cake was made by Sue McCrceghan and decorated by Gloria Bowden.

Fundraising activities have continued with several successful sausage sizzles being conducted at the Coles Kmart complex and the last for this year is scheduled for 14 September.

Members have continued to compile information for further publications with the result that another book is ready for sale. This latest work is the *1998 An Index to the Advocate*.

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Our Branch volunteers have continued their busy schedule, completing the Cornelian Bay microfiche (a frustrating and difficult process), and working on Early Hobart Cemeteries Vol. 6 and the Alex Clarke Funeral Books. Several new projects are being investigated and we are preparing for the eHeritage project.

Colleen Read has organised the volunteer programs at the State and Glenorchy Libraries. Julie Kapeller, Irene Schaffer and Chris Woods are the volunteers with Colleen filling in where necessary. The volunteers will assist the public with general problems and promote Branch activities. They will work at the Glenorchy Library the first Wednesday in the month from 10 a.m. to 12 noon and at the State Library the fourth Wednesday in the month from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

We have been involved with the National History Project. Joyce Purtscher has talked to a group of teachers about our society and Marjorie Jacklyn showed ten of these teachers around the Library. They were amazed at the extent of our resources but of concern was the fact that none of them was aware of our existence.

To assist our excellent researchers, and to save them valuable time, researchers’ kits have been established.

**General Meetings**
17 September—Des Hanlon: *Battery Point after Knopwood*
15 October—Maree Ring: *Early Hobart Cemeteries*
19 November—Liz Parkes: *A Northern Tasmanian Pioneer Family*

**Day Meetings**
Trial day meetings for those who cannot attend night meetings have been organised. All welcome.
3 October—at Branch Library, Bellerive—Brian Rice: *Hangings in Hobart.*
5 December—at Glenorchy.

**Computer Users Group:** Branch Library 4th Wednesday, 7.30 p.m.
**WISE Interest Group:** Branch Library 1st Sunday of February, May, August, November 2.00 p.m.

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The annual elections saw little change in the Branch Committee for the new year. One wonders if this is due to the supreme confidence by the members in the running of Branch affairs by the existing committee members, or a lack of time to take on additional activity in the branch. Probably a little of both.

It was decided at the June meeting to change the day and time of the monthly meetings. They have changed from Monday evenings to Saturday afternoons: see details on inside back page of this journal. It was
considered that this change might encourage a better attendance by the general membership.

The *eHeritage* computer has arrived and members are keen to get on with the project.

Cataloguing of the Library is now complete—this will assist significantly with the data entry for the *eHeritage* project.

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Over the past months we have enjoyed excellent presentations from various speakers. Anne McLaughlin entertained with her intriguing stories of the pioneer ladies who ‘kept the home fires burning’ while their husbands enjoyed a more public life. Dr Jan Critchett provided insights into the interaction between the settlers in Van Diemen’s Land and the Portland and hinterland areas of Victoria, whilst Craig Saunders brought us up-to-date on the history and everyday activities—some comic and some very grave tales—at the Carr Villa Memorial Park.

Geoff Rapley is continuing his helpful contact with researchers at the City Reference Library and is able to refer researchers on to our library. Alma Ranson is leading the Launceston Branch *eHeritage* team, together with Russell Watson and Robert Cook, and we are looking forward to seeing the results of their efforts.

Our Branch President (and State Vice President) Anita Swan and her committee are coordinating the Lilian Watson Family History Award for 2002. Entry forms and details are available from our Branch libraries.

Congratulations to the Devonport Branch for providing the facilities and interesting program for the State Annual General Meeting, which was held on Saturday, 22 June at the LDS Church Hall, East Devonport. Launceston Branch committee is in the throes of enthusiastic planning for this event to be held in our area in 2003. Watch this space!

Details of coming events:
Tuesday 1 October, at 7.00 p.m.—Workshop: Scanning with Robert Cook and Dating Photos, with Helen Stuart
Tuesday 8 October: at 2 p.m.—BIG Group meet at Bryan Street former Uniting Church Hall
Tuesday 5 November: at 3.20 p.m. sharp—visit to the Museum at the Inveresk site, hosted by Rhonda Hamilton.
Saturday 7 December: 12 noon for 12.30 p.m.—Christmas Luncheon at Abel Tasman Motor Inn, 3 course meal, $18.00. Bookings close at Library on Tuesday, 3 December.
Tuesday 10 December: BIG Group Library Break: 3.00 p.m. Tuesday, 10 December—10 a.m. Tuesday, 21 January.

VALE
LUCY A KNOTT

Hobart Branch members and particularly those who worked with Lucy on the Journal Committee, were saddened to hear of her passing on 25 May 2002.

Lucy was one of the ‘quiet achievers’. She was responsible for the Members’ Interests, always preparing them in good time, even through her years of illness. She was a conscientious proof reader and often attended packing days to give us her support and share her wisdom.

A remarkable lady, whose courage, strength and humanity made her a wonderful example to us all.
THOMAS WALTER ORCHARD
Allison Carins (Member No. 668)

Thomas was the survivor of twins born 28 March 1874 (date in family Bible). His brother William lived only one week. In a recently acquired printout of the Pioneer Index, these births were registered on 23 March 1873, at Westbury, Tasmania. Their parents were William and Louisa (née DALE) ORCHARD. The family later moved to Launceston, Tasmania.

Thomas seems to have been a colourful character. He went to Western Australia, where he made quite a lot of money at Kalgoorlie—not from gold-mining, but from selling water at a shilling (1s 0d) a bucket to the miners (according to legend)! Later he went to Perth where he married Marguerite—thought to have been a barmaid. They either owned or managed the Claremont Hotel, Perth. They were there in 1909, the year Thomas’ father died (stated in the obituary).

On a visit to Launceston, to see his mother Louisa, not long before she died in 1917, Thomas was boasting of his wealth to my Grandma, Mary Orchard. She was his sister-in-law and herself the most economy-conscious lady, having reared her large family on her husband Arthur’s salary of three pounds ten shillings (£3 10s) a week. Thomas declared that he had so much money, he could afford to light his cigar with a rolled up ten pound (£10) note—and proceeded to do just that! Mary snatched the lighted note from his hand to prevent such a criminal act. (I have read of Western Australian miners doing this to show off their wealth).

Thomas and Marguerite had two sons, known as Tich and Cherry, who were teenagers at the time of this visit. Nothing more was heard of Thomas after he left, supposedly to travel to New Guinea. It would be interesting to enquire further into the origins of a Mr Orchard, who had a market garden up the end of Orchard Road in Singapore, which is named after him. Who knows? It could have been our Thomas!

More recently, I have received some items from the Western Australia Pioneer Index. Thomas Orchard married Margaret Irena LYONS. So her name was upgraded to Marguerite! There is a record of Thomas Edward Orchard, born Perth 1902, and the death of a Thomas Patrick Orchard in Perth 1903, aged 8 months. Later Thomas Walter Orchard, born Peak Hill, Western Australia 1904, parents Thomas Walter Orchard and M.I. Lyons. The mystery now is whether the first two mentioned were twins, and one died. After all, Thomas was a twin, and there was another pair of twins in the family. That explanation would account for two grown sons, Tich and Cherry, with ‘Thomas’ being given to each child. There is no record of another birth.

Are there any Orchards somewhere who may be descended from this family? It would be good to know what happened to him and his sons Tich and Cherry. My father, John Orchard, was a little boy at the time of the visit. He recalled meeting his cousins with their unusual nick-names.

Acknowledgment
Most of this story was told to Allison by the late Reg. Hunt whose mother, Bertha Hunt, was sister to Thomas.
WHEN I moved to Crabtree in 1997 and got out the local maps I noticed a prominent hill east of Huonville with the amusing name of Chick’s Perch. All the Chicks in Tasmania are related to me, but I knew of none down the Huon till my own family moved there.

Then in early June, I was made aware by Mrs Gwyn WEST of Rosetta of an Imperial Quarto Reference Bible (Oxford University Press for the British and Foreign Bible Society, 1855). Gwyn had bought it at the Salvation Army Family Store in New Town Road, some time about the year 1985, but it had no connection with her family. Its provenance is hinted at by the existence in the front of the bible on a recto page of an inscription which reads:

E. RATHBONE
a new year’s gift
from her affectionate son-in-law
RICHARD CHICK
1857.

Gwyn wondered if Richard was any connection of mine. The verso of this page is blank but the next page has the following data:

John Rathbone and Elizabeth Boyes were married on the 13th December 1812.
Henry Rathbone son of the above Parents born 26th May 1814
Mabel Rathbone daughter of the above Parents born 27th March 1816
Edmund Rathbone son of the above Parents born 6th June 1818
John Rathbone son of the above Parents born 5th August 1820

George Rathbone son of the above Parents born 26th May 1831
Elizabeth Margaret Rathbone daughter of the above Parents born 6th October 1833
Charles Rathbone son of the above Parents born 30th December 1835
John Rathbone Senior died 13th October 1847
John Rathbone Son of above died ……
Edmund Rathbone Son of above died ……
Henry Rathbone Son of above died 10th October 1837
Charles Rathbone Son of above died 30th December 1837
George Rathbone died 12 September 1851
Elizabeth Rathbone died 11th March 1876

The calligraphy of these inscriptions is professionally embellished with a fine steel nib. There are no other inscriptions, nor is there any mention of places in any of the entries. The entry recording the death of the bible’s owner is in another hand, written in 1876 or later, after the event.

There are several Richard Chicks in my ancestral families. Was the ‘affectionate son-in-law’ a relative of mine?

An examination of the indexes to births, deaths and marriages for Tasmania and the TAMIOT index of cemetery inscriptions, together with many other files at the Archives Office of Tasmania, revealed an interesting story, but generated still more unanswered questions.

John RATHBONE, a farm labourer, was born about 1793 in Knopton, Warwickshire, England, if my reading of the Colonial Secretary’s file is correct.1 According to the family bible presented to John’s wife, Elizabeth, by her son-in-
Richard Chick in 1857, John married Elizabeth BOYES on 13 December 1812, though the place is not recorded. John was tried on 25 March 1826, at Warwick [?] for housebreaking. At the trial he stated that this was his first offence. He was sentenced to transportation for life.

It is alleged that his gaol report stated that his character was bad and this opinion is repeated in the report from the hulk where he was confined awaiting transportation. He arrived in Hobart Town on the first voyage of the convict transport Woodford on 22 November 1826, and was assigned as a convict servant to work on the property of Adolarius William Henry HUMPHREY, Justice of the Peace.

Humphrey was one of the founding settlers of Van Diemens Land, who came, as did most of the other members of the civil establishment of Col David Collins’ expedition, on the ship Ocean, rather than with the convicts and marines on HMS Calcutta. He held the appointment of Government Mineralogist. Humphrey married Harriet SUTTON at St David’s, Hobart Town on 28 August 1812. Rathbone worked on the Humphrey property, near New Norfolk, for four and a half years. During this time he was responsible for the capture of the bushrangers, Francis DALE and Thomas RANN, and he also apprehended a man, Richard JONES, who was subsequently convicted of robbery. On 9 February 1829, he applied to the government for free passage to Van Diemens Land for his wife and family. According to Elizabeth Rathbone, it was Humphrey’s intention to bring John’s meritorious conduct under the notice of the Government, but he was precluded therefrom by the illness of which he died on 11 May of 1829, aged 47. A. W. H. Humphrey’s funeral was held at St Matthew’s, New Norfolk on 16 May 1829 and he is buried in the old Stephen Street cemetery in New Norfolk.

John Rathbone remained as an assigned servant to Mrs Humphrey, after his master’s death, and while there he was charged with finding and feloniously retaining a quantity of powder and shot, the property of a Mr CANNING, but was acquitted by the magistrate, Robert OFFICER, for lack of evidence.

Elizabeth Rathbone, formerly Boyes, arrived at Hobart Town with her two children, Henry and Mabel, on 22 April 1830 on the ship Melish. According to the family bible, Henry Rathbone was born on 26 May 1814 and so would have been nearly 16. Mabel, according to the same source, was born on 27 March 1816 and so would have been 14. The Customs Office record, which notes the arrival of Elizabeth, Henry and Mabel, makes no mention of two other sons, Edmund and John, but the family bible records the birth of Edmund Rathbone on 6 June 1818 and John Rathbone Jr on 5 August 1820, specifically stating that they were John and Elizabeth’s sons. The same source also records that they were both dead by 1857, but does not give a date or place of death for either of them; we may assume that they had died in England. It is also possible that between the birth of John Jr in 1820 and John Sr’s trial and transportation in 1826 that other children were born to them and had also died.

Mrs Humphrey (the former Harriet SUTTON) refused to employ or otherwise support Elizabeth Rathbone on her arrival in Van Diemens Land, so John Rathbone the convict applied for a transfer and was assigned to work on the property of Messrs LAMB and BELL at ‘Ivanhoe’ for more than eight months. It was at this point that Elizabeth sent a Memorial to the colonial authorities. She made the unusual request to John BURNETT, the Colonial Secretary, ask-
ing that her husband be assigned to her, stating that she was responsible for her own support through the taking in of washing and other tasks and that she was ‘now in a forward state of pregnancy’.12

This letter has annotations by various officials which reveal that not much has changed over the centuries in the tedious and protracted working of public servants. By the time (26 November 1831) Josiah SPODE noted that Rathbone had been in the colony for five years and that Elizabeth was now pregnant, baby George Rathbone was already six months old!13 Spode recommended John be assigned to his wife. Four days later the letter crossed the desk of the Lt Governor, George ARTHUR, who added

Cannot be assigned to his wife: it ought to be avoided in all cases—could not this man make a good field Police Man for the New Norfolk district until he is eligible to hold a Ticket—if so, I should approve.14

Spode put in train the usual enquiries with the police. Edward DUMARESQ, police magistrate at New Norfolk (and subsequently the founder of the prominent pastoral family in the Longford district) added his report on 12 December 1831. We cannot read the beginning of it owing to the very tight binding of the file, but he continues

and that the situation of Field Police man would not be suitable and I should think not—He says if he cannot be assigned to his wife nor get his Ticket of Leave, which in fact seem due and the same thing in effect, or nearly so, He is anxious to be transferred to the service of Mr Beaumont. His wife informs me first her situation at Messrs Lamb and Bell’s farm very unpleasant as she is by herself among so many men and under a difficult kind of responsibility.15

The matter dragged on until Rathbone took matters into his own hands and had a letter written to John Burnett, Colonial Secretary. In it he stated that an apprenticeship had been obtained for his son Henry with a Mr G. JARVIS of Hobart Town, and that his daughter Mabel was in service with Edward Dumaresq Esq, police magistrate at New Norfolk.16 Also

… his wife has lately given birth to a third child, which circumstance has induced him, owing to your acknowledged humanity, to implore your kind interference in his behalf, with a view to obtaining for him the indulgence of a Ticket of Leave …17

In response to this report on John Rathbone, Governor Arthur was ‘disposed to grant him the very great indulgence of a Ticket of Leave’.18 This was duly issued.

One would hope that his troubles were now at an end, but not so. The family seems to have left New Norfolk about this time and to have moved to Hobart Town. Soon after, on 3 April 1833, he was charged with being drunk, and fined 5/-19

Then on 4 December 1833, Rathbone was convicted again of being drunk and abusing District Constable WRIGHT, for which his Ticket of Leave was suspended and he was sentenced to four days on the treadmill.20 The next year things got worse when on 18 August 1834, he was charged with destroying 20 rods of fence, the property of John FOX and with threatening to do him bodily injury for which he was fined 1/- with costs above the sum of 30/- for the damage done and in default of payment to be imprisoned and kept to hard labour in the House of Correction for one calendar month.21 After that threat, he seems to have had enough of trouble, for the conduct register goes on to record that on 30 February 1838, he was granted conditional pardon and on 28 July 1842 a free pardon.22
Two further children were to be born to John and Elizabeth: Elizabeth Margaret Rathbone was born 6 October 1833 and Charles Rathbone was born 30 December 1835, but died exactly two years later. Between the birth of Elizabeth and Charles, the elder daughter, Mabel, was married by banns to John Dawson at Old Trinity Church, Hobart by the diocese’s Rural Dean, the Rev. P. Palmer on 25 November 1833. Elizabeth Larson, spinster, John Wilson, shoemaker and constable at the penitentiary and D. E. Morris, clerk to Lt Gunn, were witnesses. At the time, John Dawson held a Ticket of Leave. One suspects that the reason the records of the Registrar General contain no christening record for either Elizabeth Margaret or Charles was the departure of the rest of the family from the valley of the Derwent for the valley of the Huon, which was accessible from Hobart only by small coastal vessels. 

Mabel’s marriage to John Dawson was to be a very short one, as at the age of only 35 he was buried on 28 March 1838, the event being recorded in the Hobart register. John Dawson’s occupation at the time of his death was a dyer. No cause of death is recorded. Nor is there any record of any children being born to John and Mabel Dawson. Mabel was to be a widow for five years.

Then Richard Chick appears on the scene. He had arrived in Hobart Town as a free person, aged 22, on 28 January 1842, on the Sydney. He was a bookbinder by trade. We have no idea how he met the widow-ed Mabel Dawson, nor does the record of marriage indicate their ages as other than ‘of full age’. From other evidence we can calculate that she was 26 and he three years younger when they married at the residence of the Rev William Butters by Wesleyan rites on 8 February 1843. There is no record of Mabel bearing children to either of her husbands. John Rathbone Sr was not to live very long after the move to the Huon. The family bible records his death on 13 October 1847, but once again there is no record in the RGD files. There is, however, a headstone in the churchyard at the Anglican church of St John at Franklin from which the inscription has been transcribed with the date of death as 18th. (On an old headstone, 13 and 18 can so easily be confused.) His age is given as 54. So it would appear that the extending family were living in the Huon Valley, probably from the mid 1840s. John and Elizabeth Rathbone’s younger daughter, Elizabeth Margaret was only 16 when she married the Huon farmer, John Walton, aged 25, on 28 May 1850 at the residence of the Wesleyan Methodist clergyman, Rev. J. Eggleton, in Melville Street, Hobart. William Walton and Mary Anderson were witnesses. John and Elizabeth Rathbone’s son George, occupation given as farmer, was drowned on 11 September 1851 at the age of 19, the death being registered in Hobart by Richard Chick.

What did John Rathbone do in the valley? Did he too, farm? And what did the now widowed owner of the bible do? A clue is given by a sequence of entries in the Hobart Town Gazette. For fourteen years Richard Chick kept an inn at Franklin. Various called the ‘Ferry Inn’ or ‘Ferry House Inn’, it was situated at Ironstone Creek, a short, steep watercourse which enters the Huon River on its east bank about a kilometre downstream from the Huonville Bridge. The crest of the ridge northeast of the old inn site is still commemorated as Chick’s Perch. There is a record of Richard’s activities in the
Minutes of the Lower Courts at Franklin, where he was required to lodge his annual applications for an inn license. This volume records his transactions from 1859 until the transfer of the license to Elizabeth Rathbone on 21 March 1866. She kept it until 1870 when she acquired the license to the Picnic Hotel at Victoria, Huon which she ran until ill health required her to transfer it to her daughter Elizabeth Margaret Walton in May of 1876. In 1878 the Picnic Hotel passed to William Robert Lucas and in 1886 to George Nicholson.33

What happened to Richard Chick after he handed over the ‘Ferry Inn’ to his mother-in-law? It would appear that in 1866 he became a messenger at the House of Assembly in Hobart, and thus became a public servant.34 He and Mabel had a house in Colville Street, Battery Point where Mabel died on 2 August 1869, aged 50, of chronic rheumatic gout. Her status is recorded as ‘messenger’s wife’.35 Eighteen months later, an affidavit was issued stating that there was no lawful impediment to the marriage of the widower Richard to Ann Davies, spinster of Hobart Town. They were married on 13 January 1871 at Hobart, Tasmania.36 He was nearly 50. Four children were born to Richard and Ann Chick at Battery Point. Unfortunately, no forenames are recorded for the boys, born 8 February 187137 and 25 June 1872,38 but daughters Mabel Annie and Mary Chick were born 27 June 187339 and 21 October 1875.40

Richard Chick, born in England, civil servant aged 71, died at 27 Colville Street, Battery Point on 18 June 1892 of epithelioma [cancer] of the jaw.41 Elizabeth Rathbone, widow, had already passed away on 11 March 1876 at Victoria Huon, age given as 87 and the cause of death as ‘decay of nature’.42

What happened to her family bible between 1876 and 1985? Did it pass back to Richard Chick’s family? Richard’s daughter, Mabel Annie aged 23 married Henry William Green aged 26 at the Congregational Church at Hobart on 3 September 1896.43 Did the bible come down to us through their descendants?

Then again, it might have passed to the descendants of Elizabeth Margaret Walton, née Rathbone, though the possible children who are listed in the RGD indexes are problematic. A John Walton, son of John and Elizabeth Walton was born 25 June 1850 at Hobart, but the mother’s maiden surname is given as ROTHALL.44 An unnamed son born 8 December 1862, at Victoria, Huon has the mother’s maiden name as Elizabeth RYMOND.45 There are no marriages recorded for either Rothall or Rymond, although RIMON is a not uncommon Huon valley surname. There are numerous Walton descendants still in the Huon.

Another possibility line of transfer of the bible is through the descendants of the John Rathbone, blacksmith, who died of ‘natural decay’ at Geeveston on 11 January 1892 aged 75.46 This man may be John and Elizabeth Rathbone’s son, born 1820, against whose name there is a blank in the list of death dates in the family bible. This John Rathbone married twice, first by banns by the Rev Frederick Miller to Ellen Toole, a native of Mayo, on 26 October 1852 at Hobart’s Independent’s Chapel with George Jones and Louisa Welborn as witnesses.47 After Ellen died on 1 September 1871 at the general hospital, Hobart of gastritis,48 he married at age 50 the widow Elizabeth Hulmes or Elizabeth Betsy Humes, aged 41, at the residence of the Congregational minister, Rev. J. M. Bayley, on 13 October 1874, John Wright Earp and Sarah Thompson.
SON were witnesses.\textsuperscript{49} If you discount discrepancies of age, and take note of the consistent occupation, all events in this paragraph refer to the same man. Elizabeth Humes’s son James was the informant for the death registration of his step-father and his mother, who died aged 62 on 10 October 1895 at Geeveston of cancer of the kidneys.\textsuperscript{50} No children are on record for either marriage, but as we have seen for the Huon Valley there were many unrecorded events.

Were the Rathbones who ran the lime quarry at Lime Kiln Point near Granton for three generations until it closed in 1952\textsuperscript{51} descendants of John and Elizabeth Boyes Rathbone?\textsuperscript{1}

References
\textsuperscript{1} CSO 1/418/9373 p139. He lists this as his native place, where also his wife and two children were residing. I have not been able to find this place in the gazetteers.
\textsuperscript{2} CSO 1/418/9373 p139.
\textsuperscript{3} RGD 36/01 1812/0120.
\textsuperscript{4} GO 33/5 p94.
\textsuperscript{5} Letter of Elizabeth Rathbone to the Colonial Secretary, CSO 1/418/9373 p139.
\textsuperscript{6} Nicholls, Mary, (ed.). The Diary of the Reverend Robert Knopwood, Hobart, Tasmanian Historical Research Association, 1977 p536.
\textsuperscript{7} RGD 34/01 1829/2041.
\textsuperscript{8} CON 31/34 p152.
\textsuperscript{9} CUS 30 p26.
\textsuperscript{10} As late as 1892 there was a John Rathbone in the Geeveston area (which is not far from Franklin where John and Elizabeth Rathbone settled). The Family Bible entry of 1857 stating that John Rathbone senior died 13 October 1847 and that the son of the same name was also dead rules out the Geeveston man as being John Rathbone Jr, son of John and Elizabeth Boyes Rathbone.
\textsuperscript{11} CSO 1/418/9373 p139.
\textsuperscript{12} ibid.
\textsuperscript{13} George Rathbone was born 26 May 1831 according to the family bible, and christened at St Matthew’s, New Norfolk on 30 December 1831. RGD 32/01 1832/04578.
\textsuperscript{14} CSO 1/418/9373 p146.
\textsuperscript{15} ibid.
\textsuperscript{16} CSO 1/418/9373 p149.
\textsuperscript{17} ibid.
\textsuperscript{18} ibid.
\textsuperscript{19} CSO 1/418/9373 p146.
\textsuperscript{20} CON 31/34 p152.
\textsuperscript{21} ibid.
\textsuperscript{22} CON 31/34 p152.
\textsuperscript{23} Family Bible. This death, like that of so many infants in the early colony, was not registered. There is no surviving record of a funeral.
\textsuperscript{24} RGD 36/02 1833/2202.
\textsuperscript{25} RGD 34/01 1838/5311.
\textsuperscript{26} RGD 37/33 1874/0103.
\textsuperscript{27} Family Bible. The Mercury, Hobart, 27 February 1952.
THE HOME GUARD OF ‘QUEENSTOWN’
Max Frost—Westbury Historical Society

Towards the end of convict transportation, the British Government pursued a policy of settling military pensioners in the colonies in villages within a short distance of an officer and a major town. Here this group could be assembled regularly, be kept in a proper state of discipline, and be available at the shortest notice to assist in the case of an invasion or a civil uprising. These men were obligated to do twelve days military service a year after they arrived in the district. The pensioners who decided to emigrate to the colonies served as convict guards on the ships for which they received free passage. Many of the former soldiers with an Irish background took the option to participate in this scheme, as they did not wish to retire in their famine-ravaged homeland.

In Van Diemen’s Land, or Tasmania, the pensioners were promised a small block of land, a modest cottage, and a five shilling (5s 0d) a week pension. The home would be given to them after seven years, provided the conditions of their service were fulfilled.

Westbury, in northern Tasmania, was one of several areas selected as suitable for this type of development. The town was considered particularly suitable because the land was first class quality, there were good transport facilities, ample wood supplies, adequate water supplies, three places of public worship and a resident medical man. A government school was planned to be built at a later date. The fact that there was a recently arrived Roman Catholic priest, Father Jamas Hogan in the town may have resulted in the larger proportion of Irish military people settling there.

In 1850, a military pensioner district was established at Westbury and named ‘Queenstown’. It was reputed that this name was chosen by the ex-soldiers in tribute to Queen Victoria who granted the crown land for the settlement. A large area on the eastern side of the town which is bounded by the Meander Valley Highway, Marriott, South and East Streets, was divided into 164 allotments. Nearly all the blocks were of a five acre size, although several smaller pieces of land were granted in that era.

Convict labour was used to clear the allotments and plant the hawthorn hedge boundary fences. Convicts also assisted with various other jobs. Fifteen pounds (£15) was allocated for the construction of each timber dwelling. One thousand bricks could be purchased at that time for five shillings (5s 0d) from the local brick-maker to build the chimney. Mr Robert Stephens, the local well-sinker, would have been kept very busy in the early 1850s.

On arrival, some of the younger pensioners who still had family commitments were lucky enough to find extra work to supplement their income, but it was very difficult as the large land owners in the district always engaged free convict labour.

The first and only brick structure to be built in Queenstown was constructed for Cornelius O’Keeffe who arrived in the village with a detachment of the 57th Regiment Fusiliers of Foot in 1830, at the age of 21. When the first group of pensioners arrived, he was placed in
command of them. The O'Keefe cottage, on allotment No. 91 in Marriott Street, still stands today and is kept in good condition. The large wooden barn, which was built in 1850 at the rear of the home and used to house recently arrived families until their cottages were completed, disappeared many decades ago. Catholic religious services were conducted in the O'Keefe family cottage in the early 1850s. A very large poplar tree which was brought out from Ireland in a clay pot and planted in the back yard, still stands. Mr O'Keefe died on 17 April 1893, aged 84 years, his wife Ellen died on 28 October 1896 aged 69. Their graves are situated in the nearby Catholic Cemetery.

Following the gold rush in Victoria, the Victorian Governor sought the assistance from Van Diemen's Land and 131 of the military pensioners under Captain BLAMIRE of the 99th Regiment were detached. Approximately twenty veterans from Queenstown volunteered for service.

Mr Robert JOHNSTONE a former sergeant Major of the 42nd Regiment from Ballycastle, Antrim, Northern Ireland, went on 'a tour of duty'. He was the first pensioner to be granted land in Queenstown, and was also involved at the now famous encounter at 'The Eureka Stockade' at Ballarat, Victoria. Mr Johnstone died on 25 July 1873 aged 69 and is buried in the Anglican and General Cemetery in Westbury, together with his wife and family. Today family descendants still own allotment No. 16 on the corner of Five Acre Row and King Street. This is the last plot still in the original owners' family name. Unfortunately, the miners-style cottage was destroyed by fire in 1994.

A ten acre reserve was surveyed in the new suburb to be used as a cemetery. The land was placed in the hands of the trustees of the Roman Catholic Church. The proposed burial site was situated on the corner of Marriott and South Streets. This final resting place was deemed unsuitable by the authorities, and was never used for its original purpose, as the land was situated on a low flood plain. It was also considered too great a distance for elderly mourners to walk in the funeral procession from the Church, as was the custom in that era. By the mid 1850s Mr. Nicholas Murphy was renting the now defunct cemetery site. Mr Edward MEHEGAN, a store keeper from the St Giles suburb in the town donated a nine acre block of land for a Catholic burial site close to the town centre. This land is
situated on the corner of Dexter and Taylor Streets and is still in use today.

A parade ground was situated on the corner of Five Acre Row and Colonization Row for our ‘Home Guard’. A large shed was also provided for the old and not so old ‘warriors’ to have a rest and reminisce about their former military conquests, and make plans for future engagements. There was a large town common situated to the west of this area.

A reserve was granted on the corner of Five Acre Row and Dexter Streets for the construction of a government school and master’s residence. The Queenstown School dwellings were later built on a smaller allotment on the eastern side of Veterans’ Row between Dexter Street and Colonization Row. The structures were completed by 1858 and Mr Archibald PHILLIPS was appointed the first school-master.

Enrollment for the school in 1858 was 130 students, with the average attendance 54. The attendance numbers varied from 122 in 1862, to 87 pupils in 1885. In 1862 the Queenstown School was granted five pounds one shilling and six pence (£5 01s 6d) to match a local contribution of two pounds ten shillings and nine pence (£2 10s 9d) to dig a well. Children from three religious denominations attended the school, but there was a high percentage of pupils who were of the Roman Catholic faith.

Mr Phillips retired from the position of school-master in 1877. Mr M. F. DARCEY took control next, and remained there until the school closed on 1 April 1887, with the opening of a new blue-stone government school in Dexter Street. The ‘house of learning’ was situated a little closer to the town centre.

A Catholic School was opened by teachers from the recently established Sisters of St Joseph Convent at this time also. This school was conducted in the original wooden church in William Street.

The Queenstown district slowly declined over the years as some of the original pensioners moved away. The decision to move may have been brought on by the social and economic conditions of that time. Their allotments in most cases were purchased by their former next-door neighbours. Many of the ‘old boys’ lived out their time there, while others moved as far away as New Zealand.

The name of the suburb was changed in 1895 to ‘Pensioners’ Bush’ so as not to confuse people with the newly developed mining town of Queenstown on the rugged west coast of Tasmania. Today the area has reverted to a quiet, semi-rural, residential community. Many of the allotments are still intact and have not been subdivided. Some of the old pensioner cottages still stand today, having had various extensions carried out on them over the years. Hawthorn hedges and unmade lane ways are still visible, and small remnants of fruit tree orchards are scattered around the area. The pensioners planted many pear trees in the early days. However, many of the water wells have been filled in for safety reasons. There is a good cross section of people living in Pensioners’ Bush today, enjoying an idyllic lifestyle.
PENSIONERS’ HOUSES WESTBURY

Top: Lot 35 Ritchie Street—Granted to John Irwin/Irvin
Centre: Lot 16 Corner King Street and Five Acre Row—Granted to Robert Johnstone/Johnson
Bottom: Lot 4 Bass Highway—Granted to Henry Fitzsimmons/Fitzsimons

Drawings by Janet Allen
IRISH MILITARY PENSIONERS AT WESTBURY

Max Frost and Gwen Scott—Westbury Historical Society

During the period 1850–52 it was the policy of the Imperial Government (England) to use military detachments and later military pensioners as guards on convict ships. The pensioners were promised a grant of 5 acres of land, a house, a well, and ample supplies of wood in return for 12 days military service a year and the liability of being called out to defend the colony in case of invasion or civil uprising. Some were called to serve at the Eureka Stockade. They were bound to occupy the grant for seven years. After this time many left the area.

At Westbury the area bounded by the Highway, Marriott, East and South Streets were surveyed into 5 acre blocks and granted to the military pensioners. Today two families—namely Murray and Johnston, still own the original blocks and have acquired others as they became available. Some of the original cottages still stand, a few the original structures, others restored and built onto.

IRISH MILITARY PENSIONERS AT WESTBURY TASMANIA DETAILS FROM THE 1858 RATES VALUATION LIST

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A map showing the allotments is available for purchase from Westbury Historical Society
28 Lyall Street, Westbury, Tasmania 7303
on receipt of two 45 cent stamps and a stamped self-addressed A4 sized envelope.
THE BATTLERS OF ‘HELL’S KITCHEN’
Max Frost—Westbury Historical Society

In the early Victorian era, in the military garrison village of Westbury in northern Tasmania, a poor working class district named ‘St Giles’ was established. In 1840, the Reverend John BISHTON purchased an eight acre block of land in the area, and then had the ground divided into smaller allotments. Reverend Bishton then resold the land at modest prices to ‘ticket-of-leave’ convicts or men holding conditional pardons to give them a fresh start in the penal colony. The recently arrived Anglican minister subdivided and sold off another block of land of similar size in 1842. A large market garden was included in the second land development scheme.

Set aside from the convict hiring depot area, this small community was situated on the southern side of Shadforth Street and approximately bounded by William and Mary Streets. The suburb consisted of small worker’s cottages, general stores, a butcher shop, a regulation ‘sly grog shop’ and later, a hotel.

In 1848 Mr Edward MEHEGAN opened a general store in Upper Adelaide Street, and by 1858, Mr James CLANCY managed a butcher shop in Shadforth Street. A small shop facing onto Adelaide Street was operated by Mr John DONALD at about this time also.

Retired former Royal Navy officer Mr George SKARDON, until his death in 1850, lived at ‘Myrtle Cottage’, which was situated on the corner of Shadforth and Mary Streets. Early local land grant recipient, Mr William LEITH, spent his twilight years living in Adelaide Street, before he passed away in 1852.

An unusual incident occurred in Adelaide Street St Giles on the 10 May 1852. Mrs Alice Blackstone Leith and her two youngest daughters, Mrs Elizabeth SIMMONS and Miss Alice Leith, physically attacked Mrs Mary GODFREY who lived in Launceston, and had been visiting Westbury for the day. The Leith family members were charged with unlawfully beating and assaulting Mrs Godfrey. Mrs Alice Blackstone Leith appeared in court dressed in mourning clothes on 15 May 1852 before the Police Magistrate Mr John Peyton JONES. She was found guilty of the crime and fined one farthing (¼d.) and costs of sixteen shillings and six pence (16s 6d). Mrs Simmons appeared in court on the same day, but this case was dismissed. Miss Alice Leith appeared in court four days later, but this case was also dismissed.

In bygone days, the pious dignitaries of St Andrews Church of England in Westbury did not encourage children from this vicinity to attend Sunday School at the church because of their poor dress standard. Instead, a zealous young teacher was sent there every Sunday to give the children religious instruction in their parents’ homes. Uncharitable local citizens referred to the neighbourhood as ‘Hell’s Kitchen’.

The General Havelock Hotel was originally built as a brick cottage in the early 1840s, on the corner of Shadforth and Adelaide Streets and was first licensed on the 7 January 1862. It was reputed that this public house was named after the English general who won fame during the Indian Uprising in 1857. The
hotel was supplied by Mr James BUTTERWORTH, who owned a small brewery near the Quamby Brook in Arthur Street. The first proprietor and licensee of the single storey structure was Mr Henry Godfrey, who was a former convict, and bricklayer by trade. Unfortunately, the new publican died at the age of 49 years, only three weeks after he legally opened the premises. Mr John DONALD acquired the licensed house at this stage, and remained there until 1867. Mr Samuel CHAPPEL took charge of the establishment next, and was the last landlord to hold a licence for the dwelling.

A tragedy happened in ‘Hells Kitchen’ on the 15 July 1865, when former Point Puer juvenile convict Thomas WORDSWORTH was found drowned in a well in the backyard of The General Havelock Hotel. Mr Wordsworth, aged 40, worked in the district as a labourer, and had been trained as a shoemaker in the 1830s at Point Puer near Port Arthur in Tasmania. With the arrival of the railway through the district in 1871 Mr Chappel leased The Western Railway and Commercial Hotel, known today as Fitzpatrick’s Inn. The General Havelock Hotel ceased operation in 1873. In 1888, Mr John Mehegan, son of the late Mr Edward Mehegan opened a new store at 44 William Street, in the expanding central business part of the town.

After the relocation of the Mehegan Family Store and the closure of ‘Widow’ Donald’s Shop, the suburb of St Giles reverted to a quiet residential locality. Today there is only one original building still standing. This brick cottage is situated on the corner of Adelaide and Shadforth Streets.

The original founder of the area, the Reverend John Bishton, died of apoplexy at the age of 55 years on 15 February 1857, as a result of attempting to break up an altercation between two of his parishioners in a paddock close to the Anglican Church at Evandale, in northern Tasmania. The visionary thinking early Westbury pioneer, is buried in St Andrews Church of England cemetery at Evandale.

I am one of the lucky people who can trace my ancestry back directly to one of the first women transported to Van Diemens Land as a convict. 

Ann DARTER arrived in Hobart Town on the *Mary* on 5 October 1823. She had been married in England with two sons, whom she left behind, and a 13 month old daughter, Caroline, who died just two weeks into the voyage. 

Her conduct records show that she made fairly frequent visits to the Female Factory, both at Macquarie Street and Cascades. She appears to have had relatively 'easy' assignments with people such as De GILLERN (an army officer), Dr ROSS (Govt Printer), HOPKINS (at Westella) and FRANKLAND (Surveyor-General). Her son, James Hook Darter, was born in 1829 while she was in service with J. DOW, a merchant of Argyle Street. 

In 1832, she absconded from P. MURDOCH Esq. to marry convict, John HOOK of the Caledonia, at Green Ponds. She died in 1836, her son was placed in the Orphan School and her husband went to Victoria. 

My Family History research has led me to take a greater interest in the life of convict women on the voyage to Van Diemens Land, as assigned servants, as prisoners in the House of Correction and as free settlers in early Hobart Town. 

So far, I have found descendants of three other women who came on the same voyage of the *Mary* as Ann Darter and find the profiles of their lives make fascinating comparisons and keenly look forward to finding others. 

The establishment of the Female Factory Historic Site Ltd and the proposed development of the site fill me with optimism that our knowledge of this aspect of our history will be enriched as the projects develop. 

Recently, Archaeologist, Parry Kostolou, and his assistants have uncovered exciting things. The area excavated dates back to 1842. They have exposed three cells in the southernmost ground floor of the West Wing Cell Block. Various additions uncovered dating to the late 1870s are a new drainage system for the yard and some sleeper walls which were intended to support a new floor to be built between the cell blocks but which were never constructed. The general public is invited to go and see the ‘dig’ for itself. 

Archival material is being collected and it would be appreciated if people who can trace their ancestry to a woman convict, particularly if she spent some time in the Cascades Female Factory, could contact us with this basic information at this time: 

- Name of convict 
- Ship she came on 
- The year she arrived 
- And a contact for us to get in touch with you for further information. 

Phone (03) 6223 1559 
Email info@female factory.com.au 
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FROM GRANGEGORMAN TO VDL
IRISH WOMEN CONVICTS TO TASMANIA IN THE 1840s
Marianne Davis (Member No. 4400)

TASMANIAN FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY INC.
HOBART BRANCH

THE National Archives of Ireland (NAI) microfilm, Prisons 1/9/4, a Grangegorman Register of Female Convicts, is now on long term loan from Richard and Marianne Davis to the Tasmanian Family History Society Inc., Hobart Branch.

The Register contains the following headings spread over two pages for each convict:

CHILDREN OF CONVICTS:
name, age, year, months, remarks.
WHEN [convict] RECEIVED into gaol, day, hour.
CONVICTS:
no., names, age.
CRIME:
years of transportation.
CONVICTED:
where, when.
DESCRIPTION:
height, feet, inches, hair, complexion.
MARRIED OR SINGLE.
READ OR WRITE.
RELIGION.
TRADE.
Whether convicted before.
Disposed of: when, how.

Irish women convicts continued to be transported to VDL throughout the 1840s even when transportation of males ceased for a time. Over 3,000 Irish women passed through the Grangegorman Depot in Dublin. They included those tried in Dublin and those from other parts of Ireland. The latter had usually spent some time in their local county gaol before being brought to Dublin. Some convicts stayed longer than others in the Depot, but once assigned to a convict ship, they mostly travelled on that ship to VDL.

The Register is arranged chronologically by date of admittance of convicts to Grangegorman. The first few pages are confused but I have identified them as indicated on the microfilm box. Basically the Register matches the Convict Indent information in the Archives Office of Tasmania (AOT). Variations in the spelling of names and alternate names appear but the convicts can be identified by name, date and place of trial, conviction, length of sentence and convict ship.

Discrepancies occur in the categories for children accompanying their mothers, the convict’s age, marital status, religion, trade and whether convicted before. Most children were received into the Depot with their mothers although some arrived just before embarkation. The Surgeon on the Blackfriar remarked that a large proportion of the children had recently arrived from the provincial workhouses, and more miserable looking objects than some could not easily be procured ... One girl about 14 years of age (the mother and sister being prisoners on board) although rejected by me, was embarked barely convalescent from acute ophthalmia and in the confusion bustle of managing so many people was not observed for several days. (AOT, ADM 101/12, Reel 3189).

First names for the children over one year old mostly match those in the Orphans Register in VDL (AOT, SWD 28, compiled by Joyce Purtscher) but surnames can vary with those given in VDL. Likewise with infants admitted...
into the Orphanage from 1851 on (AOT, SWD 6, also compiled by Joyce Purtscher). There is often a considerable time difference between the arrival of the mothers and children in VDL and the entry of children into the orphanages.

Age differences are sometimes considerable. By far the greatest variations occur in the trade or occupations information. Almost two-thirds of the women have no trade in Grangegorman and yet all have some skill or occupation on arrival in VDL. Did Grangegorman list only the trade of those in paid employment?

For the most part then, the Register replicates already known Tasmanian information in a slightly different form. One case, however, may help illustrate the advantages of other sources. Mary Jane CAMPBELL, aged 23, was tried in County Londonderry on 18 March 1850, for stealing bedclothes (larceny in the Irish Transportation Records) and transported for 10 years. But Mary gained a Free Pardon in Ireland after she was received into Grangegorman on 6 September 1850; her daughter, also Mary Jane aged 4 years 6 months, was received into Grangegorman on 20 December 1850. Both mother and daughter then left Grangegorman on 9 January 1851 for the convict transport, the Blackfriar and apparently arrived in Hobart on 29 May 1851. On board this ship were 49 children and seven free settlers, see AOT, ADM 101/12, Reel 3189. Both mother and daughter appear in the Grangegorman Register, the Irish Convict Reference File 1850 C 68 and the Queens Orphanage record, AOT, SWD 28, but their names are not on the convict records AOT, CON 41/30 and AOT, CON 15/7 for the Blackfriar. However, a Campbell, M. J. is listed as a laundry maid, Queens Orphan School, in August 1851, see AOT, CSO 50/28 (1851). Furthermore, a Mary Jane Campbell (free) gained permission to marry Henry Scull (Wm Jardine) dated 28 October 1853, see AOT, CON 52/5. Is this Mary Jane from Londonderry?

Meanwhile, the Grangegorman and Indent information has now been entered onto the Williams database of Irish convicts and makes this on-going project all the more useful.

Tasmanian Ancestry, June 1999, contains a short article on The John Williams Database, compiled by Richard and Marianne Davis. It contains the names of all known convicts of Irish birth who were transported to Tasmania.

NEW RELEASE

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This publication covers the personal announcements from nine of the early NW Coast newspapers from 1877–1912

There are many Birth, Death and Marriage announcements in this publication that have not been indexed before. As well as the date of the event, additional information has been transcribed including spouse details, kin, places and age.

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Patriarch and Pilot
Isaac Hardcastle Palfreyman and Arthur Leonard Long
Grandfather and Grandson
Lou Daniels (Member No. 3646)

Many researchers of family history checking marriages in Hobart around the turn of the century will have found ceremonies conducted by the Rev’d I. H. Palfreyman of the King Street Church, North Hobart. My curiosity was aroused by the fact that he married my great grandmother Amy Cleary to three different husbands, in 1900, 1903 and in 1917. On the documents for the first two he described her as a spinster, and the third time as a widow. At least the first was correct.

Then I discovered that his eldest daughter, Amy, had married the nephew of my great grandmother’s grandmother, Thomas Long. That was enough to set me off to find out more about him.

Isaac Hardcastle Palfreyman was born in Hartington, Derbyshire in 1835, son of staunch Methodists, Thomas and Elizabeth Palfreyman, who lived on a farm belonging to the Duke of Devonshire. Palfreyman was educated at the Independent College, Rotherham, Yorkshire, and was ordained in the Canaan Street Church, Nottingham, by the Rev’d Dr S. Antcliff, in 1859. He was assistant pastor at Rotherham Primitive Methodist Chapel, and then became pastor of the Chapel at Grantham, Lincolnshire until he responded to a call to the colonies.

Isaac came to Victoria from England in 1861 to be assistant pastor at the Humffray Street Primitive Methodist Mission in Ballarat. Two years later he moved to Benalla, and four years later to Longford in Tasmania, taking charge of that circuit in 1872. In 1874, he moved to the Penguin and Table Cape Circuit on the North West Coast, running a large farm at Table Cape at the same time.

In 1881 Palfreyman moved to Hobart to be pastor of the Murray Street Free Methodist Church. However, he seems to have been something of a free spirit, for after two years he and some friends broke with the Free Methodists and established their own Independent Church in King Street, North Hobart, (now Upper Pitt Street). There he built a wooden Church with seating for 200, and recruited a sizeable congregation. Services were held twice each Sunday, with a large Sunday school and an active Band of Hope, a temperance movement. My grandmother Tiny Allan attended the Sunday school as a child, as her Bible was a prize awarded for memorising a Bible verse. The King Street Church is now a Scout Hall.

The Cyclopedia of Tasmania includes a feature on Isaac Palfreyman with a photographic portrait. By 1900, so it says, Palfreyman was in the decline of life, and is assisted in his Church work by efficient laymen.

The author was not to know that his years of decline would last another twenty years and the number of marriages performed by him continued at a high rate until almost the end of his life. Almost all of them took place, not in the Church, but in the impressive Palfreyman home, ‘Hardcastle’, just around the corner. Many of them were couples from rural
areas, and also many remarriages after divorce, none of whom would have been married by the mainstream churches. Many more were mixed marriages, contracted between couples avoiding the stress of either Catholic or Anglican requirements. The impression is given that many were quite perfunctory affairs, with members of the Palfreyman family standing in as witnesses.

He was the minister to whom you went if your local Church was out of the question. Divorce made remarriage in church very difficult, certainly for Anglicans and Roman Catholics. The marriage records were written in various handwriting styles, so his family most likely helped out as Isaac’s penmanship grew progressively more feeble. One feature of his service seems to have been an automatic notice in *The Mercury* soon after the event, perhaps a way of alerting friends and relatives that the deed had been done.

The King Street Church seems to have faded away after its founder’s death in 1921.

Isaac married Martha Lucy ALBURY, granddaughter of the pioneer Primitive Methodist minister in Victoria, the Rev’d John RIDE. They were married at Brighton, Victoria, on 29 March 1867 and had a family of seventeen, the first two born at Longford, Tasmania, the next two born at Brighton, in Melbourne, then five at Emu Bay (Burnie), Tasmania and the rest in Hobart after Isaac came there to minister. He died on 3 June 1921 at ‘Hardcastle’, his home in the angle of Arthur and Andrew Streets, North Hobart, aged 87. He had the house built in 1887 for his large family of fifteen children, soon to be enlarged by two more. This historic home has been restored in recent years.  

Isaac was a wealthy man, investing 500 pounds, a third of the original capital, in H. JONES & Co, and so launched the brilliant financial career of his son, Achelon. Perhaps the business acumen noted in his children was inherited from their reverend father.

Many have noted the curious preference for names beginning with A in the Palfreyman family. Someone with a more literary turn of mind may be able to source the more unusual ones.


[2] Agnes Edna PALFREYMAN, born 26 January 1869, Longford, (824), died 5 March 1869, Longford, (244), aged one month.


October 1967, Toorak, Melbourne, aged 67.


[17] Anderbon Eric PALFREYMAN, born 7 July 1892, Hobart, enlisted 17 May 1916, 2nd Lieutenant, 3rd Royal Flying Corps, killed in action, 23 May 1916, Belgium, aged 25. Amy was the eldest of the family, registered as ‘Martha L’, presumably Martha Lucy, after her mother, but obviously renamed later, as another daughter was called Martha in 1883. Perhaps two Martha Lucys in one house was too confusing. She married Thomas Long, a pioneer of sheep breeding in Tasmania. He introduced purebred Shropshire sheep on his Forcett property in 1895, and when he bought ‘Torwood’ at Tea Tree in 1906 he created one of Tasmania’s leading studs, along with Thomas BURBURY of Jericho, and Studley Steele of Lewisham.

He was a master exhibitor, famed for his meticulous preparation of his sheep, and successfully exhibited at the Hobart, Launceston and Melbourne Shows for about 40 years, often dominating the ring by gaining awards in every class. Around 1915 he joined Burbury and STEELE in exporting stud sheep to Japan, and ‘Torwood’ bloodlines could be found all over Australia. He also judged several sheep breeds at Tasmanian and Melbourne Shows.

He took a leading role in public life, serving an unbroken twenty-six years as a Brighton Councillor from the inception of local government in 1908 until 1934. He was chairman of Tea Tree ward, and was instrumental in having the boundaries between Brighton and Richmond revised to facilitate the more equitable distribution of maintenance funds on the roads linking the two municipalities. On 10 March 1930 he was appointed a Justice of the Peace. For many years he was a Churchwarden of St Thomas’s Tea Tree.

Thomas and Amy were married for sixty-two years. He died on 1 August 1955, aged 92. Amy died 28 March 1958, at ‘Torwood’, aged 90.

Their most famous son was Arthur Leonard Long, born 15 August 1896, at
Forcett (2443). He enlisted on 31 May 1915, in the 6th Australian Flying Corps, and rose quickly to the rank of Lieutenant. He transferred to the Royal Flying Corps, and returned to Australia on 27 May 1919. He became a Stock and Share Broker, and married Mary McKENZIE on 8 July 1919, the daughter of Dr Forbes McKenzie, of Melbourne.

Arthur Long was the first man to fly across Bass Strait, on 16 December 1919. He had joined the Royal Flying Corps soon after enlisting in 1914, as did his uncle, Anderbon Palfreyman, and flew with the rank of Captain in low-flying attacks on German positions in France. After the War ended he returned to Tasmania with a single engine Boulton and Paul P9 biplane which he had bought with deferred pay, and shipped across Bass Strait on the MV Loongana on 20 September 1919. It was trucked to Hobart for assembly.

The first commercial flight made in Tasmania was on 27 October 1919, when Arthur made a return flight from Hobart to Launceston, via Deloraine, dropping souvenir copies of *The Mercury* and delivering the paper to the towns where he landed. His passenger was D. K. McKenzie of *The Mercury*. They took off from Elwick at 6.50 a.m. and dropped bundles of the paper at Pontville (7.17 a.m.), Kempton (7.30 a.m.), Melton Mowbray (7.32 a.m.), Jericho (7.42 a.m.) and Oatlands (7.49 a.m.). Encountering a cloud bank which obscured the land and with an unreliable compass, they found themselves over Maria Island, turned inland, and regained their route, dropping papers at Ross (8.50 a.m.), Campbelltown (9.01 a.m.), Longford (9.15 a.m.) and Westbury. They landed at Deloraine at 10 a.m. to transfer papers to the railway for delivery to the north-west, took off at 11.30 a.m., landed at Launceston, and then returned to Hobart.7

On 15 December 1919, he made his first attempt to cross the Strait, but strong winds forced him back. Next morning, having installed extra fuel tanks, he tried again.

He died 3 November 1954, at his home Broadford, Victoria, (22765), aged 58. *The Mercury* obituary on 4 November 1954 tells the story:

The plane was a two-seater with a 90 horsepower engine, described by aviation writers of the day as “a patchwork job, a mass of struts and wires, and intolerably slow”, was no bigger, and far less efficient than the De Havilland Moths used until recent years. It was capable of 85 mph, but the landing speed of between 65 mph and 70 mph was dangerously high, and it had a range of only 200 miles.

Mr Long, hearing that a Melbourne airman proposed to attempt the crossing, decided to beat his rival to what was to be acclaimed as an epic flight. Despite adverse weather reports, he left Stanley on December 16, 1919. There was a chance that the engine would overheat, and to prevent this he fitted a one gallon tin of oil to tip into the sump when he pulled a cord.

Flying into the teeth of a strong north-west wind, he set a direct course for Melbourne, one that took him over 200 miles of uninterrupted water. For four hours he was out of sight of land and buffeted by wind, while low clouds at times forced the little machine perilously close to the sea. His average height was between 500 feet and 1,500 feet and he did not sight King Island.

Mr Long landed at Torquay, only a few miles west of Port Lonsdale, four hours after his takeoff. The cord leading to the oil can had broken during the flight, and he had to pour the precious fresh oil in by hand. Mr Long delivered a message from the Governor of Tasmania, Sir Francis
Newdegate, to the Governor-General, Sir Ronald Munro Ferguson. The flight was recognised by the Tasmanian and Victorian Parliaments, and Chambers of Commerce, and the Royal Society of Victoria, which erected a monument at Torquay commemorating it.

In the same machine, he won the first Australian Derby, flown over 10 laps between the Epsom racecourse and a balloon suspended from Princes Bridge. Mr Long also surveyed the route for the electricity transmission line from the Great Lake to Launceston.

He earned the congratulations of the Tasmanian Parliament when the Premier moved a resolution heralding a new era in aviation in Australia, and expressing gratification that the feat was accomplished by a Tasmanian. The Victorian Government did likewise, and the Royal Society of Victoria erected a memorial at Torquay commemorating the event. The Tasmanian Society did the same at Stanley.

In 1920, he was hired by C. J. de GARIS of the Australian Dried Fruits Association to fly his plane for a month to launch a new service from Melbourne to Adelaide via Mildura. De Garis was full of praise for Long’s skill as a pilot.

Arthur re-enlisted when the Second World War began and served with the RAAF as a Squadron Leader. Between the Wars he had put his experience to good use, making important recommendations to the Commonwealth Government regarding the development of commercial aviation. In the 20s he became a successful Stock and Share-Broker in Melbourne, and in later years was a director of a number of leading companies. In 1942 he bought two large grazing properties at Yea and Broadford, and it was at the Broadford property that he died on 3 November 1954, aged 58.

He has a street, Long Place, named after him in the Canberra suburb of Scullin, where the theme for street names is aviators.

It must have been a great satisfaction to the old man in his declining years to see his descendants making such a significant mark on his adopted country. The Palfreyman name is a distinguished one in Tasmania, and owes much to the adventurous spirit and strong Protestant work ethic of its patriarch.

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NEWS FROM …

ON THE MOVE

I thought it timely to provide you with a progress report about our forthcoming move to 85 Macquarie Street, Hobart and other events related to the relocation project.

Tascon Constructions Pty Ltd was awarded the contract for fit out and commenced work on 24 June 2002. Things have progressed well so far and we are on target to relocate our Reading Room, principle collection and offices to the site in early September 2002.

As we will continue to lease the top floor of the second building at Rosny Park, there will not be as much movement of records interstate as earlier anticipated. Department of Veterans’ Affairs case files will be transferred to our offices in Sydney, some meteorology collections to Melbourne and personal records collections containing Commonwealth records to Canberra. No colonial period records will be leaving Tasmania.

The tender for the physical relocation of our collection to its various destinations has been awarded with work due to commence on 23 August 2002; the collection bound for Macquarie Street will be moved last so as to have minimal, if any, impact on provision of reference services. An ‘Archives Alert’ will be circulated widely when the Macquarie Street offices are closer to completion. A special open day for TFHS Inc. members will be arranged shortly after the move to present the new facility to you and make a short presentation about what we have to offer.

I can be contacted on (03) 6244 0113 or at rossl@naa.gov.au should you wish to discuss any issues relating to the move or other matters of importance.

Ross Latham—Director, Hobart

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DEATH OF A FIREMAN
Sharon Foskett (Member No. 4857)

I

N the early hours of Tuesday, 16 December 1930, dense clouds of smoke enveloped Hobart. At 1:23 a.m. an alarm was raised at the corner of Collins and Argyle Streets. In response, Fire fighters were immediately dispatch-
ed to answer the summons that PALFREYMAN’s Store (corner Liver-
pool and Argyle Streets) was well ablaze. The fire had started in the rear of the premises and had, from where it had penetrated, succeeded in making its way through the whole of the building.

No sooner had the Hobart Fire Brigade arrived than a message was received that another fire was alight at Messrs FINDLAY Pty Ltd. A summons was sent for volunteers and the Police to assist at Findlay’s.

It was established that the fire at Findlay’s was in fact at 253 Murray Street. Police and volunteers managed to obtain a length of hose to start fighting the blaze while they awaited further assistance.

A reflection in the sky could be seen near the centre of the city alerting citizens that there were at least two other fires burning. These premises were occupied by Messrs TEMPLEMAN Pty Ltd (tailor) and F. W. COLEMAN (chemist) at 90 and 92 Liverpool Street.

There were only a few civilian volunteers available to assist at the premises in question. No more than one length of hose was available until assistance was obtained from Hobart Fire Brigade engaged at Palfreyman’s corner. At that point, two men were transferred and their arrival bought welcome relief and another length of hose.

Staggering news was soon relayed that the warehouse of Messrs W. and G. GENDERS Pty Ltd, at 69 Liverpool Street, was also burning. An appeal was dispatched from Superintendent Trouslet (Hobart Fire Brigade) for all the assistance they could receive. The fire equipment and staff from Messrs CADBURY-FRY-PASCALL Pty Ltd at Claremont and the Electrolytic Zinc Company at Risdon were called upon to stand by and the small staff at Hobart Fire Station was called out. Many citizens of Hobart, some still wearing their pyjamas also came out to help.

A length of hose working from Bathurst Street, supported by another from Liverpool Street, was centred at the Genders outbreak where it was found the fire was in a two-storey store occupied jointly by Messrs H. T. GOULD and Co., chemist. He stored supplies of eucalyptus and other oils while Mr JOHNSON used the building as a store for his toy bazaar.

Between the hours of 1:55 a.m. to 3:20 a.m. no other fires were reported, a welcome relief for all concerned.

At 3:20 a.m. several loud explosions were heard from the direction of North Hobart. Reports quickly followed that Mr H. STAFFORD’s garage and service station, owned by Mr NICHOLS and Mr GRANT, the proprietor of the motor business which comprised the State Tourist Service, were well ablaze. Eight cars, two motorbikes and a large quantity of tyres fuelled the fire.

The Cadbury’s brigade had been dispatched and was soon on site to fight the new outbreak at the garage. The inferno was reduced to a smoldering heap of embers.
The petrol pumps were saved stopping a major catastrophe. If the fire had reached the pumps the underground tanks may have exploded.

Throughout the night the Fire Brigade, Police and volunteers slowly won the battle of bringing the fires (six in total) under control. By mid morning with the help of rain, the fires were finally extinguished.

The fires, all believed to have been deliberately lit by person or persons unknown, caused an estimated £40,000 damage.

Citizens of Hobart came out of their homes to see first hand what devastation had occurred while they slept. Some living close to the fires had not even been woken by the sound of sirens or yelling from fire fighters. One very sleepy person at about 6 a.m. was reported saying in a drowsy voice from his bedroom window what on earth is the matter. Has there been a fire?

In the afternoon of 18 December 1930, a tragic sequel to the series of fires occurred. Fireman Charles David LONERGAN was escorting Mr Palfreyman, his secretary Mr MORGAN, Mr LESLIE (assessor of losses), the Hobart manager of Liverpool, London and Globe Insurance Company and Mr WETTENHALL, through the remains of Palfreyman’s shop assessing the damage and the possibility of any salvage work.

Fireman Lonergan was leading the party when he was suddenly struck on the head by falling bricks, quickly covering him to the waist in a few seconds. Moments before the collapse, the other members had stopped to look at some articles saving them from being victims of the same fate as Fireman Lonergan.

Attention was immediately given to Fireman Lonergan with the help of several bystanders who rushed to his assistance. He was quickly uncovered and taken to Hobart Public Hospital where he shortly succumbed to his injuries.

Charles David Lonergan died, aged 43 years leaving a wife (Alice Maud LEWIS) and five children: Charles, Lennie, Vera, Elsie and Maisie (my grandmother). Charles Lonergan had served Hobart Fire Brigade for twenty-one years and had recently been awarded his Long Service Medal.

An impressive funeral was given to Fireman Lonergan on Sunday, 21 December 1930. Hobart was deeply stirred by the tragic sequel to the disastrous fires on 16 December. This was indicated by the large gathering, which attended the funeral. Fireman Lonergan was accorded all the honours that his fellow members of the Hobart Fire Brigade could bestow him.

The casket was draped with the Union Jack and on it rested Fireman Lonergan’s
helmet, tunic, medal, axe and key. Fireman Lonergan was sent on his last call to the sound of the fire alarm, the symbolism deeply moved the gathering near the station. His fellow firemen stood to attention and marched at the head of the cortège.

The cortège moved from the station to the doleful tolling of a draped bell, until a composite band took its place at the head of the procession and played music appropriate to the occasion. A strong post of two Police Sergeants and twenty Constables awaited the cortège at the Corner of Elizabeth and Brisbane Streets and it passed between two lines of men at the salute. Crowds moved to emotion, watched the solemn progress to Cornelian Bay Cemetery where an estimated 2,000 people were present at the graveside.

An inquest was held into the death of Fireman Lonergan. A verdict of manslaughter was brought down as the fire had been deliberately lit.

The coroner delivered a lengthy decision in which he questioned who should bear the responsibility of ensuring a building is safe after fires. The coroner’s report stated:

I think it would be advisable in the interests of the public generally, that there should be a provision in the Fire Brigade Act definitely casting on superintendents the duty of seeing to the safety, temporarily, of walls or other portions of the building left standing after a fire, the necessary work to be carried out at the expense of the owner of the particular building.

After discussion it was resolved that in future, the City Surveyor, or his deputy, in conjunction with the Superintendent of the Fire Brigade would have the authority to declare a building safe or not.

Charles David Lonergan was my great grandfather. He was born on 2 July 1882, the third child born to David Lonergan and Louisa COE of Hobart Tasmania. I have no information on Charles’ parents David and Louisa (née Coe) Lonergan the first time they appear in Tasmania is at their marriage on 21 May 1879.

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EDWARD MONAGHAN
Kevin Green

EDWARD MONAGHAN was born in mid 1816, in the Parish of Donoughmore, near the town of Castlefinn, County Donegal, Ireland. At present very little is known of his early years, but examination of his service record in the Kew Record Office gives a fascinating and detailed account of his years in the British Army prior to his journey to Tasmania as a guard on the Nile, which arrived in Hobart on 3 October 1850.

The British Army was, at that time engaged in protection of British interests in sugar in the West Indies, and also in maintaining the province of Canada. It is not surprising that Edward’s service record includes three years and five months in the West Indies, and two years in North America. He joined (for a bounty of guineas) the 74th Highland Regiment of Foot, as soldier no. 1194. The regiment was one of a number of militia regiments raised at that time, although technically, Britain was not actively at war.

Monaghan’s record of service shows him as a private from 27 July 1835 to 29 June 1841, then as a corporal from 30 June 1841 to 6 June 1842. After an episode of ‘drunk and insubordinate/outrageous behaviour’, his rank was reduced to that of private, and he suffered six months imprisonment, hard labour and solitary confinement. Half this sentence was remitted for good behaviour. Another episode, also at Laprairie, Canada, where he deserted on or about the 13 May 1843 for two months, led to another term of imprisonment, this time three months with hard labour. Half this term was also remitted for good behaviour. He appears in the Regimental Defaulters book on eight occasions for being ‘absent from barracks’, irregular conduct and improper language, disobedience of an order etc., but these relatively minor crimes were punished by confinement to barracks and extra orderly duties.

After these incidents Monaghan seems to have become a model soldier. He received an ‘act of restoration’ in 1849 on the recommendation of his Colonel-in-Chief to Queen Victoria, that enabled him to leave the regiment with an honourable discharge and a good conduct character record in 1849. During the last two years of service he received two good conduct badges.

Despite a clear medical record on recruitment, Monaghan suffered from varicose veins in both legs during his last three years of service. In 1849, he was granted a ‘Chelsea Pension’ of 6d per day, on the grounds of being totally unfit for the active duties of a soldier. Interestingly, the medical report records a constitutional predisposition to this ailment, aggravated by the ordinary marching duties of a soldier. At the time of his discharge from service he was thirty-two years and ten months old, 6ft. 1½” tall, with dark brown hair, grey eyes and a fresh complexion. On 28 February 1865, his pension was increased to 8d per day and on 14 June 1877, he was granted another increment. A note in his record for 2 April 1903 indicates notification of his death by Edward Monaghan junior, his grandson.

To summarise, a handsome fellow and a ‘bit of a lad’.

Note: Edward Monaghan’s son Stephen had two sons, Edward and Christopher, both of whom lived in Alexander Street, Sandy Bay. The author is a grandson of Christopher.
EARLY CHILDHOOD DAYS AT SOMERSET
FROM THE DIARIES OF
SISTER AGNES CLARA MACKENZIE MBE (1899–1972)
Ross Mackenzie

We are very fortunate to have records kept by earlier generations of the family. A single entry in Charles Ross MACKENZIE’s diary of 3 June 1899 states:

Went to Wynyard 2am for Doctor

Agnes Clara had arrived, the third girl in what eventually was a family of seven. They were all born in the family home ‘Fairhill’, Somerset, built by Agnes’ grandfather in 1867. The mother was attended by her mother, Mrs SPERSCHNEIDER and Dr. J. MUIR.

Agnes spent a happy childhood on the farm and beach in front of the house. There was no railway and fairy penguins nested in the banks. Her father built a fishery amongst the rocks and great hauls of garfish and mullet were caught. As a point of interest, the fishery is still there to this day.

Agnes comments that her first memory is of a nurse’s cap and apron, a gift from her grandmother. Perhaps that was a prelude to her life’s work. Education was given by governesses, shared between two or three neighbouring homes. The girls completed their education at the Methodist Ladies College, Launceston and the boys at Scotch College.

Visits to Granny Sperschneider at ‘Willow Creek’, Seabrook Road, were quite an experience. She had memories of a rambling home where the kitchen had a stove in the centre and the corner of the room had a bricked floor section which was bathroom and laundry combined—but no partition from the kitchen. Agnes remembers standing naked on the bricks and having warm water poured over her after first being soaped.

From a well and hand pump at the northern end of the garden there was a water race down to the home where a wooden butt stood near the kitchen door. Red currant bushes lined the path. A pet magpie was the terror of the children’s lives, chasing them and pecking their legs. It was always fun to ride with Aunt Margaret in a carriage with the driver’s seat high up and drawn by ‘Captain’ the old chestnut—part draught horse. But they had to sit quietly and behave when they sat with Granny!

At home, the family had a two-wheeler pagnell cart and a rubber tyred jinker which the three elder girls drove. But Agnes was never keen on horses and had a horror of being left alone holding the reins.

Writing of her father, Agnes speaks of his great love of sailing. He and a cousin owned an old lifeboat with sails and auxiliary engine, named the Wanderer. The family had land on Hunters Island and Flinders Island and they would sail from Somerset to Flinders Island via Hunters Island with provisions and livestock. It could take a whole week, depending on which way the wind was blowing or not blowing and the same could apply on the return journey and it is recorded they have made the trip in twenty-four hours with a tail wind. Ships to the islands were few and far between. Sometimes communication was via a
A message written on a cigarette tissue attached with a rubber band to a homing pigeon’s leg. The pigeon would be released on arrival at Flinders.

Agnes recalls her one trip to the island. She sat on a packing case on deck until the evening meal, then went to the cabin below, which had open space around, through which she viewed the legs of the sheep on the deck above!

Grandfather, Charles John Mackenzie MHA must have been rather intimidating. He would visit ‘Fairhill’ each Christmas, give each child one shilling (ten cents) and a pat on the head making them blink. When at Parliament sittings in Hobart (for which he received and annual income of fifty pounds [100 dollars]), he sent each grandchild a postcard with a view of Hobart hoping each child was good!

Agnes notes her first memories of Somerset. The Post Office was a grey house where the Somerset Hotel now stands. It was run by a Mrs Wells (née Lucy Wragg). The Temperance Hotel, now a private residence, was next to the entrance to St Barbabas’ Church and the earliest Police Station was down near the bank of the Cam River (also a private residence today). The Town shopping centre was known as the ‘Cam Straight’ and it had native bushland on both sides of the roadway.

These are just a few extracts from childhood diaries. Thank you Aunt Agnes.

Ross Mackenzie is the nephew of Agnes

NEW RELEASE

CEMETERIES OF SOUTHERN TASMANIA
VOL VI

Hobart’s early churchyards and other monuments
Part 1
Congregational Cemeteries

Included in this publication are records for the three early Congregational cemeteries in greater Hobart. The burial ground in Upper Davey Street, South Hobart was closed in 1927 and houses have since been built over the site. The Congregational cemetery situated in Main Road, New Town, has very few headstones now standing. The third cemetery is located behind the Hestercombe Congregational Chapel (later Uniting Church) at Ten-Mile Hill, between Austins Ferry and Granton. Brief histories of each cemetery are given as well as indexes which include names and dates from all available Congregational burial records, TAMIOT dates, and death dates found in the Tasmanian Pioneers Index 1803–1899. Full transcriptions of headstones, as taken from our branch TAMIOT cards, are also included. In many instances valuable identifying family information can be found in the ‘Other Information’ column. All names recorded for the three cemeteries have been combined into one index at the back of the book.

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WHERE HAVE YOU BEEN ALL THESE DAYS BILLY BOY?

Jennifer Hinch (Member No. 5237)

For years I heard about my uncle, Norman Roy HARDING, nick named ‘Billy Boy’. I remember mum saying why he had this nick-name, but have since forgotten the reason. I have only the vaguest memory of him being around when I was a child, but knowing memories can be unreliable, I’m not sure if what I remember about him is true. If you asked any of the oldies around Smithton, they would remember Billy Boy.

Uncle Norm was an older brother of my dad. He was born in 1899 to William Henry Harding and Adeline, née WINWOOD, daughter and granddaughter of convicts and seventh of eleven children. But somewhere along the line things went wrong for Uncle Norm and he took to the drink and went downhill from then on.

‘He would steal the eye out of a needle’. ‘He’d pinch something from your back yard and try to sell it to you at your front door’. ‘He’d steal a chook from the pub, pluck it, and sell it back to them.’ This is what I have heard about him all my life. As a consequence he spent sentences of varying times in prison and became the black sheep of our family. Not commendable memories, but that is what always came to light when his name was mentioned.

Before dad died, an older sister and dad had been looking for Uncle Norm. They didn’t know where he was at the time, so they had gone, or were shunted, from one government department to another, coming away still not knowing his whereabouts, or even if he was alive or dead. I have wondered if my father was feeling regret for the way the family had treated Uncle Norm.

When we started our Harding family tree about three years ago and his name came up, there was nothing much to put beside it. One cousin did provide the information that he had died in the Royal Derwent Hospital at New Norfolk. A sister started making inquiries and received an invitation to view his file, but for some reason she was reluctant to follow this further and rather than push her to do so, we left it.

When the book was finished I decided time was available and I would try and find out more about the life of Uncle Norm. As I was more interested in his prison record, I chose to start there. I especially wanted to know what he looked like and thought his prison record would surely have a photograph of him.

I contacted the Department of Corrections in Hobart first and received a reply from the Justice Department stating that, ‘No prison record had been found for him’. They did, however, confirm that he had died in 1972 at the Royal Derwent. He also seemed to have acquired another christian name along the way, and was now called Norman Roy Joseph Harding.

One of our branch members suggested I contact a Darcy ERWIN from the Police Academy at Rokeby, as she thought he might be of assistance. I received a reply from him, pointing me in the direction of the Freedom of Information Unit. He suggested I first contact Inspector RICHMAN from the Devonport Station, as he would be able to tell me how to go about this. His suggestion was to contact an Inspector Sergeant at the Freedom of Information Unit. So I sent a letter off and within a day he phoned me to say,
‘Sorry love, but nothing was found’. By
this time I was becoming very frustrated.
My uncle had definitely been in gaol, so
why were there no records of this?
I then decided to backtrack and go to the
Royal Derwent Hospital and see what I
could find out from his files there. It was
a timely call on my part, as they were just
in the process of sending all the old
records to the Archives. I was given
permission to read the records and take
notes, but no photocopying was to be
done. I couldn’t understand the differ-
ence, but went along with this anyway.
My husband and I spent a couple of hours
in the office at Millbrook Rise, where the
records were housed, studying the sad
final years of Uncle Norm’s life. The
office assistant was very helpful.
Apart from reading about his few years at
the hospital, one thing we did confirm
from these records was that he did, in fact,
come to them from Hayes Prison Farm.
With this information I sent a letter off to
the Commissioner of Police. (When all
else fails, go straight to the top). I asked,
‘What happened to old records? Were
they destroyed and if so why, as they
would be invaluable to researchers’.
When I had just about given up hope of
hearing back from them, I received a
reply saying, ‘Staff have checked all
records, including archived records and
records with similar spellings, but to no
avail. Records are not destroyed but
forwarded to the State Archives and as
mentioned, these records have been
checked.’ They were at a loss to explain
why no records existed for my uncle.
Their suggestion was to check the local
Court records.
So I phoned Circular Head Council and
was told to try the Burnie Courts, which I
did. They said all records that old, would
be at the Archives, so I called them. Ian
informed me that, ‘Yes, we do have the
court records you are after’; when I went
on to explain to him what I had already
been through in my search for the prison
records, he informed me that they had
some prison records there. I gave him the
dates and he said he would look for them.
He later called me back to say, ‘Yes, the
years you are looking for, are here in the
Archives.’ He even quoted reference
numbers for me. What a nice man.
Success at last, such relief.
I am still puzzled as to why the Commiss-
ioner’s office and the Justice Department
couldn’t find them. According to them,
all old records were sent to the Archives,
where they said they had checked. I, by
sheer fluke and the help of Ian, had found
them myself, so was I being given the run
around, or was it just Government Depart-
mental ineptitude? In hindsight I went
about it all back to front, so I know where
I will check first next time and hopefully,
save myself a lot of time and trouble.
I have since been to the Archives and
read more about the sad life of Uncle
Norm. Even though he was an alcoholic,
and as a result became institutionalised,
there were several letters in the records
from people who knew him, saying some
very nice things about him. Others I have
spoken to say he was an extremely nice
man, it was just the drink that was his
trouble. So Uncle Norm, in spite of his
drinking and stealing, had some redeem-
ning qualities. There were also photos of
him, so now I could put a face to this
uncle whom I had been pursuing. We
have also found his unmarked grave at
Malbina, and have erected a small cross
with his name on it. He may have been
mostly forgotten during his life and been
lost in the system afterwards, but we’ve
now put him back in the family where he
becomes, no longer our black sheep, but a
character a bit out of the norm, rather like
his convict ancestors.

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EARLY HISTORY
The Traveller’s Rest Hotel at Goulds Country was originally built in 1877 or the 1870s or in the 1890s. It was destroyed by fire in 1907. It was then rebuilt. Some of the early incumbents were John TROWBRIDGE (1900), Peter YOST, Billy BROWN, Clement MacMICHAEL (1905), Billy BURNS, David DOWDY, Billy Brown again, Peter HODGE (1939), Harry PRESS, Bert MALLINSON, Alf HODGE, Mrs Bob SINGLINE, Arthur BAILEY and Bill GRIGG (1951–1971).

The Traveller’s Rest was a favourite meeting place for miners and farmers. The Portland Council used to meet next door and lunch was always had at the Hotel. Proceedings were always more lively after lunch.

While the early history of this Hotel and the incumbents would fill many pages it has sadly not been recorded with any accuracy. This is an attempt to record the history of the last incumbent of the Traveller’s Rest Hotel over the period 1951 to 1971.

William Bowie (Bill) Grigg
William Bowie (Bill) Grigg was born 13 November 1895 at Stump Street, Maldon, Victoria, the eldest son of Robert Albert and Elizabeth Rebecca Grigg (née BOWIE). Other children were Shane, Yvonne and Christopher.

During World War I Bill served, from 1914 to 1918, as a Stoker in the Royal Australian Navy. After the war, he continued working, as a stoker, on coastal shipping around Australia.

On 10 April 1920, Bill married Margaret Mary COUGHLIN at St Mary’s Church, North Melbourne, Victoria. They had two children, the youngest (female) born c.1923 died as an infant (unnamed), and Noel, born 1935.

Bill continued working as a stoker on coastal shipping, except for a brief period with the Rosella Jam Factory, until he started working for the Victorian Railways as a stoker at the Newport Powerhouse. The family lived at Footscray, Victoria.

During Christmas 1950, Margaret took Noel on a holiday to visit a friend in Devonport, Tasmania. The friend’s husband (Len TREWEEK) was a Real Estate agent who had on his books the Traveller’s Rest Hotel at Goulds Country, on the east coast. The hotel was at the time owned by Arthur Bailey from Goshen. Len Treweek decided to have a look at this hotel and took Margaret and Noel with him. Margaret liked the old pub and the surrounding countryside.

At this stage back in Victoria the State Electricity Board of Victoria was in the process of taking over the Newport Powerhouse and Bill was in negotiation for continuing work with the SEC or perhaps taking redundancy.

When Margaret arrived home, she was most enthusiastic in suggesting that perhaps being a publican at Goulds Country would be a good idea. Bill flew to Tasmania to have a look at the hotel.
He sent a telegram back to Margaret saying everything was fixed, sell up and prepare to move. He returned to Melbourne, sold everything and the family moved into the hotel in 1951, having paid £2,000 for the hotel.

The hotel guest book (retained by son Noel) for the hotel over the next decade plus, shows how popular the Traveller’s Rest and its publican and his wife were, not only with the locals, but with the many visitors from other parts of Tasmania and other states and overseas.

The 1962 floods that blocked the road over the Goshen flats probably provided the biggest one night guest list the hotel ever had. Sixty-three passengers from a tourist bus spent the night and were fed and entertained by Bill and Margaret.

Other names in the guest book included members of the local families who had to be signed in as guests to meet legal requirements of ‘travellers’ thus allowing them to continue drinking after the ten o’clock closure.

The dances at the Goulds Country Hall alongside the hotel are remembered still. The liquor consumed during the ‘late licence’ period on dance night went a long way to financing the hotel during the slack periods.

Sadly the hotel that showed so much promise in 1950 had, by 1964, lost the attraction to the faster cars of the passing traffic and the declining local population. Bill, now 69, decided to finally claim his war pension and closed the licence down. He and Margaret continued to live in the hotel, now a private residence.

Margaret passed away in 1969 (74) following a heart attack at the hotel. Bill continued living at the hotel until late 1971 when he went to live in Melbourne with Noel and his wife Dorothy.

Bill suffered a gall stone attack in 1972 and following the operation he developed hiccups so badly that another operation was required. Three days later Bill (77) died of a heart attack.

Bill and Margaret are buried in the Union Church cemetery at Goulds Country. Margaret had especially requested this, often stating that if she were buried in St Helens her coffin would float.

Bill and Margaret Grigg had the Traveller’s Rest Hotel at Goulds Country for a short period of time in its history. During that time they were known throughout Tasmania for their generosity and friendliness to all the people who visited the hotel.

I was fortunate to meet Noel and Dorothy Grigg at a caravan park in Cairns, Queensland in 2001. Noel took the time, after some persuasion, to provide this brief insight into two people who, with their openness and friendliness, were the centre of the small community of Goulds Country during the period 1951 to 1971. Long may their memory remain.

1971 Onwards

After 1964 the Traveller’s Rest Hotel was used only as a private residence. Noel and Dorothy held on to the hotel for some time visiting from Melbourne as often as they could. Eventually, to keep the hotel in some state of repair, they rented the hotel as a residence to some young people who were less than appropriate and then the hotel stood empty for some time.

Noel and Dorothy finally sold the hotel and its surrounding acreage in 1971 for the sum of $11,500. During the following years it was on-sold as a private residence for, it is believed $20,000 and
again for approximately $75,000 and again for $90,000 the acreage being of more value than the run down hotel.

In 1990 the hotel burned down bringing to an end the story of this one time thriving hotel. The block the hotel stood on now has a private home on it. ●

Sources
1 St. Helens to the Blue Tier in 1877 – as told by a visitor and recorded in a newspaper of the time.
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Lost, Stolen or Strayed …

Over the past year there has been considerable interest in the media about the avenue of trees known as Soldiers Walk on the Domain in Hobart. A group called Friends of Soldiers Walk Inc. has been formed with Adrian Howard as President. Adrian writes—‘Friends of Soldiers Walk has been primarily set up to restore and preserve Soldiers Walk on the Domain. This will involve replacing missing and sick trees, new plaques with more detail, better interpretation and signage and a long term management plan. At the moment we are researching the soldiers and the history of the Walk. We are also being contacted by many people who have relatives on the Walk or want to know if they have a relative’s tree. In the longer term we want to develop a museum and interpretation research centre about the Walk including as much detail as can be found out about individual soldiers.’

Although the TFHS Inc. Hobart Branch does hold a list of names it is thought to be incomplete, so in collaboration with Adrian we will be publishing a more accurate list in a future edition of Tasmanian Ancestry.

The Friends of Soldiers Walk Inc. welcome new members and information. Contact Adrian Howard at 11 Franklin Street, West Hobart TAS 7000 or phone (03) 6234 4396 or mobile 0418 583 293 or email howarda@bigpond.net.au

Peter Peniket would like to contact descendants of Adam Pennicott circa 1830, Oatlands Tasmania. Please contact him at 44 Eggington Road, Wollaston, Stourbridge, West Midlands DY8 4QJ England or email him at pandd@ppeniket.freeserve.co.uk

New member Sylvia Walton writes—I am descended from First Fleeters Susannah Gough and Jacob Bellette and Second Fleeter Ann Harpur. My great grandmother, Agnes Elizabeth Garth (1857–1936) married in England and never returned to Tasmania. I have just returned from a holiday on Norfolk Island and in Tasmania where I spent some time researching but so far two names have eluded me and I am hoping one of your members may be able to help.

Saidie Garth—I have her recipe book dated 1913, when she gives her home address as Lower Sandy Bay. She also gives another address. ‘Upper Norwood, Surrey, England’. Saidie is not one of my great grandmother’s descendants, although she must have been known to her and she obviously lived in England at some time. I have been unable to find her baptism, or any other details about her, either on the GRO indexes here or on the Tasmanian records I consulted when in Hobart.

Aunt Jane Webb—I have a leaflet advertising the Tasmanian Lottery 1895, when Hadley’s Hotel was given as the First Prize and on it is written: ‘This is the hotel where mother was living with Aunt Jane Webb when Mrs Yom Rome persuaded her to come to England’. My great grandmother came to England for a year c.1878 with members of the Rome family, as nursemaid to their infant son, Claude Rome. I know that John Webb built Hadley’s Hotel and that two of his wives were Garths. I have a photocopy of his will dated 1881, where he mentions children and grandchildren, although no female is mentioned by name. I discovered a baptism for his daughter, Esther Jane Webb, baptised 1857, who married Louis Younger Prior.
in Hobart in 1878. Could she be my ‘Aunt Jane Webb’? I would be pleased to learn of any other Jane Webb connected with this family of around that date, also any information on the Rome family.

Contact Sylvia at Ivy House, Wheelock Street, Middlewich, Cheshire CW10 9AB England or email mikea.walton@virgin.net

Emeritus Professor and author, Noeline Kyle writes—I am about to embark on a historical project collecting and recording the life and work of midwives and/or nurses who established private maternity/general hospitals in the period late 1890s through to 1940s on the mid north coast of NSW.

The area I am interested in researching stretches from Kempsey in the south to the Brunswick Valley/Lismore/Kyogle region in the north. I am writing in the hope that you can publicise this research and also that any members of your society who have research/know of midwives from these towns/district are willing to share their research with me.

Noeline’s address is 8 Avocado Court, Mullumbimby NSW 2482 or email her at nkyle@scu.edu.au

News from the Federation of Family History Societies. Latest statement from the PRO, 8 July 2002: Update on 1901 Census Online service.

‘The Public Record Office apologises for the length of time the testing has been taking. QinetiQ Ltd, who are responsible for the technical aspects of the service, are testing the system and the Public Record Office is also carrying out its own independent test programme. The final testing is underway and we anticipate it will be completed by the end of July. If the results of the testing programme are positive it will be possible to know whether the service is sufficiently robust for it to go live.

However, the nature of testing is such that it throws up issues that need to be addressed, and on occasion requires tests to be re-done. This has meant that we cannot give a firm date for the return of the 1901 Online Service. We are aware that this has caused much frustration to our customers, frustration which we share, and for which we apologise.’

[I hope by the time this journal is posted the situation will have improved—Assistant Ed.]

Kev (Ric) Richardson emailed to say his work, Gurrewa is short-listed in international eBook awards. Gurrewa tells in brutal truths the startling history of convicts facing the shame of a new nation’s founding and of aborigines facing the terrible realisation that their heritage is crumbling.

Visit him at www.chiangmaimall.com/-richardson Visit www.puff-adder.com to read the Gurrewa synopsis.

Member Shirley Stevenson of Bairnsdale in Victoria sent the following email to the editor.

‘Congratulations to the Journal Committee and Editor for not editing ‘Bishop Family’ Tasmanian Ancestry, June 2002. Thank you to Trevor Bishop for sharing this narrative which highlights the resilience, grit, determination and pride of a man and his life.’

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http://home.vicnet.net.au/~dcjqinc/
‘$30 Certificates! Researching in New Zealand – what are our alternative sources?’ By Noeline Verheyan in *The New Zealand Genealogist* the journal of the New Zealand Society of Genealogists Vol.32, No.272, November-December 2001, pp.392–395. With the recent price increase to $30 for New Zealand BDM certificates this article suggests other resources which may help locate details of these events e.g. Members Interests, and the Certificate and Pedigree Collections held by NZSG. Other possible sources are newspapers, church records and probate records.

‘Family History on the Internet, A New Way to Make Old Mistakes’ by John Marsden in the *Manchester Genealogist* the journal of the Manchester and Lancashire Family History Society Vol.37, No.4, 2001, pp.319–321. Although the internet is a valuable tool for family historians, this article warns of possible pitfalls and emphasises that, where possible, all information should be checked against the original source. Reminders are given to not accept anything at face value, to remember there are no primary sources on the internet, and never to make assumptions. The author suggests that with a new generation of people researching family history, people need to be educated to use the internet as a tool ‘to get to the truth’.

The *Pivot Tree* No.71, October 2001, the journal of the Geelong Family History Group has many articles and snippets on shipping. These include passengers, crewmen and captains arriving in Geelong during the 1800s; plaques and memorials of ships and passengers; headstones; and notices of drownings. On pages 12–13 is an article on the ‘Cape Otway Lighthouse’ and the lighthouse keepers. ‘Deserters and Discharged Seamen’ on pages 14–15, lists seamen with registration numbers, date, and name of ship deserted from.

‘Beyond Death Records’ by David W. Weatherill in *The Valley Genealogist* Vol.14, No.3, October 2001 from the Bega Valley Genealogical Society pp.6–8. The author describes many sources to help find information on an ancestor’s death. These are set out under various headings eg ‘Published Records’ which lists several books on cemeteries while ‘Specific Cemetery Records’ emphasises the importance of transcriptions of headstones, and burial records. Other sources covered are; ‘Microform’; ‘Databases’; ‘CD-Roms’; the ‘Internet’ which suggests Mailing Lists and various websites and ‘Other Resources’ includes newspapers and Funeral Directors.

‘12 July 1823 - 12 July 1998 175 Years of Hobart Residency’ by David M Elliot in *The Australian Link* October 2001, in the Elliot Clan Society newsletter, pp.3–4. This article covers the Elliot family from the first members John Elliot and his wife, who arrived in Hobart Town in 1823, through to the author’s family in 1998. John built the White Hart Inn on the Elizabeth and Patrick Streets corner circa 1827. His first home was in Warwick Street. In 1844 he built a two-storied shop and dwelling where he established a Produce Merchant’s business which was
continued by his son. Details of later family members are recorded as well as some other unrelated Elliott families in Tasmania, plus name places such Elliot Range, Elliott Bay and Elliott Hill.

‘Early Burials at Frankston Cemetery’
by Marge Knight in *Peninsula Past Times*, Mornington Peninsula Family History Society No.84, November 2001, pp.4–7. The earliest headstone in this cemetery is dated 1875. However, 104 burials at Frankston up to 1888, as recorded on Death Certificates, have been found. A list of fifty-three of these are featured in this article including the author’s research and comments on each person, often including the parents’ names and siblings.

‘A Seaman from Yorkshire and a Victim of Governor Arthur’s Gallows’
compiled by June Hopkins in *Time Line* the Genealogical Society of Gladstone District Vol.7, No.8, November 2001, pp.23–24. John Davis, a 31-year-old seaman from Yorkshire, who was tried in Middlesex and sentenced to transportation to VDL, arrived in 1817. He married Mary Browne, a convict, in 1822 and had four children. By 1826 he was arrested with several others for sheep stealing, condemned to death, and executed. Mary died in childbirth a few days later. Her daughter Ann Davis, born in 1824, was adopted by a wealthy landowner who left her a fortune. Ann was not advised of this until years later when she was too poor to proceed with litigation. She married twice and in 1855 became a grandmother at the age of 31.

‘District of Adelaide Births’
by Maureen Leadbeater in *The South Australian Genealogist* the journal of the South Australian Genealogy and Heraldry Society Vol.28, No.4, November 2001, pp.19–23. A list of ‘Late Registrations’ giving name, date of birth and date registered were extracted from the Adelaide District records. Many births pre 1900 were not registered until many years later. The earliest noted were two males [brothers?] born 1857 and 1859 respectively but not registered until 1908.

‘Families and the Children’s Hospital 1852–1901’
by Andrea Tanner in the *East Surrey Family History journal* Vol.24, No.4, December 2001, pp.16–21. The Hospital for Sick Children was founded by Charles West in 1852 in Great Ormond Street, with patients admitted from London and Surrey. Examples of several of the children’s medical records are included in this article, plus the history of the oldest children’s hospital in Britain. The admission records of the children are being computerised.

‘Inscriptions at St Olave’s, Southwark’,
in the journal of the East Surrey Family History Society, Vol.23, No.4, December 2000, pp.36–39. An extract taken from ‘Notes & Queries’, July 19, 1924, found at the Southwark Local Studies Library, of inscriptions from gravestones in St Olave’s churchyard in Southwark, recorded by G. W. Wright in 1924. A total of thirty-three headstones with full inscription. Many large vaults are included with lots of names and dates. The earliest noted are from late 1700s and they continue until late 1890s.
BOOK REVIEWS

Stock Thieves and Golfers, A history of Kangaroo Bay and Rosny Farm Tasmania 1803–1998, by Peter MacFie. This book is A4 format, 72 pages with a soft cover and published by the Clarence Council, Bligh Street, Rosny Park Tasmania 7018 Australia, 2002. Peter MacFie is a well-known local historian and raconteur with a passion for collecting oral history and saving our past. He is a sixth generation Tasmanian and was the first President of the Professional Historians Association of Tasmania.

The introduction to this book begins … ‘Each generation believes its history is unique, and adopts a ‘mask’ to present itself to the later world. Sometimes subsequent generations impose a further mask out of embarrassment. The historian’s role is to remove the succeeding ‘masks’, trying to unravel the real world in which our ancestors lived. Tasmanian history is shrouded in layers of masks—convictism, ‘brave settlers on the frontier’ and other postures.’

Peter uncovers the story of Rosny Farm and its historic barn, sandstone cottage and ruins of a blacksmith’s shop, stables and outbuildings and documents the lives of its various owners and occupiers. The importance of the River Derwent is also covered, first with the Moomairemener people and then the early settlers. It tells of business men, stock thieves, inns, ship builders, ferries, and the growth of the port.

Richard Morgan, First Fleeter, was granted land at Kangaroo Bay in 1807 in compensation for land at Norfolk Island. The property remained in the Morgan family until 1831, when it was purchased by Judge Montagu. In 1850, the farm was bought by Askin Morrison and Captain Addison. Early last century it was farmed by Alf McDermott and William Hynes until it purchased for use as the Royal Hobart Golf Club in 1916. The many photographs and illustrations help document the history of the farm up to the present day. It contains a comprehensive index and is a valuable reference book for the area.

Rosemary Davidson

Barefoot and Pregnant, Irish Famine Orphans in Australia volume 2 by Trevor McClaughlin, The Genealogical Society of Victoria Inc. The book is A4 soft cover of 460 pages and is available from The Genealogical Society of Victoria Inc., Level 6, 179 Queen Street, Melbourne for $49 + $9 postage (TAS). This book contains a study of 4000 or so young women who were brought to Australia from Irish workhouses between 1848 and 1851 under the Earl Grey Scheme.

The first part consists of various extracts from personal journals, newspapers, workhouse registers, legislation, letters, government reports and minutes of meetings. In addition to specific information, these extracts provide an insight into the social history of the time which would be of interest to the general reader. There are several examples of how some of these unfortunate women survived hardships, raised families and became respected and productive members of their communities.

The arrival of these Irish girls is documented according to the ships which transported them and the places of their disembarkation. There were eleven ships to Sydney, six to Port Phillip, three to
Adelaide and two to Hobart. Each ship is listed separately. The immigrants are listed in alphabetical order with details of name, age, native place, religion and, in some cases, extra useful information. The Hobart arrivals include name, age, workhouse and employment details.

Numerous photographs are included as well as a list of suggested books for further reading. A comprehensive index completes the book which could be a valuable reference for family historians with Irish connections and for anyone interested in the effects of the Great Irish Famine.


This booklet outlines the service career of Hector Charles Long during World War I. Sergeant Long’s story is interwoven with the story of C Company, 10th Brigade of the 40th Battalion AIF. Sergeant Long trained at Claremont (Tasmania) and served at various places on the Somme from 1916 to 1918. He was awarded the DCM two days before he was killed in action. His grave is in the Heilly Military Cemetery at Mericourt-L’Abbe.

The booklet is soft cover A5 format of 28 pages. It contains numerous photographs relevant to the 40th Battalion taken in Tasmania, France and England. There is an index and also a list of sources on the subject of Australia’s, and specifically Tasmania’s, involvement in the fighting on the western front during World War I. Enquiries should be directed to the author, Roger McNeice, 8 Orana Place, Taroona, Tasmania 7053, or email: rogermcneice@our.net.au

Jeannine Connors

REUNION

A TILYARD FAMILY REUNION

will be held at Glenorchy, Tasmania over the Easter weekend

18–20 April 2003

for descendants of THOMAS TILYARD who arrived on the convict ship Sir Godfrey Webster in 1823

Anyone interested in attending who may have information and photos for a book to be published and a CD-Rom please contact:

Karen Foster
(03) 6273 4422

Ken Tilyard
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or email Rod Tilyard rtilyard@bigpond.net.au
COMING EVENTS

TASMANIA

Unless otherwise notified, all Tasmanian Historical Research Association (THRA) meetings take place on the second Tuesday of the month at 8:00 p.m in the Royal Society Room, Custom House, Davey Street, Hobart, (enter from the car park).

10 September 2002—THRA
A Political Memoir, Hon. Sir Max Bingham.

3 October 2002
TFHS Inc. Hobart Branch Day Meeting at the Branch Library, Bellerive, 2 p.m. The guest speaker will be Brian Rieusset with the topic, Hangings in Hobart. Please contact the Branch Secretary, Mrs O’Neill for further information. ☎️ (03) 6243 6200 or 0419 319 774 or email secretary@hobart.tasfhs.org

8 October 2002—THRA
Morton Alport and Lake St Clair, Mrs Gillian Winter.

20 October 2002
Living and Working in Hobart, Historical Perspectives—Conference organised by the Professional Historians Association Tasmania in conjunction with Hobart City Council at Centre for the Arts. Contact Dianne Snowden, 8 Henry Street, Richmond, TAS 7025 ☎️ 6260 2515 or Kathy Evans, PO Box 306, Moonah, TAS 7009 ☎️ (03) 6239 0333.

10 November 2002
The Biennial Conference of the George Town & Districts Historical Society at George Town. There will be an emphasis on various aspects of ‘Shipwrecks’ in Northern Tasmania/Bass Strait.

12 November 2002—THRA
Ideas Which Shaped Hobart, 1914–2000, Dr Alison Alexander.

23 and 24 November 2002
Burgess Reunion at Parkham, Tasmania. 160th Anniversary of the arrival of George Burgess and Ann Haines. Any enquiries to Annette Banks, 104 Branscombe Road, Claremont TAS 7011 ☎️ (03) 6275 0388 or email Annette.Banks@utas.edu.au See Reunions notice Vol.22 No.1 June 2001.

5 December 2002
Day Meeting—TFHS Inc. Hobart Branch. To be held at Glenorchy. Please contact the Branch Secretary, Mrs O’Neill for further information. ☎️ (03) 6243 6200 or 0419 319 774 or email secretary@hobart.tasfhs.org

10 December 2002—THRA
Members’ Night—Charles Whitham – Some Anecdotes, Mr Lindsay Whitham; Some Tasmanian Events and Their Ephemera, Mr Graham Vertigan and Aspects of Export Fruit Shipping from Southern Tasmania in the Post War Period, Mr David Hodgson.

18–20 April 2003
A Tilyard Family Reunion will be held at Glenorchy, Tasmania, over the Easter weekend 18–20 April 2003, for descendants of Thomas Tilyard who arrived on the convict ship Sir Godfrey Webster in 1823. Anyone interested in attending who may have information and photos for a book to be published (a CD-
Rom will also be available), please contact: Karen Foster (03) 6273 4422 or Ken Tilyard (03) 6244 4367 or email Rod Tilyard rtilyard@bigpond.net.au

21 February 2004
Descendants Day St Davids Park, Hobart, Tasmania. Organised by the Hobart Town (1804) First Settlers Association. Contact Mrs Freda Gray (03) 6248 5352 or Mrs Margaret Andersen, (03) 6263 5609.

7 March 2004
Beams Family Gathering, Sunday, 7 March 2004 at the Village Green, Westbury, Tasmania. Contact Marjorie Porter, Acacia Park, RMB 1425 Boards Road, Strathmerton, VIC 3641 or (03) 5873 2370.

INTERSTATE AND OVERSEAS

April 2003
10th Australasian Congress on Genealogy and Heraldry, Discovery 2003, to be held in Melbourne April 2003. To register interest, write to Discovery 2003, Conference Consultants Australia, Level 1, 123–125 York Street, South Melbourne VIC 3205 or (03) 9698 7403

IMPORTANT NOTICE

TFHS Inc.
HOBART BRANCH
Has decided to trial
DAY MEETINGS
for those members
who cannot attend night meetings

The first will be held
Thursday
3 October 2002
at 2.00 p.m.
in the Branch Library

The speaker will be
BRIAN RIEUSSET
with
Hangings in Hobart

If successful
the second is planned for

5 December 2002
at
Glenorchy

with the subsequent
meeting to be held at

Kingston

Please contact
the Branch Secretary
for further information
or comment

Mrs Cynthia O’Neill
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**BURNIE**

**Accessions—Books**

Chain Letters, *Lucy Frost and Hamish Maxwell-Stewart*
Cooking & Looking at West Pine, Camena & Cuprona, compiled by “The West Pine Community Group” 2002

* Deaths in the Mersey, Port Frederick & Sheffield Districts to the year 1899, compiled by 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, compiled by 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, compiled by Ulverstone Local History Museum

 Stories in Stone Interesting Memorial Inscriptions from South-West Lancashire, D. L. Bray
Ulverstone Sesqui-Centenary Celebrations Souvenir 1852–2002, Ulverstone History Museum

**Accessions—CD-Roms**

British Isle Vital Records, compiled by the LDS
Marine Birth, Deaths and Marriages Victoria 1853–1920

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DEVONPORT

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Barefoot and Pregnant? Volume 2, Trevor McClaughlin
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Charles Davis – 150 years; Alison Alexander
Court in the Colony: Hobart Town May 1824; The Law Society of Tasmania
Early Coastal Newspapers – Births Deaths & Marriages; comp TFHS Inc Burnie Branch
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The North West Post (1887–1916): An Index for Family Historians vol 5 1908; comp TFHS Inc. Devonport Branch
* Photoprints—Early Hobart (1905–1906); Tasmanian Media Centre
* The Reluctant Traveller (Edward Kimberley and Descendants in Australia); Betty Brown
* Research Inquiries 1st April 2000—31 March 2002, TFHS Inc.
* A Tribute to Keith Fuller and his Ancestors and Descendants; Heather Kelly
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Web Sites for Genealogists—2002; ed Cora Num
West Gippsland: Pioneers & Settlers pre 1900 compiled by West Gippsland Gen. Soc. Inc.

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1881 British Census – Scotland Region; LDS, Sydney (replacements)
City of London Lying-in-Hospital: Index to Baptisms 1813–1840
Dorset Records (Bishops Transcripts) No 2; Terry Brain
English Parish Records: Hampshire, Kent, Surrey, Sussex; Ancestry.com
English Parish Records: London; Ancestry.com
The Fife Death Index; Fife FHS
Marine Births, Deaths and Marriages, Victoria, 1853–1920; VicHeritage
Pallot’s Baptisms Index 1780–1837; Ancestry.com
Pallot’s Marriage Index 1780–1837; Ancestry.com
* The Tasmanian Pioneers Index 1803–1899; Archives Office of Tasmania

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Bendigo Advertiser: Index to Funerals, Inquests, Obituaries & many more 1854–1888;
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* Cheshire - Stockport High St Unitarian Burials 1799–1811; Nth Cheshire FHS
Colonial Secretary’s Correspondence - Index to convicts (& others) 1826–1853;
comp Joan Reese
* Directory of Caithness-shire 1837; Nick Vine Hall & Gwen Kingsley
Emigrants from Hamburg to Australia, 1860–1869; Queensland FHS
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Royal Navy Marriage Certificates 1806–1866; Stuart Tamblin
St Dunstans, Stepney (MDX) Burials 1813–1837; comp. Robert J Cottrell
Suffolk 1851 Census Index vols 5–10, 12–19; Suffolk FHS
West Terrace (SA) Burial Registers 1901–1920; 1921–1940, SA Genealogy & Heraldry Society Ltd
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* Early Coastal Newspapers 1877–1912, TFHS Inc. Burnie Branch
* The Family Tree Detective, Colin D. Rogers
* From Tallebudgera To The Tweed, Robert Longhurst
* Genealogical Research Directory Mid 1984, Johnson & Sainty
* Historical Images of Central Coast, (Penguin District 1919) edited by Craig R. Broadfield
* Historical Manuscript of the Tweed, H. W. Denning
* A History of Australia Part 1, C. M. H. Clark
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* Presentation of Queen’s and Regimental Colours, Brighton Military Camp
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* Stories of Campbell Town, Susan Butler
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* The Third Year of War in Pictures, Sun News-Pictorial
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Saturday 1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.
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Meeting Branch Library, 62 Bass Highway, Cooee 7:30 p.m. on
3rd Tuesday of each month, except January and December.
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### DEVONPORT
Phone: (03) 6424 4005 (Branch Secretary)
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QUERIES

DODD/BARNES
Between 1849 and 1866 James DODD and Mary Anne BARNES had nine children in Hobart. I have information about their children but cannot find how or when they came to Hobart or what they did after 1866. Can you help? Along the way I have collected information about several Tasmanian people called James Dodd which I can share but cannot find ‘my James Dodd’.
Rosemary Luyendyk, 26 Netherby Rise, Sunrise Beach, Queensland 4567. luyenyk@bigpond.com

GARLAND CHRISTINA (WILLIAMS/WYLLIE)
Christina WYLLIE, born 5 November 1876, Tasmania—(a daughter of James Wyllie/Euphemia SMITH, who arrived in Tasmania 1862 from Scotland). Christina married Henry James WILLIAMS in 1897—(family: Henry; Andrew; and Lindsay Williams). She also later married John GARLAND—(family; unknown). Christina died 28 February 1961 at Launceston, Tasmania. Any information, or contact with descendants appreciated.
Lois Wolfe (née Wyllie), 4 Whitford Street, Upper Burnie TAS 7320 (03) 6431 4013 email Kelo@tassie.net.au

HARRISON
Elizabeth HARRISON, daughter of Thomas Harrison shepherd, and Margaret Harrison nee VERNON (arrived per Cadet 2 January 1848) houseservant, was born at Campbell Town 30 May 1854. Elizabeth’s occupation was housekeeper, and was mother of John Herbert Harrison or McKINNON, an only child born 23 August 1875 Launceston, father John McKinnon, no marriage entry found. Early 1900s Elizabeth believed to have gone to South Africa with a man she kept house for, married him and died there. Other research shows an Elizabeth Harrison a housekeeper 42 years old marrying in 1895 a Jonathan SHORE widower 47, a grocer at 26 Thistle Street Launceston died 1909. Is this the same Elizabeth Harrison? Any information and details of movements of Elizabeth Harrison please.
Jan Allen, 2/18 Hayr Road, Three Kings, Auckland 4, New Zealand.

HARRISON
Thomas HARRISON (free) 38 years, Shepherd married Margaret VERNON (per Cadet arrived 2 January 1848) 26 years Houseservant on 5 November 1849 at St John Church, Ross. Children: Elizabeth born 30 May 1854, Thomas 18 June 1856, John 17 August 1857 (married Annie ROWLAND 1 January 1878 Hobart), James Walter 4 January 1859, all born Campbell Town, Harriett born 14 August 1864 Launceston. Margaret Harrison (Vernon) occupation dealer, died Launceston 12 March 1865. Was Thomas Harrison a free settler or free by servitude? Where did Thomas Harrison come from, ship, year, death, new occupation? Wife a dealer of what?
Jan Allen, 2/18 Hayr Road, Three Kings, Auckland 4, New Zealand.
HEDGE/DUNN
James HEDGE died at ‘Redlands’, Plenty in 1891 and was buried at New Norfolk. My great grandmother and his daughter Catherine Lucy Jane Hedge notified the authorities of his death. I can find no record of his marriage to Mary Ann DUNN nor his arrival in Tasmania. Can you help? (It was not the James Hedge born to Roger Hedge and Ellen MOLONEY in 1848 as I have just found that both he and Roger died in Creswick, Victoria in 1863). Rosemary Luyendyk, 26 Netherby Rise, Sunrise Beach, Queensland 4567 luyenyk@bigpond.com

HOLMAN
Seeking information of my grandfather James Craze HOLMAN when/where/how he arrived in Tasmania. He died long before I was born and he was the only member of his family to settle in Tasmania. James was born at Clunes Victoria, son of Thomas Craze Holman and Emily KNEEBONE (both born Cornwall Eng). James married Frances ARCHER in Burnie Tasmania, 1909 ... it stated he was aged 20, single, living in Zeehan Tasmania. So I think he may have been working at one of the local mines, as his family were miners in Cornwall, England. Please can anyone help. Maureen Deverell, 3/27 Gunn Street, Devonport TAS 7310 (03) 6424 3272 or email maud@our.net.au

LEARY
Seeking information on the descendants of Cornelius LEARY and Susan COOK(E), who were married at Hobart, Tasmania, 2 October 1855. Birth records located for three children: Catherine (1857), Ellen (1860), Michael (1870). Other children may include: Mary Ann (c.1856), Susan (c.1858), Dennis (c.1862), James (c.1864) and Cornelius (c.1866). Cornelius (sen.) died Westbury November 1872, and Susan remarried at Westbury on 5 June 1876 (Timothy DWYER). Family probably relocated to Port Sorell district late 1870s. Any information welcome, contact: Pauline Bygraves, 19 Ferguson Place, Flynn ACT 2615 or email chezbees@bigpond.com

McKINNON
John McKINNON, farmer, father of John Herbert McKinnon or HARRISON born 23 August 1875 Launceston (mother Elizabeth Harrison, housekeeper born 30 May 1854 Campbell Town, no marriage entry found). Believed to have come from an island off the coast of Scotland where the McKinnon Clan came from, occupation horse dealer, killed when he fell from a horse. No other details known. Any information appreciated. Jan Allen, 2/18 Hayr Road, Three Kings, Auckland 4, New Zealand.

MICKLEBOROUGH
This is further to my query in March seeking information on my late father’s half-sister. Due to information from the Public Trust Office Victoria, I thought she might have been Mavis Hilda, the adopted daughter of the late Alfred JONES (formerly of New Norfolk) and his wife Edna. I successfully made contact with Mavis, but according to her original birth certificate she is not the person I am seeking. Therefore my aunt (the natural daughter of my grandfather Alfred MICKLEBOROUGH), born c.1935 and employed c.1953 in Hobart still remains elusive. Leonie Mickleborough, 6 Wentworth Street, South Hobart 7004 04 6223 7948.
PORTHOUSE
Elizabeth Daisy WOOD married Joseph William George LEONARD on 17 February 1883. They had a daughter, Grace Florence, who died on 17 November 1892, two years after Joseph passed away. Elizabeth (Eliza) then married William Henry PORTHOUSE. She died in Hobart in 1927. My father, Lyell Henry Porthouse was born in Hobart on 27 December, between the years of 1895–1905. Could he be the natural son of Eliza and William? I would be grateful for any help.

Please contact Wendy J. Hodgson Rear 6 Lyle Street, Bacchus Marsh, Victoria 3340
Wendyjo@dodo.com.au or wenhod33@yahoo.com.au

ROURKE/McCARTHY
Searching for parents, siblings, arrival in Van Diemen’s Land etc. of Mary McCARTHY, married James ROURKE (c.1790 Ireland ‘Gypsy’—died 1865 Hobart, transported in 1824), at Campbell Town, Tasmania 1847. Their three daughters Sarah born 1849; Mary born 1853 married Joseph EASY 1877, had four children, only two survived to adulthood; Esther born 1855, married John HURST 1870. Any information sought on Hurst and Sarah Rourke families.

Merrilyn Cooper, 5 Eliza Court, Seaford, Victoria 3198.

ROURKE (McCARTHY)/KENT
I am trying to find information on my great great grandmother Mary ROURKE nee McCARTHY. Mary remarried to Patrick KENT in Hobart Town on 1 January 1868, their six children: Alice born 1858 died 1921, married Francis RODGERS; Bridget born 1859 died 1940, married 1 William DUNN married 2 John HILL, John born 1861; William born 1863 married Flo DHU; Catherine born 1865 died 1949, married Edward OLSOE in 1882; and Ellen born 1867 died 1910, married Thomas Hill 1892. I would like to hear from family members or see photos especially of older generations.

Merrilyn Cooper, 5 Eliza Court, Seaford, Victoria 3198.

SWAIN and BARKER
Seeking information and descendants of my great great grandfather George SWAIN born c.1845 Tasmania, died 1934, buried Bishopsbourne and wife Margaret Jane (née BARKER). They were married in 1869, Launceston. I have so far been unable to conclusively determine George’s parents or birthplace. Their son Arthur was my great grandfather. Any information on them or their children would be greatly appreciated.

Contact Darlene Scanlan, 11 Gayle Street, Southport QLD 4215 or email at darlene.j@bigpond.com

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ANNUAL REPORT
Tasmanian Family History Society Inc.

Annual General Meeting
Devonport, 22 June 2002.
Ladies and gentlemen it is with much pleasure that I present this Annual Report for 2001–2002. This report is not only my first report as President but also the first report under our new name as the Tasmanian Family History Society Inc. It is with pride when I reflect on the previous years activities and to think of all the untold volunteer hours that members have given to ensure that our society functions properly. Many organisations such as ours rely on volunteers and I offer my sincere thanks for all those who have helped to keep our society running. I would also like to give a special thanks to Muriel and Betty Bissett for their roles as secretary and treasurer, vice presidents Ray Hyland and Denise McNeice and the branch delegates who make up our committee. Lastly but not least I would like to thank my wife Judy for her tolerance, understanding and help during the last twelve months.

The study of family history and genealogy has now reached the stage where it is one of the most popular hobbies in the western world. The number of local and family history groups that have been formed in Tasmania during the last decade or so reflects this popularity. We currently have well over 100 such organisations in Tasmania. With such a number of local groups and the fact that increasingly more and more records are becoming available in the public domain in the form of CD-Rom or Internet based it is becoming harder and harder to maintain our membership numbers. The society has started to address this and we have implemented some strategies to try and reverse our falling numbers.

Branch members have volunteered their time at regional State Libraries; here they have offered help and advice in the Local History sections to members of the public. Often these people are beginning their research and are not aware of what our society has to offer. The volunteers hand out wallets to these people, which includes information about our society, a membership form and in some cases a free voucher to attend a days research at their local branch library. This has resulted in several new members signing up at some of our branches.

Many of our publications are now offered at a discount to members. Genealogical Societies in other states and overseas offer their members discounts on goods and services. It was thought that by our society offering similar discounts it is one way that benefits of membership can be passed on.

This year we applied for and were successful in obtaining a site at Agfest. It was decided that we should have a presence there, as in excess of 60,000 people attend the three days and surely some of these may decide to join. A small committee was put together and discussions were held as to what could be displayed in a three by three meter space. Our final display consisted of:-

Wall hangings showing various pedigree, descendant and ancestor charts.

Two computers, one with an on going PowerPoint presentation, the other with a convict CD for look ups.

Free pencils and pedigree charts

Boxes of wallets containing membership forms, branch information, sales list and a free visit voucher to hand out.

The volunteers who manned the site all wore burgundy tops incorporating an embroidered gold logo. Many positive
comments were received and over three hundred people were spoken to on an individual basis over the three days. The results of Agfest will be hard to determine, but it is hoped that by having a public presence at Agfest there will be a flow on in increasing membership numbers over time.

The government has been running a series of regional forums around the state, and as a result of one of these forums we were able to arrange to have a delegation meet with the Registrar of Births, Deaths and Marriages. The delegation met with the registrar early this year and consisted of Colleen Read, David Harris and myself. This was a most successful meeting and the outcome was that the Registrar would like our society to work with his department to initially complete the entry of all records up to 1930 into an electronic form. This is perhaps the most significant and exciting development with our State records since the release of the Tasmanian Pioneers Index. As the department has no funds to get the entries done professionally, a volunteer organisation such as ours is their only option. Basically it means that if our society does not offer the help required then it will not get done. Colleen Read has been appointed coordinator of this project and as it approaches commencement further details will be passed onto the branches.

Last year the Commonwealth Government, under the ‘Networking The Nation’ initiative, allocated a sum of money to the State Library to fund Historical Societies and similar bodies, equipment and resources to allow them to preserve and document their respective heritage material. In November last year each branch of our society made an application to the State Library for funding for an eHeritage grant. I am pleased to announce who each branch was successful in obtaining a grant. There were twenty-nine societies and bodies in Tasmania who were successful. The equipment that each branch received under the grant included the latest technology computer, scanner and printer, twelve months internet access, a copy of AdLib software and appropriate training for two members from each branch. The whole thrust of our applications was primarily to digitise and record images of existing headstones from cemeteries in Tasmania. The transcriptions from these have already been done but it is vital that an image of all these headstones should be preserved. I am currently discussing with the project coordinator the feasibility of loading into the AdLib program TAMIOT records. The only records from TAMIOT that will be loaded into the various branch computers will be the records which that branch originally transcribed. It will then be an easy process to link a digital image to the TAMIOT entry. When this project is finished each branch will then have its own record in an electronic form of not only cemetery transcriptions but also a digital image. The good thing about this whole eHeritage project is that when it is complete we can decide what part of our records will go into the central database, which will then be available to the general public via online or similar. This will mean that up to two billion index records could be made available to the general public. This may or may not include low res images, certainly high res images would not be made available. Access to high res images or further information relating to records would only be made available by the branch which held that record and the payment of an appropriate fee.

I would like to now make mention of a few changes in functions that our
members are responsible for. In my message in our last journal I made mention of the fact that our journal editor, Rosemary Davidson, has stepped down from this position and that Leonie Mickleborough has taken over the reins. We are indebted to Rosemary’s input over the last few years and thank Leonie for accepting her new role and I am sure that all will offer their support and help to Leonie.

John Dare has been our membership secretary and maintained the membership database for the last four years and has passed this onto Judy Cocker.

Jenny Gill has had a long association with the running of the Lilian Watson Award and this will now be run by Anita Swan with a back up of Launceston members.

It is also pleasing to note that branches continue to produce publications of indexes and other material that has been done by their members, including for the first time, an Index on CDROM. All branches have been busy with various activities during the last twelve months—three of our branches celebrating their 21st birthday.

I would like to thank Neil Chick for his work on the VDL Heritage books and announce that Vol. 5 has now been completed and will be available shortly.

In closing I would like to make these closing remarks.

It is your Society.

Offer to help in whatever way you can.

You will get out of it tenfold what you put in.

Many small individual efforts produce a gigantic outcome.

Peter Cocker—President
TASMANIAN FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY INC

STATE EXECUTIVE

INDEPENDENT AUDIT REPORT FOR YEAR ENDED 31-03-2002

SCOPE:
We have audited the accompanying financial statements and notes thereto of Tasmanian Family History Society Inc – State Executive for the year ended 31st March, 2002. These statements have been prepared on the historical cost basis.

The Society’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 Tasmanian Family History Society Inc – State Executive.

Our audit has been conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards 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 the historic cost basis of accounting so as to present a view of the association which is consistent with our 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 reservations:

(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 society as at 31st March, 2002 and of its results for the year then ended in all material respects, according to the information at our disposal, the explanations given to us 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.

JAMES PAWSON & ASSOC

J. J. Pawson, PNA

Dated at Launceston this 30th of May, 2002
TFHS Inc. State Executive — General Account  
Statement of Receipts and Payments
for the Year 1st April 2001 to 31st March 2002

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- Reserve Funds 400.25

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