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**Deadline dates for contributions: 1 January, 1 April, 1 July and 1 October**

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# Editorial

Congratulations to our new President, Peter Cocker of Burnie Branch and all members of the Executive Committee who were elected at the AGM in Campbell Town. It was a good day—even the weather turned out to be fog free and sunny. Next year we will be gathering in Devonport.

This issue is convict-based but of course we have only been able to give a very brief glimpse of resources and records available. Readers may find a new avenue to explore from reading the experiences of others researching a convict. Hobart artist, Lola Burrows, has produced a pictorial interpretation of her convict ancestor and has generously offered us the opportunity to reproduce one on the cover. Thanks Lola.

At a recent meeting of a sub committee dealing with the forthcoming index to *Tasmanian Ancestry* we learnt that there will be well over 10,000 names. Doubtless these will include many convicts. Kate has continued to work on the index although she has had to spend time in hospital and subsequent convalescence. We thank her for her continued effort and wish her well for the future.

Congratulations also to the successful entrant in the 'My Most Interesting Ancestor' Award, Louise Ryan. Many entrants expressed their appreciation for the opportunity and motivation to write a short story about their ancestor. They will all be published eventually—in a form yet to be decided. Thanks again to those members who submitted the results of their research.

Rosemary Davidson

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# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

FOR our 21<sup>st</sup> Birthday Annual General Meeting it was decided that Campbell Town would be the venue. It would allow easy access for most of our members due to its central geographic location. This location turned out to be a good choice as the day was attended by many of our members. After registration and morning tea, a bus trip was arranged for those who wanted to tour local historic sites prior to the meeting. The tour guide certainly gave us an informative talk about the history of Campbell Town, interspersed with stories about pumpkin pips and headless horses.

After a most enjoyable luncheon, the AGM got underway. On the conclusion of tabling of reports, election of officers and other business, it was time to honour those members who have maintained a continual membership for twenty-one years. Those original members who were able to attend were each presented with a certificate and a society mug. Our retiring Patron, Emeritus Professor Michael Roe, made the presentations. It was nice that some of these members travelled from interstate for the celebrations.

As 2001 is the year of the volunteers, it is an opportune time to thank *all* the members who give so much of their time in helping to run our Society. When the nominations were read out at the AGM for the Meritorious Service Awards it was not difficult to appreciate the dedication of so many in ensuring that our Society maintains its high standard of service to its members. Our members offer their expertise in such functions as library duty, transcribing, data entry, research, cataloguing, helping new members and a myriad of other duties.

The following five members were honoured this year with Meritorious Service Awards.

- Helen Anderson, Member No. 66 from Devonport Branch
- Louise Richardson, Member No. 319 from Devonport Branch
- Jenny Gill, Member No. 400 from Launceston Branch
- Geoff Rapley, Member No. 77 from Launceston Branch
- Maree Ring, Member No. 552 from Hobart Branch

All five members were present and also received their framed certificates from Emeritus Professor Michael Roe. Prior to the conclusion of the formal proceedings, President Anne Bartlett made a presentation to our retiring Patron and thanked him for his dedication and commitment as Patron during the past five years. A celebratory cake was cut to signify the first twenty-one years of our Society and the start of our Society under its new name of *Tasmanian Family History Society Inc.*

I would like to thank all those members who have served on the State Executive Committee during the past twelve months and welcome the new committee which has been elected for the next year. ●

**Peter Cocker**

## **'MY MOST INTERESTING ANCESTOR' AWARD**

The winning entry was announced at the Campbell Town AGM

Louise Ryan for  
*Edward George Innes (1854–1904).*

# LILIAN WATSON FAMILY HISTORY AWARD

Jan Critchett

I am delighted to have this opportunity to say a few words about the judging process and then about the book which has won the Award.

Firstly, I'd like to state how much I enjoyed reading the books submitted for the Award. I found a number of things of interest and value in each of them. Unfortunately, however, only one person can win the Award and the task of the judging panel was to choose the winner. That meant we had to apply the criteria given to us and decide which book was best in terms of the Award. This was my first time as judge for any Award. Previously I have been an applicant for Awards and this experience was valuable allowing me to see why in some cases I had not been successful. My advice to any one considering entering for an Award is to obtain a copy of the judging criteria before doing so. This might seem strange advice, as none of us would even dream of writing to the criteria of an Award. What it will allow you to do is to see whether your work is likely to do well, given the Award criteria and whether it is worth entering for the Award. It will prevent you from being unnecessarily disappointed. It is important to do this in the year that you are applying for the Award, as the judging criteria can change over time. In this case we were asked in assessing the 'work as a whole' to answer the question: 'How successful is the work in presenting an interesting family history in the terms of the Award—the story of a family, not an individual, with a significant Tasmanian content?'

As well, the works were rated for the inclusion of an index and genealogical

tables and separately, for the acknowledgment of sources and the inclusion of an appropriately set out Bibliography or List of References. An index increases the value of one's work immensely. For example, an index which includes the name of each person mentioned in the book and gives the page numbers for each reference to that person, allows family historians and other researchers not interested in reading the whole book, or without time to do so, to quickly scan the back of the book to see if they need to read parts. That is, a book with an index can be used as a reference book. It immediately makes it of interest to a much wider group of people.

Making an index might seem a daunting task but it needn't be so. All I did for the first one I made was to put each piece of information on a card and then sort the cards into alphabetical order ready for typing.

It is also of great value when researchers and authors provide full and exact details on sources. It allows other researchers to go to any source mentioned, perhaps to check the accuracy of what has been said, but more often to see what else is there that may be of use. A Bibliography or a List of References with the exact details of the source is also important, as without this it can be very difficult for a researcher to obtain a copy of the book. To use a Library catalogue, for example, one needs to know exact details of author, title etc. Without these it is impossible to find a book quickly.

There are generally accepted ways of indicating sources of information and setting out a bibliography and it is recommended that anyone preparing a book use these.

The word ‘history’ comes from a Greek word meaning ‘learning or knowing by inquiry’. Since the days of Herodotus, ‘The Father of History’, back in the 5<sup>th</sup> Century BC, ‘history’ has been seen to be about seeking answers to questions about the past through inquiry, investigation, research, through marshalling evidence. I say this because one entrant wrote what she described as an ‘historical novel’. Her work was based on a couple of pages of factual details supplied at the end of the book but it was essentially a work of fiction, rather than a history. The Lilian Watson Family History Award is, by definition, given for a work of history.

Now to the judges’ decision. The judges were unanimous in their view that the Award should be made to Alan Dyer for his book *Buttons, Bodices, Braces and Britches*. This very successfully tells the story of a Tasmanian family operating a country store in the rural community of Sheffield. The store is SLATER’s Country Store and the book celebrates a century of service to the Sheffield community.

This book was considered by the panel to be outstanding in its concept, design, presentation and readability. ‘It is the history of the store, of the owner’s family and the staff they employed, but it is, as well, much more.’ As Alan Dyer states in the Preface, ‘It is a social history portraying changing attitudes, changing times, the pain of war and want, pageants, street parades and peace celebrations’. The first radios sold, the coming of the

electricity to Sheffield, the buying of the family’s first car, the turning on of the town water supply, clothing and footwear rationing during World War II, Sheffield becoming a town for tourists in the 1970s, the beginning of the murals—all are covered. The book traces the life of a country town as viewed from the store on the corner of Sheffield’s main intersection.

The store records, treasured over a long period of time, form a main source for the history. These are drawn on for analysis of the financial ups and downs of the business but also to highlight the narrative. There is a table, for example, showing what one could obtain with the clothing ration cards issued during the Second World War; another showing the changing cost per ton of potatoes during

the 1920s and 30s; another the wages earned by staff, another an inventory of the stock held in 1909. It is the kind of book one could expect from a person who acknowledges a life-long interest in family and community history.

The judges also agreed that Elizabeth Rennick should be commended for her family history, *A Family Portfolio*. This is a well researched and compiled account of a number of families including the ROWES, the LOWES, the RUFFYS, the HAYS, the IRELANDS, the CARRS and the AHERNS. It is of undoubted value to family history researchers but is much less significantly Tasmanian in content than Alan Dyer’s *Buttons, Bodices, Braces and Britches*. It is



Alan Dyer

especially strong in its presentation of the English, Irish, Scottish and French background of family members. Researchers will find it very helpful if their ancestors come from the same areas as Elizabeth's. I remember particularly her detailed coverage of the Huguenots who fled to London in great numbers, many settling in Spitalfields, and the various trades in which they were engaged—especially that of silk weaving.

Our patron, Emeritus Professor Michael Roe, presented the Award.

### Repositories for 2001 entries

- *Buttons, Bodices, Braces and Britches: The Story of Slater's Country Store*, Alan F. Dyer—Devonport Branch
- *A Family Portfolio*, Mrs Elizabeth Rennick—Hobart Branch
- *John Youl – The Forgotten Chaplain*, Revd Dr Philip Charles Blake—Launceston Branch
- *According to the Grapevine*, Mrs Anne-Stewart Clarke—Hobart Branch
- *Leatherwood Honey for Gall*, Ms Mary Reddrop—Launceston Branch
- *Ten Years ... And We Were Home*, Mrs May Minck—Hobart Branch
- *It's All Relative*, Lindsay P. Baldock—Hobart Branch.



## LILIAN WATSON FAMILY HISTORY AWARD JUDGING GUIDELINES

Jenny Gill—Award Coordinator

I thought it might be a useful exercise to publish for everyone's benefit, the finer points of the official judging sheet, as they are a little more explanatory than the broader Conditions of Entry.

### 1 Scope and Detail of the History

- Depiction of the family in its historical setting
- Historical accuracy
- English expression
- Arrangement of material
- Quality of presentation
- Quality of illustrations—maps, photographs, diagrams
- Relevance of the illustrations to the text

This group is worth 40 points out of 100

### 2 Indexing and Genealogical Tables

- Accuracy
- Comprehension
- Clarity

This group is worth 20 points out of 100

### 3 References

- Acknowledgment of sources of information
- Appropriate and full citation of references
- Sources either in a bibliography or accurately quoted list of references

This section is worth 20 points out of 100

### 4 The Work as a Whole

- How successful is the work in presenting an interesting family history in the terms of the Award.
- The story of a family, or individual, or a closely related group of families having a significant Tasmanian content—that is more than half the content.

This section is worth 20 points out of 100

Over the years there have been some quite high markings out of the 100 available. Section 3 is where most points are lost. The recommended guide is *Style Manual for Authors, Editors, and Printers*; published by the Australian Government Publishing Service, 1998 (5th Edition with corrections). ●

# MERITORIOUS SERVICE AWARDS

## **Geoff Rapley No. 77**

Geoff is a foundation member of the Society. During his 21 years of membership he has served with both the State and Launceston Branch Executives. Geoff held the position as the first Launceston Branch Treasurer for four years from 1980 and as the second State Treasurer for five years from 1982. He has also served on the Launceston Branch Executive accepting responsibilities for library duty, proof reading, general maintenance and gardening at the Branch Library.

## **Maree Ring No. 552**

Maree is one of the longer serving members of the Hobart Branch having joined the Society in 1983. She was appointed branch Research Assistant in 1987, then Branch Research Coordinator. Maree is a very experienced researcher, which has gained her membership of the Australasian Association of Genealogical Research Agents. Her contribution to researchers is significant due to her publications, articles and papers that she has presented in many States. Maree currently works for the Menzies Centre in Hobart as a member of their research team.

## **Jenny Gill No. 400**

Jenny is also a long serving member of the Society having joined in 1982. During her period of membership Jenny has served for eleven years in various positions with the Launceston Branch including Secretary, Vice President and President. In 1993 Jenny accepted the position of Associate Editor of *Tasmanian Ancestry*, a position she held for five years. For a four year period

from 1993 and again in 2000, Jenny has been the coordinator for the Lilian Watson Family History Award. Jenny works as an Archivist for the Launceston Church Grammar School and is the author of *Engraved in Stone*.

## **Louise Richardson No. 319**

Louise is one of the foundation members of the Devonport Branch and from the branch's inception has been an enthusiastic member of every project she has been involved with. She has held the position of Branch TAMIOT coordinator for three years and for seven of the last ten years has been a member of the Branch Committee. Louise has been instrumental in obtaining 'in kind' assistance towards the publication of indexes and transcriptions. She has also played a major role in converting data into an acceptable publishing format and in the actual printing and binding of the volumes.

## **Helen Anderson No. 66**

Helen is also one of the foundation members of the Society and the Devonport Branch. Helen has been 'Guest Speaker' many times succeeding in both entertaining and educating those present with her depth of knowledge and love of the subject. She has served in many capacities on the Devonport Branch Committee including Secretary, Research Officer, Librarian, TAMIOT Officer and Treasurer. In the early years of the Branch, Helen was involved with cemetery transcription and indexing, all typed on a manual typewriter. Helen is currently a member of the Devonport Branch Projects and Publications Coordinating Committee. ●

# 21 YEARS CONTINUOUS MEMBERSHIP



Original members who were able to attend the AGM at Campbell Town and were presented with a certificate and society coffee mug for 21 years continuous membership of the Genealogical Society of Tasmania Inc. (and Maree Ring, Meritorious Service Award).

**Back Row L to R:** Lewis Woolley (No.61 HO), Ray Bassett (No.64 LA), Ian Kregor (No.198 HO), Geoff Rapley (No.77 and Meritorious Service Award LA), Barbara Marshall (No.31 Interstate), Mavis Richards (No.88 HO), Margaret Parssey (No.55 HO), Vernice Dudman (No.33 BU), Bryan Lucas (No.211 HU) and Douglas Forrest (No.203 BU).

**Centre L to R:** Peggy McCormick (No.106 HO), Leonie Mickleborough (No.20 HO), Margaret McKenzie (No.47 LA), Betty Fletcher (No. 226 HU), Helen Anderson (No.66 and Meritorious Service Award DE), Betty Wood (No.128 LA), Pat Harris (No.97 LA), Joyce O'Shea (No.139 HO) and Gwendoline Reynolds (No.98 HO).

**Front Row L to R:** Maree Ring (No.552 Meritorious Service Award recipient HO), Margaret Strempel (No. 224 BU) Paddy Pope (No.107 LA) and Kevin Whitton (No.42 Interstate).

Absent from photo: Neil Chick (No.49 HO).



Some of the members assembled at the Council Chambers in Campbell Town preparing for the 21st Annual General Meeting.

# FAREWELL AND WELCOME

**EMERITUS PROFESSOR  
MICHAEL ROE  
PAST PATRON**



At the AGM Campbell Town 2001

It is with sincere regret that we farewell Michael Roe as Patron of our Society. Since becoming Patron in 1996 he has attended most of the Hobart Branch meetings and all the AGM meetings around the state. His friendship, warmth and generosity have been appreciated by all who have come in contact with him. We are fortunate to be able to welcome him as a member of Hobart Branch and look forward to his continuing support.

Thank you Michael.

**DR ALISON ALEXANDER  
BA MA PhD  
OUR NEW PATRON**

Alison Alexander was born in Hobart, Tasmania in 1949 and educated at Collegiate School and the University of Tasmania where she completed a doctorate. Her topic was women in nineteenth century Tasmania.

One of her early publications was *Governor's Ladies: The Wives and Mistresses of Van Diemen's Land Governors* in 1987. It has subsequently been published in a second edition titled *Obligated to Submit: Wives and mistresses of colonial governors*. She has also written biographies of Australian writers Mary Grant Bruce, *Billabong's Author*, and Marie Bjelke-Petersen, *A Mortal Flame*.

Her commissioned histories include *Glenorchy 1804–1964; Glenorchy 1964–1998* (with David Young); *A Heritage of Welfare and Caring: The EZ Community Council, 1918–1991; The Zinc Works: Refining Zinc at Risdon, 1916–1991; The History of the Australian Maritime College; Blue, Black and White: The history of Launceston Church Grammar School 1846–1996; You're in Roo Country: The Clarence Football Club, 1884–1996; Charles Davis: 150 years; State of the Union: Tasmanian University Union 1899–1999* (pictorial history) and *Students First: Tasmanian University Union 1899–1999*. Currently she is writing a history of Australian women as a Federation project.

Dr Alexander has been President of the Tasmanian Historical Research Association and editor of their journal.

We warmly welcome her as a highly respected and well-known researcher, author and historian, with excellent skills in public speaking and presentation. She will be valued as Patron with her wide interest in people and history and her warm, personal qualities and skills as evidenced in the support and friendship she has extended to our society and its members. ●

# BRANCH NEWS

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Congratulations to the Burnie branch members who received certificates for 21 years continuous service with the Genealogical Society of

Tasmania: Dawn and the

late Rex Collins, Vernice Dudman, Margaret Stempel, Corrie Imms, Villy Scott and Doug Forrest. What a wonderful achievement! Congratulations also to Peter Cocker on being elected State President. We wish Peter all the best in this position. Those members who travelled to Campbell Town enjoyed the 'walk' on the bus and hearing some of the early history of the district, several having family from this area.

Our latest publication 'The Zeehan and Dundas Herald BDM's Index' has been launched with 2 volumes covering the period 1890-1909 and 1910-1922. These make very interesting reading as they include the war years and such names as James Boag, Esk Brewery; Sylvanus Blundstone, Boot Manufacturers, Hobart and James Bidencepe, Tailors; Hobart. Our thanks to Peter and Judy Cocker for their work on getting these books to print.

Our May meeting was a little different with a dinner meeting held at the Hillside Motor Inn and Wayne Smith gave a talk on local place names and their meanings. Greg Blake spoke at the June meeting on

research and writing of his book *The Farrell Times*, an interesting story of the West Coast prospector Thomas Farrell and of his discovery of scheelite on King Island. In July, Faye Gardam presented her talk on Writing up Local History, and in August, members shared their information on family serving in World War II.

A discussion on Census Records featured at the day meeting in May, while much interest was shown at the June meeting on Using Computers in Genealogy, with further sessions planned. In July, members visited the Devonport Maritime Museum.

To celebrate our branch 21st Birthday, we will hold a special dinner meeting at the Hillside Motor Inn on 20 November. Past members of the branch are especially welcome so please pass the word around, details available from the Secretary.

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Member participation has been pleasing during recent branch activities. Faye Gardam spoke to a well-attended meeting when she delivered the talk she presented at the

*Coming of Age* Conference and showed just how local history needs to be sourced when researching the life of a forebear. The latest volume of the *In Loving Memory* series was also launched at the meeting. This publication contains the full transcription of the headstones in the

Devonport General Cemetery and includes a plan to show the location of the graves.

Two members from a visiting delegation from the Wicklow County Council in Ireland met Devonport Branch members for a morning tea get-together. Joan Kavanagh, the Wicklow Family History Coordinator, gave a talk about Wicklow and presented the branch with books for the Library. As great interest was shown, lunch was also enjoyed. The delegates were delighted to be able to use the Library facilities on a later occasion. Because of the courtesy extended by the branch, a Wicklow Council plaque was presented and it is now hanging in the Library.

A TAMIOT work day turned out to be a fun day for the large group of members who participated. A convoy of five cars left Devonport for the Chudleigh and Mole Creek Cemeteries for tombstone checking with the promise of a counter meal at the Mole Creek Hotel. Memories of an overgrown cemetery, attempts to unravel weather-beaten inscriptions, the icy wind, the magnificent backdrop of the Western Tiers and devouring the last roast beef meal made the day one to remember. In all, a great day with three cemeteries checked and photos to illustrate the day's work.

Congratulations are in order for some of our members. Louise Richardson and Helen Anderson were presented with the Certificate of Meritorious Service at the AGM at Campbell Town. Joan Wescombe, member No 9, and Helen Anderson, member No 66, were recognised for having completed 21 years of continuous membership with the society.

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Despite the wintry weather, our library has continued to be well patronised over recent months with several visitors from overseas and interstate.

Congratulations to all members who were awarded Certificates of Meritorious Service at the state AGM in Campbell Town in June. Hobart member Maree Ring is a very worthy recipient. She has always been an active branch member, contributing many articles to our journal and publishing several books. Maree continues to teach family history through Adult Education classes and her considerable experience as a genealogist led to her present employment with the Menzies Centre for Population Health Research. Heartiest congratulations to Maree on this well deserved award.

Hobart members are reminded that an afternoon tea to celebrate our Branch's 21<sup>st</sup> Birthday will be held at Laetare Gardens, Moonah on Sunday, 16 September. We hope many of our long-standing members will take advantage of this occasion to renew old acquaintances and meet newer members. For catering purposes, acceptances must be in the hands of the Secretary by 10 September. Once again I appeal to any member who has memorabilia suitable for display (e.g. photos) to please contact our secretary so that arrangements can be made to make

copies etc. Please help us make this a very special day.

Vee Maddock was recently appointed as the new convenor of the Computer Group which meets at 7:30 p.m. on 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of each month (except December) at our Branch Library. New members needing advice about genealogy computer programmes, or others with computer software problems, would find these sessions very worthwhile and are encouraged to attend. Entry via car park.

The first volume in our series *Undertakers of Hobart* is now available for purchase—see page 125 for details. *Index to Pierce J Keating Funeral Records* covers the period 1895–1959 (with some gaps) and will be most useful for finding elusive deaths in the more difficult 1900s. Sincere thanks to the many volunteers who have assisted with this project over several years. I am very pleased to announce that approval has kindly been given by Millingtons Funeral Directors, Chris and Peter Fuglsang, for us to index the records of another Hobart undertaker, Alex Clark (later known as Clark & Sons), and we would be pleased to hear from any members who are able to help by inputting the data on their home IBM computers.

**General Meetings** held at Rosny Library, Bligh Street, Rosny at 8:00 p.m.

**18 September**—*A Tasmanian life; the story of three pioneer families who settled on the Macquarie River.* Ken von Bibra.

**16 October**—*Marie Bjelke-Petersen.* Dr Alison Alexander, Patron TFHS Inc.

**20 November**—*The history of Kangaroo Bay and Rosny Farm.* Peter McFie.

#### **Other events:**

**16 September**—21st Birthday Afternoon Tea at Laetare Gardens.

**4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday** of each month Computer Group meets at 7:30 p.m.—use car park entrance. All welcome.

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As a consequence of our change of name, a new sign was prepared in accordance with the design recommended to branches by the Executive Committee.

This has been supplied and is now in place.

In the last few months the Branch Librarian, Coralie Mesecke, has been bringing the library up-to-date by re-cataloguing all sections and computer indexing the catalogue. This should enable easier searching.

Work is also progressing on the computerisation of the indices of the Huon Council births and deaths which are currently on large photocopied pages.

Members have attended both the Executive Committee Meeting in May and the AGM in June where Betty Fletcher, currently Branch President, received her certificate of 21 years membership.

A fund raising evening for the Library is being planned for the first Saturday in October.

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At our Annual General Meeting in May, Branch Certificates of Appreciation were presented to Dian Smith, Jo Kean, Joe Stephens, Helen Stuart, John Herbert and Mary Blythe.

Meritorious Award Certificates were presented at the State AGM to two of our longstanding members: Miss Jenny Gill and Mr Geoff Rapley. The presentation was kept as a surprise and it was delightful to see the incredulous expressions on their faces!

Our latest publication project has been to organise a CD-Rom covering the update of Carr Villa Cemetery Records. New records added to those previously on fiche are for the ten years from 1990.

Jenny Gill and her team of Judges are again organising the Lilian Watson Family History Award for 2002. Entry forms and information are now available at the Branch Library.

The Launceston Branch will celebrate its 21st Birthday (4 November) with a party which will be held at the Library on Saturday, 10 November, at 3 p.m.

### **Our programme for the coming months:**

**Tuesday, 2 October**, at 7:30 p.m.—speaker John Dent: ‘Settlement at York Town’

**Tuesday, 9 October**, at 2 p.m.—BIG Group meet at Bryan Street Methodist Church Hall

**Saturday, 10 November**, at 3 p.m.—our 21st Birthday Party

**Tuesday, 4 December**, at 7:30 p.m.—Christmas Breakup ●

## VALE

REX JOSEPH COLLINS, AM



ON 15 May, the Burnie Branch lost a loved and respected member in Rex Collins. Rex was a foundation member of the Burnie Branch, joining the Society in 1980 and contributing in many ways as a willing helper behind the scenes. In 1995, he became Treasurer, holding this position until the time of his passing. Rex also served on the State Executive as delegate and Vice President.

Rex was involved in many organisations—the Burnie Bowls Club, Rotary, Wynyard Camera Club, National Trust, Burnie Historical Society and various sporting clubs to name but a few. From an early age Rex showed a natural talent for sport. He first represented the state in football in 1938 and later on became involved in badminton. Not only did Rex represent Tasmania in 1954, he went on to become an Australian selector for badminton. After selling his bakery business and having four days of retirement he was elected to the Burnie Municipal Council. Rex became the first Mayor of the City of Burnie and in 1988, he rated having lunch with the Queen as one of the highlights of his life. We salute a true gentleman and our condolences to Dawn and family. ●

# CONVICT RECORDS IN THE HOBART BRANCH LIBRARY

Marjorie Jacklyn (Member No. 493A)

The following list covers print, microfiche and CD-Rom convict records held in the Hobart Branch Library. Publication details have been omitted to save space.

## CONVICT SHIPS

The Convict Ships 1787–1868. C. Bateson. 365.994 BAT

## FIRST TO FOURTH FLEETS

1788: the people of the First Fleet. D. Chapman. Q365.99441 CHA

The First Fleet database: computer print-out, First Fleet convicts. Elizabeth Computer Centre. 365.99441 ELIC

The First Fleeters. P. G. Fidlon. 365.99441 FID

The founders of Australia: a biographical dictionary of the First Fleet. M. Gillen. 365.99441 GIL

Officials, marines, seamen, convicts, wives, children & others known to have sailed in the eleven ships of the First Fleet arriving in Sydney Cove, 26 January 1788; compiled by J. C. Cowell. Q365.99441 COW

Where First Fleeters lie, compiled from the records of the Fellowship of First Fleeters. J. Cowell and R. Best. 929.320994 COW

The Second Fleet: Britain's grim convict armada of 1790. M. Flynn. 365.9941 FLY

The Second Fleet convicts; ed. by R. J. Ryan. 365.99441 RYA

Second Fleet families of Australia, containing genealogical details of three hundred and forty-nine Second Fleeters, their children and grandchildren. C. J. Smee. 365.99441 SME

The Women of the 1790 *Neptune*. A. Needham et al. Q365.99441 NEE

The Third Fleet convicts, ed. by R. J. Ryan. 65.99441 RYA

Third Fleet families of Australia, containing details of three hundred and eleven Third Fleeters ... grandchildren. C. J. SMEE 365.99441 SME

Fourth Fleet families of Australia, containing genealogical details of two hundred and five Fourth Fleeters ... grandchildren. C. J. SMEE 365.99441 SME

## MUSTERS

Land musters stock returns and lists, VDL 1803–1822; ed. by I. Schaffer. 929.3509946 LAN

1819 muster of Hobart Town and Port Dalrymple. Archives Office of NSW, transcribed by N. Chick 929.3509946 ARC

Musters and lists; NSW and Norfolk Island, 1800–1802; ed. by C. J. Baxter. 929.350994 MUS

Musters of NSW and Norfolk Island, 1805–1806; ed. by C. J. Baxter. 929.350994 MUS

General musters of NSW, Norfolk Island & VDL, 1811; ed. by C. J. Baxter. 929.350994 GEN

General muster of NSW, 1814 ed. by C. J. Baxter. 929.350994 GEN

General muster, and land and stock muster of NSW, 1822; ed. by C. J. Baxter. 929.350994 GEN

General muster list of NSW, 1823, 1824, 1825; ed. by C. J. Baxter. 929.350994 GEN

General return of convicts in New South Wales, 1837; ed. by N. G. Butler, C. W. Cromwell and K. L. Suthern. 929.350994 GEN

### **CONVICTS - AUSTRALIA**

Convict, pioneer and immigrant history of Australia. J. McLelland. Books 2–3, 6–9, 14A, 15. Q929.30994 MAC

Ireland - Australia transportation index, 1788–1868. 3v (loose-leaf) 365.994 IRE (*Top of catalogue cabinet*)

### **CONVICTS - TASMANIA**

Index to Tasmanian convicts on CD-Rom. *Index contains name, alias, ship, arrival date, departure date and port of embarkation.*

Convict records of Van Diemen's Land: interpretation and explanation of abbreviations. M. Ring. Q365.9946 RIN

Convict applications to bring out families to VDL (also NSW, VIC & WA); Index 1827–1873; compiled by Coralie Mesecke. Q365.994 MES

Convicts Unbound: the story of the *Calcutta* convicts and their settlement in Australia. M. Tipping. Q365.9946 TIP

County Down convicts to VDL: a world away. N. Williams. [1 fiche]

*Lady Juliana* convicts who came to VDL. I. Schaffer. Q365.9946 SCH

Notorious strumpets and dangerous girls: convict women in Van Diemen's Land

1803–1829. P. Tardiff. 365.9946 TAR  
*Convict records of all women transported to VDL 1803–1829*

Resumés of Tasmanian Archives records of convicts transported on the *Mandarin*, 1840. M. B. Trotter. Q365.9946 TRO

### **CONVICTS - NORFOLK ISLAND**

Convicts and commandants of Norfolk Island, 1788–1855. M. Hazzard. 994.82 HAZ

Exiled three times over: profiles of Norfolk Islanders exiled in VDL, 1807–13. I. Schaffer and T. McKay. 994.82 SCH

The forgotten generation of Norfolk Island and VDL. R. Wright. 994.82 WRI

Norfolk Island, 1788–1813: the people and their families. J. H. Donohoe. 994.82 DON

Norfolk Island; ed. by R. Nobbs. 2v. 994.82 NOB

The Norfolk settlers of Norfolk Island and VDL. P. C. Sims. Q994.82 SIM

The people of Norfolk Island and VDL, 1788–1820 and their families. J. H. Donohoe. [1 fiche]

The Pioneer Islanders: a tribute to the First Fleeters and the settlers from the Norfolk Island settlement to VDL, 1804–1820. Tasmanian Fellowship of First Fleeters and Norfolk Islanders. Q994.82 TAS

Profiles of Norfolk Islanders to Van Diemen's Land. I. Schaffer and T. McKay. 3v Q994.82 SCH

### **CONVICTS—NEW SOUTH WALES**

Index to NSW convicts 1788–1842. Rev. ed. Genealogical Society of Victoria. [11 fiche] *Introductory fiche lists convict ships alphabetically.*

Convict Kit. Archives Authority of NSW.

Convict Arrivals 1788–1842. [131 fiche, nos 614–744]

Convict Assignment Registers, 24 December 1821–17 January 1825. [4 fiche, nos 745–748]

Convict Death Register, 1828–1879. [3 fiche, nos 749–751]

Register of Tickets of Leave, 29 July 1824–8 March 1827. [3 fiche, nos 752–754]

Registers of Convicts' Applications to Marry, 1825–1851. [23 fiche, nos 780–802]

Register of Conditional Pardons 16 December 1791–6 December 1825. [4 fiche, nos. 820–823]

Registers of Convicts Recommended for Conditional Pardons, 6 May 1826–30 June 1856. [12 fiche, nos. 824–835]

Registers of and Recommendations for Absolute Pardons 1791–1846. (Microfilm. 1 reel, no. 800) Archives Authority of NSW

Wives and families of convicts on bounty ships, 1849–1855. Archives Authority of NSW. [2 fiche, nos. 837–838]

*The above publications of the Archives Authority of NSW are described in the guide 'How to Use the Genealogical Research Kit'. This guide is kept on a shelf beneath the NSW microfiche drawers.*

Convict Assignment in NSW Vol. 1 1830–1832. Nola Mackey. Grafton Family History Centre. [3 fiche]

Convicts Absconding in NSW Vol. 1 1830–1832. Nola Mackey. Grafton Family History Centre. [2 fiche]

Convicts Apprehended in NSW Vol. 1 1830–1832. Nola Mackey. Grafton Family History Centre. [1 fiche]

*These three indexes are compiled from Sydney newspapers and government records.*

Convict Marriage Banns 1826–1841. John Reese and Norma M. Tuck. [8 fiche]

Convict Pardons and Tickets of Leave 1810–1875. P. McIntyre. [8 fiche]  
*Covers period 1831–1842. Gives convict's name, age, birthplace, ship, year, name of relation and relationship to convict.*

The convicts of Port Macquarie; compiled by P. Gorter. Q365.99442 GOR

County Down Convicts to NSW. 'My Irish Rogues'. Noelene T. Williams. [3 fiche]

Settlers and convicts of the *Bellona*, 1793: a biographical dictionary; compiled by M. Martin. 365.99441 MAR

## **CONVICTS—SOUTH AUSTRALIA**

SA convicts sentenced to transportation 1837–1851. G. Jaunay. 365.99423 JAU

## **CONVICTS—VICTORIA**

Convicts of Port Phillip district. K. M. and G. Clarke. Q365.9945 CLA

## **CONVICTS—WESTERN AUSTRALIA**

Convict records of Western Australia. G. O'Mara. 365.9941 OMA *A research guide to holdings in the State Archives and the Battye Library of WA History*

Convicts of Western Australia 1850–1887. R. Erickson & G. O'Mara. (Dictionary of Western Australians, v.9) R920c DIC ●

# IRISH CONVICTS IN TASMANIA: IRISH RECORDS

Emeritus Professor Richard Davis

TASMANIAN Irish convicts have received attention disproportionate to their numbers. They represented only 14,000, or 18% of a total of 76,000 convicts transported to Van Diemen's Land. Many writers have emphasised the Young Ireland political prisoners, but ordinary men and women who fell foul of the law for crimes varying from cattle duffing to bigamy are a greater challenge.

Most Irish convicts came to Van Diemen's Land in the hungry 1840s, especially during the Great Irish Famine, 1845–49. Unfortunate Irish convicts were trapped between Irish authorities desperate to clear over-crowded, diseased Irish gaols and Tasmanian free settlers opposed to all transportation and especially the miserable men and women from Ireland, believed to be too weak, too ignorant, or too rebellious to make useful workers.<sup>1</sup>

In Ireland, the assize judges and the assistant barristers presiding over quarter sessions, usually declared that only repeat offenders, unfit to remain in the country, were sent abroad. Yet these were the very convicts most abhorred by free settlers. Large numbers of first offenders were transported. In the worst famine years convicts themselves often begged for transportation.<sup>2</sup> Gaol at home could mean starvation when their sentences expired. Some judges acquiesced; others refused to base sentence on the convict's wishes. But judges alone could not determine the issue. Towards the end of transportation, there were few convict colonies available. Van Diemen's Land was in uproar against all transportation, especially Irish. In 1847, the British

Government accordingly suspended male transportation to Van Diemen's Land; its resumption in 1848 infuriated the free colonists.

Before the last convict ship reached Van Diemen's land in 1853, Irishwomen sentenced to transportation had a reasonable chance of reaching Van Diemen's Land, but for Irishmen it was almost a game of Russian roulette. Both free settlers and British authorities agreed that the transmission of women convicts was necessary to prevent a seven to one gender imbalance in the colony.<sup>3</sup> For example, in 1851 a group of two men and two women were convicted in Tipperary of killing two sheep, then a serious crime. All were sentenced to transportation. The women, Honora HEFFERNAN and Ellen WALPOLE, duly reached Van Diemen's Land in 1852 on the *John William Dare*, but not the men. One died at Spike Island, of which more anon, while the most guilty of the quartet was unaccountably discharged.<sup>4</sup> Male convicts frequently languished for as long as three years in county gaols before a ship became available to take them out of the country. The *Kilkenny Journal*, for example, complained in March 1849, that 33 convicts, sentenced to transportation, who should have been an imperial responsibility, languished, some since June 1847, in the local gaol at ratepayers' expense.<sup>5</sup> Many never left Ireland. Some were sent to temporary convict stations like Gibraltar or Bermuda and usually returned home. To reform or train convicts Pentonville-style 'separate system' gaols were set up in Belfast and in Dublin

(Mountjoy, 1850). Labour experience was provided at Spike Island in Cork Harbour.<sup>6</sup> Women obtained some elementary training at the Grangegorman Depot in Dublin. Ellen Walpole and Honor Heffernan spent nearly eight months there. Ellen, who claimed at Grangegorman to have no trade, may have been taught there to identify as a 'country servant' in Van Diemen's Land. If all else failed, some instruction was provided for women on the convict ships during the three-month voyage out.

Colonials were not appeased by such 'training'. If the solitary system, duly copied at the Port Arthur Model Prison, failed to drive convicts mad, as soon as they were released into a work gang their behaviour became more riotous than ever. Colonial settlers questioned whether any such training would improve the physiques of Irishmen debilitated by famine.

The genealogist, pursuing Irish convict ancestors, faces an interesting, though daunting, challenge. The forebear, if male, was lucky to reach Tasmania. Why he was selected from a number of those sentenced to exile is hard to establish. Convicts sent overseas were expected to be young and fit, but many were not. The behaviour of some showed improvement in gaol, but others were shipped as notorious bad characters. Much is known about the Irish when they reached Tasmania. John WILLIAMS has provided the groundwork in *Ordered to the Island*, a study based on the Tasmanian convict records of all 14,000 Irish convicts. The Williams Database, deriving from his research, is being gradually updated. On the Tasmanian side there are numerous excellent convict sources.

The main problem thus arises with the Irish side. The Irish Bicentenary gift of convict records on microfilm provides a starting-point. It has its own database.

Yet most of the material comprises only brief lines in microfilmed ledgers. They provide little that is not already available in Tasmania. But about one convict in seven has a Convict Reference File in the Irish records. These often contain petitions which can provide most illuminating background information.

Written applications to the National Archives of Ireland sometimes encounter the Rory O'CONNOR syndrome. Rory O'Connor was an Irish insurgent against, not the British, but the new Irish Government after independence in 1922. He chose the Four Courts in Dublin, repository of vast public records dating back to the Middle Ages, to make his last stand. Ammunition was stored in the archives. The Irish Government shelled the Four Courts, creating a fire which destroyed vast numbers of priceless papers. The stock response of many Irish archivists is, 'Sorry, I'm afraid all that was burnt in the Four Courts'.

Thanks to Rory O'Connor, newspaper accounts often provide the only available trial information. The University of Tasmania has a full microfilm run of the Dublin *Freeman's Journal* throughout the 19th century. As one of the main Irish dailies it provides an amount of trial information from different parts of Ireland. Unfortunately, coverage was spasmodic and usually emphasised only the most spectacular crimes. Cases of simple larceny, the most common cause of transportation, were little reported, except for cheeky or pathetic requests to judges. The British Prime Minister, Lord John RUSSELL, indeed believed, with Richard WHATELY, Protestant Archbishop of Dublin, that convicts should only be transported for very serious crimes and not larceny.<sup>7</sup>

Dramatic cases attracted the journalists, then as now. James MARTIN an inmate

of Tullamore Workhouse, for injuring one official and threatening another, was sentenced to a year's imprisonment and three whippings.<sup>8</sup> When Martin promised to kill both the officials after release, the sentence was changed to transportation. He duly arrived in Tasmania, but his subsequent conduct was relatively tame, with a single minor conviction.<sup>9</sup> Another startling court incident appeared in the *Clare Journal*. In late 1850, three unidentified women brought stones into the dock to throw at the sentencing assistant barrister.<sup>10</sup> The Williams Database shows that they were Judy SHAUGHNESSY, Margaret CORBETT and Catherine CONNOR, cow stealers transported to Tasmania for 15 years.<sup>11</sup> Such cases of effective combination of newspaper and local convict records demonstrate a serious dilemma for Irish authorities. The sort of convicts Irish authorities most desired to send overseas were precisely those least popular with free colonials.<sup>12</sup> Nevertheless, Allison's argument that serious offenders in Ireland adjusted better to colonial life is worth considering.

The convict Catherine COLGAN from Kildare provides a useful example where good Irish records balance inconclusive Tasmanian evidence. Her convict record in the Tasmanian State Archives<sup>13</sup> suggests a tragic miscarriage of justice. Convicted of murdering a woman of 60 for her patch of land during the famine year of 1847, Catherine claimed to Van Diemen's Land officials that she had been framed by her husband who had produced witnesses to swear a false alibi for himself and put the blame on her.

To test the truth of her statement we must apply to Irish newspapers. Such a dramatic murder case received considerable space in the *Freeman's Journal*, available locally on microfilm and other Irish

papers like the *Ballyshannon Herald*.<sup>14</sup> According to these sources, Catherine Colgan was guilty of an atrocious act. To obtain a cabin and quarter of an acre of land from an old woman, her age sensationalised to 90, Catherine had beaten 'her on the head with a shovel and left her to die a lingering and horrible death.' The victim was still alive when the police broke down her door and found her 'weltering in her blood and speechless.' Despite an able defence by her counsel, William GORMAN, an experienced barrister,<sup>15</sup> the jury had no hesitation in finding Catherine guilty.

After the verdict, the judge, Philip CRAMPTON, duly assumed the black cap and sentenced her to hang at the town of Athy on 21 April 1847. But an hour after her sentence, Catherine pronounced herself pregnant. It was customary for the authorities to convene a jury of women to pronounce on the truth of such claims. Once established, a reprieve was given until after the birth of the baby.

To unravel the story further we need the Irish convict microfilms, presented to Australia as a bicentenary gift. For an understanding of Catherine Colgan, Haughey's gift proves invaluable. As in other cases, there is an initial confusion of names; Catherine appears as COLLIGAN, not Colgan. The Irish convict database shows Colligan/Colgan as one of the few to have her own Convict Reference File.<sup>16</sup> This consists mainly of correspondence between Judge Crampton and the Lord Lieutenant, or Viceroy, of Ireland, Lord Bessborough, the only authority with power to commute an Irish sentence of death.

Judge Crampton considered that 'of the prisoner's guilt there can be no doubt'. He was satisfied that her husband had not been involved. On the contrary, he had shown considerable public spirit in

informing the authorities so promptly. There was nothing, said the judge, 'to mitigate the character of the crime'. Nevertheless, he recommended Catherine to the humane consideration of his Excellency, the Lord Lieutenant. The convict, tho neither lunatic nor idiot appeared to me to be very low in the scale of humanity and to have but a very indistinct notion of the difference between right and wrong.

Crampton may have been influenced by the recent M'Naughton case in England establishing that inability to distinguish between right and wrong required a verdict of guilty but insane. Crampton concluded, somewhat ambiguously, that, Catherine 'tho perhaps unfit to live is certainly most unfit to die'. Three days later, the Governor of Athy Gaol was informed that Catherine's death sentence was commuted to transportation for life.

The correspondence shows that Irish authorities were not always cruel and reactionary. Catherine's judge, Philip Crampton, a former professor of Law, was a man of liberal opinions and devoted to the improvement of his country. He supported temperance and, though a Protestant, he opposed Orange marches.

Catherine was sent for a few weeks to the Grangegorman women's convict depot in Dublin, before being shipped to Van Diemen's Land on the *Waverley* later in 1847. At Grangegorman some effort was made to provide training and religious instruction for convicts on their way overseas. A Register, now available in Tasmania, was kept of 3000 women who passed through Grangegorman between 1842 and 1857, many on their way to Tasmania. The information, basically similar to that provided by Tasmanian records, provides an opportunity to check the latter. We can find, for example, the

full names of a woman's children and the number of times she had previously offended. There was no sign of any baby or any other children on Catherine's record. Crampton did not mention pregnancy in his submission to the Lord Lieutenant. Before her current crime, Catherine's record was clear.

Catherine, if Judge Crampton is to be believed, was unlikely to make a very promising colonist. However, her ship-board behaviour was exemplary. Although she was credited in the Grangegorman register with no occupation, when she reached Van Diemen's Land she claimed to be a laundress and a plain cook. This was a common inconsistency, already met with Ellen Walpole, which raises interesting questions. Did the training received at Grangegorman provide a qualification for Van Diemen's Land? Alternatively, were the women creating fictitious qualifications to improve their treatment in Tasmania? Catherine, who spent a relatively short time in Grangegorman probably belongs to the latter category.

Catherine's cooperative attitude appears short-lived. After her six months of probation on the *Anson*, she received another six months hard labour for insolence and refusal to work. In 1849 she gave birth to a child out of wedlock in the Female Factory before marrying Patrick Groghan in 1854 and obtaining a ticket-of-leave some months later.

Extant records for Irish men differed somewhat from those of the women. A useful, if mournful, example begins with the execution on 17 November 1869 at Launceston of Patrick Kiely for cutting his wife Bridget's throat with a razor. The case was tragic. Bridget had married Matthew Clarke when her former husband was still in the colony. Tiring of Clarke, Bridget returned for a time to

Kiely but then reverted to Clarke, leaving Kiely threatening murder. While Clarke was out, a drunken Kiely broke into his hut, slit Bridget's throat from ear to ear, ransacked the place and made a bonfire of most of Bridget's possessions.

In court, Kiely was rebuffed by Judge Sir Francis Smith when he asked for counsel. No fund existed in the colony for such a purpose. Attorney General W. L. Dobson was more accommodating, offering payment to Charles Rocher, a local barrister, but the latter refused to take the case. Kiely was left to flounder on his own. The contrast with Catherine Colgan in Ireland is obvious. When asked for his defence, 'he said he was guilty, but knew nothing about it. This was all he said, except that he was a very illiterate man, and knew nothing about the charge'. The jury recommended him to mercy.<sup>17</sup> A competent barrister would easily have made a strong case for diminished responsibility according to the M'Naughton Rules. Unlike Philip Crampton after Catherine Colgan's sentence, Sir Francis Smith did not ask the Governor for a reprieve. As in Ireland, reprieves were usually granted as a result of the comments of presiding judges.<sup>18</sup> Governor Charles Du Cane, after reviewing Sir Francis Smith's notes, 'decided to allow the law to take its course'.<sup>19</sup> Kiely went quietly and resignedly to the gallows, fortunately dying without a struggle.<sup>20</sup>

What was the background of this unhappy man? Kiely was originally convicted in April 1849, at Rathkeale Quarter Sessions for stealing five stones of sugar, stored in a stable, from Morris Flynn of Limerick. Sentence of seven years' transportation was awarded, not by a judge, but by Robert TIGHE, the assistant barrister who presided over local Quarter Sessions.<sup>21</sup> In 1845, Tighe had laid down that anyone stealing food from a workhouse during the famine would be

transported. Authorities were sensitive to food thefts likely to injure poorer people, but sugar was a luxury.

Newspapers, less interested in Quarter Sessions than in more dramatic assizes, shed little light on the case, but Kiely's Convict Reference File is more revealing. As with Colgan, a plea was made to the Lord Lieutenant for the commutation of the sentences of sixteen Limerick convicts, including Kiely. This time, Robert Tighe, as the relevant CRF shows, was unfavourable. Writing to Under-Secretary Thomas Redington, the assistant barrister declared that 'I do not find any mitigating circumstances in the trials'. 'The frightful amount of crime pervading the County of Limerick', unaffected by sentences of prison and hard labour, required transportation. Indeed, Tighe found that criminals openly avowed 'their preference of life in gaol to the life in the workhouse'. Tighe placed Kiely amongst those

men of notorious character and upon whom I feel assured His Excellency's mercy would be altogether thrown away.

Although a first offender, Kiely was credited with belonging to a gang of thieves.<sup>22</sup> Reputation, not supported by previous convictions, was thus used to justify what still appeared a harsh punishment.

After languishing in Limerick Gaol until October, Kiely was sent to labour at Spike Island Gaol in Cork Harbour. In the late 1840s, Spike Island, with subsidiary work stations on Forts Carlisle and Camden commanding the heads of the deep water harbour, was established to adapt male convicts to future work in penal colonies and avert criticism that they were a liability. The convict depot produced registers of its convicts, one recently available in Tasmania. This register provides interesting material on Kiely.

We learn that he was an illiterate labourer, never having attended either a private school or one of the National Schools, established in Ireland after 1834. We also discover that, despite being a first offender, Kiely's conduct in Limerick Gaol was considered 'bad'. The CRF however, shows him 'amenable' to discipline at Spike.

At Spike Island, a school was established which some convicts used to improve their literacy. Kiely was not one of them. After nearly a year of work at Spike, he embarked with two hundred of his fellows to Van Diemen's Land on the *Blenheim*. Education on board was conducted by the Rev. Charles Woods, a Catholic priest obtaining a free passage to the colonies. Woods' careful record of his charges in the Archives Office of Tasmania shows that the twenty-two-year-old Kiely had not taken advantage of his opportunities at Spike. He was still 'uneducated'. Kiely, moreover, was very often absent from the school that the priest had established on the *Blenheim*. On the other hand, Woods found Kiely's behaviour on board ship good. There still seemed to be some hope for the convict in his new life.<sup>23</sup>

Sadly, after proceeding through the local convict system to freedom and being settled in the colony for nearly twenty years, Kiely perished miserably on the gallows. Irish authorities like Robert Tighe, who insisted on Kiely's notoriety, thus disagreeing with the warders of Spike Island and Fr Woods on the *Blenheim*, were in this case proved correct. Further research is needed on the correlation between the Spike Register's assessment of character with the convict's ultimate progress in Van Diemen's Land-Tasmania. Discovery that a number of convicts adjudged 'bad' or 'very bad' in Irish gaols did in fact improve their lot in

Tasmania will suggest that the local convict system, contrary to the views of administrators like Governor Denison, did have some reformatory characteristics.<sup>24</sup>

Improved literacy, as Kiely seems to have realised at his trial, might have avoided the frustration and humiliation in Tasmania which led to his execution in Launceston. To understand his path to the Launceston gallows we must reconstruct what can be found of his Tasmanian career. After fourteen months probation on the Old Wharf, Kiely went to work for I. G. REEVES, a hatter in Macquarie Street and friend of the political prisoner, William Smith O'BRIEN. Reeves twice turned Kiely in for offences resulting from intemperance. Accordingly, Kiely received gaol sentences of a week and six months, before being sent to service at Oyster Cove.

At Oyster Cove, Kiely, 23, apparently met the fateful Bridget, then aged 43. What brought them together despite their age discrepancy, is not clear. Bridget with her large mouth and big double chin was certainly no beauty. They married in 1854, the year of Kiely's ticket-of-leave, followed two years later with a conditional pardon.

If Kiely, whose name is given as KEILY, KEIGHLEY or even COIGLY, is difficult to track down, Bridget provides a nightmare for the researcher, using five different names in Tasmania. At the time of her murder, BURKE appeared to be her maiden name, but the Bridget Burkes transported to Tasmania married other men and proved false trails. The record of permission to marry Kiely, or Keighley, finally revealed her name as Biddy [Bridget] FARREN, another corruption of the common Irish name of FALLON, which appears in Irish records.

Bridget Fallon, an illiterate, single country servant, was convicted at Galway

in July 1849, with her brother Daniel and younger sister Mary for killing a cow and heifer, with intent to steal the carcasses. Though the women were first offenders and possibly motivated by sheer hunger, the authorities regarded theft of stock very seriously. The Galway assistant barrister, W. D. Freeman, QC, denounced depredations upon the most humble peasants, slaughtering their cattle and carrying away the carcasses.<sup>25</sup>

All three culprits received ten years' transportation. While Biddy and Mary were, after a period at Grangegorman, shipped to Van Diemen's Land on the *Earl Grey*, Daniel, like the men associated with Heffernan and Walpole, was sent to Spike Island. As the Irish Transportation Records show, he died there in early 1853, adding to the very large Irish prison mortality of the period.

Mary Fallon committed only two minor offences in Van Diemen's Land, but Bridget was soon sentenced to 18 months' hard labour for larceny worth less than £5. Previously, Biddy's behaviour was reported as 'middling' and 'quiet'. Sent to work in Oyster Cove in May 1854, she was mistakenly accused of absconding in September, but allowed to marry Kiely in November. Her ticket-of-leave followed early the following year.<sup>26</sup> Sentenced in Ireland only a short time after her husband, Fallon received a ten year term as opposed to his seven. Kiely's conditional pardon came in 1856, while Bridget had to wait till 1859.

The ill-assorted couple eventually separated. Fallon next appears in Launceston, where, under the name of Bridget Burke, she married Matthew Clarke on 1 March 1865. The *Tasmanian Pioneers Index* endorses Clarke's facts at Kiely's trial, but Bridget's age on her second marriage appears to have been overstated at 60, rather than 55.

However, her new husband of 63 appears a more suitable spouse than the considerably younger Kiely. Matthew Clarke, an English sailor transported for ten years in 1845 for inciting three men to rob in the London docks, can be distinguished by age from a Westmeath sheep thief.<sup>27</sup>

As already told, Bridget circulated between Kiely and Clarke until the former in a drunken rage brutally ended her chequered existence with a razor. The depressing accounts of convicts from famine-smitten Ireland, like Catherine Colgan, Patrick Kiely, and Bridget Fallon, demonstrate the problems of adjustment in a new country and the interplay between lower class convicts and upper class administrators in both Ireland and Tasmania. Some authorities, like Sir Philip Crampton with Catherine Colgan, were understanding, but Sir Francis Smith appears to have shown little compassion for the ignorant, undefended Kiely. Indeed, Kiely, a first offender, was unluckily transported only because Assistant Barrister Tighe was convinced of his bad character.

For both genealogist and historian these accounts highlight some important issues. First, they show the value of using the Irish Centenary gift records in conjunction with the Tasmanian archives. While Tasmanian records are comprehensive in their scope, skeletal individual accounts can sometimes be fleshed out from Irish Convict Reference Files. Irish centenary records also point the way to further sources such as newspapers and registers from Spike Island and Grangegorman.

Second, as mentioned above, there are sometimes revealing discrepancies between Irish records and their Tasmanian counterparts. Convicts may give different skills and sometimes religions in Ireland and in Tasmania.

Catherine Colgan claimed no skills in Ireland, but became a laundress and plain cook in Tasmania. Some multiple delinquents posed as first offenders. Statisticians must take care.

Finally, these difficulties alert both genealogists and historians to the care required to ensure that all identifications are accurately verified. Kiely, Colgan and Fallon were not exceptional in their variety of names. Clerks were sometimes inaccurate, and convicts themselves adopted aliases. With new sources and sophisticated computer technology, longitudinal study, both of individuals and groups, provides a wonderful tool for historian and genealogist alike, but its limitations must always be recognised. Despite difficulties the task is worth undertaking. ●

[Taken from Richard Davis' paper given at the Coming of Age Conference in March 2001—Ed.]

- <sup>1</sup> See Richard Davis, 'Not so bad as a bad marriage': Irish Transportation Policies in the 1840s' [1999 Eldershaw Memorial Lecture], *THRA Papers & Proceedings*, Vol. 47, no. 1, March 2000, pp. 9–64, also available as separate pamphlet.
- <sup>2</sup> See for example *Cork Examiner*, 24 March 1847: 'It was even ascertained that several had been guilty of misdeeds solely with the object of finding a refuge in prison, preferring the shame and contact of a felon's residence to the life which they were compelled to lead outside.'
- <sup>3</sup> See *Examiner*, 22 May 1847, N. L. Kentish letter.
- <sup>4</sup> *Tipperary Free Press*, 15 March 1851 and AOT, Con 41/33. The men were James Scully and Pat Foley.
- <sup>5</sup> *Kilkenny Journal*, 24 March 1849.
- <sup>6</sup> *Cork Examiner*, 7 June 1847 commented on the establishment of Spike Island: As the Colonies have protested against the crowds of criminals by which they are annually overwhelmed from England, and as govt has

become convinced of the impolity and impropriety of exposing the population to the contaminating example of the shiploads of thieves and felons for whom the air of the mother country has been considered too poor, transportation is to be discontinued and an attempt at reformation and employment to be made at home.'

- <sup>7</sup> *Examiner*, 14 April 1847.
- <sup>8</sup> *Clare Journal*, 12 March 1849.
- <sup>9</sup> AOT, Con 33/115.
- <sup>10</sup> *Clare Journal*, 4 November 1850.
- <sup>11</sup> AOT, Con 41/30.
- <sup>12</sup> *Examiner*, 28 April 1847. W. R. Allison ridiculed for supporting long-sentence prisoners.
- <sup>13</sup> AOT, Con 41/14.
- <sup>14</sup> *Freeman's Journal*, 29 March 1847 and *Ballyshannon Herald*, 2 April 1847.
- <sup>15</sup> *Cork Examiner*, 24 March 1847. Gorman qualified in 1820, see Henry Shaw, *The Dublin Pictorial Guide and Directory of 1850* [Reprint] (Belfast, 1988), List of Barristers, showing that Gorman qualified in 1820. This is an invaluable source. Unfortunately the pages are not numbered.
- <sup>16</sup> Irish Convict Records, CRF 1847 C10. Crampton to Office of Lord Lieutenant, 30 March 1847.
- <sup>17</sup> *Launceston Examiner*, 26 October 1869.
- <sup>18</sup> Governor Sir William Denison found this the general practice and adhered to it. See *Varieties of Vice-Regal Life*, Vol. 1, p. 19.
- <sup>19</sup> Minutes of the Executive Council of Tasmania, 29 October 1869, AOT, EC 4/12–13.
- <sup>20</sup> *Mercury*, 19 November 1869; *Launceston Examiner*, 7 July, 22 and 26 October and 18 November 1869; AOT, Con 33/104.
- <sup>21</sup> See Shaw, *Dublin Pictorial Guide and Directory*.
- <sup>22</sup> CRF 1850 K 18. Robert Tighe to T. N. Redington, 18 May 1850. From, 'Spike Island: Information required in the case of the Prisoner mentioned.'
- <sup>23</sup> AOT, 123/1.
- <sup>24</sup> *Varieties of Vice-Regal Life*, Vol. 1 (London, 1870), p. 290, *passim*.
- <sup>25</sup> *Saunders Newsletter*, 14 January 1848.
- <sup>26</sup> AOT, Con 41/28.
- <sup>27</sup> AOT, Con 14/31 and Con 33/70.

## CONVICTS PER SOUTHWORTH (2) 1834

**D**ESCENDANTS of the men listed below may be interested in two documents found in the Colonial Office correspondence (Australian Joint Copying Project) Tasmania: Original Correspondence, Secretary of State—Despatches 1830–1852 [CO 280/46 Reel 257].

The first document is a *Return of Sixteen Convicts per 'Southworth' who have been ordered by His Majesty's Government to be worked in Chains for Seven Years* (pp.296–303). The second despatch lists *Fifteen Convicts per 'Southworth' respecting whom no Special Orders have been given by His Majesty's Government* (pp304–312). As well as detailing each man's name, age, place of trial, sentence, and his Gaol and Hulk Report, both documents include a column titled *Confessions on Arrival taken by the Muster Master* and it is here the convicts give sometimes detailed accounts of their families in England and expound on their previous employment and crimes. These *confessions* are generally more expansive than those appearing on the more familiar convict indent, and provide valuable family and social information.

Edited excerpts of some examples are:

**John ARTIS** (19 years) *I have not seen any of my relations for 8 years, my real name is CUMMINS. I was living with my father Thomas Cummins who worked at the East India Company's warehouse when I was transported in 1827 for Street Robbery and sentenced 7 years. I served six years and half at the Euralyus & Justitia Hulks. I was then about 13 years of age. I was discharged in April 1833, I could not find any of my relations and was about the streets for one month when*

*I was again taken and transported for this offence Street Robbery ...*

**William THOMAS** (36 years) *Father and Mother died 20 years ago, One sister Charlotte, wife of John Jones, a sail mender, Homchurch Essex. Another sister Mary wife of George Jones, a whitesmith of Chelsea. I lived the greater part of my life at Homchurch. About 3 yrs before I was first transported. I was living with Mr Gregory, potato dealer, Spital Fields. I was transported in 1824 for stealing lead from Mr Cove of Homchurch, sentenced 7 years served 6 years and 4 months at Bermuda, I was never punished while at Bermuda. I returned home in April 1831 and went to the service of my former Master at Homchurch until about a month before I was taken this time for stealing printed cotton and sent to be transported for Life ... I was in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sentence gang at the Cumberland Hulk when they refused to drag the man who was tied to the wheel...*

**William De MAYE** (27 years) *My real name is ALDERTON. One brother Thos Alderton in the Custom House London. One sister Elizth Hurt (sic) a widow, another Mary Ann Mancey residing at Croydon. I was 21 years old and living in London when I was first transported in 1827 for Shoplifting, sentenced 7 years, served 5 years and 8 months at the Dolphin and Cumberland Hulks from whence I was discharged in March 1832. I was out of employ from that time until I was again taken in May 1833 and transported for this offence Shoplifting. Except for those two offences I never was an hour in confinement. I was one of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sentence Gang at the Cumberland Hulk when it refused to drag a man at the Wheel. I did not refuse. We were all*

brought together, and if I had said anything there were men in the gang who would have done me an injury...

Many of the men refer to this brutal act, commenting on their own involvement in the punishment, if any, and their loss of pay. **William JUKES** describes how ... *I was in the second sentence gang at the Cumberland Hulk that refused to drag the man at the wheel but I did not refuse. I was Inspector that day, the Gang refused because the man did not belong to their Gang. This man was handcuffed. It is sometimes the practice at the Hulk to tie*

*a man by the heels and drag him along the ground. Thos PALLET adds ... the man was tied to the wheel for striking another man ... whereas George HARRIS claims it ... was a man who refused to work was tied to the wheel on which they draw the timber.*

The AJCP films are available in most major libraries in Australia including the Archives Office of Tasmania. Tasmanian Family History Society Inc. Hobart Branch, offers a Postal Research Service for those without access. Write to Research Officer, GPO Box 640, Hobart, Tasmania 7001.

NAME	AGE	WHERE TRIED	GAOL REPORT	PAGE
ARTIS John*	19	Middlesex S P 13 May 1833	<i>Transported before</i>	p 298
BIRKBY Hezekiah*	37	York Ass <sup>s</sup> 13 Jul 1833	<i>Idle drunken and malicious</i>	p 299
BISHOP William	37	Kent Ass <sup>s</sup>	<i>Imprisoned 6 months for misdemeanours</i>	p 304
CARTWRIGHT John*	27	Middlesex G D 11 Apr 1833	<i>Here before and transported</i>	p 298
CROOK John*	29	York E' R <sup>g</sup> 8 Apr 1833	<i>Chr very bad transpd before</i>	p 296
De MAYE William*	27	Middlesex S P 13 May 1833	<i>Transported before</i>	p 300
FARRAR George	24	Leeds Q S 8 Jul 1833	<i>Once convicted of Felony Once impris<sup>d</sup> for vagrancy lived in a Brothel</i>	p 306
GLYNN Joseph	30	York W R Q S 8 Apr 1833	<i>Bad, imprisoned 5 times once acquitted</i>	p 306
GODSON Joseph Soldier 94 <sup>th</sup> Regt deserted	28	Stratford Ass <sup>s</sup> 7 Mar 1833	<i>A notorious &amp; desperate character. Several charges against him. Convicted &amp; in prison before</i>	p 305
HARRIS George*	50	Gloucester 28 Mar 1833	<i>Character etc very bad Transported before</i>	p 296
HARTLEY Will <sup>m</sup>	67	York Ass <sup>s</sup> 2 Mar 1833	<i>Twice transported before Character etc bad, a receiver of stolen property since his return</i>	p 305
HOOPER Richard*	27	London G D 11 Apr 1833	<i>Here before and transported</i>	p 300

NAME	AGE	WHERE TRIED	GAOL REPORT	PAGE
JACKSON James	13	Lancaster Q S 9 Apr 1832	<i>Convicted before twice 8 times in prison for attempts at Felonies</i>	p 304
JUKES William*	27	Stafford 7 Mar 1833	<i>Chr etc bad transpd before</i>	p 297
McINTOSH Robert	14	Edinboro Q S 2 Jul 1833	<i>Not known</i>	p 306
MORGAN Henry*	30	Glasgow Ct Just <sup>y</sup> 26 Dec 1832	<i>Bad. Convicted before Connexions not reputable</i>	p 299
MORRISON John	29	Edinburgh Ct Just <sup>y</sup> 1 Jul 1833	<i>Convictd before. Idle dissipated, profligat<sup>d</sup> indolent, has no near relations</i>	p 308
MOSELEY Edward	18	Middlesex S <sup>n</sup> P <sup>ce</sup> 17 Jun 1833	<i>Imprisoned before</i>	p 307
OLDFIELD Jos <sup>h</sup>	31	York Ass <sup>s</sup> 2 Mar 1833	<i>Character etc bad Convicted &amp; impris<sup>d</sup> before</i>	p 305
PALLETT Thos*	20	Warwick S P 12 Mar 1833	<i>Char etc very bad Conv<sup>d</sup> before for felony</i>	p 302
ROEBUCK Joseph	28	York W R Q S 8 Apr 1833	<i>Bad, imprisoned before Convicted for felony and twice imprisoned for misdemeanours</i>	p 306
SANDILANDS Hugh	17	Edinburgh Ct Just <sup>y</sup> 1 Jul 1833	<i>Convicted before, bad etc</i>	p 308
SPENSER Henry*	28	Salop Q S 31 Dec 1832	<i>Ch<sup>r</sup> very bad transported before</i>	p 303
SULLIVAN Patrick	14	Middlesex S <sup>n</sup> P <sup>ce</sup> 11 Feb 1833	<i>Impris<sup>d</sup> before 6 times</i>	p 307
THOMAS William*	36	Essex Q S 9 Apr 1833	<i>Character etc bad Transported before</i>	p 297
THOMPSON James*	46	Middlesex S P 11 Mar 1833	<i>Imp<sup>d</sup> before. Transported twice before</i>	p 302
WASS Ralph*	33	Nottingham Q S 31 Dec 1832	<i>Character moderate convicted before</i>	p 303
WEBB Isaac*	27	Chester Q S 8 Apr 1833	<i>Chr Bad transported before</i>	p 301
WENSLEY George	27	Liverpool Q S 2 Jan 1833	<i>Character etc bad Twice convicted</i>	p 304
WHEELER Will <sup>m</sup> *	34	Warwick S P 12 Mar 1833	<i>Char etc exceedingly bad Transported before</i>	p 301
WITHERS Samuel	57	Leicesterboro Q S 26 Mar 1833	<i>Ch<sup>r</sup> bad. Conv<sup>d</sup> before Imprisoned many times Attempted to break prison</i>	p 307

\* = To be Worked in Chains for 7 years

# BUT WHY DID SHE DO IT?

## THE QUINN-JORDAN CONNECTION

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OVER the years much thorough research has been undertaken and generously shared on the family of James JORDAN and Mary BUTLER. John Jordan, the youngest of James's children, married Frances QUINN in Launceston in March 1834. Frances's family has long remained elusive, but once found, they revealed a tragic story of lives gone desperately wrong in the young colony of Van Diemen's Land.

Timothy Quinn, born circa 1780, was found guilty of burglary at the Old Bailey in February 1807 and sentenced to death. As was common, this sentence was commuted to 7 years' transportation. In July 1808, after a time on a hulk in Langstone Harbour, he left England on the *Admiral Gambier*, arriving in Sydney in December that year. He was included in a list of absconders that appeared in the *Sydney Gazette* in January 1810. In July 1812, permission was given for him to proceed to Port Dalrymple as part of a group of four convicts assigned to Mr James COX, who was to depart shortly for his new grant in the neighbourhood of Port Dalrymple. (Cox later built Clarendon House at Nile.) Perhaps as early as 1816, Quinn had settled on a grant on the North Esk, in what is now St Leonards. It was here that his two daughters and son were born: Jane (1816), Frances (1817) and John (1819).

Timothy's partner was an Irish woman called Rachael WRIGHT. She was born in Glasdrumman, County Down, around 1790 and ventured to Glasgow in May 1808, in search of an uncle and aunt. Her

trial record best describes the beginning of her downfall. She stated

that she only remained in Glasgow for about a week, and left it upon Friday last the eighth ... without being able to find out her uncle and aunt, that having happened to go into the house of Michael McMillan spirit dealer in Glasgow, she there met with two women whom she had never seen before, and who had a little child in their arms, and which they gave to the charge of the declarent, along with six pence to purchase bread for it, and after purchasing two pence worth of bread, she set off to Ayr with the child in company with the said two women but who left her on this side of one of the bridges of Glasgow that after getting out of Glasgow a little space she went into a field of cut hay and wrapping herself and the child into a cloak, slept there among the hay till after sunrise next morning ...

She also stated that she intended to keep the child and bring it up herself.

Her attempt to return to Ireland with the child failed. She was arrested and charged with 'manstealing', a crime so rare in Scotland, especially in the case of stealing an 'infant of tender years', that the Glasgow court found it necessary to refer the matter to the High Court of Justiciary in Edinburgh in order

to enquire how far any or what pains of law could by the present Law of Scotland be inflicted.

The High Court pronounced that she was to be hanged by the neck, by the hands of the common executioner, upon a gibbet, until she be dead.

The child's parents sought Royal Clemency, which was granted, and Rachael was to be transported to 'the coast of New South Wales' for seven years. She arrived in Sydney on the ship *Friends* in October 1811 and in July 1812, she was sent to Port Dalrymple on the *Lady Nelson*. Rachael appears to have settled down with Timothy Quinn by 1816. Her convict records often refer to her as 'Quinn' and 'wife of Quinn', and she was at times assigned to Timothy.

It is these convict records that clearly show how Timothy and Rachael lost control of their lives and resorted to the comfort of the bottle. On numerous occasions Rachael was sent to the House of Correction for drunk and disorderly behaviour. The stocks didn't seem to scare her either. In one instance she was even fined £10 for 'offending against decency by the exposure of her person'. Timothy fared no better. He had many convictions for being drunk and disorderly and it is clear from convict and police files that he lost the ability to manage his personal life and livelihood. In October 1835, his daughter Jane accused him of 'taking liberties with my person', and a petition to Governor Arthur in 1830 was entitled 'The humble memorial of Timothy Quinn, a debtor'. Accounts from Archer, Gilles and Company attest to the amount of alcohol purchased by Quinn on trips to town. At one stage, when his lands had been taken, his house destroyed and in gaol again, his son John hid in the bush and

had not tasted any other food than opossum flesh for three weeks.

Timothy Quinn died in October 1839. The hospital messenger gave the cause of death as 'dibilited'. It is not clear when Rachael died. There is a record for the

death of a 'Rachael Wright' in Hobart in August 1848. However, in October 1853, her Ticket of Leave was revoked because she failed to report to the police. Could it have taken the authorities this long to realise she was no longer alive? The fate of Jane and John is yet to be uncovered. Jane may be the 'Jane Wright' who died in the Hobart Hospital in December 1844.

Frances seems to be the only one of the family to have found her feet. George HOBLER, owner of Killafaddy and builder of the first 'Hobler's bridge', took pity on Frances in May 1829:

Little Fanny Quin, taken into the house a few days ago her father being in jail and her mother drinking about as usual, leaving the girl to the wide world - behaves herself very well, far more so than cd. be expected.

Shortly after Frances was taken in by Hobler, the farm was attacked by the bushranger BEVAN and his gang. Bevan confronted Hobler in his sitting room and threatened to shoot him. Hobler's wife Ann entered the room carrying her baby in her arms. She rushed to push the musket away from her husband just as Bevan fired it. It hit the wall of the room and Bevan retreated. Ann cut her little finger on the musket's bayonet

an honourable wound she will bear the scar for life, but to it I certainly owe mine.

The baby went into convulsions at the discharging of the musket and died in his father's arms on the 23 June. An entry in Hobler's diary from March 1830 reads:

After dinner today, Fanny marched off again without the least ceremony; this time she may go altogether; her sister came to see her yesterday, and has, I suspect, decoyed her away, and will soon make her as worthless as herself.

Frances was living with her family again in June 1832 and in March 1834, she married John Jordan. She gave birth to seventeen children and cannot have led an easy life. As an obituary for her husband stated,

Mr Jordan had, perhaps, more than the usual share of the ups and downs of colonial life.

Frances died at the age of 80 in October 1897 at her residence in Sandhill, Launceston.

Nearly two hundred years after the event took place we will never understand what made Rachael steal that little girl. What could possibly have been going through her mind? Was she so naïve that she thought she was doing the right thing? Was she so desperate for a child that she resorted to stealing one? Questions like these may whip some of us up into a genealogical frenzy of fanciful explanations, but the only thing we can be certain of is that she could never have known where that one action was to lead. She may have been saved from the gibbet, but in no way did she enjoy the fruits of a new life in the colonies that was the lot of so many emancipated convicts. ●

If you would like the full references for this material, more information on the Quinn/Wright family or have details to add or suggestions to make, please contact me.

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## ESSY KEOGH 'THE LOST CHILD'

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MY husband was much more interested in researching family history than I was, but one afternoon in 1998 I joined him at the Archives and serendipitously found three previously unknown convict great great grandparents. One of them was Essy KEOGH, a young woman transported from Ireland for vagrancy. Although I was interested in all my antecedents, being a woman I particularly identified with her. Essy Keogh arrived in Hobart Town in 1844 aboard the female transport *Greenlaw*. She spent time in the hulk *Anson* and in female factories in Hobart and Launceston.

Her convict record showed a recalcitrant spirit. She was repeatedly punished for absconding from both female factories. This and other acts of defiance while in detention suggested to me she was anything but meek and mild under the system. While in the Launceston factory, she had a son Henry, but we have been unable to find out anything further about this baby.

Shortly after being released in Launceston, she married another convict, my great great grandfather John POWELL. She had ten more children and lived until 1893.

In the prints I have made I wanted to celebrate her life imaginatively. I have so far made four and will probably make more. ●

### See cover illustration.

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# A CONVICT'S WIFE

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*Tasmanian Ancestry*, Vol. 19 No. 3 December 1998, included *A Convict's Letter* written by George Reading, to his brother Mark in England. The letter was an account of his experiences from the time he was 'Taken in Custody' to his arrival at Cape of Good Hope on board the *Tortoise* in 1841. Extracts from this letter were also published in *The Midland Ancestor*, December 1998. The story of George and his wife Ann continues ...



WHEN I first wrote about George READING<sup>1</sup>, who was convicted at Coventry Assizes in March 1841, for stealing a five pound note and sentenced to transportation for ten years, I said that the last that was heard of him was a letter to his brother Mark, (my great-great-grandfather), which was posted from the Cape of Good Hope on the way to Van Diemen's Land (Tasmania). Since then I have seen a remarkable set of forty letters written by Ann Reading, George's wife, to Mark and his wife over a period of ten years following her husband's arrest. The letters, usually ending 'your unhappy sister', tell of her own circumstances and make reference to further letters from George and also shed some light on the reason for the theft. Research in Tasmania<sup>2</sup> has also shed some light on George's life there and his death.

Ann's letters illustrate the poverty of her times. Notwithstanding her financial difficulties, however, she was willing to borrow money to help her husband and

wrote on 10 September 1841, that she had sent to him at Plymouth

2 or 3 razors, a shaving box and brush, and half a quire of paper.

Ann was lucky in that she was able to keep her home at Smithford Street, Coventry, by taking in lodgers. This sometimes had its own problems. She wrote on 16 January 1842

Thank God I have been able to keep this house ... as I have got a man and his wife with me that pay my rent

but then on 26 April she wrote,

I was very uneasy and unsettled concerning that man and his wife that was lodging with me but now thank God they are gone.

That same year she wrote,

I have got an old lady come last week to live with me and she pays me 1 shilling and 6 pence per week and that helps me as I am so short of work.

Ann's occupation, as shown in the 1851 census, was that of a shoe binder, but work was hard to find; she wrote on 10 September 1841, that

I don't know what I am to do as trade is so very bad

and on 3 October she wrote

If I do not get more work than what I have had lately I shall be obliged to trouble the parish for something.

Normally she worked from a shop but sometimes worked from home for on 3 April 1851, she wrote that because of poor health

I have much to do to get up to the shop that I work for but they are very good to send me what they can.

As an illustration of her poverty, her letter to Mark of 30 January 1844, says

I have sent him 5 letters last year ... he wanted me to write every month but I could not afford it or else I would.

It cost 8 pence to send a letter to Tasmania, and 16 pence to receive a letter sent payment on delivery. Lack of work was a common problem, for she wrote the next year that

Last week I lost one of my lodgers as he was obliged to leave for want of work and I have only a woman with me now.

Ann's letters also illustrate the difficulties of a wife left to fend for herself. She wrote on 6 January 1846,

I have seen more unkindness from friends since my poor husband has been gone these five years

and also says of her brother-in-law Thomas,

I often think how unkind it is of him to live so near and never to come to ask about his poor brother.

Ann's poverty was no doubt a contributory cause of her deteriorating health. In December 1842, she wrote that

I have been very ill indeed for about a month ... I was obliged to have all my hair cut off and a wet cloth put on my head for two days and a mustard plaster on my chest.

In April 1845, she wrote

I have been very unwell ... I had a very bad fall and sprained my foot and I was not able to get about for some time.

In June 1847 she wrote

I have been very ill through a bad fall that I had down stairs. I hurt one of my legs so bad I was not able to go out for five weeks.

In January 1850, she wrote

I have been very ill these five months and I have been obliged to have a woman to

do for the lodgers as I have not been able to set about to do anything.

The original cause of Ann's problem appears to have been the friendship of her husband with a young widow in Bishop Street for the previous four or five years, by whom he had two children. No doubt it was to support these children that he stole the bank note. Ann wrote on 26 April 1842, that her husband had written to this woman, who

as soon as she has got a letter she cries it all over the town so that I have been told of it by no end of people.

Clearly her husband's unfaithfulness, imprisonment and transportation resulted in difficult relationships within the local community. On 11 February 1848, Ann wrote to her sister-in-law that

That woman in Bishop Street has told a person to tell me that she had a letter from my husband

but that

I asked the postman if she had a letter and he told me I might depend on his word she had not a letter at all.

It is not clear whether George's relationships with women led to further trouble. On 7 July 1845 Ann wrote that in a letter from her husband written the previous November he had said that he was leaving the place where he had been working and that she thought it was because

the lady[s] maid wanted him to marry her, and because he would not they have not behaved so kind to him as they did.

She also says that George wrote that the convicts

are allowed to marry when they are there if they leave wife or husband behind them

but adds

I hope he never thinks of such a thing, but am often afraid he will though he sent me

word he never should think of such a thing.

Ann received several letters from her husband whilst he was at Plymouth waiting to be taken to Van Diemen's Land. One, received on 3 October 1841, contained one of the few personal details in the letters; she wrote

My dear sister he is very much obliged to you for your lock of hair and he has got a guard made of it and wears it round his neck and the shilling that his brother sent him he has got all your names engraved upon it also his own and my name upon it and is going to keep it for a keepsake for us all.

There were few letters from George to his wife after he arrived in Van Diemen's Land on 19 February 1842 (probably only five). On 14 November 1844 she wrote that

I have had another letter from my dear husband ... He is still at the same place as he was and is doing very well for he says he wants for nothing and when he has done his work has his liberty to go about the town the same as we have and that he was never better off in his life and he likes the place very much.

At this stage his address was Major DOUGLAS's, No. 1 Barrack Street, Hobart Town.

In 1845 Ann received three letters from her husband, which proved to be the last. On 7 July she wrote to her sister-in-law that

He was in good health when he wrote that letter which was last November. He has been at his place two years but I expect he left it now as he thinks he can better himself ... he send me word that he is as independent now as when he was at home.

That same year George asked his wife to direct her letters to the Post Office until

he called for them. As time went by, Ann increasingly feared that her husband would never return to England; earlier in 1845 she had written that

I am afraid when his time is up he will not come home ... he sent me word he was so well off that he never wished to see England any more.

In an effort to get more news of her husband, Ann wrote several times to the Secretary of State; in 1845, '46 and '47, she received replies that he was still alive, and in the last case added that he was still living in Hobart Town. Encouraged by this news she continued to hope for the best, and wrote on 3 April 1851, (the last of the letters which I have seen).

It will be seven years next month since I had the last letter and I don't expect we shall hear any thing of him now till he come back which I hope if pleases God will not be long now as I expect you know that his time was up on the 24 of last month.

The records of convicts in Van Diemen's Land provide more information about George—he was 5 foot 1 inch tall, with fresh complexion, blue eyes, brown to grey hair, dark brown eyebrows, a small mouth, a large nose and broad chin. He could read and write, and his behaviour on the Jerusalem gang was always reported as 'good' or 'very good' until his original eighteen-month term of probation expired on 19 August 1843. On 4 October 1843, he went to work for Major Douglas. He received his Ticket of Leave on 2 March 1847.

George Reading was admitted to St Mary's hospital on 8 June 1857, at the age of 58, 'Free by servitude' and died on 9 August. The Records of Deaths in the District of Hobart Town for 1857 show his rank or profession as 'Servant' and the cause of death as cancer. The

informant was Rosina COLEMAN of Davey Street, a 'friend'. It is most likely that he was buried in St David's cemetery, opposite the Church of St David, close to the hospital, which is now a public park.

My thanks to Richard Reading for showing me Ann Reading's letters. It is most likely that they were dictated to a scribe and some of the spelling has been revised in the above quotations. ●

**Notes:**

- 1 'I was Taken into Cuesty ...' was published in *The Midland Ancestor*, Volume 12, No. 2, December 1998, pp.64-65.
- 2 I am indebted to Irene Schaffer for the information from records in Tasmania.

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# CONVICT CONCILIATOR?

EDWARD WILSON HODGSON

VOLUNTEERS HIS SERVICES TO GO AMONG THE NATIVES

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The following letter, complete with additions, has been taken from the Colonial Secretary's Office correspondence, CSO1/3217578, pages 154–155 and published with the permission of the Archives Office of Tasmania.



O.H.M.S.  
To the Hon<sup>l</sup>  
Thos. Anstey  
Police Magistrate  
Anstey Bart

Black Mans River Feby 28<sup>th</sup> 1830  
To the Hon<sup>ble</sup> Thos. Anstey P.M.  
&c      &c      &c

His Excellency having been pleased to offer an indulgence to any prisoner that may be so fortunate as to gain a reconciliation between the Aborigines and White people of this Colony, I beg to offer my services as I am most willing and anxious to risk my life in endeavouring to form that reconciliation with those unfortunate beings. I am of so strong an opinion that if proper steps are taken success will be the ultimate result. Should I be thought a fit person for such an undertaking I should wish to have two men with me of whose habits I am well acquainted and in whom I know the greatest confidence can be placed. My first object would be to look out for their fires by night and when so done lay by till day break then make towards them; and give my fire arms to the men who I should wish to remain in the rear, and

then if possible go amongst them and leave my fate to him above who is always ready to assist in a good and just case. I should then by motions, signs, and little trifling presents endeavour to gain their friendship and make them understand that no harm was meant towards them and try by all means in my power to bring them in. The Men in my rear would be able to render me assistance immediately if required. It appears to me from what ever I have heard that on the arrival of the Europeans in this Colony they evinced the greatest friendship and such might have been the tranquility of this Colony to this day had it not been for the horrid murders and outrages committed by the lower order of the White people towards this unfortunate race.

I remain Sir  
Your Obt. Humble Srvt  
Edward Wilson Hodgson  
(Ship Wm. Miles)

Edward Hodgson is one of the best behaved convicts that I have met with in this Colony. He has been a Sub-Overseer in Mr Nottman's Road Party ever since his arrival here. I shall be very sorry if the poor man's life should be forfeited by his temerity, – and I lay this Letter before Mr Burnett without any further remark.

T Anstey  
3<sup>rd</sup> March

It will be most advisable for Mr Anstey to see this man, hear what He says, make any suggestion that occurs to him, & then send Him on to Hobart  
5 March 30 G A

Forward this Letter to Mr Anstey  
JB 5 March

I entirely approve of the proposition. Let this man be informed that if He succeeds He shall have a Pardon and forthwith give the necessary orders for carrying his proposition into effect under any arrangement which shall be approved by the Police Magistrate of Oatlands.

4 March 1830

GA

The best situation for making the attempt wd. probably be at Capt. Clarke's at the Clyde GA

Forwarded for the information and guidance of Mr Anstey who will have the goodness to return this letter when he can inform me of the arrangements which he has entered into.

JB 4 March

Mr Anstey is in Town JB

Mr Anstey has returned this paper to me but he does not appear to have seen or entered into any arrangement with E W Hodgson.

[---] I again return it with a request that He will let me know the agreement which he [---] into in order that I may give the necessary instructions for carrying it into effect

JB 5 March

I have ordered Hodgson to come to Hobarton, instantly, to get furnished with the Beads, Trinkets &c &c &c necessary for his Mission; and, if I am not in Town, then to apply to Mr Chas. Arthur, at the Aboriginal Committee Room, for instructions. TA



### Notes:

The *William Miles* arrived in VDL on 28 July 1828 with 192 prisoners, seven having died on the voyage out. On 12 August 1829, Edward Wilson Hodgson applied for his wife and five children to come out from England. They arrived in September 1830 in the *Mellish* which left Woolwich on 15 May 1830, carrying 115 female convicts, fourteen free women and forty-five children.

The Black Line set off on 7 October 1830.

There is nothing on Edward Wilson Hodgson's convict record to indicate whether he went on his mission or not. Perhaps the situation had become too dangerous and he heard that his family were coming out to join him. In 1833, Edward was an overseer on the roads. He had a ticket of leave by 1834, received a conditional pardon on 21 November 1836 and a full pardon on 27 February 1841.<sup>1</sup>

Sally Steel

### Reference:

1 CON 2/149 p.282 No.844



### Notes re initials:

Taken from *Australian Biographical Dictionary*

#### TA Thomas Anstey (1777–1851)

Arrived on the *Berwick* 1823 and was granted 2,560 acres near Oatlands—*Anstey Park*. By 1836 he had more than 20,000 acres. He became a JP 1824, coroner 1826 and police magistrate at Oatlands 1827. Member of the Legislative Council until 1844.

#### GA Col. George Arthur (1784–1854)

Arrived Hobart Town 1824 as Lieut-Governor to succeed Col. William Sorell.

#### JB John Burnett (1781–1860)

First Colonial Secretary of Van Diemen's Land, arrived 1826. ●

# CONVICT RECORDS

## NOTED IN THE INDEX TO TASMANIAN CONVICTS

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For a complete list of the records and an administrative history of the Convict Department see *Guide to the Public Records of Tasmania The Convict Department* by P. R. Eldershaw.

CON13	Assignment lists and associated papers	1810–12 Aug 1859 gaps
CON14	Indents of male convicts	Nov 1827–May 1853 gaps
CON15	Indents of female convicts	Sep 1939–Apr 1853 gaps
CON16	Indents of convicts locally convicted or transported from other colonies	Feb 1835–Nov 1853
CON17	Indents of male convicts arriving from Norfolk Island	Jun 1844–Sep 1852
CON18	Description list of convicts	1828–1853
CON19	Description list of female convicts	1841–1853
CON21	Description list of convicts arriving from Norfolk Island	1851
CON22	Comprehensive registers of convicts. This reference is only used when no other record could be found for the convict. All convicts in the database will be appear in this series	1804–1853
CON23	Alphabetical register of male convicts	1804–1839 gaps
CON27	Appropriation lists of convicts	1822–1846 gaps
CON31	Conduct record of male convicts arriving in the period of the assignment system. (Subsequent series CON32 and CON34 neither of which appear in the index)	1803–1843
CON33	Conduct record of male convicts arriving in the period of the probation system	1840–1853
CON35	Conduct registers of male convicts arriving under the assignment system on non-convict ships and on strength in Nov 1844	1844
CON37	Conduct registers of male convicts arriving on non-convicts ships or locally convicted	1840–1893

CON39	Conduct registers of male convicts whose records were transferred from the probation series, and of certain others	c. 1840–1846
CON40	Conduct registers of female convicts arriving in the period of the assignment system	1803–1843
CON41	Conduct records of female convicts arriving in the period of the probation	1844–1853
CON42	Conduct register of female convicts re-convicted in the colony	1854–1892
CON94	Tasman Peninsula—Conduct registers, Port Arthur	1868–1869, 1873–1876
HO11	PRO London Criminal Convict transportation register. Only used when no conduct record available in Tasmania. Eg Convicts on the <i>Neptune</i> who were granted a pardon on arrival	1787–1870
MM33	Microfilm copies of various Tasmanian Convict records held in the Mitchell Library, State Library of New South Wales	Various
CSO1	Colonial Secretary's Office files—Assignment lists	1824–1836
CSO5	Colonial Secretary's Office files—Assignment lists	1837–1841

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## RECORDS RELATING TO THE MOVEMENT OF CONVICT TICKET OF LEAVE HOLDERS

### ARCHIVES OFFICE OF TASMANIA *BRIEF SUBJECT GUIDE No. 6*

This is a list of the surviving records relating to the movement of convict Ticket of Leave holders. Regular musters were held in all Police Districts.

POL27	Burnie - Return of ticket of leave holders mustered at Emu Bay	Jun 1854
POL47	Campbell Town - Alphabetical register of ticket of leave holders residing in the district	Aug 1835–Jul 1837 Oct 1840–Dec 1848
POL50	Campbell Town - Register of the movement of ticket of leave holders in the district. Surnames B - Z only	1849–1852
POL52	Campbell Town - Extracts from ticket of leave muster returns with memoranda	Dec 1851– Dec 1854
POL147	Devonport - Register of passes granted to ticket of leave holders to travel	Jan 1848–Jun 1849

POL184	Fingal - Alphabetical registers of the residence and movement of ticket of leave holders	Jan 1848–Jun 1860
POL379	Franklin - Alphabetical muster of ticket of leave holders in the district	Dec 1851–Dec 1857
POL218	George Town - Alphabetical register of the movement of ticket of leave holders	c. 1847–1848
POL241	Glamorgan - Alphabetical register of ticket of leave holders in the district	1849–1856
POL294	Hamilton - Record of the musters of ticket of leave holders	Jun 1849–Jun 1855
POL295	Hamilton - Register of the residence of ticket of leave holders in the district	1849–1857
POL354	Hobart - Alphabetical register of ticket of leave holders showing places of residence	c. 1852–c. 1854
POL456	Launceston - Alphabetical register of the movement of ticket of leave holders in the district	c. 1856–Nov 1874
POL491	Longford - Alphabetical register of the residence of ticket of leave holders in the district	Jun 1854
POL515	New Norfolk - Register of male ticket of leave holders in the district showing place of residence	Feb 1847–c. 1863
POL516	New Norfolk - Register of female ticket of leave holders in the district showing place of residence	May 1847–May
CON79	Northern Tasmania - Muster roll of male convicts in George Town and Launceston	Oct 1823
CON83	Northern Tasmania - Alphabetical list of ticket of leave holders showing employers	c. 1832–c. 1835
CON82	Northern Tasmania - Register of passes to convicts in the north, together with quarterly muster rolls	Sep 1841–Nov 1844
POL725	Port Cygnet - Register of ticket of leave holders residing in the district	c. 1848–1850
POL625	Sorell - Alphabetical register of ticket of leave holders residing in the district	c. 1841– c. 1858
POL636	Spring Bay - Register of ticket of leave holders residing in the district	1849

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# MARY ANN

## THE CONVICTS' DAUGHTER

Shirley Foster

MARY ANN THOMPSON 1848–1930, was born in Hobart, Tasmania. Her parents, William SMITHERS (alias Thompson) and Charlotte HUGHES, were convicts. William Thompson was an incorrigible thief who was sentenced to seven years transportation in London in 1834. He left Portsmouth as an eighteen-year-old aboard the *Arab*. On the voyage to Tasmania he was described by the ship's surgeon as 'well behaved and a zealous scholar.' As a prisoner at Port Arthur, he was charged with various misdemeanours, spent time in solitary confinement and chains, but was finally granted his Ticket-of-Leave in 1844 and his certificate of Freedom in 1845. He was a shoemaker by trade.

Her mother, Charlotte was also a thief. She was charged at Devon with stealing from her master and as she had previous offences, sentenced to seven years. She arrived in Hobart Town aboard the *Emma Eugenia* in 1842 with her eight-month-old child named George. William and Charlotte married with the permission of the authorities in 1845 at St George's Church Battery Point, Hobart.

The Thompsons had eight children. Mary Ann was the second. She was baptised at the Wesleyan Church, Melville Street, Hobart. When she was about twelve her father closed his shoemaker's shop and the family left Tasmania to make their home in Victoria. She was 21 when she married Francis TILLEY (1844–1923) my great grandfather, 24 April 1869, at Kew.

Mary Ann's photograph shows her to have been a lovely young woman. Family members described her as industrious, capable, and cheerful. A number of stories were passed down

about her capabilities. The only story told about her father, Mr Thompson, was that 'he was the first man to import a perambulator into Tasmania'. On his tombstone the word 'gentleman' is inscribed under his name. His past was a well-kept secret. To coin a phrase, however, 'scratch an old Australian and you're bound to find a convict.' Mary Ann is my link with Tasmania's history.●

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# TRADE TRAILS

## DECORATING THE FAMILY TREE

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**T**RADe, calling, rank, profession—a piece of information found on many of the records genealogists use as they trace their family line as far back as possible. It's an avenue of research that can be overlooked when seeking material that will bring a 'Family Tree' to life.

Those with relatives who produced a present day 'collectible' such as frames, jewellery, pottery or furniture are particularly fortunate. Genealogists can benefit from research already done to satisfy the collector or historian's fascination with the origins of a bookcase, vase or necklace. For example Kenneth Cavill's book *Australian Jewellers: gold & silversmiths makers & marks* includes an alphabetical list of jewellers, containing over 1,000 entries from the 1820s to the 1950s. As well as providing clues to a family's whereabouts, specialist reference books can provide an insight into an individual's workplace, skills, friendships and workmates.

The research might result in learning that something made by a relative still exists. My interest is the 'History of Furniture in Tasmania from European Settlement to 1930'. Last year, a Genealogical Society of Tasmania member, whose family included the cabinetmaker and framemaker George CHURCHER, contacted me. From reference books I could tell her of frames made by George Churcher held in private collections and in Launceston's Queen Victoria Museum collection.

The best place to start following a 'Trade Trail' is the library's Reference Section. The examples in this article follow those

who worked in trades associated with furniture and framemaking—cabinetmakers, upholsterers, turners, chairmakers, carvers, gilders and french polishers.

They combine information from an individual's genealogical records with material from the Australian antique furniture collector's 'bible', *Nineteenth Century Australian Furniture*. The book contains a Directory for each state, compiled from local directories and almanacs up to 1899. Over 250 individuals and businesses are listed in the Tasmanian Directory section. Many additional names are included in the fully indexed state by state furniture history section.

### **Trail 1—Convict Assignment and Employment**

Perhaps more than any other available record, a convict's Conduct Record may bring an ancestor's personality to life. The misconduct and punishment are described, but who were these masters reporting misdemeanours such as 'Using improper language in front of his master's children' and 'Being in the female servants' bedroom for an improper purpose'.

Edinburgh-born convict James PENMAN arrived in Tasmania in 1829. A cabinetmaker by trade, on arrival he was assigned to Public Works, and later to J. JEFFREY. The first entry in Penman's Conduct Record is: 'July 5 1832, JEFFREY/Threatening to assault Geo. DENNETT his Master's Apprentice'.

*Nineteenth Century Australian Furniture* first lists J. Jeffrey, cabinetmaker, in

Elizabeth Street, Hobart in 1827, but by the time this incident occurred his premises were in Argyle Street. George Dennett, the apprentice referred to, was a lad of about sixteen, born in Hobart.

James Penman continued working for James Jeffrey, a fellow Scot, for several years. After obtaining his Ticket of Leave, Penman continued in his trade, working for settlers in the Midlands area. Several pieces of furniture made by him during this later period survive.

Another convict with difficulties in his workplace was William NEST, who was assigned to Hobart cabinetmaker and undertaker George HUTTON. In September 1834, William Nest received twenty-five lashes for 'Absenting himself after having professed a frivolous complaint at the Police Office and remaining absent at night'. After receiving his freedom in 1839 William Nest worked as a cabinetmaker in Hobart. In 1847 Nest himself was the master, employing pass holder William Peter BRIGGS.

Conduct Records show that for pass holders employed under the hiring system, which operated during the 1840s, there was little job security, even for many of the skilled tradesmen.

John DOUGLAS, a 21-year old french polisher and upholsterer, arrived in Hobart in 1841. He was released from the first stage of Probation on 11 March 1844, and received his Ticket-of-Leave in 1851. His conduct record shows that between 1844 and 1849 his employers included almost every major cabinet-making business in Hobart—William HAMILTON, James WHITESIDE, OSBORN Bros, Leonard PEARSON and John McLOUGHLIN. *Nineteenth Century Australian Furniture* contains information about each of these firms.

During this period John Douglas was punished several times for absenteeism and refusing to work and from 1849, he was to be hired only 'in the Interior'. In February 1849, John Douglas began working for the Launceston cabinetmaker John BROWN. Mr Brown was amongst the Tasmanian exhibitors to the London International Exhibition of 1851, at which he showed a blackwood sideboard, a star loo table of Huon pine and blackwood with pedestal and a ladies table of muskwood. The latter was described in the *Official Catalogue of the Great Exhibition of 1851* as 'An elaborately finished article of highly polished muskwood, the top resting upon an inverted arch, turning on a pivot, and supported by a slender pedestal, with a tastefully worked collar'. Other pass holders working at John Brown's 'large and commodious shop' in Brisbane Street Launceston in the late 1840s and early 1850s included sawyer John ELDER, chairmaker Martin THOMSON, carpenter Edward COVENTRY, cabinetmaker Thomas HOWELL and cabinet/fancy turner Frederick WOOD.

Like John Douglas, Edward Coventry and Frederick Wood were some of the many pass holders who had worked for the Hobart cabinetmaker and upholsterer Leonard Pearson. Another was Liverpool born Edward WILKINSON, who was employed at Pearson's several times between 1845 and 1847. Wilkinson may have been the french polisher responsible for the 'exquisite polish' noted on the excellent articles of colonial manufacture to be seen at Mr Pearson's in 1846 and 1847. Edward Wilkinson's Conduct Record shows that in 1847 he was charged with

Misconduct in being in Hobart town without leave and in Mr. Pearson's

enclosed yard, forcibly endeavouring to enter the female servants' bedroom.

An illustration of Pearson's billhead, showing his premises in Elizabeth Street, is included in *Nineteenth Century Australian Furniture*.

### **Trail 2—Immigrant Movements**

A family arrives as assisted immigrants in the early years, but when baptism and burial records stop it's sometimes difficult to know how long they remained in Tasmania. In the case of cabinetmakers, referring to *Nineteenth Century Australian Furniture* may be a shortcut to tracing the family's movements and learning of their achievements.

Irish cabinetmaker Thomas BOOTH and his family came to Tasmania as assisted immigrants in 1833. For a short time they lived in Hobart, then moved to Launceston, where Thomas worked as a cabinetmaker and undertaker until about 1840, when the family moved to Victoria. Using *Nineteenth Century Australian Furniture Directories* we learn that T. Booth was in Hindley Street, Adelaide, South Australia in 1848–1852. In the 1860s, T. Booth was in Foster Street, Sale, Victoria.

Thomas Booth's son Henry Obadiah BOOTH, born in Launceston in 1836, became a wood turner. At the Intercolonial Exhibition in Sydney in 1870, H. O. Booth of Emerald Hill, Victoria, exhibited eight egg-cups and three sheep calls, turned out of Casuarina. In 1875, he exhibited a blackwood music stool and warehouseman's speaking trumpet with cases at the Victorian Intercolonial Exhibition in Melbourne.

Another example is John STONEHAM, who worked as a cabinetmaker in Hobart and Launceston during the 1830s. By 1840 he was operating the Temperance Coffee House in St John Street,

Launceston. As well as tea, coffee and welsh rarebit, he advertised 'Mattresses and Furniture always on hand, and made to order, and Funerals Performed'<sup>1</sup>. By the mid 1840s the family appears to have left Tasmania. *Nineteenth Century Australian Furniture* lists John Stoneham, Elizabeth Street, Melbourne, in 1847 and from 1851–1885 he is at Yarra Street, Geelong.

A later immigrant was young Yorkshire cabinetmaker, John JOWETT. Immigration records show that after his arrival he was 'engaged to HILL BROS at piece-work'. This was a long established Launceston cabinetmaking business, then operated by William Hills Jnr and his brother George. John Jowett's parents, William (also a cabinetmaker) and Margaret, arrived in Launceston as immigrants in 1885. By the mid 1890s there is no trace of the family in Tasmania. Again *Nineteenth Century Australian Furniture* provides a shortcut to locating the family—cabinetmaker W. Jowett was at Church Street, Parramatta in 1897.

### **Trail 3—Exhibitors**

In Victorian times exhibitions showcasing a country's industrial and artistic talents were very popular. Hundreds of proud Tasmanians took the opportunity to send products and produce of every description to these important events. For example, entries sent to the 1888 Melbourne Centennial Exhibition ranged from A. SHEKLETON's bag of Swede turnips<sup>2</sup>, to Launceston biscuitmaker Charles RUSSEN's thirteen foot high trophy containing an assortment of biscuits and sweets. The trophy cabinet itself was the work of Launceston cabinetmakers MILLS Bros.<sup>3</sup>

Official catalogues are available for most exhibitions and in the preceding months

contemporary newspapers contained detailed reports of requests for space and entries. Once again, approaching research from an individual's trade can be useful. *Nineteenth Century Australian Furniture* includes details of Australian exhibitors of furniture, frames, etc. in both national and international exhibitions up to 1899. The reports are a useful genealogical resource, mentioning many names—enthusiastic amateurs as well as established businesses contributed exhibits to exhibitions in places such as London, Calcutta and Chicago, as well as contributing items to mainland and local exhibitions.

Miss BLYTH and Miss Mary HOPE of Hobart Town sent Ornamental Table Tops, with a wreath of Tasmanian flowers painted on top, to the Philadelphia International Exhibition in 1876.

Closer to home, among the exhibits at the Tasmanian Juvenile and Industrial Exhibition at Hobart in 1883 were three picture frames made by George DADSON of Hagley and a table top entered by A. A. REID of Bothwell.

#### **Trail 4—Friendships**

Whether an individual came to Tasmania by choice or as a convict, one of the realities they shared was that most would not see their family or friends again. Particularly in times of happiness and sorrow, the absence of a wider family circle would have been felt. Following events in the lives of some of the people mentioned earlier in this article, illustrates the important part fellow tradesmen played in filling this gap.

Cabinetmaker George Hutton married Mary HODGKINSON in Hobart in 1833. One of the witnesses was fellow cabinetmaker Alexander BRUNTON. Neither had been a convict.

When Ticket of Leave holder Edward BUTLER married Ellen FRASER in Hobart in 1831, cabinetmaker John Stoneham was a witness. By 1835 both men had moved to Launceston.

Another trade relationship is seen when John Stoneham's young son Charles Frederick dies in Launceston in July 1844. The death was notified by fellow cabinetmaker Frederick GREEN.

In 1890 John Jowett married Emma QUINN. William Hills, John Jowett's first employer when he arrived in Tasmania seven years earlier, was one of the witnesses.

For convicts in particular, fellow tradesmen were often witnesses for important events.

William Peter BRIGGS, a talented carver, arrived in Tasmania per *Barossa* (2) in 1844. When he married Bridget GALLAGHER in Hobart in 1848, the witnesses were Edward WILKINSON and Mary Ann LEE. French polisher Edward Wilkinson, *Marion* (1), had arrived the same year as Briggs. In 1848 both were working for one of Tasmania's most prestigious furniture makers, William Hamilton.

In turn, William and Bridget Briggs were witnesses for the wedding of convict cabinetmaker Thomas JONES and Mary BURGESS in Hobart 1850. By 1851, Thomas Jones had moved to Launceston, where he was a witness at the wedding of french polisher George GRAY.

Cabinetmaker James GIBSON had already served part of his sentence in Scotland before his arrival in Tasmania in March 1852. When he married Mary NESBITT in Hobart in 1854, the witnesses were carpenter Edward Coventry and his wife Mary. Both men had a Ticket-of-Leave at the time.

## Conclusion

For those who wish to explore trade trails further, checking contemporary newspapers from a work rather than personal perspective can be useful. Perhaps the best example is during Prince Alfred, the DUKE OF EDINBURGH's visit to Tasmania in January 1868. Many merchants had visions of securing a 'By Royal Appointment' for their establishments, or at least having their workmanship seen by the Duke. As local newspapers devoted many columns to detailed descriptions of both preparations for the visit and actual events, we know of the involvement of many local businesses in the visit.

An example is the ceremony for laying the foundation stone of the new cathedral in Hobart. The Hobart *Mercury*<sup>4</sup> reported that the implements used by His Royal Highness included a silver trowel manufactured by Mr Charles GAYLOR and engraved by Mr W. R. BROCK, a beautifully designed level of Tasmanian lightwood, designed by Mr H. HUNTER and executed by Messrs Hamilton and Sons and a mallet of she-oak wood highly polished, turned by Mr POWELL of Collins Street.

Launceston's citizens were also keen to show their skills. The *Examiner*<sup>5</sup> reported that through Lieutenant HAIG the Tasmania District of the Independent Order of Rechabites presented an address to His Royal Highness. The address 'was a fine specimen of engrossing art, and was from the pen of James STEER, Clerk to Messrs RITCHIE and PARKER'. The casket in which the address was enclosed was the work of cabinetmakers Messrs John RICHARDS and Sons, with fancy silver work by Mr W. DAVEY, Brisbane Street and the inscription engraved by Mr A. O'LEARY.

So when you need a break from convict microfilms and cemetery microfiche, think trades!

Hopefully these brief examples of 'Trade Trails' at work illustrate the benefit of using an individual's trade as a potential research resource. The only specialist reference book used in the examples was *Nineteenth Century Australian Furniture*<sup>6</sup> which is available in a number of Tasmanian libraries. Some of the other reference books used by Australian antique collectors and historians are *Australian Furniture: Pictorial History and Dictionary 1788-1938* and *Tasmanian Framemakers 1830-1930*. I would be happy to check my copy of these books for GST members. ●

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## NEWS FROM ... **THE STATE LIBRARY**

At long last I can let you know that the Archives Resources Kit (formerly known as the Genealogical Research Kit) from State Records NSW (formerly known as the Archives Authority of NSW) is on our shelves in the Family History Area in the General Reference Library on the 2nd floor.

It consists of 570 microfilm reels, 100s of microfiche, paper guides, and some of the indexes are on the web as well as in the kit.

### **Carol Graham**

State Reference Service/Hobart Lending Library, State Library of Tasmania.

**The Archives Resources Kit** has an introduction and guide to the microforms which include:

- Colonial Secretary's Papers
- Arrivals in New South Wales, including Moreton Bay, and Port Phillip. Includes ships arrived, assisted and Bounty Immigrants, wives and families of convicts on bounty ships, Germans on bounty ships and unassisted passengers.
- Departures from the Colony of New South Wales
- Births, deaths and marriages. Includes inquests
- Convict records
- Land records
- Naturalization records
- Orphans
- Professions and occupations including chemists and druggists, barristers and solicitors, attorneys, publicans, appointments to government offices, Public Service lists and Police.
- Electoral rolls
- Census Householders' Returns

See State Records NSW web site for more details: <http://www.records.nsw.gov.au>

## NEW RELEASES

### **Index to *Walch's Tasmanian Almanac* Magistracy and Police Department 1863–1979–80**

Prepared by Muriel Bissett  
Cost \$20.00 (plus postage)

Available from:  
The Sales Officer  
Launceston Branch  
PO Box 1290  
Launceston  
TAS 7250

### **Index to *Walch's Tasmanian Almanac* Ecclesiastical 1863–1979–80**

Prepared by Betty Bissett  
Cost \$30.00 (plus postage)

Available from:  
The Sales Officer  
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# ENGLISH ORIGINS LAUNCH

<http://www.origins.net/>

Origins.net, in collaboration with the Society of Genealogists, announced the launch of English Origins at a Press Release in London on 18 January 2001. It will operate on a similar pay per view basis to the company's existing Scots Origins service.

The Society has agreed with Origins to allow important parts of its unique collection of British Isles material to be made available over the Internet, no longer restricting access to those able to visit the Society's Library in London.

The initial datasets are all of English records and will appear on the new English Origins site. Others may appear on different parts of the Origins site in due course.

The English Origins database currently includes over one million names, covering the period 1568 to 1850, and including the indexes listed below. These indexes provide rich genealogical and biographical details and also allow you to locate otherwise inaccessible source documents.

- Vicar-General Marriage Licence Allegations Index, 1694–1850
- Faculty Office Marriage Licence Allegations Index, 1701–1850
- Bank of England Will Extracts Index, 1717–1845
- London City Apprenticeship Abstracts, 1568–1850
- London Consistory Court Depositions Index, 1703–13
- Archdeaconry Court of London Wills Index, 1700-1807

Other records, which will be added to the collection during 2001, include:

- Boyds Marriage Index, over 6 million records
- Apprentices of Great Britain, 1710–74; over 600 000 records
- Boyds Inhabitants of London, 14th-19th centuries; 60,000 families
- Boyds London Burials; 50 000 names
- Prerogative Court of Canterbury Wills, 1750–1800; 333 000 records

Access to the English Origins database is by credit or debit card, via a secure payment system. The charges are: £6.00 for 48 hours continuous access to the database, with hard copies of original documents (which can be ordered online) costing £10.00. A free surname search facility is available to determine whether there are any potentially interesting records for a given surname.

Members of the Society of Genealogists are allowed one free 48 hour access each calendar quarter. This will allow members to view a maximum of 150 of the Society's online records during each of these accesses. Additionally, members will be given a 20% discount on orders made via English Origins for hard copies provided by the Society, i.e. £8 instead of £10.

## About the Society of Genealogists

The Society of Genealogists offers a unique combination of research material, guidance and support for those interested in family history. It is a charity whose objects are to promote, encourage and foster the study, science and knowledge of genealogy. Their library is the foremost in the British Isles with a large collection of family histories, civil registration and census material, and the widest collection of Parish Register copies in the country (over 9,000).

## About Origins.net

Origins.net was founded in 1997 to work with the custodians of valuable genealogical information to assist them in using the Internet to provide broader access to family history researchers. Since this time, it has been home to Scots Origins, providing exclusive on line access to the General Register Office for Scotlands birth, marriage and death records, covering the period 1553–1925. ●

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The 48 hour period starts when you register for access and runs out after two days. You may come and go during that period using your registered user-name. I would strongly advise users to explore the site, read about the databases, try the free search and understand the site before registering. Plan your searches in advance.

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## ELIZABETH SIMPSON AWARD 2000

THERE were forty-three entries with the winners being announced at the AGM of the Federation of Family History Societies at Leicester in April 2001.

The over-all winners were:

- 1 **Guild of One-Name Studies**  
7/4, October 2000 [Mem.1750]
- 2 **Somerset & Dorset FHS**  
25/1, February 2000 [Mem.4300]
- 3 **Anglo-American FHS**  
53, September 2000 [Mem.1200]

Other winners, within groups were:

### Highly Commended

- Beresford FS  
79, October 2000 [Mem.350]
- East of London FHS (*Cockney Ancestor* 86, Spring 2000 [Mem.3500])
- Cornwall FHS  
96, June 2000 [Mem.5215]
- Powys FHS WLS  
56, August 2000 [Mem.840]
- Genealogical Society of Victoria AUS  
35/4, December 2000 [Mem.6800]

### Commended

- Bristol and Avon FHS  
102, December 2000 [Mem.1650]
- Essex SFH  
98, November 2000 [Mem.3600]
- Sole FHS  
2/12 December 2000 [Mem.150]
- **Genealogical Society of Tasmania Inc.**  
21/1 June 2000 [Mem. 1450]

### Commended for their contents

- Channel Islands FHS  
88, October 2000 [Mem.600]
  - Kent FHS  
9/6, March 2000 [Mem.3261]
  - North of Ireland FHS  
11/1, 2000 [Mem.900]
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## FFHS WEB PAGE AWARDS

THE Federation of Family History Societies is pleased to announce the results of its competition for web sites of member societies.

The Family History Society of Cheshire at <http://www.fhsc.org.uk/> is a clear winner—in the final voting it was placed first by each of the five judges. It will receive the *Family Tree Magazine* award of £100, which it will be putting towards the costs of the Cheshire BMD website—Register Office indexes of births, marriages and deaths in the county.

Runners up are:

- 2 Alberta Genealogical Society
- 3 East of London FHS
- 4 Watkins FHS
- 5 Gwent FHS
- 6 Norfolk FHS Internet Branch
- 7 Maryborough District FHS

The full list of fifty-three entrants with links to their websites is at:

<http://www.ffhs.org.uk/Societies/Awards/WebEntrants.htm>

The description of the award and criteria are at:

<http://www.ffhs.org.uk/Societies/Awards/Web2001.htm>

We will be giving further details and comments from the judges later.

### **David Hawgood**

Chairman and co-ordinator of judging panel.

17 June 2001



*21st Birthday  
Afternoon Tea*

*Hobart Branch  
TFHS Inc.*

*Sunday  
16 September 2001  
2:30-4:30 pm*

*Laetare Gardens  
37 Hopkins Street  
Moonah*

*Contact Secretary  
6243 6200  
or President  
6244 4527*

NEW PUBLICATION

## **UNDERTAKERS OF HOBART Vol I**

**Index to  
Pierce J Keating  
Funeral Records  
1895-1959 (with gaps)**

Compiled and Published by  
TFHS Inc Hobart Branch

Available from Librarian  
TFHS Inc Hobart Branch  
GPO Box 640  
Hobart TAS 7001  
\$25.00 plus \$3.30 p&p

# GENES ON SCREEN

Vee Maddock (Member No. 3972)

FreeBMD, a site I mentioned several issues ago is celebrating having passed the 10 million milestone in its project to transcribe the UK indexes of births, marriages and deaths between 1837 and 1900. This easily searchable database, made possible by the hours of work by many volunteers is free for your use. We have the BDM records (on microfiche, in quarters, that travel around the state annually) in our libraries, please consider helping by transcribing even just a few of them.

Currently if you search the database you have a 1 in 10 chance of finding your ancestor's birth, death or marriage. By working together we can increase those odds. It is amazing the difference people power has made to this project in the short time since I first mentioned it here. At present, approximately 58 000 records are added daily to the site. Searches can be made for all entries of a particular name or narrowed to include a certain range of years, type of event or area or county. The database also includes a wildcard option if looking for variants of a name. At the present rate though without more volunteers it could be ten years or more before the collection is complete.

Details of how to search and how to volunteer are included on the FreeBMD website at: <http://FreeBMD.rootsweb.com>

Those of you researching in New Zealand will benefit from Denise and Peter's homepage at <http://members.nbc.com/DenisePeter/OurStuff.htm> which has an excellent listing of NZ resources including, passenger lists to New Zealand and information on nineteenth century immigration and settlement, quarantine

stations and lighthouses. Also church ministers 1866, industrial schools and orphanages and some early baptisms and burials.

If you have links to the circus or theatre or other forms of public entertainment in the UK you should check <http://www.users.globalnet.co.uk/~paul/n/index.htm> for a vast amount of information and links to other resources.

Old maps of the UK at <http://www.old-maps.co.uk/>

## Immigrant Ships Transcribers Guild

This incredible site is a must for anyone who is wondering where an ancestor went to. It includes a photograph database and links to a great deal of other nautical information. Primarily the site revolves around transcriptions of hundreds of passenger lists from around the world. Ships are indexed by port of departure or arrival. Many lists include steerage passengers. But wait, there's more! Not only are all the lists transcribed, there's a major surname index too. Maybe your missing ancestor was one of those who left from Sydney to NZ or elsewhere? Some passengers are cross linked to researchers or photos. This international site needs volunteers to transcribe further records. Wouldn't it be great to have a central index of all the passenger lists that exist? They are well on the way <http://istg.rootsweb.com/>

UK Villages <http://www.ukvillages.co.uk/> is set up around every village that has a post office in the whole of England, Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland.

That's over 27 500 communities. Some villages have developed their web space more than others. Everything from the weather to accommodation and activities, groups and election results. A definite place to go if you are planning a trip or researching your ancestor's place of birth. Very good maps too. Find local history links under the links to other web sites.

A webring is a convenient way of keeping similarly themed sites linked together. A webring is set up on a topic and then those with sites that match may choose to join. A link is then found on each involved site which leads to the central listing, the next site, the previous site or a random site in the ring.

Webrings exist on all sorts of topics. <http://nav.webring.yahoo.com/hub?ring=buildingengland&list> is a webring of The Buildings of England and contains sites about buildings of interest in England. They may be churches, castles, stately homes, homes of writers and artists, public buildings such as museums and town halls, buildings of some architectural interest, etc.

Richard's Church Album is a wonderful collection of over 1500 photographs of churches in the UK. Well worth a look to see if 'your' church is there. <http://www.thirdman-webmaster.co.uk/index.html>

Some UK historical themed webrings are found <http://www.castleuk.net/castlewebring1.htm>

Legacy 3.0, a very easy to use genealogical record keeping program is now available free online. It's a big download, but worth the effort. Of course being free some things are limited. In this case it's the number of charts and different print-outs. However if you already have a program where you like

the charts but are not impressed with the interface for entering and finding data then consider using legacy then gedcom your file into your other program for printing. Or you can buy chart capabilities from Legacy. Take a look at this page <http://www.legacyfamilytree.com/Download.asp> for a (somewhat biased) comparison of Legacy to other major software currently available. To download <http://www.legacyfamilytree.com/Index.asp>

Dartmoor Press is a small company in Devon. <http://www.dartmoorpress.clara.net/> It seems you have to pay to get hold of the majority of records in Devon these days. This site lists several indexes and other publications but also has some free monumental inscriptions and other details.

Gen Circles Global Tree project is another collection of submitted family trees <http://www.gencircles.com/globaltree/> for searching.

Forbes Newbies helping newbies <http://www.angelfire.com/mt/forbesnewbies/index.html> is an excellent site for finding out more about all aspects of computers and genealogy online. In their computer stuff page they do a great job of covering viruses. In hints and tips you'll find everything from sending attachments to saving favourites. They also cover gedcom usage, graphics programs and a huge number of links.

Remember you don't have to type out these long URLs to visit these sites. Go to the Genes on Screen Links page on the Hobart branch page and they are all listed waiting for your click. The new address is [www.hobart.tasfhs.org](http://www.hobart.tasfhs.org) 

# TASMANIANA LIBRARY, STATE LIBRARY OF TASMANIA NEW ACQUISITIONS

This is a select list of books on history and genealogy which have been added to the Tasmaniana Library between April and mid-July, 2001. They are mostly, but not all, new publications; the Tasmaniana Library often acquires older works which relate to Tasmania and which it does not already hold. The list has been kept as brief as possible; normally only author, title and the Tasmaniana Library's reference number are given. If you would like further information about any of the books listed, please contact the Tasmaniana Library at 91 Murray Street, Hobart 7000 or by telephone on (03) 6233 7474, by fax on (03) 6233 7902, and by email at [Heritage.Collections@education.tas.gov.au](mailto:Heritage.Collections@education.tas.gov.au).

Further information is also available on TALIS, the State Library's on-line information system. TALIS is available in city and branch libraries throughout Tasmania and through the World Wide Web; its URL is <http://www.talis.tas.gov.au:8000/>.

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

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**Important note.** The list published in volume 22, no.1 (June 2001) included several indexes to church registers attributed to Keith Parish. They were, in fact, compiled by Mr Parish and several other members of the Launceston Branch of the Tasmanian Family History Society Inc. These indexes, which have not yet been published, have been withdrawn from the Tasmaniana Library. They are available, for reference only, at the Launceston Local Studies Library. No further copies are available.

Bennison, Peter, *Speakers of the House of Assembly Tasmania, 1856–2000*. (TLQ 328.946 BEN)

Blackley, Roger, *Stray leaves: colonial trompe l'oeil drawings*. (TLPQ 759.993 BLA)

Breen, Shayne, *Contested places: Tasmania's Northern Districts from ancient times to 1900*. (TL 994.62 BRE)

Brown, Bob, *The valley of the giants: a guide to Tasmania's Styx River forests*. (TL 919.466 BRO)

Byard, Marguerite, *James and Lucy Byard family as at the 10<sup>th</sup> March, 2001*. (TLQ 929.2 BYA)

Byard, Marguerite Vida, *Charles, William and Agnes Banfield family*. (TLQ 929.2 BAN)

Devonport Gallery and Arts Centre, *Tying the knot*. [Catalogue of an exhibition of photographs from the Robinson & Son collection] (TLPQ 779.994632 TYI)

Ely, RG, *Albuera Street State School: 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the building, and 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the school*. (TLPQ 372.9946 LB)

Examiner (Launceston, Tas.) *Centenary of declaration of V.D.L.'s independence ("The Examiner, Thursday, December 3, 1925")*. (TLPQ 994.603 CEN)

Fenton, Paul, *James Fenton of Forth: a Tasmanian pioneer 1820–1901*. (TLQ 994.6 FEN)  
*A flower from Frome, Flower family reunion, 10<sup>th</sup> February 2001, Parkham Hall*. (TLQ 929.2 FLO)

- Freeman, George and Grace Freeman, *Toward brighter horizons: Freeman family history, 1813–2000*. (TLQ 929.2 FRE)
- Genealogical Society of Tasmania. Launceston Branch, *Gone but not forgotten: St Andrew's Church & Cemetery, Carrick*. (TLQ 929.5 GON)
- Goding, Alison, *Matthew Bowden 11–10–1779 – 23–10–1814: civil surgeon at Sullivan's Bay and Hobart 1803–1814*. (TLPQ 994.602 BOW)
- Hastie, Judie and Grace & George Freeman, *Ravensdale remembered: 1925 to 1955*. (TLQ 372.9946)
- Hay, Steven, *Lessons not lost: a history of Taroona Primary School*. (TLQ 372.9946 TAR)
- Hiscutt, Hugh, *Reminiscences of rail around Penguin*. (TLP 385.0994635 HIS)
- Hobart (Tas.). Town Council. Development and Environmental Services, *Macquarie Street Townscape Project: Stage 1*. (TLE 711.40994661 HOB)
- Hudspeth, Audrey and Lindy Scripps, *Capital port: a history of the Marine Board of Hobart 1858–1997*. (TLQ 387.10994661 HUD)
- In loving memory: the General Cemetery, Devonport, Tasmania*. (TLQ 929.5 INL)
- Knight, Ken, *We're here because we're here: a history of the Penguin Surf Lifesaving Club*. (TLQ 797.30994635 KNI)
- McConnell, Anne Denise and Nathalie Servant, *Paradise lost?: profiling the heritage of the apple industry in the Garden of Eden (Tasmania) and some lessons for managing rural cultural heritage*. (TLQ 634.11 MCC)
- Macknight, L, *Community history collections held by the Queen Victoria Museum and Art Gallery: guide to local government records*. (TLPQ 015.946 MAC)
- Mesecke, Coralie, *Convict applications to bring out families to Van Diemen's Land (also NSW, Vic & WA). Index 1827–1873*. (TLQ 929.3 MES)
- Metcalf, DH., *A history of Mount Stuart*. (TLQ 994.661 MET)
- Minchin, RF (Bob), *The first, the worst? (Michael Howe and associated bushrangers in Van Diemen's Land)*. (TL 364.9946 MIN)
- Mitcheltree, Robert L, *Lost grave sites from the Cataragui ship wreck – 4 August 1845, King Island, Tasmania [and] A follow-up field survey....* (TLQ 994.692 MIT)
- Moorhouse, Rosemary, *Limerick links: family tree and the origins and lives of the Reardon, Hawkins and Lyall families*. (TLQ 929.2 REA)
- Paddle, Robert, *The last Tasmanian tiger: the history and extinction of the Thylacine*. (TLQ 599.27 PAD)
- Powell, Michael, *Manual of a mystic: FL Woodward, a Buddhist scholar in Ceylon and Tasmania*. (TL 294.344 WOO)
- Queen Victoria Museum and Art Gallery, *Holy Trinity Anglican Church records held by the Queen Victoria Museum and Art Gallery*. (TLPQ 929.3 HOL)
- Schaffer, Irene, *Derwent River Excursion on board the "Lady Nelson", Sandy Bay – Bowen Bridge – Kangaroo Point: Volume 1, Sandy Bay – Battery Point – Hobart*. (TLPQ 994.661 DER)
- Scott, Margaret and James Parker, *Convict trail: Tasman Peninsula and Port Arthur*. (TLQ 994.671 SCO)

Sheridan, Gwenda, *A changed pattern landscape: Brighton in the nineteenth century*. (TLQ 994.665 SHE)

Sheridan, Gwenda, *[Talk given to the Fern Tree Community Association on 4<sup>th</sup> April, 2001 (by invitation of the community) at the Community Hall, Fern Tree.]* (TLQ 994.661 SHE)

Smith, Dian, *Hardship, shackles & hope: descendants of Patrick Brennan & Mary Barry*. (TLQ 929.2 BRE)

Smith, Rick, *Australian test cricketers*, revised edition. (TL 796.358 SMI)

Skallerup, Harry R, *Books afloat & ashore: a history of books, libraries and reading among seamen during the age of sail*. (CRO 026.3875 SKA)

*Tanner*. [Family history] (TLQ 929.2 TAN)

Taplin, TC, *Lodge Rosetta No.81 T.C.: the twentieth century history 1963–2000*. (TLQ 366.1 TAP)

Tatz, Colin and Paul Tatz, *Black gold: the Aboriginal and Islander sports hall of fame*. [Includes Tasmanians Roger Brown, Greg Lovell and Brian Mansell] (TLQ 796.089 TAT)

Thompson, ACC, *Incidents of a whaling voyage*. (CROP 639.28 THO)

*West coasters, The: the convicts, the piners, the miners, the tourism and the rebirth of the Abt Railway*. [Video] (TLVC 338.47919464 WES)

*Wonderful tramways of Mr. Parker and Mr. Jinks, The*. [Video – history of Hobart and Launceston tramways] (TLVC 388.4609946 WON)

# FROM THE EXCHANGE JOURNALS

Thelma McKay (Member No. 598)

**‘The Hope Family’** by Carol Hope in *The Lambing Flat Leader*, newsletter of the Young and District Family History Group. This article is published in two parts. The first in Vol.17, No.2, June, pp.4–5 and continued in Vol.17, No.3, November 2000, pp.6–7. Abraham Hope an early settler in the Grenfell district was originally a convict. He arrived in NSW on the *Camden (1)* in 1831 and later farmed on land near Bumbaldry. In 1850 Abraham married Tasmanian-born Mary Ann Cowell who had moved to live in Burrangong with her mother Sarah (wife of Thomas White), and the White and Cowell children. Abraham’s brother Michael James Hope was also convicted in England, and transported to VDL. He later moved to NSW and lived near his brother Abraham Hope.

**‘The Peculiar List of Surgeon Smyth Labelled Children Brought Out and Born on Board the ship Lady Penrhyn’** by Dr C. J. Smee in *Descent*, journal of the Society of Australian Genealogists Vol.30, No.2, June 2000 pp.92–96. In this interesting article Dr Smee expounds on ‘cracking the code’ of the list of children brought out by the *Lady Penrhyn* in the First Fleet. Each child’s birth, parentage or death is analyzed. It is suggested that Surgeon Arthur Boyes Smyth used a code to record the births of illegitimate convict children, namely he gave the child the forename of the father and the family name of the mother. Thus several female babies were recorded with male names.

**‘Old Medical Terminology’** submitted by Lawson Cockcroft in the *Cleveland*

Family History Society journal Vol.7, No.11, July 2000, pp.50–52. An alphabetical list of over 200 ‘old’ diseases and illnesses with their ‘new’ medical terminology.

**‘A Problem Solved for a Royal Navy Widow?’** by Diana Thomson in the *Murrumbidgee Ancestor*, journal of the Wagga Wagga and District Family History Society No.66, July 2000, pp.3–5. Jane Hobbs and her four daughters and son James arrived in Hobart Town per *Ocean* in 1803. Jane’s husband Lieutenant William Hobbs had been killed in action in 1801. Her daughters Judith, Rebecca, Ann Jane and Charity married William Hopley, John Ingle, George Prideaux Harris and William Collins respectively. Jane Hobbs had at least twelve grandchildren before her death in 1813.

**‘Police Ancestor – A New Research Tool’** by D. Wilcox in the *Herefordshire Family History* journal Vol.7, No.10, July 2000, p.340. A database has been compiled from 27 volumes of the ‘Police Review’ covering the period 1893, to 1919. These police records cover England, Wales and Scotland and contain 1,200 biographies, over 3,000 photos, letters, trials, inquests, divorces and WWI references. For more information write to the author at 40 Buttermere Road, Liverpool L16 2NN, UK. Search fee is £2 per name plus SSAE.

**‘Beginners Corner – Soldier Ancestors’** by Kathleen Smith in *Links N’ Chains*, journal of the Liverpool and District Family History Society No.56, August

2000, pp.25–28. This article, although described for beginners, will be of interest to many researchers looking for records on soldier ancestors. Information includes the dates and places where regiments were stationed in Australia, including Tasmania. Also given are the Australian Joint Copying Project references for the PRO film numbers.

**‘Ford Park Cemetery, Plymouth’** in *Devon Family Historian*, journal of the Devon Family History Society No.95, August 2000, p.6. An estimated 250,000 people lie buried in Ford Park cemetery, first opened in 1846. Over the years this Plymouth burial ground fell into a dilapidated state, and went into liquidation during 1999. After a save-the-cemetery campaign it was purchased by volunteers, known as the Charitable Trust, who plan to transcribe the headstones and tidy up the area. Donations are welcome.

**‘Did You Know ... Tracing Ancestors in States Other Than NSW in the NSW Register of BDM’** by Jim in the *Orange Family History* journal No.49, September 2000, pp.8–10. Many early entries of births, deaths and marriages for other states can be found in the NSW registers. A graph shows the date of settlement for each state, and gives the years when births were first recorded, when each state separated from NSW, and when civil registrations were introduced. A table on page 3 lists some of the parishes (other than NSW) for which entries appear in the NSW Registry, and gives denomination and period covered.

**‘Focus On Photography—Identifying Photographs’** by Carol Fordyce in *Toronto Tree*, journal of the Toronto Branch of the Ontario Genealogical

Society, September-October 2000 Vol.31, No.5, pp.51–52. This article describes the different types of early photography with the dates when each was invented. The various methods of mounting, which can be a clue to dating photographs pre 1920, are also detailed.

Two articles are featured in *Metropolitan*, journal of the London and North Middlesex Family History Society in October 2000, Vol.23, No.1 (87).

**1 ‘St Marylebone Girls School’** by Miss H. Sharp pp.16–18. The St Marylebone Charity School was founded in 1750 *for instructing, clothing and qualifying as useful servants and putting out apprentice the children of industrious poor Parishioners*. Originally two separate schools for boys and girls, by 1838 only the girls’ school remained. Nearly fifty name-identified extracts 1828–1840, are included, as taken from the Admission and Discharge Register for the girls’ school.

**2 ‘An Index to the Burial Register of the Parish of St Andrew, Enfield’**. This is the first of a two part series and covers from January to June 1813, of the Burial Register for St Andrews, Enfield. Listed are names, dates of death, ages, and some additional information such as parents or spouse, occupation etc. Part two will appear in a later issue of *Metropolitan*.

*The Pivot Tree*, journal of the Geelong Family History Group October 2000, No.67. This issue has many articles on convicts featuring their lives and families, many of whom contributed to the settlement of Geelong. One article **‘Geelong Convict Connections’** lists convicts taken from a card index, compiled by the late Dr Bettina Blackall,

giving name, place of birth, date and place of arrival (some had originally landed in VDL) plus references. Other articles include 'Children of Convicts' and 'Convict Children', 'Transported for Life—Geelong Connections', 'Sources for Convict Research'. Also 'Almost a Convict—And Almost Not Here!' by Marie Goldsworthy relates details of her ancestor Susannah Blackhall who arrived in VDL as a free emigrant on board the *Strathfieldsaye* in August 1834. Two months later she married convict Charles Gross at Holy Trinity, Hobart.

'Family History' by Marjorie Lyle in *Family History*, journal of the Institute of the Heraldry and Genealogical Studies October 2000, Vol.20, No.165, pp.181–200. The author describes her early life in Edinburgh in the 1920s. Later chapters are dedicated to her grandparents' families: Chapter 2, The Waughs and Anguses; Chapter 3 The Bryces; Chapter 4 a) The Chorleys, b) The Houghs and Fowlers, c) The Watts; Chapter 5 The Hunters. Included are family trees of the above names.

'Frankston Timeline—A Chronology' by Pat Draper in *Peninsula Past Times*, journal of the Mornington Peninsula Family History Society November 2000, No.80, pp.4–6. This article is the first in a series on the history of Frankston in Victoria. Many early settlers are named with details of their achievements. One such couple, Thomas and Grace McComb from Tasmania, arrived in Frankston in 1852. Thomas became the first fisherman, and Grace the local midwife. To be continued in future issues of their journal.

Three articles can be found in *Suffolk Roots*, journal of the Suffolk Family

History Society November 2000, Vol.26, No.3.

1 'Millbank Prison London 1849' by Ruth Flowerdew p.149. List of men, originally from Suffolk, held in Millbank Prison awaiting transportation. Includes date of trial, date received into prison and when or whence removed.

2 'The Cyclopedia of New Zealand' by Nicholas Twohill pp.151–152. Six volumes of the New Zealand Cyclopedia were published between 1897 to 1908. Many references to emigrants can be found in these volumes. Those from Suffolk are listed here.

3 'Suffolk Deserters in Australia & New Zealand' by Mrs P. Turner p.182. Two of the seven men mentioned in this list deserted from Hobart, Tasmania. Joseph Garwood and Robert Dye both enlisted at Bury St Edmunds and were born in Suffolk.

'Was Your Ancestor a Chemist?' by Keith Rookledge in *Greentrees*, journal of the Westminster and Central Middlesex Family History Society Vol.21, No.1, pp.8–9. An account of the author's quest for information about an ancestor listed in the 1851, Census as a chemist. An overview is given of available records for chemists with details of where to find the records of the Royal Pharmaceutical Society in London.

'Cross-Border Marriages' in the Winter 2000 Vol.25, No.4 *Journal of the Northumberland & Durham Family History Society* p.121. From a card index to the 'Newcastle Courant' by the late Donald Mason, examples of cross-border marriages 1758–1862, are listed in this article. Each includes information such

as place of origin, parents, whether married in Scotland or Gretna Green, and reference date.

**‘The Industrial Schools’** by Dr Gillian Gear in the *Essex Family Historian* November 2000 No.98, pp.54–59, journal of the Essex Society for Family History. About 225 Industrial Schools were set up all over the country to care for destitute children and give them industrial training. The Camden Town Boys’ Home in its magazine ‘The Budget’ included extracts of a letter, reproduced here, written by a former boy Cornelius Burrows, who wrote from Queensland in 1890 of his new life and family. For more information write to Dr Gillian Gear at Nicholls Farm, Lybury Lane, Redbourn, Hertfordshire AL3 7JH, UK.

**‘A Fireman in the Family’** by Lis Harwood in *Root and Branch*, journal of the West Surrey Family History Society December 2000, Vol.27, No.3, p.102. An account of the author’s search for details of her fireman ancestor and some useful sources.

Two articles on arms and heraldry in *The Midland Ancestor*, journal of the Birmingham and Midland Society for Genealogy and Heraldry Vol.12, No.10, December 2000.

1 **‘Civic Heraldry’** by Ralph Brocklebank pp.404-412. An explanation of the development and purpose of Civic Arms with examples.

2. **‘The Armorial Bearings of Francis John Findlay Esq.’** An article by Dr Bernard Juby on Francis John Findlay of Tettenhall, Wolverhampton

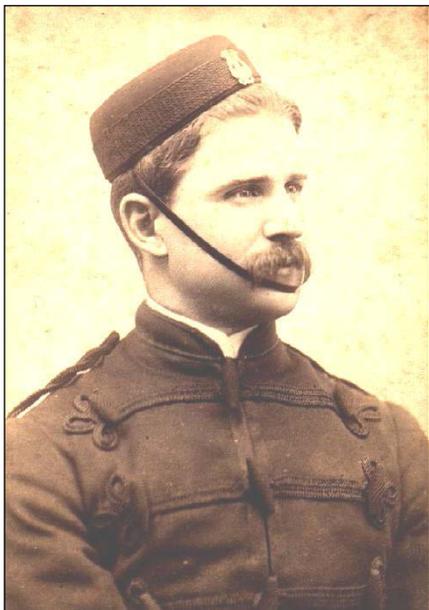
**‘The India Office Library’** by Paul Blake in *Hertfordshire People*, journal of Hertfordshire Family & Population History Society No.75, December 2000, p.7. An account of a talk by Paul Blake about the Oriental & India Collection of the British Library near St Pancras in London. A brief description of resources which includes 160,000 records on 15 km of shelving in a number of categories.

**‘The Tantums of Derby, Loscoe and Heanor’** by J. J. Webster in the *Derbyshire Family History Society* No.95, December 2000, pp.24–29. If you are researching clockmakers named Tantum, this article is a must for you. The author’s interest in grandfather clocks led to considerable research into this unusual surname. Notes on many individual Tantums are included, dating back to 1614.

**‘Genealogical Sources in the Royal Archives at Windsor Castle’** by Sheila de Bellaigue Registrar of the Royal Archives. The *Berkshire Family Historian* Vol.24, No.2, December 2000, journal of the Berkshire Family History Society pp.62-69. The records relating to staff at Windsor Castle were formerly held in three departments: Lord Chamberlain—ceremonial and social life, Lord Steward—domestic and culinary matters; Master of the Horse—Royal stables. The Royal Archives are held at Windsor Castle where an index to household employees dates from 1660, to 1901. This index contains the name, position held, etc. Enquiries should be sent to the Registrar of the Royal Archives, Windsor Castle, Berkshire SL4 1NJ, UK. A basic search fee is £10 plus VAT. ●

# Lost, Stolen or Strayed ... and Found!

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George BOWEN

I am hoping you can help me identify this photo that I recently found amongst my grandmother's bits and pieces. The photo has a pencil name on it—**George BOWEN** and was taken at Anson Bros Hobart studio that was operating from 1878–1891. He is dressed in a uniform with a small 'pill-box' cap. It looks pseudo military and could be a band uniform as the cap has a badge on it in the shape of a small lyre. It has a strap that goes over his chin, and there are 'frogs' down the front of the uniform. I am trying to identify the outfit that George would have belonged to.

My great uncle Jack PURCELL married Rhoda STABB (in Sydney). She was born in Tasmania to John William Stabb and Elizabeth Bowen in 1879. So there must be some connection to George

Bowen. I cannot, however, find a listing on the BDM index or Archives Family Link to this George Bowen for this period of time. I am trying to find out what if any was the relationship and on what occasion he would have worn this uniform. I am hoping you can help and let me know if it is in any way familiar. Many thanks in anticipation, Lorraine Purcell, [lorraine@compassnet.com.au](mailto:lorraine@compassnet.com.au) □

As of June 2001, **opening hours of the Family History Centre** at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints in the south at Elmsleigh Road, Goodwood, are: Monday 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm, Wednesday 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm and 6:00pm to 9:00 pm and Fridays 9:00 am to 12:00 noon. □

The **Institute of Heraldic and Genealogical Studies** has announced **two new research projects**.

The first is an oral history project concentrating on longevity of individuals. A prize has been set aside for anyone who is able to produce a pedigree for three generations in which the living great grandparents are aged 95 or more with children, grandchildren and great grandchildren in good health.

The second project concerns the application of genealogy to genetic research in aid of medical teams throughout the world. The institute invites any family historian who has a proven Family Tree of four or more generations on each line and/or longevity for four or five generations to apply for participation in a research programme. The database will provide a means of assisting genealogical research and will become an invaluable research tool for both historians and geneticists. In the

first instance, please respond with your full name, address, telephone number and email address stating your willingness to participate. You will then be supplied with forms and further details. The Institute of Heraldic and Genealogical Studies, Northgate, Canterbury, Kent CT1 1BA or ☎ 01227 768664, Fax 01227 765617 or email [principal@ihgs.ac.uk](mailto:principal@ihgs.ac.uk)  
<http://www.ihgs.ac.uk/> □

Ian Brothers is undertaking **research on all passengers and crew of the ships** listed below. Please contact him at 'Bridgewater', Grenfell NSW 2810 if you have any information.

*Ann* 1810, *Indian* 1810, *Surry* 1814, *Lord Melville* 1817, *Isabella* 1818, *Eliza* 1822, *Mary Ann* 1822, *Grenada* 1825, *Borneo* 1828, *Florentia* 1832, *Susan* 1836, *Whirl Wind* 1855 and *Sultana* 1856. □

The **Parish Register Transcription Society** was formed in April 1999, in Hampshire, England, with the aim of publishing transcriptions of Parish registers and/or other manuscripts and records which would be of use to researchers in family history. The society does not have a subscribed membership but consists of a very small group of volunteer transcribers. Their ability to continue relies entirely upon income generated from sales of their publications. A catalogue of published transcripts can be found at <http://www.prtsoc.org.uk> or write to 50 Silvester Road, Cowplain, Waterloo, HAMPSHIRE PO8 8TL UK □

## OLD FAMILY HOMES

*Rose E. Webster*

### ***Vanishing Homes***

1986

I sit alone as twilight falls on a cold and  
lonesome night,

And look at a cottage—with crumbling  
walls—

In the swiftly fading light.

The bitter wind hits on the dear old roof,

And sweeps by its once strong doors.

It rattles the shattered window panes

And the debris on the floor.

Cattle tread where the garden grew,

And chew on the few old shrubs.

The plum and cherry and apples trees

Are but plunder for ravaging grubs.

I think on the times of other years,

When the cottage was snug and warm,

With a welcoming light in the windows,

And a shelter from wind and storm.

I think of the children's laughter

And the sounds of a day now gone

And wonder anew of the wastage

Of many a dear old home.

Doesn't anyone care for the mem'ries

That were made in days gone by

Are these homes but prey for the weather

As they're left to slowly die?

Ah, man in our ceaseless seeking

For something of greater worth,

We forget that these dear old treasures

Were once the best homes on earth. ●

[With apologies to Rose Webster for an omission when previously published in *Tasmanian Ancestry* June 2001, Vol. 22 No. 1, p.44—Ed.]

# COMING EVENTS

## TASMANIA

Unless otherwise notified, all Tasmanian Historical Research Association (THRA) Meetings take place on the second Tuesday of the month in the Royal Society Room, Custom House, Tasmanian Museum and Art Gallery, Macquarie Street Hobart starting at 8:00 p.m.

### 16 September 2001

**Hobart Branch 21st Birthday Afternoon Tea** at Laetare Gardens, Moonah, 2:30 p.m. Contact the Branch Secretary for further information.

### 10 November 2001

**Launceston Branch 21st Birthday Party** at the Library at 3:00 p.m. Contact the Branch Secretary for further information.

### 20 November 2001

**Burnie Branch 21st Birthday Dinner** meeting at the Hillside Motor Inn. Contact the Branch Secretary for further information.

### 23 and 24 November 2002

**Burgess Reunion** at Parkham, Tasmania. 160<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:Annette.Banks@utas.edu.au)

See *Reunions* notice in the coloured insert, Vol.22 No.1 June 2001.

## INTERSTATE AND OVERSEAS

### 24–29 September 2001

**Plantation and Colonial Migration** family history conference in Belfast. Email [enquiry@uhf.org.uk](mailto:enquiry@uhf.org.uk) or check the website at [www.ancestryireland.com](http://www.ancestryireland.com)

### 5–7 October 2001

**NSW and ACT Association of FHS Annual Conference in Sydney**, theme: *The 3Rs of family history—Researching, Reading & Recording*. Contact The Society of Australian Genealogists, 120 Kent Street Sydney NSW 2000.

### 17 November 2001

A meeting for the *descendants of Gathercole* families in Australia at The Stables, Canterbury Street, Flemington, Melbourne. ☎(03) 5241 9491 or email [viviennew@bigpond.com](mailto:viviennew@bigpond.com)

### 24 February 2002

**Wood/Fletcher—Lewis/Hodge Reunion** at Katoomba NSW at the 100th birthday of Florence Lyla Wood. Whether you can attend or not please contact Martin Wood, 'Hereford', Kangaloon Road Bowral NSW 2576 ☎ (02) 4861 1600 See *Reunion* notice page 110.

### June 2002

**Beresford Family Society Australia 20th Anniversary Celebration** on the Redcliffe Peninsula, Queensland. Please contact the Secretary, Melba Beresford-Clancy for information. ☎ (07) 3203 6708 or email [melba\\_newtongrange@usa.net](mailto:melba_newtongrange@usa.net)

### 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, Genealogical Society of Victoria Inc. Level 6, 179 Queen Street, Melbourne VIC 3000. ●

# PROJECTS REPORT—24 JUNE 2001

Anne M. Bartlett—Publications Coordinator (Member No. 760)

[*The Projects Report was last published in Volume 18, Number 2—September 1997, of 'Tasmanian Ancestry'. Projects that were completed and published prior to that date have been deleted from this list as they appear in the Sales List which is available from all branches of the society on request.—Ed.*]

## Project

## Status

### Burnie Branch

Published References to Names of Early Settlers, Index to	Ongoing
BDMs from <i>The North Western Chronicle</i> , Index to	Completed
BDMs from <i>The Wellington Times</i> , Index to	Completed
BDMs from <i>The West Coast News</i> , Index to	Completed
BDMs from <i>The Zeehan &amp; Dundas Herald</i> , Index to	Completed
BDMs from <i>The Banner</i> , Index to	Completed
BDMs from <i>The North West Post</i> , Index to	Completed
BDMs from <i>The Mt Lyell Standard and Strahan Gazette</i> , Index to	Completed
BDMs from <i>The Leven Lever</i> , Index to	Completed
BDMs from <i>The Emu Bay Times</i> , Index to	Completed
BDMs from <i>The Devon Herald</i> , Index to	Completed
BDMs from <i>The Deloraine—Westbury Advertiser</i> , Index to	Completed
BDMs from <i>The Coast News</i> , Index to	Completed
BDMs from <i>The Circular Head Chronicle</i> , Index to	Ongoing
BDMs from <i>The Advocate</i> —1960, Index to	Ongoing
1921–1925, 1926–1930, 1931–1935 and 1941–1944	Published
Cemetery Indexes	Ongoing

### Devonport Branch

<i>The Advocate</i> —Personal Announcements 1980–, Index to	Ongoing
1990–1997	Published
BDMs in <i>The North West Post</i> 1887–1916, Index to	Ongoing
1901–1907	Published
In Loving Memory: A transcription of the ... cemetery	Ongoing
Public Cemetery, Ulverstone and Cemeteries of Sassafras	Published

### Hobart Branch

Accession list of books held in Hobart Branch Library.	On computer
Australians of the 3rd Regt in the NZ Maori Wars, 1863–64, Index to	On computer
Cemeteries of Southern Tasmania	Ongoing
Vol. II—Congregational Cemeteries, Bagdad, Brighton/Pontville, Broadmarsh,	
Green Ponds/Kempton, Hunting Ground & Wattle Hill, Melton Mowbray	Published
Vol. III—Queenborough Cemetery, Hobart	Published
Vol. III—Queenborough Cemetery, Hobart, A-J	Published
Vol. III—Queenborough Cemetery, Hobart, K-Z	Published

Vol. IV—Richmond	Published
Vol. IV—Richmond—Part 1 Anglican	Published
Vol. IV—Richmond—Part 2 Roman Catholic	Published
Vol. IV—Richmond—Part 3 Congregational (inc. Cambridge)	Published
Convict applications to bring out their families, Index to by Coralie Mesecke	Published
Family File Index	Completed
Keating Undertakers Books, Index to	Published
Microfiche held in Hobart Branch Library, Index to	Ongoing
Newspaper cuttings in scrap books held in library, Index to	Current
Surnames in manuscripts held at Branch Library, Index of	Ongoing
Tasmanians mentioned in footnotes of Bean's books on WWI, Index to	On computer
Wally Short's Index to Births in the <i>Southern Star</i>	Published

## Huon Branch

Births from <i>The Huon and Derwent Times</i>	Ongoing
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## Launceston Branch

BDMs in the Launceston <i>Examiner</i> 1900–, Index to 1900–1960 except 1951–1955 deaths	Ongoing Published
BDMs in <i>The Cornwall Chronicle</i> 1835–1880, Index to 1835–1850	Ongoing Published
Northern Tasmanian Cemeteries	Ongoing
Passenger arrivals and departures from shipping columns in early Launceston newspapers, Index to, Completed 1829–1850	Ongoing Published
Walch's Tasmanian Almanac, Index to Magistrates Vol 1, 1863–1920	Current Published
Magistrates and Justices of the Peace Volume 2, 1921–1975/6	Published
Postmasters and Postmistresses 1863–1910	Published
Postmasters and Postmistresses Vol 2, 1911–1960	Published

## Private

BDMs in <i>The Mercury</i> 1991–, Index to, Morris Lansdell	Ongoing
Index to BDMs, Inquest Drownings, Accidents, etc. from <i>Colonial Times</i> , <i>Hobart Town Courier</i> and <i>Hobart Town Gazette</i> –1860, Anne Bartlett 1816–1846	Ongoing Published
Female Convicts from the <i>Phoebe</i> , Sue Johnson	?
Marriages in the Methodist and Presbyterian Churches, Index to, Maureen Martin	Ongoing
Mathinna from beginning to 1916, Charmaine Lowe	?
Passengers, etc. on <i>Trade Wind</i> immigrant ship 1858, Index to, Patricia Quarry	Completed
People living in Wapping, Hobart Town, 1852–1936, Irene Schaffer	Ongoing
Perkins in Tasmania, Index to, Bev and Bill Perkins	Ongoing
Return of free men, Norfolk Island, 1794, Thelma McKay	Completed
Second Fleet Burials, Irene Schaffer	?
Spouses, Witnesses and Informants 1803–1840, Index to, Alex Buchanan	?
Tanning licences in Tasmania 1862, Irene Schaffer	Ongoing
Top of the World Swimming Club, Leonie Carpenter	Ongoing

# LIBRARY NOTES

## State Microfiche Roster

	20/8/2001	19/11/2001	18/2/2002	20/5/2002	19/8/02
	16/11/2001	15/2/2002	17/5/2002	16/8/2002	15/11/02
<b>Burnie</b>	Set 1	Set 5	Set 4	Set 3	Set 2
<b>Devonport</b>	Set 2	Set 1	Set 5	Set 4	Set 3
<b>Hobart</b>	Set 3	Set 2	Set 1	Set 5	Set 4
<b>Huon</b>	Set 4	Set 3	Set 2	Set 1	Set 5
<b>Launceston</b>	Set 5	Set 4	Set 3	Set 2	Set 1

- Set 1** GRO BDMs Index 1868–1897
- Set 2** Griffith's Valuation for Ireland Series  
GRO Consular Records Index  
Old Parochial Records and  
1891 Census Indexes for Scotland
- Set 3** GRO BDMs Index 1898–1922 and  
AGCI
- Set 4** National Probate Calendars 1853–1943
- Set 5** GRO BDMs Index 1923–1942  
Exchange journals Members' Interests and  
One Name Studies Index

## BURNIE

### Accessions—Books

- Farrel Times, *Greg Farrel* (book and CD)
- Genealogical Research Directory 2001, *Johnson & Sainty*
- Index to Walch Almanacs, *Launceston Branch THFS Inc.*
- Magistracy & Police Dept. 1863–1979/80
- Ecclesiastical 1863–1979/80
- Sherriff 1525—1995, *Laurie Woods*
- The General Cemetery—Devonport, *Devonport Branch TFHS Inc.*
- Web Sites for Genealogists—2001, *Cora Num*
- Zeehan & Dundas Herald B.D.& Ms
- (1) 1890–1909 &
- (2) 1910–1922, *Burnie Branch TFHS Inc.*

### Accessions—CD-Roms

- National Burial Index—UK
- Farrel Times, *Greg Farrel*
- \* Indicates items donated

# DEVONPORT

## Accessions—Books

- \* Colonial Era Cemetery of Norfolk Island, *Dalkin, R. Nixon*
- \* For the Betterment of the People. A History of Wicklow County Council, *Donnelly, Brian*
- \* From County Wicklow to Deloraine. The Irish Hardings 1854–2000, *Committee Genealogical Research Directory 2001, Johnson & Sainty*
- In Loving Memory: The General Cemetery Devonport Tasmania, *TFHS Inc. Devonport Index to Walch's Tasmanian Almanacs: Magistracy and Police Department 1863–1979/80, Launceston Branch*
- Index to Walch's Tasmanian Almanacs: Ecclesiastical 1863–1979/80, Launceston Branch*
- \* Launceston General Hospital First 100 Years, *Craig, Clifford*
- \* Massacre on Dunlavin Green, The: A Story of the 1798 Rebellion, *Lawlor, Chris*
- \* Rebellion of 1798 in County Wicklow, The
- \* Surplus People. The Fitzwilliam Clearances 1847–1856, *Rees, Jim*
- \* Trial of Billy Byrne of Ballymanus, The
- \* Wicklow's Historic Gaol: A Story of crime, cruelty, exile and misery
- Zeehan & Dundas Herald Births, Deaths and Marriages Index 1890–1909, The, Burnie Branch*
- Zeehan & Dundas Herald Births, Deaths and Marriages Index 1910–1922, The, Burnie Branch*

## Accessions—Microfiche

- Index to PCC Wills and Administrations 1701–1749
- \* Indicates items donated

# HOBART

## Accessions—Books

- \* Above The Falls; *Richie N. Woolley.*
- \* The Ancestors and Descendants of George Rex - born 1790 Ryton, Yorkshire; died 1858 Hobart, Tasmania; *P. Hayward.*
- \* Baptists in Northamptonshire in 1876, *Alan Day.*
- Bellerive Heritage, volumes 3 and 4; *Bellerive Historical Society.*
- Eaglehawk & District Pioneer Register volume 3—J-M, *A. O'Dohohue & B.Hanson.*
- Genealogical Research Directory 2001, *K. A. Johnson & M. R. Sainty.*
- Index to Walch's Tasmanian Almanacs; *TFHS Inc., Launceston Branch*
  - Ecclesiastical 1863–1979/80
  - Magistracy and Police Department 1863–1979/80
- In Loving Memory—The General Cemetery, Devonport, Tasmania; *TFHS Inc., Devonport Branch.*
- \* The Merchant of Van Diemen's Land—The Ancestry. Life and Descendants of James Merchant (1825–1906), *James Bruce Merchant.*
- \* Sherriff 1525–1995; *Laurie Woods.*
- \* Web Sites for Genealogists, fifth edition 2001; *C. Num.*
- The Zeehan & Dundas Herald—Births, Deaths and Marriages Index; *TFHS Inc., Burnie*
  - 1890–1909
  - 1910–1922

## Accessions—Microfiche

- 1851 Census of Scotland, *D. S. Armstrong*  
Orkney Isles, Westray & Papa Westray  
Master Index for Orkney Isles
- 1890 Medway Marriage Index 1699–1812; *Kent FHS*
- Bedfordshire 1851 Census Surname Index; *Bedfordshire FHS*  
Fox Champkins Master Index, Volumes 1–8
- Berkshire 1851 Census, *Berkshire FHS*  
Vol. 1:2 Newbury (Index and Transcript)  
Vol. 2 Hungerford (Index and Transcript)  
Vol. 5 Wantage (Index and Transcript)  
Vol. 12 Windsor (Index and Transcript)
- Buckinghamshire 1851 Census, *Buckinghamshire FHS*  
Enumeration Districts  
Master Index  
Brill, Grove, Medmenham, Mursley, Soulbury, Swanbourne and Towersly E.D.'s.
- Dorset 1851 Census Master Index, *Somerset & Dorset FHS*
- Dunbartonshire 1851 Census Index; *Glasgow & West of Scotland FHS*
- Hackney 1851 Census Index; *East of London FHS*
- Kent 1851 Census Index; *Folkestone & District FHS*  
Folkestone; Eltham; Hythe; Romney Marsh
- Lanarkshire 1851 Census Indexes, *The Scottish Genealogical Society*
- Military Index; *Leicestershire FHS*  
Vol. 1 Royal Marines 1755–1820  
Vol. 2 Chelsea Pensioners 1814–1831
- Northamptonshire 1851 Census Index.—Parishes in the Greens Norton hundred,  
*Northamptonshire FHS*
- Suffolk Marriage Index 1813–1837; *Suffolk FHS*  
Vol. 1 Thingoe Deanery  
Vol. 2 Clare Deanery  
Vol. 3 Sudbury Deanery (West)  
Vol. 4 Sudbury Deanery (East)  
Vol. 5 Thredwastre & Stow Deaneries  
Vol. 6 Ipswich
- Wiltshire 1851 Census (Index and Transcript), *Wiltshire 1851 Census Productions*  
Vol. 8 Marlborough;  
Vol. 9 Wilton and Bishopstone;  
Vol. 10 Alderbury, Downton & Britford;  
Vol. 11 Amesbury, Orcheston & Winterbourne

## Accessions—CD-Rom

- \* Campbell Street Gaol, Hobart—Gate Admission Records 1873–90; *L. R. Moody*  
Telford, volume 1 [Genealogical Records from the East Shropshire Coalfield]; *Genfind Ltd*  
National Burial Index for England and Wales 1813–1850+; *FFHS*

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# LAUNCESTON

## Accessions—Books

An Index of Wills Proved in the Archdeaconry Court of London 1700–1807; *compiled by Webb, Cliff*

\* Archives in Australia: Compiled by *Ives, Alan*

\* As I Recall - Bracknell 1923, *Woolley, Joan*

\* A Wide Wide World 1861–1953, *Dickinson, William*

\* British VC's of the Great War - The Army

Carrick, Ayrshire Monumental Inscriptions pre 1855, edited by *Mitchell, Alison*

Collins Pocket Guide to English Parish Churches, *Edited & Introduced by Betjeman, John*  
Dunfermline Abbey Churchyard, *Mitchell, J. F. C. I. E. & Mitchell, S. MBE.*

Forgan Kirkyard Monumental Inscriptions and Mortcloth Records, *Owen, William*

\* Index to Walch's Tasmanian Almanacs Magistracy and Police Department, *Launceston Branch TFHS Inc*

\* Index to Walch's Tasmanian Almanacs Ecclesiastical, *Compiled by Launceston Branch TFHS*  
*In Loving Memory The General Cemetery Devonport, Tasmania, Compiled by Devonport Branch TFHS Inc*

\* Limerick Links 1850–2000, *Moorhouse, Rosemary*

Military Badges of the Australian Colonies 1800–1903, *Grebert, Rick*

My Ancestor was a Freemason, *Lewis, Pat*

Scottish Census Indexes, *Ruthven-Murray, Peter for SAFHS.*

Scottish Trades, Professions, Vital Records and Directories, *Torrance, D. R. compiler*

\* Sherriff 1525–1995 Benjamin - Humphrey – George, *Woods, Laurie*

\* The Ancestral Searcher: Heraldry & Gen. Society of Canberra Inc. *Heraldry & Genealogy Society of Canberra*

\* The Church of the Good Shepherd, Hadspen, Tasmania

\* The Family of George Burgess and Ann Haines, *Committee*

The Mariners of Clyde and Western Scotland, *Dobson, David*

The Oxford Companion to Local and Family History, Ed. by *Hey, David*

The Zeehan & Dundas Herald 1890–1909, *Compiled by Burnie Branch TFHS Inc*

The Zeehan & Dundas Herald 1910–1922, *Compiled by Burnie Branch TFHS Inc*

Tracing Family History in New Zealand, *Bromell, Anne*

## Accessions—Microfiche

Directory of Edinburgh & Leith with Index, 1851–2

Directory of Edinburgh & Leith with Index, 1861–2

Directory of Forfarshire (Angus) 1869

Directory of Wigtonshire, 1852

*Feilding Star* (NZ) Extracts of Births, Deaths and Marriages

*Hawera Star* (NZ) Transcript of Births

*Lyttelton Times* (NZ) Marriage Notices 1851–1880

*Lyttelton Times* (NZ) Extracts of Births and Deaths 1851–1865

Passenger Lists of Ships from Victoria to New Zealand

Public trust deceased estates 1901–1958, Canterbury NZ

## Accessions—CD-Rom

Decennial Indexes to the Services of Heirs in Scotland

\* National Burial Index for England and Wales, 1st Edition

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3rd Tuesday of each month, except January and December.  
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Thursday 10:00 a.m. • 4:00 p.m.  
Meeting Branch Library, First Floor, Days Building Cnr Best & Rooke Sts,  
Devonport at 7:30 p.m. on last Thursday of each month, except  
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Library 19 Cambridge Road, Bellerive  
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Saturday 1:30 p.m. • 4:30 p.m.  
Meeting Rosny Library, Bligh Street, Rosny Park, at 8:00 p.m. on  
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# QUERIES

## **BIRD/ALLENSBY**

William ALLENSBY died 1860, buried Longford. His death notice indicates that he was Overseer of 'Panshanger' (an Archer property) but at some time he had a butcher's shop in Longford. His widow Mary Ann Allensby (54) married William BIRD (53), single, farmer of Cressy, in Carrick, Tasmania 1863. Mary Ann Bird died 11 October 1875 and William Bird died 28 June 1890 and both are buried in the Cressy cemetery. There are other Birds in the Longford/Cressy area but I cannot find where William fits in. I would love to hear from anyone with knowledge of William Bird's family. Lorraine Wootton, 310 Low Head Road, Low Head, TAS 7253 ☎ (03) 6382 4412 email: [woottondes@microtech.com.au](mailto:woottondes@microtech.com.au)

## **CLARKE, James and James Elliott**

Information sought on James CLARKE, a carpenter who died 1929 Sheffield and locations of hairdresser operated by James Elliott Clarke from 1912 to 1935. The last location was in Main Street near the Maddox Hotel.

Contact Peter Clarke, 12 Vela Street Howrah TAS 7018 or email [cavillej@hotmail.com](mailto:cavillej@hotmail.com)

## **FAULKNER, HUNT, GOSS**

Seeking information on Elizabeth Jane FAULKNER born to Daniel and Maggie née THURTELL, 1 December 1892. In Daniel's death notice, 28 July 1922, a Jeanette (deceased) is given. Was this Elizabeth Jane as we cannot find her anywhere else by given name, though death of a child of 13 months was registered at Mersey? Male child registered at Campbell Town, born to Thomas HUNT and Mary Ann formerly GOSS on 15 January 1858. Also Female child to same parents registered St Leonards born 4 December 1861. No baptisms found. A Ruth Hunt age 18 years was married at Campbell Town but no father's name given. William Satterly Hunt born in 1859 and baptised at St Leonards to same parents. The residence given as 'Barralaler'. Can someone tell me where this was? Thelma Grunnell, 43 Salisbury Crescent Launceston TAS 7250 or email [tgrunnell@hotmail.com](mailto:tgrunnell@hotmail.com)

## **GIBBS/MILLER or MELLOR**

Seeking any information re George GIBBS who married Susannah Augusta MILLER/MELLOR in 1852 at Hobart, or any information re Susannah's parents Frederick and Elizabeth.

Thea Connolly, Box 190 Gatton QLD 4343

## **LINTON/MANNING/JOHNSTON**

Searching for parents, siblings, arrival in VDL, etc. of Honora (Hannah) MANNING (c.1834–83). She married Walsh LINTON (1819–81), at Patterson's Plains 1852. Witnesses were William and Ann JOHNSTON (Wm was Walsh's cousin). Both couples later lived and died at Pipers River. There is a John Manning (31) married Julia LETTE (18) in 1862, Morven and James Manning (32) married Alice CROSSLEY (21) in 1868, both with children born in Morven district, who could

possibly be brothers to Hannah. I'd be interested to hear from anyone researching these families, particularly any Mannings in White Hills/Morven area.

Lorraine Wootton, 310 Low Head Road, Low Head, TAS 7253 ☎ (03) 6382 4412  
email: [woottondes@microtech.com.au](mailto:woottondes@microtech.com.au)

### **LINTON/JONES/GEE/GILLESPIE, etc.**

Walsh LINTON (23) and sister Mary Jane (21) came from Ireland to Tasmania 1843. An older brother, John was already here and married Eleanor/Ellen GEE 3 January 1843. John Linton of 'Talisker' (Gee property) notified the death of another sister, Elizabeth Linton (21) in 1850. Mary Jane Linton married Richard JONES (of Currie's River) 1846, and after he died in 1874, she married Henry JOHNSON in 1876, Launceston. The Lintons lived in White Hills/Breadalbane area but moved to East Tamar (Landfall, Underwood and Pipers River) and were connected to BAXTER, BIRD, COPPLESTONE, GILLESPIE, JOHNSTONE, JONES, McGAUGHEY and TARGETT families. Is anyone else researching these families?

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email: [woottondes@microtech.com.au](mailto:woottondes@microtech.com.au)

### **ROBERTSON, David**

Seeking information and living relatives of David ROBERTSON and his family. David was born 1889 in Midlothian, Scotland and died in Melbourne 15 October 1951. His parents were Robert Barker (born London 1842) and Euphemia Robertson née WATT (born Midlothian). Jean Monk, Unit 13c 17-25 Little Street, Lane Cove NSW 2066 or email [jeanmonk@bigpond.com](mailto:jeanmonk@bigpond.com)

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ADAMS Edward	Coxley SOM ENG	1829-1918	5511
ALLEN	Mansfield VIC AUS	1767-1850	5508
ANDERSON Rosina	LND ENG	-1850	5514
APPLEYARD	Swansea TAS AUS		5489
ASTLEY			5516
ATKINSON John	Hobart TAS AUS		5517
BANKS Sara Ellen	Birmingham ENG	1880-	5514
BARNES Albert Edward	VIC AUS	1899-1972	5500
BARNETT Thomas	LND ENG	1700-1800	5534
BAYES			5528
BENSON Mary Ann	MEA IRL/TAS AUS	1855-1888	5531
BERNES Thomas	Launceston TAS AUS	c1800	5485
BLAKNEY			5528
BLUNDSTONE John	DBY ENG/TAS AUS	1829-1895	5494
BONSEY Sam	Upton Cum Chauley ENG	c1740	5524
BOUCHER	Hobart TAS AUS	1840-1860	5525
BOURCHIER	Hobart TAS AUS	1840-1860	5525
BOURCHIER	VIC AUS	1855+	5525
BOURKE Charles	IRL/TAS AUS	1830-1904	5499
BOWER Charles	Sheffield YKS ENG	c1850	5506
BRAMICH	WAR ENG	c1850	5526
BRANDON	Ulverstone TAS AUS		5519
BRIGINSHAW	Aston Clinton BKM ENG	1570-1646	5511
BROCK	Linlithgow SCT	c1830	5490
BROWN John	Hobart TAS AUS	+1848	5493
BUNN Henry	LEC ENG	c1800	5506
BURDEN	TAS AUS	1854-	5507
BURGESS Richard	Maresfield SSX ENG	1796-1818	5518
BURGESS Ronald	LND	1920-	5514
BURNS Thomas	Deloraine TAS AUS	c1800	5485
BURROWS	LAN ENG/IRL		5497
CARLYON	Gwennap CON ENG	1800	5529
CASSIDY Emily Frances			5498
CAVILLE George	SOM ENG	1800-1870	5501
CHAMBERLAIN Mary	CUL ENG	1780-1830	5522
CHYNOWETH	CON ENG	-1850	5513
CLARK Albert	IRL		5535
CLAY Sarah	HRT ENG	c1740	5521
CLAYTON Joseph	Port Esperance TAS AUS	1836-	5531
COHAN Rebecca	VIC AUS	c1800-1900	5500
COLLINS Catherine	Deloraine TAS AUS	c1800	5485
COLLIS Thomas	Hurst BRK ENG	1730-c1800	5518
COULSON Henry	NTH ENG	c1820	5506
COX Bridget	Connaught IRL	1810-1900	5502
CRACKNELL	SFK ENG	1793-1817	5487
CRACKNELL	TAS AUS	1817+	5487
CRAIG	SCT	c1850	5526
CRAWLEY Elizabeth		1864-	5498
DAVEY	CON ENG	1600-	5492
DONOGHUE Bridget	Deloraine TAS AUS	c1820	5485
DOWNES Catherine	TAS AUS	c1800	5531
DREIER	GER	1840-	5487
DREW Grace	Hurst BRK ENG	1730-1783	5518
DREWITT	SSX or SFK ENG	1860-	5534
DRUMMOND	Dunedin NZ	1860-1870	5524
DUNCOMBE	Swansea TAS AUS		5489
DUNCOMBE	TAS AUS	1807-	5507

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NAME	PLACE/AREA	TIME	M'SHIP NO.
EDSON	ENG/AUS		5509
ELLEY			5528
ELLISS William	LIN ENG	1700-	5534
ESSEN Thomas	Kilsby NTH ENG	-1844	5493
EWING Robert	Ballylinny Par ANT NIR	1810-1900	5502
EWING Susan	VIC AUS	1859-1915	5502
FEWTRIL Sarah	Bilston STS ENG	c1750+	5520
FISHER Edward	Sedgely STS ENG	c1753	5521
FOTHERINGHAM	Falkirk STI SCT	1870-	5496
FULTON James	Clarence TAS AUS	c1900	5531
GAFFNEY Henry	Wagga NSW AUS	1835-1906	5523
GILL James	VIC AUS	1843-1915	5502
GILL Michael	Connaught IRL	1810-1900	5502
GOGGINS Mary	Hamilton TAS AUS	c1850	5521
GREENBANK Edward	YKS ENG	c1790	5506
HAMBLY	TAS AUS	1807-	5507
HENNESSY	VIC AUS	1880-	5525
HOOPER	TAS AUS	1890-1925	5488
HORNE	TAS AUS	1804+	5487
HOWELL John			5498
INNES	LKS SCT	1870-	5496
INNES	Buninyong VIC AUS	1890-	5525
ISAAC George	LND ENG	c1880	5524
JAMIESON Alexander	ABD SCT	1790-1860	5501
JOHNSON John	OXF ENG	1800s	5503
JOHNSTONE	Deloraine TAS AUS		5526
JONES Aaron	Bangor TAS AUS	c1900	5530
JONES Matilda	Bangor TAS AUS	c1900	5530
LAMBERT Edward Albert			5498
LAVRICK Elizabeth	ENG/INDIA/Hobart TAS AUS	c1800	5530
LAW James Robert	Launceston TAS AUS	1840-	5505
LEVISON Gustav Issac	VIC AUS	1898-1958	5500
LEWIS	LND ENG	c1820	5490
LILLIE John	Hobart TAS AUS		5517
LIVINGSTONE David	Blantyre LKS SCT	1813-1873	5486
LOUTTID			5516
LYNCH			5528
MAEDER Franz	GER	-1900	5513
MALONE Thomas	ENG/INDIA/Hobart TAS AUS	c1800	5530
MARTIN Eliza	ENG/TAS AUS	1915	5494
MARTIN George	IRL		5510
MATTHEWS	KIK IRL/TAS AUS	1800-1880	5526
McCONNON James	ARM NIR	c1800	5533
McCONNOR James	Longford TAS AUS	1850-1910	5533
McGANN Stephen	MEA IRL/TAS AUS	c1800	5531
McGAVIGAN	TYR NIR	1840-	5496
McKENZIE	Bradford West YKS ENG	1800-1890	5508
MILLIKEN Agnes	Ballylinny Par ANT NIR	1810-1900	5502
MOTT	NSW AUS	1860-1937	5488
MULLINS	TAS AUS		5519
MULLINS	VIC AUS	+1918	5519
MUNRO Grace	SCT	1840-1850	5524
MURPHY Michael	WEX IRL	c1750	5520
NEWTON John	ENG	1790-1860	5501
NICHOLLS Sam	Lincoln LIN ENG	1830-1860	5535
NICHOLS	TAS AUS	1804-	5507
O'CONNOR Mary	TAS AUS	1838-1857	5499
O'NEIL Alexander	Paisley RFW SCT	-1838	5493

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NAME	PLACE/AREA	TIME	M'SHIP NO.
OPIE Bennett	ENG	-1858	5513
OXLAIDE Mary	Windsor BRK ENG	1795-1871	5511
PAGE	KEN ENG	1800-1900s	5497
PAGE James	DEV ENG	1804-1884	5511
PAINE Eliza	ENG/Hobart TAS AUS	c1800	5530
PALMER Eliza	Sorell TAS AUS	c1800	5485
PALMER Henry	Gosport HAM ENG	1780-1860	5523
PEARD Jane	COR IRL/TAS AUS	1830-1886	5518
PENNINGTON Elizabeth	Hobart TAS AUS	1898	5524
PIKE	DEV ENG	1700-	5492
PROBETS Charley	Brill BKS ENG	1800s	5503
QUIN	Swansea TAS AUS		5519
REDMILL Robert	ENG	1750-1820	5506
RILEY Patrick	Hobart TAS AUS	+1849	5493
ROBERTSON	TAS AUS	c1870+	5487
ROBINSON Christiana	Clarence TAS AUS	c1900	5531
ROGER Nehemiah	Bocking ESS ENG	c1800	5521
ROGERS Mary	Bocking ESS ENG	c1800	5521
ROGERS Nehemiah	Norfolk Island/Kempton TAS AUS	c1850	5521
ROSEVEAR William Henry	Lanavet CON ENG	1787-1860	5495
ROSSENDELL			5528
ROUSE	TYR NIR/LKS SCT	1800-	5496
SAUNDERS Johanna(h)	NFK/Great Yarmouth ENG	1796-1825	5518
SCOTT Richard	SCT/Launceston TAS AUS	1800+	5520
SCOTT Thomas	SCT/Launceston TAS AUS	1800+	5520
SHAW Alexander	SCT	1790-1860	5501
SHERRIN Henry	ENG/TAS AUS	c1800	5530
SHRIVE Jessie	Fareham	1900-1920	5514
SIMPKIN Francis	Netherseal LEC ENG	c1860	5506
STUBBS Thomas	ENG/TAS AUS	1805-1853	5499
SYLVESTER John	Hobart TAS AUS	c1844	5493
TAFFE	VIC AUS	1800+	5525
TATNELL	TAS AUS	early 1800s	5507
THOMPSON Robert	CUL ENG	1780-1830	5522
TILLACK	GER	c1850	5526
TILLEY Charles Henry	ENG	1844-	5498
TULLOCH	SHI SCT	c1850	5490
TURNBULL John	Hobart TAS AUS	1846-1852	5517
TURNER Henry	Rochdale LAN ENG		5535
UNWIN	NSW AUS	1900-1940	5488
WAGNER	GER	c1850	5526
WALKER	Virginia USA	1825-1859	5488
WALKER	TAS AUS	1859-1865	5488
WALTERS May	TAS AUS	1914	5495
WALTON	YKS ENG	1600-	5492
WATMORE Frank	Bromley KEN ENG	-1890	5514
WELLS			5528
WHEELER	SSX ENG	1800-1859	5488
WHITELAW Andrew	KIK IRL	1780-1830	5522
WHITELAW James	KIK IRL	1780-1830	5522
WIGGINS	TAS AUS	1800-	5507
WILKINS Elizabeth	Launceston TAS AUS	1823	5485
WILLIAMS	TAS AUS	1804+	5487
WILLOUGHBY Anne	KIK IRL	1780-1830	5522
WILLOUGHBY Sir William	KIK IRL	1780-1830	5522
WOODS	LAN ENG		5497
WRIGHT George	Hobart/Launceston TAS AUS	c1800-1883	5518
YERBURGH Richard	Edinburgh SCT	c1860	5524

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# ANNUAL REPORT 2000–2001

Given at the Annual General Meeting, Campbell Town, 23 June 2001

LADIES and gentlemen, it is with much pleasure that I present my annual report for the year 2000–2001. This is my fourth and final report and I note that it is also the final Annual Report for the Genealogical Society of Tasmania Inc. which celebrated its twenty-first birthday during the year. At midnight on 31 March 2001, the Genealogical Society of Tasmania Inc. ceased to exist and the Tasmanian Family History Society Inc. came into being in accordance with the motion passed at the Annual General meeting in Burnie in June 2000.

Allied to the change in name was the introduction of a revamped web site at a new web address [www.tasfhs.org](http://www.tasfhs.org) and new email addresses for both the journal editor [editor@tasfhs.org](mailto:editor@tasfhs.org) and the secretary [secretary@tasfhs.org](mailto:secretary@tasfhs.org). Thanks to Peter Cocker for organising the purchase of the domain name through Southcom. And to Henry Bartlett for constructing the web site, which contains information about the Society, membership, Society Publications, the journal, Lilian Watson Family History Award and TAMIOT. There are links to the branches that have a web site and addresses and phone contacts for those that don't.

The highlight of the year was the *Coming of Age* conference held in Launceston over the March long weekend. The conference was a great success with members from as far away as Western Australia and New Zealand travelling to Launceston. During the afternoon tea break on Saturday, Margaret McKenzie cut the twenty-first birthday cake—a decorated black forest cake. Margaret is one of the very early members of the

Society, having been a member for twenty-one years.

The whole weekend flowed without a hitch. Many hours of work went into organising the weekend and I would like to take this opportunity to once again thank the Launceston members on the organising committee (Betty Bissett, Muriel Bissett, Barry Robinson, Helen Stewart and Anita Swan) for running a very well organised weekend. Thanks also to all those other members of the Launceston Branch who assisted the committee in some way in the running of the conference.

Commemorative coffee mugs and drinking glasses (tumblers and two sizes of stemmed glasses) were obtained and have been available for purchase at times throughout the year. Those remaining are available here today.

At the Annual General Meeting in Burnie in June 2000, Denise McNeice and David Harris were made Fellows of the Society in recognition of their contribution to family history. At the same time Betty Bissett, Muriel Bissett, Sandra Duck, Doug Forrest, Isobel Harris and Allen Wilson were granted Certificates of Meritorious Service to acknowledge their contributions to the society. Several of the branches have introduced branch Certificates of Appreciation to recognise members who have given long service to their branch.

During the last financial year four of the five branches released a number of new publications. The majority of these were indexes and the range of records being indexed is increasing. While in the past these publications were mainly paper based, branch publication committees are

embracing new technologies and at least one branch is about to release information on CD-Roms. The sale of these items is boosting branch finances.

Another area that has been financially beneficial for branches has been the answering of research queries. Although some branches have once again reported a downturn in the number of queries received, they still provided a considerable amount of the much-needed revenue necessary for the upkeep of branch libraries. Some research officers have noticed changes in the type of query being received and where the queries are coming from. During the year Denise McNeice resigned as Research Co-ordinator and Kaye Stewart of the Devonport branch has been appointed to this position

Computers are playing a more and more important role in branch libraries as an increasing number of records are now being released on CD-Rom. Some branches now have an Internet connection to one of their computers.

The Journal Committee, led by Rosemary Davidson, continues to produce a high quality journal. *Tasmanian Ancestry* received a commendation in the 2000 Elizabeth Simpson award. Although Rosemary had indicated that she would resign as editor at the end of volume 21, she has now agreed to remain for a further year. As part of the 21<sup>st</sup> birthday celebrations, each branch was asked to provide articles for an issue of the journal. These were all of a high standard and all members involved in this project are to be congratulated. Leo Prior, from Hobart, continues to ensure the prompt and efficient dispatch of the journal each quarter. He is ably assisted by members of the Hobart Branch Monday working bee.

Thelma McKay continues to keep track of the exchange journals as they are

received and circulates them amongst the branches outside of Hobart when requested to do so. During this last year a further five societies have agreed to exchange their journals with the Society. Due to the lack of space copies of the exchange journals for the years 1988–1992 are being distributed amongst the branch libraries.

Kate Ramsay has completed indexing volumes 1–20 of *Tasmanian Ancestry* and most of the work has been checked and corrected. This project is almost completed and it should be published soon. Kate has experienced some health problems during this last year and the Society is very appreciative of the work that she has done.

The Journal Committee was also responsible for organising the new Manuscript Award. The theme for the award was *My Most Interesting Ancestor*. The aim of the award is encourage members who felt unable to write a book suitable for entry in the 'Lilian Watson Family History Award', to write a short story about one of their ancestors. There was an excellent response with twenty entries, including one late one, being received. The journal committee hopes that this award will be continued in future years.

Jenny Gill from Launceston Branch undertook to organise the Lilian Watson Family History Award for 2001 and the winner is to be announced today. Jenny has indicated that she is willing to oversee this award for a further year and some members of the Launceston Branch have agreed to help her. The rules of the Award have been amended to include a book on the history of a person or family.

The Treasurer will present a report of the financial activities of the Society and this will form an attachment to this report so I will not comment on financial matters except to say that during the year the

Treasurer has had to deal with the introduction of the new Goods and Services Tax (GST). The Society is required to collect GST on membership fees and all sales of state items. The Executive decided to absorb the cost of the GST in the 2000–2001 membership year; however, in future years members will be required to pay it as part of the annual dues.

Some branches reported a drop in membership during the past year. This is possible due to the increasing number of smaller history and family history groups being formed in communities throughout Tasmania. Many of these groups are providing their members with a resource centre similar to our branch libraries.

The branches bring the Society to the notice of the wider community in a variety of ways. Members of Burnie Branch assist the public at the Burnie state library on a regular basis, while Launceston members assisted at the Launceston Reference Library during Seniors Week. Devonport Branch had a display at the Devonport State Library early in the year and the three northern branches all had stalls at the Westbury History Faire, held in September 2000. Launceston members provide articles for a column that is published in the free monthly *Launceston Advertiser*. They have also assisted in Adult Education classes. If the Society is to maintain its membership base it is necessary to maintain a public image

In closing, I would like to thank the Executive Secretary and Treasurer, Muriel and Betty Bissett for their valuable assistance and support during the last year. They form a very able and efficient team and their workload was considerably increased because of the *Coming of Age* Conference. Thanks also to the Vice Presidents, Colleen Read,

who is not seeking re-election, and Peter Cocker who have always provided support and advice whenever called upon. Denise McNeice has continued as Public Officer and her in-depth knowledge of the rules and by-laws has been of great benefit to the Society.

I make special mention of Pat Harris who has served on the Executive Committee as a delegate since it was first formed. Pat is standing down as branch delegate this year. Pat has assisted in many areas over the years, the most notable being the Conference Convener for the 1991 Australasian Conference. The Society is indebted to Pat for the tremendous amount of work she has done and she will be missed.

I would like to thank all Office-bearers; both elected and appointed, Committee members, as well as all other members involved in the administration of the Society at both branch and state level, for their help in running the Society. Without you the society would not exist.

As I have already said, this is my last report as State President. For the past four years I have had the privilege of being the head of the Society. I have enjoyed the experience of working with the Executive Officers and members of Executive Committee and the challenges the task has presented. It has not always been plain sailing. In an organisation as large as the Society you are bound to get differences of opinion, sometimes passionately held. I am grateful for the support and most valuable advice I have received from the Vice Presidents and Past Presidents when I needed it.

Thank you for having me as President; I feel honoured to have had the privilege. Finally my best wishes to Peter Cocker, the incoming President and his Executive.

**Anne Bartlett** ●

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We would like to apologise to your organisation for the mistakes made in the recent *Tasmanian Ancestry* publication. We would especially like to apologise to Alan Dyer for cropping the descendant (*no pun intended*) off the “y” on his name on page 81 and also to the Descendants of Convicts’ Group for omitting their advertisement on page 130, *see below*.

These errors have occurred due to technology “improvements” in our organisation. As with anything new, there are always a few hiccups, and we will certainly be taking all the necessary steps to ensure that this will keep mistakes down to a bare minimum. We certainly hope you enjoy the extra clarity and sharpness of the new technology.

Yours truly,  
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