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# *Absolute Beginners*

Compiled by Leonie Carpenter and Audrey Hudspeth

Looking through past journals, we came to the conclusion that we have perhaps neglected the needs of the absolute beginner. Reasons for this are the existence of a number of helpful pamphlets available for purchase at the Society's libraries, and the fact that many beginners wisely attend the special classes offered to them by branches of the GST throughout the state. It could be helpful, however, to remind members of the written material already in existence, and to offer a few very basic hints.

First and foremost, don't go into the State Archives Office or any other record repository without doing some groundwork yourself. The best possible way to start is to visit the library of your own nearest branch of the GST, to talk over your aims and needs. Checking out the contents of the Society's Main Library, for example, will take you quite a while. Every family history society is doing a lot of invaluable indexing - such as the Mercury birth deaths and marriages, cemetery records and the index to other people researching the names in which you are interested. Attendance at a branch meeting will also offer opportunities for you to discuss your research needs. Both the main library and some branch libraries have the major indexes indispensable to genealogical research: the International Genealogical Index with many millions of names, and the births, deaths and marriages indexes of some other states up to 1900 (Qld, NSW and Vic). Also on microfilm at the main library, are Victorian Post Office and the Bailliere directories, and the 1900 edition of the Cyclopaedia of Tasmania. Consult the Chief Librarian for full details of library holdings. On sale at all GST libraries, are pedigree charts, family group sheets and a number of pamphlets helpful to beginners, some of which are listed below. (They are always listed on the inside back page of the journal, and have been written by experienced Society members). Also available are books for beginners, and you may purchase, as a start, Nancy Gray's excellent "Compiling Your Family History" for \$4.95.

Secondly, use your journal "Tasmanian Ancestry". Ask to see back numbers. A complete index to previous contents has been printed in the December 1985 issue, and a selection is given below. As the journal is the main information exchange for the society, read it carefully. Forthcoming meetings of society branches are usually given. (In the south of the state, watch also the "Community Express" section of the Mercury newspaper, which offers fortnightly news on the Society and its activities.) Use the journal for your queries

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(keeping them short please!). Photocopies of journal articles may be obtained by post from the Despatch Officer of the GST, POB 640G, Hobart, 7001 who will also forward other requested material.

Whilst carrying out these vital introductory activities, you can also follow the classic steps for your own personal research. These are only touched on here, and are amplified in the suggested reading offered below.

Start with yourself; birth date and place, major events of your life. (How many of us have not yet done this!). Collect anything available in your own immediate family - birth, death and marriage certificates, old letters, newspaper cuttings, wills, photographs. List them. From members of the extended family, borrow material which you can have copied. Consider using taped interviews, as a personal interview offers opportunities for following things up which are not provided by written responses. A copy of your "tree", even in its earliest stages, will also stimulate memory and clarify response. A systematic recording of your information is of vital importance.

After exhausting these personal approaches, you are now ready to consult more formal sources of records, and are likely to need to verify some dates and places. This is the stage at which you can go to the Archives Office! Birth, death and marriage records for Tasmania up to 1900 are housed there and are available on microfilm (see below for further details). After this date, you will have to consult the office of the Registrar General, 81 Murray St (just down the road from the State Library). Here a full certificate will cost you \$10 and an extract \$6, but the cost of a search will depend on the amount of time required. The postal address of the Registrar General is GPO Box 875, Hobart, 7001.

If your ancestors were Catholic, you may need to consult the Archives of the Catholic Archdiocese of Hobart, with appropriate permission, as the State Archives has only limited holdings of Catholic records. Full details of how to go about this, are offered in an article, listed below, written for us by Miss Shirley King.

Details of what the Archives Office can offer are given in a previous article in *Tasmanian Ancestry* (see below) and also in a roneoed publication available for sale at branch libraries (also below). The Archives Office has many rich resources. Don't forget the Tasmanian Collection and the Allport Library in the same building. They have many wonderful pictures, maps and books.

Major regional libraries usually hold a wide selection of books on Tasmanian history and geography, and copies of great "classic" works such as Reaney's dictionary of surnames. Telephone books and electoral rolls are available here and can be very useful. Your local library is

also well worth consulting.

For the purposes of this article, we will stop here. We only wanted to get you moving in the right direction. For further details of Tasmanian resources, read some of the material at the end of this article.

Because birth, death and marriage records are of such fundamental importance, the following information from the Archives Office of Tasmania is repeated here, along with some comments on other pre-1900 records. Good hunting in your searches, and remember that there are many people in the Society eager to share their knowledge with you.

#### ARCHIVES OFFICE - Tasmanian Registration of Births, Deaths, Marriages.

Compulsory registration in Tasmania was introduced in December 1838. Prior to the 1838 Registration Act, there was no direct registration of births, deaths and marriages and these can only be traced through church records, most of which have been transcribed by the Registrar-General's Dept. Notwithstanding that registration was compulsory after 1838, there are many instances of either failure of local returns to be submitted or neglect by the responsible party to make a registration.

Unlike their interstate counterparts, Tasmanian certificates do not give all the data that many people anticipate. The following information may be reasonably expected to be shown.

#### BIRTHS:

Prior to 1896 particulars recorded were:

- Christian name (if known at time of registration, otherwise sex only is indicated) and surname
- Date and place of birth
- Christian names and surnames of parents
- Maiden surname of mother
- Father's occupation.

In 1896, date and place of parent's marriage were added.

In 1902, ages and birthplaces of parents were added.

NB: Archives Office holds records to 1900 only.

In 1909 previous issue (children) were added.

#### DEATHS:

Prior to 1897 particulars recorded were:

- Christian name and surname of deceased
- Date and place of death
- Age at death
- Occupation

- Cause of death.

In 1897 birthplace of deceased was added.

In 1914 age at marriage, and number of issue were added. See note above.

#### MARRIAGES:

Prior to 1896 particulars recorded were:

- Christian names and surnames of parties being married
- Date and place of marriage
- Age at marriage (sometimes only whether 'under' or 'over' age)
- Occupation and status (ie bachelor and spinster)
- Names of witnesses to the marriage.

Names of parents and places of birth of the parties being married were not added until 1896.

#### OTHER RECORDS PRE 1900:

Records relating to transported convicts, shipping, migration, censuses etc are also in the Archives Office, as are some early directories, newspapers and Government Gazettes (which published assessment and electoral rolls, lists of trade licences etc.).

The State Archives also holds copies of some church registers, including microfilms of available Catholic church registers of christening, which may sometimes be useful when the official registration of birth cannot be found. For, although it was compulsory from 1838 to register all births in Tasmania within 42 days (under the Act of 2 Vict. No.8), there was originally no system for checking, such as now exists, so some were not registered, especially in country areas, or were registered without given names. Parents who were practising Christians might, however, still take their children to be christened if there was a church within reach. Remember, however, that churches, especially Catholic and non-conformist churches, were not primarily concerned with keeping records and even when records exist, they are likely to be less detailed than the official records. Registration of marriages is a Government (not a church) requirement (under the 1838 and later Marriage Acts) and the record was returned by the priest or minister of the church where the wedding took place to the Registrar General. The duplicates retained by the churches do not contain any additional information and the Registrar's register is usually more complete. Note that before 1896, Tasmanian marriage records do not include names of parents or places of birth. Catholic churches in Tasmania did not keep registers of deaths or burials; if a death record is not in the Registrar's register, try the cemetery indexes being made by the G.S.T.

#### RECOMMENDED READING

##### BOOKS:

'Compiling your Family History' by Nancy Gray. \$4.95

Recommended Reading contd

by N.J. Vine Hall

'Tracing Family History in Australia by Noeline Kyle (reviewed in this journal) \$12.95

'Begin Your Family History' by George Pelling (For English research) \$2.80

Articles in Tasmanian Ancestry :

Using Tasmanian Archives by Janet Matysek, Vol3 No1 March 1982.

Land Records of Tasmania by John Marrison, Vol3 No2 June 1982

Tasmanian Land Records " " " Vol7 No1 March 1986

Using Newspapers as Sources of Genealogical Data by Neil Chick

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The British Army in Tasmania by Maurice Austin, Vol3 No3 Sept 1982

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Archives of the Catholic Archdiocese of Hobart

and University of Tasmania Archives

by Shirley King

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Relatively Speaking, Analysing and Recording

Degrees of Relativity by Neil Chick

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The Use of Pre-Printed Blank Charts

by Lillian Watson

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GST Research Notes: (see back cover of journal for prices)

Tracing Family History is Exciting - Lets Begin, by Lillian Watson

Searching Tasmanian Land Records by John Marrison (same as article abv)

Cemeteries in Tasmania - notes from a talk by Mr Abel Reeve

Research by Correspondence - Lillian Watson

When and How to Secure Professional Help - Lillian Watson

Records in Tasmania

Suggestions for storage of genealogical material

List of some genealogical sources in Scotland

Resources I have used in Ireland - Frances Travers

In search of Irish Ancestry - Neil Chick

Researching, planning, evidence and evaluation - Neil Chick

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# *Just a Hobby!*

BY John Marrison

Why didn't someone warn me that Genealogy is addictive? I began simply enough, just a quick foray into the bustle of Victoria's era, just to find out where the Marrison's DID come from. It seemed easy enough at the time - no hint of what was to come. Once I knew, that would be it, finished, on to the next thing. But it never does end just there, does it?

Before I knew it, my spindly ancestral-tree seedling had exploded into a mighty oak, openly demanding vast doses of genealogical manure to sustain its vigorous limb growth. But, I rose to the challenge, took the plunge, and invested heavily in overseas research. Soon, depressed by the rising cost, I contemplated taking a second job. I became addicted to poking my long genealogical nose into every family root and branch. My voice, in the process, acquired a thin wheedling cadence as I sought out defenceless ancient aunts, rudely disturbing their quiet moulderings. I soon exasperated obscure second cousins with my persistent probes for obscurities such as "great aunt Lizzie's husband's nephew's place of birth". In defence, my relations began to avoid me on the street, and were often out when I called.

For another thing, I would persist, as my mountain of evidence grew, in overturning long cherished family myths. This, naturally, did not endear me to my relations. Take my mother. She had always, from when I was a small child, told of her father's family, and how they had "come over from France with the Pimpernel". Not having read Baroness Orzy at the time, I believed this implicitly. After all, it was plain for all to see, for the Guys were all short, dark and, with a little imagination, obviously Gallic in appearance. In substantiation, I even ploughed through lengthy tomes on French History. I began to suspect the worst as my reading expanded and the Pimpernel was revealed to be what he was: a creature of inspired fiction. Final disillusionment came with the first letter from the hired Gloucestershire genealogist. The Guys, far from being French, were descended from a long line of Cotswold peasants, reaching back into the dimness of the seventeenth century. The celebrated Guy swarthyness, the apparent result of the union between a Rissington Blacksmith and a Welsh-descended serving girl. So much for "that damned elusive Pimpernel", I always thought him a bit too flash! Thank heavens that mother didn't live to see that dark day; not that she would have believed it for a minute!

Then there was the business of my great grandfather. He claimed, by his 1868 marriage certificate, the exalted status of a Steel Manufacturer. Impressed greatly by this, I saw him, in mind's eye, as a great Yorkshire

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colossus, an Anglicized Krupps, if you like. He turned out to be a fake too. In reality, he was a grubby backyard file-maker, eking out his perilous existence from the dusty, lead-laden air of his backroom workshop, his endless task the making of neverending, neverchanging, files. He also, on the evidence of street directories, flitted nervously from house to house, rarely spending Christmas twice in the same one. Perhaps it was his response to the relentless need to find precious rent money. In support of this, mother always said "He drank, you know", hinting to me darkly of unspeakable horrors. However, my English aunt always stoutly denied this. She asserted that, in fact, far from being a drunkard who spent all his money, he was a man of some standing, being "put up for the Lord Mayorship of London". By this stage, I was getting used to family claims and took this with a large dash of genealogical salt. For one thing, great grandfather, although dying in London, died without the luxury of a will, which seems to suggest he didn't have a great deal to leave his harrassed widow. So, knowing the Victorian fondness for success in business and for civil leaders, poor John Henry seems to have been a highly unlikely candidate. Fortunately my aunt died before this was resolved, and before her cherished illusions were shattered. I'm glad.

About this era, I ran into my sister for the first time in a long while. Seeking an ally, I poured forth my investigations into the family. She gazed at me coldly, as if listening to the babbling of an idiot, fixed me with a gimlet eye, and said "But are we related to ANYONE IMPORTANT?". I was explaining about great grandfather, when I realised she wasn't listening any more, she was busy looking in her purse for the car keys. Somehow I never did mention about the Guys.

Anyway, all that is now behind me. I'm now a scarred veteran of a hundred disappointing replies to my letters, a score of unanswered requests, a half-dozen burst family myth-balloons, and half a lifetime of loving labour. My family tree has reached its likely maturity size, with little prospect of further growth, at least not without a great deal of money. You could say that it is all becoming a little blase now.

Hang on, though. That looks like the postman. I bet that's a reply to my letter about the Gilbert line. That's the one that had a steeplejack that fell from the top of the steeple to his death. At least, I think he did. Now, if I can only get a copy of George's birth certificate, I might be able to ... Here we go again.

# *News from Branches*

## HUON BRANCH

Our annual meeting was held in April, with more than 30 people attending. Office bearers for the coming year consist of:

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Guest speakers for the night were Mrs Barbara Fuller and Mrs Elma McKay who together gave a very informative description of their recent Vincent family reunion, with video tape, charts, leaflets and photos.

A great deal was taken in by those who attended and it is hoped we can have more guest speakers along in the following months.

The branch has been lucky to obtain some 20 years of back copies of the Huon News, plus the Huon and Derwent Times, with another 20 odd years in earlier editions of random copies - thanks to the cooperation of the Huon News.

It is hoped to file these, with indexes for each, over the following months.

Meetings are held on the second Monday of each month at 7.30 pm at the rear of the Ranelagh Hall.

Sue Goode

## HUON BRANCH

Plans are almost complete for the opening of our library. We have very little in it, but hope for more support from the people in our area once the premises are open to the public.

Card indexing of births/deaths/marriages goes on, seemingly endlessly, but our filing facilities are almost full already so we must be making headway.

We enjoy the support of our local council who have assisted us in such ways as: nominal rent for our room, the laying of cement paths at the entrance, the loan of stackable chairs etc.

We wish the other branches a successful year and will try to make ours one too.

Enid Woolley

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The past twelve months have been successful for the Branch and ended on a note that gives reason to look forward to the coming year enthusiastically. Average attendance at our monthly meetings increased by ten per meeting. Interest in all activities of the branch is increasing.

Our programmes appear to have been successful, the idea of having them organised by a selected person having worked well. However, I feel more than one person should be involved in this aspect. A yearly programme should be balanced to provide material of interest, education and direction to members and not just a means of entertainment. It takes more than one person to achieve this.

In spite of some fairly expensive purchases, our cash position is still good. This is due to our Fund Raising Committee.

The library has, perhaps, been the shining light of our branch activities. It has made almost unbelievable strides, particularly in the last six months. As a result, we MUST find new premises for the library and find them soon, or all could be lost. There is too much resource material to be contained at Carr Villa and far from satisfactory arrangements have been made for members to have access to it. It appears the George St premises will not be ours. However, we are still trying for these rooms or any others which are suitable.

The following cemeteries have been transcribed during the year and the information is available in the Genealogical Library at Carr Villa.

SEYMOUR (East Coast)	ROSS ST JOHNS C OF E (Update)
ROSS METHODIST	PILGRIM UNITING, Civic Square, Ltn
PATERSONIA ALL SOULS	MIENNA (on Great Lake)

LONGFORD BRIDGE RD (one stone) LAUNCESTON CITY PARK (headstones & war mem)  
CARR VILLA D2 CARR VILLA D3 (now in progress)  
BICHENO UNITED

Research Officer Mrs Bev Perkins, now has a panel of willing members to help with research enquiries. They will check records in the Northern Regional Library and other sources. Charges will be \$5 per hour plus photocopying costs. Contact with the Research Officer may be made through the Genealogical Society Launceston Branch, POB 1290, Launceston.

Forthcoming fund-raising events

June 25 (Wed)

Three "S" Luncheon. 16 Nicholls St, Kings Meadows

To be followed by Shoe and Handbag Parade

July 28 (Mon)

Microwave Cooking Demonstration at Begerl and McGuire Building, Wellington St.

August 19 (Tue)

Tupperware evening, 32 Brooklyn Rd. 5 Prize raffle to be drawn.

November 9 (Sun)

A stall will be held at Elphin Market. Knitting and sewing items required.

Further information from Bev Perkins or Marlene Arnold.

Janet Reakes will be in Launceston on Thursday August 21, at Windmill Hill Hall, High St.

A sub-committee has been formed at Georgetown. Meetings held on second Wednesday of the month, 7-9 pm in the S.E.S. rooms, Memorial Hall, Georgetown.

Further information from Debbie Rainbow on 82 1247.

PROGRAMME FOR 1986-87

June 3 : Pat Hinds - "How to fill in charts & family albums"

Competition: member with longest span of time between birth of direct ancestor and death of that ancestor's child.

July 1 : At new library if available, with librarian explaining the use of fiche.

Competition: member with most generations born in Tasmania counting from self.

Aug 5 : Smith Night. Any member with a Smith line - to give details

Competition: member with most convicts on direct line.

Sept 2 : Irish research with Frances Travers. Bring queries & problems.

Oct 7 : Thelma Grunnell. "How to put the meat on the bones through extended reading of fiction and non-fiction books"

Competition: most children born to one mother, of one marriage

Nov 4 : Convict research

Dec 2 : Christmas meeting.

## BURNIE BRANCH NEWS

We have enjoyed a progressive year, and we now have 110 members and a monthly attendance average of 40.

Purchasing the up-date of the IGI has been our big project for this year. Also many valuable books have been added to our library.

Valiant efforts have been made by committee to have facilities at the Hellyer Library improved.

We entered a claim to the Bi-Centennial Committee and have been advised that it will recommend support to our Burnie Branch for the purchase of a micro film reader copier, approx \$4000.

A seminar is to be held at Burnie on 23 August 1986 from 10.30 am to 4pm by Janet Reakes. All members welcome.

For our AGM on April 15, it was decided that members of the Executive Committee provide a meal before the meeting. A very tasty and enjoyable three course meal was enjoyed by some 40 members. Because of the remarks and enthusiasm shown after the meeting, there is a strong possibility our Christmas meeting will follow these lines, as well as future AGM's.

Our thanks go to Chairman Michael McLaren and other officers who have continued this year and also we welcome four new committee members, and wish them well.

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Meetings are held third Tuesday of each month, at St Georges Church Hall, Mount St, Burnie at 8 pm. Visitors welcome.

The Library, Cattley St, Burnie is open Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday 1pm - 4pm.

## DEVONPORT BRANCH NEWS

(Condensed from Chairman's Annual Report)

Most members of this year's committee were new to the work and were initially nervous about making decisions and accepting responsibilities. But, with time, they gained in confidence and the branch now has a larger group of people prepared to take the lead in developing the branch further. When sub-committees were formed, their initiative and enthusiasm rubbed off on other members who contributed so much to branch affairs this year.

I do not propose to heap praise on individual members of the committee; you the members, can judge for yourselves the value of their efforts when they give their reports. I do want to draw your attention to the wonderful developments that have occurred in our library; our transcription programme of local cemeteries; our sound financial status, due largely to the very successful cake stall, trade tables and raffles, and to the efforts we have made in telling the community of our existence through the high quality display at the Lyons Library, our visiting speakers here and at other groups.

We again held a very successful Christmas Dinner, and I would recommend this event to all members for the future.

To give some indication of the progress of the branch during the year, 32 new members from this district joined, and approximately \$3,000 passed through our books!

One of the disappointments of the year was the realisation that our branch would not be sole holder in Tasmania of the pre-1900 birth, death and marriage records of the mainland states. Even though our delegates had expressed our desire to concentrate on this facility to limit duplication, and other branches had concurred with our plans, it has been noted that some other branches have also purchased copies of these microfiches. It was because of our commitment in this way that we were forced to forego the chance of buying a copy of the IGI for the branch. But I suppose every branch has the right to buy whatever becomes available!

B. Carney - Chairman



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## CONSERVATION OF HISTORIC RECORDS AT HOME

BY Neville Corbett (Conservator)

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Every year dozens of hands will turn the pages of files and registers in the collections of institutions, such as the various State and Commonwealth Archives, in the eager search for family information. If each handling does only a minute amount of damage then the time will come when either access has to be withheld or the records are progressively destroyed. The nature and importance of these records demand that the greatest care be exercised when handling them.

Before using such records always obtain a copy of any regulations governing researchers at the library in question. The following includes some of the instructions issued to users by the Australian Archives for this purpose.

1. Hands must be clean.
2. Do not touch the record any more than necessary. For example, do not run your finger down the page when checking.
3. Fingers must not be wetted to turn pages. Provide yourself with a rubber finger tip.
4. Volumes should be examined only when supported on a flat surface.
5. NO SMOKING, EATING OR DRINKING.
6. Note-taking should be done with a soft pencil; not with a ball point pen, felt pen or fountain pen. Ink must never be taken into a search room.
7. Always have with you a square of clean cotton cloth with which to wipe your hands from time to time. Perspiration can be especially damaging ... and sometimes there is the risk of transferring damaging dust from degraded leather covers or containers if the hands are not wiped.
8. Be especially careful to return the records to the custodian in the order in which they were received without rearrangement of any kind. If some papers are attached by pin, clip or any other means, do not detach.
9. Finally, if you observe mould, insects or any other condition which you consider to be damaging to the item you are returning, then it would be helpful to draw it to the attention of the custodian.

In short, apply commonsense concern for the preservation of the historical records entrusted to you.

### IDENTIFICATION OF RECORDS

I am in favour of the identification of every item by the family historian with as much information as can be conveniently included on the item itself. But there is one very important proviso. This is that the notations be removable and clearly identified as the historian's notes.

It is at this point that I wish to recommend to you the 4B pencil. The choice of a 4B is purely for conservation reasons. Lead pencil is insoluble to any solvent, yet it can be removed by using an eraser, it is chemically non-reactive with paper substances, and it requires only small pressure to leave a strong and legible imprint that will endure.

The importance of identification becomes clear when you think of old family photographs without identification. They have very little value to the family and are only useful as a record of the dress of a past era in most cases (although they would always be valued by a collector of examples of particular Studio work). If unidentified, they are likely to become lost or destroyed. So, if you can establish the identity of the subjects, then you should note the known details of the subject, date and place with a 4B pencil on the back. Put the whole note in square brackets to indicate that the note is not part of the original, and identify yourself as the writer by adding your initials and the date of the notation. This procedure applies with equal importance to more recent photographs, letters, etc. Providing that these notations are applied with a light pressure using a 4B pencil, no damage will be done to the item. The more historical information you can include, the greater will be the chance of preservation in later years.

A typical notation might be:

"[Frederick John Herries and Emma Gay Grissom. Engagement party at Parramatta, 28 July 1935 S.G. 30Nov1980]"

This represents an entry on the back of a photograph made by family historian S.Grisson.

Modern colour prints may not seem at first to accept pencil writing. If this is the case, use a razor blade to gently scrape the surface on which you wish to make your notation and this will make is possible.

#### CONSERVATION MATERIALS

##### 1. Adhesive Tape.

Never use adhesive tape for any purpose other than wrapper closure. Deteriorated adhesive tapes can both stain and destroy paper. They can produce acids which will damage the item to which they are attached and this can migrate to adjacent items. There are some better quality tapes available for which claims are made, but it is better to avoid their use altogether. Unfortunately there is nothing available that is as easy to use to repair a tear in a document or effect a repair to a book, but the temptation should be resisted.

##### 2. Flour Paste.

Paper and flour paste should be used for repairs to your records. The best paper that is easily available for this purpose is acid-free Archive Test (the source of materials mentioned in this article will

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be listed at the end.) You can easily make your own flour paste. You need: distilled water, plain white flour, calcium carbonate, Dettol or Milton or Solyptol or Thymol or Glen 20.

The method of preparation is as follows:

1. Ensure the flour is dry, fresh and lump-free. Sieve if necessary.
  2. Pour some boiling water into the bottom half of a double-boiler.
  3. Mix 200 grams of the flour with a small amount of the distilled water to make a smooth cream free of lumps.
  4. Boil one litre of distilled water in a separate pan and then pour this into the top half of the double boiler.
  5. Slowly add the flour cream to the boiling distilled water, stirring as you go.
  6. Place the top half of the double-boiler containing the distilled water/flour suspension, over the bottom part of the double-boiler which contains boiling water.
  7. Keep the boiler at the point of boiling for as long as it takes to acquire a glazed appearance, usually between five and twenty minutes. Continue stirring.
  8. Leave the paste to cool with a piece of paper lying on the surface to prevent the surface crusting.
  9. After cooling, stir in 7 drops of Dettol or other house-hold disinfectant and 3 grams of calcium carbonate. Use a blender if you like.
  10. Ensure that the paste is absolutely free of lumps by squeezing it through a stocking.
  11. The resulting paste is your "stock" and it will need thinning with distilled water to achieve a brushable consistency.
- This paste gives a strong bond, is acid-neutral and can be dissolved after drying by wetting. It can be used for all adhesive requirements involving paper.

Always be careful not to over use the paste. If you are attaching one piece of paper to another, as with a photograph to a sheet of journal paper, or a letter or certificate, never paste all over the back.

### 3. Archive Paper.

It is most unwise to use "cheap" paper for manuscript repairs on your family history notes. Such papers as you might purchase from a newsagent will almost inevitably be highly acid and completely unworthy of the labour you will be devoting to the research for which this is going to be the evidence. The best choice is one of the special acid free papers such as Archive Test. Hollingers (USA) also make a good one. You will have to buy this paper in large sheets and cut them down to size. Failing this, choose the best bond or correspondence grade of paper you can get.

### 4. Storage Boxes.

It is most important to take care in choosing appropriate storage

containers for your records. Shoe boxes or orange crates do not give the required protection and invite destruction. Provide yourself with two types of container. The first is for current work requiring constant reference, and for this purpose I like the Regal Lock Clip File Box. The second is a larger box for long-term storage. "Advance" make one, which they sell through office suppliers, called Ar Kive Box. This is adequate, although its lid is very loose fitting and it is covered with the manufacturer's graffiti. Another, the Marbig Archives Box, styles 204/0 (ID 380 mm x 250 mm x 300 mm) and 203/0 (ID 350 mm x 250 mm x 130 mm) can be obtained from some office suppliers. You could also obtain a suitable box with lid from your green-grocer and cover it. There are special acid-free boxes available, but they are not easily obtained in Australia and are unnecessary for most private family history collections. Whatever box you use for long-term storage, you should line it with Silicone Release Paper and sprinkle the bottom with a pinch of camphor to keep away insects.

#### 5. Wrapping Paper.

Always use an acid-free paper for wrapping up records, and never newspaper. Newspaper is the crudest of all paper and quickly deteriorates, causing possible damage to adjacent material. If you have newspaper clippings in your collection, then these should be hinged to sheets of acid-free paper (Archive Text) and interleaved with Silicone Release Paper.

Either of these are suitable acid-free wrapping papers, but Silicone Release Paper will not accept adhesives and must be tied. Archive Text can be secured with Magic Tape. (This is probably the only case where it might be safe to use self-adhesive sticky tape... but never the ordinary tapes. Three M Type 600 is cheaper than Magic Tape and may also be used for securing wrapping paper.)

#### 6. Marking Pens.

Felt-tipped pens should not be used for marking records as some felt pens are soluble in water, and some have the double characteristic of solubility in water and spirit. Do not use fountain pens for your notes. Notwithstanding the label of some brands, none of them is insoluble or has the desired permanence.

A black ball-point pen or pencil is very suitable for making permanent notes and for marking records.

#### 7. Hinges.

There are some quite good materials available from which to make hinges for pasting-in. One very convenient material is applied with a warm iron. This is Ademco Lamatec, but it suffers from the great disadvantage that it only comes in fairly large rolls. Archive Text can also be used effectively providing the hinges are cut along the grain.

STORAGE OF RECORDS

## 1. Photographs.

It is not a good idea to leave photographic slides in their boxes. They can be difficult to examine and, as it is necessary each time to extract them from the box, they are rendered subject to damage by abrasion and smearing and soon get out of order. It is better to store them in the clear plastic pocket files provided for 35mm slides by library suppliers.

Never keep your photographs in sticky plastic albums. I have seen obvious damage caused by this type of album, whereas others of the type do not seem to degrade so quickly. The problem is that there is no way of telling whether you have one of the bad ones. All albums of this type are definitely unsuitable for long-term storage. Some authorities advise storing photographic prints flat in special boxes, interleaved with acid-free tissue or paper. This system suffers from the disadvantage that it implies separation from notes and text and it is subject to disorder and loss, the prints being loose. However, it is considered acceptable practice in some quarters. It is better, in my view, to hinge them to pages of Archive Text (or a calendared Systems Card) using narrow hinges at the top or side, with flour paste as the adhesive. These pages in turn can be sewn into book form or themselves hinged into a journal.

## 2. Notes and Documents.

Loose notes are easily lost or disarranged. Notes, cuttings and documents of all kinds should be protected from loss or disorder by hinging them into a "Journal" type book. There are no acid-free books of blank paper available in Australia, and probably the best alternative would be ledger paper books such as Minute Books or ruled Accounts Ledgers. Although the paper in these books is not archivally perfect, experience has shown that, given reasonably good storage conditions, they will last for a very long time.

REPAIR OF BOOKS

Repairs to books, however well intentioned, can prove more damaging than helpful if not carried out with the proper regard for conservation in the choice of repair materials and adhesives. If you wish to have a valued book repaired you will need to be careful in your choice of a repairer, and it does not come cheaply. Depending on the size, condition and degree of repair required, it can cost from twenty-five to some hundreds of dollars. Get a quote first. Another alternative, which is less expensive, is to wrap or box the book in question. Support the book front and back with acid-free board, and provided of course that it is quite dry and free from mould, wrap it firmly in

Archive Text or Silicone Release Paper. Do not omit to identify the contents on the outside.

#### DAMPNESS

Never allow your records to become damp. Dampness and heat are great degraders of paper and photographic materials. This is so because the chemical processes of decomposition are hastened by damp and heat. Also damp paper easily develops mould which grows on the nutrients in the paper, quickly weakening it to the point of destruction.

#### DUST REMOVAL

Never try to dislodge dust or specks by blowing on them as you would blow for cooling porridge. The breath is moist and saliva is acid. It is better to give a light flick with a clean cloth or clean soft brush. The "Puff Brush" sold in photographic stores for lens cleaning is ideal.

#### MINIMUM HANDLING

Records should not be handled unnecessarily. A polyester folder will give excellent protection to the document you are examining. It is disappointing to see how often readers will persist in handling the documents they are reading. There are even some compulsive paper fiddlers among us. Make a habit of inhibiting this natural tendency and try to remember that while reading material it is not necessary to touch it also.

#### PRESENTATION FORMAT FOR THE FUTURE

I believe that the presentation of the family archive will have a definite bearing on its chances for long-term preservation. Therefore I suggest that you start early to incorporate your family history collection into a conservation-oriented plan along the following lines:

1. Write all notes on good paper such as Archive Text.
2. Write notes in black ball-point pen or pencil.
3. Identify all items with a 4B pencil.
4. Hinge all notes and photographs into a suitable "scrap book" such as a minute book of heavy ledger paper. These should be identified clearly as to period covered and subjects, as well as the words "Family History of ...." etc.
5. The above books, together with other material, should be kept in a suitable box such as an "Advance AR Kive" box, or the corrugated box with lid used for the transport of apples and pears, lined with Archive Text or Silicone Release Paper and with a sprinkle of camphor in the bottom. Sprinkle a small amount of Calcium Carbonate among papers to help neutralise acids.

7.

6. Identify the box clearly on top and front. This label could say:

Family history of ....

Compiled by ....

Commenced ....

Completed ....

Box No .. of .. boxes

A list of the separate items in the box could be attached to the inside.

7. Tie with a good quality lashing such as bricklayer's cord or cotton tape.
8. Store in the most secure and dry place you can find, such as the top shelf of a wardrobe where the textiles of clothing can be expected to exercise a stabilising effect upon the relative humidity.

If there are items that you value highly, which you wish to have repaired, restored or chemically treated for preservation, you should consider having this done professionally. Otherwise, simply wrap in acid-free Archive Text or Silicone Release Paper and store them in the best conditions of temperature and relative humidity available to you.

You can learn more about the intricacies of archive and library conservation by obtaining a copy of Conservation of Library Materials by G.M. Cunha, Vol 1, published by Scarecrow Press, New Jersey, USA.

#### SUPPLIERS OF CONSERVATION MATERIALS

Marbig Archives Box - J. Walch & Son, Hobart

Plastic:Polyester - Oven bags from supermarkets

Acid free museum board, 2 ply & 4 ply - J. Walch & Son, Hobart

Acid free barrier paper - J. Walch & Son

Lamatec Rolls can be ordered by J. Walch & Son

Slide files - J. Walch & Son

Rubber finger tips - J. Walch & Son

Calcium carbonate - family chemists

Bricklayers cord - hardware shops.



? GEAR : BATT ?

William George, m Elizabeth Dora BATT 18 Feb 1855 at Port Arthur. Known issue Agnes Amelia b 11 Dec. 1855, Henry Edward b 12 May 1857, William George b 19 May 1859.

Miss E.J. Batt, 62 Napoleon St., Battery Point 7000.

## HOW TO PRESERVE FAMILY PHOTOGRAPHS

By N.J. Corbett

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Everyone has read the warnings against the use of modern 'sticky' albums. I am referring to those albums that you can now buy almost anywhere from chemists to supermarkets; the ones with pages surfaced with an adhesive and covered by a piece of clear plastic. They are beautifully convenient and, like death and taxes, will not go away. The problem with this type of album has been its tendency to grip the photographs with such a ferocious fusion, that it becomes almost impossible in some cases, to retrieve them. Then, if that was not bad enough, after a time the adhesive was seen to 'eat' through the photograph, to leave tramline trails of discolouration on the image. Disaster, indeed!

The problem now becomes: What to use instead of these good-looking and convenient rogues! There are Conservation Albums to be bought.

Typically these cost about \$70-\$100 each and they are considered to be the best way of storing photographs for posterity. However, if these are beyond your budget, remembering that you might need a number of albums, it might be worth considering going back to the 'sticky' album and inserting the photographs with a protecting barrier apron.

The idea is to insert the photograph between oven bag material before insertion between the pages of the album. Cut the oven bag apron about 3mm larger than the photograph all round and then insert it in the album in the normal way. The plastic from which oven bags are made is polyester, which is inert in itself, and is not likely to permit the transfer of the adhesive to the photograph.

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

"Having been a GST member for several years without having contributed anything to the journal, I can at least respond to the items listed in "Letters to the Editor" in the March 1986 issue.

First, re Burnie Branch's comment on the computer article - which I take to be the one in the September 1985 issue "The Van Diemens Land Heritage Index" by Neil Chick. I believe a long article like this is needed to explain a complex index which is going to be used by many people in the future. Only one or two such technical articles are printed each year - this is not really disproportionate in its use of space. I think it is essential that the methods used for constructing indexes are clearly printed somewhere so people using the indexes clearly understand what they can expect to find. Neil Chick's earlier article on the IGI was another such essential piece of information.

I suggested earlier that the IGI article was worthy of separate publication - perhaps this is the solution for longer articles. Could you consider a reprint volume of similar articles, by experts on the subject - the Tasmanian Land Records article in the March 1986 journal could be another. However, I prefer to see these articles occasionally in the ordinary journal where all members can see them.

I think it is important that every issue of the journal has full details of membership fees and date when subscriptions are due. Some societies publish this only at renewal time - not much good to people who see the journals only intermittently.

The thing I am least interested in reading about, is a long report of the re-union of somebody else's family. (That does not mean I think they should be excluded from journals.)

Although I have been an inactive member for so long, I do enjoy "Tasmanian Ancestry" and congratulate you on its high standard. I note that "Searching Tasmanian Land Records" and other research information are listed as separate publications, some of which I am ordering on page attached. Could I suggest a little more prominence for this list? The small print, coloured cover and my deteriorating eyesight are not a good combination.

I think the annual change in colour of covers is a good idea - wish other editors would try it.

Rae Hopkinson."

### Editor's Note

Mrs Hopkinson, to our great delight, has commented on all the points raised for discussion on journal content (March 1986). Space restrictions

preclude our listing her responses in full, but a few highlights are offered here, and copies will be circulated to all branches to stimulate debate.

Q. Should there be full reports of meetings?

A. Reports of important decisions. "Outside" members would benefit if reports of talks given at meetings could be published.

Q. Should articles be written by a variety of members or all generated by the editor? (Heaven forbid! ED)

A. I belong to 10 Societies - the best and most active ones are those whose members contribute the bulk of the articles. These also tend to be the smaller societies.

Q. Do locally resident members and country/overseas members derive equal benefit?

A. Almost impossible to achieve this, unless some special services are set up. Some which help me: Tapes of talks at meetings (QFHS); articles on a series of local districts (Lancashire FHS); adoption of remote members by city members (QFHS); circulation of journals of other societies (QFHS); research team for overseas members, with a standard deposit (20 pounds) to cut down on costs of small items (Nottinghamshire FHS); reprints of major articles (Manchester and Lancs FHS); regular articles on sources (Lancs FHS); notices of talks coming up for 3-6 months (QFHS); plenty of local colour (East of London FHS); good publications (Notts FHS). Of my 10 societies, its easy to see which rate high.

Q. Are new members and beginners as well as established and experienced ones catered for?

A. Repeats of basic information are needed at intervals - eg times of opening of LDS Libraries and other research meccas; costs of certificates and addresses of relevant offices. Articles for more advanced researchers and those with wider interests (eg the VDL Index) are essential.

## *Haskell of England*

C9th warrior, C10th prelate, C11th Royal guard,  
C13th knight, C14th judge ... where are you now?

Write: I.R. Harrison, POB 113, Norwich, ENGLAND

# Book Reviews

By A.K.K. Hudspeth

TRACING FAMILY HISTORY IN AUSTRALIA by Noeline Kyle, Pub. Methuen, Australia, 1985. 171 pp \$12.95 (paperback)

This book emphasises the need for beginning researchers to gain some basic knowledge about the organisations they approach for information and also to realise what may be available locally before making enquiries interstate or overseas. Much valuable time is wasted, both by researcher and staff, if the enquirer comes along inadequately prepared.

The author is both an academic and a genealogist, and sees the disciplines of history and genealogy as complementary, particularly in shaping the 'new' social history, which takes into account the lives of ordinary working people, women and children, multi-cultural society and aboriginal culture. (At least two aboriginal family histories have now been published.)

A wide range of sources is covered. Printed sources include government publications, newspapers, biographies and pioneer registers, almanacs, directories and gazeteers, electoral rolls, census and muster records. Archival and manuscript sources cover maps, plans, land records, education records, parish registers, gaol returns, court records and charities. A miscellaneous category covers probate, adoption, war service records, the International Genealogical Index, the Australian Joint Copying Project and city council records. A number of occupations and their records are listed, as are State and Commonwealth Archives.

A chapter on overseas resources (England, Wales, Scotland and Ireland) offers advice and warning before embarking on what may be a costly enterprise.

Local libraries offer a surprising range, the author reminds us, offering, as a sample, the genealogical range of two NSW libraries.

While New South Wales sources receive most emphasis and coverage is necessarily brief, it is nevertheless comprehensive. Addresses and other vital details are always given, making this a very practical and useful book for the novice researcher, and a handy checklist for the more experienced genealogist.

It is available in the Society's Library at Bellerive.

FEDERATION OF FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY PUBLICATIONS (Full price list appended)

The excellent publications produced by this society are always sent to us and placed in the Main Library at Bellerive. Readers are reminded of Census Returns on Microfilm, Marriage, Census and other indexes for family historians, Bishops Transcripts and Marriage Licences and others reviewed in previous editions of *Tasmanian Ancestry*, all produced by J.S. & W. Gibson, and this fine contributor to genealogical research is still turning them out, for which we can all be grateful. Whilst of most obvious interest to those researching in England and Wales, they are very useful in outlining the types of records available, and always contain an introduction which is well worth reading for its background, whether or not one plans to use the records themselves.

The two latest J.S.W. Gibson's to come our way are Unpublished Personal Name Indexes in Record Offices and Libraries : an interim list, and The Hearth Tax and other later Stuart Tax Lists and the Association Oath Rolls.

Both are, essentially, guides to locating lists of names. The former, culled from the author's enquiries to local authority record offices and libraries in England and Wales, excludes specific names or families (many privately and society run indexes are included in another of the author's publications Marriage, Census and other Indexes for Family Historians). The collections of indexes are listed by county. Many record offices have personal names indexes, and others have copies of census indexes.

For example, Gloucestershire and Bristol have indexes for the 1851 census, covering 80% of the county.

The second book under review on the Hearth Tax and Association Rolls, covers the period 1660-1715. The Hearth Tax was imposed in 1662 and continued until 1689. The house occupier, rather than the owner, was taxed two shillings for each hearth. The poor were exempt, but were often listed. Many of these lists have been published - check the entry for the county. The Association Oath (1696) was a declaration of loyalty to the House of Orange (William of Orange was invited to take the English Crown after the expulsion of the House of Stuart and rebellion was feared). Records are listed county by county, and their condition noted, eg "rolled" or "flattened" with comments on legibility.

Most of us would feel that we were lucky to trace ancestry so far back, but we need to know and remember that, in this happy eventuality, some records are available.

The McLaughlin Guides by Eve McLaughlin, are the latest publishing venture from the FFHS and are fascinating historically apart from their genealogical significance. In this series are: Somerset House wills before 1858 and a similar publication for wills after 1858, St Catherine's House, The Censuses 1841-51, Use and Interpretation, Illegitimacy and Interviewing Elderly

Relatives.

The Guide to the Censuses gives detailed instruction about the actual use of the records at the Public Record Office in London. Now that census films are available in Australia, through the generous service provided by libraries of the LDS Church, the book contains much that can be put into use here. Other titles speak for themselves. Illegitimacy I found especially interesting and entertaining.

These are all valuable to the English researcher, providing all essential information on the topic in a readable, logical form. Read them for fun as well as for instruction. A set of these would make a wonderful present for any genealogical researcher starting on English records.

The Family Historian's Enquire Within by F.C. Markwell and Pauline Saul. This realises the authors' intention that it should be a practical reference book. Alphabetically listed entries provide information on a large number of terms, sources, addresses and historical factors of significance to genealogists. You really need to see this book to appreciate it, so pester your librarian to purchase it, or better still, buy it! It will soon get dog-eared as you use it as a first point of reference. You are given full details about where to seek further information, including addresses and costs, and frequent references are made to existing specialist articles in family history journals. Remember that no book like this can be entirely up to date. (The new IGI is based on more than 45 million names!). The vast majority of entries, however, are not subject to this disadvantage. It has all sorts of useful offerings, maps of English and Scottish counties, relationship charts, all the kinds of things that are published in family history journals from time to time, but that you can never put your hand to when you need it in a hurry. Trades, professions and occupations are listed, with suggestions for further enquiry. I particularly enjoyed the quotations which head each page, ranging from Shakespeare to a modern cynic, Terence McLoughlin whose comments on the frustrations of the genealogist are painfully true: for example, "Ancestors in huge numbers died, emigrated or went into hiding in the early days of March 1851 so as to avoid revealing their place of birth in the 1851 census", or "if you are working in a distant record office, however long you have been there, the first trace of the family you are seeking will emerge five minutes before closing time on your last day". I also liked Sir Arthur Conan Doyle's "It is a mistake to theorize before one has data".

All these publications are not only important to the researcher into British records, but give a good background in general genealogical "literacy"-understanding and interpreting the records of the past.

# Notes

How many copies of "Tasmanian Ancestry" are despatched quarterly?  
The March count shows:

Burnie	110	NSW	56	USA	2
Devonport	80	Queensland	16	UK	1
Hobart	337	SA	6	NZ	14
Huon	28	Victoria	67		
Launceston	120	WA	50		

The GST had 842 members at the end of the financial year, 1985-6 (March).  
Last year's total was 799.

## BIOGRAPHICAL REGISTER OF THE TASMANIAN PARLIAMENT 1851-1960

Mr Scott Bennett from the Australian National University, GPO Box 4,  
Canberra, ACT 2601, writes: "Can anyone help us complete three entries  
in our Biographical Register of the Tasmanian Parliament 1851-1960?"

We seek death details of:

Joseph COHEN (MHA 1860-61) - possibly died 1893

Charles Edward FEATHERSTONE (MHA 1889-93)

Andrew LAWSON (MLC 1922-28)

May I also bring to the Society's attention the publication of Scott  
Bennett and Barbara Bennett, Handbook of Tasmanian Elections 1851-1982  
included in which is an index of parliamentary candidates, which lists  
approximately 1500 names and which should be of great use to geneal-  
ogists. The book can be purchased from History Project Inc., C/- School  
of History, University of NSW, Kensington, NSW, 2033.

## AUSTRALIAN FEDERATION OF FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETIES

### National Strays Index

Thanks to the enterprise of the Queensland FHS, and the work of  
Mrs Rae Hopkinson in particular, we now have a "Strays Collection,  
Australasia 1986" sponsored by the Australian Federation of Family  
History Societies. (See Tasmanian Ancestry Vol 6, No 1, March 1985,  
for a full explanation of the Strays Project).

A Stray is a person who has left a record (of a marriage, employment,  
death or other event) in a state, county or country other than the one  
where he/she was born or usually lived.

Strays indexes, (also called Out of Area Collections) kept by many  
societies, are collections of such records made by individuals and  
societies in an endeavour to return information to the place of origin  
of the 'straying' person. The three main types of strays are:

1. Persons who have come to Australia and New Zealand from another  
country
2. Australian and New Zealanders who have been recorded as living  
in another country
3. Persons who have moved from one state to another within Australia.  
Interstate Australian strays will be dealt with by our National Strays

## notes

Co-ordinator; British strays will be sent to the Federation of Family History Societies (UK) and strays from other countries to appropriate Genealogical Societies. Australia's National Strays Co-ordinator is Mrs R.V. Hopkinson, POB 387, Atherton, Qld, 4883.

The published strays index can be ordered from the GST Chief Librarian, Mrs Theo Sharples, C/- Box 640G, Hobart, 7001 (Ph: 002 476313). Cost \$3.

## STOP PRESS

The South Australian Biographical Register has just arrived in the Society's main library!

## LAUNCESTON B.D.M. INDEX

The Launceston branch of the GST has just produced an Index to Births, Deaths and Marriages 1900-1910, compiled from the 'Examiner'.

Birth entries give date of notice, name of parents, date of birth

Marriage entries give date of notice, name, date of marriage and name of partner. Males are listed first.

Death entries give date of notice, name, death date, funeral notice, place and age.

## Cornish Research - A Generous Offer

Richard and June Ross of 68815 Ortega Ave, Cathedral City, California, USA 92234, are happy to search their marriage indexes for you at no cost to you. Their indexes have an extensive listing of marriages of Cornwall, England.

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1. The entire BOYDS MARRIAGE INDEX of Cornwall:- 1538-1812
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3. If any person requests that they be sent a list of ONE NAME SURNAME we do charge for this and they should write asking charges. Otherwise all searching for marriages for their immediate family search are free.

Please send two International Reply Coupons for our postage to reply to you. Dick and June have other materials such as the complete Index of Cornish WILLS 1500-1857. They will be glad to search this index of Wills to aid persons in their family search and also will show them how easy it is to order wills in Cornwall. They are also willing to try and help solve some problems in your search.

## NOTES

### Dutch Australians

Dr Ed Duyker, of 'Glenn Robin', 167 Princes Hwy, (via Murrain Lane), Sylvania, NSW, 2224, writes:

"I am currently engaged in research for a book on the history of the Dutch in Australia. In relation to this project, I would be most grateful to hear from any of your members who have ancestors who emigrated to Australia last century or early this century. On my part, I undertake to maintain a register of Dutch immigrant names and to contact your members should I uncover information relevant to their family history project. I also intend compiling a Guide to Dutch Genealogical Sources in Australia, so if any of your members have suggestions on useful sources, I would be most happy to hear from them too."

### Mauritian Australians

Dr Duyker (see above), also draws our attention to a publication "Mauritian Heritage", which chronicles the story of the LIONNET, COMMINS and related families, originally of Anglo French origin who came to Australia from Mauritius 40 years ago. The book costs \$29.95 plus \$4 postage and packing, and is available from the Australian Mauritian Research Group, 28 Napoleon Rd, Ferntree Gully, Vic. 3156.

### Manchester (England) census index

The Manchester and Lancashire Family History Society are publishing indexes to the 1851 census for Manchester and surrounding areas. Five volumes have been published so far. (The General Secretary of the Society: Mr Mike Berrell of 3 Lytham Rd, Manchester M192AT)

### Institute of Heraldic and Genealogical studies

This well known institution has requested a journal exchange. Their own journal is "Family History" and is of great interest to the serious student of English genealogy and social history. Our Chief Librarian has a list of contents of back copies to 1962.

### Federation of Family History Societies Conference

A weekend conference is to be held at Norbreck Castle, Blackpool, Eng. (not a stately home, but an enormous elderly hotel!). The conference dates are April 10,11,12 1987. Further details available in September from the conference co-ordinator, Mr R. Hampson, 7 Margaret St, Shaw, Oldham OL2 8BP, Lancashire, Eng. Please enclose 2 IRC's.

### Billet: Bellette

Mrs Desley Payne of 150 Capalaba Rd, Upper Mt Graratt, Brisbane, Qld 4122, writes that she is intending to write up a short family history on Jacob Billet (a First Fleeter) and his son and grandson, both named Jacobs, and will send us a copy along with a family tree. She would be very interested to hear from or of any other Bellettes/Billets. (Jacob Bellette married Susanna Free at Pittwater, Tas, in 1827. Other related names are Webb and Alomes).

### Jersey Cemetery

Readers of Pat (O'Toole) Collins' fascinating article on Dolbels in the Isle of Jersey, may like to know that Pat sent us a copy of the transcript of Green St Cemetery, St Helier, containing many Dolbel and related entries. The transcription is most interesting, but rather too long for publication here, so we have placed it in a file at the library. Ask for the Tasmanian Ancestry file.

### "Good Ship Hindostan" - correction;

Olive Collins, contributor of the above item, reminds us that her ancestors on this voyage were John and Mary FLEURY not HENRY.

### First Fleet Celebrations

(Reprinted from the Geelong Advertiser, 26.1.86)

"London - When Queen Victoria was refused membership of the Royal Yacht Squadron because she was a woman, she formed her own sailing club around the corner. A club house designed by her husband was built on the beachfront at Ryde on the Isle of Wight.

On May 13, 1787, 100 years before the Queen's sailing club was built, the 13 ships of the First Fleet assembled off Ryde and sailed for Botany Bay. The Isle of Wight is celebrating the bicentenary of the First Fleet's departure with an exercise aimed at giving the descendants of the First Fleeters and eventually of all other fleets that sailed to Australia, the opportunity to trace their ancestry.

The local councils of the Isle of Wight are establishing the Australian Heritage Centre, which will compile data on the members of the First Fleet, detailing what led them to make the voyage as well as their ancestry."

### Family History Society, Singleton, NSW

We have been notified that this Society was formed in February 1984 and wishes to exchange newsletters/journals. Members have transcribed all readable headstones in the Singleton district, and a card index is available. A pre-1900 Singleton District Pioneer Register

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is being compiled - entries for this close on 30th June 1986. The research fee for non-members is \$8 per letter of inquiry. The Society's postal address is POB 422, Singleton, NSW, 2330.



## *Common Interest Groups*

### DESCENDANTS OF FREDERICK MEREDITH

Mr Ken Meredith of 16a Dudley St, Asquith, 2078, NSW, writes:

"A group has been recently formed in Sydney with the aim of bringing together those who are descended from Frederick Meredith, both here and places afar.

Frederick arrived as a crewmember on board the Scarborough in January 1788. He later returned to England with the shipwrecked survivors from the Sirius and in 1793 returned to Sydney where he remained until his death in 1836.

As far as is known, he fathered 9 children, 2 died as infants, 4 are well documented and represented in the family group and 3 are yet to be researched. A gathering has been planned for the 22nd June 1986 at Liverpool, NSW, commemorating the 150th year of Frederick Meredith's death and may be of interest to any of his lost descendants from Tasmania.

The lost children are:

Sophia Meredith, b 3.6.1803, m 6.3.1820 at St Davids, Hobart, to James LLOYD and later to Robert LOGAN At Hobart in 1841.

Elizabeth Meredith, b 8.7.1805 and m to William HARRIS in Hobart in 1828.

Ann Meredith, b 21.6.1811, d 16.8.1880, m 22.12.1828 at St Davids, Hobart to Robert McGUIRE and later to Thomas FISHER.

I am curious as to the reasons three young girls in the 1820's would have travelled to V.D.L. and expect that research will show a family connection existed in Tasmania in those days.

If I can make contact with any of the above families, I can then in turn put them in touch with other members and share information I have been able to collect from sources in Sydney.

### FAMILY REUNIONS

January 1987 will mark the anniversary of the arrival of William Thomas WOOLLEY and his wife Melinda (BRIANT) in Tasmania 150 years ago. To commemorate the occasion, a gathering of all the couple's descendants is being planned for that time, and the organisers are anxious to hear from any interested relatives.

Children of William and Melinda were: John, Jacob, Tabitha (who died in infancy), Jane - all born in England, and Robert Charles and Tabitha (2) both born in Tasmania.

Any descendants are asked to contact Enid Woolley, "Combara", Judbury, Tas. 7109 as soon as possible.

Robert and Marion DICK came from Scotland in 1857 and lived at Sassafra and later Riana.

On 3 March, 800 descendants gathered at Riana for a Family Reunion picnic. A small energetic group began planning the reunion last August and were well rewarded for their efforts by the pleasure expressed as old family links were renewed and new relatives were discovered. Family charts showing over 1800 direct descendants were of great interest. These were compiled by Margaret and Warner Dick of Somerset, and Peg and Allan Dick of Penguin.

Greetings were received from New Zealand branch of the family, who Sylvia Reeves had contacted after much research.

Alex Dick, 83, the only surviving grandson of Marion and Robert, was the oldest direct descendant present and 2 months old Patricia, daughter of Colin and Yvonne Mason, was the youngest.

Each was presented with family spoons while Mrs Annie Dick received a bouquet for her 90th birthday.

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# Members' Queries

MANNINGTON: Thomas Edward and Lucy (nee REDFORD/RADFORD) of Sussex arrived Tasmania on "Phoenix" in 1825 with Martha and Abraham. Later children were Abigail, Isaac, Lucy Ann, Mary Ann, Jacob, Priscilla, Thomas Edward, Elizabeth and Joseph Arthur. Thomas was the miller at Port Arthur from 1844-46 and later went to Campbell's Creek, Victoria. More information and correspondence with descendants sought by Mrs Marie Hart, 20 Bonview St, East Ballina, NSW, 2478.

BIRD: Information required of descendants of Richard and Ann BIRD (nee CHASTON/CHASTEN) who arrived Launceston, Tas, 1862. Hannah Jane (1852-1922) m Jacob COOK 1872; Walter John (1854-1920) m Mary Ann FLANNERY 1886; Ann Elizabeth (1856-1908) m Richard BEAUMONT 1876; Martha Mary (1858-1892) m Alfred ROCKLIFF 1876; Arthur James (1860- ) m Elizabeth BACON 1883; Harriet Susan (1862-1883); Asa Benjamin (1864-1908) m Sarah CLARK 1896; Abraham; Edgar Richard (1869-1911) m Camilla REID 1893; Alla Jacob (1873-1944) m Eliza LEHMAN 1896.  
A reunion is being planned for March 1987 in Devonport by Mrs Marie Hart, 20 Bonview St, E. Ballina, NSW, 2478.

CURTAIN: Brothers John 24 and David Donald 26, arrived Bothwell, VOL, 1857. Their father David and sister Catherine arrived pre 1852. Catherine m Edward ANDREWS. Seeking descendants of John. Mrs M. Spittall, POB 9, Noble Park, Vic, 3174

WILSON: Thomas b Table Cape, Tas, 1865, d Vic 1914. Parents were Rachel Caroline (nee MACKENZIE) and Dr Thomas WILSON of N.W. coast. His daughter Laura Caroline m John McAULIFFE. Anxious to locate descendants. Please reply to Mrs M. Spittall, POB 9, Noble Park, Vic 3174.

MACKENZIE: Relatives of Rachel Caroline, daughter of Maj. Chas. Ross MACKENZIE and Rachel Rhoda BEIGHTON, grand-daughter of Rev. Thos. Beighton, missionary in Malacca and Southern India early 1800's and who married Dr Thomas WILSON 1863, please contact great-grand-daughter. Mrs M. Spittall, POB 9, Noble Park, Vic, 3174.

CURTAIN:CURTIN: David b 1865, Bothwell, Tas. His parents Jane (nee SMITH) and David CURTAIN. Seeking descendants please contact his grand-daughter. Also of his brother John b 1861. Mrs M. Spittall, POB 9, Noble Park, Vic. 3174.

SMITH: Frederick Adolphus b 1875, son of George, mother unknown. Married 1900, South Australia, to Sarah WENZEL. Would not talk about his family? Son of convict? of German descent. Information please to Gwen Smith, 12 Warwick Place, Kings Meadows, 7249.

SMITH : Charles b 1844, Evandale. Married Caroline SULLIVAN 1867 at Launceston. Anything on his parents, grandparents, sisters or brothers please, to Gwen Smith, 12 Warwick Pl, Kings Meadows, 7249.

RYAN: Mary and Honora, sisters-in-law. Arrived per "Earl Gray" 1850. Both sentenced to 10 years. Home county Clare, Ireland. Honora m William HEPWORTH 1852 Hobart. Mary a witness. Anyone with information on Mary please? Joan O'Brien, 55 Victoria St, Waverley, NSW 2024.

FERGUSON, PHILLIPS, OLLINGTON: Can anyone help with any information on the above families in the Circular Head, Tas., area please? Mrs Carol Byron, 204 Bass Hwy, Launceston, 7250.

BESSELL: Charles was a shoemaker in Launceston in 1864, and a farmer by 1869. He m Jane JOHNSON in 18-- , had children Elizabeth, Sarah Ann, Kate Anne, William and two other females. Is he the same Charles Bessell who m Ann JOHNSON in 18--? Their children Joseph, Annie Flora, Robert and one other female? Mrs Joyce Whitmore, Box 10, Gladstone, Tas. 7254.

COTTINGHAM, PARKER, PALLISSER, ANDERSON, JOHNSTON: I am seeking information on the following families please. COTTINGHAM, Donald (Beaufort, Vic), PARKER (Bowenvale, Bundoora, Vic), PALLISSER (Launceston), ANDERSON (Avoca, Georges Bay), JOHNSTON (Goulds Country, Tas, Scotland). Mrs S. Cottingham, Unit 2, 138 Woniara Rd, Burnie. 7320

YATES: John b 1834, d 1914, shoemaker in Evandale, Breadalbane district. Married Jane FORD. Any information please? Mrs Dawn Collins, POB 667, Burnie, Tas. 7320.

FORD: James b1812, d1866, at Evandale, m Jane SMITH. Father of Jane. Urgently require any information especially birth place details. Mrs Dawn Collins, POB 667, Burnie.

SUTTON: John b C1831, d1875, a paling splitter, m Ellen THOMAS at Emu Bay. Family Maria, George, Martha, John, William, Edwin, Ellen, Ada, Blanche (b 1854-68). Ellen's parents Elizabeth (TAYLOR) and Edward THOMAS of Longford. Late 1830's Elizabeth (a widow) m William WOODWOOD. Searching for descendants and origins of John. Mrs Elizabeth Whitehead, 4 Riverleads Dr, Georgetown, 7253.

RUSSELL: William John b C1851, Tas, d 1912 at Burnie, a farmer. Married 1875 Maria SUTTON at Burnie. A sailor when married, later a labourer. Family William, George, James, Percy, May, Flora, Ada, Eva born

RUSSELL CONT'D.

1875-90. Maria's parents Ellen (THOMAS) and John SUTTON. Searching for descendants and origins of William John. Mrs E. Whitehead, 4 Riverleads Dr, Georgetown, 7253.

COHEN ; FEATHERSTONE ; LAWSON

Can anyone help us complete three entries in our Biographical Register of the Tasmanian Parliament 1851-1960? We seek death details of Joseph Cohen (MHS 1860-1) - possibly died 1893

Charles Edward Featherstone (MHA 1889-93)

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