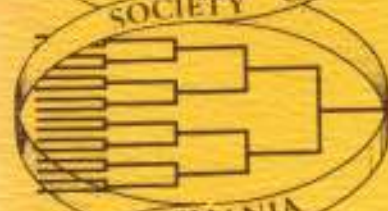




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LOST, A SOLDIER !!

by Frances Travers

A four year search for an ancestor, married in 1837 at Parramatta, NSW, took an unusual turn for one researcher.

Stephen Balcombe was buried at West Maitland on 29 May 1852 and his burial notice from the RGD in NSW stated "free by servitude - night watchman".

This started a hunt for a convict who had been free by servitude in NSW but with no success. An enquiry to Tasmania did not yield particulars of anyone by that name.

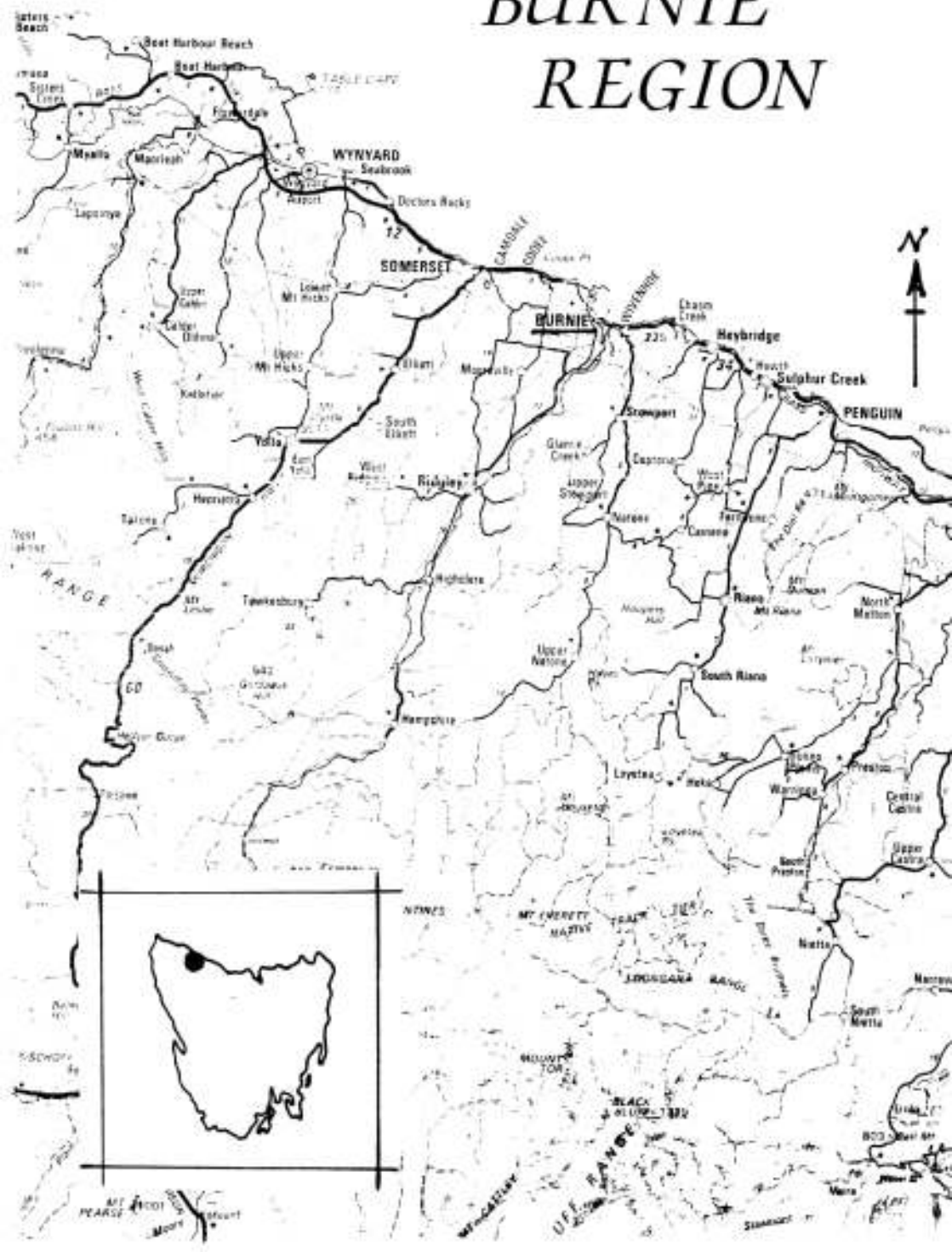
Quite by accident, when looking for records in Newcastle, the researcher came upon the original of the marriage of this man and next to his name and next to his name was the word 'soldier'. Great excitement - a search was then made for any regiments in Parramatta in 1837 and here the answer was found.

Stephen Balcombe was found to be a Private in the 4th Regiment (The King's Own), regimental No. 145 and was discharged on 35 September 1835 at Parramatta.

The motto of the story is - don't give up when ancestors cannot be found. Maybe a second search will reveal some minute detail previously missed. Great can be your joy when a lost soul is found.

If this name sounds familiar, further details can be made available by contacting Frances Travers.

BURNIE REGION



GREETINGS FROM THE CITY OF BURNIE

Dear Reader

A company formed in London called the Van Diemens Land Co. in 1824, made its own empire with 350,000 acres of land on the north west coast of Tasmania. It is noteworthy that Stanley, the first settlement, has the honour of being the birth place of the only Tasmanian Prime Minister of Australia, Joe Lyons and his home is worth a visit when in the area. As well as the other historic buildings a wonderful chair-lift will carry you to the pinnacle of the Nut, where the panoramic view is breath-taking.

The very small settlement of Burnie was greatly influenced by the VDL Co. There were many setbacks but the early pioneers with foresight and hard work penetrated the dense forest areas and bridged rivers which had isolated so many coastal towns. I am sure they would be proud to see the Burnie of today, where Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II proclaimed the City of Burnie on 26 April 1988 in our important bi-centennial year.

It was ironic that the VDL Co. directors considered they could manage this venture from their comfortable surroundings thousands of miles away. They had many setbacks in the early days but now, 164 years later, they still own Woolnorth on the north west tip of Tasmania and the company is still controlled from London.

In closing, the Burnie Branch members extend Seasons Greetings to all readers and happy searching in the New Year.

Daun Collins - President.

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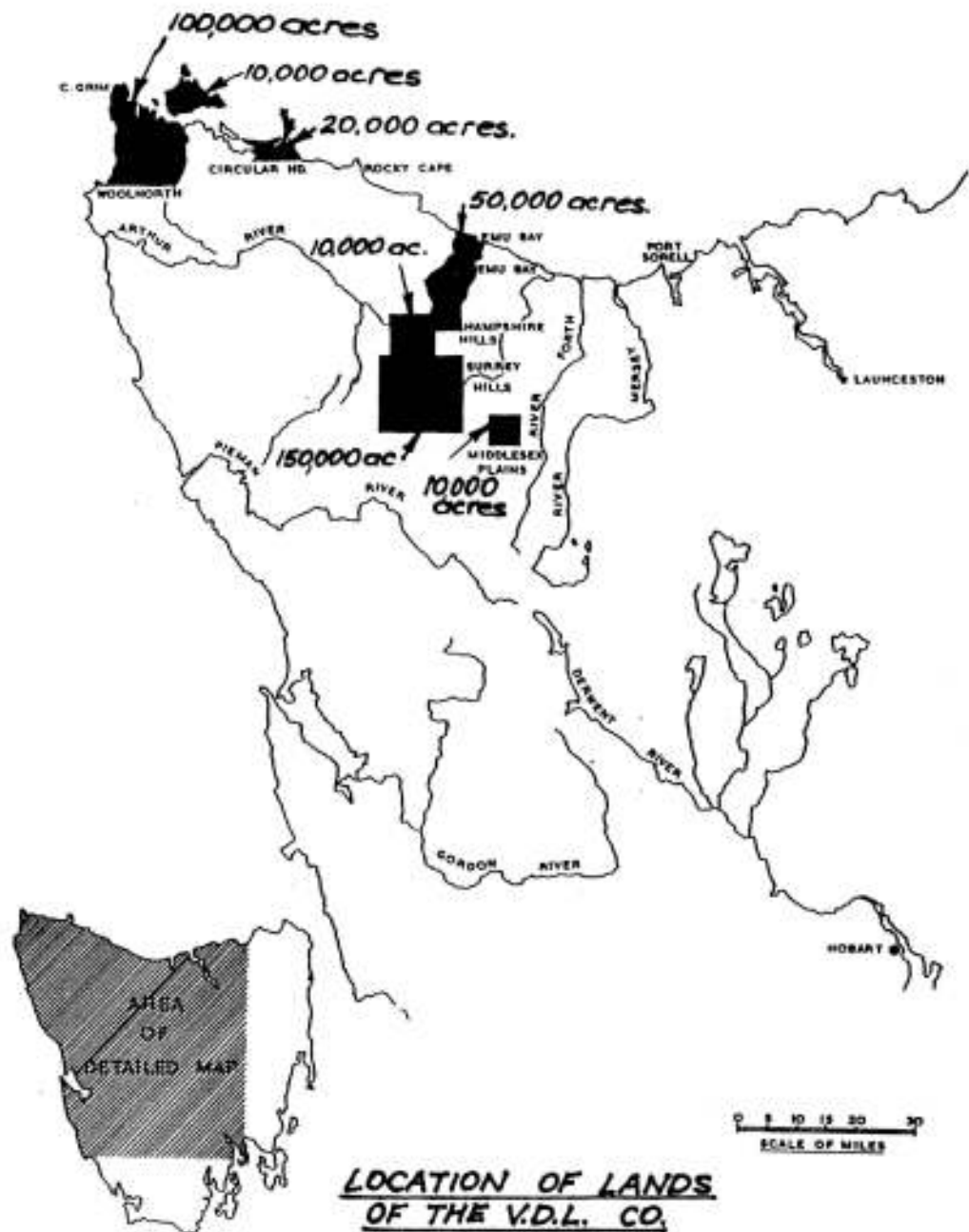
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The V.D.L. Company



VAN DIEMEN'S LAND COMPANY PIONEERS

by Sue Laughran

The Van Diemen's Land Company was a joint stock company, formed by a syndicate of English businessmen associated with the woollen industry, and members of Parliament, on 12 May 1824.

The quantity and quality of English wool had been on the decline for some time, which forced clothing manufacturers to rely heavily on imported wool. The formation of the Australian Agricultural Company, plus the favourable reception gained by wool from New South Wales and reports of advantageous prices offered for wool produced in Van Diemen's Land, all prompted the birth of the new company, which was sanctioned by Parliament on 10 June 1825.

Edward Curr was selected to lead the venture, which consisted of Stephen Adey (Superintendent of the Land), Alexander Goldie (Agriculturalist), Henry Hellyer (Chief Architect and Surveyor), Joseph Fossey and Clement Lorymer (Surveyors).

These men set out on board the 'Cape Packet' in 1825 with instructions to locate a suitable tract of land, before the arrival of the servants, stores and livestock which were on board the 'Tranmere'.

Exploratory voyages by C.B. Hardwicke (1823-4) and James Hobbs (1824) unanimously condemned the north-west coast as unfit for habitation! The men of the Advance Party, coming directly from England, had never experienced such wild, inhospitable country. The gloomy forests with towering trees, thick undergrowth and perpetually boggy ground made exploration very difficult. The torrential rain and sleet, biting winds, swollen rivers and dripping, rotting vegetation added to the misery and discomfort of the explorers.

The explorers responded to Curr's exacting and often unrealistic demands with courage and fortitude. They decided to locate the first settlement at Circular Head, but more land was needed to complete the grant. The most fertile land was the most heavily timbered and the pioneers had neither the equipment nor the capital to undertake clearing it. The climate proved so severe that large numbers of sheep perished at Hampshire and Surrey Hills, which were settled after Circular Head. The high rainfall at Circular Head and 'Woolnorth' encouraged footrot, scab and other diseases.

Predators were such a nuisance that Curr offered a reward of 5/- to 12/- for 'hyenas' (thylacines) and devils. At 'Woolnorth' crows pecked out the eyes of newborn lambs. The crops planted at Circular Head were often decimated by caterpillars. The aborigines also made it quite clear that

they weren't willing to part with their traditional hunting grounds without a fight. Stock was killed or stolen, along with property. Servants were wounded and even killed.

The Court of Directors in England unintentionally added to the pioneers' difficulties by issuing voluminous instructions without trying to understand the full extent of the difficulties being encountered. The Directors had to reconsider the aims of the Company.

Of the men of the Advance Party who had set out so enthusiastically in 1826 only Curr was left in 1832. The others were overcome by the problems, pressure and loneliness they encountered.

Clement Lorymer was sensitive, timid and indecisive, but worked diligently in the exploration of the Circular Head area - he drowned while crossing the Duck River. Stephen Adey was intelligent, incompetent and easily defeated - he resigned as superintendent after only one year and became the agent in Hobart Town. He, together with several other wealthy Hobart Town residents, established the Derwent Bank - a rival to the VDL Bank - and was the managing director, as well as being the VDL Company's Agent. He and his wife did not endear themselves to the citizens of Hobart Town. He transferred the VDL Company account to his own Derwent Bank. Adey refused Curr's instructions to return the account to the original bank and was strongly censured by the Court of Directors. After returning the account to the original bank, Adey resigned.

Joseph Fossey was reliable and punctilious and achieved a great deal, but he found the problems and isolation too much. As soon as his contract expired, he applied for a land grant in the north. Fossey worked for a short time as temporary assistant government surveyor. He married in Launceston in 1835 and spent a few years on his farm before moving to Victoria in 1844.

Alexander Goldie was confident, intelligent and callous, illtreating the company's horses and bullocks. He was also involved in the murder of an Aboriginal woman near Emu Bay (Burnie) in 1829. He resigned as soon as his contract expired and became manager of Sir John Owen's estate 'Orielton' on the east coast.

Hellyer was loyal, hard-working and courageous. His name is synonymous with exploration on the north-west coast. Between 1826-8 he penetrated almost every corner of this rugged quarter of the island. Unfortunately he became ill and unstable and shot himself in 1832. His memorial is in the old Stanley Cemetery.

Edward Curr was determined, imperious and controversial. He was belligerent, demanding and overbearing at times, and sensitive. This last trait was to eventually lead to his being asked to leave the VDL Company in 1840. He and his wife and family lived at 'Highfield', built at Stanley between 1832-5. This property has now been taken over by the National Trust and is being gradually restored. He, together with his very large family (eventually 9 boys and 3 girls) moved to Victoria.

Much was contributed to the whole north-west coast by these six pioneers and their staff, but little received in return. They explored so much territory and opened up so much land, and were also instrumental in starting the towns of Stanley, Smithton and Burnie.

The VDL Company survived beyond 1832 but only after a change in policy. It is the sole survivor of the myriad of companies formed in the boom years 1824-6. Today its unique heritage makes the establishment at 'Woolnorth' a major tourist attraction as well as a thriving pastoral enterprise. The current manager is Graham Gillon, very ably supported by his wife Sue.

(The information for this article was extracted from 'The Advance Party' by Helen M. Dunford of Smithton and Kerry Pink, feature writer for the Advocate, Burnie, and my thanks go to them.)

SAILING DIRECTIONS FOR CIRCULAR HEAD

The Bluff from which Circular Head derives its name, is a very remarkable promontory upon the northern coast of Van Diemen's Land in latitude 40.45.13 South, in longitude 145.11.41 East, visible at a distance of eight leagues.

The Anchorage lies on the south side of it and is protected at all points of the compass except from E.S.E. to N.E. A vessel should bring up at two cables lengths from the shore with the two flag staffs in line, when she will have 6 fathoms water.

Farther within the Bay is the Company's pier affording wharf room for two vessels drawing 12 ft water and two or three others of lesser draught. In medium tides, there is 14 ft water alongside in the deepest part at high water and 3½ ft at low water.

It is high water at 11.30 on the full and change of the moon.

(Signed) James Gibson
Circular Head

Copy of extract from VDL Co records on film at the Hellyer Library, Burnie.

COPY OF RULES AND ORDERS TO BE OBSERVED BY THE VAN DIEMENS LAND
COMPANY INDENTURED SERVANTS AND THEIR FAMILIES ON BOARD THE SHIP
"EMU", CAPTAIN HOWARD, ON THE VOYAGE TO CIRCULAR HEAD, VAN DIEMENS LAND

22 July 1841

They will observe that in all matters relating to discipline, good order and safety of the Ship, Captain Howard has by law authority, and may order into confinement any individual on board, who by his conduct disturbs the peace of the Ship or endangers her safety.

As to all matters that concern the orderly behaviour and conduct of the people, I have authority from the Court of Directors to order as follows viz.

All the indentured Servants and their families are placed under the control of the Company's Chief Agent, Mr Gibson, for the voyage and are required to obey all his instructions, under pain of a fine and such restraint as may be deemed necessary by Captain Howard for enforcing a proper discipline.

Each man must in the morning as soon as orders shall be given by Captain Howard or his officers, carry his own and his family's bedding on deck and place it there to be aired for such time as may be deemed necessary.

The floor of the men's Apartments must be washed once every day by the men in turn, or they may subscribe and pay any one or more of their number for doing it.

From 10 to 12 o'clock each forenoon, all the men are required to go on the upper deck and leave the apartments below to the use of the females and children.

It is recommended also that from 2 to 3 o'clock every afternoon, the lower Cabin and sleeping births be left to the men to enable them to change their dress and clean themselves.

A scale of Provisions will be posted in the Steerage or some convenient place of the Ship, in order that each man may see the allowance.

In case of sickness, the Surgeon of the Ship will administer Medicines, and such articles of diet as he may judge requisite "gratis".

In case any of the Company's Servants shall have complaints to make, they are desired to make them to Mr Gibson, whose decision shall be final, saving always such points as belong to Captain Howard as Commander of the Vessel.

2.

No Servant of the Company is permitted on any account to have Fire Arms or Gunpowder on board the Ship, those that have any are to give them up to Captain Howard to keep during the Voyage and on the arrival of the ship they will be returned to the owner.

On every Sunday morning, weather permitting, the passengers will all assemble in a decent and orderly manner on the Quarter Deck, when the Company's Chaplain the Revd. Edward Pizey will perform Divine Service.

Mr Gibson is instructed to lend to those who are deserving, some of the books which the Company have purchased for their Library in Van Diemens Land, provided always that they are kept clean and the bindings covered.

No Servant of the Company to smoke or to have lights on board, without the special permission of Captain Howard, and then only in such part of the Ship as he or his officers may point out.

By order of the Court of Directors.

Van Diemens Land Company Office (Signed)
55 Old Broad Street, LONDON

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'HIGHFIELD' STANLEY

Highfield was once the beautiful homestead of the manager of the VDL Company at Stanley. It was originally set in a magnificent five acre park, in the English style and stocked with herds of deer. Also the emu, a bird once common along the coast, roamed at large.

Highfield boasted a private chapel, part of the chimney being its stone cross, an ecclesiastical architectural device, the design of John Lee Archer.

There are stone entrance gate posts, curved freestone walls, and the tombstone of a little girl who was dragged to her death by a dog which pulled her billy-cart under a fence.

There are soldier barracks, stables, a mill wheel and the cottages for the workers, brought out from England. Highfield homestead had fallen into disrepair but is now being restored and is to be open for viewing by tourists. Much work has been done and it is well worthwhile visiting to take a journey back in time.



DECLINE OF THE V.D.L. COMPANY

The Van Diemens Land Company continued to influence Burnie's progress until the late 1930s. Andrew Kidd McGaw, who succeeded J.W. Norton-Smith in 1903 as the fourth Chief Agent and Manager of the Company, began a definite policy of closer settlement, and land sales were conducted regularly from 1912 onwards. Gradually the best parts of the large Emu Bay block passed into private hands and the influence of the Company waned as it was left with only the unattractive blocks.

Papermakers Pty Ltd bought the Surrey Hills Block and part of the Hampshire Hills Block; and the Company ceased farming operations in the Ridgley area in the 1950s. About 1959, the Company sold its few remaining tracts in the Burnie Municipality and concentrated on Woolnorth. It closed its office at South Burnie and sold its manager's residence and office building to William Holyman and Sons Pty Ltd. Thereafter, the once powerful company ceased to be an influence in Burnie.

First World War and Depression

Burnie's population grew slowly in the first decade of the century, but as more farms became privately owned the town grew into a thriving rural centre.

272 men enlisted for the 1914-18 War from a district population of 2927 (in 1914), and distinguished themselves in France and at Gallipoli. The war years halted development, but a brief period of post war prosperity saw the building of the new breakwater and the enlargement of the port. The population was 5,854 in 1921, but largely owing to the lack of secondary industry and the effects of the depression, it rose only slightly to 6,659 in 1933.

Burnie was one of the first areas in Tasmania to recover from the depression. The decision in 1936 to establish the Australian Pulp and Paper Mills proved a great stimulus.

Second World War and Development to the Present Day

The 1939-45 War led to an increase in rural production, but other industries were limited by labour shortages. Burnie men and women served in all theatres of war, and the citizens at home collected the greatest amount of salvage per head of population of any centre in Australia.

Burnie shared in the boom of the early 1950s in building construction, industrial output and rural prices. In the years since then, its steady economic expansion and population increases have seen it grow to the point where it has now achieved city status.

Some V.D.L. Co. Families

Most of the early settlers at Emu Bay and Circular Head arrived on the Coast as servants indentured to the Van Diemens Land Company.

JULIA AND JOHN LAPHAM

Emu Bay was first settled in 1828, but it was then a sort of outpost of the Company, occupied only by men. The wives of the first group of settlers lived at Hampshire Hills. Julia Lapham (nee Maurie) was the first white woman to live at Emu Bay. She was of Irish descent, born in County Cork, and she married John Lapham in Launceston in 1841. Their first child, also called John, has the distinction of being the first white infant born at Emu Bay. They built practically the first house in Burnie in Marine Terrace.

John and Julia Lapham had eight children. John, the eldest, married Hannah Woodward; William married a widow, Mrs J. Stammers; Mary became Mrs Miller; Julia, Mrs George Robson; Emma, Mrs I. Bilson; Ellen, Mrs W. Maddox; Eliza, Mrs T. Palmer; and Fanny, Mrs W. Archer.

From time to time The Advocate has published accounts of some of the V.D.L. Company pioneers. The following material, altered only to take account of the passage of time, is taken from such articles.

PASSENGERS BY THE 'CAROLINE'

(From special supplement to The Advocate, 1981)

A group of indentured servants left Hull in July 1827 on the 330 ton brig Caroline with passengers and a motley cargo of stock, and arrived at Circular Head on 19 January 1828. After the Caroline had landed some passengers and stock at Circular Head, the brig went to the Tamar to register its entry to Australian waters. At Red Hill grazing property, not far down the Tamar from Mowbray, the sheep were agisted. Then the Caroline returned to Circular Head.

The Caroline passenger list was:

J.H. HUTCHINSON, doctor

GEORGE ATKINSON, bailiff, his wife, Ann, and three sons, John (9), George (7) and William (2)

JOSEPH ATKINSON, farming servant, his wife, Elizabeth, and daughter, Ann (3)

JOHN BAKER, sawyer and carpenter, his wife, Mary, and sons, Benjamin (9), and Samuel (2), and daughter, Elizabeth (6)

GEORGE BARRAS, blacksmith

ALLAN BAXTER, joiner and house carpenter, and his wife, Elizabeth

RICHARD CARTER, carpenter
THOMAS COWL, joiner and house carpenter, and his wife, Jane
JOHN HEATON, sawyer, his wife, Ann, and daughters, Dorothy (8), Ann (6), Sarah (5), Jane (3) and Margaret (2)
JOSEPH HIND, farming servant, his wife, Barbara, and sons, James (3) and Joseph (1)
DONALD McDONALD, shepherd
WILLIAM MURRAY, shepherd
THOMAS NIGHTINGALE, bricklayer, his wife, Ellen, son, William (6), and daughter, Mary (9)
JOHN PALLISER, bricklayer
JAMES PAWLET, farm servant
WILLIAM PREST, farm servant
JOHN RAMSDALE, bailiff, his wife, Elizabeth, son, John (2), and daughters, Margaret (15), Mary Ann (13), Elizabeth (11), Jane (9) and Ellen (5)
WILLIAM RENWICK, shepherd
HENRY SLATER, cartwright and glazier, and his wife, Caroline
FRANCIS SPENCE, farm servant, and his wife, Mary
GEORGE STEVENSON, farm servant
HENRY STEVENSON, farm servant
(The Stevenson name was spelt with a "v" in the V.D.L.Co. pay-book and with a "ph" in a passenger list supplied by the Colonial Office in August 1827.)
GEORGE THOMPSON, carpenter-joiner, and his wife, Elizabeth
WILLIAM WARD, farm servant, and his wife, Jane
JAMES WILSON, shepherd.

The Slaters quit the ship at Cape Town and were not found before the Caroline continued the voyage.

The very rough passage from Hull to Circular Head took seven months. The indentured workers and their families found very humble accommodation awaiting them - a lack which the carpenters soon rectified, so that they all soon settled into a happier existence than they had experienced on board the Caroline.

John Ramsdale, bailiff, and his wife and children spent four years at Circular Head in the company employ. John's wife, Elizabeth, worked in the dairy and several of the girls worked during the latter part of their time there.

Thomas Nightingale's wife also worked in the dairy at Stanley. Thomas spent some time at Woolnorth during 1830, but otherwise the Nightingales were at Circular Head for the full three years.

Farming servants, Joseph Atkinson, Joseph Hind and William Prest also stayed at Circular Head. Prest stayed with the Company till 1839, part of the time at Woolnorth. Joseph and Barbara Hind's two little boys are recorded as "workers"

in 1832, the family's last year there, even though they had reached only the tender ages of eight and six years.

At Circular Head also were two Scottish shepherds - William Renwick, who earned praise from his superiors and was rewarded for "outstandingly faithful work", and James Wilson. Near the end of 1829 both Renwick and Wilson were transferred to Woolnorth, where they stayed to work out their contracts.

Three other men started their Van Diemens Land careers at Circular Head but later transferred to the Hampshire Hills-Emu Bay payroll. Carpenters Allan Baxter and Thomas Cowl were undoubtedly put to work immediately at Stanley to provide additional homes and other buildings. By April 1828 Baxter and his wife, Elizabeth, moved to Hampshire Hills. Cowl and his wife, Jane, stayed for another year at Circular Head and in December 1828 Robert Cowl was born.

Doubtless other babies were born to worker couples in the three years they were employed by the Company, but as yet the records have not been found. Thomas and Jane Cowl, with baby Robert, moved to Hampshire-Emu Bay in April 1829. Farm servant Henry Stevenson also made a move in April 1829.

When the Caroline moved to the Tamar to agist the valuable Saxony sheep, three workers remained at Red Hill or at a staging base near Quamby (Westbury) to tend stock. They were George Atkinson, bailiff, his wife, Ann, and three of their children (they had left another son in England); shepherd Donald McDonald, who also earned commendation for faithful work; and George Stevenson, farm servant. In 1830 all of them joined the Hampshire Hills settlers.

THE FIRST AT EMU BAY

(From Special Supplement to The Advocate, 1977)

Those destined for Emu Bay stayed on the Caroline while the brig went to the Tamar and back to Circular Head. Then they set out in the cutter Fanny for Emu Bay, arriving 22 February 1828.

They were: blacksmith George Barras, bricklayer John Palliser, sawyer John Heaton, sawyer-carpenter John Baker, carpenters Richard Carter and George Thompson, shepherd William Murray and farming servants James Pawlet, William Ward and Francis Spence. The wives and children of Heaton, Baker, Thompson, Ward and Spence went on to Hampshire.

Records show that all these workers stayed around the Emu Bay, Hampshire and Surrey Hills districts for their three years' service; joined, of course, by other carpenters and farming servants as mentioned above.

They had trips to Circular Head, and seem to have been moved between Emu Bay and the inland estates as their services were required. George Barras went back to Circular Head almost immediately for some work in March 1828; John Palliser was there in February 1829 and Richard Carter was transferred permanently to Circular Head from July 1830.

After Thomas Cowl's transfer to the Emu Bay payroll (which included Hampshire and Surrey Hills) in April 1829, he was at Emu Bay for four spells of work till the end of 1829, then at Burleigh (near Guildford) for some months, and the balance of his term at Hampshire.

As at Circular Head, some wives and children worked. Mrs Heaton "attended" Emu Bay-Hampshire superintendent Alexander Goldie, presumably housekeeping for him at Hampshire. Mrs Ward worked occasionally doing washing, and by the end of 1828 the Baker lad, Benjamin, then aged about 10, had started work.

This group took part in the very beginning of the Hampshire settlement and helped its transformation, as described by Governor Arthur on his journey in January 1829, from living in hollow trees to an admirable settlement.

Of the 14 men from the Caroline in the Hills region, only a few continued after their indentures expired on 19 January 1831. Allan Baxter and family stayed till the end of 1839, William Murray till March 1837, Henry Stevenson till mid-1835, William Ward till May 1831. George Atkinson and family stayed for some years after the end of their three year term.

So the Caroline people moved on to occupations at places of their own choosing. Many had saved money for a new start in their adopted land. In pioneering assisted migration of free settlers, the V.D.L. Company gave them their opportunity; they had the courage and the endurance to take it; and Van Diemens Land, and later Australia, was richer for their presence.

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THE ATKINSON FAMILY OF EMU BAY
(From a special supplement to The Advocate, 1981)

Joseph Atkinson was given charge of the horses on board the Caroline. He ultimately became a Burnie farmer, and his descendants to the sixth generation still live in the district.

"Old Joe" Atkinson, as he later became popularly known to Burnie people, was indentured as a farming servant from the village of Skipton upon Swale, north of Leeds, at an annual wage of \$60. His experience with pit ponies in the Yorkshire coal mines gave him the extra job as groom during the Caroline's voyage. He had eight horses to look after.

The other stock on board consisted of five cows, one bull, seven dogs and 305 Saxony sheep. Two of the horses were stallions. One died early on the voyage, and the second was so badly gored by the bull when the pair were being landed at Stanley in a longboat that it had to be destroyed.

Little is known of Joseph Atkinson's early association with the V.D.L. Company, except that he continued to look after horses at Circular Head, and engaged in general farm work. Most Caroline passengers saw out their indentures, but records show that people from later charter ships stayed only briefly before finding an escape clause in their agreements.

Joseph Atkinson appeared as a property holder in a review of Emu Bay settlers published in 1850. His farm was near present-day Aileen Crescent, and among other pursuits he raised pigs - naturally enough, the Yorkshire breed.

The Atkinsons had a son, William, and another daughter, Elizabeth, who married Burnie's first hotel-keeper, Joseph Law, and lived at the Burnie Inn. The Laws had a daughter, and appropriately named her Caroline. Law later established a brewery and hotel, the Stratham, at West Burnie.

From the son, William, there are many descendants still in Tasmania, as well as in Victoria, N.S.W. and New Zealand. William married Catherine Saunders, of Campbell Town, and had a big family. He first farmed alongside his father, approximately where the Montello Primary School is now. Later he had a farm south of Roslyn Avenue, where Parklands High School has been built.

Their eldest daughter, Catherine, the FIRST child registered on the FIRST Emu Bay births register, later became Mrs David Storrer. Mr Storrer was Mayor of Launceston in 1903. Catherine was born on 21 November 1856. (Until the Emu Bay register was commenced, all babies were registered at either Stanley or Port Sorell.)

One of William Atkinson's sons was Thomas, well remembered by older Burnie folk when he lived in Wilson Street. He worked for the Emu Bay Railway Company and the Burnie Council. Thomas married Bridget Polson, and their family included Mrs Dossie (Doris) O'Toole and Mr Allan Atkinson, former Burnie grocer.

Another son of William and Catherine Atkinson carried his father's name but added the initial "C" (not a christian name, merely an initial) to avoid confusion with several other unrelated William Atkinsons in the Emu Bay district. William C. Atkinson married Charlotte Ling, daughter of Penguin pioneers. He was a Road Trust member and Burnie councillor for a total of 23 years.

THE CARTY AND WOODWARD FAMILIES
(From The Advocate, 6 August 1927)

In 1927 Richard Hilder prepared the following oral history from listening to Mr and Mrs George Woodward, both born within the bounds of the Emu Bay municipality, and both in their eighties when they were interviewed.

Family History of Mrs Woodward

Mrs Woodward was the third child in a family of nine girls and three boys. In the late thirties of last century her parents, Mr and Mrs Michael Carty, lived at Bally Tor, Ireland, and there were born two daughters, Mary and Bridget. Times were bad among the country folk of Ireland, and recruiting agents were abroad endeavouring to persuade the rural workers with small families to engage for a term of years with the Van Diemens Land Company on its estates on the North West Coast and hinterlands of Van Diemens Land.

The young Irish couple were smitten by the agent's proposals, picturing in their minds the possibility of becoming real landed proprietors themselves some day. Michael Carty was well adapted for stock work, and young Mrs Carty was an expert butter maker. The terms of agreement with the V.D.L. Company were similar to those of many others, and at that early period of its history the Company had a good name for dealing considerately with its servants. So the Carty family, after facing the perils of a sea voyage of many months' duration, landed at Circular Head in 1839 or 1840.

Not long after their arrival, Michael Carty and family were transferred from Circular Head to the V.D.L. Co's Hampshire Hills Estate. This was a progressive settlement, brickmaking, dairying and cultivation supplying products for the company's estates further inland. A large homestead stood surrounded by a number of cottages, and near it was a well laid out orchard enclosed by an English hawthorn hedge. It was situated on the section of land lying between the Emu River and Limestone Creek. It was a picturesque spot, no doubt, but so isolated from all social intercourses!

The Surrey Hills headquarters were twenty miles further inland, and connected with nothing better than a bullock-dray track. Emu Bay (on the coast) was a struggling settlement with no pretension to a village, and was 20 miles away by the same kind of track. The headquarters at Circular Head were 60 to 70 miles westward, and almost impossible to reach by road. The general method of covering this journey was by a whaleboat. It was not unusual to find traces of the aboriginals, but they rarely visited the Hampshire Hills settlement.

In one of the small cottages mentioned, Annie Carty (later to become Mrs Woodward) was born on 7 October 1841, and there she remained with scores of other children till the second year of her age.

With the waning of the fortunes of the V.D.L. Co's inland estates during the early forties, Michael Carty and his young family were again transferred to Circular Head, where he was appointed dairyman at the Green Hills, and his expert wife distinguished herself at butter making. There were no mechanical utensils for the butter making in those days. All milk was set up in dishes until the cream rose sufficiently, and was then skimmed by hand, and all churning and butter making was done by hand.

The Carty family continued to reside at Circular Head for a number of years. Several daughters and a son were born there, and Annie had a brief time at school.

In the early fifties Michael Carty and his good wife got the desire of their hearts, for through the policy of land selling adopted by the Company they became possessors of a fair sized farm of good land that was partly cleared. It was situated on the main coast road not far east of the Cam River. Here there were further additions to the family till it became a round dozen.

Here also the courageous and expert Mrs Carty died at the early age of 49 years, and here the large family grew up and then moved off to homes of their own. Michael Carty, snr, lived to advanced years, and left his farm lands to his youngest sons, John and James Carty. (Later correction: Mrs Carty died aged 47. She was born in 1818 and died in 1865.)

The Carty girls were a bonny lot, and early in life there were suitors in plenty after them. At the age of 18 years Bridget died, and at a later period Katherine died. The other sisters in the course of time married, and became Mrs Alfred Deayton, Mrs John Castles, Mrs George Woodward, Mrs Joseph Goodall, Mrs Jonathon Bugg, Mrs James Armstrong and Mrs Thomas Thorpe. (Later correction: Alice Carty first married Ellis Bugg, who died. She remarried, her second husband being Thomas Thorpe.)

In 1927 Mrs Woodward told with much animation of her sister Margaret's wedding 60 or more years earlier to Mr John Castles of Dimboola. He was in business in that far inland town in Victoria. So it was arranged that his bride-elect should meet him in Melbourne, and they would be married in that city.

The only method of reaching Melbourne in this far away period was by taking passage in one of the trading schooners. So the bride-elect and her sister Annie secured a passage in the Waterlily, with Captain James Gibson in command, and after three weeks (sailing from the river Cam) they arrived safely enough at Melbourne. After the wedding, Annie returned by the schooner Margaret Clissel, with Captain John Jones in command. It was a shorter voyage, and she landed at the River Inglis.

Michael Carty, jnr, married Miss Dodd and settled in Tasmania. The younger brothers removed to Victoria and settled (Mrs Woodward thought) in Gippsland.

Mr Woodward's Family History

George Woodward was the fifth child of a large family consisting of eight girls and four boys. His mother had been previously married, and had two children, a son and a daughter, surnamed Thomas. His father was William Woodward of Yorkshire, England. Both William and the widow Thomas had emigrated to Van Diemens Land on account of the bad times which had fallen on the rural workers of the old Motherland. The date of arrival is uncertain, but widow Thomas and William Woodward were married and living at Norfolk Plains in the late thirties of last century, and were attracted to the North West Coast

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by the prospectus issued by the Van Diemens Land Company regarding the sale of land and the engagement of farm servants.

It appears fairly certain that Mr and Mrs Woodward became attached to the Company's staff at their Emu Bay estate (which included Ridgley and Highclere) about 1839. Both Mrs Woodward and her husband were first-class farm workers, having graduated in the well known county of Yorkshire, which produced numbers of reliable agricultural colonists for the early days of settlement. Mr Woodward was strong and self-reliant, and Mrs Woodward was a vigorous and energetic woman that no hardships could daunt.

After some time at Emu Bay assisting in the cultivation of the company's cleared lands, which consisted of frontages of all the farms from the Emu River to Messenger Creek, and on which potatoes and wheat were grown in fair abundance, William Woodward and his young family were transferred to Ridgley in order to bring under some kind of cultivation the small open plains thereabouts. The Ridgley homestead stood close to the dray road not far from the 1927 stockyards of the V.D.L. Co.

Some signs of this energetic couple's cultivation were still observable in 1927 to those interested enough to search for them in that flourishing agricultural centre, which at the time of William Woodward's occupation consisted of small plains of native grass surrounded by a forest wilderness. The system of ring-barking, scrubbing and burning was not approved by the management of the Company at this outpost, and apparently was never attempted in William Woodward's time, for no dead trees were found standing about when Ridgley was resettled many years later, but heaps of stone and remnants of fencing indicated that much hard work had been done. Not many families lived at Ridgley, but it was not so isolated a settlement as Hampshire Hills, for there were many callers coming and going to the other inland stations of Surrey Hills and Middlesex.

Yet can readers passing through Ridgley, or those who live and thrive in that progressive country settlement of today, picture the realities surrounding the Woodward family and others residing there? There were no day or Sunday schools, no church services of any denomination, and no intercourse with the very limited facilities of an outside world. Here, amid such surroundings, George Woodward was born in 1843. The records of the Company at Circular Head recorded the birth of all infants among the families of the separate estates. Hence George Woodward was credited to Emu Bay, Ridgley being a part of this estate. There were further additions to their family while the Woodwards lived at this outpost.

No wonder that George in very early life could wield an axe to perfection, and conquered the intricacies of the crosscut and pit saw and paling knife. Though well instructed by his parents in the general principles of agriculture, he preferred the life of a bushman, and with axe, saw and paling knife almost

continuously exercised such natural gifts in an expert manner. A story is told that, after working on a lighter at Emu Bay for two days and nights, he then walked out to the Can before resting, and won a wager by defeating a champion chopper.

Under the altering financial conditions which befell the Company, Ridgley was abandoned as a regular homestead station, and William Woodward, his wife and young family were placed in possession of two 30-acre sections of partly-cleared land of good quality situated about two miles south of the township of Burnie. On this fine red-soil farm the parents of George Woodward felt in a measure rewarded for the years of hard toil and isolation of Ridgley.

At this farm the other members of the family were born, till the number was a complete dozen. Here the girls and boys grew up, married, and moved off to separate homes. The sisters of George Woodward were robust, vigorous young countrywomen, and early in their lives they became Mrs John Sutton, Mrs F. Buckingham, Mrs John Lapham, Mrs William Boatwright, Mrs John Rawlings, Mrs J. Johnson, Mrs M'Kenzie and Mrs Thomas Yaxley, respectively. Mr Charles Thomas married and settled in the Emu Bay district; so did George and Cornelius Woodward. In 1927 the latter was living in honourable retirement at Devonport. The youngest son, Frank, removed to some other state.

Mr and Mrs William Woodward lived to advanced years on the farm at New Country Road. For many years Woodward's potatoes were always of the prime sample, due to his good cultivation. William Woodward died as a result of an accident. Mrs Woodward spent her last years quietly with a married daughter.

George Woodward-Annie Carty Marriage, 1867

This interesting young couple were married by that good old pioneer priest, Father Burke, of Stanley, Circular Head. Their first home was at Stowport, living on part of a farm belonging to a brother-in-law, still known in 1927 as Buckingham's. Stowport was then only a forest wilderness devoted solely to the production of palings and staves. Many of the selections that later became good farms were first selected from the Crown by timber splitters.

The forest trees were very numerous, chiefly of a gum-topped variety that split easily when dealt with by an expert hand with a paling knife. A few of the experts were John Sutton, Charlie Thomas, John Lynch, James Davis, Paul Kingston and a young army of aspiring juniors.

As the forest on Lower Stowport became denuded of paling and stave timber, the rougher trees and the butts of the paling trees were split into posts and rails, and sent in shiploads to the markets at Victorian ports.

George Woodward, Bischoff Pioneer

In 1872 came the call for experienced bushmen to assist in opening up the

mining areas at the newly-discovered Mt Bischoff fields, so George was among the first to respond and tackle the hard graft of prospector, sawyer and splitter. He helped put in many of the original holes while the late Philosopher Smith was selecting the best place for operating the claim known as the Mount Bischoff Tin Mining Company's. This was no soft job among the tangle of horizontal scrub which then covered the Mount. He also worked at the saw pits, and at tree-felling and splitting the various kinds of timber needed for buildings, water dams, tramways, etc.

After some years of residence at Mt Bischoff, he returned to the Coast and took up residence with his family on the farm at the New Country Road, and carried on his usual employment as splitter on that road and also at Mooreville Road.

As Lighterman and Boatbuilder

Apart from his bush-work, George was a temporary lighterman before Burnie harbour possessed good piers, and many hairbreadth escapes he and his companions endured. At one period of this work he and a few enterprising companions actually constructed a ten ton lighter in the forest of Mooreville Road. In 1927 the spot could be identified as the north-west corner of Mr Charlie Swain's farm. It was intended to draw this lighter out from the forest to Emu Bay when it was completed, using a couple of high-arched timber jinkers (the sort in general use at the time). But somehow the project failed, and the wooden craft built three miles from the shore never got into the salt water, but rotted, and was burnt on the stocks where it was built.

George Woodward could recall with pride the Sunday morning in 1868, when a small schooner named the Sylph came ashore from her anchorage in Emu Bay just a little south of the outer end of the present (1927) Jones Pier. It was a strong north-westerly gale that morning. The skipper, Wm. Johnstone, was ashore, but a seaman and Newfoundland dog were aboard. When the craft struck she began at once to break up, but George, with a strong left arm, threw a stone tied to a small cord out to the breaking craft. The dog would not forsake the seaman, who tied the cord to a stronger rope; and both were brought safely ashore.

Settled for Life on Cam Road

Forty years before their history was written, this pioneer couple settled on Cam Road, and they succeeded in rearing a large family, all the members of which married. The daughters became Mrs James King, Mrs Chas. Davis, Mrs James Dodd, Mrs Dave Davis, Mrs Alex Clarke and Mrs James Franks. The sons were Messrs George, James, William and Fred Woodward. The grandchildren and great grandchildren were numerous (numbering nearly fifty), but, strange to relate, only one of them in 1927 bore the name (Woodward) of these two worthy pioneers, whose long life story should be full of interest to the succeeding generations.

CIRCULAR HEAD'S FIRST SETTLERS

Stanley became the first area of permanent European settlement on the North West Coast. The first settlers arrived in the brig Tranmere on 27 October 1826. They were employees indentured to the Van Diemens Land Company for three years and the wages were about 40 pounds (\$80) a year. These first settlers were:

WILLIAM LEDGERWOOD, carpenter, from Berwick
JOHN YOUNG, millwright, Berwick
WILLIAM ELLIOTT, mason, Berwick
WILLIAM SHERWOOD, blacksmith, Yorkshire
WILLIAM RUSSELL, blacksmith, Yorkshire
ROBERT ELLIS, spademan, Berwick
JOHN LINTON, shepherd, Roxburgh
THOMAS TURNBULL, shepherd, Roxburgh
JAMES NORTON, labourer, Roxburgh
WILLIAM SMITH, ploughman, Yorkshire
NATHANIEL RUSSELL, ploughman, Yorkshire
JOHN SHERWOOD, ploughman, Yorkshire
A. CAMPBELL, ploughman, Berwick
JOHN SCOTT, ploughman, Berwick

Elliott was married with three children and Mrs Elliott was the settlement's dairymaid. Scott, Ellis and Ledgerwood also were married, but had no children.

With the group from England were two sawyers recruited at Launceston and nine assigned convict servants. A further fourteen assigned convicts arrived at Circular Head in the vessel Nelson a few days later.

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SOME INTERESTING FACTS ABOUT NAMES

BURNIE (Originally called "The Bay Under Round Hill Point", then "Emu Bay" and later "Burnie" in 1842 after William Burnie, a member of the VDL Co.'s court of directors from 1829-48 - the only place in the world with this name.

WYNYARD Named after Lt. Col. Edward Buckley Wynyard, who arrived in Sydney in 1848 to command the military forces of NSW and VDL.

SOMERSET Probably named by Thomas Wragg after Lord Somerset, First Lord of the British Admiralty (1858-66).

COOEE Called Cooe Creek in the early days, was named because aborigines were heard cooe-ing there in the late 1820's OR folklore has it that a woman resident cooe-ed her menfolk to meals and was clearly heard a long way off.

MONTELLO Thought to be named after a well known horse that raced there when the racecourse was situated on top of the hill.

WIVENHOE Named after the Essex (England) County Town about 1850 when Capt. H. Butler Stoney planned a war service land scheme east of the Emu River for members of the British 99th Regiment.

TERRYLANDS Named after A.E. Terry who farmed the area.

ACTON A corruption of the name Atkinson - a family who owned a farm there.

MOOREVILLE ROAD Named after the property Mooreville which was owned by J.H. Munce, VDL Co. Storekeeper. He named the property after his parents' estate in England.

BURNIE STREETS

Spring St: Named after a spring behind the present Catholic Church.

Wilson St: " " Francis Wilson, VDL Co. Director

Cattley St: " " John Cattley, "

Ladbroke St: " " F.C. Ladbroke, "

Alexander St: " " Henry Alexander, "

Moody St: " " VDL Co. Auditor Accountant

View Rd: Formerly called Old Mooreville Rd.

Jones St: " " Capt. William Jones, 'King of Burnie'.

Amy St:Amelia St: " Wives of Dr W.A. Harrison

King St: Formerly called Spring St West, Rotten Row and eventually named after King Edward VII

Queen St: Named after Queen Alexandra, formerly Chaff St.

Princes St: Sons of King Edward and Queen Alexandra.

Some aboriginal names used for the streets of Burnie:

Paraka (flower), Tolunah (shoulder), Malujna (birds nest), Kalina (breeze), Alkira (bright sunshine), Coorabin (flowing spring), Malonga (sleep), Donah (platypus), Loongana (run swiftly), Nairana (eagle), Maydena (shadow).

IN SEARCH OF A SCOTTISH STUD MASTER AND HIS FAMILY

by Vicki Vernon

"A Scottish Stud Master who brought stud rams with him" is the way my mother described her great grandfather GOSS to me. Her grandfather Thomas Goss, it was said, was born about 1840 on the journey out. The boat landed at Stanley and they made their way to the 'Oaks' near Carrick by bullock cart. Thomas had brothers William, John and James and "some sisters". So where to begin!

Adult Education advertised "Genealogy for Beginners" so I enrolled, not realising how this 8 week course would change my lifestyle and that of my husband and young family! The tutors, Vernice Dudman and Margaret Stempel were a wealth of knowledge on how to go about it and knew just what records were available. One night they took our class to the Hellyer Library. I'd never set foot in the place in the whole 5 years I'd lived in Burnie. What a Pandora's Box! All that information stored on microfilm; this was surely the place to begin my search.

Just after that, Vernice made a trip to the Archives and offered to look up any ancestors we were chasing. She came back with a list of 6 possibles who were classed as 'free Arrivals'. The only one which in any way resembled the description I'd been given was that of John Goss, a VDL Co. servant, with his wife Jane and son James aged 3. No mention of Thomas. This family arrived on the 'Emu' in 1841 at Stanley and were from Hoxne in Suffolk. Could this be my family? Suffolk certainly isn't in Scotland, but there were 4 rams, 2 bulls and 1 stallion on board.

So to the Hellyer Library. The best place to start, of course, is at the beginning - so every Friday night for 2 hours, I sat in front of that temperamental machine writing down the index numbers of every Goss birth, death and marriage in Tasmania between 1838-99. If only they had named all their children at birth! Didn't they realise that 140 years in the future their great-great-granddaughter would be searching for her roots?

The first Goss birth registered in Tasmania was in 1841 in the district of Horton (Circular Head). So it was in the right area. The male child was unnamed, of course, and his parents were John Goss, a shepherd, and Ann AYERS, now Goss. There was some very small writing in the far left hand column. I zoomed in. "20 N0vember 1841 at Sea Bark Emu". This had to be Thomas and this was family!

The next birth registered was also in Horton in 1843 after a written notice had been received from Hampshire Hills. Another unnamed male child with the same parents. This had to be William. I came to this conclusion as we had found him buried at Bishopsbourne on one of our many pilgrimages to the graveyards in that area.

The next birth was not until 1846 in Launceston. John and Ann were only indentured to the VDL for 3½ years at 30 pounds per annum plus board and lodging, so obviously they had not stayed on after their time expired. This child was Malcombe.

Another 2 years passed and in 1848 the birth of John was registered followed by an unnamed female in 1850, and Harriet in 1853 - all registered in Longford.

So I'd found them all - John and Ann and their children James, Thomas, William, Malcombe, John and "some sisters". I still had a list a mile long of Goss births. Better check I thought, and what do you know, another son Samuel born in 1855 at the 'Oaks' and registered in Westbury.

The death register was to tell an unhappy story as Malcombe aged 10, Maria aged 5 and Harriet aged 3 died of Croop within days of one another in 1855. They are buried with their father John Goss, who lived to the age of 81 and died of "old age" in 1885. Ann, the mother, died in 1898 with "heart disease" aged 79. I've yet to discover her final resting place, but she did live at Bracknell at the time of her death. The 5 remaining sons all married, in fact Thomas, William and John married twice.

Thomas Goss who was born at sea is buried at Bishopsbourne with both of his wives, Mary Ann McKENDRICK and Helen McBAIN. My grandfather was one of the 17 children of these 2 marriages. My mother had no idea she had so many cousins and my 5 year old son has been indoctrinated for life as he cries from the backseat "Mummy, mummy, there's another graveyard!".

EDUCATION

by Corrie Imms

In 1850, fewer than one hundred people lived in the Burnie town area. The first school was most likely that conducted by Van Diemen's Land surgeon, Dr William Mill. During this period, he lived on the banks of Romaine Creek where he had a farm and a sawmill. The school had some sponsorship by the Church of England. Dr Mill conducted classes at his home and also in one room of a house in North Terrace with help from an assistant. It would appear that the Board of Education took over the institution as records show that the first Government school at Burnie was in 1852 with twenty pupils attending and teacher Dorothy Johnston.

In 1860, Mrs Mary Morris became the Board of Education appointee. She had come from Ireland where she was a teacher in Londonderry. Dorothy Johnston was also from Ireland.

It has been recorded that pupils in 1860 were charged nine pence a week and Mrs Morris received a salary of thirty pounds a year. Pupils ranged in age from 6 years to 20. During the mid 1860s, the school was transferred to two rooms of a house opposite the now Adult Education car park. Within a couple of years space was inadequate and classes were moved to the Eastern end of Wilmot St. In this school, a daughter of Dr Mill - Mrs Johnston and Mrs Morris' daughter were assistants. It was from here that Mrs Morris was dismissed because she insisted on using Irish teaching manuals, refusing to adopt the teaching procedures laid down by the Tasmanian Board of Education. Subsequently, she continued to teach farmers' sons at night in her own home.

From 1870 to 1875 Mrs Johnston was head mistress. She was the wife of William T. Johnston, son of former teacher Mrs Dorothy Johnston. Owing to the growing number of children, the Government School transferred to a large home in Wilson St. Teacher in 1877 was Mr Montgomery with Miss Morris and in 1880 Mr E. Burton with assistant Miss Mylan. In 1885, he transferred to the new Emu Bay Public School between Mount and Alexander Streets. This was the central primary school site for many years. Head teacher in 1900 W. Holmes and 1901 R.H. Crawford. The first school on this site was a single brick and stone building, more rooms were added in 1902 and a second story built in 1915. The upper floor rooms became Burnie's first Intermediate High School.



THREE GOOD PLACES IN BURNIE FOR RESEARCH MATERIAL

1. Genealogical Society of Tasmania Inc Burnie Branch Library:

Situated at 62 Bass Highway, Cooee. There are two comfortable rooms here, full of resource and research material. There are microfiche and microfilm readers, a photo copier, lots of books on research, historical records and maps.

On cards: Cemetery Transcriptions of the north west coast are almost completed and contain the records of such cemeteries as Wivenhoe, Burnie, Wynyard, Penguin, Stanley, Ridgley, Balfour and many others. Tasmanian cemeteries are also available. Tasmanian Convict Records compiled by N. Nicholas.

On Microfiche: The 1986 International Genealogical Index for researching Births and Marriages in countries all over the world. (A necessity for researching overseas ancestors).

Births, Deaths and Marriages. Index from 1854-1900 of Victoria, NSW, West Australia and South Australia.

Cyclopaedia of Tasmania.

The library is open every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday afternoons from 1pm - 4pm. Friendly staff are there to help you.

2. Hellyer Regional Library in Alexander St have the Births, Deaths and Marriages Index and Registers of Tasmania from the beginning of settlement to 1900 on microfilm, also the Mercury, North West Times, Emu Bay Times and Advocate are recorded on microfilm. There is a very fine reference library containing a host of historical material of all countries in the world.

3. The Pioneer Village Museum - High St

Located within the Civic Centre complex, the museum is centrally located and houses more than 30,000 items which are nicely displayed. The museum was established in 1942 by a young lad called Peter Mercer, (who is now the Curator of History at the Tasmanian Museum and Art Gallery. Ed)

The collection was originally housed in an old shepherd's cottage at Ridgley, but was later purchased by the Burnie Municipal Council and moved to its present site. The Pioneer Village is an entire village under one roof. The buildings are authentic in every detail. There is an Inn, a joinery shop, butter factory, printery and newspaper office, general store, post office, saddler and bootmaker, blacksmith, dentist etc. Another section displays the massive and unique local history collection. The Museum is opened Monday - Friday 10am to 5pm, and 1.30pm-5pm Saturday and Sunday.

A nice place to visit.

Burnie Inn: first known as Burnie Tavern, was Emu Bay district's first licensed premises and was established in 1847. It was moved from its original site (Marine Terrace) on 20 August 1973 and relocated by the Burnie

Municipal Council to the Burnie Park, and restored to its original state. It is seated on beachstone foundations and two hardwood floor bearers, the size of telegraph poles. Much of the timber used is blackwood. The roof has been renewed with shingles. The Inn is open for inspection and provides an insight into the living standards of the early settlers. While here you can enjoy a Devonshire Tea or snack. Well worth a look. Check on opening times.



THE WEST COAST

Tasmania's Biggest Gold Nugget

Tasmania's biggest gold nugget was found in 1883, in the Rocky River, by three Irishmen. They were J. McGinty, D. Neil and T. Richards. On January 23 1883, they worked on a bank of gravel about three quarters of a mile up the river, and found the famous 243 oz nugget of gold, five feet below the surface. They also found a 39 oz nugget a week later, and hid the gold in their tent till they had worked out their claim. The gold was worth over 6,000 pounds. Later, a friend of the Irishmen, Jim Griffin found the second biggest Tasmanian nugget which weighed 140 oz.

THE WORLD'S RICHEST TIN MINE

James Philosopher Smith searched in vain for gold, but in 1871 he discovered the richest tin deposit the world has ever known. Mt Bischoff, named after James Bischoff, Chairman of the VDL Co., was a mountain of tin and later proved to be a mountain of money. And so Waratah, Tasmania's first mining boom town was born. Ten years after the discovery, Waratah had a population of 1,000 people and by 1912 over 2,000 people lived there. In 1883 the Mt Bischoff mine was the first Australian industrial plant to be illuminated by electricity. After fifty years of operation, the mine had paid dividends totalling 2,539,500 pounds.

THIS COMPLETES THE SECTION CONTRIBUTED BY BURNIE BRANCH

Members' Queries

JAGER:JAGERS:

Catherine Caroline (1862-1943) also known as Carrie. Issue:- Catherine Kile JAGER(S) b1889 (Katie), William Young JAGER(S) b1893, Mary Agnes JAGER(S) b1897. It is believed that Mary Agnes may have married a resident of Bothwell. As I am a blood relative, I would love to contact or receive any information on any of the above and/or their families.

Bob Jager, 23 Twelfth Ave, West Moonah, Tas. 7009 Ph:002-725285.

WOODWARD:

Edward John (native of Tas) m Esther GIBBENS, Hobart 1875.

Children Alfred Edward, George Todd and Walter Henry. Police Constable Hobart and Georgetown. D. Bridport 1879 aged 28.

Any information greatly appreciated, in particular his birth details and grave site.

Judy Limbrick, 16 Somerdale Rd, Claremont, Tas. 7011. Ph 002-494474.

NEWMAN:

Richard, wife Sarah and sons Richard, Robert and Joseph, arrived Hobart per "Persian", 1827. In 1833 Richard was appointed Chief Constable Tasman Peninsula. Son Richard was a secretary at Port Arthur. Robert was a clerk at Hobart Post Office, JOseph an Overseer at Port Arthur until his marriage in 1847 to Rosina FITZPATRICK, when he began a carpentry business in Hobart. Robert m Eliza FITZPATRICK. Associated names - ANDERSON, JARVIS, GREEN, RAE, COLLINS, LATHAM, WOOD(S).

Any descendants please contact Mrs M. Newman, 25 Kingsley Ave, Burnie. Ph: 004 316427.

HIGGINS:

Descendants are sought in Tasmania or elsewhere of WILLIAM JOSEPH HIGGINS. He arrived as a convict per "Oriental Queen" 1853. Married first Rosanna (maiden name unknown) who d Oct 1883. Then Louisa SHEEHAN in St Joseph's Church, Hobart and had at least 5 children. Louisa Higgins d in NSW in 1950. William Joseph d 1901 at Hobart hospital. Please contact Mrs P.O. Aitken, 17 Church Rd, Yagoona, NSW. 2199.

1. BROWN: Malcolm m Ann MURRAY in Hobart 1854. Issue: James Murray, William Boyd, John Hugh, Annie Murray Wilson, Mary Boyd, Elizabeth Bell (m William WILSON 1875 Hobart). Death found of Malcolm John Brown, d 1875, aged 3 yr, grandson of above. No birth registration.

2. FIDLER: Valentine m Catherine NOONAN, arr from Cheshire, England 1843. Brothers Robert and John (convict George III). As most Fidler's in Tas are related, any contacts welcome.

3. GIBSON: Samuel Joseph m Mary Ann LAWLESS 1852 Hobart. Sarah Jane,

contd

Maria m Thos TAYLOR, Wm Stephen Samuel Joseph m Jane THORPE, Thresa m Geo DORAM, Maryann m William BELBIN.

4. FREEMAN: Thomas m Eliza JONES 1857 Hobart. Names associated ALLEN, HARDIN, THOMPSON, BEZZANT, COOPER, MILLER.

5. KEMP: Richard m Mary DEAL 1823 Hobart. Names associated JONES, HAYDON, MURRAY, COPPIN, COOPER, WIGGINS, RING, BURGESS, WESTERMAN, DENNING.

Any information to Mrs K. Wilson, RSD 208, Burnie, 7320. Ph:004 357463

EDWARDS:

John, b 1805+, Devon, Eng. Originally a Private in the Royal Marines, later a convict transported to VDL. He received his Certificate of Freedom in 1848. His fate thereafter is unknown! John appears to have left Tas, and may have moved to mainland, New Zealand or elsewhere? Like many other ex convicts, he probably tried to hide his convict background. Have you a John Edwards in your family whose origin does not check out? If so, please contact John Pattison, 2 Almond Crt, Vale Park, 5081.

JENNINGS: BLORE:

Ernest Jennings, tram driver, and his wife Ailsa (nee BLORE) lived at Sandy Bay in the 1930s.

Would like to contact their descendants. Mrs Robin Bouman, Edgars Rd, Longwarry, Vic. 3816.

1. GAFFNEY: Margaret, b approx 1860, Sassafrass stated as birthplace on death cert. I am trying to find her birth date and who her parents were. Michael Gaffney and Caroline Wilhemina Barbara (nee HABREL) are buried with Margaret and her husband John BARRY at the Deloraine Cemetery, but no evidence to support theory that they are her parents.

2. BARRY: Information is sought as to the date of birth and parents of John Barry, b approx 1858, Launceston, (stated as birthplace on death cert). Married Margaret Gaffney at Port Sorell in 1880. Family story is that his father was Irish. Any descendants of the above two persons sought, as well as any persons with the information I seek. Please contact Mrs Helen Stoltenberg, 8A King St, Zeehan, Tas. 7469.

BEST: WILLIAMS:

Henrietta (Etta) Williams b1887 Tas, dtr of Frederick Williams and Agnes STEWART (d1949 Hobart) m Clem BEST, son of W.A. Best, Draper, Hobart and lived in Hobart area. Known to have 2 dtrs, Georgina and Patricia (one a school teacher). Would like to make contact with descendants. Mrs Nancy Campbell, 14 Parker St, Bundaberg, Qld. 4670.

ROBERTSON: SELBY:

Isabella Selby, b1862, d1917, Bangor, Tas. Dtr of James Selby (Vic) and Elizabeth Selby. M. Carrick 1898 Samuel Duncan ROBERTSON (b Cressy). Would like contact descendants. Mrs Nancy Campbell, 14 Parker St, Bundaberg, Qld. 4670.

KELLY:

James Hall b1862, Caroline Jane b1864, m name possibly WALSH/WALCH.
Patrick Hall b1866, Henry Hall b1871, Sarah Hall b1874 m Robert O'NEIL.
All middle names possibly changed. Grateful for any info.
Mrs J. Woodhouse, Huntingdon, Tier Rd, Bagdad, Tas.

1. BUTTERWORTH:MANROE:

Samuel m Marg Manroe 1850 Glenorchy. My g-g-father George b to her 1846,
also a son James. I need proof of this. George m Johanna Delahunty
BATES 1868 Glenorchy. Johanna b RAWLEY in Ireland 1851. Family emigrated
1855. Mother (sister?) Nancy or Ann m James BATES. Sister Ellen m
Phillip WARD.

I can't find Margaret Butterworth (Manroe) after 1860. Hoping to verify
birth (30 yrs in 1850) and death and anything on RAWLEY family.

2. CRONLY:

Patrick (stonemason) and Honora emigrated 1859 from Kings County, Ireland.
Issue: Alicia, Honora, Mary, Bridget, Patrick, John, Catherine.
Seeking descendants.

3. BUTTERWORTH:

Hoping to amass all Butterworth info with a long term view to a complete
history. Any and all appreciated.

Mrs Audrey Sly, 19 Stansbury St, West Moonah, Tas. 7009

LEIGHTON:

I have a family tree back to 1605 of this family of Sedberg, Yorkshire, Eng.
My grandmother, Edith KIRBY said Marie (d of James Leighton b Sedbergh,
notable Yorkshire Vicar) m a gentleman named CORDINGLEY and emigrated to
Tas. I am happy to provide a family tree copy and request any additional
information from descendants. Please send 2 IRC and sae.
Miss Sara Illingworth, 87 Phyllis Ave, New Malden, Surrey, Eng. KT3 6LB.

LOWE:

I am interested in anyone named LOWE who emigrated to Tas approx 1880 from
the Thurles area of County Tipperary, Ireland.
Edward Lowe, 16 Charles Lane, London, NW8 7BA.

MASON:MILLER:

Mason (Eng, Hobart); Moran (Ireland, Hobart); Hillier, Adams, Grove
Barnett, Miller, Jenkins, Perriman, Parnell, Goldspring (all Hobart.)
Mrs M. Richards, 27 Van Diemen Cres, Burnie, Tas. 7320

McCLOY:

Mary (nee Smith), midwife and district nurse, Sheffield Claude Rd area,
d Annie m Charles WILLIAMS 1892. Known d Ruby Eileen.
Gwen Smith, 12 Warwick Place, Kings Meadows, Tas. 7249.

1. PEARS:UNDY:

Bapt record Benjamin PIERS 1836, s of William and Sarah. Benjamin d 1908 m Elizabeth UNDY. Soldier, storekeeper 1876, Bandmaster Campbelltown Band. Son Oscar b1876 m Julia WHITNEY 1897, Fingal, d Annie m Melvin? Other issue?

2. WHITNEY:

Simon b1826 Eng, arr 1850 Tas, d1905, m Anne GAYNOR:GAYNON, b1839, d1918. Issue in 1918 living 4m, 3f, 1f dead. Julia b1873, Simon b1877, Agnes b1880. Grandparents Oscar and Julia Pears both d in West Aust. Postage refunded, please write to: Mrs Val Butt (nee Pears), 29A Kauika Rd, Whangarei, N.Z.

1. COX:

Seeking arrival details of Thomas Cox, m Alice Linnell FRENCH 1836, Launceston. Thomas had ticket of leave and first white settler at Scottsdale.

2. ATKINSON:

Seeking arrival details of Joseph and Mary who lived Launceston 1880s and daughters Emily, Annie, Sarah, Mary Ann. Girls had a cousin Frederick WOOSTER in London.

3. McBAIN:

James m Mary Ann COX 1866, Launceston. Any information on James? Mrs Carol Byron, 204 Bass Hwy, Launceston, Tas. 7250

News from Branches

HOBART BRANCH - Meetings 1989

List of subjects and invited speakers:

21 Feb	Post Office Archives	Max Walker
16 March	Spin-offs from Family History	Hugh Campbell
18 April	AGM & Film on Tasmania	Allen Wilson
16 May	Beginner's Night	
21 June	Sullivan's Cove	Audrey Hudspeth
18 July	Photography in Genealogy	Tim Waters
15 August	Port Arthur & Family History	Peter McFie
19 Sept	Historical Archaeology in Tas	Richard Morrison
17 Oct	Maritime Museum	Ken Hudspeth
21 Nov	Social: Treasures & Trinkets	

LAUNCESTON BRANCH

Births, Deaths and Marriages from the Examiner Vol IV (to 1930) is now available for \$15 + postage.

Please note that the new Branch Secretary is Kay Grice, Phone 003-447309.

BURNIE BRANCH - Merrin Neuman

Thirty three members attended the September meeting at the new venue at the Burnie College of TAFE. Our guest speaker was Mr Bert Winter, whose father began a Photographic business in Burnie at the turn of the century.

Mr Winter showed a selection of slides comparing the Burnie of by-gone years with that of today. His accompanying commentary was very informative.

Frances Travers gave an interesting talk on Irish Records at the October meeting.

A Family History seminar will be held at the Burnie college of TAFE on Friday evening, 25 November and two sessions on Saturday 26, with UK Lecturer Elizabeth Simpson. A Christmas hamper raffle to be drawn at the seminar will fund new material for the library.

Two of our members, Margaret Stempel and Vernice Dudman attended the International Genealogical Congress in Sydney, and enjoyed the experience immensely.

Plans are well in hand for a Fashion Parade to be held in the New Year.

DEVONPORT BRANCH

Members are rounding off a busy year with their annual dinner on 28 October, a fund raising garage sale in mid November and a Christmas party on the last Thursday in November.

John Wilson, author of 'A Century of Caring' was guest speaker at our August meeting. He gave an interesting account of the researching and compilation of the records of the hospital at Latrobe from the original foundation to the present day.

In September, Rupert French filled the role of guest speaker. A former journalist, he was able to give very practical advice on interviewing as a part of recording history, emphasising the importance of developing interviewing and listening skills and establishing a rapport with one's subject.

Tentative plans have been made for a visit to the Kentish Museum in Sheffield in February 1989. There will be no December meeting and branch activities resume on the last Thursday in January. We would like to wish a happy and peaceful Christmas to all other members in the State.



HOBART LIBRARY NOTES

The pre-1900 Birth, Death and Marriage Index cards have been incorporated into the Whitton Index, the result of the consistent endeavours of Mr and Mrs O'Shea.

The English section of the 1987 edition of the IGI has arrived and has been introduced into the system. Other sections of the IGI will become available as they are released by Customs. I wish to thank Joyce O'Shea & Mildred Hansen for undertaking the change-over of the English fiche.

Also available in the Reader Room is the NSW Supreme Court Probate Index-163 fiche covering the period 1800-1982.

Shortly we expect to receive microfiche of the British Immigration to Victoria Stage I-Assisted Immigrants from UK 1839-1871.

We recently received "Brisbane Deaths, 1824-1856" by D.M. Deed and the Hayward-Webb Bicentenary Index 1866-1900, Ipswich. Other items now held at the Library include:

West Australian BDM fiche 1896-1905

West Terrace Cemetery Burials fiche 1840-1900

Inscriptions Port Macquarie General Cemetery-fiche

Mt Isa Burials and Monumentals-fiche

South Australian Biographical Index 4 Vols 1836-1885

Pioneer Park Headstone Inscriptions, Cape Banks-(book)

Botany Cemetery, Church of England Inscriptions 1893-1986-(book)

We still require more help at our Library. Can YOU assist?

I wish to express my sincere appreciation and thanks to the Library Committee and to those members who have given their time to the Library during 1988. I also acknowledge the support given to me by the Branch Executive. On behalf of the Library Committee, I would like to take this opportunity to wish our members and readers of this journal a Joyful & Safe Xmas and a Prosperous and Healthy 1989. TTFN.

Morris Lansdell, Chairman, Library Committee.

Book Reviews

THREE BOOKS BY ALISON ALEXANDER

These additions to the Hobart GST Library may mention your ancestor or provide information about the place in which he or she lived. All are very good reading, having a friendly style and lots of information.

Glenorchy 1804-1964 is a special production on behalf of the Glenorchy Council. Situated just a few miles further up the Derwent River than Hobart, it is now a city . . . a far cry from the farming area of earlier years. Members of David Collins' party settled there soon after Hobart was founded, then others from Norfolk Island followed.

An index provides a quick way to check for family names. The illustrations and examples of original records add much interest. The bibliography could lead you to explore some sources you had not previously considered. Many people contributed family data or gave interviews. I notice the names of several GST members in the acknowledgements. Perhaps some of the 350 photos will be of your family or of their homes.

This 382 page hardcovered book is published by Mercury-Walch and is good value at \$25 from the Council.

GOVERNORS' LADIES: The wives and mistresses of Van Diemen's Land Governors,

published by the Tasmanian Historical Research Association, reveals a lot that the history books leave out. I have been fascinated during past research to discover the story of David Collins' colonial de facto family. Descendants of Edward Lord had introduced me to the story of his liaison with Maria Risely. I had found the record of Land Grants to the Hayes family of interest . . . and Bowen's way of providing for his mistress and her family. Now Alison has put it all together in one book.

It is a change to read about the ladies who made history instead of just the men. I am sure the ladies helped to influence many of them. In fact, some of them got into trouble for doing so. Poor Lady Franklin.

This hardcovered book costs about \$34.

THE KNOPWOOD HISTORICAL LECTURES: A Pioneer History of the Derwent's South Eastern Shore

is a Bicentennial Project of the Rokeby High School. Alison was asked to edit a series of lectures which have been given since 1981. All deal with some aspect of the history of the Rokeby area, or at least some of the people and families who made it their social centre..

Rokeby was the site of the first wedding performed outside Hobart Town. Formerly known as Clarence Plains and serviced by whaleboats, it became home for many of Tasmania's earliest families, especially those who had been reluctantly transferred from Norfolk Island.

This modest softcovered book is not indexed, nor is it as profusely illustrated as the two above, but it is really interesting. Again members of the GST have contributed. See how family history leads to a fuller account of local history! If you are interested in Robert Knopwood, Tasmania's first

clergyman, the Stokell, Mather, Calvert, Gellibrand and Stanfield families, or the general history of Rokeby, Sandford (once Muddy Plains), Lauderdale or even Bellerive and Howrah, you will enjoy this book.

126 pages. Only 500 copies were printed. I obtained mine direct from the Rokeby High School for \$20

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Susan Pedersen: Searching Overseas: A Guide to Family History Sources for Australians and New Zealanders, Kangaroo Press, NSW, 1987. (Soft cover, 93 pages, RRp \$12.95. Available from GST Hobart Branch.)

Perhaps the best recommendation is what happened when I took six copies to the GST Council meeting. They all sold, and I have 14 names on a waiting list for the next batch! Why?

Most books on UK family history sources and records tell of the records and their whereabouts, but often provide few tips on using them effectively. Sue has written from a beginner's point of view, giving details briefly but clearly, then showing how to get them either on a visit to the UK, or from overseas. In family history classes I find that most books lack details of what records are available in print or on microfilm right here in Australia. Sue has provided local sources.

Examples of various documents are shown. Brief but very readable paragraphs of background data add interest. The index is useful, though I have marked my copy to show on which page the repository address is to be found. The up-to-date addresses and the research tips make this book a great help for all who have UK ancestors. I shall certainly suggest it to my students. By taking a copy on that trip to England, one would have a guide to the resources to be used in family research.

Lilian Watson

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Lowe, A.C., Abbott, R. and Wise, T.E.: **HISTORY OF TASMANIAN OPERATIVE LODGE No 1 1834-1984**, issued under the authority of the Committee of Management of the Tasmanian Operative Lodge No. 1, T.C., Hobart, 1988

(270 pages, hard cover, with 125 illustrations and photographs. Available for \$20 plus postage from the Lodge Secretary, Wor. Bro. A.J.D. Bicknell, 90 Beach Road Kingston or the Grand Secretary, 3 Sandy Bay Road, Hobart.)

The original history of the Lodge from 1834-1934 was compiled by the Late Most Worshipful Brother A.C. Lowe, whose research took him to both England and Ireland where he obtained considerable information and copies of various documents. The new publication contains the original book in its original old-style print, and continues the history through to the sesquicentenary year of 1984.

The early history of the Lodge indicates that Freemasonry was introduced into Van Diemens Land by detachments of the Irish regiments stationed here. Naturally the book will be of most interest to Freemasons. But the story of the Lodge will also be of interest to those working on family histories because it mirrors events in the history of the State, and contains the names of many people associated with it over the years. Interesting and readable.

As well as the names contained in the book, the Lodge also has a much larger nominal list of members, with some additional information about many of them. Interested people should contact the officers mentioned above from whom the book may be obtained.

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Harris, Helen Doxford: DIGGING FOR GOLD: A guide to researching family & local history in Victoria's Central Goldfields, published by the author, P.O Box 92, Forest Hill, 3131, 1988.

(Soft cover, A4 typescript, 132 pages with photographs. Cost \$15 per copy, plus \$3 postage.)

This is a detailed look at the location and availability of records relating to goldfields research. It includes a localities guide, a listing of historical societies and their holdings in the Central Goldfields and a comprehensive name index.

The book guides the reader to the location of records on desertions; illegitimacies; mining, court, hospital and asylum material; treatment of destitute families in the last century; and newspapers. It contains full details of where records are to be found, and gives plentiful examples of the nature of the material, as well as giving a lively picture of family life on the goldfields.

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Irene Schaffer and Thelma McKay: PROFILES OF NORFOLK ISLANDERS TO VAN DIEMEN'S LAND: Lady Nelson, 1807, Vol. 1, Typescript, from the authors, 1987.

This is the first volume of a proposed set of seven giving profiles of the 620 men, women and children evacuated from Norfolk Island in seven voyages between 1807 and 1813. Thirty four people came to Van Diemen's Land in the 1807 voyage of the Lady Nelson.

The ship's manifests record the name of the head of each family only. The authors have tried to identify the wife (or husband) and children of each family, and also to find births, deaths and marriages after each family's arrival in Van Diemen's Land.

The work is carefully done, the information is clearly set out and references are given. This volume, and its successors, will save researchers into Norfolk Island families a lot of time, and will also give them a good start.

Hugh Campbell

125 YEARS OF PIONEER LUTHERAN SETTLEMENT

Margaret Jenner, Hon. Sec. German Research Group, GST Queensland, writes that 125 years of Lutheran settlement in the Logan (originating at Bethania, 1864) will be celebrated at a series of events on Feb 24, 25, 26, and Nov 5, 1989. A special publication will be produced. Enquiries to Bethania 125, 16 Alamein St, Beenleigh QLD 4207 PH Mrs Ruth Fels (07) 287 3068(AH) or Mgt Jenner (07) 397 4208.

Family Reunions

BIRD:McCARTHY FAMILY

On 4 September 1988 about 600 descendants of James and Ann BIRD and Cornelius and Margaret McCARTHY gathered at Karoola, Tasmania, to celebrate the 150th anniversary since the arrival in Tasmania of James Bird.

Many of those present were descended from two of the Bird's children, Charles and Mary, who had married two of the McCarthy's children, Sarah and John.

Descendants came from all parts of this state and the mainland, the most distant place being Brisbane, home of Philip McCarthy.

Souvenir Bird McCarthy teaspoons and keyrings of the reunion are available for purchase, as is a book based on Cornelius McCarthy and his descendants and which includes sections on the Bird, Clancy and McKenna families.

Further details available from Margaret McCarthy, 'Sunnyside', Karoola, 7267 (ph: 003 954203) or Paul Bird, 37 Franmore Rd, Neunham, 7248 (ph 003-262982).

MURFET: MURFETT FAMILY

All descendants of this family are invited to a get-together at Bells Parade, Latrobe, on Sunday January 1, 1989.

Queries to 004-261499

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BROCKLEHURST

Mr F. Brocklehurst of 1 Park Avenue, Markfield, Leucester, writes that he is researching this name as a one-name study, and runs the Brocklehurst Revival Society, which issues a bimonthly newsletter. He invites expressions of interest from anyone and offers to assist with queries as a reciprocal gesture. He is a member of 11 family history societies, and visits St Catherine's House and the Society of Genealogists regularly.

BOUNTY CREW AND PITCAIRN IS

Mr Paul J. Lareau of 1891 Ashland Ave, St Paul, MN 55104-5949, USA, writes that he is researching ancestors and descendants of all Bounty crew members living not only on Pitcairn Is but also on Norfolk Is, in New Zealand, Australia and elsewhere. The names most commonly in use by Pitcairn families are ADAMS, BROWN, BUFFETT, CHRISTIAN, COFFIN, EVAND, McCOY, NOBBS, QUINTAL, WARREN, YOUNG. Other surnames, possibly to be found in Tahitian families, include CHURCHILL, HILLBRANDT, STEWART, SUMNER.

1788-1820 PIONEER ASSOCIATION

Please note that the address is now as follows:

PO Box 57, CROYDON, NSW, 2132.

The rooms are now located at: 6-8 Meta St, CROYDON. Tel 02 744 8058

NEPEAN FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY INC

Please note that the only postal address for the Society is as follows:

PO Box 81, EMU PLAINS, NSW, 2750.

IRISH ANCESTRY GROUP

(Genealogical Society of Victoria, 5th Floor, Curtin House, 252 Swanston St Melbourne, 3000. Ph:03 6637033.

Mrs Maureen Myer, Hon Secretary, writes to tell us of the establishment of this group. Membership costs \$5 and is open to members of GSV and of groups with reciprocal rights. Benefits include a free entry in Members' Interests Directory (for 16 names), bimonthly newsletter, reduced rates at I.A.G. lectures.

They would appreciate requests for M.I.D. entry forms (+ s.s.a.e.) from anyone with Irish interests. It also costs \$5 to submit an M.I.D. entry without joining the group for the forthcoming directory. Anticipated date March 1989, closing date December 10, 1988.

GSV is also distributing a new book A Guide to Tracing Your Dublin Ancestor which lists all known records available for Dublin. Cost \$15 + \$1 postage.

Mrs Ruth Bagnall of 1 Foxley Dr, Bishops Stortford, Herts, CM23 2EB, England;-
"I was most interested to read the December 1987 number of Tasmanian
Ancestry. A beautifully produced little magazine full of interest. I
found the article by T. and A. Lello on St Catherine's House good, fair
and informative." Mrs Bagnall was fascinated to find that John Herbert's
descendants married into her Millwood family. The full text of this
letter is available from the Research Officer.

BRICKBAT

GERMAN RESEARCH DIRECTORY

We slipped up badly by giving outdated information about this directory
in our last issue. A correspondent kindly pointed out to us that the
closing date had been 31 October 1987. Sincere apologies to any others
who may also have been inconvenienced. The original notification was
unfortunately received too late for the appropriate journal, but we should
not have printed our misleading entry.

FAMILY HISTORY TOUR OF CORNWALL

March - April 1990

The tour is organised to include the Fifth British F.H. Conference in New-
quay, from 30 March to 3 April 1990. It will give family historians of
Cornish descent opportunities for individual research in Cornish re-
positories as well as in London, where many records relevant to Cornish
research are held. The tour will visit well-known historic and archaeolog-
ical sites in the county, and members will have the chance to explore the
parishes of origin of their ancestors.

There is a possibility that members may be able to book an optional stop-
over in Los Angeles and side trip to Salt Lake City on the return flight.
Would you please indicate whether or not you would be interested in doing so.

Further details available from Patricia Lay, 11 Sorrell Place, Queanbeyan,
NSW, 2620.

NSW STATE ARCHIVES

New Policy - Archives Authority of NSW has decided that the practice of
transporting State archives from its repository at Kingswood to the Archives
Office at The Rocks will cease on 31 December 1988. From then, it will be
necessary for readers to travel to where the records are stored to use
them; either at The Rocks (2 Globe St) or Kingswood (O'Connell St).

Records at Kingswood

Fortunately, most of the heavily used State archives - passenger lists,
convict records, land grants, licences, etc - have been copied and are
available at both locations on microfilm/microfiche. However, to consult
original records it will be necessary to view them at the place of storage.
Individual State archives are numbered according to a variety of prefixes.
These can also be used to indicate the physical location of the records.

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The following State archives are located at the Rocks 1/; 2/;4/;5/;8/;9/;x/; 000: all prefixes over 30/; plan nos 1-10,000, 60359+; map nos 1-10,000 and A0 Documents. The following State archives are located at the Kingswood repository: 3/; 6/; 7/; 10/; 20/; map and plan nos 10,000+ (except for plans 60,359+).

Readers wishing to examine only one or a small number of original records at Kingswood, are advised to telephone the Repository (67 31788) beforehand and check the material is on the shelf. Researchers using maps and plans should first check with the City Office (23 70254) to determine whether the items have already been copied. The Mitchell Library holds a large collection of Parish maps and readers may wish to consider viewing maps from that institution's holdings (Macquarie St Sydney, 230 1414) before travelling to Kingswood. (A leaflet on the Repository's Reference Service is available on request).

SYDNEY CONGRESS

The First International and the 5th Australasian Congress was held at the Convention Centre of the new Darling Harbour complex in Sydney over the four days 19-22 October 1988.

Just over 1,000 registrants from six different countries participated with almost 100 lecturers, presenting a very varied programme. Enough time was allocated between lectures to be able to browse through the 88 different booths. These were as varied as the lectures, with many being manned by overseas groups.

GST was represented by Karlene Nagle, whose lecture on Resources in Tasmania was very well received; Vernice Dudman and Margaret Strepil from Burnie Branch; Bev Perkins and Pat Harris from Launceston Branch. These five together with excellent support from Tasmania Tourism representative Robyn Ladd, manned our booth for the four days. Also attending was Marian Jellyman of Hobart Branch. Requests for information on GST and the next Congress in Launceston were numerous and augurs well for 1991.

Pat Harris

VICTORIAN & NEW SOUTH WALES ELECTORAL ROLLS

The following electoral rolls are now available in the SERIALS section of the State Library, Hobart:

VICTORIA: 1856, 1899, 1908, 1912

NEW SOUTH WALES: 1903, 1906, 1908, 1909, 1913, 1915, 1916, 1917, 1919, 1921, 1922.

The Association was founded in Melbourne at the conclusion of the First Congress on Genealogy and Heraldry in 1977. The inaugural meeting elected Mr Brian Croker of West Australia as the first Chairman. Other members were Mrs Eveline Brown, Messrs Don Grant and Lorne Greville. Mr Brian Brooks, then President of the English Assoc. of Genealogists and Record Agents attended, as did Messrs Michael Davies and Harry McDowell, representing England and Ireland. Now the organisation has more than thirty members.

There are two categories of membership, that of genealogist and that of record agent, and an applicant can elect to be considered for either or both. Members are admitted only after satisfactorily completing a comprehensive selection process.

Applicants must provide examples of sustained work, which are examined carefully by the selection committee. These must demonstrate that the candidate has

- * the ability to analyse requests
- * a knowledge of available and relevant records
- * the capability of using them intelligently and reporting the findings clearly in a properly referenced manner.

In the case of genealogists, evidence of skill in interpretation and assessment of records, plus capacity to provide advice on further avenues of research are required.

If accepted, payment of the annual fee entitles the individual to a membership card which is recognised by many organisations. It identifies the member as a reputable person in the field, and custodians of information can be assured that the Association expects its members to use material with care and discretion.

The affairs of the Association are managed by an elected chairman and council who endeavour to keep members informed and in touch through the quarterly newsletter. One of the objects of the association is to promote the study of genealogy, and another is to ensure the aims and standards of the professional body are as widely known as possible. Some members take part in congresses, seminars, lectures and similar functions, while others concentrate on pure and applied research, indexing, publishing etc.

Fees are a matter between the parties concerned, though the Association advises its members of a recommended minimum rate. Naturally they are influenced by the complexity of the assignment and the time it takes. However, clients can assist themselves when commissioning work by expressing their requests clearly. It is their responsibility to state the purpose

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of the enquiry and what, if anything, has been done previously.

On joining the Association, members agree to observe the Code of Ethics. Failure to do so can result in expulsion. Thus it can be seen that the Association is active in raising the standard of genealogy and in ensuring that a high standard of work is performed by its members.

CORNISH DEADLINE

CORNISH DEADLINE-Cornish Guild of Heralds:Family names must be entered before 26 January 1989 to be eligible for entry in Bicentennial Register.Send family info. up to & including present, if descended from Cornish ancestors.Register will record role of Cornish emigrants in Australian history.SAE to John Billing, C.G.of Heralds,Rockhampton Mail Centre(PO BOX 5217)QLD 4702

PUBLICATIONS of RECENT or SPECIAL INTEREST

The Somerset Years by Florence Chuk.Government-assisted emigrants from Somerset & Bristol who arrived in Port Phillip(VIC)1839-54 Based on shipping records held by PRO(VIC) Available Pennard Hill Publications,8b Sweeney ST,Ballarat, VIC 3350.\$A35.00.

Pioneers of Tasmania's West Coast by C.J. Rinks.The opening-up of Tasmania's west coast mining region 1876-1900.Available Blubber Head Press,P.O. Box 475,Sandy Bay,TAS 7005.\$A49.95.

Down Wapping by the Wapping History Group.Hobart's vanished Wapping & Old Wharf districts:the history of a working class urban community.Available Blubber Head Press as above.\$A39.95.

FROM DEAR OLD DEB'N? (DEVON)

Stuck or doubtful?

Let me check at the prime source -
DEVON RECORD OFFICE.

**WRITE FOR DETAILS: - T. JEWELL,
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LOWER PENNSYLVANIA,
EXETER EX46JP, DEVON U.K.**

Please quote your membership number

WHATEVER HAPPENED TO BARNHAM BAKER?

Mrs Elaine Kranjc, Secretary of the Geelong Branch of the Genealogical Society of Victoria, is at present assisting the Police Historian, Mr Collins, to index boxes of nineteenth century police records, and has kindly forwarded this item to us.

It appears that Barnham Baker was wanted in England, but managed to get to Australia. Information taken from the London Gazette states that he "is unusual and has sung at smoking concerts - dress blue serge suit, dark overcoat and black hat, a member of *Red Hill Cycling Club, warrant issued." An endorsement on the police file in Australia adds "There is but little doubt that B. Baker is at Huonville, Tasmania, under the name of Sam Cole".

Perhaps the rest of the story lies in the Tasmanian Police records. Ed. (* Red Hill is in Surrey, England.)

£50 REWARD.

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BARNHAM BAKER

Absconded Monday, 9th March, 1891.

19-6-91

Shrove
to Hobart
27/6

forwarded to
Mr Kennedy
Mr Robertson

45188

Chief Commissioner of Police
1/5/11

Agains returned
to Mr Kennedy.

There is but
little doubt that
B Baker is a Thammam
Tammam with the
name of Sam Cole
for Mr Kennedy
find in the London
P1 cigarette particulars
of the charge against
Baker? vide
Mr Shrove Bureau etc

Baker's name appears in the
London Gazette of Nov. 20th
The only biographical information
is that appears - "is married
and has been of smoking
concrete - dress blue long hair
dark overcoat, bowler
hat, a member of Red Hill
Cyclist club - Warrant issued

Name of complainant or
amount in light of PC
not given

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