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Editorial

In this issue and in December, we are trying to provide some information for those engaged in overseas research. Irish research and the resources available from the Genealogical Library at Salt Lake City are highlighted here.

We are always pleased to receive comments and suggestions. We would particularly welcome ideas for a special issue to be produced at the time of the 1991 Congress in Launceston.

We would also like to change the cover of *Tasmanian Ancestry*, and are looking for suitable drawings and photographs.

Branches are reminded that contributions from their regions are widely appreciated, and help to give something of the "flavour" of Tasmania to mainland and other readers. Photographs, book reviews of some of the increasing number of local histories, information about a local cemetery, the historic newspapers of your region, or problems you encounter when researching in or from your area are all welcome. What about it?

We are grateful to members for the tremendous support we always receive and for the steady stream of contributions which makes our task so much easier. We hope you feel that this is your journal.

AUDREY HUDSPETH

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IRISH RESEARCH REPOSITORIES

Frances Travers

An old saying to remember when starting out with Irish research is "May the Luck of the Irish go with you".

This certainly is true because it is easy to research some people and others are never traced. However, the good thing is that Ireland is now engaging young people to index records that have previously been unavailable.

Both Meath and Clare have done quite a bit of work. Addresses for these are :- Meath Heritage Centre, Trim, Co. Meath, Ireland, and Clare Heritage Centre, Corofin, Co. Clare, Ireland. Naturally there is a fee so application would have to be made before research can be begun. Funds are put back into obtaining more records so it does not hurt so much when you pay the fee.

As registration of births, deaths and marriages did not begin until 1864, it is not easy to trace those members of your family who were convicts, but at least the records are helpful. Protestant marriages from 1845 are recorded but all others do not commence until 1864. The address of the General Registrar is 8-11 Lombard Street East, Dublin. The fee for obtaining a certificate is 5 British pounds, approximately \$12. A Bank Draft has to be obtained and the fee for that is \$6, regardless of the amount sent; so if you need more than one certificate, you should apply for several at once.

The State Papers Office, Dublin Castle, Dublin (although I believe they have transferred records to the National Library) has a lot of documentation relating to the uprising, convict petitions etc. I should mention here that the Irish Records, given to Australia as a Bicentennial gift, do not as a rule contain as much information on convicts as can be obtained in the Archives Office of Tasmania. The exception is the petitions by convicts or their families. These are in the State Papers Office as well, and some interesting information can be obtained.

The Public Record Office, Four Courts, Dublin, has masses of information that has survived the problems of 1922, but they will in all probability refer you to a researcher. However, it is worth trying for copies of wills and other documents. The address is Four Courts, Dublin.

The main source of Catholic records is the National Library, Kildare Street, Dublin, and microfilms of Parish records can be found here. Enquiries should be addressed to the above to see if they can locate information for you. As a courtesy, and a general rule, it would be wise to send reply postage in the form of an Irish Airmail stamp or two International Reply Coupons.

The Registry of Deeds, Henrietta Street, Dublin, is another place where old deeds, wills and sundry information can be located. Whether searches can be conducted by them is debatable, but an enquiry is always worthwhile.

Trinity College, Dublin, has records of their former graduates and will supply details if enough information can be given to identify the person you seek. Most professional men such as solicitors, doctors, well-to-do merchants, etc. were educated in this College and the parents' names are generally given. Once more reply postage is necessary.

For those who were members of the Church of Ireland clergy, a letter to the Library of the Church Representative Body, Braemor Park, Dublin should produce the places where the ancestor was a minister, and also where he was educated, as well as the name of his wife and children. In lots of cases, sons followed in the footsteps of their fathers.

Presbyterian records are housed with the Presbyterian Historical Society, Church House, Fisherwick Place, Belfast, and there is a fee for this service.

Northern Ireland has similar repositories to Dublin but records of births, deaths and marriages are only obtainable from 1922 onwards. The address is The Registrar Generals Office, 49-55 Chichester St, Oxford House, Belfast.

The Public Record Office is located at 66 Balmoral Avenue, Belfast, and enquiries to the Ulster Historical Society can also be sent to this address.

There are some good Irish researchers but each person has to find it out for themselves. I have used a few and been advised that others are good. One name given to me for Cork research is Thomas O'Leary, Ballinphellic, Ballinhassig, Co. Cork, Ireland.

In Dublin, I used the services of Mrs E. Ellis, Ardacha, Kilgobbin, Sandyford, Co. Dublin, Ireland. It takes a while as the lady is generally busy, but once more, a reply coupon and an enquiry into the length of time a report might take to be completed, will give you some idea.

Most County Libraries will supply names of researchers but before writing to them, I always contact the County Library in the main town for a particular County, and ask them if they have indexes available that could assist. I then ask, if they cannot assist, could they suggest where I might write, and I have always received a reply to this request. Buying Irish Stamps could be less expensive than sending 2 reply coupons for each query.

The Irish Family History Society, Charleville Road, Tullamore, Co. Offaly, Ireland has a good journal which is produced annually. The fee for membership is 8 British pounds, plus postage, so I would say if you sent 10 pounds, it

would cover air mail postage of the journal. This journal has an updated listing of each County and what they are doing as regards accessibility of records, and so it is worthwhile joining if you have many Irish ancestors.

To conclude this report - I was loaned a copy of one of the latest books on Irish Records and it was excellent. In it was listed all the Parishes for each County - when they began - what reference number can be quoted for Salt Lake City microfilms - plus many other addresses. This book is entitled "Irish Records and Sources for Family and Local History" by James G. Ryan, Ph.D. Copyright 1988 by Ancestry Inc. (USA) and Fly Leaf Press (Ireland). I believe it was listed in the pamphlet recently put out by the Library of Australian History.

RECORDS FROM SALT LAKE CITY

Details of holdings extracted from an article written by Paul F. Smart in Family History News and Digest, April 1987, Vol 6, No 1, and reproduced by kind permission of FHND).

How lucky can you be! For those who do not know, and those who need to be reminded, we have at Moonah a branch library of the Mormon Library at Salt Lake City, which generously offers wonderful opportunities for researchers. The friendly librarians at Elmsleigh Rd, Moonah, are Betty and Jim Wall.

Open: Tuesdays 6.30pm-9pm, Thursdays & Fridays 9.30am-1.30pm and 6.30pm-9pm. Ph (002)72 9529. For interested groups, not individuals, a special opening may be arranged on request.

The following list gives major holdings which are either available at Moonah, or can be obtained for a very reasonable fee. Jim draws our attention specifically to the Genealogical Library Catalogue, which lists all the records in the vast Utah Library. This is updated every year. The International Genealogical Index (IGI) is updated every three years, so there are many records which have not yet found their way onto the IGI, and many others such as Court and Probate records. This catalogue is indexed in 4 ways; locality, surname, subject and author catalogue. Can't wait to get out there again! (Ed.)

ENGLAND AND WALES

1. CIVIL REGISTRATION; birth, marriage & death indexes for 1837-1980. The original certificates are at St Catherine's House in London.
2. CENSUS RECORDS; 1841-1881 (censuses taken every 10 years). Street address indexes for major cities for '41-81 censuses. Surname indexes for many counties prepared largely by British FHSs.

3. PARISH REGISTERS; 1538-1875 approx for 'Established Church of England' (Anglican/Episcopalian). Approx 35% of the original registers of christenings, marriages and burials, as well as many copies of registers in printed and manuscript form, are available.
4. BISHOPS' TRANSCRIPTS; 1598-1875 approx. (varies greatly). These are copies of PRs sent to the Bishop of each diocese. Approx 60% of these records are available in the British collection.
5. NONCONFORMIST RECORDS; 1600s to 1837, the majority of collection from PRO, London.
6. PROBATE RECORDS (WILLS); 1858-1957, only indexes are available.
7. PROBATE RECORDS (WILLS); 1300s-1857. About 95% of wills and indexes are available. A special index to those wills from 1812-1857, often referred to as the 'Estate Duty Will Indexes' is also available.
8. MAJOR GENEALOGICAL COLLECTIONS; Inland Revenue Apprenticeship Records, Boyd's Citizens of London Index, Gibson's Oxfordshire Index, Boyd's Marriage Index, George Frederick Tudor Sherwood Collection, William Harold Challen Collection, John Owen Collection, Essex CRO's General Index of Personal Names from 1500, Isle of Wight's card index to all CMB before 1837, Bennett & Dale Collections for Cheshire, Bloom Collection for the Midlands, Wagner Collection of Huguenot pedigrees, Isham Longden Collection for Northampton, Dwelly's Manuscripts for Somerset, Wessex Collection for Hampshire, Farrer Manuscripts for Lancashire, Pratinson Collection for Worcester, Sykes and Ince's Collection for Yorkshire, are a few of the more popular ones available.

SCOTLAND

1. CIVIL REGISTRATION; BMD indexes for 1855-1955; certificates for 1855-75, 1881, 1891.
2. CENSUS RECORDS; 1841-1891 (census taken every 10 years). Street address indexes for major cities for '41-91 censuses.
3. CHURCH RECORDS; 1558-1854 for the 'Established Church of Scotland' (Presbyterian). Most records start about 1700.
4. PROBATE RECORDS (TESTAMENTS);
 - a. 1514-1823 records & indexes
 - b. 1823-1875 some copies of testaments and inventories from about 1824-76. Five volume set of printed indexes called Index to the Inventories of the Personal Estates of Defuncts 1827-67
 - c. 1876-1936 indexes only.
5. LAND RECORDS;
 - a. Sasines, 1617-1868 with partial indexes.
 - b. Deeds, 1542-1851, minute books only with some sporadic indexes.
 - c. Services of Heirs, 1544-1959, documents & indexes; special published indexes 1700+.

IRELAND & NORTHERN IRELAND

1. CIVIL REGISTRATION; BMD indexes 1864-1959; certificates for 1864-80 (with gaps), 1900-13 (births only), 1930-55 (Republic of Ireland births only), 1922-59 (Northern Ireland, all records). Civil recording of Protestant marriages from 1845-63 with indexes.

2. CENSUS RECORDS; NB - Virtually non-existent before 1901. Fragments only 1821-1851. Most censuses destroyed in 1922. The first complete census is 1901. Part of 1911 census for Antrim is available at Salt Lake City, all of it is available in Ireland. Census 'substitutes' such as tax lists, pension applications and abstracts, and valuation lists which give information similar to that included in the census are here.
3. CHURCH RECORDS; approx 1700 to 1880. Transcript copies of some, though few church of Ireland & Presbyterian. Roman Catholic records for several, but not all, dioceses.
4. LAND RECORDS; 1708-1959. Memorials, marriage settlements & parts of probate actions involving land are included in deeds. Surname indexes (grantor, groom, bride etc) & county indexes (by town, townland or street).
5. TITHE APPLLOTMENT BOOKS; 1823-38. Land tax lists which give the lessor and/or occupier or tenant of the land. Special surname (only) index prepared by the National Library of Ireland, often referred to as the "Householders' index" is available.
6. GRIFFITH'S VALUATION; 1848-64. Land tax lists which give the lessor and/or occupier or tenant of the land. Surname index as 5 available.
7. PROBATE RECORDS (WILLS); early to 1857. Many probates were destroyed in 1922. Extant probates of both diocesan and prerogative courts have been filmed. Wills abstracts and pedigrees compiled for 1536-1810 by Burke and Betham. Printed and manuscript indexes for 1536-1858.
8. PROBATE RECORDS (WILLS); 1858-1920. General index to wills and administration. Most original wills before 1904 were destroyed, especially from the Principal Registry in Dublin. Will copies for the 11 district registries, 1858-1890, are at the Genealogical library.
9. MAJOR GENEALOGICAL MANUSCRIPT COLLECTIONS; Often include transcripts of records no longer extant. Collections are from some of the following repositories; Genealogical Office of Arms, Trinity College, Royal Irish Academy and the Public Record Offices of Belfast and Dublin.

A mammoth collection awaits family historians, genealogists, and others at the Genealogical Library. One of the library's chief purposes is to make this material more readily available to the public. Several key projects are preparing the way.

* Genealogical Library Catalogue (GLC) - a computer-produced microfiche list (about 1600 fiche) that describes the records of the main library in Salt Lake City. There are nearly 1.5 million entries in it.

* International Genealogical Index (IGI) - computer produced microfiche list (approx 6,700 mfc) of an estimated 88 million deceased individuals of which approx 45 million are British entries, designed to verify Latter-day Saint ordinances, to avoid duplication of research efforts and to identify those doing research on the same families.

* Old Parochial Register Index of Scotland (OPR) - a special computer produced microfiche index of christenings and marriages from the old parochial or parish registers of the Church of Scotland (in progress). For many counties, indexes exist arranged by both surname and given (Christian) name.

* Family Registry (updated every quarter) - a new service designed to help patrons co-ordinate their genealogical research efforts and thereby avoid unnecessary duplication of time and expense. Active researchers and family organisations can register information about their genealogical research activities.

SHORT CUTS

Articles on Overseas Research

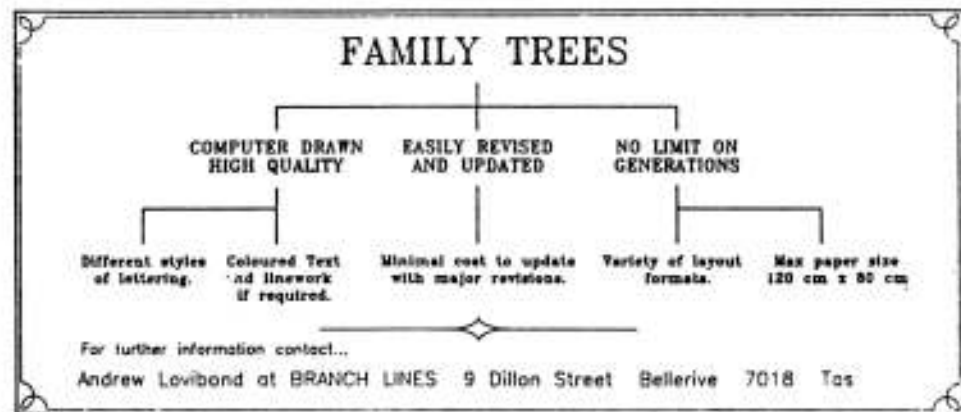
Do It Yourself - Both in Person and by Correspondence by Elizabeth Simpson in Under the Southern Cross, Third Australasian Congress on Genealogy and Heraldry, 1983. This is a marvellous article and gives detailed and practical help.

Bridging the Generations by Anthony Camp. Invaluable information about British sources and problems overseas researchers are likely to encounter. Both in Bridging the Generations, Fourth Australasian Congress on G&H 1986. Popular Misconceptions about English Records by the same author.

These three articles are classics. Read them whatever else you don't do. Other useful articles from these two collections of Congress papers are: Sources and Methods for Scottish Family History Research by Bruce J. Ralston (from 1983 Congress Papers).

Ancestry Searching in Ireland by H.W. Coffey and Catholic Marriage Records in Ireland by Patrick Nolan (1986 Congress Papers).

Find out from your local Branch library, which Family History journals they subscribe to. These are an enormous help for any district you are interested in. The Hobart Branch library has an extensive collection, and other branches are constantly increasing theirs. In addition, all branch libraries have useful book collections.



President's Message

For those of us who had not met and spoken with the Governor, Sir Phillip Bennett, the experience that we shared at the Annual Council Meeting at Burnie clearly showed why he is so well fitted for the post. His ability in putting those in his company immediately at ease added greatly to that part of the meeting devoted to the presentation of the Family History Awards. It was, indeed, a memorable occasion for all concerned.

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An important decision made at the Annual Council meeting concerned making possible changes to the Constitution. During my time as Branch Chairman and Executive Secretary, it was apparent that in spite of all the best intentions of those involved in its composition, frustration would develop because of the restrictive nature of some of the clauses involved and also argument had to be avoided when a difference in interpretation arose.

Prime examples would be the matter of proportional membership fees for those joining during the year and proxy voting at the Annual Council Meeting. Not only am I uncomfortable with our present Constitution, but from comments made at Executive meetings and to me personally, it is obvious that many others share my feelings.

To implement the A.C.M. decision, a three man sub-committee has been formed consisting of Morris Lansdell, David Harris and myself. Both Morris and David have a wealth of professional experience in this field and together with Jim Wall (Public Officer of the Society) as advisor to the committee, worthwhile results should be obtained.

The committee welcomes contributions that any member may wish to make and everyone can be assured that any finding will be published in 'Tasmanian Ancestry', at the appropriate time, for members' comments before finalisation.

John Grunnell

GENEALOGICAL RESEARCH IN VICTORIA REASONABLE RATES

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STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS

Year Ended 31.3.89

Balance General Account 1.4.88

1622.28

RECEIPTS

Subscriptions - Tasmania	2619.00
" - Interstate	1369.00
" - Overseas	186.00
" - Branches	10467.93
Donations	197.00
Journal Sales	538.72
Journal Advertising	479.93
Interest Received	210.36
Subscriptions in advance	507.57
Sale Badges	118.00
Refund Travelling Expenses (Congress)	<u>4.80</u>

16698.31

18320.59

PAYMENTS

Funds redirected to branches:-

Subscriptions	388.25
Donations	327.00
Lands Dept Gazeteer	60.00
Transfer Fixed Deposit	3000.00
Petty Cash Advance Jnl Co-ord	40.00
" " " Congress Convenor	100.00
Journal Expenses	7505.22
TAMIOT Expenses	27.60
Publications Expenses	277.36
Admin Expenses;-	
Affiliation Fee	60.00
Audit Fee & Annual Return	125.00
Bank Charges	47.75
Insurance	625.32
Printing & Stationery	664.83
Postage	356.95
Post Office Box	237.00
Subscriptions	61.78
Telephone	85.26
Travelling Expenses	936.30
Purchase Badges	475.00
Air Fare Visiting Speaker	180.00
Change re Journal Advert	7.00
1991 Congress	<u>548.64</u>

16136.26

Balance General Account 31.3.89

2184.33

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF ACCUMULATED FUNDS (As at 31.3.89)

	Total	State	Burnie	Dport	Hbt	Huon	Lton
ASSETS							
General Library Acc	11,575	2,184	455	2,301	3,158	1,003	2,474
Investments	11,502	7,808	1,011		1,000		1,683
VDL Index Account	1,099	1,099					
Petty Cash Advances	770	700	50				20
Branch/State Transfers	945	945					
Library Equipment	58,803		7,350	5,055	22,933	15,670	7,795
Library Books, Fiche	59,016		9,300	4,687	23,822	8,467	12,740
	143,710	12,736	18,166	12,043	50,913	25,140	24,712
Less LIABILITIES							
Subs in advance	1,870	508	464		591		307
Undistributed donat	18	18					
TOTAL ACCUMULATED FUNDS							
	141,822	12,210	17,702	12,043	50,322	25,140	24,405

TOTAL MEMBERSHIP

31.3.89

Tasmania :	Burnie Branch	109	
	D'port	89	
	Hobart	390	
	Huon	34	
	L'ton	224	

			846
+ Interstate/O'seas			197

			1,043
			=====
New members for year			325
			=====

Signed: L.S. Hookway, State Treasurer.

ANNUAL COUNCIL MEETINGThe Annual Report of the President 1988/9

The past year has seen the Society grow in both membership and facilities, thus enabling it to increase still further its ability to cater for the demands placed upon it by its members and the general public. Reports from the branches indicate an air of optimism, and the various programs undertaken by

them during the year show that Genealogy can be presented in an interesting, entertaining and educational manner.

The highlight of the Society year must be the 1988 Family History Bi-Centennial Award. Organised and managed by members of the Hobart Branch, the quality of the project is reflected in the very high standard of the entries received both from Tasmania and the mainland. The winners of both the book and manuscript section can very rightly be proud of what they have achieved. My sincere thanks to those who put so much into making this Award the success it has been.

The work that Neil Chick has put into the production of the VDL Heritage Index is now beginning to show fruit. With Vol.1 already on the market, Vol 2 is now into printing and will soon be ready for sale. The fact that this book will become a standard reference work covering people of the early days of settlement in Tasmania, makes us proud to have one of our own members as its compiler.

A revised and much more effective way of recording and publishing Members' Interests has now been devised and in due course, lists which will be constantly updated and amended will be available to members.

I feel that more concern should be directed to revitalising the Society's "Interest Groups" which appear to have lost some impetus over the last year. Not only do the groups allow for an exchange of news and views between branches, but they help greatly to unify the Society into one healthy unit. The group co-ordinators appointed for the coming year will be asked to address this matter at their first meeting.

A great deal of time and effort has already been spent in the planning leading up to the 1991 Congress of Genealogy and Heraldry, to be held in Tasmania. The Congress will be a mammoth undertaking as its \$100,000 budget will indicate, and for this reason the support of all members from all the branches is of paramount importance. Although the Congress is to take place in Launceston, it is a venture entered into by the Tasmanian Society as a whole and if present indications and forecasts by experienced persons prove correct, then all branches will benefit substantially from the proceeds of the Congress. The Northern Regional Library has recently been supplied with an extremely expensive new film-reader-printer which, so we have been told, is a direct result of our hosting the Congress in 1991.

Our thanks must go again to the most competent and hardworking group who produce the journal and who, led by Audrey Hudspeth as Editor, contribute so much to the life of the Society. The Bi-Centennial branch editions were a success and attracted very complimentary comments from readers both here and overseas.

To all my fellow committee members, I extend my sincere thanks for their dedication over what I consider to have been a most harmonious period. In particular, my thanks to the Treasurer and Secretary for the excellent well organised way in which they have carried out their duties, which has contributed to the smooth running of the Executive Committee's work throughout the year.

John Grunnell, President

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BACKPACKING THE FAMILY HISTORY

by Joan O'Brien

When I began researching the family history, the only things I wanted to know were whence they came to Australia and why.

The game "hotted up". I found myself writing, searching, meeting and exchanging and as the family's stories began to unfold, I had a strong desire to visit those places they had come from.

The opportunity presented itself this year.

I planned six weeks in England, visiting the counties of East Sussex, Kent, Leicester, Yorkshire, Worcester and spending two days in the Public Record Office in Kew and two days in London. I also planned three weeks in Ireland visiting the counties of Galway, Tipperary, Kilkenny, Meath, and allowing five days for research at the PRO and National Library of Ireland, in Dublin.

I added another week to my intended journey and made two stop-overs. Three days in Hong Kong en route to England and three days in Singapore on the journey home.

My plan was to see thoroughly the areas that I was interested in and to spend a day or two in their PROs and/or libraries.

I packed a small suitcase with two shirts and slacks, two fleecy sweaters, underwear, warm stockings, one blouse and skirt and a pair of high heeled shoes for special occasions.

I carried a medium sized back pack which contained family history papers in plastic folders, note books and a couple of reference books to help with research. I threw in an umbrella, raincoat, woollen sweater, camera, film and a great deal of enthusiasm. I made sure I had good walking shoes.

I arrived in May and the average temperatures were about 16 deg C, cool but good for walking.

I made no bookings for accommodation, but stayed the first week in New Hampshire with an old friend. From here I made two trips to London (General Register Office) and the two intended trips to Kew (PRO).

At Waterloo Station, I noticed a Senior Citizen Rail Pass offered by British Rail, proof of age by showing passport. I paid 15 pounds Stg and this pass enabled me to travel half fare on all train journeys. I found this method of travel very good and station staff were extremely helpful. Occasionally I

used the coaches if it was more expedient. From New Hampshire, I also visited Portsmouth Harbour and the Royal Marine Museum at Southsea. Both well worth viewing.

My first real sortie was to Maidstone, Kent. I had previously contacted their Record Office. I made sure I arrived by early afternoon and went immediately to the Tourist Information Centre. Most of these centres were situated close to rail and bus stations. The TIC booked bed and breakfast accommodation for me by telephone, giving me a choice of various standards, i.e. single, double, TV, evening meal etc. A single B&B cost on average 10 pounds per night. This type of accommodation is in private homes and I personally found their hospitality and assistance very good indeed. I also used small private hotels twice and paid about 17 pounds per night.

TICs always supply a map of the area, plus lots of information on what to see in their county. The Kent Office gave me a book containing addresses and phone numbers of all the centres about England. I could telephone ahead if I wanted to do so.

With the local map, I would find and check my accommodation, throw in my suitcase and sally forth. Though it was usually late afternoon by this time, with the long twilight hours in England there were many hours left to look about and locate places that I would visit the next day, record offices and libraries included. My average stay was three days. Out of this one day was researching and two days sightseeing. I used public transport for out of town visits to castles etc. I could also use my train pass to travel one or two stations for the same purpose, but if I could only see a particular attraction by taking a half day or full day tour I did so.

The huge breakfasts served in the B&Bs kept me going until lunch time when I usually had a meal in the English Pub (very good food) or a cafeteria in one of the stores. In my back pack, I carried dried fruit, nuts and a box of drink. I kept reminding myself that the main purpose of my trip was to see and enjoy. I visited Bath and stayed four days. No research in this area but just the sheer enjoyment of seeing such a beautiful city. Stratford-on-Avon beckoned and I spent five days in this area. I attended the theatre twice, visited the Cotswolds and spent a day in Warwick visiting the castle and other historic sites.

I joined walking tours where possible as I found these Guides really knew their cities and their history.

While staying in Loughborough, Leicestershire and working in the library, I was contacted by the local newspaper and interviewed and photographed. I have not seen the article but have had two letters from people in the area who were connected with my Loughborough family. Perhaps it is better that I do not see

a copy of said article; it is probably headed "Crazy Aussie Lady Tramps England Seeking Long Lost Relatives"!

Staff in the PRO and libraries were very helpful, especially when they knew my time was limited. At Lewes PRO, in East Sussex, they hastened to make a copy for me from a Parish Register that revealed that great-great-grandma had given birth to triplets in 1823. Worcester PRO was situated in a very picturesque area and their system very well arranged. A real bonus was that while I was in that area, I attended Evensong in Worcester Cathedral and heard their Cathedral Choir with voices that would rival the angels. I was also able to photograph the churches where my ancestors had been baptised, married etc.

As I made my way towards Holyhead, and the ferry for Ireland, I was advised to stop off in Chester as it was a 'must' to see. I took this good advice and spent two full days exploring the city and taking tours into Wales.

Crossing from Holyhead to Dun Laoghaire was very pleasant and when I arrived I found the Irish Tourist Board had a centre right there. A staff member booked accommodation for me in a Dublin suburb and I had only to walk a few hundred yards to take a train into Dublin.

I purchased a 14 day train/bus ticket and after three days in Dublin, I left for Galway. All counties previously mentioned were visited. I returned to Dublin for the last week, where I divided my time between research and tours managing to fit in the famous "Ring of Kerry" tour. Dublin is celebrating their Millenium this year so there were many attractions in that city. The people of Ireland were charming and the most generous of people.

No doubt my trip is not everyone's idea of a holiday jaunt; it certainly was hard work at times; but I have become so fond of my back pack that I am inclined to don it every time I take a journey of any sort, and I like to remember how the back pack and I shared the journey that we did "my way".

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Library Notes

RECENT ADDITIONS TO THE STATE REFERENCE LIBRARY

by Maree Ring, Liaison Officer

These are recent additions to the Serials Section (3rd Floor, State Library building, 91 Murray St, Hobart).

Microfilm:

- Newspapers: Circular Head Chronicle, July 1906-June 1989
Colonist, (in its various titles), July 1832-Dec 1835
The Critic, Hobart, Aug 1905-Sep 1929
Hobart Guardian, or True Friend of Tasmania,
May 1847-July 1854, (later incorporated with
The Mercury.)
Independent, March 1831-Jan 1835
Launceston Advertiser, Feb 1829-Dec 1846
Sydney Gazette & NSW Advertiser, Mar 1803-Oct 1842
(excluding Sep 1807-May 1808 when not printed due
to lack of paper in the Colony! Hard back facsimile
copies are available Mar 1803-Dec 1811 with the break
as noted. These are indexed ** see below.
The Tasmanian/and Austral Asiatic Review, under its
various titles, Oct 1827-June 1845.
- Other: Index to the Argus (Melb) 1855-Apr 1859, compiled by
J.A. Freely
Tasmania Electoral Rolls 1856-1900; 1903-13; 1914-46;
1988-
Tasmania Polling List 1899-1900
Tas Laws - Acts of Legislative Council 1826-1858
Acts of the Parliament of Tas 1856-
Transportation records Ireland to Aust 1788-1868
Computer print index at GST Hobart Branch Library.

Hard (printed) Copy

- Electoral Rolls 1948-1984
Index to births, deaths & marriages from 'The Examiner'
Launceston, 1900-1930, compiled by Lton Branch GST.
**Index to Sydney Gazette & NSW Advertiser (Vol 1-9)
March 1803-11).

ARCHIVES OFFICE OF TASMANIA

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

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

BIRTHS Prior to 1896, particulars recorded were: - Christian name (if known at time of registration, otherwise only sex is indicated) and surname - Date and place of birth - Christian names and surnames of parents - Maiden surname of mother - Father's occupation

In 1896 the date and place of the parents' marriage were added. In 1902 the ages and birthplaces of the parents were added. In 1909 previous issue (children) were added.

DEATHS Prior to 1897, particulars recorded were:- Christian name and surname of deceased - Date and place of death - Age of death - Occupation - Cause of death

In 1897 the birthplace of deceased was added. In 1914 age at marriage and number of issue were added.

MARRIAGES Prior to 1896, particulars recorded were: - Christian names and surnames of parties being married - Date and place of marriage - Age at marriage (sometimes only whether "under" or "over" age, i.e. 21) - Occupation and Status (i.e. bachelor and spinster) - Names of witnesses to the marriage.

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

(Maree Ring, who submitted the information, notes that in 1904, for death registrations, "length of residence in the Commonwealth" was added; at NO TIME have parents' names been added to death registrations and this information is still NOT required!).

MICROFILMS & MICROFICHE

HELD AT THE HOBART BRANCH GST LIBRARY

JUNE 1989

(We will be pleased to publish similar lists of microfilm/fiche holdings at other GST Branch Libraries. Ed)

NSW Films

Unassisted Passengers Arriving	1826-1853
Vessels Arriving	1826-1853
Passengers Departing	1816-1825
Index to Land Grants, some registers	1788-1865
Land Grants	1792-1865
Parish Registers	1787-1856
Register of Naturalisation	1834-1903
	1849-1886

Convict Records

Mutch Index of Births, Deaths, Marriages

Tasmanian Films

Mercury Births, Deaths, Marriages	1900-1927
Some Tas. Cemeteries - TAMIOT	

Newspapers

Leeds Yorkshire Eng. (1 reel)

IGI Microfiche 1988

Austria	Denmark	Ireland	United States	Belgium
England	Norway	Canada	France	Scotland
Channel Is	Germany	Sweden	Iceland	Wales
Czechoslovakia	Albania	Andora	Bulgaria	Cyprus
Gibraltar	Malta	Monaco	Portugal	Romania
Spain	Yugoslavia			

Miscellaneous Limited Number

Afganistan	Algeria	Angola	Arabia	Armenia
Atlantic Is	At sea	Australia	Bangladesh	Botswana
Burma	Cambodia	Cameroon	China	Egypt
Ethiopia	Gabon	Hong Kong	India	Indian Ocean
Indonesia	Iran	Iraq	Israel	Ivory Coast
Japan	Jordan	Korea	Kenya	Laos
Lebanon	Lesotho	Liberia	Malawi	Malaysia
Mali	Morocco	Mozambique	Namibia	Native Africa
New Zealand	Nepal	Nigeria	Pacific Is	Pakistan
Palestine	Phillipines	Portuguese Timor		Senegal
Sierra Leone	Singapore	South Africa	Sri Lanka	Syria

Tanzania	Thailand	Togo	Tunisia	Turkey
USSR	Zaire	Zambia	Zimbabwe	

Family Registry

Parish & Vital Record Listings

Batch Number Index

Federation of Family History

IGI Microfiche 1981

South America, Sorted Countries, Strays and Out of Area Collection

New Zealand Register of Births, Deaths, Marriages 1840-1900

Northern Territory Records

Census 1881, 1891, 1901

Alien Births & Deaths

Lone Graves 1839-1976

Overlander Mine Leases

Mortuaries & Katherine Cemeteries

NSW Microfiche

Register of Births, Deaths, Marriages

Baptisms pre 1836, Deaths pre 1856, Marriages pre 1856

Births 1856-1905, Deaths 1856-1905, Marriages 1856-1905

Supreme Court Probate Index

Convicts, Naturalisation Index

Port Macquarie Cemetery Records

Paskeys Immigration Journals

Fiche to be used in conjunction with microfilms

Queensland Microfiche Records

Births 1842-1906, Deaths 1842-1906, Marriages 1842-1906

Records are for Brisbane, country & Qld.

Early Church Records

Births 1829-1856, Deaths 1829-1856, Marriages 1839-1856

Mount Isa Family History Society

South Australian Microfiche Records

Births 1842-1906, Deaths 1842-1906, Marriages 1842-1906

Shipping Immigration 1847-1886

Adelaide West Terrace Cemetery 1840-1900

Victorian Microfiche Records

Births 1854-1913, Deaths 1854-1940, Marriages 1854-1913

Early Church Records pre 1854

Place names in Vic., Directories, Broken Series

Assisted Passengers of British Immigration to Vic. (shipping)
Brighton Cemetery, General & Church Sections Headstones

West Australian Microfiche Records

Births 1840-1901, Deaths 1840-1901, Marriages 1840-1905
Shipping, Passengers Arriving Albany 1857-1899, 1900-1925
Convict Records

British New Guinea Deaths & Landowners

MONTY'S WEDDING?

by Thelma M. Grunnell

Noticed in "It's About Time", an antique shop in St John St Launceston, whose proprietors gave me permission to copy the inscription. In a Federation Style frame, dark wood, a hand painted scene at the top of two kookaburras laughing and written in a beautiful flowing hand underneath, a little poem and a most interesting dedication.

"It's only a picture which reminds me of home,
Recalling mem'ries so clear.
That fair land of sunshine, far over the foam,
But this picture brings it so near.
It's only a bird singing a song,
I can hear it all so plain.
Though long months have passed, my love's just as strong
To see the old home again.

Randolph Monteith Wylie

Dear Monty,

On the eve of your entry into 'Matrimonial Bliss', we the undersigned, (some of your numerous Australian friends), at the moment in England engaged on 'munitions', desire to take this opportunity of offering to you our heartiest congratulations, and we sincerely trust that all your troubles may be little ones. We remain yours to an eyelash,

W.C. Ladd	R. Maunder	B.A. Lansdell	H.E. Woolley	T. Rowland
E. Priest	G. Robers	H. Mellar	H. Armstrong	W. Foster
J.G.C. Meara	J.T. Head	J. Barnett	F.G. Erwood	J.G. Simpson
W.A. Gandy "				

The owners of the shop did not know anything of the history of the piece, and had bought it at an auction. I wonder what story lies behind it and if any members have forebears among the names listed? The price incidentally was \$120 and the piece was provisionally dated 1914-18.

COMPUTER LISTING OF TASMANIAN CEMETERIES

20 June 1989

Rec. No.	No of Names Cems		Transcribed		To be done		In computer	
1. Hobart	182 25,000	162	22,000	19	3,000	162	22,000	
2. L'ton	192 23,000	146	18,000	46	5,000	146	12,000	
3. Devonport	62 18,000	60	18,000	2	20	0	0	
4. Burnie	47 14,000	36	9,000	11	5,000	10	7,000	
5. Huon	42 5,000	42	5,000	0	0	42	5,000	
6.								
7. Total	524 85,000	446	72,000	68	13,000	356	44,000	
8.								
9. Corn'n Bay	1 100,000	0	18,000	0	82,000	0	4,000	
10. Carr Villa	1 55,000	0	0	0	55,000	0	0	
11.								
12. Grand Total	528 240,000	446	90,000	68	150,000	356	44,000	

Each branch has received a list of cemeteries in its area. The Huon branch list is complete. The above figures may not be quite correct, but do give an indication of how many names are available to be included in the index. Some of the "still to be done" may have been transcribed but I have not been able to get hold of them so far. There are a number of records that are not very correct and somebody needs to check them in their entirety. We also need to update the cemeteries which were done several years ago. If I get a list of all the "active" cemeteries I can provide a computer printout for checking these.

If all branches would give a high priority to the transcription and checking, I believe that we can have the whole of Tasmania, less Carr Villa and Cornelian Bay, ready for converting to micro-fiche before the end of the year.

To accomplish this, it will be necessary for ALL members (especially officers in the branches) to take a keen interest. I believe that some of the branches have done very little work in this area over the last two or three years. It will be essential for TAMIOT co-ordinators to continually bring up the subject at meetings and arrange for parties to work two to three times a month.

Other reasons that this work must not drag on for too long are that the life of computer disks as well as humans is not indefinite and the loss of either will make it extremely difficult for others to finish.

The librarians should not be asked to include the TAMIOT duties with their other work; they are generally overworked as it is.

We should endeavour to transcribe all the tombstones. Official computer print-outs are only a poor substitute for the inscriptions as family relations are not listed. I suggest we concentrate on completing all the minor cemeteries first.

P.V. Scott (Ph (004)252566)

SLOW NEWS?

News did travel slowly between continents in the early 1800's.

The "Hobart Town Gazette" of 14 November 1818 reported an extract from the British newspapers: "Died lately, aged 60, in consequence of an apoplectic fit, the Giant Chillcott (sic) of Irenaw (sic), Cornwall. He was six feet four inches high, without shoes; he measured round the breast nearly six feet nine inches; and weighed about 460 lbs. He was almost constantly smoking; the stem of his pipe he used was two inches long, and he consumed three pounds of tobacco weekly. One of his stockings held three gallons of wheat. The curiosity of strangers, who came to visit him, gave him evident pleasure; and his usual salute, on such occasions, was, 'Come under my arm, little fellow'".

Charles Chilcott of Ireknew in Tintagel, had his baptism recorded in the Tintagel church register on 6 February 1742 and his burial recorded there on 7 April 1815. His age at death was 72 not the reported 60. It had taken the paper in VDL over three years to report his death!

Descendants, Charles and his brother, William, both settled in Tasmania about sixteen years after their grandfather's death, having many descendants, who still carry on the Chilcott name here.

The lone brother that stayed in Cornwall had only one child, a daughter, so that the Chilcott name that began in Cornwall with Parson Christopher Chilcott's arrival from Dorset to the Vicarage of Tintagel in 1692, became defunct, although descendants are still living near the Tintagel parish.

It might be noted that the above article was not indexed in the facsimile copy of the H.T.G. Presumably only items of local (VDL) interest were included?

Giant Chilcott was my 5x great grandfather.

Maree Ring

THE CONVICT HORTICULTURALIST

A Quaker Convict from Lancashire

Who Became a Well Known Horticulturalist in Hobart in the 1840s

by Irene Schaffer

A large number of convicts transported from England in the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries were from the lower and poorer classes; occasionally however, a professional or academic person would appear before the courts.

One such person was James Dickinson, a well known Lancaster merchant who was charged with receiving stolen wool in Liverpool in 1837. Married with five children, his gaol report stated that he had "respectable connections", and that his behaviour while on the hulks was very good. His wife Fanny was in Liverpool and was expected to join her husband later in the Colony.

James' grandfather, Robert Dickinson, was born in 1735, at Lytham, Lancashire. He married Mary Hargraves, a Quaker, on the 13th October 1760, at Giggleswick, York. A builder and architect, he is credited with building the Lancaster Town Hall.

Robert Dickinson Jr, son of Robert and father of James, was born in Settle, Yorkshire, on 16th December 1764. He became a Brandy Merchant, and married Sarah Hodgson in Kendal in 1796. James was born on 20th March 1806 and grew up in the Lake District, one of the wildest and most romantic parts of England. During his early life he was thrown into the company of botanists, which gave him a relish for romantic scenery, and an inclination to investigate the beauties and mysteries of the vegetable kingdom. This passion was to follow him across the world to, in his own words, "an island clothed, as it was in every part, with richest and most curious productions of flora, except where some mighty convulsion of nature had laid bare to our view, the foundations of the earth, and exhibited the geology of this planet in the most majestic forms."

Having through the dispensations of providence, found himself casting his lot in Tasmania, he appears to have found close ties with his adopted land. Before he was charged with the offence that was to change his entire life, James and his wife Fanny lived with their five children in Liverpool, where the eldest children attended the Rawdon School.

In September 1838, James embarked on the "Minerva" on his way to Van Diemen's Land to begin his 14 years' sentence. The Surgeon reported his behaviour as "exemplary" on the voyage out. On arrival at Hobart he was given the position of watchman at the Custom House, but was found neglecting his duty in 1839, and was sent to the cells on bread and water for 7 days. The following year

he was found drunk on duty and ordered to the treadmill for 10 days. After a few more small indiscretions, he received his ticket of leave in 1842.

Two years before, in 1840, a letter was sent from England under Her Majesty's Command, to Sir John Franklin, extending her mercy unto James Dickinson, and mitigating his sentence from 14 years to 7 years, owing to some circumstances that had come to their attention, but not mentioned in the letter.

Fanny Dickinson arrived in VDL with their four children (one having died) in February 1843 to join her husband.

Being of the Quaker faith, James attended the Friends' Meeting House in Murray Street. Later the Society let the next door vacant ground to him, and he continued to pursue his love of growing plants. By 1845, he had established a florist business in Hobart and was made overseer of the Botanical Gardens. This position he accepted, with the understanding that he be allowed two afternoons a week to attend to his own business. The following year he was promoted to Head Gardener at a salary of 60 pounds a year.

James Dickinson's florist shop was situated at 39 Murray St, and for a few years his business flourished. One of his advertisements in the paper informed the public that he had seeds available of many Tasmanian Native plants. He became known as one of the many garden enthusiasts who had developed an appreciation of the Tasmanian countryside through his horticultural work.

A catalogue was published by him in 1845 (the oldest located catalogue in Australia) which not only gave the names of the plants and shrubs he had for sale, but also informed the public that he was willing to exchange. In a very short period of time he had managed to acquire an understanding, not only of a completely new climate, but also of new types of plants from those he had known in his native England.

During this time, his interests in the native plants were expanding beyond the boundaries of Hobart, and people would frequently bring him information of a certain plant, tree or shrub, and when his duties permitted, he would journey into the bush to locate it.

On one such trip, he discovered what he described as "the most magnificent cascade". He did not attempt to convey that he was the first to discover this "sport of nature", as he had heard vague reports of its existence. He was, however, so impressed with this waterfall, not more than ten miles from Hobart, that he wanted to tell the inhabitants of Hobart about it.

"... This piece of scenery magnificent as any country could boast of - a scene where the wild, the grand and the sublime are merged in the romantic, the

stupendous and the terrible ..". All this and more he wrote to the Editor of the Hobart Town Courier, under the pen name of TYRO in January 1845.

The Falls that were described were the Wellington Falls which lie below Mount Wellington on the southern slope, and are still visited by walkers today. James was so impressed that he not only led parties up to see the falls, but also gave horticultural talks along the way. These excursions were to prove very popular, and the following year Mr Opie of the Theatre Royal had Mr Knight, a merchant from the New Wharf, paint a series of scenic novelties of the "Grand View of the Basin of Wellington Falls" for one of his benefits.

During the next couple of years his florist business continued to expand, so much so, that plants and trees were imported from Sydney. In 1847 Mrs McArthur (daughter-in-law of John and Elizabeth McArthur of Camden) sent a large assortment of fruit trees to James. She often exchanged letters with him, informing him of the health of members of her family.

Six years after Mrs Dickinson came from England to join her husband, she gave birth to a son, Samuel Broadbent Dickinson, who in 1874 married Louisa Rushbrook in Geelong, Victoria.

From the year 1846, the business began to decline. In a letter to Sir W.I. Denison, the then Governor of Tasmania, in 1848, James informed him of the success he had in the earlier years from importing exotic plants, and how he had since found his business interests dwindling. The reason, he explained, was that the Royal Society of Tasmania had commenced to supply the colony with exotics, etc., at much lower prices than someone like himself, who was attempting to gain his livelihood by the profession, could afford to do. His Excellency called for a list of names of those men who were connected with the Royal Society. This list contained 117 names, some being very prominent people in Hobart at the time.

In 1853 Dickinson applied for a grant of 500 acres of land in the Southport district, where he intended to settle with his family. The land he desired was swamp land, within the influence of the sea. Cultivation had been attempted when Southport was a penal settlement, and if his application was successful, he intended to prove that thousands of acres of similar land, now useless, might easily be made more valuable. His application was rejected.

However, he was not a man to be easily discouraged, and he continued to play a prominent role within the community and to write letters to His Excellency. In one, as Secretary of the Gardeners' and Amateurs' Horticultural Society, he stated that he had applied to the Mayor of Hobart Town for leave to hold an exhibition in the new market place and as he had not received this permission, he was appealing to His Excellency for his assistance in the matter.

His interest and love of vegetables, flowers and fruit trees remained a close and personal part of James' life. In 1855 the Colonial Times Office published his Gardener's Manual "The Wreath". This charming book was located after months of searching by the writer, at a book shop in Hobart: tied with string and looking as if it had been well used in its time, over 135 years ago. It was welcomed with deep emotional joy by James' descendants, and now rests in a specially made Huon Pine box in the family's keeping. This 147 page book was designed with the Tasmanian climate in mind, and edited by John Morgan, (of William Buckley fame).

The Dickinson family eventually left their beloved island and moved to Melbourne. Fanny Dickinson died in 1884 followed by James in 1888. Future generations moved to South Australia, where James' great-great-grandson Sir Ben Dickinson, resides. Now retired, Sir Ben was at one time Geologist in Northern Australia. He was also connected with the Electrolytic Zinc Company and Lyell Mining and Railway Company in Tasmania. He and his wife are regular visitors to Tasmania.

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Family Reunions

CHARLTON REUNION

A reunion to celebrate 200 years of Charltons in Australia will be held on 20 January 1990 in ORANGE, NSW, for all descendants of William and Mary CHARLTON (nee GETTY).

William Charlton arrived in Australia with the 2nd Fleet in 1790 on board the 'Neptune' as a Private in the NSW Corps. Mary Getty, a convict lass, also arrived with the 2nd Fleet on the 'Lady Juliana'.

Allied names are CUPITT (Mittagong), KABLE (Bathurst), SMITH-FINLEY (South Grafton), BEASLEY, UPTON (Windsor/Penrith).

More information is sought on these names, and an invitation extended to all descendants of the same. For further information please send a large s.a.e. to Joan Meredith, 22 Bletchington St, Orange, NSW. 2800.

News from Branches

LAUNCESTON

Meeting Calendar:

- Sep 5: Mrs Maree Ring, Joint Copying Project
Oct 3: Mr Trevor Yaxley, Tasmania Bank
Nov 7: Miss Karlens Nagle, Computers and Genealogy
Also open discussion.
Dec 5: Miss J. Hollingsworth and Mrs Sue Walden, Northern Regional Library
Jan '90: No meeting
Feb 6: Free
Mch 6: Dr John Morris, Street Names Past and Present

The Launceston Library has been given approximately 240 volumes of old Examiners. These are being stored at our old library at Carr Villa. The use of these Examiners must be booked in advance. If you wish to view a couple of volumes at a time, please ring the Librarian to arrange for the volumes to be taken to the Library.

Work has now started on indexing the next five years of the Examiner in preparation for our next publication. If you can help, please go into the Reference Room of the Northern Regional Library and ask for the papers to be done and the pads to be used for recording the details.

We are looking for new ways to raise funds for our branch. If you have any ideas please let any committee member know about them.

Miss Karlens Nagle, Publicity Officer, Launceston Branch.

HOBART

Meeting Calendar

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| 19 September | Historical Archaeology in Tas | Richard Morris |
| 17 October | Maritime Museum | Ken Hudspeth |
| 21 November | Social: Treasures & Trinkets | |

Library Notes

Acquisitions since June.

- Fiche:-
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| | Sandgate Cemetery Index 1881-1985 (Newcastle) |
| | NSW Archives, Public Service Lists 1858-70 |
| " | Convict Death Register 1828-79 |
| " | Electoral Rolls 1842-1863 |
| " | Appointment to Govt Offices 1814-25 |
| Vic | Victorian Railway Employees 19th Century |
| " | Cyclopedia of Vic. |
| " | G.S.V. Index to NSW Convict Indents 1788-1842 |

Books:- Spouse Supplement to Pioneer Registers
Vol 16-17 Pioneer Register

NOTE; Due to a minor misunderstanding, the Hobart Library has not obtained bulk supplies of the F.F.H.S. News and Digest since April 1988. We hope that the matter will be shortly rectified. Meanwhile, will those Members who had been receiving the Digest in the past, PLEASE CONFIRM their future interest to M.W. Lansdell, GPO Box 640G, Hobart, Tas. 7001

We welcome and acknowledge the initial response to our appeal for library assistants; however we will be happy to have more volunteers to cover future retirements and the eventual extension of library hours.

M.W. Lansdell

DEVONPORT

Library hours have been extended and this innovation has proved to be very popular. The library is now open on Wednesdays from 9.30am to 3pm and on Fridays from 1pm-4pm. Recent additions include:

Volumes 1 & 2 Canterbury Licences

8 Parish Registers for the County of Norfolk

Microfiche: Redcoats Down Under

Update of South Australia and West Australia records

Microfilm: Latrobe C of E Parish Records

Two tapes of guest speakers at the Sydney Congress 1988 - the problem solving tape is particularly informative.

Guest Speakers at the July meeting are to be John Grunnel and Pat Harris who will address members on the 1991 Congress in Launceston. Members are organising a Pie and Lamington Drive to be held in August and expect that this will substantially boost branch funds.

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Deciding to change the venue of our monthly meetings to our library at Bass Bakery, Coeee, has proved to be a very popular choice, if one can go by the regular attendances we are experiencing. For the convenience of all members, librarian V. Scott has very kindly volunteered to open the doors at 6.30 p.m. each meeting night, and this has given many members the opportunity to catch up on their researching, both before and after our meetings.

Our IGI is now housed in plastic sleeves thanks to Sue Loughran's tireless work. Sue and Villy make a wonderful team for our library.

Burnie has made its choice of magazines wanted, and our thanks go to the State for making this possible. We hope to have all our existing magazines bound for members' convenience.

Any member with time available, has been devoting it to doing the cemetery transcriptions for Wynyard, Launceston and Burnie. It certainly has been a very cold job.

In closing, this Branch would like to thank all members who attended the AGM week-end and helped to make it an enjoyable get together.

D. Collins.

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TALBOT & DALE

Would anybody be able to identify this photo please? Taken after 1876 by C. WHERRETT of Elizabeth St, Hobartown, it was sent to relations (perhaps cousins) in Victoria.

One might be a child of Ellen (TALBOT) and Jeremiah DALE, m 1845, St Georges C of E, Battery Point, Hobartown, in a double ceremony.

The other couple in the marriage ceremony, John DALE and Ellen MURPHY, moved to Victoria 1847-48. A third Dale brother, Thomas, lived in Hobartown. The three Dale brothers were sentenced to 7 years in VDL for stealing corn in 1836 at Norfolk, England. Ellen TALBOT possibly arrived per "Hope" in 1842. Any information would be appreciated.

Mrs Coral Alexander,
493 Whitehorse Rd,
Mitcham, Vic. 3132.



1988 FAMILY HISTORY AWARD

REPORT ON THE JUDGING

Under the guidelines set down for the judging, the three judges considered the following aspects of each work:

1. PRESENTATION

Including scope and detail of the history, depiction of the family in its historical setting, arrangement of material, historical accuracy, English expression, quality of printing or typeface, quality of illustrations and the relevance of illustrations to the text.

2. INDEXING

Including accuracy of the index, comprehensiveness of the index and clarity of genealogical tables and data.

3. REFERENCES

Including the acknowledgement of sources of information and the appropriate and full citation of reference sources - either in a bibliography or list of references.

4. THE WORK AS A WHOLE

How successful the work was in presenting an interesting family history - in the terms of the Award; the story of a family, not of an individual, and with a significant Tasmanian content.

The following comments which are based on the judges' reports could be of interest to future participants.

In compiling a family history, a social background of the times adds greatly to the understanding of family members' motivations for action. "Grassroots" detail makes for interest. Anecdotes, stated as such, enliven a history. It is an advantage to have a story, a thread, running through the account to provide connections.

It is important to check historical accuracy. Deductions should not be presented as fact. To illustrate how easily a wrong deduction may be made, the following example is quoted from a judge's report on a previous Award. It relates to an assumption that a person could be burnt alive for a criminal offence.

"Burning alive was never a punishment in the English criminal courts. In fact, in the 17th and 18th centuries, most first convictions for a capital crime (is subject to the death penalty), were granted the 'benefit of clergy' and were merely branded with a small mark at the base of the thumb to prevent them claiming it a second time. The branding was commonly referred to as 'burning' - hence the modern myth of burning alive."

The source of all significant information, including anecdotal information, should be acknowledged. Family beliefs or hearsay should be stated as such.

References should be complete and thorough; it is not enough to write, for example, "The Examiner 1885". Use a standard consistent form for citing references.

Illustrations need to be complementary to the text. Maps, where appropriate, are useful but a hand-drawn map giving essentials to the story is better than a complex printed one poorly reproduced.

Good English is essential. Editing and proofreading need to be done by a skilled proofreader. In quotations with misspellings the use of "sic" is essential unless there is a general statement about quotations. An apostrophe is incorrect in the plural form of a date such as "the 1830s".

The coding system used in the genealogical tables of the winning book was highly commended by the judges. The number used to identify each family member is unique to that person and indicates position in the family as well as relationships and the generation to which each person belongs.

The following general comments about the Award are quoted with permission from judges' reports:-

"It is impressive that so many people have done so much research work and then expended time and effort to record it for others in a detailed, interesting, thoughtful and often lively way. There are many warm, interesting accounts of families written with vigour and enthusiasm. The entries as a whole must surely represent a significant contribution to the recording of the social history of Australia.

"Although there was a wide variation in quality between entries in terms of content, expression, arrangement and authoritativeness, each - to a greater or lesser extent - adds to the total picture of Tasmanian history and is therefore to be highly valued."

ADELLE DE BOMFORD

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CONGRESS NEWS

Your first Newsletter for the Congress is enclosed in this issue. To receive the Registration Brochure early in 1990, please return the tear-off voucher.

Tasmanian members are asked to think about your accommodation in Launceston for the Congress. Make your own bookings, or contact Dine and Associates of Hobart, as they are co-ordinating the travel and accommodation arrangements for the Congress.

The Chairman and Convenor were very pleased with the reception afforded them on their visit to Hobart and to Devonport, recently. Offers by some members to be in Launceston early to assist with the Albert Hall preparations were appreciated. We will need plenty of 'people power' during the Congress, with the setting up, hostessing, reception desk, control, equipment etc. etc.

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AYERS

William (b when and where?) m Isabella McCORMACH, 1866, Hobart. Known issue Katherine b1870 Longford, and William 1871, John 1873, Isabella 1875 and Thomas Alfred 1877 all recorded New Norfolk. Isabella (William's wife) d a widow 1894 in Hobart. When and where did William die? Any info helpful.
Mrs Pat Stenning, Sassafras RSD 596, Latrobe, Tas. 7307

1. RINGROSE;RENGROVE;RINGLOE;

1830+ If this surname is in the Australian part of your family tree, please contact.

2. SCOTT;LINDSAY;

Special attention to the names of Scott, Lindsay, Davis, Briggs, Kromer, Morris families. You may have that vital place/job/date needed to complete history, descendants etc.

3. WRIGHT

Stanley b c1900, Tas. Possible mother M.A. WRIGHT. Has an Aunt Ada and Uncle Hen, possibly an Uncle Will and Aunt Agg. Needed: birth data, contact with descendant. All letters answered.

S.J. Joyce, 28 Balfour Rd, Parnell, Auckland, N.Z.

WHITE

John b Linlithgow 1812, son of Christian SIM and Robert WHITE. From 1814/5 in Glasgow. Emigrated to Tas when? Dau b1840s. Janet and Jane in Auckland NZ. Was he the John White, master tanner, who d 1853, Glenorchy?

M.B. Carolan, 2/2 Ashburton Rd, Alberstoke, Gosport, Hants, PO12 2LJ.

GOSS

John Makim, m Amelia LAWSON at Ormaston, Tas, 1877. Their children were Martha Amelia, Elizabeth, Alice, Eliza, Albert, Florence, Harold.

Susan m Christopher INGAMELLS, Launceston, Tas, 1872.

William m Martha JAGO, Deloraine, Tas, 1880.

Susanah m John JAGO, Deloraine, Tas, 1878.

Robert m Amelia Hannah SHERIDAN, Railton, Tas, 1884. Their children Albert Robert, Pearl May, Ruby Mary, Hazel F., Gladys Irene. Looking for their descendants.

Robert's twin brother Thomas m Mary Ann BROWN at Railton, 1889. Did they have more children than Edward Dryden?

Any information to Mrs Vicki Vernon, 44 Richardson Cres, Burnie, 7320.

1. ILES;GIFFORD

Would welcome info about Isaac ILES;ISLES (c1805-1896), his wife Eliza (nee GIFFORD d1902) and their descendants. Isaac and Eliza farmed at Brandy Bottom near Jerusalem (now Colebrook) from 1836. Children were Harold, Thomas Henry m Catherine ELLIOTT 1859, William m Emma ELLIOTT 1865, Isaac (1839-1856), John m Isabel ELLIOTT 1869, Mary Ann m William YOUNG 1869, George (1846-1938) m Mary HOWLETT, David (b1850) m Louisa BARNES 1875, James (b1852) m Rosehannah BROWN 1886.

2. MOORE;MARTIN;GILLIGAN;WARD;LEARY;

Seeking info re Richard MOORE and his descendants, b 1849 possibly Hobart. Was gardener and dairyman in Providence Valley (Newdegate St area North/West Hobart), then butcher at Sandy Bay. He m Lucy HAMBLYN 1869 at Hobart. Five children; Lucy Anna m Walter GILLIGAN, Richard John m Ethel GREEN, Charles Phillip m Maud MARTIN, Bertha m Albert WARD, Esther m Arthur LEARY. Died 1897 Melbourne, buried Cornelian Bay, Hobart.

Alan Ludeke, 157 Binney St East, Euros, Vic. 3666.

HISCOCK;HISCOX

I have a photo taken by Crawford Studios, 66 Murray St, Hobart. This photo of six people, could be 3 children, parents and an elderly grandfather. Written on the back is "John Albert Hiscock, March 21 1925, Edith 6 years 10 months, Newton 5 years, Gertrude 3 years 10 months." I am seeking information, and will happily search Hiscock's for those interested.

David J. Hiscock, "Beams", 57 The Street, Old Basingstoke, Hants. RG24 0BX.

1. EVANS

Powell d1921, m Mary STOKES 1892, Launceston. Last known address Hobart. Known children Hinie m Ida DENNISON, Neural and Molly. Any info please.

2. BLINDELL

Thomas W'm d1905, m Emma OLIVER 1862, Hobart. Emma d1906, Hobart. Children Joseph, Marian, Caleb, Robert. Thomas an ex policeman and Watchhouse keeper. Any info on Thomas and Marian greatly appreciated.

Mrs D. Blindell, 5/1 Moris Ave, Devonport, 7310.

BYE

Alma, parents Henry & Elizabeth Mackrow. Parents were born in Norfolk, Elizabeth at Tottington, not sure about Henry. They were working at a property "Westwood" near Carrick in 1869 and at that time did not have any other children. Not sure when Alma was born but would be c1859. Would very much like to contact any descendants.

Lynne Tocher, 11 Coranto St, Abbotsford, NSW. 2046.

ADLEM

Samuel arr 1845 and Shirley Harriet arr 1844. Any information at all on either. They married at St Georges Hobart 20 Oct. 1846.

Contact D. Collins PO Box 667 Burnie Tas 7320

THOMPSON

William Reid, b1836, Wingates, County of Wicklow, Ireland. Arr Tas c1846, then Vic c1851. M at Ballarat 1861 to Mary Laura REEVES, b1842, West Bromwich, Eng. Arr Tas c1856. Mary's parents' names William S. and Mary REEVES nee KEBBY. Any information please.

Mr N. Thompson, 40 Dashwood Rd, Beaumont, 5066, S.A.

MOORE

James, b1837 Eng, m Catherine Torley 1858, Westbury, Tas. Died 1898 Launceston. Children: Martha 1859, (m DAWSON), Henrietta (Gertrude) 1861, Anne b1864, Walter James b1865, John Joseph b1867, Kate b1869, Rachel b1871, Robert b1873, Sarah b1875, Phoebe b1877, Thomas b1880, Clara b1884.

Mr Peter Moore, 12 Elliott Pl, Baulkham Hills, NSW, 2153.

KEARNEY

Patrick, arr 1832 on "Katherine Forbes Stewart" as a convict. Marr 1846 Sarah MASON. Children: Margaret 1847, Francis 1849, Sarah Ann 1851, Mary 1852, James Patrick 1854, Eleanor 1856, twins Thomas & Charlotte 1858, Adelaide Gertrude 1860, Agnes 1862, twins John Charles & Emily Jane 1864. All born Campbell Town. Contact sought with any descendants. NZ family details held for Margaret's descendants.

Mrs Sue Wilson, 27 Tutaneikai St, Paraparaumu, N.Z.

POLLEY

I am seeking info on my g. uncle George Arthur POLLEY who moved to Tas soon after WWI. George was born in Newry, Ireland, 1876. He served as an officer in the Merchant Marines before the war, and as a naval officer during WWI. My g'father had no further contact with him after 1918. I believe George was still alive in May 1949, as the obituary of one of his brothers listed him as surviving. I have collected a great deal on George's parents, grandparents and siblings, and would be pleased to share this with any relatives.

Linda L. Reid, 32 Annealey Ave, Toronto, Ontario, Canada. M4G, 2T7.

TATTERSALL

Known issue of John and Sarah (WATERS), John, Maria, James, Sarah, Mary Ann, William and Richard. According to 1842 and 1848 census returns, there were another 2 girls and one boy born between 1837 and 1842, probably in Bothwell area. Does anyone have any spare Tattersalls please, as I can't find them?

Mrs L. Carpenter, 6 Wentworth St, South Hobart, 7004.

WILSON

Sister to Margaret BELL (nee WILSON), b Lancashire, married brother and wife had a Cascade Brewery connection. No issue. One died on board ship on way back from England.

Mrs Rosemary Hayes, PO Box 6, Rosanna, Vic. 3084.

BUTLER

Alexander Bishop, b Chelt., Gloucestershire, Eng., m Charlotte Selina MORTIMER. Her brother Henry already in Tas. Alex arr approx 1840. Their profession gunsmiths. Anybody researching BUTLER, MORTIMER, BLANCH please contact me.

J. Kelly, 3 Irene Court, Cheltenham, Vic.3192.

MORGAN

Henry, my g-g-g'father, b c1837 Tas, to Mary (KELLY) and Thomas MORGAN. Henry m Mary WALSH 1857 in Victoria. On Marriage Cert, Henry's age is 20 and religion C of E. He was arrested for the murder of a young woman and consequently hanged about 1883 at Ararat Gaol. There is a story (local) about his involvement in a similar case in Tas. This is only hearsay, however. I am keen to know of any connections or info re MORGANS in Tas.

Marie L. Ewing, "Tangmere", Hexham Rd, Mortlake, Vic. 3272.

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Book Reviews

Rodger, N.A.M.: **NAVAL RECORDS FOR GENEALOGISTS**: Public Record Office Handbooks No. 22, London, H.M.Stationery Office, 1988, card cover, monotone, 150mm X 230mm format, 220 pages, about \$A26.00.

This book begins by acknowledging that the naval documents in the Public Record Office are invaluable to those tracing ancestors who served in the Royal Navy, but that the way the documents are arranged presents difficulties.

This guide, first available from the PRO and now revised and updated, begins with a description of the ranks and ratings from the 17th to the 20th centuries. Its explanation of how ranks and titles have changed over the years is very clear. The explanatory text is supported by a number of helpful tables.

The book also sets up a classification of naval records which simplifies a baffling variety of terms, and explains how records of individuals may be found from the Musters and Pay Books kept by ships.

The first 66 pages, although mainly designed to guide those searching for named officers or ratings, give an interesting insight to the social history of the Navy.

The three appendixes (pages 67-200) give a detailed guide for finding particular records by classifications, record numbers and series. They are in

effect an index to the whole collection in the PRO and to related collections in other places. The index is excellent.

The third appendix relates to the naval reserves and auxiliary forces.

If this Public Record Office Handbook No 22 is any guide, the other twenty-one should be well worth looking at.

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Schaffer, Irene and McKay, Heather: **PROFILES OF NORFOLK ISLANDERS TO VAN DIEMEN'S LAND: H.M.S. PORPOISE, 1807-8, Volume 2 Part 1, Hobart, 1988, published by the authors, 104 pages, soft cover, A4 typescript. Price \$18.00**

Because the Porpoise carried five times the number of passengers carried by the Lady Nelson, dealt with in Volume 1 of this series, the authors have decided to produce Volume 2 in two parts. Even so, they have had to charge more for each part than they charged for Volume 1.

The authors' reason for choosing the people to include in Part 1 is simple. They are the settlers shown on the first page of the embarkation list. Part 2, which is well under way, will deal with passengers shown on pages 2 and 3. Both parts will be similar in length.

The book begins with a brief account of the Norfolk Island settlers, and of H.M.S. Porpoise herself. But quite properly, as with Volume 1, most of it deals with the history of the passengers from Norfolk Island and their children, and the relevant births, deaths and marriages after the families arrived in Van Diemen's Land. As before, the work is carefully done, the information is clearly set out, and full references are given.

Hugh Campbell

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SEARCH, SEARCH AND SEARCH AGAIN

by Irene Schaffer

Most of us have searched in vain for a Birth, Death or Marriage - or just anything at all about one of our ancestors, until we felt like giving up the whole idea of ever completing our family history. Well, my advice is not to lose hope.

Many times I have given up one line of search and gone on to something else, and out of the blue, when I wasn't even looking for it, has come a clue to what I had previously been looking for. Sometimes it happens because you look in a record just on the off chance. I feel the following lucky search is worth recording.

As you know, the various Convict Records cover Conduct, Description, Re-sentences, etc, and many "miscellaneous" items are listed in the ADI's Guide to the Public Records of Tasmania - Convict Department. Stumped one day, I had the luck to consult CON 78/1-3, ALPHABETICAL CONDUCT REGISTERS OF CONVICTS LIVING IN NORTHERN TASMANIA c1822-c1844.

Information on these two microfilms deals mainly with small offences and much of it is shown on the convict's conduct record in the usual way. But I found an extra bonus of information about two groups who were no longer convicts when they were sentenced. One group were originally transported as convicts and later arrived in VDL as free settlers from Norfolk Island. Others had come to VDL as prisoners as early as 1804 on the Calcutta. These people, though free by 1822, were still regarded as ex-convicts if they were brought before the magistrate, even though, in some cases, they had held free status for forty years. Consequently, these conduct registers referring to free men recorded again their number, name, ship (to the Colony and to VDL), nature of offences and sentences.

I found a couple of dozen names of people whose whole record was revived when they were charged with trivial (?) offences like exposing the person, being drunk, conducting a cart not bearing the owner's name, disobeying a constable's orders, possessing property knowing it to be stolen, riding a cart without reins, etc.

Interesting records like these will continue to turn up. We must keep searching, and always be on the lookout, not only for our own family names, but for interesting sidelights of life in early Tasmania.

I didn't find what I was looking for; indeed I almost forgot what it was. But I did find how hard it was for some people, once having been convicts, to shake off their convict past.

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