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President's Message

from
John Grunnel

If this report had a subtitle, then, at this time of year, I think "The Family" would be most apt. The family - the base upon which all society is built. The pride and joy of nearly all people at some time in their lives. A group like no other for the sharing of love and warmth and at this time of year, that special "family" without which there would not be a Christmas.

And, of course, where would all the genealogists be without the family? At Christmas, when family life becomes the centre of activities, what better time is there to reflect on how our own families reach back through the years with many Christmases and what better time to appreciate how worthwhile is all the research.

If it were possible, I would dearly love to wish all our forebears a very merry Christmas, and thank them for the part they have played in our personal histories.

I have always thought of our Society as being a "family" to a certain extent. A family of people who share a common interest in a friendly, cooperative manner. It does indicate that people of diverse backgrounds and natures, religions and nationalities, can work together in perfect harmony if the desire is there.

This harmony is never more apparent than now, as it is being displayed in preparations for the 1991 Congress. The response from branches and individuals has been most heartening, and whilst the task is still a huge one, without the total support now being received, it would be an impossible one. To all the "family", my grateful thanks.

The Grunnel family wish each and every one of you all the joy that Christmas can bring and the very best of fortune for the coming year.

MEMBERS' INTERESTS ON COMPUTER
by Allen Wilson, Registrar.

1. Introduction

Members will be aware that, for a number of years, it has been one duty of the Registrar to maintain an index-card file of members' interests; i.e. a list of family names that are of interest to the various members of the Society.

In recent times, with the rapid increase in membership and the fact that some members were listing 30 or 40 names each, the task became too much for one person to do manually, so the Executive agreed that the lists should be kept on a computer database and printed lists distributed to branches for their use.

The first part of the listing has now been entered on to computer disks, with about 3,000 names, and the lists should be available in branches by the time you read this.

2. Format of the listing

The listing will be distributed in three parts as follows:-

(i) Members' Interests: This list, sorted in alphabetical order of family name, is the first place of access for members wishing to find others with the same interests. The list shows family name, up to two given names, the locality and the period when the person lived in that area, all followed by the membership number of the person submitting the entry.

(ii) List of Members: The list of members is sorted in numerical order for convenience in locating the name and address of the member whose number has been chosen from the Members' Interests list.

(iii) Abbreviations: Chapman County Codes have been adopted, with some minor additions, for abbreviations of place names in the list of Members' Interests. When Colin Chapman was in Hobart in 1988, his blessing was sought to use his codes and he willingly gave it.

The list is presented in alphabetical order of abbreviation as is a similar list in the Genealogical Directory.

3. Up dating

The aim is to update the lists at half yearly intervals. The update will take two forms.

(i) sheets of new entries will be prepared for the Membership list and the Members' Interests list, and these will be sent to each branch for inclusion with existing lists.

(ii) the new information will be added to the master lists held on computer disks so that, at any time, a person who wishes to have a

complete, sorted list will be able to purchase a copy.

4. Intentions for the Future

The present intention of the Executive is for members to be given the opportunity to submit lists of family names of interest when joining the Society or when renewing subscriptions. Those names will then be included in the half-yearly update of the lists.

Names already held on index cards in Hobart Branch Library will be examined to determine if they should also be included in the computer databases.

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CEMETERY

Mrs S. Hogan has kindly submitted this transcription from the little cemetery at Roaring Beach. They are mostly members of her mother's family and Mrs Hogan's mother recently had a cairn with memorial plates erected there.

Phyllis Jane Stacey, b 17 Oct 1888, d 30 Apr 1891: Walter Robert Stacey, b 20 Sept 1887, d 18 Feb 1948: Henrietta Stacey, d 24 Aug 1907: Robert James Stacey, b 28 Oct 1856, d 31 Dec 1937: Evelyn Stacey, b 12 Mar 1900, d 8 Jly 1971: Emily Jean Stacey, b 24 Aug 1907, d 6 Feb 1910: Stanley Stacey, b 1 Jly 1904, d 1 Apr 1984: Arthur James Stacey, 18 Sep 1896, d 15 Dec 1959: Phyllis Jessie Waddington, b 27 Dec 1920, d 2 Oct 1985: Sydney Stacey, b 27 May 1898, d 12 Dec 1940.

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OUR HERITAGE IN HISTORY



6th Australasian Congress For Genealogy and Heraldry
Launceston, Tasmania. May 9-12, 1991.

CONGRESS NEWS

IMPORTANT - Owing to circumstances beyond our control, the Society's box number has been changed. It is now PO Box 60, Prospect, 7250.

The first newsletter has now been sent out Australia-wide and to some overseas countries, and the response so far suggests that the Congress will be extremely well attended. We have had enough replies from intending speakers to draw up our first programme draft and we hope to confirm it shortly. The main venue for the Congress, the Albert Hall in Launceston, celebrates its Centenary in 1991, so making it a most significant year in which to hold the event in this city.

We have had such a positive response from State and Local Government sources that any Congress delegate wishing to research in Tasmanian records will be generously catered for.

The bookings, registration and all touring arrangements will be handled on behalf of the Society by Dine and Associates of Hobart; and this will be made clear when the actual registration forms are sent out. Members are reminded to return their completed vouchers as soon as possible to the Congress Convenor in order that a Registration list may be drawn up.

Arrangements are under way regarding booth and display facilities and preliminary information and approximate costs can be supplied on request.

UK contact person for the Congress and the holder of interest forms is:-


Mr Colin Chapman, The New Drovers, Holywell Rd, Dursley,
Gloucestershire, GL 11 5RS, England.

It is hoped that those travelling from the UK can get together and arrange a block booking and fare discount with British Airways or Qantas.

HOME HOSTING

We are still in need of offers to Home Host a visiting speaker. Let us show our visitors some real Tasmanian hospitality and friendship. If you live in the Launceston area and can help, please contact The Congress Convenor, PO Box 60, Prospect, 7250.

The success of this Congress depends on YOU!!!



CONGRESS RAFFLE

The Congress Committee will be conducting a raffle from March next year. Hobart Branch has agreed to take control of the issuing of the tickets.

There will be a main prize of \$500 and five prizes of \$100 - one for each Branch area. Prizes will take the form of a voucher on any business of the winner's choice. The raffle will be drawn at the AGM in Launceston in June 1990. Cost of the tickets will be \$1.

It would be appreciated if members who do not attend monthly meetings would write to Hobart Branch to get raffle books sent to them. The Congress Committee requests support from all members.

SHADRACK PURTON c1795-1871

by Barbara J. Bolt

My father, Frederick William Purton, was born in Devonport, Tasmania; my sister and I in Devonport, New Zealand. My father's ancestor had the unusual name of Shadrack or Shadrach (nobody was quite sure how it should be spelt). He had been a soldier and a convict overseer, a despised occupation. He had a large family of sons, one of whom, my great-grandfather, William Purton, married twice and had more than twenty children.

I wonder how many people begin their family history research with a summary like that. In 1975, my niece and her husband were living in my father's birthplace and I was going to see them and their new baby. My father's younger brother had visited relatives in Tasmania - "Cousin Al has the family tree" I was told, "what a shame he died last year - if I could only remember what his wife's name was!". Fourteen years later, I know a great deal more about great-great-grandfather Shadrack Purton, I have proved "the family tree" to be for someone else's family not ours, and I have links with many more "cousins" in Tasmania and Victoria.

Shadrack's official story must begin with his enlistment in the 52nd regiment "at Windsor in the County of Middlesex on the 6th Day of April 1814 at the age of 18 years, 204 days, for unlimited service". The service proved to be a little more than twelve years. His discharge issued at Halifax Nova Scotia is dated 19th day of September 1826, duly confirmed at Horse Guards 12th December 1826. During his time in the army, Shadrack had seen service in Belgium (including Waterloo), France, Ireland and New Brunswick, Canada. Shadrack may have married in New Brunswick, for his eldest son gives "St John" as his birthplace. George Smith Purton carried his mother's name - Sarah (SMITH).

Shadrack's discharge certificate states that he was born "Great Peckham, near Maidstone, Kent". No record of his birth, or of anyone named Purton, appears in the register of the parish church, and there are few Purton entries earlier than the 1820s in any of the surrounding parishes. Shadrack certainly returned to work in that county, and the baptism of his third son, also Shadrack, is recorded in the parish of East Farleigh nearby. The discharge certificate describes the veteran - "about 31 years of age, 5 feet 10 inches in height, light brown hair, grey eyes, fair complexion, occupation labourer", discharge "in consequence of hernia occasioned by jumping over a ditch when on duty in Ireland in 1823". Shadrack made his mark, being unable to write.

How an ex-private came to emigrate to Van Diemen's Land is still a mystery. In the 1820s land was being granted to ex-officers, but they were expected to have capital to contribute to the development of the penal colony. Shadrack, Sarah, and the three young boys, George, James and Shadrack jnr, travelled on the PERSIAN leaving London 26 December 1831, arriving Hobart not quite five months later after a brief stay at Port Jackson. Among the cabin passengers were the newly appointed Superintendent of Roads, Felix Wakefield, with his new French wife and young baby. Sarah's fourth son, John, would be born a few months after their arrival in Van Diemen's Land. It is not too fanciful to believe that Shadrack's post, "Overseer of the working party at Ross Bridge" was obtained by the good offices of Felix Wakefield. In spite of the class barriers between "cabin" and "steerage", small children and pregnant wives must have shared more than the discomfort of the cramped ship.

Life at Ross would not be too unlike life in any garrison town, but with a rise in status for the humble private now "in charge", if only of a work gang. Soon Shadrack would be promoted to supervise "convicts assigned to public works" and oversee the final stages of the construction of the stone bridge being erected across the Macquarie River, a lasting memorial to all who built it. Two more sons would be born at Ross, Robert and William. It was probably at Ross that the three eldest sons attended school. They would be able to sign their marriage certificates, the younger brothers did not.

Shadrack moved on to private employment - he was "overseer" on the estate of Thomas Archer when son William was christened by the Rev William Simpson of the Launceston Wesleyan Church. Baptised at the same ceremony was his baby sister, Shadrack and Sarah's first daughter, Amy. On the basis of his army service, Shadrack applied in 1838 for a land grant, but successive directories and electoral rolls show him as "leaseholder". By the 1848 census the family was complete with three more children, Maria, born 1841, Edward, 1842, and Mary born 1844. The schedule shows a large

household living at Westbury - 14 persons, two "bond service". One (presumably Shadrack) is a farmer, the other adults "gardeners, stockmen, farm servants."

There was a flurry of family marriages in the 1850s. George married Ellen Hay in 1850, James married Elizabeth Hay in 1851, and Shadrack married a third Hay sister, Marion, in 1854. John's wedding in October 1856 to Mary Thompson Anderson, was no doubt shadowed by the death of his youngest sister, Mary, a few months before. William married the daughter of near neighbours, Elizabeth Elmer, in 1857. Marriages in the 60s were Maria's in 1862 to Joseph Bell Simpson and Edward to Sophie Wells in 1866. Robert died unmarried in 1868, three years before the "veteran of Waterloo" died at Westbury 1871. Amy was the last to marry, in 1872. She married a widower, George Best. Sarah lived on to 1886. No doubt Shadrack and Sarah lie in the old cemetery at Westbury, which I visited exactly a century later, but I could not locate their grave.

The gold discoveries of the 1850s took the three eldest brothers, with Hay in-laws, across to Victoria. George's wife, Ellen, died in 1855. Three years later he remarried. His second wife, Naomi Flora Rose, had been born in Tasmania. There are many descendants of the three brothers living in Victoria.

Purton is still a common name. Most of the Purtons in New Zealand trace their descent from the two sons of William, Charles and Albert, who crossed to the South Island at the beginning of the twentieth century. Even in Tasmania and Victoria most can acknowledge descent from the "veteran of Waterloo". A precious possession of Roy Purton of Kyneton is a portrait of Shadrack surrounded by photographs of his Australian great-grandsons who enlisted in World War I. A photograph of Kiwi "Fred Purton", a private in 1917, a captain in 1942, will join them.

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GEELONG FAMILY HISTORY RESEARCH

- Geelong and District Records Searched
- Photographs of Headstones, Buildings
or Sites on Request

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Please send SAE for details

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News from Branches

HUON

Members of our Branch have been very busy for the last few months, raising money to buy a photocopy machine for our library. Functions held were a Progressive Dinner in July and in August, in conjunction with the Huon Council, some of our members dressed as convicts and were let loose on the public and cooked a BBQ lunch provided free of charge by the council. Other members manned a cake and produce stall. This was to help Huonville Celebrate its 150th birthday.

On December 16, there will be a Christmas Parade through the streets of Huonville to celebrate the 150th Christmas in the Huon. Our branch members are preparing a float.

Guests at some of our meetings have been: in June, Phyll Norton from the Channel and Historical Museum; and in July, Chris Martin, teacher from Huonville High School, who is researching "Settlement of the Huon". Our December meeting and break up party will be held at Channel Museum.

Huon library will be closed from 16 December until 3 February 1990. An alphabetical index of marriages at St Mary's Catholic Church, Franklin, has been prepared for publication in Tasmanian Ancestry. Carol Roberts, Publicity Officer.

DEVONPORT

There was a change of venue for the October meeting when a large number of members gathered in the newly established Family History Library at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. The Librarian addressed the meeting and members watched an interesting video which explained access to, and the use of, the various records held in the Library.

Donations from members have enabled the purchase of the complete NSW Probate microfiche. Another greatly appreciated donation came from the Examiner - 23 volumes of the newspaper, mostly from the fifties and sixties.

In September, members were involved in a fund raising activity - a Pie and Lamington Drive - which swelled our coffers by about \$150. The November meeting will take the form of a Christmas party, marking the end of an active and varied year for the Branch. We would like to wish all members a happy and peaceful Christmas. -- Dorothy Medwin

LAUNCESTON

Meeting calendar:

- Dec 5: Miss J. Hollingsworth and Mrs S. Walden, Northern Regional Lib.
Jan 1990: No Meeting
Feb 6: Show and Tell, Open Discussion. Bring along anything of interest or any queries you have.
Mar 6: Mr Trevor Yaxley, Tasmania Bank.
Apr 3: Family Charts. Explanation of how to use the various Group Sheets, Pedigree Charts etc that are used by family historians. A display of charts done by members.
Apr 24: Annual General Meeting
May: No meeting.

The Launceston Branch Library has been moved into new rooms again. We are still at 72 Elizabeth St, but we are on the other side of the hallway. We now have a larger room for the microfilm and fiche readers, and we have a separate room for the card index files and the books. A reading table in the second room means that there is no longer a dispute between the book and card users and the film and fiche users about the amount of light needed. An Open Day was held in the new rooms on Saturday November 21. This was a very successful day with nearly fifty people coming in and several new members joining. The opening hours for the Library are Tuesday 10am-3pm, Wednesday 7-9pm and Saturday 2-4pm. The Library will be closing at 4pm Saturday 23 December for the Christmas break. Please ring John and Thelma Grunnell on 003-312145 or Anne Bartlett on 003-445258 to make arrangements.

The next index to be published by the Launceston Branch will be the Cornwall Chronicle 1835-1850. This will be an index of births, deaths and marriages, including details shown in the newspaper, (e.g. where available the location of a wedding breakfast after the marriage). It is hoped to have this book published early next year.

A preliminary notice now for the State Annual General Meeting to be held in Launceston 23 & 24 June 1990. The meeting and lectures will be held at the Kings Meadows High School and the Dinner is at the Tamar Valley Room at the Albert Hall which is the location for the 1991 Congress. The Albert Hall will be celebrating its centenary in 1991. The speakers we are organising for the Annual General Meeting are quite varied and will be presenting some very interesting topics.

We are planning more cemetery transcriptions over the next few months. Announcements of dates and locations will be made at the meetings. Although nearly all the cemeteries in our area have been done, it is now

time to go back over them, add new names and check the old transcriptions for accuracy. It is hoped all can help at some time. If you haven't been on a Transcription Day before, please come along as it is a very enjoyable day and a good opportunity for all to help our Society.

Karlens Nagle

HOBART

Topics for the first 3 meetings in 1990 are:-

20 Feb - What Beginners Want to Know - The fundamentals

20 Mar - Convict Ancestors - Bring your list of the condemned to see who can muster the most convicts in their clan.

17 Apr - AGM - Program by A. Wilson, Chairman.

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BRANCH ADDRESSES, LIBRARY TIMES & MEETING DETAILS

Burnie

1st Floor, 62 Bass Hwy, Cooee (above Bass Bakery)

Tues, Thurs, Sat, 1-4pm

Meeting: 3rd Tues, 8pm, St George's Hall

Devonport

3rd Floor, Day's Bdg, cnr Best & Rooke Sts.

Wed, Fri, 1-4pm

Meeting: Last Thurs in staff room at E.Devonport Primary Sch, 7.30pm

Hobart

19 Cambridge Rd, Belerive (Old PO)

Wed 9.30-12.30pm, 7-9pm, Sat 1.30-4.30pm

3rd Tues monthly (before meeting) 6.30-7.45pm

Meeting: Tasman Regional Library, Bligh St, Warrane, 8pm

Huon

Ranelagh Hall

Sat 2-4pm, 1st Wed 10-12am, 7-9pm

Meeting: 2nd Mon 7.30pm

Launceston

72 Elizabeth St

Tues 10-2pm, Wed 7-9pm, Sat 2-4pm

Meeting: 1st Tues 7.30pm, Kings Meadows High School.

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MARRIAGE INDEX - ST MARYS CATHOLIC CHURCH, FRANKLIN

Part 1

Further information may be obtained by writing to the Catholic Church Presbytery, Main Road, Franklin, Tas., 7113. Huon Branch, who sent in this list, suggest a small donation (and presumably a s.a.e.)

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TASMANIAN EDUCATIONISTS WILLIAM & MARY JOHNSTON

By Keith Johnston

William Johnston was born in Scotland (it is believed at Dumfries) in 1821. He was trained for teaching at a college in Glasgow after having come through the National Schools system. He later taught at various schools, at first in Scotland and later in England.

It was whilst teaching at Micklehead Green in England, that he met his future wife, Mary Anders, also a teacher. Mary was born in 1833 at Winnock in Lancashire, the daughter of a game warden. The couple were married at Heptonstall, Yorkshire in 1848.

The Johnstons were both teaching at Madeley, Shropshire, when their first two children were born: a daughter Mary Margaret, and a son William. It was also while there that William and Mary were selected by the Home and Colonial Church and School Society to establish a seminary on the Swan River at what is now Perth, Western Australia.

Passage was arranged on a convict transport destined for Perth and William was appointed as its Religious Instructor, reflecting his deep religious convictions as a former Elder of the Presbyterian Church at Paisley in Scotland. The convict transport, "Dudbrook", a barque of 601 tons, sailed from Plymouth in 1852 carrying 229 convicts as well as a complement of passengers. After a rapid passage of 76 days, the "Dudbrook" arrived off Fremantle and disembarked her passengers and convicts.

Almost immediately William was appointed schoolmaster at Guildford, 14 miles from Perth. There was no proper school building and school was conducted in the little St Matthews Church. The seminary did not eventuate, apparently due to the rapidly increasing convict and criminal population.

Whilst at Guildford, the school was visited by the Archdeacon of Western

Australia, the Rev. John Wollaston, whose well known journals have survived. The Archdeacon, being impressed with the Johnstons, arranged with the Governor for the exchange of William with the Rev. Dacre Williams, who was then the first headmaster of the Perth Boys School. William was also appointed as a catechist at St George's Church in Perth. As from the following year, Mary was appointed as Assistant Teacher at the Perth Boy's School.

As a result of disagreements with the local Board of Education as to various educational policies as well as the general working conditions, William resigned from his post to accept an appointment to Van Diemen's Land.

The couple, with their children, arrived in Hobart in 1855 aboard the "Don Pedro".

Appointed as Master and Mistress of the Government School at Campbell Town, they arrived there on 12 March 1855. From this time William kept a diary which has survived and was referred to in the March 1988 issue of Tasmanian Ancestry by the Historical Records Search Field Officer, Dianne Snowden. This diary is some 600 pages long and contains many personal, religious, political and educational comments on Tasmania and Campbell Town during the years from 1855-57.

Many personalities are referred to as well as events including the planning and constructions of St Andrew's Church with which William became personally involved as a member of the relevant committee.

During the time they were at Campbell Town, two more sons were born: Alfred Wallace and Charles Chalmers. However, they lost Lucy Helen who died in 1855 aged 17 months.

The conduct of the school at Campbell Town became renowned as is evidenced in the Board of Education reports for those years, so it was not surprising that when the Headmastership of the Trinity Hill School in Hobart became vacant, William was appointed to it. The family moved to Hobart in 1859.

Again, Mary was appointed as assistant teacher and the couple became well known for their teaching methods. William was highly regarded in the field of teacher training which earned him recognition in Government reports at the time. He also continued lecturing at various places adjacent to Hobart.

In February 1869, Mary Margaret married John Neilson, a squatter of

Queensland, and it is believed they went there to live. In June of the same year, William and Mary's last child, Albert Lee, was born.

Late in 1872, William's health began to decline and, after retirement, he died from a heart condition in 1873. Not only Trinity Hill School, but other schools in Hobart were closed to enable his fellow teachers and friends to attend his funeral at Cornelian Bay Cemetery.

Mary remained on at Trinity Hill School as a teacher until late 1877, and after a long illness, died the following year. She was buried with William at Cornelian Bay.

The following is quoted from the "Cyclopaedia of Tasmania 1931", with reference to Trinity Hill School:-

"Mr William Johnston, an eminent educationalist in his time and whose descendants are fairly numerous in Hobart, was appointed headmaster, his wife being his chief assistant. Mr Johnston remained in charge until his death in 1873 and there are still living in Hobart many old pupils who revere his name."

No record has been discovered as to the ultimate fates of Mary Margaret, William Jnr, and Albert Lee, although family tradition claims that one son went to China as a missionary.

The other two sons, Alfred and Charles, who later became drapers in Hobart, married two sisters, Matilda and Helen Holroyd, and in turn raised families in Hobart. Alfred and Matilda had four sons. The eldest (Alfred Walter) became Deputy Town Clerk of Hobart, Leigh and Vivian served with distinction at Gallipoli and in France in the First World War, and Rupert became a prominent Auctioneer and Real Estate Agent in Hobart. The four sons were also foundation members of the Derwent Sailing Squadron.

Charles' and Helen's family comprised five children, three daughters and two sons. One son, Percy, emigrated to San Francisco early in the century; the other, Charles, having joined the New Zealand Army whilst in that country at the outbreak of war, served at Gallipoli and France; and two daughters (Gwendoline and Vera) ran "Westella" in Hobart as a boarding house between 1934-42.

Descendants of both families still live in Hobart today although others are in Queensland, NSW, Victoria, ACT and USA.

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Members' Queries

Queries are free to GST members, and \$3 per query to non-members. Each query should be limited to 60 words and sent to PO Box 60, Prospect, Tas., 7250.

YOUNG;MARTIN;OVERELL:

Request any info re Sarah YOUNG and her descendants. She m John MARTIN licensed victualler at St Davids, 1841. Issue: 6 sons, 4 survived infancy: John 1842;, Robert James 1845, m Louisa OVERELL 1867, (issue Henry, Annie, Emily, Percy, Walter, Laura); William Alexander 1847-1934 m Eliza ILES 1873, (issue Albert, Ernie, William Alexander, Lilly, Maud, Cecil, Violet, Percy, Leslie, Douglas); Joseph Henry 1852. John and Sarah had several hotels including the Cornish Mount, Hobart. Sarah d 1853. Alan Ludeke, 157 Binney St, East Euroa, Vic. 3666

REEVES:

John, bap 1786 Thornbury, Gloucestershire, Eng, sentenced to Life at Gloucestershire Assizes, transported to NSW per "Sir William Bensley" arr marr 1817, Ticket of Leave 1818, Free Cert 1821. Lived in Hobart Town. Does he have any descendants in Australia? Mr S.W. Reeves, 11 Crifty Croft Lane, Churchdown, Gloucester, GL3 2SL, England.

TWIST STREET HOSPITAL. REGAN:

I am seeking the location of the hospital, possibly in Eng. and used as a Military Hospital 1914-18 War. Also any info on James Robert REGAN who d there aged 29 from wounds received in France. James left a wife and small child. My ref is an article in a Sydney newspaper by "Tom on Active Service". One corner of the article has "No C779" which may indicate the newspaper. Mrs Mary Newman, 392 Brooker Ave, Moonah, Tas. 7009

1. BUTLER:

Charles Henry, b to James Butler and Eliza HORNIDGE, 1858, Hobart. His was the only birth found, and there is no marriage for James and Eliza. Charles Henry m Anna HILL and again there was no marriage. Their son Arthur John was b 1893, and m Ruby ROACH.

2. WEBSTER:

Charles m Alice JONES, date unknown. Daughter Alice May b Zeehan 1890, and m George Oswald Vaughan 1910, Waratah, NSW. Information please to Irene Schaffer, 23A Montagu St, New Town, Tas. 7008

1. HUDSON:

Thomas m Mary Ann (WHELAN?). Only known issue Thomas b 1857-9 Hobart or New Norfolk m Mary Jane REILLY-RILEY Hobart 1883.

2. REILLY;RILEY:

Matthew b c1830-6 Cork, Ire, arr Hobart 1853, m Eliza Jane MURPHY, Hobart 1857. Known issue Mary Jane, Sarah Ann, William James, John. Any information greatly appreciated. Mrs Aileen Clarke, 8 Simon Crt, Rosanna, Vic. 3084.

WILKINS:

Amos m Ellen Elizabeth PATTEN, Hobart, 1868. Also interested in PARKES and BEAM. Thora Kenna, 603/3 Florence Ave., Eastlakes, NSW. 2018

BLUETT:

Of Holcombe Rogus, Devon and Little Colan, Cornwall. I have much information on this family over several generations and I believe there are descendants in Australia and New Zealand. Charles W.C. Bluett was living in Rockhampton c1910, an uncle Frank or Francis, son of Rev F.R.P.C. Bluett, moved to NZ from Wellington, NSW, in 1901. I would like to hear from descendants. Postage refunded. John A.M. Overholt, 17 Thetford Rd, New Malden, Surrey, UK. KT3 5DN

1. BARKER;WOOKEY:

Information required to help trace descendants of Richard BARKER of Hobart b c1870, m Susannah WOOKEY c1890. Only child known is Benjamin Walter Barker b 1890 in Hobart. Any info on this surname please.

2. SHAW;SPIERS;GREGSON:

Info required to help trace Joseph SHAW b c1800 (shipping not known), m Hannah SPIERS;SPIRES at St Matthews, New Norfolk by banns 1831. Issue: John 1829; Mary 1832 (may be others). Joseph died 1840 at New Norfolk aged 40. Hannah remarried to a Charles GREGSON per ticket of leave ship Southworth in 1842. John m Elizabeth ROBINSON in 1852 at N.N. and Mary m a William BELLINGER. Any info on these surnames or any descendants please. Mrs Kerry Hehir, 28 Holland St, Shepparton, Vic. 3630.

1. CLIFFORD;LOCH:

Seeking info on John CLIFFORD b Eng 1819, d St Helens 1919. Married Mary Ann LOCH b 1824, d St Helens 1894. They were said to have married 1849 and had 3 sons and 6 daughters. Eliza b 1861 was my great grandmother. Any help would be greatly accepted.

2. WHITTAKER;DRAPER:

David Whittaker b Eng 1825 and Mary Draper b 1823, arr Tas on "Trade Wind" in 1858. They m in Hobart 1858 and believed to have had at least 5 children. Eunice b 1858 was my great grandmother. Any info would help and be gratefully accepted.

3. JOHNSTON;TALFORD:

Desperate for info on James Johnston b 1820-30 and Louisa Talford same. They lived in Launceston Nth where he was a carpenter. One son James

William, b 1858 in Launceston. No more info. Would be grateful for any help.

4. FENTON:

Seeking any info on William Langdon Bennett FENTON believed to have been b Cornwall 1860. Married Eliza CLIFFORD in 1884, Georges River. They had 5 children. William d in Gladstone 1935. Any further info helpful. Mrs L. Desborough, 87 Cherylne Cres, Kilayth, Vic. 3137

1. WHITE:

Info sought concerning Kate White, whose son Thomas Norman was b 1907 at 72 Brisbane St., Hobart. Kate was shown at this address in the Electoral Roll of 1917. It is thought she may have gone interstate but nothing definite can be established. A Thomas Daniel WHITE of this address d 1909 and his wife Katherine d 1911 at the same address. Both are buried at Cornelian Bay.

2. HURD:

Descendants of William Hurd, who m Emma Sophia GUNYAN, in 1844 at St James Church, Jericho, are sought to see if there is any family relationship to John Hurd, shoemaker, who m Kezia SAWFORD and also lived in Oatlands in the 1850s. Please contact Mrs Frances Travers, 24 Mitcham Rd, Claremont, Ph: 49 3064.

MALLINSON:

Walter or Walton Mallinson, b c1861, Knutsford, Cheshire, son of Richard T and Frances Ann Mallinson, emigrated to Australia (date unknown). Possibly connected with hotels. Could anyone please help with information? Mrs Kathleen Stevenson, 29 Selwyn St, Triabunna, Tas. 7190.

ARMSTRONG:

George m Elizabeth ROBINSON, 1845, Hobart. Children: Henry, George, John, William, Charles, Elizabeth, Jane, Arthur. Charles Armstrong (m Mary KEATING Hobart 1882), my grandparents, and left Hobart about 1900 for Melbourne. I would like to make contact with descendants of the above.

WELLS;PERRY:

Richard WELLS m Agnes McKAY, their dtr Jane m Alfred Daniel PERRY. Harry Perry m Harriet FOSTER, their son Alfred Daniel. Edward BARRETT m Esther GARTH, their children Edward b1846 and Elinor Esther (?) b1848; Edward Albert m Sarah POULTNEY, their children Edward George b1876, Esther, Edith, Louise and William John b1882; William John m Beryl LENTON. LENTON, James Thomas m Amy GARD in 1894; James Lenton arr from Ireland?? with his mother Louisa and sisters Louisa, Maria and Sarah, believed to have moved to Sydney after James' death in 1901. Any information greatly appreciated. Maree Devine, GPO Box 1673 Hobart, 7001. Ph: 48 9223 (ah) and 34 9622 (bh).

WILLIAMS;WEARNE:

My grandfather, Vivian Herbert WILLIAMS was b at Branhholm, Ringarooma District, in 1884. Edward WILLIAMS, a farmer, was his father and Grace nee WEARNE his mother. He came over to New Zealand in 1911. Was he really the youngest of seventeen? Did he leave a wife behind? If anyone knows anything at all about this family could they please write to: Mrs Gail Burdon, 8 Watson Place, Blenheim, NZ.

JOHNSON;STAVELY:

Lewis, Isabella, Alfred, Florence, Hilda, Mildred, Leslie Herbert JOHNSON, Sherwood, district of Port Sorell c1872. Charles STAVELY m Elizabeth GIBBENS, Hobart, Tas. Dora Mary ARCHER b1870, Hobart. Joseph BROWNE m Emma TOOGOOD 1845, Hobart. Children: Elizabeth, William George b1 William George Browne m Harriett KING 1884. Children Ethel Maud Alice b1886, Alice b1887. Ann McCLOUD (convict) m Benjamin BRIGGS, Hobart, 1810. William and Alfred WELLS Evandale, Tas. 1850. Mrs L. M. Porter, 33 Coltain St, Vermont South, Melbourne.Vic. 3133

BALL:

Thomas arr VDL a convict from Lancashire, Eng, 1841. Received his pardon at Otlands (Tas) 1853. Married Mary CONDON 1851, a son Thomas BALL b1860. Occupation blacksmith. Had a dtr in Otlands 1882 by Maria BOND. Child name Louisa Jane. Query - did Thomas Ball marry? and where is he buried? Any info appreciated by Mrs Helen Beith, 2/203 Goulburn St, West Hobart, Tas. 7000

MORSLEY (MOLESLEY):

Samuel, b Suffolk, Eng. Sentenced transportation 1846. Arr Hobart by Cornwall from Gibraltar 1851, aged 36. Ticket of Leave 1852. Convicted as Molesley of uttering forged cheque, Hobart 1858, sentenced eight years Port Arthur. Postage refunded for any further info. R.A. Daniel, 178 Maldon Rd, Colchester, Essex CO3 3AY, England.

HARRISON;FISHER:

Would like to contact any descendants of Robert and Mary (nee FISHER) HARRISON who were m Launceston 1871 and had 8 children. Gus, Mary, Alice, Flora, Clarence (my father), Harold, Georgia, Gertrude. Believed to have lived in Lyttelton St, Launceston. Robert employed by Tasmanian Railways. Carmel Hinch, 35 Ruby St, Essendon West, Vic. 3040

1. DADSON:

Charles m Susannah SPRINGS, son John b1845, Norfolk Plains.

2. WELLS:

Henry WARD m Mary THORPE. Info prior to 1922. Also William WELLS m Mary

WARD in Stanley area prior to 1882. Any info appreciated and all letters answered. Mrs D. Fessey, 31 Campbell St, Woonona, NSW. 2517.

MEZGER:

Seeking details on surviving family members of George Frederick MEZGER's family, wife Mary and children Regina Maria b1849, Anne Christina b1855 and Frederick Henry b1857 after his death in 1857 whilst a storekeeper at Sorell. G.F. Mezger was the nephew of my ancestor John Mezger who was licensee of Bird-in-Hand Hotel, Argyle St, from 1830 - approx 1859. Arr VDL 1843 from either London or Germany. Hoping to trace descendants to find where in Burtenberg they originated from. John's descendants don't know. Mrs Wendy Knolle, 4/1 Battery Square, Battery Point, Tas. 7004.

1. WILLIAMSON;AULICH:

John William Williamson, m 1893 Emily Clara Aulich at Cullenwood, Tas. Known issue Coralie Charlotte b1894, Fingal, and Gladys Hilda b1895, Fingal. Believed to have at least two sons also possibly Samuel and Harold. Family thought to have lived at Queenstown, Hobart and Vic. Would love to hear from any members of this family line and share info on other lines.

2. WILLIAMSON:

I am researching as many branches of the family tree as possible and wonder if anyone out there is a distant relative who would care to swap notes. Known associated surnames ALCOCK, POSTES, McCOY, HOGGINS, REVELL, AULICH, WROE, GREGORY. A convict John Williamson arr 1826 per "Gov. Ready" followed by wife Sarah (Alcock) 1830. Grateful for any help at all. All letters answered. Kathy Williamson, 2 Freycinet Court, Coles Bay, 7215.

Family Reunions

MOTT FAMILY REUNION

A family reunion will be held on Sunday 28 January 1990 at the Echunga Hall, Echunga, South Australia. Pooled lunch, tea and coffee provided.

Joseph Mott and wife Mary Ann, nee Dudley, arrived early 1840 on the "Rajasthan". Their children were: 1. Hannah m William Wyatt, 2. Joseph jnr m Eliza Wakefield, 3. David m Mary Ann Harvey, 4. William m Charlotte Pallant, 5. Amos m Hephzibah Wagg, 6. Martha m William Gratwich, 7. Ann m Edward Prouten, 8. James m Prescilla Caroline Webb, 9. Pleasant. For further information please contact Mrs Janet R. Jones, Lime St, Strathalbyn, S.A. 5255.

Notes

A PLEA FROM THE HOBART BRANCH LIBRARY

A number of small family charts are registered on cards but not available in the drawers. If any member has inadvertently taken any charts, their return would be appreciated.

CIRCULAR HEAD CHRONICLE ON MICROFILM

The files of the "Circular Head Chronicle" have been placed on microfilm as part of a joint project of the State Library of Tasmania, The Circular Head Historical Society and "The Chronicle".

The idea of placing on microfilm the files from 1906-1987 was first suggested last year when "Chronicle" editor Mr Les Shearer was faced with the problem of rapid deterioration of the newspaper files.

The result has given Circular Head a much better and more easily accessible copy of its history, dating back almost to the turn of the century.

*"O'BYRNES NAVAL BIOGRAPHY"

This work is described within its covers as "Every living officer in Her Majesty's Navy from the rank of Admiral of the Fleet to that of Lieutenant inclusive ... Those on Full Pay and Half Pay computed up to the year 1847, compiled from Authentic and Family Documents by William R. O'Byrne, Esq., printed 1849". The book is in the Tasmaniana Library.

*MAIL

Air mail postage FROM the UK recently rose to 37p and FROM N.Z. to \$1.00

*CHURCH NEWSPAPERS HELD BY THE ARCHIVES OFFICE OF TASMANIA

(These newspapers are NOT on microfilm. The list is taken from the compilation by the Division of Reference and Information Services, Serials Section, State Library of Tasmania, Hobart, 1988.)

- Australian Friend (Quaker), 1887-94, 1903-7
- Catholic Standard (Roman Catholic) (Merged with Morning Star to become Monitor), Hobart, Monthly, 1930-1, 1933-4
- Christian Record (Church of England), Hobart, 1900-2
- Church Messenger (Church of England), Launceston, Monthly, 1895-1902
- Church News, Hobart Monthly, 1863-1912
- Church Record (in Church Chronicle), Hobart, 1852-3
- Church Times (Church of England), 1934-6
- Day Star (Baptist), Hobart, Monthly, 1887-94
- Evangelist (Methodist/Wesleyan), Launceston Monthly, 1869-71

- Monitor (Merger of Catholic Standard and Morning Star (Launceston), Launceston, Weekly, 1894-1920)
- Monthly Herald (Presbyterian), Hobart, Monthly, 1900-4
- Morning Star (R.C.) (Merged with Catholic Standard to become Monitor), Launceston, Weekly, 1891-4
- Standard (R.C.), Hobart, Weekly 1941-4, 1955-71

*ALLPORT LIBRARY AND MUSEUM OF FINE ARTS

As there are only two staff (curator and attendant) associated with this section of the State Library, it would be wise to phone ahead (307484) and if necessary, make an appointment to use the research resources found there. The attendant cannot allow access to the collection and if the curator is busy, or attending the desk, access to resources is not possible.

* Items marked * have been contributed by Maree Ring.

INTEGRATED WORLD-WIDE CURNOW FAMILY TREE

The development of a world-wide Curnow Family Tree (CFT) is being undertaken for use at GCH90 and all Curnows (Curnoes, Kernows, etc including female descendants) are asked to assist by sending their family tree information.

The CFT and supporting data base will be used during CGH90 after which it will be available for distribution at cost to the participants and contributors.

Input information will be accepted in any format convenient to the sender, including computer data. In the latter case, this should be sent on 5.25 inch DSDD 48TPI (360K) diskettes in either Family Roots (Quinsept), Personal Ancestral File (PAF), PAF GEDCOM file, or plain ASCII suitable for IBM PC or compatibles.

Basic genealogical data should be sent plus any additional information such as emigration, occupation, etc. This should be sent as soon as possible to allow for assimilation, integration and for any necessary follow-up enquiries and should be accompanied by a s.a.e. and postage or two IRCs to: CFT Coordinator, Mr Marcel Perras, CFHS 3838, Lowena, Raginnis Hill, Mousehole, Penzance, Cornwall. TR19 6SL.

CANADIAN REBELS

Mr Terry L. Hicks of 113 Hazelwood Lane, Onalaska, Wisconsin, USA, 54650, writes:- "Professor Stuart Scott of the State University of New York at Buffalo, is writing a book on the transported rebels of the Canadian Rebellions during the Tasmanian transportation era. In conjunction with

his work, I have been stimulated to attempt to form either a lineage society or historical group dealing with this era of Canadian, American and Tasmanian history. May I invite you to either express your interest in such a body or submit the names of any interested parties in Tasmania for inclusion on a mailing list, for further data on such a group?

Professor Scott and myself are also involved in asking the Lord Mayor Doone Kennedy for aid in correcting the historical marker at Sandy Bay!

VICTORIA POLICE HISTORICAL UNIT

The Victoria Police Historical Unit was set up in 1987 to look after the historical records and artefacts of the Victoria Police. It has a staff of four who are concerned with providing information to the public on police history, cataloguing the collection of material and preserving these records. The Unit also plans to set up a Police Museum which will be open to the public. The Victoria Police was established in 1853 with an initial strength of 875 men. In the years prior to this beginning there had been a number of policing groups, including Gold Escorts, Water Police, Border Police, Metropolitan Police (in Melbourne) and a Native Police Corps.

The holdings of the Unit include the records compiled at police stations around Victoria, such as watch house books, occurrence books and other registers, in some cases from the earliest days of the Force. The Unit also holds a wide variety of journals, log books and other manuscript records relating to most aspects of police work. In addition to these paper records, the Unit has a vast collection of police uniforms, equipment and memorabilia of interest to researchers of police history, as well as a large collection of historical photographs.

The Unit is able to supply information about former members of the Victoria Police to people doing genealogical research or students of police history. Requests should be made in writing to: The Manager, Police Historical Unit, Russell St, Melbourne. 3000. It is usually possible to supply photocopies of ex-members' Record of Conduct and Service sheets.

The Police Historical Unit is always glad to hear from members of the public who have something to add to its store of information. Donations of historical records or artefacts relating to ex-members or to police activities are most welcome. Individuals who wish to donate material to the Unit should contact the Manager, at the above address or by phone on 03-667 1543.

EDWARD JOHN EYRE AND 1991

In 1991 it will be 150 years since Edward John Eyre and party made the great journey from Fowlers Bay in S.A. to Albany, a distance of 1400 kms. This was an outstanding achievement, even for those times when other difficult and hazardous pioneering feats and explorations were under way.

It has been proposed that suitable celebrations in memory of the 1841 journey should be arranged for 1991. Although this may seem a long way ahead, time is really short. It is hoped that a number of organisations will take part, but coordinating these may take some time to finalise. Any suggestions welcomed.

Although contact has been made with some descendants of Edward John Eyre, it is desired to increase the number of contacts. It is possible that some of your members are descendants of Edward or alternatively that some of them, during their research, have become aware of his descendants in Australia, NZ, UK or elsewhere.

Similarly, although less likely, information about the other members of his party - overseer Baxter and the three aborigines (Joey, Yarric and Wiley) could be available.

It would be appreciated if the matter could be brought to the notice of your members, so that any descendants can be invited to take part in the celebrations if they so desire.

Contact the Royal Western Australian Historical Society Inc., 49 Broadway, Nedlands, W.A. 6009.

NOT INTERRED WITH HER BONES - submitted by Thelma Grunnell
"The evil that men do lives after them, the good is oft interred with their bones". William Shakespeare .. Julius Caesar. Act III, Sc. 2

In the late 1850s, Miss Nona Bellaire, the daughter of the Rector of Bedworth, Warwickshire, raised money to send many poor parishioners to the 'new lands'. At this time in England, there was a great collapse in the weaving trade. Nona paid to send John and Harriet Tibballs and their eight children; T and Eliza More; and Joseph and Pamela Stean and their five children. They sailed to Hobart on the 'Antipodes' taking 99 days.

This information, together with a request for the knowledge to be passed on to a local genealogical society, was sent to the Lord Mayor of Hobart by Mr Tony Davis of Wyken, Coventry, Eng. He is researching the Bellairs name. He is interested in finding out what happened to the families and would like to contact any descendants.

Receiving the letter from the Lord Mayor's department, I passed it to Ella Crawford, the Launceston Research Officer with a plea to send it on to the Hobart branch if she drew a blank.

On visiting the Hobart branch library, Ella talked to Mrs Joyce O'Shea who knew someone of the Tibballs name. This family is still flourishing in Hobart and the family names of Malcolm and Nona have come down through the generations. A NSW Tibballs descendant has an extensive family tree already researched and will be put in touch with Mr Davis. It is known that one of the early ancestors was a frame maker which ties in with the weaving trade.

If anyone knows any of the other names mentioned, will they please write direct to Mr Davis, 10 Wykeley Rd, Wyken, Doventry, West Midlands, CV 23 DW.

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RESEARCH COORDINATOR'S REPORT

Research teams throughout the State have been kept busy with 183 letters replied to since the beginning of April.

The bulk of the letters come from the other states of Australia, with a small percentage from overseas and Tasmania. Approximately half the queries contain an S.A.E. or I.R.C.

The most common complaint from our researchers is that people are not specific enough as to what they require or what they already have, and researchers' time can be wasted on work already done.

Hopefully all researchers will be able to get together soon when a few policies and guidelines can be set out.

Bev Perkins

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Member's Interests omitted from earlier list

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MEALMAKER (Sydney NSW; Tas) JONES (?Wales; Tas) GOLDSMITH
(Surrey, Eng; Tas; Portland Vic) BLAY (Kent, Eng; Tas) FOGARTY
(England; Tas) GORDAN (Tas) ROSEVEAR (CON, Eng; Launceston, Tas;
Portland, Vic) BURTON (CON, Eng.) WARD (Birmingham, Eng; Tas)
FAWTHROP (Plymouth, Eng; Tas; Portland Vic.

Norman, L.: PIONEER SHIPPING OF TASMANIA, Whaling, Sealing, Piracy, Shipwrecks, etc. in Early Tasmania, first published in 1938 by J. Walch & Sons, Hobart, and now reprinted in Tasmania in 1989 by Shearwater Press, 220 pages, some halftone illustrations, hardback, coloured jacket, 160mm X 220mm format, rrp. \$35.00. Obtainable from Shearwater Press, 36 Fitzroy Place, Sandy Bay, 7005. Phone 34 2173.

This is the third reprint of a book first published in 1938. OBM had 1000 copies reprinted in Hongkong in 1980, but it is hard to procure any of those copies now. This further reprint of 1000 copies has been done entirely in Tasmania, on the initiative of the author's son, Mr Don Norman, himself now in his eighties.

I made a rough count of the names in the Index of Vessels; the total of more than 1000 explains why the book has been so popular. There are occasional inaccuracies, understandable in a book based largely on newspaper reports, but they do not detract from the book's value as a first reference.

The book is closely-printed and packed with information about ships and shipbuilding in all parts of Tasmania. It begins with sealers in Bass Strait before Van Diemens Land was settled, and ends with a chapter about overseas liners which includes mention of the visit of the Orcades to Hobart as late as 1937.

Along with the accounts of the ships themselves goes a lively account of the waterfronts which served them and of the history of the times. More than 70 half-tone photographs illustrate the text.

Mr G.D. Brown, in a foreword to the present printing, says:

Pioneer Shipping was first published in 1938 with a preface by the then Premier of Tasmania, the Hon. A.G. Ogilvie, K.C. and for many admirable reasons which he so lucidly expressed therein it became a collector's item which, at book auctions, commanded a price in excess of one hundred dollars, in the days when new books sold in the ten and twenty dollar price ranges. In fact, copies of Pioneer Shipping and its companion volume, Sea Wolves and Bandits, which Mr Norman (Senior) published in 1946 with a preface by [another] Premier, Sir Robert Cosgrove, were so greatly prized by their owners that, notwithstanding

the high prices they were realising, very few copies came on to the open market.

Mr Don Norman, who has published the current reprint, is himself an author, and has written genealogies for several local families.

Pioneer Shipping is in the Hobart Branch Library, but members with shipping connections in their families might well want to buy their own copies.

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Reid, O.W.:GREEN KNOWE TO GREEN HILL AND BEYOND: A strand of the Reid story, O.W. Reid, Hobart, 1989, half-tone illustrations and cover picture, soft cover, format 160mm X 240mm, 120 pages, rrp \$16.50. Also available from the author, phone 27 8199.

Owen Reid, in his prologue, says, "To me, a family history has little meaning unless it is set in a community of which it is an active part. Hence at times this story, if one may call it such, appears to wander wide of the proposed direction".

He does himself an injustice with that comment. The history of this group of Reids in Tasmania has just the right mixture of family detail and local history to make it both enjoyable and informative.

There is some information about the Reids in Scotland, but the story proper begins with the arrival of James Reid and his wife in Hobart Town in January 1823. There is an account of their time at the predominantly Scottish Macquarie River settlement near Campbelltown, their move to Richmond Hill on the West Tamar, and finally their settling down in Circular Head. At every point, the nature of the settlement, the reason for its being, and aspects of life in it are given. Ordinary details of daily life add liveliness to the work, and the author is not afraid to give his own opinions about events.

Owen Reid knows a lot about Tasmanian history. During his time in the Education Department, he wrote booklets about the West Coast, the East Coast, and the North West, North East and South East of Tasmania. His research is thorough, and he has a good eye for the odd and the interesting.

Although the Reid family will get most from this book, anyone whose family lived in the Midlands, the West Tamar or Circular Head will find something of interest in it. There is a copy in the Hobart Branch Library.

Shaw, Jan (ed.):QUEENSLAND FAMILY HISTORY PRE-SEPARATION: A collection of 50 biographies of pre-1859 families, Queensland Family History Society, (P.O. Box 171, Indooroopilly, Queensland, 4068), A3 typescript photocopied, 98 pages, a few half-tone illustrations, stapled, card cover.

Jan Shaw, the compiler of the booklet, is Chairman of the Pre-separation Group of the Queensland Family History Society. The Group looks after the genealogical needs of those people descended from Queenslanders who until 1859, the year of separation, were New South Welshmen, and most of whose family records are in the NSW archives.

The 50 biographies in this collection have not been edited by the compiler, and so they differ in style and coverage. As Jan Shaw says in the introduction, "The differences in style are indicative of the broad cross-section of the community to which our pre-separation ancestors all belonged".

The booklet was produced as a bicentennial project. At the beginning there is a brief history of the Moreton Bay Region, 1824-1859, by Marion Eastgate, and a map of the Moreton Bay Region of New South Wales as at 1859.

The biographies are brief. Most of them run to only two or three pages. Nevertheless, they might well provide a toe-hold for anyone following up Queensland forebears.

The booklet is in the Hobart Branch Library. A glance at the contents page could be well worthwhile.

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Dalby, Mark: THE COCKER CONNECTION, Yorkshire, Van Diemen's Land, Melbourne, British Columbia, Mexico, Tonga and Michigan, Regency Press, London, 1989, soft cover, coloured, some maps and half-tone illustrations, 140mm x 180mm format, 159 pages, rrp \$14.95, from Fullers Bookshop, and temporarily from J.M.Cocker, "Glenlyon", Lebrina, 7254.

This book is about Benjamin Cocker, born in the West Riding village of Almondbury, near Huddersfield, in 1785, and his children, some of whom stayed at home and some of whom spread across the world to the places shown in the sub-title.

Naturally this book is of most interest to descendants of the Cocker family. But all readers will find it a well told story, interesting because of the range of countries it touches on, and the example it sets for writing a family history. The accounts of activities on the North-West

Coast around the Mersey in the 1850s and 1860s, and the movement back and forth between Tasmania and Victoria at the time, will be of particular interest to Tasmanians.

The story of the father and his six sons occupies the first ninety pages of the book. The remainder is taken up with notes, and a particularly interesting selection of family letters.

The author is English, and the book is written from his point of view. It is refreshing to read a family history of Tasmanians which does not have Tasmania as its main theme. Somehow the author, writing from England about the spread of a family across the world, achieves a balance in his accounts of places from South Africa to Tonga, probably because he has visited most of the places he writes about, and met many of the descendants of the Cockers.

Stubbs, Noreen: THE BLACKALL - BIGGINS - SMITH STORY, Printed by Specialty Press, Pty Ltd Hobart, 1989, 117 pages, illustrated, soft cover, format 200 mm x 290 mm. Copies available from Mrs Noreen Stubbs, 56 Watkinson Street, Devonport 7310. Price: \$25 plus \$5 p.&p. in Tasmania.

A beautifully written account of early Van Diemens Land pioneering families who became linked through the social and business spheres in which they moved and ultimately through marriage, this story traces the lives of the main characters, Samuel Blackall and Charlotte Jerome; Mary Biggins (nee Blackall) and Frederick Paterson; James Smith and Mary Holland; John Smith and Mary Amelia Biggins; and their families.

The introduction to the story is set in Basildon, Berkshire, which the author visited in 1984 and where Samuel Blackall was born in 1791. He married Charlotte Jerome in Purley in 1813. The story moves on to his conviction in 1820 and his subsequent transportation to Van Diemens Land. His wife and family followed. Thus began a deeply moving story of hardship, determination and achievement of an entrepreneurial family who triumphed in spite of great odds.

Part Two tells the story of the Smith family and their links with the Blackalls and Bigginses. James Smith was born in Perth, Scotland, about 1806 and arrived in Van Diemens Land in 1829 on the convict ship Georgiana. He married Mary Holland in 1830 in Hobart Town and following his absolute pardon in 1844 became licensee of several successive taverns in central Hobart Town. The story revolves around his early struggle to elevate his social standing, and that of his family, in the community and to achieve success as a business man. Due to his careful planning, his five children were assured of a secure future when he died in 1865.

The story continues and mainly centres on the lives of his son John, who married Amelia Biggins, and their family.

Social life in early Hobart Town and life on a Huon orchard are both captivatingly portrayed. The whole story is one of deep human interest together with a good deal of insight into social trends and customs of the early days in the development of Tasmania.

This book won the Manuscript Section of the 1988 Family History Award and has since been printed. The judges commented that it was 'interesting reading even for a non-member of the family'. It is compelling reading for genealogists and social historians.

Pat Coy

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GO ... BE FRUITFUL AND MULTIPLY: The French and Badcock Families in Cornwall and Van Diemens Land, The French and Badcock Book Committee, 1989, hard cover, about 600 pages, over 150 illustrations, hard cover with illustrated wrapper, format 297 mm x 210 mm (A4), price \$42 plus p.& p. Inquiries to one of the following: Maurice French 235 Lenah Valley Road Lenah Valley Tas 7008, Tel. (002) 284707 Ivan Badcock, 26 Palmers Road Latrobe Tas 7307, Tel. (004) 261503 (Miss) Elizabeth Parkes, 37 Loatta Road Lindisfarne Tas 7015, Tel. (002) 439369 Norton Harvey, PO Box 35 Perth Tas 7300, Tel. (003) 982126

On 23 August 1831, after emigrating from Cornwall, Francis and Mary French, seven of their children, Grace and Richard French (niece and nephew of Francis and Mary) and John Badcock arrived in Van Diemens Land. After their arrival a further three daughters were born to Francis and Mary. Two years later, in 1833, their eldest son William, his wife Emiline and their two children joined them in Van Diemens Land. Soon after his arrival in 1831, John Badcock married Ann French, the eldest daughter of Francis and Mary. Edward French, brother of Francis and father of Richard and Grace had arrived in the colonies in 1813 as a convict.

A family reunion of the French and Badcock families was held in Longford in March 1982 to celebrate the 150th anniversary of the arrival of Francis and Mary French and family and John Badcock. The surnames of the children of Francis and Mary French were French, Mitchell, Diprose, Hingston, Neal and Boon. The surnames of the children of John Badcock and his wives Ann (nee French) and Esther (nee Elmer) were Badcock, French, Scott, Walker, Harris, Crawford, Reid and Peter.

Following his very successful reunion, attended by about 2500 people, The French and Badcock Family Book Committee was formed to compile a history

of the French and Badcock families. The purpose of this history, GO ... BE FRUITFUL AND MULTIPLY, is to record the activities of Francis and Mary French, John Badcock and their respective descendants. Also included is a brief account of Edward French and his family. At the time of the reunion it was estimated that there were about 8,000 descendants; little did the Committee members expect to compile listings totalling over 32,000 names!

Details of the book and information about a inquiries and a book sale voucher, which includes details of packaging and postage costs, are given in the heading to this notice.

There is an initial printing of 1000 copies and a second printing will occur only if numbers warrant it. Books will be supplied strictly in the order in w which payment is received. We expect to have this book available for distribution prior to Christmas 1989. It is unlikely to be available through retail outlets.

This book will be launched at a second reunion on Saturday, 10 March 1990 at the Showground, Longford, Tasmania. Brochures with details of this reunion can be obtained from one of the sources listed in the heading.

Elizabeth Parkes



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Library Notes

LIBRARY COORDINATOR'S REPORT

The Library Notes have been compiled and submitted through the cooperation of the Branch Librarians.

Accessions:

Burnie: have acquired several publications.

Huon: announce that they are holding History of the Huon, Channel, Bruny Island Region - Printed Sources by Richard Ely; and Engraved in Memory by Jenny Gill.

Launceston: Profiles of Norfolk Island, Vol 1 and Vol 2 Part 1; Inscriptions in Stone; Irish Convict Records Vols 1-3; Ships Deserters; and Pioneer Shipping.

Hobart: have recently accessed VDL Land Commission journals 1826-28 with map and corrigendum; Pioneer Shipping by L.Norman; The Underwoods, Lock, Stock and Barrel; Spouse Supplement to pre 1856 Pioneer Register; Vols 16-17 of NSW Pioneer Register; 3 Vols of Index to Assisted Immigrants Arriving Sydney and Newcastle 1844-59; Vol 1 of S.A. Register of Personal Notices 1836-59.

Microfilm/fiche:

Burnie: holding the 1988 edition of IGI for UK and Ireland; mainland Australia births, deaths, marriages; AIF and several miscellaneous records.

Huon: have received July 1989 Family Register Index.

Devonport: hold the Cyclopaedia of Vic; NSW Probate Records; 46th Regt. Redcoats Down Under; Index to Vic Railway Employees in 19th C; Index to Argus 1850-59; Anglican Church, Latrobe, Baptisms, Marriages and Deaths; Methodist Church, Mersey Circuit, Baptisms and Marriages.

Launceston: confirm they hold the St Catherines' House births, deaths 1837-67; BDM for all Aust states and NZ; the IGI; NSW Convict Records.

Hobart: fiche - Argus Index 1855-9; Cyclopaedia of Vic; Index to 1950 Vic Railway Personnel; Index to 78000 burials at Sandgate Cemetery (Newcastle); Index to NSW Indents; Convict Death Register 1828-79; Record of Appointments to Govt Offices 1814-25; Public Service Lists 1858-70; Electoral Rolls NSW 1852-64; SA Census Index 1841.

Film - Assisted Immigrants Sydney 1838-96 and Moreton Bay 1848-59, 10 reels; Orphan School Admission Registers 1817-33 and Applications for Children out of Orphan Schools 1825-33, 2 reels. All since July.

Projects/Activities:

Burnie: working on the Irish Convict Records

Huon: have the on-going task of collecting and maintaining the Huon News and the indexing of the Mercury Births, Deaths, Marriages. They hold the Index of marriages at St Mary's Catholic Church, Franklin. Involved in the preparation of a 'float' for participation in the anniversary of 150 years settlement of the Huon, on 16th December 1989. A new photographer is expected with the capacity to handle enlargements and reductions.

Devonport: are currently attending to the indexing of the Anglican records at Latrobe. Launceston: an open day was held on October 21 at the Library in the NEW rooms situated in the same building at 72 Elizabeth St, opposite Princess Square.

Hobart: continuing the task of updating the cemetery lists, through the efforts of Carol Rodway, replacing those Southern Tasmania listings which had 'vanished'; on-going task by Mr/Mrs F. O'Shea indexing the Mercury BDM notices; the preparation of a comprehensive index of our journal Tasmanian Ancestry; maintenance of the 'Whitton' pre 1900 index; the 3rd gathering of Hobart Library assistants on November 28.

NOTE: Huon will be submitting information through TAMIOT which may mention the above item re St Mary's Catholic. I make this remark to avoid duplication.

Morris Lansdell

NOTES ON LIBRARY HOURS

Devonport have advised that their library will open Wed 9.30 am - 3.30 pm and Fri 1 pm - 4 pm.

Huon: are prepared to open out of hours by appointment. Contact Andrea Rawlin on 002-641258.

Hobart: until further notice hours will be Wed 9.30 am - 12.30 pm and 7 pm - 9 pm, Sat 1.30 pm - 4.30 pm, third Tues each month except Dec, 6.30 pm - 7.45 pm. The Hobart library will close on 16 Dec 1989 and reopen 17 Jan 1990. However the Library MAY open for short periods, except Sun, by appointment through Morris Lansdell who can be contacted on 002-232226.

(GENEA)LOGICAL RESEARCH PROCEDURE FOR TASMANIA

by Maree Ring

(Maree Ring is a Special Correspondent to this journal. Readers should also refer to her useful article "Research Resources in Southern Tasmania", Tas Ancestry, Vol 9, No 5, March 1989.)

When researching your family history, you BEGIN WITH YOURSELF, and work backwards, to your parents, then grandparents and each ensuing generation, ONE GENERATION AT A TIME - FROM THE KNOWN TO THE UNKNOWN.

Once you have obtained a copy of your birth certificate, (I have heard of an adult tracing several generations of their family tree before doing this, only to find that she was adopted!), you can then obtain a copy of your parent's marriage and from the details given on this registration, obtain a copy of their birth certificates. Continue backwards in this manner for each ancestor.

TASMANIAN CERTIFICATES currently cost \$12 if date of event is known or for a five year search. A ten year search currently costs \$18. No monies are refunded if the event is not found. The Registrar-General is at 15 Murray St, Hobart, with the postal address being GPO Box 541F, Hobart, 7001.

CONTACT WITH RELATIVES, be it parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, cousins or the like, may bring forth information to help with your research. One may have that heirloom Bible, or know where it is. Birthday, address and scrap books, newspaper clippings, photographs and other memorabilia may guide you to research what you may not have considered. Do not forget to note who told you what, or who holds what of the family records. If relations are receptive, consider taping the conversation(s). You can make concise notes from the tapes at your leisure. Perhaps they may consider giving such tapes to the family historian as a special gift. Do NOT put off contact with elderly relatives - Father Time runs out for us all at some time!

As each new surname is found and facts established, check to see if anyone else is researching that name.

Our Society's indices of Members' Interests are going onto computer. Small and large charts donated by members containing the names that they have researched, have been indexed and are available in the Hobart Branch Library.

VAN DIEMEN'S LAND HERITAGE (1803-1878) volumes 1 and 2, have been

published with other volumes in preparation by Neil Chick. These list many Tasmanian families.

AUSTRALIAN RESEARCH DIRECTORIES published by Mitchell and Sainty, cover world wide research and are available in our Library, as well as A Biographical Register (2 volumes 1788-1939), Gibbney and Smith; Australian Biographical and Genealogical Record (1842-1899) ABGR; Irish Families in Australia and NZ, Coffey and Morgan and Pioneer Register (3 vols) Smee and Provis.

The ARCHIVES OFFICE OF TASMANIA has correspondence files which have been compiled by the staff from written enquiries with contributions from members of the public.

The BIRTH, DEATH & MARRIAGE registrations for Tasmania 1838-1899 (with a transcription by the RGD of some church baptisms, marriages, burials from 1803, incomplete, within these records) are on microfilm within various libraries, as per AOT leaflet.

These registrations are not as detailed as some of the mainland counterparts, but you should still proceed in the same manner, from the known to the unknown. If an ancestor's birth cannot be found but that of a known sibling has been found, research can continue through this link.

The AOT leaflet, indicating information to be found on Tasmanian registrations, was printed in "Tasmanian Ancestry" in September 1989.

Let me stress here, that Tasmanian death registrations have NO allowance for the names of the parents to be noted. Sometimes this information is found in newspaper death notices, obituaries, cemetery records or headstone inscriptions. As the information which is noted after a death is given by a second party, there is more chance of errors occurring.

Indices of BIRTH, DEATH AND MARRIAGE NOTICES from the "Mercury" newspaper are held in the Hobart Library. The Whitton index is pre 1900 (incomplete). The O'Shea index 1900-1945 complete with the death notices still being indexed, some later years being available. Launceston Branch have been indexing the birth, death and marriage notices from the "Examiner" newspaper and have four volumes printed which cover 1900-1930. A set of these volumes is held by Hobart Branch. Jacqueline Browne of Burnie, has indexed 1891-1904 of the "Wellington/Emu Bay Times", which became the "Advocate Newspaper", and Devonport Branch were, in December 1986, indexing the "North West Post" 1887-1916.

A list of CEMETERIES IN TASMANIA, noting those which had been transcribed

under the Tombstone and Memorial Inscriptions of Tasmania (TAMIOT) Project, was printed in our Journal in March 1988. A computer listing of Tasmanian cemeteries is in progress at present ("Tas Ancestry" September 1989).

Carr Villa Cemetery, Launceston, has its records on computer and Cornelian Bay, Hobart, is in the process of transcribing its records onto computer. Both will answer brief phone enquiries. See also "Launceston Cemeteries" by T.H. Lello in "Tas Ancestry" September 1988 and the leaflet "Cemeteries in Tasmania" from a talk given by Mr Abel Reeve in 1981.

When you reach the position of not being able to find a birth or marriage of an ancestor, it is then that the indices of arrival - free or convict - should be checked.

ALL SHIPPING RECORDS are kept at AOT as are CONVICT records.

Place of origin is given on all convict records, but sadly the records of IRISH CONVICTS usually only note county of origin.

The IRISH Convict Records (Bicentennial Gift from Ireland) are now available in the Serials Section of the State Reference Library. They are NOT available for inter-library loan from this source. The index to these records in print-out format, is available from Hobart and Launceston GST libraries. Only a proportion of Irish convicts have been recorded and few have information that will help locate their Native Place. I rather suspect that many Irish Convicts answered the query of "where did you come from" by giving the PORT of departure, rather than their town or home parish. See also "Tas Ancestry" September 1989, "Irish Research Repositories" by Frances Travers.

The names of many FREE ARRIVALS have not been noted. They came as steerage passengers with the captain of the ship not naming them in his records, but giving a number. When names of arrivals are available, the names of their parents are NOT given, as is the case in another state. On arrival of army rank and file, their names were not noted, and consequently no indices exist. Military Officers, 1804-1870, were indexed by Miss Wayn, and this is now found in AOT at NS 436/3.

Of the 526 military pensioners who arrived 1850-52, less than half were named and only some of these have been indexed.

Once the regiment of any of these army personnel is recognized, the article "The British Army in Tasmania 1804-1870" by M. Austin which was printed in "Tas Ancestry" December 1982, is recommended.

It is not impossible to find records of birth place for those who arrived free. A newspaper death notice or obituary may give this information, as may a tombstone inscription. If they arrived 'free' with young children, check their death registration, newspaper notice, obituary or tombstone inscription. Their marriage may have been announced in the newspaper and place of origin may be given - perhaps even with their grandparents' names! Marriages were announced after the happy event - not on the day of marriage or before, as is common now, and check for a month or even longer. Sometimes, a marriage notice was in the same issue as the birth notice for the first child. If the couple 'had' to marry, there is less likelihood of such an announcement.

Country newspapers were noted for writing about local people and events, but the larger and weekly newspapers should not be neglected. Often the country town had its correspondents to these papers, and not always to the nearest one. I have found the happenings of southern districts reported in northern papers and vice versa.

For those with strong religious beliefs, and commitment to their local church, a search of the newspapers of the relevant religion could be worthwhile. Many were established last century and are available in ADT. Those still extant are available through State Reference Library - Serials Section.

A WILL may give the origins of the deceased or may note the address of related beneficiaries overseas. (These are found at Probate Registry, Salamanca Place and sometimes at the Deeds Office).

Publicans sometimes named their public house/hotel and land holders, property giving hint of their origins.

A gazeteer held in our Hobart Library will help locate such towns in the UK.

LOCAL HISTORIES may have worthwhile information; besides the background to district where your ancestors may have lived, note the events that must have, to one degree or another, affected their lives. Clues for further research may be found, but please CHECK, where possible, the AUTHENTICITY of STATEMENTS found in these histories.

CYCLOPEDIA OF TASMANIA - on microfiche in Hobart Branch Library, mentions the origins and time of arrival of many settlers. The Centenary edition of the "Huon Times" has been indexed and is available in our Library. Walch's Almanack has indexed obituaries printed in the "Mercury" newspaper. Major indices in 1909 cover 1869-1900; 1912, 1901-1910; 1922,

1911-1920; 1932, 1921-1930; 1955, 1931-1955 and 1965/6, 1955-65 respectively. Major articles in Tasmanian newspapers have been indexed by the staff of Tasmaniana Library, and should include obituaries since that time.

The preceding information may also be available for the ancestor whose arrival you do have, so it may pay to check newspaper and printed sources at all times.

Any information FOUND in PRINTED SOURCES - books, newspapers, archival notes, should all be checked with the PRIMARY or ORIGINAL source, where possible, to verify its validity. Writers and printers can and do err!

Sometimes records concerned with OCCUPATIONS may give their place of origin - particularly education, ship's masters and crew certificates, police officers, postmasters.

For those not of birth in the UK, naturalisation records exist, though often it is the child born before arrival, rather than the parent, who undertook this oath.

Could the arrival have been through another state? Some NSW and Victorian records of arrival are held by our Library, as are Dictionary of Western Australians, 5 volumes and Bicentenary Dictionary of Western Australians both by Erikson cover pre 1829-1914 and Biographical Index of South Australians 1836-85 and Bicentennial Bulletins (for S.A. in 8 volumes) are all in our Hobart Branch Library.

Those birth, death and marriage indices of the mainland states, which have been microfilmed, are available in the Hobart Branch Library.

"Men of Mark" printed to celebrate the centenary of NSW in 1888 covers many personalities of that state, and is available from Tasmaniana Library.

FAMILY HISTORY CATALOGUE is a research directory compiled by The Church of Latter Day Saints (LDS or Mormon Church - Family History Centre, Elmsleigh Road, Goodwood) on microfiche. This is updated every six months and is available in our Library as is the INTERNATIONAL GENEALOGICAL INDEX or IGI. This latter is a listing of names from parish records or submitted by people of baptism or marriage from records worldwide. There is a minute section for AUSTRALIA, found in the MISCELLANEOUS GROUPING. This should be searched with each new surname. See "Tas Ancestry" September 1989, "Records from Salt Lake City".

Birth, death and marriage registration indices for UK are available through the LDS or Mormon Library as well as at GST Launceston Branch Library. If the surname you seek is unusual (and what is rare here, may be common in England), and a member of the family born after June, 1837 (beginning of registration for England), it may be possible to find the birth on one of these indices. You may find an area where the surname is common, and a start to your overseas search.

Basil Cottle's "A Dictionary of Surnames" lists the areas to which some surnames predominate - another idea to establish a location to search?

As you research your family, it is advisable to choose a method of systematically recording your information. To help in this regard, the Society sells several types of charts that enable the information and sources to be noted, with binders in which they can be kept. Any method of recording is much more secure than loose pieces of scrap paper floating in drawers and envelopes waiting to become lost!

The following articles recently appeared in "Tas Ancestry": "Resources of Southern Tas" March and June 1989 by myself; "Resources of the Local History Room, Launceston", September 1988; "Research Materials, Burnie" December 1988; "Books for More Effective Family History" by L. Watson, June 1989; "Select Bibliography for the Port Sorell District" June 1988 and "Microfiche/film at GST Library, Hobart" September 1989.

Full indices to "Tas Ancestry" were published in the editions for September 1984 and 1987.

Leaflets produced by the Society include "Archives Office of Tasmania", "Land Records in Tasmania" and others listed on the back cover of this journal may also help in your research.

Many of the above resources mentioned as being in the Hobart Branch Library could be found in the libraries of the other branches. If within Tasmania, check this source first! (Addresses for these are on page ???

NB: AOT = Archives Office of Tasmania.

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