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### UNDER NEW MANAGEMENT SOON

*The June issue will be the last one provided by the present Editor and Journal Panel who took on the responsibility at the end of 1981.*

*Read all about it in the next issue!*

*A group of hard-working people in Launceston, led by Anne Bartlett, is prepared to take on the task after the Congress. Contributors and other interested persons should please note that after 1.6.91, all correspondence should be addressed to:*

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### CONGRESS REGISTRATION AND HELP

*If the organisers do not have your name yet, make your move NOW.*

### TWO AGRICULTURAL RIOTERS

#### The Sentencing of James Lush and Peter Withers

The following edited account of the sentencing of these agricultural rioters, transported to Tasmania in 1831 after the last minute commutation of the death sentence, has been sent to us by Miss Roma Draper. Miss Draper, her mother Mrs Audrey Draper of Littleton Panel, Wiltshire, and Dr Gordon Lush of London have taken particular interest in Lush and Withers, and provided the background information to the trial. Miss Draper comments "I think that many of the Wiltshire boys were related and came from the same villages in and around Salisbury, also my home town of Devizes ... I know that James Lush took up with a woman in Hobart (having left a wife in Wiltshire) and had issue. He moved to Victoria and died in Melbourne. We would love to know what happened to Peter Withers, hopefully anything you print might bring an answer."

The agricultural riots of 1830 arose from the poverty and degradation of the agricultural labourers in the southern counties of England at a time of particular economic hardship. Their only means of livelihood in the

winter months, threshing, was being supplanted by machinery: hence the machine breaking. "Captain Swing" was the legendary prototype of the riot leader, a mythical figure who symbolised the fight against injustice and oppression.

The history of the riots has been well recounted by George Rude in his book "Captain Swing". Now Miss Jill Chambers has produced a book on the riots in Hampshire and intends to cover each of the affected counties. See the account and book review at the end of this article.

The agricultural riots were spread over 34 counties and almost 2000 prisoners were tried. Disliking what it regarded as the leniency of some of the sentences handed down by local magistrates, the government appointed a special Commission. This was the body that tried Lush and Withers. Rude remarks on the "bitter vindictiveness displayed ... by the landowning jurors and judicial Commissioners at Winchester and Salisbury ... No less than 481 persons were wrested from their families, and shipped 12,000 miles away with virtually no hope of ever returning to their homes. In the south of England, there were whole communities that, for a generation, were stricken by the blow. From no other protest movement of the kind - from neither Luddites nor Chartists, nor trade unionists, was such a bitter price exacted."

144 transportees were sent to New South Wales. The Eliza brought 24 men to Hobart on 25 May 1831, and the Porteus brought another 98 to Hobart on 4 August. A few others arrived by separate ships, including two women. James Lush, aged 40, was tried for robbery after breaking a threshing machine; Withers, for assault. Both were part of a mob.

Special Commission, Salisbury, Monday January 10. Transcripts from "The Times".

The scene at this moment was distressing beyond all description. The three rows of benches, which had been reserved for the prisoners, were filled by 26 men in the prime of life, all convicted of capital felonies. At the extreme right of the first row was stationed a lad of the name of JENNINGS, then James LUSH, and next to him Peter WITHERS. James Lush ... is a tall athletic square-built man, and dressed in a carter's frock over which he wore a shaggy great coat. His appearance from the first moment of his being placed at the bar was ghastly to a degree. He looked round him vacantly for some time, heaved several deep groans, staggered backwards a little, and at last burst into a copious flood of tears. He then leant down his head and supported himself upon the back of the seat reserved for the attorneys, which was immediately before him. With his head buried in his hands, and his huge body extended over the seat in such a position as to be at right angles with his legs, he remained during the

whole time of his sentence and of the motion which preceded it, never once looking up at the Court and continually uttering the most deep and heart rending groans. Some conception of the mortal agony which he was enduring may be formed from the extraordinary heaving in his back which more than once absolutely undulated like a wave. It seemed as if his backbone were perfectly flexible and could move either inwards or outwards from the rigidity of its usual position. At times he rocked about in convulsive agitation, pushing his body backwards and forward with great velocity. Though his head was covered with his hands, the tears which he kept shedding were seen continually oozing in large drops through his long bony fingers ...Withers ... though of no great stature, is apparently a strong and active man. As soon as the Judges put on the black cap to pass the fatal sentence of the law, the pale ashy semblance of death stole over his countenance - his lips became livid as those of a corpse - his cheeks fell in, as if there had been no jaw to sustain them - his eyes quivered with extraordinary rapidity for some minutes, then were turned upwards, so that nothing but the whites were visible, and at last were closed as if he wished to exclude from his sight some fearful vision which passed before them. Drops of cold sweat rolled in torrents down his face, betraying the intense agony of which he was the victim. At last he could stand up against his sufferings no longer, but sank half falling on the bench. It was quite evident that during great part of the dreadful sentence which was passed upon him, he had neither eyes nor ears for anything that passed in Court. A spirit more completely broken I never saw. For a moment he fainted away. He recovered, however, without assistance, and the vacant glance which he flung around as he woke to the melancholy consciousness of his fate was too appalling to be soon forgotten. He then began to open and compress the fingers of his hands with great vehemence, but suddenly stopped and placed his left hand to his throat and touched his neckerchief as if he were even then suffering under the sense of suffocation. By direction of the learned Judge, an officer went to his assistance: a glass of water was handed to him and he drank it off to the last drop, with the most feverish avidity. Nothing could be more truly wretched and lamentable than the spectacle of despair which he exhibited to the Court and to his fellow prisoners. As Mr Baron VAUGHAN proceeded with the sentence, it was found necessary to give him a wine glass full of sal volatile and water, this appeared to revive him and at the close of the address of the learned judge, he was leaning his elbows on the back of the seat before him, with his hands raised in mute supplication to the Court for mercy. Whilst the sentence was passing upon Lush, his sighs and groans were most affecting. He repeatedly sobbed out "have mercy upon us" and evinced the magnitude of his terrors by the most piteous ejaculations. Nothing could be more wretched than his condition except that of his partner in misery. Both appeared to have lost all command over their feelings - their energies were paralysed, and every spark of courage

extinguished within them. Such a total prostration of the mental faculties by fear, and such a terrible exhibition of anguish and despair, I never before witnessed in a court of justice. All present were moved by it. Mr Justice PARKE and Mr Justice ALDERSON could not refrain from tears. The rough athletic farmers who were seated in the jury box were equally affected, and among the women not a dry eye was to be found in the court. All seemed relieved as the unhappy men were removed out of the court, literally staggering under the weight of the sentence which had been inflicted upon them.

The whole proceedings of this day in court were of the most afflicting and distressing nature. But the laceration of the feelings did not end with the proceedings in court. The car for the removal of the prisoners was at the back entrance to the court house, and was surrounded by a crowd of mothers, wives, sisters and children anxiously waiting for glance of their condemned relatives. The weeping and wailing of the different parties, as they pressed the hands of the convicts as they stepped into the car was truly heart rending. We never saw so distressing a spectacle before, and trust that the restored tranquility of the country will prevent us from seeing anything like it again.

Salisbury Journal, Monday 24 January 1831.

From our London correspondent.

The convicts Lush and Withers who were ordered for execution tomorrow, Tuesday, have been respited during his Majesty's pleasure. It is impossible to describe the feelings of the prisoners when the glad intelligence was communicated to them. Lush declared that he had bidden a last adieu to this world and had fully prepared himself for the awful change he was about to undergo. He acknowledged that he had been a great sinner but raising his hands to Heaven, he prayed that the blessing of God might be with him and that trusting in the mercies of the Redeemer and assisted by the consolations of the Holy Spirit he might hereafter lead a life dedicated to the worship of that God who had so mercifully delivered him in this hour of his extremist need and thus show himself not altogether unworthy of the great blessing he had received. Withers who had also prepared himself for the awful moment of his dissolution returned thanks to God with uplifted hands and uttered a fervent prayer to the Father of Mercies that his future life might be dedicated to his service as a token of his sincere gratitude.

It will be seen below that the Petition from this City in favour of the wretched convicts who were condemned to expiate with their lives the outraged laws of their country on Tuesday next, has proved successful and that we have been spared the melancholy spectacle of seeing these misguided men launched into eternity by the exercise of that mercy which

is the brightest jewel in a monarch's diadem. Great exertions were made on their behalf and we can enter into the joyous feelings which must animate the bosoms of those good and humane individuals who have at much inconvenience personally laid before the Secretary of State their representations on behalf of those miserable men who but for such kindly interference would most probably have suffered the last extremity of the law.

#### Editor's Note

Peter Withers wrote letters home, describing his comfortable position in assignment with "a good Master and Mistress" and "plenty to eat and drink." Withers tried hard to persuade his wife to come out to join him, but she did not reply and he 'remarried'. Eleven years later his first wife tried to become reconciled, but it was too late. James Lush along with many thousands of others, left for Victoria. The complete transcript of the sentencing is in the Hobart Branch library.

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#### HAMPSHIRE MACHINE BREAKERS

The Story of the 1830 Riots by J. Chambers

The value of this book to Family Historians is the wealth of names and biographical detail. Not only are we given the names, ages, occupations, and places of birth of those arrested but in some cases the author has included details of the family, taken from baptism records or Census returns. We also have the names of victims who were robbed, names of persons who petitioned the government for the men's release, and the names of wives who were married in Australia and then children who were born there.

Jill Chambers is both the author and publisher of his book, which she says is the first of a series which will cover the Swing Riots (as they were commonly called) in many other counties of England. The book may be obtained from Jill at 24 Rookery Walk, Clifton, Shefford, Bedfordshire SG17 5HW. Price 15 Pounds + overseas postage and packing of 4 pounds. Published 1990.

Reviewed by D.H. Pearce, Hampshire Genealogical Society.

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## *President's Message*

We have now settled down after having what can only be described as a perfect holiday. Now the major items of business to consider are the proposed new Constitution and the 1991 Congress.

At a poorly attended Special General Meeting held to consider the adoption of the proposed New Constitution, it was not possible for those present to reach any firm conclusion regarding its adoption. It was decided to defer further consideration of this matter until members were able to discuss issues raised at branch level. A special Executive meeting is to be held to try and reach a basis of agreement on both content and format.

The 1991 Congress committee has been spending an ever increasing amount of time on preparations for the fast approaching Congress and the results so far are very encouraging. Registrations are coming in at a steady rate, all display space has now been taken and good support is being received from State and Local Government departments.

If it were not for one glaring feature which sticks out like a sore thumb, one might say that everything up to now has been a tremendous success.

What has become depressingly apparent is the lack of response from the Tasmanian membership in regard to submitting registrations to attend the Congress and also what has been an abysmal lack of response to an earlier call for helpers at Congress time. Of the registrations so far received less than a quarter are from Tasmanians.

We all know that those children who live next door to the school are the ones that are always late, but it would be encouraging to see more Tasmanian kids in the playground before school starts.

As for the lack of help offered for Congress time, all I can say is, please do not look around to see who else has volunteered but take the plunge, put your name on the back of an envelope and send it in. Remember many hands make light work!

In closing, many thanks to those who held the fort whilst we were away. We are glad to be home again.

John Grunnell

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# THE SIXTH AUSTRALASIAN CONGRESS ON GENEALOGY AND HERALDRY UPDATE

ADDRESS FOR CONGRESS CONVENOR: PO Box 60, Prospect Tas 7250

## REGISTRATION

Anyone who has not yet registered for the Congress and is planning to do so is urged to register now as the Organising Committee needs to have a clear idea of the likely total number of registrations.

## CHANGES TO THE PROGRAM

The following changes to the programme have had to be made as a number of lecturers find that they are now no longer able to attend the Congress. The following speakers will replace those listed in the registration brochure:-

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|-------------------------|---|
| Thu. 3A:- Gary Presland | - Researching 19th Century Vic. Police Records.   |
| 3C:- John Jamieson      | - Tasmanian Registrar-General's Dept.   |
| Fri. 3C:- Judy Grimes   | - The Maryborough Family Heritage Institute: an untapped source for Genealogy.  |
| 3D:- To be announced    | - Irish research  |
| 4B:- Douglas Lobb       | - Researching Cornish Ancestors.  |
| 4D:- Michael Dixon      | - The Tas. Lands Titles Office and Deeds Offices in Prospect.   |
| 5C:- Iain Swinnerton    | - What to do before you go to England.  |
| Sun. 1A:- Graham Wilson | - Researching family hist. in mining communities.   |
| 1B:- Richard Stone      | - The Ibis and the Black Sheep under the Red Gum Tree : Serial Publishing by family History and Genealogical Societies in Aust. |
| 2C:- To be announced    | - Irish Research.   |
| 2D:- Martyn Killion     | - Records relating to Tas in NSW State Archives.  |

Unfortunately, owing to his wife's illness, Patrick Nolan is no longer

able to attend the Congress. He is currently negotiating for the Chief Herald of Ireland, Donal Begley, to take his place at the Congress.

#### CONGRESS PAPERS

The volume of papers being delivered at the Congress has been assembled and is now in the hands of printers. It contains many very interesting papers which will provide a permanent record for those attending the Congress and also for those who will be unable to come. Place your orders now and obtain this volume at the special pre-publication price of \$25.00 (plus p. & p. for those not attending). Orders to A.M. Bartlett, PO Box 60, Prospect, Tasmania 7250.

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#### REFLECTIONS

"Joseph Wright, you have been found guilty of the charge of stealing waistcoats at Wolverhampton. By the power vested in me by this court and in view of your prior convictions of stealing shoes, geese, robbing a garden, shooting a swan and fishing in restricted waters, I sentence you to fourteen years transportation to a penal colony in Van Dieman's Land."

Fourteen years for trying to keep my family alive. How could they know how it feels to be hungry? How cold the nights can be? And how the children become sick and die? They live in mansions and eat as much as they want, with new, warm clothes whenever they need them.

At first, I didn't want to leave my home and family and sail to some unknown land, maybe never to return, but after a while I began to see the chance for a new life. No more hunger and sickness, no more senseless death.

That was five years ago and, for a while, nothing changed. The trip from England was rough, we were all sick and some died. Maybe they were the lucky ones.

The three years in Port Cygnet were the worst. The cells were small with hardly enough room to lie down in and the nights were so cold that we could hardly sleep. Even after a day's hard work from sun up to sun down, sleep wouldn't come easily. Our bodies ached from swinging the hammers to break rocks and from carrying the rocks to the building sites or from using the pick and shovel all day. We walked miles back to the prison for our meagre meal and longed for rest which it seemed would never come. After a few hours lying sleepless, listening to the misery of our fellow

prisoners, we would fall into the deep sleep of exhaustion only to be awakened a little later by the morning bells calling us to start all over again. The work was hard and punishments all too frequent.

My chance of a better life came when I was assigned to Thomas Herbert at a place called Richmond, on the Coal River. Thomas is a stonemason and a fair man. He is well respected and together with his wife, owns a boarding house in Richmond. There is a girl working at the boarding house, only sixteen years old. Her name is Lucy Ann Ross, daughter of the local butcher. If I were to marry Lucy and settle here at Richmond maybe I could apply for a conditional pardon. I know others who have received a pardon long before their sentence was completed, leading to a steady job, a home, even a grant of a small parcel of land. Lucy and I will have many children, boys and girls, and they should all learn to read and write and never have to fight for survival ... yes, children,... the hope of a better future.

#### Afterword

Joseph Wright and Lucy Ann Ross were married on 8 April 1851. Joseph received a conditional pardon on 27 January 1852. They had eleven children, five boys and six girls. They lived at Richmond for the rest of their lives, Joseph working as a brickmaker and builder, and Lucy becoming a nurse. Joseph died at Richmond on 22 April 1907 at the age of 94 and Lucy died on 5 April 1910 at the age of 77. Many families still living in the Richmond area are descendants of Joseph and Lucy Ann Wright.

Louise Izzard, 20 Inkerman St, Triabunna, Tas.

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1851 Census

Aston /Edgbaston / Harborne / Ladywood/ St Thomas/ St Philips/ Monumental  
Inscriptions

West Bromwich Wesley Church & Christ Church & St Peters Willenhall  
St Giles / Smethick Old Church /Wolverhampton St George / All Saints  
Gospel End St / Sedgley St Chads & All Saints RC

#### CORNWALL

1851 Census Index & Transcript - Parishes of the LIZARD

#### DERBYSHIRE

MONUMENTAL INS: Derby St Alkmund & St Paul / St Barnabas, St Anne & St  
John / St Michael & St Luke / St James the Greater & Derby Holy Trinity /  
St Werburgh, St Peter & Christ Church.

#### DEVON

Index St Andrews Plymouth Baptisms 1745 - 1792

#### ESSEX

1851 Census Index for HO 107/1771 Ongar; HO 107/1773 Orsett; H007/1774  
Billericay; HO 107/1779 Tendring; HO 107/1781 Colchester; HO 107/1782  
Lexden

Kelly's 1862 PO Directory

#### KENT

Monumental Ins St Bartholomew, Waltham & St John Milton

Kent Masters & their apprentices 1763-74

1847 Poll Book for Western Division

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Bap Reg St Leonard Deal 1559-1837

Mar Reg " " " " "

Bur Reg " " " " "

Parish Reg Bexley 1565-1812

Parish Reg Dartford 1561-1812

Parish reg Gravesend 1547-1812

Monumental Ins Gravesend

PR Horton Kirby 1678-1812

Mar Reg Stepney 1719-1754  
PR Trottecliffe 1540-1812  
PR East Wickham 1715-1812  
PR Wrotham 1558-1812  
Canterbury Manuscript Poll Book 1768  
Canterbury Borough Poll Books 1790 & 1796  
St George, Deal  
C & B 1747-1812 M 1747-1753 Eastry  
B 1 Jan 1813-9 Dec 1853       "  
B 9 Dec 1853-7 Jun 1980       "

#### LINCOLNSHIRE

1851 Census Index Caistor District/ Spilsbury District/ Sleaford District/ Spalding/ Holbeach District

#### LANCASHIRE

MARRIAGE INDEXES: Blackburn 1813-37 /Bolton by Bowland 1813-37 / Downham 1813-37 /Eccles  
BAPTISMS: Bury - Brunswick Wesleyan 1835-82 /Methodist 1839-68 / Cong/Ind chapel 1796-1837.  
BURIALS: Blackburn St John Grave Occupancy  
MONUMENTAL INSCRIPTIONS: Blackburn Nonconformists Chapels / Burnley Holy Trinity / Bury - Hole Bottom Unitarian; Birtle St John the Baptist; St John, the Rock / Downham St Leonard / Elton All Saints, Bury / Padiham - Hall Hill Methodist; West St Nazareth Chapel; St Leonard / Preston - St Paul; St Saviour with St James; St Thomas Parish

#### LONDON & MIDDLESEX

1851 Census Index  
Westminster HD 107/1468-71 /Chelsea HD 107/1472-7 /Paddington HD107/1466-7 /Brentwood HD 107/1698 /Hampton HD107/1604 Stepney HD 107/1550-54 /St Marylebone HD 107/1486-91 /Hampstead/St Pancras HD 107/1492-98 /Islington HD 107/1499-1502 /Clerkenwell HD 107/1516-19 /Hendon/Barnett/Edmonton HD 107/1700-04 /City of London HD 107/1528-32  
Midwife' Record  
St Pancras Monumental Inscriptions  
Non Conformist Registers pre 1837  
Middlesex - Protestation Oath Rolls 1641-2  
Middlesex/Herts - Kelly's Directory 1888-9  
" " " " 1911-12  
Rate Books Bow/Poplar/Wapping & Settlement Examinations

#### NOTTINGHAM

1851 CENSUS: 1 Nottingham, Radford, Bingham / 2 Basford / 3 Retford / Mansfield, Newark, Southwell, Worksop

Index to Phillimore Volumes St Peters / St Mary's / St Nicholas  
Phillimores Marriage Volumes St Peters / St Nicholas / St Mary's

SURREY

1851 CENSUS Parishes of West Surrey  
Surrey Super Index to Parish Records

YORKSHIRE

York Marriage Index  
1861 Index Sheffield Vol 1 to 6 on  
FFH Soc-Yorkshire Families Directory

The Bartlett index

Launceston Library has a new card index done by Anne Bartlett and named after her. The Bartlett Index contains all genealogical information from:

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by Alma Ranson

To celebrate the arrival in Australia of their ancestors, James Jordan and Mary Butler, the family decided to hold a reunion at Longford over the Australia Day weekend. Mary arrived on the 2nd Fleet and James on the 3rd Fleet; both were sent to Norfolk Island where they produced 5 children. James and the children, along with Mary's son William Saltmarsh, arrived in VDL in 1813 and settled at Pateena.

The weekend saw a gathering of about 350 people at Longford. The Saturday was used to do a 2 hour bus tour of Longford's historic spots, its cemeteries and the Pateena district [formerly Norfolk Plains East], the area where the Jordans were first granted land in VDL. Our guides were members of the Norfolk Plains Branch of the National Trust and their help was very much appreciated. The 90 people who took part thoroughly enjoyed the experience and it was a great way to break the ice for the following day.

Sunday commenced with an invitation to attend the service at Christ Church. This was followed by a picnic day at the Longford Football ground where many family members arrived with displays of old photos and scrap books. These, along with the family tree done out in large charts, were pored over by most of the gathering during the day. Mr John Beswick opened the function with an interesting talk on the family history and gave us an insight into the lives of some of our family and how their lives were interwoven with those of some of his ancestors.

A video tape is being made of the events. It will include some of the family history and shots of the Longford area. A family history book is also in the pipeline, and we hope to release it later this year. Many, many hours of work were put in to make the reunion happen, and so it was very gratifying to see those who attended take such an interest in the displays and their own places on the family tree. As is usual with these occasions, many people discovered that people they had known previously were related; and some met quite close relatives for the first time.

<p><b>GENEALOGICAL RESEARCH</b></p> <p>IN</p> <p><b>SOUTH AUSTRALIA</b></p> <p>PROMPT ATTENTION REASONABLE RATES ACCURACY GUARANTEED</p> <p><b>PATRICIA M. LAMB</b> S.A.E. - 13 LAKE DRIVE POORAKA, S.A. 5095.</p>
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# Common Interest Groups

## TASMANIAN HISTORICAL RESEARCH ASSOCIATION

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CALENDAR 1991

- |             |                                   |  |
|-------------|-----------------------------------|--|
| 12 March    | Dr. Alex C. McLaren               | 'Rosebank revisited - Alex Clark and Ann Inglis, their origins, careers and descendants' |
| 9 April     | Neil Chick                        | 'The Archer Family'  |
| 14 May      | Lindsay Broughton                 | 'Expectations of Art in Tasmanian Society in the late nineteenth century'                |
| 11 June     | Speaker and subject to be advised |  |
| 9 July      | ELDERSHAW LECTURE                 |  |
|             | Prof. Alex Castles                | 'Tasmanian Legal History'  |
| 13 August   | Lee Finlay                        | 'Convict women of the Amphirote'   |
| 10 Sept     | Prof M. Townsley                  | 'Some new ideas about Tasmanian Political History'                                       |
| 8 October   | Dr Cassandra Pybus                | Title to be advised  |
| 12 November | Robert Hall                       | 'Antarctica and Tasmania'  |

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## TWO COMPUTER PROGRAMS FOR FAMILY HISTORY

Home computers are becoming fairly common and can be a solution to bulging files, scraps of notes, sorting, filing and retrieving family history data and simplifying and updating charts, lists and notes about individuals and families.

Fifteen months ago I had never touched a computer and I am still no whiz, but I have had the chance to compare two programs and because the program is the vital thing, I thought it might be worth passing on my observations.

If you don't have a computer, then don't go for too cheap a one. I think the minimum is one with a 20MB hard disk, though 30 or 40 will probably prove worth the extra in the long run, a 640K memory, a mono screen (unless you need to be entertaining your grandchildren) and a reasonable printer, that is at least just up from the cheapest. You should get the lot for around \$2400 or less if you get a second hand one. The hard disk drive is the most likely thing to be faulty in a second hand one, and that can be replaced for around \$600. IBM compatible is the preferred option because more programs are available for them, but programs are available

for Apple and Mackintosh. What brand you get depends on the distributor backup support as much as the brand.

You don't need to know a great deal about the inner workings of the computer any more than you need to understand the workings of an automatic motorcar, but it helps and can be quite interesting. These two programs, at least, lead you through the processes by selecting options from "menus". It can be handy to have a friend to hold your hand sometimes when you get things mixed up.

I bought a program from the Mormon Church called Personal Ancestral File (PAF) Version 2.2 and have used it for 12 months. It is very good, but has some irritating features which caused me to get a copy of Brothers Keeper (BK) Version 4.5, out of curiosity. BK is a later version of Family and Family3.

Both are about the same price, around \$60. BK is a shareware program available through a shareware distributor for about \$10 initially and you pay a registration fee if you like it. PAF comes through the Mormon Church. Both are a lot cheaper than some and I am told just about as good or better.

Well, what do you get from these programs?

In PAF the basic data for an individual besides names is four dates and places, plus church dates and temples, which are not necessarily used and are printed empty. These fields are not changeable. On the other hand, BK allows for five dates and places if you want them but it is adjustable to less. The dates for PAF are birth, baptism, death and burial; for BK they are anything you want to make them.

Marriage data is separate in both cases; names of husband and wife and date of marriage; and before you leave that entering, you have the chance to add the children's names, whether they had been previously entered as individuals or not. PAF provides for two church details as well.

All data may be modified if required and notes may be added about anything.

Reports available give individual or family group details, a descendants or pedigree chart and various sorted lists. With BK you may design your own report if the standard ones don't suit. BK will produce a diagrammatic tree.

Bk is somewhat simpler generally, but note making is less convenient than with PAF. Seven lines of notes are easy enough with BK; then the next 17

are not too bad, but beyond that it is a matter of leaving BK and going to a wordprocessing program where there is no limit to notemaking. These notes can be printed though, with other data, without leaving BK.

Every home should have a wordprocessor; like a washing machine you cannot do without one once you have had one! PAF's notemaker is unlimited and internal although also not top wordprocessing style. PAF note making is handier.

One useful feature of BK is that you can note the source of the information beside dates, places and names. This I found very useful for backchecking and verifying. It will also take short messages on various items which is often all you need about a person. There is provision for recording occupation and a general reference. PAF does not have these fields. Unless one is involved in whatever it is that the Mormon Church is doing, the special fields and forms are a bit of a nuisance and would be better used for such notes.

Both have good search capabilities and both have easy backup routines which is essential to limit loss of data in the case of a breakdown or fault. Both have streamlined entry procedures that enable codes to be established for recurring names thus saving many keying strokes. 'BK' is more comfortable to use.

One part of PAF I have not found use for so far, is their Research Data Filer. This is "to serve as an index for notes, organise and rearrange notes and sort entries various ways". There seems to be a fair amount of separate input to achieve this.

Both programs will produce a "GEDCOM" file which can be used to transfer data from one computer to another by telephone, if you have a communications package (and a simple one is included with PAF), or by floppy disk or by direct linkage between two adjacent computers. Data is transferable from one program such as PAF to another such as BK. This I have done so as to avoid re-entering all the data I had entered so far.

It could certainly be useful to transfer some or all of your data to another member of the family to fill out more detail simply by sending a disk of the relevant people in the mail. Currently I do this by running off a part of the tree or a family group chart with all the gaps to be filled in. It takes a few seconds.

The part of the communications package concerning submissions to church headquarters does not interest me.

In the case of BK it is possible to communicate via a modem and bulletin

board with others who may be searching the same family; something I have not graduated to yet! Something GST may get to?

PAF has a section called Facts and Fun which calculates relationships like Joe Blow is your 4th cousin three times removed. BK does this on a chart as well as in script. PAF finds names which sound alike although not spelt the same, counts descendants, graphs birthdates, gives name frequency, calculates the day of the week a given date was ages ago, and then has some rather hymn-like genealogical songs with which you can start or finish a heavy session of searching! BK does most of these as well but there are no hymns.

With adjustments, my printer prints some nice neat, informative trees with BK. PAF does not print trees at all. In each case, the descendency chart is often sufficient, though less impressive.

The number of records that can be held is limited only by the size of the computer memory. BK will take 15,000 with a 640K memory. I have 820 names up which is about a tenth of what I may get to.

There are other programs such as Roots, Everyone's Family Tree and Rootmaster which some other member may like to comment on. They cost nearly \$300 I believe.

I would be interested in comments and suggestions. The learning curve is continually upward!

Ross Brown, 47 Haldane St, Mt Claremont, 6010, W.A.

## Two for the Price of One

Certificates from County Record Offices cost 5.38 pounds compared with St. Catherine's 13.00 pounds. Let me research for you at 2.50 pounds per hour plus photocopy and postage and try to obtain C.R.O. documents.

### Indexes available:

St. Catherine's S. 1839-1908 D. 1838-1903 M. 1839-1920 (gaps 1903-1907)  
Irish records B. 1864-1903 D. 1864-1882 M. 1845-1921  
Scottish records Births only 1855-1901  
Somerset House wills 1858-1901 odd batch 1955

Please mention membership number

Miss Madge Grinnell (YES, I'M JOHN'S SISTER !!!)  
110 Port Ave., Crownhill  
Plymouth, DEVON, U.K. PL3 5 NP

An advance of 10 pounds is required for preliminary work

# Book Reviews

Nixon, N.: THE PIONEER BISHOP IN V.D.L.: 1843-1863. Walch and Sons, Hobart, 1953, card cover, stapled, 64 pages, 140 X 200 mm format, donated to the Hobart Library.

The book was put together by the granddaughter of the first Bishop of Tasmania almost forty years ago, to mark the sesquicentenary of Tasmania. The well-thumbed copy presented for review is a gift to the [Hobart] Library from Joan Henderson in 1990.

Norah Nixon has compiled and edited some fifty pages of letters from Mrs Nixon, the bishop's wife, written to relatives in England between 1843 and 1845. In addition to these, which form the main part of the book, there are a few pages from church chronicles about the Bishop's remaining years in VDL, 1845-1862, and a few more about the rest of his life, 1862-1879. The last section also contains obituary notices for Mrs Nixon and the Bishop.

Before he was consecrated Bishop of Tasmania, Francis Russell Nixon was one of the "Six Preachers" of Canterbury and Chaplain to the Archbishop. He arrived at Hobart Town in July 1843.

"Mrs Nixon's duties were manifold, as Bishop's Secretary writing and copying often far into the night, showing hospitality to all and sundry, taking Sunday School and Confirmation Classes, playing the organ for church services, visiting and nursing sick neighbours, etc." The surprising thing is that she still found time to write so many long and lively letters during her first two years in the colony.

Names of places and people crop up in the sort of random order to be expected in letters home. Fortunately there is an index containing about 270 entries, not bad for a book of 50 pages.

This little book is interesting for its account of the way a home-sick Englishwoman reported to her family in a distant colony. For genealogists it is valuable for the little snippets of information it provides if your ancestor happens to be one of those mentioned.

It is an interesting commentary on the customs of the times that Bishop Nixon as a young man had served for a period as English Chaplain at Naples, and both he and his wife died at Lake Maggiore. The last line of the obituary notice from "Church News", Hobart, reads, "I fancy the Queen sent a representative."

Davison, Graeme and McConville, Chris (Eds): A HERITAGE HANDBOOK. Allen & Unwin, Sydney, 1991, glossy coloured card cover, 274 pages, 140 X 210 mm format, half-tone illustrations, some diagrams and tables.

It's not often that the back-cover blurb is good enough to use for the beginning of a review of the book. This is one of the rare exceptions. So here goes.

"Heritage is now big business in Australia but many people interested in preserving historic buildings or in understanding the history of their own towns and suburbs are baffled by the technical language and complex legal machinery of the heritage professionals.

"A Heritage Handbook is the first concise, comprehensive guide to heritage issues in Australia. In straightforward language it explains how the idea of heritage developed and outlines the recent history of the Australian heritage movement. It provides a comprehensive review of heritage legislation in each State and the Commonwealth, and shows through a series of case studies how some major heritage issues have been contested and resolved.

"A Heritage Handbook emphasises the practicalities of heritage work by answering questions on:

- \* researching the history of one's own house;
- \* interpreting a historic site;
- \* what makes a building historic; and
- \* how to present a case to a local council or planning authority.

"The most commonly used heritage terminology is discussed, and each chapter has suggestions for further reading."

The eight contributors (the editors are two of them) all have respectable credentials in history, either in teaching or in private practice.

Part III is called "Practicalities". The topics are reading a building; how to research the history of a house; reading a landscape; reading a site; responding to a conservation study; and presenting a case. All contain sound and useful advice based on experience.

Most Tasmanians would do as I did and test the soundness of the work by seeing what it said about Port Arthur and Sullivan's Cove. They would not be disappointed with what they found - even down to a mention of the work of "historians Audrey Hudspeth and Lindy Scripps". These and other case studies illustrate the tension between tourist development and preservation which runs through all heritage debates.

Harvey, Neil and Barbara: ST JOHN'S HOBART PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH: 1840-1990. Published by St John's Church, Hobart, 1990, card cover, stapled typescript, 72 pages, 150 X 200 mm format, lists and half-tone photographs.

This modest book was produced to mark the sesquicentenary of St. John's Presbyterian Church, Hobart, which became a separate entity on 14 October 1840. The first 44 pages contain a chronology of the church in the form of two or three pages about each of the 17 ministers between the first, Rev James Bell (1840-1852), and the 1990 incumbent, Rev M.V. Skalicky.

Church records reveal a series of amalgamations and financial problems, along with triumphs and steady progress. Interesting terms like "calls", appointing ministers for "a month of Sundays" and "preaching the charge vacant" abound in the book.

From page 44 to 72 there are many names of people involved in church activities and organisations. These would be of interest to genealogists. They include elders, 1854-1990; session clerks; choirs; prayer breakfasts; Presbyterian Fellowship; Presbyterian Women's Missionary Union; Sunday School; prominent past parishioners; and roll call, 1990.

If you have Presbyterian roots, you never know who you might find in this little book.

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Harris, D.H. and Presland, Gary: COPS AND ROBBERS: A Guide to Researching 19th Century Police and Criminal Records in Victoria, Australia. Harriland Press, Forest Hill, 1990, card cover, 120 pages, 150 X 220 mm format, facsimiles and half-tone photographs, \$12.95 plus \$3.00 postage from the publishers, PO Box 92, Forest Hill Victoria 3131.

This is a clever book. While it purports to be a guide to the records kept about police and lawbreakers, it also contains a good general picture of policemen and the police force; of law courts and prisons; and of the criminal element in the Victorian population. The authors manage this by not only giving details of the nature and whereabouts of records but also giving lively examples of the sort of information contained in them.

Part I is called COPS, with chapters about the department; the men (personnel records); the places (station records); the work; and miscellaneous. Part II is called ROBBERS, with chapters about criminals sought; criminals caught; criminals in court; prisons and prisoners; and prison records. The body of each chapter deals with the topic by referring to selected records that illustrate it. At the end of each chapter, under

Sources is a full list of numbers and brief descriptions of the records available.

Further lists of names and records appear in five appendixes. There is a names index of some 400 names, and a general index.

Helen Doxford Harris is a professional researcher, specialising in goldfields history and police and criminal records. Her co-author, Gary Presland, was the manager of the Police Historical Unit when the book was published. The authors' experience guarantees that this book will save family historians from a lot of fruitless searching.

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Wood, Irish, (Ed. Rick Snell): THE CONVICT AND THE CARPENTER: A History of Mary Springham and William Hambly and their descendants. R.G. and P.V. Wood, Hobart, 1990, hard cover, coloured jacket, 360 pages, 205 X 300 mm format, many half-tone photographs and facsimiles. \$40.00 plus postage and handling from Go Between Publications, GPO Box 286C, Hobart 7001.

This is a rather handsome book, as near as you'll get to a coffee table volume with a photocopying process. Altogether a nice production job.

The contents match the book's appearance. It is the story of two First Fleeters, William Hambly, free, and Mary Springham, convict, and of their descendants until about the end of the nineteenth century. The author has done a remarkably good job in unravelling relationships, land deals and court cases in the 1820s and 1830s and establishing the framework on which the main body of the book rests.

Family members move from the First Fleet to Sydney, then to Norfolk Island and the Pittwater and Sorell districts in Van Diemens Land. This is the subject matter of the first four chapters. Thereafter, chapters are devoted to individuals and couples as the lines became clear and the offspring multiplied. Chapters are devoted to Sophia Duncombe, Mary and Charles Richardson, Jane Duncombe, Lucy and James Eaton, George Hambly Duncombe, Charlotte Hambly Steer and George Dale, and Emmanuel Hambly Steer.

There is a twenty page family album of half-tone photographs, and an explanation of the family lines. There are 120 pages of keys to the various branches of the family tree - the Rowles, Richardson, Horton, Eaton, Duncombe and Duke Branches. The index covers 12 pages, and is full of names. The Appendix contains useful extracts from the Richmond Census for 1842, as well as a full account of the Lord vs Steer Land Case Trial of 1825.



the following excerpt from the introduction illustrates what seems to have happened to many Australian families as they spread across the country:

The wide dispersal of the family also illustrates their pragmatism and enterprise. They spread from Sorell to neighbouring areas as crown land was made available. A large group moved off in the second half of the nineteenth century to the goldfields in Victoria and the Dales went off to New Zealand. At the turn of the century many young men in their twenties went to the goldfields of Western Australia, or to work all over Australia and New Zealand and beyond . . . Despite the difficulties of travel, links were kept for a few generations at least, and someone in the family generally knew where to look for the lost ones.

As with all books of a family tree, the main interest will come from the people in it. Nevertheless, this one is a good example for all of us to follow.

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## *Book Notices*

Webb, Gwen: BOTHWELL, THE GATEWAY TO THE HIGHLANDS. Regal Publications, Launceston, 1990, coloured card cover, 204 pages, 150 X 200 mm format, half-tone illustrations.

This book is a combination of documented research and stories that people tell. It contains two indexes, one of a large number of family names, and another of events and places. It would be useful for confirming family history and rounding it out. (Reviewer's Note: It is a pity the book was not edited more rigorously before it was printed so handsomely.)

Jansen, Alice (compiler): INDEX TO THE CONDITIONAL PURCHASE REGISTER OF NEW SOUTH WALES 1862, 1863, (already released), 1864 (March 1991) and 1865 (May 1991). Sets of 9 microfiche at \$50.00 per set, plus \$4.00 P & P in Australia. From Genial Enterprises, 1 Napier Ave, Emu Plains NSW 2750.

This specialist index comprises:

- \* surname index of all individuals listed
- \* extract of CP Registers detailing name of selector, county and parish, and subsequent transfers (where known)
- \* county listing, showing, by parish the selector and subsequent owners
- \* a comprehensive booklet giving a brief overview of free selection and valuable research information.

The index, by providing access to the Register, will lead the researcher to thousands of boxes of correspondence of the (NSW) Archives Office which relate to land selection.

# News from Branches

## HOBART BRANCH

The committee has adopted a programme of meetings for the current year up to March 1991. The programme includes a good variety of subjects varying from how-to-do-it guides for beginners, to descriptions of actual experiences of speakers when pursuing their subjects. We have also included an evening of history of Tasman Peninsula. Note All meetings will provide a question and answer segment to help with your personal genealogical problems.

Since Christmas we have acquired a computer for use in the Branch. We are now setting it up to computerize certain of our library holdings and the committee looks forward to receiving suggestions for more projects. We have chosen the O'Shea Indexes as the first project. Because of our limited funds we have not bought a printer yet and we would be pleased to receive donations towards this from Hobart Branch members.

The Hobart Branch Library now holds the first set of 37 microfiche from the Australasian Genealogical Computer Index (A.G.C.I.). Although Tasmanian entries are not yet included we are hoping to have an index to our T.A.M.I.O.T. transcriptions in future editions.

These A.G.C.I. microfiche show which Society in Australia or New Zealand holds a record relating to the name being sought. Some of our members have already reported success in obtaining information from participating Societies. A search of these fiche could be productive.

Allen Wilson Chairman Hobart

### Hobart Branch Meetings

19.3.91	How to Keep Records and Notes	Irene Schaffer and Thelma McKay
16.4.91	AGM and Chairman's Choice	Allen Wilson
21.5.91	Australian Military Records	John Lennox
18.6.91	Ten Years of Tasmanian Ancestry - Producing Our Journal	Audrey Hudspeth
16.7.91	Tasman Peninsula Area and Families	Brian Rieussett
20.8.91	Recording Oral History	Jill Cassidy
17.9.91	Dating and Caring for Old Photographs	Trevor Webb
15.10.91	Irish Records	Frances Travers
19.11.91	Social Evening - Bring with you the derivation of your Family Name.	
18 February 1992	Computers in Genealogy	Allen Wilson
17 March 1992	Australian Joint Copying Project	Maree Ring

### BURNIE BRANCH

The Library has been very well attended since it has been reopened for 1991. The first meeting for the year in February was a question and answer evening with an interesting quiz for all.

In March the members attended our Hellyer Library for the monthly meeting. The meeting was followed by a conducted tour of the Reference section by our Librarian, Sue MacDonald.

February 21 was the commencement date for the Thursday morning working bee to resume after a break for the holidays. The task will be the collation of the Births, Deaths and Marriages from the newspapers.

It is very nice to have our Librarian, Sue Loughran, back after a long period of sick leave.

## *Notes*

### VICTORIA POLICE GAZETTES

Material relating to Tasmanians from Dec 1853 to Dec 1857 has already appeared in the journal. From 1858-1862 is a typed index, a copy of which has been given to the Hobart library. This index contains a name only. Full details are available from me on receipt of a long sae and a \$10 fee per surname. A portion of the fee is donated to the Victoria Police Historical Society. Other branch libraries are welcome to copy the index.

### VICTORIAN CRIMINAL RECORDS

These remain unindexed prior to 1868. I have extracted all Tasmanians from 8 volumes, covering the period 1852-1868, but there are some 8 volumes to go. Rather than wait until the whole project is completed, which is going to take years, I have typed up 2 indexes, covering the volumes completed. A copy of these indexes is held by the Hobart Branch library. The details given are: surname, Christian name, date of arrival or birth, name of ship of arrival, aliases are cross referenced. A hand written extract of the material is available for a fee of \$10 per surname. Branch libraries are welcome to copy the index.

Inquiries about extracts from both the Victoria Police Gazettes and the Victorian Criminal Records should be sent to:

Helen Doxford Harris, 20 Abelia St, Nunawading, 3131. Tel 873 2075.

### [Editor's Note and Apology:]

Although the information above was kindly sent by Helen Harris in April 1989, it has not appeared in Tasmanian Ancestry owing to an oversight. We do apologise most sincerely to Helen, who is a good friend of our Society. She has put an enormous amount of work into transcribing these indexes, and has generously made her work accessible to our members. Would anyone who has been waiting for further information please note that Helen is in

no way responsible for the delay. Tasmanian Ancestry issues for June and December 1989 have extracts from 1853 through to 1856 and September 1988 has 1857. Nearly all records are male, as early female records are at present unavailable, requiring urgent conservation. Records are mainly from city areas, but some country records are included. The period 1863-1885 is not yet typed up but will be available at the Congress, and the Society will receive a printout. Apart from its importance to genealogists these researches are making a vital contribution to broader historical research. Was it true, as nineteenth century Victorians and visitors often declared, that ex-convicts from Tasmania were conspicuous for carrying on their old habits? Only the sort of research Helen is doing can reveal the answer.]

#### A NEW SOURCE FOR GERMANIC RESEARCH; GERMANIC EMIGRANTS REGISTER

A new source has been discovered which will help many genealogists to find the unknown German places where their ancestors came from. This source is being turned into the biggest database of German emigrants.

This index includes for example:

- \* Deserters from the armies of Prussia (including Baden), Wurttemberg, and Saxony, 1871-1918.
- \* Young men who did not present themselves to the recruiting officer 1871-1918 and had probably left Germany before, possibly even in their childhood with their parents.
- \* Persons who were sought as missing heirs 1871-1918 and may have left Germany even decades before.
- \* Persons absent from their hometown who were searched for by the authorities, for example for bankruptcy.

The index covers the entire former German Empire ie Prussia (including East and West Prussia, Pomerania, Posen, Hannover, Westphalia, and the other Prussian provinces) Alsace-Lorraine, Bavaria, Saxony, Wurttemberg, Baden, Oldenburg, Hesse and the minor German states.

What information you should provide:

If you want to find out whether the German place of origin of your emigrant ancestor is on file with us, please send his/her

- full name
- birth date
- occupation
- denomination
- year of emigration or year of earliest appearance abroad and the same data for all known family members and relatives. Please indicate your knowledge about the German state or Prussian Province of origin if available, too.

What we will do for you:

We shall then thoroughly compare your data with the contents of our database. If the place of origin can be found, we shall notify you about the fact and quote a fee to ascertain this place. You may accept this offer or not. If we cannot find the wanted place immediately, we shall keep your request on file and shall inform you as soon as we are able to detect it in the course of extending the database.

There is no risk for you: you only pay for positive results! Submit your inquiry right now. Write to Germanic Emigrants Register, PO Box 1720, D-2840 (W) Diepholz, Germany.

#### TASMANIAN CERTIFICATES

Now that registrations are computerised, certificates from 1900 (\$20) will not automatically give cause of death or name of informant. You will have to request this information. If you require a certificate after 1970, an additional \$10 will be charged, \$30 altogether!

#### ST GEORGE GENEALOGY GROUP

Mrs J. Croce of the above group, PO Box 33, St George, 4487, writes that they have recently completed the St George Cemetery List. Copies are for sale for from \$10 to \$15. Orders can be sent to above address.

#### VICTORIAN BAPTISMS, MARRIAGES, BURIALS 1836-1839

These have been transcribed and can be located in the "History of Victoria" Vol 3 Chapter 38.

#### KENT FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY

Australian members can make subscription payments to KFHS, C/- Mrs M. Minter, McCaffery Drive, Rankin Park, NSW, 2287.

#### THE ORAL HISTORY ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA - TAS BRANCH

If you are interested in joining, please register now! If there is enough support, a meeting will be held in early 1991. Enquiries and expressions of interest to: Jill Cassidy, Queen Victoria Museum and Art Gallery, Wellington St, Launceston, 7250.

The 7th Biennial Conference of the Oral History Assoc of Australia will be held at the University of Qld, 20-22 September 1991. Enquiries to OHAA National Conference Committee, C/- Box 282, PO Nambour, Qld, 4560.

#### LITHGOW & DISTRICT FAMILY HISTORY SOC. INC.

This Society is willing to exchange journals with any other societies who may wish to contact them at PO Box 516, Lithgow, NSW, 2790. We also have published cemetery transcripts of our local area for sale or exchange on a dollar for dollar basis.

MATERIAL CONTRIBUTED BY BURNIE BRANCH  
BURNIE CENTENARIES

100 YEARS OLD - BRASS BANDS IN BURNIE

A meeting of interested people was called in November 1890 to form the Burnie Brass Band. By March 1891, fourteen instruments had been purchased, Mr Martin Brennan was appointed bandmaster and fourteen players were ready for their first performance.

Mr J. Hamilton Royce was the President, Mr E. Spotswood the Secretary, and Mr A.E. Harrison the Treasurer. Mr Royce was the principal of Queens Grammar School Emu Bay. He was a trained teacher of the Melbourne University and had certificates in drawing, drill and gymnastics.

A Bazaar in aid of the uniform fund was organised by Mrs Chapman, and Misses Farrell, Mylan and Marriott. The uniforms were to be of blue cloth with gold facings with a close fitting jacket and small round cap. However, owing to the collapse of the VDL Bank, with whom they had invested their money, the uniforms were not purchased for a further twelve months and were not as elaborate as first hoped, the gold facings being replaced by white. They were purchased from a Launceston firm of tailors and caused great disharmony in the community when the local tailor, Mr G. Uhly, complained bitterly that the uniforms should have been purchased in Burnie.

The Band played out on many occasions and their sacred concerts on Sunday afternoons at The West Beach and The South Beach attracted good crowds. They also accompanied the Burnie Football Club on a trip on the SS Herbert to a football match between Burnie and Stanley at Stanley, leaving from the Breakwater 6pm on Friday night and leaving Stanley wharf early on Sunday morning. The return fare was 7/6. They travelled to Penguin to play at the Horticultural Society Annual Spring Show. They also played at the Burnie New Years Day Sports and Burnie Hack Races, as well as at an outdoor concert at Somerset (near Mr T. Hilders Store). A moonlight concert on the water aboard the SS Star and a Benefit Concert in aid of several destitute families of Burnie were both very successful entertainments.

Help given by other musical groups of the times to help the band funds came from the Ulverstone Dramatic Club, the Fredo Ryan Company, and the State School children led by Mr Burton, together with vocalists and instrumentalists from Penguin and Ulverstone. Some of the better known artists of the time were Mr Foat who sang The Old Rustic Bridge, Mr

Dockerell (The Old Church Bells), Mr Kilburn (Mothers Last Letter to Me). The town also had a string band who helped on occasions. A favourite function was a concert followed by a coffee supper.

The first Annual Meeting was held on a Friday night in the Town Hall and was well attended. Mr A. Chapman presided and the total receipts for the first year were one hundred and twenty four pounds and one penny. Mr Marriott was appointed Drum Major at this meeting and committee members were Mr R. Burnie, Secretary, Mr R. Hodges, W. Lane, C.W. Brown.

Since then some of the presidents of the band have been Mr A.K. McGaw, Warden Hodgman, W.H. Lane, A.R. Tierney, C.B. Guest, H.A.B. Cranwell, A. Ingles, M. Lucas, H. Rigney, A.E. Pearce, J.R. Hilder, R.C. Beresford, N.J. Turner.

Secretaries: G. Huxley, W. Hines, V.W. Pitt, R. Dowling, S.H. Wall.

Bandmasters: W.A. Reid, O. Hinds, A. Clarke, W. Heron.

The band is now known as The Burnie City Brass Band.

#### THE RIDGLEY FOOTBALL CLUB

The following are some of the playing members of the Ridgley football club for their first season in 1891.

Messrs T. Lynch (capt), Hodgetts, Turner, Atkinson, Barker, Buckingham.

In 1907 the committee comprised Secretary E.A. Radford, President R. Moore, G. Matthews, J. Jubb, C. Wilson, W. Hagar, H. Morris, M. Bramich, and Rowbotham. Radford (3), Rowbotham, Hodgetts (2), Hutton (2), Bramich, Fitzmaurice, Townsend, Smith, Hope, Fidler, G. Seward, Beaumont, Lucas, and Docking were in the football side for the same year.

The club have won 23 Premierships and have been runners up 20 times in the last 100 years.

If anyone has researched some of the above names, especially that of T. Lynch, would they please contact Mrs Doreen Russell, Phone 004-357366.

#### THE ADVOCATE

It was on 10 October 1890 that the first issue of the bi-weekly Wellington Times, the newspaper that is now The Advocate, was published. Throughout those 100 years, the newspaper has grown and developed with the North West and West Coasts, the areas it was established to serve.

Now - 29,400 issues after the first one on 1 October 1890 - The Advocate is in the front rank of Australian regional newspapers and its family controlled owning company, Harris and Company Limited, is one of the most successful corporate bodies in Tasmania.

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### THE FAMILY TREE

Sent in by Ian Woolley

I think that I shall never see  
The finish of the family tree,  
As it forever seems to grow,  
From roots that started very low,  
Way back in ancient history times  
In foreign lands and distant climes.  
From them grew trunk and branching limb  
That dated back to time so dim.  
One seldom knows exactly when  
The parents met and married then.  
Nor when the twigs began to grow  
With odd named children, row on row.  
Though a verse like this is made by me  
And the end's sight you can see  
Tis not the same with family trees  
They grow and grow through centuries.

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by David Chappell of 8 Fir Leaze, Nailsea, Bristol, England. BS19 2DH.

The bible was published by the British and Foreign Bible Society, printed by George Eyre and Andrew Strahan and is dated 1825.

Page 2 is inscribed in clear copperplate writing "Horatio Nelson Johnston, May 1st 1864"; we have his photo as a boy of 12 or so, but as yet no idea of the connection. In the top left-hand corner of the title page, "Mr Andrews" is written in faint pencil, and it is possible that he had the book re-bound. It is now in cloth covered boards to which fragments of leather have been stuck. The pages have been trimmed during re-binding.

There are three fly leaves at the front, two between the Testaments (apparently replacing pages 969/970 of the original book), and four at the back. The outer two are of tougher and newer paper than the others. Perhaps the book has been re-bound twice.

Fly page 4 is inscribed: "Jonathan Andrews, his book. Born October 16th 1805." Pages 5-8 and 10-15 contain entries relating to the Andrews family from William (1771-1841), and of the Chappell family from Herbert Andrews Chappell (1869-1958).

According to Gresham Chappell's Andrews tree in "The Chappell Family in Suffolk" Jonathan Andrews' eldest son William was born in 1831 and produced a daughter Cissy. There is no record there of this girl's mother or siblings.

However, Fly page 12 of the bible has these entries:

William Andrews born October 16th 1831  
Left London for Hobart Town July 17th 1854  
Married Ellen Stannard May 9th 1861  
Died May 3rd 1896 at Hobart

William John Andrews born March 16th 1862  
Mary Susan Amelia Andrews born April 26th 1864  
Eleanor Isabella Andrews born November 13th 1865  
Alfred Henry Andrews born April 25th 1868  
Annie Latrobe Andrews born December 17th 1870

Frank Tasman Andrews born August 24th 1870

We have a photo of William (by H.H. Baily of Hobart), a hand coloured one of his wife, Ellen, by an unknown photographer, and hand coloured ones (by

Spurling of Hobart) of three children respectively inscribed on the reverse "Cissy", "Ella" and "Alfie" and in a different hand on each "for Grandpapa". This is intriguing as their Grandpapa Andrews had died the year before the children's parents' marriage. There is another set not coloured and not inscribed. They are identically dressed, and by reference to the list above, Mary Susan Amelia appears to be the Cissy both of the photo and "The μChappell Family in Suffolk" tree. There is one other photo of an un-named Australian Andrews female cousin about 25.



Photo:

Cissy or Ella  
ANDREWS, ca 1870.

Spurling of Hobart.

(The author can supply copies of photos mentioned in the text for 2-70 pounds sterling for a negative and a 6" x 4" print.)

ST JOHN'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

by Leonie Carpenter, 6 Wentworth Street, South Hobart Tas 7004



Two doric columns dominate the facade of St John's Presbyterian Church in Macquarie Street (between Harrington and Barrack Streets), Hobart.

Once the decision to build was made, as was the tradition of the time, donations were sought first from parishioners, and then additional funds were sought from the Government.

By July 1840, 300 pounds had been subscribed towards the second place of Presbyterian worship in Hobart Town (the first being St Andrews, now Scots Church in Bathurst Street between Argyle and Campbell Streets). Members of the Church of Scotland sent a memorial to the Lieut. Gov. Sir John FRANKLIN asking for aid under the Legislative Council Act. This aid was approved in September.

Of the donations received, the Presbyterian General Assembly and the flour miller John WALKER donated 100 pounds, Thomas LEARMONTH 50 pounds and Robert OFFICER, Charles McLACHLAN and Thomas YOUNG 20 pounds each.

On February 4, 1841, the church building committee of John WALKER, Stephen COOMBS, Leonard PEARSON, William McROBIE and Joseph DIXON were refused a

portion of land opposite the existing church. This land is that on which the Hutchins School was later built.

The Rev. James BELL was appointed as minister for the new church on November 5, 1840; the Moderator was the Rev. J. LILLIE.

Tenders for the building were called on September 24, 1841, and the church itself was finished by July 1843. The church of St John was opened on April 9, 1843, at a total cost of 2,660 pounds, 9 shillings and ninepence, of which the land had cost 600 pounds.

[Editor's Note: There is a review of a 70-page history of St John's Church on page 157.]

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## *Co-ordinators' Reports*

### COMPUTERS

Computers are being used in the Branches more than was the practice in the past. Members are using their personal computers for their own genealogy recording and some of them are assisting their Branches of the Society as a whole by storing lists and indexes on their computers.

Perhaps the best known effort has been the work of Villy Scott with T.A.M.I.O.T. Villy has co-ordinated the keying and checking of T.A.M.I.O.T. records and has also done the lion's share of the work.

Other projects of which I am aware include:

Burnie; indexing of obituaries in Walch's Almanac

Devonport; indexing notices in the Advocate

Huonville; assisting with complete listing of Tasmanian B.D.& M. records and indexing of Victorian records for the years up to 1880. (This is a project of L.D.S.)

Launceston; indexing of notices in Launceston newspapers

Hobart; listing of members interests for publication at 1991 Congress; indexing T.A.M.I.O.T. for A.G.C.I.; transcription of the Custom Authority Records for the years 1830 to 1833.

Regarding the Custom records, this is a book listing transactions at Hobart Custom House, which was found in the ceiling of the building when it was being re-wired by electricians some years ago. We have been lent the book for computer listing and possible publication later.

Allen Wilson - Co-Ordinator

# Members' Queries

## 1. THOMAS

Elias and Eliza (JONES) arr on Black Swan from Vic 1855. Known children Thomas, Jane (b Wales), Sarah, John, Eliza, Alfred, Caroline. Others born Pattersons Plains and Beaconsfield area.

## 2. GLOVER

Charles m Rebecca BROWN 1849, West Tamar. Charles was b Leicestershire, transported at 18 for stealing ham and cheese. Children Margaret, Rebecca, Robert, Maria, Lydia, William, Harriett, Charles James.

## 3. BROWN

William and Margaret (GRAHAM) came from Tyrone 1832+. Children Rebecca (b Ireland), William, John, Lydia, James, Robert, Thomas, Peter, Margaret, Charles and Elizabeth. Any information on year and ship William arrived would be gratefully received.

Gwen Smith, 12 Warwick Place, Kings Meadows, Launceston. 7249.

## WESTON

Seeking info for M.A. on William Prichard Weston, b1804, Shoreditch, London. Died 21 Feb 1888 St Kilda. Married Ann CLARK 1826, Longford. Issue: Wlm Sydney, Madeleine, Edward, Ann, Maurice, Aimee, Fanny Jane, Emma Blanche. M.L.C., twice Tasmanian premier. Particularly want to locate his unfinished autobiography. Any info, no matter how small, greatly appreciated.

Keith L.O.M. Tyson, 21/320 Davey St, South Hobart. 7004.

## TAYLOR

Jane, b c1823, d1887, Launceston. Marr Richard WILLIAMS 1844 at Hobart. Issue: Mary Jane, Frances, Susanna, Clara, Emma, James, Ada Sarah and Elizabeth. Any info re Jane and antecedents please.

Mr J. Laing, 76 Sorrell St, North Parramatta, NSW. 2151. Ph 02-957 5955.

## LONERGAN

Info required on children of Daniel Lonergan m Catherine READER at Ross, Tas. in 1851. Mary, Hannah, John (Jack), Cornelius, Honorara, Julie Ann, James, Therese Ann, Daniel Joseph, Kate and Nora or their descendants.

Mrs Kath Lonergan, 12 Sunnyside Rd, New Town. 7008. Ph 002-287479.

## BELBIN

I wish to make contact with someone researching the family of Daniel and Sarah BELBIN who lived at The Needles, near Deloraine in the 1890s. In particular, their daughter Mary Jane BELBIN born March 1896 who married Edward DAVIS in Launceston in July 1931.

Replies to Mrs Vicki Vernon, 44 Richardson Cres., Burnie, Tas. 7320.

## 1. READ

George Frederic m Mary Sophia. Issue: Julia Eliza b pre 1843, Jessie Sophia b 18.9.1843. Lived Hobart 1849 and Lton 1860. Info on George and Mary appreciated.

## 2. McCRANEY

Various spellings. Mary b1833 m Matthew SUTTON 1851, St Josephs Catholic Church, Lton. Lived Perth/Evandale area. Info on Mary appreciated.  
Mrs G. Dawson, 3 Adams St, George Town. 7253.

## 1. SPARKS

I am seeking info on the descendants of Thomas Sparks, 1838-1920, and Mary Ann SPRIGGS 1846-1925. Issue 8 - Martha (m John RICHARDS), Emmerline (m James NICHOLS), Albert (m Annie MORLEY), Mary, Claire, Walter (m Alice SMITH), William (m Martha ?), Ethel (m Thomas TUTTLE), Lynda (m Charles ANDERSON).

## 2. ANDERSON

I am seeking info on Charles Henry Anderson, b1875 Fingal, Tas, d Hobart. Married Lynda SPARKS 1904 and had one son Gerald Thomas ANDERSON b1904. Chas was involved in horseracing as a jockey and trainer 1890s and early 1900s.

Ms D. Anderson, 2 Washington St, South Hobart. 7004.

## ACKERMAN

Frederick alias Edward AKERMAN arr per Nile 1850. Marr Hobart 1855 to Margaret JOHNSON who arr per Midlothian 1853. Presumed surviving children Mary Ann b Hobart 1855 (m John HOLT 1878 Launceston), Fred b 1862 Longford, Elizabeth b1864 Longford, Margaret b1869, Launceston. Margaret ACKERMAN d 1872 Launceston from childbirth, Edward last known living 1879 Longford. Hoping to contact any descendants.

Mrs Lois Howlett, 36 Fairway Cres, Launceston. 7250.

## SHORT

Seeking info on William SHORT, b Eng possibly Bristol, late 1870s. His son James b1826 Bristol m Emily CUMMINGS 1854 Hobart Town. Also their son James b1863 d1936 m Matilda UPCHURCH only known child Emily Pearl SHORT d1950 Hobart.

Wally Short, 29 Girrorabong Rd, Lenah Valley, Tas. 7008

## ESPIE;ESPEY;ESPY

I am interested in compiling a one-name history on this family in Australia and New Zealand for future posterity. To do this, I need the assistance of all families with an Espie;Espey;Espy ancestor or whose surname is the same. For more particulars, please contact Mrs Mary Smith, PO Box 29, Bowenville, 4404, Qld, Aus. Postage will be refunded if requested.

### BUCCHERI;FOLEY

Vizenza b C1781, m 1826, Hobart Town, to Mary FOLEY b C1793. Known children Elizabeth, Harriet, Maryanne, Thomas and Agnes. Vizenza also known as Thomas BUCCAREY, Vincentia BUCKHARDI and Antonio BUCHARI d 1842 Hobart Town. Agnes m (2) William COOPER and when reg births of children, gave her maiden name as CAREY. Seeking any details especially death of Mary (nee FOLEY) last known alive 1832 but might have remarried. Mrs P.S. Hamilton, 54 Bluff Rd, Black Rock, Vic. 3193.

### 1. FRASER

Henry Goldsworth FRASER b1820 Scotland, m Keziah GRACE 1839. Children Archibald Noah 1873 m Louisa Elleanor WEAVELL; Henry Goldsmith 1866; Ernest Albert 1875 m Maud? Ethel Maud Keziah Grace 1879 m William DRAKE; David Linus m ?; Ella May 1881 m Charles AITKEN.

### 2. FLOYD

William FLOYD 1791 m Mary DAVIS. Children - William 1846, Louisa 1850 m Edwin Samuel WEAVELL.

### 3. JORDAN

Clarence JORDAN 1870?, m Wilhelmina TAYLOR at Derby. Interested in Clarence's parents or siblings.

Miss E. Fraser, PO Box 18, Whitemark, Tas. 7255.

### PHELAN;LARKEY

Ireland to South Australia 1854 and 1857.

John PHELAN and Catherine LARKEY m 1862 at Farrel Flats, S.A. Unclear the number of children. They had one son Richard Patrick, b1877, District Clare. MARY PHELAN mother of John, usual residence, Mintaro, d June 1866, age 56. Buried Catholic cemetery.

I need the other children's names for John and Catherine.

Reply to Mrs V. Butt, 29A Kauika Rd, Whangarei, NZ.

### 1. McLEOD

Roderick m 1855 Harris SCOTT. Hannah McLEOD, Anne b1856 arr Hobart Town 1857 per Persian. Other known children Thomas 1858 m l. Jane LUNSDEN and 2. Rose Harriet WILCOX, Catherine 1863, Malcolm 1865, Male 1867, Robert Alexander chr 1868, Sarah 1868 m James HARWOOD, John 1869, Marion 1871, Rachel 1872, Roderick 1876, Margaret Sarah Ann 1878. Family lived Otlands, Franklin, Castle Forbes Bay.

### 2. BABINGTON

John Alcock Morgan b1812 Eng? arr VDL before 1834, m Hobart Town 1839. Jemima Mary GOULDING (d 1860). Children Anne Morgan, Hugh James, William Henry, Mary Elizabeth (Minnie), John Morgan, Alice Jemima, twins Laura Louise, Jessie. John m2. 1862 Catherine Colclough SHERLOCK (nee YOUNG). Children Arthur, Kate Amy, Rose Louisa, George, Edith May and Ada Isabel. John employed as Chief Mate, Pilot and Harbour Master. (See 3. next page)

### 3. BABINGTON FAMILY BIBLE

I have been told a bible with English family details exists on N.E. Coast of Tas. Any help to trace the owner appreciated.

Ian D. Woolley, 2 Bournville Cres., Claremont, 7011.

### CLARK

Has anyone come across any information on William Clark, occupation Cooper? He married Grace MILLER, November 1833, at St Andrews Church, Hobart Town.

Three known children:-

William bapt 1834 St Andrews, Hobart. Residence Collins St.

John, bapt 1836 St Andrews, Hobart. Residence Collins St.

Janet, bapt 1838 St Andrews, Hobart. Residence Collins St.

Any info welcome. Costs refunded.

Nola Peterson, 2 Ranelagh Tce, Huntsbury, Christchurch 2, N.Z.

### DONOGHUE;DONOHUE

John m Anne FOGARTY 1867 Franklin, Tas. Issue Mary Ann 1868 m Samuel BLACKHALL, John 1869 m Amelia ESTCOURT, Amy 1875 m George WILLMOTT, William 1877 m Blanch FISHER, Albert 1880, Annie 1882, Samuel 1884, Ada 1887. Family lived in Hastings area. Any info re arrival in Tas appreciated.

Mrs B. Torley, 99 Wilson St, Cheltenham, Vic. 3192.

### BROWNE

Joseph b C1815 m 1845, St George's CofE, Battery Point. Emma TOOGOOD b1823, d1883, Hobart.

Children Harriet b1848 Hobart Town, Elizabeth b1851 m William David GIBBENS. Children James b1854, Joseph Titus Toogood b1856 d1879, male b1859, William George b1861 m 1884 Harriet KING, Robert 1863, Ada Josephine 1866. Descendants of and info on this family required by Mrs Maree Ring, 14 Oakbank Ave, Montrose, 7010.

### TREBLE;DOHERTY

William TREBLE b C1815 North Molten, Devon, transp life 1837, m1847 Launceston Nancy DOHERTY b C1818 County Derry, Ireland, trans 1841. Their first son William b1848. Nancy was also known as Ann.

Are there any TREBLE descendants in Tas? Willing to share info as Trebles in Devon date back to 1550. All letters answered.

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

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