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DEADLINE DATES:- 1 January, 1 April, 1 July, 1 October.

## EDITORIAL

This is the first edition from the Launceston news desk. We hope you will find it interesting and informative. When a new broom sweeps over a few moths fly up and ask for review.

MOTH No.1 - "The Cover".

There have been many comments and letters in the past about a change. As the Journal is published for the members of our Society, the Journal Committee feel the members should have a say in any change.

The cover of the Congress Special edition of the Journal indicated a possible direction for change; have a look at the next page for the Committee's idea for a new cover. Now we call upon all artists and graphics experts to send in their efforts and comments. The proposed changes will take place next year, giving you time before Christmas to communicate with:- The Editor, PO Box 60, Prospect, Tasmania 7250.

MOTH No.2 - "Members' Queries and New Members' Interests".

These you will find in the centre of the Journal on a different coloured paper. This has been done for quick reference and some may wish to lift this section out for ease of use.

MOTH No.3 - "Publications and Sales".

These will now be listed under the headings of STATE and BRANCH SALES.

We feel this makes a small family of MOTHS and is enough for a start.

We welcome constructive and helpful comments and will give them our consideration. We have a saying in our church office, "We are here to assist, not to crush".

Jenny Gill.  
(Associate Editor.)

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# TASMANIAN ANCESTRY

## PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

My reports will be brief, but I shall endeavour to keep members advised of decisions and happenings of the Executive and also to continue to encourage members to contribute wherever possible. After all, this is your society, your journal and I am your President just trying to do my best.

Firstly I wish to extend a sincere vote of thanks to John for the excellent work he and his co-worker and wife Thelma our past State Secretary have done during their time in Office. I believe that during these years we have grown as a united society.

Our Annual General Meeting weekend held on the 22nd-23rd June was hosted by the Hobart Branch and by all reports enjoyed by all who attended. The meeting saw the election of 50% new faces and 50% of previous executive back to the committee. I believe a good mixture exists and look forward to working with them all. I wish to take this opportunity to thank all retiring executive members and welcome new members to the executive. We welcome to the Executive our new State Secretary, Mrs. Colleen Read and new State Treasurer, Mr. Graham Thom.

Ongoing issues that the Executive are still undertaking are:

- \* A redraft of our Constitution, a massive and complicated task which I hope shall be finalised this year.
- \* The compilation of a Policy and Procedures Manual, an undertaking I took on some 12 months ago. Hopefully, with the assistance of office bearers, this will be completed this year as I believe it will prove a great asset.
- \* Negotiations with the Registrar General's Department, discussing ways in which we can be of mutual benefit to each other. We shall keep members advised as this issue progresses.
- \* Computerising the Index of a Custom House Journal, dated 18\_\_ , which is on loan to the Society.

A meeting of Executive and all Co-Ordinators was held in July which enabled new and current position holders to meet and discuss various issues. This was well attended and proved very beneficial.

With the recent release of several publications and other items for sale, it was decided to create a position of State Sales and Publications Co-ordinator in lieu of the position of Marketing and Publications. This position will be responsible for the administration of the sale and stock control of all material published by the GST, with the exception of Tasmanian Ancestry and Branch publications, and shall also remain responsible to oversee all material published under the GST Inc. name. Anne Bartlett of the Launceston Branch has been appointed to this position.

My first report also marks the occasion of the first journal to be produced by members of the Launceston Branch who have now taken on the massive task which has been so expertly done by members of the Hobart Branch and I believe shall be equally matched by our Launceston members.



## MEET YOUR NEW PRESIDENT



Denise's family is complicated to say the least; she has 3 half brothers (from her father's first two marriages), 3 half sisters (all to mother's first marriage) and 4 brothers besides herself (offspring of her father's third marriage and mother's second marriage). She requests "Please don't ask me to start to tell you about this family, as it becomes even more complicated than the above". Denise is married but she has no children.

She has always been interested, because of her own mixed up family, in family history in general, but had never really got around to doing anything until one day back in 1984 when, out of the blue, she received a phone call from a stranger.

Needless to say they became very good friends. During 1984 her new friend took Denise to her first GST meeting and she subsequently became a member. In 1985 she was elected as a member of the Hobart Branch Committee and commenced helping as Library Assistant at the Hobart Branch Library. Following the resignation of the Branch Secretary in 1986, she was co-opted to the position of Branch Secretary. In 1988 she and the Branch Treasurer "swapped" positions and Denise still currently holds the position of Branch Treasurer. In 1990 she became a Committee member of a newly formed Norfolk Island and VDL interest Group.

Due to her increasing interest in the workings of the Society, Denise was elected to the Committee of State Executive in 1987. She was elected Junior Vice-President in 1988, Senior Vice-President 1990 and State President in 1991.

During 1987-1988 Denise undertook to collate information on families in the Glenorchy district during 1803-1825 for the Glenorchy Bi-Centennial Project. [Her interests still lie with early Glenorchy Families and the work personally still continues.]

Denise has worked for the last 15 years as an Administration Officer; full-time until 1989 and now part-time. Her interests other than Family History are computers, accounting, book keeping/taxation, Legal Studies, welfare and counselling.

With any spare time, she enjoys working with her computer, inputting family data, typing up notes taken at meetings and just mainly learning to use new programmes.

# PRESIDENT'S REPORT

## 22nd June 1991

As your President, it gives me great pleasure to report that the year under review has been a good one for the Society in every respect: this being especially pleasing to me as this is my final year in office.

### GENERAL COMMENTS

The branches have worked very well together, no doubt due in part to the 1991 Congress. The Executive Committee has developed into a well knit organization of many talents, displaying overall a "Tasmanian" viewpoint in preference to "doing what is best for my branch". This makes for much easier understanding and coping with the work in hand, and it is hoped that this attitude will be continued by the incoming Committee.

### SPECIFIC COMMENTS

In accordance with the wishes of the Executive Committee, reports from Branch Presidents will no longer be presented at Annual Council meetings and Co-ordinators reports will be tabled with Co-ordinators being available to answer any questions.

A review of the Branch President's reports to their own branches disclosed a very healthy situation indeed. Membership numbers are still very strong with attendances at branch meetings on a most encouraging level.

In some of the reports there is strong evidence of the part that computers will play in our activities and it might well be essential that all branches should consider this aspect of recording information. As this is an expensive undertaking, firm budgeting will be called for.

Again it is pleasing to note that branch library holdings are increasing at a most satisfactory rate, with all branches reporting firm support for their libraries.

Hobart Branch, under the guiding hand of Allen Wilson, reports on a good year of activities (even had two break-ins) and one cannot but be envious of their excellent library and meeting room facilities. It is good to see them being used well.

Devonport and Burnie branches are also very healthy, with good attendances at their branch meetings. A pleasing aspect of both branches is that at their meetings, good use of State and Local Government facilities and staff is being made.

Huon Branch although not over large in numbers at the present time, the confidence of the branch surely points to a very good future. Toni Glowacki's report to her members gives one the impression that this is indeed a happy branch.



Launceston Branch again report on a very successful year with something of a boom in library acquisitions and activity. Meetings have been varied and well attended and its T.A.M.I.O.T activities have probably had their briskest year to date.

All branches are to be congratulated on a job well done and I feel sure that we have much more progress to look for in the future.

#### INTEREST GROUPS

Another year of achievement, particularly in T.A.M.I.O.T, is to be reported. These groups represent an area of activity where co-operation between branches is so important and in which it is so readily given.

#### Publications

This is one area of the Society's interests that has a lot of potential, given the right personal being involved. During the past year, some of the branches carried out quite a lot of activity in this area and gained not only financially, but importantly, by increasing the amount of source material available in an easy to get at format.

Reference to Anne Bartlett's report shows that the Congress generated important work, the main items being the Congress papers and the Tasmanian Source book, both of which sold very readily and quickly covered the publication costs. With the support of the Executive, Anne has drawn up a guide to how future activity in the publication field is to be managed and this is now adopted as a policy document.

From the results gained over the past year it is obvious that Anne proved to be the right person at the right time and should it be possible to combine the duties of Publications Co-ordinator with those of Editor of the Journal, then it makes good sense that she should be invited to carry out this dual role.

#### Research

Research has been on a par with last year's level which suggests that perhaps we might have reached the highest possible input in this area. It might prove to be a useful exercise if branch researchers got together to discuss ways that there may be to encourage further business in this activity. It is worth pointing out that Launceston branch earned approximately \$6.00 per inquiry whilst the nearest best from a branch was \$2.60. This in itself would make an interesting discussion topic.

Due to the more or less stable position in this interest group, Bev Perkins has suggested that it is superfluous to have a co-ordinator and has now tendered her resignation from this position.

#### T.A.M.I.O.T.

It has always been my wish that in every possible way all Tasmanian resource material held by branches should be compiled into an ongoing record, a copy of which would be held in each branch. We have made a good start in this direction with the first T.A.M.I.O.T Index. The next step as I see it is to have a Tasmanian Burial Records File showing all areas, in situ at every branch. In this regard co-operation, NOT competition, is the key

word. Incidentally, we owe a big vote of thanks to Villy Scott and his helpers on the coast for the first class work on the TAMIOT Index.

#### The Journal - "Tasmanian Ancestry"

After ten years in the hands of Audrey Hudspeth and her ever efficient team, the journal now travels north for production. Looking back over the years, one wonders how the high standard of our journal has been maintained, how it has always met the deadline and how much we have taken for granted. I for one, feel that a special talent and a very thick skin is needed in this area of activity, thank goodness Audrey, Thelma, (and earlier Frances) maintained their sense of humour! A sincere thanks to you all, and best wishes to our new editor, Anne Bartlett and her committee.

#### Van Diemen's Land Heritage Index

This project is still progressing well in spite of what must have been an enormous workload for Neil Chick. Special mention must also be made to Anne Doble who has worked so quietly and efficiently in the background fielding the queries and dispatching the volumes; with Denise McNeice looking after the financial side. All help to produce this unique historical record.

#### Member's Interests - A.G.C.I.

Thanks to Allen Wilson, we now have a way of recording and publishing members' interests that is second to none. This was especially highlighted at the Congress when the Tasmanian listings and the Registrants' interests compiled by Allan proved such a hit. Together with his involvement in preparing and submitting material for inclusion in the Australian Genealogical Computer Index, we owe Allan a big vote of thanks for a job well done.

#### Van Diemen's Land - Norfolk Island Group

Just recently established, this group is proving to be a very popular one and under the guidance of Irene Schaffer and Thelma McKay, its future looks to be assured. With a membership of over 50, it will prove to be a successful group within the Society.

#### Library

In his report, Morris Lansdell again raises the need for total support from branch membership for their respective libraries. This lack of support has always been a sore point as it invariably means the same people carrying out library duties month after month. It is regretted that due to lack of information from Launceston and to a lesser extent, Devonport, Morris was not able to prepare as full a report as he would have liked and as such, a complete picture cannot be presented. The report however, does disclose a healthy situation in an area that is crucial to the branches to maintain. Our thanks to Morris for displaying such initiative and energy in this important position and in supplying each branch with useful information for further acquisitions.

#### The 1991 Congress

The Congress, which was little short of a nightmare in its planning and preparation, turned out to be a dream come true when it finally took place. Surely the biggest and most successful of the Society's projects to date, it was a triumph bringing congratulations from many interstate and veteran Congress goers.

A great big "Thank you" to Pat Harris and her committee, made up of members from all branches.

Special mention must be made of the decision by the Executive to accept Anne Bartlett's offer to compile and edit a book devoted to Family History resources in Tasmania. Anne did a tremendous job in this respect and following the launch of the book at the Congress Opening, indications are that it will prove to be a major source of revenue for the Society.

#### Finance

The financial position of each branch is very sound in spite of no capitation fees being allocated from State funds over the past three years. Now that the Congress profit is known, the matter of allocation to the branches will come under review by the incoming Executive.

#### SUMMING UP

In very way things look well for the Society and if the same spirit of co-operation continues between branches further improvement can only result.

At all times the Executive committee worked as a team free of any personal or branch bias, and I feel sure that the incoming committee will carry on in the same independent manner.

#### THANKS AND FAREWELL

It would not be fair to single out any particular individual for thanks as all members have played their part to the best of their ability, particularly in the year just ended. Just let me say that without the unstinting support that I have received, especially on the Executive level, I would not have gained the feeling of satisfaction that looking back over the past three years gives me.

As I hand over the reins to our new President let my sincere thanks go to you all, together with my best wishes for what, I am certain, will be a wonderful future.

JOHN GRUNNELL.

# FINANCIAL STATEMENTS 1990 - 1991

## GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY OF TASMANIA INC.

### CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF TOTAL FUNDS

AS AT 31ST MARCH 1991

	Total	State Exec.	Burnie Branch	D'port Branch	Hobart Branch	Huon Branch	L'ton Branch
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<b>ACCUMULATED FUNDS</b>							
Balance 1st April 1990	143446	13481	17498	12426	49905	23919	26217
Add Surplus for year	7594	14068	-722	-153	-2971	-1793	-835
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Balance 31st March 1991	151040	27549	16776	12273	46934	22126	25382
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Represented by:

#### ASSETS

General Library Account	19322	13467	652	1688	1260	1197	1068
Investments	20215	17187	1011				2017
V.D.L. Index Account	1525	1525					
Congress Account	0	0					
Petty Cash Advances	930	830	50				50
Cash in Transit	1914	1914					
Library Equipment	55489	361	5680	3910	22991	13024	9527
Library Books, Fiche etc.	60639	0	9531	6786	23341	7959	13022
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	160044	35284	16924	12384	47592	22179	25681

#### Less LIABILITIES

Subscriptions in advance	8780	7667	148	111	506	50	299
Creditors	152				152		
Undistributed donations	72	72					
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#### NET ASSETS

	151040	27549	16776	12273	46934	22126	25382
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### TOTAL MEMBERSHIP

AS AT 31ST MARCH 1991

#### Tasmania

Burnie Branch	124
Devonport Branch	95
Hobart Branch	467
Huon Branch	39
Launceston Branch	252
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	977

#### Interstate & Overseas

272

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1250

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#### New members for 1990/91

303

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GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY OF TASMANIA INC.

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF INCOME & EXPENDITURE

31st MARCH 1991

	Total	State Exec.	Burnie Branch	D'port Branch	Hobart Branch	Huon Branch	L'ton Branch
<b>INCOME</b>							
Subscriptions	23420	19166	202	654	2210	178	980
Donations	1297		123	433		92	649
Other Income	32668	7037	3398	3426	7925	1915	8967
	57385	26203	3723	4513	10135	2185	10599
<b>EXPENSES</b>							
Administration Expenses	21989	4383	2060	2086	7842	753	6865
Depreciation Fixed Assets (See attached statement)	15143	64	2081	1444	5264	3182	3128
Other Expenses	10662	7688	354	1136		43	1441
	49794	12135	4475	4666	13106	3978	11434
<b>NET SURPLUS (DEFICIT)</b>	<b>7594</b>	<b>14068</b>	<b>-752</b>	<b>-153</b>	<b>-2971</b>	<b>-1793</b>	<b>-835</b>

STATEMENT OF DEPRECIABLE ASSETS

	Total	State Exec.	Burnie Branch	D'port Branch	Hobart Branch	Huon Branch	L'ton Branch
<b>Library Equipment</b>							
Balance 1st April 1990	54645	425	6384	4600	21311	15252	6673
Additions for year	8300		298		3401	70	4531
	62945	425	6682	4600	24712	15322	11204
Less Depreciation Allowed	7456	64	1002	690	1721	2298	1681
	55489	361	5680	3910	22991	13024	9523
<b>Library Books, Microfiche etc.</b>							
Balance 1st April 1990	61832		9615	6057	24887	8582	12691
Additions for year	6494		975	1483	1997	261	1778
	68326	0	10590	7540	26884	8843	14469
Less Depreciation Allowed	7687	0	1059	754	3542	884	1447
	60639	0	9531	6786	23341	7959	13022

**GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY OF TASMANIA INC.**

**STATE EXECUTIVE**

**STATEMENT OF INCOME & EXPENDITURE**

For Year Ended 31st March 1991

INCOME

Subscriptions	19166	
Journal Sales	293	
Journal Advertising	295	
Interest Received	2294	
Congress Loss 1990 reimbursed	2955	
Net Surplus VDL Heritage Account	844	
Other Income	556	
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Less EXPENDITURE

Administration Expenses		
Affiliation Fee	35	
Audit Fee	125	
Bank Charges	53	
Depreciation fixed assets	64	
Insurance	876	
Presentations & Awards	105	
Printing & Stationery	714	
Postage	635	
Post Office Boxes	170	
Purchase microfiche	28	
Subscriptions	70	
Telephone	99	
Travelling Expenses & Meeting Room	1473	
Journal Expenses	7263	
Publications Expenses	509	
Reimburse branches for journals	116	
Net Deficit V.D.L. Heritage Account	0	
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NET SURPLUS FOR YEAR

14068

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**AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF GST INC.**

I have examined the accompanying Statement of Receipts and Payments and the Consolidated Statement of Total Funds for the year ended 31st March 1991.

Except for the Burnie branch I have not examined the records of the branches but have relied on audited financial statements supplied by the branches.

In my opinion:-

- (a) The statements are properly drawn up so as to give a true and fair view of the affairs of the Society as at 31st March, 1991 according to the information at my disposal, the explanations given to me and as shown by the books of the Society presented to me.
- (b) The rules relating to the administration of the funds of the Society have been observed.

Neville F. Hyland  
Chartered Accountant



# NEWS FROM BRANCHES

## BURNIE

June Mr. "Fuzzy" Hearn gave an interesting talk about the history of Somerset which he will be releasing in book form towards the end of this year.

July The branch held a "resources night" with members sharing names and addresses of sources of information both in Australia and overseas.

August our guest speaker will be Mr. Ivan Badcock who will talk about the award winning book Go...Be Fruitful and Multiply (a history of the French/Badcock families).

September To be announced

October The guest speaker will be Irene Schaffer from Hobart.

November Christmas breakup.

No meetings will be held in December or January.

A large number of our members have volunteered to help index all the Wellington Times/Advocate births, marriages, deaths and obituaries. Work has commenced and many thanks to our "Indexers".

Back copies of old Advocates have been donated to the Burnie Branch Library by the Advocate and work has commenced on a clippings file from these.

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## DEVONPORT

The July meeting marked a very special occasion - the tenth anniversary of the foundation of the branch. A large number of members attended together with several guests including the Mayoress, Mrs. Helen Squibb. It was a happy function and having several inaugural members present to cut the celebration cake was a highlight. A short history of the branch, presented by Kerry Dick, emphasized the considerable achievements of the past decade. Guest speaker for the evening was Mr. Doug Forrest who gave some interesting insights on the preparation and presentation of family history charts.

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## HOBART

The branch is working on computerizing microform material held in the library. Already available are the index of articles from Tasmanian Ancestry, Dec 1980-Mar 1991, compiled by Irene Schaffer, the listing of Tasmanian names from C.E.W. Bean's history of World War I and the list of current acquisitions for the library.

The Norfolk Island and VDL Interest Group's membership now stands at 51, including people from NSW, Victoria, Queensland and New Zealand. Since November 1990, local members have had outings at Sorrell, New Norfolk and Risdon Cove. In July a successful day was enjoyed at Hamilton.

The Australian SDM Index, 1788-1888, which began as a Bicentenary project, is well under way. Groups of LDS church members and others in Hobart, Bellerive and the Huon are working on the Tasmanian section which, at the request of the Archives Office of Tasmania, will be extended to 1899. With the help of groups planned for Northern Tasmania, it is hoped that the work will be completed by the end of 1991. Eventually it will go on to microfiche. The Victorian section is already available at the LDS Family History Centre in Hobart as part of "Family Search", together with the IGI, the English Census and the Ancestral File.

Meetings have been well attended in recent months. New members are now contacted by telephone with a personal invitation to come to meetings and several people have expressed appreciation of this. Speakers in recent months have been John Lennox on Tasmanian military history, archaeologist Martin Davis, who took us on a photographic tour of hidden buildings of Hobart and Audrey Hudspeth who, with members of the journal team, reviewed the production of Tasmanian Ancestry since its beginning. To complete the year's programme we hope to hear Jill Cassidy on 20th August talking about oral history, Trevor Webb on 17th September on caring for and dating old photographs and Brian Rieusset on October 16th. The November meeting will, as usual, be a social evening and members attending are asked to do a brief research on the origin of their names as an item of interest for the occasion.

The Annual Council Meeting and associated social events during the weekend of 22nd-23rd June were well attended and in general enjoyed, although some occasions were not without their "hiccups" when things did not go as planned.

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#### HUON

At the annual general meeting of the Huon branch of the Genealogical Society the following office bearers were elected:-

Chairman	Michele Harriss
Vice President	Toni Glowacki
	Ann Seaman
Secretary	Enid Woolley
Treasurer	Joan Balmer
TAMIOT	Wilma Woolley
Librarian	Andrea Rawlings, Mavis Rumney
Research	Gwen Burton, Betty Fletcher
Publicity	Helen Paul
State Executive Delegates	Elaine Burton
	Walter Smith

The branch annual dinner has been changed to September with the hope for better weather. Anyone wishing to attend or needing further information ring Enid on 66 0263 or Mavis 64 1535.

## LAUNCESTON

The programme for the remainder of the year is as follows:

- 3 September: Library night - Come along and learn more about your library. This is a good opportunity to learn what records we hold, how to use them to your best advantage and how you can eventually help others. Our librarian will introduce you to recent acquisitions and the lesser used records held. This meeting will be held in the library at 72 ELIZABETH STREET, LAUNCESTON.
- 1 October: Members night - Bring along any queries and problems. Someone may be able to help!! Exchange ideas, addresses of researchers from both interstate and overseas, sources of information, etc. Members of long standing will be speaking on various aspects of research.
- 5 November: Irish night - Have you an Irish ancestor?  
  
Come along tell us about him/her and how you managed to trace them or hear how other people have found their elusive Irish person. Come dressed for the occasion by wearing something green and bring something for our special Irish supper.
- 7 December: Tour of Longford - This is the same as the tour conducted by members of the Norfolk Plains National Trust for the Congress. There will be a charge to cover the hire of the bus and entry to Brickendon. This tour is in place of our December meeting. For further details of the tour and to make bookings contact Thelma Grunnell, phone (003) 31 2145.

Please note that the address and phone number for our research officer, Ella Crawford, should be 131 Ravenswood Road, telephone 39 2840.

The Bartlett Index Part 2, 1841 - 1845, is now available for research at the Launceston Library. This part includes entries for the permissions to marry from the Hobart Town Gazette.

The Branch has just purchased a new microfilm reader and this has been installed in the Library.

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### COMPUTER SEMINAR

This seminar is open to all members of the GST who are interested in computerising records to get together to formulate guidelines for the Branch Computer Groups and to exchange ideas. Three different computers will be demonstrating various programmes.

The seminar is to be held at Kings Meadows High School, Launceston on Saturday 21st September from 10.00 a.m. - 4.00 p.m. Bring your own lunch. For further information contact Karlens Nagle, phone

## INTEREST GROUP REPORTS

### VAN DIEMEN'S LAND - NORFOLK ISLAND INTEREST GROUP

The group having been formed in September last year, with the aim to help those who have connections with our early history, especially Norfolk Island from 1805-1814, is nearly one year old. We have 57 members: Tasmania 34, Victoria 11, Queensland 7, New South Wales 4 and New Zealand 1. Excursions to New Norfolk, Sorell and Hamilton have all been well attended. Books on the early local history of these areas were printed and are available for Sorell and Hamilton only, at a cost of \$5.00.

The meeting held at the Risdon Cove Historical Site in July was attended by 18 members. We had over two hours of talking, exchanging information and generally having a pleasant afternoon in very warm, cosy, interesting surroundings. So much so, we have decided to have a meeting there every three months. The next meeting will be Sunday 6 October, at 2.00pm.

Member's Interest Lists have been forwarded to new members, as they join, along with Newsletters. While the list is growing (200 to date) it is intended to continue sending them, but instead, as in the past, with every Newsletter every three months, they will now be forwarded, when new subscriptions are due every October. Anyone interested and would like more information please contact Irene Schaffer, 23a Montagu St., NEW TOWN, Tasmania 7008. Ph. (002) 28 7815.

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# CHIEF HERALD OF IRELAND TO SPEAK IN LAUNCESTON

Donal F. Begley, the Chief Herald of Ireland and Director of the Irish Genealogical Office will be paying a brief visit to Australia during October of this year. He will be delivering a series of lectures to commemorate the bicentennial of the arrival of the "Queen", the first convict ship to sail direct from Ireland to Australia, in 1791.

This visit provides a unique opportunity for family historians to gain an insight into the tantalising enigma of Irish origins.

His only Tasmanian lecture on "The Ancestral Trail in Ireland" will be given at the Queen Victoria Museum and Art Gallery, Wellington Street, Launceston at 8.00 p.m. on Wednesday 9th October. The lecture will be followed by a special Irish supper. Admission will be by ticket available from the Queen Victoria Museum. The cost of the tickets will be \$6.00 (\$5.00 for GST members). Application forms for tickets are available at all GST Inc Libraries.

This lecture is being held on the evening before Peoples Day at the Launceston Show and this timing provides an opportunity for visitors to combine attendance at the lecture with a visit to the show.

Donal Begley is the Chief Herald of Ireland and the Director of the Irish Genealogical Office, the state authority on heraldry and genealogy in Ireland. He is the Manager of the State Heraldic Museum and a member of the Prime Minister's Commission on Genealogy and Tourism. He is a member of the Council of European Heralds and Chairman of the Board of Assessors of Professional Genealogists in Ireland.

Donal is the author of a number of books on researching family history in Ireland. These include Irish Genealogy: A Record Finder, Handbook on Irish Genealogy and The Ancestor Trail in Ireland.

WHO?	Donal Begley
WHEN?	8.00 p.m., 9th October 1991
WHERE?	Queen Victoria Museum and Art Gallery Wellington Street, Launceston.
COST?	\$6.00 (\$5.00 for GST members).

# AN OVERVIEW OF SOME IRISH GENEALOGICAL SOURCES

Patrick Nolan

(Note: This paper by Patrick Nolan was originally intended to be presented at the Sixth Australasian Congress on Genealogy and Heraldry held in Launceston in May 1991. However he was unable to attend but graciously agreed for the paper to be published in Tasmanian Ancestry. The following consists of the first part of the paper; the remainder will be published in the March 1992 issue.)

## INTRODUCTION

While this paper discusses many of the records and sources found useful in family history research, the sequence in which they are presented is not intended to imply an order of importance.

The need to cross reference, to compare and above all, to fully assimilate the significance of each entry or record is central to its value and fruitful use.

## LIVING RELATIVES/FAMILY AND PERSONAL ARCHIVES

The standard rule of historic research: secure, record, assess, applies. Remember also to quote your sources, - it applies with equal, if not greater, validity to the living phase of family research, as it will later on.

## PHOTOGRAPHS

Photographs, particularly of formal family occasions and set piece "studio" family portraits, are a resource which extends well into the 19th century. Weddings particularly are great extended-family-gathering occasions. Remember a distant cousin may well bear and therefore indicate or confirm the maiden name of a grandmother, or even great-grandmother.

## CENSUS 1911

The census is comprehensive and lists households throughout the 32 counties. The relationship of each occupant in the household to the head of the house (which, for purposes of this exercise, is always the father unless deceased, when the widow is given the title) is stated for each person.

It also contains the very valuable information - the number of children born to this union. This is often an excellent "double check", confirming that all the baptisms or births sought have in fact been located.

The census return forms are arranged firstly in County order, then by Electoral Districts within each county. With practice they become quite easy to use.



Location: National Archives, Four Courts, Dublin.

#### 1901 CENSUS

This contains the same information as that of 1911. Nationwide in coverage they are arranged in family-, or more correctly, household-units. Do some preparatory work to "position" your family before assessing census records. It is necessary, because of the number of return forms involved, to have identified the electoral area, if not the parish or townland where they lived.

#### CENSUS SUBSTITUTES

**GREEN BOOKS.** The first "Social Welfare" benefit in Ireland, the old age pension, was introduced in 1906. It was payable to persons aged 65 and over; applicants were required to confirm their eligibility by providing evidence of their age. Census returns indicated age and were accepted for this purpose. A procedure was established whereby people could apply to have their age confirmed from a census return form. These application forms were green in colour. So-called "green forms", quite numerous for most counties of Ireland, are arranged in alphabetic order.

Location: National Archives.

#### STATE RECORDING OF BIRTHS, DEATHS AND MARRIAGES

Irish BDM records commence on 1 January 1864. Non Catholic marriages were introduced 19 years earlier in 1845. There was strong opposition from Church authorities of all religions to the introduction of state recording of births and marriages. These matters, they felt, should remain their exclusive preserve, as they had been up to then.

An appreciation of this opposition and the need to overcome it in stages had led in part at least, to the earlier introduction of non-catholic marriage records. It was felt that Church of Ireland folk, being members of the Established Church, would be more amiable to the Administration and, in consequence, less likely to strenuously oppose the introduction of state recording.

Near universal suspicion, scepticism and disgust about the State's reason was the public's reaction to their introduction. In earlier years of registration, despite being compulsory, there is clearly somewhat less than total recording (1864-1875) - some put the percentage at about 80% up to as late as 1880. It varies, depending on location, whether urban or rural, east coast or the rural west. When most children were born at home, often without professional or even medical involvement, it is easy to understand why several parents neglected to register births.

Marriages, taking place in a church, in the public gaze, were less likely to go unrecorded. However, most practising genealogists can recall at least a few cases of being unable to find a marriage registered. Sometimes there is another explanation which may have to be considered, but often one is forced to the view that the event simply went unrecorded for some reason. Nineteenth century deaths often go unrecorded, especially of a single person, where there was no will - or need for one.

Accessing Irish BDM records is extremely convenient. Their indexes are arranged alphabetically, yearly, in quarters (by whole years prior to 1878). The indexes in the familiar Green binding for Births, Red for Marriages and Black for Deaths are on open shelves in the research room, Joyce House, 10 Lombard Street, Dublin. The staff of the Registrar-General's Office, Lombard Street, are helpful and efficient and can produce a photocopy or the required "full" certificate in double quick time. My own "record" is having the required photocopy in my hand within three minutes, twenty seconds of the request being lodged! No other country can, in my experience, even nearly match that speed of service.

A charge of IR1.50 is made for for each photocopy, with a full certificate costing IR5.50. There is a general search fee of IR12.00 (covering, if required, the whole day). Alternatively there is a IR1.50 fee covering a five year search for any one event, i.e. birth, death or marriage. The office is open to the public from 10 to 12.30 and from 2.15 to 4.30 Monday to Friday.

#### GRIFFITHS PRIMARY EVALUATION

The passing of the Poor Law Act, "for the effectual relief of the destitute poor in Ireland", in 1838, led to the creation of Poor Law Unions - health administrative areas which were to support a Poor House, which became known as "the Union". These were an amalgam of the old persons' home, mental hospital, relief centre and shelter for destitute persons. They were funded by a health charge, a form of local rates.

Before these rates could be introduced, it was necessary to devise an acceptable or at least understandable form of assessment on property. The concept of "Annual Value" in respect of property and land was devised. This notational amount or figure is still defined as:

the rent at which such property one year with another, in its actual state, might be reasonable expected to let from year to year, on the supposition that the annual average cost of the repairs, insurance and other expenses, necessary to maintain the property in its actual state and all rates, taxes and public charges, (except tithes) are to be paid by the tenants.

The enormous task of establishing the "annual value" of all land, mills, business, commercial and domestic buildings was undertaken by Sir RICHARD GRIFFITH, a geologist, civil engineer and a man of great intellect and drive. He held many positions of importance before becoming Head of Public Works. He lead a team of over 1000 surveyors, recorders and clerks.

His Primary Valuation, completed during the early 1850s, is the single, most useful mid-19th century family history source we have. It is, effectively, a national household census. Griffith's, as it is informally known, lists the name of each house and land occupier, the extent of land and the value of the house they occupied, the name of their head landlord, arranged by townland, parish, barony and county.

An index to the surnames of property OCCUPIERS, on a county basis, provides easy access to the published lists. However, to really benefit from Griffith's "get behind" the printed list. Examine the original Field Notebooks, House Books and Mill Books compiled by the army of surveyors as they completed their daily recording.

Location: National Archives, Four Courts, Dublin. There is no charge but a reader's ticket is required.

#### NATIONAL LIBRARY OF IRELAND

The genesis of this superb repository was the foundation of the Dublin Society, later the Royal Dublin Society in 1731, augmented, many years later, by the enormous collection of Dr. J. R. Jolly. It moved to its present imposing buildings, designed by Thomas Dean, in 1890.

It has a truly vast collection of books, other published documents and manuscripts. Among the very many significant items deposited there are most of the Catholic Parish Registers, (on microfilm), many newspaper titles, private papers and records, on a vast range of topics. A number of the large land estates have voluntarily deposited their records while publishers of all books in Ireland are required, by law, to lodge a copy in the National Library.

A number of easy to use indexes aid speedy access to the various record series. HAYE'S INDEX TO THE STUDY OF IRISH CIVILISATION is arranged alphabetically by person, subject matter and also location.

A reader's ticket is required, available to all who demonstrate they are of serious purpose.

#### NATIONAL ARCHIVES

The State Paper Office, located in Dublin Castle, and the Public Record Office, housed in the Four Courts, were amalgamated to form the National Archives in 1989.

In addition to Griffiths Primary Evaluation, the Tithe Applotment books and Census records, already referred to, the National Archives houses Wills, Census Records and substitutes, and Educational, Court, Chancery and Legal Papers, as well as its large collection of commercial and estate records and wills.

The State Paper Office houses, at Dublin Castle, the records, reports and publications of government. Convict records have been committed to computer: a copy was presented by the Irish Nation to Australia, on the occasion of your bicentennial. The original documents, especially the appeals on behalf of convicts, inevitably contain a great deal more information of interest.

Government Reports - and Ireland was a much reported-upon-nation - often surprise in the scale and depth of reportage. Always make a point of consulting them for your area or period of special interest. It may well be described as trawling - which it is - but so often, something of value will be netted from the exercise.

## WILLS

Few documents offer the same sense of involvement and (sometimes) extent of information provided by a will. Once fittingly described as a poor person's last love letter, wills may cover the range of a person's family and relations while giving a fair indication of his wealth and property. They are also, incidentally, until the mid-19th century, a fair indication of the likely date of death. Up to that time, wills, in the majority of cases, were drawn up only when the testator's death was, or was deemed to be, relatively imminent.

The fire in the Public Record Office in 1922 led to the burning of almost its total collection of thousands of individual wills, with their supporting documents. An index to the wills survived. Arranged alphabetically, covering each year, apart from the years 1857 to 1877 where there is a consolidated index, the calendars or index provide the name, occupation and address of the deceased, the person or persons to whom probate or administration was granted (with, sometimes, their relationship to the deceased), the date and place of death and finally the value of the estate.

Do not automatically assume that there is no record of a will without at least checking the indices and other schedules held in the National Archives.

Through the generations a number of people have, for various reasons, compiled lists and summaries of wills. These copies and abstracts serve to make up some of the loss, e.g. THE CALENDAR OF ORMONDE DEEDS 1171/1603 and especially, the marvellous work done by Sir William Betham, Ulster King of Arms. He created an Index to THE PEROGATIVE WILLS OF IRELAND prior to 1800. The industry of this man was quite amazing. He wrote out some 37 500 will abstracts in his own hand.

Up to the year 1857 it was the Established Church, not the State, that oversaw the administration of wills. The church granted probate in Consistorial Court, under the direction of the local bishop or his nominee. When the deceased had property of five pounds or more in a second parish, administration of the will was then granted by the higher Prerogative Court, presided over by the Right Reverend Archbishop of Armagh, Primate of All Ireland.

The 1857 Probate Act changed these procedures. A Principal Registry was set up to cover Dublin; the remainder of the country was covered by 11 District Registries.

### THE REGISTRY OF DEEDS

The Registry of Deeds started originally as part of the penal law apparatus for preventing land passing, or returning, into Catholic hands. Accordingly, although established in 1708, few if any deeds relating to admitted Catholics were registered until about 1775. The Deeds concern mostly transactions, but not all, relating to land purchase or sale or recording a charge (i.e. mortgage) on land. There are also many considerable documents dealing with Marriage Settlement Agreements. Broadly speaking, deeds record transactions that took place between two people of somewhat similar status. You will not, for example, find a lease

agreement between an extensive landlord and a mere tenant.

It is necessary to know

- (a) either the name of the Grantors or
- (b) the location, the townland, of the property in question.

The townland indexes, which are in crude alphabetical order, will assist. From 1829 Baronies were also used as a subdivision.

The name series of indices only record the Grantors. There is not an index to grantees. Because of their size and weight, registry of deeds indexes are often termed "tombstones".

Some suggest the Registry of Deeds should probably only be tackled when you have exhausted other, more convenient repositories. Family historians are reluctant to venture in there. But once you get used to the system you can benefit enormously from the vast store of information they contain, but be patient.

#### POOR LAW UNION RECORDS

In discussing the Griffiths Evaluation, we made reference to the passing of the 1838 Poor Law Act, for the more effectual relief of the destitute poor in Ireland. Revenue was raised by the "health tax" or local rates. The Poor Law Commissioners responsible for spending were incredibly energetic and by the early 1840s upwards of 100 workhouses or Poor Houses were built and ready to receive the poor.

A board of Local Guardians was elected by ratepayers. Almost inevitably they contained at least one Justice of the Peace. Gradually these bodies assumed additional powers, undertook other duties, often linked to, or in some way related to, health matters; Provision of Dispensary Doctors 1863, the Removal of Nuisances 1851, and in 1856 the Guardians also became the Burial Board for non-urban sections of the Union.

With the advent of this century the present local government structure was introduced and the Poor Law Guardians gradually receded, until they were abolished, finally, in 1923.

Their activities over these 80 turbulent years was always well documented, as befitted a civil servant created structure. How well their records survive, however depends in large measure on the Local Authority. Records are almost all still held at local level, often in the County Library. The extent differs greatly; Counties Clare, Tipperary and Limerick, for example, total in excess of 1000 volumes alone.

The poor law unions were in many cases, the first contact point of origin of many of those people who were emigrated [the word being used here as a verb] or the recipients of the various Assisted Passage Schemes.

Not indexed, typically, the more useful books are the minute books of the monthly meetings of the local Board of Guardians, reports of the Visiting Committee, Indoor Relief Registers and the Register of Death in Workhouse.



# TICKETS PLEASE

Margaret McKenzie

I was one of the 400 plus at our exciting Congress in Launceston. Congratulations to Pat and her hard-working committee. It was a pleasure to help in some small way and to attend sessions by lecturers I may never set eyes on again. This light-hearted article is all true, cross my heart.

Setting up day came around and we arrived at the Albert Hall, early and frozen, to find the Devonport gang huddling together. They were all smiles when I hove in sight but it was "Sorry I'm an Indian not a Chief" so we exchanged names to cries of "I've heard of you".

When the Convenor arrived it was all go. The huddlers sprang into line behind Betty Bissett and Graeme Harris, as with great panache he bowled a roll of paper to Betty, she cut a length, someone whipped it away, folded it and put it on the appropriate trestle table ready for the booth holders. One bloke with a tape measure doubtfully eyed the gang and their methods. Soon he was too busy trotting, heaving, carrying and puffing to worry about a little something like half an inch short or too many long lengths. In fact he became so involved he offered to be "Dogsbody" for the duration.

As the hall filled with people and paraphernalia a voice boomed from above. No, not God, it was the Curator's first sortie on the PA telling people to leave the hall IMMEDIATELY if they weren't supposed to be there. At that precise moment the bloke with the tape measure had to run off to the toilet. Did he fret, because everyone would think the message was for him? He was also going to be busier than he imagined, I had volunteered him to help decorate a hall for the Congress Bush Dance. On the way home he said he'd checked with Graeme Harris and Graeme said it would be easy. They wouldn't be climbing walls and a tree in each corner with a bit of other stuff would do. That's what they thought!

Before the day was over the Convenor rounded up the Registration Desk workers, handed over two sheets of instructions and said "What do you think about these?" The girls on the Wednesday roster were thrown in at the deep end and practised on those volunteers who were registrants. They coped, I had more time to get nervous as I was on next day.

Dear fellow members, working on that desk was certainly an education, - my thanks to the co-workers on my shifts, Elaine Page, Maureen Martin, Debbie Morcom, Kay Williams, Ann Everett, Val Kennedy, Jo Keen, Rita Hill, John McKenzie and Geoff Rapley.

Questions, questions, questions flowed past us as we handed out duty badges, registrants' envelopes and satchels. We minded luggage, handbags, Betty's lunch, dispensed a couple of Band-Aids, operated a photocopier, wrote receipts, had no lunch, missed morning tea, cringed when the above growled about banging toilet



doors, checked everyone's ticket or relieved them of three dollars (with a smile of course) and drove Bev Perkins mad. We talked, talked, talked, escorted the Government bods to the office when (a) they arrived without a ticket, (b) they had lost their group ticket, (c) their Department hadn't paid for a ticket or (d) they didn't know they had to have a ticket. We froze when the front door was left open, changed our minds about dressing posh, went for slacks and jumpers, dodged the Curator, wrote raffle tickets, found people, caught colds, solved problems, pointed volunteers in the right direction, wore a track to the Secretary's office, enjoyed ourselves, ended up multi-skilled and finally talked back to the Curator.

The foyer sounded like a giant beehive as the registrants swarmed. Some knew where they were going, some knew what they wanted and some wandered aimlessly but miraculously the area cleared in time for lectures. Then the desk was finally cleared of envelopes and the Convenor said it was no use the volunteers sitting around doing nothing, they might as well sell our GST tea towels, etc. so it was off and away again. (We didn't mind Pat.)

Hundreds braved the cold to attend the Opening Ceremony, some of us heeded Lens Kimpton and didn't sit directly in front of the stage. She said the wind whistles straight through the organ on to the audience. Everything went like clockwork, the keynote speaker, Colonel Iain Swinnerton, was witty, John Grunnell told tales on Colin Chapman, Pat Harris was sitting on the stage, at the end of the VIP's line unobtrusively shuffling along bouquets for presentation. After much hard work by Anne Bartlett her book Local and Family History Sources in Tasmania was launched. She was besieged by buyers after supper. As Colin Chapman left the hall, he told me he might have a chair with three legs (John Grunnell) but he does make jolly good sandwiches!!

D-Day arrived for the Bush Dance decorators and Graeme Harris found out about streamers while he was in the shower. Pat said she called to him not to forget the streamers. A muffled "WHAT #cY#4Y streamers?" was the reply. She said "Enough to cover a lawn and you have to blow up 200 balloons too." Later in the day, Graeme with his off-siders, John McKenzie and Keith Wright, came back to the hall to report Mission Accomplished and were all very sympathetic because Betty and Phil Wood had to cut extra foliage, in the fog. Their faces were a study as Karlena passed by saying she had to go and inspect their work. It passed.

Overall I managed to get to nine lectures and two interest groups. All were interesting and informative with some unscheduled highlights for me. Jo Keen and I arrived early for Ettie Pullman's lecture on newspapers. We sat in the back row watching in amazement as people poured in the door. The room was set up for 50 - I counted 78. Talk about hot, we sweltered, some dozed, one man went sound asleep twice, and Isobel Coulson from New Zealand kindly fanned her neighbours with her programme. Bad news travels fast. At the end of the session the Convenor rushed in the door to apologise. Some of us are quick learners (or survivors), in subsequent lectures we sat near the door for a quick getaway.

Maree Ring and Convicts (with Alma Ranson as chairperson) was next on my list in the John Duncan Room, the noisiest room in the

Albert Hall. The traffic roared, a train whistle blew, a police siren wailed past, the air conditioning started up. Then the door squeaked open and a very well know genealogist sneaked in, disappeared behind every floor length curtain and silently left. He was followed by an overalled someone who also went behind the curtains and stayed behind one which jiggled and joggled at a great rate. Suddenly a very large pregnant-like bulge appeared at the top, stayed put for a short time then vanished. Ditto the workman, out of the door. Later in a "looking for the extra window in Glamis castle" search Alma and I scanned the outside of the hall but we couldn't find a window that would bulge like that. No, we didn't imagine it. Maree told us she was concentrating so hard she didn't notice a thing but she was distracted by someone in the front row with scissors, going snip, snip, snip, cutting a photo out of a newspaper!

The Irish lectures were just as interesting and entertaining. A Leprechaun could have been in one projector. The only slide used was reverse side down, reverse side up, upside down and finally right side up. As the machine started up the tray shot backwards, the slides projected out and landed on the floor. Another Irish session drew some of the survivors from the newspaper lecture. There we were sitting in the back row like good Anglicans (check Bruce Proverbs) when we were jolted upright by a loud trumpet sounding in our left ears. We settled down, then rumble, rumble rolled over our heads, rumble, rumble, rumble the whole length of the room. We'd just gathered our wits together when that trumpet sounded again. The transparency fell off the overhead projector.

As I am one of the Irish Link flock I went off to hear Mr. Coffey. A millisecond before he started a baritone voice burst into song and echoed around the Great Hall. I expected to find the Curator had strung up the perpetrator from the highest rafter but all was well. It was the Curator himself, testing the microphone, so he said. Mr. Coffey gave us a quick lesson on the hand signals needed if we couldn't hear him. How to speed him up, slow him down or go round again. He included in his information bits like lifted commas, his name means Victorious and not coffee from Brazil and Margaret Scanlon must have been a good strong girl if she stole a pig.

Patricia Barth had an envious crowd at her lecture (in the noisy room) as she passed around examples of her beautiful "trees". She wasn't bothered by a wandering genealogist disappearing behind the curtains, he was too busy operating the projector for her. He helped in other ways too, when Patricia was asked how much her work cost Nick said "As long as a piece of string" and told us how one of her ancestors had died doing the Highland Fling.

As you can see I am easily distracted but I really did learn something at each lecture.

John Barth led us through the intricacies of the Scottish Sasine Office, very complicated indeed. He said they'd never lost a writ there but once one went halfway down the toilet and was rescued. Sometimes the staff took writs to the local pub to work on and never lost one there either (take heart this was some years ago).

The members of the Scottish Interest Group were all fired up with

so many questions the chairperson finally asked us for two name each. Naughty, naughty, some people couldn't count and reeled off up to ten. The only piece of luck I had during the whole Congress happened at this session when Merle Grinly from Queensland said she had a photo of the "Montmorency", the ship on which my Lambs came out in 1855.

The Irish Interest Group also gathered at the same venue, the poshest pub in Town. Before we assembled Alma Ranson, Robyn Aulman (Wodonga) and I decided to have coffee and cake. We were joined by Mr. Coffey and Judi Morrison and the smartly dressed executive waitress promptly presented Mr. Coffey with the bill. She was a BIT PUT OUT when we protested. We paid our share, as we trooped past the cash register the girl there was heard to say "They're a jolly lot". As per usual we all put in our sixpence worth at question time. Alma raised the roof when she said she was researching Kellys in Ireland. Robyn whispered to me and asked could I really make sense out of all my little notes. The answer is yes, most of the time.

As my late father-in-law had been in the British Army I booked for Iain Swinnerton's lecture. At one stage he said the Army always speaks in initials. I asked what 2/1 N.M.M.B.F.A. meant. Much to my embarrassment he didn't know. Fancy putting him on the spot like that. After much scratching around in family papers I found it was 2/1st North Midland Mounted Brigade Field Ambulance.

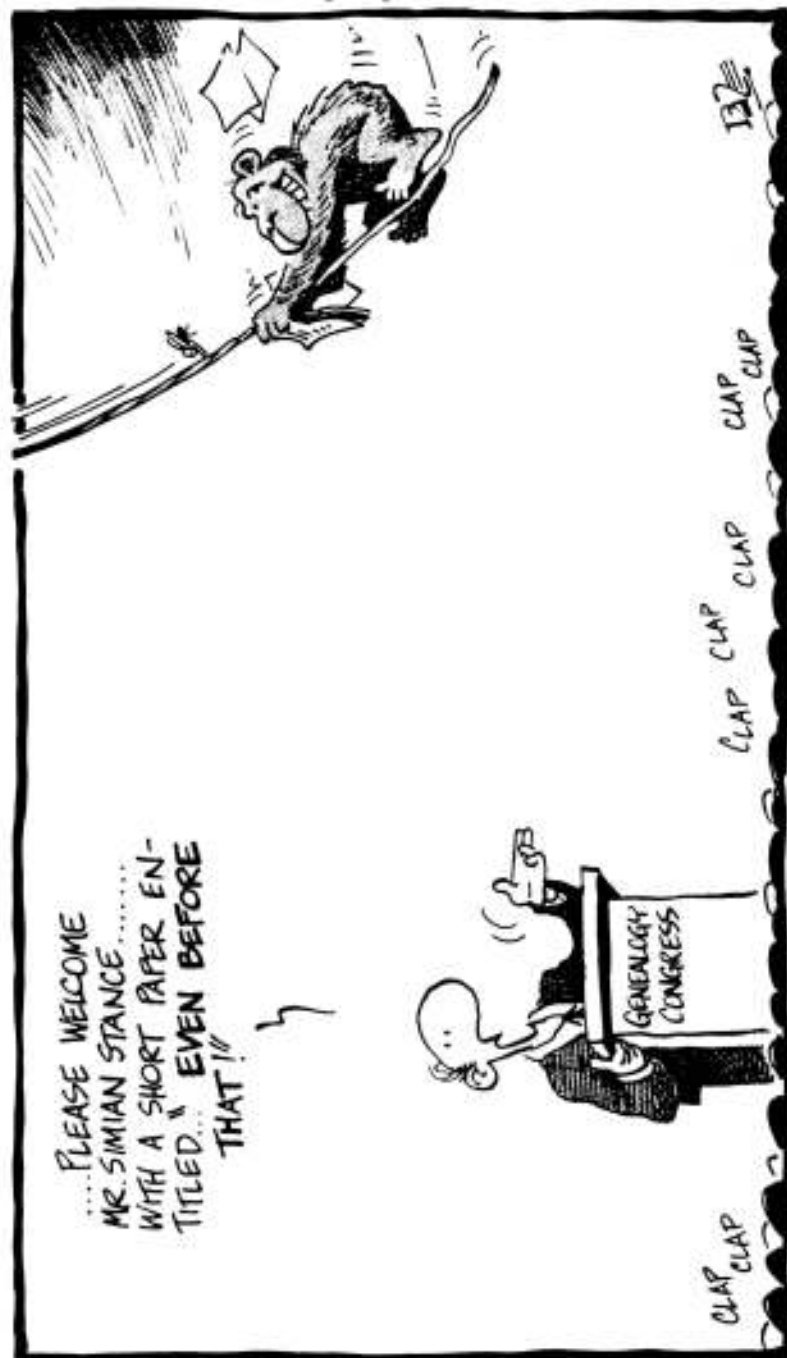
Colin Chapman gave a very detailed description of English education records but towards the end of his lecture he was battling with noises of all kinds. The Curator missed his very best opportunity to shush, he'd disappeared through a door under the stage. Maybe he needed to recharge his batteries, his job had been long and tedious.

Then it was time for the farewell luncheon and the crowd soon ate all the delicious food and said their goodbyes. The volunteers were in action again, to organ music from the City Organist and Colin Chapman, as they cleared up. The Curator earned the last Hurrah of the Congress as he stood on the stage and sang "JERUSALEM" with feeling.

#### Footnotes

1. Hats off to the male duty volunteers. They were so busy they may still be recovering. I'm sure the wheelchair registrants appreciated being carried upstairs to their lectures. The men also manned the doors for hours checking tickets and one even oiled all those squeaking door hinges, with the Curator's blessing.
2. The foyer was certainly the place to be for variety. A Scot in full regalia passed through, closely followed by a poor miserable convict in black-arrowed yellow clothes and a leather hat. Of course we asked for his "Ticket".
3. The phantom trumpeter turned out to be Major Lobb who blew with gusto when he found someone asleep in his session!
4. A non-genealogist told Lena and me he'd been talking to Mr. Witherspoon. As Iain Swinnerton was the only lecturer in sight we guessed it was him!

Best wishes to the organisers of the next Congress.



## Two for the Price of One

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## VAN DIEMENS LAND HERITAGE REVISITED.

### (1) NEW PUBLICATION FORMAT

Neil Chick

**Preamble:** Most readers of *Tasmanian Ancestry* will be aware of another serial publication of the Genealogical Society of Tasmania: the interim edition of *Van Diemens Land Heritage*. As with any major research project, this has had to change as technology has changed. This article will introduce the project to new readers, and show the new format chosen for the printing of volumes 3-7.

The *Van Diemens Land Heritage* project is intended to be part of an ongoing attempt to document the whole population of Tasmania during the period from 1803 to 1878. The first two volumes appeared in 1988 and 1989. The series was established to help members solve a common problem in family research: obtaining a full record of those families which were begun elsewhere, or completed elsewhere, for which the publicly available sources in Tasmania were of little if any use. Material for volumes 3-7 is to hand, and volume 3 should appear within a few months, with other volumes to follow in 1991 and 1992.

Because some readers found some difficulty with the way in which families were laid out in the first two volumes of the series, the decision has been made to amend the means of presentation, and this opportunity is taken, at the invitation of the executive of the society and its annual council meeting to present the new format to members. Part (2) of this article, to be published in December, will deal with the aims and methods of automatic family reconstitution by computer.

**The Origins of Van Diemens Land Heritage:** The earliest history of the project is contained in my article 'Van Diemens Land Heritage Index — History and Prospects' published in *Tasmanian Ancestry*, Volume 6 No. 3 (September 1985) pp83-102. This has data on the number of records which are involved in the creation of a population-wide biographical index for early Tasmania.

**Population-wide Biographical Indexes:** Since the publication of the 1985 article, the South Australian volumes have been completed, and supplements began. The Western Australian index has been consolidated and re-issued. The New South Wales series has reached several volumes, though being a privately funded affair, progress there has been slow.



Several other major indexing projects are currently established. The Society of Australian Genealogists has established the AGCI (Australian Genealogical Computer Index) a home-grown version of the justly famous IGI, concerned with consolidating in microform, indexes to sources of genealogical data and records of individual life events. Another project, with the cooperation of the relevant government departments involves the indexing of the birth, marriage, and death registers of several states, by a number of teams equipped with a personal computer and a microfilm reader. The resultant consolidated microfiche indexes are far easier to use than the year-by-year or quinquennial indexes they replace.

Tasmania, however, still has the unique distinction of having public access, through microfilms to the originals of the nineteenth century records, and that happy condition allows (and really requires) that our indexing projects make use of the full record, rather than just the short-form excerpts our colleagues in other states have to be content with.

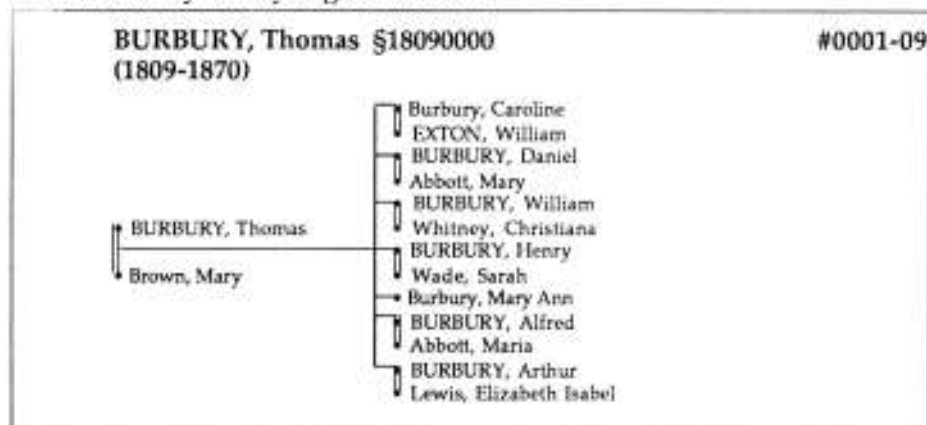
But there is a stage beyond the indexing to which projects in other parts of the world have reached, and to which Australia has yet to reach on any scale. This is the automatic reconstitution of families by the linkage of computerised records. A reading of my 1985 article will clearly show that what I had in mind for *Van Diemens Land Heritage* was that it should form a part of a larger whole.

Before elaborating on this, let me review the changes to the format of future volumes of the Family Record Series. The easiest method of doing this would be to compare a typical entry from one of the first two volumes with the way it might appear in the final edition (when the record linkage is complete and the whole data set is arranged alphabetically).

For convenience I have chosen a simple family, comprising parents, children, and their spouses: that of Thomas Burbury, submitted by Mrs Mary S. Ramsay, of 'Ratho', Bothwell, TAS, 7030. ☐ 002-595702. This family is shown first as it appeared in Volume 1, in lineage order, and then in the new format.

**Outline pedigrees.** The first thing to notice is that the new format lays out the family as a descending pedigree consisting only of names. For convenience, all these pedigrees are gathered together at the commencement of each volume. The lineages, being simple and diagrammatic, will be much easier to determine. All but large, extended families would have

the whole tree printed on one page. As before, each pedigree is uniquely identified by the Volume and family numbers, in the case of this Burbury family, it is family 9 from volume 1, or #0001-09. The outline pedigree for the Burbury family is given below.



The submitter or submitters of each family listing are identified on the outline pedigrees to facilitate correspondence and correction of family data.

**No separate index of names and cross-references.** In volumes 1 and 2, each person listed in the lineages was also indexed at the back, with a reference to the volume number, the pedigree number, and a number derived from his line of descent. Such cross referencing data is still needed but putting it in a separate index is no longer required. Instead cross referencing to the outline trees is handled as follows.

Alfred Burbury, for example, being the sixth child in the ninth family in volume 1, has "-6" added to his outline pedigree number #0001-09 to form the unique identifier #0001-09-6. This is the last item in his biographical entry. Since persons may appear on several trees, there may be several # numbers. Even multi-generation pedigrees can be clearly shown this way. Thus #0004-57-2A7 would be the seventh child of the tenth child of the second child of family 57 in volume 4.

There are *see* references from a woman's married name/s to the full entry under her maiden name. There are also *ref* entries referring readers to entries containing data on persons who presently do not have a full entry of their own.

All the biographies are gathered together in alphabetical order. It is hoped that by doing this the considerable wastage of space involved in having both lineage listings and a separate name index can be avoided. I have estimated that there will be about a ten percent saving in printing costs, and this despite the fact that each entry is now substantially longer.

Chronological sequence for persons of the same name. Following the name of the subject there is a code number referring to his or her date of birth. §00000000 indicates this is not known. §18190000 would show that the year of birth is known (1819) but not the month nor the day. §18190615 would be the code for 15 JUN 1819. This easily puts people of the same name into chronological order. Within the data fields, dates are written in the normal way. However a space is now inserted between the day and the month, and between the month and the year.

Full data on parentage and children added. Since each entry is now independent and no longer lying between those of parents and children, data on parentage and offspring must now be added to each entry. For the children, the year of death and birth are given in parentheses. This should allow easy searching for the full entries on the children. In those cases where the names of children are not known, the number of children is given instead.

Consolidation of career data. Another new feature is the gathering together of non life events (concerning convict or other service, date of arrival, occupations, religion, properties, trades, etc.) between markers. “[” begins these comments and ”]” ends them. A consequence of these changes will be that it will be enormously easier to consolidate the information from many volumes, as each biography is now both a database entry, as well as a word processor document, which assists easy matching and merging of information.

Changes in event symbols: The new format of entries has necessitated some change in the symbols used to introduce each data field. Because the entries now are not open spaced, with each event starting on a new line, the “•” (ASCII octal 165 or hexadecimal A5) symbol is used to highlight the commencement of each new data field. As before, these data field symbols will be listed at the foot of every page of the index. The use of “•” to start each event has meant it will no longer be used in the person identifier code. So 0001•09•6 has become #0001-09-6.

Now let us view the two methods together for comparison.

## 0001•09 BURBURY, Thomas

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**BURBURY, Thomas**

:Constable, butcher, farmer, pound-keeper, municipal councillor, clerk of Outlands Racecourse, of High Street, Outlands and 'Inglewood', Andover, TAS Presbyterian, literate.  
see Sinclair, Winifred, *Thomas Burbury 1809-1870: a Pioneer of Van Diemen's Land*, (Melbourne, 1979).

*b* -1809,  
*to* BURBURY, William  
& BURBURY, Sarah  
*c* 27JUN 1809, St Olave, Chichester, SSX ENG <IGI C040441/0918>  
*m* 08NOV1829, Holy Trinity, Coventry, WAR ENG  
*to* Brown, Mary  
*b* -1804,  
*a* 12FEB1833, Hobart, TAS  
*per* Guilford  
*d* 18JAN1892, Outlands, TAS  
*i* -JAN1892, Outlands Uniting Cem. <OA/04/01083>  
*t* -MAR 1832, Coventry, WAR ENG (Lent Assizes), for rioting and burning transportation for life.  
*s* transportation for life.  
*a* -DEC1832, Hobart, TAS  
*per* York (2)  
*tl* 01JUL1837  
*fp* 01NOV1839  
*d* 30JUL1870, Outlands, TAS  
*i* -JUL1870, Outlands Uniting Cem <OA/04/01083>  
and had issue: 5 sons and 2 daughters, viz:

•1 Burbury, Caroline  
*b* 13OCT1830, Coventry, WAR ENG  
*m*  
*to* EXTON, William  
*d* 27JAN1899, Outlands, TAS  
*i* -JAN1899, Outlands, TAS <GST:OA/04/2003>

•2 BURBURY, Daniel  
*b* 1834,  
*m*  
*to* Abbott, Mary  
*d* 15NOV1895,  
*i*

## •3 BURBURY, William

*b* 11FEB1836, Outlands, TAS  
*m* 22SEP1857, Outlands, TAS <1857:800>  
*to* Whitney, Christiana  
*d* 20NOV1905, Outlands, TAS <OA/04/01085>  
*i* -NOV1905, Outlands, TAS

## •4 BURBURY, Henry

*b* 1838, Outlands, TAS  
*m* 24AUG1860, Melbourne, VIC  
*to* Wade, Sarah  
*d* 08SEP1930,

## •5 Burbury, Mary Ann

*b* 07DEC1839, Outlands, TAS  
*d* 20OCT1854, Outlands, TAS  
never married

## •6 BURBURY, Alfred

*b* 04SEP1842, Outlands, TAS  
*m* 13SEP1865,  
*to* Abbott, Maria  
*d* 14AUG1899, Sydney, NSW

## •7 BURBURY, Arthur

*b* 17 JAN1845, Outlands, TAS  
*m*  
*to* Lewis, Elizabeth Isabel  
*d* 19JUL1869, Hobart, TAS

Submitted by: Mrs Mary S. Ramsay, Ratho, Bothwell, TAS, 7030. # 002-595702.

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Notes and Corrections:

- Abbott, Maria — *ref* BURBURY, Alfred §18420904.
- Abbott, Mary — *ref* BURBURY, Daniel §18340000.
- Brown, Mary §18040000 \*b -1804, \*m 08 NOV 1829, Holy Trinity, Coventry, WAR ENG \*\* BURBURY, Thomas \*a 12 FEB 1833, Hobart, TAS *per* *Galnare* \*d 18 JAN 1892, Oatlands, TAS \*i - JAN 1892, Oatlands Uniting Cem. <OA/04/01083> \*\* Caroline (1830-1899) Daniel (1834-1895) William (1836-1905) Henry (1838-1930) Mary Ann (1839-1854) Alfred (1842-1899) Arthur (1845-1869) #0001-09-.
- BURBURY, Alfred §18420904 \*b 04 SEP 1842, Oatlands, TAS \*to BURBURY, Thomas \* & Brown, Mary \*m 13 SEP 1865, \*\* Abbott, Maria \*d 14 AUG 1899, Sydney, NSW #0001-09-6.
- BURBURY, Arthur §18450117 \*b 17 JAN 1845, Oatlands, TAS \*to BURBURY, Thomas \* & Brown, Mary \*m \*\* Lewis, Elizabeth Isabel \*d 19 JUL 1869, Hobart, TAS #0001-09-7.
- Burbury, Caroline §18301013 \*b 13 OCT 1830, Coventry, WAR ENG \*to BURBURY, Thomas \* & Brown, Mary \*a 12 FEB 1833, Hobart, TAS *per* *Galnare* \*m \*\* EXTON, William \*d 27 JAN 1899, Oatlands, TAS \*i - JAN 1899, Oatlands, TAS <CST-OA/04/2003>#0001-09-1.
- BURBURY, Christiana — *ref* BURBURY, William §18360211.
- BURBURY, Daniel §18340000 \*b 1834, \*to BURBURY, Thomas \* & Brown, Mary \*m \*\* Abbott, Mary \*d 15 NOV 1895, \*i #0001-09-2.
- BURBURY, Elizabeth Isabel — *ref* BURBURY, Arthur §18450117.
- BURBURY, Henry §18380000 \*b 1838, Oatlands, TAS \*to BURBURY, Thomas \* & Brown, Mary \*m 24 AUG 1860, Melbourne, VIC \*\* Wade, Sarah \*d 08 SEP 1930, #0001-09-4.
- BURBURY, Maria — *ref* BURBURY, Alfred §18420904.
- BURBURY, Mary — *ref* BURBURY, Daniel §18340000.
- BURBURY, Mary — *see* Brown, Mary 18040000.
- Burbury, Mary Ann §18391207 \*b 07 DEC 1839, Oatlands, TAS \*to BURBURY, Thomas \* & Brown, Mary \*d 20 OCT 1854, Oatlands, TAS \*\* #0001-09-5.
- BURBURY, Sarah — *ref* BURBURY, Henry §18380000.
- BURBURY, Thomas §18090000 | Constable, butcher, farmer, pound-keeper, municipal councillor, clerk of Oatlands Racecourse, of High Street, Oatlands and 'Inglewood', Andover, TAS Presbyterian, literate. *see* Sinclair, Winifred, *Thomas Burbury 1809-1870: a Pioneer of Van Diemens Land*, (Melbourne, 1979) \*i - MAR 1832, Coventry , WAR ENG (Lent Assizes), for rioting and burning \*\* transportation for life. \*a - DEC 1832, Hobart, TAS *per* *York* (2) \*d 01 JUL 1837 \*fp 01 NOV 1839 | \*b -1809, \*to BURBURY, William \* & BURBURY, Sarah \*c 27JUN 1809, St Olave, Chichester, SSX ENG <IGI C040441/0918> \*m 08 NOV 1829, Holy Trinity, Coventry, WARENG \*\* Brown, Mary \*d 30 JUL 1870, Oatlands, TAS \*i - JUL 1870, Oatlands Uniting Cem <OA/04/01083> \*\* Caroline (1830-1899) Daniel (1834-1895) William (1836-1905) Henry (1838-1930) Mary Ann (1839-1854) Alfred (1842-1899) Arthur (1845-1869) #0001-09.
- BURBURY, William §18360211 \*b 11 FEB 1836, Oatlands, TAS \*to BURBURY, Thomas \* & Brown, Mary \*m 22 SEP 1857, Oatlands, TAS <1857.800> \*\* Whitney, Christiana \*d 20 NOV 1905, Oatlands, TAS <OA/04/01085> \*i - NOV 1905, Oatlands, TAS #0001-09-03.
- EXTON, Caroline — *see* Burbury, Caroline §18301013.
- EXTON, William — *ref* Burbury, Caroline §18301013.
- Lewis, Elizabeth Isabel — *ref* BURBURY, Arthur §18450117.
- Wade, Sarah — *ref* BURBURY, Henry §18380000.
- Whitney, Christiana — *ref* BURBURY, William §18360211.

These changes enable members to submit their family records on a person by person basis. If you can do so on computer disk, so much the better. Since the Tasmanian events of birth, death, marriage, etc. are being computerised, readers should limit their submissions to data on persons who lived in Tasmania between 1803 and 1878, but who had one or more life events elsewhere. More about this in December!

# VALUES AND PITFALLS OF ORAL HISTORY

## Tim Bowden at the OHAA

Sue Cartledge

Radio journalist Tim Bowden was in Launceston recently to launch a book of oral history transcripts, Launceston Talks, edited by Jill Cassidy and Elspeth Wishart, and to give the inaugural keynote lecture for the newly-formed Tasmanian Branch of the Oral History Association of Australia.

About 20 people attended the inaugural meeting held at the Queen Victoria Museum on Saturday, July 20th to form the branch and another 60 heard Tim Bowden speak on "The values and Pitfalls of Oral History".

"The patron saint of oral history is probably Samuel Clemens, better known as Mark Twain," Mr. Bowden said. Mark Twain has been quoted as saying "the further back I go, the better I remember things; whether they happened or not." This is one of the pitfalls of oral history: people who use material they have heard on radio or seen on TV to colour their reminiscences, or are "just out and out liars who deliberately mislead." However these people are in the minority, and "the vast majority of interviewees' recollections are generally reliably remembered and accurately retold."

Oral history is often condemned as being an unreliable or less reliable way of recording history, and to combat this, oral historians must be as rigorous as any other historians in checking their taped information. "Oral history must be checked as thoroughly against known facts and primary sources as any other sort of history," he stressed.

However these pitfalls do not outweigh the pluses, which are tremendously satisfying.

One of the first benefits is that of hearing the speaker's voice and this is where oral tapes are more important than the transcripts. Words on a page cannot convey the speaker's tone of voice and the way of speaking, differences of gender, education and geographical background. "Within ten seconds of hearing the speaker's voice on tape you can make judgements about their age, gender, social standing, education and regional accent; you can also make decisions about their credibility and whether you are willing to believe them."

Up until the mid-seventies tape recordings were considered just a tool for collecting material for written transcripts and many tapes were recycled, losing the irreplaceable vocal content. Now that the importance of the voice as well as the words is recognised, people need to be aware of correct recording techniques and of conservation of tapes.



Oral history can also fill the gaps in official histories. For example, Tim Bowden recorded interviews with prisoners of war who survived the notorious Changi camp in Burma. The recollections of many of the ordinary soldiers conflicted with the official history, written by officers shortly after World War II and now held in the National War Memorial, so that it was necessary to write another version, cross-referenced with the first, to give a clearer picture of the reality of Changi.

The techniques of oral history are invaluable for preparing family history - not only do you get the memories of two or three generations, but you can preserve the speakers' voices for many years after their death.

Tim's book, My Father's Stories, was recorded by letting his father control the taping, in reply to a written list of general questions and adding his own reminiscences as they occurred to him. This provided much more detail for the book than could have been gained by Tim formally interviewing his father and gave a greater feel for the older man's personality.

Mr. Bowden's talk was amplified by segments of tape giving examples of the points he was making and by reminiscences of his own. The oral historians among the audience were treated to a wealth of experience and valuable information and the whole audience was both entertained and educated.

## FAMILY TREE PUZZLE

A. H. Johnson

In ancient Egypt, Pharaoh Tutmosis IV married Mutemweya and his son became Amenophis III. He married Tiye who had a brother Ay. One of his sons became Amenophis IV, later to change his name to Akhenatem, and married the famous Nefertiti who bore him six daughters so he decided to marry his daughter Meketaten who was 12 years old and died in childbirth. He then married another daughter Ankhesenpaaten but did not produce any sons. Akhenatem died fairly young and was succeeded by his brother Tutankhaten who married Ankhesenpaaten! Unfortunately Tutankhaten did not live very long and so Ankhesenpaaten married Ay. You remember Ay? He is her grandfather. When he died Ankhesenpaaten was comparatively young and was being pressed to marry a commoner who had his eye on the throne. She, in desperation, sent to the Hittite king (with whom Egypt was at war) for a prince to come to marry her and become the Pharaoh. But the wily suitor was head of intelligence and intercepted the message and killed the hapless prince on his way to Egypt!

So how do we construct the family tree? Your ingenious solution should make interesting reading. Send your solution to the Editor, PO Box 60 PROSPECT, Tasmania 7250.



# GEORGE FULLER: A CURRENCY LAD

Rosie Shannon

In the Mitchell Library is a collection of letters<sup>1</sup> written to Ernest Whitfield of Launceston in 1897. Ernest Whitfield was planning a series of public lectures on the early days of Launceston<sup>2</sup>. One of his correspondents was a George Fuller who then resided in South Australia. George Fuller gives a street by street description of the people and dwellings, as he remembered it. In 1897, he was a member of the South Australian Land Board<sup>3</sup> and a land owner<sup>4</sup>.

George Samuel Fuller was born in Launceston in 1830 and baptised at St. John's Church in December 1830<sup>5</sup>. His father, John Fuller, had been transported to Sydney on the *Indian* in 1810<sup>6</sup>. John Fuller, a bricklayer, had been convicted for an inept burglary in 1809 in London but the death sentence had been, as was common, commuted to transportation for life<sup>7</sup>.

John removed to Launceston and George says "residence built in 1817"<sup>8</sup>. George was the second youngest of a family of five brothers and a sister<sup>9</sup>. John Fuller's occupation was shown variously as labourer and bricklayer.<sup>10</sup> At his death,<sup>11</sup> he was described as a storekeeper, and the family was affluent enough to place a death notice in both the *Examiner*<sup>12</sup> and the *Cornwall Chronicle*<sup>13</sup>.

What George Fuller does not say in his letters to Whitfield is telling. The letters were private and surely he could rely on the good manners of a gentleman, as Whitfield was, not to mention in public anything which may have been of a delicate nature? George demonstrates how well he was schooled in the general amnesia of alluding to anyone's convict past; a particularly strong habit in Tasmania in this period. Only once does he hint: "Some families would not thank one for saying their Grandfather kept a pub"<sup>14</sup> and he euphemistically calls convicts "old colonists"<sup>15</sup>.

Blainey notes that "the convict era lived in thousands of lives long after the last convict ship had arrived."<sup>16</sup>

What was life like for George Fuller in the old Launceston he writes about? We can catch a glimpse from what he writes about himself, and what he doesn't write, and fill out the picture from the writings of others.

He was a currency lad in Van Diemen's Land where, as Clark says, there were "no warm-hearted appeals [in the press] to stick up for the currency lads and lassies"<sup>17</sup> as in New South Wales.

The poem, "Two Sheep", a ponderous allegory of 1832 Launceston, lays bare the psyche of Van Diemen's Land, sterling versus currency, as the sterling says:

The children bear their parents' crimes,  
I truly know no wrong of you,  
But still who can forget your crew<sup>18</sup>

And in a small community, there was no escape, no matter how diligent, how forbearing or how respectable, the "taint" was there.

For example, George Fuller gives the boundaries, as he saw them of the town of Launceston - Tamar, York, Margaret and Frankland Streets.<sup>19</sup> He makes no mention of the several residences of the "quality" in High or Abbott Streets, yet these were encompassed in the official town boundaries<sup>20</sup> and allotments were sold in 1834, alluding to the residences already there.<sup>21</sup> Maybe small boys, and currency lads at that, were sternly discouraged from "up there".<sup>22</sup> "Quality" names are infrequent. The stables of Alexander Waddle<sup>22</sup> are noted and he (Fuller) gets the name of Theodore Bartley wrong calling him Mr. Bartlett.<sup>23</sup>

Whatever the gulf between high and low estate in Launceston, in the letters, there are episodes of childhood mentioned which suggest a happy and loving childhood, despite the fact that George Fuller does not state the fact that John Fuller was his father. It does not seem to be a life as reported by Clark that "the free wantonly accused the convicts and their relatives of practising every description of vice".<sup>24</sup> George seems a model of late Victorian rectitude. The anecdotes provide a glimpse of family life in the 1830s. He (and presumably his siblings) were educated at Mrs. Dowsett's School.<sup>25</sup> He has fluency and a literate hand compared with the latter pages of the collection,<sup>26</sup> even though his spelling is somewhat eccentric<sup>27</sup> and reminiscent of an earlier age. He fondly remembers Christmas at York Town in 1838.<sup>28</sup> His father tells him of early floods in Launceston.<sup>29</sup> The young George helps decorate Michael Connolly's store with greenery for the St. Andrew's Day Ball.<sup>30</sup> He claims Thomas Monds as a "school chum".<sup>31</sup> They were of the same age.<sup>32</sup> George was apprenticed to Robert Kidd<sup>33</sup> and obviously enjoyed the camaraderie of his apprenticeship.

One anecdote of his childhood that appears to be incorrect is his report of the sighting of the whale in the Cataract.<sup>34</sup> Whitfield reports it as told to him by Fuller,<sup>35</sup> in that George and his younger brother (presumably Charles) were idling along the head of the Tamar, not far from home and walking along the wooden sluices which brought fresh water from the Cataract, where they saw the whale, which they then reported to the disbelief of their elders. Button<sup>36</sup> reports he also was the first to see it, and the incident is duly reported in the Examiner of 1847<sup>37</sup> on the date given by Button, not 1844 as Whitfield suggests.<sup>38</sup>

Perhaps George Fuller can be forgiven this lapse. The incident has passed into folklore. I have spoken with people who are sure their grandfather witnessed the incident in the Cataract.

The names with which George Fuller is most familiar, are those of former convicts (though he never uses the term) now gainfully employed or the free small tradesmen. The block in Brisbane Street where the Fullers lived also held William Field, Joseph Monks, Moses Josephs and Joseph Cohen.<sup>39</sup> These were the social contacts of the family. Fuller speaks kindly of Moses Joseph<sup>40</sup> and significantly, the informant for his father's death in 1848<sup>41</sup> was Henry Solomon of Church Square.

An editorial in the Launceston Advertiser<sup>42</sup> promotes religious and social tolerance of Jews, but has no editorial in the same year about social tolerance of former convicts and their offspring, rather the tone is anti-transportation<sup>43</sup> and positively anti-convict.<sup>44</sup> The establishment may have been able to express benevolence to Jews, but the over-whelming numbers<sup>45</sup> of convicts was too much to allow the luxury of tolerance.

George Fuller went to the Victorian goldfields.<sup>46</sup> He would have been in his twenties. There is no indication if he were successful. What a heady experience this would have been for young man, painfully aware of the social nuances of Launceston, a small community where his past was known. On the goldfields he could lose himself in anonymity and just be a digger and be taken at his own worth.

Presumably George did not return to Launceston permanently. He visited family from time to time but made good elsewhere.

One would have liked more day to day detail in the letters, but we should be grateful to Ernest Whitfield for preserving the reminiscences and George Fuller for his painstaking recollections. The collection deserves a wider readership and appreciation, for the very reason that it is not self eulogizing as other reminiscences.

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44. Launceston Advertiser, 24 April 1834, p.2.
45. Clark, op cit p.153 says "In 1828, there were 18 408 people in Van Diemen's Land, just over 40 per cent of whom, it has been estimated, were convicts."
46. Fuller, op cit, p.96.

#### AN EARLY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY IN TASMANIA

As a result of attending the opening of the exhibition entitled "Meet your Family - Resources for Genealogical Research" at the Queen Victoria Museum in April, Mrs. Joan Green of Launceston has provided some details of an earlier genealogical society in Tasmania. Mrs. Green's grandmother, Mrs. Margaret Ann Manson, was Secretary for a time.

From the minutes of the Genealogical Society, Launceston Branch, Tasmania:-

Under the direction of President C. H. Tingey, Elder Levan Southwick on February 19th, 1931, organised a genealogical committee of four members viz: Presiding Elder L. Southwick, Brother Moir, Sister L. Saunders and Sister Manson.

Later Elder Anderson asked that sister Manson be the teacher for the class. This was the first attempt to teach, and gather, genealogy in northern Tasmania. This society was organised by the Church of Jesus Christ of latter Day Saints which held meetings in a building (now demolished) probably next to Coles in Charles Street.

# MISSING INDEX ENTRIES

## Tasmanian Births / Baptisms 1803 - 1804

### Alex N. Buchanan

During the process of compiling a consolidated index to Tasmanian births/baptisms up to 1840, I found that a number of entries in the RGD volumes 32/1, 32/2 and 32/3 (transcripts from baptismal registers), were not included in the index to Baptisms in Tasmania, RGD 38/1. The following list gives all missing entries up to 1840 and also includes some others that are either grossly misnumbered or misspelled in the existing index. If you have searched the indexes in vain for an elusive baptism, it may be here!

Surname	Names	Year	Location	RGD	No.
Ancock	John	1814	HbtCofE	32/1	340
Anderson	James	1834	HbtPre	32/2	5678
Archer	Edward	1838	LfdCofE	32/3	614
Avery	Francis	1830	MHrWes	32/1	3540
Ball	Anne Amelia	1837	HbtCofE	32/2	7543
Barclay	Agnes Eliza	1836	HbtCon	32/2	7083e
Barclay	Isabella	1834	HbtCon	32/2	5688a
Barclay	Oliver	1837	HbtCon	32/2	7814g
Birtles	William	1839	CTnCofE	32/3	1141
Blay	Susanna	1839	NNkCofE	32/3	534
Brooks	Thomas	1839	NNkCofE	32/3	544
Brown	Henry	1838	EvdCofE	32/3	601
Brumby	James Peter Ainslie	1839	LfdCofE	32/3	622
Butcher	Isabella	1839	GPsCofE	32/3	709
Byrne	Anna	1834	HbRC	32/2	5603
Carden	Eliza	1824	HbtWes	32/1	1722
Chapman	Esther	1836	HbtWes	32/2	7020
Clarke	Henry Ginn	1838	HbtCofE	32/2	8531
Clarke	Martha	1836	HbtWes	32/2	7025
Cotterell	Eliza	1824	HbtWes	32/1	1722
Culliford	James Philip	1831	SRicCofE	32/1	4160
Darling	James	1837	HbtCon	32/2	7814b
Diprose	Mary	1836	LtnWes	32/2	7256
Drummond	Jacobus	1830	HbtRC	32/1	3516
Elliott	John Thomas	1839	HbtCofE	32/3	156
Fairbairn	Elizabeth	1833	HbtCon	32/2	5001d
Feutrell	Samuel James	1834	LtnCofE	32/2	5693
Field	Gullielmus	1822	HbtRC	32/1	1318
Freeman	Henry	1836	HbtCon	32/2	7083a
Freeman	Sarah	1834	HbtCon	32/2	5688e
Freeman	Thomas	1840	HbtCofE	32/3	873
Fuller	Elizabeth	1834	LtnCofE	32/2	5731
Genge	Frederick William	1838	LtnCofE	32/2	8815
Gibbs	Abraham John Starke	1834	HbtCofE	32/2	5488
Giblin	Elizabeth Anna Stewart	1838	HbtCon	32/2	8624b
Giblin	Henrietta Selina	1839	HbtPre	32/3	273a
Giblin	Marian Falkiner	1836	HbtCon	32/2	7083f
Gibson	George	1828	LtnCofE	32/1	2793
Gibson	Jane	1826	LtnCofE	32/1	2145
Glare	Mary Ann	1836	LtnCofE	32/3	304

Glover	Sarah	1838	EvdCofE	32/3	603
Griffiths	Amelia	1828	LtnCofE	32/1	2786
Groves	Elizabeth	1834	HbtCofE	32/3	949
Guy	Arthur	1835	HbtCon	32/2	6366c
Guy	Frederick William	1833	HbtCon	32/2	5001f
Harvey	Mary Ann Jane	1836	GPscCofE	32/2	7443
Henty	Frances Charlotte	1838	LtnCofE	32/2	8800
Herbert	Henry Beedon	1836	LfdCofE	32/2	7368
Hodgson	Walter	1834	HbtCon	32/2	5688b
Hopkins	Rebecca	1833	HbtCon	32/2	5001b
Hopkins	Thomas	1834	HbtCon	32/2	5688d
Jackson	Sarah Heley	1833	HbtCofE	32/2	4695
Jacobson	George	1831	HbtCofE	32/1	3914
Jennings	Amelia Elizabeth	1836	LtnWes	32/2	7251
Jennings	Elizabeth Carter	1835	HbtCon	32/2	6366g
Jennings	Joseph Gellibrand	1833	HbtCon	32/2	5001j
Jennings	Reginald	1837	HbtCon	32/2	7814h
Johnson	Martha	1837	LtnWes	32/2	8044
Johnston	Thomas	1834	LfdCofE	32/2	8180
Jones	Julia Ann	1839	EvdCofE	32/3	599
Kennedy	Anna	1834	HbtRC	32/2	5603
Laing	Arthur	1836	SRicCofE	32/2	7463
Laurence	John	1836	LtnWes	32/2	7252
Lawrence	Samuel	1836	HbtCofE	32/2	6839
Lumsden	Isabella	1835	HbtCon	32/2	6366a
Lumsden	John	1837	HbtCon	32/2	7814a
Lynch	Maria Anna	1830	HbtRC	32/1	3482
MacIntyre	Mary	1832	HbtCon	32/1	4470f
Makepeace	Sarah Ann	1835	HbtCon	32/2	6366d
Mannington	Jacob	1833	HbtCon	32/2	5001i
Mannington	Priscilla	1836	HbtCon	32/2	7083c
Mannington	Thomas Edward	1838	HbtCon	32/2	8624c
Massey	Thomas William	1836	LtnCofE	32/2	7136
McAuley	Maria Anna	1830	HbtRC	32/1	3482
McCarthy	Eleonora	1824	HbtRC	32/1	1693
McCeand	Amelia Louisa	1833	HbtCon	32/2	5001c
McGorry	Margaret	1826	LtnCofE	32/1	2188
McLeod	Alfred	1837	HbtCon	32/2	7814c
McLeod	Hugh	1837	HbtCon	32/2	7814e
Miller	Emily Wilhelmina	1835	HbtCon	32/2	6366e
Miller	Frederick Ebenezer	1837	HbtCon	32/2	7814i
Miller	Susanna Augusta	1833	HbtCon	32/2	5001e
Moran	Maria	1833	HbtRC	32/2	4935
Morrisby	Catherine	1838	ClPsCofE	32/2	8989
Morrison	Alexander Thomas	1833	HbtCon	32/2	5001h
Morrison	Benjamin Sinclair	1835	HbtCon	32/2	6366f
Morriss	Charlotte	1838	SorCofE	32/2	9015
Mortimer	Malachi Richard	1834	HbtCon	32/2	5688g
Mortimer	Marcus Edmund	1838	HbtCon	32/2	8624e
Mortimer	Margaret Selina	1836	HbtCon	32/2	7083g
Murray	Andrew Charmichael	1824	HbtPre	32/1	2428
Nicholas	Eliza	1825	GPscCofE	32/1	4617
Noah	Sophia	1840	HbtCofE	32/3	783
Norman	Frederick William	1838	SorCofE	32/2	9019
Norris	Joshua	1830	HbtCofE	32/1	3395
Oliver	Eliza	1838	HbtWes	32/2	8623
Overy	Francis	1830	MHrWes	32/1	3540
Parker	John Alexander	1840	LtnPre	32/3	1110
Patterson	Mary	1822	HbrCofE	32/1	1260



Pratt	George Kolwegan	1837	HbtCon	32/2	7814d
Pregnall	John Edward	1828	NNkCofE	32/1	2862
Presnell	Harriett	1827	NNkCofE	32/1	2513
Priest	Sarah Charlotte	1834	HbtCofE	32/2	5444
Rayner	William James	1822	HbtCofE	32/1	1271
Ridler	Mary Porter	1833	HbtCon	32/2	5001a
Robertson	Archibald William	1831	LtnCofE	32/1	4048
Robertson	Elizabeth	1835	NNkCofE	32/2	6582
Robson	Jane Mary	1830	LtnCofE	32/2	573
Rowan	Gullielmus	1822	HbtRc	32/1	1318
Rowcroft	Oriana Maria	1837	LfdCofE	32/2	8168
Saltmarsh	John	1821	LtnCofE	32/1	1161
Scott	Eleanor	1838	HbtCon	32/2	8624a
Sherberd	William George	1835	HbtCofE	32/2	6132
Sims	Ebenezer	1834	HbtCon	32/2	5688f
Sims	Frances Phillis	1837	HbtCon	32/2	7814j
Sims	-	1840	HbtCon	32/3	997a
Strutt	Margaret Sophia	1839	HbtCofE	32/3	755
Strutt	Sarah Elizabeth	1839	HbtCofE	32/3	754
Thrupp	John	1818	HbtCofE	32/1	641
Triffett	James	1818	HbtCofE	32/1	651
Triffett	Thomas	1819	HbtCofE	32/1	669
Tubby	Amelia Utting	1837	HbtCon	32/2	7814f
Tubby	Eliza Utting	1835	HbtCon	32/2	6366b
Tubby	Harriet Utting	1833	HbtCon	32/2	5001g
Tubby	-	1840	HbtCon	32/3	997b
Watson	James Cunningham	1840	HbtCon	32/3	997c
Watson	John Ebenezer	1838	HbtCon	32/2	8624d
Welsh	Eleonora	1824	HbtRC	32/1	1693
Whitesides	Isabella	1840	HbtCon	32/3	997d
Whitney	Christiana	1836	HbtCon	32/2	7083d
Williams	Eliza	1837	HbtCofE	32/2	7749
Williams	William John	1838	HbtCofE	32/2	8356
Wise	Eliza Ann	1831	NNkCofE	32/1	4100
Woodin	William Alfred	1840	HbtCofE	32/3	960
Yates	Henry	1833	LtnCofE	32/2	6397
Young	Ellen Matilda	1836	HbtCofE	32/2	6717
Young	John	1836	HbtCon	32/2	7083b
Young	Robert	1835	SRicCofE	32/2	6670
Young	William	1834	HbtCon	32/2	5688c
- (privately)	Emily	1835	HbtCofE	32/2	6197
-	Elisa	1836	HbtWes	32/2	7026
-	Lucy	1836	HbtWes	32/2	7033

Does anyone know who the last three are?

The forthcoming consolidated index will follow the same format as above. It will contain over 14 000 entries extracted from baptismal registers available at the Archives Office of Tasmania in both the RGD and NS series, early civil registration and other sources.

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# TASMANIAN BDM RECORDS

Readers living outside Tasmania may not be aware that the Tasmanian pre-1900 Birth, Death and Marriage records are readily available outside of Tasmania. The Archives Office of Tasmania has provided the following list of institutions which hold a Microfilm copy of these records:

## AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

National Library of Australia  
Heraldry and Genealogy Society of ACT  
Canberra 2600  
Canberra 2601

## NEW SOUTH WALES

State Library of NSW  
Society of Australian Genealogists  
Waverley Municipal library  
Willoughby Municipal Library  
Hornsby Shire Library  
Dee Why Library, Pittwater Road  
Genealogical Society of Utah  
Blacktown City Library  
The Kings School, Parramatta  
Fairfield City Library  
Liverpool City Library  
Genealogical Research Service Centre  
(Private Researchers)  
Bankstown City Library  
Gosford City Library  
Newcastle City Council Public Library  
Coffs Harbour Family History Society  
Kiama Public Library  
Campbelltown City Library  
Government Record Repository  
O'Connell Street  
Sydney 2000  
Sydney 2000  
Bondi Junction 2022  
Chatswood 2067  
Hornsby 2077  
Dee Why 2099  
Sydney 2118  
Blacktown 2148  
Parramatta 2150  
Fairfield 2166  
Liverpool 2170  
Bass Hill 2197  
Bankstown 2200  
Gosford 2250  
Newcastle 2300  
Coffs Harbour 2450  
Kiama 2533  
Campbelltown 2560  
St Marys 2760

## VICTORIA

State Library of Victoria  
Genealogical Society of Victoria  
City of Werribee Library  
City of Kew Public Library  
Aust. Institute of Genealogical Studies  
Lilydale/Croyden Family History Centre  
St Kilda Library  
Geelong Historical Records Centre  
Portland Genealogical Group  
Bacchus Marsh Public Library  
Melbourne 3000  
Melbourne 3000  
Werribee 3030  
Kew 3101  
Blackburn 3130  
Croyden 3136  
St Kilda 3182  
Geelong 3220  
Portland 3305  
Bacchus Marsh 3340

## QUEENSLAND

State Library of Queensland  
Genealogical Society of Queensland  
Brisbane 4000  
Brisbane 4120

## SOUTH AUSTRALIA

State Library of South Australia  
Flinders University of South Australia  
SA Genealogy and Heraldry Society  
Adelaide 5000  
Bedford Park 5042  
Adelaide 5070

## NORTHERN TERRITORY

Genealogical Society of the NT  
Winnellie 5789

## WESTERN AUSTRALIA

State Library of Western Australia  
Perth 6000

## NEW ZEALAND

Auckland Public Library  
Auckland

## COMING EVENTS

- 20-22 Sep 1991 "A Tasmanian Tapestry". The Federation of Australian Historical Societies and Tasmanian Historical Research Association History Conference at Hobart. For further information contact the Secretary, THRA, PO Box 441, Sandy Bay, Tas 7005.
- 21 Sep 1991 "Computers in Genealogy" seminar for members of the GST to be held at Kings Meadows High School, Launceston. For further information contact Karlena Nagle on (002) 34 0838.
- 5 - 6 Oct 1991 "Ireland over Here: The Irish Experience in Australia" seminar to be held at the National Library of Australia, Canberra. Guest speakers include Donal Begley, the Chief Herald of Ireland. Part of the celebrations commemorating the bicentenary of the arrival of the "Queen" at Sydney.
- 09 October 1991 "The Ancestor Trail in Ireland" by Donal Begley, Chief Herald of Ireland, to be held at the Queen Victoria Museum, Launceston at 8.00 p.m.
- 27 October 1991 "Historic Churches of Launceston" tour arranged by Launceston Historic Society. To commence at 1.30 p.m. For further information Phone 30 1328 or 37 1391.
- 7 November 1991 Tour from Melton Mowbray through Apsley and Lower Marshes to Jericho arranged by Bothwell Historical Society. This is an area much frequented by the Jones. Contact Mary Ramsay, "Ratho", Bothwell, Tas Phone (002) 59 5702.
- 1 December 1991 "Launceston in Words and Music" arranged by the Launceston Historic Society. Further information from PO Box 1296 Launceston, Tas.
- July 1994 "Blending of the Cultures" - The 7th Australasian Congress on Genealogy and Heraldry to be held in Brisbane. Start saving your pennies. We will keep you posted as news comes to hand.

# GLEANINGS

## Family History News and Digest

For those who wish to keep abreast of what is going on in the wider world of family history the Family History News and Digest, published by the Federation of Family History Societies, is a must. An order form for this journal is included in this issue of Tasmanian Ancestry. The GST is about to place a bulk order for the Family History News and Digest and should you wish to subscribe, return this form together with \$9.50 to:-

The Library Co-ordinator  
GPO Box 640G  
Hobart  
Tasmania 7001.



Dr. Chris Watts, Vice Chairman of FFHS, Alderman Graeme Beams, Mayor of Launceston, Colonel Iain Swinnerton, President of FFHS, Mr. Colin Chapman, Vice President FFHS, and Mr. John Grunnell, President of GST, at the Official Opening of the recent Congress in Launceston.

## Its Amazing Where Genealogists Get To

Thelma Grunnell has recently received a letter from Colin Chapman in which he outlined some of his movements since arriving back in England after the Congress. Since then he has been to London four times for meetings or lectures, taken the chair at AGM's for two Family History Societies, spoken at two One Day Seminars and finished the proofs for the Second Edition of his "Pre 1841 Censuses". In between all this he fitted in a business trip to Vienna. Before travelling to Austria he had made arrangements to

visit Czechoslovakia and in doing so, Colin became the first genealogist from "the West" to be invited to be invited to this part of Eastern Europe. While there he spoke at the inaugural meeting of a genealogical/heraldry society in Bratislava, became the first British speaker to address a meeting of a cultural history group in Treicin and was invited to meet the Director General of the Slovak National Library and Archives.

#### **Index to Tasmanian Births/Baptisms 1803-1840**

Alex Buchanan has produced a consolidated index to Births and Baptisms in Tasmania for the period 1803-1840. This single alphabetical sequence follows the same format as the list of missing entries on pages 94-96. As well as indexing the RGD records and Baptismal registers in the NS series in the Archives Office of Tasmania, Alex has also indexed entries from the School Admissions to the Orphan School in Hobart and an early census of children. Also included are entries for birth notices which appeared in the Hobart Town Courier and which have not been registered and for which no baptism has been found. The index was due to be released in August for a cost of around \$20.00.

#### **Research in Wales**

Mrs. Dilys Glover is very involved in the study of Welsh ancestry and would be willing to investigate for anyone interested for just the price of the postage. She would be willing to help with advice in this area. There would be no charge for these services - just the price of postage. Her cousin, Mrs. G. Walker of Prospect tells us she has helped quite a number of people in various countries in this way. Mrs. Glover's address is 34 Glebelands Road, KNUTSFORD, Cheshire WA16 9DZ, England.

#### **Family History Centre, Launceston**

A Family History Centre has recently been opened at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints in Launceston. The Official opening is on the 3rd September and the centre will be fully operational from that date. The opening hours for are:-

Wednesday and Friday	10.00 a.m. - 2.00 p.m.
Tuesday and Thursday	7.00 p.m. - 9.30 p.m.

The centre is able to obtain films of records from all parts of the world. For further information, contact Bernie Fill, phone (003) 26 5042.

#### **Were any of your Ancestors named Plant?**

If you have any interest or connections with the name of Plant you will be interested to note that the Plant Family history Group has been formed, the first Journal of the Group having been issued January 1991. The second Journal was planned for publication in July 1991.

Further information can be obtained from William Keith Plant, 22 Chapel Croft, Chelford, Cheshire, SK11 9SU, England.

#### **Tampion/Tampin/Tampen Family**

Anyone interested in the unusual surname Tampion/Tampin/Tampen

please contact Mrs. Brenda Beaumont (37 Sheridan Avenue, Caversham, Reading RG4 7QB, Berkshire, England) who has established an extensive family tree in England from 1650 to the present day.

Mrs. Beaumont writes that so far all the families have been traceable to her Suffolk branch, although there is an earlier branch from Rutland/Leicestershire which appears to have died out. She knows of three Tampion (from the same family) living near Ipswich, Suffolk who were deported as convicts:- James Tampion, Jnr. in 1835 and James Tampion, Snr. and William Tampion in 1836. William Tampion subsequently founded a large family in the state of Victoria and another brother, Thomas?, later emigrated as a free settler to South Australia.

#### The Buchanan Society

The Buchanan Society is the oldest Clan Society in the world. It was founded in 1725 by a small group of Merchants in Glasgow, Scotland. Its only objects are to assist kinsmen and women in need and younger kin in their pursuit of educational attainments. Unlike other, more recent, societies it does not exist to arrange social functions or genealogical research.

Membership has to be restricted to those "septs" of the clan recognised by Buchanan of Auchmar in 1723 - those bearing the name Buchanan, McWattie or Risk. It costs £40 for life membership and new members are welcome. Of the 1868 applications for membership since 1725 nearly 50 have come Australasia.

Anybody interested should write to the Secretary: Mrs. Fiona Risk, 18 Idlesleigh Avenue, Milngavie, Glasgow, G62 8NT, Scotland.

#### South African Research

For those interested in South African research, Thelma Grunnell informs us that International Reply Coupons are no longer acceptable as exchange for postage stamps or fees.

#### Time Charts

Jean Ritchie has forwarded copies of two of a series of five time charts which show world political and religious events, plus new inventions and famous people of influence in each of the periods covered. The charts have space to add notable events in the life of your family. Many of our ancestors have been affected by these events and a many of our migrants had arrived by 1900.

Jean writes that the charts proved very helpful in her own research and led her to pursue a previously unthought of avenue of research. The charts mention many of the records used by genealogists and indicate when the various records first came into existence, eg 1714 Quarter Session records list Roman Catholics and Non conformists, 1754 first printed annual Army lists, 1772 first Navy lists. The five periods are 1500-1580, 1580-1680, 1680-1780, 1780-1840 and 1840-1900.

These charts are produced in England and are now available from Jean at 14 Glenview Road, Via Mooloolah, Queensland 4553.

## FAMILY REUNIONS

A reunion is planned for the descendants of THOMAS and MARY BESWICK (nee Mackenzie) who were married at St John's Church, Launceston, on 6 May 1834. Mary, a widow had previously been married to Jeremiah Peck.

Thomas and Mary settled at White Hills, Tasmania, and their family included the following children: Mary Ann Peck, (later Mrs. HARDY); Thomas (Catherine CLARKE/PEEVER); Margaret (Mrs. NEWMAN); Jane (Mrs. HARRIS); Louisa, Sarah (Mrs. McIVOR), Charlotte (Mrs. JAMES) and Samuel.

The dates of the re-union are Saturday, 29th Feb. and Sunday 1st March 1992, and all descendants of the above will be most welcome. For further information please write to:-

JOHN BESWICK, PO Box 224, Scottsdale, Tas. 7260.  
Telephone Nos. (003) 52 2833 (Home) or (003) 32 2493 (Work).

Any details of your branch of the family tree, or assistance in contacting other members of it, would be much appreciated.

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A gathering of the descendants of RICHARD and ANN BIRD (nee CHASTON) is proposed for March 1992 near Don, Tasmania, to celebrate their arrival with five children, from Cressingham, Norfolk, England in 1862.

Their children and spouses were: Hannah Jane mar Jacob COOK; Walter John mar Mary Ann FLANNERY; Ann Elizabeth mar Richard BEAUMONT; Martha Mary mar Alfred ROCKLIFF; Arthur James mar Elizabeth BACON; Harriett Susan; Asa Benjamin mar Sarah CLARK; Abraham; Edgar Richard mar Camilla REID; Alla Jacob mar Eliza LEHMAN.

Descendants of BIRD and associated families are invited to contact: MRS. MARIE HART, 20 Bonview St., East Ballina, NSW. 2478 or MRS. STELLA FERGUSON, 136 K.P. McGrath Drive, Elanora, Q'land, 4221 for further details.

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The BRAMICH FAMILY REUNION will be held at Deloraine at Easter, 1992, 18th & 19th April. The BRAMICH family were prominent in the development of the Deloraine and Latrobe districts from the first settlement of these areas. Descendants of WILLIAM (1798-1861) mar Marien Sarth JOHNSTONE; JOHN (1810-1881) mar Ann WOODWARD; JOSEPH (1813-1882) mar (1) Mary HARRISON (2) Martha HARRISON; MARTHA (1805-1863) mar John ADDISON; CAROLINE (1814- ?) mar John TILDESBY; and JOSEPH , a nephew, (1826-1885) mar Margaret LANDRIGGAN, are invited to attend the reunion.

For more information contact the Organiser:-  
MRS. BARBARA CADZOW, 7 Clyde St., St. Arnaud, Vic. 3478 or  
MR. DON BRAMICH, "Drogheda" 1 Morse Place, Devonport, Tas. 7310  
or MRS. GLORIA SCHMALFUSS, 64 12th Avenue, West Moonah, Tas. 7009.

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In 1841, WILLIAM GEEVES of Fowlsere, Cambridgeshire, together with his family arrived in Hobart Town, settled in the Huon Valley, and 8 years later moved to the Kermadiah River Valley. The Geeves girls married into many families in Tasmania:-

NICHOLAS, HAMMOND, HAY, EVANS, ASHLIN, ROBERTSON, WALTER, McCRIBBON, GRIGGS, THEOBOLD, etc., etc.

On the long weekend from Fri. 28th February, through to Sun. 1st March 1992, it is proposed to hold a 3 day get-together at Geeveston in the Huon Valley in Tasmania.

We have engaged the services of Dickensons Travel, 111 Main Road, Moonah, 7009 [Ph (002)-28 0301] to handle travel enquiries and accommodation.

Descendants are invited to send names and addresses, (together with a donation, about \$5.00 to help defray our expenses and thus ensure you receive subsequent mailings of details later in the year regarding programmes, registrations, etc.) to : GEEVES Family Reunion, PO Box 279, GEEVESTON. Tas. 7116.

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A re-union of the descendants of DAVID AND REBECCA SEFTON (arr. per "Marquis of Bute" 30 Nov. 1841) will be held in the Flagstaff Gardens, Melbourne, commencing 11 a.m. Sat. 30th November 1991. (BBQ Picnic, BYO everything). Rebecca passed away 2 months after the family's arrival, leaving David with 7 children in the young colony. Their children MARGARET (mar Wm. Clark BROWN, 1847); MARY JANE (mar John EDNEY, 1844); NANCY ANNE (mar Benjamin BOX); WILLIAM (mar Elizabeth LAWRENCE, 1854); JANE (no details); THOMAS JOHN (mar Mary Anne GLASSCOCK, 1856) and MATILDA (mar Thomas BULL, 1872). David Sefton spent some years in the Melbourne area prior to moving to Geelong in 1848. David died in 1882 and is buried in the Barrabool Hills Cemetery, Highton.

Tasmanian descendants of David and Rebecca are asked to pass on this notice to those interested and to come along and make this gathering a great success. Contact JOHN R. BEANHAM, 14 Kyamba Court, Bayswater, Vic. 3153. Ph. (03) 725-8118.

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# BOOK REVIEWS

## LOCAL AND FAMILY HISTORY SOURCES IN TASMANIA

The two questions most often asked by genealogical and historical researchers are: "Where do I find...?" and "Who holds records of...?". Anne Bartlett has compiled a comprehensive list of sources which will do much to satisfy both these queries. Her book is Local and Family History Sources in Tasmania, published by the Genealogical Society of Tasmania, printed by Budget Press, 113 pages, price \$10.00.

The book is divided into 15 broad categories of repositories, with several of them such as the Supreme Court, Museums, Cemeteries being further sub-divided to provide specific information. Each category includes details on opening hours, the type and extent of material held, the charges for access and, in some cases, valuable background information on the records. There is a separate section detailing records held on microfilm and a copy of the very useful chart of Registration Districts for 1838-1945. Information for inclusion in the book has been made available through librarians and others in charge of the various repositories. This causes some confusion, as one can be misled into thinking that particular sources are held in only one place. In fact, this is not necessarily so.

There is a useful bibliography of the most frequently used books on local and Tasmanian family history. When these are held in the State Library of Tasmania, a classification number is given. A brief index, which has occasional inaccuracies in page numbering, completes what is overall an excellent research tool.

While primarily targeted towards the genealogist, the book will be of value to all historical researchers.

Dorothy Rosemann.

## FAMILY HISTORY FOR BEGINNERS

The Heraldry and Genealogy Society of Canberra, 6th Edition, Canberra, 1991, card cover, typescript, A4 format, 90 pages, with some tables and lists. RRP \$9.50.

One wonders about the need for yet another manual for beginners in family history. That said, this one covers the subject very adequately in a mere 90 pages.

As so often happens, Family History for Beginners started as notes to accompany lectures at Beginner Courses run by the Canberra F & H Society and turned into a book after the notes were edited and revised several times.

The book covers all the usual topics. There are chapters on beginning; conservation and record keeping; keeping records by computer; libraries, archives and local repositories; births, deaths and marriages; convicts, soldiers and government officials;

free arrivals; land records; the IGI; England, Scotland and Ireland; and research techniques. Appendixes contain lists of addresses for state archival authorities and genealogical societies. The list of common abbreviations is useful.

If you are a beginner and don't have a handbook, this one is right up-to-date and very reasonably priced. If you have already mastered the first steps, it won't tell you much you don't already know.

#### MEMORIES OF MY FATHER

David M. Elliott, presumably published by the author, Hobart, 1991, 60 pages, format similar to Tasmanian Ancestry, many half-tone photographs.

In this slim book, David Elliott remembers Dr. Alfred Edmund Elliott and his wife, Doris Jane Merchant. He touches on the early history of the Elliott and Merchant families, but he concentrates on his father's education and upbringing and the fifty years his father spent as a doctor between 1918 and 1968.

In this personal account of the lives of his parents and brothers and sisters, Mr. Elliott portrays not only his family but also a slice of the social history of New Town in the 'twenties, 'thirties and 'forties - medicine, business, housekeeping, transport and leisure. There is much to stir the memories of those who grew up in those days.

The book relies heavily on family reminiscences, but is well supported by material obtained from the Archives Department. I found it a pleasant read. Other genealogists might be tempted to use this as an example for publishing the results of their own research.

1. Holding, Norman: WORLD WAR I ANCESTRY, Second Edition, 1991, the Federation of Family History Societies, Birmingham, England, 72 pages, card cover, format like Tasmanian Ancestry, many tables and lists.

2. Wilson, Eunice: THE RECORDS OF THE ROYAL AIR FORCE: How to find the few, 1991, The Federation of Family History Societies, Birmingham, England, card cover, format like Tasmanian Ancestry, many tables, lists and half-tone illustrations

Its a bit of a shock to think of the "few" as a field of genealogical research, but it was fifty years ago after all.

These two books are guides to very specialised areas of research into family history. The important thing is knowing such books exist. They would be invaluable guides to the labyrinth of Army and Air Force records in England if that is where your research takes you.

Hugh Campbell

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### Books

Compiling your Family History, by Nancy Gray	5.50
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Research queries are published free for members of the GST (please quote membership number) and at a cost of \$3.00 per query to non-members. Queries, which should be limited to 60 words, should be sent to PO Box 60, PROSPECT, Tasmania, 7250.

### ATKINSON

Nathaniel Spencer ATKINSON and his wife Elizabeth Ann (nee SMITH) ATKINSON are believed to have left Launceston and gone to Melbourne in approximately 1887. Any information on this family to Mrs. Jean Monk (2706), 17c/17-25 Little Street, Lane Cove, NSW 2066.

### BUMPSTEAD/CLEMENTS/WALDOCK

Sarah Jane BUMPSTEAD b. c1829 accompanied her widowed mother Eliz., with 4 brothers and sisters, on board Mellish, arrived Hobart 23 September 1830. Discharged from Hobart orphanage to her sister Mrs. WALDOCK on 23 May 1844. Mary Ann BUMPSTEAD b. c1816 married (1) Davis (2) John WALDUCK, shoemaker, 2 August 1842. Eliz. BUMPSTEAD b. c1824, married George CLEMENTS, widower, 14 August 1843. Any details of these families to Mrs. Marcia Penny (2084), 109 Sth Valley Rd., Highton, Victoria 3216.

### CALLOW/HAYNES

Rachel CALLOW, nursery maid, arrived VDL in 1835, steerage under the auspices of "The Ladies Committee" on the ship Sarah from London. She married (1) John Haynes, pastry cook, in 1841 at St. David's, Hobart and (2) William Barton in 1876. Issue from first marriage are Annie Louise b. 1842, married (1) William ALLSOPP (2) Alfred BURBURY; Jane Frances b. 1843 married Frederick TILYARD; Mary Ann b. 1845; Maria b. 1847 unmarried; Georgina b. 1849 married John BURNS. Mrs. N.P. Montague (1505), 13 Skemp Street, Waverley, Tas. 7250 would like to contact any descendants of this family.

### CANTWELL

William CANTWELL b. 19 November 1874 in Hobart, Tasmania to Charles and Sarah Charlotte (nee PRIEST) CANTWELL. Allegedly left Tasmania c1900, possibly to New Zealand, returning to Australia at a later date. Any information on William, spouse or descendants to Leon Cantwell (1781), 11 Tangmere Street, Chapel Hill, Queensland 4069.

### CANTWELL/GEEVES

Kathleen CANTWELL b. c1890 Brighton, Victoria, the child of John Thomas and Clara Elizabeth CANTWELL. Allegedly married 1910 or later in Tasmania or Western Australia to unknown GEEVES. Any information on either person to Leon Cantwell (1781), 11 Tangmere Street, Chapel Hill, Queensland 4069.

### CLIFFORD

I am seeking information on Daniel and Jane (nee McGEE) CLIFFORD who arrived in Tasmania on the Northumberland in 1851 with children Ellen Jane and James. Their sons Samuel (photographer) and William (my great grandfather) arrived in 1848. William came on to New Zealand in 1849 on the Rebecca. Any information to Ruth Loughrey, 100 Chapman St., Wakarri, Dunedin, New Zealand.

**COLLINGE**

Martha COLLINGE died at Belfield, Rochdale, England on 16th April 1864 and in her will dated 8th January 1864 she named as a beneficiary "my son Alexander, who is gone to Australia". Alexander COLLINGE was b. 1829 in Rochdale, Lancashire. Mrs. Alice Collinge Dibben, 19 Malpas Drive, Pinner, Middlesex HA5 1DG, England wishes to find information on Alexander although she is not sure how, where or when he arrived.

**COSTELLO**

Ellen COSTELLO b. 1824 and Joseph McGLOSSON/McGLOSSEN/ McLAWSON b. 1818, mariner/shipwright, married Launceston 1843 and lived Hobart 1845/50 then Geelong. Children Edward, Ellen, Augustus, Susannah. Believed McGLOSSON was the adopted name of a French ship's deserter. A friend, also a Frenchman and deserter, is believed to have gone to Geelong with the McGLOSSONS. Any information to Ivan Wilks, Chewton P.O., Victoria 3451.

**CUTHBERTSON/DUNCAN**

Matilda Ann CUTHBERTSON, b. 15 April 1840? (from family Bible) to Thomas and Mary Ann, (nee Jones?) CUTHBERTSON. Married, in presence of Thomas Cuthbertson of Canning Street, to James DUNCAN. Any relatives please contact Mrs. Dorothy Fessey (2231), 31 Campbell Street, Woonana, NSW 2517.

**DENNY**

Daniel Philby DENNY, shoemaker, married 9th March 1824 St. David's Wesleyan Church, Hobart Town, to Elizabeth CATO. Any information to Mrs. H.J. Waddington (2609), 19 Sundance Way, Runaway Bay, Queensland 4216.

**DUCHESS OF NORTHUMBERLAND**

The Duchess of Northumberland arrived in Hobart in April 1853 with 216 female convicts and 27 children on board. This was the last group of female convicts sent to Australia. I would appreciate any information on the women or their children. Mrs. Christine Woods (1096), 360 Hilton Road, Claremont, Tasmania 7011.

**GARD(I)NER**

I am seeking information regarding the descendants of John Badcock GARD(I)NER born 1800, Devon, died 1864 Launceston, his wife Esther (nee JARMAN) of Silverton, near Exeter, Devon who died Launceston 1910. Their children were John (1824-1873); Mary Ann(ie) reputed to have been born Tasmania c1830, died Launceston 1910, married (1) John Bell CARTER (1820-1865) and (2) Hugh FRASER (1806-1892); William Henry (b. 1838); Virginia Victoria (1843- ?) married (1) Thomas DELL (1836-1868) and (2) ?; Robert Henry (1846-1915). Contact Mrs. M. Ring (552), 14 Oakbank Avenue, Montrose, Tas. 7010.

**HANSON**

Seeking information on Elizabeth HANSON, born c1847 in Tasmania and married Charles FAULDS on 2/7/1874 in Hobart. They had nine children, the eldest being Janet. Elizabeth died on 24/9/1916 in Latrobe, Tasmania. Information on her parents, brothers or sisters and where they came from to Mrs. Dianne Wingate (2605), 9 Kiewa Crescent, Broadmeadows, Victoria 3047.

#### HIDDLESTONE

I'd like to contact any descendants of the HIDDLESTONE brothers and share information. John, connected with firm of Chapman and Hiddlestone, 1822 and committee of Wesleyan Missionary Society, 1833. Died 1861, aged 66. Robert, formerly of South Shields, Durham, died 1864, aged 74. William, arrived Hobart per Derwent November 1841, died 1864. Contact Mrs. M. Tennant, 71 Brighton Ave, Toronto, NSW 2283.

#### JAMIESON/AYERS

James JAMIESON b. ? married Adelaide AYERS on 21 August 1876. They had 13 children. I am looking for the birth of James and his parents. Any information appreciated by Mrs. Barbara Jamieson (2700), 50 McShane Road, Bridgewater, Tasmania, 7030.

#### LOVE

John Love arrived New South Wales 1791 on the ship Matilda as a private in N.S. Wales Corp. Duties escorting convicts to V.D. Land. Any records or information to Mrs. H.J. Waddington (2609), 19 Sundance Way, Runaway Bay, Queensland 4216.

#### PALMER

Information wanted on W.S. PALMER, T.H. PALMER and Ann PALMER, three of the six witnesses to the marriage of John PALMER (b. 1837) to Susan ELLIS (b. 1838) at Green Ponds, Brighton on the 9/12/1864. T.H. PALMER married Annie Maria ELLIS, Green Ponds, 1868. Ann PALMER was a Publican when she died 1877 at Brighton. Her parents John PALMER and Ann BARRETT were the Publicans of the "Swan Inn" of Constitution Hill in 1855. Any information to Mrs. S.R. Palmer-Gard (2664), Gracemere Caravan Park, Gracemere, Queensland, 4702.

#### PALMER/LUCK

Walter Samuel PALMER (b. 1871) married Henrietta LUCK (b. 1886). Walter's parents were William Palmer (b. ?1826) widower, who in 1866 married Harriot HORSEY (b. 1847) and Henrietta's parents were Henry Samuel LUCK married in 1873 to Mary Ann BAKER. Known grandparents are William HORSEY (b. 1820 Somerset, England) married Selina GRINTER (b. 1820); William LUCK (b. 1805) married 1843 to Sarah Elizabeth BROOKS. all births and marriages were in the KEMPTON, GREEN PONDS, BRIGHTON area. Mrs. S.R. Palmer-Gard (2664), Gracemere Caravan Park, Gracemere, Queensland, 4702 is desperate for information as descendants of the above are proving to be very elusive.

#### "PINKIE"

C.G. Harvey (2647) 16 Leane Street, Hughes, ACT 2605, is seeking any information on the property "PINKIE", home of Lt. James FLEXMAN, Royal Marines, in 1849.

#### QUINN

Seeking information on Thomas QUINN (1789-1885) and Harriet LUTTRELL (1783-1825) married 1814 at Windsor NSW. Known children are Harriet (1817-1897) married George WILLIAMS (1813-1892); Thomas William; Maria baptised 1821 Launceston; Joannes (John?) baptised 1821 Launceston; Laurentius (Lawrence) baptised 1824 Launceston. Details required for family biography. Any information to Mrs. Val Date (2764), PO Box 511, Dromana, Victoria 3939.

**ROSS**

Seeking information on Alexander ROSS, born 14 October 1848, son of Alexander, b. c1804 Logie Buchan, and Agnes (nee RENNIE) ROSS, b. c1812 in Foveran parish, both just north of Aberdeen, Scotland. The father was a carpenter and house builder in Newburgh, (Foveran Parish) and this trade was carried on by his brother George who was b. 1841. Alexander was thought to have gone to Tasmania. Contact Miss Laurie S. Connon, 75 Duke St., #515, Hamilton, Ontario, Canada L8P 1X4.

**STANTON**

Looking for contacts for descendants of three daughters of John and Isabella (HOUGHTON) Stanton of Franklin, Tasmania. John and Isabella of Isleham, England, arrived Melbourne 6/11/1848 and Tasmania 8/9/1850. Nazebar married Henry CARVER in Victoria 1871 - 5 chn. Nazella married William WALSH 9/5/1866 - could have been in Victoria, later lived Lovatt (Cygnet) - 8 children found. Eliza was baptised Eliza Houghton 14/3/1830 Isleham, married Elizah Brown in Hobart, 26/4/1853 but as Eliza Griggs. For the birth of her children she used the maiden names Stanton/Houghton/Griggs - lived Franklin. Would also like to know if Maria Griggs who married John Stanton in 1861 at Launceston, when 16 years old, was Eliza's daughter. Replies to J.E. Forster (2717), Box 3, Railton, Tas 7305.

**STEAN(S)**

Joseph STEAN(S) married Pamela HARTOP on 25 March 1838 Bedworth, Warwickshire, England. Arrived in Hobart on the Antipodes 1861 with daughters Ada (15); Ann (17) married James SMITH 4th August 1862 at Hobart; Jane Rosa (12) and Naomi. Mrs. N.P. Montague (1505) 13 Skemp Street Waverley, Launceston, Tasmania 7250 would like to contact any descendants of this family.

**THOROGOOD**

I am interested in contacting John F. Hill, author of "Joseph Thorogood" in Tasmanian Ancestry, Vol. 7/1, March 1986, taken from a speech given at the Thurrowgood Reunion. I am a descendant of Elizabeth THOROGOOD (Joseph's daughter) and George BAKER and would like to compare notes. Anyone knowing of John F. Hill or who attended the family reunion contact Mrs. Karen Baker Evans (2712), 130 Forest Road, West Hobart, Tasmania, 7000.

**WING**

Thomas WING, Master Mariner, born Essex, England 1810, and wife Lucy (nee Cousins) and family. Thomas was Harbourmaster at Launceston, c1844-1851, then Deputy Harbourmaster at Port Phillip, Melbourne, c1851-1856. Anyone researching Tasmanian WINGS who has discovered any information pertaining to Captain Thomas WING kindly contact Stephanie Sheppard, 10 Godfrey Place, Kohimarama, Auckland, New Zealand.

## MEMBERS' INTERESTS

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