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

EDITORIAL

Happy New Year! and happy hunting with all your family histories and genealogical studies! Coming up this year will be the Family History Awards; for manuscripts this time. This is a worth-while goal for everyone studying their family; if not to enter the Award, at least to prepare a manuscript of all their work to pass on to their great-grandchildren. The preparation of a manuscript is a satisfying conclusion but not an end of study it leads on to other exciting goals: books, plays, films, the world!!! But I digress.

A member, Irene Schaffer, has been busy and has published her work Land Musters, Stock Returns and Lists: Van Diemen's Land 1803-1823. It would seem that men have been mustering other men for many centuries, probably eans; consider the pyramids of Egypt built by "musters" of slaves. The lords and petty kings of ye olde Englande went from house to house and village to village "mustering" men for many reasons, for example headcounts to prove their own importance or for waging war on a neighbour. The ultimate insult of the "muster" was to herd men and women and most distressingly children, into boatloads of unwilling refugees and land them on "virgin" territory and expect them to survive, or not, out of sight of "Mother England". Would we survive today?

I doubt that too many of the first Fleet convicts would agree with me, but the good thing about all this is the documentation. There is so much of it that is missed or over-looked. Irene's book contains entries missing from other sources and you may yet find that long-lost soul you just KNOW! came out here in 1805/6/7/8/?

Thelma MacKay is another busy member and she and Irene have come up with EXILED! Three Times Over. What exciting options these poor souls were given when it came to world touring. Men and women ripped away from their homeland, dumped in rum-soaked Sydney, forced out of there in chains and stranded on a scraggy rock covered in Norfolk Island pines and lastly, to add the ultimate insult, they were carted off again and told to start afresh in the bushy wastes of Van Diemen's Land. All in about seven years. There were not many opportunities for strong objections.

There is good out of the great evil of transportation. Now that all land of any size has been populated there is nowhere to send convicts "en masse" so it is a system that will never be used again; unless they decide to waste the Moon or Mars as penal settlements and I cannot see that happening. Another good thing is that we have such a wonderful place in which to live whatever our political inclinations and the geographical limitations imposed on our family history studies. To snatch a quote from The Examiner on the practicalities of studying such matters, some female historian said: "...ancestors...I wouldn't be here without them."

The centrefold is rather significant this issue and should be handled with much haste and diligence to avoid disappointment.

Jenny Gill, Associate Editor.

PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Whilst reading some early issues of our journal it was surprising to read that new cover designs suggestions and ideas were requested as early as December 1980 and were still being requested in June 1981. In the September 1980 edition the ideas behind the current cover design were printed for those interested members. In 1991 again ideas for a new cover design were requested, one asks will this be a repeat of the 1980 and 1981 request, hopefully not, members shall be advised of any outcome in relation to the journal cover.

Hopefully by the time you read this report a Special General Meeting will have been held and a decision made whether or not to accept the proposed New Constitution - should a new Constitution be accepted then it will be my intention to have it published.

Although costing for the purchase of St. Catherines records has been received a decision in relation to the purchase of some of these records is yet to be reached. The purchase subject to the payment of Customs Duty, but hopefully a 50 year period may be possible.

A meeting with the Registrar General has been held, although unable to report anything positive at the stage I can say he understands and is sympathetic to our needs.

Computerising the Index of a Custom House Journal has temporarily ceased due to the request of the Customs Department for its return for microfilming.

Back in September 1984 the then President Mr. Douglas Forrest stated: 'With the autonomy existing in our society it is more than ever necessary that we now ensure the communications between branches is increased, to avoid duplication of effort and to consolidate the work that is already being done'. With this same statement in mind the Hobart Branch in 1991 introduced a "Projects and Publication Reporting Form" and encouraged members to take the time to fill these out. Projects/publications may be personal or GST, completed or proposed. Launceston Branch took up this reporting form and introduced a similar one in its branch, all other branches have now been encouraged to develop/adopt the same or similar form. Copies of these forms could then be sent to the State Executive to compile a central register, which was the initial intent of the idea.

Branches Annual General Meetings are to be held in April. Ask yourself, should I go or stay at home because I just don't want to get involve with committee work. Consider this, are you an active member? Do you go to meetings? Do you visit your library? If not, ask yourself Why not? If you do not participate in your Society you really don't know what you are missing. So I say this to you, this is your society, become interested and do something today, after all we are only a voluntary organisation and everything our members do is for the betterment of themselves.

Denise McNeice
PRESIDENT

A NAME CHANGE FOR OUR SOCIETY - YES OR NO?

It is not too late to have your say!

Your Executive hopes members will give serious consideration to all the reasons for and ramifications of, any name change, some of which we have listed below:-

Reasons for Name Change

Simplification - "Genealogical" is difficult to pronounce and spell.

Understanding - A good definition of the meaning of the suggested alternative "Family History Society" is well illustrated in example (c) below. "Genealogical Society" is not easily understood by the general public but they would have no difficulty understanding "Family History Society".

Reasons against Name Change

Cost - Enormous expense and duplication would be involved; e.g. loss and/or replacement of already printed material bearing GST Inc. name - letterheads, membership cards, new library signs, envelopes, society publications.

Confusion - All previously published and printed material would not appear to be associated with or pertaining to a renamed society. This could create confusion.

Appearance - It could be assumed a new or break-away Society had been formed, thus losing the identity, recognition and respect GST Inc. presently enjoys.

Conformity - All other mainland States major Societies are called Genealogical Societies not "Family History Societies".

Origins - There are many foundation members still belonging to and working within our Society who spent long hours establishing and naming GST. Any change could be seen to belittle their contribution and would cause much dismay and disillusionment to these long serving and loyal members.

In the last journal we promised to print a selection of letters on the suggested name change for our Society. The following comments have been extracted:-

- (a) I can't see any good reason to change the GST name even if Mr. Hewson wants to steal our thunder! Both are now registered and recognised and change causes confusion.
- (b) The general public seldom understands what the name means at present without some additional information being given. With the proposed political manoeuvre imminent the initials GST will have another meaning.....

I would propose that if a name change is adopted that it be to

"Family History Society of Tasmania" giving a more general title than "Tasmanian Family History Society" which may lead some people to think we are only dealing with the research of Tasmanian families.

- (c) I would like to see the Society called "The Family History Society of Tasmania Inc."

I think it is self explanatory and encompasses all that we are trying to preserve, that is, not only the genealogical aspects of our family but the how, when, where, what and why of our families and their history. Also it is easier to spell

- (d) One branch of the Society wrote and advised that a motion was unanimously passed at a General Meeting, at which 34 members were present :

"That the name of the Society remain unchanged as Genealogical Society of Tasmania Inc."

This was latter endorsed by the Branch Committee.

Should any other members wish to send their personal opinion or reasons for or against the change write to Name Change, P.O. Box 60, Prospect, Tasmania 7250.

JOURNAL COVER

Readers may remember that in the editorial of the September 1991 issue the Journal Committee raised the possibility of a change in cover design for our journal and invited suggestions. We have received a number of drafts of proposed designs which embody some interesting possibilities. Two of the designs submitted by members are published on pages 170-1 of this issue. Further designs will be published in the next issue and if you have a suggestion for a design please send it.

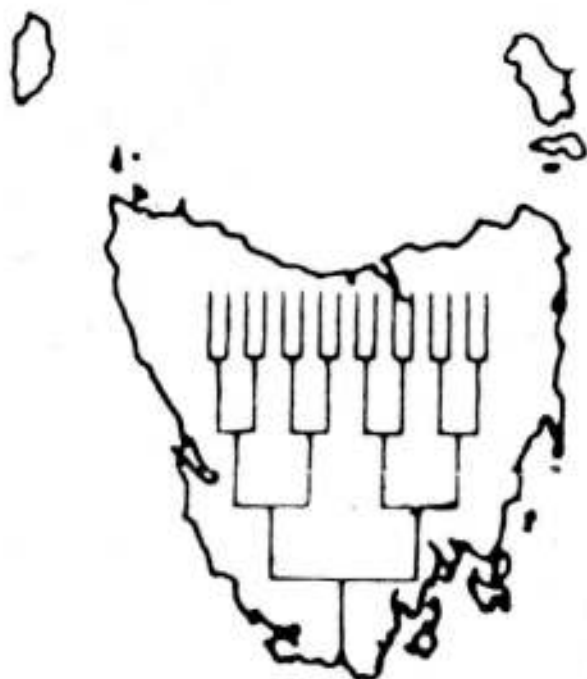
I believe that a suitable design should be:-

distinctive,
stylish,
uncluttered,
in keeping with the nature of our Society,
relatively inexpensive to implement,

and contain the essential information (title, vol. no., date, Society name).

Anne Bartlett, Editor.

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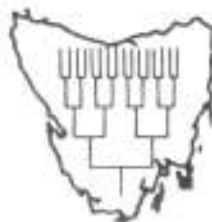
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MEET YOUR NEW SECRETARY

Colleen Read is a relative newcomer to the world of genealogy having first tried all sorts of other hobbies as varied as piano playing, porcelain painting, golf and studying English and Social Psychology. An inherited suitcase full of papers and photos belonging to her husband's family eventually provided the impetus to attend some "how to get started" classes, and now family history, her computer, and the Genealogical Society leave little time or inclination for any other pursuits.

Born in New Zealand, Colleen came to Tasmania in 1971 on a two year secondment to the Department of health. A permanent appointment, followed by marriage to a "true blue Taswegian" has kept her in Tasmania ever since. She resigned her position with the School of Dental Therapy in Hobart after the birth of her son, but has served on many voluntary committees over the years.



Colleen now serves on the Hobart Branch Committee as Assistant Research Officer, the Hobart Branch Library Committee and is helping to put the Whitton and O'Shea Mercury Indexes on computer. She is also a committee member of the Norfolk Island and VDI Interest Group.

Researching her own family with their more recent English background has proved more difficult than her husband's early Norfolk Island and Tasmanian connections. His earliest ancestor was Francis EDGE who arrived at Sydney with the NSW Corps sometime before March 1792 when he was appointed Provost Marshall on Norfolk Island. The first ancestor to arrive on Tasmanian soil had the misfortune to be widowed the day the "Ocean" arrived at Port Phillip in 1803 and before the settlers were relocated to the Derwent by the "Lady Nelson" in early 1804. The first READ did not settle in Hobart until 1818 (after a couple of earlier visits) but he and his 14 children have provided an endless source of research material!



!!ATTENTION!!

Subscriptions 1992

All members are advised that the next edition of Tasmanian Ancestry will only be sent to members who have renewed their subscriptions in time.

****REMEMBER****



Subs are due by 1st April 1992. This applies to all members not just the faithfuls. Postage is expensive in bulk and doubles for individual journals posted after the bulk-posting day.



##CO-OPERATE##

This means working together to produce a desired effect and that effect must surely be to have a fully financial membership.

*see the
CENTRE-FOLD*



1992 FAMILY HISTORY AWARD

Entries for the Genealogical Society of Tasmania Inc. Family History Award for 1992 are now being accepted.

This year the competition is for a manuscript history of a Tasmanian family and is open to the general public as well as to all members of the Society.

A substantial Tasmanian content is required of all entries which must be the story of a family and not of an individual person.

The competition has been held since 1983 with awards being made in two areas: unpublished manuscript and published book. In that time 61 entries have been accepted by the judges.

For the purpose of this year's award a manuscript is a typed and duplicated work presented in recognised book format either with covers or in a folder.

The competition will be judged by a panel of three independent judges. Entries will be accepted up until the 30 June 1992 and entry forms are available from the Genealogical Society of Tasmania branch libraries at Burnie, Devonport, Hobart, Huon and Launceston or from Ms. Helen Anderson, P.O. box 587 Devonport, Tasmania 7310.

INTEREST GROUP REPORTS

Van Diemen's Land - Norfolk Island Interest Group

Our excursion to Bothwell was attended by 35 members and although the day turned out to be rather hot and windy a good time was had by all. The next excursion is planned for the week-end of 14-15 March 1992 when we will go to Longford and Evandale, staying overnight at the caravan park at Longford.

Our membership now stands at 91 and it is pleasing to receive an almost complete renewal from the first year members.

Books have been published for the excursions to Sorell, Hamilton and Bothwell and copies are still available for members and non-members for \$5.00 each.

Still on the drawing board are our Hobart venture and the Midlands trip for the coming year. For further information contact the Convenor, Irene Schaffer, 23a Montagu St., Newtown 7008.

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An interesting and entertaining "Irish night" was provided by members at the November meeting. Items ranged from a few "tall tales" to Margaret McKenzie's amusing anecdotes of the trip she and her husband, John, enjoyed round the land of the Shamrock a few years ago. To complete the evenings entertainment, Thelma Grunnell, while disclaiming Irish ancestry but wearing an emerald green caftan, shared a tape of Cornish (Celtic) music sung by a Cornish male voice choir, which was recorded in a Cornish church and sung in Cornish. Various Irish recipes were enjoyed as part of the supper.

December' trip, organised by the Norfolk Plains branch of the National Trust, was shared by some members of the Launceston Historical Society and an enjoyable and instructive afternoon was enhanced by summery weather. The Brickendon gardens especially caught the fancy of all participants who enjoyed the perfume of the old fashioned varieties of roses which were a feature of the gardens, cascading over walls and edging paths to the old vegetable and fruit area where we also inspected an early cottage under renovation for Colonial accommodation. The Illawarra church was the final stop of the day and its site gave a broad vista of the surrounding countryside. The church as no lighting internally and during the International Ploughing Championships a few years ago the evening service was held by hurricane lanterns much to the astonishment of visitors from USA. A feature of the grounds is the Plough of Peace memorial which contains engraved stones from all the participating countries. Tom Roberts the artist is buried in the small grave yard. At the half way point in our tour we were revived by an appetizing afternoon tea produced by the Support group of the Longford Girl Guide units.

On the way to the Illawarra church Phil, the driver, regaled us with a brief synopsis of his family tree. He is descended from one William Binns transported for sacrilege, to wit, stealing turnips from the glebe land and when apprehended, swearing at the Rector. Being able to both read and write William was assigned on his arrival in VDL to a farmer from the Falmouth area, who was looking for a man able to do the work of an overseer for the property. William was such an exemplary servant that on the completion of his sentence his master gave him 25 acres on land. This he gradually added to in the following years and eventually he became a well to do personage. His offspring number 16, one of whom had 14 children so the Binns family is well represented in Tasmania to the present day!



Launceston Branch Members outside Brickendon Chapel

After a review of the recently completed beginners classes it has been decided to extend the scope and number for the next sessions which will commence on March 5th 1992. There are a few vacancies for the afternoon classes. Phone 003 31 2145 to enroll.

Programme for 1992

- 3rd March Olive Gray - Reminiscences of childhood at Moolina, the International Private Hotel & life in the WANS.
- 7th April Doug Forrest, Burnie Branch - Family History Charts.
- 28th April Branch A.G.M.
- May No meeting
- 2nd June Kaye Pickett - "For Love or Money"
- 7th July Identifying Colonial Architecture. An illustrated talk by a member of the Architecture Department of the University of Tasmania, Launceston campus.
- 4th August Kevin Green, the Registrar-General's Department - Colonial Emigration Societies .
- 1st September Graeme Thom, Hobart Branch - Tracing Army Ancestry.
- 6th October Margaret McKenzie - Beaconsfield Reminiscences.
- 3rd November Members night
- 8th December Lilian Watson, Hobart Branch - Scottish Research.

CARTOON



LIBRARY NOTES

HOBART

The Hobart Branch has recently acquired the following:

Microfilm

Tasmanian Births, Deaths and Marriages - Indexes and registers	Pre-1900
Hobart Electoral Rolls	1862-1874
Tasmanian Electoral Rolls	1856; 1861-1900

Microfiche

Van Diemen's Land Pocket Almanack	1824
Tasmanian Almanack	1825
Hobart Town Almanack	1829
VDL Anniversary Anniversary and Hobart Town Almanack	1831
VDL and Hobart Town Almanacks	1833-1838
General Directory of Hobart Town	1847; 1854
Wood's Tasmanian Almanack	1851-1857
Hobart Town Directory	1859
Royal Kalender and Guide to Tasmania	1860

LAUNCESTON

GREAT NEWS - The Launceston Branch Library moved to such larger premises in February. The library is now located at Flat 2, 47-49 Elphin Road, Launceston.

Orientation sessions for those wishing to assist as Library Duty members will be held. Those already helping in the Library are also welcome. Volunteers welcomed to relieve the strain on the few faithful helpers. Contact Alma Ranson on 003 94 4404.

Recent acquisitions include:

Microfiche/film - Australasian

Adelaide Hospital Admission Register 1840-1853
Catholic Church Records for Tasmania - 7 reels.
Destitute Admission Register 1851-1896
Early Church Registers, NSW 1788-1856
Index to Early Land Grants and selected registers. (NSW & VDL)
Index to Monumental Inscriptions from Brisbane Cemeteries -
Dutton Park, Lutwyche and Mount Gravatt Cemeteries.
Index to the Colonial Secretary's Records of NSW 1788-1825
New Zealand Expeditionary Force 1914-1918 War
Passengers arriving from Overseas to Port Phillip District Pre-
1852
Shipping Passenger Arrivals from Overseas. Albany, W.A. 1873-1899
Victorian Electoral Roll - 1903

Microfiche - Great Britain

St Catherine's House Index - Marriages 1837-1867
Ecclesiastical Directory 1829
Essex Hearth Tax Assessments 1662
Law List 1812
Leicestershire Poll Book 1741
List of Apothecaries 1815-1840
Medical Directory 1847
Medical Register 1779
Salop Directory 1828
Staffordshire Directory 1818
Westminster Poll Book 1749



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Genealogical Research Using THE COLONIAL SECRETARY'S PAPERS

Richard Stone

Introduction

In 1986, when the Archives Authority of New South Wales began its pre-publication publicity for the release of the collection, it was described thus - "These papers constitute the largest and most comprehensive collection of public records relating to the early years of the settlement in Australia."

At a seminar in early 1989 conducted by the Archives Authority of NSW to review the effect of the Bicentennial on the availability of public records, the claim was made to the effect that anyone with ancestors in the colony between 1788 and 1825 would find something on them in the Colonial Secretary's Papers. This is a slight over statement as research on four branches of my family will show. However, the collection, and particularly the indexes which accompany it, are a major source of information for the early years of the colony.

Collection Description

The collection comprises 72 reels of microfilm and 312 microfiche. It is accompanied by a folder containing an index on 63 microfiche and a 186 page Handbook. It is essential that users of the collection consult the Handbook. The background information which follows is extracted from the Handbook.

Time Period

The period covered is from 1788 to 1825. This latter date is a convenient cut off point as the organisation of the colony's records improved greatly from 1825 onwards.

Geographical Coverage

The collection covers the administration realities of the colony at the time in that it encompasses not only the colony of New South Wales and the town of Sydney, but also Van Diemen's Land and Norfolk Island. However, the greater emphasis is on New South Wales and Sydney.

Who was the Colonial Secretary?

For the first 25 years of the colony there was no official position responsible for the collection and care of the colony's records. Such a task was adopted in varying degrees of application by various officials, most commonly the one closest to the governor, the "private secretary". The fact that this person often held more than one position in the administration detracted from the concern for records.

By the time Lachlan Macquarie arrived in 1809 to take up duty as Governor, there had been a succession of ten different men who had served as secretary to the Governor, with an average tenure of less than two years. As the uncredited author of the Handbook says with a cry from the heart of an archivist and a degree of understatement "The arrangements were not conducive to good record-keeping". Macquarie had the very able Thomas Campbell as his right hand man and the situation in respect of the public records of the colony greatly improved. The greater part of the surviving records in the collection date from this period. With Ralph Darling as the new Governor in December 1825, the situation was remedied by a series of instructions and orders which defined the Colonial Secretary's position including the maintenance of records. Thus we come to the end of the period covered by the current microform set - 1825.

The survival of the Colonial Secretary's Papers

"The powers of the first Governors of New South Wales under the terms of their commissions and instructions embraced almost everything necessary for the exercise of government in a remote and virtually independent command. Thus, the scope of the surviving records maintained by their Secretaries is wide, reflecting all aspects of the administration of the infant colony. In all the circumstances of staff, accommodation, working conditions, and supplies, it is remarkable that the administration of the colony achieved the level of efficiency that it did, and that such a substantial residue of the records escaped loss or destruction."

One of the factors which militated against the preservation of official papers included the basic problem of writing materials. "Most of the records were written on whatever sheets of paper happened to be available, in widely varying shapes and sizes. This was typical in a period of chronic shortage of stationery."

Politics and personalities inevitably intervened. "The necessity felt by many Governors to clear their names as well as the practice of not distinguishing between official and private documents, common among administrators throughout the Empire, may have been the reasons why there are so few records dated prior to 1810. Certainly they were removed contemporaneously". It was not until 1822 that Governor Bathurst issued a despatch "...directing that in future all official papers were not only to be 'most carefully and methodically' kept but were to be delivered to the next occupant of the office."

What has survived?

The Handbook provides a Summary of the Colonial Secretary's Papers in Microform. The categories included are:

1. Main series of letters received 1788-1825
(Letters from Government officials, private individuals, plus copies of agreements, despatches, general orders, instructions, regulations, proclamations, memoranda, reports, returns. Also letters from settlements such as Bathurst, Moreton Bay, Newcastle, Port Macquarie and Van Diemen's Land.

2. Copies of letters sent 1808-1825
3. Memorials 1810-1825
(Applications for land grants, leases and Tickets of Occupation. Also requests relating to other matters e.g. application for assigned convicts.)

NB Memorials frequently contain some background history and other useful documents.
4. Petitions 1810-1825
(Principally from convicts or other persons on their behalf for mitigation of sentence. These often contain background information on the convict.)
5. List of memorials, letters etc. received, 1822-1825
6. Special bundles and other records
(Bundles of documents relating to a particular subject, often reflecting the administrative importance of the matter at the time.)

It is important to note that not all the records listed above cover the same time spans between 1788 and 1825.

Organisation of the Papers

Attempts to organise the early papers have been taking place since 1826. Most early attempts were piecemeal and remained unfinished. In 1890 a major re-arrangement was undertaken and indexes prepared. However, descriptions and indexing varied greatly. In 1934 the papers were transferred to the Mitchell Library, then the official custodian of the State's archives - and another re-arrangement took place. This involved the extraction of some papers relating to well known individuals. Finally in 1961, most of the records were transferred to the Archives Office upon its establishment.

The microform set

Given the chequered history of the papers it is not surprising that a great deal of preparation and restoration had to take place before the filming could begin.

One of the most attractive promises made by the Archives Office is that documents which are difficult to read would be transcribed and the transcriptions placed next to the illegible document in the filming sequence. However the Handbook does admit that this has not been carried out consistently. I have had great difficulty in deciphering a document where the ink had bled through from the other side. I suspect that the Archives has also given up. On the other hand, I have also come across a clear transcription of a document next to the illegible original. Some of the documents in the set have in fact been available on film before, in the premises of the Archives Offices in the Rocks or at Kingswood. However, it is claimed that all documents have been refiled for the release of the set.

The new indexing of the papers

Over the years various card indexes have been prepared by the Mitchell Library and the Archives Office. These have been utilised in the preparation of the latest index that is part of the set. In addition, extra indexing has taken place of previously neglected sections and bundles. For the first time a subject index has been compiled. The nature of this task has been huge and time-consuming.

In 1989 the Archives Office announced that there was to be a hard copy index in 10 volumes - 9000 pages! As 1989 progressed the collection of documents on film and fiche was released, but no sign of the index. Because of costs, the idea of a hard copy index had to be abandoned and instead we have the index on fiche.

The great strength of the fiche Index is that it revolves around the people. The documents do indeed give a picture of the administration and government, of trade and commerce, of law, of social structure etc. Because the majority of documents are letters, petitions, memorials, etc. they are people based. They are to and from and about individuals. This, of course, is particularly attractive to the family historian whose first point of reference is an ancestor's name.

The personal emphasis in the documents also means an inherent weakness. The population was poorly educated and spelling was inconsistent, particularly of personal names. Handwriting was erratic, sometimes appalling. The convict society bred aliases. As well, such information was given orally with the inherent dangers of difficult dialects and misunderstanding.

The Archives Office has taken an honest and realistic approach to this potential indexing nightmare when it says - "...it has not been possible to achieve complete consistency throughout such a large index in which many persons were involved.."

The principles of arrangements and filing in the Index are spelt out in the Handbook. Suffice to say here that the Index is an easy tool to use, one which admirably serves the purpose of unlocking the riches in the Papers themselves.

A salutary warning from the Handbook - "every care has been taken to keep all entries relating to the same person together, but identification was frequently difficult or impossible and decisions had to be made on the basis of the evidence available. It is possible that entries relating to two or more different people are listed together under the one name and conversely, that entries relating to particular individuals are dispersed.

Subject Index

A separate subject index is included in the printed Handbook. In some ways this is a secondary consideration for the family historian, but still an important one. It includes ships, towns, localities, events, institutions, topics.

The subject headings used are printed separately in the Handbook.

The basics of searching the Colonial Secretary's Papers in Microform:

1. Find the NAME you are researching in the fiche INDEX. You may have a decision to make if there are multiple entries for the same name. (Remember what the Handbook said about the problems identifying people.)

The Index will tell you what sort of document it is - letter, memorial, etc.

The Index will give you the date of the document, if known.

The Index will also give a short summary of the contents. This is an extremely useful feature of the index which can save hours of unnecessary checking to see if the document is at all relevant to your research.

The Index gives the location of the document in the collection.

This includes whether it is the microfiche or microfilm part of the collection, the document number, and the page number.

2. Note of warning

The fiche and films contain a large number of documents in sequences with different archival numbering systems. Your document is clearly indicated in the Index, but it is wise to see what else is on the fiche or reel of film on which the document is located. The Handbook includes an index by Reel Number or Fiche Number. This lists all the numbered sequences on the reel or fiche, and at what frame each sequence starts. You can see where your document fits in the sequence, which can cut down the amount of watching to see when your number comes up.

3. A note on locating your document on Microfilm

The page number reference provided in the Index is located in the lower far right-hand corner of the frame. It makes scanning the film to locate your document much easier to keep track of these numbers as they flash by.

CASE STUDIES

Using my own family history research as the basis I have explored the Colonial Secretary's Papers and its valuable Index. It should be stressed that I came to the Colonial Secretary's Papers collection in microform having already undertaken a large amount of research. My intention was to verify facts, confirm information and hopefully to add new facts and information. My family and I had often used the resources of the NSW Archives Office and had found information in the Colonial Secretary's Papers through the old card indexes at the Rocks Repository.

The four families which are involved represent pertinent test cases in examining the coverage of the Papers. They involve people for whom records could be expected to exist in that they

were Sydney-based and include convicts, land-owners, minor business figures as well as some who were admitted to institutions such as orphanages. On the other hand, people whose prime location was Van Diemen's Land also feature.

1. The STONE Family

Thomas and Ann STONE were bound for Sydney in 1819 but disembarked in Hobart because of Ann's poor health in pregnancy. They settled in Hobart. After a period as shopkeepers, they became school teachers. Later they turned to farming. Of a large family, all their sons migrated to Victoria during or after the goldrushes.

I did not really expect to find anything on the Stones given that as far as its known the family had nothing to do with Sydney before 1825. A wealth of information on the Stones has been found in Tasmanian records. However a "new" document was unearthed. There are five Thomas Stones in the Index. Armed with considerable knowledge of our Thomas Stone and with the assistance of the annotated entry in the Index, it was easy to eliminate four of them. The entry for the likely one was dated 1825 and he is described as a Master of Hobart Town School - this fits our Thomas perfectly. The document was easily located in the fiche set. It is headed - "An abstract of the returns made by the several Chaplains & Schoolmasters to the King's Visitor in reply to his circular 1825". It is a summary survey of the schooling in the colonies at the time. It provides details of pupil numbers, classes and curricula for the school Thomas Stone was in charge of at the time. These details were not previously known.

2. The HONEYMAN family

Margaret or Mary or Jean (or a combination) a widow with four children, arrived in Hobart in 1822. she left two daughters (including our ancestor, Margaret) in Van Diemen's land as servants and went on to Sydney with two sons, William and Alexander. She married a sailor, John LANDER, in 1823.

The Index provides three Honeyman entries. With the neat summaries provided in the Index entries, it is easy to eliminate two of the three entries.

Two entries are under Alexander Honeyman, the son. What we have is the confirmation of a basic fact - Alexander Honeyman went into the Male Orphan Institution in 1823. It confirms that his mother admitted him. This information comes from two different records in the Papers. It is information which we already had from a third source! This, in itself, is a lesson in record checking - the same information can be recorded for different purposes in different records.

The most fruitful record unearthed in the Colonial Secretary's papers are the minutes of the quarterly meetings of the governing body of the Male Orphan School. On April 16, 1823, the body "Resolved that Alexander Honeyman be admitted into the School". The fiche reference in the Index led to another record for the Male Orphan School - entitled "List of 117 boys received into the Male Orphan Institution, 1819-1824". As in the Admission Book Alexander is No 98 with same date of entry to the orphanage. His

mother is Mary Jean LOUGH (in the Admission book it is Mary Lough). She is "of Sydney" (confirmed). What is new is that it gives Alexander's date of birth, 21 August 1814 (we had guessed at 1814 from the Admissions Book which says he was 9 on entry). However, it does not give his place of birth.

The final intriguing fact given from this list is the mother calling herself a Sailor or a Tailor - the writing is unclear. She may have been giving her new husband's occupation which we knew from the re-marriage notice. On the other hand, she may have supplied it as justification for placing her son in the institution. Or it may be in fact "Tailor", although we have no other confirmation of this as her occupation.

3. The FOSTER family

James FOSTER arrived in Hobart in 1824, bringing stud cattle out for Captain Patrick Wood of Dennistoun (and later the Clyde Company). He married Margaret HONEYMAN in 1826, and later settled as a farmer near Bothwell in central Tasmania.

James Foster yielded nothing in the Colonial Secretary's Papers. There is no discernible reason to expect him to feature, as he was based in rural Tasmania. The record relating to James are in the Lands Office in Hobart as he buys and disposes of property.

4. The BLAKE family

William BLAKE arrived in 1800 as a servant to Governor King. Harriet EDWARDS arrived as a convict in 1801. William and Harriet married in 1807. They received grants of land, operated a public house in the Rocks, and moved on the edge of the "business" world of the colony.

Family:- Thomas b. 1808; William b. 1811; Ann b. 1815 (direct ancestor).

William (snr) died in 1817. Harriet remarried to George JOHNSON in 1819. She operated a public house. Harriet died in 1822. William (jnr) was placed in Male Orphan School in 1822. Ann in Female Orphan School in 1823 and Thomas was apprenticed(?).

The Blakes had been well documented from sources such as the records in the Archives Office and the Lands Titles Office as well as the Sydney Gazette. As such, I expected the family to yield verification of known information and perhaps new facts.

The Index reveals 19 separate entries for "William Blake" with a total of 28 references to documents.

The immediate problem was obvious - which William Blake? If one was coming to this search without any facts about your William Blake it would be a trifle confusing. As it is, the plethora of William Blakes raises a few question marks in our research.

It is interesting to note here the techniques of indexing applied to a number of people with the same name. Four of the William Blakes have descriptions added to their name - one is "Free"; one is "Came free per 'Northampton', 1815"; one is "of Sydney"; one is

"of King Street, shopkeeper". The indexer has also attempted limited groupings by association of like matters such as land grants, the Oxley expedition, the Male Orphan School, and one with a wife, Susannah.

At the moment we can confidently claim our William Blake (snr) relates to 7 of the references, and his son, William, to the two references to the Male Orphan School. These references lead in some cases to documents we have already seen, or they confirm facts from other sources.

The Male Orphan School record is the same pattern of confirming facts as the Alexander Honeyman in that the Admission Book details are confirmed from another source.

Interestingly both records give William KEMPTON as "Guardian". Nothing was known of Mr. Kempton. A quick check of the Index under his name provided a very informative resume of him, sufficient to indicate that he would have known the Blakes through the liquor trade as both William (snr) and widow, Harriet, had licences to sell liquor.

NB - This use of the Index is a convenient bonus for identifying people associated with, but not related to, your ancestor.

The Index entries for land grants and dealings did not suggest any factual information additional to that which we already had. However, particular note should be made of a memorial. These documents can be very informative. In this case, William Blake had to apply formally to Governor Macquarie for the continuance of his land grant which he first received from Governor King. The Memorial gives a little history as part of the appeal to the Governor's discretion, as well as the signature of the memorialist.

And what of the other William Blakes?

In our case the simple application of a death date (1817) for our William (snr) eliminates most of the others. His son, William, is too young to be considered until the Male Orphan School admission in 1822.

And what of the widow, Harriet Blake? We had pieced together some of her story following William's death. She was granted a licence to sell liquor and remarried one George Johnson. She died in 1823 and two of her children were placed in orphan institutions.

There are two entries in the Index with two spellings for her name - Harriet and Harriot (The indexer has copied the document spellings faithfully rather than standardising).

Two new significant facts regarding Harriet emerged thanks to the more extensive indexing available.

1. She tried twice to have at least one of her sons placed in the Male Orphan School in 1819 and 1820. The references lead to the same Minutes of the Male Orphan School which have already proved so productive in our research. One Memorial and application for William to be admitted on his mother's

cognisance was deemed inadmissible. The Admission book which we had seen previously did not reveal these attempts because, they obviously did not result in an admission!

2. A permission for Harriet to re-marry in 1818 was also a new development. We did not have any other information about the second husband, George JOHNSON. The need for permission to marry was because he was a convict having only arrived in the colony in 1817, on the ship "Larkins". The Index entry under Johnson, George lead easily to this information.

Conclusion

The results of my searching the Colonial Secretary's Papers had mixed results as might be expected. Previously known facts were verified. Different sources were provided for events. Some important new facts were added. And a few dead ends resulted. These were very satisfactory results given that I was researching families in the early days of the colony in a large collection of documents.

It must be stressed, however, that the task was made significantly easier because of the powerful and creative indexing undertaken for the Papers.

The release of the Colonial Secretary's Papers and the indexes is a major event for the family historian concerned with the early history of white settlement in Australia.

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Note: the collection of Colonial Secretary's Papers 1788-1825, being discussed in this article is available for use in the Archives Office of Tasmania while the Indexes are available at the library of the Launceston Branch of the Genealogical Society of Tasmania.

IN SEARCH OF THE SECOND FLEET JOHN HARRIS

Barbara Harvey

I guess for all family historians there is always one family which gives more trouble than all the others put together. Mine was the HARRIS family.

Firstly I traced back my great, great grandmother Ann HARRIS, who married George DOWSETT in 1857 near Gundagai, NSW, and gave her parents as Thomas and Sarah HARRIS (nee MOSTON), of the Nepean. After much searching I found her birth record as being to John and Sarah HARRIS. The only conclusion I could come to was that when asked, 'Father's name', Thomas gave his father's name.

Then the fun really began! The 1828 Census was my first source and I found:

Harris, John F.	56 Yrs.	CF	per Scarborough	1790
	Protestant		Farmer Evans	90 acres.
Harris, Ann	55 Yrs	CF	per Lady Juliana	1790
	Protestant			
Harris, John	14	BC		
Harris, Thomas G.	12	BC		

Yes, there was my great, great, great grandfather, Thomas, his brother and their parents. The 'CF' beside John (Senior) should be 'Came Free', but was this correct?

Next I looked for the date of death of John HARRIS (Senior). There in the Burials for Castlereagh was:-

HARRIS, John Castlereagh, died 24 Jan 1838, buried 26 Jan 1838, 67 Yrs, settler, Scarborough.¹

If his age was given correctly, it meant he was born c.1771.

The 1805 Muster showed:-

1. (p.49) John HARRIS Scarborough 2 FBS Settler 90 acres, Nepean.
2. (pp 136,137) " self & wife, no children Grant 90 acres, Nepean.
3. (p.29) Ann CARNEY Marquis Cornwallis FBS Wife John HARRIS.

This brought on a few headaches:-

- (a) wife, Ann CARNEY - I have found no marriage, no children and no death, so she still remains a mystery, especially as she cannot be found on the 'Marquis Cornwallis' indent.
- (b) John HARRIS himself - on the 1828 Census he was described as 'CP' while here he is said to be 'FBS' (Free by Servitude). I searched the indent for the 'Scarborough' (2nd voyage) but there was no listing of John HARRIS. The big search was begun, with letters flying back and forth all over Australia,

but no one else had the answer either, although all agreed he had been a convict.

The 1801 Muster, List 1 added to the confusion. 'Emancipated or Expired [time] Convicts' (p. 9) showed:

John HARRIS, 25 pigs and 4 horses *

The * referred me to Appendix 2, and Appendix 2 stated:-

* this entry crossed out in original.

Why was he crossed out? Did he really exist? Was he really, as Mary had claimed, the First Fleet John HARRIS returned? No! He wasn't old enough; he always said 'Scarborough' 2; his wife was not Mary; the children's names were wrong.

Next we found his 90 acre land grant which had been mentioned on the 1828 Census. The land was granted by P.G. King to a group of discharged soldiers². This we regarded as a slip of the pen, as our John, if he existed, was a convict.

Then on a trip to the Mitchell Library we found, in their Card Name File: Evan Land Proprietors Free by Absolute Pardon (c1821)

John HARRIS, 48 Yrs old, married, 31 Yrs resident in NSW³

This was encouraging, as all the facts fitted his arrival in 1790 and being born c1771.

The Mitchell Library also had 1820, 27 Sept, District of Evan, Grants and Purchase showing -

John HARRIS, Free (Absolute) Pardon, 60 acres Grant⁴

[Robert GUY was leasing 30 acres of John's original 90 acres.]

Then on a recent visit to the Archives Office of New South Wales we discovered the Index to the Colonial Secretary's Papers 1788-1825 and there found that there was only one specific reference to John HARRIS per 'Scarborough' 1791 [sic]. On 17th May, 1820, John HARRIS had sent a petition for land to Governor Lachlan Macquarie, stating that he:-

had arrived on the 'Scarborough' in 1791 [it actually arrived in 1790],
had been given a life sentence,
lived on the Nepean on a land grant,
was married,
had seven children to support (Wm., son of Benjamin COOK,
Ann's second(?) husband; four LANDRIN children by Ann's
third(?) husband and John (Junior) and Thomas - my great,
great, great grandfather,
was free by absolute pardon, and
was a discharged soldier of the 102nd Regiment.⁵

What a goldmine of a letter! All the niggly doubts disappeared. This was my John HARRIS. But a discharged soldier?

This sent my husband hot-footing it to search through the Muster Pay Lists of the 102nd Regiment where we eventually found, in Captain Abbott's Company:

HARRIS, John March 25th -April 24th, 1804 - Discharged
10th [April,1804] 14 days in advance [Reel 414, p.84]

No doubt as an ongoing legacy of his trip on the 'Scarborough' as part of the notorious Second Fleet, John had had many bouts of illness - in fact, he was ill more days than he worked - which is probably why we find him on the Casualties List for the 102nd Regiment [AJCP Reel 3906 W012]:

HARRIS, John discharged 24th April 1803

Working backwards from 1803 we found [Reel 413], again in Captain Abbott's Company 25th December 1800 to 24th January 1801:

HARRIS, John enlisted 25th Dec.1800⁶

So back we went to the Lists of Recruits for this period - and who did we find there? Not John HARRIS but Francis HARRIS joining Captain Abbott's Company on that exact date.

Then it all fell into place - Francis HARRIS is listed on the Second Fleet 'Scarborough' indent. So we found him at last and my great, great great great grandfather really did exist!

Francis HARRIS, according to the 1801 Muster, List 7, (p.124) received a Conditional Pardon on 18th January, 1801, granted by P.G. King and, as T.D. Mutch records, he gained it for "good behaviour and to enable him to join the NSW Corps".

Now that he had his pardon John reverted, I believe, to his correct name and Francis HARRIS disappeared completely - he does not marry, have children or die, and is not mentioned in John Copley's "Sydney Cove" books, the Land Grants of New South Wales or the Historical Records of New South Wales. Though he has two boys, neither of them is named Francis, but the first born is called John.

As further confirmation that we had correctly identified 'our' John, we found two other papers in the Colonial Secretary's Papers:

first in 1811,

John HARRIS, discharged soldier received Land Grant at Airds or Appin⁸.

and second, on 1st October, 1824, a memorial to Governor Brisbane, requesting land for his stock and confirming that he is a soldier settler, ex 102nd Regt., living on his original grant at the Nepean⁷

It is probably just as well the Archives Office at The Rocks in Sydney, is a quiet place. Even so, we (my husband and I) were racing back and forth from one end to the other as each found something new which confirmed the original discovery. The same

was true in Hobart, where we picked up further clues at the Archives Office of Tasmania - which had, incidentally, purchased the NSW Colonial Secretary's Papers [on microfiche and microfilm].

At last the major part of the jig-saw has fallen into place. True, there are still many pieces missing - for example what is the real story behind Ann CARNEY? What happened to her? What was John/Francis HARRIS doing between his arrival in 1790 and his first mention in official papers in 1801? Maybe one day we'll have all the answers.

One final comment I feel I must make is that, excellent as the Index to the Colonial Secretary's Paper's 1788-1825 is, it did cloud my (and I'm sure ,others) research by detailing 8 documents which refer to my John HARRIS as belonging to the Surgeon John HARRIS, who was never a convict and therefore should never have been confused with the John HARRIS who was.

Ah Well, maybe now, with fresh enthusiasm I'll renew my research for my elusive ROSS family, which appears to have arrived in a rowboat, married on the moon and died who knows where... But, as these stories often conclude, that will be another story.

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EARLY MUSTERS OF VAN DIEMEN'S LAND

During the twenty years following the settlement of Van Diemen's Land, many aspects of life in the Colony were recorded in minute detail thanks to the numerous lists and tables compiled by the authorities. Amongst these lists were many land and stock musters, general musters, convict musters, victualling lists etc.

Many of these lists have survived to the present day and are available for family historians and others to research the fortunes, or misfortunes, of the colony and its inhabitants. By searching through many different records it is possible to trace the progress of a person or family during the first 20 years of the life of the colony. These records show increases and/or decreases in their family, the number of servants and farm holdings and whether they continued being supplied with stores and clothing by the Government or had advanced to a stage where they were able to be self sufficient.

In the past such a task has been time consuming and sometimes fraught with difficulties. Often the information contained in these lists was not recorded in alphabetical order. In some instances the writing is faded and hard to read and in others the records are not readily available. Moreover access to the documents was limited to those who could visit the Archives of Office of Tasmania or New South Wales State Archives.

However these difficulties are now a thing of the past, thanks to the willingness of Irene Schaffer to share with others the fruits of many hours of research. Irene, with some assistance, has edited Land Musters, Stock Returns and Lists: Van Diemen's Land 1803-1822 which is being published by St. David's Press (the Tasmanian Government Printer).

This publication is the result of hard work and long hours of meticulous research by Irene and will be a treasure for all family historians with early Tasmanian ancestors. From the pages of this volume basic information on the early colonists of Van Diemen's Land can be readily retrieved with references to the original records. This applies particularly to those who settled in southern Tasmania.

Irene deserves our thanks for the task she has completed.

Irene's book is to be launched by the Governor of Tasmania, His Excellency General Sir Phillip Bennett, A.C., K.B.E., D.S.O. at Risdon Cove on the 3rd March 1992. To be launched at the same time is the volume entitled Exiled! Three Times Over, a work containing the three volumes of Profiles of Norfolk Islanders to Van Diemen's Land by Irene Schaffer and Thelma McKay, which is also being published by the St. David's Press.

From the president - Irene and Thelma McKay need to be congratulated for continuing to produce these so called 'little treasures' - I am only too pleased to personally know both these talented ladies.

Mechanics and labourers on the Brig Emu

Prior to 1818 very few convicts were transported directly to Van Diemen's Land. Most were shipped to Sydney and then embarked on smaller Colonial ships which carried them to Hobart Town or Port Dalrymple. Hence records for these convicts are held by both the Archives Office of New South Wales and the Archives Office of Tasmania. The records held in both Archive Offices should be

List of Mechanics & Labourers to be embarked on H M C Brig Emu for

No	Names	Trade or Calling	Ship came by	Tried Where
1	Tho ^s Coine	Har ^d Mak ^r	Anne 1st	Reported to
	Tho ^s Smith	Carpenter	Baring	Somerset
	W ^m Percival	Smith	"	Lincoln
	Jos ^h Hopkins	Do	"	London
5	Jn ^o King	Carpenter	"	Do
	W ^m Titmouse	Bricklayer	"	Hertford
	Tho ^s Prosser 2nd	Plaisterer	"	Bristol
	Rob ^t Byard	Sawyer	"	Stafford
10	Alex ^r Wilson	Brick Maker	"	London
	Geo ^e Hillier	Brick Maker	"	Dorchester
	Pat ^k Megan	Carp ^r	Canada	Dublin
	Jn ^o Devlin	Plaisterer	"	Drigheda
15	Tho ^s Prosser 1st		D Portland	Brecon
	Silyanus Fincham	Sawyer	E Spencer	Kent
	Ben ^j Walters	Labourer	"	Stafford Ass
	George Greenway	Do	Fortune 2nd	Middx G D
20	Ja ^s Boyd	Har ^d Maker	"	Suffolk Ass
	Jn ^o Wakeman	Nailor	Gen ^l Hewitt	Worcester
	Ed ^d Brown	Carp ^r	Indefatigable	Kent
	Jn ^o Ja ^s Sillett	Sawyer	"	Ipswich
25	Jn ^o Miller	Do	"	Haverf ^d west
	Ja ^s Lyford	Bricklayer	M Wellington	Surry Ass
	Jos ^h Shaw	Carpenter	"	Sussex Do
	Ed ^d Harwood	Labourer	"	Middx G D
30	Ja ^s Blake	Do	"	Surry Ass
	Tho ^s Kemp	Carpen ^r	"	Middx G D
	Ja ^s Conway	Do	Providence	Co Monaghan
	Ja ^s T Page	Har Maker	Somersetshire	Gloucester QS
30	Geo ^e Trowbridge	Do	"	Wilts Ass
	Bolitha Bateman	Carpenter	"	Bristol J P
	Jn ^o Sharman	Labourer	Surry	Warw ^k Ass

Abbreviations

<u>Ships</u>	D Portland	- Duke of Portland
	E Spencer	- Earl Spencer
	Gen ^l Hewitt	- Genral Hewitt
	M Wellington	- Marquis of Wellington

consulted as often the records held in Tasmania are lacking in detail. Many of the convict records are held in the Colonial Secretary's Records for the various colonies. Microform copies of the early CSO records held by the Archives Office of NSW are now available in Tasmania. An example of the wealth of information contained in these records is provided by the list of convicts who were embarked on the Emu for Port Dalrymple in October 1815 (AO NSW ref: 4/3494 pp. 253 and 258; reel 6004) which Maree Ring has transcribed. This is only one of many such lists to be found in these records.

the service of Govt at Port Dalrymple in V D Land Oct 30th 1815

When	Sentence	Remarks
have been sent hither from Cape of	Good Hope Life.	
Aug ^t 1814	Life	Pr Muster Roll
March 1813	Life	Do
Sept 1814	Life	Do
July 1814	Seven Years	Do
Jan ^y 1813	Seven Years	Do
Ap ^t 1814	Seven Years	Do
Jan ^y 1814	Seven Years	Do
Oct ^r 1814	Seven years	Do
Aug ^t 1814	Life	Do
May 1813	Fourteen Yrs	Do
Mar 1814	Seven Yrs	Do
Spring 1814	Life	
16 Mar 1812	Seven Yrs	Per Indents
12 Mar 1812	Fourteen Yrs	Do
1 July 1812	Fourteen Yrs	Do
18 Mar 1812	Life	Do
Mar 1813	Life	Pr Muster Roll
Oct ^r 1813	Seven Years	Do
Ap ^t 1814	Seven Yrs	Do
Ap ^t 1814	Seven Yrs	Do
5 Oct 1813	Seven Yrs	Per Indents
21 Mar 1813	Life	Do
17 Feb ^y 1813	Seven Yrs	Do
24 Mar 1814	Seven Yrs	Do
17 Feb ^y 1813	Seven Yrs	Do
March 1810	Seven Yrs	Do
Jan ^y 1813	Seven Yrs	Do
31 July 1813	Seven Yrs	Do
10 Ap ^t 1813	Fourteen Yrs	Do
29 Mar 1813	Fourteen Yrs	Do

(Signed) I.T. Campbell
 Sec^y

<u>Courts</u>	Ass	Assizes
	J P	Justice of the Peace
	Middx G D	Middlesex Gaol Delivery
	Q S	Quarter Sessions

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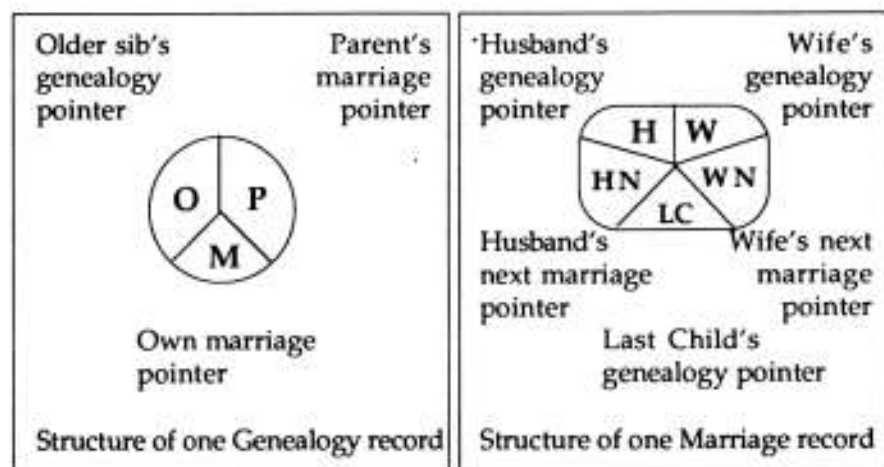
(3) SEEING SOCIETY PROJECTS AS PART OF A GREATER WHOLE

Neil Chick

In the first two articles in this series I have been able to show a little of the evolution of this ambitious project: to develop, from the surviving documents, biographies of Tasmanians born or living in the island before 1878. In the December issue of the journal we ended by talking a little about file structure.

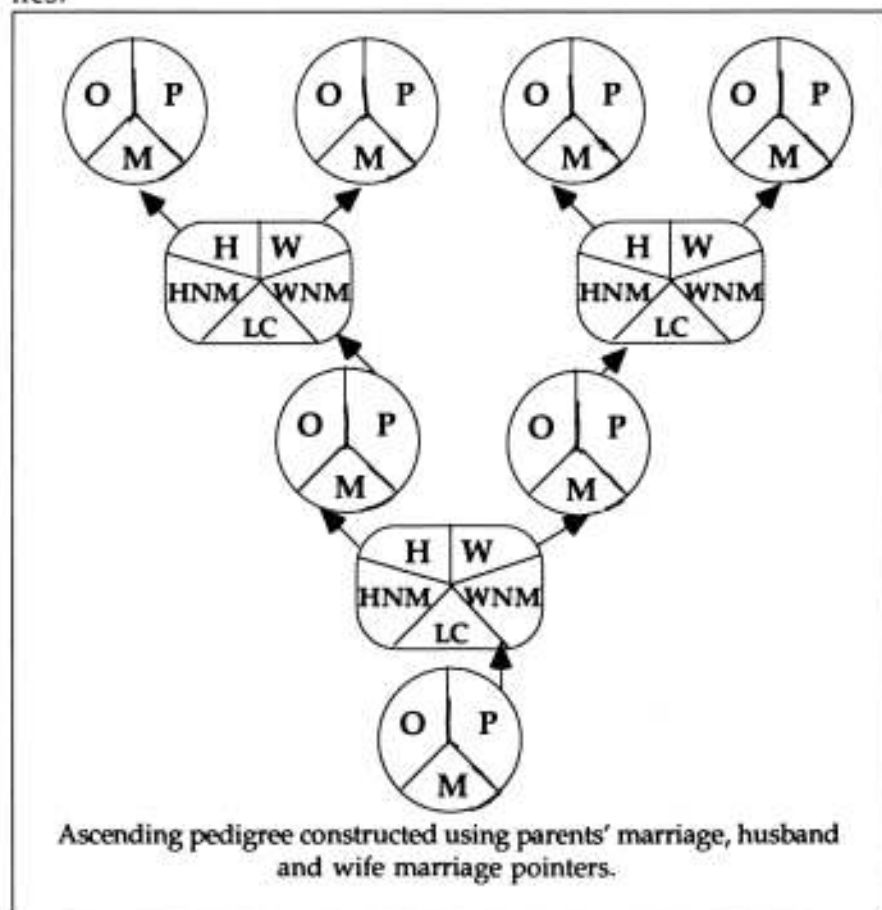
The sketches below illustrate the pointer parts of each genealogy record and each marriage record. Those that follow show how these pointers permit one record to point to another, allowing a whole family to be built up, using fixed length records. This process of making ascending and descending pedigrees is called family reconstitution.

There is in addition to the NAME, GENEALOGY and MARRIAGE files, described last issue, what is termed a LINK file. A pointer from the GENEALOGY file locates the data in the LINK file which in turn points to yet other files which might contain medical and/or socioeconomic data. Using this file structure, and computerized search strategies it is possible to generate ascending and descending pedigrees to which appropriate genetic information can be attached.

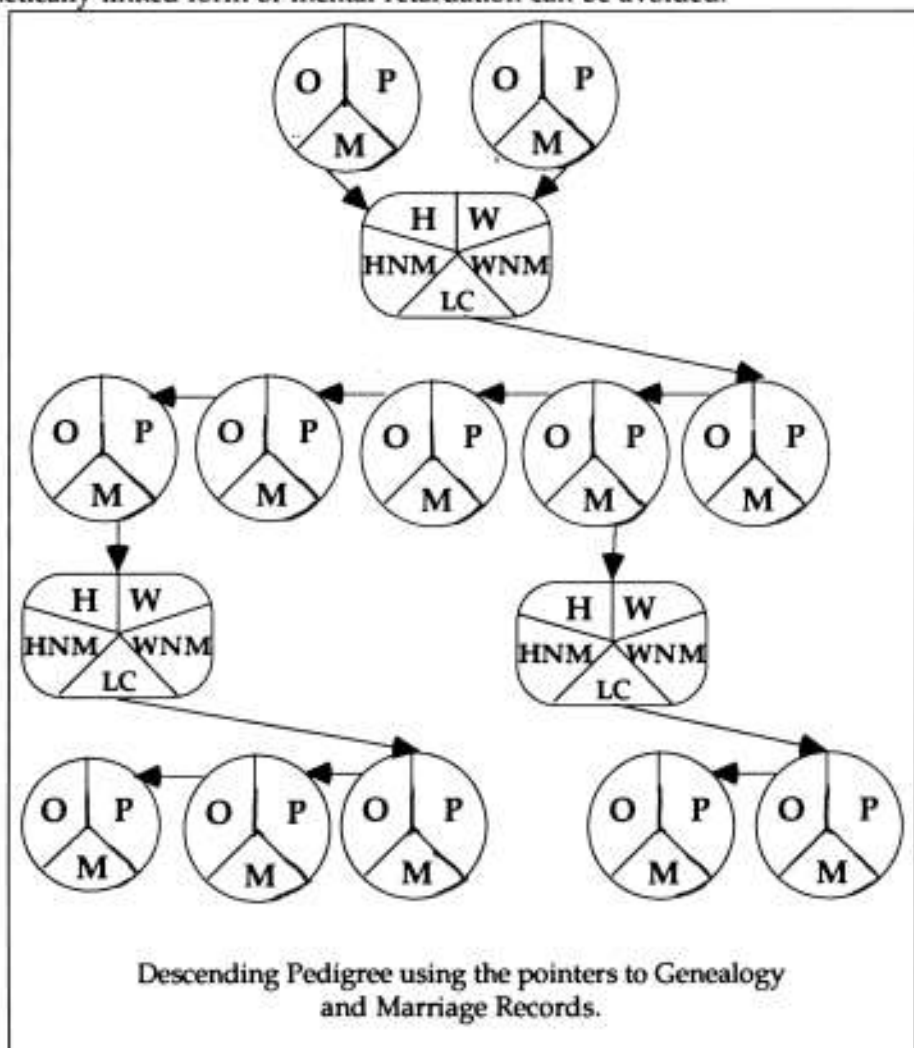


Thus risk of inheritance of familial diseases can be ascertained for any individual in the pedigree. Initial work has been done using a single gene model but extension of this is underway to a two-gene model which also takes cognizance of variable age of onset of the condition.

Some Medical Applications : The list of advances in our understanding of the role of inheritance in certain important diseases that has come from the work of Newcombe, Acheson, Cavalli-Sforza, Skolnick and others, is a long one, and I can only raise a few highlights. Many of the conditions are fortunately rare, but others, like inherited predisposition to breast cancer, diabetes, some congenital abnormalities, dwarfism, some types of gastric ulcer, heart disease and hypercholesterolemia are not uncommon. Huntington's Chorea, for which Tasmania has one of the highest incidences in the world, and for which most cases occurring in Tasmania, Victoria and Queensland have been found to be genetically linked, has been able to be predicted for persons in certain families.



The same is true for some types of leukaemia, many types of mental retardation, including Down's Syndrome or mongolism, and some kinds of muscular dystrophy. Phenylketonuria, or PKU is regularly being tested for in newborn babies in Tasmania, and with a slight change of diet this genetically linked form of mental retardation can be avoided.



Several kinds of visual defects are also inheritable, and work in Tasmania on retinitis pigmentosa and in Iceland has traced the lineages

of the families concerned, in the Icelandic case for nearly five hundred years. Schizophrenia has been noted to be a condition to which certain families are genetically predisposed. So are many food sensitivities.

The relationship between frequency of genetic disease and the frequency of isonymy, that is identity of surname for bride and groom has been established for many isolated communities and high incidence of many conditions in genetic isolates such as the Amish people, the Hutterites and others is a direct consequence of high levels of inbreeding, a social and medical problem not unknown in the past in certain restricted areas of Tasmania. Mainlanders joke about it, but it is no joke.

Some Sociological Applications : The record linkage techniques so useful in medical and genetic studies are also useful in the study of historical demography and social history. Although one cannot point out absolutely certain causes, nor predict a condition developing with any great certainty, nevertheless answers to some very interesting questions have emerged from linking birth, marriage and death records, together with social and economic indicators from census records and other sources. Some of the questions include "Do daughters of unwed mothers themselves have more illegitimate children than daughters of normal families?" and "Is there greater risk of divorce and small family size resulting from bridal pregnancy?" Another concerns internal migration: "How far do grooms have to travel in order to find brides?" Curiously enough, for many English parishes it has been determined that there is, on average a greater distance between the places of birth and marriage for brides than grooms even though the marriage usually takes place in the parish of the bride.

Of vital interest to genealogists is the question: "How complete was the registration of baptisms marriages and burials?" The answer to that one varies with time and place; but for most parts of England, and for early Tasmania we must regrettably say very often less than 90 percent and frequently less than 75 percent of children born were ever entered into the Anglican baptism registers. One of the matters under investigation at the moment is the completeness of the early Tasmanian registers.

Another project is involved in matching the convict indents and the ship's lists, and the colonial musters to determine the kinds and frequencies of variations in data concerning the same people and the same events as recorded in different documents. This is far advanced for the 1811 muster.

Seeing these projects as one: All of the indexing projects of the Society: newspapers, TAMIOT, and the family record series of Van Diemens Land

Heritage need to be seen as one. Only by such an overall vision can the enormous tasks of indexing, computerisation, record linkage, and family reconstitution be accomplished. This is a real challenge for individual members, branches and special interest boards: to rise above parochial interests, and see their own efforts as contributing to a larger overall goal.

Little by little, as the various data sources become computerised, a more and more accurate picture will emerge of the early families of the island. As each major record source is put into machine readable form, there exists the opportunity to produce useful lists and indexes in either hard copy, such as the volumes of *Van Diemens Land Heritage*, or in microfiche format, such as those produced by Villy Scott from the TAMIOT cemetery lists. The TAMIOT indexes are in the process of being put into the VDLH database which will enhance the accuracy of future volumes.

The larger the listing, of course the greater the problems of ambiguity will be. But it will be good, in the end, after the record linkage and family reconstitution are completed, to see thousands and thousands of biographical entries with each life event having a reference to the source documents from which they have been compiled. At this early stage most of the compilations are manual. The software for sorting, matching, merging and record linkage is already in existence. The software for producing ascending and descending pedigrees as I have described above just needs massaging to make it suitable for the Tasmanian data.

Further Reading : Projects of this sort have been under way since the mid 1970s. My personal collection of references (both journal articles and books) on the uses of record linkage techniques, family reconstitution methods and the like, runs to more than 2000 items, covering the fields of demography, geography, medicine, history, sociology, library and archives management and genealogy. However, a few books and key papers should allow anyone who is interested to pursue the subject further. Most of those that follow are non-technical, early studies. The more recent work is much less accessible to the general reader. I can loan reprints.

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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 second part of the paper; the first half was published in the September 1991 issue.)

PRESENTMENT BOOKS

The Grand Jury, precursor of the local authority system we know today, was a committee of landlords, often augmented by local legal people, who acted as trustees for funds collected initially to create and subsequently to maintain roads and bridges. The Presentment Books were, in effect, their Annual Budgets, indicating how expenditure was to be divided between the various Baronies in the County and in detail for what the money was required. Each book gives the names of the Grand Juries, typically 20 to 25 persons, the names of the various office holders in the County and a long list of land owners who had undertaken, for an agreed amount, to maintain and repair the road for a stated length.

These books are not indexed. It is a question of chance whether your ancestors were lucky enough to receive this form of income from the Grand Jury because they were living beside a road maintained by this system.

TITHE COMPOSITION BOOKS

Tithe payments, generally of great antiquity, had been a nagging irritant for most of the Catholic rural population of Ireland for generations because, in part, they were payable to the Established Church. The Tithe Proctor, or "collection" agent for the local clergyman was often a figure of considerable loathing in the area. His modus operandi was to secure, for a certain fee, the job of collecting tithes. But he then proceeded to "beef up" his earnings by extracting more and still more from the unfortunate tenants under his jurisdiction. He alone determined the value of the standing crops and then demanded his percentage.

The Tithe Composition Books were an attempt to arrive at an annual amount, as opposed to an individual, arbitrary crop value, in respect of farm or land. These Books were compiled in some cases as early as 1823, in some instances as late as 1838, but the bulk can be dated 1828 to 1831. They list the occupiers of ARABLE land only. The information they contain varies. Most of them give the name of the land owner and occupier, the amount of land he occupied in total and those parts of it not subject to tithes, i.e. roads, lakes and mountains.

The Composition Books themselves maybe consulted in the National Archives in the PRO, Four Courts, Dublin. An index to the surname in the Tithe Applotment Books form part of the Griffith Evaluation Index and will be found in most good libraries.

CATHOLIC MARRIAGE AND BAPTISMAL RECORDS

Often seen, quite rightly, as a primary source of information, the story of their introduction leads itself to a fuller dissertation than is possible here. I would refer you to my own "Catholic Marriage Records in Ireland" a paper delivered to the Fourth Australasian Congress, in Canberra, in 1986.

Broadly speaking Catholic records commenced in the early years of the last century. There are a number of earlier registers, Wexford Town, 1671, is the earliest, followed by Galway. Waterford and Dublin Cities were also early in the field.

Catholic Parish records for baptisms and marriages can be found in three locations. Firstly, at the parish itself, where they are in the ownership of the parish priest of the day. They are not public records and access to them is a matter of "Grace and Favour".

Secondly, the National Library has a large collection of parish records on microfilm, and a full index of its holdings can be consulted in most guide books to the National Library. The third location, rapidly expanding, is in the county genealogical centres. Here, collecting, recording and indexing them in computer databanks has been undertaken.

When inspecting documents, I have found the following procedures and practices worthwhile. By applying them, every possible fact, clue and even inference can be drawn from such entries as one does, or does not find, either at the time itself but, more especially, when some additional information, not then known, later becomes available.

1. Before you begin examining a book or document, write down its title, volume, number, year, author and other identifying details. Then when/if you find something of significance in it, record the page or paragraph number, or other means of identifying FIRST, EVEN BEFORE you transcribe the entry or other material. Record the years, start and finish, searched.
2. Record where and when you consulted the source document or sought it and found nothing. Even this negative information can have significance that can at least save you, years later, going over the same ground again.
3. Write down EVERYTHING on the line of the relevant entry, even if some words do not make sense or seem to "fit in". If there are letters you cannot make out or decipher, then use an (-) (one for each suspense letter). Indicate the language used, if other than English, e.g. Latin.
4. Note the name of the priest/clergyman. Check if he is the same as or different from that above and below "your" entry.

5. Check the Offering, if any. Is it the same, bigger or smaller than the norm? What is the norm? Add up the offerings for the whole page. Strike an average. Is "your" offering larger or less than that amount?
6. Were there multiple such events on that day in question? Yes or No.
7. Note sponsors/witnesses names and addresses. Confirm they are not the same names as for entries above or below yours.
8. Record any remarks in the margins. Was he a "remarking" priest or not? Record "there were no remarks/there were (state how many) remarks" on the page.
9. Record, in full, the entries above and below "yours".

Make a note of the answers to each of these ten questions. Record anything else that you find of interest or other work you did on the same records. Now you have a full report from which you/others, when later recording it, will be able to assess the significance of any entry.

Date and sign your report - even if meant for your eyes only. Others will follow.

TOMBSTONES AND RECORDS OF THEM

Tombstones in Ireland began to be erected from about 1740 for what might loosely be described as ordinary folk. As the century progressed, they became more common, their use reaching down to those of lower status. Because of the absence of any death records before 1864, tombstones have held an importance and significance for the family researcher. Often they will prove to be the only record of an ancestor. Because of this importance, a number of projects have been undertaken to list them through this and the last century.

Perhaps the most extensive of such listing has been done by Mr. Brian Cantwell and his long suffering wife. They have spent 26 years visiting, recording and publishing indexes of the tombstones in every cemetery of Wicklow, Wexford and some of Counties Carlow and east Waterford as well. The results of their great work has been published in 11 volumes - with an index.

Another body to be aware of is the Society for the Preservation of the Memorials of the Dead. An august body of persons, active from about 1885 to 1926, they produced, in total, some 29 "Reports" consisting of returns from their members throughout the country who had visited their local cemeteries recording and indexing the headstones. Random but worth trying.

Many local genealogical societies, often augmented by government youth employment schemes, have recorded the headstones of their local cemeteries.

Irish cemeteries of the 19th century, or earlier, are in a very overgrown condition. Someone in the area, perhaps a grave-digger may be able to advise where headstones relating to your family are

located. The prevailing wind in Ireland is from the west. So most headstones, for protection, face east. This gives them a longer (readable) life. But you must time your visits early in the day to benefit from the sunlight. In winter or shoulder months, the setting sun will make it almost impossible to read headstones in the afternoon. Bring chalk with you, it aids deciphering of partly worn away writing.

NEWSPAPERS

Papers I find are the very devil to work with. One needs single minded determination and the devotion of a Trappist Monk if one is not to be seduced by all the other items of interest. Chief in value are obituaries, to a lesser extent, weddings, and, least of all, births. A typical birth might simply read, "to the wife of James Strang, of a Son". Until late in the century, typically, the mother's maiden or child's first name are not even given.

Some papers are good for obituaries, giving factual and accurate details, while other newspapers seem to specialise in hyperbole, in laudatory but totally fact-free eulogy of the late lamented.

A number of provincial newspapers have now been filmed onto microfilm and provide facilities to consult them. The Clonmel Nationalist in Tipperary, is a splendid example. They offer a research room, even provide free note paper and let you get on with it.

In general the benchmark year might be taken as 1830. Prior to then, few enough newspapers are extant, and those that are, are very sparse indeed in recording local happenings or domestic news.

The Irish Genealogist, the splendid organ of the Irish Genealogist Research Society, has published a number of indexes to the notices, advertisements and news items of genealogical interest in some south east newspapers. Also Rosemary Ffolliott has extracted and indexed Biographical Notices from Cork, Limerick, Waterford and Ennis newspapers.

The National Library also has a range of papers in hard copy.

COUNTY GENEALOGICAL CENTRES

Throughout this paper, reference has been made to the activities of County genealogy societies. These may also be styled Historic Society, Old (county name) Society or the Archaeological Society County whatever. Such bodies are increasing their range of activities. Indeed almost every county in Ireland now has some form of County Genealogical Centre and a schedule of their contact addresses is readily available.

In general these centres tend to be staffed with young persons who are little versed in genealogical research techniques. They should be viewed as record checkers in effect. They will check their holdings, often on a computer, of local church marriage and baptism registers against data you provide and, in many cases, offer very little more. However the service they provide is improving, almost on a monthly basis, so they are always worth contacting when you arrive in a location.

NATIONAL GENEALOGICAL OFFICE CONSULTANCY SERVICE

Finally let me advise you of the consultancy service provided by the National Genealogical Office headed by the Chief Herald of Ireland, in Dublin. For a very modest £10 investment, it provides you with an individual briefing and an across-the-table opportunity to discuss your individual case, how best, and where, to seek records to advance matters. I cannot promote this new service enough to you. It is for personal callers only and gives you a wonderful start irrespective of the level of your pre-arrival knowledge and study.

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GLEANINGS

John West Memorial Lecture

13 and 14 March will be taken up with the JOHN WEST MEMORIAL LECTURE and the LAUNCESTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY SEMINAR.

The 1992 Examiner John West Memorial Lecture will be presented on Friday 13th March at 8.00 p.m. in the New Lecture Theatre at the University of Tasmania - Launceston.

This year's lecture is titled "LAUNCESTON EXAMINED - A City and its Newspaper 1842-1992". The lecture will be presented by three speakers; Professor Michael Roe and Doctors Daniel Coward and Alison Alexander.

A bus will be provided for travelling to the University, leaving the Tourist Bureau, Paterson Street at 7.15 p.m. and returning to the city after supper at approximately 10.00 p.m. A donation towards the cost of bus will be gratefully received.

The Launceston Historical Society will conduct its 4th annual Seminar on Saturday 14th March at the University of Tasmania - Launceston. The Seminar is entitled 20th Century Launceston. The Annual General Meeting will commence at 9.30am. and will be followed by five speakers presenting their topics which are:

Miranda Morris	Women in the Workforce between the Wars;
Lark Bushby	The 1929 Flood;
Marion Dowsett	A Topography of Launceston;
Caryl Woof	A Comparison of Launceston in 1952 and 1992;
Margaret Todd	The Epidemics.

EXAMINER - 150 YEARS

March is the month to say Happy Birthday to THE EXAMINER which turns 150 on the 12th. Two Supplements will be published that day, both of interest to us all. One will be an overall history of Launceston and districts as seen by The Examiner, the other will be a glossy volume containing one page from every year of the newspaper's life.

Queensland Pre-1890 Birth Death and Marriage Record

The Queensland Registrar-General's Office has transferred their pre-1890 Birth, Death and Marriage Registers to the Queensland State Archives. All request for copies of entries in the pre-1890 registers should be directed to:- Queensland State Archives, PO Box 491, ANNERLEY, Queensland 4103

Copies will be charged for at the same rate as the Registrar-General's prices (ie \$17.50 a copy) however the product will be different. Instead of receiving a typed certificate, the Archives will issue a reproduction of the original entry in the register. This means that in about 25% of cases (depending on where the

entry was registered) you will receive more information. For example, some birth entries will contain notations re marriage and/or death.

Archives Authority of New South Wales

On the 1st January 1992 the Archives Office introduced a range of paid enquiry services to replace the free written service which ceased on the 31st March 1991. Details of these services and their fees are as follows:-

Convicts This is a continuation of the Archives' Convict Research Service, in which they provide two hours of intensive research on the convict of your choice. The 1992 price is \$80 which includes copies of located documents to the value of \$10.

Deceased Estate Files Since the release of these files in October 1990 they have proved very popular with researchers and the Archives will now make copies of these records available to the public by mail. A fee of \$30 per ancestor and \$15 for each additional person researched at the same time will apply with copies to the value of \$5 included. If research fails to locate a nominated person they will then check, at no additional cost, the records of intestate estates, which relate to persons who died without leaving a will, or the records of coroners' inquests. A date, or at least a year, of death is required before the Archives staff can undertake these searches.

Other Topics Quotations for research will be provided where the Archives believe that there is a likelihood of locating the information requested. Prospective clients should supply information as specific as possible to allow an accurate assessment of their enquiry's research potential. It will not be possible to accommodate enquiries that are vague. A research fee, calculated on the basis of a standard rate of \$40 per hour, is charged. A limited number of copies will be included.

Copying Service by Mail For each request where specific and accurate archives location numbers are supplied, the following charges will apply:- \$10 administrative fee plus the cost of copies and postage.

Where specific references are not known, copies may be supplied for the above charges plus an amount for the research time involved in locating and/or verifying references.

Prior to the Archives undertaking research the client must complete and sign the appropriate forms and make payment. Written research requests should be directed to:- Archives Authority of New South Wales, 2 Globe Street, The Rocks, NSW 2000.

Ireland Over Here

Tapes of the lectures given by Fergus Gillespie, Deputy Chief Herald of Ireland, and Richard Reid at the seminar Ireland Over Here, which was held at the National Library of Australia in Canberra on the 5/6 October 1991, have been made available for

sale by the Friends of the National Library of Australia. The tapes are \$16.00 each (\$13.00 for Members of the Friends of the National Library) or \$35.00 (\$30.00) for the set of three. The three tapes are as follows:

- Fergus Gillespie - The Ancestor Trail in Ireland
Fergus Gillespie - Ireland Over There - a background to Irish emigration in the 18th and 19th Century.
Richard Reid - The Illustrated Voyage - Images of the Voyage from Ireland to Australia in the mid 19th Century.

All enquiries should be directed to:- The Friends of the National Library, PO Box E202, Queen Victoria Terrace, ACT 2601.

Victorian Certificates

The following increased charges for certificates from the Victorian Registry of Births, Deaths and Marriages were introduced from the 1 November 1991.

For each search in any one name extending over a period not exceeding five years and issue of a certified copy or an extract of entry \$29.00

For issue of a certified copy or an extract of an entry when the official registration number is quoted \$14.50

These charges apply to both the Early Church Records (1837-1853) and the Civil Records (1853 to date).

Increase in Probate Registry Fees

The fees at the Probate Registry at the Supreme Court of Tasmania, Salamanca Place, Hobart have been increased as follows:-

Index search (per surname)	5.00
Location fee	10.00
Photocopying fee (per page)	1.00

The minimum charge for a copy of will or letters of administration is now \$16.00.

Potters, Plotters and Pikemen of the Midlands

Are you going to be in England during September? If so, the 6th British Family History Conference, hosted by the Birmingham and Midland Society for Genealogy and Heraldry in conjunction with the Federation of Family History Societies, is being held at Worcester College, Henwick Grove, Worcester from 4th to 8th September 1992.

The Birmingham and Midland Society for Genealogy and Heraldry covers the historic counties of Staffordshire, Warwickshire and Worcestershire. The conference will devote a day to each of the counties, the overall theme relating to their industries, personalities and historical events.

A programme is at the Hobart Branch Library or for further information contact:- Mrs. Linda Spencer, Conference Booking Secretary, 14 West Avenue, Castle Bromwich, Birmingham B36 0EB, England

Buchinghamshire Family History Society

The Buchinghamshire Family History Society advises that following an administrative reorganisation of the officers of the Society, their current office holders are as follows:

- Chairman - Dr. Peter Roads, Pasture Cottage, School Lane, Dinton, Aylesbury, Bucks. HP17 8UG.
Treasurer - Mrs. Patricia Jeffs, Teal, Moat Lane, Prestwood, Great Missenden, Bucks. HP19 9DA.
Acting Correspondence Secretary - Mrs. Pam Ayshford, 52 Perry Street, Wendover, Aylesbury, Bucks. HP22 6DJ.
Acting Editor - Mr. Allan Dell, 3 Swallow Lane, Stoke Mandeville, Aylesbury, Bucks. HP22 5UW.

London and North Middlesex Family History Society

The Islington Branch of this Society have indexes of the following records available for pre-publication searches:-

- Clerkenwell - St. James Settlement Examinations 1777-1851
Islington - St. Mary Rate Books 1729-1851
- St. Mary Settlement Examinations 1758-1821
- St. Mary Magdalene Baptisms 1835-1851

They have also published maps for Islington (1841) and Clerkenwell (1860).

For further information on the above please send stamp (no envelope) to:- Mr. Stephen Allberry, North Middlesex Publications, 375 Liverpool Road, Islington, London N1 1NL

Institute of Heraldic and Genealogical Studies

This Institute organises a number of courses and day schools covering a wide range of topics which offer assistance to family historians of every level of ability. There is also a popular correspondence course. The new detailed syllabus outlining the graduated levels of assessment and qualifications offered by the Institute is now available from the Registrar on receipt of one pound for p&p. The Institute's address is:- Northgate, Canterbury, Kent CT1 1BA, England.

Magennis Clan Gathering

A gathering of the Magennis Clan in Iveagh, is being organised by the Banbridge Heritage Development Limited as part of the Irish Homecoming Festival. The Magennis, Lords of Iveagh, are the ancient Irish family that controlled the Barony of Iveagh up until the 17th century. Out of this family grew the Guinness family of

brewery fame, and the clan is now spread all over the world. The gathering, which is to take place during the week Sept 21-26, will include tours, seminars, and social events. Full details from:- The Banbridge Heritage Development Limited, Old Technical Building, Downshire Road, Banbridge, Co. Down, Northern Ireland BT32 3JY.

The Sole Society

The SOLE Society, a One Name Society for the surname Sole and its variants, was launched on the 2nd November 1991 (All Souls Day). The aim of the Society is to trace and record the genealogy and history of families with the name SOLE and its variants (Saul, Saule, Soal, Sowell, Sewell, Sewel, Sowle, Soul, Soule, Soles, Solley, Soley, Sool, Sowel, Shewell) anywhere in the world and the details of families descended from them through the female lines. The Society already has around 300 family charts available and the number is increasing regularly. It is planned to publish a journal three times a year. Chairman of the Society is Don Steel, a founder and former Vice Chairman of the Federation of Family History Societies (FFHS), and Pauline Saul, Administrator of the FFHS, is Vice-President. For further information contact the Secretary:- Fred Sole, 17 Hyholmes, Bretton, Peterborough PE3 8LG, England.

Computer Program For Sale

Owing to the death of his wife, Linda, Shane Haas has for sale a brand new copy of the family history program titled Relatively Yours. The program was purchased for an Amstrad Computer and is on a 5 and 1/4 inch disc. The program cost \$300 and Shane is willing to sell for \$200. Phone Shane Haas on (002) 61 2116 for further details.

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FAMILY REUNIONS

CASTLE FAMILY

A reunion is being planned on the East Coast in January 1993 for the descendants of Joseph CASTLE and Edith, nee Day. Joseph and Edith arrived in Hobart Town in 1827 with their four children: John (married Maria Luttrell) Robert, Joseph Jnr (may have gone to the mainland) and Phoebe (married first to James Wilde and second to John Crampton). Joseph was granted land on the East Coast which he named "Bramwell" after his home village in Somerset, England. Phoebe (Mrs. Crampton) went to live in South Australia and may have had a family there. In 1835 Joseph Castle died and his wife Edith re-married Henry Elliott. Henry and Edith Elliott had at least two children, Mary Ann (died young) and Sarah Edith (married William Henry Harris). Other names associated are : ABLITT, BLAKE, BOURKE, DYER, CLIFFORD, GAMBLE, TUNSTALL and WAGNER to name a few. Any who think they may be connected are invited to write to: Mrs. Maureen Martin, 2 Dunnivan Street, Young Town, Tasmania 7249 with a stamped addressed envelope or phone (003) 43 1007.

DALE FAMILY

Descendants and relatives of John DALE and Ellen SWEENEY and James DALE and Mary Ann CALVERT are invited to attend a family reunion at Mansfield, Victoria on the 21 - 22 March 1992.

John Dale was born in 1814 at Welbourn, Norwich, Norfolk and was transported to Van Diemen's Land along with two brothers, Thomas and Jeremiah Dale, on the ship Eden and Sarah in 1836/7.

John and Jeremiah married two Irish convict girls in a double wedding in Hobart Town in 1845; John to Ellen Murphy (a widow) born Sweeney and Jeremiah to Ellen Talbot. Both were originally from Limerick, Ireland. Thomas left his wife, Sarah Doubleday, and four children in Welbourne, Norfolk, and they may have arrived in VDL later.

James Dale, son of John and Ellen Sweeney, was baptised in Portland, Victoria in 1849. His sister, Sarah, and brother, Alfred, were born in Hobart Town in 1843 and 1847. The family crossed the Tasman late in 1848.

Alfred Dale married Mary O'Connor at Kyneton in 1867 and Sarah Dale married Arthur Smith Clarke in the goldfields area of Alma, Victoria, in 1860. Are there any relatives of Alfred or Sarah Clarke out there?

James Dale (1849 - 1910) married Mary Ann Chilvert at Kyneton in 1874. They had 15 children, the famous fifteen of Tolmie. We are celebrating also in Mansfield the 100th Anniversary of James and Mary Ann taking up their pioneer block at Tolmie, Victoria, in 1892.

Those interested in attending please contact L and Mary Dale, 8 Lyne St., Henty, NSW 2658, Phone (069) 29 3302 or Peter Dale, 33 Madigan St., Hackett, ACT 2602, Phone (06) 248 1013)

WALKER FAMILY

A reunion is planned for May 17th 1992 at the Euroa Showgrounds to commemorate the 160th Anniversary of the arrival in Australia of William WALKER (convict) on the Katherine Stewart Forbes. He married Margaret Jenkins (free) in 1839 at Green Ponds where a son Charles was born in 1839. Margaret died in 1852 and William married again to Mary Ann Kennedy (aged 17). A child, Emma, was born in 1854 (she later became a nun in Sydney). James was born in 1858 and William in 1859, all at Green Ponds.

William Snr. died at Green Ponds in 1859 and Mary Ann married again to Henry Neasey. The descendants of James are sought, as it is believed he may have changed his name when his mother re-married.

Charles married a widow, Mary Ann Corbett (Wardle) at Seven's Creek Station, Euroa, Victoria in 1863 and William married Susan Johnston at Violet Town, Victoria, in 1891.

All descendants of this family are invited to attend the reunion. For further information please contact Mrs. Roma Joyce (daughter of Lucy Walker and Ted Davey) 135 Anderson Street, Euroa, Victoria Phone (057) 95 2064.

WILLIAMS FAMILY

A reunion of the family and friends of Uriah and Elizabeth WILLIAMS is to be held at Longford on March 28-29, 1992 to celebrate the 150th Anniversary of their arrival in Tasmania. A gathering will be held at the Longford Showgrounds on Saturday 28th commencing at 10.30 a.m. Bring a plate of lunch to share; tea and coffee will be provided. A registration fee of \$5.00 per family will be payable on the day. On Sunday 29th a memorial church service at Christ Church, Longford will be followed by a tour of the area.

For further information contact one of the following:

Elsie Baker, 62 Catherine Street, Longford. Phone (003) 911528.
M.C. (Doug) Williams, 257 Bass Highway, Ocean Vista, Burnie. Phone (004) 31 5425
B.J. Williams, 171A Chapel Street, Glenorchy. Phone (002) 72 3338
R.L. Williams 48 Pomona Road, Riverside. Phone (003) 27 3889

COMING EVENTS

- 13 March 1992 1992 Examiner John West Memorial Lecture, titled "Launceston EXAMINED - A city and its Newspapers 1842-1992", at the New Lecture Theatre, University of Tasmania, Launceston Campus, at 8.00p.m.
- 14 March 1992 The 4th Annual Seminar of the Launceston Historical Society will be held at the University of Tasmania - Launceston Campus, commencing at 9.30 a.m.
- 11 April 1992 Workshop on Oral History to be conducted by the Oral History Association of Australia, Tasmanian Branch at Domain House, Hobart. Full details available from Jill Cassidy, Queen Victoria Museum, Launceston, phone (003) 31 6777.
- 26 April 1992 "William Hart and his family" by Mr. Mac Hart for the Launceston Historical Society at the Queen Victoria Museum Theatre, at 2.30 p.m.
- 18 May 1992 State Executive meeting, Campbell Town 10.00 a.m.
- ? May 1992 An illustrated talk on the "Salisbury Foundry" by Mr Stan Merry for the Launceston Historical Society.
- 21-22 June 1992 The Annual General Meeting of the Society at Devonport.
- ? June 1992 "The Launceston and St. Andrews Immigration Societies" by Kevin Green for the Launceston Historical Society.
- 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.

Buchanan, A.M.: INDEX TO TASMANIAN BIRTHS/BAPTISMS, 1803-1840, A.M. Buchanan, 29 Brinsmead Road, Hobart, Tasmania, 7007, 1991, card cover, A4 typescript, 136 pages.

This index has been compiled from all currently available registers (or transcripts) up to 1840. The index also includes all civil registrations from 1838, when civil registration began, to the end of 1840, including late registrations.

The index does not include Tasmanian births that were registered only in Victoria or New South Wales, nor does it include references to birth place and date as recorded in some marriage and death/burial registers.

Not only does the index bring together information from a wide variety of sources, but it also includes information difficult to obtain otherwise. For instance, it includes baptisms from the Hamilton Church of England register with are still in the custody of the Rector of the Church.

The enumeration of children in census returns and early orphan school registers, which record the child's age, provides a source of information about many families not included in the baptismal registers.

Altogether this is a painstaking piece of work rich in genealogical information.

Hugh Campbell

Rand, Ann (compiler) and Glover, Margaret (General Editor): INDEX TO THE PAPERS AND PROCEEDINGS, VOLUMES 1-30, 1951-1983, Tasmanian Historical Research Association, Hobart, 1991, soft card cover, 150 mm X 220 mm format, 199 pages.

The Tasmanian Historical Research Association was founded in 1951 by an historically-minded group within the Royal Society of Tasmania. The work reviewed here had its genesis in an executive decision to compile the Index as the Association's contribution to the celebration of Australia's bicentennial year of 1988.

As the explanatory note says, 'this is a name, subject and title index, with a particular emphasis on the listing of authors and titles of papers presented to meetings of the Association'. I have not tested it, but turning over the pages suggests that it is a thorough and exhaustive cross-referencing of everything one could possibly want to know about the material in the first 30 volumes of the Association's proceedings, and the people who contributed it.

Hugh Campbell

Duyker, Edward and Younger, Coralie: MOLLY AND THE RAJAH: Race, Romance and the Raj: Australian Mauritian Press, 1991, coloured hard cover, 170 mm X 230 mm format, many half-tone photographs, genealogical tables. Limited edition of 1200 copies.

This is a most unusual piece of history, almost the stuff of fiction. The authors have teased out a great deal of biographical information about Martanda Tondaiman, Rajah of the southern Indian principality of Pudukkottai and Melbourne-born Molly Fink, whose marriage in 1915 brought into focus a range of attitudes about race, empire, rank and duty.

The crux of the story is the conflict that arose when the establishment of the Raj, in India and in England, refused to accept the "unsuitable" wife the Prince had married. Molly Fink was never to take her place in the Principality, and nor was her son.

Nevertheless, the story tells much about the circles in which she moved and the people she and her husband met. And the ripples from their marriage were of concern to the highest in the land, both at home and abroad.

The summary on the back cover truly reflects what I gathered from reading the whole book. I emphasises "whole" because it was too packed with information to skim. "He was an Indian prince: tall, handsome and fabulously wealthy. She was a young Melbourne beauty: intelligent and strong-willed. They met in Sydney in 1915 and fell in love . . . This is a true story of unusual courage and dignity in the face of appalling prejudice and cruelty from the Australian press and the highest level of the British government. It is the tragic tale of a Rajah who gave up his throne for love, of a loyal wife whom Britain refused to acknowledge, and of an Australian-born son who was denied his birthright. Molly and the Rajah is . . . fashioned from documents uncovered in Britain, Australia, India and the United States. With historical rigour, compassion and simplicity, Edward Duyker and Coralie Younger have written a surprising book". It is in fact a far more substantial and interesting story than its rather trite title would suggest. It's a little piece of history well worth committing to print.

Hugh Campbell

Webster, D.V.: THE STANFIELD SAGA, Seville, Victoria, 1991. 2nd Edition October 1991 posthumously published with additions and corrections made by Suzanne Lester and Merle Pinch. A4 typescript, 81 pages, maps, drawings, several half-tone illustrations and index. Copies at \$12.00 and further information from Mrs G. Lester, PO Box 5 Triabunna Tas 7190.

This is mainly the story of Daniel Stanfield, a Marine of the First Fleet, and the families of his three sons, Daniel, Thomas and William. It is altogether a simpler and less ambitious family history project than the work on the Tabart family reviewed above, but for all that it is a worthwhile addition to the growing collection of material about our forebears.

The author spent 15 enjoyable years gathering information and meeting members of the extended Stanfield family. The printing was a "rush job" so he could see a copy before he died in March 1991.

Hugh Campbell

Evans, K. Jane: TABART OF FONTHILL - From England to Van Diemen's Land, published privately for the Tabart Family in 1991 by K.Jane Evans and John E. Tabart, glossy card cover, modified A4 size, 180 pages, many half tone illustrations, facsimiles, maps, diagrams and family trees. Obtainable from John E. Tabart, 1 Ryans Road, St Lucia, Queensland 4067 at \$30, which includes postage to Tasmania.

This book traces the Huguenot ancestry of Frances G. Tabart, who emigrated to Van Diemen's Land, then gives a full account of his life, and follows up the main line of families descended from him. But it is more than a genealogy interesting only to the family. The author has lovingly branched into discussions of people, events and places who had an influence on her main character, and there is evidence of thorough and painstaking research.

The book is written in a pleasing style, the format and print face is attractive, and altogether it is the sort of book that is good to turn over and dip into, even if your name is not Tabart. For members of the Tabart family, of course, it is an invaluable piece of research and recording.

Complimentary copies of both the Tabart and Stanfield books have been placed in the Hobart Branch Library.

Hugh Campbell

Sanche, Sheila: THE LUTTRELL VILLAGE: Country Life in the Early Fourteenth Century. Collins, hard cover. copy held by the State Library of Tasmania.

A delightful book based on the drawings in the Luttrell psalter held at the British Museum and showing life in a village which still exists in Lincolnshire. Accompanied by a simple explanatory text the black and white drawings explore all aspects of a villager's daily occupations throughout a year including the great house and the priest's domain. This book will bear a second and third reading as something new can be discovered in the detailed drawings each time. Strip farming and building methods of special interest.

Thelma Grunnell

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BARKER

Arthur Robert BARKER was born 1857 in London and died 1944 in Hobart. His last known address was 5 Orchard Avenue, Moonah, Tas. Any information about his family, especially Connie, thought to be his granddaughter, his first wife, Sarah MILLNOT-RICE (1891-1916) or his second wife, Ida May BARKER (1925-1944), would be appreciated. Their descendants may be of great assistance in the compiling of a family tree. Please send any details, no matter how small, to Mrs. E. M. Whitemore (Margaret), 9 Kyle Parade, Kyle Bay, NSW 2221.

BOYD/STEVENS

Max Boyd (1045) of 36 Haywoods Lane, Somerset, Tas 7322 wishes to contact descendants of his grandfather's sister, Sarah Jane BOYD, daughter of John Henry and Martha BOYD of Evandale. Sarah Jane married Edward STEVENS on 6th June 1870. Known children are Sarah; Edward Henry, born 1875 and Martha, born 1877. The children were born in the Evandale district. Max would appreciate any information on any of the above.

BRIGGS/HAMPTON/PAGE

Lois Porter (1856) 33 Coltain Street, Vermont South, Victoria 3133 is trying to locate descendants of the following: Lydia BRIGGS married William SALLIS in 1857; Elizabeth BRIGGS married Thomas Hampton THOMAS 1850 both at Pontville. Sarah Lydia HAMPTON married George Henry PAGE 1882 at Launceston; Ann HAMPTON married Richard BONE Beaconsfield in 1892; Sarah Charlotte PAGE married Edward Cumberland JOYCE in 1880 at Launceston. Mary Ann PAGE married Thomas Casey CASEY 1880 at Launceston. Sarah BRIGGS married Joseph BEDFORD in 1855. C. W. BRIGGS married Thurza HANSLOW in 1887 at Brighton. Joseph BRIGGS married Louisa NICHOLS in 1859 at Brighton. Louisa Mary BRIGGS married George HANSLOW in 1885 at Brighton. Fanny Lydia PAGE married Thomas STONEHOUSE in 1897 in the Lefroy District. Any information might help me trace the family of Benjamin and Lydia Briggs who arrived in Tasmania in 1840.

CARTER

Samuel CARTER was convicted at the Boston Quarter Sessions in Lincolnshire on 22nd April 1833. He was transported to VDL on the Moffitt. His wife, Joanna, the mother of two daughters, was convicted at Morncastle, Lincolnshire, and sentenced to transportation in 1835. Petition signed by 63 citizens for her pardon. Did she join Samuel? Any information to Anne Needham (2239), Box 60, P.O., Dural, NSW 2158.

CASTLE/ELLIOTT

Joseph CASTLE and Edith DAY arrived in Hobart Town in 1827 with their 4 children, John (married Maria LUTTRELL) Robert (not

married), Joseph (issue not known) and Phoebe (married [i] James WILDE [ii] John CRAMPTON). Joseph Jnr. believed to have lived on the Mainland, while Phoebe resided in Adelaide. Joseph, Snr. died in 1835 and Edith remarried Henry ELLIOTT the same year. They had at least two children, Mary Ann (died young) and Sarah Edith (married William Henry HARRIS). Any descendants please write to Maureen Martin, 2 Dunniven St., Youngtown, Tas 7249 (SAE please).

COLLINS

Mary COLLINS, born 1911, the daughter of William C. COLLINS, a butcher of Ulverstone. Siblings were Gertrude, Marjory and Alfred. Mary has married twice and now lives in Thornbury, Melbourne. Would anyone have Mary's present surname and address? Please reply to Mrs. F. Yates, 32 Wilson Place, Ulverstone, Tasmania 7315.

EARL OF ST VINCENT/AMERICA

The Earl of St. Vincent arrived in Hobart on 13 August 1826 from England with 160 convicts. Also the America arrived 1831. I am seeking any information on any convicts transported aboard these two ships. I have not been able to trace the movements of William COX, who arrived on the Earl of St. Vincent or Harriet PONSFORD on the America after the death of their third son in New Norfolk in 1845. The movements of other convicts may give me a clue to where they may have gone to. Any information appreciated by Mrs. L. Ferguson (2335), 5/30 Leiper St., Stafford, Queensland 4053.

FLATT/MILLER/McDOUGALL

Mrs. L. Lloyd (2820), 19 Dean St., Cal Gully, Victoria 3556 is searching for information about two convicts; Charles Flatt and Agnes Miller or McDougall. Both came from Scotland and had children in Tasmania between 1850-1857. Can anyone help?

HARVEY/WALES

Stuart Erskine HARVEY and Eliza WALES were married at Evandale in 1845. They had 6 children between 1847 and 1856. The first four were born at Launceston, the last two in the District of Morven. Does anyone know whether any of these children married and had issue? Their given names are James Stuart; Robert; Jessie Evelyn; Alice Carolyn; Eliza Mary; Francis Russell. Any information about this family would be welcome by C.G. Harvey (2647), 16 Leane Street, Hughes, ACT 2605.

ILES

Isaac ILES was born Hampshire or Wiltshire, circa 1805, convicted in the "Swing Riots" 1831, arrived in VDL in 1831 on the Proteus, died at Colebrook in 1896 and married Eliza GIFFORD (born circa 1811 in Somersetshire?, arrived VDL 1834 on the Strathfieldsaye and died in Hobart 1902). Isaac and Eliza farmed in Brady Bottom (near Jerusalem, now Colebrook) from circa 1836 and 10 children were born between circa 1836 and 1854. Their given names were: Harold; Thomas Henry married (1) Catherine Elliott 1865, (2) Velvena Brown 1910; William married Emma Elliott 1865; Isaac (1839-1856); John married Isabel Elliott 1869; Mary Ann married William Young 1869; George married Mary Howlett 1867; David married Louisa Barnes 1875; James married Roshannah Brown 1886. Alan Ludeke (1083) is

seeking information on Isaac Iles, his parents, wife and descendants. Contact Alan at 157 Binney Street East, Euroa, Victoria 3666.

IVES/COWLEY/HOY

Robert IVES and Ann COWLEY (HAY/HOY) were supposedly married at Launceston on 28th May 1852 but I can find no record of such an event. A son James Joseph was born in Tasmania in 1855 and by 1858 they were in Victoria. Does anyone know of these people and their origins. Any information to Mrs. L. Lloyd (2820), 19 Dean St., Cal Gully, Victoria 3556.

MACRO(W)

Judd and Mary Ann MACRO(W) with their four children arrived at Launceston per Southern Eagle (ex Liverpool) from Norfolk on the 29th August 1857. Lynne Tocher (874), 11 Coranto St., Abbotsford, NSW, 2046 would appreciate making contact with any descendants.

MOORE

I need help with my George MOORE. He married in 1837 at Launceston, Tasmania to Mary SIMMONDS/SIMMONS/SYMONDS. George gave his occupation as Agricultural Implement maker and lived at Clarence Plains, Richmond and then in Launceston until he died in 1856, aged 45 years. Where did he come from? His children's names were Ellen Matilda, Hannah, Francis A., George, Sussanna, George/William, Henrietta and Caroline. Any information to Mrs. L. Lloyd (2820), 19 Dean St., Cal Gully, Victoria 3556.

MOORE

Thomas and Harriet Catherine (WHITE) MOORE (born 1830s). No births or marriage found. Harriet died in 1873 and Thomas remarried in 1875 in Launceston to Mary Anne Abbott Scyden (Dryden?). Thomas died in 1904 and was buried at Franklin Village, as was Hanna. Known issue of Thomas and Harriet are:- (1) Thomas John Joseph, born 1857 Evandale, married Annie BOWATER 1891 (Gladstone). He died in 1914 (of Branxholm). 1M and 2F living; (2) Martha, born 1861, Youngtown, my great grandmother; (3) Leonard Richard, born 1864, Evandale, died 1925 (Gladstone); (4) Alfred Ashby, born 1869, Evandale, married about 1888 to Hanna Mary ?. He died in 1943 and Hanna died 1956 (of Gladstone). 5M and 2F living. Any information on this family would be gratefully received by Mrs. Denise Odgers (2522), 51 Collins Street, Brooklyn, Tasmania 7320.

MOORE

Alan Ludeke (1083), 157 Binney Street East, Euroa, Victoria, 3666 is seeking information re Richard MOORE, his parents, wife and descendants. He was born circa 1849, possible in Hobart, died 1897 at Melbourne and was buried at Cornelian Bay. He was a gardener and dairyman in Providence Valley (Newdigate St. area North/West Hobart) then a butcher at Sandy Bay. He married Lucy HAMBLYN in 1869 at Hobart. Their five children were Lucy Anna, married Walter GILLIGAN; Richard John, married Ethel GREEN; Charles Phillip, married Maude MARTIN; Bertha, married Albert WARD; Esther, married Arthur LEARY.

NAPPER

Helen Harriett Luttrell NAPPER born circa 1855 died pre-1939 NSW married Alfred ROCKWELL at George Town, Tasmania in 1878. She was the daughter of Richard Henry Alexander NAPPER and Emma Martha LUTTRELL. Mrs. V. Date would like to know what became of her siblings: Eva; Edgar Alfred born 1864; Sarah Ella born 1868; with whom was brother Horatio Shannon NAPPER living in 1872 when he drowned at the Launceston Baths, aged 16? Both parents had pre-deceased him. Any information on this family greatly appreciated by family member writing history of the LUTTRELL family at PO Box 511, Dromana, Victoria 3936.

NAPPER/NUNN/MUCKRIDGE

Contact sought with descendants of my great great grandparents, William John NAPPER (more commonly John) and Eliza Elizabeth (NUNN) married Launceston in 1863, later of Golden Valley, Deloraine.

Also seeking all descendants of great, great, great grandparents William NUNN and Mary Ann MUCKRIDGE. William, a convict, arrived in 1831 AND died, aged 88, in 1896. Mary Ann arrived circa 1824, aged 5, from England and died 1911, aged 92. Married life in Launceston. Witnesses to NAPPER marriage were Harriett Jane NUNN, Sarah NUNN and Isaiah MORRIS. Any information to Mrs. Wendy Brown (1587), 27 Langdon Street, Tannum Sands, Queensland 4680.

PAT(T)ERSON

Margaret Aberdeen PAT(T)ERSON was born circa 1804 and married 30 May 1836 to Thomas Todd COOLEY, then a convict, at Trinity Church, Hobart. She died 30 July 1871 and was buried at St. John's Church, New Town. Her husband was the Cooley of Cooley's Hotel, Moonah. Can anyone give me any more details about my great, great grandmother, Margaret Cooley, please? Any information to Mrs. N.P. Budworth, 26 Camlet Way, St. Albans, Herts., AL3 4TL, England.

ROCKWELL

Alfred ROCKWELL, lighthouse keeper, son of Captain Alexander Charles ROCKWELL, died 1939 Petersham, NSW. Alfred married Helena NAPPER and they had 10 children who all attended the Low Head school. What became of them. They were: Edna Emma Eliza, alive 1894, aged 15; Maida Blanche, born 1880, alive in 1899; Maude, alive 1897, aged 16; Helena Made, alive 1902, aged 15; Minnie, alive 1904; Shannon Elmer, born 1897; Reinee Gwendolynne born 1897; Anster Withers, born 1886, married Nellie SHORT in 1911; and Winifred Myrtis, born 1890, married Archibald Lawrence MESTON. Any information regarding the Rockwell family greatly appreciated by family member who is writing history of the LUTTRELL family. Contact Mrs. V. Date, PO Box 511, Dromana, Victoria 3936.

SIMMONDS/SIMMONS/SYMONDS

Mary (any of the above) born ?, arrived in Tasmania ? married in 1837 to George MOORE, both free. Does anyone know about this mystery lady and her origins. When George died in 1856, Mary married a second time to Thomas Gardiner in 1859. I would appreciate any knowledge. Mrs. L. Lloyd (2820), 19 Dean St., Cal Gully, Victoria 3556.

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ANNUAL COUNCIL WEEKEND - 20-21 JUNE 1992

Saturday 20 June 1992

10.00 a.m.	TIAGARRA - Tasmanian Aboriginal Arts Centre	\$2.50
OR	MARITIME MUSEUM	\$1.00
OR	HOME HILL	\$4.00
12 Noon	LUNCH at Devonport Surf Club, at the Bluff Soup - Sandwiches - Cakes	\$6.00
1.30 p.m.	ANNUAL COUNCIL MEETING at Devonport Surf Club at the Bluff Afternoon tea provided \$1.00 [Pay on the day]	
7.00 p.m.	DINNER - BYO - Barclay Lodge 3 courses - 3 choice set menu [Maximum No. 50]	\$18.00

Sunday 21 June 1992

10.00 a.m.	GUIDED WALKING TOUR OF LATROBE	
12.30 p.m.	COUNTER MEAL - Lucas Hotel, Latrobe 3 course - 2 choice set menu [maximum No. 30]	\$13.00

Return to: AGM Committee, PO Box 587, Devonport, Tas. 7310

By: 11th May 1992

Will Attend

Saturday

	Nos. attending	Cost	Amount
[<u>ONE ONLY</u>] Tiagarra	[]	2.50	
Maritime Museum	[]	1.00	
Home Hill (Nat Trust)	[]	4.00	
Lunch	[]	6.00	
Dinner	[]	18.00	

Do you require information on
accommodation at Barclay Lodge
at special rates []

Sunday

Latrobe Walk	[]	
Lunch	[]	15.00

Enclosed is a cheque for \$ _____

Name.....

Address.....

ST CATHERINES HOUSE INDEXES
BIRTHS DEATHS AND MARRIAGES
OF ENGLAND AND WALES

The Executive is considering purchasing the indexes on microfiche from 1868 to early 1900's (Launceston already hold 1837-1867).

At the Executive meeting on 15 February 1992 it was moved M. Smith and seconded J. Grunnell:-

"That St. Catherines House Records be purchased and housed at Launceston"

Voting:- 6 for 5 against 3 abstained

Because of the closeness of the voting the Executive would appreciate your views on this matter as it is a major purchase costing \$8,000 - \$10,000.

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Please indicate your preference by placing a tick in one space only or writing a suggestion.
2. Return the form attached to your renewal of membership form.
3. For those who have already renewed their membership, sign and post to PO Box 60, PROSPECT, Tasmania 7250
4. Form should reach the GST Inc. no later than 7th May 1992.

Some options are:-

Do not purchase these records and the money be distributed amongst the Branches as per usual []

Purchase and the records be housed one branch - Launceston []

Purchase and sections of the records be circulated amongst the five Branches and exchanged at say quarterly Executive meetings []

Purchase and records be distributed to all Branches in equal blocks of years on a permanent basis []

Purchase and records be housed in three Branches, say Births in Northwest, Deaths in South and Marriages in North on a permanent basis. []

Any other suggestions

Signature Membership No.....

(Required only if returning separately from renewal of membership form. Your membership number can be found on the address label on the envelope in which you received your journal).