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DEADLINE DATES:- 7 January, 7 April, 7 July, 7 October

EDITORIAL

Greetings,

This issue of your *Tasmanian Ancestry* features a new cover based on the most popular of the designs submitted by members during 1992.

The picture on the cover will change with each issue so the Journal Committee is looking for suitable black and white photographs and drawings to feature. If you have an old or new photograph or are good at sketching please let us know.

This issue features articles supplied by members of the Devonport Branch. They have done a great job providing items covering a wide range of topics. Each has a message for the reader.

In keeping with the Devonport theme the cover photograph by Henry Bartlett features the two ferries at the Devonport wharves. The *Torquay* is the latest of a line of cross river ferries dating back over a many, many years while the *Abel Tasman* has just been replaced as the Bass Strait ferry by the *Spirit of Tasmania*. The small building on the right is the original Marine Board Office, re-sited from its position on the wharf, and now a National Trust property.

The Journal Committee takes this opportunity to wish you all the joy that Christmas can bring and a prosperous and successful 1994.

Anne Bartlett, Editor

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

I have purchased a copy of the Tasmanian Pioneer Index 1803-1899, from the state archives. Although this has been a great help to me to do my research from home, I have found that it is far from complete. My great grandfather had 12 children in the 1800s. Two of them were not mentioned. One was my grandfather, who was the 10th child of the marriage. Not only was his birth missing, but so was his marriage. He spent all his life in the Huon District.

WS

From the Editor: The release of the Pioneer Index has long been awaited and it will save many tedious hours of searching. However a number of members have made comments to me about omissions from the new index, similar to those of the writer above. It would appear that researchers will still have to search the original Register General's indexes to make sure that they have located all entries for the families they are seeking.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Where did the year go to? Here we are with only a few weeks to another Christmas and the next Australasian Congress, to be held in Brisbane, just a little over half a year away. It seems like only yesterday that we were hosting this congress. If you have not already considered attending the Brisbane Congress take time to do so now. Combine it with that well earned holiday you always meant to take. Brisbane is indeed a lovely place; as is the rest of Queensland.

VDL Heritage Index - Data for the fourth volume of this index has been entered into the computer and first draft proofs have been sent to submitters for checking. The fourth volume is the last in series one of this project and we hope it shall be available for purchase in the new year. Copies of Volume 2 and 3 are still available; unfortunately Volume 1 is now out of print. These indexes are limited to a print run of 500 and they shall not be reprinted. The books cover families in VDL up to 1875 submitted with references by individuals and printed in easy to understand format.

The 2nd Edition of *Local & Family History Sources in Tasmania* compiled by Anne Bartlett for the Society, is currently having final amendments made. We are hoping that this book will also be available early in the new year. It is considered a must for any individual, society or library with an interest in Tasmanian sources.

Following correspondence from Mr David Wright, Genealogist, of Kent, England, the State Executive has decided to accept his offer to visit Tasmania and speak to members. Two talks shall be given in March 1994; one hosted by the Devonport Branch, the other by the Hobart Branch. An opportunity like this does not happen every day, so make a note in your dairy and take this opportunity to hear from an overseas speaker.

Together with all those taxing tasks of State President, once in a while one is called upon to do a task that actually provides great pleasure. In August I had the pleasure as State President, to be invited by the Church of Latter Day Saints to the launching of the Tasmanian Pioneer Index. The function began with the partaking of an evening meal with other invited guests and members of the Church, followed by the launching, at which the society was presented with a complimentary set of microfiche.

Thank you to those GST members and members of the LDS Church who worked long and hard in computerising the index to the pre-1900 Tasmanian RGD records; the final production is indeed a welcome resource for all genealogists. A consolidated alphabetical index compiled from the publicly available microfilm of BDMs up to 1899 is now available on both microfiche and CD Rom.

To all members and their families I hope the year has been fruitful and I wish all a Merry Christmas.

Denise McNeice

Genealogical Society of Tasmania Inc.

Financial Report 1992/93.

Members,

First I need to report that I have been unable to complete the consolidated financial statements as the audit of the Hobart Branch financial statements has not been completed. This means that my report today is limited. As soon as the Hobart statements have been finalised I will complete the consolidation and arrange for the audit. Following that I will forward the consolidated statements to each Branch and present them to the August Executive Committee meeting. We have six months from the end of the financial year to submit the statements to the Corporate Affairs Office.

Attached to this report are the audited financial statements for the State Executive General Account, State Investments and VDL Heritage Account, Burnie, Devonport, Huon, Launceston Branches.

As predicted last year financial activity has returned to normal following the Australasian Congress in May 1991. As a result of membership increasing in 1992/93 to 1361 (1297 in 1991/92) and subscriptions increasing by about 15%, subscription receipts were significantly higher. Subscriptions have not increased for 1993/94.

During 1992/93 the State Executive decided that any State funds surplus to requirements would not be distributed to Branches. The Executive also approved an increase in the level of funds that can be retained by Branches from subscription receipts from 25% to 33.3% as from February 1993. I have not yet been able to determine if there is a surplus but I anticipate there will be. In such circumstances the Executive approved that the surplus be transferred to a new investment account to be used to provide a source of funds to loan to Branches.

This account was established in April 1993 with the balance of funds remaining from the St. Catherine Investment Account - \$2599. Any 1992/93 surplus will be added to this amount. The Executive has approved the Loan Account by-laws and Branches may now apply for loans at a discounted interest rate for purchase of capital items.

The other State investment was not utilised in 1992/93 and now has a balance of \$4727. These funds have been put aside to use as working capital if required for any publishing project.

Sales of publications by the State, Hobart and Launceston Branches continue to bring a good return. The TAMIOT fiche have done very well and during 1992/93 the major publications have been the third volume of the VDL Heritage and the supplementary volume of Congress Papers. A revised edition of Anne Bartlett's "Local Sources" will be published in 1993/94.

You will see in the Executive General Account that the major expenditure item was the purchase of the England and Wales BDM indexes for 1868 to 1922. These fiche have

been divided into five batches which are rotating around the Branches each three months. This arrangement appears to be working satisfactorily. At this stage the Society has received one copy of the latest AGCI Index on fiche and as we may not be able to obtain further copies this copy will rotate around the Branches with the BDM indexes.

As the TAMIOT Co-ordinator is doing much work on her own computer the Executive decided it would be reasonable to fund additional hard disc capacity. The amount recorded for journal expenses does not represent the cost of 4 issues as the March printing costs were paid after 31 March. When this is taken into account the average cost of an issue is about \$2,900. This means that for four issues each member contributes about \$8.80. Otherwise the levels of receipts and payments came out at expected levels.

Grahame Thom, State Treasurer

18 June 1993

**AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS
GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY OF TASMANIA INC.
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 1993.**

I have examined the accompanying Statement of Receipts and Payments for the year ended 31 March 1993 and the Statements of Funds as at 31 March 1993 for the State Executive of the Society. I have also examined the Statement of Receipts and Payments for the year ended 31 March for the Van Diemens Land Heritage Account.

I have examined the Consolidated Statement of Total Funds for the year ended 31 March 1993. I have not examined the records of individual branches which have been independently audited. I have relied upon the audited financial statements of the branches which form the basis of the Consolidated Statement of Total Funds.

In my opinion:

- (a) the statements are properly drawn up as to give a true and fair view of the affairs of the Society as at 31 March 1993 according to the information at my disposal, the explanations given to me and as shown by the books of the Society presented to me,
- (b) the rules relating to the administration of the funds of the Society have been observed.

P. Blackwood, ASA

23 September 1993

Genealogical Society of Tasmania Inc
State Executive General Account
Statement of Receipts and Payments year ended 31 March 1993

Balance as at 1 April 1992 2418.82

RECEIPTS

Subscriptions		
1992/93 Direct	4105.00	
1992/93 Branches	16460.31	
1993/94 in advance	<u>2153.10</u>	22718.41
Sales of Publications		
Congress Books	3586.10	
TAMIOT	2928.80	
VDL Heritage	647.40	
Source Book	694.45	
Other	<u>1320.85</u>	9177.60
Congress Sales - other		252.00
Journal		
Sales	548.60	
Advertising	492.90	
Queries	<u>68.00</u>	1109.50
Donations		205.00
Bank interest		107.60
PRO reimbursement		199.58
Other		14.00
Investment recall		<u>5000.00</u>
		<u>38783.69</u>
		41202.51

PAYMENTS


Donations and Subscriptions Distribution		412.75
BDM Index England & Wales		9463.65
Computer Hard Disk - TAMIOT		900.00
Publications		
Congress Book	3785.56	
TAMIOT	595.25	
VDL Heritage	3753.87	
Other	<u>1210.05</u>	9344.73
Journal Expenses		9698.35
Journals for Branches		147.32
PRO purchase		278.20
Administration		
Insurance	1378.58	
Meeting Rooms	155.00	
Post Office Boxes	148.00	
Postage	1619.70	
Printing & Stationery	1549.52	
Subscriptions	95.77	
Travel	1414.65	
Telephone costs	200.58	
Audit fee	200.00	
Other	<u>282.12</u>	7043.92
		<u>37288.92</u>
Balance as at 31 March 1993		<u>3913.59</u>


18/6/93

GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY OF TASMANIA INC

STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 1993

1991/92		Total	State	Burnie	D'port	Hobart	Huon	L'ton
INCOME								
24477	Subscriptions	28490	22967	734	529	2401	125	1734
2751	Donations	4801	190	221	375	3053	77	885
49009	Other	43414	10905	2990	6760	8453	1812	12494
<u>76237</u>		<u>76705</u>	<u>34062</u>	<u>3945</u>	<u>7664</u>	<u>13907</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>15113</u>
EXPENDITURE								
52510	Administration	50949	21713	3969	6035	8173	1108	10551
20249	Depreciation	21674	1977	2380	2020	6028	3005	6264
<u>72759</u>		<u>72623</u>	<u>23690</u>	<u>5749</u>	<u>8055</u>	<u>14201</u>	<u>4113</u>	<u>16815</u>
<u>3478</u>	SURPLUS (DEFICIT)	<u>4082</u>	<u>10372</u>	<u>(1804)</u>	<u>(391)</u>	<u>(294)</u>	<u>(2099)</u>	<u>(1702)</u>



Grahame Thom
State Treasurer

19 September 1993

GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY OF TASMANIA INC

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 MARCH 1993

1991/92		TOTAL	State	Burnie	D'port	Hobart	Huon	L'ton
ACCUMULATED FUNDS								
151040	Balance as at 1.4.92	186730	28881	21347	16965	55425	24197	39915
3478	Surplus (Deficit)	4082	10372	(1804)	(391)	(294)	(2099)	(1702)
32212	Congress Distribution	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
186730		190812	39253	19543	16574	55131	22098	38213
REPRESENTED BY								
ASSETS								
18817	General Bank Accounts	18949	3914	1503	2886	8887	779	980
29212	Investments	21728	11652	1112	2500	-	4249	2215
1814	VDL Account	2457	2457	-	-	-	-	-
1396	Petty Cash/On Hand	1337	1130	115	-	-	42	50
4870	Cash in Transit	4803	4803	-	-	-	-	-
6374	Stock	10258	10258	-	-	-	-	-
827	Debtors	864	794	-	-	70	-	-
70265	Equipment	71663	3157	7297	3373	30449	10244	17143
62685	Library Resources	76110	8044	9835	8072	25022	6784	18353
196260		208169	46209	19862	16831	64428	22098	38741
LIABILITIES								
9530	Subs in advance	11461	6956	319	257	3401	-	528
-	Lease	5896	-	-	-	5896	-	-
9530		17357	6956	319	257	9297	-	528
186730		190812	39253	19543	16574	55131	22098	38213

Johnnie Thon
 Johnnie Thon
 State Treasurer
 19 September 1993

Genealogical Society of Tasmania Inc
Van Diemens Land Heritage Account
Statement of Receipts and Payments year ended 31 March 1993

Balance as at 1 April 1992		1814.38
RECEIPTS		
Sales	600.70	
Interest	<u>41.99</u>	<u>642.69</u>
		2457.07
PAYMENTS		
Bank Charges		<u>0.55</u>
Balance as at 31 March 1993		<u>2456.52</u>

Term Deposits
Statement of Receipts and Payments year ended 31 March 1993

Account 2705 78228		
Balance as at 1 April 1992	11350.49	
Interest	<u>574.05</u>	
	11924.54	
Transfer to General Account	5000.00	
Bank Charges	<u>0.35</u>	6924.19
Account 2705 89232		
Balance as at 1 April 1992	4480.22	
Interest	<u>247.49</u>	
	4727.71	
Bank Charges	<u>0.15</u>	<u>4727.56</u>
		<u>11651.75</u>

Statement of Funds as at 31 March 1993
State Executive

General Account		3913.59
VDL Heritage Account		2456.52
Term Deposits		11651.75
Petty Cash Advances		
Journal Co-ordinator	900.00	
Journal Editor	100.00	
Secretary	100.00	
Library Co-ordinator	<u>30.00</u>	<u>1130.00</u>
		<u>19151.86</u>


18/6/93

FAMILY HISTORY WEEK

16th-20th March 1994

DAVID WRIGHT, MA - TASMANIAN LECTURE TOUR

In March 1994 the Society will be welcoming to Tasmania Mr. David Wright, a professional genealogist in the UK for sixteen years. Mr. Wright lives in Kent and is the author of *East Kent Parishes, a Guide for Genealogists, Local Historians and other Researchers*, and compiler of the East Kent Burial Index 1813-1841. He is also a specialist in Old English and Latin documents.

David Wright will be giving two lectures while in the State. The first will be held in the Film Room of the Lyons Library, 21 Oldaker Street, Devonport, on Friday 18th March at 7.30 p.m. For members living in the south, the second lecture is scheduled for 2.00 p.m. on Saturday 19th March at Rosny Public Library, Bligh Street, Rosny. To meet State Library of Tasmania requirements, admission will be by ticket only at both venues. Tickets cost \$5.00 and will be available from GST Inc. Devonport and Hobart Branch Libraries and by arrangement with Branch Secretaries, Isobel Harris Phone (004) 24 5328 and Anne Hay, Phone (002) 44 2984. Light refreshments will be served.

The topics for both lectures will be Principal Sources in England for Genealogists, namely civil registration, probate records and census returns. The problems arising from these records and how they can be overcome will be examined. London's main record offices (with a little on county ones) and their contents will also be discussed, and hints given for hiring a professional researcher. Questions will be welcomed.

It is hoped that as many members as possible will take advantage of this wonderful opportunity to hear David Wright's lecture; a highlight of Family History Week in 1994. Other activities will be announced in the March Journal.

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INTEREST GROUP REPORTS

Van Diemen's Land Norfolk-Island

On the Hobart to Ross excursion held on 31 October, we continued from where we left off in March this year. Instead of travelling by the main highway the bus turned off at Melton Mowbray and went via Aspley and Lower Marshes to Jericho. From there the group travelled on through Outlands to "Somercotes" where we were thrilled to be able to see over that very old homestead, Horton College once stood on part of this property and it is interesting to note that a small number of descendants of the early Norfolk Islanders attended school there. After lunch a tour of Ross was conducted by Tim Johnson. A tour of the township of Outlands, conducted by Joan Cantwell, one of our members, and a short tour through Tunbridge completed the day.

The people who were of interest to us because of their Norfolk Island background and who were connected with that part of the midlands were: Sarah Greggs, Noah Mortimer, Phillip Devine, James Pillinger, Robert Jillett, William Presnell. Also Peter & Charles Harrison of Jericho and William Ellis of Kempton. Profiles of these people are in the Excursion book.

The group now has 142 members; the latest lives in Tennant Creek. This is the first from the Northern Territory. Others are from America, England, France, Spain and New Zealand as well as all Australian states. It is interesting to see how far afield the descendants of the early settlers have spread.

Two new books are now available.

Applications to Queen's Orphanage 1858-1878

Voyage to Jamaica from Tasmania 1845. Mary Yeoland.

The publishing of our books have been a wonderful experience for me, and though they take time to compile and edit as well as market, it is time well spent. Please keep them coming.

Irene Schaffer, Co-ordinator



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BRANCH NEWS

BURNIE

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The monthly meetings have continued to have good attendances and guest speakers for the past few months have included Denise Minol speaking about her recent trip to Great Britain. The October meeting was a "Genealogical Pot Pouri" with several members giving a short talk about one of their ancestors followed by a problem solving and discussion session.

The guest speakers for the November meeting were Mr. Jon Williams and his father who spoke about the history of, and researching in, Cornwall. The November meeting which was the final meeting for 1993, was also the 13th Birthday of the Burnie Branch.

There will be no General Meeting during December and January, and the first meeting for 1994 will be Tuesday 15th February.

DEVONPORT

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Fund raising activities have continued. A successful garage sale was held recently and a Christmas Hamper raffle will be drawn on 16th December at an end of year "Get together" which will be at the Argosy Motel.

The final meeting for 1993 was on 25th November. Mr. Craig Broadfield, an antiques expert, was the guest speaker and he volunteered to identify objects and give valuations. The meeting concluded with the usual Christmas supper.

The Executive are pleased to announce that the Branch has the opportunity of hosting Mr. David Wright. He is a visiting British genealogist and historian who will speak at a meeting at the Lyons Library, Devonport on 18th March, 1994. It is anticipated that this visit will be the highlight of the Branch's Family History Week. Details of Mr. Wright's meetings will be found elsewhere in the journal.

HOBART

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The December General Meeting will be held at the usual venue, the Rosny Library building in Bligh Street, Rosny Park, commencing at 8:00 pm on Tuesday 7 December

1993. The guest speaker will be Ettie Pullman from Victoria and she will speak on the up-dating of the Public Record Office holdings in Victoria.

This year the Branch was again invited to participate in the Royal Hobart Show. The display was followed up with an Open Day at the Branch Library, both of which were very successful. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who volunteered their time to help.

During the months June to August various branch members were sent a questionnaire asking them to comment on the Branch. The committee thanks all those who have replied and have found the ideas expressed most useful; especially pleasing were the positive remarks relating to the *Tasmanian Ancestry*. As a result of the responses received the branch has decided to produce notes summarizing the talks given by the guest speakers. Notes are available for the following meetings:-

August	The IGI and Wills, Grahame Thom
September	The Bellerive Historical Society, Jill Robertson
October	Old Pubs of Hobart Town, David Bryce
November	No notes as this was a General Members Night.

If you require a copy of these notes please contact the Branch Secretary.

Research Officers at the Hobart Branch Library are willing to search *The Mercury* newspaper for entries listed in the recently released volumes of *Whitton's Index to the Mercury Births, Deaths & Marriages 1858-1899*. This may be of great benefit to those members without access to *The Mercury* on film. Charges are \$5.00 for the first request and \$2.00 for every subsequent request in the same letter. A photocopy of each newspaper entry will be returned by post.

A similar service is offered for photocopies of the new *Tasmanian Pioneer Index* microfiche; \$5.00 for the first page and \$2.00 for every subsequent page requested in the same letter. On each page there are 55 alphabetical entries of combined baptisms/births, deaths/funerals and marriages. Other members with access to the *Tasmanian Pioneers Index*, may wish to order a photocopy of the Registrar General's Dept. original entry at \$2.00 per certificate when references are quoted. Requests and cheques should be addressed to GST Inc. Hobart Branch GPO Box 640G Hobart 7001.

The Branch's computer facilities have been improved with the provision of a colour monitor and a dot matrix printer for draft copies, thus saving the ink jet printer for final copies. The computer group is still working hard on the O'Shea Index. They hold their meetings at the library at 7.00 p.m. on the fourth Wednesday of the month except for the months of December and January.

The English Research Interest Group is gathering momentum and during 1994 will meet, at the library at 2.00 p.m. on the first Sunday of the months of February, May, August and November.

General Meetings for the start of 1994

15 Feb 1993 Family History Resources from the Hobart Town Gazette by Irene Schaffer.

15 Mar 1993 Panel Discussion - Are you no longer a raw beginner in Genealogical research nor could be classed as an advanced researcher ? Then THIS MEETING IS FOR YOU !!

I would like to thank all the committee members and many others who are not committee members who have worked so hard to improve the Branch and expand its facilities and services to the members during the past twelve months and extend the compliments of the season to you all.

Jim Wall, President

HUON

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During the last three months Huon Branch lost a very active and hard working member, Mrs. Mavis Rumney. Mavis was always on hand to help, no matter what the task involved, and it will take a team effort to carry on the good work Mavis had done for the Branch. The Huon Branch would like to thank the other Branches on sending sympathy cards, phone calls etc. on the sad occasion of Mavis' passing.

The Branch has had two guest speakers, Grahame Thom and Wayne Smith, to speak at the monthly meetings.

The secretary is off to the UK for a month and two other members have just returned from the USA.

LAUNCESTON

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An entertaining afternoon of Bingo and games was held in August, the highlight being a hilarious Dutch Auction conducted by Bernie Finn during which two young visitors almost scooped the pool. A delicious casserole tea rounded off an enjoyable afternoon enhanced in the early part by pipers from a Scottish group practising in the school grounds.

Problem solving and members' finds was the theme of the August meeting and in September, Kay Dimmack, the Librarian of the Queen Victoria Museum, gave us an insight into the holdings and work of the Museum's Library. Members were able to browse through the shelves and access material not normally open to the public.

Aspects of the history of the township of Westbury was the theme of the talk given by Virginia Greenhill, President of the recently formed Westbury Historical Society, at the October meeting. This was illustrated by amusing anecdotes of personalities connected with the area and portions of diaries held by local families. Virginia told us that there

are a couple of families still holding land granted by the Government of the day to Military Pensioner settlers of the Queenstown area of Westbury. A hint for researchers!

By the time this journal is published the branch shall be well settled into its new premises (and the last move, we devoutly hope!). While cleaning cupboards a copy of the original plans and plans for extending the house were found, giving us an insight into the history of the building. Our heart-felt appreciation is extended to all involved in the move and subsequent re-arrangement of material, building new shelves, etc. Especial mention should be made of the tedious job done by Margie and John McKenzie, who spent two days wiping plaster dust off the reels of St. Catherines House films, re-rolling them and cleaning the boxes out. How the plaster got there is another story!

The first batch of fiche purchased under the "Donate a Fiche Scheme" has arrived and is ready for use. Thanks to all who gave such generous donations this is an ongoing project.

In spite of the Arctic, or should it be Antarctic weather, on 3rd October, the Cottage Garden Stall at the Evandale Market was a great success, both with the number and the variety of plants provided for sale, and also from the financial angle. A couple of orders were taken for varieties sold out and a further stall on 13th November cleared much of the remaining stock.

The December meeting will include a Fashion Show of summer stretch fabric garments by Lyn Archer and Sue Cochrane (with an alternative programme planned for the gentlemen members) followed by a "Party" supper, to close our activities for 1993.

Programme for 1994

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| 1 February | Researching in England, Jo Keen and Joe Stephens |
| 1 March | Members Night |
| 5 April | Using Land Records, Grahame Thom |
| 3 May | Annual General Meeting |

HISTORICAL RESEARCH ASSOCIATES

Have you traced your ancestors to Ireland? If so Joan and Jennifer will be pleased to help you continue your research. For a personal, professional and prompt service write to: Joan Phillipson B.A. (Hons), Jennifer Irwin B.A. (Hons), Glen Cottage, Glenmachan Road Belfast BT38 2NP, N. Ireland or 7 Lancasterian Street, Carrickfergus, BT38 7AB, Co. Antrim N. Ireland. Please enclose \$10 for preliminary evaluation.

LIBRARY NOTES

St. Catherine's House Index Roster

	21/11/93-20/2/94	20/2/94-22/5/94
1868-1878	Burnie	Huon
1879-1889	Devonport	Burnie
1890-1900	Launceston	Devonport
1901-1911	Huon	Hobart
1912-1922	Hobart	Launceston

BURNIE

The Branch has now received its micro-fiche copy of the Tasmanian Pioneers Index of Births, Deaths & Marriages 1803 to 1899, and it is pleasing to report that it is in constant use. We have now also received the 1992 copy of the IGI.

The Branch Library will close on Tuesday 14th December and re-open on Tuesday 11th January 1994.

Opening times will be:

TUESDAY: 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. AND 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

SATURDAY: 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

** Tuesday night opening will cease as of the first meeting for 1994.

DEVONPORT

The Library will close for the Christmas break on Wednesday, 15th December at 4.00 p.m. and it will re-open in 1994 on Wednesday, 12th January at 9.30 a.m. Although volunteers are available for library duty, Merle Fitzmaurice is always happy to hear from other members who would like to participate in this valuable work.

Recent Acquisitions (July - September)

Microfiche

The Battle of Waterloo - List of Officers Killed and Wounded 1815

The Royal Irish Constabulary 1816-1921

Emigrants from Hamburg 1860-1869

PIGGOT'S DIRECTORY 1830 Nottinghamshire & Derbyshire

Tasmanian Pioneer Index 1803-1899 (BDMs)

List of Apothecaries 1815-1840

Foreign Protestants (Huguenots) in England

Printed Material

Dictionary of Old Trades and Occupations
Port Arthur 1830-1877. Ian Brand.
The Cazaly Family in Australia & the Family of William Lile
Genealogical Research Directory 1993
Red Shoes. Hilda May Dickens
How to Trace your Military Ancestors in Australia & New Zealand
New Zealand Cemetery Records (List of Holdings)

HUON

In the Huon we have a magazine called Gateway News and the Branch has been able to get several copies for the library. It has very interesting items on present and past events.

During the past month the Branch has been given a free copy of the Tasmanian Pioneer Index. This will be a great help to members and the public in doing their research.

The number of people using the library has increased over the last six months and three gentlemen have been coaxed into helping with library duty. It is nice to see new names on the library roster.

The library will close for the Christmas break on Saturday 11 December and, to mark the occasion, members are to have an afternoon tea at the library.

LAUNCESTON

Recent Acquisitions (July-September)

Microfiche

South Australia

Index to Deaths 1906-1915
Index to Marriages 1907-1916

Western Australia

Index to Deaths 1906-1953
Index to Marriages 1907-1930

Victoria

Index to Argus BDM and Funeral Notices 1846-1860
Boorandoora Cemetery Inscriptions, Kew

1841 Census Indexes:

Cambridgeshire	Huntingdon	Middlesex, Part I
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English Census directories on microfiche:

Rutland	1828	Somerset (East Central)	1850	Somerset	1852
Somerset (Northwest)	1850	Worcestershire	1904	Lancashire	1903
London	1842	Cumberland	1879	Cumberland	1897

Indexes to Church Records - Marriages

Beaconsfield	Anglican	1896-1946
Beaconsfield	Methodist	1881-1951
Deloraine	Anglican	1896-1921
Fingal District	Anglican	1896-1963
Lilydale	Methodist	1919-1921
Longford	Anglican	1900-1943
Ringarooma	Anglican	1904-1941
Ross	Anglican	1904-1950

The library will close for the Christmas break at 3.00 p.m. on Tuesday 14th December and re-open at 10.00 a.m. on Tuesday 4th January 1994.



TASMANIANA LIBRARY

STATE LIBRARY OF TASMANIA

NEW ACQUISITIONS

This is a select list of books on history and genealogy which have been acquired by the Tasmaniana Library between early August and mid October, 1993.

The list has been kept as brief as possible; normally only author, title and the Tasmaniana Library's reference number are given. If you would like further information about any of the books listed, please contact the Tasmaniana Library at 91 Murray Street, Hobart 7000 (telephone (002) 33 7474, fax (002) 33 7902).

Please note that while all of these books are available for reference in the Tasmaniana Library, they are not available for loan (although some of them may be available in city and branch libraries).

* These volumes are held in the Launceston Reference and Local Studies Library. However the reference number may vary; check with staff or in the catalogue.

Adams, K.C., *Telecommunication technology in Tasmania: the first 100 years.* (TLP 384.043 ADA)

As time goes by: a nostalgic glimpse at Tasmania from the turn of the century - as seen through the eyes of the state's film-makers. Volume two. (Video) (TLVC 994.605 AST)

*Birrell, Thelma, *Mariners - merchants...then pioneers.* (A history of the Bostock family.) (TLQ 929.9 BOS)

Brennan, Sharon, *Kilronan to Franklin and beyond: the story of Dr. William Lee Dawson and his descendants.* (TLQ 929.2 DAW)

Burbury, Stephanie M., *A history of Campbell Memorial Church, Oatlands, Tasmania.* (TLPQ 285.29463 CAM)

*Button, Henry, *Flotsam & jetsam: floating fragments of life in England and Tasmania.* (Facsimile of the 1909 edition, with index by Mary Dent.) (TL 994.603 BUT)

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Centenary of the Latrobe Federal Band, 1872-1972. (TLP 785.067 CEN)

City of Hobart, *150th annual report, 1842-1992*. (TLP 352.0946 HOB)

Davidson, Rosemary, *The Barossa 1841-1842, or The tailor's tale: an account of the voyage of the Barossa 1841-1842, including a list of the 350 convicts and the story of Henry Sandland, tailor and convict*. (TLQ 365.340924 SAN)

Davidson, Rosemary, *Dog owners 1830: being a list of persons who have given descriptions of their dogs at the Police Office, Hobart Town*. (TLPQ 636.7002 DOG)

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Purtscher, Joyce, *"The Drunken Admiral" and the "Beulah" girls, 1851*. (TLPQ 929.3 PUR)

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VALE

During the last three months the Huon Branch has lost a well-loved and respected member in Mavis Rumney. Mavis was a very active and hard working member and had held the positions of librarian, assistant librarian, TAMIOT co-ordinator and Branch delegate; the last two positions being held at the time of her death. The Huon Branch is small in number and as Mavis was one of those people who could be called upon to lend a hand anywhere, anytime, you can imagine how upset the members all feel.

Her funeral service was attended by over 300 people and many tributes were paid to her by a number of organisations e.g. Red Cross, CWA, Huon Show, Huon District Hospital & Eldercare, Trefoil, the Huon Branch of the Genealogical Society and many more. The Branch would like to express their thanks to the State Executive and those members for the cards and expressions of sympathy on our sad loss.

The Branch is having a colour photograph of Mavis framed to hang in the library and the Anglican Church at Ranelagh are planting a memorial grove of trees adjacent to the church to be dedicated in her honour.

RESEARCHING IN THE PORT SORELL DISTRICT

Helen Anderson

Are you mystified by such names as Burgess, Torquay and Formby? Unable to find them on the map? Then you are most probably researching your ancestors in the District of Port Sorell.

The records for this Registration District commence in the year 1845. Firstly, where is it exactly? The gazetted description is as follows:

Bound on the north side by Bass's Straits from Emu Bay to Badger Head, thence on the north-eastern side by the parishes of Stockport and Philips Norton to the western angle of the parish of Wells, thence to the south east by a line extending south-westerly (crossing the Rubicon River) to the confluence of the Dasher River with the River Mersey, thence by the Dasher River to its source and by a continued line to the old road from Deloraine to Emu Bay, and thence on the southern and western sides by that road to Emu Bay aforesaid.'

Addresses given are vague: such as Port Fenton or River Forth, River Don, Mersey, Leven, Pardoe, Port Sorell and North Down. They are rarely specific.

Although the records begin in 1845, land alienation occurred as early as 1826 when the Van Diemen's Land Company took up all the country between Port Sorell and the Mersey River, naming it North Down. Part of this holding, which was soon relinquished by the Company, was taken up by Captain B.B. Thomas followed later by other members of the Thomas family.

Burgess was the official seat of Government for the district, with Charles Meredith appointed Assistant Police Magistrate in 1844¹. Amongst a regularly changing constabulary of predominantly convict origin was Isaac Stephens who, after relinquishing the position of District Constable, built the first cottages and a jetty.

The population of the "Port Sorell", which was until 1844, part of the Police District of Westbury, was in that year 1768, of whom only 378 were females. Houses totalled 162'. By 1861 the district population had almost doubled to 1979 males and 1380 females and by 1870 was described as the "most populous country district in Tasmania".

The main Settlements were those of the self-styled "Gentlemen" farmers: Sam Thomas and his sons, George Hall, William George Gardner Sams, and Edmund Robson and their families, all of whom resided in or around the township of Burgess (present day Port Sorell) and the areas called North Down, New Down and Spring Lawn.

Much of the rest of the population was transient and consisted of convicts or Ticket-of-Leave men and women who made up the working population of these "estates"; shepherds, shoemakers, blacksmiths, labourers, carpenters, sawyers; men and families who settled awhile, but soon moved on or became tenants of their former masters.

From 1849 the settlements at the Mersey, especially around present day Latrobe, were taking shape with Henry Bonney at Frogmore, Thomas Johnson at Sherwood and Charles Oldaker on the eastern bank of the Mersey River at what was to become part of Torquay. Frogmore was settled in 1836 by Miss Lucinda Moriarty, but was let to Henry Bonney in 1837. Both had connections with Westbury. Bonney is still a well-known name in the district. Thomas Johnson is best known as the husband of part Aboriginal Dolly Dalrymple Briggs.

The discovery of coal in the areas which became known as Tarleton and Ballahoo (near Latrobe) stimulated investment in the area and there was an influx of immigrant miners and their families. The first coal-miner appears in the BDM records in 1853 (James Jeffreys), but not all settlers came direct from the United Kingdom. In 1854 sawmiller Stephen Kelcey travelled to the colony to hire labourers to come to the Mersey to cut sleepers for the Geelong Railway Co. How many of these men stayed and settled in the district? The mid 1850s also witnessed the arrival of settlers from Germany, hence the settlement known as Heidleberg. The entrepreneurial mine owners (were they rogues or innocents?) may not have made their fortunes (or those of their shareholders) but their enterprise opened the way for those families who abandoned mining to become farmers, shop-keepers, sawyers and navvies for the railways.

Some early births, deaths and marriages for Port Sorell will be found in the records of the Launceston Registration District and some will appear only in the registers of that city's churches. Holy Trinity Anglican Church in Launceston records Port Sorell area baptisms as late as 1879! Henry Bonney's daughter Martha (born 1838) was baptised at St. Andrews, Westbury in 1840, together with Joseph Wiffen, son of Joseph and Catherine Wiffen. Both men gave their abode as Frogmore.

Whilst many couples travelled to Launceston in order to be married according to their preferred faith, others could not afford the expense of such a trip (which could involve days of travel by road or a turbulent voyage by sea) or the fees due to the incumbent and so remained unblessed (much to the frustration of genealogists) but no less married.

Families living in the back districts such as Kentishbury, Gawler and Castra, from where the trip to the nearest church was equally hazardous, are likely to be missing from both the civil and religious records, or will appear much later than expected in the latter.

The advantage of having unlimited access to the pre-1900 civil records is undeniable. Diligent searching of the registers will often reveal an ancestor as informant or witness even though he or she never appears either as a birth, marriage, or even as a death.

Burial records for the district exist as church registers, but are not completely reliable and in many instances do not indicate the name of the burial place. The first entries in

the Church of England burial register for the parish of Port Sorell - Sams, Hart and Burney (sic) of North Down carry no other details. At a later date, the Reverend Mr. Martin was on occasions lax in recording details; some entries carry a surname but no Christian name. The Reverend Mr. E.P. Adams buried Mrs Wright in 1866, but another hand furnished the fact that she was Anne, relict of Christopher Wright, aged 88 and buried 24 August 1866. However, three of the first 20 entries in the burial register were not registered as deaths in the Port Sorell district.

The earliest interments would have been at North Down and Burgess and many must have been on private property and long since lost. An item published in *The Examiner* newspaper 5 March 1851, under the heading "Burgess, Port Sorell", mentions the fact that there were five different unconsecrated places of burial.

The early mining families would be at Tarleton where land was granted to the Catholics in 1857 and the Anglicans in 1858⁹, but their graves are now beneath Bass Highway and there are no specific records giving Tarleton as the places of burial. Probably the place given as "abode" would indicate a likely burial place: Uriah Gauler (labourer), Mary Anne Molecombe (?) (an infant), George Knight (blacksmith), and John Burns (boatman) are all of Tarleton. All died in 1857 before the official date of the grant mentioned above.

There were two burial grounds at Torquay, one granted in 1864 to the Church of England, the other in 1861 to the Wesley community for no particular denomination¹⁰, and both are now resumed as parkland. The earliest dated headstone in the Church of England burial ground is for Isaac Stephens who died in 1857, so obviously burials pre-date the publication of the grants. A third grant was made in 1863 to the Catholic community, but may not have been used. Burial records for the former cemeteries survive in part in the records of the Church of England and the Methodists, although the latter are of short duration.

Early cemeteries survive for River Don, Hamilton-on-Forth and Kindred and the remaining headstones have all been transcribed. Again the burial registers for the Forth-Leven area are occasionally vague and often not specific. Formby did not have a cemetery until 1886¹¹ when that at the Mersey Bluff was opened. Prior to that the funeral parties had to cross the river in the ferry and use the ground at Torquay. The space hardly seems adequate! Set in "most picturesque surroundings" the Bluff cemetery was free from water which was "so repulsive an element in the existing cemetery at Torquay". The question was pondered: would the "attractive spot now secured increase the demand for accommodation"¹²?

The farming districts of New Ground, Harford, Wesley Vale and Moriarty and Barrington all have cemeteries, mostly attached to a church at one time or another. The public cemetery at Latrobe was established by 1873, but trustees weren't appointed until early in March 1883¹³, but again the official records are very meagre.

This lack of burial records is in some way redressed by the existence of a series of local newspapers commencing in 1878¹⁴.

The reporting is very much on local issues and the possibility of finding biographical material is far greater than can be expected in the newspapers of the larger towns and cities. But prior to this date the Launceston *Examiner* is useful and should be searched for marriage and death notices: district news was published regularly and the insolvencies concern many a struggling settler from the Mersey and the Leven.

As many of the poor would, at times of life-threatening illness, be transferred to the hospital in Launceston, deaths may be found in this district rather than in Port Sorell. Those found guilty of being of unsound mind were sent to the Asylum at New Norfolk.

As a town with a police court, Torquay witnessed many criminal proceedings and the dispatch of the condemned to the gaol at Launceston or beyond. May I hasten to add that the Torquayites themselves were of course model citizens! These legalities are recorded in several series of records, a few samples of which have survived and are available at Archives Office of Tasmania.

The surviving Police Department records are fragmentary, but those that have survived as POL 420 include musters of convicts employed by the local gentlemen from 1845-1849. These records list name of convicts, ship, sentence and name of master assigned to. In some years religion is also recorded.

POL 428/2 is a police charge book for the 1860s. Again, it includes the name of the charged person, ship, status, occupation, crime and verdict of the court. Here we find the cases of petty larceny, drunk and disorderly, disturbing the peace, unsound mind etc. Even the "respectable" can appear here, and surely a description of a person who "came free" is a bonus indeed!

POL 428/3 is a continuation of the above into the 1870s. My great great grandfather must have been a hard man to work for as a number of men were charged with absenting themselves from his service. Another great great grandfather, William Singleton, a farmer at Sassafra, was arrested by P.C. Norris at 8.45 p.m. on 8 May 1868, being drunk and incapable of taking care of himself in a Public Place at Torquay. His personal possessions on that evening included a half sovereign, 19/6 in silver coins, a knife, a pipe and a letter. His mare, complete with saddle and bridle, was also noted. On this occasion William was fined 5/- which was duly paid. He appears on more than one occasion!

An entry in the Charge Books Latrobe Police Station 1880-1887 (POL 429) are revealing about another great great grandfather, John Sturzaker. Described as a carpenter at Leven, aged 44, John was charged with being "drunk and disorderly within the precincts of the Court House Latrobe 25 August 1882". His pockets were emptied of £1/13/6, a knife and a pipe. Described as "well-educated" he was reprimanded and discharged. Perhaps the *Examiner* will throw some light on this incident.

An accusation of bigamy was discovered in this series with a brief description of the accused who was born in Tasmania. This occasioned an appearance in the Supreme Court in Launceston, an entry in the convict records and a newspaper report.

The *Tasmania Police Gazette* (POL 709) is another rich source for genealogists. Details of warrants issued, reports of crimes, prisoners discharged from HM Gaols are

all worth sifting through and well worth the time expended. Be warned, you will continually be drawn from your intended path.

These few examples may whet your appetite. "Stolen on the 13th inst, from the dwelling house of Mr. Roberts, of the Don, - about 15lbs salt pork, 40lbs flour and six 1lb tins of gooseberry jam. A man named Henry B....., alias Black Harry is suspected"¹² Black Harry is described as 5'7" tall, very dark complexion (hence the sobriquet), long dark hair and whiskers, has something the matter with right hand. He was "accompanied by a short thin woman" and presumably a cart to carry away the booty.

One gent convicted for assaulting police was described as having "very flash manners". A farm servant absenting himself from hired service is described in these terms: "5'6", sallow complexion, dark hair, thin build. Wore patched jumper or blue shirt, moleskin trousers, bulcher boots, and cap. Carried 2 red blankets, a tick and rug."¹³

In 1872 my great great uncle Henry Warden of Castra Road (Sprent) had some items stolen from his hut: "1 flutina, 11 keys. 1 black cloth coat, nearly new, burn spots on left breast; 1 salmon-color dress-piece, about 7 yards in length; 1 white and red flowered muslin dress, flounced at the bottom; 1 white petticoat; 1 baby's cape, large size, trimmed with white muslin embroidery; 1 infant's robe, white; 1 do. petticoat; 3 pairs lady's drawers, 1 lady's night dress, lace trimming, 1 pair ladies riding cuffs; all identifiable". Countless similar examples could be quoted.

After all this you will still be mystified by the names Burgess, Torquay and Formby. Burgess is now the seaside town of Port Sorell; Torquay and Formby voted to amalgamate and became the town of Devonport in 1890.

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WAS YOUR ANCESTOR DROWNED?

Noreen Stubbs

How keen are you to find out? Often, when a person was drowned, there was no registration of the death and descendants must look to other means of establishing proof. The three cases listed here may be a guide for some frustrated searchers.

1. John Deegan - 3 April 1884

According to family legend John Deegan was drowned off the S.S. *Pinafore* on a return trip from Hobart to Norfolk Bay, date and age unknown. There appeared to be no death registration and no inquest. The book, *Hobart River Craft*, stated that the S.S. *Pinafore* was on that run only from 1881 to 1884. A re-check of the inquest index for that period gave a possible, James Degain. This proved to be John Deegan as the death notice was then found in *The Mercury*.

2. Luke Finn - 5 July 1862

According to family legend Luke Finn was drowned in the Huon River, date unknown. There was no record of death or inquest but there were records of the birth of his last child in 1862 and the marriage of his widow three years later. His descendant, Pat Coy, began a marathon reading of the police court news etc. in *The Mercury*. She found the account of the drowning after covering eighteen months. The body was never found - hence no inquest. The report in the paper was on the 30th July 1862.

3. William Blackhall of Huon Island - 9 March 1881

William's last daughter, Sarah Mary, was born at Bruni Island in May 1880. When his eldest child, Thomas William, was married in 1896, William was deceased and Sarah had married a Stennings. The death date was found accidentally in a diary (while searching for something else, of course).

11/3/1881

Walters came over with a telegram from Allen stating his boat had gone to the bottom. Blackall drowned on Wednesday evening - to come up if possible.

13/3/1881

Williams, Blackall (brother), Bob and Self went up to Garden Island Point and dragged for some time for boat but could not find it.

Subsequent entries refer to an unsuccessful search.

Conclusion: Follow family legend, however vague, and keep reading.

The Archives Office Of Tasmania Murray Street, Hobart will be closed between Christmas and the New Year

THOMAS MONDS, FLOUR MILLER

Jenny Luke

One of the first occupants of the River Forth Cemetery was Benjamin Monds, brother of Thomas Wilkes Monds, flour miller of Carrick. Benjamin drowned in the River Forth in 1845. He was rowing across the river to collect his mother after church but unfortunately lost his oar and fell into the river and drowned. He was 9 years old.

Mr. Monds died in 1838 and Thomas, Benjamin and their sister Helena (later to marry James Fenton) moved to the River Forth area with their mother and her second husband William Jones (a timber merchant) sometime after 1841. Mr. Jones had entered into a contract to supply a quantity of timber to a firm of merchants at Launceston, hence the move to the North West Coast.

The family had previously been to the coast to fill timber contracts but only as far as the River Mersey. They now decided to settle in the area and moved between River Forth and River Mersey filling their contracts.

While working in the bush at the River Mersey, Thomas Monds came in contact with Mr. John Guillan, a partner in the firm Guillan and Symes, flour-millers, who owned a flour mill on the west bank of the River Tamar. Mr. Guillan offered Thomas an apprenticeship which was to last seven years after which he would have learned the business of a wheelwright and miller.

During the time of working with Mr. Guillan, Thomas met and became friends with fellow apprentice James Smith, who later became better known as "Philosopher" Smith, the discoverer of tin at Mt. Bischoff.

After Thomas had served about two years of his apprenticeship, the firm of Guillan and Symes was declared bankrupt. There had been considerable trade between South Australia and Tasmania mainly in flour and wheat, farm produce and timber. Guillan and Symes had a schooner called the *Dusty Miller* which traded between Launceston and Adelaide with wheat and flour. In 1844 the ship was wrecked on the Australian Coast and both vessel and cargo were lost and neither was insured. The bank foreclosed and the flour mill passed into other hands.

Mr. Symes went to Melbourne to live, but Mr. Guillan, being a millwright by trade, decided to commence business again and took premises in Cimitiere Street, Launceston. Both James Smith and Thomas remained with their master to learn the business, but this did not last long as Mr. Guillan took over the flour mills known as the Bridge Mills.

After 12 months they moved to the North Esk Mills near Corra Lynn. While there the old mill was demolished and a new mill built called the Albion Mills.

Thomas remained with Mr. Guillan until his apprenticeship expired and, with a desire to gain experience in larger mills, he moved to Hobart where he obtained a position as

foreman at a flour mill owned by Mr. John Walker. He stayed for about six months and then returned to the River Forth to spend some time with his mother. After a few months he returned to Launceston where he took up the position as manager at the Supply Mills being rented by John and James Cartledge. Thomas had returned to the flour mill where he first started his milling career.

After a while, Thomas moved to the Cataract Mill owned by Mr. William Gunn. He didn't stay long and found himself again at the Bridge Mill alongside Mr. Guillan and James Smith. While working at the Bridge Mill, Thomas became friendly with William Titley, the foreman. Mrs. Titley's sister Angelina Hall was introduced to Thomas and in 1852 they were married. The union lasted fifty two years and during this time they raised a family of eight.

After Thomas and Angelina had been married for about twelve months they moved from Launceston to the River Forth on the advice of James Fenton, Thomas' brother-in-law. Apparently the paling trade was doing very well with contracts being filled between the North West Coast and Melbourne. However the business was being overdone and the prices fell. Thomas and his wife stayed at Forth for a time, but eventually returned to Launceston in 1853.

Thomas worked for Mr. Thomas Button at his flour mill for the next twelve months and just before his contract expired the mill caught fire and was completely destroyed. It was also during this time that Thomas and Angelina became the parents of a daughter - Angelina.

After becoming unemployed with the fire at the mill, Thomas bought an allotment fronting Frankland Street, and proceeded to build a four bedroom cottage. Thomas took up the building trade for the next seven years. Although he did not serve an apprenticeship in the building trade, he had gained valuable experience when helping build the Albion Mills and during his time with Mr. Guillan.

After living in Frankland Street for about two years, Thomas sold the cottage and bought an allotment in Portland Street where he built three cottages. Two were let and Thomas and Angelina and their family (now two daughters) lived in the third. The Monds lived in Portland Street for about seven years and during this time another three children were born.

The family attended the Princes Square Independent Church with Rev. John West being the pastor. Thomas and Angelina were married in 1852 by Rev. Charles Price at the Tamar Street Independent Church and attended his church before they moved to Forth, but on their return to Launceston they attended Princes Square.

In 1861 Thomas entered a partnership with William Titley who had rented the Albion Mills. The name of the firm was Monds and Titley and the partnership lasted for three years until Mr. Titley decided to give up milling and take up land on the coast. They established a store in Elizabeth Street, but Thomas gave this up when he took over the rental of the Albion Mill. He found it difficult to do business without having a store in town and Mr. John Cartledge became Thomas' agent. The two years at the Albion Mills were not very profitable.

Towards the end of 1867 Thomas read in the paper that the Carrick Mill was for sale. He had seen the mill on his visits to the North West Coast and had expressed a desire to rent it, but had not been in a position to do so. Now it was for sale. He had a friend make a bid for him as he was at Forth at the time of the sale and eventually was able to purchase the mill for £2,100.

Thomas took possession of the mill on 1 January, 1868 and moved there with his family which now numbered six. The family lived in a four bedroom cottage close to the mill.

Initially Thomas found it hard to establish his business. He was a stranger to the district and there was already another miller in the area. The other mill was a steam mill compared with Thomas' water driven mill. After a while the steam mill became insolvent and closed and Thomas' business increased. A few years later Thomas was able to purchase the steam mill.

The move to Carrick was very profitable for Thomas who at the end of his third year had made enough money to pay off his mortgage. (He was not able to purchase the mill outright and had to take out a mortgage). Also during this time he was able to make some alterations to the cottage they were living in. The cottage now had seven rooms along with a dairy and a pantry. The Monds resided in the cottage for seven years and during this time the two youngest children (Flora and Charles) were born. The family was now complete:- Angelina, Mary Anne, Helena Jane, Thomas Wilkes (Jnr), Albert William, Ada Flora and Charles Fenton.

Thomas' business had by now prospered enough for him to build a better house for the family. The house was built near the mill in 1875 and was called Hawthorn Villa. The house is now classified by the National Trust and is available for use as Colonial accommodation.

In 1886 Thomas took his son Albert into partnership giving him one third of the profits. After twenty two years at Carrick, Thomas and his wife and two daughters, Helena and Ada, returned to Launceston to live. A new house was built at 177 St. John Street. The mill at Carrick was left in the care of Albert and in 1890 the mill stones were replaced by a complete roller plant at a cost of nearly £3000. Thomas was not pleased with having to modernise the mill machinery. He much preferred the water mill. In 1895 the youngest son, Charles, became a partner in the family business. (The other son Thomas Jnr, had died in 1889.)

In 1899 a store was opened in Launceston in connection with the milling business. Charles took over the management of the store and Albert ran the mill at Carrick. In 1918 Monds Flour Mills joined forces with Affleck and Son and became Monds and Affleck. The location may have changed, but the business is still in existence today. The roller mill is also still in use, but it is now known as a restaurant, function and convention centre.

During his lifetime, Thomas held many positions within the community and Church. In 1876 he was a member of the Westbury Council and served as a councillor for nine years as well as being a Justice of the Peace. He was also treasurer of the Carrick Road

Trust as well as being superintendent of the Wesleyan Sunday School at Carrick. On his return to Launceston in 1888 he was elected a deacon and treasurer of Christ Church.

Thomas Wilkes Monds died on May 9, 1916 after a lengthy illness. He was survived by his two sons, Albert and Charles and daughters Helena, Ada and Amy.

Thomas was the son of Thomas Wilkes (Snr) and Mary Ann Carden and was born in Launceston on 28th June 1829. Thomas Monds, Senior, was born in London in 1797 and came to Tasmania on the ship *Christina* in 1822 and his brother William, who was born in 1804, came out on the ship *Alice* in 1828.

William was a printer by trade and helped John Pascoe Fawcner establish the first newspaper in Launceston. The first edition of the *Launceston Advertiser* was printed on Monday, February 7, 1829.

William Monds married Mary Ann Booker in 1847 and they had three children: William Benjamin, Sarah and Thomas Ambrose. William died in 1863 and Mary Ann in 1859.

William Monds was my great, great, great grandfather and in the course of my research into the Monds family I have come across several very interesting articles and I hope that some of the things I have learned I have been able to pass on in this article.

7th Australasian Congress on Genealogy & Family History

Early interest in Congress has been heightened by the release of the names of many well known speakers from Australia and overseas. There will be something for everyone in the programme devised for the beginner as well as the advanced researcher.

The programme at present contains contributions from Glade Nelson (Genealogical Society of Utah) and UK experts such as Lord and Lady Teviot (over 20 years experience as researchers and speakers and published authors), Marjorie and Richard Moore (Both fellows of Society of Genealogists, London and much in demand as speakers), Kathleen Cory (famous for her book *Tracing Your Scottish Ancestry*) and Dr. Kevin Whelan (eminent Irish scholar and popular speaker) to name a few.

Full details will be listed in the registration Booklet, due for release at the end of this year, and forwarded to those on the mailing list. Registration available for the full period or per day. To obtain your copy write now to Congress 94, PO Box 40, South Brisbane, Queensland, Australia 4101.

THE 1929 FLOODS

L. Richardson

Recently I have been checking a printout of the TAMIOT microfiche against the original transcription cards from the Ulverstone cemetery and while working on this the following transcription attracted my interest

In loving memory of
JOHN LYNCH aged 16
WILLIAM WELLS aged 26
ERNEST LYNCH aged 13
JANE WELLS aged 8
ALLAN LYNCH aged 11
MARY LYNCH aged 19
DOROTHY LYNCH aged 9
NELLIE LYNCH aged 17
the above were accidently drowned
in the Gawler River
April 4th 1929
Erected by their loving parents
R.I.P.

Every now and then I would think about this headstone and wonder what happened - it seems so sad especially when you consider the ages. One day I mentioned this entry to my parents who said that it would have been during the 1929 floods. I have often read and heard about the "1929 Launceston Floods" but had never realised (or I guess never really thought much about) the fact that these floods had an effect on the Northwest Coast as well as Launceston. I decided that on my next research trip to the library I would look up the microfilm of the local newspapers for that time and read some details of the effect of the flood on the coast.

On checking *The Advocate* for Friday April 4 and Saturday April 5 I found numerous articles on the floods. Some examples of the article headings were as follows:- "GREATEST FLOODS IN HISTORY OF N.W. COAST", "GRIM TRAGEDY", "BRIDGES DOWN", "HEAVIEST FOR 30 YEARS", "RECORD FLOODS", "WOMEN'S ACTION PREVENTS RAILWAY ACCIDENT", "CARS FATAL PLUNGE", "NARROW ESCAPE", "PHENOMENAL STORMS LEAVE DEATH, DESOLATION AND RUIN IN THEIR WAKE" and many similar.

Damage was reported all along the North West with many bridges washed away, power lines down, telegraph and telephone connections cut in a downpour of rain which was said to be the heaviest in living memory. The downpour at Latrobe was the heaviest for more than 30 years with five inches falling in 24 hours. Burnie recorded 7.5 inches in a 32 hour period, Devonport had 415 points in 24 hours, Sheffield reported 264 points between 5 p.m. Wednesday and 9 a.m. Thursday and Spreyton is said to have recorded

538 points in 24 hours. So it can be seen from these examples of rainfall the Coast certainly did not avoid the floods and estimates stated the cost would run into hundreds of thousands of pounds. The first showers of rain were very welcome, coming after a particularly long stretch of fine weather, but no one expected such severe storms and the relief felt at first soon turned to anxiety as they continued.

As I read the articles in the paper over the next few days I realised how devastating the floods were in many parts of our State. There were many stories of hardship and tragedy but also some of narrow escapes. There were a number of articles on the terrible tragedy which was the initial reason for my looking up the reports on the floods. It appears the people were all in one vehicle which plunged into the Gawler River at Lower Gawler about three miles from Ulverstone. William Wells and his fiancée Mary Lynch accompanied by William's little sister and some of Mary's brothers and sisters were on their way to Ulverstone, where the children were to take part in a concert. Mrs Lynch was awaiting their arrival in Ulverstone and after checking that they had in fact left Gawler as intended she contacted the local police and a search was started. It was discovered that the ground at either end of the Lower Gawler Bridge had been completely washed away by the flood and the car had gone into the surging stream. After searching for more than two hours a survivor (a young member of the Lynch family) was found on some high ground not far from the bridge. Sadly the bodies of all the other occupants of the car were recovered over the next days and the district was left to mourn the loss of its sons and daughters.

Even though the original reason for looking up these articles was one of curiosity and sadness because of the tragedy I now know a lot more about the floods of 1929 and I even found mention of a couple of people from branches of my "tree" in the articles about the effects on the Circular Head district. From reading these articles I realised that news items in the many old newspapers could help in researching even if it was only a brief mention of a name, which places a person in a particular place at a particular time. So if you ever have any spare time (not that many Genealogists have much of that) it is worth spending it looking at old newspapers - and not just the personal columns.

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THE VALUE OF LETTERS

Kerrie Dick

I want to share with my fellow genealogists, particularly the recently converted ones, the benefits of letter writing as a means of research. Corresponding has opened up so many new avenues for me, as well as providing friendship, which is even more important.

I began researching my family history eleven years ago just a short time after my father passed away. I saw it as a way to begin to document some of his life and I had endless assistance from his large and helpful family who live close by. There were always stories abounding "I remember when Vin did this...." and so I am still recording things about him which I hope will enable my children to learn what a wonderful person their grandfather was.

My mother passed away some seven years later and even though I had been about to spend time talking to her it seemed that most of her family were going to remain a mystery to me forever. Her childhood had been very different from my father's and she seemed reluctant to talk about most of what she remembered. However she helped me where possible and gave me a family name to try and contact in Hobart. I had always been a keen letter writer so that was how I went about making my approach. My letter was passed around until it came to rest with one of my grandmother's cousins. Elsie contacted me and from there I was able to meet her, her husband Jack and their family and form a close relationship with some wonderful people I would not have otherwise known. My contact with Elsie and Jack has given me contacts right around the world and has led me to meeting Charlie from Norfolk, and Foster and Nancy from Hertfordshire (who have all since made trips to Tasmania and visited me). I have also met Margaret, Gillian and Bruce from Melbourne. All these people have shared with me their family memories, photographs, records etc. and I am indebted to all of them.

While the telephone is useful I believe letters provide a permanent record for genealogists. I keep all correspondence I receive, as well as copies of those I send and it is amazing how often I can re-read these and learn something new from them.

Anyway, happy corresponding, and remember even a very slim lead can lead to meeting whole new branches of your family.

ONE STEP LEADS TO ANOTHER

Christine Morris

I had researched my great great grandmother Ann Anna Brough nee Pitchers and found her to be the only child of Henry and Sarah Pitchers. That is until finding Henry's death certificate where it showed that he had been married three times and had issue of one male and four females. There was also a birth index for a Pauline Pitchers born 1923. At last maybe a living relative. But where?

Then, on yet another researching trip to Hobart, I spotted Ballochmyle Road just before Tunbridge. I remember that the 1874 assessment roll in the *Hobart Town Gazette* showed Henry Pitchers owning a small piece of land called Ballochmyle near Tunbridge. In for a penny, in for a pound - down the road I went. It turned out to be a private road to the Ballochmyle Estate (some 2,000 hectares) owned by the Burbury family. I tentatively drove through the large sandstone entrance gates, to a very impressive sandstone mansion. No one around, so I knocked on the rather massive foreboding front door. No answer. Round to the back door, where my knock was answered by the two brothers who now owned the land. I explained my relationship to Henry Pitchers and his connection to Ballochmyle. They were very interested in any history connected with the property but knew nothing of my Henry. So they called up old Joe, a local, who knew of the Pitchers family but that was all. He suggested I call into Tunbridge and visit a Mrs. Carne who knew all there was to know of anyone in the district.

I did call on her and as it turned out she was practically raised by Granny Pitchers. With three wives, Henry Pitchers' children were quite a collection. Mrs. Carne was related to the first family of the second wife of Henry Samuel Pitchers - who was the son from the second marriage of the original Henry Pitchers. We spent over two hours going through my charts and bits and pieces putting two and two together. I asked if she knew anything of Pauline Pitchers born 1923. Bingo! Not only did she know of Pauline but also her sister Madeline. These were children of Henry George Pitchers, son of Henry Samuel Pitchers and his first wife Louisa Brown. She only knew that they lived in Hobart somewhere. She gave me the name of another distant relative to phone, he would be able to give me their addresses.

On reaching my sister's place in Newtown, I phoned. He was not in but after explaining to his wife what I wanted and the steps it had taken to get this far, he called me back, full of interest, with the phone numbers of the two sisters. Pauline lived not five minutes from where I was staying, the other lived at Woodbury. I phoned Pauline who was very interested and rather excited to meet a relative from the unknown side of the family. I made arrangements to visit her the next morning. We talked and talked until well into the afternoon filling in the missing links as best we could. In all, I found another eight different families spanning four generations. I am still trying to plot a chart, his family, her family, and their family.

All this from one step.

JOHN HENRY PEIRCE

A well known Wesley Vale identity was John Henry Peirce (my husband's great-grandfather). Although he was born in Launceston he spent most of his life in the Wesley Vale area where many of his descendants still reside.

John Henry Peirce (Pa) was born on 21 May 1846 (Ref AOT 1303) at Charles Street, Launceston. He was the son of William Pearse a butcher, and Elizabeth (nee Smith).

Seventeen months later on 12 October 1847 (Ref AOT 1871) at Charles Street, Launceston his mother gave birth to a daughter, naming her Elizabeth.

Pa was just 4 years old when his father died suddenly and Elizabeth was left to care for two small children. A story is told by Les Peirce (his son) that Pa was sent to his godparents in Stanley, travelling by sailing ship, when he was around 9 years (he may have been only 5 or 6 years old). These people were butchers in Stanley and treated Pa so badly that his mother arrived from Launceston to take him back. It was around this time that she married George WILLIS, a 40 year old labourer.

We take up the story from Les Peirce again which tells of Pa aged round 14, leaving Stanley with his mother and moving to Long Bridge, Pardoe (we are unsure if they walked this distance or travelled by some other means). No mention is made of George Willis.

They built a bark hut and then sometime later moved to Stotts Plains, where he rented a block of land belonging to Winspeares. Pa had brought 8 gold sovereigns with him from Stanley which he used to buy the farm. It is mentioned in a newspaper article that Pa had only an axe and a hoe when he first started to clear his land. When he died some 73 years later he owned 600 acres of some of the most productive ground in Tasmania.

On 25th Dec. 1872 John Peirce married Rosina Weller, daughter of German immigrants Johann and Dorothea Weller (Ref AOT 575/148). They were married in the Wesleyan Chapel at Wesley Vale and the witnesses were Rosina's brother and sister-in-law, Frederick and Louisa. Rosina was listed as a 19 year old farmer's daughter and John a 26 year old farmer.

Child's Name	Born	Married
William Henry	5 May 1874	Marion STOTT
John Godfrey	8 Dec 1875	Maryann FOLEY
Louisa (Kate)	1 May 1879	Henry GARDAM
Rosina Elizabeth	1883	Arthur BROWN
Caroline	9 Dec 1887	Ernest GARDAM
Mabel	28 Jan 1889	Roallan DICK
Leslie	14 Sep 1892	Mona MADDEN
Selina	19 Jun 1896	Ernest CLARK

In May of 1932 John Henry Peirce celebrated his 86th birthday with his family. The following article appeared in the local press:-

A Pioneer's Birthday

On May 21, at "Northumbria", Wesley Vale an old and esteemed resident, in the person of Mr J. H. Peirce, attained his 86th birthday. He has 8 in the family, three sons and five daughters who attended at the residence of their aged parent to congratulate him on the occasion; they also presented him with a beautiful birthday cake, and wished him continued good health.

Mr Peirce has left a fine foundation for the whole of his family circle. The aged pioneer can look from his residence and view the whole of his family's residences within a radius of two miles. It must be pleasing to him to know that they are still happy and making a success of their different callings.

Mr. Peirce has resided in the district for about 70 years, and has always been looked upon as honest, upright and industrious. He has for many years been one of the leading agriculturists of the State.

Another party was held for Pa when he turned 90 in May of 1936. This was also reported in the press (presumably *The Advocate*):-

The 90th birthday of Mr J. H. Peirce was celebrated in his home at Wesley Vale on Thursday evening, when his family gathered to wish him many happy returns. An enjoyable evening was spent, and during the evening Mr Peirce received "cheerios" from over the air. He also received a large birthday cake, decorated with 90 candles, adorned the centre of the table. After supper "Auld Lang Syne" was sung. The following were present; Mr J.H. Peirce (guest of honour) Mr & Mrs W. Peirce, Mr and Mrs J. Peirce, Mr and Mrs L. Peirce, Mr & Mrs A.T. Gardam, Mr and Mrs E. Gardam, Mr and Mrs A. Dick, Mr and Mrs E. Clarke, Mr and Mrs A.G. Brown, Misses E. Piper and J. Clarke and Master Allan Clarke.

DEATHS: District of Port Frederick 1898

On 17th April, 1898 at Wesley Vale, Rosina PEIRCE, aged 44 years, wife of John Henry PEIRCE, farmer of Wesley Vale (Ref AOT 787).

On 2nd September, 1936 at his home Wesley Vale, John Henry PEIRCE, farmer aged 90 years.

Late Mr. J. Peirce, Sen.

The funeral of the late Mr John Peirce, Senior, of Wesley Vale, took place in the Methodist Cemetery at Wesley Vale yesterday afternoon, and was very largely attended by residents of various parts of the N.W. Coast. Included in the cortege were the Warden of Devonport (Cr E.T. Clements), Cr. J.H. Rockliff (Devonport), the Warden of Latrobe (Cr W.

Cutts) and Crs A.T. Cutts and J.G. Chaplin (Latrobe) and Mr Martin Wells (president of the Latrobe Show Society). The first portion of the service was conducted at the residence by Rev. F.C. Bremer president of the Mersey Methodist District and it was continued at the church and concluded at the graveside. As the casket entered the church the "Dead March" from Saul was played by Miss Alma Peirce and two hymns, "Abide With Me" and "It Is Well With My Soul" were rendered, the latter being a favourite of the deceased's. Mr Bremer described the deceased as the father of the district, being the oldest pioneer. He said he was a man of God, and was ever mindful of the things of God. His presence near the church during services was conspicuous, though he could not leave his vehicle owing to his infirmity. The oration of the Oddfellows Lodge was recited by PGM Bros. Llewellyn Atkinson. The deceased for just sixty years had been a member of that order, and many brethren were present from Loyal Latrobe Lodge, including the secretary Mr E.J. Broomhall.

The carriers were Messrs D.I. and R. Peirce, K. Brown, R. and J. Gardham. The chief mourners were the three sons Messrs. John, William and Leslie Peirce, and Messrs. E. Gardam, A. Dick, H.T. Gardam and E. Clarke (sons in law). Amongst the many floral tokens were tributes from the trustees of the Wesley Vale Methodist Church, the Loyal Latrobe Lodge, Stenhouse and Co., the Woolgrowers Agency Co. Ltd., the Farmers Auctioneers and the Wesley Vale Football Club.

Mr. J.H. Peirce, A Wesley Vale Pioneer

Mr John H. Peirce of Wesley Vale, one of the best known farmers in the district, passed away yesterday at his residence after a very brief illness, in his 91st year. Mr Peirce was born in Launceston. His father was a butcher and died when John was a boy. With his mother John moved to Stanley and later took up a farm at Wesley Vale. That was 73 years ago and he resided on that farm ever since. The land was then in a rough state and was rented. Mr Peirce used to recall that when he started on the land he had an axe and a hoe, while his mother assisted him with a hoe. He settled in one of the most productive areas in Tasmania, and, by careful husbandry, business acumen and thrift, soon acquired a competency, was able to purchase his farm and since then added to it, so that the estate with the assistance of his family, grew to some 600 acres. His wife predeceased him many years ago leaving a family of three sons and five daughters, all of whom are married and settled at Wesley Vale. They are all settled within sight of the old home, so that Mr Peirce might stand on his verandah, as he did, and see the homes of each of his family, surely a unique experience. The sons who are on the estate are Messrs John G., Williams H. and Leslie Peirce.

and the daughters Mesdames H. and E. Gardam, A. Dick, A. Brown and E. Clarke.

Mr Peirce was active on the land for many years. Of late he had been crippled with rheumatism, but was otherwise in good health, and in full possession of his faculties. For years he was a well known visitor to Devonport driving a phaeton which he maintained until recent years, when he purchased a motor car. He never sought public life but was noted as one of the most progressive and successful farmers of the district. He caught a cold last week, and it developed into chest trouble, though he refused to take to his bed till the last.

John and Rosina PEIRCE are buried at the Wesley Vale Uniting Church Cemetery.

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THE QUEEN'S ORPHANAGE HOBART TOWN

Joyce Purtscher

Ever had that "dead-end" feeling when tracing a VDL ancestor? The frustration level becomes high when you've found he/she wasn't a convict, or a soldier, or in the Free Arrivals files. It's like being trapped in a maze, or in Alice in Wonderland's rabbit burrow!

Well, the answer to some of these puzzles lies in the Queen's Orphanage Registers, where we find the names of children who accompanied their parent/s in convict ships. These children were unnamed on their parents' convict records, and even unnamed on the convict shipping lists. Some indent records have survived which state, for example, two children on board. That's little comfort or proof for researchers. The Orphanage Registers are the only records that give us the child's name along with his or her parent's name and ship. It is difficult to accurately count the number of children who came to VDL on convict ships, and details of the numbers of children at the Orphanage are not complete. Babies of convict women were at the Female Factory, the Brickfields and the Nursery and unfortunately there are no surviving registers from these institutions. However, there were at least 1200 children from convict ships at the Orphanages.

As early as 1825 Governor Arthur saw the need for an asylum in which to house, feed and educate the many destitute children. In a letter to the Rev. H.R. Robinson, of New Norfolk, dated 19 Dec. 1825, he proposed the asylum should be a "*school of industry, where labour as well as learning is taught..... the Colony is overrun with illegitimate children...born to no certain provision of inheritance but the vices of their parents and their consequent misery*".

In 1827 he sent circulars to several clergymen and magistrates requesting them to furnish a statement of the children within their respective districts, who would be proper objects for the care of the projected institution. About 400 children were found to be of need but only fifty were admitted in the first intake.

The boys were housed in a converted distillery at New Town and the girls at "Belle Vue", a stately mansion in Davey-street. This building is still standing but the address is now Fitzroy Place near the corner of Antill Street. Due to increasing numbers of children, plans for a new orphanage were commissioned in 1829. John Lee Archer, the Civil Engineer, designed the buildings along with the parish church of St. John and the plans were approved in 1830. The bricks were hand-made and timber was requested by Archer from Port Arthur'. Some books state that the timber was carted from Mt. Wellington. The buildings were intended to house 300 children but in April 1844 there were 513.

The girls occupied their new building, to the right of the proposed church, in December 1832 and the boys, to the left, in October 1833. The church catered for the orphans, who mounted stairs to the gallery on the eastern side, and convicts, who entered and climbed stairs on the western side. A curtain hung down from the ceiling so that the convicts could not "taint" the children. There is still a pew in the gallery made for the convicts and I can vouch for its intention to make one sit straight; it is extremely narrow and uncomfortable! Four fireplaces, one in each corner, helped to warm the winter congregations and the governor, who occupied a private box right next to a fireplace.

Children were admitted if they:-

- a. had lost one or both parents,
- b. were entirely destitute,
- c. their parents were incompetent or
- d. their father had belonged to the NSW Veteran Company.

The last group was expected to pay towards the maintenance of its children.

The registers of the Male, Female and Infant Orphan Schools tell us the age, parent/s, religion, ship of arrival (sometimes), dates of admission and discharge and person to whom discharged or apprenticed. These details are not always correct. For example, sometimes on admission the child was listed as an orphan but later discharged to the mother. One can only surmise that the parent/s thought the child had a better chance of being admitted if the child was labelled an "orphan". Spelling of surnames varied, even within one register, and many names of parents varied from their convict records.

Application forms and letters from 1858 on are at the Archives of Tasmania (SWD 26/1-6). These describe the condition of the Parent/s with regards to their means; the cause necessitating the Application; whether the Parent/s had any more children dependent upon them for maintenance, and if so, their names and ages. These forms and letters describe the struggles and heart-breaking conditions of both parents and children in the days before widows, invalids and Colonial prisoners' wives were granted pensions. Most of the convicts and prisoners arrived here without any extended family to help out in times of sickness, death or prison sentences. Hence the children ended up in the Orphanage. Many families were deserted by their fathers. Maybe they had to go away to find work and really did intend to return, as in the cases of many seamen and whalers. In the 1840s and 1850s men, and sometimes women, went to Port Philip, whilst in the 1860s the exodus seemed to be New Zealand. The goldfields obviously lured them.

Great difficulty was experienced in obtaining suitable officers and servants. The latter was chiefly made up of convicts who set bad examples to the children. Those in charge in the very early years were to prove no better. The master and mistress of the Female School were removed six months after its establishment for improper conduct, namely depriving children of their rations to feed their boarders'. The first master of the Male School was dismissed for his brutal treatment of the boys. In 1841, the headmaster, Mr. Ewing, was reprimanded for gross improprieties towards a fifteen year-old girl'. During

the first eleven years there were five masters. Staffing had stabilised after that and there is a delightful story of a young girl, Louisa Edwards, who arrived on the *Elizabeth and Henry* with her mother and was sent to the orphanage for five years. She was appointed a monitor at the school until apprenticed out to John Knight of Launceston. She married later and each generation since has carried the name Quin in honour of either James Quin or Catherine Quin. James was the assistant master of the Male School and Catherine the mistress of the Female School, both serving from 1845-1866⁴. The descendants of Louisa still treasure a wooden box with the name C.J. Quin on it⁵.

In 1851 samples of knitted woollen gloves, stockings, socks and shawls made by children at the orphanage were sent, along with other Tasmanian-made articles, to the Great Exhibition in the Victoria and Albert Museum in London.

The schools were managed until 1837 by a board consisting of government officers and clergymen, and a Ladies' Committee to help in the Female School. From 1837 on the Headmaster was in control.

There was dissatisfaction on the religious scene also. Children were registered and taught as Protestants until 1844. This irked the Catholic and Jewish communities in particular. Father Therry was refused entry to give the last rites to a dying Catholic boy⁶. He also gave shelter to a Catholic boy, named Kelly, who he met on a coach on the way to Hobart from Launceston. The boy had been destined for the orphanage. Father Therry said he would hand over the boy if a guarantee was made to let the boy keep his Catholic faith. As a result, the boy stayed with Father Therry and the Law Officers found they could not compel him to hand the boy over⁷. A girl aged fifteen, named Mary Ann Lazarus, was baptised into the Christian religion against her mother's wishes (although the child had requested it). The Hebrew Congregation of Hobart Town had the matter referred to the Secretary of State⁸. In the 1840s the Catholic population at the school was about equal to the Protestant population, whereas in the community at large, Protestant numbers were five-times greater than Catholic. After 1844 Catholic children were instructed in their faith, had their own dormitories and cemetery⁹. There is nothing left today to indicate that cemetery on the south-western side of the orphanage. Only a monument to Forster remains of the Protestant cemetery to the west of the orphanage.

The registers show that aboriginal children were admitted. Some died but most were discharged to Flinders Island. The aim of this futile exercise was to absorb them into the general community. How alienated those children must have felt! Fanny (later known as Fanny Cochrane-Smith) came the nearest to being absorbed. Mathinna had been favoured by Lady Franklin but her life ended in tragedy, as did many of the others.

The Male School register reveals another interesting fact; the arrival of boys, as young as four, who had travelled with their fathers on board the convict ships. So far I have not found any account of what the journey was like for them. The shipping lists have not all survived, but that of the *Kinnear*, 1842, says nothing of these children not even a number to indicate how many of them were aboard. The Indent Records for the fathers

tell, for example, Two children on board. Even the Convict Records for the *Kinnear* men do not mention the children.

This raises many interesting questions. Why were only Irish convicts and their sons sent in this way? Were these boys listed on any other documents, either in Ireland or here? If the boys were not even on the ships' lists, did the fathers have to share their rations with their sons? What would have happened had the ship been lost at sea or the children died on board? Would anyone in authority have cared? Who authorised the sending of these boys? It is a bit late now for a Royal Commission, but it seems strange to me that it has been common knowledge that children arrived here with their convict mothers but not with their convict fathers.

I have found forty six boys who were admitted to the orphanage straight from their fathers' transports:-

- 2 aboard the *Waverly* 1841
- 5 aboard the *British Sovereign* 1841
- 2 aboard the *Isabella Watson* 1842
- 8 aboard the *Prince Regent* 1842
- 6 aboard the *Richard Webb* 1842
- 11 aboard the *Kinnear* 1842
- 6 aboard the *Navarino* 1843
- 6 aboard the *North Britain* 1843

Researching the case of convict Owen Smith was interesting. He and his two elder boys, Thomas and Peter, were transported for arson aboard the *Kinnear*. The two youths were sent to Point Puer. Also on board ship was ten year old Edward, who was admitted to the Queen's Orphanage. Smith's wife Catherine was also transported on the *Waverly* for the same crime in Ireland. She arrived with their two daughters, Catherine and Rose, who were also sent to the orphanage. I would like to think that they were reunited at some stage.

From Superintendent Charles O'Hara Booth's letters¹⁰ and the reports of C. Bradbury, an Inspector of Education, in 1848¹¹, we can get an insight into daily life at the schools.

Life at the schools had improved under Booth's management but Bradbury was still critical and made recommendations, which were, according to Booth, unrealistic and did not take into consideration the ages and state of health of the children. Booth had requested clothing and equipment for the institution but was refused on the grounds of financial hardship. For example, Booth had asked that the supplied shoes be of different sizes not just the four sizes distributed to children aged two to fourteen! Those children with larger feet had to cut the toes out of their shoes or be crippled.

The senior boys wore moleskin clothes during the week and rough, blue cloth suits on Sundays. Girls wore blue and white-patterned dresses with a white pinafore and were given socks as well as shoes. Senior girls were permitted to grow their hair long in the front although all girls had short hair at the back. The girls detested the punishment of short-cropped hair.

Breakfast and supper consisted of tea with bread and milk, midday dinner of soup with meat and vegetables mixed in plus a large piece of sweet wheaten bread. A 1839 recommendation was that forms be issued so that children could sit down to eat.

Children arose at 5 a.m. in summer and 6 or 6.30 in winter, and went to bed at 7 or 8 p.m. in summer and 6 p.m. in winter. Infants slept three to a bed and the boys slept in hammocks, eighty to a dormitory. They were allowed to play from 12 to 2 p.m. and from 4 p.m. till bedtime but equipment was in short supply and energy lacking. They had half a day in the classroom and half learning a trade, working on the farm or doing domestic duties.

The washing places, or lavatories, consisted of cell-like rooms paved with flags with a stone trough in the centre. Bed-wetters were awoken at 10 p.m. to go to these cold toilets. In the 1850s the matron was accused of beating young children for "dirty habits", namely bed-wetting¹⁷.

Overcrowding accelerated the spread of diseases and many children died of measles. 1843 must have been a terrible year as fifty six children died from scarlet fever¹⁸.

Basic skills in literacy were held in overcrowded rooms with virtually no aids. There were eight classes being taught at one time in the same classroom and fifty-two boys, aged three to six, being taught by a twelve-year old blind boy in the Infant School¹⁹. His reputation as the school's best singer would have helped. Exams were held regularly and honours awarded to the top achievers. It would have been difficult to teach children who were arriving and leaving continuously and in very poor health.

When children turned fourteen years of age they were apprenticed out²⁰. They had to work for no money until they were eighteen. They were at the mercy of their masters regarding food, clothing and housing. Two clergymen and the superintendent were responsible for choosing the masters. The minutes of the Hobart Benevolent Society, 11 Oct. 1865, describe the case of a fifteen year old girl found in the street bruised and with V.D. inflicted on her by her master. Another girl had been turned out into the streets after giving birth to her master's baby. A ragged, teenage boy had been made to sleep in an open loft, even in winter²¹. The management at the schools claimed that they took an interest in those who were apprenticed out but many, including girls, were apprenticed to masters in Port Philip. Several boys volunteered to serve on HMS *North Star*. Many of these apprentices and sailors would have settled and raised their families elsewhere.

Bradbury had grand ideas for the schools²². To make it pay for itself he suggested that boys be trained in the various skills so that hired labour could be abolished. Booth's reply to that was:

The labour that these little fellows could perform, could not go far, either towards their own support, or aiding to defray the expenses of the Institution otherwise. I believe little more can be obtained from the children than is at present, as to actual amount of Work - the Industrial pursuits may be extended, but this will not increase the Return of Work - it will only be producing work of another description - almost every available

child is now employed at a Trade - the Inspector cannot have borne in mind, the very young children of which the School is composed - their Education must necessarily occupy also, at least one half of their time.....the senior boys were either labouring under bodily or mental infirmities or literally Dwarfs for their age.

Booth submitted figures that showed that the children at the schools were both shorter and lighter than the children in the general population of the colony¹⁰. He again applied for additional staff and equipment for the teaching of trades, as well as a new hospital, a school for infants, shelter sheds and gymnastic equipment and hot water pipes for bathing and heating the buildings. He also wished to establish a school for the training of schoolmasters, to be known as the Normal School.

Yet another inquiry was held in 1867, a Royal Commission no less. Its findings were damning upon both the system and the buildings. The system was likened to the prison system rather than a benevolent institution. The Commission criticised the confinement of children behind high walls, the lack of equipment and training, and noted the "listless and demoralised" character of the children. The commissioner attributed these characteristics in the first place, to the total loss of home influences and sympathies and in the second place to the entire loss of individuality by the children being massed together. He suggested that some of the children be boarded out¹¹.

With the introduction of the Charitable Grants Department came the issuing of outdoor relief to fatherless families. Along with a more liberal discharge the numbers at the orphanage dropped dramatically and became uneconomic to run by 1878. The buildings were then used as a charitable institution.

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FROM THE EXCHANGE JOURNALS

Thelma McKay

The Genealogist (Australian Institute of Genealogical Studies) Dec 1992 Vol. 7, No. 4. The HORNER INDEX for shipping departures from SA to overseas ports compiled from newspaper reports by Sally Horner covers the period 1836 to 1887. It is located in the History Collection of the State Library of SA.

Was your ancestor a watch or clock maker? Sue Ross recommends the book *Watchmakers and Clockmakers of the World* by G H Baillie which not only lists the names of the maker but where their business was situated, address and the circa and make of clock. From the same issue of *The Genealogist*

Norman Hidden's article "The Beauty and the Problem of an Alias" in *Genealogists Magazine* (Society of Genealogists), Dec 1992 Vol. 24, No. 4, can answer many questions about the origins of an alias. This issue lists recent additions to the SOG Library in the UK including parish registers for most counties, poll books, wills, school records and family histories plus many more. Check this list to see if your family name is included.

"London's Police Force", originally published in the *London Encyclopaedia*, was reproduced in the London & North Middlesex Family History Society's journal issue No. 55. The article outlines the history of the London Police Force which has been in operation for more than 160 years.

The records of St. Marylebone Workhouse and Institution, which are held by the Greater London Records Office, include the registers of admissions, starting from 1769, and the minute books of general meetings. Information in records showing age and the circumstances at admission, address, date of baptisms and deaths. (Autumn 1992 Vol. 15, No. 1)

A helpful hint from the Dec 1992 (No. 30) issue of *Western Connections* published by Dubbo Macquarie Family History Society. If you are visiting NSW, a trip to the North Parramatta Uniting Church Archives at 3 Blackwood Place, Eskdale may help to find that long lost marriage or baptism as they hold the records of the Presbyterian, Congregational and the Methodist churches of NSW. There is a visitor's fee of \$10 and minimum research fee of \$10 for written enquires.

Ibis Links, Nov 1992 No. 39 gives details of an index compiled by The Griffith Genealogical & Historical Society, and known as the Rogers Queensland Index 1859 - 1984, from many sources. A list of cemeteries is also included.

The 1912 DIRECTORY and GAZETTE ALMANAC has been reproduced in *The Gazette* of the Darling Downs Family History Society, Vols. 3/4 1992. This journal also contains an article by Mary Hollis on the NSW CORPS under the command of Major Francis Grose. Included is a list of the Captains in NSW, their date of birth and age when the Regiment was renamed the 102nd in December 1808.

A list of 2335 names of assisted emigrants from Cambridgeshire to Port Phillip and Victoria 1840-67 has been compiled by Colin Holt 27 Garfield Road, Garfield, Victoria 3814. Colin is willing to answer queries but please send SSAE. From *Cambridge Family Historian*, Spring/Feb 1993, Vol. 9, No. 1.

A Convict's History - Distressing Narrative, found in the June 1851 issue of the *Geelong Advertiser*, was reproduced in the *Pivot Tree* published by the Geelong Family History Group (Jan 1993 No. 36). Villiers Pearce tells of his life before charged in England for forgery, transported for ten years to Hobart Town, and of his family and the many places he had visited in Vic, NSW, NZ etc. before returning to England on a barque as a member of the crew.

The April 1993, No. 37 issue of the same journal has an article which was found in the *Geelong Advertiser* newspaper of 1877 of a burial notice for Catherine McDonald nee Potaskie. On checking various records, one of their members has recorded a short history of the Potaskie family of Tasmania.

The March 1993, No. 67 issue of the *Cornwall Family History Society journal* has a list of Cornish tradesmen with their place of residence who issued tokens between 1650 and 1690. These tokens were used by the local shops and businesses as currency and to advertise their trade.

Many journals have lists of names of passengers who travelled on board various ships, many from England to Australia. Here are just a few which may help to track down when an ancestor arrived.

Victory, England to Lyttleton, 1859, New Zealand Family History Society *Family Tree* (March 1993 Vol. 24, No. 4).

Alexandrina, London to Rockhampton, 1873. Central Queensland Family History Association *Genie-ologist* (March 1993, Vol. 4, No. 3).

Oswestry Grange, London to Brisbane, 1911. *Relatively Speaking*, Family History Association of North Queensland (March Vol. 11, No. 1)

Lists of Assisted Immigrants from Great Britain up to the 1880's are held by the National Archives in Wellington, NZ. The article "New Zealand Immigration" shows the type of information provided. Central Queensland Family History Association's *Genie-ologist* (March 1993 Vol. 4, No. 3)

Outward Passengers from Port Darwin in 1924 shows many voyages on various ships with the number of passengers, place of destination and nationality. *Progenitor*, Genealogical Society of Northern Territory, March 1993 Vol. 12, No. 1

Gwynedd Roots, April 1993, No. 24 has listed the deserters from ships in Australia and New Zealand between 1852-1900. The list gives name, age, place of birth, ship, rank and date of notice. Gwynedd Family History Society.

The 43 convicts who helped construct the road through the Blue Mountains are listed in *Descent* (March 1993 Vol. 23, No. 1) The convicts were under the supervision of William Cox and were granted a Conditional Pardon in 1815. The list gives place of birth, sentence, ship and date of arrival.

Also in the same issue of *Descent* is an article by Mrs. Susan Scarcella on how to go about tracing your Italian family. A list of common Italian names with the English diminutive, information sources, church records and books to use as a guide plus the addresses of Genealogical Societies in Italy are included.

FAMILY REUNION

GEORGIANA 1852 HIES

Reunion of Descendants

I am descended from Angus and Ann McQueen who arrived at Geelong on 16 October 1852 from the Isle of Skye. Judith O'Neill, author of *So Far From Skye*, suggested that a reunion of descendants might be interesting. Please contact Margaret Vines, 29 Huskisson Ave., Lalor, Victoria 3075 Ph. (03) 465 0180.

BOOK REVIEW

Yesterday's Children, Jenny Cockell, Published by Piatkus Books, distributed by Hodder Headline, RRP \$34.95 hardback, \$19.95 paperback.

This is an intriguing story of genealogy with a twist. The writer, Jenny Cockell, tells of her experiences of tracing her Irish family. But this was no ordinary family tree.

Ever since her childhood Jenny had a memory of having lived before. She would have dreams of being Mary, alone and near death, with a fear for the children she was leaving behind. Jenny could remember Mary's children, ages, personalities, etc. as well as the layout of their village.

Memories of her past life grew heavy on Jenny's shoulders until she could no longer ignore the compulsion to find her (Mary's) children. Her search eventually takes her to Ireland to Mary's village of Malahide, just north of Dublin where she starts to piece together the memories of her previous life and find Mary's children.

Christine Morris

COMING EVENTS

- 17 February 1994 THRA meeting - G.P.R. Harris, Deputy Surveyor-General of New South Wales, Ms Barbara Hamilton Arnold.
- 10 March 1994 THRA meeting - The Life and Art of Henry Mundy, Mr. Geoffrey Stilwell
- 16-20 March 1994 Family History Week. Each Branch to organise activities in their own area.
- 18 March 1994 Special lecture - "Principal Sources in England for Genealogists", by David Wright at the Film room, Devonport Library, 21 Oldaker Street, Devonport at 7.30 p.m.
- 19 March 1994 Special lecture - "Principal Sources in England for Genealogists", by David Wright at the Rosny Library, Bligh Street, Rosny at 2.00 p.m. Admission by ticket only, cost \$5.00.
- 14 April 1994 THRA meeting - The Life and art of Jean Bellette, Ms Amanda Beresford
- 20 April 1994 The Complete Scottish and Irish Seminar, by Janet Reakes at Launceston. Further details next journal.
- 12 May 1994 THRA meeting - Wild women by the "Borneo", Mr. Tony Raynor and Relics or Realists: Tasmania's Legislative Councillors, Ms Coral Chambers
- 9 June 1994 THRA meeting - Was there Genocide in Van Diemen's Land?, Professor Henry Reynolds.
- 7-10 July 1994 "Blending the Cultures" - The Seventh Australasian Congress on Genealogy and Family History, to be held at the Queensland University, St. Lucia Campus, Brisbane.
- 2-4 September 1994 Isle of Man Family History Society Conference and Autumn Council meeting of the Federation of Family History Societies, King William's College, Castleton, Isle of Man. Further details from IOM Family History Society, c/o Library, 5 Atholl St., Peel, Isle of Man, British Isles.
- 31 Mar-4 Apr 1995 The Cherry Stones Conference - The Seventh British Family History Conference, hosted by the Isle of Wight Family History Society and the Federation of Family History Societies is to be held on the Isle of Wight. Further details are available from Mrs. Janet Few, 12 Ranelagh Road, Lake Sandown, Isle of Wight PO36 8NX.

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The GST Inc. has published the following items which are all (except the microfiche) available from Branch Libraries. All Mail Orders should be forwarded to the Sales and Publications Co-ordinator, PO Box 60 PROSPECT, Tasmania, 7250. Please allow extra for postage.

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ALEXANDER/HANSON

Contact is sought with descendants or anyone knowing of descendants of George ALEXANDER (born 1856, died 1915 Devonport) and Annie HANSON (born 1862, died 1924, Launceston) and their family. George and Annie married 27 April 1880 at Waratah and had the following children: Amy (1881); Murdock (1885); Albert (1886); Lucy (1888); Gladys (1894); Sidney (1895-1896); Ethel (died 1918 Devonport) and Rexy Victor (1898). Rex married Ivy ALLFORD and had two daughters and Ethel married Jack HALLEY. Any information about this family would be welcomed by Mary Ambrose, RSD 209 Poimena Road, Burnie, Tasmania 7320.

ALGATE/HOLGATE/BALLARD/YATES/DEVELIN

Elizabeth ALGATE married William KEATING 1824; Mary HOLGATE (widow) married Thomas BALLARD 1832; Sarah Ann HOLGATE married John DEVELIN 1835; Mary ALDGATE married Samuel YATES 1840; William HOLGATE married Mary Ann HERBERT 1855; Selina BALLARD married George WILKINSON 1855; Albert HOLGATE married Ida F. McKAY (widow) nee SALTMARSH 1886. All the above marriages took place in the Launceston/Longford area. Susan HOLGATE married Nathan BITTON, 1852 Melbourne; Henry HOLGATE married Louisa ELDRIDGE 1850 SA. Lived Ararat-Natimuk, Victoria 1860-1900s. John Henry HOLGATE married Mary Ann ELDRIDGE 1884, Noradjuha, Victoria. David Cooper, 4 Drum Close, Frankston North, Victoria 3200 (phone 03 789 1419) is seeking researchers of any of the above names.

ATKINSON/ARAM-SMITH

Nathaniel Spencer Quintus ATKINSON, son of William ATKINSON and Martha Ann KINGSTON, was born at Craythorne on the 11 November 1864. He married Elizabeth Ann ARAM-SMITH on the 26 February 1887 at the private residence of Mrs. Stackhouse, Launceston. Elizabeth Ann, the daughter of William SMITH and Matilda Ann ARAM, was born in 1867 at Breadalbane, Tasmania. Known children are Bernard Albert (1887); Vera Lillian (1889); Stella Martha (1891); Victor Robert (1894). Nathaniel died in South Africa (?) and Elizabeth Ann died in 1938 at Murrumbena, Victoria. Mrs. Jean Monk (2706) writes that any information about her grandparents would be of help with her family tree. Write to Mrs. Monk at 17C 17-25 Little Street, Lane Cove, NSW 2066.

BECKFORD/BICKFORD

Thomas Leaman BECKFORD (BICKFORD) was in partnership with a W.H. EVANS at Cimitiere Street, Launceston in the 1850s in "Stores", presumably hardware cum farmers requirements. Information appreciated on W.H. EVANS. Also information on Ann BECKFORD nee GLOYNS, who migrated with Thomas and is know to have died on 2 May 1839 (from family letters to UK). I can find an Ann HEARN who died in Launceston on that date but no record of a marriage in the Tasmanian Consolidated Index or in Victoria. Any

information appreciated by Thelma Grunnell (610B), 43 Salisbury Crescent, Launceston, Tasmania 7250.

BIRD/PICKET/DURRANT

Samuel BIRD arrived Hobart on the *Marquis Wellington* and married Lucy PICKETT in 1823 at Hobart. Samuel was a licensed victualler at the "Green Man" Inn. There are no children recorded but George Samuel BIRD and Alfred Thomas BIRD and Jane are possible issue. Samuel BIRD died in 1830 at Glenorchy. Lucy married Edward DURRANT in 1830 and Edward Thomas DURRANT is the only recorded issue to them. Any information or contact would be appreciated by Mrs. Jan Scanlan, 13 Andrew Street, West Ryde, NSW 2114.

BLAKE/McDERMID

Charlotte BLAKE, born 1859 at Castlemaine, married there in 1878 to Donald McDERMID. Their thirteen children included Margaret Mary Maude, born 1880, married Robert FOSTER (5 children); William Duncan (1882), married Margaret CORRIGAN (7 children); Myra Parfitt (1885) married Alexander George HOGUE (2 children); Violet Victoria (1889) married Harry HARPS; Melbourne (1899) married Morelle LAYTON/LEIGHTON (1 child) and Flora (1902) married Cecil WATSON. Any assistance with information and particularly contact with descendants greatly appreciated by R.J. (Bob) Wellington (328), 46 Lindhill Ave., Lindsifarne, Tasmania 7015, phone (002) 43 7723.

BROMLEY/BASSTIAN

Mrs M.J. Young (547), 43 Salsola St., Rivett, ACT 2611 is seeking descendants of Edward Samuel Foord Grannow BROMLEY, born 1825 (?), died 1874, married Margaret BASSTIAN, born Tasmania. Children are: Laura Frances (born 1848, married William DODD); female (born 1850); Edward Foord Montfort (1852); Ann Alma (1855); male (1857). All children were born while their father was Chief District Constable and a farmer in the Hamilton area.

BURNIE

Mrs. Judy Scott (454) is seeking contact with descendants of Robert BURNIE who arrived in Tasmania in 1844 and married 1) Elizabeth N. IRELAND (died 1851, Tasmania) and 2) Joanna SHEAN in 1857 at Deloraine. Contact Judy at 22 Anderson Street, East Ballina, NSW 2478.

CATLIN

Alpress CATLIN, born 1821 at Bury, Huntingdonshire, England, the son of William CATLIN. Alpress married Annie Maria HOPCROFT, formerly KING, on 4 April 1870 at Westbury, Tasmania and their children were: Charles Theophilus CATLIN; William Valentine CATLIN and my grandfather, John Alpress CATLIN. Where are the relatives of Charles and William? Can they help with information re Annie Maria's parents, or Alpress CATLIN's parents or brothers and sisters at Bury, Huntingdonshire? Was Alpress married before Annie - sometime between 1860 and 1870? Any information would be welcomed by M.J. Catlin (3289), 141 Tirimoana Ave., Te Atatu, Auckland, New Zealand.

DOGHERTY

Judith DOGHERTY (DOHERTY) nee MILLARD, wife of James, both convicts, arrived per brig *Emu* from NSW in 1815. They had five children: Elizabeth (1819); John (1820-1821); James (1821); Mary Ann (1823); John (1826) and lived at Sorell in 1829. James was reconvicted at the Hobart Supreme Court in 1830 for feloniously receiving and sentenced to

14 years. Conditional pardon No. 2014 on 24 May 1839, Free Certificate 958-1844. James left Hobart on 3 October 1845 on the *Platina* to Geelong, Victoria and son John married Bridget McInerney in Geelong in 1853. No record of Judith has been located after the baptisms of John and James in 1829. Any information on Judith and the other children's whereabouts would be appreciated. Can anyone help please? Please contact Mrs. Elly Hill, 24 Bergamont Street, Elanora, Queensland 4221

EDWARDS

Adelaide Victoria Amelia EDWARDS, domestic, lived at 55 Elizabeth Street, Hobart with her daughter Emily Louisa (born Ellie Louise, 5 April 1884) in 1906. There were two other children Gerald Merefieid, born 3 June 1888 and Thelma Mary born 23 May 1894. Adelaide was separated from her husband Arthur Charles, who lived at Cascade Valley, Registrar of Courts. He died on 30 October 1943, making no mention of his family in his will. Patricia Hinds, 33 Brooklyn Road, Youngtown, Tasmania 7249 would like to know what happened to Adelaide, Ellie and Thelma. Any information greatly appreciated.

FOSTER/STANNARD/FITZGERALD

John Edward FOSTER (shoemaker) born circa 1860?, died April 1939, was married on 10 February 1879 to Catherine STANNARD (Kate), the daughter of William STANNARD (stonemason) and Catherine FITZGERALD. The sisters of Catherine STANNARD are: Anne Elizabeth, married Joseph WHITAKER; Mary married Henry William LINTON; Jane, no information. Any information on any of these families would be appreciated by Mrs. Helen Webster (2952) PO Box 328, Glenorchy, Tasmania 7010.

GODFREY/CLIFFE

Mrs Peggy Moyle (3398), 2 Ramsay Road, Railton is seeking information on Mary Anne GODFREY born about 1857. She married John RANSLEY on 6th February 1875 at Fenton Forest near New Norfolk. Any information on her birth, parents and other family members would be appreciated.

GRIFFITHS

Edward and Bridget GRIFFITHS lived at Middleton, Tasmania. They had six children born between 1857 and 1868. William (married Mary Ann JOHNSON in 1882); Bridget; John; Elizabeth (married Edward Isaac ARCHER in 1882); L.D. (possibly Leslie); and Thomas Hartley (married Emmie Jane DOOLING, in 1900). The children of William and Mary Ann GRIFFITHS included Lavinia (Veenie) BAILEY; Silvie TURNBULL; and Ella May ?. Leanne Holland is eager to find descendants of these people and fill some gaps in her family tree. Write to Leanne Holland, RSD 519 Cascade Road, Burnie, Tasmania 7320.

HALLIDAY/HOLLIDAY/PRIESTLEY/TAYLOR

William HALLIDAY/HOLLIDAY was born in 1793 at Bradford, Yorkshire, England and married Martha PRIESTLY in 1818. They had five children between 1819-1825, all of whom died before 1825. William and Martha sailed to Australia in 1826 per the *John Barry*, William being a private in the Royal Veterans' Company. Their children born in VDL were: John (born 1827, married Emma HOLTEN); Benjamin (1829, married Phoebe?); Mary (1831, married Edward TAYLOR); Abraham (1833, married 1) Sophia ROWE 2) Sarah Jane BLACKFORD, nee IRWIN 3) Mary NOLL; Martha (1835, married Charles BROWN); Susannah (1837, married Robert WICKS, went to New Zealand circa 1861); William (1840, married Elizabeth RAMSEY); Grace (1842). Martha died in 1842 and William married Mary KIRK in 1843. The family then appear to have migrated to Victoria about 1845 where Mary died in 1847. William married for a third time to Lucy WAUGH in 1851. He died at

Castlemaine, Victoria in 1878, "an old Soldier, and one of those engaged in the battle of Waterloo...a resident of Kyneton for many years". He also served with the 2/30th Regiment of Foot in the British Army. Any information on this family greatly appreciated by Ms. Julie Stevens (3017), 33 Davidson Street, Traralgon, Victoria 3844.

HARNELL/ARNELL/ARNOLD

Marriage certificate of James Edward HARNELL states he was born in Hobart, Tasmania circa 1842. His father, Thomas HARNELL/ARNOLD, was an attorney and his mother's name is unknown. James married in Heathcote, Victoria in 1864. Any indication that these people were in Tasmania would be appreciated. by Mrs. J. Robertson, PO Box 15, Kilsyth, Victoria 3137.

HARRISON

Descendants are sought in Tasmania of Robert HARRISON, railway employee, married to Mary Fisher, daughter of Letitia and George Fisher, Cameron Street, Launceston. They were married in 1871 at a private ceremony at the home of the bride. They had several children. Carmel Hinch (nee Harrison) is seeking the names of Robert's parents and whether he was born in VDL or in England. Any information to Carmel Hinch of 35 Ruby Street, West Essendon, Victoria 3040

HEATLEY/QUEELY

Ruth Dowson (3150) is hoping to get in contact with Mary QUEELY of Perth, WA, concerning information about Marshall Davis HEATLEY and his family of Hobart and Blyth, Northumberland. She is willing to pay any costs incurred for photocopying, postage, etc. Please get in touch. I need HELP! Ruth Dowson, 13 Anne Street, Blacktown, NSW 2148.

KAINE/FRENCH

James KAINE, born 1837, Wigtonshire, Scotland, married Isabella BOYLE (born 1835, Girvan, Scotland) at Barr, Ayr, Scotland, in 1857. They migrated to Melbourne in 1860 aboard the *Atlanta*. One child was born and died aboard ship. After settling in Tasmania 8 more children were born. James KAINE farmed and operated a sawmill in Penguin area and was prominent socially in the local area. One son, Thomas (my grandfather) married Florence Lavinia FRENCH at Latrobe in 1902. Her parents were Daniel FRENCH and Harriet BEAMS. They lived on the banks of the Leven at Latrobe and were farmers. Known brothers of Florence were Daniel and Laurence. Any information on KAINES and FRENCH families appreciated by Vivienne McArdle, PO Box 76 Croydon, Victoria 3136.

KING

Keith Jackson KING known to be a merchant at Launceston was a landholder circa 1834 and went to Port Phillip circa 1842. He was a nephew of Robert BOSTOCK of "Vaucluse", Epping Forest and married Hanna Bedlington ALLISON of "Streamshah". He is an ancestor of the RIGNEY family of "Bona Vista", Avoca. Does anyone know of the site of his warehouse in Launceston. Contact Thelma Birrell (2460), "Marakiri", 8 Lefoes Road, Bli Bli, Queensland 4560.

LACEY

Joseph (carpenter), Mary and four young sons from Somerset arrived via WA (*Thomas Peel*) 1829 and Hobart 1831 (parallel Frederick Lipscombe and Sarah Wise). Henry William LACEY became rich erecting (pre-cut?) houses in the Californian gold rush in 1850 - with whose support? Robert LACEY (carpenter) married Mary Ann O'BRIEN in 1844 but where did they and Francis Oliver LACEY go?. Ralph LACEY was a publican at Queenstown about
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1948. Information and stories sought by Frank Farr, 5 Taroona Avenue, Waverley, Victoria 3149.

LLOYD/REDFORD

Would like to hear from family members of Ethel Seed REDFORD who married Thomas Bennett LLOYD, March 1902 in Walkden, Lancashire, England. They are believed to have immigrated to Melbourne sometime after 1902. Please write to Mrs. C.K. Bluhm, 5 Nankoor Crescent, Howrah, Tasmania 7018.

MARTIN/RUSSELL

Mary Ann MARTIN (parents William and Sarah) born 29 October 1821, baptised 5 December 1822 at Launceston, married Samuel RUSSELL on 24 December 1838 at St. John's Church, Launceston. A boy was born on 25 September 1844 and a girl on 24 October 1846. Abraham was born on 13 May 1849 at Dandenong, Victoria. One other child was also born to them. Samuel died on 29 April 1853, presumably at the Bendigo goldfields of White Hills. Their fifth child, Eliza was born 23 October 1853, two months after her mother, Sarah, married Thomas VOSS, widower, born Northhamptonshire, England, in 1810. They had Jonathon Thomas born Barkers Creek in 1856, Mary Ann born Castlemaine, 12 May 1859, one child born ? and Charles Henry born 1864. Thomas died on the 15 October 1865 and Mary Ann married Thomas CLEMENTS, born 1815 at Charlton, Wiltshire, Eng. He died in 1894 at Melbourne and Mary Ann died 27 August 1902 at Melbourne, aged 81. More information gladly received by Mrs. Shirley Connaghan (2093), 29 Fairway Drive, Yallourn Heights, Victoria 3825.

MENZIES/ALLAN

Does anyone know anything of Marian MENZIES of Perth, Scotland who married John ALLAN, shipwright or ship's captain (may have drowned) about 1838 in Hobart Town, Tasmania, according to her death certificate dated 22 June 1868 in Sofala, NSW? If so contact Mrs. Dorothy Howard Alexander at PO Box 215, Young, New South Wales, 2594.

MONRO/MUNRO/KELLY

Alexander MONRO/MUNRO, born circa 1818 Dumfries (?), Scotland, arrived in December 1828 aboard the *Lady Rowena*. He married Mary Ann KELLY, born circa 1831, Ireland, arrive November 1851 aboard the *Calcutta*. They married on 16 June 1852 at Christ Church Longford. They had moved to the Victorian goldfields by 1855. Any information on this family and Alexander in particular, would be greatly appreciated by Patricia Wescombe, 64 Dorene Street, St Marys, SA 5042.

MORRIS/WHITWORTH

Charles William MORRIS, born circa 3 June 1830, probably England, married 9 January 1855 at St. David's, Hobart, to Rosina Hannah WHITWORTH. He was variously described in Tasmanian as accountant, tobacconist and commission agent. He was a storekeeper at Sandhurst in Victoria in 1858 but apparently left family, Rosina and five children, to return to England during the 1860s and did not reappear. Rosina WHITWORTH's parents, Isaac and Hannah (EDWARDS) were married in Bloomsbury in 1830. We have no information on Charles MORRIS's family nor on any of Rosina WHITWORTH's siblings. The association of the names, MORRIS and WHITWORTH, in Tasmania has its own coincidental interest. Any information to John Edmonds, 515 Willowite Road, Moriac, Victoria 3240

NICHOLS/DOLBEL/BURNS

Mrs. S. Haigh would like to hear from descendants of Alfred Weeding NICHOLS, married 1887 at Ulverstone to Margaret Sophia DOLBEL. Children of this union were Allan (married 1908 at Queenstown, to Martha Gladys BURNS); Phillip; George; Alfred; Herbert; Mabel and Elsie. They were all born at Sprent. The family was living at Queenstown in the early 1900s. Allan and Martha's second son, Allan Keith Thomas NICHOLS, born 1910 at Queenstown was adopted as a young child. There may be other children born to this couple after 1910. Have information on the adopted son. Contact Mrs. Haigh at 92 King Arthur Drive, Glen Waverley, Victoria 3150.

NIXON/RUSSELL

Mrs. Nancy Wise (1153) is writing for a John Hill from Northumberland, England who would like to contact descendants in Tasmania of George Coleridge NIXON, born 1845 in Tasmania. He died on 21 October 1885 at "Rhodes", Longford, Tasmania. He married on 27 July 1871 at Christ Church, Longford to Adela RUSSELL, born 30 May 1847 at "Rhodes", Longford and died 30 May 1932 at Homebush, Sydney, NSW. George was the third son of Francis Russell NIXON, who was the first Church of England Bishop of Tasmania 1842-1863. Any information would be appreciated. Please contact Mrs. Wise, RSD 38, Myalla, Tasmania 7325.

ROSS

My great great grandfather, Hugh ROSS, went to Hobart in 1822 and practiced law. His wife Sarah and two children, Mary and Anne Eliza arrived the following year. Sarah died in 1825. Hugh ROSS remarried in 1829 and in 1842 came to New Zealand bringing Anne Eliza. I have only recently discovered that Mary stayed in Tasmania marrying Nathaniel OLDHAM in 1843. Are there any descendants of this marriage. Please contact Mrs. Joyce Montgomerie, 2A Maruti Rise, Henderson, Auckland, New Zealand.

ROUSE/MUSSON/GAITSKELL/CHICK/LITTLEJOHN

Thomas ROUSE, born circa 1815, Hose, Leicestershire, married Elizabeth MUSSON, born circa 1815. They arrived with five children at Launceston on the *Montmorency* on 28 June 1855. Two more known children were born in the Morven district, Tasmania. Elizabeth died 12 June 1882 at New Norfolk. Their children: Charlotte (born 1840, Hose, married George Tinnian GAITSKELL, 1863 Launceston); Mary Ann (born 1844, Hose); Sarah (1847, Hose, married John CHICK, 1870, Launceston); James (1849, Hose, married Mary Ann DESMOND, 1877, Launceston); Robert Burton (1851, Hose, married Cecilia Eva WYATT); Eleanor Morrison (1856, Morven, Tas., married James LITTLEJOHN, 1875, Morven); Thomas MUSSON (1859, Morven, married Mary Jane MATTHEWSON). Any information about any of this family would be greatly appreciated by Mrs. Vicki Box (2174), 39 Carlinga Drive, Vermont, Victoria 3133.

STAGG/KNOWLES

Susan, John and Hannah, born STAGG in 1850s (Susan at Bridgewater), later married on the East Coast as KNOWLES. Susan began working for Mr. Lyne in 1862 at the age of 12. There is a story of parent's drowning in the early 1860s and the children being raised by the KNOWLES family. Any and all information welcome by Audrey Williams (3037) 4 Bent Street, Nambucca Heads, New South Wales 2448.

VON SCHILL

Information is sought on the family of Frederick William VON SCHILL and Edith Maud Matilda (nee NICHOLS). A daughter, Frances Jean was born on 1 May 1916 and baptised at Latrobe. Any further information appreciated by Ray Bassett (64), 24 Thistle Street, Launceston, Tasmania 7250.

NEW MEMBERS' INTERESTS

Correction

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- 3383 June E. Kerrison, "Spring Valley", RSD 700, Exeter, Tas 7275
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- 3424 Bevin George Fist, 84 Union Rd., Surrey Hills, Vic 3127
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- 3425 Patricia Farnshaw, 137 East Derwent H'wy, Lindisfarne, Tas 7015
- 3426 Janice E. Edwards, PO Box 1863, Hobart, Tas 7001
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- 3427 Geoffrey J. Cannock, 27 Second Ave, Midway Point, Tas 7171
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