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

EDITORIAL

This edition is packed with a wide range of interests. Dr. David Mackay continues his research into the hereditary condition, glaucoma. There is an abridged edition of Grahame Thom's paper "Adoption Laws" which was presented at the 1994 Brisbane Conference.

There is a hi-tec article from Margaret Frewin on CD-Rom and Tasmanian records and Colleen Read has explored the Hobart Branch Library and found some great resources there. On a more personal line, there are two delightful school days' articles from Thelma and Irene.

Exchange journals are available for use in the Branch Libraries and Thelma McKay spends a good deal of her valuable time checking them for our special interest.

The most exciting item discusses the two fellows named George Collins - one of them was the son of Lieutenant Governor David Collins and the other was a resident of Evandale. Be careful to make sure you have your facts correct before you hang up the wall chart with Governor's boy at the top.

The next issue will be full of Launceston contributions.

Jenny Gill, Associate Editor.

1996 FAMILY HISTORY AWARD

The Genealogical Society of Tasmania Inc. Family History Award for 1996 will be for the commercially produced book category. For the purpose of this award a commercially produced book is a work that is professionally typeset, printed and bound in a commercial manner and published for public (or private) sale by a commercial printer/publisher.

Whilst a significant Tasmanian content is required, the history need not be wholly Tasmanian. It must be the story of a family, not an individual person. The competition is open to the general public as well as to members of the Society. The winner will be selected by an independent judging panel appointed by the Society. Closing date for entries is 31 December 1995.

Further information about the 1996 award and entry forms are available from the Genealogical Society branch Libraries or by applying to the Family history Award Co-ordinator, PO Box 1290, Launceston, Tasmania 7250.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I was recently asked to perform one of the more pleasant of the President's varied duties, that of launching a member's published family history. It is always exciting to see the work of years come to fruition in a published form and it must be a great buzz for an author.

With only some 200 years behind us as a nation, every family history which reaches publication is in fact making a contribution to the written record of our social history.

Rarely is there an up day without a corresponding down day somewhere to restore the balance and it is with sincere regret that we say farewell to Grahame and Rosslyn Thom who have been transferred from Hobart to Melbourne.

Grahame is well known to many members as an active member of the Hobart Branch Committee, from a spell as a Hobart Branch Research Officer, as a speaker at the 1991 and 1994 Congresses and as a speaker at most GST Branches. Additionally Grahame served three years as State Treasurer and is the architect of our present financial By-Laws and Guidelines. Thank you Grahame for all your contributions during your time in Tasmania. We trust you will continue as a member of the Society and wish you well in your new position.

We were sorry to lose the services of Dianne Kidd as a Burnie Branch Delegate recently when Dianne found it necessary to resign for personal reasons and we thank Villy Scott for coming forward to fill the vacancy.

Branches will now be turning their thoughts to their respective Annual General Meetings and I do hope that members have been giving some thought to my last message and have put themselves forward for nomination. Remember that if you feel able to serve in any capacity there will undoubtedly be members of your Branch who are willing to nominate you for that position and I am sure that you will find committee work most rewarding.

As this is the March edition of our Journal I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a happy Easter.

David Harris, President.

Cover Design: Latrobe inlet showing wharves and stores circa 1888. The ketches in the foreground are the 46 ton *Coral* and 73 ton *Swift*. Potatoes and timber were shipped to the mainland and Tasmanian ports. Fire destroyed most of the buildings in 1895. The area is now known as Bell's Parade and has beautiful parklands along the river. Reproduced with permission of Greg Waddle

BRANCH NEWS

BURNIE

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At the meeting in October, Ms Sue McDonald, Reference Librarian at the Hellyer Regional Library, was guest speaker. Sue gave an excellent talk on the continuing improvement of Library Information and updated reference material. Valuable liaison is maintained with Sue regarding purchase of new records to avoid duplication.

The enthusiasm of all members towards fund-raising for the proposed new microfiche reader-printer demonstrated excellent commitment and support for the Branch executive and the needs of the branch library. Particular thanks are extended to Mrs. Kaye Wilson for making her home available for a very successful fashion parade and to Mr. Derek Newton and Mr. Villy Scott for providing their premises for the running of garage sales. Thank you to all members for their donations and offers of help. We were able to confirm at the November meeting that the target of \$4,500 had been achieved. An order for the new unit has been placed and it should be operating in February 1995.

The November meeting night was a celebration night following a busy year of work. It was also an evening to celebrate the 14th birthday of the Burnie branch. Vice President of the branch, Graham Muir, concluded an enjoyable evening by addressing us in his Scottish brogue, with an interesting and informative talk in Scottish Records.

We are looking forward to another challenging year for 1995 and extend best wishes to all members in their research.

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The final meeting for 1994 was a cent evening. After members had enjoyed themselves while raising funds a Christmas supper was enjoyed by all.

The winner of the major fund-raiser, the Christmas Hamper Raffle, was Mrs. Z. Yates of Devonport. The raffle raised about \$550.

Once again a display will be mounted in the Mersey Regional Library during Family History Week which commences on the 17th March. The theme of this year's display will be Irish Immigration.

The Branch Annual General Meeting will be held at the Branch Library on Thursday, 27th April at 7.30 p.m. It would be great if other members would avail themselves of the opportunity to become members of the Branch committee.

The Branch congratulates Paul Edwards on the publication of his family history book, *Of Yesteryear and Nowadays*.

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The 1994 year came to an end with an enjoyable November meeting centred around things Scottish and things Scotch. Members joined in the spirit of the evening and while the primary focus of the evening was social, there were many points of interest, for our members. The members who worked so hard to provide special items of interest, and a special supper are particularly thanked. Following the December-January break we began the New Year with Mr. Tony Marshall from the Tasmaniana Room.

Guest speakers for this quarter will be:

March	Dr. and Mrs. Meredith who will be visiting is from England will talk on a special aspect of research. Watch <i>The Mercury</i> Community News column for more details.	
April	Joyce Purtscher "Tasmanian Children's Institutions".	
May	Jenny Parrott "Re-Uniting of Convicts with their Families"	

The Branch's program for Family History Week is to support the Norfolk Island and VDL Group's excursion, have the visit from the Merediths and have a free open afternoon at our library on Saturday 25th March.

Members in all parts of the state are reminded of our Weekend Conference to be held on Saturday and Sunday 17th and 18th June. This will also include the State Annual General Meeting. See the enclosed Registration Form and get yours away. To help the organisers we ask you to do that today.

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On re-opening after a well earned break, the branch committee would like to express their appreciation to the hard working band of volunteers who turned up on a very hot and humid day to "Spring clean" the library premises. Opening day on the 17th of January was well attended and the freshness of the rooms brought favourable comment. A researcher visiting from Darwin found much to occupy her.

November's meeting was addressed by Ken Griffin from Hertfordshire whose visit to Tasmania was prompted by an interest in the convicts transported from that county. We hope to see the results of his research later this year. The State President, David Harris gave us a brief introduction to the Australian Heritage Foundation, on the Committee of which he has agreed to represent the interests of genealogists.

After a brief business meeting in December a light-hearted quiz on research was chaired by Anne Bartlett and followed by a party supper. The Christmas raffle was drawn, winners being:-

Hamper of groceries, Abbey Millington, Scottsdale

Cradle, B. O'Byrne, Launceston.

Clown doll, D. Barnes, Bridport

Train set, M. Cassidy, Launceston.

As a result of the excellent fund-raising efforts the Committee placed orders for a large amount of research material which is now available. Readers are referred to the Library notes in this journal and the current listing under "New Fiche" on the reception room notice board.

During Family History week this year the branch are assisting the Westbury Historical Society with their St. Patrick's Day weekend festivities. We are providing a research facility and display of Irish material for those wanting assistance to trace ancestors in that country. This will be staffed by volunteers on Saturday, March 18th in the RSL rooms. See *The Examiner* for further details.

Sunday March 26th will see the visit of Keith and Mary Meredith from the UK who will give a brief talk on the Meredith family whose connection with Louisa Meredith they are hoping to confirm during their visit. Following afternoon tea their subject will be Welsh and English research for beginners and the more experienced. This meeting will be the trial of afternoon meetings to accommodate those who prefer not to come out to the evening meetings.

We hope that Launceston members enjoyed the first issue of *The Northern Gazette*. The committee have had a good response to the "jobs vacant" section and Jenny will be pleased to have any comments and/or suggestions as to content of future issues.

Programme:

Tuesday 6 March: "For Love or Money", Kay Pickett

Tuesday 4 April: "Royal Veteran Corp" Gwenda Webb

Tuesday 2 May: "The Clark-Weston Family Papers with connection to early George Town", Mary Ramsay

Sunday 4 June: "Computers in Family History", Workshop at the Branch Library, 2 Taylor Street, Invermay commencing at 2.00 p.m.

INTEREST GROUP REPORT

Van Diemen's Land - Norfolk Island Group

The bus excursion in November to the Channel and Huon Valley started at Sandy Bay, and continued on to the Shot Tower where members were shown through the house belonging to the Tower. "Hillgrove", which is opposite the Tower, was also inspected. From there the group went on to Kingston, later enjoying a morning tea break by the side of the Huon River, then on to Geeveston. Unfortunately it rained (the first time in our four years) as the bus arrived and members were invited into Mr and Mrs Kemp's home at Brookside to have lunch.

After lunch we returned to Huonville and diverted to Raneleigh where we visited "Valleyfield". The last part of our day was up through the old Huon Road, passing what was once the Neika School. An unplanned afternoon tea at the Fern Tree Hotel was enjoyed by all before returning to Hobart.

Tunbridge was the venue for the Christmas get-together where 33 members gathered to inspect "The Manor". After an enjoyable tour many strolled down by the old bridge before having lunch at the cottage, which once belonged to our host's grandmother. In spite of it being a very hot day many took advantage of visiting the cemetery and the salt pans where, in spite of the dry conditions, some plants were found and their origin explained to us.

I would like to thank all who have attended the excursions throughout the years and helped to make them such successful outings. Because of the time spent in researching and producing the book it has been decided to hold two a year instead of the usual three. The next one will be held in March 1995 in the Clarence district where many of the Norfolk Islanders settled. As an extra our group has extended an invitation to the Hobart Town (1804) First Settlers Association to join us as we are now finding many of our members belong to both groups.

As mentioned in our last journal, two books were proposed for publication in Braille. I have received information that the Hamilton Excursion has been completed and has proved very popular.

New Books produced by members of the group, available from I. Schaffer 23a Montagu St. New Town 7008 :

Tasmanian Industrial Schools and Reformatories.

Sandy Bay, Channel, Geeveston, Huon Road Excursion.

Irene Schaffer, Co-ordinator.

LIBRARY NOTES

St. Catherine's House Index Roster

	19/2/1995 -20/5/1995	21/5/1995 - /8/1995	/8/1995 /11/1995	/11/1995 /2/1996
1868-1878	Launceston	Huon	Hobart	Devonport
1879-1889	Burnie	Launceston	Huon	Hobart
1890-1900	Devonport	Burnie	Launceston	Huon
1901-1911	Hobart	Devonport	Burnie	Launceston
1912-1922	Huon	Hobart	Devonport	Burnie

BURNIE

Books

Vaocluse House

Index to Tasmanian Deaths/Burials 1797-1840

O'Shea Index to The Mercury 1900-1910 - Births

Tasmania: People and Places

Various Electoral Rolls for ACT, NSW, NT and Vic

Tracing your Scottish Ancestors

Countries of the Mind

William Woolls

Life and Times of William Hay

Aboriginal Place Names

Gustav Weindorfer of Cradle Mountain

Shipwrecks

Battery Point: Today and Yesterday

Microfiche

Kent FHS Members 1994

DEVONPORT

Library Accessions for Quarter October-December 1994

Books

Tracing Your Family History in Australia, Nick Vine Hall

A Goodly Heritage - The Growth and Achievements of a Tasmanian Family

AOT Convict Department Holdings

AOT Church Record Holdings

Tasmanian Electoral Roll 1984 - Bass, Braddon, Denison, Franklin and Lyons

Kith & Kin - sources for Family History, South Australia

An Index to Assisted Immigrants Arriving Queensland 1880-1899 4 volumes

Occupations - A Preliminary List, Joyce Culling

A Latin Glossary for Family & Local Historians, Lenore Frost

1851 Cornwall Census Surname Index:

Vol. 2. Liskeard Registration District No. 303 (part)

Vol. 6 Launceston Registration District No. 301 (part)

Vol. 7 Launceston Registration District No. 301 (part)

Guilty or Not Guilty Vol. 1 1841 - 1845, Pamela Sheldon

Of Yesteryear and Nowadays, Paul Bathurst Edwards

Searching for Mary Ann - Researching Women Ancestors in Australia

Microfiche

McKirdy Index (Scotland) Bute 1855-1875 Deaths

McKirdy Index Lanark 1855 Deaths

Brighton (Vic.) General Cemetery 1855-1988 Register and Index

Coburg (Vic.) Cemetery

ARGUS Missing Friends Index 1851-1853

HOBART

Books

Catholic Records Index, 2nd Edition

The Story of Ballinglass

Guilty or Not Guilty

Biographical Dictionary of Nesbitt/Nisbet

Bibliography of Irish Family History

Directory of Irish Parish Records, Indexed

From Shamrock to Wattle: Tracing your Dublin Ancestors

Directory of Irish Genealogy, 1991

Tracing the Past: Irish Genealogy - A Record Finder

O'Shea Index to the Mercury: Births 1900-1910

Tracing your Family History in Australia

Monumental Inscriptions in the Library of the Society of Genealogists:

Part 1 South England

Part 2 Northern Ireland, Wales, Scotland

City of London Parish Registers

Greater London Parish Registers

Records of the Medical Profession

Spring Bay - Tasmania

A Rich Inheritance, Vols. 1 and 2

Writing a Family History

Bellerive Heritage, Vol. 2

Tasmanian Industrial Schools and Reformatories

Convicts in Western Australia 1850-87

Index to Tasmanian Deaths/Burials 1797-1840

Alexander McKay - the Prince of Bush Travellers

Microfiche

English Directories:

London	1850	Gloucestershire	1902	Somerset	1923
Warwickshire	1823	Staffordshire	1823	Worcestershire	1823
Nottinghamshire	1828	Hampshire	1875	Wiltshire	1875
Dorset	1875	Rutland	1828		

Scottish Directories

Peebleshire	1915	Outer Hebrides	1915	Banffshire	1915
Shetland Islands	1852	Wigtownshire	1852	Midlothian	1852
Orkney	1852	Ross and Cromarty	1852	Sutherland	1852
Caithness	1852				

1881 Census Indexes

Berkshire	Buckinghamshire	Westmoreland	Warwickshire
Caernarvonshire			

Tickets of exemption from Government Labour in NSW

Ireland - Old Aged Pension Claims

LAUNCESTON

Microfiche:

Pigot's Directory of 1822 - 1823

Cheshire	Derbyshire	Gloucestershire	Herefordshire
Lancashire	Leicestershire	Lincolnshire	Monmouthshire
Norfolk	Nottinghamshire	Rutland	Shropshire
Somersetshire	Staffordshire	Warwickshire	Wiltshire
Worcestershire	Yorkshire	North Wales	South Wales

Statistical Account for Scotland 1791-1799

Ireland - Old Age Pension Index

NSW - Conditional Purchase Register 1864-65

SA - West Terrace Burial Register 1901-1920

Vic - Cheltenham Cemetery Records 1865-1990

Books

Irish Families in Australia L-Q and R-Z, Coffee and Morgan

The Tasmanian Aborigines, B.C. Mollinson

O'Shea Index to Mercury Births 1900-1910,

Tasmanian Deaths and Burials 1797-1840, A Buchanan

Probate Jurisdictions, Jeremy Gibson

Using the Library of the Society of Genealogists

Poor Law Documents before 1834, Anne Cole

A Hand on the Helm, G.W. Cox

Castle Day-dreams, Maureen Martin and Linda Ablitt

A History of Port Sorell, Tasmania, Fay Gardam

Mariners, Merchants the Pioneer, Thelma Birrell

A Short History of Ross, K.R. von Stieglitz

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NEW ACQUISITIONS

This is a select list of books on history and genealogy which have been added to the Tasmaniana Library between mid-October, 1994 and late January, 1995. They are mostly, but not all, new publications; the Tasmaniana Library often acquires older works which relate to Tasmania and which it does not already hold.

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).

Further information is also available on TALIS, the State Library's on-line information system. TALIS terminals are available in all city, and many branch, libraries throughout Tasmania.

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).

Ackland, Jane and Catherine Ackland, *Seal family history 1801-1991*, (TLQ 929.2 SEA)

Adam-Smith, Patsy, *Goodbye Girlie*. [Second installment of her life story, part one being *Hear the Train Blow*] (TL 820.A ADA)

Allan, Richard, *Go fish Australia*. [based on the ABC-TV series] (TL 799.10994 GOF)

As the lobster flows: Caveside-Chudleigh, an historical record compiled by the re-union committee for the re-union of Caveside and Chudleigh schools and district 1994. (TLP 994.631 AST)

Australia: studies on the history of discovery and exploration. Edited by H. Lamping and M. Linke. (TL 919.404 AUS)

Bannister, Alfred Geoffrey, *Their pioneers; the stories of the Australian pioneer ancestors of my mother and father*. (TLPQ 929.2 BAN)

Branagan, J.G., *The Historic Tamar Valley: its people, places & shipping 1798-1990*. (TL 994.61 BRA)

Buchanan, A.M., *Index to Tasmanian deaths/burials 1797-1840*. (TLQ 929.3 BUC)

- Bushby, Lark, *Launceston Mechanics' Institute 1842-1892 : success or failure?* (TLQ 374.2 BUS)
- Burgess, G.H.O., *The curious world of Frank Buckland.* (TL 570.92 BUC)
Centenary of St Finn Barr's Parish 1894-1994. (TLP 282.94611 STF)
- Chamberlain, Brian, *Tamar mud and Ponrabbel.* [History of Tamar dredger Ponrabbel] (TLPQ 387.1099461 CHA)
- Coleman, Peter, *Memoirs of a slow learner.* (TL 328.94092 COL)
- Collins, Wendy, *The autobiography of an "April fool"* (TL 920. COL)
- Genealogical Society of Tasmania Inc., *Members Interests 1993/1994.* (TLQ 929.1 MEM)
- Graeme-Evans, Alex, *Tasmanian rogues and absconders 1803-1875, Volume II: the middle years 1821-1836.* (TLPQ 994.603 GRA)
- Hopkins, David, *The convict era: Book 1 - Transported beyond the seas; Book 2 - Port Arthur - a place of discipline in chains; Book 3 - Penal servitude in chains.* (TLPQ 994.602 [Book 1] TLPQ 994.603 [Books 2&3])
- Hudson, G.W., *Old Longford.* (TLP 994.621 HUD)
- Hudson, Norma J., *The Leslie's [sic] of Ravenswood, Invermay & Rocherlea.* (TLQ 929.2 LES)
- James Fenton: Farmer-writer.* [Primary school text] (TLP 994.6 FEN)
- James Scott: Scott's new country.* [Primary school text] (TLP 994.6 SCO)
- John Edward Cox: Coachman.* [Primary school text] (TLP 994.6 COX)
- Lester, Suzanne, *Spring Bay, Tasmania: a social history.* (TL 994.674 LES)
- Lowe, David, *Forgotten rebels: black Australians who fought back.* [Includes Tasmania's Jack Napoleon of Cape Grim] (TL 994.0049915 LOW)
- Lyons, W.F., *Brigadier-General Thomas Francis Meagher: his political and military career; with selections from his speeches and writings.* (TL 920. MEA)
- Maddock, M.J., *The harts and souls of Trafalgar.* [Property, Evandale] (TLPQ 929.2 MAD)
- Mason, Anne and Patricia Wylie, *Bailey-Houston 1797-1994; the convict connection.* (TLQ 929.2 BAI)
- McCausland, M.E., *Fly-fishing in Australia and New Zealand.* (TL 799.12 MCC)
- McLaren, Ian F., *Laperouse in the Pacific: including searches by d'Entrecasteaux, Dillon, Dumont d'Urville.* (TLQ 016.9109164 LAP)
- Morris, Bill, *Trevallyn Bowls Club - the first 25 years.* (TL 796.315 TRE)
- New Town High School, *We build for the future: a history of New Town High School.* (TL 373.946 NEW)

- Norman, Don. *A Tasmanian life: an autobiography*. (TL 920, NOR)
Principal manuscript collections in the National Library of Australia. [3rd ed]
 (TLR 016.091 NAT)
- Prasad, Judith. *Schoolmaster - John Chambers 8.12.1809-23.4.1877*.
 (TLQ 929.2 CHA)
- Robb, Gwenda and Elaine Smith, edited by Robert Smith, *Concise dictionary of
 Australian artists*. (TL 709.94 ROB)
- Ross, John O.C., *William Stewart: sealing captain, trader and speculator*.
 (CRO 639.28 STE)
- Rotary club of Hobart: 10 years of Rotary July 1983-June 1993*. (TLP 369.5 ROT)
- Schaffer, Irene, *Excursion: Sandy Bay, Channel, Geeveston, Huon Road 13 November
 1994*. (TLPQ 994.6 SCH)
- Sims, Peter C., *Robinson photographic collection*. (TLPQ 919.4632 SIM)
- Sir Richard Dry: A great Tasmanian*. [Primary school text] (TLP 994.6 DRY)
- Smith, Mary, *The House of Espie in Australia and New Zealand*. (TLQ 929.2 ESP)
- Some Ikin reminiscences: Ikin family gathering Sydney June 1990*. (TLQ 929.2 IKI)
- South East Tasmanian Aboriginal Corporation, *SETAC community magazine June
 1994*. [Contains "Researching your family tree" by Rose Strong]
 (TLPQ 305.89915 SET)
- St Canice: the church of Glengarry. 1894-1994*. (TLP 282.946613 STC)
- Tenison Woods, J.E., *The journal of Rev. J.E. Tenison Woods*. (TL 282.092 TEN)
- Tales of three anglers: Volume 3* [Willie Love, Critchley Parker, Jack Savigny]. Edited
 by Brian Cadle. (TLQ 799.12 TAL)
- Thomas W. Monks: Our daily bread*. [Primary school text] (TLP 994.6 MON)
- Tomes, Andrew, *Margate Primary School: a history 1869-1994*.
 (TLPQ 372.9946 MAR)
- Thrupp, Ann, *The Gables, Turners Beach 1850-1993*. (TLQ 994.63 THR)
- Truganini: Last of her tribe*. [Primary school text] (TLP 994.6004915 TRU)
- Twentieth century buildings for the National Estate Register Tasmania*.
 (TLR 363.69 TWE)
- Views of beauty spots of Tasmania, the gem of the southern seas*. [12 Scenic
 photographs of early Tasmania] (TLQ 919.46 VIE)
- Walker, Leedham C., *Sail on the tide: the story of Flinders Island shipping*.
 (TL 387.540994691 WAL)
- William Walker Fox: Educator*. [Primary school text] (TLP 370.9946 FOX)

Three Little Maids From Devon Schools are we (Apologies to Gilbert & Sullivan)

Thelma Grunnell

Laura Jane Phillips appears on the 1881 Census for Winkleigh, near Exeter, Devon, England as a scholar, aged thirteen, living with her parents, William Henry and Susanna. Her father was at that time a Police Constable, 2nd class, having changed occupation from a stone mason shortly after the birth of his daughter. By virtue of his employment, William moved around Devon being stationed in several villages which we have not as yet traced, so we do not know where Laura first attended school. Winkleigh attendance books have only survived after 1900 but the school log books from 1874 and board minute books still remain in care of the present headmaster.

This is the story they tell.

- April 1881 Laura Phillips appointed Monitress.
- April 27th 1881 Received complaint from Mrs. Parker that the monitress Laura Phillips had "slapped" her child Ellen. Asked the Monitress whether there was any truth in the accusation, she said there was not.
- February 1st 1882 This is to certify that I have examined Laura Jane Phillips and have found her general health very satisfactory. Signed J.H. Norman.
- I hereby certify that the character of L.J. Phillips' home is such as to justify an expectation that the instruction etc. of the school will be seconded by her own efforts and the example of her parents. Signed T. Letheren, Clerk to the School.
- March 1882 Sarah Coles, Certificated Assistant. W.H. Letheren, Pupil Teacher 2nd year. L.J. Phillips, Pupil Teacher 1st year. Signed Thomas Letheren, Clerk to the School
- January 22 1883 Pupil Teachers Examination at Torrington on Sat. 27th instant.
- April 22nd 1883 L.J. Phillips has passed well. 2nd year Pupil teacher.
- March 1884 L.J. Phillips has passed fairly but should attend to Geography. (Little did she realise that her future son and granddaughter would venture as far away as Australia.)
- Tom Coles, Teacher 2nd class, Sarah Coles, certificated Assistant, W.H. Leatheren, 4th year, L.J. Phillips, 3rd year.
- 7-21st April 1884 L.J. Phillips having had a severe inflammation of the lungs is still unable to return to her duties.
- 23rd April L.J. Phillips returned to duty.

2nd October 1884 Laura Jane Phillips' parents having removed to Exeter, she has been transferred to the Exeter School Board at St. Mary Arches School. The agreement between this school board and her having been cancelled by the payment of the usual fee.

Here the recorded progress of Laura Jane as a teacher ends as the St. Mary Arches School and church were destroyed by bombs during WWII and all the records too. However we do know that she was teaching up to the time of her marriage in 1889, possibly still in Exeter, as there exists a bible presented to her in 1888 on leaving the St. Thomas Emmanuel Church where she had been a choir member and Sunday school teacher.

The Winkleigh School Board minute book records the payments to L.J. Phillips. Starting salary, 1/- per week. On 3rd May 1883 pupil teachers allowance £2/2/6. 1st October 1884 Payment of £5 by W.H. Phillips to cancel his daughter's agreement with the School Board. Payment of 2 months salary of £1/15/-.

Laura Jane Phillips married Edward Ball, Police Constable at St. Mary's Topsham, Exeter. Their daughter, Laura Louisa Phillips Ball was born in Dartmouth in 1890. She first attended school at Halberton in October 1894 where she was joined in September 1896 by her brother William Edward.

With promotion for the father the family moved to various Devon villages, finally becoming settled in the small village of Lifton, seven miles from the Cornish town of Launceston. Here the family lived in the police station which adjoined the school. On completing his primary school education William was sent to Horwell Grammar School in Launceston (now Launceston Grammar School), later going to Tavistock Grammar School at Crowndale near the birthplace of Sir Frances Drake.

Laura Louisa however, on putting her skirts down and hair up, became a pupil teacher in 1905 and the Lifton school log book traces some of her activities.

July 22nd 1907 I was present when Pupil teachers F. Oke (a family friend) and L.P. Ball were receiving instruction from Mr. Nex (the headmaster) signed Thomas Bradshaw (Squire of Lifton)

Sept 9th 1907 L.P. Ball gave a lesson to Standards V and VII on the reign of Charles I.

Nov. 29th F. Oke and L.P. Ball, Pupil Teachers were absent. Today they met H.M.I (School Inspector) at Tavistock C. of E. School in order to take, Reading, Recitation and Music for the Preliminary Certificate Exam.

Feb 21st 1908 F. Oke and L.P. Ball received news that they have been successful in Part I of the Preliminary Certificate exam.

April 10th 1908 L. Ball and F. Oke have been absent this week attending the Preliminary Certificate exam, the former at Torquay, the latter at Devonport.

July 18th 1908 The Pupil teachers have passed their examination.

July 31 1908 Louisa P. Ball, Pupil teacher, time expires today.

Louisa went on to St. Loyes Teacher Training College at Exeter, Devon where she demonstrated a talent for music, later becoming a Licentiate of the Trinity College of Music. She played both organ and piano. She was a woodcarver of some expertise and to assist her girls classes in the domestic arts had made a bed, fully sprung and furnished with bedding in miniature; which her niece later inherited to use for her dolls. Louisa became an officer in the first guide company established in Exeter. As yet we have not traced the schools in which Louisa taught in her short career. She died of pneumonia, complicating tuberculosis at the age of 28 after several years in a sanatorium.

Thelma Louie Ball, granddaughter of Laura Jane and niece of Laura Louisa started at Lifton School on 13th January 1936. Firmly held by the hand of one of the older pupils, Betty Parish, she made her way up the busy road from the lower half of the village where her father and grandfather kept a general store. Thelma wore black lace up boots, a navy serge skirt and a bright red jumper knitted by Laura Jane. Then started a love of reading which has carried on to this day. The family were flooded out several times as the store was alongside the River Thrussel which was fed from streams on the Moors and overflowed its banks during severe storms. How exciting it was to see from her bedroom window the local water bailiff bringing bread and milk by boat to the family marooned in the top floor of the two cottages. But not so much fun to see her toys from the summer house floating down stream, especially a much loved penguin.

The Silver Jubilee of King George and Queen Mary was celebrated by a sports day and carnival in the village recreation grounds. All children received a souvenir mug and medallion and the Women's Institute (CWA) put on a splendid tea, with saffron nubbies, jam and cream tuffs and extremely fizzy lemonade made with bright yellow sherbet powder. For the occasion Thelma wore a blue dress featuring hand embroidered scolloping, a matching sun bonnet (both made by her mother) with a string of red wooden beads.

A feature of winter evenings in the largest school room was the showing of magic lantern slides by visiting church missionaries and the Christmas bran tub from which treasured small gifts were burrowed for in sweet smelling cork grains which had cushioned grapes imported from Spain.

Both the original primary school and the police station have now been absorbed into the extension to the Arundell Arms, a prestigious shooting and fishing hotel, but the cell windows can still be seen in one of the bars and the entrance to the girls' cloakroom is now used to get into the games room.

In 1938 following another disastrous flood when almost all the stock of the store was ruined, the family moved to Tavistock, a small market town. Memories of primary schooling there recall an ice slide made in the playground by the caretaker, which was used by both pupils and staff. A forward looking master, Mr. Collins, who made the forerunner of the "Tardis" to introduce a note of excitement into history lessons also the cricket match during which he hit a ball over the pitch across a road and the



Laura Jane Phillips



*Thelma Louie Ball
on Jubilee Day*



Laura Louisa Philips Ball

Wesleyan Chapel too. During WWII a Plymouth school which had been bombed out came to share the primary school building. Overcrowding led to the two senior classes moving to the ballroom of the Town Hall for the remainder of the war. Here Miss Callaway reigned at one end and Mr. Gregory at the other. She had an unpleasant habit of rewarding inattention and other naughtiness by rapping the offender on the head with a finger reinforced by a thimble. A salutary shock when approaching the offender from the rear! Her brother was at that time the Superintendent Registrar for the Tavistock registration district and his signature appears on Thelma's birth certificate.

When sitting for the entrance examination for the Grammar School in 1941, Thelma struck up a friendship which was to be lifelong, with Inez Martin, a farmer's daughter. The uniform rules for the Grammar School were strict even in war time. Scarlet blazers for both sexes, black tunics, with scarlet girdles for the girls, had to be a regulation distance from the ground when kneeling. The summer uniform of black and white check gingham was worn with a scarlet pussy bow and a cream panama with scarlet band. Wartime economies led to the practice of queuing up to show exercise books to the deputy headmaster to prove that they were completely filled before new ones were issued. Supervising junior school lunch time was a chore imposed on sixth form pupils and sitting at a table of unruly small boys was not the ideal appetite stimulant for the seniors, especially with the constraints imposed on the cooks by rationing.

The Headmaster's twin sons were in the Air Force and often "buzzed" the school when on flights in that area. Remembrance Day became especially poignant when the list of old scholars killed in action was read by the Headmaster after both the twins were lost. Trenches were dug alongside a row of beech trees skirting the school boundaries and into these scholars were supposed to go when an air raid occurred during school hours. Not a great protection really, just an illusion of safety! School Certificate time arrived in 1945. On the evening preceding the final art exam the fifth form went to the pictures en masse. While waiting for the doors of the cinema to be opened the queue of pupils saw the Art Mistress enter the local florist shop opposite. She emerged a few minutes later with an armful of gladioli, so we knew what our flower drawing subject would be. Thelma's turned out to be a yellow one.

The end of school days led to a pre-nursing course at the Plymouth Technical College and then to nursing training during which Thelma met (as a patient) the dashing young railway clerk who eventually became her husband. But that's another story

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MY NOT SO HAPPY SCHOOL DAYS IN QUEENSLAND 1936-1945

Irene Schaffer (nee Wohlsen)

The first recollection of the meaning of the word "school" was when at the age of four, I asked my mother where was my sister, and was told she was at school. This, of course, to a just-turned four-year-old, didn't mean a thing. All I knew was that I was alone. I can vividly remember sitting out on the dirt footpath waiting for her to come back from this place called "school".

Our grandmother owned the school shop and the post office across from the Harristown school, and my mother visited her regularly. During one of these visits I went to play with my sister and her friends in the lunch break. When the time came for my return to the shop I went missing. My mother searched high and low - no Irene. Sometime later she arrived at the school only to find that I had found the "nerve" to approach the headmaster and ask if I could start school. She found me in the first grade - "sitting up like Jacky" at my desk.

So began my school days and because I was so young I used to fall asleep every afternoon - which I was allowed to do. My sister Rona had to come and wake me and take me home, much to her annoyance.

The next six years passed slowly as seems to happen during the first ten years of our lives. Each weekday we would walk the mile to school and back. Brief memories pass through my mind, like, saluting the flag, marching into school to band music, learning to drill while trying to remember which was my left or right side, collecting rubber for the war effort and arriving at school very pleased with myself with my cart full, the fun in having to run to the trenches for practice during classes, envying those who rode horses to school, swimming in our school pool, end of year sports day and an apple a day (to keep the doctor away), when we all got free apples from big baskets.

Living as we did on the outskirts of Toowoomba, we led a very quiet existence. Then the war came and things would never be the same again. Our father joined the garrison and for a while he was stationed in Toowoomba. Later he was transferred to Inglewood. This quiet western town was to win our hearts. We loved being able to walk to the shops, swim in the creek, in fact everything about it; even school, as by this time I had regretted my early introduction to that place called "school".

During the year we were at Inglewood we stayed with one of Dad's great aunts for a fortnight at Whetstone, a small place a few miles away. During this time we went to a one teacher school, where only about twelve children attended. This little school with its long forms, ink wells and slates was the first of two such schools that I attended during my travels (in search of the three R's.) I have very fond memories of those little bush schools.

I suppose the war changed a lot of people's lives; it did ours. In time my father was transferred back to Toowoomba and we were sad to leave Inglewood. Our family was divided, Rona and I were sent to stay with our father's mother. This began a very unhappy period in our lives, as the house our grandmother owned had only two bedrooms. These were occupied by my grandmother and my aunt (whose husband was away at the war) and her baby daughter in one, and the other by our great grandmother. Much to our amazement we were sent to an orphanage at Westbrook.

Memories are funny things, fifty years after this event, Rona's and mine differ a great deal; she remembers having our hair cut off, the changing of our own clothes for a uniform. The terrible food we both remember. The five mile walk to school for me, was a chance to walk in the bush (to church we had to march once a week). The very old home of Westbrook stayed vividly in my mind and as I grew older I often wondered about its history. (Last year we went back and visited it. I satisfied many years of wanting to know its history. For my sister, she dispensed with a lot of unhappy memories)

After a while we were sent back to our grandmother's home, from there we went to Stanthorpe where Dad sent us to yet another school. By now that awful feeling of having to go and face a new lot of kids, new teachers and new lessons was beginning to be a horror run for us. Before we could settle in we moved to Applethorpe a few miles away, where Dad was cook for the garrison. This was for me a haven, we found what was the remains of the once large homestead called "The Caves" situated in the bush away from everything. It was close to the army camp so Dad could be home each night and only a mile from the school. This tiny school had only one teacher. This will always be my best memory of school. The teacher had five of his own children attending and they were all top of their class. Being a Queensland school it was on stilts and it was freezing during the winter. Every morning we were taken out and after forming a circle proceeded to run, and at the same time take off our outer garments. Then when we had warmed up we put them back on and went back into school.

This teacher was well before his time in regard to allowing the sexes to mix. All the schools I had attended so far had always separated the boys from the girls in almost everything. This did not sit well with me as I detested most girls games. I hated hopscotch, skipping, basket ball, vigoro and sewing. I loved marbles, tops, football, gardening etc. These were frowned on by mothers and teachers alike. At the Applethorpe school we all played softball, soccer, vigoro, cricket, planted trees and recorded the weather together. We were encouraged to study aloud. I must admit that this took a bit of getting used to, as there was only one room and with everybody talking aloud it was a bit of a mad house, but an organized one for all that. These happy days were over all too soon as the army objected to two near teenage girls living so close to an army camp alone. This was totally unnecessary as the soldiers were very protective and looked after us, they were all family men.

Leaving Applethorpe was a very sad affair, there would be no more riding through the bush on my bike with my dog "Bluey" or collecting the milk early in the morning from

the nearest orchard through the crackling frosty grass, or exploring the nearby "Thunderbolt" caves.

Back again to Toowoomba and then sent to our Aunt Gladys' place at Warwick, we were separated for the first time, as Rona was by then old enough to attend high school, while I was sent to East Warwick Primary with my cousins. Never had I ever pretended so much to being sick when it came to school time. I hated the place. The only relief was swimming in the creek and bird catching when I could sneak off.

After a few months there we went back to grandma's place and settled there - for me anyway, for the next six years. My last year at school was spent at North Toowoomba. It was awful, I had missed so much, and I knew I would never catch up. I had to repeat my previous year and that put me in with kids two years my junior. It was a big school and I guess I tried to lose myself in its numbers.

Throughout my years at school friendships formed during the first and last part (no time to make many during our moves) which still play a big part in my life. Beris who lived near my grandmother's shop still keeps in touch and I visit when I go back to Toowoomba. My best friend Shirl whom I met at North Toowoomba has been with me through all the good and bad times. Wilma also from North Toowoomba, her son and my daughter later starting their schooling on the same day at North Toowoomba, still have contact and visits.

Although I was always very shy I did on occasion surprise even myself, for instance when I went and asked the headmaster if I could start school. Years later I found myself doing a similar thing, I went and asked if I could attend a history class at the Tasmanian University. With my lack of higher education I didn't hold much chance. I was given every encouragement to attend as a mature student and I spent a wonderful year there. This I believe gave me the self confidence I had previously lacked. I now believe that there is nothing that a person cannot do if they want to do it badly enough. School, well I guess we all need it, good or bad it did have an influence on my life.

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GENEALOGY PREVENTING BLINDNESS

Dr David Mackey

The Hereditary Glaucoma Study in Tasmania is the first Australian study into the hereditary nature of glaucoma. It is being conducted by researchers from the University of Tasmania and the University of Melbourne Department of Ophthalmology.

Glaucoma is the most common hereditary eye disease causing blindness and affects 1-3% of the population. Recent work suggests that it is largely a dominantly inherited disease and several different genes may be involved. Identifying the genes for glaucoma is therefore a major challenge facing researchers world-wide.

Glaucoma occurs when there is too much fluid pressure in the eye. Glaucoma if untreated results in blindness. However early diagnosis and treatment can prevent visual loss. Treatment usually consists of the use of regular eye drops to lower the pressure in the eyes or occasionally surgery. Unfortunately many people are unaware that they have any problem until vision is lost permanently usually over the age of 60 years.

Recent overseas studies have shown glaucoma running in families. Australia is well positioned to do this family based research as we have a stable population with very good genealogical records, active genealogical societies and a high standard of ophthalmic care. This is very different from the USA where people migrate frequently and lose contact with distant relatives, who are therefore unavailable to assist in tracing family trees. Tasmania has been selected as the most reliable place to do this important research in Australia.

We need to study large families with glaucoma using modern molecular biological methods. This involves DNA testing of blood samples from family members with glaucoma to compare against those family members without glaucoma. The main problem for researchers is finding families of sufficient size to get statistically significant DNA linkage results. This problem is compounded by the late age of the disease, and that some patients are not clearly defined as affected or not affected. Ideally we need ten people affected with glaucoma, who are cousins. With most of these people being over sixty years of age we obviously need large old Tasmanian families.

Potentially there are 5,000 glaucoma patients on treatment in Tasmania. With the assistance of the pharmacists and eye doctors throughout Tasmania we are attempting to contact every person with glaucoma, asking them to complete a questionnaire about their family history.

Patients who in the initial questionnaire, have positive family histories are asked for further family history information and invited to contact their family about having a comprehensive glaucoma examination by our research team.

By the end of 1994 we have completed the examination of almost all members over forty years of age in three families with glaucoma. This has involved members in

Tasmania and interstate. DNA research laboratories in the United States and at the Walter and Eliza Hall Institute in Melbourne are now working on the DNA samples to find the gene in each of these families. It is hoped that the location of the genes will be known within a year and that the full nature of the genes will follow within a few years. The location of the gene will allow us to tell those family members in the study who are too young to yet show signs of glaucoma, whether they are at high risk or low risk for glaucoma and allow early treatment to prevent visual loss.

During 1995 we plan to examine members of a further twenty families in Tasmania. This will require extensive genealogical workup of the ancestry of individuals involved in the study. Mrs. Maree Ring who has assisted Dr. David Mackey in previous research into hereditary eye diseases, will continue her research for this project. We will also be using the Tasmanian Family Link Program provided to us by the National Heritage Foundation. This computerised database will greatly speed our research and allow us to study more families.

With the co-operation of the Tasmanian community we will achieve world class medical research in Tasmania, showing the invaluable resource that genealogy can be, to benefit glaucoma patients world-wide and prevent blindness.

People requiring further information about the Hereditary Glaucoma Study in Tasmania may contact Dr. David Mackey C/- The University of Melbourne, Department of Ophthalmology, Royal Victorian Eye and Ear Hospital, 32 Gisborne Street, East Melbourne, Victoria 3002, telephone (03) 665 9666 or leave a message on (002) 44 2272

Photographs of War Graves

Are you interested in obtaining colour photographs of the graves of relatives who lost their lives in Belgium and Northern France during World War One. Brian Thomas writes that his hobby is researching the Great War and that he frequently visits the Cemeteries and Memorials to the fallen in the areas around Ypres in Belgium down to the Somme in France. There is also the possibility of him visiting a number of World War Two cemeteries in holland and Germany this summer. For a small charge he will provide two 7"x5" colour photographs (one close-up and one general view), information about the cemetery or memorial and a personal message in the Visitor's Book. For further information contact Brian at 8 Russell Drive, Wollaton, Nottingham NG8 2BH, UK enclosing an addressed envelope and an International Reply Coupon to cover return postage from the UK.

Stray Photo

In some books donated for a church fair in Hobart was a photograph showing two smartly dressed children about 4 or 5 years old. The photograph was taken in a studio in Greenock, Scotland, in 1911 and the children are Hugh Alexander Fullarton and Jane Walker Fullarton. There may be family connections to Fraser and Leitch. The photo will be given to anyone interested. Contact Don Gregg, 5 Kiama Place, Blackmans Bay, Tasmania 7052; telephone (002) 29 6519.

SEARCHING FOR TASMANIAN PIONEERS ON CD-ROM

Margaret Frewin

As many researchers with teenage children know only too well, the use of computers and increasingly CD-ROMs is now an everyday occurrence. The spread of CD-ROM use to family history research was inevitable as it allows large amounts of data to be quickly and effectively searched whilst being made widely available. INFORMIT in conjunction with the various State Registries, currently publishes five indexes to Birth, Death and Marriage records on CD-ROM - the Pioneers Indexes for Tasmania (1803-1899), New South Wales (1788-1888), Victoria (1837-1888) and Western Australia (1841-1905) and the Federation Index for New South Wales (1889-1918).

So why use the Pioneers Indexes on CD-ROM? CD-ROMs can be a very powerful search tool due to their ease of use, speed and versatility. Searching the various Pioneers Indexes on CD-ROM is menu driven with navigation around the screen being carried out by function and arrow keys. Programming your VCR would probably be more difficult! For those with a fear of computers, rest assured that you cannot accidentally erase any of the data on the CD-ROM.

Ancestor hunting by CD-ROM allows researchers to be very versatile in their approach to the content of their searches. Snippets of information can be linked together in the one search - for example a Mother's maiden surname coupled with a Registration District may be sufficient information to track down the births of any children, even when you have no idea who she may have married.

Uncertainty with the spelling of names can be overcome by utilising the truncation feature of the CD-ROM software. Researchers can enter the first few letters of a search term in a field such as surname followed by a question mark and the system will display possible variations as used in the database. For example, truncation of Bail? to search for Bailey will also find the variations of Baille, Bailley, Baillie, Bailly and Baily. The problem of hyphenated surnames is also easily overcome as all elements of the name are searchable. For example, the birth entry for Charlotte Fletcher-Jones could be found by searching on either Fletcher; Jones; Fletcher Jones or Fletcher-Jones in a surname search. Asian names can also be found using a similar search strategy.

The Tasmanian Pioneers Index 1803-1899 on CD-ROM

The Tasmanian Pioneers Index (TPI) on CD-ROM is an index of all Birth, Death and Marriage records for the period 1803 to 1899 created by the Tasmanian Registrar, Births, Deaths and Marriages. Released in August 1993 and containing over 425,000 records, the Tasmanian Pioneer Index comprises both civil records from December 1838 and some church records which were transcribed by the Registrar. The original indexes and registers are now held by the Archives Office of Tasmania.

Searches may be undertaken on fields such as surname, given names, parent or spouse names, registration place, age at marriage or death, registration number or year depending on the database being searched. Unlike other Indexes in the series, most records include the exact date on which the event occurred. Such information is a treasure trove for those investigating the more peripheral branches of the family tree as it allows the recording of date information without the need to purchase costly certificates. The Index also indicates whether the event was a marriage, a birth or christening, or a death or burial - once again significant information for some researchers.

In the case of death entries, the given name of the deceased's spouse has sometimes been included. Also unusual, is the listing of ages in the Marriages database. Some entries list no exact age but identify a person over the age of 21 as an Adult, whilst identifying a person under that age as a Minor. Searches can be made using either of these terms or a specified age.

For those of you with ancestors still missing after checking the CD-ROM, I would suggest a search on the NSW Pioneers Series (1788-1888) disc as I discovered quite a few early records for Tasmanian parishes such as Port Arthur, Hobart and Macquarie Harbour included. As far as I can ascertain, many of these entries do not appear to have been duplicated in the Tasmanian Pioneers Index.

For more information on the Tasmanian Pioneers Index on CD-ROM or any of the other CD-ROMs in the Pioneers series, please contact INFORMIT at RMIT Libraries at PO Box 12477, A'Beckett Street, Melbourne Victoria 8006, or by facsimile on (03) 663 3047.

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G.R. COLLINS THE LT.-GOVERNOR'S NATURAL SON AND GEORGE COLLINS OF EVANDALE - UNRAVELLING THE MYTH OF THEIR IDENTITIES

Lucille Andel

This paper is, in part, a response to the many representations made to the writer by families bearing the surname Collins in New South Wales, Victoria and Tasmania who believe they are descended from Lieutenant-Governor David Collins, through his son, George Reynolds Collins. Due to a great deal of erroneous material hitherto available G.R. Collins has been confused with another George Collins, who was born on Norfolk Island. This paper sets out some particulars to help put the record straight.

GEORGE REYNOLDS COLLINS

When David Collins arrived with the First Fleet in New South Wales in 1788 as Deputy Judge Advocate, like a number of other officers he soon established a family unit away from home. His choice as a companion was Ann (or Nancy) Yates, a single woman who had been tried at Yorkshire in 1785 for "breaking and entering a dwelling house and stealing therein thirty-six yards of printed cotton, valued at five pounds"

Nancy Yates appears on the *Lady Penrhyn* muster prepared by Major Ross on 13 March 1787 as Ann Yates, a nineteen year old milliner. Because of her good character she may have been assigned to David Collins as a servant.⁷ This certainly would explain her subsequent association with Collins.

Collins' relationship with Ann Yates was a protracted one. Their relationship in fact lasted for almost ten years, a longer period than Collins had spent with his legal wife, Maria Collins in England. A daughter, Marianne Letitia was born 13 September 1790 and then on 28 June 1793 Ann Yates bore Collins a son, who was named George Reynolds Collins. He was baptized on 23 April 1794 at St Philip's Church, Sydney. This child was named after Collins' favourite brother, George, and an officer friend named Reynolds.

From the few records available we know Collins certainly cared very much for his little family in Sydney mentioning them in a letter dated 11 June 1795 to his friend Edward Laing who was then in England. The two children were both supported by Collins in New South Wales and received at least an elementary education. We certainly know they could read and write. It seems from the available circumstantial evidence that Collins took Ann Yates and their children back to England on the *Britannia* when he left New South Wales in September 1796. Ann Yates subsequently brought the two

children back to New South Wales in the *Albion* in 1799, Collins also granted Ann Yates a holding of about one hundred acres located at Mulgrave Place on the Hawkesbury River. The notation "granted to Nancy Yates by David Collins Esq." appears in the register.³ Dr Alexander's assertion that Collins deserted his two children and their mother when he returned to England is simply incorrect.⁴

From Collins' own writings, and those of his wife, there is no doubt that pecuniary reasons alone were responsible for David Collins returning to Australia in 1803. Ann Yates had married in Sydney in November 1800, and Collins' two natural children were still living with their mother. On the establishment of the settlement at Sullivan's Cove early in 1804 David Collins lost no time in sending to Sydney for his son, George. Knopwood recorded that on 14 July 1804 "Lt. Johnson dind with me and G. Collins the Lt. Gov. son". On 30 July, Knopwood dined again with George Collins. There are further entries in Knopwood's diary on 30 November when he again noted "Little G. Collins dind with me". Two days later "at 8 the Gov. son and self went up to Risdon in my boat. At 3 p.m. we came from thence and dind with the Gov. at the farm".

Knopwood was obviously fond of the Governor's son. In 1805 they "took a walk to the Sandy Bay" went shooting, and more often than not George and Knopwood dined together. George R. Collins was with his father in Hobart until 16 October 1805 when he returned with his sister to their mother in New South Wales. "At 8 the "Sophia" ... made the signal for sailing. ... 5 p.m. the Lt. Govnr. went on board the "Sophia" with his son and daughter and left them there."⁵

Knopwood only mentioned George Collins once again and that was on 31 October 1807 when he was on the *Porpoise*. Yet Knopwood kept up his Journals until 1838 with frequent references to George's sister, Marianne Collins (later Chace) and her family.

George Reynolds Collins returned to Sydney in order to begin his naval career on HMS *Buffalo* on 26 November 1805. He originally served on this vessel as a Boy of the Second Class. William Hobbs joined the same vessel on 5 November 1805 at the Derwent as a Boy of the Third Class.⁶ Both George R. Collins and William Hobbs first appear in the Muster of 1 October to 30 November 1805 when the *Buffalo* travelled from Norfolk Island to River Derwent and back to Port Jackson where it arrived by 1 December 1805.⁷

Musters for the period 1 February 1806 to 30 November 1806 all at Port Jackson repeat the same information. The Muster for the period 1 December 1806 to 31 January 1807 at Port Jackson has Collins and Hobbs still Boys of the Second and Third class respectively, transferring to the *Porpoise* with other seamen on 15 January 1807.⁸

George Collins served on the *Porpoise* in three different stages. The first period was for three weeks from 16 January 1807 until 8 February when he was probably settling in. The first Muster of the *Porpoise* from 1 November to 31 December taken at sea shows George Collins transferring to the ship's books on 8 February 1807, ticket No. 75. He

was now a Midshipman, having originally volunteered at Sydney from the *Buffalo*. The same Muster shows William Hobbs transferring on 13 March with ticket No. 80.¹

The Muster from 1 March to 30 April 1809 at Port Jackson shows George Collins No. 75 as a midshipman to 13 March 1808, then Master's Mate to 13 January 1809 then midshipman.

It was in April 1809, whilst he was on the *Porpoise* in the Derwent, that James Hobbs claimed that Governor Bligh, out of frustration with Lt.-Governor David Collins, had George Collins "flogged at the gangway with two dozen lashes under his Fathers nose."² Certainly the ships log shows that a George Smith or South was punished for "drunkenness and neglect of duty with 24 lashes", but there were no such persons on the vessel at the time.³

During this period there is only one other reference to George R. Collins. While he was on the *Porpoise* in March 1810 the Warrant and Petty Officers of the *Hindostan* petitioned Governor Macquarie in Sydney for a proportion of spirits to be allowed them. This was obviously agreed to by Macquarie as two days later the officers and crew on the *Porpoise* applied for the same indulgence. George Collins was one of the petitioners and his signature appears on the letter with eight others, including the midshipmen, a gunner, carpenter and the boatswain.⁴

The third period of George Collins' service aboard the *Porpoise* occurred between 16 July and 15 December 1810. His rank is shown as "Sens Able" and it seems he was fully qualified by then. These details are given on the index to passing certificates for promotion to the rank of Lieutenant. George never doubted where he was born, always recording "Port Jackson" on all his official documents.

The *Porpoise* accompanied the *Hindostan* with Captain Bligh back to England during this time. G.R. Collins wrote a letter to his mother whilst the ship was at Rio de Janeiro which has fortunately survived. In it he reported that Colonel Paterson had died "universally lamented by the whole Squadron". He recorded that Judge Atkins had gone on shore some "few days past and was not to be found". After a long search by Commodore Bligh, Captain Pasco, with other Officers accompanied by a Guard of Portuguese Soldiers, "he was discovered in a very obscure place, and returned on board much against his inclination". Collins noted that "Bligh was much agitated" over the incident. George sent his love to his mother and stated he would write on his arrival in England.

From 19 December 1810 until 18 February 1812 Collins served as a Midshipman on the *Scrapis*, when he received a discharge, due to the poor state of his health.

On 6 March 1812 he petitioned Lord Liverpool who was Secretary of State for the Colonies and the War Office, requesting a passage in one of the transports, as he wished to return to Australia as soon as possible. In his application he stated his father "Colonel David Collins the Lieutenant Governor of Van Diemen's Land having latterly died" his presence was required to attend to his affairs. He also stated that from the bad state of his health he had received a discharge from the Navy and the greater part of his family were still in the colony. His sister Marianne, who had married Samuel Chase or

Chace, was living in Hobart with her children and his mother was residing in Sydney. But he was sadly disappointed, for a letter dated a few days later from the Secretary Alexander McLeay noted " ... there is no room for more Passengers than have been already ordered, in any of the Ships at present taken up for that Colony".¹²

George Collins was absent from the service for four months between February and June 1812. When he was refused a passage to Australia he returned to the service and was on the *Dover* as a Midshipman. He was undoubtedly fed up writing for promotion after more than five years, but he would have needed some form of an income.

The next reference to G.R. Collins shows him serving on the *Queen Charlotte* as "Master's Mate". This vessel was involved in the war between America and Britain in 1812 and was captured by the Americans. The whole of the logs, journals and certificates which were kept up by Collins were taken or destroyed.¹³

From the 10 September 1813 until October 1814 Collins was imprisoned when serving on Lake Erie and Lake Ontario.¹⁴ The Admiralty records show he was the Master's Mate on the *Gladiator* in 1815, but he is not on the Muster rolls.¹⁵ As it was a convalescent ship he may have been recovering on board, and was not listed there as part of the crew. There is also a reference to him serving on the *Prince*, but he is not listed on the Muster from January to May 1815.¹⁶

On the 28 October 1815 George Collins was made a Lieutenant. From this date he was on the half pay list of Lieutenants. Collins was obviously not in good health for he acknowledged his promotion on the 30 October 1815 from Haslar Hospital at Portsmouth. On taking up his commission as a Lieutenant, he was requested to state his full name to the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty Board. He wrote on 9 November 1815 that his age was twenty-three and his full name was "George Reynolds Collins".¹⁷

From Atherton Street, Liverpool, George R. Collins wrote again to the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty on 15 May 1817 that his family were settled in the colony and his father "was the late Lieutenant Colonel Collins of the Royal Marines and Lieutenant Governor of Van Diemen's Land having died out there". He requested if he might be allowed to reside in the colony and whether he might be ordered a passage on any ship going out. Alternatively he pleaded for an appointment to any of the ships leaving for New South Wales and stated he would make himself as useful as possible, having some knowledge of the colony. Again the Admiralty replied that he could not have a passage provided for him by them, nor could he be appointed to any ship leaving England for the colony. However, the Admiralty had no objection to him residing in New South Wales.¹⁸

G.R. Collins never saw his kinfolk in the colony again but we know he made contact with his mother's sisters in England. His death is recorded on 18 May 1821 simply as "Lieutenant G.R. Collins". He was twenty-seven years old, unmarried and without issue.¹⁹

GEORGE COLLINS OF EVANDALE - ex Norfolk Island

According to his application for land in Van Diemen's Land, George Collins was born on Norfolk Island but his parentage is uncertain. But there was a George Collins (senior) on the Norfolk Island Victualing Lists, a convict who, in 1802, received two shirts, material for shoes and food for 365 days from Her Majesty's Store on Norfolk Island. George Collins was granted conditional emancipation by Colonel Foveaux at Norfolk Island in 1802.²²

In January 1803 George Collins appeared on the Victualing List for males whose sentences had expired. On 22 February 1804 he was recommended for a pardon by Col. Foveaux. However, it was reported that George Collins had suddenly died during the same month. He actually died on Norfolk Island on 2 March 1804.²³

George Collins who was born on Norfolk Island, was very likely the son of the above George Collins, but there are no records available to positively substantiate his identity. Most often children born out of wedlock on Norfolk Island took their mother's name, but evidently this was not the case in this instance.

It would seem that George Collins could have been one of the children of Elizabeth Haywood or Hayward. In March 1790 Elizabeth Haywood was transferred to Norfolk Island and did not leave until February 1813. By 1813 she had become the partner of Joseph Lowe from the Norfolk Island boat crew. Elizabeth Haywood gave birth to four children on Norfolk Island. It is possible that these children had different fathers.

The first child born to Elizabeth Haywood, was a daughter Elizabeth, born 2 March 1794. Her father was probably one Nicholls, as this daughter was later known as Elizabeth Nicholls. According to Reg Wright this young lady, after a liaison with Captain Piper on Norfolk Island, produced a son, Norfolk Nicholls or Piper. After Elizabeth Nicholls arrived in Van Diemen's Land she married David Gibson and became the mistress of "Pleasant Banks" at Evandale.²⁴

Of Elizabeth Haywood's three other children Robert, born in 1795, disappeared from the records. However, Margaret born in 1796 and a son, George, born "about 1802", were still alive in 1810 as they appeared "on the stores" as children in December 1810. George Collins (senior) above, could easily have been this boy's father.

When the Norfolk Island settlers were transferred to Van Diemen's Land in 1813, Joseph Lowe was listed as having a wife and two children. One of these children could have been George Collins, and the other one Margaret, but they are not named. However, in December 1829 there is a reference to the same George Collins renting 200 acres from his "father in law, Joseph Low". The name "father in law" was sometimes used to mean "stepfather" and this would be the case if Joseph Low had married Elizabeth Haywood and she was George Collins' mother. In this instance he was refused an additional grant on the grounds that there was no available land adjoining his original grant.²⁵

Richard Sydes and his five children (Mary Ann being one), arrived At Port Dalrymple on 1 March 1813 on the *Lady Nelson* at the same time as Joseph Lowe and his family.²⁶

Lowe was allocated a grant on the west bank of the Lake River, in the Norfolk Plains area, six allotments away from Richard Sydes. Joseph Lowe and Richard Sydes had both been tried at Warwick and transported.

In George Collins' application for land he stated he was a "native of Norfolk Island" and in 1820 he received a grant of sixty acres from Governor Macquarie on the South Esk River. George Collins married Mary Ann Sydes, daughter of Richard Sydes on 8 July 1822. In December 1824, when petitioning for an additional grant, Collins stated that he was married with one child and that his stock included 500 sheep and eighty cattle. This had increased by 1827 and then included 700 ewes, 325 wethers, 150 cattle and two horses. He had also built a second dwelling house, with upper apartments, outhouses, stable, barn, stock yards, fences and had cultivated fifty acres for grain. Another petition for land was forwarded in April 1831. Collins was then in possession of sixty acres by grant, 200 purchased from David Gibson and 700 rented from George Russell. 120 acres were cleared and under tillage, he possessed 120 cattle, 800 sheep and six horses, a large weatherboard barn and other buildings to the value of £800.⁷

In June 1831 Governor Arthur granted Collins an additional 500 acres.⁸ This land he selected between Mr. Cox's backline and Dr. Cameron's 500 acres and adjoining George Russell's 700 acres. In 1834 he gave part of his land for the site of the first church at Evandale. By 1837 The Hobart Town Gazette of 18 August listed George Collins as receiving deeds of grants for 500 acres Deddington Parish and 700 acres Beverly Parish. He died on 8 March 1870 at his residence, Waterton, West Tamar. His age was given as 70 years.⁹ Although it cannot be positively documented, it appears that George Collins of Evandale lived close to one of his kinfolk and was reasonably well connected, with his half sister being the chatelaine at "Pleasant Banks", Evandale.

Ironically, in spite of being the son of the first Lieutenant Governor of Tasmania, George Reynolds Collins died a relatively young man, unmarried, without heirs and far from his family. His early death resulted from the effects of his hard life at sea and the deprivations suffered from his imprisonment during the American war.

On the other hand George Collins, born on Norfolk Island, whose parentage was not documented, became a successful farmer and pastoralist. He was father to at least twelve children and created a dynasty with hundreds of descendants now scattered throughout the Australian states.

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Naval Notations

R.M. (Bob) Nicholls has recently published an index listing over 600 ships from all major navies mentioned in *The Illustrated London News* from 1842 to 1891. This book provides references to the location of illustrations and technical details of the majority of the world's warships during the most important evolutionary period. It provides members of the general public whose ancestors served on board a warship during that period access to an illustration of the actual ship with either an account of that ship's activities or a description of the ship itself. A supplementary list of sister ships caters for the occasional absence of the ship itself from the main section. Copies are available from Bob Nicholls, 25 Duke Street, Balmain, NSW 2041; telephone/fax (02) 810 7417.

FICHE-ING AROUND IN THE HOBART BRANCH LIBRARY

A Guide to Arrival and Departure Records held on Microform

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Many family historians are disappointed when they are unable to locate the ship on which their ancestor arrived in Australia. For the benefit of all members, details of the free arrival and departure records held on microform at the Hobart Branch Library are listed below. Those members planning to attend the Hobart Conference and Annual General Meeting (17-18 June) should note that time has been allocated for personal research at the Hobart Branch Library and it is hoped our out-of-town members will take this opportunity to further their research. Remember, most of the records listed are indexes only and, wherever possible, the original sources should be consulted for verification. Also, in several instances, the sources used for the indexes have been newspaper shipping intelligence columns. Many passengers did not have their names listed (especially those travelling steerage); spelling variations or errors occur frequently; and some papers are missing.

NEW SOUTH WALES

Colonial Secretary: Reports of Vessels arrived 1826-1853. Archives Authority of NSW Reels 1263-1280 (on shelf). Chronological shipping lists of passengers arriving NSW. Only Reels 1269-1280 (Unassisted Arrivals) have been indexed - see next item.

Index to the Unassisted Arrivals to NSW 1842-1855. Compiled by A. Trinder and P. Stemp from AONSW sources: Reports of Vessels arrived 1842-1855 (Reels 1269-1281 - on shelf); Passengers arriving at Sydney 1846 (Reel 2457), and Shipping Master's Office (Passengers Arriving) 1854-1855 (Reels 399-402). All names have been cross-checked with passengers named in shipping intelligence columns of *The Sydney Morning Herald*. If the SMH has provided a full forename where the original record had only an initial, the full name has been used in the Index.

The Relations Index of Immigrants to NSW Part 1 1848-1855. Compiled by the Hervey Bay Indexers from AO Reels 2458-2472. First is an alphabetical index of the Relatives in the colony, each entry stating the name of the Immigrant, their ship and year of arrival, and relationship to their relative; next is the alphabetical index of the Immigrants. NB For further information read the Explanation on Fiche 1 - e.g. not all children are indexed, and one ship, the *Anglia*, is indexed separately.

Members of Family Colonization Loan Society 1854-1857.* (AO Fiche 839) The Passenger Lists 1854-1855 are entered first, arranged alphabetically by ship - each entry records name, age, occupation, number of adults, and the amount paid by the emigrant and the Society; next, the Members of the Family Colonization Loan Society 1854-1857 records name and address of the Members, together with amounts of loan

received and subscription paid; and the names of ships carrying certain family members.

Germans on Bounty Ships 1849-1852.* (AO Fiche 851) Each entry records the name, sex, age, marital status, occupation, native place, religion and the literacy of the immigrant. Lists are chronological by date of arrival of ship.

Index to Passengers into the Port of Newcastle 1865-1881. Indexed by the Australian Genealogical Education Centre, Kiama from records of unassisted passengers arriving at Newcastle (Australian Archives films, Series No C667). The majority of the ships coming into Newcastle 1865-1881 came from New Zealand in the period shortly after the NZ gold rush. While many of these passengers may be first time arrivals others could be returning to NSW after some years in NZ. Details include name of passenger, ship, year of arrival and the Australian Archives film reference. These reels may be consulted later at the Australian Archives, Bligh Street, Bellerive.

Wives & Families of Convicts on Bounty Ships 1849-1855.* (AO Fiche 837-838) Each entry records the name, sex, age, marital status, occupation, native place, religion and literacy of the immigrant, as well as his/her relationship to the convict. This series is chronological and then alphabetical for each ship.

Index to the NSW Immigration Deposit Journals 1853-1900. Compiled by P. Stemp and A. Trinder from AONSW Reels 2668A-2676. These journals record moneys deposited in the colony by persons wishing to sponsor the immigration of a nominated person or group of persons, often family members or persons they wished to employ. Many convicts and early colonists sponsored relatives.

Colonial Secretary: Ships Musters 1816-1825. (AO Reels 561-562) and ***Index to Ships Musters 1816-1825 (Departures)*** compiled by Norma M. Tuck. The films (on shelf) list the passengers and crew departing Sydney for various ports, many of the ships voyaging to Tasmania and New Zealand. Convict crew are identified by their Ticket of Leave number, Certificate of Freedom or Pardon Number, and many have their transportation vessel recorded. Free persons also have their ship of arrival noted. Colonial born crew are described as "born in the colony". Children travelling alone are identified by the name and residence of one parent (usually the father). The musters are filmed chronologically, however Norma M. Tuck has indexed these alphabetically onto microfiche. Reel and page numbers are quoted making a search of the musters on film an easy exercise.

QUEENSLAND

Irish & Cornish Immigration - Moreton Bay 1848-1859. Compiled by Margaret Verran who advises that this is an incomplete listing as some early shipping records were lost during the floods in Brisbane in the 1890s. Only those persons giving their native place as Ireland, or Cornwall (pp.88-91 only), have been extracted from shipping lists; hence a parent, spouse, child/children may not be included. Some extracts from *The Moreton Bay Courier* have been included.

Colonial Secretary: Letters of Denization 1837-1847 (AO Reel 128A on shelf - Unindexed). These handwritten letters and references give valuable personal details.

Colonial Secretary: Registers of Certificates of Naturalisation 1849-1903 (AO Reels 128A-141A on shelf - indexed). The certificates often include native place, age, ship to colony and trade.

NEW SOUTH WALES/QUEENSLAND

Persons on Bounty Ships (Agents Immigrant Lists). Chronological shipping lists of assisted passengers arriving NSW 1838-1896 and Moreton Bay 1848-1859 (AONSW Reels 2135-2143 on shelf). Name, age, sex, calling, marital status, native place and literacy are recorded. (See printed indexes listed below.)

Discharged & Deserted Seamen 1882-1893. Extracted from the Seamen's Register, Queensland State Archives reference HAR/2. The discharged seamen entries do not state port of discharge. A large number of these seamen re-engaged on another or same vessel - some female entries are included. The deserted seamen entries give a port of desertion.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA

The Hodge Index. Passenger lists published in South Australian newspapers of *Arrivals (1837-1855)* and *Departures (1837-1845)* SA ports to and from interstate and NZ in two separate indexes.

Naturalisation Index pre-1904. (CRS 7419) by Information Services Section, ACT RO. While most of the names are of obvious foreign extraction some, such as George Adams or Benjamin Sidney Allen, would appear to be of English origin. Microfilm of the original records are available from the Australian Archives and include the certificate of naturalisation giving name, place of origin, age, profession or occupation and, in some instances, related documents such as memorials of application.

Register of immigrant labourers applying for free passage to SA 1836-1841, Mortlock Library Genealogical Source 1529. Compiled from records held in the PRO, London, the index gives name, occupation and UK address of applicant, sex and age, but not names of dependants accompanying the applicant.

Official passenger lists of assisted immigrants arriving 1847-1886. Genealogical Source 313 by Mortlock Library. Alphabetical index gives references to passenger lists. Chronological listing of passenger lists appear at end with reference and name of ship.

TASMANIA

Assisted Immigrants into Tasmania 1841-1889. This index compiled by the Family History Centre, Kiama contains some 30,000 entries listing names, ship, date of arrival, etc with references. NB Read preface before consulting the original records at the Archives Office of Tasmania, some of which give "hirings and disposal of passengers".

Unassisted Immigrants & Coastal Passengers to Hobart 1829-1865. Compiled by S. Towers and M. Knight is an index to specific Marine Board records held by the Archives Office of Tasmania. Three separate indexes have been compiled - Index to Marine, Barrack and Seamen Ration Books April 1834-April 1835; Index to Ships Arriving Hobart 1829-1865; and Index to Passengers 1829-1865. NB Listing of passengers' names is usually limited to cabin passengers (i.e. not steerage) and some passengers may be continuing on to other ports.

VICTORIA

Lists and Index to Inward Passengers from Foreign Ports 1852-1859. Published by PRO, Arts Victoria. The Alphabetical Index (VPRS 8669) gives the name of each passenger, sex, age, nationality, ship and date of arrival plus the correct reference to the chronological Passenger Lists (VPRS 7667) - (both in Drawer 14, on table). Additional information from the shipping lists may include "Native Country" and/or "Profession or Occupation".

Index to Assisted Immigrants 1839-1887. (Drawer 7) This index is in two parts - the first is an alphabetical list of over 130,000 assisted immigrants and includes the name of the ship of arrival and the reference to the book and page number of the second part of the index, the Registers. Details in the Register include occupation, native place, religious denomination, literacy, marital status or relationship to head of family (if on board), age, and by whom employed.

Argus Passenger Index 1846-1860. Compiled by M. Button, this index has been subdivided as follows: 1846-1851, 1852-1855, 1856-1860. Both interstate and overseas passengers' names have been extracted from the newspaper's shipping intelligence column - information given includes name and title (Captain, Master, Miss etc), ship, port and date of departure, and port and date of arrival. Additional names have been added from other shipping information in *The Argus*, such as shipwrecks, deaths etc. The importance of consulting Melbourne's *Argus* is stressed, copies of which are available on film at the State Library of Tasmania, Hobart. Original shipping records are held at the Public Record Office, Laverton, Victoria.

Nominal Index for pre-1904 Victorian Naturalisations. This Index relates to records held by the Australian Archives. Details on the certificates of naturalisation and related documents include the date, name, place or length of residence, place of origin, age, profession or occupation, date and ship of arrival. Possible related documents include the original applications or memorials, oaths of allegiance and character references.

Passengers from Overseas to Port Phillip District pre-1852. Ian Hughes has compiled his Index from shipping intelligence columns of local newspapers, and where possible, has cross-checked them with secondary sources. Included with the passengers are the names of Captains, Surgeons and some crew members. Ian Hughes advises that some of the listed passengers may have embarked at an intermediate port or may not have disembarked at Port Phillip.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

Shipping Passenger Arrivals from Overseas - Albany 1873-1899. (Blue folder on shelf) compiled from Passenger Lists in the J.S. Battye Library of WA History - Acc. No 108.

Shipping Passenger Arrivals from Overseas - Albany 1900-1925. (Blue folder on shelf) compiled from Immigration records held by Australian Archives, and Shipping Passenger Lists at the Battye Library. Not all passengers listed may have disembarked at Albany.

NEW ZEALAND

Passenger Index, Port of Wellington Entry 1856-1887. Prepared from passenger lists published in five New Zealand newspapers, for all ships arriving in Wellington from Great Britain, Ireland and Europe. (NB This is a complementary index to two other Wellington passenger lists: a) Wellington Pioneer Roll 1839-1855 held by the Wellington Public Library which lists passengers arriving from overseas ports including Australia and b) SS Passenger Index 1887-1910 held by the NZ National Archives for passengers arriving from Great Britain, Ireland and Europe.)

(Unless otherwise stated, all the above microfiche can be found on the carousel, under the appropriate state or country name: NSW, QLD, SA, TAS, VIC, WA or NZ.)

Hard copy (i.e. printed) immigration indexes published by AONSW also available at Hobart Branch Library (lower shelf):

1. *Index to Assisted Immigrants arriving Port Phillip 1839-1851.* - this includes all records above marked with an asterisk * plus:

Persons on Bounty Ships (Agents Immigrant Lists) 1844-1859. (AONSW Reels 2135-2139)

Wage Agreements & Entitlements of Persons on Bounty Ships 1844-1845. (AONSW Reels 2449-2456)

Persons on Bounty Ships to Sydney & Newcastle (Boards Immigrant Lists) 1848-1859. (AONSW Reels 2458-2479)

2. *Index to Assisted Immigrants arriving Sydney 1860-1879.*
3. *Index to Assisted Immigrants arriving Sydney 1880-1896.*
4. *Index to Assisted Immigrants arriving Sydney & Newcastle 1844-59.*
5. *Index to Assisted Immigrants arriving Moreton Bay 1848-1859.*

Other Library Books

1. *Emigrants from Hamburg to Australia 1860/61, 1863, 1864, 1865* compiled by Eric and Rosemary Kopittke. These four volumes give name, town and state of origin, occupation and age of emigrants. (Q994.00431 QUE)

2. *An Index to Assisted Immigrants arriving Queensland 1870-1879*, Vols. I and II listing names, age, ship, port and date of arrival. (Q387.509943 IND)
3. *Rags or Riches: Passengers and ships California to Sydney 1849-1852* by Pamela Sheldon. This index is compiled from shipping lists in *The Sydney Morning Herald* of passengers returning from the Californian goldfields (some family members now missing!). Included are Americans and other nationalities arriving perhaps for the Victorian gold rush. (Q387.509794 SHEL)
4. *Barefoot & Pregnant: Irish famine orphans in Australia* by Trevor McLaughlin contains a register of all the Irish female orphans sent to Sydney, Port Phillip and Adelaide 1848-1850. Ages, parents' names, native place and religion, plus many extra details of their lives in Australia are given. (994.00415 MCL)
5. *Immigrants recruited to the Launceston Immigration Aid Society 1855-1862* by K.A. Green. This book contains many extra biographical details as well as the usual name, ship to colony, occupation and religion. (325.946 GRE)
6. *A free passage to paradise?* by Pat Button lists UK emigrants who applied for a free passage to SA 1836-1840 giving name, age, sex, ship to SA and date of arrival. (325.94 BUT)

Shipping Intelligence

Port of Hobart Town

Arrivals

December 24 – *Marine Plant*, schooner, 127 tons, Charles Heath, from Liverpool 2nd August, Cork 17th, and the Cape 3rd November, with general cargo. Passengers – Mr W.A. Formby, 2 pheasants, 1 partridge, for Lady Denison, from Lord Derby.

(Colonial Times Tuesday 25th December 1849)

Index to Deaths and In Memoriam

Margaret Walker, a member of the Genealogical Society of Tasmania has completed and index to the Death and In Memoriam notices from *The Examiner*, *The Mercury* and *The Advocate* from 1988 to 1994 and odd issue before 1988. The index contains over 11,000 names and Margaret will be adding to it about every six months. She has the full notices on cards and is willing to photocopy the cards for particular names provided a Stamped self-addressed envelope is provided. A copy of the index has been placed with the Launceston Branch of this Society and with the Australian Institute of Genealogical Studies Inc, in Victoria.

ADOPTION LAWS

Grahame Thom

The purpose of my paper is not to look at the history of adoptions as this is well covered elsewhere, see Bibliography, but to look at changes to adoption laws in Australia and New Zealand as they relate to the need for contact between an adopted person and the birth parents. Also I will briefly look at some of the issues involved in making contact.

We have seen a total change in the past ten years in the general philosophy used in framing adoption laws. Prior to these changes adoption laws were based on secrecy. In other words, after the adoption was arranged, there were no legal avenues available for the adopted person and the birth parents to make contact. Authorities could not legally release the original birth certificate or release identifying information, such as the names of the birth parents. Many adopted people have made contact with their birth parents, but it was usually a lengthy process based on limited information.

Adoption meant that the birth parents had no legal relationship with their child. This was effectively transferred to the adopted parents under the adoption laws, and basically this position remains the same today.

Generally speaking, at the time of adoption, most adoptions involved only the relinquishing mother, rather than both parents. This means that in many cases the name of the father is not recorded in the official papers relating to the adoption and may not be recorded on the original birth certificate. So the push for contact is usually by the adopted person or the birth mother.

What has caused the changes in the law? It is threefold. Firstly by the need to relieve the anguish and mental torment experienced by birth mothers. Secondly, by adopted people wanting to know about their birth parents and their backgrounds. In some cases the adoptee needs to know the medical history of his/her family. Thirdly, there has been a change in attitude towards births occurring outside of marriage. Society now more readily accepts a single parent and his/her children.

This last factor has caused a significant reduction in the number of children born in Australia available for adoption as shown in the table on the next page. Because of this, demand exceeds supply and to some extent, this has been met by Australians adopting children born in other countries.

As a result of changes in attitudes and the need to relieve tensions, the 1980s saw Australian and New Zealand governments commission reviews of adoption laws, especially in relation to access to information about an adoption and making contact. These reports make fascinating reading and you should be able to see copies at major public libraries or the appropriate departmental library.

Victoria was the first to make significant changes to its Adoption Act in 1984, followed by New Zealand in 1986 and Tasmania in 1988. Northern Territory's new Act

commenced in May 1994 and the last to introduce changes will be Western Australia in 1995. Even though all have now made changes that make contact between adopted people and their birth parents more possible, and therefore enable family histories to be based on natural parents rather than adopted parents, there are significant differences between the various Acts. The following are some limited comments on these differences.

LEGAL ADOPTIONS IN AUSTRALIA

State	Average 20 years ago	Present Average
NSW	2704	323
VIC	1734	211
QLD	1545	276
SA	721	205
WA	576	144
TAS	280	79
ACT	116	36
NT	44	21

ACCESS TO ORIGINAL BIRTH CERTIFICATES

The general rule is that the adopted child can have access to their original birth certificate and other information but with qualifications. Usually access is available for a person aged eighteen years and over. Victoria and ACT draw a distinction between relative and non-relative adoptions, in that for relative adoptions, all parties have access to the original birth certificate no matter the age of the adoptive child. Under some laws there must be counselling before receiving the certificate. Also some provide for absolute veto by birth parents and/or adopted parents.

I have not seen the NT legislation, but have read the age limit is 15 years. Another difference is that in South Australia, the legislation differentiates between adoptions taking place before the Act commenced and those after. For the former, the birth parent has a veto lasting for five years, and this may be renewed or withdrawn.

ADOPTees

Usually access to identifying information, for example from the adoption papers, is available for adopted children over eighteen years of age. Similar differences exist as for access to the original birth certificate.

An adopted person under eighteen years of age has a right to non-identifying information about his/her parents, only with the consent of the adopted parents. To obtain an original birth certificate and identifying information, consent must be given by both birth and adopted parents.

BIRTH PARENTS

Usually birth parents can obtain non-identifying information about their adopted child. In Tasmania the law allows the adopted child and the adopted parents to veto release of any information. While going to the other extreme, the NSW Act provides that the birth

parent is entitled to the amended birth certificate of their adopted child and any appropriate information relating to the adoptee or adopted parents which is possessed by the "information source". In Victoria the birth parent is entitled to receive non-identifying information as a right, while identifying information is only available with the written agreement of the adopted child.

Interestingly the NSW Act distinguishes between the birth mother and the birth father. The latter can only receive information if he is named on the original birth certificate or is recognised as the father under the *Children (Equality of Status) Act 1976*.

ADOPTED PARENTS AND OTHERS

The Acts are extremely varied in their provisions covering adopted parents and other people's access to identifying and non-identifying information. Under certain circumstances, especially where the child is under 18 years of age, the adopted parents are involved. Like birth parents, they can lodge vetos or give consent to information being released.

OTHER MATTERS

Some laws provide for the maintenance of Contact Veto Registers and Contact Information Registers while others do not. Under some Acts counselling must take place while with others it is not even an issue.

It should be appreciated that the above is only a very limited comparison of the various Acts and to understand a particular legislation better, one should write to the relevant government agency for a copy of the Act and any information leaflets and/or booklets.

MAKING CONTACT

Before the present laws were enacted, adopted people and birth parents found it extremely difficult to make contact, simply because of the secrecy surrounding the adoption arrangements. Usually it was the child who was successful. This was because sometimes the adopted parents had gained identifying knowledge about the birth parents, usually about the mother. At some time the adopted parents informed the child that he/she was adopted and later, usually when the child was of adult age, passed over this identifying information. Usually the information is limited to the name, age and place of residence at the time of adoption, of the birth mother.

Some adopted children attempted locating their parents with limited outside help, while others asked for assistance from self-help organisations such as Jigsaw. People used advertising, electoral rolls, writing to people with the same surname, telephone books, directories, and similar records. In other words they used the same techniques as a family looking for a missing relative or a debt collection agency looking for a reluctant debtor. It was simply detective work.

But on being successful, much thought should be given to the next step of making contact. This is because one party may not be ready. In fact may never want to make contact. Hence the veto arrangements now in place under new laws.

I would say that without exception it is best to receive professional counselling prior to attempting to make contact, about the expectations and implications of such a move.

It is pleasing to see in articles and reports on contact before and since the recent changes to the adoption laws, that in a high proportion of cases, the contact is successful for all parties. But the chances of success will be higher with prior counselling.

The person trying to make contact needs to be clear in their mind why they want to make contact. If they are looking for "a mother or father" then they are likely to be disappointed. The most successful reunion will be where the adopted child and his/her birth parents become friends. A child should keep in mind the impact on his/her adopted parents. Its best to get their agreement to what is being attempted, and for the child to continue to relate to his/her adopted parents as mother and father.

Both sides will have different expectations. The birth mother may want her child to become part of the family again. The child may only want limited contact so as to simply satisfy a need to know about his/her birth family.

After receiving counselling about these issues, the next step is to consider how to make contact. Does one simply telephone, write a letter, or go through a third person? Obviously, if it is through the present contact arrangements administered under the new laws, both parties know that each is wanting to make contact, then the direct approach will probably be successful.

The use of a third party is recommended. If all parties live in the same locality, the intermediary could be your counsellor. Or it could be through a close relative, a minister of your church, or by using one of the self-help organisations such as Jigsaw.

By whatever approach contact is made, a golden rule is not to rush the process. And don't expect information and answers to come quickly, especially about the birth father if the only contact is with the birth mother. Once both parties are ready to make contact, perhaps the first step is to talk by telephone and/or exchange letters. Don't forget the birth parent may have to inform others of your impending appearance, such as a spouse, other children, parents and other relatives.

Once both parties are satisfied there will be minimum problems in making face-to-face contact, go ahead and set the time and place. Again it's probably best not to have many people present; perhaps limited to the child, parent and someone who now knows both. It's best to meet other relatives and friends gradually after the first meeting.

CONCLUSION

The new laws will certainly facilitate the gaining of knowledge that could lead to a successful reunion. My only reservation is the differences in the various Australian Acts. However experience has already shown that they are beneficial. Perhaps in the near future in Australia the Commonwealth may undertake a co-ordinating role in reviewing the present laws for their impact and appropriateness, and seek agreement for a national set of laws, as has been so for divorce laws.

TASMANIA

Legal adoption commenced in 1920.

Revised information access provisions were included in the *Adoption Act 1988*. All persons seeking information who are residents of Tasmania must have counselling before receiving any information. People living outside Tasmania are not required to attend. Counselling is free. Some fees are charged for other services.

On reaching 18 years of age, an adopted person may seek and be provided with their original birth record, and any other information held, and register their wishes on the Adoption Information Register. Persons under 18 years of age can receive non-identifying information and access to an original birth record can only be given if the birth parents give written agreement.

Adopted and birth parents, and relatives, can register their wishes on the Adoption Information Register. This can include a desire not to be contacted.

Since the new arrangements were enacted 1178 (as at 30 June 1992) registrations have been received by the Adoption Information Services, and during 1991/1992 122 people were assisted in making contact with their family. During 1991/1992 47 adoptions were arranged by the Service and 11 by Centacare.

Information about adoption may be obtained from: Adoption Information Service, GPO Box 1434, Hobart, Tasmania 7001, telephone (002)33 8011

The Tasmanian Government recently established the Tasmanian Consultative Committee on Inter-country Adoption to advise on policy and practice issues, and the development of information and educational material for adoptive parents and adoption applicants. To learn more about this Committee write to: Tasmanian Consultative Committee on Inter-country Adoption, Department of Community and Health Services, PO Box 125B, Hobart, Tasmania 7001.

CONTACT ADDRESSES

Sources for seeking information about adoption:

New South Wales (Legal adoption commenced in 1923) - Family Information Service, PO Box 3485, Parramatta NSW, 2124, telephone (02) 689 8123

Victoria (Legal adoption began in 1928) - Adoption Information Service, Community Services Victoria, 29 Coventry Street, South Melbourne, VIC, 3205, telephone (03) 695 3888

Queensland (Legal adoption commenced in 1936) - Adoption Services, Department of Family Services and Aboriginal and Islander Affairs, GPO Box 2679, Brisbane, QUEENSLAND 4001, telephone (04) 224 2544

South Australia (Introduced Legal adoption in 1925) - Adoption Services, Department for Family and Community Services, Hindmarsh Square, Adelaide, SOUTH AUSTRALIA 5000, telephone (08) 226 7222.

Western Australia (was the first to introduce adoption legislation with the passing of the Adoption of Children Act in 1896) - Family Information & Adoption Service, PO Box 6334, East Perth, WESTERN AUSTRALIA 6892, telephone (09) 222 2865

Northern Territory: The Adoption and Substitute Care Unit, NT Department of Health and Community Services, PO Box 40596 Casuarina, NORTHERN TERRITORY 0811, telephone (089) 22 7077

Australian Capital Territory: Adoption Information Service, Housing and Community Service Bureau, Locked Bag 3000, Woden ACT 2606, telephone (06) 207 1080

New Zealand - For information contact the Department of Social Welfare.

England and Wales - Adoptions Section, The Office of Population Censuses and Surveys, The General Register Office, Smedley Hydro, Trafalgar Road, Birkdale, Southport PR8 2HH, ENGLAND.

Scotland - Adoption Section, The General Registrar Office, New Register House, Edinburgh EH1 3YT, SCOTLAND.

Northern Ireland- The Register General, Oxford House, 49-55 Chichester Street, Belfast BT1 4HL, Northern Ireland.

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FROM THE EXCHANGE JOURNALS

Thelma McKay

"Newspapers as a Genealogical Source" by John Davidson in the *Glasgow & West of Scotland Journal* (Glasgow & West of Scotland Family History Society), Spring 1994 No. 39, pp.11-12. This article names many newspapers both Scottish and English to help in tracing your family history. *The London Times* has been indexed since 1785. The shipping lists include the names of passengers and ages. *The London Gazette* list each Friday Lloyd's shipping which may help in tracing wandering seafarers.

"Index to the People of the Powder Mill" by Ken McConnell in the same issue of the above journal. Ken has compiled an alphabetical list of people, particularly in the parish of Kilfinan in Co. Argyll, with their occupations e.g. gunpowder or saltpetre maker, labourer or millwright. This list is a sequel to an article which appeared in an earlier edition of their journal, April 1987, No. 24. For more information write to Ken McConnell, 8 Victoria Road, West Ferry, Dundee DD5 1BD Scotland.

"Even More on Hulk Returns" by Mrs Maureen Miller of 65 Foxholes Road, Great Baddon, Chelmsford CM2 7HR, UK, in *The Essex Family Historian*, February 1994, No. 71, pp.33-35. Mrs Miller has compiled more lists of prisoners on hulks awaiting transportation on census night 1851. These are taken from the Chelmsford Quarter Sessions from 1788-1853 and include age, date convicted and length of sentence. Earlier lists appeared in the September 1989, November 1990, February 1991 and November 1992. For more information write to Mrs. Miller at the above address and enclose IRCs.

"An Account of Thomas Livermore: Convict from Balsham" by Linda Moorehouse, 76 Scotforth Road, Lancaster LA1 4SF, UK in the *Journal of the Cambridgeshire Family History Society*, February 1994, Vol. 9, No. 5, pp.200-204. Thomas Livermore was sentenced to death at the Surrey Assizes in 1811 for attempting to murder his wife. He was first sent to NSW per the *Guildford* and then to VDL on board the *Unity* in 1812. Thomas lived at Norfolk Plains, (Longford). This article was continued in the May issue Vol. 9, No. 6, 1994.

"News From the Cornwall Record Office" by the Archivist, David E. Ivall in the *Cornwall Family History Journal*, March 1994, No. 71, p.4. Records that can be searched by the County Record staff in tracing families are detailed in this article. A fee of £10 per hour is charged.

"Missing Persons" by Eileen Crook in the *Bristol & Avon Journal*, March 1994, No. 75, p.27. Still searching for an elusive ancestor? Perhaps the "strays" index could be worth searching. The Liverpool Roman Catholic and Church of England strays index consisted of 32,000 marriages by July 1993 with another 700 added per month. Write to Eileen Crook at 60 Leafield Road, Hunts Cross, Liverpool L25 0PZ, UK.

"Extracts from Returns of Convicts under Sentence of Transportation" by Jean Cole in England in *Progenitor* (Genealogical Society of Northern Territory), March

1994, Vol. 13, No. 1, pp.9-12. A list of boys only showing their ages, date of trial, crime and sentence. This information was taken from the HO (Home Office) records and includes the date and prison, where transported to e.g. Van Diemen's Land, New Zealand or West Australia.

"The County Record Office" in the *Sussex Family Historian*, March 1994, Vol. 11, No. 1, p.2. Readers are advised that there are two Record Offices in Sussex, both of which offer a genealogical research service for a fee. Write to East Sussex Record Office, The Maltings, Castle Precincts, Lewes, East Sussex BN7 1YT or West Sussex Record Office, Orchard Road, Chichester, West Sussex PO19 1DD, UK.

"Colonial Secretary's Correspondence" by Martyn Killion in the *Endeavour*, March 1994, No. 38, pp.4-7 (Botany Bay Family History Society Inc.). Martyn Killion is Client Liaison Officer for the Archives Office of NSW. His article tells us why these records are so useful to family historians, and explains the six different parts into which they are divided. The first part - The Colonial Secretary's Papers 1788-1825 was indexed on microfiche as a Bicentennial Project. (These fiche and the relevant fiche or film are available in the Archives Office of Tasmania.) Part two - Letters Received 1826-1900. Three - Individuals regarding land 1827-1856. Four - Commissioners of Claims. Five - Special bundles 1794-1982 and Six - Copies of letters sent.

"Assisted & Unassisted German Immigrants to NSW 1849-1859" by Jenny Paterson in *Ancestry-Tree*, (Burwood-Drummoyne & District Family History Group) April 1994, Vol. 7, No. 1, pp.6-10. Jenny explains the confusion some descendants of German immigrants to NSW during the 1850s have as to whether or not they were assisted by the Government. There is also a list of ships showing place of departure, date of arrival and estimated number of passengers with the reference to the AONSW microfilm or fiche.

"A Chadwick Family of Stockport and Warwick" by D. Lane in *The Manchester Genealogist* (Manchester & Lancashire Family History Society), Vol. 30, No. 2, April 1994 p.30-34. There is a wealth of genealogical information in this article on the Chadwick family starting with Thomas born in Stockport in 1792, who became one of the many hatters in the area. Thirty years later the family moved to Warwick. Other associated names are Shawcross, Clarke, Barlow, Aveyard and Thorniley.

"Downloading, Editing and Using Data from the IGI on CD-ROM" by Richard Goring in the *Essex Family Historian*, May 1994, No. 72, p.10. This article is a must for everyone with access to a Latter Day Saint Family History Centre that has a computer with a CD-ROM drive. Details are given for downloading data from the IGI onto floppy disks to print out from your own computer, through any compatible genealogy program. Alternatively data can be printed out at the centre. The IGI is but one of several databases available under the collective name Family Search. Of the others, Ancestral File is probably the most useful, and these pedigrees can be copied to disk also.

"In Search of Casbolts" by Reg Casbolt, 34 Ploughman's Headland, Stanway, Colchester, Essex, UK, on p.43 of the same issue. The author and a distant relative

have been trying to log all Casbolts worldwide. There are apparently about 20 families in the UK with this unusual name and marginally more in Australia, all descendants of a family which emigrated from Linton, Cambridgeshire in the 1850s. Reg is keen to make contact with the Tasmanian branch of the family.

"Book Stall" in the *Journal of the Cambridgeshire Family History Society*, May 1994, Vol. 9, No. 6, p.255. Members with ancestors from Cambridgeshire will be interested in the 2nd edition of Michael Farrar's *Genealogical Sources in Cambridgeshire* (£3.30 including p&p). The book is A5 size and contains an alphabetical listing of the parishes within the modern county of Cambridgeshire (formerly Huntingdonshire, Cambridgeshire, Isle of Ely and Soke of Peterborough). Information is given on the dates and whereabouts of parish registers, bishops' transcripts, non-conformist registers, transcripts of monumental inscriptions, census schedules and land tax assessments.

"Newcastle Courant, Australasian Births, Marriages & Deaths 1852-61" in the Summer 1993-94 edition of *Ancestor*, Vol. 21, No. 8, pp.11-17. (Genealogical Society of Victoria). There are seven pages of Birth, Marriage and Death notices which include valuable information to these events over this ten year period. Many record place of birth, ship to colony and family members. The Tasmanian entries include the names Simons, Smith of Marchington near Launceston, White/Boulby, Tate, Miller, Clayton, Kenyon, Reed, Harbottle, Handley, Hiddlestone, to name just a few.

"Apprentice Indexes" in *Rootes*, June 1994, No. 33, pp.24-25. (Gold Coast & Albert Genealogical Society Inc.). An index to "The Apprentices of Great Britain" produced by the Society of Genealogists, is available at the State Library in Brisbane. Covering the period 1710-1774, the entries give name of apprentice, a brief address and, up to 1752, the name of the father (or mother) and trade of the Master, the year of indenture and indenture fee. An index to Masters 1710-1762 is also available.

"Lady Emma: An Early Australian Coastal Trading Ship" by Ken Simpson in the *Genealogist*, June 1994, Vol. 11, No. 10, p.430. (Australian Institute of Genealogical Studies Inc.). The *Lady Emma*, a 136 ton barque, was one of a number of long-serving working ships on the coastal runs around southern Australia. Kenley Simpson details her voyages to and from Launceston 1838-1841 - usually loaded with livestock, mixed cargo and a few passengers bound for such places as Swan River, Timor and Port Adelaide. If your ancestor was on board, this article will be of particular interest.

"Certificates Project" in the *Journal of Bristol & Avon* June 1994, No. 76, pp.22-23. Ed Tily has started a computerised index of the complete details taken from St Catherine's House certificates. He requests photo copies of certificates to be sent to him quoting the year, quarter and reference number. If the same details are submitted by different persons, contacts will be provided. Write to Ed Tily, 41 Lansdown Yate, Avon BS17 4LR, UK. Please include the name and address of the person submitting the data.

"Child Migrants Trust" in *Kith & Kin*, June 1994, No. 33, p.5 (Cape Banks Family History Society). Thousands of child migrants were sent from Britain to Canada, New

Zealand and Rhodesia, plus over 10,000 to Australia in the post war period, some even as late as 1967. Many of these children believed they were orphans. The Child Migrants Trust was founded in 1987 to help these migrants in finding their parents and relatives. For more information write to The Child's Migrant Trust 9 Kingston Road, West Bridgford, Nottingham NG27 7AQ UK or 228 Canning Street, North Carlton, Melbourne, Victoria 3054.

Two articles on **Cornish Police** are featured in the *Cornwall Family History Journal*, June 1994, No. 72. On page 4 "The Cornwall Constabulary" by Ian R. Dunn gives the history of the Cornish Police Force from 1839. The second article on page 9 by David Endean Ivall has references to various records e.g. Register of Police in Cornwall in three volumes, 1857-64 CC/Pol 41, 1864-88 CC/Pol 42 and 1888-1920 CC/Pol 43. Pension registers CC/POL 70-74 which commence in 1932 plus other records with their reference are also mentioned. For more information write to the above society.

"**M.I. Computer Index**" in the *Shropshire Family History Journal*, June 1994, Vol. 15, part 2, p.57. This society is advertising a computer index of 29,000 entries of all the surnames which appear in the transcripts of Monumental Inscriptions. For each surname the index identifies which churchyard it is listed in and the number of each entries within that churchyard transcript. To obtain a print-out of all entries of up to five different surnames send £2 and a SAE (9"x6") to Michael J Hulme, 19 Brook Road, Bore Heath, Shrewsbury SY4 3PU, UK.

"**News About Some of the Black Sheep in Durham Gaol in 1851**" by Miss Patricia J Story of Scotland in *The Journal of the Northumberland & Durham Family History Society*, Summer 1994, Vol. 19, No. 2, pp.40-41. Miss Story was delighted to find a set of five volumes of the *Dictionary of West Australia* in the National Library in Scotland. These enabled her to trace convicts who appeared on the 1851 census as being in the Durham gaol, having previously been sentenced in the Durham Spring Assizes, and later transported to WA. These books (which are available at the Hobart Branch library) are listed as Vol. 1, "Early Settlers 1829-1850"; Vol. 2, "Bond 1850-1868" (convicts); Vol. 3, "Free Settlers arriving 1850- 1868" (which includes expeires); Vol. 4, "The Challenging Years" in 2 volumes A-K and L-Z, 1868-1888 and Vol. 5, "The Golden Years 1889-1914". An important point to remember is that convicts when free often appear in later volumes and are not cross referenced.

"**Lets Talk About Wills...**" in *The Journal of Northumberland & Durham Family History Society*, Summer 1994, Vol. 19, No. 2, pp.42-52. This article is just one of many in this journal regarding Wills. The first explains the terminology to be found in a Will, who could make one and where to find them in England. Other articles are - "Newcastle Antiquarian Society's extracts of Northumberland & Durham Wills" which lists names and dates; "How Many Made Wills"; "Personal Names in Wills proved at Durham 1787-91" - this is a new publication by the above society and details where to purchase a copy; "In Manner & Form Following ... A light-hearted look at Wills"; "Darlington Wills & Inventories 1600- 25" and lastly a list of names regarding Wills in Northumberland.

"Were They Discharged in New Zealand" by Joyce Hoad in *North West Kent*, July 1994, Vol. 6, No. 10, pp.322-324. (North West Kent Family History Society). When male members of the family disappear after baptism, have you considered whether they may have served in the army and were discharged in either Australia or New Zealand? This article lists men originally from Kent who were discharged in New Zealand, and includes their surname, name of the town they came from, occupation and the years served, rank and regiment.

"The Australian Joint Copying Project & Sources for Family Historians 1988-1993" in *Progenitor* (Genealogical Society of Northern Territory), March 1994, Vol. 13, No. 1, pp.15-18. An update of records filmed by the AJCP with the reference reel of film and number. These are taken from the HO (Home Office) 42 correspondence and papers relating to petitions and letters of convicts families 1782-1820 which include the sailing of the First Fleet. These records are being filmed by the Public Record Office in London.

"Cornish Miners Index" by Ian Richards in *The South Australian Genealogist*, April 1994, Vol. 21, No. 2, p.4 (South Australian Genealogy & Heraldry Society). Ian is compiling a computer database of Cornish miners which already contains over 4,000 entries. This information includes name, age, date of birth, occupation, where born and the source where found e.g. census, wills. For more information write to Ian Richards, Cotts Farm, Higher Stanbeer, Henwood, Liskeard, Cornwall UK. Please include 2 IRCs.

"The Development of Gravestones" by Eileen De Ville in *The Nottinghamshire Family History Journal*, July 1994, Vol. 7, No. 12, pp.13-18. From medieval times the dead were buried in the southern part of the churchyard as it was the sunny side. The north side was for those who had died a violent death, paupers or unbaptised. When the southern part was full, this section was dug up and the bones placed in a crypt. Up until 1660 the more wealthy people were buried inside the church, as near the altar as possible and a monument erected nearby. Gradually stone memorials were used and Eileen De Ville has described some of the lettering used on headstones in the Nottingham area.

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FAMILY HISTORY WEEK

17-24 March 1995

DEVONPORT

17 March Display in Devonport City (Lyons) Library on Irish Immigration.

HOBART

21 March Visit by Dr. and Mrs. Meredith, from England, who will talk on researching in Southern England and Wales.

25 March Open day at the Library.

26 March Van Diemen's Land Norfolk Island Interest Group excursion to Bellerive, Cambridge, Sandford and Rokeby.

HUON

Beginners Workshop held in conjunction with the Hobart Branch. Date to be finalised. Contact the Branch Secretary for further details.

LAUNCESTON

18 March Members are invited to attend Marjorie Tipping's talk at the Queen Victoria museum on her book *Convicts Unbound*.

18 March Display at St. Patrick's Day Festival at Westbury.

23 March Guided tours of resources of the Branch Library at 10 a.m. and 1.30 p.m.

COMING EVENTS

14 March 1995 The 1995 Eldershaw Lecture, conducted by THRA, at the Royal Society Rooms, Tasmanian Museum and Art Gallery, Macquarie Street, Hobart at 8.00 p.m. The lecture will be delivered by Marjorie Tipping who will speak on "From the Book to the Box: *Convicts Unbound* and the problems of a television interpretation".

16 March 1995 The 1995 Eldershaw Lecture in the North will be held at the Queen Victoria Museum Theatre at 8.00 p.m. The lecturer will be Marjorie Tipping who will speak on "From the Book to the Box: *Convicts Unbound* and the problems of a television interpretation" The lecture will be preceded by the AGM for the Launceston Historical Society. For further details contact the Secretary (003) 30 1328.

25 March 1995 Oral History Workshop at the Queen Victoria Museum Theatre, conducted by the Queen Victoria Museum and the Oral History Association of Australia (Tasmanian Branch) commencing at 10 a.m. Topics covered will include interview technique, use of equipment, ethics etc. For further information and registration contact Jill Cassidy (003) 37 1391.

- 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.
- 7 April 1995 John West Memorial Lecture for 1995 will be delivered by Hon. Justice Michael Kirby, AC, CMG who will speak on "Nationhood". The lecture, hosted by Launceston Historical Society, will be held at the University of Tasmania at Launceston, at 8.00 p.m.
- 8 April 1995 "The Role of Northern Tasmania in the Move Towards Federation" - Launceston Historical Society's Annual Seminar, to be held at the University of Tasmania commencing at 2.00 p.m. For further information contact the Secretary (003) 30 1328.
- 11 April 1995 THRA meeting: "Germans, Jews and Freemasons in Tasmania, 1855-1900" by Mr. Richard Snell at the Royal Society Rooms, Tasmanian Museum and Art Gallery, Macquarie Street, Hobart at 8.00 p.m.
- 5-7 May 1995 "Digging Deeper Down Under" - Victorian Family History State Conference at the Lower Melbourne Town Hall, hosted by the Genealogical Society of Victoria, the Australian Institute of Genealogical Studies and the State Library of Victoria. For further information and registration forms contact Jenny Carter, PO Box 2063, East Wivandhoe, Victoria 3079.
- 9 May 1995 THRA meeting: "Elizabeth Fry and Female Transportation" by Mrs. Jennifer Parrott at the Royal Society Rooms, Tasmanian Museum and Art Gallery, Macquarie Street, Hobart at 8.00 p.m.
- 13 June 1995 THRA meeting: "Island of Contentment - Preservation Island" by Mr. Tim Jetson at the Royal Society Rooms, Tasmanian Museum and Art Gallery, Macquarie Street, Hobart at 8.00 p.m.
- 16-17 June 1995 Genealogical Society of Tasmania Inc. Annual General Meeting weekend hosted by the Hobart Branch.
- 10-13 July 1995 The 8th Irish-Australian Conference, hosted by the University of Tasmania History Department, is to be held at the St. John Fisher College, University of Tasmania. For further information contact the Secretary, Lyn Rainbird, Department of History, University of Tasmania, GPO Box 252C, Hobart, Tasmania 7001.

- 8-10 Sep 1995 "Words at Work" - the 1995 Biennial National Conference of the Oral History Association of Australia (OHAA), hosted by the Tasmanian Branch of the OHAA, is to be held at the Albert Hall, Launceston Tasmania.
- 6-9 February 1997 "Landfall in Southern Seas" - the Eighth Australasian Congress on Genealogy and Heraldry, hosted by the New Zealand Society of Genealogists Branches in the Canterbury Area under the auspices of AFFHO, is to be held at Christchurch, New Zealand.

Australian Census Returns

One of the most important issues facing family historians in Australia is the destruction of the census returns in this country. Over 20 politicians from all major political parties have expressed their support for the campaign. The Australian Democrats have given their support to the "Save the Census" campaign. Senator Vicki Bourne, NSW Senator and Australian Democrats whip, said "All that is being asked is that the forms be kept on microfiche for release for specific research purposes in either 70 or 100 years time. by destroying the census forms, we deny future generations information on medical, historical, social, scientific and demographic factors that shape our future - and our individual lives."

"Australia is out of step with the rest of the world in not protecting its national heritage and historical data. Britain, the United States, Canada, New Zealand and most European nations all keep their census records. the destruction of the census forms is also out of step with public sentiment, the boom in genealogy as a major interest for Australians continues and is directly related to our emerging national identity.

We are spending over \$100 million on the next census. Unfortunately the Chief Statistician has already indicated that he believes that the 1996 Census forms should be destroyed as they have been since the beginning of this century. To spend this much money every five years and not keep such invaluable data is a national tragedy.

The medical information lost to research, tracing cancer links to environmental factors, or genetic studies for disorders in individual families, is irreplaceable. It is time to begin informed, widespread debate on this issue. the retention of the census forms does not mean any loss of privacy. It is possible to keep the census records while at the same time ensuring that the privacy of the individual is protected."

Please take the time to point out this dreadful and unnecessary waste to your parliamentary representative. A copy of a petition being collected by Senator Bourne, is included in the centre of this journal. Members are urged to collect signatures and return the forms to Senator Vicki Bourne, SG113, T/L20-1, Parliament House, Canberra 2600

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Compiled by J. and F. O'Shea

The O'Shea Indexes to The Mercury Birth, Death & Marriage notices 1900-1910, are a continuation of the wonderful work carried out by Joyce and Frank O'Shea.

Published in three volumes by the Hobart Branch of the GST Inc. and containing over 18,000 entries, these indexes are the first in a series covering the years 1900-1930. Unlike other states, public access to the Tasmanian Registrar General's Department records of births, deaths and marriages ceases at 1899. Consequently details of these events recorded in the new volumes are not easily accessible from any other source and will be a valuable aid for family researchers in locating events during the early twentieth century.

Brides' and grooms' names are cross referenced and a marriage and anniversary entry often appear together recording not only the event but a Silver or Golden Wedding Anniversary notice. Many of these occurred in another state or country. Birth entries in this early volume mostly noted only the father's name and sex of the child; mothers' maiden names are cross referenced where noted in *The Mercury*. Death notices contain many entries for deaths occurring interstate and additional information can often be found in the original entry. Further volumes 1911-1920 and 1921-1930 will be available during 1995.

Research Officers at the Hobart Branch Library are willing to search *The Mercury* newspaper for entries listed in these O'Shea Indexes for those family history researchers 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.

These new volumes are available from: The Librarian, GST Inc Hobart Branch, GPO Box 640G, Hobart 7001;

O'Shea Index to The Mercury - Births 1900-1910	\$12.50
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Sets of 3 books will be posted by express post, current cost \$7.50.

BOOK REVIEWS

Of Yesteryear and Nowadays, Written and Published by Paul Bathurst Edwards, 3 Hugh Street, Hawley Beach, Tasmania, 7307.

This is a handsomely produced hard cover of 116 pages, 310mm X 220mm in size. Price: \$55 plus post and packing (\$6 Tasmania) and available from the author. A limited edition of 200 copies.

"A family researcher has to have some luck, a little intuition, and much perseverance." This very apt quotation by the author himself symbolises the quality of the research and preparation that has gone into producing this very creditable family history.

The families recorded are the author's wife's family including Cresswell and Newton; Bennett, Bramich, Kimberley and Stanfield and the author's own family including Edwards and Thompson: Archer, Hortle and Lucas; Sorell, Coverdale, Speak and Kemp. The families in question are dealt with in sequence with the written script covering aspects of their lives followed by family charts, then photographs.

In the Foreword and Introduction the author gives the rationale behind writing the story and clearly sets out the contents of each section. Tables of the arrival dates of ancestors, relationships to the author, status on arrival and comments make a good reference guide to refer back to as the reader proceeds with the story. Throughout the story names are cross-referenced to the subsequent charts which makes for easier understanding.

Numerous anecdotes of past and present family members are portrayed and the author has used an open and non-judgemental approach in relating family stories. An extensive scope of family activities is covered. Some fascinating disclosures about the lives of the gentry of early Van Diemen's Land, some family skeletons brought out of the cupboard and interesting connections with an early colonial Governor, William Sorell and his family, are included.

The family tree charts are numerous, clear and easy to follow. Major surnames are in bold print and underlined. There is a good range of high quality and well reproduced photos including a mix of older and more recent ones, all clearly labelled.

A strong feature of the book is that it brings the reader up to the present day and also contains a condensed autobiographical chapter which is not always present in family histories. This adds interest and makes it more personal and far more valuable for future generations. Many names and addresses are also given throughout the text, another valuable asset.

There is a chapter devoted to comments, amendments and additions to the recently published *The Archers of Van Diemen's Land* which brings up to date this line of the family. In conducting his research the author has discovered the whereabouts of "missing" relatives and has made the acquaintance of many hitherto unknown family members.

The book is well referenced throughout the text, includes table of contents, acknowledgements, bibliography and index and each copy is numbered and signed by the author.

It is painstakingly researched, well written, clearly printed and attractively presented. It contains a wealth of information and is a very comprehensive Who's Who of the families involved. A valuable reference book for family historians, it would be an asset to any library.

Pat Coy.

The Following two publications are available from Society of Genealogists, 14 Charterhouse Buildings, London EC1M 7BA.

My Ancestors Were Manorial Tenants. Peter B. Park, A5, soft cover, 61pp., £3.60 plus £1 p&p.

After a brief description of the history and working of the feudal system, this book points out that because records are ancient they are not necessarily too complex to understand. Earlier records were written on parchment membranes and sewn together to form a strip which was rolled up for storage - hence the reference to "Court Rolls" often seen. Although they are now in any of a number of places, possibly an estimated 50% should have survived. A wide range of matters was dealt with by the manorial courts between 1600 and 1926, and the rolls or books were full of names of plaintiffs, offenders, debtors, tenants, etc.

Holdings of property under the old systems of tenure is dealt with, together with customs of the manor and many examples are given of the type of entries to be found. The Victoria History of the Counties of England (available on inter-library loan) should always be consulted - it gives the history of many manors which might help in locating them.

There is a good glossary of terms, always useful and interesting in itself. This book would be particularly appropriate if a researcher's ancestors had been in a district for a number of years - there would be every likelihood of their names appearing in the manorial records, providing information unobtainable elsewhere.

Greater London Cemeteries and Crematoria. Compiled by Patricia S. Wolfston, Revised by Clifford Webb, A5, soft cover, 40pp., £2.80 plus £1 p&p.

Essential reading for anyone with London research. It can be extremely difficult to locate the burial place of any Londoner, even in this century. Burials in the inner London churchyards or burial grounds were discontinued at various dates in the 1850s and no parish burial registers were maintained thereafter. Non-denominational cemeteries were then established and, later, crematoria; subsequently most burials took place further away.

The geographical distribution of such places is shown in clear table form, location of the registers, the date when they began and whether or not personal search can be made. In those cases where personal search is not allowed, details of information to be

supplied are listed - presumably relating to postal enquires. It is made clear that some repositories do charge a fee.

Some cemeteries catered for certain classes or groups of people and this is dealt with - an interesting sideline is that as Brookwood Cemetery probably buried half of East London, Waterloo Station had a special casket loading platform.

References to this index could save time and money.

Jo Keen

The following is available from the Federation of Family History Societies, The Benson Room, Birmingham & Midland Institute, Margaret Street, Birmingham B3 3B.

Practice Makes Perfect, A Genealogical Workbook. Compiled by the members of the Education Sub-Committee of the FFHS, A4, soft cover, 84pp., £4.95.

All of those Launceston Branch members who attended the Christmas break-up had the opportunity of answering a selection of questions from this book, much needed by researchers who have progressed beyond the basic steps with English and Welsh families.

Divided into three sections, with a fourth section containing the answers, the first section contains 70 questions with a choice of answers, some providing more cause for head-scratching than others, but mostly not too difficult.

The second section contains 30 questions requiring the reader to supply his or her own short answers.

The third section provides certain data and documents relating to particular families and requires the reader to construct family groups and pedigrees from the information supplied. Some of these are not straightforward and implications require to be analysed and well thought out. A wide variety of resources, many perhaps often overlooked by family historians, from the invaluable Gibson Guides constantly being purchased by our Society and available in most of our branch libraries, to Dr. Williams Library, London can provide clues to the sought-after information.

Lastly, the fourth section gives with individual answers help with the interpretation of some of the information supplied and suggests further sources which might be referred to.

Jo Keen.

The following are available from The Heraldry & Genealogy Society of Canberra Inc., GPO Box 585, Canberra, ACT 2601.

Family History for Beginners (1994 edition), Edited by Ruth Rodgers, A4, soft cover, \$9.50 plus \$2.20 p&p.

Originally intended to accompany lectures, these notes have been edited and revised several times and are now considered to warrant a place among the more comprehensive beginners' manuals for Australians.

From the first chapter "Where Do I Begin?" the reader is led through the many steps of Australian and British Isles research, with a useful section on countries outside the British Isles and suggested sources.

There are details of indexes, many addresses, a chapter on using a computer for family history research, details of the perhaps insufficiently-used AJCP, land records, free passengers arriving and many more, the last chapter containing a great deal of basic information to help the prospective researcher to decide upon his or her own intentions and options.

Appendices 1 and 2 contain a great deal of information on computers and printers including lists of software programs for both IBM-compatible and non IBM-compatible computer systems, together with names and addresses of known suppliers.

Family History Research Manager, compiled by Cora Num, Pennie Pemberton and June Penny, A4, soft cover, \$9.50 plus \$2.20 p&p.

Success in family history research depends largely on exactly how the acquired information and ever-increasing volumes of paper are dealt with. This work suggests in an easily-understood form a system to be used as the beginner commences to carry out a particular piece of research. There are suggested charts and advice on which documents to photocopy.

It is most important to keep proper records of research as it is carried out - otherwise failing to do so often leads to duplication, sometimes where fees are involved.

Correspondence is dealt with together with dozens of commonly used sources, photographs, newspapers - there are maps of Australia, Great Britain and Ireland. There is something here for everyone - more experienced researchers would find much of interest.

Jo Keen.

Spring Bay Tasmania: a social history, Suzanne Lester, Hobart, Artemis Publishing and Marketing Consultants, 1994, available for \$35.00 from the author, P.O. Box 5, Triabunna, Tasmania, 7190.

In 1987 the Spring Bay Rotary Club, together with the Spring Bay Council and the Australian Bicentennial Authority, initiated the research into the history of Spring Bay which resulted in the publication of this book. On 2nd April 1993, the Municipality of Spring Bay, established in 1860, was amalgamated with the Municipality of Glamorgan, also established in 1860. The appearance of the book in 1994 was, therefore timely.

Suzanne Lester has used archival material from Spring Bay Council, Archives Office of Tasmania, University of Tasmania and University of Melbourne, together with Lands Titles Office records, newspapers and books as well as personal anecdotes and memories of people who have lived in the district.

She chose to approach this material thematically rather than chronologically in order to illustrate better the changing lifestyles, livelihoods and patterns of settlement over the years.

The district extends from Buckland in the south to Triabunna and Little Swanport in the north and includes Maria Island. Its history is seen in respect of access by sea and land, inhabitants both aboriginal and European, industry, government, law and order and the social structures of education, public health, the economy, communication and religion. Patterns of settlement over the whole area are traced.

This book is comprehensive and very readable, an excellent reference book. Well illustrated with photographs and maps, it includes references for each chapter and an index

Theo Sharples

Catholic Records Index. 2nd ed., Picton NSW, Liz Vincent, 1994, obtainable from the compiler and publisher, Liz Vincent, PO Box 111, Picton, NSW 2571 (Phone/Fax 040 772044).

In 1991 eight Catholic parish registers were found stored in the Picton, NSW parish. They covered areas of Appin, Picton, Burrigorang, Berrima and surrounding districts. After being transcribed, they were indexed in four separate indexes, which together are known as the Catholic Records Index. When it was found that about half of the early entries were not with the Registry of Birth, Deaths and Marriages, it was decided to publish the index for the benefit of genealogists and family historians.

Registers indexed are of baptisms, marriages and burials but they are not in all cases complete because entries were often made by priests who, travelling on horseback around the parish, made notes from which register entries were compiled later. Some cover the time when priests were not obliged to fill in all the blank spaces in the Registrar's Return. Some entries made in full have been found in the registers. They now complete some of the blank spaces in official marriage certificate copies.

To the original eight registers, which were revised for this edition of the index, have been added two which were privately held.

There is also an index of strays, compiled from loose documents found with the registers, including parents' consents to marriage and declarations made to the priests that there was no impediment to a marriage.

The Baptisms Index shows the mother's maiden name when known. The Marriage Index has a column for comments and the Burials Index includes the age of the deceased person.

The book includes a full explanation of areas where either the parties involved lived or the events took place. The index covers the period 1840-1948.

Registers indexed are the property of the Picton parish, from where permission must be obtained to view them. However, for a small fee researchers may obtain details of register entries from the compiler's transcript.

Theo Sharples

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BEAMS/BRUMBY

Martha Ann BEAMS married Leonard Arthur BRUMBY on 23 December 1885. She died on 4 June 1942 at Mount Eden, New Zealand. Bob and Bonnie Brown, Blue Water Motel, Main Road, Tairua, New Zealand would like further information on Martha Ann Beams and her family.

BELL/WILSON/CASCADE BREWERY

Jonathon and Margaret BELL, nec WILSON, came to Hobart in 1838 to help make Huon pine barrels for the Cascade Brewery. Mrs. R. Hayes (2034) believes they were stationed in the forests with convict labour, as Margaret and the children were left in the care of the convicts when Jonathon came up to Hobart by ketch. Can anyone confirm this detail? Contact Mrs. Hayes at PO Box 106 Rosanna, Victoria 3084.

BERESFORD/PRIMROSE/PRIMLOW/TRENLOW/HUGHES/DWYER

Eliza Rosa PRIMROSE/PRIMLOW/TRENLOW/TRINLOW/HUGHES/BERESFORD (all names used for registration of children's births by Eliza Maria Fanny "Lina" DWYER, daughter of Eliza Rosa who married William Singleton DWYER, 1862, Tasman's Peninsular, "Lina" DWYER, born 1863, married John McAULIFFE. Other children were: Samuel (born 1861, later changed his name from DWYER to BERESFORD); William Thomas (1864); John Edward (1865); Thomas Robert (1869); Arthur Ernest (1871); Clara and Albert (twins, born 1873); Walter (1878); Charles Oxley (1880) and William Fred Arthur (1882). Any assistance re Eliza Rosa's background greatly appreciated by Mary L. Spittal (1236), PO Box 9, Noble Park, Victoria 3174

BOWERS/SCOTT

James BOWERS and Agnes SCOTT married in Launceston on 17th August 1869. Their son, Charles Henry, was born on 13th February 1875 in Launceston. Thomas Scott, born 4 November 1872, and Albert William, born 2nd February 1875, both in Mathinna and registered at Fingal. James died in Launceston on 26 May 1877 and was buried in the Cypress Street Cemetery. Any information about this family would be appreciated by Mrs. B.C. Bowers, PO Box 384, Doonside, NSW 2767. [Dates as given by Mrs. Bowers - Ed.]

BOYD/KENNEDY

Hugh BOYD (born Scotland to Henry Boyd and Margaret Atkinson) married Elizabeth KENNEDY (possibly born 1827 to John KENNEDY and Mary COCHRANE) 31 December 1846, Girvan, Ayr, Scotland. In 1859 they migrated to Launceston, Van Diemen's Land, on board the Broomielaw with children Mary (1848-1930s Victoria, married Maxwell MACCREADY 1877); Margaret (Maggie) (1851-1930s, married Mr. AINSWORTH/HAINSWORTH); Henry (1854, possibly married Sarah Jane SMITH) and John Thompson (1857-1934, married Mary Jane TAYLOR 1882, moved to Victoria circa

1904). They had further children after their arrival: Helen (born 1860, married William Albert BLAIR); a girl who was stillborn in 1863; Elizabeth (1864-1867); Flora Jessie (1867-1868); Hughena (Ena) (1869, married Robert CONNINGSBY) and Christina Taylor (1875). Hugh and Elizabeth BOYD were the caretakers of St. Andrew's Church Launceston. Hugh died in 1906 and Elizabeth in 1899. Julie Stevens (3017), 33 Davidson Street, Traralgon, Victoria 3844 would be pleased to hear from any descendants.

BUMFORD/AYSON

Mrs. L. Mutimer (2981) is seeking contact with researchers of the name BUMFORD in Tasmania. Her line is as follows: Emily Ann Ayson BUMFORD married Tobias Martin RICHARDS at the residence of her father John BUMFORD in Ross on the 26th March 1864. She was 23 years at the time making her date of birth circa 1841. Her parents were John BUMFORD, born circa 1805, died Ross 1895 aged 95, and Mary Ann BUMFORD (nee?) born circa 1801, died Ross 1875 aged 74. They are both buried in the Ross General Cemetery. Mrs. Lutimer would like to hear from anyone who has come across the name in their research, particularly if the name AYSON is also mentioned.

CAVIL/CAVILL/CAVILLE/CAVEL

Abraham CAVILLE arrived in Hobart in October 1825. He lived at Old Beach. A William CAVILLE bought the Hobart to Launceston Carrier Service at 220 Liverpool Street, Hobart from Mrs. Hambrook. William married Hannah BROWN in October 1855 and lived in the Bagdad Broadmarsh area. Children are: Joseph (1859); Mary (1862); William James (1864) married Louisa Caroline HALL at Oatlands in 1993; Emma Annie (1867); Abraham (1873); Sarah (1879); Jemima married John McMAHON at Bagdad in 1897. There were numerous other CAVILL families in Tasmania and Victoria from 1820. Any information on any CAVILLE and their descendants, Australia or overseas would be appreciated by Peter Clarke (3764), 12 Vela Street, Howrah, Tasmania 7018.

FOSTER/HUGHES

Joseph James FOSTER married Agnes HUGHES/GLOVER at Kingston on 31 January 1863. Their children were: Mary Jane married William TEMPLE; Henry married Eliza MAZIE; Richard James; Emily Louise; Charlotte Elenor; Violet Elsie; Millie Amelia married ? DRUMMOND; Harriet May and Myrtle Rubina. Mrs. Nelly Oates (1920) would like to hear from any descendants. Any information would be appreciated. Contact Mrs Oates at Box 129, Spring Beach, Orford, Tasmania 7190.

HAYDEN/HAYDON

James HAYDEN married Lady? Mary EVERITT. Their six children who were all baptised in Barking, Essex, 1800-1814, were: Sarah; Rachel (BILLINGS); James; Randell married Lucy LESTER; Esther (HAWKLEY) and William married Maria PORTER. Any information would be appreciated by Mrs. C. Avery, PO Box. 1858, Traralgon, Victoria. 3844.

MARSDEN/LEOD/STEPHENS

Information is sought on two of the twelve children of John and Ellen MARSDEN of Launceston. Eldest daughter Elizabeth, born 1854 married Robert McLEOD in Launceston 1879. Children born at Beaconsfield were: Robert (1880); Elizabeth Ellen (1881); John (1883); George (1885); William Arthur (1887); Female (1891) and Ernest Alexander (1892). Henry Thomas was born in 1895 at Lefroy. A photograph in my possession of the children of Emma Louisa MARSDEN (born 1873) and Thomas STEPHENS taken in Devonport about 1916 shows the children to be Fred (1896); Tom (1898); Nellie (1902); Beat (1904); Jack

(1908) and Ella (1910). Can anyone help with descendants or later places of residence for these two families? Any information at all would be greatly appreciated by granddaughter of Ada Ellen MARSDEN, Mrs. Kath Lewis (3474), 12 Pendine St., Carine, WA 6020.

MCLEOD/COWPER/MILLAR(ER)

Hugh and Elizabeth McLEOD, nee COWPER, married The Gorbals, Glasgow, 1830 arrived Tasmania 1833 aboard the Edward Coulson/Coulston. Children: Elizabeth (born circa 1833) married Joseph MILLAR (issue Elizabeth [born 1854]; Joseph Hugh [1856]; Isobel Annie [1858]; Frederick William [1864]; Hugh McLeod [1866]); Hugh (1836-1837); Hugh (1837-1863) married Marion Henderson, Cowra, NSW; Ann Clark (1841); Mary (1844) and Jane (1846). Elizabeth McLEOD died 1853. Hugh Sr married Elizabeth MILLER 1855, died 1866, Hobart, Elizabeth, nee MILLER, died 1899, Hobart. Mrs. Jennifer McLeod, 7 Snelson Street, Cobar, NSW 2835 needs help on Tasmanian lines and would enjoy exchanging NSW research.

OLIVER/GRAY/GREEN/ROSS

Mrs. L.M. Dell is seeking information for Veronica Margaret Lilian DART (GRAY) or parents Ernest William GRAY, married 1891 Margaret GREEN. Known names of children (there may be more): Herbert William, born 1891; Emma Mary (1893); John Thomas (1895); Harold Tasman; Mary Veronica 1909, Launceston 242 York Street, mother of Lilian Dart (GRAY). Lilian GRAY adopted by Richard Marcellus OLIVER and Elsie Mary (Berwick) (Dell). Also seeking information on Richard OLIVER. Contact Mrs. Dell at 802 Lydiard St. North, Ballarat, Victoria 3350.

OXLEY/CHARLTON/BODEN/BOWDEN

Cheryl Clark (3319) is seeking any information on John OXLEY and Susan BODEN. They had a son, John OXLEY, born 28 February 1854 at Port Esperance. He married on 7th July 1884 to Annie CHARLTON, born 11 January 1859 at Richmond Tasmania. Please contact Cheryl at 2 Sunhaven Court, Midway Point, Tasmania 7171 or telephone (002) 65 1416.

ROYAL VETERAN COMPANY

Mrs. Gwenda Webb (3030) is collating information on The ROYAL VETERAN COMPANY which arrived in Australia in 1826-27. She would be grateful to hear from any persons who have information regarding the following members of this group: William BURNS; Samuel COULSON (COULSTON); Patrick CUNNINGHAM; John FRAZER; Thomas HUGHES; James KELLY; John KIRKWOOD; Pte. KIRSONS; George LAYMAN; Anthony LEE; William McKAY; Charles STEWART; Daniel STORER; James TROTTER/McDONALD. Contact Gwenda at 3/51A Campbell Street, Launceston, Tasmania 7250 or telephone (003) 31 1803.

WALKER/MENZIE

Henry John T. WALKER married Matilda Alice JONES at Margate in 1876. They had three children: Mary Ellen, Martha Maria and Henry George. Henry died in 1883 and Matilda married Robert Lyall MENZIE. A further three children were born: William Charles, Sarah Matilda and Walter Robert. Mrs Kelly has information on the descendants of Henry George but she cannot find anything on the other children. Any information would be appreciated. Mrs. Kelly can be contacted at 18 Littlejohn Street, Hillsborough, Auckland 4, New Zealand.

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- 3762 Mrs. Barbara Dyer, 67 River Road, East Devonport, Tas 7310
- 3763 Mrs. Dianne E. Symmons, 33 Wandella Ave, Tarooma, Tas 7053
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- 3764 Peter Clarke, 12 Vela Street, Howrah, Tas 7018
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- 3773 Mr. Philip J Bishop, 136 Norma Street, Howrah, Tas 7018
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- 3774 Mrs. Coralie E. Barnett, 9/180 Roslyn Ave, Blackman's Bay, Tas 7052
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(Launceston, Tas)

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Children of the First Fleet

Dear Editor,

I am currently researching a contracted work due for publication in 1996 which is to be entitled Children of the First Fleet. This ambitious work is being undertaken with financial assistance from the Australia Council and is an attempt to give a long-overdue voice to those 45 or so children 12 years of age and under who arrived in January 1788. Never before has this founding experience been recreated through the eyes of its youngest participants - and the reasons are obvious: the difficulty of identifying these young travellers and the utter dearth of primary source material. Did any of these children commit their youngest memories to paper later in life?

In the past I have published work on the history of children's books, on children's folklore and on aspects of the history of childhood in Australia. Children of the First Fleet is another excursion into previously neglected history. I would therefore be grateful if you would publish this letter ... in your pages as an urgent plea for assistance. any information received will be gratefully acknowledged.

Robert Holden, 47 Liverpool Street, Paddington, NSW 2021.

Cover photograph

Dear Mrs. Bartlett,

I would like to thank you for your choice of front cover on the December issue of Tasmanian Ancestry.

The picture appears to be taken from the Franklin side of the river. The double story building now being an hotel. The building on the left, just off the bridge is now the Huon Bistro. My interest in the photo is that the building housing the Bistro was the home of my great grand-father, James Short. The street running up the river is named Short Street and the house at the end of the street was owned by one of his daughters, Dora Jolly (nee Short).

Wally Short.