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The Cover Illustration

It is felt that members may be interested in the ideas behind the cover illustration of *Tasmanian Ancestry*. The map of Tasmania and its offshore islands needs no explanation; neither does the emblem of the stylized tree, representing the stem family pedigree. The scroll, however, is more than mere decoration. It is formed of a double helix, or a pair of intertwined coils. Joining the helical coils are pedigrees facing both to left and right. One pedigree is an ancestral one and represents our forefathers. The other one represents our descendants. Together they symbolize our concern to preserve the personal and family records of Tasmanians of the past and present for future generations.

The double helix is also the form taken by the molecules which control genetic inheritance. Ribonucleic acid (RNA) and Deoxyribonucleic acid (DNA) molecules are the building blocks of the genes and chromosomes by which our genetic makeup is determined. The most significant advance in biology in our generation has been the 'cracking' of the genetic code. It is hoped that the most significant breakthrough in social and family history studies in Tasmania in our generation will be seen by posterity to have been the formation of the Genealogical Society of Tasmania.

President's Message

by
Lilian D. Watson

The most important news for this issue is that the microfilms of the Registrar-General's registers of births, marriages and deaths are now available for personal searches at the Archives Office of Tasmania at the State Library building in Hobart. The events released cover the period up to 1900, but the indexes cover a few more years. The five reading machines have been kept busy since the films were made available in late July. Using the films may not be as easy as putting in an application form to the Registrar-General, but it is much more satisfying once the system is understood. Persons leaving the Archives with heads held at odd angles are probably those who wear bi-focal glasses but who could not bear to put the films aside. I believe the opticians might gain quite a lot of business from this move!

Our membership is now about one hundred and sixty, and an informal meeting has been held in Launceston which should lead to regular meetings in the north of the state. The Archives Office's Principal Archivist, Mrs. Mary McRae, spoke to an attendance of sixty persons at our July meeting, which is the highest number to date.

At the general meeting in May, a chart on his ancestry was presented to Mr. Geoffrey Pearsall, the Leader of the Opposition. Mr. Stephen Woolley who prepared the chart and shares the family connection was unfortunately unable to attend to present it personally, due to ill health. Thank you anyway, Stephen.

Council members and others are working hard to improve the Society and its records, and it is good to feel a part of a good team. The only uncooperative element has been the weather on the date of the planned trip to copy tombstone inscriptions at Sorell. We hope for better luck next time!

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Land Alienation & Early Settlers *in the Huon Valley,* *Part 2, 1835-1839.*

by

Douglas F. Clark

From extant records searched, we saw in Part I¹ that while there had been considerable activity in exploration, timber cutting, whaling and land dealing in the Huon up to 1835, only one settler, William Nicholls, was with any certainty living in any of the three southern municipalities of Huon, Esperance and Cygnet as we know them today.

However, official interest in the area was quickening, and on 11 June 1835 the Government Survey Office published:

'Notice is hereby given that the Crown Lands hereinafter described will be disposable by sale under the Regulations of 16 February 1832 at the expiration of three months from this date. Parties desirous of purchasing any of these Lots will apply on the regulated printed form in order that such may be offered for sale on a date to be hereinafter appointed.'²

Lots 245 and 246, each of 640 acres, adjoining Robert Surridge's location³ (see Part I), were the only Huon lots offered. Both were bought by William Sherwood for 5/- per acre on 18 July 1836, the date of Grant being 29 August 1836.⁴ He subsequently obtained Surridge's location as well.⁵

Sherwood, a blacksmith, was brought out Free by the Van Diemen's Land Company, arriving with his wife Keziah on the *Tramere* on 29 September 1826.⁶ After leaving the Company, he applied for 'a third class allotment in Hobart Town for a dwelling of 15 foot frontage' on 12 February 1830. On 29 April 1830 he asked for his allotment to be near the wharf to enable him to carry on his business, but a Mr. Wilkinson was sent to explain that the area was wanted for merchandise warehouses, the present Salamanca Place warehouses.⁷ Sherwood developed his Huon River property, but as we shall see, sold it to William Warham, a merchant of Hobart Town for £2,000 on 24 September 1839.⁸ Sherwood went back to Hobart, but returned later, having bought Lot No. 633, of 100 acres, in 1841⁹ which he later surrendered to the Crown, and Lot 10, also of 100 acres in 1843.¹⁰ Both were adjacent to the present town of Huonville.

On 2 December 1835, the Government offered:

'Lot 1, 640 acres on a one year lease, situate adjoining and to the East of a location of 320 acres to W^m Nicholls, extending towards a Point known as Green Point, bounded on the South

by salt water and on the East by Crown Land.¹¹
It was not taken up.

In July 1836, five Huon Lots (284-288) were advertised for sale by public auction on 19 September 1836 at the Court of Requests, Hobart Town.¹² Lots 284-286 were on the Kermadie River, adjacent to Reid's allotment (see Part I) while 287 was at what is now Clark's Rivulet, North Franklin, and 288 was at Green Point, adjacent to the land advertised for lease above.¹³ Details of the sale were:

LOT #	SIZE	PURCHASE PRICE	PURCHASER
284	95 acres	11/- per acre	Peter Degraives (the founder of the
285	100 acres	10/3 per acre	Peter Degraives (Cascade Brewery)
286	100 acres	10/3 per acre	Peter Degraives
287	100 acres	11/6 per acre	John Morgan of Hobart Town
288	200 acres	7/9 per acre	John Morgan. 14

Grants were issued in March 1837, but none of the sales was completed, so all were cancelled on 27 June 1837.¹⁵

Lots 309 of 645 acres, and 310, of 635 acres (now the town of Franklin) were advertised for sale by public auction on 11 November 1836,¹⁶ and both were bought by John Price for 5/- and 5/6 per acre respectively. The date of Grant was 29 April 1837.¹⁷

Price, born 21 October 1808, the third son of Sir Rose Price, 1st. Bart. of Trengwainton, Cornwall (see *Bonick's Pedigree* for his lineage), arrived in Van Diemen's Land from Liverpool on the *Strathlin* in May of 1836, whereupon Governor Arthur wrote to Under-Secretary Hay, assuring him that he would help Price become a settler.¹⁸ Price lived at "Lindisfern", Beltana,¹⁹ now Lindisfarne, and married Mary Franklin, niece of the new Governor, Sir John Franklin, on 12 June 1838.²⁰ Still living at "Lindisfern", Price agreed with Lady Franklin for her to take over his Huon lands and develop them with settlers on a rental/purchase plan of which more later.

Price was appointed Muster Master in the Convict Department by Franklin on 1 January 1839, a situation combined with that of Assistant Police Magistrate.²¹ He was still living at Risdon in May 1843,²² but was at New Town in 1846 from where, in July, he was appointed Civil Commandant at Norfolk Island.²³ After returning to Van Diemen's Land he was appointed Inspector of the Penal Department in Victoria in January 1854, only to be murdered by convicts at Williamstown on 27 March 1857. His widow died on 2 October 1884, aged 80. Their family was:²⁴

CHILD	BORN	MARRIED	DIED
John Frederick (Sir)	03 OCT 1839	28 APR 1863	12 JUN 1927
James Franklin	20 MAR 1841		27 JUL 1878
Thomas Caradoc Rose, C.B.	21 OCT 1842	1. 05 AUG 1874 2. 30 APR 1902	03 JUL 1911
Emily Mary	05 OCT 1844		

Anna Clara	30 JAN 1846	1866
Jane De Winton		1876 04 FEB 1937

Two other children were born at Norfolk Island, one of whom, Emma Julia died 28 March 1849 aged 16 months.⁵

Lots 284-288 were put up for resale on 5 August 1837, according to the regulation, at the upset price of 5/- per acre. Purchasers this time were:

LOT #	PURCHASER	REMARKS
284	Robert Travers	Sale never completed
285	Frederick Arundel Downing	Sale never completed
286	William Anderson	Cancelled for non-payment
287	John Clark	Date of Grant 1 September 1837
288	George King	Date of Grant 1 September 1837. ²⁶

Captain King surrendered his Lot to the Crown on 12 August 1847 in exchange for land at the Coal Mine Rivulet, Jerusalem (now Colebrook).²⁷ So far as is known, he never lived in the Huon.

John Clark, born 1804,²⁸ was Game Keeper to Thomas Peas, Esquire, of "Woodside", Peasmarsh, in Kent, and came to Van Diemen's Land via America.²⁹ He called his Huon River property "Woodside", and cut timber, grew potatoes, planted orchard, built³⁰ and owned at least one barge³¹ which traded on the river, and built and ran a three storey flour mill powered by a 32 foot "overshot" water wheel.³²

On 3 February 1842, R. E. Burnett surveyed the 640 acres between Clark's block and Price's land referred to above. This was bought by Clark as Lot 24 on 22 May 1843.³³ The price was 12/- per acre and the Deeds were dated 9 August 1843.³⁴ On 31 October 1843 he sold 400 acres of this land to Lady Franklin for Captain James Clark Ross, as we shall see in Part 3. Clark also later bought 200 acres at what is now Cradoc on the opposite side of the river, as well as several smaller blocks in the Franklin area.³⁵

He married Sarah Kellaway, of whom shortly, and had ten children:

1. Jane Franklin Louisa, *b*21 JUN 1843, *m1st* Luke Clarke in 1858; *m2nd* John Schenk, 1869 and *d*21 OCT 1893;
2. Moses John, *b*21 JAN 1846, *m* Mary Ann Swinfield in 1868, *d* 1923;
3. Aaron Wallis, twin of 2., *m* Ellen Parsons, 1 FEB 1869, *d*1922;
4. Sarah Ruth, *b*21 AUG 1848, *m* David Ballantyne in 1873;
5. John Kellaway, *b* 14 MAR 1851, *m* Mary Skinner in 1883, *d*27 OCT 1919;
6. James Christopher, *b*6 JUN 1854, *m* Elizabeth Jane Judd on 2 APR 1888, and *d*26 JUN 1907;
7. Henry Edward, *b*6 MAY 1855, *m* Minnie Short in 1877, *d*20 MAR 1925;
8. Annie Eliza, *b* 1858, *d*22 OCT 1875;
9. Robert William, *b*18 FEB 1859, *m* Rubina Medwin on 1 JUN 1887, and *d*9 JAN 1928;
10. Agnes Mary, *b*12 SEP 1861, *m* Alfred Arthur Gulliver on 2 APR 1888.³⁶

John Clark died on 21 July 1865, his widow surviving him until 24 December 1884. Both were buried in the St. James Church of England Cemetery in Franklin.³⁷

Thus up to the end of 1837 there were only three permanent settlers in the Huon: Nicholls, Sherwood and Clark. Price had probably started to clear some of his land with hired labour, but so far as is known, he never lived in the Huon.

On 28 December 1837, the Colonial Engineer called tenders 'for the execution by contract of the framework of a residence for an Assistant Magistrate intended for Southport in the District of Kent,³⁸ ... 'for the purpose of keeping in check the crews of whalers and the miscellaneous population employed in Bay Whaling'.³⁹ There were still no permanent settlers in either Southport, Esperence or Recherche bays at this time.

It was about this time, or very shortly afterwards, that Lady Franklin took over Price's land and started her 'settlement' which she called 'Huon Fernlands'. Her plan was to divide the land into 50 and 100 acre blocks for sale to settlers at 10/- per acre, the price increasing by 6d per acre per year, with a rental of 6d per acre per year after the first rent free year. Settlers who could not pay for their land within seven years must quit.⁴⁰

On 4 November 1838 she wrote to her sister in England that she was to visit Port Davey to see her 35 to 40 ton ketch, *Huon Pine*, which was being built there at a cost of £300, 'for the service of my new settlement on the Huon.'⁴¹

Sir John Franklin wrote to his wife, then travelling overland from Port Phillip to Sydney that 'there may also be Bills to pay at the Huon for labour,⁴² and then on 9 May 1839 that

'Mr. Walter has come up from the Huon to ask whether your labourers may not receive another 2/- per week due to the present high price of flour as it is impossible for them to get it on their present wages. Mr. Walter tells me they are working extremely well and that they clear the land at a rate they are now working at about £10 per acre...Mr. Walter reports very favourably of his potato crop for which he has been offered £12 per ton. Your crop is not quite so good and the potatoes are not quite ready. They will however make a good return. The man Good to whom you advanced money has not yet made his appearance. The Church is nearly ready and when it is I will beg of the Archdeacon to go down with me. Mr. Walter has got into his new houses. He has made many bricks and has found a limestone that will do for cement he thinks. There is not a happier or more contented man.'⁴³

Although 'her agricultural settlement on the banks of the Huon was

firmly established by 1839⁴⁴ the Deeds to the property were not transferred to her until 16 July 1840.⁴⁵

On the eastern side of the Huon River, John Kellaway bought Lot 437 comprising 100 acres on 10 April 1839, at Ironstone Creek for 5/- per acre. His Deeds were dated 12 July 1839.⁴⁶

Kellaway, born 1806, married Ann Wallis, born 1794, in 1823. Living in the Parish of Halstock, Dorset, they sailed on the *Thomas Laurie* with their two children, Sarah, born 17 February 1825 and John Wallis, born 11 August 1828,⁴⁷ arriving in Hobart Town on 4 September 1834.⁴⁸ Living at New Norfolk where a third child, Eliza Anne was born on 5 May 1836⁴⁹, they moved to the Huon in 1839. Whether he lived at Ironstone Creek is not known, but it seems that he probably managed the property Sherwood sold to Warham (see above) in September 1839. Warham and his wife Mary Jane were declared insolvent in March 1841, whereupon Kellaway bought the property from Sherwood for the outstanding mortgage of £1500, naming the place "Woodstock". His transfer Deeds were dated 25 September 1841.⁵⁰ He built a flour mill, grew various crops, bred cattle, and bought several other blocks of land including "The Hermitage" from Johnson Dean in 1857 for £250. This property of 250 acres became one of the best in the Huon after his wife's nephews, William and Richard Wallis took it over. It is still in the same family.

Of his children, Sarah married John Clark of "Woodside" on the opposite side of the river, as mentioned above. John Wallis married firstly Eliza Naomi Parsons on 18 July 1865, and secondly Mrs. Marion Menteith Campbell (née Moyes) on 8 October 1879. Eliza Anne married John Chammen and returned to England.⁵² Kellaway died on 2 April 1859 and his widow died on 3 February 1879. Both were buried at the Church of England Cemetery at Franklin.⁵³

Thomas and William Walton bought Lot 436, of 640 acres, at what is now the town of Huonville. The Deeds were dated 10 May 1839.⁵⁴ The Walton brothers were brought out by their parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Walton, together with their sister Rebecca, in 1823. The family conducted a saw pit in Collins Street, Hobart Town and then a water driven saw mill at Cascades.⁵⁵ The family consisted of Thomas, born 1811, who married Sophia Smith in 1852; John married Elizabeth Rathbone who was born in Van Diemen's Land. William was born in 1813, never married and died in 1859. Rebecca married John Wilson. The Walton Brothers were joined by their parents at Victoria, the present Huonville, in 1845. They added several neighbouring blocks to their original holding in later years.⁵⁷

Silas Parsons was the only other person definitely known to have taken up land in the Huon in 1839. His Deeds for 100 acres at Blackfish Creek, now the Grove, were dated 25th July 1839. Parsons, born at Wincanton, Somersetshire in 1807, emigrated to New South Wales in 1835. He arrived at Hobart Town on *The Brothers* on 15

November 1835 with his wife and two daughters Eliza and Roseanna. Mrs. Parsons was too ill to continue to Sydney so they settled in Hobart, moving to the Huon four years later. Parsons cut timber, grew potatoes and wheat and planted orchards.⁵⁹

His family consisted of eight children. Eliza was born in England and on the 18 July 1865 married John Wallis Kellaway. Roseanna, also born in England, married Mr. A. Hawkes. Emily was the first of three children to be born in Hobart Town. Born in 1836, she married Mr. J. Roberts. Mary Ann, born in Hobart Town in 1837, married Mr. F. Nicholls. On the 4 February 1839 Charles was born in Hobart Town. Ellen was born at Blackfish Creek on the 7 December 1842 and on the 1 February 1869 married Aaron Wallis Clark. Silas George was born on the 22 June 1843 at Blackfish Creek. The last child, Lucy Marie was born at Blackfish Creek on the 27 March 1846 and married Isaac Linnell.

The Parsons later bought two other adjoining 100 acre blocks and played a role in early mail services from Hobart Town to the Huon.

The only other settlers in the area by the end of 1839 were Lady Franklin's tenants on her "Huon Fernlands" settlement at what is now Franklin. None had yet obtained title to their land and they will be discussed in the third and final article in the next issue.

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Papers Procedures & Painless Extraction

OR THE by REGISTRAR'S PROVINCE

Georgina Chick

The PAPERS are the forms used when persons apply for membership in the Society, on which they list the names they are researching and relevant details of places and periods, together with the (hopefully) appended pedigree charts showing dates, places, marriages and inter-relationships. Also there are the newspaper articles about newsworthy families, the letters of enquiry giving details of family connections, and the transcriptions, carefully made by dedicated genealogists, of tombstone inscriptions, church and civil registers, and from State Archives. These papers are the source materials with which the Registrar works.

The PROCEDURES would differ with individual societies, but there should be a logical method of collating this material and storing it so that it is readily accessible to member researchers, which is the ultimate aim of the Society. To do this, certain equipment is desirable: a *Name and Address Book*, tabulated alphabetically; a *Card Index* in a suitable filing case, preferably fire-proof; separate files for Pedigree Charts, for Correspondence, and for Research Lists needed for display at meetings.

The fore-going calls to mind a cook assembling ingredients and equipment for baking a cake; but there are cooks-and-bottle-washers... and there are Chefs. Likewise there are scientists doing meticulous research. So also with the genealogist there is the utmost need for accuracy.

The Smith, and Jones and Brown and Wright families are not the only prolific ones; nor is the desire to make a connection with the nobility, or the famous, an unknown factor in family research. Indeed, if this is a legitimate claim, and can be proven, the work thereafter is minimal because such pedigrees are printed and preserved. (I should not have chosen the particular title for this article. I find a proliferation of words beginning with the letter "p" popping up in my prose; perhaps prolonged pensiveness upon pedigrees and posterity and progenitors has imparted it?) But to get back to the thoughts which preceded this interpolation...other reasons for accuracy in recording vital facts which may help prevent mistakes in linking up generations are the well known custom of using identical names in successive generations and that other custom of a hundred or so years ago of giving the names of a dead child to a new arrival in the family. In such cases, the need for accuracy in checking birth dates is obvious.

The procedures I use are as follows. From the "Application Form" and from the other papers, I enter the name and address of the searcher into the *Name and Address Book*. This is not alphabetical in the strict dictionary sense because the sequence depends upon the date of entry. (Perhaps a computer will remedy this, someday.) Each of these names is given a code number beginning with the capital letter of the surname, then the number in sequence following the last entry on that page. As well, a green dot indicates a Member, and "F" indicates a Foundation Member.

From the Application Forms, the letters, the pedigree charts or articles, all associated names are extracted, and each separate name is put on a 125mm x 75mm (5"x3") filing card, with cross references to all other names of the family association, and relevant dates and places. Each card has the code number of the researcher marked in red at the top right-hand corner, with a note to the effect that a pedigree chart is available, if this is so. All lists, charts, and letters are similarly identified.

These family group names are listed in a separate book under each code number. The cards from each individual researcher are then filed in strict alphabetical order in the Card Index. At the same time, a check is made to see if any other person (or persons) is researching that NAME, which, of course, may not necessarily be the same family. If this is the case, the code number of the other researcher/s is recorded. If on closer examination it is found that researchers share two or more associated family group names, there is a strong likelihood of an inter-family relationship.

From the book, two lists are typed, in triplicate: one for each Society Officer handling research enquiries (the President, the Research Officer and the Registrar). One of these lists is simply the recording, alphabetically, of the associated names under the code number of the researcher, with an asterisk (*) marking those names on other groups. The other list, the Multiple Research List, has all those names being researched by more than one person, with their identifying code numbers. Again the proviso is made that identical names do not necessarily mean identical families. A copy of each list is placed on the notice board at meetings for members to check, and an indication is made to the Research Officer of possible inter-connections. These lists are kept up to date regularly.

The PAINLESS EXTRACTION is a two-fold procedure. From these lists the Research Officer or Registrar can extract data for correspondence by letter with researchers, giving them relevant details, or putting them in touch with others researching the same family lines. This correspondence is necessary because many of our members live intrastate, interstate or overseas.

The other procedure is for members to extract the information for themselves from the lists posted on the notice board at meetings, where they can see for themselves if they need to check the index cards or pedigree charts for immediate use, or to initiate correspondence with hitherto unknown family connections, identified from the code numbers.

and the Name and Address Book. Thus all these records are easily accessible to all members, either by correspondence or by personal research.

The fore-going may seem pedantic (I must use that word) and also tedious, but the results of careful recording, cross-references and easy accessibility of genealogical material are very worth while. Being an amateur lapidarist, a parallel comes to my mind of the occasion when someone digs up a gemstone of particular beauty; the excitement, not only of the finder, but also of others who crowd around, is evident; and they return to their digging with added hope for success.

So it is with genealogy. A case in point happened a few weeks ago when a friend returned from an overseas visit. He had spent considerable time and money in trying to find an ancestor (I nearly wrote progenitor) who had lived in England and America before coming to Australia; but he had had no success, as he dolefully related, mentioning the name.

The NAME! Such a name, I recalled, was in the Card Index and on an accompanying pedigree chart submitted by someone, not a member of the Society, who lived in the same suburb here in Hobart. With excitement we looked in the files and the chart; and there it was, the gemstone, the name of the identical ancestor, and others of the family, with names, dates and places complete. I shared the joy of "Eureka!" After travelling across the world and returning home disappointed, here he found a treasure on his doorstep, as it were, found because of a card index file, and, perhaps, because the pedantic procedures of checking and filing, of copying and listing, and cross-referencing, had made an impression on that in-built computer we call the mind ... or, dare I add, was it Providence?

----- more PAGES!

Dear Mrs. Travers,

Perhaps you may remember that I contacted the Society a few weeks ago, seeking ways of tracing my Tasmanian ancestors, James and Matilda Page? The lady in Beaconsfield, Mrs. Margaret McKenzie, to whom you referred me as a research contact for the Gravelly Beach area, by some remarkable co-incidence is descended from the same family, six generations back. Her forbear, Charles Page of Launceston c 1840's, was a brother of James Page, mentioned above.

Mrs. McKenzie has also put me in contact with Mr. Ray Bassett of Launceston, another descendant of Charles Page, who has traced Pages in Tasmania, and has been an enormous help in filling out the genealogical vista. Additionally, there is a gentleman in Queensland, who is a genealogist, descended from another brother, Henry Page, with whom Mr. Bassett corresponds!

So you see that my enquiries have had marvellous results. I am forever indebted to you, and the Society, for your help.

-- Cheryl G. Benson

Editor's note: Address available should relatives wish to correspond.

Inquest At Evandale

by

Leonie C. Carpenter

If, while researching your family history you found this, what would you think?

'INQUEST AT EVANDALE - On Tuesday last an inquest was held at the Prince of Wales Hotel, Evandale, before John Ralston Esq., Coroner, and a jury of seven, touching the death of John ABBERTON. From the evidence adduced it appeared that the deceased, on the afternoon of the 21st instant, was returning on horseback from a sale held at Mr. Isaac Smith's, and on the road home agreed to race another man named James Maning a certain distance on the Nile road for glasses. They started to do so, and when near the corner of Bryan's lane, on turning the corner, they both were thrown with great violence, Abberton sustaining concussion of the brain, from which death resulted shortly after. The jury returned a verdict of accidental death. Maning is also very seriously hurt, one of his arms being said to be broken, and he is very much bruised in several places on his body.'

Launceston *Examiner* 24 Feb. 1870.

I really wonder what sort of a man my great great grandfather John ABBERTON (ABBOTON) was, but try as hard as I can to rack my brain and desperately search likely sources of information, his origins still elude me.

He only appears on my "tree" for six short years and then he met his sudden rather eventful death, when aged 32, leaving three small children.

The earliest knowledge I have is of his marriage to Annie O'MEARA on 25 April 1864 in Launceston; and of their children: Kathleen, died aged 14 years; Thomas Michael, who remained a bachelor and died at Gisborne New Zealand aged 75; and Mary Jane, who married George JACOBSON.

Mary and George had nine children. The first son was given the name Abberton as a third Christian name (my great uncle) and along with his death in May this year goes the name Abberton as far as my ancestry is concerned.

John evidently was not a convict, nor is he listed as a free arrival, nor was he born in Van Diemens Land. Along with his death went the information of his background as it didn't find its way onto his marriage or death certificates, nor his inquest.

In 1870 travelling on the roads had its dangers, much the same as today and I am left to wonder. Were he and James Maning so elated at buying a bargain at the sale that they raced along the Nile Road, or had they first drowned their sorrows over a poor sale?

Had they not been in such a hurry horse-ing around Bryan's corner, John might have lived long enough to pass on information to his children and thus fill in some gaps in my family tree - but then if we didn't have to delve so deeply, we would miss the intrigue of the past.

REID FAMILY BIBLE

A fine family bible was found among papers of unknown provenance at the Lands Department. It is presently in the possession of Mrs. Shirley Johnson. If any of the names extracted from its lists of names which appear below are familiar to you, please contact the Secretary of the Society. Mrs. Johnson hopes that it can be returned to the family concerned. The bible was printed in Edinburgh in 1805.

'James REID, lawful son to William REID, dyer, at the ... Bridge, Mary INGLIS his spouse born 16th March and baptised the first Sabbath thereafter ? 1776.

An extract from the Records of the Parish of Allsu... (Allsaints?) this the 6 Feb. 1828.

James Reid - died 23 Dec 1842 - lawful son of James Reid, Timber Merchant residing at York Place, Stirling and Janet Key his spouse - died 29 Sept. 1858.

Extract parish of Stirling:

James Reid and Janet Key married 2 DEC 1805.

Robert Galbraith Reid	born 9 OCT 1806	13 SEP 1823
Ann Reid	19 MAY 1808	Anna, Mrs. Stewart 27 JAN 1847
William Reid	23 MAR 1810	18 JUN 1811
James Reid	16 MAY 1812	31 MAY 1814
Hellen	3 NOV 1813	4 AUG 1856
John Glascoe	10 MAY 1815	30 DEC 1885
George Kay Reid	11 MAY 1817	5 DEC 1847
Mary Downtuff near Torres?	16 FEB 1819	Mrs. Wilson 23 DEC 1843
James Woolville, Stirling	28 FEB 1821	19 MAY 1879
William	19 MAR 1823	27 MAY 1891
Robert Galbraith	5 SEP 1825	25 SEP 1863
Janet	20 OCT 1827	
Charles Reid	6 AUG 1829	22 SEP 1845
Jessie		14 AUG 1849'

THE HERON MYSTERY

by

Frances D. Travers

In 1863 Thomas Caulfield Heron was born to Eliza and William Thomas Heron in Victoria. On 9 November, 1864 twin boys were born: David Edward Heron and William Albert Heron. No trace of these two children can be found after 1880. It is presumed that William Albert died at an early age.

This Irish and Australian history of Eliza and Thomas Heron has been compiled from certificates and official letters obtained by their great-granddaughter, Frances Buggins, now married to Eric Maher Travers, and from information given by their daughter Eliza to Ruby Alma Wright, their granddaughter. It is a story with perplexing gaps and mysterious disappearances in the records, as I shall relate.

On 18 January 1858 Eliza Louisa Quinn of Cork, Ireland, was married to William Thomas Aldborough Heron (who was born 31 October 1832) in William's native place, Dublin, at St. Thomas' Church. Between 1858 and 1860 a child Anna Maria was born, who died before reaching her second year. Then William and Eliza sailed to Australia on the *William Kirk*, arriving in Melbourne on 5 July 1860. During this voyage, Eliza Frances was born.

After arrival in Melbourne, another daughter and three sons were born: Louisa Amelia, whose date of birth is recorded as 27 January 1862, a son, Thomas Caulfield, born 1863 and the twin sons described above.

We next learn of the family from the record of the death of the father, William Thomas Heron of a cerebral haemorrhage in the Melbourne Gaol. A search of the records revealed that there is no criminal record for him. He may have been taken to the gaol infirmary for medical care. However, there is a family legend that he had taken funds from his brothers who also came out to Australia. Subsequently his wife Eliza was placed in an institution where she died from pulmonary consumption on 5 August 1872.

The four children were sent to an orphanage in Brighton, Victoria. They were there for several years until they were discharged to various employers.

Eliza Frances married James William Wright in 1884 at Paddington, Sydney. He was a widower with a small daughter. He had lost his wife before the child was a year old. From Sydney they went to Bourke in the far west of New South Wales. A daughter was born to them but died prior to her first birthday. A son was also born to them. James and Eliza Wright moved to West Australia and had three further children, the last child dying at two months.

Even from this abbreviated account the story of this family is a tragic one, of want, death and deprivation, yet the Heron family is an old one, with records which date back to the eleventh century. The writer is interested in learning any further details of this family and is willing to share the family records in her possession.

THE TASMANIAN ORIGINS OF THE DOWLING FAMILY OF COLAC, VICTORIA

by Bob Eagle

The Dowling family of Camperdown and Darlington in Victoria has been well documented. The nearby, apparently unrelated family based at Colac has not been so well served, possibly because its origins have previously been regarded as less respectable.

The pioneer of the name was Charles Dowling, whose name is also spelled Dooling in the English references. He was committed to Newgate Prison, Bristol, England on 15 June 1810 for trial for "feloniously stealing eight promissory notes worth 2 pounds each". A newspaper report shows the charge as being "on suspicion of stealing from the person of John Kelly eight Two-Pound Bank of England Notes, his" (i.e. Kelly's) "property, in the parish of Christ Church".

Charles was convicted at Bristol City General Quarter Sessions on 9 July 1810 of "feloniously stealing the goods of John Kelly to the value of 12 Pounds" (although a newspaper report still gave the number as 8 notes, and the victim's name was spelled 'Kelley'). On 25 July 1810, Dooling was sentenced to be transported for 7 years. He was not listed in the Bristol Street Directories before 1810 and therefore may not originally have come from that city.

Charles was transported to Van Diemen's Land on the *Indefatigable*, which was the first convict ship to sail direct to the colony from England. The ship had been built in 1799; it was a square-rigged three-master with three decks, and of 549 tons displacement. It had a length of 127 feet and a beam of 31 feet 8 inches. 200 convicts were carried on her when she left London on 4 June 1812. She sailed, with Mr. Cross as ship's master, via Rio de Janeiro, and arrived at Hobart Town on 19 October 1812, with only one convict having died on the trip.

By 1818 Charles Dowling was off Government Stores. In 1819 he owned 17 acres of wheat farming land at Clarence Plains (now Rokeby). The "Land and Stock Returns" for that year show that he had a child living with him, but no wife! Possibly this is an under-age bride.

Sometime about 1830 he took a grant at Muddy Plains (now Sandford) of 100 acres and purchased 26½ acres nearby. This is now stud-farming country on the northwest slope of Mt. Augustus, just east of Bandicoot Road, Sandford.

At the same time (judging by the Lands Department's use of the same book and page reference, 2/199), one M. Germain (presumably the same as 'Mary Germain', who was later granted other land in the area) was granted 57 acres adjoining, but between, Dowling's two allotments.

Charles' wife, as shown on the death certificates of James and Francis, was Mary (maiden name unspecified). This may be Mary Germain, considering the circumstances of their land ownership, but equally there

may be no connection. If Mary is the child reportedly living with Charles in 1819, she could have been a daughter of Hugh Germain, an early landowner in the Muddy Plains area. However, Knopwood's diary for 30 April 1838 mentions him riding to Muddy Plains to visit a sick person, one "Mrs. Jerman". (Knopwood's spelling was very poor.)

Charles had at least three children: James (Jim) born about 1822 (reportedly in Hobart); Francis (Frank) born about 1827 (probably at Clarence Plains as shown on his daughter's birth certificate, but possibly at Muddy Plains as shown on his own death certificate); and a child of unknown name, christened by Rev. Robert Knopwood at Muddy Plains on Tuesday 3 December, 1833.

Frank moved to Victoria in about 1846 where, by 1855, he had become a "carrier" (a euphemism for a bullock-driver). He had married Charlotte Fletcher, who had come on a bride-ship to Geelong in 1852, reportedly at Colac in 1853. She bore him seven girls (two dying early and four boys (only two surviving him). Although the Dowling and Fletcher families both seem to have been Church of England, it is likely that Frank and Charlotte married at the Presbyterian Church at Colac as there was no Church of England in the town. They would otherwise have had to go to Geelong to be wed. However, no Presbyterian record survives. Frank died at Elliminyt, south of Colac, of cancer of the liver on 21 September 1883. Charlotte lived until 1899. Only five daughters and her son Charles, born about 1870, survived her.

Frank's older brother Jim followed him to Victoria in about 1849, settling at Geelong to farm for about two years, before moving to Colac initially also as a bullock-driver. He then got gold-fever and, after moderate success, returned to Colac. In about 1852 he married Catherine Rooney at Geelong and she bore him five sons (one dying early) and four daughters. James' branch of the family is now Roman Catholic, probably because his wife was. This apparently caused a breach between the brothers, and the families have not been close in recent generations.

In later years James became a successful grazier, with his residence probably near the present Colac Cemetery, and was even mentioned in *Victoria and Its Metropolis*. He died at Gravesend Street, Colac of "paralysis of the brain" on 6 April 1910 at the reported age of 88 years.

There are still some members of the Dowling family around Colac, but many are now in Melbourne. Whether any descendants remain in Tasmania is a moot point.

QUESTION OF THE MONTH: Is it legal for a man to marry his widow's sister?

We hope to publish the best answer to this significant legal question in the next issue of *Tasmanian Ancestry*.

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I am now able to offer a specialist service to those who may require a photographic record of existing prints and old portraits et cetera, at the following basic rates:

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FAMILY **FIELD** REUNION

SUNDAY, 11 JANUARY 1981, at 11 A.M. AT

ST. ANDREWS, WESTBURY

The Hon. T.W. Field, MLC, died on 12 January 1881 and his descendants have arranged a Commemoration Service followed by a "Brang Your Own Picnic Lunch", plus any family photos or mementoes. It is hoped that all other descendants of William Field (1774-1837) of "Enfield" will join them. CONTACTS: Mr. Geoff Pedley, "Sherwood", Gravelly Beach, phone 003-944332 or Mrs. Joan Graney, 19 Balmoral Road, Kingston Beach, phone 002-296256.

Watch Well----- BEAUGARDE

by
Joan Graney

How excited I was when I read John Beaugarde's Will! It all started many years ago when my father and I were visiting family graves at Cornelian Bay and he said 'Uncle John Beaugarde is buried over there in the Roman Catholic Section; we must go and find it one day. I went to the funeral but I can't remember just where it was. I must have been about twelve then'.

Many years later when a Sydney friend wanted to find some family graves at Cornelian Bay, I asked for the location of the Beaugarde grave and was given two. John Beaugarde was buried in the Roman Catholic section and his wife Elizabeth in the Church of England part. On locating John Beaugarde's grave I found that the headstone read as follows:

In memory of ANNE ALEXANDER
died 4th February 1857 aged 73 years

also

JOHN BEAUGARDE
who died on December 7th 1896 in his 86th year

*The blessing of him that was already to
perish came upon me and I caused the widow's
heart to sing for joy JOB XXIX, 3*

Who was this Anne Alexander who was sharing a grave with my great great uncle, and surely the text from Job was a little unusual for a tombstone? I went on to find the grave of his wife, my great great Aunt Elizabeth, in the Church of England section. Her headstone proved another puzzle as it read:

In loving memory of

AMELIA DUNN
died March 8th 1891 in her 77th year

also

ELIZABETH the beloved wife of JOHN BEAUGARDE
died December 30th 1891 aged 54 years

Who was Amelia Dunn? I wondered and wondered and it wasn't until I attended the Adult Education Course on 'Tracing Your Family Tree' that I learnt that Wills often contain a lot of information and that it is a comparatively easy procedure to look one up. John Beaugarde had left money for the care of the grave of his mother, Anne Alexander!

The pleasures of a genealogist are simple and this was like striking gold. It opened up a whole new world! My great great

grandmother must have come out from Ireland with her daughter Alicia aged 16, as I subsequently discovered from shipping lists. The name was spelt Bogard, so I would not have noticed it. They must have come to visit Mary Wilson Beaugarde who had married William Hamilton before they left Ireland. Alicia later married James Whitesides, William Hamilton's partner and friend (they had journeyed out together in the same ship the *Lyndseys* from Sligo in Ireland, arriving in 1832).

The helpful people at the archives were able to produce the marriage register of St. Georges, Battery Point where Mrs. Ann Beaugarde (61) married Thomas Alexander (65) on 29 November 1845. The witnesses were her son in law William Hamilton and daughter Alicia Whitesides.

Amelia Dunn was the next problem. I went to the archives and located her death notice in the newspaper and it stated that she had died at the home of her son in law at 15 Campbell Street. There was no name so another dead end. Again the helpful people at the Archives told me they had a record of who owned what property. There it was, 15 Campbell Street owned by John Beaugarde. Amelia Dunn was Elizabeth Beaugarde's mother.

Now it is on to what happened to Mr. Dunn and Mr. Beaugarde?

Can anyone help?

Notes & Queries

CORRECTION: Attention is drawn to the fact that there is an error in the fee required of non-members for insertion of a research query. The figure on the inside of the back cover should read \$3.00, not \$2.00. We apologise for any inconvenience or embarrassment caused by the incorrect figure published in the first issue.

BARRENGER Information is sought on John Barrenger, who was probably born at Clapham, Surrey, England in 1813. Details of his arrival in Australia are not known. He was married at White Hills in Tasmania in 1861. His trade is listed as a blacksmith. He died in 1897. (Mrs. Nancy Powell, 10 Dunn Road, Bundaberg, Queensland, 4670).

BONNER Information is sought on Thomas John Bonner, son of Walter James and Emily Sarah Bonner. Thomas John married Eliza Morris on 5 May 1853 at Hadspen, Tasmania. Information is sought on both families and their offspring. (Mrs. L.W. Luckie, 13 Hillcrest Avenue, Mona Vale, N.S.W. 2103).

BRYANT Mary Ann Bryant was born in Hobart, Tasmania, circa 1835 to George Bryant and Elizabeth Watson. She married in Ballarat, Victoria

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and later moved to Charleston, New Zealand where she died. Any information on descendants? (Mrs. H.A. Hayes, 266 Bankwood Road, Hamilton, New Zealand).

HILL / KEMP(SEY) James HILL married 8 OCT 1834 at St. John, Launceston, Tasmania one Lydia KEMP, whose surname has taken the forms KEMPSEY, KEMPKEY, KEMPKEEP, HEMPKEEP, HEMPHILL; she may also have been known under the surname CONKIE. Lydia possibly had a sister, Sarah KEMP who married William GINN on 26 JAN 1834. Information about the ancestors and descendants of James and Lydia are urgently required. (Mr. R. Loudon, c/o 10 Princes Street, Sandy Bay, Tasmania, 7005).

HUGHES Alexander Hughes, born 6 April 1864 to William Henry Hughes and his wife Mary, née Gordon of Argyle Street, Hobart, who was a coachman and later a dairyman. William died before 1907) He married Mabel Pierce in Hobart circa 1890 with issue Wilton Fitzherbert, Iris Learmont, Elsie, and a male died in infancy. Alexander married secondly at St. Peters, Sydney to Ethel Maude Bushaw on 27 JULY 1907, with issue Sylvia, Sadie, Alan Doris. Died 13 May 1951, a retired plasterer. Possibly had a sister. Any information? (Mrs. J. Hughes, 29 Judd Street, Oatley, N.S.W., 2223).

LORD John Lord, born circa 1857, Tasmania, moved to Bega, N.S.W. by 1884 when he married Emily Sarah Duncan, 28 February 1884 at the Anglican Vicarage in Bega. Occupation: labourer. Issue: Arthur, William, Charles Stanford, Elizabeth, Emily, Aubrey. Residence: Myrtle Creek, Candelo until about 1895. May have fought in Boer War; possible de facto family. Any information? (Mrs. J. Hughes, 29 Judd Street, Oatley, N.S.W., 2223).

MADDOCKS (MADDOX etc.) Descendants of and information sought on Samuel and Margaret Jane Maddocks who arrived in Hobart in August 1832. His occupation was listed as a cabinet maker. Between 1832 and 1852 they had eight children who were baptised at the Wesleyan Church in Hobart. (Mrs. M.L. Bone, 21 Railway Road, Carnegie, Victoria, 3163).

MOORE Details sought on John Alexander Moore, father of Henry Thomas Moore. John was possibly born in Hobart in 1833. (Mrs. J. Reed, "Jilderie", Taylors Farm Road, Macksville, N.S.W., 2447).

PAGE Information sought on William and Sarah Page who arrived in Launceston in August 1857 on the *Southern Eagle*, accompanied by their ten children. Particular interest in Robert Page, born 1 November 1838. The fifth child, Albert Charles married Ellen Scott. The query is from their son, Mr. Roger Page, P.O. Box 1486, Southport, Qld. 4215.

PAGE Information is sought on James Page, a sawyer of Launceston in 1841 and Gravelly Beach in 1848. He married Matilda Watts. He had four brothers: Charles, Henry, John and William. (Miss C.R. Benson, 12 Keystone Cresc., East Kew, Vic. 3102).

O'BRIEN Information sought on Sarah Elizabeth O'Brien, born 15 January 1848, married John Ware 24 May 1871; also Margaret (or Mary) O'Brien, born 3 November 1851, married George Stanley; also Charles John O'Brien born 24 April 1854; and Emily O'Brien, born 5 November 1861, married Thomas Banks. (Miss R. O'Brien, 2/9 Minnamurra St., Kiama N.S.W., 2533.

O'DONAHOO (DONAHOO, etc.) Information sought on Captain Thomas Alexander O'Donahoo who died in Tasmania around 1850. He was an Anglican. (Mrs. C. Minter, "Monreale", Sassafras Creek, Rd., Sassafras, Victoria).

HOW DO I BEGIN?

by

Lilian D. Watson

About the most frequently asked question at the meetings of the Genealogical Society is "How do I begin to trace my family history?" The person asking knows that tracing family records will be an adventure no matter what the destination proves to be, but where should he or she begin?

If one were to detect a crime, one would start with known facts and possibly work backwards. The same procedure is best with genealogy. A search may take one back through many centuries and it is likely that gaps will always exist in the knowledge of one's ancestors; still, every possible item must be firmly linked. A few years ago I inadvertently obtained the birth certificate of a Jane Marshall who was born close to the supposed birthdate of my grandmother, who had the same name, and it was not until my great-aunt's birth certificate showed different parents that I realised my mistake. If I had used the first information I would have been researching a totally wrong family. My father had sensed that the first certificate was wrong but was unable to provide the correct details.

It is recommended that one gathers all family records held at home into one place, analyses them, sets them out in chart form, and notes the gaps in one's records.

Next turn to relatives, distant ones as well as parents, uncles and cousins. Show them what is written out and suggest that they too sift through their homes for family data. It is likely that they will enjoy filling in some of the gaps you have had to leave blank, for you know how you feel when you pass your child's unfinished jig-saw puzzle. Good sources of data often found in homes could be certificates, letters, photographs, wills, army records, apprenticeship papers, family bibles,

et cetera. Be prepared to exchange data found and to record the source of the information so that it can be easily evaluated and even rechecked if necessary. Family legend can be a great help but it is not as reliable as a well-kept family bible. Though one member of a family may disclose legends which conflict with others heard previously, copy them faithfully, as they could still prove helpful.

A family historian needs to be prepared to turn to primary sources to verify family legend so it is important that one is prepared to accept what the primary source discloses. Some fact may be needed when an elderly relative declares that data from a birth certificate are wrong. The relative could be correct, but it is usual to accept as true the record made nearest in time to the event by a reliable source. If a death certificate bears information from a spouse it is more likely to be correct than if the informant was a landlady who did not know the deceased well. Still, it is wise to seek a proper record of birth, rather than accept the year as calculated from a person's age at death. Information given on death certificates is notoriously prone to be inaccurate. How often a person's age is exaggerated on a death certificate but diminished on a marriage certificate!

Do not be discouraged by the preceding paragraph; by using the various sources available, one can normally verify most events which identify a relative. It is customary to seek the following data on each family member in order to establish his or her identity: names; date and place of birth and/or christening; parents' names; marriage date and place; name of spouse; death and/or burial date and place.

As one proceeds, other information is usually accumulated which helps to add interest. Details of emigration, residence and occupation, accomplishments and trials often can be obtained. Until one becomes accustomed to the routine, it is helpful to use printed pedigree and family group charts which provide spaces for each item, and these can usually be obtained from local genealogical societies.

A sound knowledge of the history of the locality in which the family lived is invaluable, and one's local library often can provide suitable material. One's family may even be mentioned in a book or two, but be careful to verify any data so found.

After using family sources and enjoying exchanges with distant relatives whom one has possibly never met before, one must turn to civil registers kept by government authorities. The year such registers began in each place differs greatly; 1838 is the date for Tasmania. The cost of certificates and extracts also varies, as does the amount of information provided on each certificate. Generally Australian certificates for events which occurred after about 1890 provide more detail. In Tasmania, microfilms of all pre-1900 registers have been made available in the Archives Office, and personal searches can now be made there. The South Australian records will also be made available within a few more years.

If certificates prove to be costly or otherwise unavailable, one may turn to registers of baptisms, marriages and burials kept by churches. Take care to ascertain where these are kept and whether or not they are available for searching before visiting distant localities. These are the records one needs to use for events prior to the keeping of the civil registers and in many cases they are invaluable. If one seeks records of a certain Johnston family in a certain area, one will often find all of the children were baptized in the same church, while another Johnston family attended a church of a different denomination in that area. The church in which the parents' marriage took place often gives direction to a search for baptisms.

By this time one will have accumulated quite a few notes, certificates, photographs, et cetera and will be happier if an orderly filing system has been maintained from the beginning. A good list of records searched must be kept even if the search was fruitless, as one cannot remember every search after even a few months have passed. A good pattern of recording basic data will help future generations who may try to read your records. It is preferable to write dates as 23 March 1876 rather than 23/3/76, and wise to record place names as Perth, Tasmania, Australia, rather than simply as Perth. I like to record surnames in capitals and given names in ordinary printing, for example: JAMES, Thomas William.

Compiling a genealogy is just a series of small steps, but trying to jump a couple of steps can often take one in the wrong direction. Patience and persistence are two qualities which are valuable. As one progresses one must ascertain which records exist for the particular period, then learn how to obtain access to such records, copy them faithfully and fully, double-checking to make sure the year written at the top of the page has not been omitted. Assess what has been found, and then move on to another record which may disclose more, a will or land records, a tombstone or a census record, an inquest, a newspaper which may carry a marriage announcement or a lengthy obituary. State libraries and Archives often can provide copies of such records.

A sincere genealogist is often quite glad to find a convict among his ancestors as the data on his or her record may clearly lead to establishing the birthdate and place and thus to the parents. One should learn to accept ancestors as one finds them and try to avoid all judgments, as one cannot know how one would have acted in the ancestor's circumstances. Understanding one's heritage is a most interesting experience. How many of our achievements are the result of characteristics inherited from our forbears?

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PUBLICATIONS

The following mimeographed notes, and printed occasional papers and research notes are available from the Secretary of the Society, P.O. Box 78, Claremont, Tas., 7011. A large, stamped (28¢) self-addressed envelope should be sent with orders. Mimeographed notes are:

- At 20¢ each: List of some Genealogical Sources in Scotland;
Workable methods for storing genealogical information.
- At 30¢ each: Fundamentals of Genealogical Research;
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State Library of Victoria;
Archives Office of Tasmania;
Use of Registrar's or Civil Records;
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The Worldwide Microfilming Programme of the Genealogical Society of Utah.

OCCASIONAL PAPERS No. 1. Methods of Cemetery Transcription (60¢)

RESEARCH NOTES No. 1. Archives and Family History Societies in the United Kingdom. (60¢).

Further Occasional Papers and Research Notes are planned or in progress.

Port Arthur Convicts

(Many names are repeated. The period 1853-1877 lists 2,578 names, or about 1,500 individuals).

IN THE JOURNALS OF THE HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY:

YEAR	VOLUME	PAPER No.	Number of CONVICTS	PAUPERS	LUNATICS
1859	4	95	127	-	-
1861	7	128	504	-	-
1861	7	129	-	285	-
1870	20	128	300	180	80
1872	24	15	350	80	90
1873	26	76	110	-	-
1875	29	49	120	7	-
1877	32	8	30	-	-

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YEAR	VOLUME	PAPER No.	Number of CONVICTS	PAUPERS	LUNATICS
1862	8	114	285	-	-
1853	-	74	30	-	-

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BIOGRAPHY

Diary of the Rev. Robert Knopwood, 1805-1808. (from Papers and Proceedings of the Royal Society of Tasmania. - Hobart, 1946 (1947). - 124pp.

FAMILY HISTORIES AND GENEALOGY

Ancestors for Australians : How to Trace Your Family Tree. 4th ed. - Melbourne: Genealogical Society of Victoria, 1978. - 99pp. (Donated by the Genealogical Society of Victoria).

Flaxland Family Bulletin / Compiled by Joan Hodgson. - Volume I, No. 1, Indooroopilly, Qld., August 1979. - 21pp; Volume I, No. 2, Indooroopilly, Qld., November 1979. - 33pp.

Call Back Yesterday / by Kenneth Cox. - Burwood, Vic.: Brown Prior Anderson, 1979. - 94pp., ill. charts of Cox, Gray and Mortimer families, index.

Compiling Your Family History / by Nancy Grey. - 5th ed. - Surrey Hills, N.S.W. : Society of Australian Genealogists, 1977. - 31pp.

The Dempsters / by Rica Erickson. - Nedlands, W.A. : University of Western Australia Press, 1978. - 297pp., ill., index.

Descendants of Henry James Emmett / compiled by John M. Spencer. - Heathmont, Vic., 1979. - 10pp., index.

Dwellers at The Farm in the Valley / by Bernard Denholm. - [Hobart : the author, 1978] .- 136pp., ill., bib. (Donated by the Author).

Page Family Revision, March 25th & 26th 1978. [photocopy of pamphlet] Hagley - Bracknell, 1978. (Donated by Mr. Roger Page, Southport Qld.) 16pp.

Payne - Burnett Line / compiled by Reg. A. Watson. [photocopy]. - [Hobart, 1979. - 3pp. (Donated by the compiler).

Presentation to Thomas & Ann Ruston by Mr. George Harrison et al on Their Leaving York for Overseas. [photocopy]. (Donated by Reg. A. Watson) 5pp.

Trace Your Family Tree / by A. G. Puttock. - Adelaide : Rigby, 1976. - 64pp.

Trunks Family History [ms] 4pp. (Donated by Mr. P.J. Adams Bardon, Qld.)

HISTORY (LOCAL AND GENERAL)

A Short History of Campbell Town and the Midland Pioneers / by K. R. von Stieglitz. - 2nd ed. - Launceston : Telegraph Printery, 1965. - 56pp.

A Century of Responsible Government in Tasmania, 1856-1956 / ed. by F.C. Green. - Hobart, Tasmanian Government Printer, 1957. - 320pp., ill., index, lists of Members of Parliament and Officers. (Donated by Mrs. F. Travers).

Congregationalism in Tasmania 1830-1977 / by Theo T. Sharples. - Hobart: Congregational Union of Tasmania, 1977. - 70pp., ill., index, lists of Congregational Ministers.

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PRESBYTERIAN CEMETERY, SWANSEA

Location: Adjacent to the sports oval, corner of Wellington and Bridge Streets, Swansea. 100,000 Map Sheet #8513 (Freycinet), Grid Reference 891353.

Jurisdiction: Uniting Church of Australia, Franklin St. Swansea, phone 002-578239.

Status: Still in use. Total number of interments not known. Number of monuments: 61.

Transcription: on 23 June 1980 by Neil K. Chick. 56 cards made out [numbers 1001-1056].

Card Index: by Neil K. Chick. 78 primary cards, 79 secondary cards.

REF.No.	NAME or NAMES	DEATH DATE	AGE	REMARKS
1013	BALCOMBE, Alfred T.W.	16 SEP 1941	44	
1015	BALCOMBE, Annie	13 NOV 1920	17	
1022-1	BALCOMBE, Edward	10 NOV 1962	88	h. of Jane Foyer
1041-1	BALCOMBE, Edward Albert	05 AUG 1976	60	h. of Jessie, father of Dorothy, Graeme, Barry & Jane.
1023	BALCOMBE, Jane Foyer	21 SEP 1949	71	
1034	BARBER, Constance Laura	13 FEB 1951	48	
1039	BARBER, H. T.	09 MAY 1973	76	#3272 Pte.40th Batt., husband of Constance Laura, father of Anthony Lyle.
1002	BELL, Joseph Charters	19 AUG 1909	67	late of Ceylon.
1056-1	BURDON, Sydney G.	20 NOV 1884	3m	son of M.H.E.B.
1056-2	BURDON, Victoria E. C.	12 SEP 1888	5m	dau of M.H.E.B.
1047-1	CASTLE, Annie M. M.	29 APR 1963	64	wife of Hedley E.
1047-2	CASTLE, Hedley E.	02 JUL 1963	69	h. of Annie M. M.
1014-1	CASTLE, Mabel Jane	11 APR 1937	39	wife of Hector CASTLE.
1036-1	COOK, Athol Montague	26 MAR 1966	85	h. of Marjorie Elizabeth; father of Keith, Dulcie, Dorothy & Rex.
1036-2	COOK, Marjorie Elizabeth	09 JUL 1976	83	w. of Athol Montague.
1040-1	COTTON, Ivan Geoffrey	16 DEC 1977	64	b. 27 JUL 1913, husband of Lyla; footstone reads "TAM".
1035	COTTON, Laura Augusta	06 JUN 1952	87	(Agusta not Augusta).
1031-1	DODGE, A. L.	28 JUL 1969	47	#TX14897, Sapper Royal Australian Engineers; husband of Jean; f. Marlene & Peter.
1051-3	DODGE, Betty Beatrice	08 DEC 1974	50	dau. of Romero Paton & Florence Maryann DODGE.
1007-3	DODGE, Florence	19 AUG 1913	2w	dau. of Romers & Florence DODGE.
1051-1	DODGE, Florence Maryann	14 APR 1971	79	wife of Romero Paton DODGE, mother of Alfred, Florence, Victor, Nell, Emma, Arthur, Betty, Stella, George, Ruby, Gordon & Leslie.
1051-2	DODGE, Romero Paton	10 NOV 1974	85	h. of Florence Maryann.
1053	DOVE, Thomas (Rev.)	27 AUG 1882	79	born Glasgow, Scotland, 24 APR 1803; arrive in colony 1835, M.A., Presbyterian Minister, served Flinders & Maria Is., Swansea 1844-1882.
1007-1	DUNCOMBE, Alfred	15 JUN 1913	78	h. of Mary Ann.

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REF. No.	NAME or NAMES	DEATH DATE	AGE	REMARKS
1018	DUNCOMBE, Edward	09 OCT 1922	63	
1024-1	DUNCOMBE, John Colquhoun		1948 72	born 1876.
1024-2	DUNCOMBE, Lois Annie		1964 82	born 1882.
1006-1	DUNCOMBE, Mary Ann Scotland, wife of Alfred.	23 MAY 1923	73	born Edinburgh,
1048-1	ECCLESTON, George Norman	20 FEB 1966	60	h. of Jean Elizabeth, father of Beverley, Barbara & Robert.
1003-2	FILBEE, Agnes	?13 FEB 1913	63	wife of John.
1003-1	FILBEE, John (stone damaged, dates cut away)			h. of Agnes.
1055-1	GEMMELL, Andrew	07 MAY 1892	53	
1005-1	GEMMELL, Annie Sarah	02 FEB 1905	21	wife of J.C. GEMMELL.
1054-4	GEMMELL, C. V. (Sergt.)	09 JUN 1917	30	son John & Fanny.
1004-2	GEMMELL, Ella Mary & Mathinna E.M. GEMMELL, sister of Muriel	28 MAY 1955		dau. of John Clevans & Dulcie.
1054-2	GEMMELL, Fanny	03 JUL 1881	38	wife of John.
1055-5	GEMMELL, James	05 APR 1896	85	
1055-4	GEMMELL, Jean	29 NOV 1881	69	
1054-1	GEMMELL, John	24 OCT 1916	67	h. of Fanny.
1004-1	GEMMELL, John Clevans	18 JUL 1959	77	h. of Mathinna E.M., father of Muriel, Dulcie & Ellie (Ella Mary?).
1004-3	GEMMELL, Mathinna E. M. GEMMELL.	02 OCT 1969	94	w. of John Clevans
1054-3	GEMMELL, Robert and Fanny GEMMELL.	14 AUG 1885		infant son of John
1055-3	GEMMELL, Sarah	25 MAR 1882	36	born 04 DEC 1845.
1030	GILLIE, Eric		69	
1025-1	GRAHAM, Elizabeth	18 MAY 1944	62	w. of George Tam.
1032	GRAHAM, Francis Carl	08 MAR 1954	65	
1029	GRAHAM, George Tam	23 JUN 1960	87	
1052-1	GRAHAM, Nellie E. Gordon, mother of Tas, Lyle, Stan, Des, Narelle & Bonita.	03 NOV 1976	60	née DODGE, w. of
1016-2	GRAHAM, Zelia Iris	02 AUG 1933	18	
1026	HILL, Charlotte R.	22 APR 1944	73	
1016-1	HILL, Douglas Owen	30 MAR 1935	6	
1043-1	HILL, George	19 OCT 1963	65	h. of Mite.
1027	HILL, John Alfred	12 OCT 1953	86	
1046-1	HILL, Lena May	09 APR 1980	72	w. of Trevor William.
1042-1	HILL, Rex Alfred of Glenn, Barry & Helen.	12 OCT 1959	31	h. of Ismay, father
1045	HILL, Trevor William	18 APR 1976	72	
1044-1	HILL, Wilhelmina (Mite)	21 JUN 1978	82	wife of George HILL.
1028	HILL, Yvonne Meta	10 MAY 1959	53	
1019-1	JONES, Robert Spencer			born 28 JUL 1945, infant son of Spencer & Lillian JONES.
1038-1	KEAN, Albert Francis (Tom)	31 MAY 1979	64	h. of Mary, father of Helen & Shirley.

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REF. No.	NAME or NAMES	DEATH DATE	AGE	REMARKS
1037-1	KEAN, Helen Laura sister of Shirley.	26 DEC 1958	17	dau. of Tom & Mary.
1010	LECKIE, Clarence W.	23 FEB 1889	1y8m	
1012	LECKIE, James Foyer	05 MAY 1939	72	
1009-1	LECKIE, Jean Foyer	13 MAR 1904	78	w. of William Dunn.
1011-2	LECKIE, John Colquhoun	01 SEP 1914	51	
1011-1	LECKIE, Susan	27 OCT 1913	49	
1009-2	LECKIE, William Dunn	05 SEP 1907	83	h. of Jean Foyer.
1001-2	LYNE, Laurie Louise	14 JAN 1951	67	w. of William Henry.
1001-3	LYNE, Margaret Flora	23 NOV 1976	64	
1001-1	LYNE, William Henry	02 APR 1950	70	h. of Laurie Louise.
1033-1	MORRIS, Elizabeth	26 JUL 1892	62	w. of James MORRIS.
1050-1	SHORT, Esther Pearl Margaret	08 SEP 1978	69	w. of Ray, mother of Raymond & Jillian.
1017-1	TUNSTALL, Georgina	16 FEB 1917	64	w. of Robert TUNSTALL.
1008-1	TUNSTALL, James Georgina TUNSTALL.	09 DEC 1908	21	son of Robert &
1020-1	WALFORD, Henry A.	17 JUL 1964	82	h. of Jessie.
1021-1	WALFORD, Jessie Jemima	15 OCT 1972	86	w. of Henry A. WALFORD.
1055-2	WEBBER, Maria	31 JAN 1886	69	
1049-1	WHELAN, Vida Jean	01 JUL 1976	62	w. of Baden.

SECONDARY NAMES, together with the transcription reference number.

BALCOMBE, Barry [1041], Dorothy [1041], Graeme [1041], Jane [1041], Jane Foyer [1022], Jessie [1041], BARBER, Anthony Lyle [1039], Constance Laura [1039], BURDON, M.H.E. [1056], CASTLE, Hector [1014], COOK, Dorothy [1036], Dulcie [1036], Keith [1036], Rex [1036], COTTON, Lyla [1040], DODGE, Alfred [1051], Arthur [1051], Emma [1051], Florence [1007], Florence [1051], George [1051], Gordon [1051], Jean [1031], Leslie [1051], Marlene [1031], Nell [1051], Nellie E. [1052], Peter [1031], Romers [1007], Ruby [1051], Stella [1051], Victor [1051], DUNCOMBE, Alfred [1006], Mary Ann [1007], ECCLESTON, Barbara [1048], Beverley [1048], Jean Elizabeth [1048], Robert [1048], GEMMELL, Dulcie [1004], J.C. [1005], Muriel [1004], GRAHAM, Bonita [1052], Des [1052], George Tam [1025], Gordon [1052], Lyle [1052], Narelle [1052], Stan [1052], Tas [1052], HILL, Barry [1042], George [1044], Glenn [1042], Helen [1042], Ismay [1042], "Mite" [1043], Trevor William [1046], JONES, Lillian [1019], Spencer [1019], KEAN, Helen [1038], Mary [1037], Mary [1038], Shirley [1037], Shirley [1038], Tom [1037], MORRIS, James [1033], SHORT, Jillian [1050], Ray [1050], Raymond [1050], TUNSTALL, Georgina [1008], Robert [1008], Robert [1017], WALFORD, Henry A. [1021], Jessie [1020], WHELAN, Baden [1049].

Bream Creek Cemetery

Location: On the shores of Blackman Bay, about 1.8 km south of the Marion Bay settlement. 100,000 Map Sheet #8412 (Prosser), Grid Reference 699571.

Jurisdiction: The Church of England; see J.M. Dumbabin, "Marchwiell", Bream Creek; phone 535276. The supervising parish is that of Sorell & Tasman, The Rev. W.A. Humphries, The Rectory, Sorell, phone 652445.

Status: In use since the early 1850s and still in use; upkeep in the care of the Dumbabin family. Total number of interments not known; number of monuments: 33;

Transcription: on 11 June 1980 by Mrs. Carol Rodway and Miss Kerry T. Ward. 30 cards made out [numbers 776-800; 840-844].

Card Index: by Neil K. Chick. 41 primary cards, 20 secondary cards.

REF.No.	NAME or NAMES	DEATH DATE	AGE	REMARKS
784	ALLANBY, John Walker	28 AUG 1899	71	
840-1	BARWICK, Jane	24 JUN 1883	69	
840-2	BARWICK, Richard	29 JUL 1887	69	
783-2	BEDELPH, Elvina	19 NOV 1878	7m	born 11 APR 1878
783-1	BEDELPH, Francis	11 JUL 187.	3.	born 08 JAN 184.
797	BENDER, Elizabeth	05 OCT 1886		
786	BUFTON, John (Rev., FLS, PhD)	4 MAY 1911	54	of Llandrindon, Radnorshire, Wales.
779-1	CLIFFORD, Alice	19 JAN 1917		wife of William
779-2	CLIFFORD, William	23 DEC 1945	96	husb. of Alice, father of C.W. & H.S. CLIFFORD,
791-1	DUNBABIN, Ada	15 AUG 1965	92	eldest dau. of Thomas & Sarah DUNBABIN, born 31 AUG 1872
842-1	DUNBABIN, Amy	14 DEC 1952		dau. of Thomas & Sarah.
789-2	DUNBABIN, Amy Dorothy	30 JUN 1963	75	wife of Robert; mother of Jean & John.
794-1	DUNBABIN, Ann	11 MAY 1852	34	wife of John.
800-1	DUNBABIN, Belle	16 MAY 1970	79	dau. of Thomas & Sarah, born 06 SEP 1890.
796	DUNBABIN, John	22 SEP 1875	33	
795	DUNBABIN, John	18 APR 1897	91	born 06 JAN 1806 at Marchwiell, North Wales.
843	DUNBABIN, Mary	23 DEC 1912		
790-1	DUNBABIN, Murdoch	25 NOV 1960	63	ygst. son of Thomas & Sarah DUNBABIN, born 13 NOV 1897.
789-1	DUNBABIN, Robert	16 APR 1958	81	husb. of Amy Dorothy; father of Jean & John.
844-1	DUNBABIN, Robert Leslie (MA, Oxon)	15 OCT 1949	80	son of John & Mary DUNBABIN, born 16 JUL 1869, Professor of Classics, University of Tasmania.
841-2	DUNBABIN, Sarah Ada	08 NOV 1910	56	born 03 JAN 1854.

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REF.No.	NAME or NAMES	DEATH DATE	AGE	REMARKS
841-1	DUNBABIN, Thomas	04 OCT 1920	74	of Marchiel, born 06 MAR 1846, husband of Sarah Ada.
776-1	JACOBSON, David Nathaniel	06 FEB 1894	26	son of Jacob & Grace JACOBSON, born 17 JAN 1868.
785-1	KINGSTON, Ann	11 AUG 1879	68	wife of William.
780-3	KINGSTON, Annie W.D.	02 FEB 1910	48	
788	KINGSTON, Cecil Herbert	15 SEP 1916	30	killed in action in France, Wellington Rifle Brigade.
792-1	KINGSTON, Charles	08 JUN 1882	69	
792-2	KINGSTON, Elizabeth	18 AUG 1888	67	
781	KINGSTON, Elizabeth	01 JUN 1909	70	
780-2	KINGSTON, James Edward	24 MAY 1909	46	
792-3	KINGSTON, Louisa Ann	20 SEP 1852	2	
798-1	KINGSTON, Mabel	15 FEB 1927	39	dau. of John & Mary.
798-2	KINGSTON, Rowley Charles	21 FEB 1893	2y7m	
782	KINGSTON, Stephen	15 APR 1881	42	
793	KINGSTON, Thomas	07 JAN 1886	32	
785-2	KINGSTON, William	14 AUG 1888	80	husb. of Ann.
780-1	KINGSTON, William John	03 JUL 1890	33	
799	LOOKER, Sarah	31 OCT 1976		
787	STACEY, Susannah	12 MAY 1878	18	born 08 JAN 1860.
777-1	WILLIAMS, George	08 JUN 1913	62	husb. of Louisa.
778	WILLIAMS, Leonard J.	19 SEP 1919	29	

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THE DECEMBER NUMBER:

Many more items in our library will be listed by John Marrison. At least one other cemetery will be listed, this time the Dunalley Church of England Cemetery. Helen Anderson's paper on the McDONALD family will be featured. Another family of convicted origins, that of John RAWLINGS will be discussed in a paper by Myra Brown.

We also hope to publish the best answer to our "Question of the Month", so rack your brains. This issue is a third bigger than our first number. The editorial committee hopes members will keep up both the number and the standard of papers. The deadline for copy for the next issue is 18 November.

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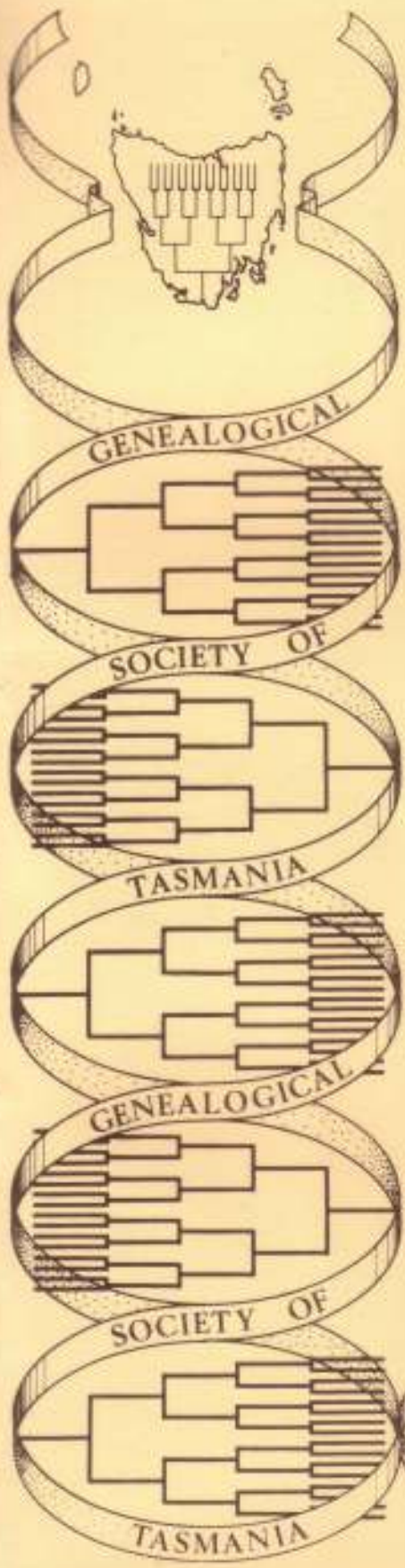
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INDEXING

The Society is compiling a card index of entries in parish registers, cemetery registers, newspapers, and headstone inscriptions. Persons who can assist with indexing of old or current newspapers should contact Mr. Chick. Persons who can assist in transcribing cemeteries should contact Mr. Wall.

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Editorial

I would like first to pay tribute to the editorial efforts of Mrs. Pamela Clark. She is going to be sorely missed. I wish her and Douglas every success in Queensland. I am also grateful for Sue Waters's help.

This issue could have been twice the size, as so much good material is coming forward. I hope all members and readers will seriously consider the advice of Reg. Watson in the lead article of this issue, which will I hope further swell the stream of articles submitted!

The next issue will be a "*Special Library Number*", and will begin Volume 2., to keep volume numbers and years running together. Volume 1 (first part published June 1980) will consist of three issues only. Next issue will be larger: 40 pages, and we will need a new cover design, so all you artists, please submit sketches and drafts.

Held over from this issue to appear in future are 'Place Name Changes in Tasmania' by Sue Waters; 'Denholm Connections' by Bernard Denholm; and articles by Beverley Surkevicius and Georgina Chick. Because of the need to publish 'Cemetery Transcription Standards', the Dunalley and Sassafras cemetery transcriptions were also held over, and pages and pages of library listings! Next time!

President's Message

by

Lillian D. Watson

First a personal note: I DO have relatives in Tasmania other than my husband's people! My third great grandfather, William Lockwood, carpenter and architect, of Skelton, Yorkshire, who was also the great grandfather of Rudyard Kipling, has been of interest to me for some time. When I noticed records of a Lockwood family who settled in northern Tasmania and who originated in the same area of Yorkshire, I began to make notes. Now I find that a friend of mine has married a descendant of this family and is busy compiling the family history. She is finding my notes useful and has contacted senior members of the family who have proven most helpful. It is really exciting!

As I look over the accomplishments of the Society in 1980, I have good reason to be pleased. In addition to a good start in the south, the north of Tasmania is a hive of genealogical activity at present. The Launceston Branch of our Society was organized at a meeting at the Kingsmeadows High School on 4 November. Miss Karlena Nagle was elected Chairman and has a most enthusiastic committee with whom to work. The Hellyer College, Burnie, was the scene of the inaugural meeting of the Burnie Branch on 9 December, attended by sixty people. Mr. John Williams was elected Chairman and he too is fortunate in the eight others who will share his labours on the Burnie Committee. Members from both areas have been travelling to Hobart frequently to do research and to attend our meetings. We appreciate their efforts and wish them all success.

In consequence of their election as Chairpersons of the Launceston and Burnie Branches, Miss Karlena Nagle and Mr. John Williams become ex-officio members of Council. We must sadly report the departure from Council of our Vice President, Mr. Douglas Clark, and of his wife Pamela who was the first Editor of this journal. They have moved to Queensland and will be missed in many ways. Mr. Clark, among many other services to the Society, organized our September Members' Night, at which, very fittingly, he was presented with a lidded container of Huon pine to remind them of their Tasmanian roots and to show our appreciation and good wishes. Mr. Les Howarth has also resigned from his position on Council as Coordinator of Public Relations, owing to ill health. We wish him a speedy recovery. In accordance with the Constitution, these vacancies have been filled by the decision of Council, and the following persons will complete the term of office of those they replace: Mr. James R. Wall as Second Vice President; Ms. Piret Reiljan as Coordinator of Public Relations. Mr. Neil Chick, already serving as First Vice President has become the new Editor of the journal. Thus there is still a vacancy on Council, and a volunteer to serve as the third member of the Publications Committee would be appreciated.

Looking forward to the coming year, we anticipate four major events, though in what order is still unsure. First in importance to the whole Society is the acquisition of premises for our Library.

[STOP PRESS!!! Premises for our Library have been found through the kind offer of the Clarence Council to make available to us at a very reasonable rental two adjoining rooms in the heart of Bellerive. We ask members who may have tables, chairs, shelving and other items to make the rooms serviceable to let us know as soon as possible. Further details on the Library will be announced in the March 1981 journal.]

Members who were with us in 1978 (when we were a part of A.I.G.S) will remember the very successful seminar "History and Genealogy" held that year. We will be holding another day-long seminar during the first half of 1981. A highlight of the 1978 seminar was the use of the Computer File Index, compiled by the Genealogical Society of Utah. The Council of the Society will be negotiating with that Society to lease those parts of the index in its latest printing (now called the International Genealogical Index) which will best serve members' research interests. We will need to purchase equipment for reading microfiche, to enable members to use the I.G.I. Donations towards the cost of the lease and the purchase of a reader-printer would be very welcome!

We intend also to publish an index or directory of members' own research interests in the new year. New members and others who have given only sketchy details of their research interests (family name, place and time period) should endeavour to compile a more complete pedigree chart and submit it to the Society's Registrar. Of course, should members desire their research lines NOT to be published, they must let us know.

Christmas Greetings are extended to members and friends; may you enjoy the company of your immediate and extended families during this joyous season, and may 1981 bring to the Society, to its Branches and to individual members the happiness and success we all desire.

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Publish Your Efforts

by
Reg. A. Watson

With the recent publication of my own family history I have achieved a major step forward after eight years of diligent research. When I commenced research, I didn't know that such a word as 'genealogy' existed. Rather, I commenced research out of a deep curiosity as to where I came from. My love for history has always been intense and this also prompted my desire: to be part of history.

When recently I showed someone the publication, they said to me, 'Gosh, you're keen!' in a tone that really meant, 'couldn't be bothered!' Well, I'm a compulsive genealogist now, and I guess we're all different; but I look upon any such publication not as being just self-gratifying or just to please one's own curiosity but as a documented piece of this state's and this nation's history. This attitude is a very important one for each genealogist-enthusiast to be aware of: that they are adding to the wealth of history of their nation. If such research is recorded, then the generations that follow us can have it at their finger-tips, just for the asking. Future historians can draw upon the work that we are accomplishing now. It's more than a hobby; it's a life-long work of utmost significance.

And because it is so important, I cannot stress too highly the value of making sure that the records we have produced from our research over the years are protected beyond our own lifetimes and through the production of multiple copies avoid possible destruction from flood or fire. Let me give as an example what I have done.

Besides keeping my research efforts in ordered form in files in my own library at home, I have duplicated much of it and have lodged these copies with my lawyer, just in case of fire or vandalism or whatever. As mentioned, I also had my compiled results published. I distribute (actually I sell) them to interested members of the family, world-wide. This allows records to be kept elsewhere, just in case mine are lost or damaged. I also lodge a copy with the relevant bodies, i.e. the Archives Office of Tasmania, the Tasmania Collection at the State Library of Tasmania (both of these in Hobart), the Mitchell Library in Sydney, the Genealogical Society of Tasmania and the Genealogical Society of Victoria, and I usually send one off to the *Parade* magazine. The more copies that are scattered and secured, the better.

Finally, so that my work is not wasted after my death, I have given instructions in my will as to what is to become of them all. As I also do research on a contract basis for others, the files that have been completed on their behalf are also listed in my will, for all of these records are to be preserved.

Let me just say briefly some words about my published work. I only had a limited number published: a run of forty copies, but as I have the plates, further ones can be printed. I also had a professional

typist do the paper work and she had it printed. This resulted in a much better production than duplication. In all, with bindings and plates, it cost me \$104. Not too bad, I thought! And although I will probably rewrite it in another two years, I am pleased with the result. I've been able to get back directly to the year 1510.

I am, without sounding vain, proud of my family line, as everyone should be. Genealogy has made me aware of my Anglo-Saxon/Celtic origins, besides my family background. Therefore I have become deeply involved in the ethnological study of my racial heritage. That too is absorbing, and although anything pertaining to 'race' these days is taboo, we researchers should not be put off by any political climate of the day. Anyway, we all know that changes frequently!

I would encourage everyone to take steps so that their efforts are recorded for posterity. It's an absorbing work, a lifelong work, and terribly important!

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George & Delia McDonald

by
Helen Anderson

George McDonald was a convicted thief. Whether he practised this profession from necessity due to economic conditions or simply from a dislike of earning an honest living, I do not know. He has left no written word in his own defence so I have had to rely on impersonal legal documents to piece together his life story.

Of his life prior to 1818 I know nothing at all except that he was probably born in Wiltshire, England about the year 1800. He was tried at the Wiltshire Assizes on Wednesday, 10 March 1819 and several indictments were brought against him. The crime for which he was found guilty and sentenced was that of breaking 'feloniously and burglariously with force and arms into the house of Grace Gate¹ in Cliffe Pysard², Wiltshire at 1 a.m. on 12 February in company with William Adey (or Adye) and stealing a hat worth one shilling and an iron spoon worth one penny belonging to Laban Gate.' Both men were sentenced to be hanged but were reprieved and transported for life.

Notes added to the indictments record that, because of this sentence George was not tried for the theft of brass on 3 February or for stealing a mare on 13 February 1819³. He was acquitted on charges of stealing bridles on 29 October 1818, spoons on 6 February 1819 and cheeses on 17 February 1819.

The indictment described him as a labourer, late of Cliffe Pysard, Malmesbury, Lyneham, and Long Newnton. (The first three towns are in Wiltshire, but Long Newnton is in Gloucestershire.) Both George and William were eighteen years of age.

The convict records at the Archives Office of Tasmania record him as being a native of Wiltshire and by trade or calling a servant man. He is described as being 5 feet 5 1/4 inches tall, with light brown hair, light grey eyes, and light complexion.

He left England forever on 11 September 1819⁴ and arrived at Hobart Town on 10 January 1820, aboard the store ship *Dromedary*. The arrival of the ship was noted in the *Hobart Town Gazette* of 15 January as follows:

'On Monday last arrived from England, His Majesty's store ship *Dromedary* Captain Skinner, with three hundred and sixty nine male prisoners. She left England in September, and came direct without touching anywhere on her voyage...'

George's record⁵ whilst a convict is not entirely free from blemish. His crimes are mostly drunkenness and cruelty to his working beasts. Four such charges were made. The first was for cruelty to his working bullocks, on 29 September 1821. For this breach he forfeited his ticket-of-leave.

Then on 19 August 1823 he was charged with drunkenness and neglect of duty. Once again (14 July 1832) he was cruel to his animals when he was fined ten shillings for 'cruelly beating and ill treating a bullock his own property on the 11th instant'.

The fourth charge was for being drunk and disorderly for which he was fined five shillings on 19 May 1834. A fifth and more serious crime will be related presently.

On reading through his record one is immediately concerned about one particular entry, he forfeited his ticket-of-leave in 1821 - after having been in the colony for only twenty months. Occasionally tickets were issued to convicts soon after arrival and this may have been the case with George. However, it could also mean that his record sheet is not accurate and he may have been confused with another convict of the same name.

An application for permission to marry⁶ was made on 20 January 1831 and resulted in his marriage at Norfolk Plains on 24 February 1831. His youthful bride (she would have been about sixteen) was Delia Gillam, a free woman. They were married in the parish church by the Chaplain the Reverent R.R. Davies.

Norfolk Plains was eight or ten miles south-west of Launceston. G.W. Evans, Deputy Surveyor of Lands, in his book *A Geographical Historical and Topographical Description of Van Diemen's Land* published in 1822, considered the area to extend over six thousand acres of the richest soil, well watered by the Lake River and the South Esk.

Edward Curr, manager of the Van Diemen's Land Company in the far North-West of Tasmania apparently wasn't very impressed by the population of this area (which extended as far as Westbury). He describes the area as being divided into small farms 'rarely exceeding fifty or sixty acres in extent'. He considered Norfolk Plains 'a very rich and populous settlement' on the northern bank of the South Esk. But of the settlers themselves he says: '[they] have done little beyond making them celebrated for their crimes, the lands themselves being left a prey to every noxious weed that grows....Let the settler beware how he places himself amongst these people...'⁷

Five sons and eight daughters are known to have been born to the McDonalds, the eldest being born in 1832, most probably at Norfolk Plains.

From the evidence given at his trial in 1847 it would seem that George had at that time been living in the Longford district for about twenty five years (being known to one Samuel Cox, who was himself a resident at Longford for twenty eight years. This would mean that he arrived at Norfolk Plains about 1822, two years after he arrived in the colony. Until early in 1836 he described himself as a cordwainer (shoe-maker), and then later in that same year as a farmer. It was in

this year that he was granted a conditional pardon⁸. He had previously applied for it on 29 April 1831.

He became a tenant of Henry Clayton about 1838, and resided on a farm of about ninety acres in a house of wooden construction which was in existence at the time of the 1842 census. The house, complete with communal well and a barn, was across the paddock and opposite Clayton's Mill, a distance of about seven hundred yards.

On 2 October 1847, George, together with his servant Walter Bardy, and Henry Wright, Francis Maugham, Henry Rushforth and Benjamin Kennedy, was brought up on a charge of stealing a quantity of wheat from Henry Clayton's mill at Wickford on 26 September 1847.

After following George's waggon to Longford and examining the wheat he had sold to Mr. Reid, Mr. Clayton had him arrested. His premises were searched and wheat corresponding with Mr. Clayton's sample was found.

A trail of wheat between the mill and George's house was also found together with other evidence. On 9 October, he was placed at the bar, charged with stealing one hundred bushels of wheat. He pleaded 'not guilty'.

Witnesses spoke highly of his character, referring to him as a hardworking, sober and industrious man of whom 'until now, not the slightest doubt had existed as to his honesty'. A verdict of guilty on the amended charge of having received stolen property was brought forth by the jury but this was tempered with a plea for mercy 'on account of his good character'. George was sentenced to fourteen years transportation and was to serve two years at Port Arthur. The other men involved in the case were discharged.⁹

It is not until 1851 that the story resumes with the birth of Catherine at the Marsh Paddock (now Exton) on 2 January. Two more daughters, Delia, and Emily, were born in the Westbury district and their second son William Newman McDonald died there from inflammation on 20 July 1854. He was only sixteen years of age.

George was granted a free pardon on 3 March 1857, and he purchased farm land at River Leven in the same year. In 1861 three of the McDonald children were married. Frances at Quamby Bend and Thomas and Maria at their father's house "Greenhills", Leven.

George (the elder) took his own life at Sassafras on 29 June 1878 aged seventy eight years¹⁰. He was living with his daughter Harriet and son-in-law George Turnbull at the time. The verdict of the coroner's inquest published in the *Devon Herald* on 3 July was death by suicide whilst in a state of temporary insanity. He was buried at the Ulverstone Cemetery.

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George's wife Delia was a native of Kent. On 13 September 1828, the 333 ton American built ship *Harmony* (Master B. Ireland) sailed from Gravesend for Port Jackson and Hobart Town with a crew of twenty six, thirteen cabin passengers, nine women passengers and thirty three children travelling steerage, and one hundred female prisoners. The *Harmony* arrived at Hobart Town on 14 January 1829: amongst the steerage passengers were Frances Gillham (sic) and her children Delia (14), James (12), William (8), Louisa (5), Thomas (3) and Frances (9 months). Frances was the wife of Thomas Gillham a convict transported for aiding and abetting smugglers, and who arrived by the *Governor Ready* in July 1827¹¹. Having been 'sent on board at Woolwich by the Home Government' they arrived only to have to remain on board ship until February owing to Thomas 'not having arrived from the Interior' and an inability to procure a conveyance for them at his master's place of residence. (His master was William Lyttleton, Esq. of Norfolk Plains)¹²

In July 1831 Thomas was assigned to his wife and apart from 'missing Church muster' and being drunk and disorderly on several occasions, lived what must have been a quiet and industrious life as a farmer. He received a conditional pardon on 28 January 1839.

From the few records so far available to me I know that Thomas and Frances were living at Glenore on land owned by William Bryan at the time of the 1848 census and had increased their family by seven - of whom Jane, Catherine, Edward, Israel, Joseph, and Maria are known.

Frances was older than her husband by about eleven years, a fact which strengthens the statement presented by Edwy Finch, her great great grandson, that she had been married prior to her marriage to Thomas Gillam and that the two eldest children, Delia and James, were not Gillam's children. In fact he states that Delia is really Cordelia Preston. This is an avenue of research yet to be undertaken.

In the latter years of her life Delia lived with her daughter Delia Warden. A large woman - tall and stout - she suffered an injury to her hip and died at Sprent on 11 August 1900, aged eighty five years.

GENEALOGY:

George McDONALD, b. about 1800, Wiltshire, England - d. 29 JUN 1878 at Sassafras, Tasmania by suicide with a gun; m. 24 FEB 1831 at Norfolk Plains to Delia Gillam alias Cordelia Preston (b. about 1815, Kent, England - d. 11 AUG 1900 at Sprent, Tasmania; mother's name known to be Frances) and had issue:

1. George McDONALD, b. 15 OCT 1832 at Norfolk Plains, Tasmania - d. 03 OCT 1875 at Ulverstone, Tasmania; m. 01 JUN 1854 at Westbury, Tasmania to Maria Emily Tatlow (b. 19 JUL 1836 at Launceston, Tasmania - d. 29 JUL 1911 at Ulverstone, Tasmania; the daughter of Anthony TATLOW and Mary Moore) and had issue.

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2. Hannah McDonald, b 07 JUL 1834 at Norfolk Plains, Tasmania - d. 27 DEC 1925 at Latrobe, Tasmania; m. 23 AUG 1851 at Westbury, Tasmania to John CURRAN.
3. Elizabeth McDonald, b. 06 AUG 1836 at Norfolk Plains, Tasmania - d. 20 JAN 1909 at Westbury, Tasmania; m. 24 MAR 1853 at Westbury, Tasmania to John LEITH (b. about 1816 at George Town [?] - d. 18 JUL 1894 at Westbury, Tasmania; the son of William Elliot LEITH and Alice Blackstone [?]) and had issue.
4. William Newman McDONALD, b. 11 SEP 1838 at Norfolk Plains [?] - d. 20 JUL 1854 at Westbury, Tasmania. No issue.
5. Harriet McDonald, b. 11 SEP 1840 at Norfolk Plains, Tasmania - d. 15 SEP 1929 at Latrobe, Tasmania; m. 12 FEB 1861 at River Leven to George TURNBULL (b. about 1839 - d. 20 JUL 1929 at Torquay Road Latrobe; the son of William TURNBULL and Mary Richardson) and had issue.
6. Thomas McDONALD, b. 11 SEP 1842 in Tasmania - d. 24 DEC 1907 at Ulverstone, Tasmania; m(1). 10 OCT 1861 at Greenhills, District of Port Sorell to Priscilla Farmer (b. 27 JUN 1845 at Evandale [?] - d. 28 FEB 1887 at Ulverstone; daughter of William FARMER and Katherine Kearman) and had issue.
7. Frances McDonald, b. 29 MAY 1844 at Wickford, Tasmania - d. 29 FEB 1916 at Burnie as a result of an accident; m. 07 NOV 1861 at Westbury, Tasmania to John STURZAKER (b. 16 JUN 1842 at Launceston, Tasmania - d. 04 JAN 1928 at Mooreville Road, Emu Bay; son of John STURZAKER and Jane Leith) and had issue.
8. Maria Louisa McDonald, b. 10 JUN 1846 at Illawarra, Tasmania - d. 14 MAR 1897 at Ulverstone, Tasmania of enteric fever; m. 11 JUL 1861 to James Alfred FOGG (b. 04 JUL 1835 in Wales - d. 26 MAY 1915 at the New Town Infirmary, Tasmania; the son of John Barrett FOGG and Charlotte Newbery) and had issue.
9. Catherine McDonald, b. 02 JAN 1851 at Marsh Paddock (Exton), Tasmania - date and place of death not known; m. 12 APR 1866 in the Port Sorell District to William Wallace WOODHOUSE (b. about 1830 in Kirkcaldy, Scotland - d. 24 DEC 1932 in the Ulverstone Hospital, Tasmania) and had issue.
10. Delia McDonald b. 27 APR 1853 in the Westbury District-- d. 12 FEB at the New Town Infirmary; m. 29 MAR 1869 at Greenhills, District of Port Sorell to Henry WARDEN (b. date not known, in Tasmania - d. 05 SEP 1900 at Castra, Tasmania) and had issue.
11. Emily McDonald, b. 28 JUL 1855, Westbury District - death details not known; m. 21 APR 1886 at Holy Trinity Church, Ulverstone, to Harold William Barnard BUTTON (b. 10 MAR 1855 at Ulverstone, Tasmania - d. 24 JAN 1932 at Pymble, New South Wales; son of William Barnard BUTTON and his wife Elizabeth) and had issue.
12. Joseph McDONALD, b. 20 APR 1858 at River Leven, Ulverstone, Tasmania - d. 07 SEP 1939 at Castra Road, Ulverstone, Tasmania; m. 24 DEC 1879 at Ulverstone to Jessie Anderson (b. 09 SEP 1862 at Avoca,

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Tasmania - d. 05 DEC 1948 at Castra Road, Ulverstone; daughter of James ANDERSON and Margaret Bond or Bonce) and had issue.

13. Arthur James McDONALD, b. 26 MAR 1862 at River Leven, Tasmania - death details not known; m. 17 AUG 1881 at Castra Road, Ulverstone to Jemima Anderson (b. 23 SEP 1864, Port Sorell District - d. 01 JUN 1942 at the Ulverstone Hospital; daughter of James ANDERSON and Margaret Bond or Bonce) and had issue.

NOTES

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| <p>1. Actually the name is Gale, or so I am informed by the Wiltshire County Record Office.</p> <p>2. Cliffe Pysard, as stated in the record, should read Cliffe Pysard, according to the the same C.R.O.</p> <p>3. The mare was the property of T. & R. Large of Lyneham. <i>Salisbury & Winchester Journal</i>.</p> <p>4. Bateson, Charles, <i>The convict ships 1787-1868</i>. Glasgow: Brown, 1959.</p> <p>5. CON 31/9/130, Archives Office of Tasmania.</p> <p>6. CON 45/1:42, Archives Office of Tasmania.</p> <p>7. Curr, Edward, <i>An account of the</i></p> | <p><i>colony of Van Diemen's Land, principally designed for the use of emigrants</i>. London: George Cowie, 1824.</p> <p>8. Conditional Pardon No. 1062, granted 10 October 1836.</p> <p>9. <i>Cornwall Chronicle</i>, Oct. 1847.</p> <p>10. Presuming the age shown on the convict records to be correct, George was born in 1800. This would make him 78 at his death, not 70 as stated on his death certificate. To further complicate matters, the age on his tombstone is stated as 74 years.</p> <p>11. Convict Records, Archives Office of Tasmania.</p> <p>12. CSO 1/368/8375, Archives Office of Tasmania.</p> |
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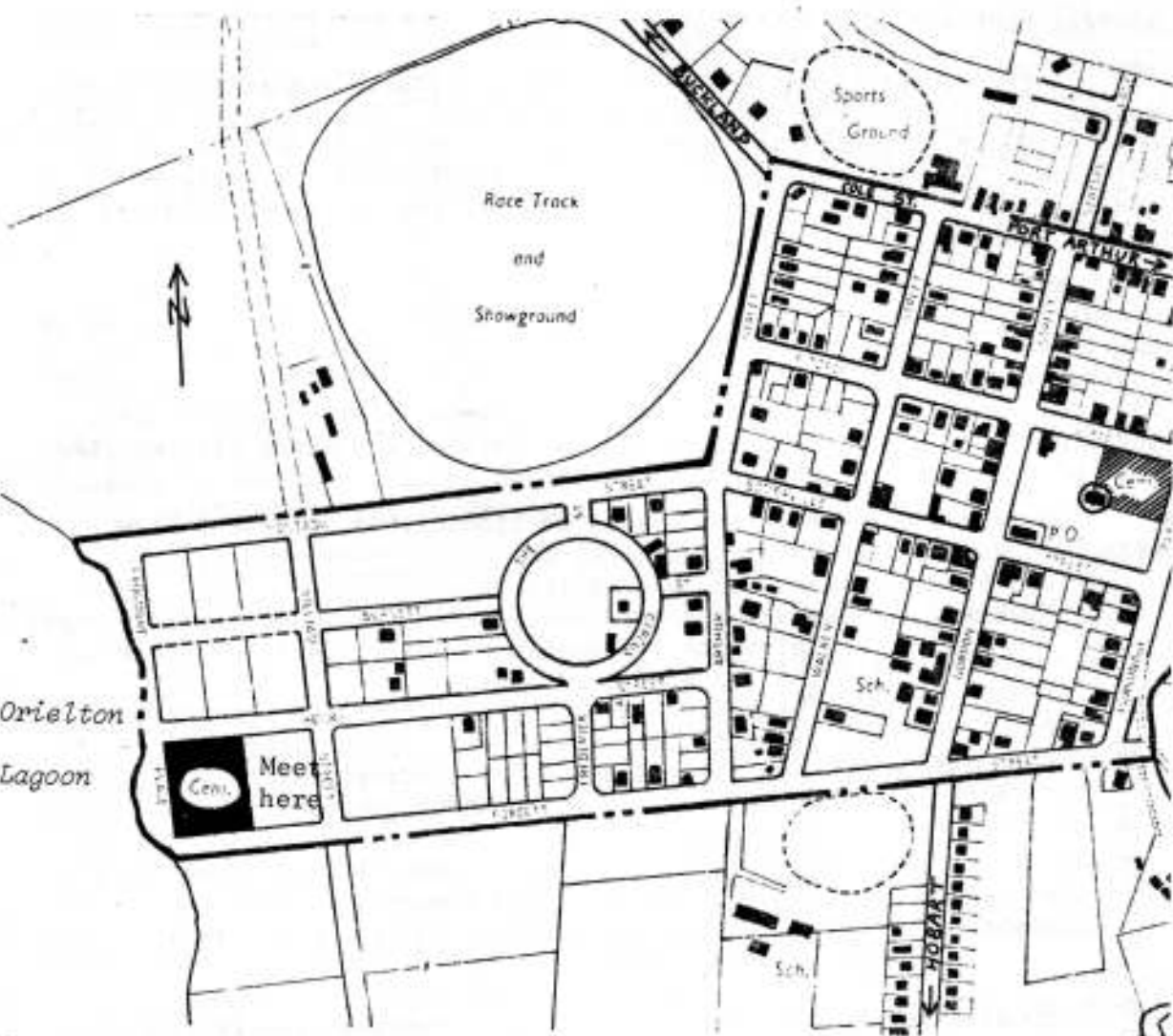
As coordinator of the Cemeteries Committee, I would like to thank all those dedicated members who have given up much of their valuable time in order to assist the Society with the lengthy and continuous task of compiling an index to the Tombstone and Memorial Inscriptions of Tasmania. We are grateful to members of the new Burnie Branch who have recently sent us 435 transcription cards covering graveyards in the Forrest, Montagu, Marrawah and Smithton areas. From the same source we received a copy of the Marrawah Burial Register which, of course, lists many persons for whom there are no headstone memorials. Further assistance has been received from members of the newly formed Launceston Branch in the form of lists of inscriptions and births, deaths and also marriage records from the Fingal area. Mesdames P. O'Toole, B. Gugliotti and J. Johnstone have submitted cards, photostats of notes, and typescript covering various northern cemeteries, including parts of Carr Villa, Launceston, Beaconsfield, Scottsdale births deaths and marriages, Nile, Franklin Village, Perth general, St. Leonards, White Hills, Ravenswood, Sassafras (Baptist and Uniting), Glengarry, Hagley Uniting and parts of Stanley, together with extracts from records at Campbell Town and Deloraine. Pat O'Toole is a tireless worker!

The south of the island has not been idle either. Our efforts to transcribe St. Georges, Sorell were washed out on 28 June, but succeeded on 18 October when 370 cards were made for all readable headstones, plaques on the Columbarium Wall and plaques commemorating those killed in action and buried elsewhere. 31 January 1981 has been set aside to complete work at Sorell, where three cemeteries close to Orielton Lagoon await us at 2.00p.m. The map below shows how to get there.

The list of cemeteries for which information is available grows daily. See the list commencing page 79. Many of these are "notebook transcriptions" and even more only extracts of genealogical information, all "grist to the mill" and worthwhile. Among those in the south who are assisting with indexing these notes are Mesdames Richardson, Tuttle, Totok, Weeding, Daley, O'Shea and Miller, and Mr. Chick. Further helpers are required.

It is pleasing that our TAMIOT Project is of value, especially to those overseas: I am sure the writer will not mind if I quote from a recent letter: 'The first on the list [referring to a list I had extracted from our records] was my grandfather! I hadn't known his birth date and his was the only inscription that contained a date of birth - Uncanny.' In genealogical research, this sort of thing often occurs and it also confirms the value of cemetery transcriptions.

Lastly, could members search their attics and other repositories to see if they have old photographs of some of our cemeteries and/or tombstones that were taken when these places were less delapidated, and phone me (002-439244) or write to me at 40 Derwent Ave, Geilston Bay, Tasmania 7015.



Location Map: Cemetery on shore of Orielson Lagoon, Sorell.

Certificates

The increase in the cost of the Victorian birth, marriage and death certificates is not welcome news. The new prices are \$12 for a full certificate dated 1905 onward, and \$6 for earlier years. The price of Queensland Certified Copies of entry (of Birth, Marriage and Death registration) has been raised from \$6.00 to \$7.00, and the price for extracts from \$3.00 to \$4.00. Postage may be extra. Please also note that date of marriage of parents will no longer be routinely supplied when a birth certificate of a child is made out, but will be given on the certificate if a specific request is made at the time of application.

Cemetery Transcription Standards

by
Neil Chick

A tremendous enthusiasm is developing all over the island for the copying of cemetery and graveyard inscriptions. Inevitably, a lack of uniformity of procedure has occurred, and as the Occasional Paper *Methods of Cemetery Transcription* is out of print and presently being revised, the journal is being used to propose some minimum standards in the interim.

Where cemeteries have already been copied (or genealogically useful information extracted) it is not proposed that they be done again until none remain to be copied. In many cases these graveyards were copied or extracted by enthusiasts before the formation of the Society, and their notes exist on pad paper or in notebooks. We request that these notes be xeroxed and submitted to the Society, which will pay the cost of copying.

Where further cemeteries are to be transcribed, please follow this procedure strictly:

PREPARATION

INDEXING
COPYING

MAKE AVAIL-
ABLE

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|------------------------|--|
| MEMBERS | 1. Visit the cemetery, count the number of headstones, determine its condition, describe its exact location and how to get there. |
| | 2. Check with the coordinator of your cemeteries committee if it has been copied already. |
| COORDINATOR | 3. Obtains permission from authorities to copy the headstones. Inquire about any maps, charts or registers. |
| | 4. Arrange the expedition and get cards ready (these are the buff coloured computer cards). |
| MEMBERS | 5. Transcribe the memorial <u>in full</u> onto cards. |
| | 6. Proof-read your companion's cards. |
| | 7. Initial corrected cards and return them. |
| COORDINATOR | 8. Adds the four character "prefix" to identify the cemetery (municipality + number). |
| | 9. Using an automatic numbering machine, numbers the cards for that cemetery from 1 through to whatever. |
| | 10. Arranges for the cards to be indexed. |
| MEMBERS | 11. Make death/burial/inquest index cards and any secondary name index cards as are required. |
| | 12. Proof-read the index cards against transcriptions. |
| PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE | 13. Arrange the index cards in alphabetical order. |
| | 14. Type up identification data and the index cards (reference number, names, death date, age and remarks), exactly as done in this journal. |
| LIBRARIAN | 15. Files transcription cards in numerical order. |
| | 16. Files index cards in alphabetical order. |

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NOTES ON MINIMUM STANDARDS: (The numbers refer to the list just given).

1. Locating and identifying cemeteries: The official name of the cemetery should be determined, together with the name of the authority who has jurisdiction over it (municipal council, church, private body or trust). An accurate description of how to get there, accompanied by a well-drawn sketch map or the grid coordinates from the 1:100,000 series maps (Map number, eastings, northings). The number of headstones is required so that enough transcription cards can be provided.

2. Already copied cemeteries: Coordinators may decide to recopy an already transcribed graveyard if it is believed the earlier work is faulty, or if many new headstones have been added.

3. Permission to copy: Coordinators should apply, in writing, using Society letterhead paper for permission to transcribe. Local churches or councils will no doubt give permission, but it is good public relations to get permission.

4. Transcription cards: The pre-printed buff coloured cards should be used. They are ordinary 80-column computer cards, printed on the back. Future printings will give a little more room for transcription.

5. Transcribe in full: The policy is to transcribe exactly what is carved as a memorial. Use black biro (NOT blue biro or pencil). If part of the inscription is in capital letters use capitals; if lower case, use that. Be faithful to the text. If you must break a long line, insert [/]. If in doubt, insert [?] after obscure letters or numbers.

6. Teamwork: Whenever possible, work in teams of two: one writer and one checker. The checker should independently examine both the memorial inscription and the transcription card. Two heads are much better than one!

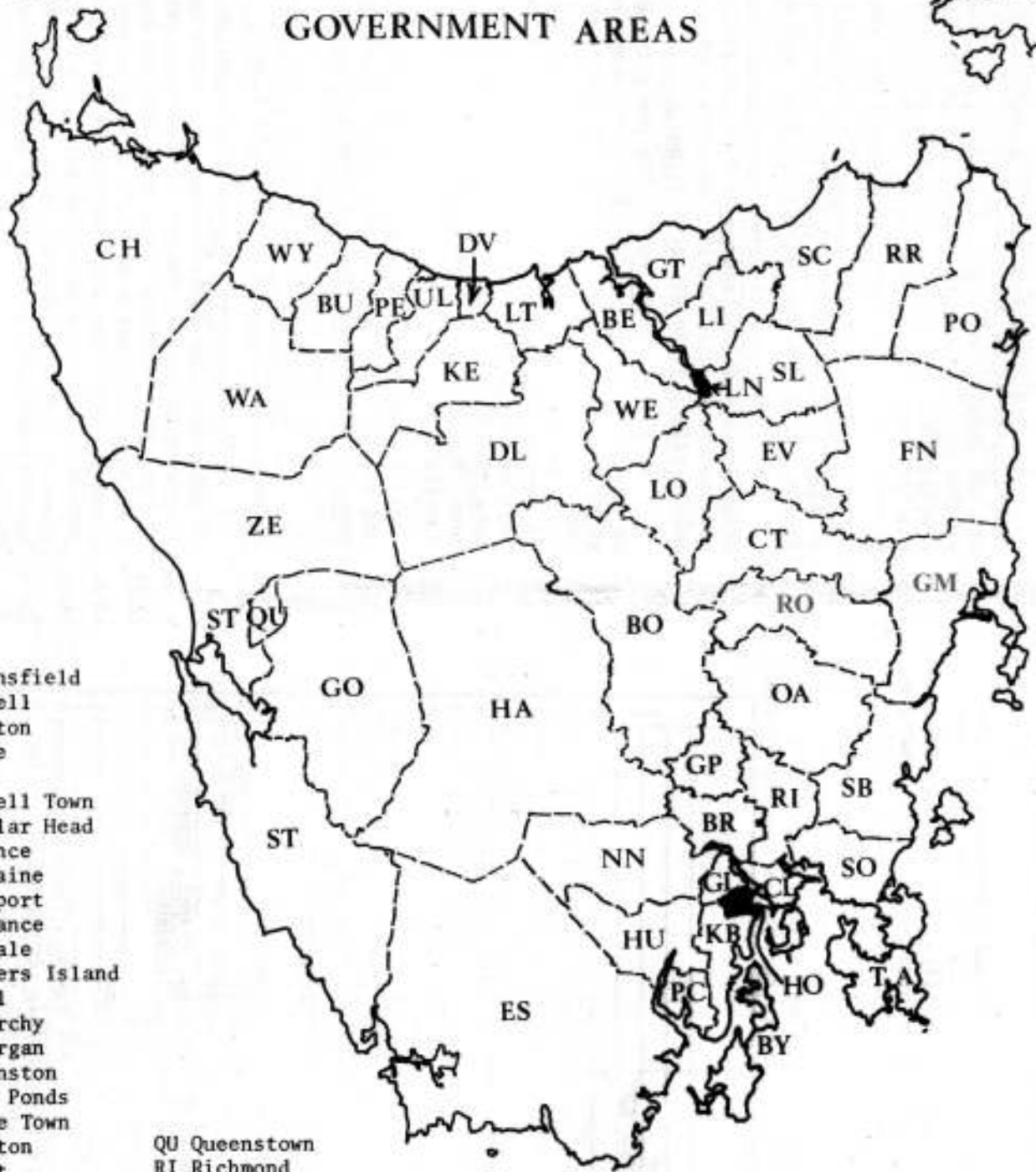
7. Initial & Return: Return all cards, used and unused, to the coordinator at the end of the expedition.

8. Numbering the Cards: The coordinator should check that he has at least the same number of cards as there are headstones. There may of course be more if lengthy inscriptions need more than one card. The coordinator stamps each card with the appropriate cemetery identification prefix, which consists of two letters for the municipality, and a number, e.g. CL3 is St. Matthew's Rokeby, the third cemetery to be copied in the Clarence municipality. A full list of letter prefixes is found on the map overleaf. A list of all the cemeteries known to have been transcribed, together with their prefix letter-number combinations follows.

9. With so many groups working on cemetery transcription it is not possible to have a single running sequence of card numbers. Each cemetery will have cards in sequence from 1 to however many needed.

LETTER-PREFIX CODES

FOR TASMANIAN LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREAS



- BE Beaconsfield
- BO Bothwell
- BR Brighton
- BU Burnie
- BY Bruny
- CT Campbell Town
- CH Circular Head
- CL Clarence
- DL Deloraine
- DV Devonport
- ES Esperance
- EV Evandale
- FI Flinders Island
- FN Fingal
- GL Glenorchy
- GM Glamorgan
- GO Gormanston
- GP Green Ponds
- GT George Town
- HA Hamilton
- HO Hobart
- HU Huon
- KE Kentish
- KB Kingborough
- KI King Island
- LI Lilydale
- LN Launceston
- LO Longford
- LT Latrobe
- NN New Norfolk
- OA Oatlands
- PC Port Cygnet
- PE Penguin
- PO Portland

- QU Queenstown
- RI Richmond
- RO Ross
- RR Ringarooma
- SB Spring Bay
- SC Scottsdale
- SL St. Leonards
- SO Sorell
- ST Strahan
- TA Tasman
- UL Ulverstone
- WA Waratah
- WE Westbury
- WY Wynyard
- ZE Zeehan

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10. Indexing is fairly exacting work, and cards should be typed or at least printed neatly. Careful and methodical workers should offer their services.

11. The death/burial/inquest card used is multi-purpose, and for indexing cemetery transcriptions not all data "fields" are used. The examples which follow should be studied carefully. The death/burial/inquest cards are used to index the names of persons we may presume are actually buried in the cemetery. The secondary name card (see the example following) is used to index names of relatives.

12 and 14. Proof-reading is essential at any stage of copying to ensure accuracy. Nobody is perfect; we must expect mistakes and not be ashamed of them. But we should try to correct as many as we can.

Figure 1.
Blank
Death/
Burial/
Inquest
Index
Card.

Genealogical Society of Tasmania, TASBRES.	<input type="checkbox"/>	NAME		
	AGED:	AT	AGED:	
	NOTED:	AT		
	Plot Number:	Funeral from:		
	Undertaker: Plot was purchased by:			
	INQUEST:	AT		
	Case of death:			
	INFORMANT:			
	REL:			
	REFERENCE:	Page:	○	Serial Data Entry Issues

Figure 2.
Index
Card
filled
in, all
possible
kinds of
data.

Genealogical Society of Tasmania, TASBRES.	STANDARD Spelling	<input type="checkbox"/>	NAME	SURNAME	Given Names	
		AGED:	DD MMM YYYY	AT	Placename	AGED: Given
		NOTED:	DD MMM YYYY	AT	Placename	
		Plot Number:	Division : No.	Funeral from:	Address, chapel, church, etc	
		Undertaker: Plot was purchased by:	SURNAME, Given Names or FIRMNAME			
		INQUEST:	DD MMM YYYY	AT	Placename	
		Case of death:	As given in the record			
		INFORMANT:	SURNAME, Given Names, Title/Occupation			
		REL:	Give standard relationship abbreviations & the Given Name/s, and SURNAME if different. May also be used for remarks if required.			
		REFERENCE:	document Accession No.	Page:	Number	○

In Loving Memory
of
FREDERICK BINGHAM
DEARLY LOVED HUSBAND OF LAURA
FATHER OF
AUDREY, HILDA, IRIS & GEOFF
PASSED AWAY 29TH APRIL 1970
AGED 75 YEARS
LAURA EMMA
BELOVED WIFE AND MOTHER OF ABOVE
DIED 18TH APRIL 1977 AGED 82 YEARS
RE-UNITED.

Figure 3.

New style Cemetery Transcription Card. Use the top half or two thirds of the card to copy the inscription exactly as it appears on the stone.

If more than one card is needed, indicate here.

Comment here on condition, material, style, etc.

Put ROW and plot No. here.

Initials of transcriber and checker go here.

Date copied goes here.

The indexer determines that six persons are mentioned on this stone. Two are primary names (actually buried there)

and four are secondary names (other relatives)

The Prefix refers to the Municipality and Cemetery.

The Serial Number gives the number of the card, in this case the 140th card used in that cemetery.

Continued on card #		Prefix Municipality Cemetery	CL 3 ← 00140
Remarks:			
Cemetery: ST. MATTHEW, ROKEBY			
Division	Plot #		
Transcribed by: MW	Primary index card	2	Indexer's initials
Verified by: SW	Secondary cards	4	
	Register card		
Date: 8 DEC 1979	Entry Reg. cards		
	Typed		
University of Tasmania Historical Demography Project. © Neil K. Chick		Proof-read	
		Index made	

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NAMES: Transcribe names exactly as they appear on the tombstones. When names are indexed, however, put surnames first, in capital letters, followed by given names. e.g. Joshua Edward McDonald becomes McDONALD, Joshua Edward on the index card.

DATES: Transcribe dates exactly as they appear on the tombstones. e.g. 7th November 1865 or 7 Nov. 1865 or November 7th 1865 or 7.11.65. But when indexing, adopt the standard form DD MMM YYYY, i.e. two digits for the day (thus 7th, etc. becomes 07), three capital letters for the month (JAN FEB MAR APR MAY JUN JUL AUG SEP OCT NOV DEC), and four digits for the year. All the above versions would be indexed in the form 07 NOV 1865.

Figure 4.
Primary
Index
Card
made from
transcription
of
headstone
showing
first
name.

Genealogical Society of Manitoba INDEXES.	<input type="checkbox"/>	NAME	BINGHAM	Frederick			
	DECEASED:	29 APR 1970	AT		AGED:	75	
	BURIED:		AT	St. Matthew, Rokeby			
	Plot Number:		Funeral From:				
	Undertaker:						
	Plot was purchased by:						
	INQUEST:		AT				
	Case of death:						
	INTERMENT:						
	AT:		Wf. of Laura Emma,				
		ft. of Audrey, Hilda, Iris and Geoff.					
REFERENCE:							
Page:							
					KEY: GST / CL3		
					Number: / 00140		
					Sub: / 1		

Figure 5.
Primary
Index Card
made from
transcription
of
headstone
showing
second
name.

Genealogical Society of Manitoba INDEXES.	<input type="checkbox"/>	NAME	BINGHAM	Laura Emma			
	DECEASED:	18 APR 1977	AT		AGED:	82	
	BURIED:		AT	St. Matthew, Rokeby			
	Plot Number:		Funeral From:				
	Undertaker:						
	Plot was purchased by:						
	INQUEST:		AT				
	Case of death:						
	INTERMENT:						
	AT:		wf. of Frederick				
		mt. of Audrey, Hilda, Iris & Geoff.					
REFERENCE:							
Page:							
					KEY: GST / CL3		
					Number: / 00140		
					Sub: / 2		

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AGES: Transcribe ages exactly as they appear on the tombstones. e.g. aged 85; or in her 31st year; or aged 1 year 11 months. When the index cards are made out these become Aged 85; Aged 30; and Aged 1y11m. Note that "in her 31st year" means that she has had her 30th birthday but not yet her 31st, so her age is 30, NOT 31.

NAME: BINGHAM Iris		Secondary Name Entry Form
NAME: BINGHAM Hilda		
NAME: BINGHAM Geoff		
NAME: BINGHAM Audrey		
TYPE OF PRIMARY RECORD EXTRACTED: Birth <input type="checkbox"/> Obituising <input type="checkbox"/> Marriage <input type="checkbox"/> Death <input type="checkbox"/> Burial <input type="checkbox"/> Inquest <input type="checkbox"/> Headstone <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Will/Admin. <input type="checkbox"/> Wood <input type="checkbox"/> Letter <input type="checkbox"/> Other: <input type="checkbox"/>	The above name is a secondary name, occurring in a primary record covering: PRIMARY NAME: BINGHAM Frederick DATE OF EVENT: 29 APR 1970 at St. Matthew, Rokeby RELATIONSHIP TO PRIMARY NAME: DG REMARKS: SOURCE REFERENCE: Page:	PRIMARY SERIAL ENTRY: CL3 NUMBER: 00140 SECONDARY SERIAL ENTRY: 3 NUMBER:

Figure 6. Four Secondary Name Index Cards, made out for other relatives mentioned on the headstone. This design will be superseded by another bearing the same "Serial Data Entry Items" as on the Death/Burial/Inquest Card.

CARD NUMBERS: As can be seen from the examples in Figures 4 and 5, every index card has three "Serial Data Entry Items":

- (1) The KEY and PREFIX: GST = Genealogical Society of Tasmania; CL3 which identifies the Municipality (see the map) and the particular cemetery.
- (2) The NUMBER which identifies the Cemetery Transcription Card, and
- (3) SUB: a personal number. Thus CL3/00140:1 refers to Frederick Bingham; CL3/00140:2 refers to his wife Laura Emma Bingham, and ...:3 through to ...:6 refer to secondary cards for their four children.

RELATIONSHIPS: See the standardized codes listed on the next page.

BASIC CODE		HALF	STEP	INLAW	ADOPT.	GRAND	G-GRAND	G-G-GRAND	ONLY	OLDER	ELDEST	YOUNGER	YOUNGEST
PARENT	PR		PS	PL	PA	GP	1P	2P					
FATHER	FT		FS	FL	FA	GF	1F	2F					
MOTHER	MT		MS	ML	MA	GM	1M	2M					
BROTHER	BR	BH	BS	BL	BA				Bø	BO	BE	BY	BT
SISTER	ZZ	ZH	ZS	ZL	ZA				Zø	ZO	ZE	ZY	ZT
CHILD	CH		CS		CA	GC	1C	2C	Cø	CO	CE	CY	CT
SON	SN		SS	SL	SA	GS	1S	2S	Sø	SO	SE	SY	ST
DAUGHTER	DG		DS	DL	DA	GD	1D	2D	Dø	DO	DE	DY	DT
UNCLE	UN		US	UL	UA	GU	1U	2U					
AUNT	AN		AS	AL	AA	GA	1A	2A					
NEPHEW	NN			NL	NA	GN	1N	2N					
NEICE	EE			EL	EA	GE	1E	2E	FIRST	SECOND	1 REMOVE	2 REMOVES	
COUSIN	CS			CL					1C	2C	SECOND FIRST (COUSINS)	11	12
HUSBAND	HS								1H	2H		21	22
WIFE	WF								1W	2W			

and also FIANCEE (FN) FRIEND (FR) WITNESS (WT) OFFICIATOR (OF), etc. The numbering of g-g-g-grandparents etc. is 3F, 4F etc. and cousins likewise (65 = sixth cousin five times removed). A third character may be added where required, e.g. 2UL = great great grand uncle-in-law.

Transcribed Cemeteries

The following is an interim listing of cemeteries which have been transcribed at one time or another and for which cards, loose sheets or notebooks are held, either by the Society or by individual members. The Cemetery Committee is very anxious to know of any others, and to know for each one the identification details, jurisdiction, location, and whether indexed. Please try and fill up the many gaps!

BEACONSFIELD (BE)

- BE1 Beaconsfield Civil
- BE2 Supply River
- BE3 Winkleigh
- BE4 Glengarry
- BE5 Sidmouth Auld Kirk

BOTHWELL (BO)

BRIGHTON (BR)

BURNIE (BU)

- BU1 Ridgley

BRUNY (BY)

- BY1 Adventure Bay
- BY2 Barnes Bay

CIRCULAR HEAD (CH)

- CH1 Forrest
- CH2 Montagu
- CH3 Marrawah
- CH4 Smithton

CLARENCE (CL)

- CL1 Bellerive
- CL2 Mary Ann Bay
- CL3 Rokeby (St. Matthew CofE)
- CL4 Rokeby (Congregational)
- CL5 Sandford (St. Martin CofE)
- CL6 East Risdon (St. Margaret)
- CL7 South Arm (St. Barnabas)
- CL8 Sandford (Congregational)
- CL9 Cambridge Union

CAMPBELL TOWN (CT)

- CT1 Campbell Town (General)
- CT2 Campbell Town (Roman)
- CT3 Campbell Town (St. Lukes)
- CT4 Campbell Town (Church St.)
- CT5 Conara
- CT6 Cleveland
- CT7 Campbell Town (Presb.Chapel)
- CT8 Campbell Town (Presbyterian)

DELORAINÉ (DL)

DEVONPORT (DV)

ESPERANCE (ES)

- ES1 Cairns Bay
- ES2 Cockle Creek
- ES3 Dover
- ES4 Geeveston
- ES5 Southport (CofE)
- ES6 Southport (Roman Catholic)
- ES7 Surges Bay

EVANDALE (EV)

- EV1 Evandale (General)
- EV2 Nile
- EV3 Barton
- EV4 Nile War Memorial

FLINDERS ISLAND (FI)

FINGAL (FN)

- FN1 Avoca (General)
- FN2 Avoca (Roman Catholic)
- FN3 Fingal (Presbyterian)
- FN4 Cullenswood (Christ Church)
- FN5 Cornwall (Congregational)
- FN6 Mathinna (Roman Catholic)
- FN7 Mathinna (Prebyterian)
- FN8 Mathinna (General)
- FN9 Fingal (Roman Catholic)
- FN10 Fingal (St. Peters)

GLENORCHY (GL)

GLAMORGAN (GM)

- GM1 Swansea (Presbyterian)

GORMANSTON (GO)

GREEN PONDS (GP)

HAMILTON (HA)

- HA1 Hollow Tree (St. James)

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HOBART (HO)HUON (HU)

- HU1 Franklin (St. Johns)
- HU2 Franklin (Roman Catholic)
- HU3 Glen Huon
- HU4 Huonville
- HU5 Ranelagh (St. James)
- HU6 Ranelagh (Roman Catholic)

KENTISH (KE)KINGBOROUGH (KB)

- KB1 Kingston (St. Clements)
- KB2 Kingston (Roman Catholic)
- KB3 Longley
- KB4 Lower Longley
- KB5 Margate (All Saints)

KING ISLAND (KI)LILYDALE (LI)

- LI1 Windermere (St. Matthias)
- LI2 Karoola
- LI3 Lilydale
- LI4 Turners Marsh
- LI5 Tunnel

LAUNCESTON (LN)

- LN1 Glen Dhu
- LN2 Old Scotch
- LN3 Cypress Street
- LN4 Carr Villa
- LN5 Old Charles Street

LONGFORD (LO)

- LO1 Bishopsbourne (Nativity)
- LO2 Blackwood Creek
- LO3 Pisa (St. Lukes)
- LO4 Perth General

LATROBE (LT)

- LT1 Sassafras Uniting
- LT2 Sassafras Presbyterian

NEW NORFOLK (NN)

- NN1 Bushy Park (Red Hills)
- NN2 New Norfolk (Stephen St.)
- NN3 Plenty (St. John Evangelist)

OATLANDS (OA)PORT CYGNET (PC)

- PC1 Cradoc (St. Peters)
- PC2 Cygnet (St. Marks)
- PC3 Cygnet (Roman Catholic)

PENGUIN (PE)

- PE1 South Riana

PORTLAND (PO)QUEENSTOWN (QU)RICHMOND (RI)

- RI1 Richmond (St. Lukes)
- RI2 Richmond (Roman Catholic)

ROSS (RO)

- RO1 Ross (St. James)
- RO2 Ross (Uniting Chapel)
- RO3 Ross (War Memorial)

RINGAROOMA (RR)SPRING BAY (SB)

- SB1 Darlington (Maria Island)

SCOTTSDALE (SC)

- SC1 Scottsdale (Ellesmere)
- SC2 Scottsdale (Kirklands)
- SC2 Scottsdale (Birnside)

ST. LEONARDS (SL)

- SL1 White Hills (Roman Catholic)
- SL2 White Hills (St. Johns)
- SL3 Franklin Village (St. James)
- SL4 St. Leonards (St. Peters)
- SL5 St. Leonards (Station Rd.)
- SL6 Prospect (Congregational)
- SL7 Ravenswood (Henry St.)

SORELL (SO)

- SO1 Bream Creek
- SO2 Dunalley
- SO3 Lewisham
- SO4 Sorell (St. George)

STRAHAN (ST)TASMAN (TA)

- TA1 Premaydena
- TA2 Premaydena Convict
- TA3 Port Arthur
- TA4 The Isle of the Dead

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ULVERSTONE (UL)

UL1 Sprent

UL2 Forth Methodist

WE4 Carrick

WE5 Hagley (St. Marys)

WE6 Westbury (General)

WARATAH (WA)WYNYARD (WY)

WY1 Wynyard (General)

WESTBURY (WE)

WE1 Bracknell

WE2 Hagley Uniting

WE3 Hadspen

ZEEHAN (ZE)

ZE1 Zeehan (New)

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1 New South Wales
 2 Victoria
 3 South Australia
 4 Queensland

5 Western Australia
 6 A.C.T.
 7 Northern Territory

8 New Zealand
 9 England
 10 U.S.A.

John Rawlings, Convict

by
Myra Brown

Two years ago I visited England, intent on seeing the towns where my forebears originated. With this in mind, I set off for the village of Geddington, situated a short distance from the town of Kettering in Northamptonshire. Imagine my delight on arriving to discover that the whole village was 'National Trust' on account of the fact that one of the three remaining Eleanor Crosses is situated in the middle of the village square. The houses are centuries old, with thatched rooves and cobblestone streets lead to the eleventh century church and graveyard and an eleventh century inn.

It was here on 8 January 1792 that my great great grandfather, John was born, the son of John Rawlings and Mary Scuthorpe.¹ At a later date John married Susannah or Susan Bland who was purported to have come from Leicester, and they settled in Cranfield, Bedfordshire.² Their son John was christened there on 14 June 1823.³

On 7 February 1824 John was committed by the Reverend J. Beard for stealing seventeen bushels of oats, the property of James Merryweather.⁴ At the Lent Assizes he was found guilty, sentenced to death (a sentence commuted to transportation for life) on 24 April, and he was delivered on board the *Jentition*, a gaol hulk at Woolwich. John Rawlings arrived at Hobart Town, Van Diemen's Land on the *Princess Charlotte* on 9 November 1824.⁵

Meanwhile his wife, Susan, with baby John had set sail on the *Phoenix*. There were seventy six passengers, including children. The captain was Francis Dixon. *Phoenix* left the Downs on 16 September 1824 and touched at the Cape of Good Hope where she remained a week, and arrived at Hobart Town 26 January 1825.⁶

On arrival, Susan applied to the authorities that her husband should be assigned to her, and this was granted. Life was not easy for Susan as John was always in and out of trouble (as can be seen in his police record.⁷ Eventually he received a conditional pardon on 20 September 1837.⁸ During 1829 or 1830 a daughter, Susan, was born and in 1832 or 1833 another daughter, Lucy. The registers of St. Davids Church, Hobart Town, record that Susan Rawlings, aged 32 was buried on 3 October 1833. She was described as a labourer's wife, and the service was performed by William Bedford. On 29 September 1834, John Rawlings, widower and ticket-of-leave man per *Princess Charlotte* married Anne Matheson, widow and free woman at Holy Trinity Church, Hobart Town. Both signed the register with their marks.⁹

After he gained his freedom,¹⁰ John Rawlings prospered, and at the time of his death he owned about fourteen houses in Goulburn and Molle Streets, Hobart, and campaigned, with his two sons-in-law for votes for parliament. His daughter Susan was married to William Pocock, a convict, on 20 May 1850 at St. Josephs Church, Hobart by Reverend W.

Hall.¹¹ They had ten children, and several of their grandchildren are still living in Hobart.

The younger daughter, Lucy, also married a convict, John Bailey Wooster on 7 March 1853, at the same church and by the same priest.¹² Lucy and John Wooster had six children, the eldest daughter, Susan, married Thomas Kemble, a mariner, at Auckland, New Zealand, and they became my grandparents. Their eldest son, William Kemble was accidentally killed under tragic circumstances on Boxing Day 1880 when, during a freak storm, the wooden pavillion in the cricket ground at the Queen's Domain was blown over where he and others were sheltering.

John Rawlings died on 17 December 1870, aged 77 years, the cause of death being stated as influenza and senilis. His will commences 'I, John Rawling, Yeoman...'

NOTES

1. Register of Baptisms, Geddington, Northamptonshire.
2. Letter from Bedford County Library.
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Thomas William Field : 1817- 1881

by

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Thomas William Field was the second of the four sons, all over six feet tall, of emancipist William Field, about whom so much has been written. Now it would seem that a large part of the criticism stemmed from petty jealousy, of one whose natural business ability made him a dominant figure in his time. William Field died in 1837 leaving his four sons with great wealth and a property each - and on 12 June 1980, the last and also the original of these properties, "Enfield", tragically passed out of Field ownership.

Thomas was only 20 when his father died and he had taken over responsibility for the property "Westfield", near Westbury, some years before that.

Like his father he was very interested in the breeding and racing of horses and with his brothers was very successful in this field.

THOMAS WILLIAM FIELD, 1817-1881

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The magnificent natural setting with Quamby Bluff as a back drop for his home, makes "Westfield" one of the most photographed houses in the state. It was built of bricks made on the property and all the blackwood in the interior is also home grown and pit sawn.

On 8 September 1847 he married Elizabeth Isadora Lindsay, daughter of Captain James Lindsay, a merchant of Hobart. They had 14 children, two of whom died in infancy and the eldest son Thomas Lindsay Field was accidentally killed at the age of 20. The survivors were, in order:

Louisa Mary Field
Elizabeth Sara Field = Charles EASTON
Mary Annie Field = Charles FIELD of "Woodfield"
Sara Jane Field = E.J.C. WHITESIDES
Isabella Alice Field = Frank WISEWOULD
Alice Maude Field = Eddington FIELD
William Enfield FIELD = Frances Amelia Elmer
George Westfield FIELD = Ethel Archer
Ellen Nora Field = Charles Andrew PAYNE
Richard Charles FIELD = Lily Ayton
Ethelwyn Lindsay Field

Thomas was a member of the first Tasmanian Parliament in 1856, and represented his district in the House of Assembly for six years. Later in 1875 he was elected to the Legislative Council and was a member at the time of his death.

He was also a member of the first Westbury Council in 1863, and held numerous Racing Appointments.

He went to Melbourne to see the Great Exhibition and while there was persuaded to have a lump removed from his knee, some accounts say, of displaced cartilage. Septicaemia set in and he died.

Thomas William was also an accomplished bushman and spent much time out mustering the great herds of cattle. After his death Melbourne newspapers reported that Thomas Field's name would be forever revered in Ireland because he had led the party which rescued Mitchel, McManus and other Irish political prisoners, finding the way over the then trackless and unknown lake country, at that time densely wooded, to where a ship waited. 'The only man in the country who could have performed such a feat!'

Many months later a packet arrived at "Westfield" containing a gold ring which was inscribed inside, 'Thomas Field, from the Irish Directory of New York. 1853'.

The ring is made to look like a leather strap with buckles on either side of a central gold horse shoe enclosing a tomato coloured Irish bloodstone. The ring is now in the possession of Thomas Field's great grand daughter, Mrs. Robert Jones.

On page 42 of the last issue of *Tasmanian Ancestry* a family reunion was announced. The present owner of "Westfield", Mr. J.L. Wadley, has most graciously offered to open the old home for the family. However, the announced date of 11 January is not convenient for him. The Rector of St. Andrews has been transferred and the proposed Commemoration Service is also uncertain so negotiations regarding a new date are going on at this time. Nevertheless, all Field connections and friends are welcome. Please bring any old photos and mementoes.

For further information on times and places of the reunion please contact Mr. Geoff Pedley, "Sherwood", Gravelly Beach, phone 003-944332, or Mrs. Joan Graney, 19 Balmoral Road, Kingston Beach 7151, phone 002-296256.

Notes & Queries

BONNER. (Corrected from Vol. 1, p44.) Thomas John BONNER was the son of John and Emilia BONNER of Whitley in Surrey. Emilia BONNER brought her family to Van Diemen's Land, via Adelaide on 9 November 1842. My query is regarding Thomas John BONNER's brothers: Walter Stephen, Edward William, Frederick Richard, and George and his sister Emily Sarah who married George BRUMBY of Longford in 1859. Anyone knowing of their families, please contact Mrs. L. Luckie, 13 Hillcrest Avenue, Mona Vale, N.S.W., 2103.

FREEBURGH. Any information on Thomas, Mary Anne and Marion FREEBURGH who arrived at Launceston 7 April 1855? Also on James FREEBURGH who married Christina Mackenzie on 11 January 1859 in Launceston. Mr. Keith Evans, 3 Saundridge Road, Coee, Tasmania, 7320.

KENNEDY. Mary Kennedy aged 16 married Jeremiah KEOGH, 28 years, at the Catholic Church, Westbury, Tasmania on 25 November 1856. They lived at Red Hills and Deloraine and had four sons and five daughters. Inquirer is the grand-daughter of Hannah Keogh, who married John Marshall LAMB of Beaconsfield. She has information on the KEOGH family but nothing yet on the KENNEDY family. (Mrs. M. McKENZIE, 33 High Street, Beaconsfield, Tasmania, 7251.)

LAKELAND. Details are sought on the birth of Jack Stanley LAKELAND, born at Rosevears about 1889 or 1890, but not registered; also on his parents Gordon LAKELAND, who was a schoolmaster, and Gertrude Plummer, and any information on their ancestors. (Mrs. Brenda Lakeland SCHLEMMER, 6 Siglingen Street, Emerton, New, South Wales, 2770.)

LOWE. Francis LOWE, born 24 May 1845 was baptized in the parish of Redbourne, Lincolnshire, England. He, with his parents, three brothers and one sister went to Tasmania. Together with two of the brothers, Fred and Tom, he came to New Zealand. The other brother, John and the

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sister, Sarah, stayed in Tasmania. Would be interested to hear anything of the family, when and where they arrived, where they settled, and also whether there are any descendants still in Tasmania. (Miss D.M. Castles, 12 Bay View Road, Napier, New Zealand.)

NORTHERN LIGHT, *Schooner*. A New Zealand visitor to Tasmania was interested to know if anyone has information on this vessel, which was chartered privately to take a group to New Zealand at the end of 1860 or early in 1861. The master was Capt. Tobin and it is presumed to have sailed from Hobart. Any details would be most welcomed by Mr. Gordon A. Boyce, 4 Kauri Terrace, Invercargill, New Zealand.

PEGLER. Wanted to contact any descendants of Charles and Mary Ann PEGLER, née Collins who were married in New Norfolk in 1841. Their family included Mary Pegler BROWNING, Jane Pegler JACKSON, Esther Pegler CLARK, and John PEGLER, ancestor of inquirer: Mrs. M. Coatsworth, 4 Sunnyside Ave., Howick, Auckland, New Zealand.

PEGS PLAINS. (or Peggys Plains). Information is sought on the property or area of these names, near Evandale, about the year 1855 is sought by Mr. Keith Evans, 3 Saundridge Road, Coee, Tasmania, 7320.

ROSE. James ROSE, carpenter, married Maria Williams on 1 June 1864 at St. Andrews Presbyterian Church, Hobart, and resided at 191 Bathurst Street, Hobart, from 1867 to about 1920. Their children were Ada, William, Ernest, Amelia, Ethel, James, Marie-Louise and Lily. I would appreciate any information about this family, plus contact with any descendants. (Mrs. G.K. Wheeler, 17 Sandford Street, Auckland, New Zealand.)

SQUIRES. Any information on Thomas SQUIRES, born 18 December 1810, who arrived in Tasmania 2 April 1830. He married Sarah Francis in New Norfolk about 1834. They had five children: George, William, Elizabeth, Frederick and John, and moved to Victoria about 1850. Anyone knowing anything about them please contact Miss Debbie Squires, 45 Main Road, Bruthen, Victoria, 3885.

VINCE: Blanche Amelia Vince, g-g-mother, b. 11 APR 1866, Hobart, daughter of John Simons VINCE, farmer and Louisa Haines or Homes VINCE and g-dau. of Ann LACEY who registered the birth. Blanche grew up and married in Auckland, N.Z. Information? I offer to research in N.Z. Kay N. Smith, 40 County Road, Torbay, Auckland 10, New Zealand.

WHATLEY. Samuel John Knowles WHATLEY, born St. George East, London, in 1826, the son of Samuel WHATLEY, grocer of Warminster, Wiltshire. He had sisters Francesa and Elizabeth, and he married Harriet Thompson. Emigrated 1853, worked on first N.S.W. Railway, and died in Penrith, N.S.W. 1874. I would be glad to hear from any families of this surname. (Mrs. E. Grocott, 17 Arlington Street, Dulwich Hill, N.S.W., 2203.)

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Strange Relations

Another patriarch, whom I never saw, and whose name I have forgotten, came to my knowledge in the following manner:- A sturdy, middle-aged negro, called Ceasar, entered my office and inquired if he could not have his wife and children. "Certainly," said I. "But she's got another husband, and things is powerful mixed up," "Let us hear the whole story."

"Ye see I was sold away from here fifteen years ago into the Alabamers. Wal, ever since the freedom I've been workin' to get back, and last week I gets back and finds my wife all right an' powerful glad to see me. But she thought I was dead, an' so she's been married these ten year, an' thar's her ole man a livin' with her now. He's a drefful ole man; he can skasely see. She wants me, and wants him to go away but he won't go".

It was a complicated and delicate case. According to the laws of South Carolina the first marriage was binding, precisely as if the marriage had been white, while Bureau orders declared that such persons as were living in lawful wedlock at the date of emancipation were husband and wife, to the exclusion of all other claimants. But looking at the hale, middle-aged man before me, and remembering the blind senility of his rival, I ventured to make this a special case, and decided according to the civil statute. "You can have your wife," said I. "If you have worked your way back from Alabama for her sake, you deserve her. I'll write you an order to put you in possession."

"An' about the chil'n?" he asked. "Why, take your own children, of course." "I mean his chil'n - the ole woman's chil'n an' his. She says she won't go ef she can't hev all her chil'n. An when we offers to take um the ole man he hollers and says, 'What's to come o' me?' He's sich an old man, ye see, he can't so much as see to light his pipe. After he's got it filled one of us has to put some fire on it 'fore he can git to smoke. That's so, as such as you's bohn; he can't git to smoke ef some of us don' light some straw to put on his pipe." "They are your children," I decided, cutting all knots with the statute. "All the children of the wife are the children of the husband. Tell the old man that. It will at least enable you to make good terms with him."

The result was that the wife clove to the younger husband, while the elder remained in the family as a sort of poor relation - "Drawing Bureau Rations." in *Harper's New Monthly Magazine*.

Editor's note: The above piece of 'family history' appeared in 'The Mercury' of 28 October 1868.

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