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Editorial

Burnie Branch members are to be congratulated for their hospitality and organisation of the Annual General Meeting and Conference in June. The speakers were all excellent. Peter Cocker's paper on the humble 'spud' was fascinating and brought back many memories, especially to people who grew up along the coast. Those who were unable to attend may yet get to read extracts from his presentation in the next journal.

At the executive meeting following the AGM it was decided that members be invited to write a short story or article on 'My Most Interesting Ancestor'. This would encourage some who felt the production of a book for the Lilian Watson Family History Award was beyond them, but had something interesting, unusual or informative to share with others. A collection will be published as part of our 21st celebrations, so send them in! See page 118.

This issue, the second of our *Celebrating 21 Years*, was the responsibility of Launceston Branch. Due to the amount of material received, we endeavoured to include articles with mainly Launceston content, but hope to be able to publish them all eventually. In the meantime, enjoy the diversity of topics in this issue and look forward to further interesting articles in forthcoming journals. Thank you to all contributors!

Thank you also to all those who have communicated in any way to the journal committee with their comments and congratulations—some of these are included in *Letters to the editor*.

Rosemary Davidson

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

CONGRATULATIONS to the Burnie Branch for a very successful and enjoyable Annual General Meeting Conference weekend. A warm welcome was extended to all by members of the Burnie Branch and the sun broke through after a very watery start to the day. Participants had the opportunity to listen to some very informative and entertaining talks given by accomplished speakers. The venue and the catering were excellent.

For the second year in succession, there was a full complement of nominations for the state executive. The President, Secretary and one Vice President all gave notice that they would not be standing for re-election next year. The executive officers remain the same as for last year, but there were some changes in faces amongst the branch delegates. I would like to thank those members who have retired from the state executive committee and welcome those who have been elected to office in their place.

Those members who visited the Ulverstone Local History Museum on the Sunday were very pleasantly surprised by the extent of the resources available in their family history collection. They have a marvellous collection of photographs of people and places. They are currently producing databases of births, deaths and marriages for the district and photographing all the headstones in the local cemeteries and some these can be seen on their website www.leven.tassie/ULHM.htm Have a look.

The members attending the Annual General Meeting voted in favour of the motion, put forward by Hobart Branch, to amend the society's rules by changing the name of the Society from the Genealogical Society of Tasmania Inc. to the Tasmanian Family History Society Inc. Many members had

given considerable thought to the possibility of a name change and well thought out arguments both for and against the motion were presented. Voting was by secret ballot and the result of 44 votes for and 13 against meant that the motion had the three-quarters majority required for the amendment to be carried. The change had been sought following the introduction of the Goods and Services Tax (GST) and will come into effect on the 1 April 2001 (the first day of the society's year).

Eight members of the society were rewarded for their service to the society and family history. Two members were elected a Fellow of the Society and six awarded Certificates of Meritorious Service.

It was decided at the May executive meeting that no further awards will be made until the guidelines for the special awards have been reviewed. This was felt necessary because of comments by some members appointed to the Special Awards Committee over the last few years. A committee consisting of Colleen Read, Bryce Ward and Bev Richardson, all from Hobart Branch, was appointed by the state executive and branches and members were asked to make submissions. The draft guidelines will be circulated to branches for comment before the executive votes on them. As soon as the revised guidelines have been finalised, they will be circulated to all branches. Copies should be available in all branch libraries for individual members to see.

A twenty-first anniversary mug was available at the Annual General Meeting. Only six dozen were obtained and it is not anticipated that any more will be made available. If anyone who was not at the AGM would like to purchase one, please contact your nearest branch. They cost \$7.50 each.

Anne Bartlett



FELLOWSHIP AWARDS

Denise McNeice (Member No. 955)

Denise McNeice joined the society in 1985 and very shortly afterwards accepted nomination as secretary of the Hobart Branch. The following year she was elected as a member of the State Council and from 1988–1990 took office as junior vice president. This was followed by a year as senior vice president before taking over the demanding role of state president in June 1991, a position Denise held with distinction for the next three years. From 1994–1996 she then held the exacting position of state treasurer. Since that date, she has represented Hobart Branch as a delegate to the State Executive. For the past two years she has also undertaken the duties of the State Public Officer as well as those of State Research Coordinator. In fact Denise McNeice is currently the longest serving office bearer on the Executive Committee. More recently, since early 1997, Denise has also been heavily involved with and made a real contribution, to the journal committee.

At no time has Denise allowed her workload with the state executive to impinge upon her considerable involvement at branch level. She has served at various times as branch treasurer, research officer, Library Assistant, Vice-President, and also as a dedicated member of the Publications Committee, and she currently still holds these last three positions. There is no doubt that this highly versatile and competent lady, with her keen understanding of financial matters and the society's rules, has been a great asset at both state and branch level. Her computer skills have been of immeasurable benefit not only with the State's TAMIOT updating project, but also as

Hobart Branch struggled through the learning processes associated with the publishing world. Our many publications now on sale are due in no small part to Denise's enormous input.

After fifteen years of outstanding continuous service, Denise McNeice remains a dedicated, tireless worker for the society and a very highly valued member of the Hobart Branch. We have much pleasure in nominating her for a Fellowship Award.

Colleen Read

David Harris

David Harris (Member No. 305B)

David joined the Genealogical Society of Tasmania in 1981, being the silent half of joint membership number 305A & B, after the inaugural meeting of the Devonport Branch and fifteen months after the formation of the society in April 1980. However, he did not stay silent for long and has, since 1984, been involved in many different areas, currently being Devonport Branch Treasurer and Branch Delegate to the State Executive Committee.

At branch level, David's administrative contribution was confined, during the first two years, to providing advice on meeting procedures. As a result of his considerable knowledge in this area, he was elected chairman in April 1987, but unavoidably had to resign in January 1988; he was not prepared to hold office in name only. It was but a small hiccup, as in 1988 he was elected treasurer, a position he held for three years. In 1992 he served as a committee member before taking over the helm as chairman in June 1993, a position vacant since the April AGM of that year. He remained

chairman during 1994–1995 at a time when volunteers for office bearers were hard to find. In 1996 he again served as a committee member before becoming Treasurer in 1997, a position he still occupies.

In addition to the above skills, David has been, since 1987, the official Equipment Maintenance Coordinator, a position which has severely tested his manual dexterity and patience. Most of the ‘hand me down’ microfiche readers still function because of his perseverance and he has offered valuable guidance in the purchase of new equipment. In 1994, his intricate knowledge of the branch’s photocopier saw him print 105 copies of the *North West Post*, copying one page at a time. For many years, David has been active in fund-raising, undertaken cemetery transcriptions and worked regularly as a library assistant. In recent times he has become a member of the Publications Committee, and still undertakes the copying and binding of branch publications.

David’s administrative ability has been reflected in the quality of his contribution at state level. He was a branch delegate for three years before being elected as vice president from 1991–1993. David was then elected president and held the position from 1994–1997 when he again became vice president. He resigned from this position in 1999. As a delegate he always represented the interests of the Devonport Branch, providing they did not clash with the aims of the society. Throughout the past thirteen years, his attention to procedural detail, upsetting to some branch delegates, often highlighted the need for change, in order for the society to maintain cohesion and co-operation between members.

In 1987, David played a leading role in changing the lengthy constitution to a

much simpler one accompanied by a large folder of by-laws and guidelines. This work, undertaken over many months, was necessary so that the society could become incorporated. He still provides advice on this voluminous, yet necessary, manuscript to members at branch and state level. In 1994, David, on behalf of the society, attended the media launch of the National Heritage Foundation and was invited to sit on its State Council which now appears to be in limbo. He was in the group of members who attended Parliament House in Hobart to present, to a Federal Senate Committee, the society’s views on the retention of census information. He was also a strong advocate for the retention of ‘cause of death’ on Tasmanian death certificates.

Working jointly with his wife Isobel, David played a part in organising the two State Annual General Meetings hosted by Devonport and has helped run the branch’s major fund raising raffle since its inception. Both have actively encouraged interbranch activities and cooperation, have represented both the state and branch at official functions and belong to other interest groups within the society.

David’s work in many areas of the society and in particular his high standard of administrative service at both state and branch level clearly demonstrates a personal commitment to the aims and objectives of the society and to the cause of genealogy and family history.

In recognition of his continuous personal commitment we have much pleasure in nominating David Harris to receive the award of Fellow of the Genealogical Society of Tasmania Inc. (FGST).

Sue McCreghan
Louise Richardson

John Dare
Christine Morris

MERITORIOUS SERVICE AWARDS

AT the Annual General Meeting held in Burnie on 24 June, three members of the society were presented with Certificates of Meritorious Service and the names of another three recipients were announced. The three members who were unable to attend the AGM will receive their certificates at functions organised by their branch later in the year.

Betty and Muriel Bissett (Launceston) have been involved in the *Examiner* Indexing Project from its inception in 1986. Together they have typed most of the deaths for the period 1905–1967 and have also been involved in the proof reading of the other indexes. They have also compiled an index of the magistrates listed in *Walch's Tasmanian Almanacs* for the branch. They have both served on the Launceston Branch executive for two different periods of time.

Currently **Muriel** is State Executive Secretary, a position she has held since August 1997, and is a member of the Launceston Branch Executive.

Betty has been State Treasurer for the past two years. Prior to that she assisted Muriel as state secretary. She is currently Launceston Branch Secretary.

Sandra Duck (Launceston) for her work in producing a number of indexes for the Launceston Branch, most of which have been published. Sandra has been involved in transcribing, typing and proof reading for the *Examiner* Indexing Project for at least the last ten years. She has compiled indexes to the passenger arrivals and departures from several early Launceston newspapers 1829–1850, and is currently involved in the indexing of names from *Walch's Tasmanian Almanacs* for the branch. She is compiling an index of the postmasters and postmistresses. She has self-published an index to the obituaries in the Almanacs.

Doug Forrest (Burnie) for service on the state executive as branch delegate and state president. He was one of a small group who drafted the first constitution for the society. As a founding member of the Burnie Branch, Doug has been involved in many aspects of the administration of the branch. He is currently coordinating for the branch the publishing of the indexes to the personal announcements published in the *Advocate* newspaper. Through his numerous speaking engagements to community groups and service clubs over the years, Doug has promoted family history and the benefits of being a member of the society.

Isobel Harris (Devonport) for dedicated service in many areas of the society at both state and branch level. Isobel has served as branch delegate to the state executive committee for a number of years and was also Devonport Branch Delegate to the organising committee of the sixth Australasian Congress on Genealogy and Heraldry. At branch level Isobel has served in all executive positions except treasurer. At various times she has also served in the numerous appointed positions, including branch TAMIOT coordinator, joint librarian and research officer.

Allen Wilson (Hobart) in recognition of his long service to both the society and the Hobart Branch. During his ten years as Registrar of Members' Interests, Allen replaced the original card index with a database on computer so that the society is now able to publish readily annual listings of members' research interests. For several years Allen was the society's representative with the Australian Genealogical Computer Index (AGCI). He has led the Hobart Branch Computer Users' group for many years, sharing his computer skills with others. Allen has also served on both the state and branch executive committees. ●

LILIAN WATSON FAMILY HISTORY AWARD

THERE were six entries for the 2000 Award, which was for a book, however produced or published, dealing with family history and that must have a significant Tasmanian content.

The entries, in alphabetical order of authors and the branch where they will be deposited:

- *The Dunkleys, the History of a Family* by Elvie Bowring, George Town, (Hobart Branch Library).
- *Cattle King of Van Diemen's Land, William Field (1774–1837)* by Claudia M. Dean, Margate (Hobart Branch Library).
- *Home and a Range, the Hean Family of Tasmania* by Leonard Wilfred Dimmick, Glenorchy (Launceston Branch Library).
- *The Chambers Letters: A Family's Letters from the Victorian Goldfields, South Australia's Pioneers and Tasmania's Early Mining Days* by Janet Marion Epps, Cremorne, NSW (Hobart Branch Library).
- *Built to Last, the Story of the Shipwrights of Port Cygnet, Tasmania, and their Boats 1863–1997* by Alex Graeme-Evans and Peter Wilson, Woodbridge (Huon Branch Library).
- *The Wheel Rolls On and On, 1780–1999* by Arnold William Claude Reardon, Bellerive (Hobart Branch Library).

The award was won by Claudia Dean for *Cattle King of Van Diemen's Land, William Field (1774–1837)*. The award was announced at the AGM in Burnie by the society's patron, Professor Michael Roe, who will present her award at a meeting of the Hobart Branch.

Don Gregg (Member No. 329)

THE judges were unanimous and enthusiastic in awarding the prize to a study by Claudia M. Dean, *Cattle King of Van Diemen's Land: William Field 1774–1837*.

William Field was an ex-convict who made a vast amount of money in Van Diemen's

Land. Indeed the money came *from* Van Diemen's Land, from its very soil. The particular soil was in the island's north-centre, that enchanting country through which some of the conference-attenders had passed on their way to Burnie. Field's story reveals much about farming and land-use in colonial days. Mrs Dean offers much splendid material on that subject. At the same time her work becomes an important contribution to regional history. It is often, and truly, remarked how genealogical studies serve social history, but that same point can equally and simultaneously be made with regard to regional issues.

While using the land and making money, Field was an active father. Family history, appropriate to our interests and award of the prize, is enmeshed with the economic and regional themes I have already noted. *Cattle King* is a model in this regard. The genealogical tables are comprehensive and clear, the prose strong and effective, illustrations many, often telling their particular story, while always attractive. An index gives that help which readers ever seek, but rarely find, in such abundance as here.

Mrs Dean extends her pen beyond human achievers and progeny. She ends with an index of horses and horse races and clubs. These were passionate interests of the Field family through generations. So we have a kind of stud-book, and a contribution to the history of Tasmanian horse-racing, a subject worthy of attention in its own right. It is regrettable indeed that Mrs Dean is not among us to listen to our cheers as she leads the field, and the Fields, across the line.

Michael Roe ●

Letters to the editor ...

VERY many thanks indeed for including my query in 'Lost, Stolen or Strayed'. Most kind.

Since my request, I have been given more data from email correspondents in Tasmania and in Queensland also, but the bulk of the story remains missing.

Should I get further data as a result of my query in your journal, maybe you would like me to send you the whole set of notes for filing?

The 'Tas Ancestry' is a fine publication. Reading about the early settlement days brings home to me the quite disgraceful domestic policies of the British government towards what I regard as some of its best people and dumping them in the then colonies—those with guts to stand up for themselves and fight to survive. We were never taught about this at school.

Oz got the benefit from our better people and then we expected you all to come back in two world wars and take punishments again. Including my lost relatives.

Yours, cordially,

Ian Macwhirter in England

I received the issue of your journal and found my little article in it. [*Exposed to the Genealogy Bug*, Vol.20 No.4 page 258—Ed.] Many thanks for giving me an opportunity to contribute. My local newspaper plans to run a short article on it—they found it interesting that someone from our little town was noticed so far away!

Jeanne Hale, Kilgore, TX USA

CONGRATULATIONS on reaching 21. I must be near the top of the list with No. 2706 ... I would like to see everyone re-elected; this year has been to my way of thinking the best ever.

Jean Monks (Member No. 2706)

CONGRATULATIONS on the 21st anniversary issue, particularly on the splendid cover design.

Don Gregg (Member No. 329)

MY wife and I recently returned from a 'Genealogical Roots' trip to Ireland and were interested to see the table of Cemetery Symbolism in the March *Tasmanian Ancestry*.

Whilst floundering around in the mud on the edge of Lough Erne, in Galoon Parish Co. Fermanagh, searching for missing ancestors, we came upon a very old graveyard with two splendid examples of the type of symbolism mentioned in *Tasmanian Ancestry*. A photo is enclosed in case you can use it.



Skull and crossbones cemetery symbolism
We also visited the Representative Church Body (RCB) Library in Dublin to thank Dr Refaussé, the Archivist there, for his help by mail in the past. Unfortunately, he was away, but we left him a genealogical mug as a thank you token.

I might add that everyone we encountered in our searching, whether in government,

church, libraries or family history groups, were very helpful and helped to make the exercise both rewarding and enjoyable.

Ken Bradshaw (Member No. 4955)

I am the author of *A Clark by any other Name ... ?* [Vol. 21 No. 1 page 37—Ed.] ... I noticed that no address was shown for me as previously done. ... The last one I put in for George Mundy gave me many new family contacts, for which I am extremely grateful. I was hoping this article may achieve the same result.

Thank you for your generosity in including me in the first of the 21st birthday editions, among such excellent articles. I always live in hope that one elusive relative is out there, and has that one important fact that will make everything else fall into place.

Wynnette Ford (Member No. 2637)

JUST to say how much I appreciate your printing my request in the June 2000 issue of *Tasmanian Ancestry*. I sought contact with descendants of the Chapman Brothers who started the Hopeton Timber Mill on the Derwent River, Tasmania.

Although it hasn't brought specific response to date, it resulted in communication with a descendant—as I am myself—of a large Scottish family, several members of which emigrated to Tasmania in the first half of the nineteenth century. This link is proving to be of mutual benefit.

I noted that there is a Huon Branch of the society and intend writing to see if it holds records of the Mill.

I offer my congratulations to you and all responsible for the high standard of *Tasmanian Ancestry*—and its birthday cover which does credit to its content.

My good wishes for the years ahead.

Sincerely,

Sylvia M. C. Shores, New Zealand ●

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A BRIEF HISTORY OF LAUNCESTON BRANCH

Pat Harris (Member No. 97)

SHORTLY after the formation of GST in Hobart in 1980, a meeting was held at the home of Karlena Lockett (Nagle). About eight interested people, some already members of GST, decided it was time to form a Launceston Branch.

A public meeting was convened at the Kings Meadows High School on 4 November 1980 and about fifty attended. The first committee was formed that night with Karlena as president, Jack Rosevears as vice president, Pat Hinds (O'Toole) as secretary and Geoff Rapley as treasurer. Ray Bassett, Bet Wood, Pat Harris and Phillip Challis made up the rest of the committee. Membership was then \$12.00. Other current members who were involved in the beginnings of the branch were Paddy Pope, Margaret McKenzie, Mac Hart, Gwen Smith and Kath Williamson (Lucas).

Our first TAMIOT project was at Christ Church, Longford. This was fortuitous as a short time later, part of this cemetery was badly vandalised.

Monthly meetings were held at KMHS until 1996 when a move was made to St Johns Church parish hall for a short time. They are now held at our Taylor Street library. Early committee meetings were held in members' homes. The first AGM was held on 7 April 1981.

The first library was at the home of Bet Wood—open on Saturdays 11–3. Then followed Carr Villa Cemetery office, Patterson Street (above The Aristocrat restaurant), Elizabeth Street (again upstairs), Elphin Road and now Taylor Street. Alma Ranson has been our longest-serving librarian having completed ten years' service.

Attempts were made over the years to establish sub-branches at Scottsdale and George Town. George Town did operate for a short time, with Debbie Rainbow as secretary.

The first attempt at a publication was the decision in 1984, to index the BDMs in the *Examiner* newspaper from 1900. This was our 1988 Bi-Centennial Project. These volumes have grown from the first amateurish edition to the professional production now at Volume 13. A members' interests booklet was produced in 1983. Other newspaper, shipping and *Walch's Almanac* indexes continue to be produced and greatly assist the finances of the branch.

When the state executive changed the AGM from just a meeting at Campbell Town to rotation around the branches, with the option of just the meeting or a weekend seminar, Launceston branch hosted the first seminar in June 1987, at the KMHS. Launceston also hosted the Sixth Australasian Congress in May 1991. Now we look forward to hosting the 21st Birthday celebrations with a conference in March 2001.

For a short time the branch had a 'Descendants of Convicts Group'. At present there is a strong BIG group (British Interests Group) meeting every second month.

Many have come and gone, but the branch continues to have a strong core of both long time and new members to carry on into the new millennium. ●

BRANCH NEWS

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Burnie Branch was pleased to host the State AGM Conference in June. Our guest speakers included Brian Rollins, who made us

thankful for how we live today when he read passages from the diaries of Henry Hellyer, about the early exploration of the North West Coast. Branch member Peter Cocker gave a brief history of potato growing in Tasmania and surprised us all with his model of the potato harvester invented by his great uncle, Joseph Cocker. Sue MacDonald spoke on convicts at Stanley and we heard the tale of three convicts who worked for the VDL Company.

The day was followed by a very enjoyable dinner, with Kerry Finch sharing his interviews with some very interesting Tasmanians. The weekend finished on the Sunday with a tour of the Ulverstone Local History Museum, where members gleaned old photos and information to add to their family trees.

Congratulations to branch member Doug Forrest on his Certificate of Meritorious Service. He is a very worthy recipient, along with all society members who received special awards. Without these people the society would not be what it is today. Branch Treasurer Rex Collins launched our latest publications at the conference, *Generations of Recipes*, a

collection of members' recipes handed down over the years, and the fourth volume in our *Advocate* BDM Indexes 1921-1925.

The introduction of the day meetings has proved very popular. These are held on the first Monday of each month. Topics covered so far include: Scottish research and church records, computer and Internet research and writing up your family tree. Our night meetings on the third Tuesday continue to be well attended. Athol Chaffey was a very interesting speaker following the AGM in April, showing and talking on the medals he has collected from Tasmanians who served in the Boer War. How to gain the most out of the Internet was the topic for the May meeting and in June, Robyn Eastley spoke on the Tasmanian Archives and encouraged members to visit to get an idea of the many records held there.

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Congratulations are extended to David Harris who has been made a Fellow of the Genealogical Society of Tasmania Inc. and to Isobel Harris who has been awarded a Certificate of Meritorious Service.

Marie Briggs-Koning was the guest speaker at the May meeting. The subject of her talk was 'Footsteps in Memories and ...', which is the title of her recently published book. She told of her early childhood years while living in the Dutch East Indies and some of her experiences

while she was held in concentration camps during World War II. Her book deals with her family story as well as maritime history during those years. Her husband, Ken Briggs, told of his role in compiling the information and the publication of the book.

In June, Elizabeth Viney gave a most interesting talk about safe ways of preserving photos and creative ways of presenting them. She also gave helpful hints about the types of paper, mountings and pens that can be safely used. By showing examples of her own work she was able to demonstrate how photo albums can be meaningful and creative, while preserving the past and enriching the future.

Another indexing project has been completed and is in the hands of the printers. Volume 4, in the *North-West Post* series, covers the year 1907. Not only is it an index of the birth, death and marriage notices found in the paper, but it includes short accounts of interesting events where people were named.

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Congratulations to all the award recipients for this year as announced at the AGM in Burnie (see pages 81–83). Our own branch member Denise McNeice was

deservedly honoured with a Fellowship, and Allen Wilson received a Certificate of Meritorious Service. Both were presented with their awards by our Patron, Emeritus Professor Michael Roe, at our branch general meeting in July.

Claudia (Peggy) Dean, this year's winner of the Lilian Watson Family History Award, was also present to receive her certificate for her latest publication, *Cattle King of VDL: William Field 1774–1837*. This is the second time Peggy has won this prestigious award, a wonderful achievement.

Hobart members will be pleased to note that the Clarence City Council has extended, for a three-year term, the lease agreement on our library premises in the Old Post Office in Bellerive. There has been a three-fold increase in rent but, with careful budgeting, this should not seriously affect our branch's financial situation. Plans for the future can now be made with more confidence, starting with a new computer for the search room, to satisfy the increase in demand brought about by the purchase of several more indexes on CD. Vee Maddock kindly conducted computer workshops during June to enable library helpers to become more familiar with the new software.

In recent months our library has benefited from two major donations. Wendy Knolle has kindly signed over the rights to the master copies of her publications, as well as donating some genealogical research books. Over 100 books covering a wide variety of subjects, such as family, local and social history have been received from the estate of the late Lloyd Giblin. Such gifts are always very welcome.

Speakers: (General Meetings at Rosny Library, Bligh Street, Rosny at 8.00 p.m.).

Tuesday 19 September—*Getting past a 'brick wall'*—Panel.

8 October—Group visit to Anglesea Barracks Museum—11.00 a.m.

Tuesday 17 October—*Welsh Rebels in Van Diemen's Land*—David Martin Jones.

Sunday 5 November—WISE Research Interest Group, Bellerive Arts Centre 2.00 p.m.

Tuesday 21 November—End of year Fun Night.

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We continue to index the *Huon and Derwent Times*—mainly the 1930s and 1940s—and now have two drawers of cards completed.

These will later be transferred on to computer.

On 19 August we organised a fund raising for rent event. This was held in the Ranelagh Supper Rooms at 6.30 p.m. with a three-course dinner and speaker Dr Dick Geeves, followed by Bingó.

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The members would like to express their appreciation and thanks to our immediate past president Jenny Gill, for her dedication in leading our branch over the past

three years. Jenny has now taken over the responsibility of leading the judging of Lilian Watson Family History Awards and Launceston branch TAMIOT publications.

After eleven years as librarian Alma Ranson has handed over the reins to Dian Smith, our former branch treasurer.

Alma is now our Vice President. Other changes were Judith Wish-Wilson who completed five years as minute secretary and Anne Bartlett who after thirteen years as publications coordinator handed over to a publications committee, maintaining her responsibility for *The Examiner* indexing. We sincerely thank these long serving members for their invaluable contributions.

On 4 October our members will be participating in Seniors Week at the Launceston Library, Civic Square, where they will be helping the public trace their ancestors via the records held at the Launceston Library. The theme of Seniors Week will be 'Gold Medal Seniors'. Bookings for the microfilm readers are to be made at the Launceston library.

Our members contribute articles on family history and researching to the *The Launceston Advertiser*, a free monthly newspaper distributed in the Launceston area by the *The Examiner* Newspaper. The articles can also be viewed on *The Examiner* Website.

Our Programme for the coming months:

Tuesday 3 October—At 3 p.m.—Workshop—Library familiarisation.

Wednesday 4 October—Launceston Library, Civic Square: Seniors Week—10 a.m.–12 noon.

Tuesday 7 November—At 7.30 p.m.—Alan Orr—Launceston's Older Buildings.

Tuesday 5 December—At 7.30 p.m.—Christmas Breakup.

10–12 March 2001—'Coming of Age'—State Conference to be held at the Inveresk Railyards. Details are in the brochure at the centre of this issue of the *Tasmanian Ancestry*. Book your accommodation early. ●

SMALL SCHOOL TEACHERS & TEACHERS OF SMALL SCHOOLS

Jenny Gill (Member No. 400)

IN the course of my work as Archivist at the Launceston Church Grammar School (for interstate and overseas readers—in Launceston, Tasmania), I came across the school's enrolment registers from 1860.

There, in a neat round copperplate hand I found entries in a column headed 'Previous School'. These entries appeared as—Mr MAXEY, Revd Mr BROOKE, Buckland House, Miss MURRAY, Miss POLLARD, Mrs FLETCHER and many many more.

Who were these people?

From this simple question (some years ago) sprang my most absorbing interest in the little schools and teachers of early Tasmania, which I have taken the liberty to describe as 'Dame Schools'. This title includes private, public, ragged, industrial schools.

Later in the 19th century, local government schools began and eventually state schools commenced. Some Dame Schools were absorbed into the state system and survived many years.

I have been indexing the school teachers published in *Walch's Almanac* from 1863 and one Dame School I found was that of Mrs SEARLE, who moved her school from New Town Road to Collins Street, Hobart in about 1868 and taught young ladies there until 1881.

This lady grandly named her school 'Broadland House'. I have not had time to find her address more accurately. Perhaps a Hobart member could help. I have a fascination with the name Broadland House.

Before the 1840s, and before the almanacs commenced, little documentation of any formal education in the colony was made, probably because little was happening in this area, except from parents with some basic knowledge teaching their own children.

Some of these parents through needful circumstances, passed on the three Rs to the children of friends and neighbours. These 'Dames' held classes in their own homes, with the more adventurous using rented rooms in towns and settlements. This developed into quite an industry in Hobart and Launceston.

One such Dame School that opened in 1845 belonged to Mrs Anne MANLEY of 'Sidbury', a modest farming property overlooking the North Esk at Paterson's Plains, just outside Launceston.

Mrs Manley started her school soon after the death of her husband in January 1845, taking in the children of friends and neighbours for lessons, in order to sustain herself and her three young children.

She advertised her '... Establishment for Young Ladies ...' in *The Examiner* newspaper in June-July and December-January, informing friends and the public that lessons would be continuing.

Mrs Manley's schoolroom was described some years later as being 30ft x 20ft with walls 16 inches thick, a low ceiling, a small window and a narrow fireplace.

By the end of 1848 Mrs Manley had become Mrs Clement BEUSNELL, having married the French teacher. The school continued at 'Sidbury' until mid 1872, when notices stated that Mrs

Beusnell and Miss Manley, her daughter, would be opening a school at 'Albion House', George Street, Launceston.

By January 1873, the ladies had moved to 4 and 5 'Victoria Terrace' on Windmill Hill and continued there until the end of 1877, having engaged a Miss LANDSEER as English teacher.

The educational notices for 4 January 1878, included one for the Misses RUSSELL announcing that they had

... purchased the good will of the old established ladies' seminary so long and successfully conducted by Mrs Beusnell and Miss Manley ...

From the newspaper notices for the School, it can be seen that Mr Phillip BARNES was engaged at this time to

instruct the young ladies in Drawing, Water-colouring and similar beautiful arts.

In the January notices of 1879, Mr Maxey announced that he would be moving his school, Broadland House, to Upper York Street. This was the first mention of the name although not in connection with Mrs Beusnell and Miss Manley. The following year Mr Maxey moved to Upper Elizabeth Street.

Meanwhile, the two ladies had taken themselves out into the country to Perth and there opened another school in January 1880, having added a Miss Maxey to their staff.

The Misses Russell put their school on Windmill Hill on the market and in June 1881 Mrs Beusnell and Miss Manley returned to their old school and announced that they would open there in July.

Twelve months later Mrs Beusnell purchased Mr Maxey's school and announced on 7 July 1881—

... Broadland House, Upper Elizabeth Street, Educational Establishment for

young ladies, conducted by Mrs Beusnell and Miss Manley ...

The school continued at this location in the care of these ladies until the end of 1884 when both ladies retired from teaching and moved to Sydney NSW.

Another Dame School opened at the beginning of 1882. Miss J. C. HOGG was the owner. It was situated in Lyttleton Street and operated there until the end of 1884.

In January the following year Miss Hogg moved her pupils to Elizabeth Street, having purchased Broadland House from Mrs Beusnell, and continued the name Broadland House for her school.

She advertised that she would prepare young ladies for Matriculation (Grade 12) and for the new Associate of Arts degree offered by the Board of Education in Hobart. This was a huge advance from the old style of the Dame Schools.

With the passage of time, people became more accustomed to female achievements in academia and in 1890 on 22 January, *The Examiner* newspaper published the following examination results gained by the pupils of Miss Hogg at Broadland House.

Broadland House, Ladies' School Honour List.

1886 Melbourne - Matriculation - Mary Hogg

Council's Exhibition - Alice Bonnily

1887 Melbourne - Matric. Hons. - Eliza Wilson

1888 ditto ditto - Fanny Bushman, Marianne Windeatt,

Council's Exhibition - Ada Bonnily

1889 A.A. degree - Mary Hogg

Sen. female Ass. Prizes for French, German, Music and Geology - Eliza Wilson

1st class Council's Exhibition - M. E. Leggett

J. C. Hogg, Lady Principal.

Miss Hogg continued running her school until 1908, when she sold it to Miss Mary Hogg and Miss Henrietta MIDDLETON. The father of this Miss Hogg was the master of the Collegiate Institute also in Elizabeth Street. She was a former pupil of Miss J. C. Hogg as mentioned above, and with Miss Middleton had been teaching at Broadland.

These ladies introduced a form of uniform dress at first for their boarding pupils and by 1920, all their young ladies wore a navy dress with matching hat and black stockings and an added influence from World War I, a tie. A black uniform for sporting activities was also introduced at this time, with a large coloured bandanna bound around the head.

The Misses Hogg and Middleton conducted Broadland House in Elizabeth Street until 1914, when in her annual report published in *The Examiner* in December that year, Miss Hogg announced that the school would be opening at new premises, no. 10 Lyttleton Street, where her pupils

... would have the benefit of a tennis court, croquet lawn and cricket pitch in their own grounds ...

Miss Hogg also said that,

... as the good will has not been disposed of, we will continue to conduct the School under the title of Broadland House School ...

As a consequence of this statement Miss J. C. Hogg invited Miss Doris WILKINSON to set up another school at her Elizabeth Street property. This was done and the new school was known as the Church of England Girls' Grammar School (Broadland House).

This school was advertised as being under the authority of the Bishop of Tasmania. The second Broadland House had two more headmistresses in the next

eight years but ceased to be advertised after the end of 1922. For these few years there were two 'Dame' schools named Broadland House.

During the years of Miss Hogg and Miss Middleton, the School motto 'Nisi Dominus Frustra' (Without God, all is in vain) was chosen and a school badge was designed by Miss Mary FISHER, one of the teachers. Miss Fisher also composed the words of the School Song.

The two ladies sold Broadland at the end of 1925 to the Reverend Dr Thomas POSTLE and Mrs Postle who maintained the School until 1928. In that year, Broadland was purchased by a committee formed from members of the Northern Clerical Readers Union, the five Church of England Rectors of Launceston and a group of prominent local businessmen.

The story of Broadland House has not ended. Six headmistresses and sixty-four years later, 1982 opened a new chapter in a long history for a modest Dame school when amalgamation of schools took place and Broadland House gained its new role as the Junior School of the Launceston Church Grammar School with Mr C. S. STRONG as Headmaster.

The records of Broadland have been retained within the D. V. GUNN Archive at the Grammar School.

I have strayed a long way from the title of this story, but Broadland House, from Mrs Manley's humble beginnings, was the only Dame School in Northern Tasmania to survive longer than forty years and grow and keep pace with changing times.

It is curious that several people have used the name Broadland in the state and I have heard of a girls' school in South Australia also called Broadland with a 's'. (PS. You will never guess where I went to school!) ●

THE REVEALING CONTENTS OF A TOWN HALL BASEMENT

Ross Smith (Member No. 1550)

I'M sorry but I've been too ill in bed to attend to the upkeep of my house.' That is the gist of a letter written to the Launceston City Council in November 1887, by Mary Ann RICHARDSON.

She was a 3X great-grandmother of mine and it was an unexpected thrill to firstly find reference to the letter having been received at the Town Hall and later, locate the original document in the Council collection held by the Museum in Launceston. The Council had condemned the building for being in a dangerous state. I haven't finished researching this matter yet, so cannot say if the house was repaired or demolished soon afterwards.

The Community History department of the Queen Victoria Museum and Art Gallery, where I work, is housed in the JOHNSTONE & WILMOT building on the corner of St John and Cimitiere Streets, Launceston. Rather than the precise details of birth, death and marriage dates, the Launceston City Council collection provides instead a fascinating insight into some social history, which could enrich and enhance the story of your family. By combining the information gathered from the LCC files with other sources (newspapers, photographs etc.), a more rounded picture of a street or district could appear.

When did the tramway system reach the suburb your grandparents lived in? How badly damaged by the 1929 floodwaters was that shop run by your relatives? Did your ancestors get fined for allowing cattle to roam the streets of Launceston?

All these questions and more might possibly be answered by searching the records of the Launceston Council. If you are prepared to make the effort, some special finds can be made.

More than thirty separate guides to parts of the collection are available for people to peruse. I've selected a few examples from some series in the City Council records to give you a taste of what may be located.

LCC1: A series of correspondence dossiers dating from 1853 until 1906.

Arranged chronologically by month, these records contain a wide variety of resources which researchers might find useful. Occasionally lists of employees (including their weekly or fortnightly wage) are included in the periodic reports lodged by Council staff, e.g. the Surveyor's Department. Breaches of by-laws, or petitions signed by residents in a particular street block are often found.

A month chosen at random, such as April 1854, reveals that among those fined for allowing pigs, goats or cattle to roam the streets of Launceston were: J. BALLARD, S. BUTWELL, J. HARWOOD and J. MILLER. Harwood was also fined for using insulting language to a city official! Another list shows the weekly wages paid to men working in the Town Surveyor's Department. For example: Peter SULLIVAN, Samuel GODDARD and Ed GRICE are among a dozen or more who worked on kerbing and paving various streets that month.

LCC2: A series of correspondence files dating from 1907 until 1922 and

arranged alphabetically by file title. From an 'Applications for Employment' folder comes a letter written by Edward James Alfred LINNELL, of St Mary's in May 1917. He writes as a returned soldier who was wounded at Gallipoli. Prior to the War, he was a fireman on the dredge 'Platypus' with the Launceston Marine Board, but his injuries prevented him from returning to that work. Linnell wrote:

I am a married man with a wife & two children to support, I have been trying for work down here but have not been successful.

The Council replied that nothing was available and that the Marine Board ought to try and find work for him.

LCC3: This series of correspondence files date from 1922 until 1975. A partial listing of individual file contents is available. Some readers may be aware of my interest in sports history. They would therefore understand why a file headed 'Reserves—York Park and Invermay Park' attracts my attention. The folder covering the years of 1926 and 1927 (LCC3:39/6.3) includes a letter from the local cricket association dated 9 December 1927. It draws Council attention to

the fact that sheep are giving continual annoyance to our curator at Invermay Park by causing trouble to the wickets he prepares each week

which affects players bidding for selection in a forthcoming North v South match. Another comment in the letter states: 'the sheep are good "hurdlers", they [are] repeatedly jumping the netting.' A few days later, a local resident, Mr I. G. THOMAS, was sent a letter drawing his attention

to the damage being caused by your sheep to the turf wickets at Invermay Park ... if they are not removed for the

remainder of the cricket season the Council will have to consider the cancellation of your lease.

There is an associated set of index cards (**LCC4**) with this series of correspondence.

LCC6: A most revealing set of registers, including references to butchers, ice-cream makers, bookings for use of the Albert Hall, plus detailed work sheets for the parks and reserves department. A register of dog licences reveals among hundreds and hundreds of names, that in September 1890, for example, Charles BRYANT (Balfour Street) and James BRICKHILL (Brisbane Street) registered two dogs each. W. G. SKIDMORE (Frankland Street) and John SANDS (Hill Street) registered one each.

LCC7: A series of newspaper cuttings in scrapbooks kept by Town Hall staff principally feature the period 1885 to 1955.

LCC8: Good summaries of year-to-year activities from 1898 do exist in the annual Vaedictory Addresses.

LCC11: An interesting array of documents relating to agreements and leases transacted between the City Council and corporate bodies and individuals. Here are three of the many names listed in the 1928 folder: J. T. KAYE—re electricity supply at Distillery Creek, C. A. JARMEN—appointment as City Organist, and H. R. BRYAN—agreement re petrol pump at Mowbray.

LCC15: Various items relating to the administration of funds subscribed towards relief after the 1929 floods in Northern Tasmania. Individual householders and businesses are listed and level of claim indicated.

There are also a wide variety of local government records relating to districts progressively amalgamated with

Launceston—Trevallyn, Lilydale and St Leonards.

Community History staff can also assist with research into buildings in Launceston through an architectural drawings database. The Museum's own correspondence records have recently been made more open for access.

As well as the material mentioned in this article, the Community History Department also holds a huge collection of photographs, some maps, business and personal papers, and oral history recordings.

For further information about the various collections managed by Community History please telephone (03) 6323 3726 Monday to Friday or contact the Curator (Mrs Rhonda Hamilton) by writing to her C/- Queen Victoria Museum and Art Gallery or email:

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YOUR MIGRANT ANCESTORS

Jill Cassidy

DO you have any items which your migrant forebears brought with them when they came to Tasmania? The Queen Victoria Museum & Art Gallery in Launceston is preparing an exhibition on Migration and Tasmania and is interested in borrowing objects which help to show what it was like to be a migrant.

The exhibition, which has been funded by the National Council for the Centenary of Federation, will cover the whole history of migration to Tasmania. The period since the Second World War should be well covered, as so many of these migrants are still with us, but earlier periods are much more difficult to find items for.

The sorts of things we would like are: photographs or sketches of the voyage out, the arrival or early homes; documents relating to migration such as diaries, tickets, scrapbooks or old posters; letters or postcards sent home; an old suitcase or trunk, particularly with original writing on it; treasures brought from home; clothing or craft items brought out or made soon after arrival; original language newspapers; objects made soon after arrival such as furniture or children's toys. There may be other objects which we haven't thought of but you feel might be relevant. And if you have a particularly nice item or perhaps film footage relating to the period since the war, we'd still like to hear from you.

The exhibition will open in November 2001 and run for five years. We would like to borrow some items for that period of time, but others we can borrow for a shorter time if you would prefer. Photographs, sketches and film we could copy and return within a few weeks. All items will be covered by insurance, will be carefully handled and packed by us when we pick them up and will be displayed with strict attention to security.

Please contact Jill Cassidy at the Queen Victoria Museum on (03) 6323 3727 or email jill@qvmag.tased.edu.au ●

WHERE THERE'S A WILL ...

JOHN FROST, BLACKSMITH OF CARRICK

Lenore Frost (Member No. 713)

MY ancestor, John FROST, a blacksmith at Carrick, is one of my few respectable ancestors but his very respectability was a barrier to establishing his origins. Examination of all available documentation in Tasmania gave only the clues that he had arrived as a Bounty migrant on the barque *Elizabeth and Jane* at Launceston on 9 February 1843, from London. He was aged 20 (and therefore born about 1823) and that he was a blacksmith, brought out on the application of Henry REED.

Failing documentary evidence as to his origins, I made enquiries throughout the extended family who came up with a number of suggestions. The first was Yorkshire, the second was Barnstaple, Yorkshire, and the third was Folkstone, Kent. Consulting an atlas, it turned out that Barnstaple wasn't in Yorkshire at all, but in Devonshire. On checking the IGI, I found that there were two John Frosts christened in Yorkshire in 1823. One was the son of Jonathon and Ellen Frost of Grinton, the other the son of George and Martha Frost of Barnsley. I hadn't the faintest idea whether either of these was the right one (though I favoured the George line, as this was a family name). In any case, there were other John Frosts christened in 1824 and 1825, possibly other John Frosts not on the IGI in Yorkshire, and others not in Yorkshire at all. I had no confidence at all that my ancestor was any of these, but decided to have a look at the Barnsley Frosts in the 1841 Census. This drew a blank, as the family had evidently moved on.

Research remained at a standstill for some years, until a stroke of fortune came my way in the form of the June 1988 issue of *Tasmanian Ancestry* (Vol. 9 No. 2), which had a series of articles about pioneers in the north of Tasmania. A number of them had been sponsored by Henry Reed. With my atlas out again, I was interested to see that where places of origin had been given for these pioneers, they were clustered around the Yorkshire city of Doncaster, where Henry Reed had originated. This drew me back to the IGI entry for John Frost christened in Barnsley—this town was in the same cluster of places from where some of the other emigrants had started.

In the absence of any other starting point, I discussed with my cousin Dorothy BERRY (née Frost) a strategy for further research to see whether the Barnsley John Frost was ours. We decided to adopt the approach that we would try to *disprove* the relationship. If we could discover that the Barnsley John died as an infant, married in Yorkshire, or could be located in a census after ours was known to be in Tasmania, we would know he wasn't ours, and could move on in our research.

In the meantime, another Frost descendant had also located this John Frost on the IGI and had submitted a family tree based on entries in the IGI to the LDS *Family Ancestry* project. This tree had nominated a handful of children born to John and Martha Frost in Barnsley between 1816 and 1829, then a further two children born to John and Martha in

Wentworth, Yorkshire, in 1832 and 1837. I was doubtful of this interpretation, as the IGI clearly showed a third child to this couple in Wentworth, another John, christened in 1840. A normal interpretation of two children in the one family having the same name would be that the first one had died. But as the first John was the one that was supposed to be the ancestor, they used the simple expedient of leaving out the second John.

We started by consulting the Barnsley parish registers and Bishop's Transcripts on microfilm. We learned that George Frost was a linen weaver and that his wife Martha had died and was buried at Barnsley in 1831. The addition of the Wentworth children to this family was, therefore, incorrect. We also found several burials of Frost children (but not John!), so we knew that when Martha died, George was left with three young boys to care for—John aged 8, Thomas aged 6, George junior aged 2, and possibly older children born before the family's arrival in Barnsley.

As we already knew that this family was not in Barnsley in 1841, we had to look further afield. We thought it likely that George would have remarried, but there were several possible marriages of George Frosts on the IGI in Yorkshire for the next several years. Dorothy undertook to dredge through the 1841 Census in the general area around Barnsley. As well as seeking a John Frost, apprenticed blacksmith, I suggested that she look for a George of a mature age, probably with a wife of whom we didn't know and perhaps the younger boys Thomas and George still living at home. One thing evident in the 1841 Census was that it was unusual for teenage children of the industrial classes

to be still living with parents. Dorothy did a mammoth job trawling through the villages around Barnsley. But the strategy paid off when she found a George Frost with wife Ann and a son George aged 12, living at Darfield, not far from Barnsley. Going back to the IGI, we found that there had been a marriage between George Frost and Ann ROBINSON in Darfield in 1831, just a few months after Martha had died. The George aged 12 in 1841 was, therefore, probably not the child of Ann Robinson. While George of Barnsley had previously given his occupation as linen weaver, in the 1841 Census he was an ag. lab.

From the Darfield parish registers we learned several things—the marriage of George and Ann had not produced any children christened in the parish, that no child called John Frost had died, and that Ann and George were buried at Darfield in 1861 and 1862 respectively. Dorothy then looked at the 1851 and 1861 Censuses. In 1851, George gave his occupation as farmer of seven acres, and in 1861 he was a farmer with thirteen acres. This slow rise in status led Dorothy to consider that he might have left a will. An index of wills proved at Wakefield, Yorkshire, showed there was indeed one for a George Frost who had died in 1862.

The will's opening paragraph quickly established that we had found the man we had been following—George Frost of Darfield, farmer. I was hopeful that the will would mention his son John Frost, but it went one better than that—he named 'my son John Frost *now residing in Van Diemen's Land*'. Gotcha!! ●

MY BLACK SHEEP

Dian Smith (Member No. 2407)

MOST families have that proverbial ‘black sheep’ of the family—the ‘skeleton in the closet’—that person the older members of the family talk about in whispers behind closed doors. When you ask questions about him or her are told “Oh, we don’t talk about him/her, dear, we lost touch with them several years ago”.

I have been blessed or cursed, depending on how you look at it, to have had several ‘black sheep’ in my family tree. My ancestors were Irish and rather fond of the ‘amber fluid’ and were often before the Lower Courts of the day charged with being ‘Drunk and Disorderly’. The amount of money paid out in fines was quite substantial and even though it must have been a struggle, they always managed to find the money to pay them.

My favourite and most interesting ‘black sheep’ was my grandfather’s cousin Daniel BARRY. Daniel was born on 2 March 1886, at Franklin, Tasmania, the ninth child and sixth son of Matthew Barry and Catherine GALLAGHER.¹

Daniel was 4 years old when his parents moved to Hobart. Eleven years later, on Wednesday, 4 September 1901, Daniel had his first (of what was to become a regular occurrence) appearance before the Police Magistrate at the Court of Petty Sessions, Hobart. Daniel was charged, along with Samuel PELHAM, Thomas SMART and Henry SAVAGE, with disturbing the peace in Bathurst Street, Hobart, on 25 August 1901. All were found guilty and Daniel was fined five shillings with costs of 4/4½d.²

Thirteen months later, on 30 October 1902, Daniel was again before the Courts,

this time charged with stealing a canary valued at five shillings, the property of Georgina MANSER. Daniel was found ‘guilty’ and sentenced to seven days imprisonment in the Hobart Gaol—his first of many as ‘Guest of His Majesty’.³

The Prisoners’ Property Book shows that Daniel was wearing a Coat, Vest, Trousers, Scarf, Shirt, Cap, Boots and Socks when he was admitted to the gaol. He didn’t have any cash on him.⁴

His Gaol Admission papers describe Daniel as follows:

Trade: Labourer

Religion: R.C.

Height: 5ft 6½ins (23 years later his height was 5ft 7¾ins)

Weight: 7st 9½lbs (23 years later his weight was 11st 13½lbs)

Age: 18 (This was incorrect as Daniel was only 16 at the time)

Complexion: Fair (23 years later his complexion was described as Dark)

Head: Medium

Hair: Brown

Whiskers: None

Visage: Long (23 years later Visage described as Oval)

Forehead: Small Narrow (23 years later Forehead described as Medium)

Eyebrows: Brown

Eyes: Brown

Nose: Medium (23 years later Nose described as Pointed)

Mouth: Small

Chin: Small Round

Native Place: Hobart (23 years later Native Place was Franklin)

Marks: Nil (23 years later Daniel had a scar on right eyebrow. Scar outside left eye. Small scar second knuckle right middle finger. Scar on left thumb near first knuckle.)⁵



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Daniel spent the next 35 years in and out of gaol. He was charged with offences ranging from 'Disturbing the Peace', 'being drunk and disorderly', 'Tampering with the Till' in various shops, wilfully breaking a slide of a cell door, stealing quantities of lead and zinc from the Tasmanian Government, 'breaking and entering' various businesses and stealing goods, travelling on trains without paying for a ticket, 'loitering with intent to commit a felony', and having 'insufficient means of support'.⁶

Daniel married Edith SHEPHERD on 4 April 1905,⁷ and they had at least four children.

1 Edward Albert Daniel was born in February 1905 while Daniel was in gaol serving a sentence of six months for stealing a till and five shillings from Mrs A. ANDERSON's shop in

Elizabeth Street, Hobart.⁸ Edward Albert died on 27 September 1905 and is buried at the Cornelian Bay Cemetery, Hobart.⁹ Once again Daniel was serving three months in gaol, this time for the larceny of scrap sheet lead and piping.¹⁰

- 2 Matthew George was born on 17 September 1906, in Zeehan and married Eileen CAMPBELL on 14 April 1928 at Launceston, Tasmania.
- 3 Ivy Irene was born February 1908 and died aged 15 years on 26 August 1923, at Hobart, Tasmania. She is also buried at Cornelian Bay Cemetery, Hobart.¹¹
- 4 Edith May, known as Linda, was born circa 1910 and died aged 16 years on 3 February 1926. Edith was accidentally thrown from a side car of a motor cycle a couple of days before her

death and had suffered a head wound.¹² An inquest held on 4 February 1926 found that Edith had died from a diabetic coma which had been accelerated by the fall.¹³ Edith is also buried at Cornelian Bay Cemetery, Hobart.

It appears that while Daniel and Edith were bringing up their young family, Daniel stayed on the right side of the law; but after Edith's death, he was once again in gaol serving a sentence for larceny of a sum of money from the shop of Miss Gladys STONEHOUSE.¹⁴

The last entry found for Daniel in Tasmania was on 28 October 1937, when he was convicted along with HORACE Michael COOLEY, Aliph Isaac BURRIS and Joseph Charles BUTLER with 'being without sufficient lawful means of support' in the township of New Norfolk. All were found guilty and sentenced to three months' imprisonment.¹⁵

Sometime after being released from gaol, Daniel and Edith went to Melbourne, Victoria and it was there that Daniel died on 12 August 1947.¹⁶

While researching Daniel's life, I found that life had dealt him a few severe blows and he was certainly no angel, but rather an habitual criminal, easily led (every crime he did was in league with other persons) and an alcoholic. Definitely a good candidate to be called a 'black sheep' of the family. ●

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GOING 'BANANAS' FOR TAMIOT

Margaret McKenzie (Member No. 47)

ONE year, just before winter descended, another dimension was added to my husband's retirement. I think he nearly enjoyed himself. As locals, we were asked to help check the Beaconsfield Cemetery with members of the Launceston branch of the GST. Computerisation had arrived and they wanted to record the new graves and have another look at the old ones. Betty Calverley said, "Here are the cards." Hundreds of them, I nearly wilted. It was no use panicking, so I decided to ask a council officer if we could get a photocopy of the cemetery plan. Done. Then his boss said we could have a copy of the index too, if John and I were willing to do it. You don't knock back an offer like that but it took time. The first recorded burial is for John S. BLADES on 24 August 1884. Seems a bit strange there are no earlier burials, as the town was up and running in the 1870s. Anyway, the thinking was if our society and Grubb Shaft Museum had their own copies any enquiries could go to them. Crafty! The total was 2663 names from 1884 to 1995.

The doing part at the cemetery was the next thing to sort out and one beautiful autumn day six of us were off and away. We had a minor hitch just inside the gate at the first row. Alma Ranson and John opened the plan with a flourish and couldn't believe their eyes. None of us could make out which row went where. Betty C. as 'traffic controller' decided we'd plough on and she'd sort it all out later. Talk about confidence; it's a fairly big patch. John decided he wouldn't be beaten and headed for home. He returned

some time later to announce he'd fixed the problem. Some of the pages had been placed in the wrong order. Not by us!

Cemeteries aren't exactly sitting around places and the first job was to find somewhere to park ourselves and all those cards. Nice flat tombstones were either too close to the dirt and the resident jackjumpers, with a barrow load of prickles and gravel on them or the edges were too narrow and not designed to accommodate some modern behinds. We finally settled for Mr and Mrs LLOYD's grave. He had been one of the town's early coach drivers. We reasoned that he wouldn't mind, he'd be used to loud voices and tramping feet. Human 'beans' can justify anything can't they!

The tomb scribes tore up and down the first few rows and it was very peaceful until they came back with a few dozen names to check and wanted instant service. Alma said, "Don't moan, the more we do, the less number of times we have to come back."

The sun went in and out like a yo-yo, parrots squarked overhead and Betty stepped over the railing of a grave and echoing the parrots let out an almighty shriek as a rabbit shot from under her feet. We thought it **must** have been a snake. Hanging around waiting for the next burst of activity to erupt, Barbara Torrents became a bit twitchy and said, "What's that banging noise?" It was only the council men marking out new graves. We moved up a few rows and there was my Grandmother Hannah LAMB's grave, unmarked with a very big, very dead, briar rose on it. Alma said "Well, you know what you have to do, take to it with

a whipper snipper.” Yes, later on we did and the grave was cemented and a family ring-around provided the wording for a nice brass plaque. Betty said “You did put your grandfather’s name on the plaque too?” Forgot! He’s at Zeehan.

By this time, John had arrived back feeling very pleased with his re-arranging and he elected to help Thelma Grunnell with another tricky job deciphering the lettering on very old stones. Thelma wrote as John washed the dirt and moss off. Between card stampedes it was a bit of a diversion watching John step over the railings and gingerly test the ground. There was no Plan A (or B) if the unthinkable happened and the ground gave way. That’s not pie in the sky either; rumour says it happened to a recent cemetery visitor. She startled more than the bird life.

Then our eyebrows shot up when we found three unmarked graves sporting jars of incense sticks. Guessing got us nowhere, as the index shows no Asian occupants in those plots. It was very easy for me to get side-tracked until Alma called me to heel. “Come on mother. Move!” But I couldn’t resist checking out an unusual feature on some of the older graves. Mine skip [truck] wheels were spotted on the corners of some of the railings. Mr STABLE, a local blacksmith in the late 1800s or early 1900s had made the railings. How he came by the wheels we’ll never know. We were half way up the southern side of the cemetery by then and called it a day.

Day 2 was bright and sunny again. We arrived early, so I had a wander in the old part of the cemetery looking for, but not expecting to find, Thelma’s Thomas HUNT’s grave. Luck was on my side—there was his stone—large, elegant white

marble, flat on the ground and broken in three pieces. It probably fell foul to vandals some years ago when they tried to prove they had muscles and no brains. They ruined a number of stones. John gave the pieces a quick wash and Thelma was very happy to find Thomas after a long, frustrating search.

To keep the card shufflers happy Betty had decided concrete slabs were too hard and cold to sit on. She turned up with some chairs and a folding card table. A nice level slab was found, away from wandering jackjumpers and with no disrespect, they set me up on that. Alma said the only things missing were a phone and a fax! You might know it, we were sprung by a visitor who came hurrying over to us with a funny look on her face. Astonished is the word. “Margy, **what** are you doing, having a picnic?” My “Hardly” set off mild hysteria and when we straightened our faces we found she’d recently been to the Council Chambers to enquire about a family grave. They’d passed the buck and pointed her in our direction. She didn’t expect to find me enthroned on a slab. We couldn’t help her. She’s probably still convinced I’d gone ‘bananas’.

That area was a real pill. Some of the rows were as crooked as a dog’s hind leg. I had a lot of time to survey the scenery as a lot of muttering went on deciding who went where. The late grave digger came in for a big serve. The scribes decided he’d had a few smoke’os and said “This’ll do” when he started again.

On the plan one large plot is marked T. G. M. & CO. Was the mine anticipating accidents? They certainly happened and two victims are buried nearby. The most widely reported tragedy was in 1912, when Mr FLOYD and Murdock STEWART

fell from an ascending cage. The *Examiner* reported the inquest at length and the *Courier* covered another accident in 1910, when Arnold YEATES and Mr WATTERS died when inadequate timbering gave way. Photos were with that report, which was handy for one family researcher.

Many graves are unmarked which is understandable. Poor families including mine had no money for tombstones in those days. Even now some infants' graves are lovingly edged with stones and have little hand-made crosses on them. Alma and I realised we'd lost sight of Barbara and spent some anxious minutes scanning the area. Then we spotted a dead giveaway: her Nike runners were peeping out from under a large low growing tree. Relief!

Lost too are all the stories from early residents who lived here in the heady gold rush days. It's an incentive to do our stories before we go down the same track.

Day 3 we hit the weather jackpot again but the wind stirred us up all day. It was the day to do the newer part of the cemetery and the early birds were joined by Judy Hall who had offered to help type up the cards. While we waited for the furniture to arrive, we parked our gear on my Aunt Jess's grave. She wouldn't have minded—probably would've joined us if she'd half a chance. She was very popular in Beaconsfield in the 'flapper days'. She made all the girls' dresses for 2/6 (25cents) a pop. She wasn't so popular when she cleaned an older sister's silver teapot—rubbed so hard the spout fell off. An early passer-by came along and gave us a potted history of Gretchen and her nearby tomb with the large marble figure. We had been having a ponder about it. It must have cost a mint. Our informant said Gretchen was

the young, natural daughter of a wealthy local. She died many years ago and the grave had steps leading down to a vault but that had been filled in. An elderly relative told me the same tale. He added he knew the cemetery inside out and he wished he was 80 again—he was mid 90s then! Back to work.

'Mother' had to pull up stakes and move pretty quickly to keep up with the busy end of the operation. The next camp was set up on a nearby path, not a good idea as the wind funnelled up there at a fast rate. Alma had to come to the rescue to help stop the cards scattering like confetti. We looked like a pair of witches, huddled over the table anchoring what we could. The names were becoming more familiar but some still slewed us. Alma was having a little mutter to herself over one card. "George Richardson BROWN, George Richardson Brown, where have I heard that name?" It was my father's card. We made very good progress that day and were confident one more day would finish the job.

Day 4 finally came around and we could not believe our luck—another beautiful day but very cold. Winter wasn't far off. The last lap was the lawn cemetery and the rose garden. Roses were lingering on the bushes in a very difficult patch and the numbers weren't tallying for Betty, Alma and Judy. Took some sorting out but experience tells and they soon had them in order. I was pleased to find a plaque there for an uncle who was a real 'Wandering Willie' in his younger days. A lot of organisation went into getting his ashes returned from Queensland. Then they went astray when the local undertaker sold out. Bill would have enjoyed the consternation that caused! The family felt they were sitting on a bomb keeping the news from our aunt. The ashes turned

up in Scottsdale. True to form, one last wander. John and I were given an easy job that last morning, interesting too, checking the plaques in the lawn area. They were so easy to read and tell quite a lot about people and their hobbies when they were here.

Glory Hallelujah, we'd finished! We were all in a huddle comparing notes when a stranger arrived with a truck and a cement mixer, parked right beside us and started up the mixer's petrol engine. Fumes everywhere, end of conversation. We didn't linger. The others let us off and headed for the Auld Kirk at Sidmouth to do that lot of graves again. It was an experience for us and congratulations to all those genealogicals who have been doing cemeteries for years.

So if you want to sample art and kitsch, mystery and sadness, peace and noise, beauty and pollution I think you might find it in your friendly local patch just down the road. ●

TAMIOT—Tombstone and Memorial Inscriptions of Tasmania.

BRING YOUR OWN COFFIN.—

A German navigation company, to prevent the bodies of passengers who die during the voyage being thrown overboard, proposes to mount an embalming office on its steamers, authorising, at the same time, all passengers of the first and second classes to provide themselves with coffins, which will be transported gratis. Thus the traveller may be certain of his arrival, dead or alive, at the terminus of his voyage.—“O Dia”, Lisbon.

The Mercury, 5 July 1900, p2.c2.

DIGGING UP FAMILY HISTORY IN NORTHERN TASMANIA

Peter Richardson, Senior Librarian
Launceston Library

THE Launceston Branch of the Genealogical Society of Tasmania Inc. has joined in a partnership with Launceston Library and the Community History Branch of the Queen Victoria Museum to produce a brochure.

The brochure invites family history researchers to ‘Come to the family and local history experts in Launceston for unequalled personalised attention’. It gives researchers from around Tasmania and interstate details of how to contact the partners by mail, telephone or Internet.

This publication is aimed at the five percent of tourists who visit Tasmania for family history research. It will be distributed throughout Australia. Its aim is to convince visitors to spend more time in Launceston; to help them to plan their visit, to make them more aware of resources that are available in Launceston; and to help them make better use of their time when they visit Launceston.

Each of the participants was aware of the number of tourists who arrive in Launceston on the last day of their visit to Tasmania, and then realise that they needed at least three days to look at all of the information held locally. The brochure will help these visitors to make contact with Launceston before they visit so they can plan their visit effectively and allow enough time to see the resources held at the Library, Community History Museum and Genealogical Society Library. It will also enable the partners to prepare for the visit, do some preliminary searching and help visitors make the most of their time in Launceston.

The brochure features the address of a new web page which will contain additional information about each of the partners and leads in turn to their own dynamic web sites. This page will be hosted by Telstra on their web site. ●

POOR THOMAS!

Thelma Grunnell (Member No. 610)

KNOWING that I was researching the HUNT name a friend in the Launceston branch gave me a print-out from the *Tasmanian Family Link* at the end of last year. It stated:-

Thomas Hunt
Gender: Male
Date of Birth: 1824 Devon, England
Date of Marriage: Unknown
Date of Death: 1898—Beaconsfield, Tasmania Australia.
No Siblings Found
No Children Found
No Parents Found.

A sad tale? Not so! Thomas was the fourth son of eight children born to John Hunt and Miriam née SATTERLEY in the district of Newton Abbot, Devon, England. He was baptised on 10 April 1825. His father John was both a farm labourer and a mariner.

Thomas's siblings were—Mary Ann 1814, Jane 1817, William 1820, John 1822, Elizabeth 1829, Maria 1831 who died in 1832 and Joseph 1833.

On 9 January 1851, Thomas Hunt, Bachelor, Labourer of Kingsteignton, married Mary Ann RICE, Widow, Father William GOSS, in the Church of St Michael, Kingsteignton. According to her age at death, Mary Ann would have been aged 27 at this marriage. We have not been able to track down, as yet, their arrival in Tasmania. The next trace of the couple is an entry in the baptismal register of St Peter's Anglican church, St Leonards, Tasmania.

Baptised August 7 1859
Born June 16 1859
William Satterley
Parents—Thomas & Mary Ann Hunt of Barralaler, Labourer.

For several years after starting research in 1983, I had passed over an entry in the first TAMIOT index of a Thomas Hunt, buried at Beaconsfield, with only a death date given as at that time I only knew of an 'Uncle Willie Hunt' of Blackwall. The penny didn't drop until, out of sheer curiosity, at a period when all other avenues had come to a halt, I looked up the death registration of Thomas who died on 23 December 1898. Bingo! Eureka! And similar words of delight as the entry stated 'of Devonshire' and the death notified by William Satterley Hunt—'Uncle Willie'.

Unfortunately, the Launceston Library's copy of the *Examiner* newspaper for the relevant date was too frail to be let out for examination. The next step was to access the copy held by the *Examiner* archives, where in the country news 29 December 1898, was an obituary which stated

... that having been engaged in farming at Spring Banks and Pleasant Banks for some 12 or 13 years he retired to live at Beaconsfield. He was highly respected by all who knew him in both districts.

Thomas was buried on Christmas Day.

Margaret McKenzie found me entries on the *Assessment Rolls* for Beaconsfield which showed the occupier of a cottage at Payne Street in 1888 and 1889, as Thomas Hunt, the owner being William Ritchie of Launceston. She also found in the Beaconsfield Council records, that Thomas had been buried in the Anglican portion of the General Cemetery and his wife Mary Ann, who died aged 80 on 30 March 1907, was buried in the same grave. In Mary Ann's death notice was the request 'Sydney and home papers please copy', so there must still have been some contact with the family

in Devon. Armed with this information, we made two fruitless attempts to find the headstone until two years ago, during the last TAMIOT check of the cemetery after a council clear up, someone called out, "Here's the headstone you've been looking for, Thelma."

There, leaning alongside a tree, was a broken marble stone with a clearly legible inscription. Thomas, found at last!

William Satturley [sic] Hunt, only child of Thomas and Mary Ann, married into the large West Tamar family of Johnathan Purdy PLUMMER and Alice née HACKING, his wife being one of their twelve children.

William and Emmeline Theresa were married 14 December 1882, at her father's residence, 'Terricks'.

Their children were:

- Archibald William Thomas Augustine, 19 June 1884
- Ferdinand John Albert, 15 November 1885
- Wallace Tremaine, 16 October 1888
- Olive Gertrude, 22 August 1891
- Doris Rita, 8 November 1893.

William became a farmer at Blackwall and had an orchard to which my aunt and mother remember going by riverboat on Sunday School picnics from Launceston. He was also the wharfinger at Blackwall and considerable correspondence and reports regarding the Blackwall jetty were reported in the *Examiner* during his tenure of office. He was also a yachting

enthusiast, his boat *Ventura* being built by E. A. Jack and mentioned in *The Tamar Boats* by Betty Percy. William and Emmeline were buried with several of their family and descendants in the churchyard of St Matthias Church, East Tamar.

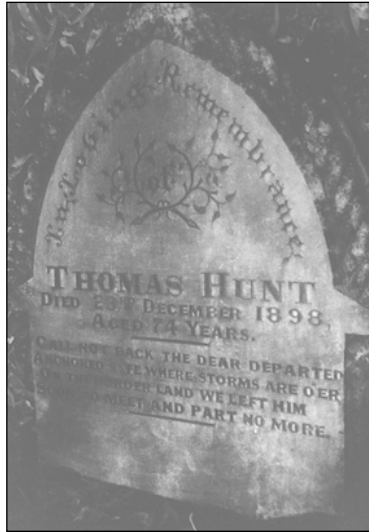
William, brother of Thomas, married Elizabeth Jane WILLS at Wolborough, Devon, in 1850. Their son, born 1851, John Pinsent Wills Hunt, married Phillis Carter RICHARDS in Sandhurst, Victoria in 1885 and came to Tasmania where they had four children. Olive, the second daughter, was my mother.

Elizabeth, sister of Thomas and William, married John WHITE

in Devon and had eleven children, one of whom, Alice, married Percival OWEN. Of their two children, Kathleen married Graham PRATER and I met their daughter Barbara when in England in 1987. We have exchanged much family information since that time and she has assisted in putting together the Hunt family tree.

So Thomas' story is not sad, but an ongoing one, as he has many descendants still alive in Tasmania.

I forwarded as much formal information on Thomas as I possessed to the Tasmanian Archives and trust that in due course the data will be amended. A copy of *Our Hunt family in Devon & Tasmania* has been deposited with the Tasmaniana Library and a copy may also be seen at the Launceston Branch of our society.



Postscript:

Syd set us a puzzle as he said there was a son Thomas who went to the goldfields and always wrote to his mother. But that's another line of research to follow in the future.

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I acknowledge the help given by Margaret McKenzie, Marie Gatenby whose husband Rex is descended from William Satterley Hunt and Ruth Crack, whose father Victor was a son of Johnathan and Alice Plummer and the late Syd Hunt, son of Archibald William Hunt. ●

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ABBREVIATIONS

Some common 'netspeak' abbreviations found in email that may have had you wondering—

AFAIK	As far as I know
AKA	Also known as
ASAP	As soon as possible
BTW	By the way
FAQ	Frequently asked questions
FYI	For your information
FWIW	For what it's worth
GD&R	Grimming, ducking and running (after snide remark)
IANAL	I am not a lawyer (but ...)
IDK	I don't know
IMHO	In my humble opinion
IMO	In my opinion
IYKWIM	If you know what I mean
LOL	Laughing out loud
OTOH	On the other hand
PMFJI	Pardon me for jumping in (another polite way to get into a running discussion)
PMJI	Pardon my jumping in (another polite way to get into a running discussion)
TIA	Thanks in advance
TPTB	The powers that be
TTFN	Ta ta for now
ROTFL	Rolling on the floor laughing
SKS	Some kind soul
SOHF	Sense of humor failure
SPAM	Stupid persons' advertisement
WRT	With respect to
WYSIWYG	What you see is what you get
YMMV	Your mileage may vary (You may not have the same luck I did)
YWIA	You're welcome in advance

WILLIAM MATHER—A SAD END

Leon W. Smith (Member No. 4213)

THE body of William Mather, tinsmith, of Charles Street, Launceston was found in a water-hole in a paddock on the Church of England glebe land on 15 January 1879. The *Examiner*,¹ *Cornwall Chronicle*² and *The Tasmanian*³ newspapers all reported on the death and at the inquest the jury in accordance with the medical testimony, returned a verdict of ‘death by drowning’. It appears as if William Mather, aged 70, may have gone to the waterhole with the intention of having a bathe, but his foot slipped and he fell into the water. Unable to swim he got his feet embedded in the sticky mud and suffocated and drowned before he could extricate himself. What a sad end to a well-respected citizen of Launceston!

William Mather had lived in Launceston for 24 years having arrived with his family (wife Janet and six children) on the clipper ship *Storm Cloud*. The ship sailed from Glasgow and arrived at George Town, Tamar Heads in August 1855 and at the time this ship made the quickest passage to Tasmania on record.⁴ The ship reached Madeira in six days, made the run from the Scilly Isles to Cape Otway in sixty-two days and sighted the shores of Tasmania on the 69th day. The report says ‘She is neatly rigged and sails like a witch’. The passengers congratulated the Captain, James CAMPBELL, for the safe arrival of the ship and ‘the sober, steady, active, and scientific manner in conducting your ship during the voyage’. On the shipping records the family are listed as Presbyterian and all could read and

write.⁵ Alex LEARMOUTH, member of the St Andrews Immigration Society sponsored the Mather family.

The family came from Jedburgh, Scotland, which is near the English border in Roxburghshire. William had married Christian RUTHERFORD in 1833,⁶ but in 1844 she died while giving birth to twin girls, one of whom was my great-grandmother (Grace Elizabeth Mather). William remarried in 1845 to a Janet BELL⁶ and she together with the four children (Catherine, Alexander, Grace and Helen) from his first marriage and two children (Betsy and Janet) from his second marriage immigrated to Tasmania. William set up as a tinsmith in Charles Street (between Brisbane and Paterson Street). He is listed as a householder and ratepayer in the Electoral Roll for the House of Assembly, District of Launceston in 1856⁷ as well as in the Launceston Rate Assessment and Valuation Rolls of 1860, 1870 and 1875.⁸ Since William Mather was one of my great-great-grandfathers, I was interested to research the origins of this family back in Jedburgh, Scotland. In the 1841 census Christian Mather and daughter Catherine and son Alexander are listed⁹ living at Back Gate, Jedburgh but there is no listing of William. In the 1851 census William Mather (tinsmith), Janet his wife, Alexander, Grace, Helen and Betsy were living at 1 Queen Street, Jedburgh.¹⁰ Catherine was working as a maid with another family and daughter Janet was not born yet.

The Scottish Church Records (OPRS) are a wonderful source of information and I

believe that I have been able to trace William's ancestry back to a Robert MADER born about 1630 in Jedburgh.⁶ The name MADER/MADDER/-MATHER/MAITHER is fairly interchangeable, but by using the father's occupation and place of residence, the common occurrence of witnesses to christenings and marriages and the old Scottish system of naming of children, I believe that I have accurately traced the origins of William Mather. This family line has always been involved in the smith or mason trade and has always lived in or near Jedburgh.

One interesting piece of information concerned William Maither (Mather), who was baptised on 22 July 1720.⁶ He was the third son of William Mader (Mather), mason, and great-grandson of Robert Mader. He also was a mason and was Deacon of Masons in Jedburgh around 1750. It is noted in the parish registers on 7 June 1852⁶ that

William Mather present Deacon of Masons, had a daughter born in anti-nuptial fornication by Jane (Jean) WAUCH his intended spouse upon the 2nd instant and this day baptised, named Esther.

Esther WAUGH (née HENDERSON) was Jean Waugh's mother. The witnesses were William Mather Snr, mason, and John Wauch (Waugh), late Deacon of the Fleshers. It is noted that when his next child is born he is referred to as late Deacon of the Masons. The marriage is also recorded on 2 June 1752.⁶

This marriage produced twelve children including Alexander Madder (Mather) father of William Mather who came to Tasmania in 1855.

The children of William Mather all settled in Tasmania. Catherine married

Robert SMITH in 1856¹¹ and had ten children. The family eventually moved to the Penguin area. Alexander married Mary Jane WILSON in 1867,¹¹ but died in 1872, leaving three young children. Helen Mather died at Launceston in 1869¹¹ without marrying. Grace married William Vamham Smith in 1865¹¹ and had twelve children. They lived at Westbury, Barrington and Pine Road, Penguin. Janet married George Davison TELFER in 1874¹¹ and had four children. They lived in Charles Street, Launceston and George Telfer is listed in the 1880 Assessment Roll.⁸ Elizabeth (Betsy) married William Henry LAMB in 1875¹¹ and had four children. Thus there must be many descendants of William Mather living in Tasmania today. ●

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and page 118 for information on the *new*
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NEWS FROM ARCHIVES

THE ARCHIVES OFFICE OF TASMANIA
ROBYN EASTLEY—SENIOR ARCHIVIST

'DOCUMENTING A DEMOCRACY' WEBSITE

THE Archives Office of Tasmania has been involved in a collaborative project of State and Territory Government Archives and the National Archives of Australia in identifying the significant 'founding' documents of each colony and territory. These documents constitute the key legal and constitutional frameworks on which the nation is built. The project received funding from the National Council for the Centenary of Federation through its History and Education Program and Richard Ely has been the consultant historian working on the documents in Tasmania.

The result has been the production of a gallery website which was launched nationally on Monday, 19 June 2000 and locally by the Minister for Education, the Hon. Paula Wriedt MHA, on Tuesday, 20 June, in the Archives Office of Tasmania searchroom. The website provides an exciting resource for students, teachers and anyone with an interest in Federation and the history of Australia's foundation. The site comprises the digitised original documents, online transcripts, a description of the history and significance of each document together with illustrative and contextual material—all presented in an engaging and innovative manner through the latest in website technology. The address is www.foundingdocs.gov.au

PROBATE RECORDS

THE records relating to the administration of probate have been transferred to this Office and all records up to 1950 are now available in the Archives Office searchroom. Microfilming of the copies of the wills is progressing. There are

three main series of records. i) Records relating to the granting of probate which includes a copy of the will. ii) Records relating to the granting of Letters of Administration authorising the administration of intestate estates and recording the granting of probate. iii) Records relating to Elections to Administer for small intestate estates.

All records pre-1950 are publicly available and *Brief Subject Guide No. 12* gives a complete list of the records. We have begun an index to the wills for the period 1824–1915. As each letter of the alphabet is completed it will be placed on our website at www.tased.edu.au/archives. The index can be found under the heading genealogical resources.

INDEX TO TASMANIAN CONVICTS

THIS index, compiled jointly with the Genealogical Society of Victoria, should be available on CD by the end of July. ●

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AUNTIE LIL'S LITTLE BLACK BOOK

LILLIAN MARY WOOLLEY (née WALKER), (née BENNETT)
Peter Woolley (Member No. 1784)

WHEN I was young growing up around St Helens and Pyengana, my Auntie Lil was the fountain of knowledge at every dispute/discussion regarding family identities and in particular when they died and how old they were. She kept this information in a little black book arranged in alphabetical order and, when this book became filled with all the information, agonised over her inability to find a replacement book.

Such was her concern, that I took particular delight in finding, after several months of searching, a suitable replacement. My search was probably motivated by the fact that I appeared to be the only member interested in 'Family History' and the original book had a multitude of entries and data that had been collected over many years. In addition, she had made the promise that on her death the little black book would be passed on to me.

I am now the proud owner of this little black book and over the past two years have used the entries and information contained in it to unravel many mysteries in my search for family history. It has been invaluable for providing that little extra information needed to send me in another direction for research.

During a recent search of the book for yet another gem of information it came to me that this book not only contained data on our immediate family but also data of families who have lived, in particular, around Pyengana. She had apparently become the arbitrator for discussions about other families as well as her own.

While this information may be of no use to anyone I believe that if it is possible to obtain even one little date from any source it may unravel the largest mystery. To that end, I wish to share the information in Auntie Lil's little black book and I have no doubt that she would be only too happy for me to do so.




ADAMS, Harriet	d. 31 Dec 1973 (71)
ASPINALL, Ted	d. 2 Oct 1984 (92)
BAKER, Maisie	d. 6 Oct 1982
BINNS, Rosie	d. 8 Apr 1988
	Wife of Eddie Binns
BROWN, Harriet	d. 11 Nov 1970 (81) (née Binns)
BURKE, Mary	d. 14 Oct 1978 (75)
(née Johnson) Goulds Country Johnson's	
BURKE, Eric	d. 22 Jul 1980 (77)
BURNS, Kathy	d. Jan 1998
CALVERT, Ivan	d. 12 Feb 1984
CAMPBELL, Malcolm (33) and son Stewart (9)	
	Drowned 18 Jan 1969
CAUSBY, Stan	d. 21 Jan 1983
CHAPLIN, Fred	d. 6 Oct 1982 (67)
CLARIDGE, Lew	d. 16 Aug 1984
	Eileen's brother
COOMBES, May	d. 25 Jul 1975 (87) (née Haley)
CRAWFORD, Frank	d. 21 Jul 1985
CRAWFORD, Emma	d. 19 Jul 1964 in 80 th year
DANCE, Trevor	d. 3 Aug 1977
EDDY, Jack	d. 5 Sep 1954
EDDY, Leitia Mary	d. 27 Jan 1969

FITZGERALD, Molly	d. 8 Jun 1977 (64) (née Riley)	LAWLER, John	d. 17 Jun 1982
FLETCHER, Jimmy	d. 11 Apr 1965 (18)	LEDGERWOOD, Olga	d. 30 Jun 1982 (66)
FREEMAN, Neil	b.-- Mar 1920 d. 8 Dec 1981 (61)	LEDGERWOOD, Harry	d. 16 Aug 1985 (69)
GASCOMBE, Terrence	d. 22 Aug 1979	LE FEVRE, Bob	d. 18 Nov 1979 (59)
GLATTE, Sam	d. 26 Apr 1987	LE FEVRE, Ken	d. 6 May 1982 (67)
GLATTE, Frances	b. 19 Mar 1922 d. 16 Feb 1989	LE FEVRE, Sylvie	d. 8 Nov 1964 (65) Accident
GOLDSMITH, Clyde	d. 4 Nov 1973 (87)	LE FEVRE, Michael	d. 1 Feb 1974 (56)
GOSS, Hilda	d. 16 Jun 1989	LE FEVRE, David	d. 15 Jun 1974 (41)
GRAHAM, George	d. 23 Oct 72 (69) Buried Colebrook	LOHREY, Anthony James	d. 2 Apr 1963 (18) Accident
GRANT, James Peter	d. 23 Apr 1967	LOHREY, Harold and Stella	m. 16 Jul 1941
GRANT, Ruby	d. 15 Dec 1986	LUCK, Jack	d. 10 May 1973
HAAS, Val	d. 17 Oct 1978	MACMICHAEL, John	d. 10 Jun 1982 (66)
HALEY, Melda	d. 13 Mar 1952	MADDOX, Myrtle	d. 20 Nov 1967 (75)
HALEY, Lil	d. 19 Nov 1967 (92)	MADDOX, Robert Angus	b. 23 Feb 1894 d. 27 Apr 1969 (75)
HALEY, Joe	d. 4 Jun 1974 (81)	MANSSON, Bell	d. 8 Jun 1967 (59)
HALEY, Rupert	d. 12 Apr 1976 (82)	McLAUGHLIN, May	d. 29 Oct 1964 (52) (Pat Oldham's mother)
HALEY, Natal	d. 15 Jul 1963	MIDSON, Ellen	d. 2 Nov 1973 (55)
HALEY, Marje	b. 23 Apr 1898 d. 19 Aug 1989 (92 nd year)	MIDSON, Harley	m. 11 Jun 1966
HARRIS, Charlie	d. 30 Aug 1969	NICHLASEN, Elsie Vera	d. 9 Feb 1967
HEALEY, Terry	b. 1 Mar 1917 d. 11 Dec 1978 (61)	NICHLASEN, Sim	d. 6 Mar 1970
HEALY, Jack (Popeye)	d. 13 Feb 1981	OLDAHAM, [sic] Tom	d. 5 Dec 1979
HODGE, Renée	d. 2 Oct 1982 (85)	O'ROURKE, Sue	b. 1 Dec 1902 d. 22 Sep 1973
JARVIS, Mick	b. 14 Jan 1899 d. 31 Jan 1962 (63)	PARRY, Grif	Took over the Pyengana Hotel 'The Pub in the Paddock' 12 Jul 1965
JARVIS, Alicia	d. Jan 1989	Had farewell on	3 Apr 1976
JARVIS, Peter	d. 8 Mar 1969 (30)	Don Wright took over from Parry on	1 Apr 1976
JESTRIMSKI, Hugo	d. 28 Jun 1966 (88)	PONTING, Harold	d. 18 Jun 1980 (57)
JESTRIMSKI, Marj	d. 26 Dec 1977 (69) Buried 29 Dec 1977, Pyengana	RATTRAY, Joe	d. 6 Sep 1967
JESTRIMSKI, Don	d. Feb 1997	RATTRAY, Gordon	d. 5 May 1975 (82)
JONES, Sydney	d. 11 May 1938 (27)	RATTRAY, Oliver	d. Mar 1980
KELLY, Doug	b. 9 Aug 1916	RATTRAY, Essie	d. 2 Sep 1988
KELLY, Berryll	b. 3 Oct 1915	RICE, Fran	d. 19 Oct 1984 (92)
KELLY, Joe	d. 5 Feb 1962	RICE, Marjorie	d. 5 Oct 1970 (71)
KERRISON, Wayne	d. 28 Sep 1963	RICHARDS, Peter	b. 27 Nov 1931, m. 25 Oct 1961, Sue, Born 17 Nov 1943 d. 16 Oct 1992
KOHL, George	d. 22 May 1975	RICHARDS, Lisle	b. 30 Dec 1931
KOHL, Doris	d. 22 Jun 1981	RICHARDS, Trevor (Dooley)	d. 7 May 1998
KOHL, Ned	b. 23 Jul 1927 Missing 10 Oct 1991 (drowned)	RILEY, Martin	d. 13 Jun 1982 (46)

SAUNDERS, Leila	d. 15 Dec 1963	SUTTON, Bill	d.5 Nov 1987 (64)
SAUNDERS, Charles	d. 8 Aug 1972		
SEMMONS, David	d. 5 Aug 1967 (23)	TEHAN, Marie	d. 12 Sep 1975 (née Coombes)
	Accidentally shot himself		
SIMMONS, Brian	d. 23 Feb 1993 (56)	THOMAS, Ted	d. 23 Jun 1974
STONE, Mick	d. 9 Apr 1976	THOMAS, Ivy	d. 18 Aug 1974
STONE, Peach	d. 24 Aug 1978	THOMPSON, Muriel	d. 8 Apr 1998
STROCHNETTER, Clarence	b. 22 Sep 1938	TRELOGGEN, Jim	d. 8 Mar 1972
	d. 29 Aug 1981		
STROCHNETTER, Charles	d. 17 Nov 1971 (91)	VINEY, Ken	d. 3 Mar 1998
STROCHNETTER, Mick	d. 20 Apr 76 (64)		
STROCHNETTER, Betty	b. 18 Oct 1918	WALKER, John	d. 10 Jun 1982 (69)
	d. 12 Aug 1986	WATSON, Max	10 Apr 1970 (44)
STROCHNETTER, Leon	d. 15 Feb 1987		Accident
STROCHNETTER, Mary Louise		WINGFIELD, Heather	18 Aug 1974
	d. 12 Jun 1964 (77)		Accident
STROCHNETTER, Helen	Engaged 18 Jun 1966	WISE, Gwen	d. 19 Jan 1995
	m. 8 Jun 1968 David Barnes	WISE, Mick	d. 1 Dec 1982 (76)
STYLES, Bob	d. 27 Oct 1970 (70)		
STYLES, Max	d. 30 Apr 1984	YOUNG, Alec	d. 17 Feb 1984
STYLES, Gloria	d. 11 Apr 1988		
SYDES, Clarice	d. 28 Nov 1972 (60)		
SYMMONS, Don	d. 25 Jun 1974 (46)		
SUTTON, Sid	d. 1 Jan 1976 (71)		

Sadly, Auntie Lil passed away on 16 January 1998, aged 77 years. ●

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ACROSS THE GENERATIONS

OUR CORNISH CONNECTION

Judith de Jong (Member No. 3877) and Dian Smith (Member No. 2407)

Judith's family

JOSEPH JEFFERY was baptised on 22 December 1814 at St Winnow,¹ a small rural community near Bodmin in Cornwall. He was the youngest son of William and Grace (née PHILP) Jeffery, who had married in the same church on 27 December 1796.²

The Jeffery family had resided in the community since the early 1700s, farming the land. Joseph worked alongside his older siblings, William, Mary Grace, Ann and Elizabeth until his marriage on 6 August 1839 to Mary WERRY, a widow, and daughter of Nicholas and Mary HALEY.³

What determined Joseph to leave his life on the land and bring his new wife and her daughter, Mary, from her first marriage to a new land? It may have been as a result of the new English law called the Corn Law Act which prevented the Cornish people from using flour. The potato famine would have had an impact on the food supplies and people were reduced to eating turnips and seaweed. Many died of starvation.

Although I have not established the arrival of Joseph and Mary in Tasmania, their only child, a daughter, Grace Philp Jeffery, was born on 16 August 1841, at 'York Plains', Cleveland, Tasmania. (*Tasmanian Pioneers Index* shows the birth was registered on 15 February 1842, with date of birth 15 September 1841.)⁴ Her baptism record states she was 10 years of age and the service took place at the Wesleyan Church, Longford on 21 September 1851.⁵

At the time of Grace's baptism, Joseph was employed on the Maitland Estate, near Longford, formerly known as 'Hythe'. In 1850, Joseph Jeffery engaged a John McCARTHY of London for three months at a cost of £10.⁶

In June 1853, Joseph witnessed the marriage of his step-daughter, Mary, to John BLAKE, another Cornish settler from Fowey, in the Wesleyan Chapel, Longford.⁷

Joseph gradually worked his way from farm labouring to overseer and was eventually employed at 'Kingston', a property nestled under Ben Lomond, once owned by John BATMAN.

On a crisp Autumn day in May 1868, while Joseph was riding his horse over a small bridge at Lord's Ford on the road to Avoca, the horse bolted, throwing Joseph into the river. Joseph's neck was dislocated causing fatal injuries.⁸ He was buried,⁹ following an inquest, at Avoca on 16 May 1868,¹⁰ aged 56 years.

(The *Tasmanian Pioneers Index* shows a Joseph Jeffery death on 13 May 1868 aged 40 years but the Burial Register lists his death as aged 56 years. It always pays to check the original source and not rely on indexes alone.)¹¹

Mary, his wife, died in Deloraine in 1876.¹² Her daughter, Grace (my great, great grand-mother) married William SCOTT of Mole Creek in 1863.¹³ They resided in the Deloraine community until the early 1900s, when William became an engine driver for the Launceston and Western Railways. He died in 1911. Grace survived him by ten years. Both

are buried at Carr Villa Cemetery, Launceston.

William and Grace had eighteen children between 1863 and 1886, several dying as young children but many descendants from this family still reside in Tasmania.

Dian's family

On 8 August 1842, the ship *Sir Charles Napier* left Gravesend, London, England and called into the port of Plymouth. There, John and Mary BULLOCK and their nine children—William, Harriett Grace, Mary Maria, Emmeline Ann, John Arandale, George Philp, Florinda, Joseph Rowes Jeffrey and Celia Jane boarded as Bounty Immigrants bound for Van Diemen's Land.

There was a total of 226 immigrants on board. During the long voyage there were nine deaths—one adult female from exhaustion, five male and three female children from dysentery. There were two male children were born during the voyage. The health of the immigrants was described as being 'very satisfactory' on arrival at Hobart Town.

The *Sir Charles Napier* arrived on 28 November 1842, and the immigrants were housed at the Immigration Quarters, Campbell Street.¹ An advertisement appeared in the *Hobart Town Courier* on Friday, 9 December 1842, listing persons who were without engagement. John was listed as a 'First Class Farm Servant' and his son, William as a 'Cabinet Maker and Carpenter'. John and William were still on the list a week later and this time Mary was mentioned as being an excellent dairywoman.²

On Saturday, 17 December 1842, it was noted in the Daily Journal of proceedings in the Immigration Quarters, Hobart Town that John and Mary Bullock came

into the Quarters in a state of intoxication.³

On Sunday, 7 January 1843, John, Mary and their five youngest children were engaged to work as farm servants for Mr H. BILTON at Claremont. John was to be paid £25 per annum, provided with a house rent free, wood, water and rations. He was required to give three months' notice if he wanted to quit the service. The children were to receive wages as and when they were able to work.³

Their eldest son William, although a carpenter by trade, was hired as a dairyman for Mr LOWES of Argyle Street, Hobart. He was to be paid £15 per annum and required to give a month's notice if he wanted to leave the position.³

John and Mary's daughter, Harriett, found employment with Mr SHELVERTON of New Town as a dairymaid with a wage of £12 per annum, while their two other daughters, Emmeline Ann and Mary Maria, were engaged by Mr R. WALKER of Barrack Street. Emmeline Ann was employed as a domestic servant at £12 per annum and Mary Maria as a dairymaid at £15 per annum.

On Monday, 9 January 1843, the Immigration Agent granted rations to the Bullock family and agreed to pay for the carriage of the family and their baggage to Claremont.³

Five years later, on 1 January 1848, the Bullock family were living at New Norfolk in a wood house owned by Mr OAKLEY. John's occupation was described as being a farmer.⁴

Sometime in the next eight years, John and Mary returned to Hobart. On 24 June 1856, John entered into an agreement with his son-in-law Thomas BROWN, to buy land and a dwelling in John Street, Hobart.⁵

John died on 8 February 1857 at Liverpool Street, Hobart from ‘Disease of the Heart’⁶ and Mary passed away on 19 April 1873 at the residence of her son-in-law, Henry COX, Murray Street, Hobart from ‘Decay of Nature’.⁷ They were buried in the Congregational Cemetery, Huon Road, Hobart and when this cemetery was closed they were re-interred in the Cornelian Bay Cemetery on 3 May 1917.⁸

On 23 September 1844,⁹ at St David’s Church of England, Hobart, Mary Maria (my great, great grandmother) married Thomas Brown, a 3rd Class Probationer convict who was assigned to R. WALKER of Barrack Street at the same time that Mary Maria was working for him.¹⁰

Mary Maria and Thomas had eleven surviving children and many of their descendants are still living here in Tasmania.

Judith and Dian

Judith and I became friends when she joined the Launceston Branch of the Genealogical Society of Tasmania Inc. in 1995. We often talked about our different families but it wasn’t until Judith discovered a marriage for Joseph and Mary in the GRO Indexes that we found that our ancestors had come from the same area in Cornwall.

I knew my John and Mary Bullock were born in Cornwall but could never find John’s birth or their marriage on the IGI. I had no idea what Mary’s maiden name was and as most of their children were born pre 1837 could not apply for their birth certificates. I knew that some of the children were baptised at St Winnow, Cornwall.

In November 1999 I put a query out on the Internet re my Brown and Bullock families and received a reply which, after

all the years of searching, gave me the maiden name of Mary.

John Bullock and Mary Jeffrey were married on 6 May 1823, in St Winnow, Cornwall. Mary was the daughter of William Jeffrey and Grace Philp.

I knew that Judith’s family name was Jeffrey and thought that there might be a connection—little realising how close a connection it was—Judith’s Joseph and my Mary were brother and sister.

Our Cornish families had been reunited at last after five generations. ●

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BEATTIE—RIDGE—FIELD—FORSTER SOME OF THE OWNERS OF THE PORT ARTHUR ORGAN

I am not researching a person, I am researching an organ. The 'Port Arthur' organ, to be precise.

It was purchased by the Queen Victoria Museum in 1927, and the story goes that it was 'played in the church at Port Arthur'. I am trying to prove this provenance by tracking through its previous owners. We are fortunate that in 1939, the *Examiner* printed an article on the museum's reassembly of the organ, and this prompted two old gentlemen to write in with claims of knowing something of its history, and I have been able to piece together the following.

Prior to the museum's purchase, **John Watt Beattie** (1859–1930) owned the organ and displayed it in his museum of colonial curiosities. It had been sold to him by **Albert John Ridge** (1863–1950 or 1951), possibly 'around 1909'. Mr Ridge had a furniture shop in Launceston and was a collector himself. Our next lead is that 'prior to World War I' the organ was owned by **Alfred Field** (1840–1914) who resided at *Beacon Lodge*, 1 Hillside Crescent, Launceston, and who, among other things, had a real estate, etc., business at 45 George Street.

I have located one family descended from Alfred Field, though they remember nothing of him owning an organ. I have not been able to find any relations of Mr Ridge (trying to contact every Ridge through our telephone directories) and it appears his daughter, Eleanor Ridge, moved to England during the 1960s.

There is a big gap hereafter, perhaps the organ's 'Port Arthur years', before we arrive back at the builder (unknown) and

the possible repairer, **Robert Forster** (1821–1901) whose maker's card is glued inside the workings: R. Forster, Organ Builder, 83 Union Street, Lambeth.

From research into the London census, we know that Arthur Ashton, undertaker, lived at 83 Union Street in 1840, 1841 and 1846, and that Robert Forster lived at 12 East Place from 1838–1841 (we do not yet know when Forster was at 83 Union Street). We also know that Forster was in England in 1863 because he married Emily Cook at Ringwood, Hants (and he also died in England). However, the question has been raised: was Forster ever in Tasmania (given that there were other Forsters in prominent positions already here)?

I am sharing all this with you, in the slim hope that one of these names may ring a bell, if not immediately, then perhaps in the future and if this happens I would be extremely pleased to hear from you. ●

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CONVICTS AND FREE WOMEN ON *MARY ANN 1822*

Information and descendants are being sought regarding the forty-five female convicts and at least ten free females who came on this ship to Van Diemen's Land for a book to be published in the future including a contacts section.

Required: UK background, trial, colonial experience, first generation.

Name	Trial	Date	Name	Trial	Date
APPLETON Sarah	London	06.06.21	PINDARD(?) Elizabeth	Surrey	01.03.21
BELDON Mary	Middlesex	12.04.20	READING Hannah	London	12.09.21
BOUCHER Elizabeth aka SMITH	Northumb	11.07.21	RILEY Elizabeth	Somerset	09.07.21
BROWN Elizabeth	Middlesex	06.06.21	ROBINSON Frances	Middlesex	18.07.21
BUCKINGHAM Jane	Stafford	13.03.21	ROBINSON Mary	York	10.03.21
BURGESS MARTHA	Devon	11.08.21	ROBINSON Mary	Northumb	23.08.21
BURTONWOOD Mary	Middlesex	06.06.21	SMITH Elizabeth	Middlesex	06.06.21
BUSH Sarah	Norfolk	13.08.21	STANLEY Sarah	Nottingham	16.03.21
CHAMBERLAIN Rachel	Middlesex	18.07.21	STEVENSON Maria	Surrey	29.03.21
CHAMPION Jemima aka BURTON	Somerset	12.08.20	TAYLOR Catherine	Middlesex	06.06.21
DAVIS Mary	Middlesex	06.06.21	VAUGHAN Elizabeth	Northumb	23.08.21
DAVIS Prudence	Surrey	29.03.21	WEBSTER Elizabeth	Middlesex	06.06.21
ELLERBECK Elizabeth	York	13.01.21	WHITELEY Hannah	Lancaster	23.03.21
FENTON Sarah	York	17.04.20	WILLIAMS Ann	Surrey	29.03.21
FLETCHER Sarah aka PAYNE Mary	Middlesex	18.07.21	WORRALL Elizabeth	Lancaster	07.05.21
GODBOLD Sarah Ann	Norfolk	16.05.21	Came Free		
GRIFFIN Mary Ann	Somerset	09.07.21	BURTON Catherine		
HAMMILL Isabella	Lancaster	24.03.21	CAPON Louisa		
HANNAGAN Catherine	London	18.07.21	HOWELL Elizabeth		
HART Mary	London	18.07.21	HOWELL Hannah		
HELLIWELL Sarah aka WILSON	York	30.04.21	HOWELL Sarah		
HILTON Catherine	Lancaster	24.03.21	KIMBER Charlotte		
HOWELL Hannah	Berkshire	01.08.21	RAY Jane		
HULLEY Kezia	Chester	10.07.21	SMITH Ann		
JARVIS Jean aka McWILLIAMS	Glasgow	21.09.21	SMITH Bidy		
KING Mary aka DOUGALL	Edinburgh	19.02.21	THORNE Ann		
LLOYD Mary	Salop	28.08.21	Also landed Hobart—see Surgeon's Journal		
NOON Hannah	London	06.06.21	CHAMPION Mary	Daughter of Jemima?	
PASCOE Elizabeth	Middlesex	06.06.21	GRIFFIN A	Child of Daughter of Mary Ann?	
PHILLIPS Eleanor	Cornwall	24.03.21	HAMMILL M	Daughter of Isabella?	
			RAY	Child of Mrs Daughter of Jane?	

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BISHOP FRANCIS RUSSELL NIXON AND HIS FAMILY

Marion Sargent (Member No. 1927)

ON a trip to England last year I was interested to see a memorial in St Nicholas' Church, Ash, Kent, which has a reference to Tasmania. The memorial, in the form of a cross, reads as follows:

THE LORD
GAVE,
AND THE LORD HATH
TAKEN AWAY.
JOB. I. XXI.
**CHARLES - ROBERT - STREATFEILD
NIXON,**
ELDEST SON OF
FRANCIS-RUSSELL
LORD BISHOP
OF
TASMANIA
LATE
PERPETUAL CURATE
OF
THIS PARISH.
BORN AUGT. 31ST.
1837.
DIED SEPR. 26TH
1842.

The life and work of the Right Reverend Francis Russell NIXON D.D., the first Anglican Bishop of Tasmania, have been documented well. His diocese included the Bass Strait islands and Norfolk Island. He was consecrated as the Bishop of the newly created See at Westminster Abbey on 24 August 1842.¹ His wife and six children, together with their governess, three servants, Leda the dog

and Duchess the cow, set sail from London in the barque *Duke of Roxburgh* on 7 March 1843 for a new life in the distant colony of Tasmania. They arrived in Hobart on 19 July 1843.² The memorial to the Bishop's son inspired me to research his family. The following is a brief outline of what I have found.

Francis Russell Nixon was the second son of the Rev. Robert Nixon and Ann RUSSEL born on 1 August 1803, at Foot's Cray in Kent, England.³ The future Bishop's first marriage to Frances Maria STREATFEILD was celebrated on 14 July 1829 at Westerham, Kent.⁴ This union produced three children: Frances Maria, known as Fanny, born 1830; Robert born c.1832; and Harriet Anne born c.1834.⁵ His wife Frances died in Italy in 1834, where Nixon was chaplain to the British Embassy at Naples.⁶ I presume that Robert died young, before September 1842, because the memorial for Charles states that he was the eldest son. Fanny died at sea from disease of the liver on 15 June 1843, aged 13 years. The death was registered in Hobart by Captain Collard, Commander of the *Duke of Roxburgh* on 24 July 1843.⁷ Harriet married Captain Frederick William DESPARD, widower, at St John's Church, New Town, on 19 February 1862. Harriet's father officiated at the wedding, signing his name as F. R. Tasmania.⁸

Nixon married a second time on 5 December 1836 at Saint James the Apostle, Dover, Kent, to Agnes Maria WOODCOCK, who was known as Anna Maria.⁹ They had eight children.¹⁰

Charles Robert Streatfeild, who was the first born, on 31 August 1837, died at five years of age on 26 September 1842, just one month after Nixon was made Bishop of Tasmania. It is interesting to note that a child of the second marriage was given the first wife's name. The memorial to Charles is located in a prominent position on the wall of the church at Ash. Their second child Mary Ann Parry was born in 1839. She married Rev. Frederic William QUILTER, widower, Clerk in Holy Orders, at St David's Cathedral, Hobart, on 2 July 1859. Mary's father was the officiating minister.¹¹ Emma, who was born c.1840, returned to England with her parents in 1863. Frank, born c.1841, was sent back to England at the tender age of 10, where he attended school and was cared for by his Woodcock relations. He did not see his parents again until after he was married.¹² Forster Fitz, who was born c.1842, was a baby when the family sailed for Tasmania.¹³

Two births have been recorded in the *Tasmanian Pioneers Index* for the Bishop and Anna Maria. George Coleridge was born on 30 April 1844, in Hobart.¹⁴ He married Adela Russell WALKER at Christ Church, Longford, on 27 July 1870.¹⁵ George, like his parents, was artistic. He died at the Walker family home 'Rhodes' in Concord, NSW, in 1885, at the age of 41.¹⁶ Katherine Emily, born in Hobart 12 June 1849, died from croup 11 weeks later on 27 August.¹⁷ There must have been one other child who died young.

The first official Nixon residence in Hobart was at what is now 326 Davey Street. After three years, the family moved to 'Boa Vista', which is now part of Friends' School. In 1850, the Bishop purchased 'Cairn Lodge' in New Town from Robert PITCAIRN, renaming the

house 'Bishopstowe'. It was sold on 22 November 1863 to Captain Charles BAYLEY, a whaling captain, who renamed it 'Runnymede' after one of his ships. The National Trust now leases it from the State Government.¹⁸

Bishop Nixon lived in Tasmania for twenty years, before ill health forced him, Anna and some of the children to return to England. He resigned as Bishop on 19 August 1863 and was given a living in Bolton Percy, Yorkshire. In 1865, he retired to the Villa Vignolo, Stresa, Lago Maggiore, Italy. Anna died there on 26 November 1868 at the age of 57. Two years later Nixon married a third time, to a Swiss woman, Flora Elizabeth MULLER, who was known as Agnes. They had two sons.¹⁹ The elder son Rowland was named after his godfather Archdeacon R. R. DAVIES of Longford, who had been a witness at Mary's wedding in 1859.²⁰

Francis Russell Nixon died on 7 April 1879, aged 75, and was buried beside his second wife Anna in the British Cemetery at Stresa. His wife Agnes, daughter Mary and son Rowland, as well as nearly all the people of Stresa and many English visitors, attended the funeral. His coffin was covered chiefly with white camellias and

nothing could exceed the love and respect with which he was followed to the grave by all the people about.²¹

Bishop Nixon and his wife Anna Maria are remembered in Tasmania for their watercolours, sketches, photographs and writings that have provided a lasting insight into the life of the colony. The Bishop was an ardent opponent of the transportation of convicts to Tasmania and was instrumental in establishing The Hutchins School and the Launceston Church Grammar School. ●

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MISCELLANEOUS TASMANIAN ENTRIES LOCATED IN VICTORIAN POLICE CORRESPONDENCE FILES

Helen D. Harris OAM (Member No. 86)

Extracted from police correspondence files held at the Public Record Office. See *Tasmanian Ancestry*, March 1998, for details of how to access this material.

FAHEY, Michael, Irish Town, Circular Head. Has seen in newspaper that a man had been found dead in the bush near Broadmeadows Victoria, with a bank book in the name of Michael Fahey. He has relations of that name who came to Victoria in 1852 and 1854 and has never heard from them since 1860. Local Broadmeadows constable reports that Miss Margaret Fahey, sister of deceased, states that he is no relation. They were natives of Galway, came in 1860 and have no relations here. The balance in the bank book showed £216, not £21,600 as stated in Fahey's letter. He is so informed. VPRS 807 Unit 356 No. 3209

GREENBANKS, Mrs of Launceston writes re a Mrs GARDINER nee Maria CUE, whose husband worked on the railway twenty years ago. No trace found. VPRS 807 Unit 380 No. 9591.

GUY, Mrs George of Fingal writes re her sister Mrs Emma HOLLAND, sick and destitute, whose husband is in W.A. and who was sent firstly to prison, then to Bendigo Benevolent Asylum. Newspaper clippings on file. 1899. VPRS 807 Unit 107 No. 6922

LOWE, Mrs Frances writes from Lilydale Tasmania, re Rupert John Lowe; encloses photograph, gives physical description, aged 38/39 years, engine driver or saw-

millling work near machinery. A private and confidential enquiry requested. Tasmanian police asked to inform her that enquiries of this nature cannot be undertaken, and photograph returned. VPRS 807 Unit 368 No. 5199

ORCHARD, C. E. of Launceston writes to Bendigo police re Mrs Ellen LOVETT, widow of Francis Lovett, formerly of Bendigo. She left Launceston c.1865 saying no one would hear from her again till the resurrection. Orchard has been to Melbourne to trace her but failed. File shows a Lizzie Lovett died in Bendigo Hospital in 1882, was married to John Lovett at Westbury c.1840, had no children but an adopted son. John Lovett died c.1887. VPRS 807 Unit 368 No. 5391

TAYLOR, E., Frankland Street Launceston writes to Bendigo police re Mrs CLARKE, housekeeper to F. Weatherstone of Bendigo. Taylor has a boy of hers, 13 years, who has been sick. She has written but had no reply. Local police say mother states she has received letters and has just replied. VPRS 807 Unit 373 No. 6638

Please note that I now have a web page showing details of missing persons sought by people outside Australia, who wrote to the Chief Commissioner of Police in Victoria, seeking assistance. My homepage is:

<http://www.ozemail.com.au/~hdharris> ●

EXTRACTS FROM A NEWS RELEASE

SOCIETY OF GENEALOGISTS

THE Society of Genealogists announced it has selected Origins.net, www.Origins.net, to provide exclusive Internet access to important elements of its valuable collections of indexes and genealogical data. The agreement is for an initial ten-year period.

The society's collection is a vital source of genealogical information for those with British ancestry, bringing together thousands of copies of source materials. The following will now become available on the Origins.net web site beginning in the fourth quarter of 2000.

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- London City Apprenticeship Indexes compiled by Cliff Webb
- London Consistory Court Depositions Index 1700–1717

As an educational charity, the society is eager to make its unique collection available to family historians world-wide. By embracing the new opportunities offered by the Internet we can offer family researchers easy, convenient access from their homes to important parts of the

collection. Origins.net is currently the sole provider of Internet access to all of the official genealogical data of Scotland: birth, death and marriage records dating back to 1553.

Origins.net will provide researchers with pay-per-view Internet access to indexes of the society's genealogical data and, where available, to images of the source documents. For some sources, once ancestral information has been located, copies of the records can be ordered on-line.

All the genealogical information currently available to members in the library will remain available at no charge (other than membership subscription), as now. Those who choose not to make use of this new arrangement will lose nothing and pay nothing. However, as the material becomes available on the Internet, Origins.net will make it available through terminals in the Library at no cost to the society. Where members access the database other than from the Library, they will be entitled to a number of free accesses each quarter.

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Note:

Further information is available in the June issue of *Genealogists Magazine*.

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GENES ON SCREEN

Vee Maddock (Member No. 3972)

I 'VE recently installed two new databases. The first, whilst an excellent resource once running, would have driven a 'newbie' up the wall within the first minute of installation. Macbeth's Inquest Index—Victoria 1840–1985—must assume everyone knows how to read files because their first instruction is to type 'install' into the Run command. Sounds sensible, except the actual command file (which is identifiable by the .exe suffix) is called Setup. If you didn't know how to look for the correct file then you'd be stuck staring at an unresponsive box. To search, open Windows Explorer or 'browse' and look for the .exe type file (sometimes it may be a .com file.) Usually they are named setup.exe or install.exe or something similar. Some preferences are set to hide file types and extensions (the .exe bit), in which case the file will be listed as something like 'setup' and labelled as an 'application'. Luckily, once you pass the install obstacle the Inquest database runs like a dream.

More like a nightmare is the installation of the Irish Records Index Vol.1—Index of Irish Wills 1484–1858—CD-ROM by Eneclann. Despite a fairly good response (at first) from the support team at Eneclann it was many weeks before I was able to view the contents of this CD. They still cannot give me an adequate explanation as to why I can only get it to run on *one* of the *nine* computers on which I have tried to load it, and then only by ignoring the installation files altogether and using a workaround.

The very thought that they might use the same software to produce more indexes (as 'Vol. 1' would seem to indicate) fills me with horror. I've changed settings, I've emailed back and forth, I've changed more settings, I've loaded programs and I've unloaded programs, all without any change in the result. Interestingly, the workaround (going straight to the .exe file in the edocs folder) does not seem to work on any computer that has had the install program run previously—even after uninstalling the setup. To add to the frustration the database program itself requires Internet Explorer to run, and they kindly include a copy of IE5 installation on the CD. They have not, however, included the full version, and you must be able to connect to the internet to complete the installation. I'll certainly think thrice before considering any of their future products. They have tried to tell me that my problems were 'unusual' but I doubt that Tasmanians set up their computers any differently to the rest of the world. Unless our Windows really do run upside down and we've just never noticed *grin*.

Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter <http://www.rootscomputing.com/>

A weekly newsletter that can be read online or received via email. Eastman covers many genealogy related topics. Check the back issues for the newsletter of 25 June 2000, which includes a warning about disturbing privacy issues regarding genealogy programs like *Family Tree Maker* which send information online.

SeniorLink Tasmania produces a regular genealogy newsletter to interested members. Membership is restricted to those over 55 and costs only \$10 which entitles the member to a range of help, buddies and contacts to assist in making sense of the technological age. See http://home.primus.com.au/senior_link for more information.

BlackStump Australiana <http://home-mira.net/~lions/aussie.htm> An Australian treasure chest of links for every subject from Arts to Weddings, Books to Wine. Dozens of links for almost any topic.

The Genealogical Society of Victoria's website <http://www.alphalink.com.au/~gsv/> contains a comprehensive searchable library catalogue as well as information about their many services, especially useful if you are planning a visit.

Immigration to Victoria 1852-1879 <http://www.cohsoft.com.au/cgi-bin/db/ship.pl> Search this index for names of unassisted passengers who boarded ships to Victoria, Australia from British and Foreign ports between 1852 and 1879.

GenoPro <http://www.genopro.net/> is another entry in the ever increasing family tree software market. Although I haven't personally tried it yet I mention it here because it appears to have two very useful features. First, its main aim is to print out genograms (charts), and second, it's freeware, so if you are looking for a very basic program to produce charts you can't lose by having a look. It can also convert GEDCOM files for those already using a genie program.

If you simply need **Pedigree Charts** you can download and print your own from this site <http://www.kbyu.org/ancestors/charts/> using Adobe Acrobat (a free program easily available online or from magazine cds etc.).

National Library of Australia Wow! I want to go and live in this place for a year or more. If like me, you can't get to Canberra this week, then visit <http://www.nla.gov.au/> to view the huge range of information available. Plus they link to many online articles, databases and indexes of genealogical use. Go to <http://www.nla.gov.au/pathways/jnls/newsite/> Try the Geography and History category for lots of online databases.

One way to determine the **meaning** of a phrase or word from the past is to read it in context from writings of the times. Try typing the phrase into your favourite search engine or have a browse on the following for historic literature, fiction, and discussions.

<http://setis.library.usyd.edu.au/ozlit/browse.html>

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<http://andromeda.rutgers.edu/~jlynch/Texts/>

New Zealand Bound Dedicated to identifying genealogical resources to assist in locating which New Zealand bound ship an immigrant ancestor was aboard.

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TASMANIANA LIBRARY, STATE LIBRARY OF TASMANIA NEW ACQUISITIONS

This is a select list of books on history and genealogy which have been added to the Tasmaniana Library between April and June, 2000. They are mostly, but not all, new publications; the Tasmaniana Library often acquires older works which relate to Tasmania and which it does not already hold. The list has been kept as brief as possible; normally only author, title and the Tasmaniana Library's reference number are given. If you would like further information about any of the books listed, please contact the Tasmaniana Library at 91 Murray Street, Hobart 7000 or by telephone on (03) 6233 7474, by fax on (03) 6233 7902, and by email at

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Further information is also available on TALIS, the State Library's on-line information system. TALIS is available in city and branch libraries throughout Tasmania and through the World Wide Web; its URL is

<http://www.talis.tas.gov.au:8000/>.

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

The Art Society of Tasmania Inc. 1884 to 2000. (TLPQ 708.9946 ART)

As I remember: recollections of Aboriginal people. (TLQ 994.60049915 TAS)

Baldwin, Davys, *A brief history of Methodism in the Kingborough area.*
(TLPQ 287.0994654 BAL)

Bowring, Elvie, *The Dunkleys: the history of a family.* (TLQ 929.2 DUN)

Boyce, Bertha Hamblin, *Bertha goes whaling: personal memoirs of a voyage aboard whaling bark The Islander.* (CRO P 639.28)

Butler, Susan, *True tales of the Roaring 40's: the lurid, the lost & the landowner.*
(TLP 994.6 BUT)

Cookman, Scott, *Ice blink: the tragic fate of Sir John Franklin's lost polar expedition.*
(TL 919.804 COO)

Cramer, Yvonne, *This beautiful wicked place: letters and journals of John Grant, gentlemen convict.* (TL 365.9944 GRA)

Cubit, Simon, Jim Russell and Chris Johnston, *Assessing cultural values in natural areas: the Upper Mersey Valley. Volume 2: database of culturally significant places.*
(TLQ 363.69099463 CUB)

Dahl, Curtis (ed.), *Around the world in 500 days: the circumnavigation of the merchant barque Charles Stewart, 1883-1884, recounted with zest and detail by the captain's daughter, Hattie Atwood Freeman.* (TL 910.41 FRE)

Davis, Richard, *Revolutionary imperialist: William Smith O'Brien: 1803-1894.*
(TL 941.5081 OBR)

Eastman, Berenice, *Nan Chauncy: a writer's life.* (TL 820.A CHA)

Edgecombe, Jean, *Norfolk Island—South Pacific: island of history and many delights.*
(TL 919.482 EDG)

- Evans, Karen Baker, *A bit of a frolic: George Baker, from convict to colonist*. (TLQ 929.2 BAK)
- Flood, Josephine, *Archaeology of the Dreamtime: the story of prehistoric Australia and its people*. (TL 994.01 FLO)
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- Genealogical Society of Tasmania Inc. Devonport Branch, *A transcription of the cemeteries of Sassafras Tasmania*. (TLQ 929.5 INL)
- Genealogical Society of Tasmania Inc. Launceston Branch, *Index to Walch's Tasmanian almanacs: postmasters and postmistresses 1911–1960*. (TLQ 383.4209946 IND)
- Heartbeat of a river: the Tamar*. [Video] (TLVC 919.461 HEA)
- Hill, Joy, *Unloved, unwanted, but undaunted*. (TL 362.733092 HIL)
- Hilton, Phillip and Susan Hood (comp.), *Caught in the act: unusual offences of Port Arthur convicts*. (TLP 365.9946 CAU)
- Hobart (Tas.) Council, *Fern Tree local area planning provisions: volume 1 background documentation*. (TLQ 711.40994661 HOB)
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- Interpretation Australia Association, *The human factor in interpretation: Interpretation Australia Association National Conference, Hobart, September 1999: proceedings* (TLQ 338.47910994 INT)
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- Kerr, Garry and Harry McDermott, *The huon pine story: the history of harvest and use of a unique timber*. (TLQ 634.97593 KER)
- Kok, Arjan, *A pictorial history of Strahan: a chronicle of the people and events that led to the settlement of Strahan, and the changes to the little port that once was the busiest in Tasmania*. (TLPQ 994.64 KOK)
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Scripps, Lindy, *Women's sites and lives in Hobart: historical research.* (TLQ 919.4661 SCR)
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FROM THE EXCHANGE JOURNALS

Thelma McKay (Member No. 598)

'Musters of New South Wales From 1800' by Carol Baxter, editor of the published series. *Descent* the journal of the Society of Australian Genealogists, Vol.29, Part 3, September and Part 4, December 1999. These two articles cover the historical and genealogical significance of the early NSW Musters—an important source of information for family, social, local and economic historians. The first part includes details about the musters for 1800–02, 1805–06, 1811, 1814 and 1822, as well as the 1828 Census and the 1837 Convict Return. Continued as Part 2 in the December issue, the article explains the General Muster List of NSW 1823, 1824 and 1825.

'News From Dorset Record Office' by Hugh Jaques, County Archivist in the journal of the *Dorset Family History Society* Vol.13, No.1, December 1999, pp.22–23. A survey of parish church records was conducted by the Dorset Archivist which led to additional church registers being deposited in the Dorset Record Office. A list and dates covered is included.

Two articles in the *International Society of British Genealogy and Family History Newsletter*. Vol.21, No.4, October-December 1999.

1 'Irish Research: A Variety of Records' by Ann Wuehler pp.53, 57–59. Most family historians at some time during their research have heard about the destruction of Irish records in the PRO at Dublin in 1922. This article touches on those records but expounds on the vast number of Irish records that remain accessible to researchers. Some probate records and church records were destroy-

ed, but fortunately not all registers of the Established Church of Ireland (Anglican) had been deposited. Some abstracts had been made from probate records and these are still available. Topics covered include Civil Registration, Census, Old Age Pensioner's Claims (1841–51) and Tithe Applotment Books (1823–38).

2 'Methodist Church Records—Methodist Origins' pp.66–67. The Methodist movement began in 1738 but later divided into several other entities. The term 'Methodist' originated in Oxford. John and Charles Wesley and other students formed 'The Holy Club' and, because they lived by 'method', were nicknamed 'methodist', the name evolving into the Methodist Church. Details of where to find records, further reading material and useful addresses are included.

'The Cornish in Australia' Part 2 by Roger Granville in the December 1999 issue of the *Cornwall Family History Society* journal No.94, pp.12–14. This article relates to Cornish families emigrating to Australia and includes many names, dates, family relationships etc. Details include ship of arrival, and port of entry, covering from South Australia to Cairns in Queensland.

Two articles in *The Fig Tree* the newsletter of the Manning Wallamba Family History Society No.72, Spring 1999 issue.

1 'Do You Know Your Genes?' pp.6–7. As diseases tend to 'run in families', this article suggests compiling a Family Health Tree, and lists many genetic diseases and disorders. A sample four generation chart is given showing

symbols which can be used to denote relationships and complaints.

2 'Pre 1856 BDM Errors' pp.9–11. Several lists are featured showing the errors found in the pre-1856 NSW BDM records. These records relate to the A. A. Co. (Australian Agricultural Company). Names, dates and events are listed showing different errors e.g. not on computer index, not found under stated volume number, or mistakes made when transcribing name.

The Genealogist Vol.9, No.8, December 1999 issue of Australian Institute of Genealogical Studies has two items of interest.

1 'What Disease is That?' pp.368–369. This listing of diseases, some no longer in common usage, may be of help with an unusual cause of death appearing on a death certificate.

2 'The Usticks Come Unstuck!' by Lois Saleeba p.358. Anyone with ancestry stemming from a Sir Randolph Cotgreave should definitely read this article. After the death of Sir John Cotgreave in 1836, his brother-in-law William Sydney Spence made a living from selling forged pedigrees to the gentry, nearly always starting with Sir Randolph who, modern researchers claim, never existed. A list of the pedigrees provided by Spence is included. This article is worth reading and noting by all who have used unverified pedigrees.

'Hedge To Hovel—Hovel To Hut, Tracing the Family History of Gypsies' by Janet Keet-Black in the *Hillingdon Family History Society* journal No.48, December 1999, pp.6–12. Both the history and the records relating to tracing gypsy ancestors are referred to in this article. These include travelling patterns, occupations, census records, and the use

of pretty names or names associated with the bible for their children e.g. Ambrose, Ameline, Cinderella or Rheuben. Police records held by County Record Offices can also help. Pedlars and hawkers were required to obtain a license and were fined if not produced on request.

'Littleton, Middlesex: Marriage Registers' by Cliff Webb in *Root and Branch* the journal of the West Surrey Family History Society Vol.26, No.3, December 1999, pp.103–104. Marriage Registers 1813–1837 for Littleton, now in the administration county of Surrey, were only recently deposited in the London Metropolitan Archives. Cliff Webb has listed a transcription of names of brides and grooms with the year of marriage.

'An 1864 Tenant List for Woodford' by Keith Giles in *The North Cheshire Family Historian* August 1999, Vol.26, No.4, pp.115–117, the journal of the North Cheshire Family History Society. A Woodford tenant and occupier list for 1864 has been compiled from the Bromley-Davenport Papers held at the John Rylands Library, Manchester. These are part of a series of lists on the estate tenants of the Davenport Family of 'Capesthorpe Hall', near Macclesfield and were used to manage the estates. Earlier lists dating 1831, 1837 and 1856/57 have also survived.

'House of Commons Journal 1798' by Susan Reid in the *Irish Family History Society* journal No.14, 1998. Extracts taken from the House of Commons in Ireland relating to the 1798 Rebellion e.g. 'Persons engaged in the Rebellion to surrender'. Several men are listed as giving statements under oath. Evidence before the committee with lists of names, addresses and occupations of those men who confessed to being engaged in the Rebellion. ●

BOOK REVIEWS


Frederick Germaine: His Life 1822–1899 by Leonie Germaine, published by Leonie Germaine, PO Box 1267, Kensington, Victoria, 3031, 1999. 220 pages A4L format, hard cover.

While basically this book records the life of Frederick Germaine (aka Frederick Gordon or Frederick Hill), a convict transported to Van Diemen's Land in 1834 and his family, there is a great deal of general interest in it.

The first section explores the long history of the derivation of the Germaine name as well as background information on Huguenots, 'refugies' and various institutions with particular reference to east London.

There is evidence of considerable research supported by comprehensive endnotes. The hardships endured by convicts and early settlers are well documented. The book contains numerous photographs, maps and facsimiles of documents.

Useful appendices cover chronology, events in Van Diemen's Land, lists of government and other officials and sources used. A general index would have been a useful addition.

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GENUKI, U.K. & Ireland Genealogy on Internet, by David Hawgood, A5, soft cover, 48pp., price £2.80 + p.&p.

One of the most important Internet sites for researchers of British ancestry is GENUKI, the word deriving from GENealogy, UK, Ireland. It contains over 20,000 web pages, all linked to the main page and all containing information available free of charge. This guide is

intended to help the new user to find their way around this vast collection of invaluable material, from Frequently Asked Questions for the beginner to more specialised aspects of family history.

Each county has its own pages maintained by a particular person, with many contributors to those pages. Subject headings are legion, from the basic Civil Registration, Gazetteers, Census, Occupations, Church Records, Probate Records, etc. to the more advanced Historical Geography, Land and Property, Manors, Poorhouses, Poor Law, Postal and Shipping Guides, Social Life and Customs, etc. Each county has a Surnames List with details of researchers—more names are added every day.

Mention is made of the Internet Mailing List for each county—these lists can be invaluable to both new and more experienced researchers, but the book demonstrates how newcomers frequently post queries which could easily have been answered by prior reference to the appropriate site in GENUKI.


Scrolling through the GENUKI pages would be so much easier with this book at hand—it shows how to quickly find details of family history societies, look-up exchanges, e-mail from web pages and collected information for families in a parish. In some cases, individuals have indexed church or other records, searchable either on or offline. 

Poor Law Union Records 3. South-West England, The Marches and Wales, 2nd Edition, by Jeremy Gibson and Colin Roger, A5, soft cover, 72pp., price £4.50 + p. & p.

Poor Law records can often provide a wealth of information about an ancestor, and how lucky we are to find that they have survived for a particular area we are researching.

In the second edition of this publication, we are told that alterations and additions have been relatively minor, except insofar as the county of Montgomeryshire is concerned, with the addition of information on Newtown, Llanidloes, Machynlleth, Forden and Welshpool. Newbury PLU has also been added to the list of Berkshire records.

The introduction contains a concise but informative explanation of The Old Poor Law and The New Poor Law of 1834 and the effect they respectively had on the lives of our ancestors.


Dealt with county by county in the usual Gibson Guide format, each surviving record is listed together with details of its present whereabouts. It should be borne in mind that many of these records have been filmed by the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, the films being available via its Family History Centres. Check the Localities Index for this. 


A feast for Yorkshire researchers, all by Stuart Raymond, A5, soft covers.

Yorkshire Parish Registers, Monumental Inscriptions and Wills, 86pp., price £6.50 + p.&p., **Yorkshire Family Histories and Pedigrees**, 100 pp., price £6.50 + p.&p. and **Yorkshire Occupations**, 47pp., price £4.60 + p.&p.

In the course of compiling these three books, the author searched many repositories in Yorkshire and elsewhere in England, but he does point out that the libraries of all family history societies should be checked for similar resources. He quotes the example of the Genealogical Society of Victoria, which has a good collection of books on English genealogy. Similarly, the five branches of our own society each hold many British records in both book and microfiche form.

The first title is self-explanatory—each set of records is listed under a place

name, giving the whereabouts of Bishops' Transcripts, Nonconformist Registers, Indexes and Abstracts, announcements in newspapers, Strays, Library Holdings and other records which are often hard to find. The Monumental Inscriptions section, apart from the obvious, also includes Brasses, Heraldry, Effigies and out of county inscriptions relating to Yorkshire people. The third section, Probate Records, lists the whereabouts of many indexes and abstracts of wills proved in the appropriate ecclesiastical courts prior to 1858. You may be fortunate enough to find an ancestor's name in the list of family wills. 

The second book consists of a series of lists of names under the respective headings of Pedigree Collections, Heraldry, Diaries, Letters, etc., Surnames, Biographical Dictionaries and Family History Histories and Pedigrees. Some of the names referred to are famous—i.e. the Brontes—others are not. Many are ancient families—if they are not yours, perhaps your ancestors worked for them—in which case the information contained in a record could help to flesh out the bones of your own family history. 

The third book, *Yorkshire Occupations* is not, as might be inferred from the title, a dictionary of occupations, but details of the further reading which is available relating to the numerous and varied occupations listed in the book, many of which sources do appear to include lists of names. Some of the occupations listed are Actors, Drovers, Footballers, Horse-lads, School Pupils and Teachers (a lengthy one), Soldiers, Temperance Workers and many, many more.

All three books are well indexed and would be a useful addition to the collection of any researcher with Yorkshire interests.

Jo Keen (Member No. 2354)



Lost, Stolen or Strayed ... and Found!

A Woodland Park is to be opened as a Millennium tribute to Anglo American Heritage in the village of Hingham in Norfolk, England to commemorate the links with Boston in Massachusetts. It was from this village that Abraham Lincoln's ancestor emigrated in 1637. Other associated names are Barnes, Baxter, Beale, Buck, Chamberlain, Chubbock, Cooper, Cushing, Cutler, Farrow, Foulsham, Gates, Gibbs, Gilman, Hallock, Hawke, Haynes, Hobart, Hunting, Jacob, James, Ludkinge, Marsh, Mitchell, Morfield, Page, Peck, Pitts, Ricroft, Ripley, Smith, Suclin, Tower, Tufts and White. For further information contact Caroline Lister by email at cjlist1@aol.com

The Federation of Family History Societies, (FFHS) Publications section, now has an **on-line bookshop** at: www.familyhistorybooks.co.uk

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While browsing through the Meredith Cemetery—between Geelong and Ballan in Victoria—Noelene Tabone found a headstone with a Tasmanian connection. **Joseph McDONALD**, born Hobart 10 March 1823, died Meredith 21 January 1893, and his wife Margaret (née **WINTERBOTTOM**), born Liverpool England 30 October 1827, died 21 July 1915. They married in Hobart on 21 July 1845 and were pioneers of Lara and Meredith. R.I.P. Thanks Noelene.

Barbara Hall has sent us notice of the limited edition publication of her work on *A Desperate Set of Villains: the convicts of the Marquis of Cornwallis, Ireland to Botany Bay, 1796*. For information, or to order a copy, contact Barbara Hall at 8/35 Byron Street, Coogee NSW 2034, ☎ (02) 9664 6938 or email her at beehall@hotlinks.net.au

Lesley Uebel has published a book and CD-ROM of *Port Jackson Convicts 1788–1842*. Contact her at 38 Congham Road, West Pymble NSW 2073 or email ckennedy@bigpond.net.au

The Corporation of London have published *Greater London History Sources: Volume 1 City of London* which can be purchased through the Guildhall Library Bookshop at Aldermanbury, London EC2P 2EJ or bookshop@corpoflondon.gov.uk

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COMING EVENTS

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Unless otherwise notified, all Tasmanian Historical Research Association (THRA) Meetings take place on the second Tuesday of the month in the Royal Society Room, Custom House, Tasmanian Museum and Art Gallery, Macquarie Street Hobart starting at 8.00 p.m.

2 September 2000

Tasmanian Family and Local History Faire at Westbury. Westbury Historical Society, 28 Lyall Street, Westbury TAS 7303. ☎ (03) 6393 1006 (10 a.m. to 4 p.m.) email k.j.treloggen@eudoramail.com

12 September 2000—THRA

Ms Gwenda Sheridan—Historical findings and a cultural heritage of Fern Tree

10 October 2000—THRA

Ms Jill Cassidy—John Walker, Roderic O'Connor and the first Cataract Mill

14 November 2000—THRA

Dr Stefan Petrow—Capital punishment in Van Diemen's Land

12 December 2000—THRA

Mrs Elizabeth Wilson—'Totally Devoid of Sensationalism': Mrs Amelia Baeyertz, the Jewish lady evangelist from Melbourne.

6–7 January 2001

A *Brennan family reunion* will be held in Franklin, Tasmania for descendants of Patrick and Charles Brennan who arrived in 1853. If anyone is interested in attending or may have information and photos for a book which is being compiled, please contact Dian Smith, PO Box 63 Bracknell, TAS 7302 email dians47@hotmail.com

17–19 March 2001

Coming of Age—see flyer with this issue.

INTERSTATE AND OVERSEAS

19–26 September 2000

10th annual family history conference in the *Searching for That Elusive Ancestor* series organized by the Ulster Historical Foundation, Balmoral Buildings, 12 College Square East, Belfast BT1 6DD Ireland. Post conference tours of Scotland 26 September to 1 October. Email contact: enquiry@uhf.org.uk

27 September–1 October 2000

Let Records Speak, the 9th Australasian Congress on Genealogy and Heraldry. For details contact: Mrs Diane Jarvie, PO Box 980 Rockingham WA 6168. <http://www.cohsoft.com.au/afhc/ags/html>

20 to 22 April—Spring 2001

FFHS Conference at Leicester University, Oadby, entitled *From the Cup of Love*. Papers include 'The Oldest Profession'; 'Something For The Weekend, Sir?': A History of Contraception'; 'The Wrong Side of The Blanket: Bastards In The Family'; 'Within the Prohibited Degrees: Evidence of Incest'; 'The Fleet Marriages'; 'Good Faith and Truthful Ignorance: Identifying Bigamy'; 'All Human Life is Here: Sex, Sin and Sensation in Newspapers'; 'Bottom's Ass: from the Bawdy to the Naughty in Shakespeare'; and 'Marriage Customs and Rituals'.

Information available from: Mrs Y. Jeanne Bunting, Federation Conference, Firgrove, Horseshoe Lane, Ash Vale, Aldershot, Hampshire GU12 5LL. Please enclose stamped A5 (9" x 6½") envelope. ●

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AGCI

Set 4 National Probate Calendars 1853–1943

Set 5 GRO BDMs Index 1923–1942

Exchange journals Members' Interests and

One Name Studies Index

BURNIE

Accessions—Books

* Around the Country Circuits—Tasmania (Baptist Church), *Jennifer Hemsley*

* Carrick, Ayrshire—Burials, (Scotland)

Church Registers, updated 20 July 1999, Archives of Tasmania

Genealogical Services Directory 2000, edited and compiled by *Robert Blatchford* and
Geoffrey Heslop

A Guide and Index to Ships Registers in Colonial Australia, *Ronald Parsons*

Index to Marriages—*Examiner* Vol.14, Launceston GST Inc.

Index of News items, Obituaries and Photos of WWII Tasmanian Servicemen and Women

Book 1—23/9/1939 to 31/12/1940 and

Book 2—1941, *Wendy Knolle*

Index to Photographs of WWI Servicemen and Women in the Tasmanian Weekly

Magazines Vol.2—*Tasmanian Mail*

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The Perry Family, *Annette Banks*

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Web sites for Genealogists, 4th edition, *Cora Num*

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* Handlist of Church of Ireland Parish Registers in the Representative Church Body Library, Dublin

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Index to *The Advocate* Births Deaths & Marriages 1941–1944, Burnie Branch

Footsteps in Memories and ... , *Marie Briggs-Koning*

Accessions—Microfiche

Index to Deserters of Wives & Children 1880–1885

Transmission of Real Estate by Death Vols 9 & 10 (Queensland)

Woronora Cemetery, Sutherland, NSW Stage 3 Part B

Accessions—CD-ROM

Monumental Inscriptions to 250 Queensland Cemeteries

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HOBART

Accessions—Books

1851 Census Index for North West Kent—Vol. 7, Greenwich Parish; *North West Kent FHS*.

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- Good British Stock—Child and Youth Migration To Australia; *Barry Coldrey*.
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QUERIES

AUSTIN, JANE

Does anyone know about a Jane AUSTIN gaoled in Hobart in February 1838, for stealing a pair of earrings?

Brian and Judy Austen, 440 Strickland Avenue, South Hobart TAS 7004

BENSON

Matthew BENSON (16) and Bridget Benson (21) left London on the *Percy*, arrived Hobart, December 1861. They were nephew and niece of Bridget Benson (convict) and sponsored by her husband John KNOTT (convict). Did Matthew marry Ellen DORAN, probably in New Norfolk, TAS? Also, did Bridget marry John McDONALD at St Patrick's Cathedral Melbourne? Has anyone any information?

Please contact Mrs Edna Matthews, 13 Napoleon Street, Richmond TAS 7025

BOURKE/BURKE/FOLEY

Seeking information/descendants of Patrick, married 1878 Ballyhar, Co. Kerry, Ireland to Mary FOLEY. Children—Mary born 1881, Julia born 1884 and Nora born 1887. Came to Australia early 1900s. Thought to have settled in Tasmania. Brother Bill who crewed on a P&O ship visited in the 1930s.

E. Foley, 28 Elora Road, South Oakleigh VIC 3167

CARTER, Edward

Born 1 September 1848, Launceston, to Betsy (Elizabeth) (née INCHBOLD) and John CARTER. He would have been 8 years old when his dad died 1856. His mother died 1852, Launceston. His parents have T.L. on their Hobart wedding certificate. Does anyone know who looked after Edward and what happened to him? Did he change his name or come to the mainland? Have looked BDMs to no avail. His mother was born 1811, the same year as our 2 x g grandfather Hodgson Inchbold's sister Elizabeth. Mrs R. Hayes, PO Box 106 Rosanna VIC 3084

COVENTRY, James (Henry)

Seeking information on James COVENTRY, born about 1846, Horton, died 1827 Latrobe. Married Priscilla BOURNE at Tarleton 17 June 1867. Adopted middle name 'Henry' from about 1886. Possibly son of William James COVENTRY and Ann LUCAS, but have been unable to prove this so far. James and Priscilla had ten children between 1868 and 1894. Priscilla died in 1899 of typhoidal influenza, only ten days after their youngest child turned five. James was employed as a road overseer, contractor and, according to Priscilla's death certificate, a miner (presumably at Tarleton). Interested in any further information on James and his family, and on mining at Tarleton. Lynne Gillam, 181 Kosciusko Avenue, Palmerston ACT 2913 or email kitson.gillam@effect.net.au

DALLEY

Mary DALLEY was born in Hobart around 1835. It is not known whether there were other children in the family. Her father was John Dalley. Mary's marriage certificate lists her mother as Mary WINNEFORD. Mary Dalley appears to have moved to

Sydney at around 7 years of age, presumably with her parents. Mary married Edward SMITH at St John's Presbyterian Church in Paddington, Sydney, in 1858 and had five children before her death in 1865. I have been unable to find any reference to the Dalley family in the Tasmanian records. Any information would be appreciated.
Sue Wilson-Roberts, 5 Dewar Place, Claremont TAS 7011, or email to swilsonroberts@optusnet.com.au

FENEY

Mary FENEY (17) RC, Co. Mayo left London on the *Percy*, arrived Hobart 9 November 1860. She was sponsored by John KNOTT (convict) who claimed to be her stepfather. Probably lived Ulverstone/Castra area. I would appreciate any information on Mary. Please contact Mrs Edna Matthews, 13 Napoleon St, Richmond TAS 7025

FINN/LYONS

James FINN born c.1860 married Annie May LYONS, born c.1863, married 19 June 1887, children—Ida May born 15 June 1888, also two sons birth dates unknown. Annie May died 25 May 1909. I am interested to learn the names of Annie's parents. Mrs Glenn Burt, 168 Agnes Street, George Town TAS 7253

GARDINER, Jack

I am seeking descendants of a Jack GARDINER of Gardiner's Bay near Cygnet. I do not know his wife's name or that of any of his children. I do know that he lived at Gardiner's Bay in the 1870s and 80s. It is believed that Gardiner's Bay was named by Jack. Teresa Larkin, 3/106 Kiora Road, Miranda NSW 2228

GREEN/FRICKER/TABOR

George and Frances GREEN (prev. FRICKER née TABOR) arrived in Hobart on the 28 August 1854 on the *Kingston*. They were accompanied by two children James (5) and Frances (4). After settling in Hobart four children were born Nellie? 28/8/1856 (married name HOWARD) George 31/1/1864, Jessie 5/10/1859 and John Charles 26/6/1867. In all cases the mother's maiden name was given as Tabor. Frances Green died 30/9/1883 at Park Street aged 59. George Green Snr was a prominent builder in Hobart, died 6/12/1900 aged 74 at 37 Montpelier Retreat—with the renaming of the streets the current address would be near *Gattonside* on Sandy Bay Rd. This property was left to John Charles and Jessie. The child Frances, (Fricker by birth but known as Green) married Robert George McWILLIAMS 20/11/1872 and died 25/6/1875 at Hamilton Tasmania.

If anyone has information on the above please contact Graeme Forster, Box 684, PO Sandy Bay TAS 7006 ☎ 6224 0759 or email gafor@netspace.net.au

HARRIS/HUMPHREYS

William John HARRIS married Esther HUMPHREYS 1877 Hobart. They had three sons—may have been others: John Edward born 1875, William John born 1878, Walter Charles born June 1879. They were all born in Hobart. I would be pleased to hear from descendants or any information of the Harris families.

Please contact Mrs Edna Matthews, 13 Napoleon Street, Richmond Tas. 7025

HILL, Thomas/McCOY, John/GUILLAN, Thomas

I am trying to locate descendants of Mary Thomas HILL, daughter of Elizabeth THOMAS of the First Fleet. Mary married John McCOY in 1808 at St Davids, Hobart. Children—Thomas, Henry, Mary, Charles, William, Ann, Rebecca and James Waterson. Mary Thomas Hill McCoy remarried in 1835 at Launceston to Thomas GUILLAN. Children—Albert, Fred, George and Amelia. I would love to hear from anyone who can help.

Miss Flora Powell, Unit 2/12 Racecourse Crescent, Launceston TAS 7250.

JACKSON

Isaac James/James JACKSON, believed born 15 November 1860 in Durham England. He emigrated to Australia c1888 and married a Janet LEWIS in 1894. They had six children Alfred, Hilda, Mildred, Janet, Margaret and Marjorie. James died on 18 January 1943. Any information on Isaac James/James Jackson would be appreciated.

Sharon Foskett 70 Tranmere Road Howrah TAS 7018 📞 (03) 6247 2223 or email sharon.foskett@dchs.tas.gov.au

LAMBERT/WHITING

Julia LAMBERT born 1815? Married Sammuel WHITING born 1805 at Campbell Town in December 1837. Known children—James 1838 married Cathryn Lambert; Eliza 1840 married John CARSON; Sammuel 1843 married Ellen DALY; John 1845 married Ellen WALSH; Thomas 1848 and David 1849 married Elizabeth McKENZIE. Any information regarding Julia Lambert's parents, background or descendants contact Jenny McGillvery, 32 Warring Street, Ravenswood TAS 7250

LUCAS/DIXON/SEYMOUR or Jackson SEYMOUR

I would like to hear from anyone researching any of the following siblings of my ancestor James LUCAS (supposedly born 1823) to James Hunt Lucas Jnr and Margaret KEEFE. There is no record of his birth or baptism between 1820–1830 in the official records. His siblings were: Edward born 1824, John born 1826, George born 1828, Robert born 1830, Margaret born 1832, Jane born 1834, Joseph born 1837 and Mary Ann born 1843.

I would also like to hear from anyone researching Edward DIXON who married Ada Jackson SEYMOUR at New Norfolk in 1864. Children were: Alfred, Ida, Winifred, Ethel and Henry. Please write: Miss Gai Lucas, 5 Pine Street, Moss Vale NSW 2577

MANING

Frederick and Mary Susanna MANING, née BARRETT, immigrated in 1824 from Dublin, Ireland aboard the ship *Ardent* with their three sons, Frederick Edward, Archibald Thomas and Alfred Henry. Mary Susanna died 1856 and Frederick died 1864. Frederick Edward Maning (Jnr) immigrated to Hokianga, New Zealand. He married and had four children, Susan, Maria Amina (who was brought up by her Maning grandparents in Hobart), Hereward Hauraki (who also spent some of his adult life in Tasmania) and Mary Sturt. Seeking any descendants and would like to obtain copies of photographs, particularly of Frederick (Snr) and Mary Susanna Maning. Cheryl Angove-Beech, 19 Drake Street Waikawa Beach Manakau, Levin 5500 NZ

QUADE/QUAIDE

Thomas QUADE was tried in Kilkenny, Ireland, 2 January 1849 and received seven years. Irish Convict Transportation records show he was 20 years old and convicted of sheep stealing. Is this the same Thomas QUAIDE who served his term, later moving to New Zealand and in 1861 married Mary FERGUSON in Temuka, New Zealand. Any information appreciated. Mrs J. Rinaldi, 9/3 Tinderbox Road Tinderbox TAS 7054

SHARLAND, Jane

According to the *Australian Dictionary of Biography*, Jane SHARLAND, wife of John died in 1836. A card in the Archives files gives a date of 7 May. No entry on *Tasmanian Pioneers Index*, TAMIOT New Norfolk or Hamilton burials. Any information or suggestions welcomed. Thelma L. Grunnell, 43 Salisbury Crescent, Launceston TAS 7250 or email tgrunnell@hotmail.com

WALLER/HONROTH/BOLTON/HASLAM/HILL

Rebecca WALLER, born c1832 Co. Cavan, Ireland, buried 9 August 1904, Cornelian Bay Cemetery, came to Hobart on *Caroline Middleton*. Arrived 29 September 1854 with her young brother William Waller born c1837, Co. Cavan, died 17 April 1900 New Town, and his wife (and first cousin) Rebecca Waller born c1825 'Ardglushin' Cavan, died 25 April 1913 New Town. No issue born to this couple.

Rebecca married 26 July 1858, Hobart, to Louis HONROTH, born 1824 Bruinswick, Germany, buried 4 February 1907, Cornelian Bay Cemetery. This couple had (born in Hobart) William Adolphus born 1860, died 1878; Robert Henry born 1861 died 1862; Louis Henrick born 1862, died 1945 Rockdale NSW (?); Matilda Rebecca born 1864, married 1907 Sydney to Walter Z. BOLTON born 1885 Sydney (?); F (could be Isabella Louisa) born 1867, died 1940 Auburn NSW and never married?; Marianne/Mary Ann Dorothea born 1869, married to John HASLAM?; Robert James born 1870, married 1896 Hobart to Emma Annie HILL, born 1872 Hobart, died?

The will of Rebecca Waller (died 1913) mentions the following family members—cousins, nieces and nephews: Mrs Mary Ann Dorothea Haslam and Mrs Rebecca Bolton of Sydney; Miss Isabella Honroth of New Town; Mr Robert Honroth of Windsor, VIC; Miss Mary Ellen DOWD, Mr Daniel Dowd and Mrs Margaret Dowd all of Launceston. If anyone knows of any descendants of HASLAM, BOLTON or HONROTH to help fill in one branch of this family tree be most welcome. Sue Hinds, 6 Parnella Drive St Helens TAS 7215 ☎ (03) 6376 3271 or email sunnysue@start.com.au

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BAYLIS Edward	Islington LND ENG	1848-	5343
BAYLIS Frederick	Holloway MDX ENG	1868	5343
BAYLIS Henry	Islington LND ENG	1850-1920	5343
BAYLIS James	Islington LND ENG	1845-1935	5343
BAYLIS Ray H A	Paddington MDX ENG	1878-	5343
BAYLIS William R	Paddington MDX ENG	1878-	5343
BENNETT Richard John	Hobart TAS AUS	1830+	5337
BEST Charles	Beeding SSX ENG	1800	5345
BRANT	BRK ENG	1700-1750	5322
BROWN	George Town TAS AUS	1820-	5326
BURDEN	Bream Creek TAS AUS	1854	5320
BURGESS	TAS AUS	c1806	5341
BUTLER Tom	RSA/UK	1920-	5348
BYRNE Elizabeth	Tunnack TAS AUS	c1800	5334
CAMPBELL Frances	NSW AUS	1861+	5347
CANNICOTT Alswitha	Brisbane QLD AUS	c1830	5334
CANTWELL	Yornton OXF ENG	1700-1800	5346
CARTER Charles	TAS AUS	1853+	5341
CARTER Harriett	Launceston TAS AUS	1800	5319
CATO	Hobart TAS AUS	c1820	5313
CHALMERS Henry	Bagdad/Latrobe TAS AUS	1840-	5314
CHANDLER Albert	NSW AUS	1850+	5347
CHANDLER Charles	Happy Valley SA AUS	1804	5344
CLEAVE Charles	Campbell Town TAS AUS	1800+	5315
COE Daniel	Hobart TAS AUS	c1850	5313
CONDON Mary Ann	DUB IRL	c1821	5321
COOK Mary	HAM ENG	1779-1859	5318
CORNISH Samuel	Richmond TAS	1859-	5321
COVENTRY	Circular Head TAS AUS	1820-	5326
CURRAN Elizabeth	Hobart TAS AUS	1806-1862	5327
CURTIS Thomas	COR IRL	1770-1842	5329
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DOBLE	DEV ENG	1600s	5322
DODGE Elizabeth	Swansea/Hobart TAS AUS	1884-1937	5330
DRY Richard	DUB IRL/Launceston TAS AUS	1771-1827	5312
DUFF			5350
ELLARD Lizzie	Launceston TAS AUS	1800	5319
ELRICK	ABD SCT	1700-1890	5313
EMMERTON William	Manchester LAN ENG	1819	5310
ENGEMAN Louis William	Hobart TAS AUS	1841-1921	5335
FISHER William Edward	Devonport TAS AUS	1868-1905	5328
FRAMPTON Amy	New Norfolk TAS AUS	1879	5319
GAMMEL Ellen	IRL/TAS AUS	1816-1873	5330
GEEVES	Geeveston TAS	1830-	5326
GORE	TAS AUS	c1820	5341
GRAY Charles	Adelaide SA AUS	1800-1900	5316
HARTLEY Charles			5332
HARVEY William	ENG	1833	5328
HAYTER	WIL ENG	1750-1800	5322
HODGKINSON	Hobart TAS AUS	1830-1900	5320
HOTCHKINS Sophia	ENG	c1820	5321
HOUSE Samuel	Brisbane QLD AUS	c1830	5335
HYLAND Joseph V			5340
INGLESON Martha			5332
JACKSON Geoffrey	NFK/CAM ENG	c1850	5313
JARRETT	TAS AUS	c1900	5341

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NAME	PLACE/AREA	TIME	M'SHIP NO.
JENKINS	VIC/TAS AUS/South Island NZ	1800–1950	5312
KEANE Roger	MAY IRL	c1840	5321
KEARLEY Sarah	Brighton TAS AUS	1800–	5318
KELLY Francis Edward	Oatlands TAS AUS	1888–1959	5334
KELLY John	Oatlands TAS AUS	c1800	5334
KENT Wm	Ross TAS AUS	1800+	5315
KNOX John	Paisley RFW SCT	1742–1820	5329
L'ESTRANGE	IRL		5329
LANDALE Dr Thomas	Launceston/Hobart TAS AUS	1820–1900+	5312
LARCOMBE	Stowey/Chew Magna SOM ENG	1800s	5312
LEDWICH	DUB IRL		5329
LENNON Edward Francis	Southampton ENG	1849–1928	5328
LILLYWHITE Elizabeth	SSX ENG	1761	5319
LOCKWOOD	TAS AUS	1850–2000	5338
LOCKWOOD George	Gisborough YKS ENG	1800–1855	5338
LODGE Joseph	YKS ENG	1817–1892	5334
MANLEY	Launceston TAS AUS	1830–1896	5320
MANING Frederick	Hobart TAS AUS	1824–1864	5264
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MANING Mary Susanna	Hobart TAS AUS	1824–1856	5264
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MAYNE	Limpsfield SRY ENG/Mildura VIC AUS	1800–2000	5312
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McKELLAR John	JAMAICA/AUS	1818–1885	5328
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McLEAN			5350
McMAHON William	Hobart TAS AUS	1886	5318
McTIGHE John	Campbell Town TAS AUS	1806–1855	5327
MEE Michael	IRL	c1833	5321
MEYLER	DUB IRL		5329
MEYLER Henry	Winchelsea VIC AUS	1850–1889	5329
MOORE	Hobart TAS AUS	1820–	5326
MORRIS Benjamin	Hobart TAS AUS	c1800	5335
NIVEN Ralston	Campbelltown ARL SCT	1800–1850	5346
OTWAY	LND/KEN ENG	1700s	5312
PARTON Robert	Liverpool ENG	1823	5328
PATTERSON Priscilla	Hobart TAS/NSW AUS	1852–1903	5336
PEARS	TAS AUS	1823+	5315
PEARS	YKS ENG	–1823	5315
PETTITT Elizabeth	Swansea TAS AUS	1856–1913	5330
PRESTAGE John	Moreton Pinkney NTH ENG	1765–1833	5323
PRESTIDGE John	Moreton Pinkney NTH ENG	1765–1833	5323
PRIEST Thos	Rowley Regis STS ENG	1700–1800	5346
REASON William	Richmond TAS AUS	c1850	5335
REYNOLDS Laughlin	Hobart TAS AUS	1826–1854	5327
REYNOLDS Michael	Hobart TAS AUS	1826–1895	5327
RILEY William	Port Sorell TAS AUS	1830+	5337
ROBINS Sarah	Hobart TAS AUS	c1820	5335
ROCHFORD Cath	LND ENG	1700–1800	5346
RODWELL	TAS AUS	c1835	5341
SALTER Mary	Tunnack TAS AUS	1853–1920	5330
SCHULTZ	TAS AUS	c1900	5341
SCHWENKE			5350
SCOTT Mungo	Tunnack TAS AUS	1845–1912	5330
SMITH Alexander	Dysart FIF SCT	1820–	5345
SMITH Alfred Samuel	Midlands TAS AUS		5315
SMITH Euphemia	SCT	1842	5349

NEW MEMBERS' INTERESTS

NAME	PLACE/AREA	TIME	M'SHIP NO.
SMITH William Elphick	Hastings SSX ENG	1700–1920	5338
SMITH Wm Henry	Midlands TAS AUS		5315
STEVENS Joseph	Bathurst NSW AUS	c1860–c1940	5336
STRATTON	Evandale TAS AUS	1832–1869	5320
STURGEON George	SFK ENG	c1790	5334
TATNELL	Sorell TAS AUS	1843–	5320
TEW Joseph	New Norfolk TAS AUS	1877	5319
THWAITES Edgar	Salisbury ENG	1830–1920	5328
TIGHE Caroline	Hobart TAS AUS	1862–1931	5327
TIGHE Mabel	Hobart TAS AUS	1882–1934	5327
WALL George	CEYLON		5314
WALL Rev Len		1880s	5314
WALPOLE James	Coventry ENG	c1840	5313
WATSON John	Launceston TAS AUS	1914	5319
WATSON Nathaniel	Launceston TAS AUS	1830–	5318
WEAVER William George	Hobart TAS AUS	1830–1887	5335
WEBB	Burnie TAS AUS		5309
WHITE	Sorell TAS AUS	1832	5320
WILKINS Mary Ann	Stanley TAS AUS	c1850	5313
WILLIAMS John	Greenfield FLNS WLS	1840–	5345
WOLF Carl August	GER	1835	5349
WOODWARD Henry	NSW AUS	1841–1904	5336
WOOLFORD Robert	Purton WIL ENG	1803	5318
WRIGHT Isabella Maude	Hobart TAS AUS	1895	5318

If you find a name in which you are interested, please note the membership number and check the *New Members'* listing for the appropriate name and address. Please enclose a stamped addressed envelope and don't forget to reply if you receive a SSAE.

NEW MEMBERS

On behalf of the society, a warm welcome is extended to the following new members.

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		jilopo@bigppond.com		
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		soltc@southcom.com.au		
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5315	PEARS Mr Donald	1 Brewer Place	INVERMAY	TAS 7248
5316	GRAY Mr Neil	10 Watkins Ave	WEST HOBART	TAS 7000
5317	GRAY Mrs Margot	10 Watkins Ave	WEST HOBART	TAS 7000
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		chriswatson@mpx.com.au		
5319	WATSON Mr John	440 Backriver Rd	NEW NORFOLK	TAS 7140
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5320	TATNELL Mr David B	13 Sherwood Court	NEWBOROUGH	VIC 3825
5321	JOHNSON Mrs Kathleen	1 Somerdale Road	CLAREMONT	TAS 7011

NEW MEMBERS

5322	DOBLE Mrs Ann	4092 Arthur Highway	MURDUNNA	TAS	7178
5323	PRESTEDGE Mr Geoffrey	16 Geeves Cres	MIDWAY POINT	TAS	7171
5324	PRESTEDGE Mrs Margaret	16 Geeves Cres	MIDWAY POINT	TAS	7171
5325	BRADFORD Ms Fay	41 Cornwall St	ROSE BAY	TAS	7015
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5330	APPLEYARD Mrs Lynette	829 Cambridge Rd	CAMBRIDGE	TAS	7170
5331	STEBBINS Mr Levi D S	17 Lwr Madden St	DEVONPORT	TAS	7310
5332	MARSDEN Ms Joan E	17 Sunhaven Drive	PORT SORELL	TAS	7307
5333	BAILEY Mrs Christine N	38 Honeywood Drive	SANDFORD	TAS	7020
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5335	KELLY Mrs Heather	PO Box 46 dahco@netspace.com.au	ROKEBY	TAS	7019
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5338	SMITH Mr Kenneth G	15 Widdowson St	GEORGE TOWN	TAS	7253
5339	CONNELL Mrs Sandra	21 Rice St.	PORT SORELL	TAS	7307
5340	WEBSTER Mrs Gwendolyn	845 Cambridge Rd	CAMBRIDGE	TAS	7170
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5346	CANTWELL Mrs Joan	120 High St	OATLANDS	TAS	7120
5347	MACPHERSON Mrs Janet	PO Box 27	HUONVILLE	TAS	7109
5348	BUTLER Mr Thomas H	3 Scott St	BURNIE	TAS	7320
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5269	LOWE Tracey	C/- 8 Horne Street	LONGFORD	TAS	7301
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0438	PEPPER Maureen	3 Redchapel Avenue	Sandy Bay	TAS	7005
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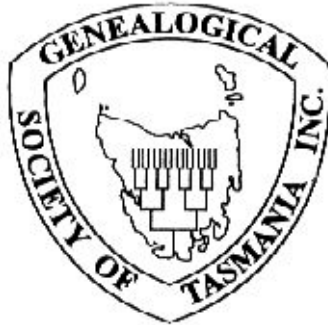
Launceston Conference

Coming of Age

1980–2001

Genealogical Society of Tasmania Inc.

ABN 87 627 274 157



To be held at

Tram Shed 29
Inveresk Rail Yards
3 Invermay Road
Launceston, Tasmania

Saturday 10 – Monday 12 March 2001

Please complete this section and return before **15 January 2001** to:

The Treasurer
Conference Committee
PO Box 60
PROSPECT, TAS 7250 (Phone enquiries to 03 6344 4034)

Name/s

Address

I/we wish to attend the following:

(All prices are GST inclusive)

	Cost	No.	Amount
Saturday <i>(includes lunch, morning & afternoon teas)</i>	\$17.00	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____

Please indicate the workshop you wish to attend:

1st Choice:

2nd Choice:

— Access Centre Workshop	\$5.50	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
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Dinner — 7pm for 7.30
Burwood Reception Centre
14 Rooms Ave, Invermay
• Drinks at own expense

\$26.50	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
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Sunday

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Monday

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Please find enclosed Cheque/AMO for \$ _____
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Yes ✓ I would like a location map

Itinerary

Saturday 10 March 2001

10.00am	Registration and Morning Tea
10.45am	Official Opening — Emeritus Prof. Michael Roe
11am – 12pm	Emeritus Prof. Richard Davis — <i>Irish Convicts</i>
12pm – 1.30pm	Lunch
1.30pm – 3pm	Workshops: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Alma Ranson — <i>Scanning photographs and cleaning up historic documents</i> (Limit of 20)2. Genealogy on the Internet at the Access Centre (limit of 20 people – cost \$5.50 per person)3. Dianne Snowden — <i>Tracing Female Ancestors</i> (Limit of 20)4. Tour of the Esk Railway Yard Complex conducted by the Launceston Queen Victoria Museum Staff, will include conservation laboratories, good walking shoes essential.
1.30pm – 2.45pm	
3pm – 3.30pm	Afternoon Tea
3.30pm – 4.30pm	Faye Gardam OAM — <i>Writing up local history and disposal of off-shoots</i>
Dinner 7pm for 7.30	At Burwood, 14 Rooms Ave, Invermay After Dinner Speaker — Ross Peddlesden (ABC)

Sunday 11 March 2001 — Morning

9.30am – 10.30am	Brendan McMahon, Public Trustees Office – <i>Wills and Family History</i> or free time to wander around the Esk Market
10.30am – 11am	Morning Tea
11.00am – 12noon	Hamish Maxwell-Stewart — <i>Convict Stations on the Midlands Highway.</i>
12.30pm – 1.30pm	Lunch

Sunday 11 March 2001 — Afternoon

1.30pm – 2.30pm Associate Professor, David Mackey with the University of Melbourne and Tasmania — *Genes and Genealogy*

2.30pm – 3pm **Afternoon Tea**

3pm – 4.30pm

Workshops:

1. Craig Broadfield — *Valuing Family Heirlooms*
2. British Interest Group (BIG - Launceston) and Welsh, Irish, Scottish & English Group (WISE - Hobart) — *Living in Australia – Researching in Britain.*
3. Susan Hood — *Reading Convict Records* (Limit of 20)
4. Genealogy on the Internet at the Access Centre (limit of 20 people – cost \$5.50 per person)

Monday 12 March 2001

9.30am – 10.30am Ross Latham, Australian Archives — *Records in relation to Family History - Future Directions, includes a Book Stand*

10.30am – 11am **Morning Tea**

11am – 12pm Jenny Mayne (NZ) — *Richard DRY: From the Liberties to Launceston*

12pm – 1.30pm **Lunch**

1.30pm – 2pm Closing

Accommodation

Book early: please be aware of problems at this time of the year, specify "within a 10 km radius of the Launceston Post Office".

Note: the Inveresk Rail Yards are within easy walking distance from the centre of the City.

Location maps will be mailed out with receipts if required, please indicate with a ✓ if you would like one.

ANNUAL REPORT

Genealogical Society of Tasmania Inc.

Annual General Meeting
Burnie, 24 June 2000.

ANNUAL REPORT

LADIES and gentlemen. It is with much pleasure that I present my Annual Report for the membership year 1999–2000. It is hard to believe that three years have passed since I was first elected President of the Society.

At the Annual General Meeting in Hobart in June 1999, Neil Chick was made a Fellow of the Society in recognition of his outstanding contribution to family history. This was only the second time a member has been elected to the roll of Fellows of the Society. Neil played a key role in the establishment of the society and many of its activities. His publications are of major significance to Tasmanian family history.

At the same time, a further seven members of the society were granted Certificates of Meritorious Service. Several of the certificates were awarded because of the recipient's work on the TAMIOT project. This work has culminated in the publication on microfiche of the second edition of the TAMIOT Index. A quick glance at the Annual Financial Statement will show that this index has proved to be a much sought after resource by other societies and researchers. The executive has not appointed a replacement coordinator following the resignation of Betty Calverley, as it was felt that there was no need at the moment, since branches are concentrating their efforts on other projects.

During the last financial year, all branches, except Huon, have released a number of publications. There appears to be an increasing number of members involved in this area of activity within the society and the branches are reaping the

financial rewards associated with such projects.

Another area which has been financially beneficial for the branches has been the answering of research queries. Although some branches have reported a downturn in the number of queries received, (possibly due to the Internet making more and more information more readily accessible), they still received a considerable amount of the much needed revenue necessary for the upkeep of branch libraries. Early in the year, John Dare resigned as research coordinator and Denise McNeice was appointed to this position. John's resignation was due to his acceptance of the position of membership secretary.

During the past year, all branches have upgraded and/or increased their number of computers. More and more records are being released on CD-ROM as branches have recognised the necessity of embracing this new technology. Some branches are considering linking their computers to the Internet and some consideration is being made to producing future indices on CD-ROM.

Planning has continued for the family history conference being held in 2001, to celebrate the 21st anniversary of the formation of the society. It will be held at the Launceston Tramsheds Theatre and Function Centre, Invermay Road, Launceston, over the March long weekend. A registration form with all details will be included in the September issue of *Tasmanian Ancestry*.

The journal committee, led by Rosemary Davidson, continues to produce a high quality journal. At the end of 1999, the

journal computer was upgraded and a scanner purchased. Rosemary has indicated that she will resign as editor at the end of volume 21. At that time, she will have been editor for five years. Following the sudden death of David Freestun, journal coordinator, at the end of 1999, David Hodgson stepped into the breach until a replacement was appointed. Leo Prior, from Hobart, was eventually appointed and commenced duties with the publication of the March 2000 issue of the journal.

Thelma McKay continues to keep track of the exchange journals as they are received and circulates them among the branches outside of Hobart when requested to do so. Kate Ramsay has continued to work on compiling an index to volumes 1–20 of *Tasmanian Ancestry*. This project is almost completed and it will be published during the next year. If everything goes as planned, the index will be released at the family history conference next March.

Allen Wilson has resigned after ten years of maintaining the database for the Members' Interests Register. John Gillham, of the Huon Branch, volunteered to replace Allen and has now been appointed to the position of Members' Interests Registrar. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Allen for the work he has done for the society.

Don Gregg and his small committee undertook the organisation of the Lilian Watson Family History Award for 2000. This was the first year the award has been run following the revision of the rules for the award. At the beginning of the year, Don indicated that this would be his last year of organising the award and Jenny Gill of the Launceston Branch has agreed to undertake the organisation of the award for 2001.

The Treasurer will present a report of the financial activities of the society and this will form an attachment to this report, so I will not comment on financial matters except to say that during the year the state executive have had to grapple with the implications of the new Goods and Services Tax (GST). The society is required to collect GST on membership fees and all sales of state items. As the situation was unclear at the November executive meeting, it was decided to absorb the cost in the 2000–2001 membership year. However, dues will increase next year to cover the new tax.

I would like to thank the Executive Secretary and Treasurer, Muriel and Betty Bissett for their valuable assistance and support during the last year. They form a very able and efficient team. Thanks also to the Vice Presidents, Colleen Read and Peter Cocker who have always provided support and advice whenever called upon. Denise McNeice has continued as Public Officer and her in-depth knowledge of the rules and by-laws has been of great benefit to the society. She has also borne much of the load, together with Muriel and Betty, in investigating the ramifications of the Goods and Services Tax and the Australian Business Number.

In closing, I would like to thank all office bearers, both elected and appointed, committee members, as well as all other members involved in the administration of the society at both branch and state level, for their help in running the society. The society has grown and will continue to do so as we are about to enter a new century.

Anne Bartlett—President ●