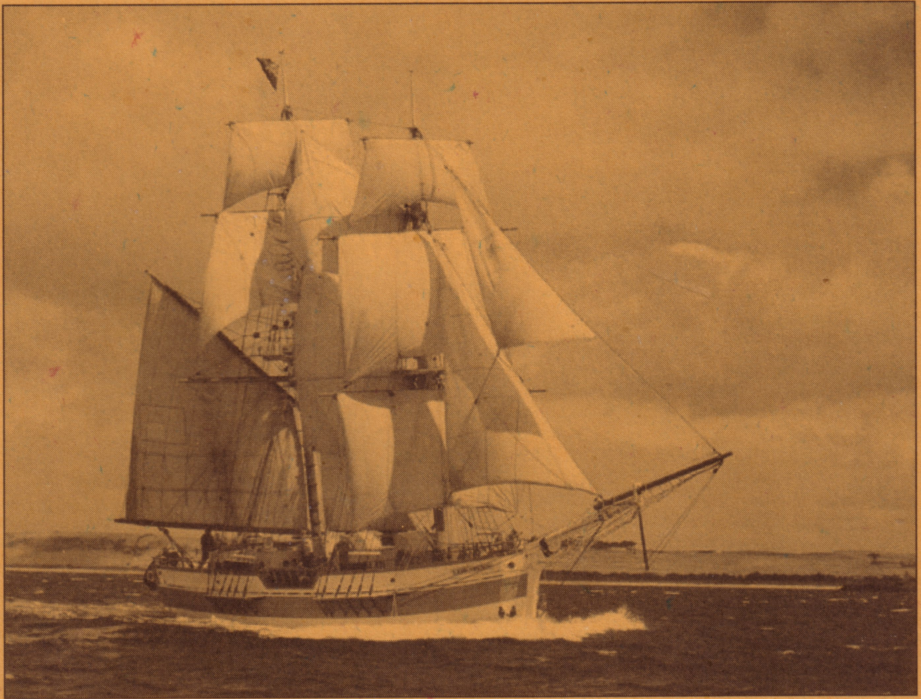


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EDITORIAL

Welcome to this issue of *Tasmanian Ancestry*, the first in Volume 24. Each of the four issues of Volume 23 was posted to an average of 1465 addresses both in Australia and overseas. This total, as well as individual members, includes other societies. Such wide distribution means that our journal is accessible to many people.

I received an indication of the success of this program recently, when a member of the GSV contacted me for information about an article we had published, and which he had read in the GSV library. Commencing on page 29 is a list of the journals of other societies which are available for our members to access. These can be borrowed by the branches and read their library.

The nautically-minded will find two articles of particular interest. One on the *Lady Nelson* and the other on the *Joseph Somes*, which includes a list of convicts transported to the colony in 1846. Our March issue included an article on Clan Macfarlane, and this issue, on page 24, we include a brief history of Clan Leslie.

Dorothy Corbett examines William Emmerton, an 1850s pioneer around the area of Stanley, and similarly, the life of William Purton, another early colonist, is explored by Barbara Bolt.

Our September journal will have articles with a sporting theme. I have already received an indication that there will be at least four different sports represented, so even at this early stage it promises to be full of interest.

Happy reading of this issue, and I welcome your comments.

Leonie Mickleborough

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Cover: The *Lady Nelson* near Stanley, Tasmania, see article on pages 21 to 23.
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

BY the time you read this report, branches will be about two months into the new financial year with their newly elected committees. I would like to thank sincerely all those members who have been in an elected position within their respective branch committees during the last twelve months. Often it can be a thankless task, but a most essential one. However, without the help given by elected members and the volunteers who do library duty, help with branch publications and projects, our society would cease to exist. To those of you who have just been elected to branch positions for the first time I would like to say thank you for coming forward to seek election. If you can put into our organisation personal effort, you will be rewarded many times over with new friends, new information, personal development and a greater understanding of the one of the most popular hobbies in the world.

During February, I was invited to give a presentation to the Hobart Branch. I must say that I was made extremely welcome and I enjoyed the evening very much. The Hobart group members are certainly friendly and I suggest that any other 'Out of Town' people who venture to the southern populated areas of our State would be most welcome if they dropped in to say hello at the Hobart Branch Library.

Genealogy is not the only hobby I enjoy. I also derive enjoyment from computers and music. We have just bought a new computer and I am going through the process of networking our two computers. One is running ME, the other XP. So far, I have been able to set up a shared folder and a shared printer. The

next task is to set up the network so that either computer can access the Internet through the one connection. Because the use of computers is becoming a bigger and bigger part of nearly everything that we do, I ask the question should we have more articles or help files on computers and their general use for genealogy? Congratulations to Vee for her article in last March's *Tasmanian Ancestry*, in which she gave a very succinct and helpful description on how to use search engines on the Internet. If you use the Internet for research and if you are having trouble in locating the right information, have a look at Vee's article from the last edition.

I would also like to remind members about the requirements that we are obliged to follow in regard to the Amendments of the Privacy Act 1988. On the current membership form there is a choice of two boxes, one of which should be ticked so that we know if we have your permission to publish your contact details in *Tasmanian Ancestry* and elsewhere. We are still receiving forms on which no box has been ticked. Under the Act we have no option but to withhold publication of any details of that member in any of our publications.

It was three years ago that our Society decided to change its name from the Genealogical Society of Tasmania Inc. to Tasmanian Family History Society Inc. and two years since the name was officially changed; how quickly time goes by. I trust that many of you have made arrangements to attend our AGM in Launceston this year and to celebrate our second birthday.

Peter Cocker

NOTICE OF MEETING

Notice is hereby given in accordance with Rule 14, that the

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

of the

Tasmanian Family History Society Inc.

is to be held on

Saturday 21 June 2003

at the

Quercus Rural Youth Function Centre

415 Oaks Road, Carrick

commencing at 2:00 pm

Voting is restricted to financial members of the Society and a current membership card may be required as proof of membership.

AGENDA

- 1 Welcome
- 2 Apologies
- 3 Presentation of the 2002 'Lilian Watson Family History Award'
- 4 Presentation of Meritorious Service Awards
- 5 Read and Confirm minutes of the 2002 AGM
- 6 Business Arising
- 7 Reports
- 8 Election of Office Bearers and Endorsement of Branch Delegates
- 9 General Business:
 - i Notice of Motion 1: that Rule 6. which reads: "*Income and Property: The assets and income of the Society shall be applied solely in furtherance of its above mentioned Aims and Objectives and no portion shall be distributed directly or indirectly to the members of the Society except as bona fide compensation for services rendered or expenses incurred on behalf of the Society*" Add the words "*except as provided in Rule 22*".
 - ii 2004 Annual General Meeting, Tasmanian Family History Society Inc. — venue.

Peter Cocker
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As we begin a new financial year, I wish to congratulate all the office-bearers for 2003–2004 for the branch and thank you for volunteering your talents to help

us maintain our successful branch and library. Many thanks go to the committee members who did not seek re-election, especially Dawn Collins, who has stepped down after serving approximately twenty years on the branch committee.

During that time she has served as President, Vice-President, Secretary, State Delegate as well as State Secretary. Over that time Dawn was a very active member of the committee helping out at our various activities and also making her home available for functions and committee meetings. We will miss your presence at our committee meetings, Dawn, and an enormous ‘Thank you!’

At our March meeting, Grant Kingston from the Public Trustee spoke on various issues regarding wills, estates and similar. Our April meeting was a computer night, focussing on successful scanning and at our May meeting we once again focussed on wills (worldwide)—how and where to obtain copies.

Over the next few months we hope to feature at our meetings:

- German night

- speaker from the Penguin History Group
- birth, death and marriage certificates
- Army records pre WW1

Our day meetings are still held on the first Monday of each month and have proved to be popular.

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The new library rooms were officially opened on Friday 21 March 2003. The invitation included representatives from many of the organisa-

tions in the Devonport area and acceptances were received from over forty people.

A large number of our members was also in attendance. Mike Smith acted as MC and visitors and members were welcomed by our Vice-president Sue McCreghan, who also presented a selection of our publications to the librarian of the Reece High School for placement in their new school library.

Mary Binks, a former mayor of Devonport cut the ribbon and officially opened the rooms. These proceedings were followed by a lovely afternoon tea. It has been pleasing to see several members volunteering to undergo some training as library assistants as it is now necessary to have two assistants on duty at all times. Since we moved to our new location the number of visitors and

members using the library has increased significantly. Elaine Garwood spoke at the February meeting about her Fletcher ancestors who originated from Cumberland U.K. In March David Harris spoke about his recent holiday in Queensland, this was followed by general discussion.

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A sincere thank you to all who volunteered to help with the activities of the Branch. The more volunteers we have the more tasks we can complete.

As Cynthia O'Neill did not stand for secretary this year, she volunteered to be the New Members Liaison Officer. Bryan Pearce has become our Media Liaison Officer. Robert Tanner has taken over from Vee Maddock as the Branch webmaster. We thank Vee for setting up the webpage and Robert for taking up this task and also for volunteering to provide written instructions for the use of new CDs. The other change has been moving the PO Box closer to our library. Please note the change.

Marjorie Jacklyn gave new members a tour of the library explaining the resources available and Brenda Richardson and Kathy Bluhm helped two new members who requested individual assistance with their English research.

As a trial we are opening the library to members on the fourth Friday night in the month: 27 June, 25 July, 22 August at 7:00 p.m. Marjorie Jacklyn ran two excellent in-service courses for library assistants on Australian resources held in the library. As a result, a list of Australian resources is available for library assistants and there are question and answer cards available for revision.

In March, in addition to members, we had fifty-two visitors using our library. Joyce Purtscher gave a talk on family history to 7RPH listeners.

The library is accessible to people in wheelchairs, who, if unaccompanied, should phone the secretary at least a day before so that arrangements can be made for the access door to be opened. If a visually impaired person wants assistance, he or she should phone the secretary so that arrangements can be made to provide help.

Of the forty people who attended the beginners' course, fourteen have joined the society. Cynthia O'Neill organised the four courses; Dianne Snowden and Maree Ring were the teachers and Marjorie Jacklyn explained the library resources.

At our first meeting for the year the State President, Peter Cocker, gave a fascinating talk on "How I found my German ancestors through the internet". We were all envious of his splendid technological presentation. At our daytime meeting at Kingston, Thelma McKay gave an excellent talk on researching land records.

The schools' project is well underway. Fifteen schools, involving thirty classes, have expressed interest in participating. There will be three prizes for the best family history: lower primary, upper

primary and secondary. The Minister for Education will present the prizes.

The latest publication, *Undertakers of Hobart Vol. II: Index to Alex Clark and Son Funeral Records 1885–1907*, has proved very popular. Later this year it is hoped that the Clark Brothers undertakers' records will also be available.

The eHeritage project is proceeding well, and is proving a learning experience. The RGD indexing of the BDM to 1930 has begun with Hobart doing the initial trial.

To encourage people to record their family history so their research is not lost, we are beginning a family history writers' support group. The first meeting will be on 17 April at 2:00 p.m. at the Branch Library. It will be an informal meeting where people will have an opportunity to discuss problems and receive suggestions on how to proceed.

Any members who would like to receive our regular newsletter by email should contact Cynthia O'Neill.

The branch will be holding a library tour for members on Saturday 14 June at 9:30 a.m. It would be appreciated if those members wishing to attend would advise either Marjorie Jacklyn: jacklyn@southcom.com.au or phone the secretary on 6228 5057 so that extra library assistants can be arranged if needed.

General Meetings: Rosny Library Bligh Street 3rd Tuesday in the month (except December and January) 8:00 p.m.

17 June—Janet Fenton, *Growing up out of town*

15 July—Leone Scrivener, *An historic Sandy Bay home*

19 August—Wendy Rimon, *Tasmanian women in the Boer War*

16 September—Phillip Tardif, *Notorious Strumpets and Dangerous Girls*

Day meetings: 2:00 p.m. as specified.

12 June: Sister Carmel, *Catholic records kept at Mt St Canice*. Venue: Mt St Canice

11 September: Susan Hood, *Transcribing convict records*. Venue: Sorell Football Club meeting room

Computer Users Group: Branch Library 4th Wednesday of the month, 7:30 p.m.

WISE Interest Group: Branch Library 1st Sunday of February, May, August, November, 2:00 p.m.

Family History Writers Group: Branch Library 3rd Thursday in the month, 2:00 p.m. starting 17 April

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For our first get-together for 2003, we visited the Launceston Community History Museum and thank Rhonda Hamilton and Ross Smith for giving of their time and expertise. Very broadly, the museum at present on the corner of Cimitiere and St John Streets, houses the older records of the Launceston City Council, dating from 1853 and former Councils (before amalgamation), as well as numerous collections from prominent local families, and organisations such as the Gatenby collection and Patons & Baldwins. There is a huge photograph collection which is

well indexed and copies of photographs are available for a fee. Well worth a visit!

Geoff Rapley is continuing his helpful contact with researchers at the City Reference Library. Alma Ranson is leading the Launceston Branch eHeritage team, together with Russell Watson and Robert Cook, and we are looking forward to seeing the results of their efforts.

Our Branch President (and State Vice President) Anita Swan and her committee are co-ordinating the Lilian Watson Family History Award for 2003. Entry forms and details are available from our Branch libraries.

New publications include *Index to the Launceston Examiner, Volume 4, 1860–1865* and *Index to The Examiner, Obituaries and Funerals, 1951–1960* and work is ongoing on the *Launceston Examiner* series, the next volume of the Shipping Index, and Teachers from Walch's Red Books.

Anita and her helpers are conducting a 10-week series of classes with School for Seniors—a very interesting time for all concerned.

On Saturday, 29 March we were pleased to turn on a fine day to welcome the Library a team of keen researchers from Burnie Branch, who had spent the morning at the City Reference Library.

At the time of writing we are looking forward to our Annual General Meeting on 22 April, various workshops, BIG Group activities and the State Annual General meeting on 21 June, at Quercus Rural Youth Centre, 415 Oaks Road, Carrick. We promise an excellent Dinner, with a well-known and popular Launceston speaker and on Sunday an unusual bus tour in the Whitmore area with Mr Ivan Heazlewood, local historian.

Arrangements are well in hand, BUT it cannot happen successfully WITHOUT a good attendance. Please check back to your March Journal and get your application form in without delay!

Do come!

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TASMANIAN SETTLER—GEELONG PIONEER

Barbara Bolt (Member No. 74)

THE goldrush days of the 1850s brought a huge number of immigrants to Victoria, but 'Australia Felix' received its first European settlers in the previous decades, many from across Bass Strait. The founders of Melbourne took sheep from Van Diemen's Land to join those driven in from New South Wales, which were initially cared for by ex-convicts, who lived solitary lives as they patrolled the largely unfenced grazing. The 1830s became the 1840s and the need was seen for more skilled settlers than these emancipists; families to set up new towns based on the Portland basin. These were to be found among the families of free settlers now beginning to arrive in numbers.

The 'Geelong and Portland Bay Emigration Society' was established by a group of Van Diemen's Land landowners looking to expand beyond the confines of Launceston. They raised the finance to charter suitable vessels to convey likely recruits, especially the labouring poor being sent out from the English counties as an alternative to the workhouse. Newspapers in Hobart and Launceston carried the message: 'Emigrants to Geelong wanted ... good farming servants, labourers, etc.'¹ The message could well have continued: 'preferably with wives and children', it was as family groups that Vandiemonians became Victorians.

One of those who responded to the advertisement, was William PURTON, a native of Kent. Although named on the Society's embarkation list as an

agricultural labourer, William was a carter, with many years experience in the southern counties of England. In 1836 he and his family had struck bad times and were 'on the parish' in the village of Wormshill when they were given the chance for a new life and sent out to Hobart on the immigrant ship *William Metcalfe*.

Ten years later, William and his wife with their two youngest daughters, were among the 109 passengers on the Emigration Society's ship the *Scotia* which left Hobart on 20 April 1846, on the second stage of emigration.

The *Scotia*, a schooner of 112 tons, made several journeys for the Society, conveying passengers to Port Phillip between 1845 and 1847. Her 1846 voyage was under the command of James GILL. On arrival, the passengers were placed in the Government immigrant camp at Geelong and although many moved on to Port Fairy, the Purton family made Geelong their home. There were continuing links with Tasmania. William's eldest daughter had married in Hobart two years earlier, and a brother, Shadrack Purton, an ex-private of the 52nd Oxfordshire and Buckinghamshire Regiment, had been working on the Adelphi estate near Westbury, Van Diemen's Land, since 1836, following some years as a convict overseer.² In 1842, Shadrack was on a list of those holding a carter's license³ and his eldest son was later a carter in Kyneton, Victoria. William may have worked with his brother until the chance came for him to go further afield and set up on his own.

The Bass Strait crossing would have been a much more pleasant journey than that which brought the family out from England. The *William Metcalfe* made a number of immigrant voyages to Victoria, but none could have been as terrible as they had endured in 1836, with the passengers arriving in such a poor state of health they could well have wished they had never left the uncertainties of their native Kent.

Shadrack's escape from rural poverty in England had occurred five years before William, and although he could neither read nor write, it is likely that they were in touch, perhaps with messages brought by other arrivals—probably with the wonderful new penny post. Shadrack's older sons had received some schooling, and could be called on to deal with the printed word.

Records of children in the pre free education days are scarce, but the unmarried daughters must have followed their parents. Solomon Purton is listed on the 1837 census at an orphan school.⁴ He also followed his parents to Victoria, but his name became changed to PEARDON. It is possible that other boys were quickly absorbed into the workforce, possibly as crew on ships, never to return to Australia.

Records we have of the family show that William was successful in Geelong and lived there until his death in 1869, three years before his wife. Their grave is in the Geelong cemetery and is still clearly marked.

William Purton may never have been aware that their privations on the *William Metcalfe* made him the subject of correspondence from John MONTAGUE, Van Diemen's Land Colonial Secretary at the time. Montague cited the Purton family as an example when he wrote to

the Lieutenant-Governor⁵ roundly condemning the system that he believed brought out the destitute of English workhouses to become a drain on the charity of the colonies. Far from fit and able workers with children who could support themselves, the passengers on the *William Metcalfe* were (he claimed), too old and infirm to be other than an added burden—but in naming 'William Purton, agriculturist', the Colonial Secretary had chosen the wrong example.

To begin at the beginning.

William Purton was the son of Robert PIRTON (sic) and Mary PITCHETT 'travellers'⁶ baptised 2 December 1787 at East Grinstead Sussex.⁷ Mary, his wife, appears variously as MOOR and MOORE, baptised 1800.⁸ The couple married by banns in her home parish of Aylsford, Kent,⁹ but the baptisms of their children are in the nearby Wormshill,¹⁰ and it was from there that they set off to join the *William Metcalfe*.

The Emigration Application shows the Purton family with seven children: Mancel (sic) 15, George 13, Solomon 11, John 7, Elinor 5, Jane (sic) 2 and 'an infant' of two months—Mary Ann.

The *William Metcalfe* left London on 7 October, 1836, a Friday, an ominous day for superstitious seamen. A diarist, Samuel ELLIOTT, recorded that the first night was 'Wet and unpleasant, scores of passengers were seasick, gingerbread and brandy was given and they soon recovered'. The voyage lasted for three months and eighteen days of sheer misery for many of those on board. As the diarist recorded, babies were born and babies died, among them, 'Maria (sic) daughter of William and Mary Purton from Wormsell (sic) ... was buried in the wave'.

In all, twelve children were 'buried in the wave' in the course of the voyage. The weather may have been stormy, but ships survive storms. The chief cause of death would have been because rations were inadequate for the needs of children and nursing mothers! Elliott recorded that the Captain and Surgeon were utter scoundrels who withheld the rations provided.

We had just sufficient to keep us from starving ... while a few favoured ones were served with the best, on purpose to swear on the Capn. and Dr's behalf in case we made a stir when the ship arrived.¹¹

When the ship finally docked in Hobart Town many of the passengers were in a very poor way, but a 'stir' was eventually made, and the enquiry pointed to the behaviour of the captain and medical officer. In the meantime, the Colonial Secretary had written to the Lieutenant-Governor, and despatched his report regarding the families on the *William Metcalfe*.

It is to be regretted that the contemplated measure of Family Emigration ... tried as an experiment has not been successful. This may be entirely attributed to the unsuitableness of the selection, many of the heads of families ... from age and constitutional infirmity, being quite incapable of earning the means of support for themselves, much less their children ... it was found necessary to afford the parents relief in food from the Asylum, and their children admission into the Orphan Schools.¹²

This seems to have been the case for the Purton family, as the report is accompanied by a letter from Dr EVANS, the Superintendent of the Immigrants' Asylum, and gives an example of the 'unsuitable' families:

William Purton—Agriculturalist—wife and 6 children ... The father although entered as 45 years of age in the list transmitted from the Colonial Office is nearly 60, and the mother rated 36 is nearly 50. Both are infirm and incapable of earning a livelihood. The age of the eldest child, a son, is 15 years, and the remaining children too young to provide for themselves.¹³

The Wormshill parish had not falsified the parents' ages—Mary Ann had another child after they arrived in Tasmania, and it was highly unlikely that she was the age that Dr Evans suggests. 'Mansell'¹⁴ the eldest child was a daughter, not 'a son'. Hers became a family name passed on for several generations. Far from being 'incapable of earning a living' William supported his family for many more years. Mansell married Peter John SINCLAIR¹⁵ of Hobart, and Eleanor married in Melbourne, James STEELE,¹⁶ an emancipated convict. The couple then lived in Ballarat. Mary Ann married John HERBERT¹⁷ from Sweden in Buninyong. The couple then lived near Shepparton.

Some years after the death of both William and his brother Shadrack, an enquiry was begun by their children which they hoped would result in their being declared heirs to a fortune. A namesake of an elder brother, George PERTON (sic) had died in England with much of his wealth 'undistributed'.¹⁸

William's lawyer son-in-law and Shadrack's eldest son made an application, based on the supposed word of their parents about 'money in the family' and supported by various affidavits. The net effect of their efforts was to confirm that there was **no** connection with a wealthy jeweller in Birmingham,¹⁹ but their efforts did supply future family historians with the names of other siblings and an outline of

Shadrack's army career. The various papers associated with the application have provided a treasure beyond any financial heirloom—descendants of the two brothers have a record of their origins, lowly though they may have been. ●

Endnotes

- ¹ *Papers of the Geelong and Portland Bay Immigration Society*, State Library, Melbourne
- ² See articles *Tas. Ancestry* 1989 and *Ancestor*, Genealogical Society Victoria Autumn 1997
- ³ *Hobart Town Gazette* 1842
- ⁴ Hobart Census, New Town POL29/30 3294 (1837). Solomon Peardon (sic) d.1885. Buried in Melbourne Main Cemetery.
- ⁵ CSO 5/10 pp.65–68 and GO 33/26 pp.657–659
- ⁶ Capel Parish Reg. 25 October 1784
- ⁷ East Grinstead Reg. 1787
- ⁸ Aylsford Baptism Reg. 1800
- ⁹ Aylsford Marriage Reg. 1819
- ¹⁰ Wormshill Baptism Register: Mantle (sic) 1821, George 1823, Solomon 1826, John 1828, Eleanor 1831, Maria Jane 1834 no baptism for Mary Ann, born 1836. Eliza Jane born 1838 in Van Diemen's Land (Tasmania)
- ¹¹ Journal of Samuel Elliott. Note the name—it was Maria Jane who died
- ¹² CSO 5/10 pp.65–68 and GO 33/26 pp.657–9
- ¹³ CSO 5/10 pp.65–68 and GO 33/26 pp.657–9
- ¹⁴ Later generations as 'Mancell'
- ¹⁵ Peter Johnstone Sinclair, 1823–1895 (son of H.B. Sinclair) occupation solicitor
- ¹⁶ James Steele, 1809–1869 occupation timber merchant
- ¹⁷ John Herbert 1836–1889 (son of John Herbert and Margaret Jones) occupation carter
- ¹⁸ Will of George Perton, Gloucester (retired Birmingham jewellery manufacturer) proved at £265,000, but only about £60,000 was bequeathed
- ¹⁹ See *Ancestor* Autumn 1997

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THE CONVICT SHIP JOSEPH SOMES

James Halsey (Member No. 5772)

THE following list of 250 male convicts transported in the *Joseph Somes* to Van Diemen's Land between December 1845 and May 1846 is an index made from the names in the original document at the PRO Kew (HO/11/14), not a transcription of it. It does, however, give all the details set out in the original list, which includes courts, dates of conviction and sentences, together with such other notes and details as written into the list. These notes identify deaths aboard ship. They are very faint but appear to be:

Joseph Fenton	25 February 1846
Edwin Hartridge	19 April 1846
Richard Pitts	24 April 1846
Thomas Slade	14 May 1846
Thomas Watson	20 February 1846
Reuben White	23 February 1846
John Yates	20 --- 1846

Three notes in the original convict list detail the dates from which particular sentences were 'to be commuted':

James Bishop	8 July 1845
Samuel Chapman	30 October 1845
Thomas Clark	24 October 1845

'Counties', as described in the index, are expressed in the more usual current terms, and occasionally differ from the headings used in the original document – e.g. Lancashire for Lancaster; Shropshire for Salop and Hampshire for Southampton.

In this index, as in the original, where a surname alias is given any forename alias relates thereto. Aliases generally appear in the court documents, hence their use in the original list.

The Surgeon, James L. Clarke, MD RN, in his 'General Remarks' which comprise the largest part of his Report (a separate document), states that three children of soldiers of the guard died aboard, and three were born. Their names are not given. Most of his report is concerned with the ill health of those who died, but there are other appendices, one of which is a 'Nosological Synopsis', although not by name of convict.

His General Remarks state that

On the 22nd December the Ship got under weigh from Woolwich, and anchored in the Downs on Christmas Day where she was detained by foul winds until the 14th January '46.

After leaving the Downs the Ship encountered a succession of gales and foul winds for a month and I deemed it advisable to put into Teneriffe for water and refreshments. After receiving the above and a quantity of Oranges which were highly refreshing to the prisoners, the Ship left Teneriffe on the 18th February and Anchored off Hobart Town V.D.L. on the 19th May being in all 125 days from the Downs.

The Downs are the waters off Sandwich and Deal which, by dint of the east Kent and Thanet coast, gain some slight shelter from the worst westerly, northerly and north-westerly gales.

Abbreviations used in table

A	Assizes
B	Boro' [Borough]
QS	Quarter Sessions
COJ	Court of Justiciary
GS	General Sessions

Name	Where convicted	County/Country	Date	Term
ADAMS Michael	Manchester B QS	Lancashire	4 Sep 1845	7
ADAMS Thomas	Gloucester S	Gloucestershire	1 Jul 1845	7
ALLAN Peter	Alnwick QS	Northumberland	15 Oct 1845	15
ALLEN alias CARROLL John alias Michael	East Retford QS	Nottinghamshire	21 Oct 1844	7
ALLIBONE Richard	Warwick QS	Warwickshire	13 Oct 1845	7
ALLSOPP George	Leicester QS	Leicestershire	30 Dec 1844	7
ASH James	Manchester B QS	Lancashire	4 Sep 1845	10
ATKINSON Thomas	Preston QS	Lancashire	15 Oct 1845	7
BABINGTON Joseph	Leicester B QS	Leicestershire	14 Oct 1844	7
BANKS John	Nether Knutsford QS	Cheshire	19 May 1845	14
BASSETT Edward	Central Criminal Court	London	16 Jun 1845	10
BEARMAN Cornelius	Chelmsford QS	Essex	1 Jul 1845	7
BERRY Lot	Oxford QS	Oxfordshire	30 Jun 1845	7
BIRCH James	Shrewsbury B QS	Shropshire	30 Jun 1845	14
BISHOP James	Warminster QS	Wiltshire	1 Jul 1845	7
BLAND John	Northampton QS	Northamptonshire	2 Jul 1845	14
BOYD Robert	Perth Justiciary	Scotland	2 Oct 1844	7
BRADBEAR John	Clerkenwell QS	Middlesex	6 Oct 1845	7
BRADLEY Henry	Kirkdale QS	Lancashire	30 Oct 1844	10
BRANTON William	Birmingham B QS	Warwickshire	17 Oct 1845	10
BREAR George	Wakefield QS	Yorkshire	9 Sep 1844	7
BREEZE John	Stafford QS	Staffordshire	30 Jun 1845	10
BREMNER George	Edinburgh COJ	Scotland	14 Jul 1845	7
BROMLEY William	Birmingham B QS	Warwickshire	18 Oct 1844	7
BROPHY John	Birmingham B QS	Warwickshire	18 Oct 1844	7
BROWN Edward	Clerkenwell Sessions	Middlesex	11 Feb 1845	7
BROWN Henry	Central Criminal Court	London	14 Sep 1844	10
BROWN James	Maidstone QS	Kent	14 Oct 1845	10
BURGESS William	Chester Assizes	Cheshire	5 Aug 1845	7
BUTCHER Robert	Norwich QS	Norfolk	2 Jul 1845	10
CAMPBELL Alexander	Inverness COJ	Scotland	25 Sep 1845	7
CARPENTER Frederick	Gloucester Assizes	Gloucestershire	2 Apr 1845	10
CARROLL William	Assizes for Warwick Division	Warwickshire	6 Aug 1845	7
CASEY John	Central Criminal Court	London	1 Jul 1844	10
CATMER James	Clerkenwell GS	Middlesex	26 Aug 1845	7
CHAPMAN Samuel	Newcastle upon Tyne Assizes	Northumberland	30 Jul 1845	7
CHARLES Thomas	Louth QS	Lincolnshire	21 Oct 1845	15
CHARLTON Joseph	Northallerton QS	Yorkshire	15 Oct 1844	10
CLARK Thomas	Lewes QS	Sussex	24 Sep 1845	7
CLARKE John	Central Criminal Court	London	15 Sep 1845	10
CLEMENTS Daniel	Abingdon QS	Berkshire	30 Jun 1845	10
CLEMENTS William	Newington QS	Surrey	26 May 1845	10
COHEN Moses	Central Criminal Court	London	21 Oct 1844	7
COMBS William	Nether Knutsford QS	Cheshire	13 Oct 1845	7
CONNER Thomas	Sheffield QS	Yorkshire	12 Sep 1845	7
COWIE Wilson	Edinburgh COJ	Scotland	14 Jul 1845	10
CROSS James	Gloucester Assizes	Gloucestershire	2 Aug 1845	9

Name	Where convicted	County/Country	Date	Term
CROW Robert	Leicester B QS	Leicestershire	28 Feb 1845	7
DAVIES John	Liverpool B QS	Lancashire	21 Jul 1845	10
DAVIS Thomas	Clerkenwell Sessions	Middlesex	5 Nov 1844	7
DERNACOUR William	Central Criminal Court	London	21 Oct 1844	7
DEXETER Joseph	Bath B QS	Somerset	28 Oct 1844	10
DIPPLE Alfred	Worcester QS	Worcestershire	13 Oct 1845	7
DOGHERTY Charles	Salford GS	Lancashire	1 Sep 1845	7
DOGHERTY George	Kirkdale QS	Lancashire	17 Jul 1844	7
DONOLLY Thomas	Liverpool B QS	Lancashire	21 Jul 1845	10
DONOVAN John	Central Criminal Court	London	15 Sep 1845	10
DOOLEY James the younger	Maidstone QS	Kent	3 Jul 1845	15
DOUGLAS alias SCOTT James	Edinburgh COJ	Scotland	14 May 1845	7
DOW John	Perth COJ	Scotland	26 Apr 1845	14
DOWNHAM Charles	Central Criminal Court	London	16 Jun 1845	10
DRURY John	Salford GS	Lancashire	1 Sep 1845	7
DUNN John	Exeter City QS	Devon	1 Jul 1845	10
DUNTON Joseph	Bedford QS	Bedfordshire	14 Oct 1845	7
EATON Jabez	Derby QS	Derbyshire	1 Jul 1845	10
EVANS William	Gloucester QS	Gloucestershire	14 Oct 1845	7
EXELL Henry	Maidstone QS	Kent	3 Jul 1845	10
FARLEY William	St Augustine's QS	Kent	17 Oct 1845	15
FENTON Joseph	Birmingham B QS	Warwickshire	3 Jan 1845	7
FIELD Thomas	Court Martial	Bermuda	10 Sep 1844	14
FURZER Joseph	Bridgwater QS	Somerset	1 Jul 1845	10
GALE William	Leicester QS	Leicestershire	30 Jun 1845	10
GIDDINS Thomas	Court Martial	Bermuda	30 Jul 1844	17
GIBSON alias MAY Edward	Surrey Assizes	Surrey	31 Jul 1844	10
GRADY Henry	Manchester B QS	Lancashire	26 Dec 1844	7
GREEN Charles	Bath B QS	Somerset	28 Oct 1844	10
GREEN Joseph	Chelmsford QS	Essex	14 Oct 1845	10
GREENMAN Charles	Newington QS	Surrey	26 May 1845	10
GRIFFIN alias McLOUGHLIN Michael	Kingston upon Hull B QS	Yorkshire	19 Oct 1844	10
HALSTEAD George	Leicester B QS	Leicestershire	14 Oct 1844	7
HANDFORD John	Preston GS	Lancashire	11 Aug 1843	7
HANVELL Thomas	Clerkenwell GS	Middlesex	23 Sep 1845	10
HARDING John	Manchester B QS	Lancashire	4 Sep 1845	7
HARDING John	Stafford QS	Staffordshire	14 Oct 1844	7
HARDWICK Henry	Worcester City Special Assizes	Worcestershire	2 Dec 1844	10
HARRIS George	Winchester QS	Hampshire	13 Oct 1845	7
HARRISON Peter	Leeds QS	Yorkshire	16 Oct 1844	7
HARTRIDGE Edwin	Central Criminal Court	London	14 Sep 1844	10
HARTRIDGE William	Central Criminal Court	London	14 Sep 1844	10
HARTWELL Henry	Gloucester QS	Gloucestershire	1 Jul 1845	7
HOGDEN John	Town of Nottingham QS	Nottinghamshire	10 Oct 1845	10
HOPCRAFT Samuel	Aylesbury QS	Buckinghamshire	1 Jul 1845	15
HORTON Joseph	Hertford QS	Hertfordshire	13 Oct 1845	7

Name	Where convicted	County/Country	Date	Term
HOLMES Andrew	Hexham QS	Northumberland	2 Jul 1845	7
HOLMES William	Wiltshire Assizes	Wiltshire	9 Aug 1845	10
HOWARD Thomas	Manchester B QS	Lancashire	28 Oct 1844	7
HUBBARD John	Norwich City QS	Norfolk	1 Jul 1845	14
HUGHES Thomas	Liverpool Assizes	Lancashire	13 Aug 1845	10
HYDE George	Central Criminal Court	London	15 Sep 1845	10
INGRAM George	Birmingham B QS	Warwickshire	23 May 1845	7
IRELAND Richard	Oxford Assizes	Oxfordshire	12 Jul 1845	8
JAMES James	Central Criminal Court	London	16 Dec 1844	7
JARVIS Thomas	Northampton Assizes	Northamptonshire	3 Mar 1845	15
JEPSON David	Leeds QS	Yorkshire	8 Jul 1845	7
JOHNSON James	York Assizes	Yorkshire	10 Jul 1845	15
JOHNSON John	Chester City QS	Cheshire	17 Oct 1845	15
JOHNSON William	Clerkenwell Sessions	Middlesex	10 Jun 1845	7
JONES Charles	Exeter City QS	Devon	1 Jul 1845	10
JONES Henry	Assizes for Warwick Division	Warwickshire	6 Aug 1845	10
JONES John	Manchester B QS	Lancashire	27 Oct 1845	7
JONES John	Birmingham B QS	Warwickshire	23 May 1845	10
JONES Samuel	Liverpool B QS	Lancashire	21 Jul 1845	10
KEMBLE George	Gloucester QS	Gloucestershire	1 Jul 1845	10
KERR William	Glasgow COJ	Scotland	11 Jan 1845	10
KINCAID William George	Maidstone QS	Kent	15 Oct 1845	10
KING Daniel	Chelmsford QS	Essex	1 Jul 1845	7
KINGSTON John	Liverpool Assizes	Lancashire	25 Mar 1843	10
LAKE Benjamin	Boston QS	Lincoln	13 Oct 1845	15
LAMBERT Robert	Ipswich B QS	Suffolk	25 Jul 1845	7
LEARY Dennis	Clerkenwell QS	Middlesex	15 Jul 1845	10
LEE John	Doncaster QS	Yorkshire	11 Apr 1845	7
LEVETT John	Lewes QS	Sussex	30 Jun 1845	10
LONG Timothy	Central Criminal Court	London	16 Jun 1845	7
LONG Edward	Central Criminal Court	London	18 Aug 1845	15
LOVELOCK William	Central Criminal Court	London	25 Nov 1844	10
LOVETT Thomas	Central Criminal Court	London	16 Jun 1845	7
MADDOCK Alan	Exeter City QS	Devon	1 Jul 1845	10
MAIN William the younger	Wells QS	Somerset	25 Mar 1845	10
MALLARD John	Northampton QS	Northamptonshire	2 Jul 1845	10
MALTBY Samuel	Cambridge QS	Cambridgeshire	4 Jul 1845	7
MARR John	Central Criminal Court	London	15 Sep 1845	14
MARTIN James	Newington QS	Surrey	20 Oct 1845	10
MASLEN Thomas	Warminster QS	Wiltshire	1 Jul 1845	7
MASTERSON Edward	Court Martial	Barbados	15 Mar 1845	14
MATTHEWS John Richard	Dorchester QS	Dorset	14 Oct 1845	15
MEECHAM Joseph	Bridgwater QS	Somerset	1 Jul 1845	10
MEIGHAN Niven	Newcastle upon Tyne B QS	Northumberland	1 Jan 1845	7
MELDRUM Alexander	Aberdeen COJ	Scotland	19 Apr 1845	7
MELLISH George	Wells QS	Somerset	7 Jul 1845	10
McAUSLAN David	Liverpool B QS	Lancashire	17 Mar 1845	7
McGOWN Walker	Glasgow COJ	Scotland	6 May 1845	7
McINTOSH Henry	Edinburgh COJ	Scotland	5 Nov 1845	7
McKENZIE John the younger	Aberdeen COJ	Scotland	1 Oct 1845	7

Name	Where convicted	County/Country	Date	Term
McNICOL Angus	Stirling COJ	Scotland	21 Apr 1845	14
MILLER William	Cambridge QS	Cambridgeshire	4 Jul 1845	10
MITCHELL Robert	Perth COJ	Scotland	9 Oct 1845	7
MORGAN William	Usk QS	Monmouthshire	30 Jun 1845	7
MORRISON Charles	Stirling COJ	Scotland	11 Sep 1845	7
MOUNT Thomas Arnold	Dover Borough QS	Kent	17 Jul 1845	7
MULHOLLAND John	Liverpool B QS	Lancashire	21 Jul 1845	7
MULLIGAN Daniel	Newcastle upon Tyne B QS	Northumberland	3 Jan 1844	10
MURPHY James	Northallerton QS	Yorkshire	1 Jul 1845	7
NEWMAN John	Central Criminal Court	London	16 Jun 1845	10
NUTTALL alias LEVER Thomas alias John	Nether Knutsford QS	Cheshire	30 Jun 1845	7
OGDEN Thomas	Bath B QS	Somerset	12 Jul 1844	10
OWEN James	Central Criminal Court	London	25 Nov 1844	10
PADBURY Edwin	Gloucester Assizes	Gloucestershire	2 Apr 1845	10
PARNHAM alias WARD George alias William	Nottingham QS	Nottinghamshire	13 Oct 1845	10
PASS Thomas	Stafford QS	Staffordshire	8 Apr 1845	10
PATTERSON Peter	Aberdeen COJ	Scotland	1 Oct 1845	7
PEARSON William	Central Criminal Court	London	15 Sep 1845	7
PERRY alias DAVIS Benjamin alias John	Central Criminal Court	London	18 Aug 1845	7
PHILIPPS Thomas Carew	Cardigan Assizes	Cardiganshire	25 Jul 1845	7
PITTS Richard	Exeter City QS	Devon	13 Oct 1845	7
PROFFIT George	Stafford Assizes	Staffordshire	14 Mar 1845	7
PROTHERO John	Usk Assizes	Monmouth	31 Jul 1845	7
PLYE John	Central Criminal Court	London	21 Oct 1844	7
RICHARDS John the younger	Gloucester Special Assize	Gloucestershire	26 Nov 1844	10
RICHARDSON John	Stafford Assizes	Staffordshire	27 Jul 1844	15
RICHES Christopher	B of Great Yarmouth QS	Norfolk	9 Oct 1845	7
RICHES Isaac	B of Great Yarmouth QS	Norfolk	9 Oct 1845	7
RICKABY David	Newcastle upon Tyne Assizes	Northumberland	26 Feb 1845	10
RIDLEY James	Salford GS	Lancashire	1 Sep 1845	10
ROUSE John	Gloucester QS	Gloucestershire	15 Oct 1844	7
ROWLEY James	Sheffield QS	Yorkshire	12 Sep 1845	7
ROYLE Roger	Manchester B QS	Lancashire	27 Feb 1845	10
SAYLES George	Spilsby QS	Lincolnshire	8 Jul 1845	7
SEAMER Thomas	Hertford QS	Hertfordshire	14 Oct 1844	7
SELWAY Charles	Bridgwater QS	Somerset	1 Jul 1845	10
SEYMOUR alias SEEMORE Alexander	Edinburgh COJ	Scotland	13 Mar 1845	7
SIBLEY William	Court Martial	Bermuda	30 Jul 1844	14
SLADE Thomas	Gloucester QS	Gloucestershire	1 Jul 1845	7
SMEDLEY William	Derby QS	Derbyshire	1 Jul 1845	15
SMITH alias POWELL James alias Thomas	Central Criminal Court	London	16 Jun 1845	7

Name	Where convicted	County/Country	Date	Term
SMITH John	Central Criminal Court	London	16 Jun 1845	10
SMITH George	Winchester B QS	Hampshire	13 Oct 1845	7
SMITH George	Stafford Assizes	Staffordshire	27 Jul 1844	10
SMITH William	Salford GS	Lancashire	1 Sep 1845	7
SNELLING William the younger	Newington QS	Surrey	26 May 1845	10
SPENCER Charles	Oxford City QS	Oxfordshire	13 Oct 1845	10
SPRAGG William	Norwich QS	Norfolk	2 Jul 1845	7
STANLEY James	Chester Assizes	Cheshire	5 Aug 1845	15
STAPLES Robert	Bridgwater QS	Somerset	1 Jul 1845	10
STARBUCK William	Leicester QS	Leicestershire	30 Jun 1845	15
STEADMAN alias SANDERS Charles	Warwick B QS	Warwickshire	2 Jul 1845	7
STEDWELL John	Exeter City QS	Devon	1 Jul 1845	7
STEPHENS John	Hereford QS	Herefordshire	8 Jul 1845	10
STEWART John	Glasgow COJ	Scotland	26 Sep 1845	7
STUDMAN James	Bedford QS	Bedfordshire	14 Oct 1845	15
STYLES Edward	Worcester QS	Worcestershire	30 Jun 1845	10
SUTHERN alias SUTHERS John	Nether Knutsford QS	Cheshire	30 Jun 1845	10
SUTHERLAND Benjamin	Edinburgh COJ	Scotland	25 Jul 1845	10
SUDELL Joseph	Preston QS	Lancashire	15 Oct 1845	7
SULLIVAN John	Central Criminal Court	London	12 May 1845	10
SWEENEY Michael	Manchester B QS	Lancashire	4 Sep 1845	10
SWINNERTON Thomas	Stafford QS	Staffordshire	30 Jun 1845	10
SYMES alias HARBONE Henry alias William	Horsham QS	Sussex	3 Jul 1845	10
SYMONS William	Exeter City QS	Devon	14 Oct 1844	10
TACEY John	Bolton B QS	Lancashire	23 Oct 1845	10
TAIT Charles	Clerkenwell Sessions	Middlesex	10 Jun 1845	7
TANSLEY Reuben	Bedford QS	Bedfordshire	14 Oct 1845	7
TAYLOR Henry	Surrey Assizes	Surrey	31 Jul 1844	10
THOMAS Henry	Nether Knutsford QS	Cheshire	13 Oct 1845	7
THOMPSON Edward	Northallerton QS	Yorkshire	15 Oct 1844	10
THOMPSON Henry	Shipton QS	Yorkshire	1 Jul 1845	7
THOMPSON John	Central Criminal Court	London	15 Sep 1845	10
THOMPSON Joseph	Liverpool B QS	Lancashire	18 Mar 1844	7
THORNTON James	Manchester B QS	Lancashire	4 Sep 1845	7
THORNTON Henry	St Augustine's QS	Kent	17 Oct 1845	7
TIPPLE Thomas	Clerkenwell Sessions	Middlesex	6 May 1845	7
TRAINOR James	Salford GS	Lancashire	1 Sep 1845	7
TURNER James	Shrewsbury QS	Shropshire	30 Jun 1845	7
TURNER John	Nether Knutsford QS	Cheshire	25 Nov 1844	7
WADSWOR John	Manchester B QS	Lancashire	25 Jun 1845	10
WALDEN John	Gloucester Assizes	Gloucestershire	14 Aug 1844	7
WALKER William	Aylesbury QS	Buckinghamshire	1 Jul 1845	10
WALLIS Thomas	Portsmouth B QS	Hampshire	20 Oct 1845	15
WATKINS James	Newington QS	Surrey	8 Sep 1845	10
WATSON Thomas	St George's Barracks Court Martial	London	7 Jun 1845	7

Name	Where convicted	County/Country	Date	Term
WENMAN alias WINDEN James alias Edward	Lewes QS	Sussex	25 Sep 1844	7
WHITE Reuben	Bristol QS	Gloucestershire	14 Jul 1845	7
WILKINSON James	Salford GS	Lancashire	1 Sep 1845	7
WILKINSON Thomas	Wakefield QS	Yorkshire	10 Sep 1845	7
WILLIAMS Arthur	Liverpool B QS	Lancashire	17 Mar 1845	10
WILLIAMS George	Clerkenwell Sessions	Middlesex	10 Jun 1845	10
WILLIAMS John	Central Criminal Court	London	16 Jun 1845	10
WILLIAMS John	Clerkenwell GS	London	12 Aug 1845	7
WILLIAMS John	Huntingdon QS	Huntingdonshire	13 Oct 1845	10
WILLIAMS John	Wells QS	Somerset	21 Oct 1844	15
WILSON alias WATSON Anderson	Durham QS	Durham	13 Oct 1845	7
WILLOUGHBY Samuel	Maidstone QS	Kent	14 Oct 1845	14
WINDSOR William	Central Criminal Court	London	14 Sep 1844	10
WOOLSEY William	Ipswich QS	Suffolk	17 Oct 1845	15
WRIGHT Benjamin	Central Criminal Court	London	15 Sep 1845	10
WRIGHT George	Assizes for Warwick Division	Warwickshire	6 Aug 1845	10
WRIGHT James alias Timothy	Oxford QS	Oxfordshire	14 Oct 1844	10
WRIGHT James	Chelmsford QS	Essex	21 May 1844	7
WYNN William	Central Criminal Court	London	16 Jun 1845	10
YATES John	Shrewsbury QS	Shropshire	30 Jun 1845	10
YORK George Thomas	Shrewsbury QS	Shropshire	30 Jun 1845	10

CORRECTION

The advertised cost of the book published by Robert N. Kellett titled *A Photographic record of the Descendants of Richard and Phyllis Hickman* in the December 2002 journal, on page 198, should read **\$35.00 plus postage**. A Photo CD is also available containing over 360 images, in JPG format, of the Hickman family and their descendants for a further \$10.00 (postage free if purchased with book).

As book supplies are now limited, those wishing to purchase copies should contact the author to determine availability.

The public response will determine if further publications are printed.

PHONE DIRECTORY

The State Reference Service of the State Library of Tasmania is seeking a copy of the southern Tasmanian telephone directory for 1997.

They plan to create a set of telephone directories (from 1950) for Tasmania on microfiche. To film the books they need to be pulled apart from their bindings. The 1997 directory is the only remaining copy they require. Once produced the microfiche will be available for use in the larger city libraries of the State Library.

If you can help please email (preferably) or phone to check if it is still needed. Sue Webster Librarian State Reference Service

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PORT ARTHUR MUSTER

10 AUGUST 2003

FOR some time the Port Arthur Historic Site Management Authority has been considering having a day whereby we invite descendants of those who came through Port Arthur to visit, meet others and share information on their ancestors. Some may recall the Isle of the Dead Remembrance Day held a number of years ago, and the idea is to do something similar, but with additional activities. After some discussion we have decided that this year, being the 150th anniversary year of the end of transportation to Van Diemen's Land, would be a good time to hold this special day.

The date we are looking at is Sunday 10 August 2003. It marks the day that celebrations were held throughout the colony commemorating the end of transportation, as well as the jubilee celebration of the founding of the colony.

The programme of events will include the launching of a public access terminal providing access to lists of Port Arthur convicts, an exhibition and short talk by Professor Michael Roe on the Cessation of Transportation, as well as talks by Maree Ring and Susan Hood on searching for the records of one's convict ancestors and how to transcribe them. A limited edition replica of the Cessation of Transportation medal is being created for the day, and representatives of Tasmanian Family History Society of Tasmania Inc., the Archives Office of Tasmania, the Tasman Peninsula Historical Society and Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints will be

available to assist with queries, and a genealogical software display.

The main focus of the day will be to make informal contact with descendants of those who passed through Port Arthur penal settlement—whether descendants of free people, or convicts.

We meet many descendants of convicts through our enquiry service, and a flyer advertising the Port Arthur Muster will be mailed out shortly to all known descendants, but there would be many more of whom we are not aware. Even if you may not be able to visit Port Arthur on the day, the establishment of a Port Arthur Descendants Group will take place, giving us the opportunity to put people in touch with each other for the sharing of information on common ancestors, as well as to receive news from Port Arthur.

If you are a descendant and your ancestor came through Port Arthur, and would like more information on the Port Arthur Muster, please contact Susan Hood by email:

susan.hood@portarthur.org.au or by phoning (03) 6251 2324.

We look forward to seeing you on 10 August 2003.

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THE *LADY NELSON*—HER STORY

Jonathan Davis

THE *Lady Nelson* was built at Mr DEADMAN's Yard, Deptford, England, and launched on 13 November 1798. She was 52 feet 6 inches (16.18m.) long with a maximum beam of 17 feet 2 inches (5.3m.), and weighed 60 tons (61.4 tonnes). A small vessel even by contemporary standards, she earned herself the nickname of 'HMS *Tinderbox*'.

As His Majesty's Armed Survey Vessel, the *Lady Nelson* set sail for the fledgling colony of New South Wales in March 1800, under the command



of Lieutenant James GRANT. It was on this voyage of eight months duration that she became the first ship to sail in a westerly direction through Bass Strait, thus initiating the shorter route from England to Port Jackson. The first landfall of that part of the continent which became South Australia, was entered into her log during that voyage, and for the next twenty-five years, through a series of pioneering voyages she carved an important niche for herself in Australian maritime history.

Between November 1801 and March 1802, under the command of Lieutenant John MURRAY, the *Lady Nelson* explored Bass Strait and most of King Island, and it was during that voyage that Port Phillip was discovered and explored.

Between July and November 1802, she accompanied the *Investigator* (under Lieutenant Matthew FLINDERS) north to

assist in the charting of the coastline. After damaging herself on the corals of the Great Barrier Reef, she had to turn back to Sydney, necessitating Flinders to continue alone.

Under the command of Lieutenant George CURTOYS, *Lady Nelson* in company with the *Porpoise*, set out from Sydney in June 1803 for the River Derwent in Van Diemen's Land, in order to establish the first European occupation of what is now Tasmania. However, bad weather was experienced and

both ships returned to Sydney.

A second attempt was made in August 1803, when the *Lady Nelson* left Sydney in company with the chartered whaler *Albion*, with Lieutenant John BOWEN on board, who was to be Lieutenant-Governor of the new settlement. Again bad weather was experienced and the *Lady Nelson* suffered some damage but continued on, and arrived in the Derwent on 5 September 1803. The *Albion* arrived five days later, having sheltered in Oyster Bay, and having spent the time capturing and killing three sperm whales. The *Lady Nelson* spent three weeks at the new Risdon Cove settlement before returning to Sydney.

January 1804 saw the *Lady Nelson* with Lieutenant James SYMONS in command at Port Dalrymple on the River Tamar, in northern Van Diemen's Land. Here the estuary was explored by a survey party

from the *Lady Nelson*. It was during this survey that the site of the future settlement of Launceston was noted on a map. Following this the *Lady Nelson* crossed Bass Strait to Port Phillip, where David COLLINS had established his first settlement, near the present site of Sorrento. Unhappy there, he transferred to southern Van Diemen's Land with the *Lady Nelson* and the *Ocean*, arriving in the Derwent River in February 1804. Dissatisfied with the Risdon Cove settlement, Collins moved the settlement to Sullivan's Cove, to establish what was to become Hobart Town.

In October 1804 the *Lady Nelson* along with *Buffalo*, *Francis* and *Integrity* set out for Port Dalrymple. At Port Dalrymple Lieutenant-Colonel PATTERSON established the first settlement in northern Van Diemen's Land. The *Lady Nelson* spent seven weeks making a thorough survey of the River Tamar.

In 1806, the *Lady Nelson* made a voyage to New Zealand to return Maori Chief TE-PAHI to his homeland. On board was a cargo of timber and bricks to build what may have been the first European house in New Zealand.

On 28 November 1807, the *Lady Nelson* arrived in the Derwent with the first of 700 settlers from Norfolk Island. She later made two more voyages, the first to Hobart Town in 1808, and the second to Port Dalrymple in 1813. The new arrivals were settled at Sandy Bay, New Town, New Norfolk, Clarence Plains and Longford.

During 1811 and 1812 the little brig conveyed Governor MACQUARIE to Van Diemen's Land for his famous tour of inspection. Macquarie's opinion of the *Lady Nelson* was that it was 'The best and safest boat he had ever sailed'.

The year 1819 saw her in use again for survey work. Following a survey of Port Macquarie it was decided to establish a settlement there, and two years later the *Lady Nelson*, in attempting to go to sea from this port, was driven onto the rocks, where she became a wreck with the tides flowing through her. By 1824 she was again in commission, as she accompanied *HMS Tamar* from Sydney to Melville Island in the Northern Territory to form a settlement. This was the settlement of Fort Dundas, the first British settlement in Northern Australia. On her second trip from the new settlement in 1825 in search of supplies, she called into the island of Baba, where the crew made fun of one of the native girls, and were subsequently murdered by the natives. The ship was run ashore and burned. One of the *Lady Nelson's* guns is, today, still in the possession of the Islanders.

(Extracts from Jonathan Davis, *The Lady Nelson Story*. 1988)

Irene Schaffer (Member No. 591)

The new *Lady Nelson* is a full sized replica of the original, built to present day safety standards, as laid down by the Department of Navigation and Survey. It was built at Woodbridge in Tasmania and launched in 1988. The *Lady Nelson* commenced operations in 1989 manned entirely by volunteers. The years between 1990 and 1996 saw a period of escalating debt after a policy of payment was introduced, and the ship spent most of each year out of Tasmanian waters.

An attempt to sell the vessel to clear the debt was thwarted by the Friends of the Lady Nelson Group. In June 1996 the *Lady Nelson* returned to Tasmania and commenced sail training and also an

educational programme as a totally volunteer operation. In 1998 the *Lady Nelson* competed in the Tall Ships Race from Sydney to Hobart.

In January 2001 the final debt clearance payment was made. The *Lady Nelson* continues to operate successfully with all crewing, maintenance and office work being carried out by volunteers. There is strong demand for the vessel, with weekend harbour sailing, short and extended charters, and crew training days.

growing number of primary schools are bringing classes aboard for one and a half hour charters on the river. Secondary schools, Scouting organisations etc. are chartering the ship for journeys of several days duration, during which time they are provided with the experience of traditional sailing, the challenge of the elements, teamwork, and the fellowship of the sea. The *Lady Nelson* is also in demand interstate to celebrate the important bicentenary events now occurring. The vessel visited South Australia in December 2000, Churchill Island in March 2001, and Port Phillip in February 2002. The *Lady Nelson* is Tasmania's Tall Ship, and a functional reminder of Tasmania's beginnings.

The *Lady Nelson* will sail on the River Derwent during September 2003 to commemorate the bicentenary of her arrival in 1803. Those wishing to take part in this historical event can obtain more information from Irene Schaffer, phone (03) 6272 2124 or by email on schafferi@optusnet.com.au

A journal kept by Lieutenant Grant and the log by Lieutenant Curtoys can be viewed on the *Lady Nelson* website: <http://www.tased.edu.au/tasonline/ladynel> ●

HOME SOUGHT FOR PHOTOGRAPHS



Edward Arthur Pacey

A home is sought for two portraits etched on glass (370mm x 270mm) of Edward Arthur PACEY of Lenah Valley. Edward, known as Arthur, was born on 4 February 1886 and died on 16 November 1954. He married Ida May HICKMAN on 6 September 1911 and they had one daughter Hilda (Mrs Jack WILLIAMS).

All members of Arthur's family are now deceased, and these portraits need to be reunited with an interested family member or close friend. Any person wishing to obtain these portraits should contact Robert Kellett.

Phone (03) 6272 7585 ●

A BRIEF HISTORY OF CLAN LESLIE

J. Barrie Leslie

TRADITION says that the Founder of Clan LESLIE was Bartolf, or as he is also known, Bartholomew. He was said to be a Hungarian nobleman whose father was Walter de LESHLIN, descended from Almos, one of the nine Hungarian Dukes who invaded Hungary. It is said that he came to Scotland in 1067, in the retinue of Princess Agatha, mother of Edgar the Atheling and his sisters, Margaret and Christina, who were fleeing from the Court of William the Bastard of Normandy, or as he is known, the Conqueror.

The Scottish King Malcolm III 'Caenmor' was much taken by the beauty of Margaret, and after his wife Ingiborge disappeared from the scene, Malcolm III and Margaret married. Meanwhile Malcolm III had promised his sister Beatrix, in marriage to Bartolf and they were married in 1070. Malcolm III was also supposed to have made Bartolf the Governor of Edinburgh Castle.

There is another school of thought, which says that Bartolf was a Flemish nobleman who came to Scotland with Maude de LENS of Boulogne, when she came to Scotland to marry King David I 'the Saint', about 1114. It is said that Maude de Lens was accompanied by many of her kinsmen of the House of Boulogne and they were the progenitors of many of the Scottish clans. These included amongst others, SETON, HAY, ABERNETHY, CAMERON, FRASER, AND LESLIE.

Until more research is carried out and more records come to light, it is impossible to say which version is correct. The Chief of Clan Leslie, the 21st Earl of Rothes, says the official position of Clan

Leslie is that the Hungarian story is the correct version.

Be that as it may, either Bartolf or his son Malcolm was given grants of land in Aberdeen, Angus, Fife, Mar and the Meams. The story is that King Malcolm promised Bartolf that wherever he had to stop to rest and feed his horse, he would be given, in hereditary right, all the land within a radius of one mile. Finally his horse collapsed in the Garioch in Aberdeenshire. Bartolf rode back to King Malcolm at Dunfermline and reported to the King that: *Between a lesse ley and the mair my horse it tyred and stopped* ('Lesse' means sheltered, 'ley' a pasture and 'mair' the sea) to which the King is said to have answered: *Lord Lessley shall thou be and thine heirs after thee.*

The site of the present Leslie Castle is the third building on the site, with the present Castle being more or less what the Castle was, when it was rebuilt by the FORBES family of Leslie Castle, in the early 1660s. The Castle was purchased in the early 1980s, in a very dilapidated condition by David Carnegie Leslie and his wife Leslie of Aberdeen, and restored to the condition that it is today. The present day Castle is the site of the first grant of land to Bartolf or Malcolm. It is unclear whether the original grant was to Bartolf or Malcolm, as the grant was made by David Earl of Huntingdon, brother to King William The Lion, to *Malcolm filio Bartholff totam terram Suam de Lessly Sicut* (Malcolm son of Bartholf). The copiers have dated it to 1171–1199, due to Malcolm, Bishop of Aberdeen being the only witness to the document who could be identified by the copiers.

Leslies have played many important roles in Scottish history, such as Sir Andrew Leslie who was one of the eight Earls who signed the Declaration of Arbroath and Bishop of Ross, John Leslie, champion of Mary Queen of Scots. Of the early Earls of Rothes, many were active in government, such as John 7th Earl who became Lord High Chancellor of Scotland and was created a Duke.

There are many more outstanding Leslies as well as those of the Leslie sept of Abernethy, Lang and More. The current Earl of Rothes was entitled to attend the House of Lords as a hereditary peer until this right was abolished in 1999.

There were four major lines of Leslie families. They were the direct Leslie line, the Leslies of Ross, the Leslies of Balquhain and finally the Leslies of Rothes who were the junior line until the direct line and the Ross lines died out. The Rothes line was then elevated to the peerage and became the senior branch. The other family, the Leslies of Balquhain are by far the most numerous and most of the Leslies in North America are descended from the Balquhain line who went to Ireland under the Plantation Settlement Schemes and from there went to America.

Over the centuries many Leslies have gained fame as soldiers in the armies of Scotland, United Kingdom, United States of America, Sweden, Denmark, Germany, Poland Russia, Austria and Russia until the 1917 revolution.

Clan Leslie Society of Australia and New Zealand is one of only two official Clan Leslie Societies in the world which have been approved by the 21st Earl of Rothes. The other is Clan Leslie Society in America, which was established in 1978 by an American diplomat, Alexander Leslie KLIEFORTH. ●

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SURPRISES !!

Kate Carlisle

EVERY family history researcher longs for unexpected surprises! I wonder if researchers in 2050 will be thrilled by the discovery of letters or other documents written by or about us in 2003. What information will they glean from our words and how will they interpret our remarks? I haven't handwritten a letter in years. Have you? Although I've been researching my family history for over five years now, I am still not averse to the excited buzz one gets with the discovery of a totally unexpected piece of information or memorabilia. Just as interest begins to wane and dead ends seem to appear too often, a tempting morsel turns up and off I go again. I have considered myself very fortunate to have had my fair share of such 'treasures' in my time.

It happened to me again recently!

My 85 year old father is moving to a retirement village shortly, and has started to clean out some of the cupboards in a spare bedroom. I doubt if they had been touched since my parents moved into that house 30 years ago. My father's mother, as a girl, had visited relatives in Preslau, Germany in 1911. She had corresponded with those relatives every Christmas until she died in 1979. We had no luck trying to locate the family. Some members of our family even visited Germany without success. In an envelope with a photo of a group of passengers on the *S.S. Grosser Kurfurst* on which the KOERBIN family travelled to Germany and a very faded photo of my grandmother nursing my father when he was one month old in 1917, was the last airmail letter the German family had written to my grand-

mother. It has an address on the back. I hope we will now be able to locate them and discover other branches of our family.

This discovery reminded me of the way I felt when I was given some other very special letters. I was given them on behalf of the HOOK family. In a box, which had been stored in a garage in Hobart since 1946, were James Hook's original will and a letter written by John Hook (convict) to his son James Hook, after his wedding to Jane MILROY in 1852.

Also in the box were four letters written at Stranraer, Scotland, in 1797 and 1803. They are in amazingly good condition considering that they are 200 years old. The most significant letter was written in October 1797 by William Milroy to his fiancée Johanna CARNOCHAN before they were married in Stranraer. They had one daughter before coming to Hobart and their daughter Jane was born at sea on the *Strathfieldsay*. Jane married James Hook in Hobart and they were my great great grandparents.

It is truly amazing to be able to read and touch a letter my great great great grandfather wrote over 200 years ago in Scotland. He was not well educated and it was difficult to decipher the letter. The other letters were written by Joanna Carnochan's sisters. They were neatly written by obviously well-educated women. They are incredibly well preserved considering their age, and the fact that no special effort was made to conserve them for posterity.

Can you help?

Have you any such ‘treasures’ at your place that were written by convict women? In an effort to paint a picture of life in the Female House of Correction at Cascades, a collection of letters by and about our convict ancestors will be developed to tell the stories of the women without whom we would not be here today.

All the people involved with the Female Factory Historic Site are delighted with the response received so far as a result of my article, *My Great Great Granny was a Convict—was yours?* in the September 2002 issue. So far we have recorded and filed over 100 names and we’re still counting. Many thanks!

The year 2003 looks like being very exciting for us, as we look forward to the purchase of the Matron’s Cottage and the setting up of a resources centre, and also the establishment of a ‘Friends of the Female Factory’ group.

Further information can be found on our Website www.femalefactory.com.au or by phoning us on (03) 6223 1559 ●

MY FAMILY HISTORY

Ashlee Carpenter-Gregory (aged 9)

I found out that my great Granma (Nanny’s mother), knew my Nan, (Dad’s mum), but my great Granma died before I could ask her about Nan.

My Nan’s name was Keiva Jane Gregory. She died before I was born. I want to find out a bit about her.

My Nan died 15 May 1988. She had cancer. She was the eldest of six. Dad was 15 when Nan (his mother) died. Dad and I went to her grave. Dad doesn’t talk about her much. Her grave is in Forcett. I had an uncle, he died when he was born, not sure how long he lived for. His grave is in Forcett too. His name was Jonathon, he died about 1987.

My Nan’s Mum was Jessie McDougall she died in August 1978, her father Gerry died in 1964. Gerry worked at the PMGs Department with my [maternal] great Pop (Colin), and that is how they got to be good friends. They used to play cricket together in the Tasmanian Postal Institute team against other state Institute teams.

Jessie and Gerry used to live at Lewisham. We’re not quite sure where he died except we know he died in 1964. Jessie died in her sleep at Lewisham. The next-door neighbours knew where the key was and went in because the blinds weren’t put up. They went in and she was dead in bed.

If you know anything about my family please contact the editor. ●

[Ashlee’s Nan, who lived at Dodges Ferry after her marriage, was Keiva Jane Gregory (nee McDougall) – *Ed.*]

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* Scottish Military Historical Society	<i>Dispatch</i>
Swan Hill Genealogical Historical Society Inc.	<i>Mallee Roots</i>
* West Tamar Historical Society	<i>Historian</i>
* Whitmore Historical Society	<i>Yesterday's Whitmore</i>

GEORGE VAN DIEMEN

Rosemary Brown

HIS private life aside, Lieutenant-Governor William SORELL was held by contemporaries to be a man of integrity, and a capable civil and military administrator. Over the years no evidence has come to light to refute this judgment.

His duties included locating land suitable for grants and recommending applicants—the recommendations had to go to the governor in Sydney for final approval. He scouted for land conscientiously, making many explorations into unknown country and was influential in obtaining grants for the growing number of settlers who were arriving with enough capital to make a start in the colony.

Taking over the land was incompatible with achieving sound relations with the Aborigines, but Sorell appears to have made every effort to follow MACQUARIE's order to 'Conciliate the Friendship and Good Will of the Natives'.¹ In a particularly strong proclamation in 1819, he condemned the outrages perpetrated against the Aborigines by those whites who 'sometimes wantonly fire at and kill the men and at others [other times] pursue the women, for the purpose of compelling them to abandon their children'.² Most of the children, if they survived, became little more than slaves.

In the early years of colonisation very few Aborigines would have realised the relentlessness of the force that was stealing the land from them, but robbery of their children was an outrage demanding instant retaliation and was a major cause of conflict. Although Sorell's proclamation contained strict orders designed to put an end to the practice,

apparently they were not enough, for child enslavement continued to take place in the more remote areas. Nineteenth century historian John West referred over thirty years later to the 'incredible wickedness' of the crime and noted:

The sentiments of Governor Sorell are honourable to his character, and cannot be doubted; but we are startled to find, that when charges, so solemnly imputed, must have been founded on particular facts, no equal punishment seems to have overtaken the crimes proclaimed. The government disapproved of oppression, but it was either too weak, or too indolent to visit the guilty.³

The capture of two Aboriginal children in March 1819 had prompted Sorell to issue the proclamation, his strongest yet against the practice of child-stealing and other acts of violence perpetrated on the blacks by the settlers and their servants. He was to become personally concerned with the welfare of one of those children.

Before I started exploring family history all I knew of this was that Sorell had sent an Aboriginal boy called George Van Diemen to England to learn to be a leader of his people; I knew little else, except that the boy died soon after his return.

Each time I came across a mention of it in some article or other, I wondered momentarily about Sorell's intentions, and later as I prepared to find out more I wondered again. However prejudiced he might have been as a nineteenth-century Englishman (bound by the times in which he lived, as we all are) and a loyal civil servant, he surely must have realised that when the boy returned after years of being far removed from his people and their struggle, he would be alienated from

them, certainly not in a position to 'lead' them.

Then I read in some Aboriginal educational material: 'George Van Diemen was a young Aboriginal boy who ... was sent to England as an experiment to see whether he could be educated to live like an Englishman.'⁴ Further reading, notably of Plomley's *Friendly Mission*,⁵ convinced me that the project had indeed been conceived as an experiment and I concluded that history had been obscured yet again—in this case in order to throw a better light on Sorell, or rather, what he stood for. The story of George Van Diemen began to take shape. In 1819 a boy aged about six, of the Big River tribe, was 'found' in the bush near New Norfolk along with a baby thought to be his brother. The baby died soon afterwards and Sorell took the boy, who came to be known as George Van Diemen, to live under his care at Government House. In 1821 Sorell made arrangements with prominent settler Robert KERMODE for the latter to take George to England to be educated.

Sorell wrote to Kermode:

George ... has ... been taught his letters, and his prayers, but though he has become obedient and tractable, and is weaned from his wandering habits, and is even tolerably cleanly, very little expansion of intellect is yet perceptible. I believe also that he ... would not take anything except to eat; with respect to which I am afraid he is open to temptation.

I believe only one native boy from this Island has yet been taken home, [a child who died soon after arriving in England] and as the experiment of instructing and civilising a being of a race so little known, may attract ... notice ... in your great liberal and enlightened Town, I am very happy of this occasion of trying it.⁶

He authorised Kermode, once in England, to place the child with someone fit to ensure good treatment and education. So it came about that George spent most of his five years in England in the care of a dissenting minister in Lancashire. In 1823 a friend of the minister wrote to Sorell of George:

His gratitude and affection surprises me more than anything as I gave them no credit for any such feeling, but George has never seen any one yet he loves so much as his Governor though he calls Mr Greatbatch [the minister] Father he still adds his Governor is his best friend. He has written a few lines to you ... an event which has given him great pleasure I trust poor little fellow he will continue to do well, at present he gives every one hope and satisfaction ...⁷

George spent the last part of his stay in England with a John BRADLEY of Liverpool. At the end of that time Bradley wrote to Kermode, who was on another visit to England and was preparing to take George back to Van Diemen's Land with him. After referring to George's good memory and general intelligence, he remarked: 'I apprehend the blacks ... (on all parts of the globe) ... will keep pace with the whites, for colour neither impairs the muscles nor enervates the mind.' He concluded:

I also pray that our Nation may be just as it is great and secure to George a portion of the land that gave him birth; that our Rulers may in this instance be governed by Justice, let the Native have what the voice of reason and equity adjudge to him, and not let power supercede right.⁸

George, now about fourteen, returned home with Kermode in 1827. He was sent to a school in Liverpool Street, Hobart Town, run by a Thomas STONE and died ten months later. So far I have been unable to find out any details about

those last ten months.

There are of course many gaps in the story. For example, when Sorell returned to England in 1824, did he visit George, or at least find out how he was faring? Once he had decided on the 'experiment' and handed George over to Kermodé, I think Sorell might have sighed with relief and put the matter out of his mind.

Obviously George was treated well in the nearly two years he lived at Government House and it seems he developed a great affection for the 'Governor'. However a six-year-old who is suddenly removed from his mother and home and placed in a completely alien world will never recover completely from the grief and shock of separation, especially if the process is repeated in some way, which is what happened to George. For at only eight years of age he was removed again from all that was familiar, or had become familiar, and sent far across the seas to begin yet another new life with a new set of white strangers.

Whatever the circumstances of George's separation from his people, once it had happened there, was almost certainly no way of restoring him to them and Sorell probably did the best he could by taking the boy into his own home. But for reasons I have touched on, I cannot say the same of his action in sending George 'home' to England. Although he must have been hard-pressed to find a solution, surely he could have arranged for George to remain in the now relatively familiar surroundings of Hobart Town. There he would have had the chance of being in contact with other displaced Aborigines—perhaps people from the Big River tribe to which he belonged, or even from his own Leenowwenne family group who lived in the New Norfolk area.

Sorell did in fact provide a meeting place, a house in Hobart Town, for displaced

Aboriginal people as well as some kind of voluntary refuge for them at Kangaroo Point. I do not know how successful these arrangements were or for how long they lasted, or any other details. He also laid the groundwork for a school for orphans, which was to become established as the King's (later the Queen's) Orphanage in 1828, three years after his departure. Over a period of some twenty years, about thirty Aboriginal children were taken from what was left of their people and sent to the Orphan School, as it was generally called, to learn the European way of life.

The state of race relations in Australia can only be appreciated if the European arrival and 'settlement' is seen for what it was—an invasion. For the newcomers acquired the land without attempting to establish treaties/agreements with its indigenous inhabitants, justifying the takeover with the pretence that it (the land) was 'terra nullius'—that is, it belonged to no one. A profound lack of respect for the blacks and a belief in the superiority of the whites were intrinsic in the process of colonisation. These attitudes flourished well into the twentieth century, when they were checked but by no means eliminated by the 1992 Mabo High Court decision which threw out the doctrine of terra nullius as it applied to Australia.

Removal of children from their families accounted for a large part of the suffering the whites imposed on blacks. Until 1970, many thousands of children were taken from their families, a great number of them in the 1940s and 1950s as a result of contemporary government assimilation policies—those with noticeably white ancestry being especially targeted.⁹ The practice was not widely questioned until 1997, when the Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission issued its report

Bringing Them Home.¹⁰ Until then mainstream Australians had vaguely assumed that white intentions were good and that the children had on the whole benefited. Among other things the report recommended that Australian parliaments, police forces and churches should acknowledge their responsibility and apologise to everyone affected by forcible removal. The Tasmanian government carried out the recommendation, as did the other states and various police forces and churches, but the Prime Minister¹¹ consistently baulked at making an apology on behalf of federal parliament. Another recommendation was that financial compensation be made to people who were forcibly removed as children. The government also sheered away from this, maintaining that it could prove to be far too costly.

The children who were taken from their families in the 20th century, many of them still alive, have come to be called 'the stolen generation' (often now, more accurately, 'generations'). In 2000 the Prime Minister and the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs raised a nationwide storm by maintaining there is no such 'generation' and in any case the children were not 'stolen' but 'separated' by well-intentioned authorities, with no racist intent. They criticised *Bringing Them Home* for being based mainly on stories relying on personal memory and therefore uncheckable, and rejected its estimation of the numbers involved.

Whether the children were taken according to government policy or not, as in Sorell's time, the results were on the whole tragic. Even the ones who were/are considered to have been successfully reared in the white community suffer/suffered through alienation from family, identity and heritage. It is clear from George's story that he

would have suffered in this way, as would the handful of other indigenous children of Van Diemen's Land who were, like him, raised 'successfully' by whites. I think I comprehend much of their pain, but my mind cannot seem to engage properly with the fate of the majority—the little brothers and sisters who were stolen to be treated outright as slaves and subjected not only to separation but also to unimaginable brutality and abuse.

Sorell predicted in 1819 that the Aborigines would eventually retaliate on a large and systematic scale if even a small proportion of whites continued to criminally mistreat them. By the end of his term in Van Diemen's Land in 1824, the scene was set: due in no small way to his own efforts, there had been a steady influx of settlers and a corresponding opening up of extensive areas of land for them to farm, land which until then had been prime Aboriginal hunting grounds; and the ongoing transportation of convicts meant that servants were in good supply. Isolated conflicts that had continued sporadically began to change in character and become more general as the Aboriginal resistance became more organised.

Thus the Black War was set to begin at the time of Sorell's departure from Van Diemen's Land. He wrote a long and comprehensive report on the condition of the colony for his replacement, George Arthur; that is, it was comprehensive except for one thing—it failed even to mention Aborigines. ●

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Editor's note

This is a chapter from a book about Rosemary Brown's ancestors, and from a section about their contacts and dealings with Tasmanian Aboriginal people. Rosemary is a descendant of William Sorell, Lieutenant-Governor of Van Diemen's Land from 1817–1824.

TASMANIAN BIGAMIST

Helen Harris OAM

WHILE researching the police files in Victoria I came across this interesting story.

William Thomas BAYNTON married Alicia Ellen McGINTY in 1915, in Melbourne. She was 20 years old, the daughter of James and Annabella née McCALMAN. Baynton was in the AIF in Melbourne, and was arrested on a charge of bigamy, being already married.

He broke out of the cell at Broadmeadows and disappeared, and police were called in to investigate the case. His first marriage was to Rosetta Lucy THORPE in 1911 at Kingston, Tasmania. Baynton was the son of William James and Florence Eleanor née LUCAS, and had been born at Kingston. He and Rosetta had two children, and there is a photograph of the two children on the file, as well as copies of both marriage certificates.

Baynton was not found, but in 1917 police re-activated the case. It was reported that Rosetta had been receiving letters from Baynton, and had just left Tasmania for New Zealand. It was believed that he had gone to New Zealand in 1917 and from there enlisted and served overseas.

There are twenty-two pages in the file, which will be found in VPRS 807 Inwards Correspondence to the Chief Commissioner of Police, Unit 550, File V3870 of 1917 and 4245 of 1915. This material is held at the Public Record Office in Melbourne. ●

THE QUERIES PAGE

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DO you submit queries to the Queries pages in *Tasmanian Ancestry*? I hadn't until recently, and only then because of a request from Leonie Mickleborough, Editor of *Tasmanian Ancestry*, who was looking for queries 'to help fill up the pages'.

I sat down and put together four queries concerning various branches of my family, emailed them off to Leonie and told her to use them when she had a gap that needed filling. An email from her confirmed that they had been received and that she would probably use two in the next edition of the journal. Just before the next edition was posted out Leonie told me that she had used all my queries in the March 2003 edition.

My copy of *Tasmanian Ancestry* was in my mailbox on Tuesday morning—a check confirmed that all my queries were included and my contact details were correct. I thought no more about it until the following Sunday morning when I answered the phone at home. Pat, a member of THFS was ringing about my DOYLE/VINCENT/PHILLIPS entry and told me that George Barclay Phillips was her grandfather. The Doyle/Vincent/Phillips family tree is a tree with a few secret branches and central to these branches is the matriarch, Maria Vincent (aka Maria or Mary Leo) and her arrival in Tasmania.

Having established that Pat was a descendant of Maria's second family, the Phillips family, I told her that I was a descendant of Maria's first family, the Doyles. Pat had been told that some where in the family there were connections to the Doyle family but had no idea that Maria was the mother of them.

Another of my queries in *Tasmanian Ancestry* had been for the STEVENS

family which comprised the family of George and Elizabeth Stevens, and then after Elizabeth's death, the family of George and his second wife, Mary Ann (nee McNAMARA). Pat told me that she had a Mary Ann Stevens in her family history but she had no idea where she had come from and wouldn't it be interesting if she was the Mary Ann Stevens in my family. My question was, 'Who did she marry?' Her reply was, 'John McDONALD' and my reply, 'Bingo' (or words to that effect).

Our relationship to each other is quite complicated. Maria Vincent is my great great grandmother from her relationship with Charles Doyle and for Pat she is her great grandmother from her marriage to James Phillips. On the Stevens side of the family, Pat is a great great granddaughter of George Stevens from his first marriage and I am a great great granddaughter from his second marriage. For the statistically minded our relationship is interpreted by my family history computer program as: through Maria Vincent we are half second cousins once removed and through George Stevens we are half third cousins.

Are you confused? So are Pat and I, but whatever our relationship, we are looking forward to sharing our mutual interest of family history and sharing family stories and information.

Have you sent any items for the queries column to *Tasmanian Ancestry*? Take my advice and try it—you have nothing to lose and relatives to gain.

Now, is anyone related to my ELLIS family, my HILL family? Read the March 2003 *Tasmanian Ancestry*, the details are in there! ●

TASMANIAN PLACE NAMES

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CHANGES in place names can present difficulties for anyone trying to trace his or her family history. If you had Tasmanian ancestors who came from Rumney's Huts, Cabbage Tree Hill, Shepton Montacute or Snake Plains, would you know where to start looking for the records of your family? How often have you looked on a map only to find these and many other towns and localities don't seem to exist any more. Hours of fruitless searching can be avoided if you are aware of these changes (or at least know where to look to find out about them).

Most people are aware of the change from Van Diemen's Land, the name associated with all the alleged brutalities of the convict system, to 'the sweet one of Tasmania'.¹ How many people, however, are aware of the many different names for the township and locality of Scottsdale. In 1840, after James Scott, the Government Surveyor, explored the north-east of Tasmania and selected land in the area, it became now as Scott's New Country.² Other new early names for the area include Cox's Paradise, commemorating Thomas Cox, one of the first settlers in the area; and Tucker's Corner, named after Thomas Tucker who first settled in the area in 1859. The town was officially known as Ellesmere until 1893. In that year the name was changed to Scottsdale in honour of the first surveyor in the area. Other towns and localities have similar histories of name changes.

Tasmanian nomenclature owes much to the work of the early surveyors and explorers. Usually, armed with little but

the sketchiest of maps, they opened up previously undiscovered or little known country. They usually named features and localities by drawing upon the names of prominent citizens from the United Kingdom or elsewhere. For example, the surveyors employed by the Van Diemens Land Company commemorated prominent members of the Company in names such as Bischoff, River Inglis and the River Cam.³ The first wave of settlers, often unaware of their work, gave their name to different localities, for example, the town of Baden (in the Oatlands municipality) was formerly known as Rumney's Huts, commemorating an early settler who erected a crude dwelling in the area.⁴

Frequently the names of pioneers or the names of their properties became place names. Sometimes this meant that a given locality had more than one name, or the same name was used for more than one locality.

The development of a state wide postal system created a need for standardization. Localities were often given a special postal name, or else generally accepted local names became standardized. In 1912 Point Rapid, West Bay and Blackwood Hills became known as Rowella as the Post Master General's Department [now Australia Post] felt the need for a common postal name for the area.

However, the former names still persist as the names of local landmarks.⁵ In other cases such as that of Beltana, a name change was made because there was a duplication of the name with a town in

South Australia. So, in 1903, Beltana became Lindisfarne.

The establishment of a Nomenclature Board was important in the collation, authorization and spelling of both old and new names. The Board is a satellite body of the Lands Department.⁶ It is located on the eighth floor of the Lands Department Building, 134 Macquarie

Street Hobart. The Board has a register of all officially recognized place names in Tasmania and this contains a considerable amount of information on the dates and background to place name changes.

[The board's address has been updated. The preferred means of contact is now by email.–Ed] **Nomenclature.Office@dpiwe.tas.gov.au**

FORMER NAME ⁷	MUNICIPALITY	CURRENT NAME	APPROXIMATE DATE OF CHANGE ⁸
Adam's River Field	Hamilton	Adamsfield	
Altmoor	Flinders	Ranga ⁹	post 1900
Back River	New Norfolk	Magra	1912
Badger Plains	Ulverstone	Ulverstone	pre 1900
Baker's Rivulet/Creek	Huon	Lucaston	1909*
Beachside	Hobart	Lower Sandy Bay	pre 1900
Beltana	Clarence	Lindisfarne	1903
Bismarck	Glenorchy	Collinsvale	1915-1916
Black Sugar Loaf	Westbuiry	Birrilee	1915
Blackwood Hills	Beaconsfield	Rowella	1912
Bradshaw's Creek	Ringarooma	Pioneer	1955 (1909*)
Brandy Creek	Beaconsfield	Beaconsfield	pre 1900
Brothers Home Mine	Ringarooma	Derby	pre 1900
Cabbage Tree Hill	Beaconsfield		pre 1900
Beaconsfield			
The Camp	Scottsdale	Lyndhurst	pre 1900
Cascades	Tasman	Koonya	pre 1900
Cherry Tree	Sorell	Pawleena	pre 1900
Opening			
Chestnut	Deloraine	Meander	1909*
Cloverdale	Fingal	Upper Esk	c1949
Copper Alley Bay	Port Cygnet	Lymington	pre 1900
Cotton	Ulverstone	Ulverstone	pre 1900
Cox's Paradise	Scottsdale	Scottsdale	pre 1900
Cross Marsh	Green Ponds	Melton Mowbray	pre 1900
Daniel's Bay	Bruny ¹⁰	Lunawanna	c1909
Detention	Circular Head	Rocky Cape	post 1909
Derwent	New Norfolk	Bushy Park	post 1909
Du Cane	Ringarooma	Tomahawk	post 1900
Elizabeth (Town)	New Norfolk	New Norfolk	pre 1900
Ellesmere	Scottsdale	Scottsdale	1893-1894
Fat Doe River	Bothwell	Bothwell	pre 1900

Forester's Hill	Beaconsfield	Notley Hills	c1950
Formby	Devonport	Devonport	1890
Gordon Plains	Evandale	Evandale	pre 1900
Green Point	Brighton	Bridgewater	1900*
Green Water Holes	Green Ponds	Kempton	pre 1900
Green Water Ponds	Green Ponds	Kempton	pre 1900
Gregson	Clarence	Otago	post 1909
Heidelberg	Latrobe	Harford	1900
Hollow Tree	Clarence	Cambridge	pre 1900
Honeysuckle	Evandale	Evandale	c1820
Honeywood	Esperance	Geeveston	pre 1900
Hull	Huon	Judbury	post 1909
Hurst Town	Scottsdale	Lyndhurst	1853
Hythe	Esperance	Southport	1969
Ilfracombe	Beaconsfield	Beauty Point	pre 1900
Ilfraville	Beaconsfield	Beauty Point	pre 1900
Irishtown	Port Cygnet	Nicholls Rivulet	pre 1900
Jerusalem	Richmond	Colebrook	pre 1900
Judd's Creek	Huon	Judbury	1924
Kangaroo Bay	Clarence	Bellerive	1892
Kangaroo Valley	Hobart	Lenah Valley	post 1909
Kawallah	Launceston	Newstead	pre 1900
King's Town	Kingborough	Kingston	1882
Koomella	Scottsdale	West Scottsdale	
Krushka's Bridge	Ringarooma	Moorina	pre 1900
Lightwood Bottom	Esperance	Geeveston	pre 1900
Latour	Longford	Longford	pre 1900
Linda	Gormanston	Gormanston	1909*
Longmeadows	St. Leonards	Franklin Village	pre 1900
Lovett	Port Cygnet	Cygnet	1915
Lyetta	Beaconsfield	Clarence Point	c1960
Lymington	Evandale	Nile	1900*
Macquarie	Gormanston	Pillinger	1900
Macquarie's Township	Hamilton	Hamilton	pre 1900
Marawaylee	Beaconsfield	Riverside West	
Mill's Reef	Bruny Island	Alonnah	1955
Montagu	Circular Head	Togari	post 1955
Native Tier	Hamilton	Osterley ¹¹	1900*
Norfolk Plains	Longford	Longford	1860
Oberlin	New Norfolk	Black Hills	pre 1900
Paterson's Plains	St Leonards	St Leonards	pre 1900
Pea Jacket Point	Flinders	Wybalenna	
Penghana	Queenstown	Queenstown	1900*
Piper's River	Lilydale	Lilydale	1900*
Point Rapid	Beaconsfield	Rowella	1912

Poole's Marshes	Oatlands	Lower Marshes	
Pootark	Tasman	Stormlea	1929
Portland	Ringarooma	Du Cane	pre 1900
Poynduk	Esperance	Port Davey	pre 1900
Preston	King Island	Naracoopa	post 1909
Rialannah	Hobart	Mount Nelson	pre 1900
Richmond Hill	Beaconsfield	Kayena	
Rumney's Huts	Oatlands	Baden	1905
San Diego	Spring Bay	Darlington Maria Is	pre 1900
Settlement Point	Flinders Island	Emita	post 1909
Shepton Montacute	Green Ponds	Dysart	1875
South Bridgewater	Glenorchy	Granton	1914
Snake Plains	Esperance	Glendevie	post 1909
Sunny Hills	Circular Head	Nabageena	post 1909
Tatana	Beaconsfield	Exeter	pre 1900
Temby	Spring Bay	Triabunna	pre 1900
Thomas Plains	Portland	Weldborough	1900*
Tongatabu ¹²	Deloraine	Weetah	1914
Torquay	Devonport	Devonport	1890
Tucker's Corner	Scottsdale	Scottsdale	pre 1900
Tucker's Hill	Wynyard	Milabena	
Upper Flowerdale	Wynyard	Moorleah	post 1900
Upper Huon	Huon	Glen Huon	post 1900
Victoria (Valley)	Huon	Ranelagh	post 1900
West Leith	Ulverstone	Turners Beach	post 1909
West Bay	Beaconsfield	Rowella	1912
Wybalerma	Huon	Glen Huon	
Yarmouth	Portland	Scamander	1900*

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WILLIAM EMMERTON—AN OLD COLONIST

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THE picturesque Old Stanley Burial Ground nestles into the foot of The Nut and looks out over a crescent of sandy beach to sparkling blue water in one direction and to the lush Green Hills in the other. It is one of the most serene and peaceful final resting places anyone could wish for. A warm November sun shone down on us as my sisters and I placed a plaque at the spot where our great great grandfather, William EMMERTON, had been laid to rest one hundred and three years earlier.

Nothing is known of the early life of William Emmerton before he was convicted of stealing a stone bottle to the value of one shilling and five quarts of rum to the value of ten shillings. He was tried at the Buckinghamshire Quarter Sessions in May 1839 and sentenced to transportation to Van Diemens Land for fifteen years. Although no prior convictions are stated on William's convict report, it would be naive to think this was his first brush with the law as convicted felons were very rarely transported for a first offence. It is more likely that he had come up before a magistrate for a petty offence on at least one previous occasion, particularly since he gave a false name at the time of this arrest.

William spent about three months crowded with other prisoners awaiting transportation on a hulk moored on the River Thames before embarking on the ship *Canton*.

When the *Canton* sailed from Spithead in September 1839, Convict 609 William Emmerton was one of the 240 male prisoners aboard. The Surgeon in charge of the convicts reported that William's behaviour during the voyage was 'tolerably correct'. The voyage from England took

112 days and ten convict deaths on board were recorded during that time. The *Canton* docked at Hobart Town on 12 January 1840 and so began a new life in a strange country on the other side of the world for young William.

From the details on his convict records it appears that William was a labourer, a single man of 20 years, tall with brown hair and reddish whiskers. On arrival in Hobart Town he was put on two years' probation. In the three years from 1843 he offended four times and was punished. He received two months' hard labour in chains in January 1843 for disobedience of orders and refusing to work. He was sentenced to one week's hard labour on the tread wheel in April of the same year for smoking, and seven days' solitary confinement for disobedience of orders in February 1844. In May 1846 William was sentenced to 14 days' hard labour for being drunk and out after hours—perhaps he was celebrating the granting of his Ticket-of-Leave two months earlier.

Records of William's work history are scant but it seems he was sent to work at the Probation Station at Ross and then to Public Works Launceston before arriving in the Circular Head area in 1844.

In the *Hobart Town Gazette* of Friday 21 April 1843, William Emmerton's name is included in a listing of unclaimed letters at the Hobart Town GPO. Perhaps his parents or siblings had written to him. How sad that this letter was never received. It is likely that William could neither read nor write as he made his mark with a cross when he married.

William's 17-year old wife Ann was born in Tasmania, the daughter of William

SMEDLEY, a convict who was now free and farming in the Forest district. They were married at St Paul's Church, Stanley, in June 1851 with Ann's sister Margaret and her husband Samuel HORTON as witnesses to the marriage.

William and Ann settled on a block at Back Line Road, Forest. Life was not easy for pioneers in Tasmania in the 1850s and William's days would have been long and hard as he worked to turn the bush block into a viable farm to graze stock and grow crops. The land had to be cleared of virgin bush by hand with only bullocks and horses to do the heaviest of the work. A house had to be built, most likely of timber split on the block.

Ann's days would have been no easier. For twenty-seven years of her life she was either pregnant or rearing small children. She and William raised a family of sixteen—seven girls and nine boys. Sadly, two of the boys, George and Samuel, died in infancy. David, the youngest, served with the 2/26th Battalion in World War 1. He died on the battlefields of the Somme in July 1916 and was buried in France.

The Emmerton family farmed in the Circular Head district for over 50 years. In 1864, William applied for a licence to operate the *Pig and Whistle Inn* near the Bridge at Horse Shoe Bend, Black River. However his application was refused and the Inn was not licensed again.

While Joseph, the eldest son of William and Ann, never married, their other surviving children grew up to marry into well known Circular Head families such as HYLAND, HOUSE, HORTON, MEDWIN, O'CONNOR and BLIZZARD and they produced many Australian grandchildren for William and Ann.

William Emmerton died at Forest on 28 September 1899. The local newspaper reported that he died of 'the effects of the good old age of 84 years' and he had been in 'indifferent health' for some time.

In a paragraph headed 'An Old Colonist' the newspaper reported that:

it was noticeable that a goodly number of older residents, many of whom had come long distances, were at the grave to see the last of an old friend. The deceased had been engaged in farming pursuits in this district for fully fifty years, and endured the hardships of the early pioneers with the courage characteristic of the early settlers. Straightforward, honest, hard-working and hospitable, he fought his battle through life respected by all. He reared a large family who follow in the footsteps of their father with credit, and the name of Emmerton in Circular Head is one that no one need be ashamed of.

Although Ann Emmerton survived her husband by fourteen years, she was in very poor health for the last eighteen years and was confined to her bed. Ann died of influenza and bronchitis in 1914 at the home of her daughter, Susannah Horton, just a month after the death of her second son William (our great grandfather). She was buried at the Anglican Cemetery at Forest.

Today, 103 years after William was brought to this peaceful burial place, his great great grand daughters sit idly watching a family of plovers with two fluffy babies. We share a tot of rum, and reflect on the life of our earliest known Emmerton ancestor. His life in Tasmania, despite the hardships endured, probably presented him with opportunities he could only have dreamed about had he remained in England. We would like to think William is with us today 'in spirit' and that he is pleased to at last have his life in Tasmania recorded with this simple plaque:-

WILLIAM EMMERTON
c. 1815 England—1899 Forest
Respected Pioneer ●

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PROGRESS OUT THE BACK IN THE 'YOU KNOW WHAT'

Irene Schaffer (Member No 591)

I have always been fascinated by books about 'dunnies' and have collected many over the years. Looking back I find that lavatories (as we called them) played a big part in my life. The first ones, of course, were all 'out the back'.

My first recollection is when I was about three years old. We lived on the boundary of Toowoomba and had the sanitary man come each week, not like the Lees across the road. They, not being within the boundary of the town had to 'you know what' (dig a hole!!). That's why we called ours the lavatory and they called theirs the dunny.

Ours was way down the back near the fence, and I soon learnt not to go down without my shoes on as we had free-range bantams. (And you know what.) My sister was frightened of the dark and though she was two years older, I would have to go down with her, which made my visits twice as many as hers.

The next one was at my grandmother's place, this time not as far away, but we were always scared to go, as the door was at the back and we were frightened the man would come while we were in (the you know what).

When I married I again found myself on the outskirts of Toowoomba. My husband built our house, and we had an outside toilet (note the change of name) and he of course made the seat to suit himself. This was fine until our second daughter slipped and hung on until found (in the you know what).

Would you believe it was not until we arrived in Tasmania in 1960 that we had a place with an indoor toilet. Of course we had to go backwards when we went camping, and dig a hole. On a trip to Alice Springs with a private bus group, the first job was always to dig the loo. The men for some reason thought this was their job, but would you believe almost every time they would put it in full view of the camp on the wrong side of the tree. One night they put it up in the dark; we never did find it.

The *Lady Nelson* brings to mind another story. On ships, they are called the heads and found near the galley and in the fo'c'sle. The one near the galley can be somewhat of a problem. One day after paying it a visit I sprayed the small compartment. A short time later the alarm went off. This tells everybody there is either a gas leak or some other problem. After sometime on their hands and knees under the floorboards the crew decided that the gas was OK. Back on deck everybody! It happened the second time; yes, I had sprayed the head. This caused another investigation and again nothing was wrong. After some thought I explained what I had done. Complete silence, but now every time the alarm is mentioned I get that look that says, 'no more spraying Irene.'

I hope you have enjoyed the little stories I wrote while at my computer only a few feet from my very modern toilet, reminiscing about all the other 'you know whats'. ●

PIONEERS WHO LIVED IN KIAMA AND DISTRICT AREA UP TO 1920

AS the Kiama Family History Resource Group, we are still seeking contributions for our *Pioneers Who Lived in the Kiama and District Area up to 1920* publication, and have extended the closing date to 31 December 2003.

The following is a list taken from the *Post Office Directory 1875*, for Kiama.

Adams, Alexander, Allison, Anderson, Andrews, Armstrong, Arnold, Arthur, Atkinson, Barnier, Barr, Bastable, Beale, Black, Boles, Booth, Bent, Bryen, Butler, Bowie, Brown, Bullen, Boniface, Bassell, Beney, Bennett Biggs, Blair, Buchanan, Camerson, Campbell, Charles, Chester, Clarke, Colley, Collins, Combs, Commnell, Cousins, Craig, Crooks, Crozier, Cunninghame, Caines, Carberry, Carson, Chin, Coleman, Coston, Couch, Cunningham, Chapman, Dietz, Dinning, Downes, Doyle, Dudgeon, Dutch, Dwyer, Earl, Elliott, Ellwood, Emery, East, Edwards, Fleming, Farraher, Finlayson, Francis, Fredericks, Fuller, Gallon, Gillon, Graham, Geoghegan, Geary, Gordon, Goodwin, Gray, Greenwood, Grey, Hamilton, Haddon, Hart, Hanna, Harvison, Haydon, Hayes, Henry, Hetherington, Hill, Hincks, Hindmarsh, Hudson, Hunt, Herbert, Holden, Honey, Irvine, Johnston, Jones, Jarman, Jackson, James, Kay, Kendall, Keys, King, Kinross, Krammer, Keevers, Keogan, Knox, Leggatt, Lewis, Love, Leatheam,

Loveday, Lever, Maxwell, Marshall, Mewburn, Milne, Moffitt, Morgan, Morrison, McAndrews, McCaffery, Mellwrath, McLean, McManus, Mood, McClelland, McAnaney, McBride, Medcalf, Mitchell, Moore, Mooney, McDermott, McDuff, McGlinchey, McGucken, Major, Mansfield, Marks, Noble, Newing, Nethery, O'Toole, Orloff, Osborne, O'Neill, Pickman, Pike, Pinkstone, Plumridge, Potter, Prot, Quinn, Redford, Reid, Regan, Reynolds, Robb, Rankin, Reed, Ringwood, Ritchie, Robinson, Roland, Ryan, Rubenach, Roberts, Sewell, Short, Shackle, Simmons, Smith, Sommerville, Spinks, Scott, Smillie, Sproule, Strong, Selwin, Somerville, Sanson, Tarrant, Taylor, Timbs, Tulloch, Turner, Tyter, Torrens, Tremble, Wakeford, Waldron, Walker, Wall, Ward, Wenham, Weston, Whitton, Whitney, Williams, Wilson, Windsor, Woods, Woodyatt, Welsh, Yates, York, Zillman.

Broughton's Creek has 50 family names listed, Gerringong has 85, Shellharbour 88, Albion Park 85, and Jamberoo has 93 family names listed.

If you are a descendant of one of these families, please fill in one of our Pioneer Register Forms.

These are available by sending a SSAE to
Kiama Family History Resource Group
PO Box 75
Kiama NSW 2533

Lost, Stolen or Strayed ... and Found!

The *Lady Nelson* is a replica of the ship launched in November 1798 at Deptford England, and she will be used for sailings on the River Derwent, Hobart, **during September 2003** to celebrate Tasmania's bicentenary. The timetable is:

Wednesday 3, 10, 17 and 24 September.

Saturday 6, 13 and 20 September

Sunday 7, 14 and 21 September.

Three hour sailings daily between 9:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. \$15 per person

Two hour sailings daily between 1:30 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. \$10 per person

There will be a maximum of thirty passengers each trip, and passengers will need to supply their own food and drinks.

Please contact Irene Schaffer for bookings by phone on (03) 6272 2124 or email schaffer@optusnet.com.au □

Members of family history societies who are working on indexing projects which might be of use to other family historians, are invited to register the project free of charge with the **Central Register of Indexing Projects in Australia**.

The Register helps to prevent duplication of projects, and (if you wish) it can provide free publicity for your project via an entry in the book *Specialist Indexes in Australia: a Genealogist's Guide*. A special **registration form** must be used to submit a brief description of the index and a contact address. Indexes suitable for registration include those for cemeteries, newspapers, Government Gazettes, Police Gazettes, local history collections, published books, records held by archives, and Australia-wide one-name studies. See <http://www.judywebster.gil.com.au/register.html>

for information, guidelines, and a registration form; or request these by

writing, enclosing a SSAE to Judy Webster (Central Register), PO Box 5043, Algester QLD 4115 □

A **Gladstone Genealogical Society** member, Gwen Dall, has published an index covering the period 1840–1939 of 10,000 names of miners, farmers, soldier settlers etc. who have, at some time lived in the Central Queensland towns of **Mt Perry, Gayndah, Mundubbera, Eidsvold, Monto or Kilkivan**. All towns are inland from Gympie, Maryborough and Bundaberg. Gwen recorded the names from various sources, including state archives, books, journals, diaries, BDMs, council records, electoral rolls and post office directories.

The index is available on her website <http://users.tpg.com.au/gossms> where directions are given on how she may be contacted in order to obtain the data she holds. There will be a \$6 charge to cover costs. □

The **Child Migrant Central Information Index** (NCVCCO) in London closed on 30 November 2002. The Index, which was a result of the 1998 House of Commons Health Select Committee's recommendation, was set up by the National Council of Voluntary Child Care Organisations.

The Index is computerised and contains basic information on individual child migrants taken from the records of known Sending Agents in the United Kingdom. The purpose was to enable former **British child migrants** to discover where their personal records can be accessed.

The Index is located at the Department of Health, and the information will remain available through the Department to

former child migrants who need, for example to demonstrate nationality. The website www.doh.gov.uk/childinf contains all the relevant signposting information to sending, or independent agencies, who may be able to assist in finding lost records and family.

The NCVCCO is an umbrella organisation whose members comprise the major child-care and family support charities. Details on their Information Subscription Service and activities can be accessed at www.ncvcco.org □

There are two official **Clan Leslie Societies** in the world which have been approved by the Clan Chief, the 21st Earl of Rothes. The Earl has appointed Barrie Leslie, a direct descendant of George Leslie 1st Earl of Rothes, as his **Commissioner for Australia and New Zealand**.

The society currently has 67 members, and is hoping to increase its membership. Any Leslie family member is welcome to join the society. Members receive a Clan Leslie newsletter, and depending on their preference, this is sent either by post or by email. See the article on page 24 for a brief history of the clan. The society's website is <http://www.clanleslie.org> and the newsletters can also be accessed through <http://electricscotland.com/familytree/newletters/leslie/index.htm>

Further information on the society can be obtained from Barrie Leslie 43 Rosedale Road, Gordon NSW 2072, by phone (02) 9418 2262 or by email on lesliejb@ozemail.com.au □

In March 1998 a home was sought for a **Bible** which once belonged to the **Espenett** family. The current editor inherited this Bible along with her position as editor, and an **Espenett** family

home is still needed for this article. It is a Pocket Edition bound in imitation leather, gold embossed, published in London in 1824, and carries the bookseller's small sticker 'BOLTON, BOOKSELLER, TENTERDEN'. Unhappily the spine is split, so the bible is in two parts. The Bible has an inscription:

Fanny Espenett.

Norwich 31st July 1858.

This Bible was first given to me, W.H. Espenett, while in Switzerland (1845 to 1847) by dearest Father & Mother. But having a small 'Baxter's' Bible from dear David & Melanie this was transferred to dearest Margaret until her death in 1852 who gave it to dearest Jemima until she died at Cannes July 1858, when dearest Father & Mother gave it to my beloved Fanny as a wedding present & token of affectionate solicitude —

To

F.M. Espenett from

"Mother" Feb. 1st 1884

Anyone who can lay claim to this Bible may have it by contacting the editor. □

The Tasmanian Cricket Association (TCA) recently opened its **cricket museum at Bellerive Oval in Hobart**. The facility displays much of Tasmania's rich cricket heritage and some fascinating memorabilia.

Since its opening to public view, visitor response has been very supportive, and the TCA has been encouraged by the many expressions of assistance and donations of new memorabilia.

The Museum's research team is seeking the assistance of the public to locate photographs of prominent cricketers and teams. In particular the TCA is hopeful of obtaining photos of all its life members

to be incorporated into a **special life members' display**.

They still require photos of the following former cricket administrators (year awarded life membership in brackets) missing from the TCA's records, and are hoping members of the public may have photos:—

J.H. **TREBILCOCK** (1928),
A.C. **NEWTON** (1937), H.H. **FACY**
(1942) and W.E. **TAYLOR** (1943).

Information regarding these gentlemen may be sent to Michael Gandy at **gandyd@netspace.net.au** or phone (03) 6248 6224

While perusing the '**OPR of Barony, Lanark, Scotland 1848–1854 Marriages' F# 1041482 FHC**, Irene Esson of West Vancouver, BC Canada (where it is raining cats and dogs!) found the following:

F#1041482 Barony Marriages
1852 February 15 **William HILL, Esq of Williamswood, Van Diemen's Land** & Janet McRUAK, residing in Barony Parish, lawful daughter of the deceased James McRuak (timber? merchant) in Glasgow married in Glasgow on Friday of March 1852 by the Rev'd Wm (Smyth), D.D. Minister of Free St Georges Church Congregation, Glasgow.

It is very difficult to read, therefore some of the spelling may be incorrect. The bride's name seems to come from Perth, Scotland. Irene will happily mail a copy of the document to any ancestors of the family, and can be contacted by email on **whales@smarrt.com**

FEMALE FACTORY

CHRISTINA HENRI is a Fine Arts Honours student in drawing at the University of Tasmania, and is looking to celebrate the lives of the women who spent time in the Female Factory at Cascades. She proposes to draw a replica of a remaining section of the factory wall using parts of hand imprints as the patterning on the stone-work. Christina is seeking female descendants of the women who spent time in the factory from whom she is asking for a copy of their hand imprint. She plans to enlarge the line patterns of the hands to create a design, and by using images of ancestors' imprints will be linking the past with the emerging Australian culture.

Christina will also complete a work which incorporates drawings of sections of hair interspersed with sachets of real hair, and is also seeking photographs of a section of hair or a small cut-off section such as the trimmings from a visit to the hairdresser.

In choosing hair as an integral part of the work she is acknowledging the genetic material that has passed down through generations as a positive outcome emerging from the hardships and difficulties that these women endured and a product of their determination and perseverance. Christina's completed work will be assessed late November and then will be exhibited at the Female Factory site. If you are able to assist please contact:

Christina Henri, PO Box 1020 Sandy Bay 7006, phone 0407 575 018 or by email **cjhenri@tassie.net.au**

GENES ON SCREEN

Vee Maddock (Member No. 3972)

I start with a personal plea. Update your virus protection!

Please, if you don't have an UP TO DATE anti-virus program on your computer and you are connected to the internet, it is not a matter of 'if' you will get a virus, but how many 'will' you get per week. I recently posted on a mail list.

Now mail lists are relatively safe, most don't allow the transmission of attachments to emails. However, because I posted to this particular list, my email was picked up by at least ten different computers infected with a virus, which then bombarded me with copies of the virus direct to my email.

This virus, one of many like-minded nasties on the loose at present, sends itself attached to an email from your computer. You'd be amazed at the letters I received that weren't meant for me (or thankfully about me either).

Imagine your embarrassment when your father-in-law reads the little love note you sent your husband last week, or your fifth cousin receives an email you wrote to another relative describing him as a raving loon who wouldn't know good research if he fell over it. This COULD happen to you, and if you don't protect yourself it WILL.

By tracing backwards I was able to notify a few people that they had the virus. In all cases they DIDN'T KNOW, and they had no idea they were sending random letters to everyone their computer had ever met on the internet. Update NOW.

You can pay for something like Norton Antivirus, or get free protection with

AVG (www.grisoft.com) but get protected, before you are embarrassed.

Irene Schaffer, a TFHS Inc. member, is well known to many for her work with the *Lady Nelson*, Norfolk Island and early Tasmanian research. Her new website includes several indexes of early convicts and information on early journeys in the colonies. <http://members.optusnet.com.au/~schafferi/>

For images of ships which travelled between New Zealand and Australia try this database from the National Maritime Museum in London.

<http://www.port.nmm.ac.uk/research/g3.html>

To view the Museum's other very informative research guides on everything from women at sea to flags check out <http://www.port.nmm.ac.uk/research/guides.html>

Pearl's Pad contains an amazing number of links to New Zealand resources from Inquests to BDMs, Pensioners to Ships.

<http://pearlspad.net.nz/>

Mudcreek software have several programs aimed at helping people spread their family tree information. If you are considering putting your family tree on CD-Rom you might find their **free** CD-Rom version of GenViewer worth a look. http://www.mudcreek.ca/cdrom_version.htm

From 1 April the indexes to English and Welsh Births, Deaths and Marriages from 1837 to 2001 will be available online.

There will be a charge for this, a minimum of £5 GBP for 50 page views. However, remember the society has these GRO indexes on fiche available on a


rotating basis through the branch libraries. <http://www.1837online.com/>

Remember also that from 1837–1902 is presently being indexed at FreeBMDs

<http://freebmd.rootsweb.com/>

Every day more work is being done by volunteers around the world to bring more records to more people for less cost, or actually, free. Along with the FreeBMD project, Rootsweb also have a FreeREG project aimed at providing a free transcription of all records extracted from parish registers and other Church records in the UK. <http://freereg.rootsweb.com/>

FreeCen is an attempt to transcribe and have freely available online the censuses of the UK. <http://freecen.rootsweb.com/>

This project began with the transcription and indexing of the 1891 Devon Census which, until a suitable search engine is created for the project, is temporarily available at <http://www.cs.ncl.ac.uk/genuki/DEV/Census.1891/> 

NEW RELEASE

An index to *Launceston Examiner*

This new series covers the personal announcements from the *Launceston Examiner* from its inception on 12 March 1842 until 31 December 1899.

In 1900 the name was changed to *The Examiner*.

There are Birth, Death and Marriage notices as well as deaths and marriages gleaned from news items.

In the early years of this first volume Police Reports were detailed and give a graphic picture of the social conditions prevailing, as do the Police Intelligence, Supreme Court and Quarter Sessions reports, which in many cases culminate in the report of an Execution.

Selected news items of interest to family historians have also been included.

Volume 1, 1842–1851—\$30.00

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Volume 3, Electoral Roll 1856
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Volume 4, 1860–1865—\$25.00

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NEW ACQUISITIONS

This is a select list of books on history and genealogy which have been added to the Tasmaniana Library between January and March 2003. 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, or by email at Heritage.Collections@education.tas.gov.au

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 at city and branch libraries).

Banks, Annette, *The family of George Burgess and Ann Haines: 160th anniversary edition 1814-2002*. (TLQ 929.2 BUR)

Bissett, Muriel and Betty, *Index to Launceston Examiner, Vol 1, 12 March 1842- 31 December 1851*. (TLR 929.3 IND)

Browne, Frank Styant, *Voyages in a caravan: the illustrated logs of Frank Styant Browne*. (TLQ 919.46 BRO)

Carroll, Brian, *Toll: an illustrated history*. (TLQ 338.0440994 CAR)

Chick, Neil, *The Archives Office of Tasmania : a guide for family historians*. (TLR 929.3 CHI)

Clark, Brian, and Johnson, Michael, *Pipe organs of Tasmania*. (Third edition, 2002) (TLQ 786.5509946 CLA)

Cross, L.J.E., *History of the combined Probus Club of Claremont: 10th anniversary 1992-2002* (TLQ 367. PRO)

Davey, Richard, *The Sarah Island conspiracies: being an account of twelve voyages to Macquarie Harbour & Sarah Island*. (TLQ 994.644 DAV)

Fisher, Leonard C, *Cradle for a giant: notes on the history of Railton and surrounding districts*. (TL 994.633 FIS)

French, Greg, *Tasmanian trout waters*. (TL 799.1755 FRE)

The Girls Industrial School, 1862-1945. (CROPQ 362.7680994661 GIR)

Glade-Wright, John L., *The Glade-Wright roots* (TL 920 GLA)

Hingston, M. F., *Forget not: Campbells down under*. (TLQ 929.2 CAM)

Hiscutt, Hugh, *Musical and other memories*. (TLQ 920 HIS)

Hunt, Susan, *Lure of the southern seas: the voyages of Dumont d'Urville*. (TLQ 919.04 DUM)

- Jones, Aileen and Jan Tolland, *50 years of education at Montello Primary School*. (TLQ 372.9946 MON)
- Kostoglou, Parry, *Archaeological mitigation works: former Jewish Cemetery, Windsor Court Complex, Harrington Street*. (TLQ 994.661 KOS)
- Laugesen, Amanda, *Convict words : language in early colonial Australia*. (TL 427.994 LAU)
- McGowan, Barry, *Australian ghost towns*. (TLQ 994. MCG)
- McNamee, David, *Beating the odds: the story of Tattersalls's private mail network 1902-1930*. (TL 383.1809946 MCN)
- Manchester, Margot, *Reg Chopping: all or nothing: a grazier's story from 1953-1979*. (TL 636.01099466 CHO)
- Martin, Maureen and Meryl Yost, *Holy Trinity Church of England, Launceston, Tasmania: marriage register index 1900-1925*. (TLPQ 929.3 HOL)
- Matthews, H. Raymond, *Dawsons of Invercargill*. (TLQ 929.2 DAW)
- Pendrey, Barbara, *Chatwin: 6 generations in Tasmania*. (TLQ 929.2 CHA)
- Pridmore, Walter, *Port Arthur: as it was*. (TL 994.671 PRI)
- Richardson, Nick, *Ricky Ponting: unauthorised biography*. (TL 796.358 PON)
- Rolls, Eric, *Visions of Australia: impressions of the landscape*. (TL 994 ROL)
- Russell, Penny, *This errant lady: Jane Franklin's overland journey to Port Phillip and Sydney, 1839*. (TL 994.02 FRA)
- Selzer, Anita, *Governors' wives in colonial Australia*. [Includes Lady Jane Franklin] (TLQ 994.03 SEL)
- Smith, Simon, *From club to corporation: motor insurance and the rise of Australian Associated Motor Insurers Ltd (AAMI) 1933-1999*. (TL 368.572 SMI)
- University of Tasmania. Faculty of Medicine, *Albert Gordon Baikie : an appreciation of his life*. (TL 610.92 BAI)
- Wilcox, Craig, *Australia's Boer War: the war in South Africa, 1899-1902*. (TLQ 968.0484 WIL)
- Windschuttle, Keith, *The fabrication of Aboriginal history. Vol. 1, Van Diemen's Land 1803-1847*. (TL 994.60049915 WIN)
- Wynyard Garden Club, *Jubilee year, 1952-2002*. (TLQ 635.9099467 WYN)

FROM THE EXCHANGE JOURNALS

Thelma McKay (Member No. 598)

‘Was Your Ancestor an Officer at the Middlesex Industrial School?’ by Peter Watson in the journal of the *West Middlesex Family History Society* Vol.20, No.2, June 2002, pp.14–21 & 22–23. The Middlesex Industrial School, sometimes known as the London or Feltham Industrial School, opened in Feltham in January 1859. Children between the ages of 8 to 14 years were sent here, many for petty crimes they had committed. A history of the institution features in this article, plus a list of the staff, and where to find the records relating to this school.

Four articles of interest can be found in the June 2002 issue of *The Genealogist*, the journal of The Australian Institute of Genealogical Studies Vol.10, No.6.

1 ‘Captain J.H. Thompson 1889–1955’ by A.D. Thompson, p.250. Indentured as a seaman in 1904, aged 13 years, John Harold Thompson served on the barque *Wild Wave*. He became a mate on the *Lobo* when only 19, and later a Master Mariner in Hobart under Thomas M Fisher. He enlisted in the AIF, transferring to the Royal Navy as a Lieutenant in 1917. At war’s end he commanded supply servicing various lighthouses in both North and West Australia. He ended his sea life as a Torres Strait pilot in 1953.

2 ‘The First Direct Immigrants to Western Victoria and their Ship the Tasmania’ by Tom Newton, pp.255–258. The barque *Tasmania* sailed for West

Victoria in October 1851 bringing 199 immigrants. Related in this article are the history of the ship, her voyage from Plymouth in England to Portland in Victoria, and the events on board during the voyage. Also included is an account of the loss of the vessel which struck a reef in the Torres Straits in 1853.

3 ‘Missing Foreign Inwards Passengers’ by Ada Ackerley, p.262. A scrap of torn paper with no identification as to the ship, year or port of embarkation was found regarding *Foreign Inwards* passengers to Victoria. Their names, ages, and if British or foreign, are listed in this item.

4 ‘Geelong and Portland Bay Immigration Society (including Port Fairy) 1845–1847’ by Jenny Williams Fawcett, pp.263–264. Many men and women from Van Diemen’s Land sailed to Port Phillip between 1845 and 1847, their passages paid by the Geelong and Portland Bay Immigration Society. Formed in 1845, James Wallace was appointed secretary in Port Phillip with a committee in VDL. The Society recruited over 2,000 men to work in Port Phillip. Many were ex-convicts and over thirty voyages were made. One of the surviving lists is included. The Geelong and Portland Emigration Scheme list can be viewed on the GENSEEK website: <http://www.standard.net.au/~jwilliams/geelong2.htm>

‘Wrecks on the NSW South Coast’ compiled by Mark Fleming in *Illawarra*

Branches the Illawarra Family History Group journal No.71, June 2002, pp.5–10. Mark Fleming is the manager of the Anzac Memorial in Sydney's Hyde Park and also a member of the Naval Historical Society. He has compiled a list of wrecks in NSW from 1805 to 1988 which records the name of the ship, where wrecked, design (eg sloop, cutter etc) and any notes regarding its fate ie if driven ashore or lost.

'Royal Berkshire Hospital Archives' by Dr Marshall Barr, founding Chairman of the Berkshire Medical Heritage Centre. *Berkshire Family Historian* the journal of the Berkshire Family History Society Vol.25, No.4, June 2002, pp.182–186. In 1983 numerous records relating to the Royal Berkshire Hospital were collected from many areas and catalogued to form the archives and museum for the Royal Berkshire Hospital. The main sources, including the date range, are listed in this article and include those for patients and staff dating back to 1839.

'A Landmark for Women in Australia' by Jenny Paterson in *Ances-Tree* the journal of the Burwood-Drummoyle & District Family History Group Vol.15, No.2, July 2002, pp.1–4. 2002 marked the centenary year of the Federal vote for Australian women. Jenny Paterson has compiled several useful lists for learning more about the history of women which include the titles to books on convicts; education; work; war; home and public life; children; also some biographical and autobiographical articles.

The July 2002 issue No.74 of the Geelong Family History Group journal *The Pivot Tree* features several articles on local cemeteries and stonemasons plus

profiles of many early Geelong families. These include **'Early Monumental Masons of Geelong'** and **'Geelong and District Cemeteries'** compiled by Dianne Hughes.

'Grandmas And Grandpas' – Luv 'Em All' by Milton C. Bubb in *Ibis Links* the journal of the Griffith Genealogical & Historical Society No.68, July 2002, pp.2–9. This article details the lives of descendants of Robert Forrester, a First Fleet convict, resulting from his relationship with Isabella Ramsay who arrived in NSW in 1791 on the *Mary Ann*. Other family lines include Thomas and Hannah Hodgetts who lived at Norfolk Plains in Tasmania. Family trees for each family are featured.

'Charters Towers State High School First Year Enrolments 5 February – 8 October 1912'. in *Relatively Speaking* Vol.21, No.2, July 2002 issue of the Family History Association of North Queensland journal, pp.18–19. An alphabetical list provides the name of each child, one parent's name, and ages of these first year enrolments during 1912 at the Charters Towers State High School.

'Roots Around Manchester a celebration of Manchester's diverse heritage' in *The Manchester Genealogist* the journal of the Manchester & Lancashire Family History Society Vol.38, No.3, July 2002, pp.205–215. This article features abstracts of several talks presented at 'The Spirit of Friendship Festival', timed to coincide with the 2002 Commonwealth Games in Manchester. Topics include **'Manchester & the Industrial Revolution'**, **'Manchester's Irish Community'**, **'Local People Transported to Australia'**,

'Manchester's Jewish Heritage' and 'Little Italy'.

'Tasmanian Designer Headstones Remain' by Brian Andrews, Heritage Officer, Archdiocese of Hobart in the *Western Ancestor* the journal of the West Australian Genealogical Society Vol.8, No.11, September 2002, p.432. The first Bishop of Tasmania, Robert William Willson, brought out from England in 1844 four exemplar headstones designed by Augustus Pugin which could be easily replicated by local artisans. These were entrusted to John Gillon, a stonemason in Macquarie Street, Hobart, who produced copies for both the Southern and Midlands Catholic cemeteries in Tasmania, some of which can still be seen and admired today.

'Convict Hulks' in the *Progenitor* the journal of the Genealogical Society of the Northern Territory Vol.20, No.3, September 2002, pp.58–59. A list of British convict hulks 1777–1848, showing the years they were stationed at Woolwich, Chatham, Deptford, Portsmouth, Bermuda etc.

'Local Churches & Their Records' (London Borough of Hillingdon) in the *Hillingdon Family History Society* journal No.59, September 2002, pp.24–29. A list of churches for the London Borough of Hillingdon, with addresses and the years covered in christening, marriage and burial records. All denominations are included. ●

BOOK REVIEW

They Sowed, We Reap: 170 Years of Whitemore History from Land Grant to Family Farm, Ivan C. Heazlewood.

Whitemore Historical Group, October 2002 (A4 format of 288 pages, illustrations and property index). \$20 from the author at 531 Heazlewoods Lane, Whitemore TAS 7303 (p&p Tas. \$6.65 p&p interstate \$7.50).

The book is a history of early land grants in the Whitemore area encompassing more than fifty farms, with details of tenancies and owners, in some cases back to the 1840s and comments on the changes in agriculture up to the present time.


The book has a property index, lists of tenants, maps of Glenore, Adelphi, Oaks and Quamby Estates. It also has a number of illustrations throughout the book, including copies of early studio photos of twenty-eight migrant ancestors. Included in the book are references to sources used.

Additionally it records the varying fortunes of a typical rural village.

This book is recommended reading for anyone interested in local history.

Helen Stuart

(The author has donated a copy of this book to the Launceston Branch library)

Note: Ivan will be conducting a tour of the Whitemore area during our AGM weekend, and books will be available for purchase on the day. 

COMING EVENTS

TASMANIA

Unless otherwise notified, all Tasmanian Historical Research Association Inc. (THRA) meetings are held at 8:00 p.m. in the Royal Society Room, Customs House, Davey Street, Hobart (enter from car park).

10 June 2003—THRA

Professor Henry Reynolds.

21 June 2003

State AGM for the Tasmanian Family History Society Inc. Hosted by the Launceston branch, and will be held at the Quercus Rural Youth Function Centre, 415 Oaks Road, Carrick. Further information contact the secretary at PO Box 1290, Launceston TAS 7250 ☎ (03) 6344 4034 or by email bbissett@bigpond.net.au

26–29 June

Escape. An academic conference with a public dimension. Imagination Takes on Escape and Convict Experience. To be held at **Strahan**. Keynote speakers: Marcus Rediker, University of Pittsburgh and Ian Duffield, University of Edinburgh. Conference website: <http://iccs.arts.utas.edu.au/escape.htm> on which details are regularly updated. Further information from Lucy Frost L.Frost@utas.edu.au or School of History & Classics ☎ 6226 2298.

8 July 2003—THRA

Dealing with a Captive Market: Black Economy Trading at Macquarie Harbour Penal Station, Dr Hamish Maxwell-Stewart.

26 July 2003

Centre for Historical Studies Conference, Stanley Burbury Theatre, University of Tasmania, Hobart. Speakers will include mainland historians Patricia Grimshaw, Janet McCalman and Anna Haebich and locals Hamish Maxwell-Stewart, Dianne Snowden, Andrew Piper and Alison Alexander. Cost: \$35 full registration, \$25 Friends of the Centre \$25 students and unwaged. Contact Alison Alexander by ☎ 6223 7762 or email Alison.Alexander@utas.edu.au

10 August 2003

Port Arthur Muster, see article page 20.

12 August 2003—THRA

Walking Clubs and ‘the Reserve’, Tim Jetson.

9 September 2003—THRA

The Eldershaw Lecture—The Risdon Settlement under John Bowen, Phillip Tardif.

27–29 September 2003

Biennial Local History Conference to be hosted by the Glamorgan Spring Bay Historical Society over the weekend 27–29 September 2003 at the Waterloo Inn, Swansea. The conference will have the theme ‘Travel by Land and Sea’. Saturday will include the opening, presentation of papers, a book launch, lunch and dinner. Sunday will provide the opportunity of an historic walk, morning tea and visits to historic homes. Further information can be obtained from the Glamorgan Spring Bay Historical Society c/o Council Office, Noyes Street

Swansea 7190, by email on gsbhs@tassie.net.au ☎ (03) 6257 9011 or fax on (03) 6375 1241.

14 October 2003—THRA

Sport in Tasmania David Young.

11 November 2003—THRA

Eliza Forlong and the Saxon Merino Industry, Mrs Mary Ramsay.

9 December 2003—THRA

Tobias Furneaux RN, and his Pacific Voyaging, Dan Sprod.

21 February 2004

Descendants Day St David's Park, Hobart, Tasmania. The Hobart Town (1804) First Settlers Association. Contact Mrs Freda Gray ☎ (03) 6248 5352 or Mrs Margaret Andersen ☎ (03) 6263 5609.

7 March 2004

Beams Family Gathering, Sunday 7 March 2004 at the Village Green, Westbury, Tasmania. Contact Marjorie Porter, Acacia Park, RMB 1425 Boards Road, Strathmerton, VIC 3641 or ☎ (03) 5873 2370.

INTERSTATE AND OVERSEAS

28 June 2003

The 8th Yorkshire Family History Fair will be held at York Racecourse (Knavesmire Exhibition Centre) between 10:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Saturday 28 June 2003. All usual stalls associated with a major event. Free car parking. Admission £2.50. Cafeteria facilities. The largest Family History event in the UK! (234 tables in 2002). Further details

available from Mr A Sampson, 1 Oxgang Close, Redcat, Cleveland TS10 4ND ENGLAND ☎ 0011 44 1642 486615

3–7 July 2003

Australian Society for Sports History Inc. Sporting Traditions XIV Conference. Australian Catholic University, Mackillop Campus, North Sydney NSW. Conference theme: 'The Marginalised and the Mislead'. Further information and registration forms available from Kristine Toohey, School of Leisure, Sport and Tourism Studies, UTS Kuring-gai Campus, PO Box 222, Lindfield NSW 2070.

19–21 September 2003

NSW & ACT A.F.H.S. Inc. State Conference 2003 will be held at Central Coast Leagues Club Gosford, NSW. The conference host is the Central Coast Family History Society Inc., and can be contacted at PO Box 4090 East Gosford NSW 2250, ☎(02) 4324 5164 fax (02) 4324 5144. Expression of Interest Forms for societies are available from 2003nsw@centralcoastfhs.org.au Individuals may contact the Central Coast FHS Inc. directly, for a form, and to be included on the database.

26–30 August 2004

A Family History Festival to celebrate the **30th Anniversary of the Federation of Family History Societies** — 'A Flight of Yesterdays' Loughborough University, Loughborough, Leicestershire. Contact Federation Family History Societies Administrator, PO Box 2425, Coventry, CV46YX. ☎ 0011 44 2476 67 7798 or email admin@ffhs.org.uk ●

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State Microfiche Roster

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	14/08/03	13/11/03	19/02/04	13/05/04	19/08/04
Burnie	Set 4	Set 3	Set 2	Set 1	Set 5
Devonport	Set 5	Set 4	Set 3	Set 2	Set 1
Hobart	Set 1	Set 5	Set 4	Set 3	Set 2
Huon	Set 2	Set 1	Set 5	Set 4	Set 3
Launceston	Set 3	Set 2	Set 1	Set 5	Set 4

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Set 2 Griffith's Valuation for Ireland Series

GRO Consular Records Index

Old Parochial Records and

1891 Census Indexes for Scotland

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* Cooper D. and Godwin F., *The Whisky Roads of Scotland*

* Courtney, Bryce, *The Potato Factory*

* Courtney, Bryce, *Tommo and Hawk*

* Crowl, Philip A., *The Intelligent Traveller's Guide to Historic Britain*

* Lancashire County Council, *Finding Folk Handlist of Genealogical Sources in Lancashire Record Office*

* Lawson, Will, *Blue Gum Clippers and Whale Ships of Tasmania*

* Longman, *Guide to British Place names*

Muriel and Betty Bissett, *Index to Launceston Examiner Volume 3 Electoral Roll 1856*

Muriel and Betty Bissett, *Index to Launceston Examiner Vol 2 1852–1859*

* Peter Aughton, *North Meols and Southport: A History*

Peter Park, *Directory of Speakers 5th Edition*

* Shea, Michael, *Britain's Offshore Islands*

* Shell, *County Durham*

TFHS Inc. Hobart Branch, *Undertakers of Hobart Vol II: Index to Alex Clark & Son Funeral Records 1885-1907*

TFHS Inc. Devonport, *In Loving Memory: A Transcription Of The Forth Cemeteries Tasmania*

Tom Richards, *Was Your Grandfather A Railwayman?*

Accessions—CD-Roms

Scottish Parish Records: *West Lothian, Midlothian*

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* Bendigo Family History Society, *Index to Bendigo Hospital Admissions, Bk 1&2 Sep 1856–Nov 1866*

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Bissett, Muriel & Betty, *Index to Launceston Examiner Vol. 2, 1852–1859*

Bissett, Muriel & Betty, *Index to Launceston Examiner Vol. 3, Electoral Roll 1856*

* Chatwin, D. Pendry, B. & Scarcella, V, *Chatwin–6 Generations in Tasmania*

* Hawgood, David, *An Introduction to... Using Computers for Genealogy*

* Howells, Cyndi, *Netting Your Ancestors–Genealogical Research on the Internet*

Mason, Thais, *From Chains to Freedom The Bellett Linkage plus the Kidner Family Vol. 2 1788–1988*

Sylvester-Mason, Thais, *From Chains to Freedom Supplement. Corrections & Additions to the Garth, Bellett & Kidner families 1788–1994*

Summer Judith Ann, *The Kildare Carrolls of Circular Head*

* S & N Genealogy, *How to Research Your Family History*

* TFHS Inc. Devonport Branch, *In Loving Memory: A Transcription of the Forth Cemeteries, Tasmania*

Accessions—CD-Roms

Bounty Immigrants–New South Wales, 1828–1842

British Isles Vital Index England, Ireland, Scotland, & Wales Vol. 2

Crew Lists & Agreements, 1863–1913

* Current Publications on Microfiche by Member Societies, FFHS Publications Ltd

Myrtleford History & Cemetery

* Norfolk 1841 Census

* Pigot & Co. Directory, Combined Edition, 1830

* Return of Owners of Land–Cumberland, 1873

South Australian Marriages Registrations, 1917–1937

Tallangatta History & Cemetery

Tasmanian Collection of Records, 1830s–1930s

Accessions—Microfiche

Adelaide, West Terrace Burial Register, 1810–1940

Adelaide, West Terrace Monumental Inscriptions

Adelaide, West Terrace Cemetery Cremations, 1903–1959

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HOBART

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- Norm Beechey & Dorothy Baker, *A History of Dover & Port Esperance, Tasmania*—vol. 2, 1875–1925
- Muriel & Betty Bissett, *Index to Launceston Examiner*, vol. 2 1852–1859
- Muriel & Betty Bissett, *Index to Launceston Examiner*, vol. 3 Electoral Roll 1856
- * Community History Museum, Lst; *Index of Partial Records—The Scots Presbyterian Kirk, Launceston, Tas. Period 1833–1842*
- * John A. Coupe, *A guide to the Registration Districts of Manchester Cumbria F.H.S.*, *Transcript & Index for the 1851 Census for Cockermonth (Part 1)*.
- * Kathy Duncombe, *Index to F. Oliver Gray's 'Recollections of North Bruny Island' and 'Further Recollections of North Bruny Island'*
- Jeremy Gibson, Brett Langston & Brenda W. Smith, *Local newspapers 1750–1920: England and Wales, Channel Islands, Isle of Man*; 2nd ed.
- Jeremy Gibson & Else Churchill, *Probate Jurisdictions: Where to look for Wills*; 5th ed.
- Jeremy Gibson & Pamela Peskett, *Record Offices: How to find them*; 9th (2002) ed.
- * Olive B.A. Harris, *From Hollow Estate to Hokianga—The story of the Hawkins Family*
- Levendale Primary School, *Centenary Levendale Primary School 1901–2001*
- * H. Raymond Matthews, *Dawsons of Invercargill*
- Cora Num, *Web Sites for Genealogists—7th edition, 2003*
- * Stuart A. Raymond, *Information Sources for Surrey and Sussex Genealogists—Surrey and Sussex: The Genealogists Library Guide 1*
- * Stuart A. Raymond, *Surrey and Sussex Lists of Names—Surrey and Sussex: The Genealogists Library Guide 3*
- * Stuart A. Raymond, *Administrative Records for Surrey and Sussex Genealogists—Surrey and Sussex: The Genealogists Library Guide 4*
- TFHS Inc.—Devonport, *In Loving Memory: A Transcription of the Forth Cemeteries, Tasmania*
- Ian Terry, *Devonport & Environs Heritage Review—Stage 1—Thematic History*
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- Ian Terry, *Municipality of Sorell Heritage Study—Site Inventory, vols 1–6*

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Hampshire G.S., *Hampshire Burial Index 1400-1837*

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- AIGS Inc., *Cemetery Transcriptions v2*
- Cumbria FHS, *1851 Census—Kendale—Part 1*
- Cumbria FHS, *1851 Census—Wasdale, Eskdale, Irton, Drigg, Muncaster, Waberthwaite*
- Glasgow & West of Scotland F.H.S., *Index 1851 Census—Old Monklands*
- S&N Genealogy Supplies, *Seafarer's details from Crew Lists and Agreements 1863–1913*
- Wiltshire 1851 Census Productions, *1851 Wiltshire Census*
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- * Tay Valley Family History Society, *North East Fife Emigrants in Australia*
- Chick, Neil, *The Archives Office of Tasmania: A Guide for Family Historians*
- Gibson, Jeremy and Pamela Peskett, *Record Offices: How to Find Them*
- Gibson, Jeremy and Else Churchill, *Probate Jurisdictions: Where to Look for Wills*

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- Graeme-Evans, Alec and Peter Wilson, *Story of Shipwrights of Pt Cygnet and their boats 1863–1997*
- TFHS Inc. Hobart, *O’Shea Index to Mercury: Deaths 1921–1930*
- TFHS Inc. Burnie, *Early Coastal Newspapers: BMD 1877–1912*
- Huonville High School, *Huonville High School Year Books, 1979, 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001*
- TFHS Inc. Devonport, *The North-West Post (1887–1916) An Index: Volume 5–1908*
- TFHS Inc. Members Interests 1998–2002
- * Pols, Robert, *Dating Old Photographs*
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- * *Tasmanian Year Book 1978*
- * Bridges, C.J., *That Yesterday was Home*
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- McClaughlin, T., *Barefoot & Pregnant Vol. 2*
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- * Hammond, David, *The Huon Valley Yesterday and Today*
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- * Kostoglou, Parry, *Historic Timber-getting between Hastings & Dover*
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- T.F.H.S. Inc., *Members’ Interests 1998–2002*
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- * Heazlewood, Ivan C., *They Sowed We Reap: 170 Years of Whitmore's History From Land Grant to Family Farm*
- Lee, Mrs Marian, *Christchurch Cathedral: Christchurch New Zealand*
- Lindsay, Neville, *Equal to the Task Volume 1 The Royal Australian Army Service Corps*
- * Martin, M. & Yost, M., *Holy Trinity Church of England, Marriage Register Index 1900–1925*
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- Mitchell, Alison, *South Perthshire Monumental Inscriptions pre 1855 Lower Strathearn Volume 1*
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- * Perkins, John P., *Current Publications on Microfiche by Member Societies Fifth Edition*
- * Redmonds, George, *Surnames and Genealogy A New Approach*
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- The Herald, *One Hundred & Fifty Years of News from The Herald 1840–1990*
- Wheatley, Keith, *National Maritime Museum—Guide to Maritime Britain*

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- Ancestry.com, *Pallot's Marriage Index 1780–1837*
- Ancestry.com, *Pallot's Baptism Index 1780–1837*

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- Stephen McCormack, *Tithe Defaulters: Cork 1831*
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Tuesday 11:00 a.m. • 3:00 p.m.

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Meeting Branch Library, 58 Bass Highway, Cooee 7:30 p.m. on 3rd Tuesday of each month, except January and December.

Day Meeting 1st Monday of the month at 10:30 except January and February.

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Phone: (03) 6424 4005 (Branch Secretary)

Library Rooms 37–39, Days Building, Cnr Best & Rooke Sts, Devonport

Tuesday 10:00 a.m. • 4:00 p.m.

Thursday 10:00 a.m. • 4:00 p.m.

Meeting Meeting Room 2, Devonport Library, Fenton Way, Devonport at 7:30 p.m. on last Thursday of each month, except December. Enter from Town Hall car park.

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Phone: (03) 6228 5057 (Branch Secretary)

Library 19 Cambridge Road, Bellerive

Tuesday 12:30 p.m. • 3:30 p.m.

Wednesday 9:30 a.m. • 12:30 p.m.

Saturday 1:30 p.m. • 4:30 p.m.

Meeting Rosny Library, Bligh Street, Rosny Park, at 8:00 p.m. on 3rd Tuesday of each month except January and December.

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Closed Wednesday night during June, July and first two weeks of August.

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QUERIES

LENAH VALLEY FOOTBALL CLUB

Seeking information on the history of the Lenah Valley Football Club to include in the September 2003 journal. If able to help, please contact the journal editor before 1 July.

MASON/FARNFIELD

Rubina MASON b c.1867 place unknown. On 2 July 1887 Rubina Mason aged 20 years married Charles Henry FARNFIELD aged 20 years at All Saints Church of England Hobart by the Reverend TARLETON. Marriage was witnessed by Farnfield family members. Charles met Rubina in their teenage years and it is said that she came from Queenstown. The family moved to Victoria in the early 1900s. Rubina died 14 August 1946 at Darebin Victoria aged 79 years. No record of place of birth or parents noted on death certificate. The Farnfield family is well documented but would be most pleased with any information regarding Rubina.

Mrs N.P. Montague, 13 Honeysuckle Grove, Evandale TAS 7212 📞 6391 8586

MUMMERY

Seeking information on any MUMMERY family that has lived in Tasmania, particularly William aged 36 who married Mary Ann ASHFORD at Campbell Town in 1846. William who married Mary Ann LOGAN in New Norfolk in 1860. Their children Mary Ann b1864 married Louis KROMER in Hobart and Henry William b1865 in Hobart. William aged 62 a baker who died Hobart 1873 and was born in Kent UK. My special interest is the Mummery Family from Margate in Kent and linking families who have migrated.

Beverly Bragge, PO Box 4, Koetong VIC 3704 or email bragge@bigpond.com

PECK

George Henry PECK, my gggrandfather, arrived Hobart Town 27 June 1833, per *Warrior*. According *Dictionary of Australian Artists* and AOT records, he was violinist, painter, carver, art dealer etc. He married Sophia Winifred WILKINSON 28 June 1836 in Hobart and according to DC they had four boys and three girls. When George died 24 September 1863, one boy and two girls were living. Son Felix was informant. My gggrandmother Rosetta Sophia was one of the girls. She married Henry Thomas CLARKE. In NSW BDMS a Henry George Brennan Peck was born c.1837 and died 1863—possibly before his father. I cannot find records of Sophia Wilkinson before her marriage, nor anything about the children. Rosetta was born at sea on the *Bardaster* 17 March 1844, but were the Pecks coming or going? I have records after her marriage, but cannot find official record of her birth. Appreciate any information about Sophia and her children. Please contact Mrs June F. Burges 8/47 Owen Street, Port Macquarie NSW 2444 📞 (02) 6583 9349 or email: rburges@intercoast.com.au

WARE/GEARD

Seeking descendants of William WARE, per *Aboukir* and Margaret WELCH, per *Martin Luther* who married in Hobart March 1854. Their children were Mary Ann

(1856), John (1860), Thomas (1861) and James (1868). IGI records show marriage of Mary Ann Ware to John GEARD in December 1874 at New Norfolk, their son Albert born 1886. Grandchildren were David (1912), Benjamin (1914), Alicia (1916) and Letitia (1917). All born New Norfolk. Please contact Rita Barry, 97 Bideford Green, Leighton Buzzard, Beds. LU7 2TJ ENGLAND

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BAILEY Ruth	Matlock DBY ENG	1900+	5825
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BURKE Michael	Connemara IRL	1800-1840	5837
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CHICK			1539
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FIELDER Sarah Elizabeth		1817+	5829
FRANKS	SOM ENG	c1800	5828
FRASER			1539
GABY Thomas	Bothwell TAS AUS	pre 1838	5826
GANGELL William	Hobart TAS AUS	1804-1860	5833
GERMANS			1539
GOLDSMITH John	Oatlands TAS AUS	1830-1900	5833
GRANT George Walker	Melbourne VIC AUS	1880-?	5831
HARRIS Francis	Camborne CON ENG	1790-1857	5832
JARDINE James	SCT	1870-1916	5830
JARDINE James	Melbourne VIC AUS	1899-1916	5830
KINCAID	Campbell Town TAS AUS	1850+	5834
KINELLA Thomas	Waratah TAS AUS	1875-1898	5834
MANN	Oatlands TAS AUS		5836
MC NEAR John	Launceston TAS AUS	1880+	5834
MOODY	TAS AUS	1816+	5835
O'REILLY John	Circular Head TAS AUS	1850-1900	5837
OATES Charles	Lucaston TAS AUS	1850-1900	5827
PARSONS Frederick	TAS AUS	1840s	5826
PATMORE Joshua	HRT ENG	1800-1880	5833
PAYNE	Oatlands TAS AUS	1852+	5836
POLLEY Charlotte	Longford TAS	c1880	5826
PRATT	TAS AUS	1850+	5835
REDBURN Mark	TAS AUS		5823
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STEVENS Joseph	Bristol GLS ENG	1790-1852	5832
STEVENS Joseph	Tredegar MON WLS	1790-1852	5832
SULZBERGER			1539
SUTTON Samuel Askew		1807+	5829

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WHITBURN John Henry	CON ENG		5830
WIGMORE Thomas	Bothwell TAS AUS	c1820	5826
WIGMORE Thomas	ENG	c1820	5826
YOUNG George	Sorell TAS AUS	1860	5826

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