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EDITORIAL

The cover of this, the last issue of Volume 24 of the Society's journal, has a photo of gates which some members will recall seeing in the 1960s—those of the old gaol in Campbell Street, Hobart.

We are fortunate to have been supplied with the names of the prisoners who spent time behind the sandstone walls between 1870 and 1890. The list of names will be progressively published, commencing on page 199 in this issue.

There are a lot of volunteers who work behind the scenes contributing to the production of each journal. I thank the 'envelope stuffers', the small band of volunteers who spend each Monday helping at the Hobart branch library. The labelling and filling of almost 1500 journal envelopes has become one of their tasks. Once filled, the envelopes are then banded into postcode areas and the journal despatcher, Leo Prior, transports the boxes of journals to the bulk-posting centre. This is his second handling and transporting of the journals. A few days before this stage, he collects them from the printer.

It's lucky he has a covered ute!

The forth-coming AGM at Ross will be the 25th since the formation of the Society as the Genealogical Society of Tasmania. I attended the first AGM of the GST in Hobart on 2 April 1980. This followed 2½ years of the Hobart group as a sub-branch of the Victorian AIGS. It is very satisfying to know that the Society has continued to expand, and still provides its members with valuable services.

Leonie Mickleborough

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Cover: Gates to the entrance of the Campbell Street Gaol, Hobart c.1960, see article commencing on page 199.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I trust everyone had a most enjoyable Christmas and New Year and plenty of fellowship with family members. It usually is a most opportune time to catch up with all our relatives and find out a few more facts to enter into our family tree.

Judy and I were fortunate enough to be invited to spend Christmas with her brother and sister-in-law who live in Victoria. We had a lovely time with them and of course, spent some time in the Melbourne Library doing some research. They have a very extensive genealogical section covering overseas and Australian records.

Another section of the Melbourne Library is the Latrobe Reading Room. This is located on the 2nd level and contains a magnificent collection of Australiana books. Many of the books are shelved, but some are held in other storage areas and can be accessed by submitting a request. Before submitting a request, however, you must first register as a user. This process only takes a few minutes and is done on the ground floor.

I managed to find several books on Walhalla in Victoria. This town, originally called Stringers Creek, was one of the richest gold mining areas in Australia at one time. One of my early ancestors who came to Australia made his fortune on the goldfields of Victoria, or that was all that I knew about him for some time. I now know that he was one of the original joint holders of lease No. 7, Cohens Reef, Stringers Creek. This lease became known as the Walhalla Gold Mining Company, and during the life of the mine extracted something like 144,000 ozs of gold. At today's prices of

around \$300 per oz., that is a total of over \$40 million. Eventually the town was named Walhalla after the mining company. The Walhalla GMC was one of many mining companies that operated in this area from the 1860s to the early 1900s. The reef in the area contained up to 8 ozs of gold per ton of quartz, with many of the mines consistently crushing material containing 3 ozs per ton. It was interesting to read about claim disputes, fortunes made and lost, and the hardships of life in this town so many years ago, especially knowing that one of my ancestors was there.

I encourage everyone to research the towns and places where your ancestors lived. Who knows, there may well be information documented on your family that you were unaware of.

By now many of you will know that the Exchange Journal process which has been in place for some time has been stopped. After much discussion the decision was reached at the last executive meeting, principally on economic grounds. The last journal that will be exchanged with other societies will be this journal as this is the last issue of Volume 24. This does not mean that there will be no overseas journals coming into our Society, but the process may be different and the quantity and availability of these journals to our members will not be the same. ●

Peter Cocker

BRANCH NEWS

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After a well-earned break for our duty librarians, the library reopened on 13 January this year. We look forward to a busy year with our family history research.

At the end of last year, our library coordinators Judy and Elaine, hosted a special morning tea at our library premises to say 'thank you' to all our duty librarians for the year. The job they do makes for the successful running of our library.

This year we hope to release several more index books including the *Circular Head Chronicles* and further editions of *The Advocate*. Our publication about the old Burnie Cemetery (closed 1899) should also be near completion as only approximately twenty headstones and an incomplete petty cash book are all the remaining records known. This has been a slow and time consuming job searching for obituaries and news items in old newspapers etc. to confirm the burials.

Our monthly meetings have recommenced with our next night meeting at 7.30 p.m. on 16 March and our AGM on 20 April. The day meetings commence on Monday 1 March.

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The activities for 2004 commenced with a barbecue at the home of Glenice Brauman. Everyone enjoyed an evening of good food, informal chatter and the opportunity to admire a delightful garden from the many paths between the various levels.

The branch has taken delivery of a new photocopier. This will greatly assist in the printing of publications as well as being used for normal library activities.

The work of updating the cemetery transcriptions has continued on a regular basis. Many new inscriptions have been recorded and it has been a great opportunity to continue photographing the tombstones for the eHeritage project.

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During 2003 we attempted to inform and involve members in the activities of the branch and to provide more services for our

members. We thought opening the library at night would attract those who cannot visit during the day, but this proved unsuccessful. Night openings will be discontinued this year. Similarly general meetings held during the day did not attract enough members, other than those who attend our night meetings; these too will be discontinued. The publication and emailing of the newsletter to members, has proved very successful thanks to the initiative and hard work of Cynthia O'Neill. If you would like to receive the newsletter please send your email address to Cynthia: news@hobart.tasfhs.org. If you do not have email, but would like to receive the newsletter, please send one self-addressed envelope plus nine extra stamps to the secretary to cover the ten copies for the year. Copies are also available at the library.

The Family History Writers Group has proved a great success, although the number attending has been small. As members decide the topics to be discussed, the meetings are not sequential. They are run informally, with people opting in and out. Even experienced writers have found that the shared expertise of the group has widened their knowledge. A book of twenty-four convict stories, written by some of the members of the group, is being published to commemorate the 150th anniversary of the cessation of convict transportation to Van Diemen's Land.

If you have any ideas about how we can improve our services to you, please contact the secretary.

The beginners' courses for non-members were again run during February thanks to Dianne Snowden and Cynthia O'Neill.

As part of the Clarence bicentennial celebration, the library will open on Sunday, 4 April. There will be a display on re-

searching family history and we are hoping that the new volume in our series of Cemeteries of Southern Tasmania will be available. This will be of value to those researching their families in the Clarence Plains Rokeby area. We are grateful for the support of the Clarence Council.

The branch committee has established a budget for next year to take account of repairs to equipment and the cost of journals. Since the state is no longer involved in journal exchange, we have asked members which journals they want continued and we will accommodate their wishes within the confines of the budget. If any member would like to sponsor or donate journals we would appreciate their donation.

We have a busy year ahead of us and will welcome any offers of help, no matter how small.

General Meetings: Rosny Library, Bligh Street, 3rd Tuesday in the month (except December and January) 8.00 p.m.

16 March: Dr Alison Alexander, *Attitudes to Convict Ancestors*

20 April: Mr Barry Jones, *Old Tasmanian Lodges* and Annual General Meeting

18 May: Dr Caroline Evans, *Runnin' away from her baby*

15 June: Mr Richie Woolley, *Early History of the Huon Valley*

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. The first meeting in 2004 is 19 February.

Details of meetings and many other activities may be found on our website at <http://www.hobart.tasfhs.org>

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On Saturday 30 November, we met for a delicious Christmas luncheon at the home of Judith and Lloyd Whish-Wilson. We had the opportunity to

inspect Judith's vast Tasmanian native plant garden and the meal in the pleasant, relaxing rural surroundings was appreciated by all. Thank you Judith!

Work on the Index to *Launceston Examiner* (1842–1899), is ongoing. Volume 6, 1872–1876 has been published; Volume 7 may be ready for the June AGM; and hopefully another year or so will see the project finished. Sales over the whole range of branch publications have been very pleasing and have enabled the library committee to make some very significant additions to the library holdings.

Four Launceston members are participating in the Registrar General's indexing of Births, Marriages and Deaths, and we all look forward to the publication of this 'new' information. Another small group, led by Alma Ranson is working on the very exacting eHeritage project and good progress is being made.

Marie Gatenby is leading the research team and each month has reported on a busy programme.

Library duty—are you interested in participating and learning more? Contact Barrie Robinson on 6328 1349.

Research—volunteers would be appreciated to help Marie.

General Meeting Program

Tuesday 23 March: 7.00 p.m.: Workshop 'The Next Step'—a follow-up on the February Beginners Workshop.

Tuesday 20 April: 2.00 p.m.: The British Interest Group (BIG) meet at Windmill Hill Memorial Hall.

Tuesday 27 April: 7.00 p.m.: Launceston Branch AGM at 2 Taylor St. In-house discussion and supper.

Tuesday 25 May: 7.00 p.m.

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The year 2003 was, as usual, a very active year for a small group of members. As the total membership of the branch is small, quite a high proportion, about 25%, are very active. Consistent with the overall finances of the Society the branch financial position has declined in the past year. This situation necessitated even more than usual the need for additional fund raising. To this end a successful luncheon was organised. Of particular interest to members and guests was speaker, Mr Wayne Smith, nomenclaturist.

We note that the eHeritage project has stimulated some remote interest in the genealogy of the district. Slow progress is being made with the preparation of photographs for submission to the project. This has been somewhat delayed by participation in the BDM project.

CAMPBELL STREET GAOL INMATES 1870–1890 (ABEL–CHALLENGER)

Laurie Moody (Member No. 5835)

SOME years ago, I compiled a list of inmates who were held at the old Campbell Street Gaol in Hobart during the years 1870–1890. At the time, I did not have the resources to produce a number of copies on CD Rom, but did donate a single copy to the TFHS Inc. Hobart Branch Library at Bellerive.

The original information was provided by the late Mr Ray HALL, a former chief prison officer, who kindly loaned me a gatebook that he managed to procure during the demolition of the old gaol during the early 1960s. To his knowledge most, if not all, the other gate books and related prison information including records were destroyed during the demolition and in a later fire at Risdon Prison.

Due to the amount of information available, I have limited the listing to surname, given name and the number of entries for each individual. Other information consists of age, date received, warrant no., ship/native born, condition, offence, trade, religion, prior offences, read/write, sentence date and release date. As the gatebook was handwritten some of the entries were rather hard to decipher. A question mark has been placed after the affected surnames.

[If any reader/member would like further information it can be obtained from Laurie by email lauriem@vision.net.au or by sending a letter and a stamped un-addressed envelope to the editor, which will then be forwarded to Laurie.

The names will be progressively included in forthcoming journals.–Ed.]

Surname	Given name	Entries
ABEL	Henry	3
ABEL	James	1
ABEL	William	5
ABRAHAM	Paul	3
ABSOLUM	Walter	1
ACKLAND	George William	1
ADAMS	Claudius	1
ADAMS	George	1
ADAMS	Grace	2
ADAMS	Henrietta	1
ADAMS	John	1
ADAMS	John G.	1
ADAMS	Joseph	1
ADAMS	Samuel	4
ADAMS	Walker	1
ADAMS/CORBY	William	1
ADAMS	William	2
ADAMSON	George	6
ADLARD	George William	1
AH	Fee	1
AH	Long	1
AH	Pong	4
AH	Wah	1
AHERNE	Daniel	3
AINSWORTH	Charles	1
ALBUTT	John	1
ALDRICH	William	1
ALEXANDER	James	1
ALFORD	Henry	1
ALFORD	William	1
ALLAN	Edward	1
ALLAN	Sarah	1
ALLASTON	Frederick	1
ALLEN	Charles	2
ALLEN	Charles Edward	2
ALLEN	Edward	2
ALLEN	Elizabeth	1
Alias JONES/HARDING		
ALLEN	Francis	1
ALLEN	George	3
ALLEN	Henry	1
ALLEN	John	1

Surname	Given name	Entries	Surname	Given name	Entries
ALLEN	Stephen	2	ARNOLD	Mary	1
ALLEN	Thomas	1	ARSDALL	John	1
ALLEN	William	1	ARVIDSON	Fritz	1
ALLWRIGHT	Ernest	1	ASH	Charles	1
ALMER	William	1	ASHTON	John	1
ALMS	William	1	ASHTON	William	1
ALSOP	Duncan	1	ASTLEY	James	1
ALSOP	Thomas	1	ATKINS	Charles	1
ALYWARD	John	1	ATKINS	George	1
AMBLES	John	1	ATKINS	Thomas	1
ANATOLI	Gastrinan?	1	ATKINSON	George	18
ANDERSON	Alexander	1	ATKINSON	James	1
ANDERSON	Alfred	1	ATKINSON	James Barnard	1
ANDERSON	Antonio	2	See BREE		
ANDERSON	Charles	1	ATKINSON	Joseph	3
ANDERSON	Elizabeth	2	ATWELL	William	1
ANDERSON	George	1	AUSTIN	C.F.	1
ANDERSON	John	2	AYTON	Samuel	1
ANDERSON	Matthew	2	Alias LAYTON		
ANDERSON	Percy	1	BABBINGTON	James	3
ANDERSON	Thomas	1	BABBINGTON	John	1
ANDERSON	Thomas John	1	BACON	Joseph	1
ANDERSON	William	1	BACON	William	1
ANDREWS	Joseph	1	BADERLEY	Edward	1
ANGER	James	2	BAGSHAW	Charles	1
ANSON	Henry	1	BAILEY	James	1
ANSON	Joshua	1	BAILEY	Jane	1
ANTRIZEL	Charles	1	BAILEY	Joseph	1
APPLEBY	John	1	BAILEY	Nathaniel	2
APPLEBY	Thomas	1	BAILEY	William	2
APPLETON	David	2	BAILHACHE	Hubert	3
APPLEYARD	Henry Hewart	1	BAILY	Jane	1
ARBER	William	1	BAIN	Colin	9
ARCHER	Frederick	1	BAKER	Henry	2
ARCHER	Joseph	1	BAKER	John	2
ARCHER	Richard	1	Alias YOUNGER		
ARCHER	Thomas	1	BAKER	Nathaniel	2
ARCTIER	Alfred	1	Alias SMITH, Robert		
ARCTIER	Thomas	1	BAKER	William	6
ARENSON	Edward	1	BAKEWELL	Robert	1
ARFIES	Thomas	1	BAKEY	Michael	1
ARFIES	Zachariah	1	BALDWELL	Charles	1
ARKINS	Thomas	2	Alias BALDWIN		
ARMSTRONG	Alfred	1	BALDWIN	Charles	1
ARMSTRONG	Ivo	1	BALEMAN	Mary	1
ARMSTRONG	John	2	BALEY	Jeremiah	1
ARMSTRONG	Richard	2	BALLEMORE	James	1
ARMSTRONG	William	1	BALMFORTH	James	1
ARNOLD	James	3	BALMFORTH	Joseph	2
ARNOLD	John	1	BANHAM	Edward	2

Surname	Given Name	Entries	Surname	Given Name	Entries
BANKS	James	1	BEAZLEY	Henry	1
BANNISTER	Mary	2	Alias BEASLEY		
BANNISTER	Mary & Child	1	BECK	Arthur	1
BANNON	John	1	BECK	Thomas	3
BAPTISTE	Ninian	2	BECK	William	1
BARBER	Charles	1	BECKETT	Henry	1
BARBER	William	3	BECKETT	John	1
BARCLAY	George	2	BEDDING	Henry	1
BARCLAY	Robert	35	Alias REDDING		
BARDER	John	1	BEDDOES	John	1
BARKER	Ann	3	BEDDOES	Robert	5
BARKER	Herbert	1	BEESON	James	1
BARKER	Rose	1	BELCHER	John	1
BARLOW	Francis	1	BELCHORNE	Martin	1
BARNARD	William	1	BELL	Alfred	1
BARNES	Eli	1	BELL	John	1
BARNES	Elias	4	BELL	William	1
BARNES	John	2	BENNETT	George	1
BARNES	Patrick	1	BENNETT	John	1
BARRETT	James	1	BENNETT	Thomas	5
BARRETT	John	2	Alias SMITH, John		
BARRY	John	1	BENNETT	Thomas (Jnr)	1
Alias DONOVAN			BENNETT	William	2
BARRY	Michael	1	BENSON	Mary	4
BARTLETT	George	2	BENTICK	George	1
BARTLETT	Henry	1	BENTLEY	James	2
BARTON	Elizabeth	1	BENTLEY	Moses	1
BARTON	Robert	1	BENTLEY	Walter	1
BARTON	William	1	BENWELL	William	1
BASS	James	1	BERE	Walter	1
BASSET	Charles	1	BERRY	Charles	1
BASSETT	Charles	1	BERRY	James	1
BASWELL	John	1	BERRY	Joseph	1
BATES	John	2	BERRY	Robert	2
BATES	Thomas	1	Alias MULLINS		
Alias OSBORNE			BERRY	William	1
BATT	William	1	BERWICK	Cosmo	1
BATTERSBY	Richard	1	BERWICK	William	1
BATTLES	David	10	BEVAN	Edward	2
BAWN	Ann	1	BEVIS	Henry	2
BAWN	Robert	1	BEW	Joseph	4
BAYLEY	James	1	BIGNALL	William	1
BAYLIS	George	1	BILLINGHURST	Charles	1
BAYNTON	George	1	BILLINGTON	William	2
BEALL	William	1	BIRCH	Emma & Child	1
BEAMER	John	1	BIRCH	James	5
BEARD	George	1	BIRCHALL	George	1
BEARLEY	Henry	1	BIRD	Edwin	1
BEASLEY	Henry	1	BIRD	John	1
			BISHOP	Edward	3

Surname	Given name	Entries	Surname	Given name	Entries
BISTER	Isaac	1	BRADLEY	Jeremiah	1
BLACKHAM	William	2	BRADLEY	Johanna	8
BLACKMORE	Arthur	3	BRADLEY	John	2
BLADES	Anne	1	BRADLEY	Thomas	1
BLAKE	Thomas	1	BRADLEY	William	1
BLAKEY	Robert	11	BRADY	Francis	1
BLANCHARD	George	1	BRADY	Jane	3
BLEASLEY	Maria	2	BRADY	John	1
BLEASLEY	Mary	2	BRADY	Michael	1
BLIGHS	Richard	1	BRADY	Phillip	1
BLISS	George Grady	1	BRADY	Robert	10
BLOFIELD	George	1	BRADY	William	1
BLONG	Andrew	1	BRAMMALL	John	1
BLONG	Mary	1	BRAND	George	2
BLOOMFIELD	Edward	1	BRANWHITE	Joseph	1
BLOOMFIELD	George	2	BRATT	George	1
BLORE	Emanuel	4	BRENNAN	David	1
BOCKER	Adam	1	BRENNAN	James	1
BOLAN(D)	James	1	BRENNAN	John	3
BOLAN(D)	John	1	BRENNAN	William	1
BOLAND	James	1	BRENT	Henry	2
BOLAND	John	1	BRERETON	Andrew	1
BOLAND	Michael	1	BRETMOR	Elijah	1
BOLTON	George	1	BREWELL	Mary J.	2
BONAS	Henry	3	BRIAN	William	1
BOOR	George	1	BRICKHILL	William	1
BOOTH	Ephraim	1	BRIDGEMAN	Charlotte	1
BOOTH	George	4	BRIDGER	Alfred	1
BOOTH	High	2	BRIDGES	James	11
BOOTH	Peter	1	Alias STANYARD		
BORE?	John	1	BRIDGES	Thomas	1
BORTHWICK	Thomas	2	BRIGGS	George	7
BOSSWARD	G.	1	BRIGGS	John Tasman	1
BOSWOOD	John	1	BRIGHT	Edward	1
Alias BOSWELL			BRIGHT	William	4
BOWAN	William	1	BRIMAN	David	1
BOWDEN	Alfred	2	BRINKMAN	William	1
BOWEN	Benjamin	1	BRITTLEBANK	George	16
BOWNER	John	1	BRITTON	Albert	1
Alias BOWMAN, John			BRITTON	John	1
BOWRING	Frederick	1	BROAD	Benjamin	1
BOWRING	Thomas	3	BROADBEE	Samuel	1
BOXALL	Henry	7	BRODIE	Alexander	2
BOYD	Wallace	1	BRODIE	Arthur	1
BOYLE	John	1	BRODIE	Thomas	10
BOYTER	James	3	Alias LOFTUS		
BRADBURY	Tas	1	BRODIE	William	2
BRADFORD	George	3	BROMFIELD	Edward	1
BRADING	Robert	2	BROOKE	Bertie	1
BRADLEY	George	3	BROOKS	Arthur	1

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BROOKS	Henry	1	BUCKLEY	Patrick	1
BROOKS	John	3	BUDD	Thomas	3
BROTHERTON	Joseph	1	BULLOCK	Charles	1
BROUGHTON	Daniel	1	BULLOCK	William	5
BROWN	Alexander	1	BUMSTEAD	William	8
BROWN	Alfred W.	1	BURDEN	Joseph	1
BROWN	Arthur	1	BURDOCH	William	3
BROWN	Charles	7	BURGESS	John	2
BROWN	Edward	1	BURGESS	Margaret	6
BROWN	George	1	BURGESS	Robert	1
BROWN	George	1	BURGESS	Thomas	2
Alias BENNETT			BURGESS	William	1
BROWN	Henry	2	BURGOYNE	Charles	2
BROWN	Henry	1	BURKE	Edward	2
BROWN	Henry	1	BURKE	Fanny	4
Alias BROADMORE			BURKE	Geoffrey	2
BROWN	James	3	BURKE	James	1
BROWN	John	9	BURKE	Jeffrey	3
BROWN	Joseph	2	BURKE	John	3
BROWN	Mary	2	BURKE	Joseph	1
BROWN	Peter	1	BURKE	Michael	3
BROWN	Richard	1	BURKE	Richard	1
BROWN	Samuel	2	BURKE	Thomas	1
BROWN	Thomas	1	BURLEY	William	1
Alias BRADFORD			BURNS	Edmund	1
BROWN	Thomas	17	BURNS	Esau	2
BROWN	William	4	BURNS	Jacob	1
BROWNE	George	1	BURNS	James	5
BROWNE	George	1	Alias BYRNES		
Alias WILLIAMS			BURNS	Jeffrey	1
BRUCE	Hume	1	BURNS	John	1
Alias HEWITT, John			Alias JENNINGS, James		
BRUCE	Robert	2	BURNS	John	3
BRUCE	William	1	BURNS	Joseph	1
BRUNDLE	Ann	1	BURNS	Michael	3
BRUNDLE	Anne	1	Alias BYRNE		
BRUNT	Catherine	2	BURNS	Patrick	2
BRUNT	Joseph	1	BURNS	Peter	2
BRYAN	James	1	BURNS	Robert	1
BRYAN	Martin	1	BURNS	Thomas	5
BRYAN	Matthew	2	BURNS	Thomas	1
BRYAN	Thomas	2	Alias HILLOCK		
BRYANT	James	1	BURNS	William	40
BRYANT	John	1	Alias FERNS/FEARNS		
BRYANT	Joshua	1	BURNSLEY	William	1
BRYANT	Thomas	1	Alias JOSEPH		
Alias RYAN			BURR	Charles	1
BUBB	George	1	BURROWS	Alfred	1
BUCHANAN	Robert	1	BURROWS	John	1
BUCKLAND	John	1	BURTON	Phillip	1

Surname	Given name	Entries	Surname	Given name	Entries
BURTON	William	1	CARNEY	William	1
BUSBY	Robert	1	CARNS	John	1
BUSH	John	36	Alias DEVINE		
BUSH	Robert	1	CARNS	William	5
BUTCHER	Robert	4	CARPENTER	Henry	1
BUTLER	John	8	CARPENTER	Samuel	1
BUTLER	Robert	1	CARPENTER	Thomas	1
BUTLER	W.H.	1	CARR	Annie Agnes	1
BUTLER	William	4	CARR	Laurence	1
BUTLER	William H.	1	CARR	Martin	1
BUTLER	William Henry	1	CARR	Thomas	2
BUTTON	Richard H.	1	CARR	William	1
BYFIELD	James	1	CARRICK	Edward	1
BYGRAVES	Samuel	1	CARRIER	Edward	2
BYRNE	William	1	CARRIER	Henry	1
CAHILL	Thomas	11	CARRIER	John	19
CAIN	John	1	CARRISE?	Edward	1
CAIN	Thomas	1	CARROL	Michael	2
CAIRNS	William	2	CARROLL	Ernest	1
CALCUTT	John	2	Alias KARLS?		
CALDER	John	3	CARROLL	Joseph	1
CALDER	Samuel	1	CARROLL	Mary	1
Alias SOMERVILLE			CARROLL	Michael	4
CALDER	William	1	CARROLL	Patrick	2
CALLAGHAN	Daniel	1	CARROLL	Peter	1
CAMERON	Henry	1	CARROLL	Thomas	1
CAMERON	Hugh	1	CARTER	Charles	1
CAMERON	John	1	CARTER	James	2
CAMPBELL	Alexander	1	CARTER	John	1
CAMPBELL	Charles	2	CARTEUR	Edward	1
CAMPBELL	George	1	CARTON	Peter	1
CAMPBELL	John	2	CARTWRIGHT	John	1
CANE	Daniel	6	CARTWRIGHT	William	1
CANE	Frederick	2	CARVER	James	1
CANE	James	1	CARVER	John	1
CANE	Thomas	1	CASEY	Thomas	2
CANNELL	Charles	1	CASSIDY	Francis	1
CANNING	Charles	7	CASTRO	Nicholas	1
Alias SCANLON			CATON	Robert	1
CANTWELL	Henry	1	CATTERMOLE	Alexander	1
CANTWELL	Samuel	1	CAVANAGH	Henry	1
CARBERRY	William	3	CAVANAGH	Joseph	1
CAREW	Stephen	1	CAWLEY	Martin	1
CAREY	George	1	CAWLEY	Patrick	1
CARKER	Thomas	1	CAWTHRAY	Joseph	2
CARLISLE	James	1	CEARNES	William	1
CARMEN	George	1	CHADWICK	James	1
Alias FLINDERS			CHALLENGER	James	1
CARMODY	Thomas	1			
CARNES	William	1			

[The list will be continued in the June journal]

HERITAGE PHOTOGRAPHY (eHeritage PROJECT)

Peter Astley-Bogg (Member No. 5054)

IT is almost a year now since the eHeritage project began; here in the south about 13,000 photographs have been taken.

We began with the naïve idea that all that was needed was to turn up at a cemetery, unload the camera, put the memory stick and batteries in, turn the camera on and shoot, just the way one does for the family album! How wrong we were!

The learning curve was steep—but I think those involved will agree that much has been learnt and that we are now relatively proficient at the job.

It might, therefore, be of some use to put down on paper some of the mistakes and lessons learnt.

At first we were to take photographs of each headstone, make a record of it, check the inscription against the TAMIOT card, and up-date the same as necessary! It was, therefore, suggested that a team of four or five could be needed: a camera person; a recorder; a gardener (there is often a need to tidy up the graves); and one or two people to check the cards.

This ideal is hardly ever achieved. To organise five volunteers together on a fairly regular basis has proved exceptionally difficult.

It also proved to be a slow process as many of the records were in an order that in no way resembled the lay-out of the cemetery! It could take up to ten minutes to locate the record in the TAMIOT cards and take the photo. Of course some cemeteries were easier than others, and

this time could be reduced, but it was still quite a slow process. The cleaning up of old gravestones was also a factor in slowing things down.

It was discovered that there really was no need for the TAMIOT check at the time as the photographs could be 'read' back at the library in comfort. We thus now only needed three people on a team!

This has been the most common number! Even so, there have been times when only two and on occasions only one person has turned up. Two can still do a relatively good job, but I do not recommend a solo effort on any but the very smallest cemeteries of say less than a couple of dozen graves.

The system that has evolved is for one person to take the photos, one to record them and the third to tidy up graves and hold a shadow or reflection board—and for the team to rotate as they feel inclined. Some do not want to photograph, and some are happy just tidying up. The perfect team is three (or four) who remain with one job all the time.

Several tips have emerged for would-be teams. It must be stressed that there is no correct way to do things, but the following might be helpful.

First: the weather. It was thought that taking photographs during the winter would not be practical, but this proved to be the best time. The brighter the sun the more difficult it has proved to take good photos. The best weather is a clear but overcast day. Obviously, a rainy day is not suitable, but the odd shower will only cause a slight delay.

This brings us to clothing, especially footwear. Good strong waterproof footwear is essential. Tramping through long grass is a common occurrence and waterproof leg attire is also suggested. 'Slip, slop, slap', applies all the year round. The wind can cause problems too!

Those who wear glasses might find them a hindrance as it is suggested that the LCD screen, rather than the view-finder, be used to line up the photos. This is because of the 'parallax' error of the optical view-finder that tends to cause the final image to be off set. At first we were horrified to find that the edges of gravestones in several photographs were cut off, necessitating re-takes—too many in fact, until this error was found.

Why is wearing glasses a problem? The answer is that the screen is not as bright as the optical view, and tinted glasses especially, can make it all but impossible to see the image on the screen.

Using the screen is also an advantage when taking photographs in difficult positions. The camera can be held at an angle and the image still seen on the screen. Two photos are usually taken of each grave. One demonstrates the grave's position in the cemetery, and the close-up allows the inscription to be read.

Often there are ornaments and flowers that obscure the inscription and so have to be removed (the 'gardeners' task is to move them and see they are returned to the correct position after). The long shot is taken with all the flowers and ornaments as found and the close-up with them removed.

Cleaning of the graves is also a tricky problem. Scraping off moss etc. so that the inscription can be read may be desirable, but extreme care is needed especially on sandstone graves as some of the stone can come away too.

On many granite headstones the reflection can make both taking the headstone square on, and also reading the inscriptions, very difficult! Apart from the obvious need to take the photograph from an angle, several ideas have been tried to improve the 'readability', ranging from chalk powder to shaving soap. Anything that is used must be able to be removed easily without damaging the stone. A bottle of water with a spray top is good for this and in some cases, also helps make the inscriptions on sandstone readable. It is also very useful for removing bird droppings!

There are other risks in the graveyard!

You need to watch for the corners of graves when trying to find a good position to take a photo. They can be 'lethal' and the spikes on iron railings can cause pain too! Hidden stakes and metal markers in long grass are quite common!

A pair of gardening gloves and pruning shears are essential and grass cutting shears can be very useful. It is sometimes impossible to do all that much as the cemetery is so overgrown. In this case just clearing sufficient to allow the inscription to be read is all that can be done. In one case discovered only recently, it will be necessary to return with a large pair of pruning shears to find a way into a thicket where several fallen stones have been located. Even the locals were unaware of them!

Often the task is slowed down by 'visitors' asking about the project. This is not wasted time as it often leads to more sites being discovered. In the Oatlands shire alone, nearly 30 extra sites have been discovered. This has led to asking in all the town and hamlets as to the whereabouts of possible sites. Church interiors, halls and community clubs have yielded a rich harvest of memorials, and

land owners are, on the whole, only too pleased to help by showing or directing you to grave sites on their land. Schools often have memorials in them too! In December, a team finishing off were driving down the main street of a town when they noticed what looked like the concrete boxes, as used in cremation gardens, by a few newly planted trees. On investigation, it turned out that the town decided to honour its war-dead with an avenue of trees, each with a memorial to a fallen soldier. Another new site! At the same time another memorial was also unearthed outside a police station!

What about the TAMIOT update?

This is now done 'back at base' on the whole. The close-up photographs are especially useful and by altering the various characteristics of the photograph it can be easier to interpret the inscription at the base than it is in the field!

This was certainly the case in a headstone/memorial that was in Greek, Latin, French and English!

There was an occasion in which the headstone was in eastern European languages. A copy of the transcription was sent to a gentleman who was versed in the languages. He was able to translate the headstone making it far more suitable for our records!

From all this one thing emerges. It is great fun as long as sensible precautions are taken. There is so much history out there, not a day photographing goes by without some discovery—if only for those taking part.

For example, did you know that Harry Potter is dead and buried in the Anglican Cemetery in Oatlands? Perhaps best of all, an 'in joke'—E.Heritage is also dead and is buried with his wife in the Presbyterian Cemetery, also in Oatlands!

These and the many other photographs will eventually be available from a TFHS Inc. branch library near you!

To continue and to finish this project—if it will ever be finished—we need more help. Often an hour or so in a cemetery near you would be all that is required, but some people might enjoy the company of others and a day trip to a more 'remote settlement'.

Please consider it—it is great fun. ●

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DESCENDANTS' DAY—VINEGAR HILL

Patricia Parker

ON the morning of Monday, 5 March 1804 men in drab convict clothes moved through a mostly unsettled area of Castle Hill, NSW carrying guns, pitchforks and poles.

At the same time, no one could miss the red-coated officers and men of the NSW Corps, led by Major George JOHNSTON, as they and their civilian supporters strode along the Windsor Road after a quick march from Sydney Town during the night. Governor KING had been warned that a band of Irish convicts had broken out of the Castle Hill Barracks the night before, with the intention of joining other rebel convicts and marching firstly on Parramatta, and then to Sydney to seize ships in the harbour and make their way to Ireland and freedom.

The rebels didn't make it to Parramatta, but turned away towards the north-west. Major Johnston caught up with them and the ensuing battle saw fifteen convicts killed, and the others punished and returned to imprisonment.

Many convicts in this first organised uprising in the new colony were political prisoners and members of the United Irishmen's Society—a union of Irish Catholics and Protestants seeking a united and independent Ireland. They were concentrated in the Barracks at Castle Hill to work on the Government Farm which had been set up to provide food for the Colony. This gave them the opportunity to discuss their beliefs and their dreams and to plan their bid to freedom.

Unfortunately plans were easier to make than to carry out. It was very difficult to

get word to the other convict barracks and to sympathisers in the towns. It was impossible to stop an informer from going to the authorities in Parramatta.

Six years previously, in Wexford County Ireland, a similar battle had been fought at a place called Vinegar Hill—the name was transferred to this battle on the outskirts of Sydney. The original battle on 21 June 1798, at Enniscorthy, was a victory for the British, and many Irishmen were killed or executed; many more were transported to the new colony of Australia.

The soldiers were under the leadership of Major George Johnston. Some of the armed citizens from the Parramatta area joined them. When the opposing sides met, a Catholic Priest Father DIXON, tried to negotiate a truce without bloodshed. The Irish leaders thought that Major Johnston had agreed to talk, and stepped up to him. Johnston took them prisoner, and ordered his troops to fire on the rebels.

While the government forces were greatly outnumbered and much better armed, they had no problem in claiming immediate victory. The convicts scattered during the confusion.

Official records of the day record fifteen rebel deaths on the field and over three hundred captured. None of the Government forces were killed or wounded.

Phillip CUNNINGHAM was badly wounded and was immediately hung for his part in the uprising. William Johnston and two fellow convicts were hung at Castle Hill. There were five other hangings as well as severe sentences of lashings.

The name *Vinegar Hill* was also used fifty years later as the password for entry to the Eureka Stockade.

The survivors of the battle from both camps and their children after them, were the pioneers of this nation. Few of them had a choice in whether they came to this isolated land so far from all they knew.

A great many on both sides stayed and became worthy citizens of a new country where differences could be settled without the bloodshed suffered at Vinegar Hill.

As part of the 200th Anniversary celebrations the combined Councils of Baulkham Hills, Blacktown, Hawkesbury, Holroyd, and Parramatta have organised a Descendants' Day to recognise the contribution those involved in the Battle made to justice, freedom and the right to self determination in Australia.

THOSE WHO FOUGHT AT VINEGAR HILL

THE REBELS

Numbering 233. (Not all the rebels were convicts.)

Casualties: Fifteen unnamed men killed on the battle field.

Phillip Cunningham—executed at Windsor without trial.

William Johnston—executed at Castle Hill and then hung in chains just outside Parramatta on the road to Prospect.

John Neale—executed at Castle Hill.

George Harrington—executed at Castle Hill.

Samuel Humes—executed at Parramatta and hung in chains.

Charles Hill—executed at Parramatta.

Jonothon Place—executed at Parramatta.

John Brannan—executed at Sydney.

Timothy Hogan—executed at Sydney.

John Burke—reprieved, detained at the governor's pleasure.

Bryan McCormack—reprieved, detained at the governor's pleasure.

John Griffin—500 lashes and exile to the Coal River chain gang.

Neil Smith—500 lashes and exile to the Coal River chain gang.

Bryan Burne—500 lashes and exile to the Coal River chain gang.

Connor Dwyer—500 lashes and exile to the Coal River chain gang.

David Morrison—200 lashes and exile to the Coal River chain gang.

Cornelius Lyons—200 lashes and exile to the Coal River chain gang.

Owen McDermot—200 lashes and exile to the Coal River chain gang.

Twenty-three other rebels, besides the seven listed above, were also exiled to the Coal River (Newcastle). This group included John CAVENAH, Francis NEESON and another convict named TIERNEY, as well as four men who assisted the rebels—Robert COOPER, Dennis RYAN and two emancipists, Bryan SPALDON and Bryan RILEY. Riley and Ryan were also punished with as many lashes as they could stand without their lives being endangered.

Thirty-four prisoners were placed in irons until they could be 'disposed' of. It is not known whether some, or all of them, were sent to the Coal River.

Note: As this list is handwritten, some of the names are difficult to decipher.

Owen Black	Andrew Coss
Douglas Hartigan	Thomas Brodrick
James Cullen	Peter Magrath
Brien Burn	William Day
Jonothon Malony	Thomas Burne
James Duffy	Joseph McLouglin
Jonothan Butler	Thomas Gorman
Jonothan Reilley	Jonothan Campbell
Edward Griffin	Jonothan Roberts

William Cardell	Jonathan Griffin
Anthony Rowson	Nicholas Carty
James Higgans	George Russell
Thomas Connel	Thomas Kelly
Richard Thompson*	James Cramer
Jonothan Moore	Jonathan Tucker
Peter Garey	Edward Nail
James Turoney	

*Thompson, and another person, whose name appears to be 'Teakus' were to be sent to trial. The remaining rebels, as well as other suspects, were allowed to return to their places of employment.

THE GOVERNMENT SIDE

One trooper, 29 soldiers and over fifty members of the Active Defence.

The Parramatta Loyalists were also embodied to defend the town.

NEW SOUTH WALES CORPS

Major George Johnston
 Lt John Brabyn
 Trooper Thomas Anlezark
 Quartermaster Thomas Laycock
 A sergeant
 26 other ranks

ACTIVE DEFENCE

A group of civil officers, constables and free citizens who had volunteered to assist the military in times of unrest. With the exception of two men they are not the volunteers from the group known as the Loyal Associations.

William Evans, sheriff's officer	
Henry Marr, constable	
Richard Partridge, jailer	
John Smitherson, constable	
Thomas Bates, constable	
Benjamin Carver, constable	
Thomas Baker	William Dumsden
Samuel Glasop	Patrick Branan
Thomas Dunn	Thomas Graham
William Briggs	Dennis Dunnervan
John Gorden	Richard Burn
Thomas Francis	Richard Hadden
James Higgins	Isaack Mills

John Vardey	Robert Howard
William Mounslow (a Parramatta Loyalist)	
Joseph Huff	Andrew Nash
James Walton	Charles Ivory
John Read	William Watkins
George Jarvis	Barny Riley
Robert Wells (a Parramatta Loyalist)	
John Jones	John Roberson
James Welsh	George Lewers
Richard Shaw	William Witten
Thomas Minsher	Robert Shrieves
Henry Yates	Isaack Miles
Thomas Smith	William Miller
George Thurley	

Then follows a secondary list, containing the names of the following citizens:

James Bean	Patrick Burne
Robert Cooper	James Evans
Seth Watkins	

Also DABBS, INNES, PARKER and several others whose names are indecipherable. Father James Dixon was also present but did not take part in the fighting.

THE PARRAMATTA LOYALISTS

Contrary to popular belief, the 36 Parramatta Loyalists embodied on 5 March 1804, with the exception of William MOUNSLOW and Robert WELLS, remained in Parramatta to defend the town. Some, however, took place in the search and subsequent arrest of Samuel HUMES' party, 'lost' near Castle Hill.

Captain John Savage
 Corporal Jonothan Stevenson
 Sergeant Major G.W. Evans
 Corporal Charles Wright
 Sergeant James Larra
 Drummer Adams
 Sergeant Rowland Hassall
 Drummer Saunders

PRIVATES

Henry Armstrong	John Hodson
Samuel Terry	Thomas Bedford

Hugh Hughes
John Butcher
John Thorogood
Thomas McKenzie
Thomas Cosier
Daniel Welling
William Mayo
Edward Elliot
Edmund Wright
Andrew Snowden
Samuel Haslem

Humphrey Thorn
John Lewin
William Cole
John Weavers
William Matthews
William Crook
John Whittear
Thomas Norris
John Graham
James Wright
John Tate

THE SYDNEY LOYALISTS

Although 38 Sydney Loyalists were embodied on 5 March 1804, the only member to take part in the pursuit and the confrontation was Lieutenant Thomas SMYTH, the Provost Marshal.

Captain Thomas Rowley
Corporal John Griffiths
Sergeant James Bloodsworth
Corporal Thomas Massey
Sergeant John Gowan
Corporal William Wall.

PRIVATES

Gilbert Baker	Samuel Hockley
Joseph Prosser	David Batty
Lewis Jones	Thomas Raby
Daniel Chambers	Joseph Lewis
Thomas Randall	William Chapman
George Mathews	William Roberts
Francis Cox	Frederick Meredith
Samuel Skinner	Andrew Cunningham
William Miller	James Somerville
Jonathan Dowling	Jonathan Mitchell
Jonathan Sparrow	William Evans
Jonathan Morrison	Samuel Thorley
Joseph Flood	William O'Neal
James Underwood	Michael Geary
Felix Owen	Edward Goode
William Peachy	●

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MOUNT ST CANICE HERITAGE MUSEUM AND ARCHIVES

Sister Carmel Hall

THE Good Shepherd Sisters began this place back in 1893, in what was then described as a 'country setting'. In the beginning, there were four Sisters and a handful of homeless and underprivileged girls and women. Over the years, many hundreds of women came under the care of the Sisters. At one stage, the number peaked to 200—including Wards of the State, neglected children, pregnant girls, women referred by the courts. The doors were open to all creeds and nationalities. The Sisters tried to meet the challenging need for care and housing in what was a very poor and struggling colony.

St Canice has a colourful history—escapes when girls jumped the fence and headed for the bright lights of the city; of police returning the escapees and the sisters' efforts to 'dry' them out and rehabilitate them. There was a commercial laundry to help finance the work and a farm, in order to be self-supporting in the area of produce.

The Good Shepherd Sisters moved out of these buildings in 1981. The need for a large institution had diminished, and it was thought better to place the women in smaller home settings, with supervision, within the wider community.

Since then, the buildings have been adapted for a variety of purposes: the Archbishop's residence and secretarial staff; pastoral planning for the archdiocese; marriage tribunal; media; youth; training for employment; thirteen single self-contained units which bring in some income to help with upkeep of the

building. And of course, there is the chapel, built in 1910, which is still in use and has become a very popular venue for weddings.

So much for the setting here at Mount St Canice. Now to the Museum and Archives, which has evolved since 1990.

From a basement, which was a storage area for produce in earlier days, and later became a dumping place for things nobody wanted, it has now been adapted to a Heritage Museum and Archives.

Items have been gathered from near and far, from the four corners of the island—from churches, sacristies, presbyteries, private homes—anything that tells the Faith story of Tasmanian people and places, or as it was first known, Van Diemen's Land.

We have received contributions—from the smallest of prayer books, to large statues and framed pictures. One of the earliest items was a letter written by Father Philip CONOLLY, the first resident priest on the island.

The most unusual item received has been a discarded stone baptismal font. It was found in a garden, serving as a bird bath! Some restoration work has to be done before we can put it on display. Another unusual item is an original tile from the roof of St Anne's Church at Triabunna, built in 1869.

We open to the public whenever we can. But as yet we don't have an adequate surveillance system and not everything is protected or under cover. So, for the time being, we are keeping to groups such as

yourselves, and individuals, by appointment.

One area of growing interest has been enquiries from family researchers. We deal with these, and lots of other queries—as time permits. As you would know, it is a slow and painstaking task. (And we only work part-time.)

There is a 'Search Fee' of \$25 which is used for conservation purposes. Some of the registers are in a fragile condition. For this reason, we do not make the actual register available to researchers. One person handles the register, with cotton gloves and appropriate archival conditions and we post the results to the enquirer. It usually takes up to a month to do this.

We do have many of the original Parish Registers (mostly Baptisms, Marriages, and just a few Death registers). Other Registers are still held in the parish. We have drawn up a full listing which indicates the registers here in the Archives and those still in the parishes.

On the sheets, you will notice on the right-hand side, under the heading WHERE—it is indicated whether the register is still in the parish, or here in the Archives. There are more BAPTISM and MARRIAGE registers than there are DEATH registers. Only a few priests kept up the death records.

One project currently under way is transferring the register entries to computer. It is a very long-term project but it is going to be worthwhile in the long run. We tend to work slowly and aim for accuracy in detail rather than hurry through.

We found that to do the job thoroughly we needed to work towards accurate information on churches and their locations, and on priests who would have administered the sacraments. We felt that

we needed to get the total picture. To do this we had to place the event, and trace the movements of the priests concerned. It is all part of the overall story.

Some hazards we encounter are: terrible hand-writing, fading ink, Latin phrases, spelling of names! But at least we have records which tell a small part of the story of life in the last century.

From a *Visit to Mount St Canice on Thursday 12 June 2003.*



Grave of Father Philip Conolly (1776–1839) at the old Catholic Burial Ground (St Virgil's College), West Hobart (moved 1911).

Sketch: W.T. Southerwood, *Lonely Shepherd in Van Diemen's Land*. (George Town, 1988), p.147.

REGISTERS

ArchiveNo	RegID	Parish	BMD	Date	Entries	Computer	Where	Notes	AOT
	BEA1	Beaconsfield					P		
	BEL1	Bellerive					P		
CA9/A1	BRI1	Bridgewater	B	1858-1958	161pp	to 1899, p69	A	Brighton/Kempton from 1932 - Richmond; to 1940 - Moonah	
CA9/A2	BRI2	Bridgewater (Kempton/Bothwell)	B	1872-1947	22pp	to 1899, p9	A	Until 24/4/1940 either at Richmond or St Therese's, Moonah	
	BRI3	Bridgewater	M	1864-1895			A		
	BUR1	Burnie					P		
CA11/1	CAM1	Campbell Town	B M D	1845-1854 1847-1854 1851-1854	9pp	all bap	A	Includes Ross Convict Station	✓
	CAM2	Campbell Town	M	1864-1937			A		to 1902
CA22/A1	CAT1	Cathedral	B	1867-1914	314pp (4022)		A		to 1900
CA22/A2	CAT2	Cathedral	B	1914-1923	404pp (1143)		A		
	CAT3	Cathedral	M	1867-1895			A		✓
	CAT4	Cathedral	M	1940-1946			A		
	CAT5	Cathedral	D	1883-1963			A		to 1890
	CIR1	Circular Head	M	1850-1885			A		✓
	CIR2	Circular Head	D	1848-1861			A		✓
	CLA1	Claremont					P		
CA37/A1	CYG1	Cygnets	B	1864-1949	337pp		A		
	CYG2	Cygnets	M	1864-1893			A		

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	CYG3	Cygnel	M	1896-1957			A		
CA41/A1	DEL1	Deloraine	B	1869-1922			A	57 tombstone inscriptions, Deloraine (1949, D Murphy PP)	to 1912
	DEL2	Deloraine	M	1869-1895			A		✓
	DEL3	Deloraine	M	1896-1906			A		✓
	DEL4	Deloraine	M	1909-1927			A		
	DEL5	Deloraine	D	1869-1893			A		✓
	DEV1	Devonport					P		
CA2/2	EC1	East Coast (Fingal)	B M D	1877-1888 1884-1888 1880-1888	36pp (some)	all bap	A	Some baptisms among general Parish Register	D to 1880
CA2/5	EC2	East Coast (St Helens)	B M	1894-1909 1878-1896	26pp	to 1899, p13	A		B to 1900
	EC3	East Coast	M	1882-1893			A		
	EC4	East Coast	M	1896-1902			A		
	EC5	East Coast (C Town/ St Marys)	B D	1855-1958 1855-1859	451pp	to 1899, p192	A	Deaths (Campbell Town) - 1855 to 1859	
CA2/3	EC6	East Coast (Mangana)	B M D	1887-1888 1888-1888 1887-1888	18pp (some)	all bap	A	Annals of St Basil's church Mangana 1870-1888	
	FLI1	Flinders Island					P		
CA34/1	FRA1	Franklin	B	1854-1959	299pp (3552)		A		
CA34/2	FRA2	Franklin	B	1855-1864	44pp		A	Original pages torn from Register	
	FRA3	Franklin	M	1865-1959			A		

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	GEO1	George Town					P		
	GLE1	Glenorchy					P		
	INV1	Invermay					P		
CA33/A1	KIN1	Kingston	B	1909-1922	9pp (34)		A		
CA33/A2	KIN2	Kingston	B	1924-1947	3pp		A		
	KIN3	Kingston	M (cert)	1902-1963			A		
	KIN11	King Island					P		
	KINM1	Kings Meadows					P		
	LAT1	Latrobe					P	(Sheffield) baptisms 1911 to 1982 listed in file	
CA35/A1	LAU1	Launceston	B	1845-1851	87pp		A		✓
CA35/A2	LAU2	Launceston	B	1851-1861	204pp		A		✓
CA35/A3	LAU3	Launceston	B	1861-1885	190pp		A		✓
	LAU4	Launceston	M	1835-1845			A		✓
	LAU5	Launceston	M	1845-1853			A		✓
	LAU6	Launceston	M	1851-1872			A		✓
	LAU7	Launceston	M	1872-1887			A		✓
	LAU8	Launceston	M	1887-1895			A		✓
	LEN1	Lenah Valley					P		
	LIN1	Lindisfame					P		
	LON1	Longford	B	1863-1960	163pp		A		
	LUT1	Lutana					P		
	MOO1	Moonah					P		

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	NEW1	Newstead					P		
	NEWN1	New Norfolk					P		
	NEWT1	New Town	M	1859-1880			A		✓
	NEWT2	New Town	M	1880-1895			A		✓
	NEWT3	New Town	M	1896-1923			A		to 1910
	NEWT4	New Town	M	1924-1934			A		
	NEWT5	New Town	B	1858-1962			P		
CA4/1	OAT1	Oatlands	B	1850-1858	24pp		A		✓
CA4/2	OAT2	Oatlands	B	1858-1865	316pp		A		✓
CA4/34	OAT3	Oatlands	B	1858-1866	5pp		A		✓
CA4/35	OAT4	Oatlands	B	1858-1864	9pp (60)		A		✓
	OAT5	Oatlands	M	1850-1864			A		✓
	OAT6	Oatlands	M	1864-1895			A		✓
	OAT7	Oatlands	M	1922-1956			A		
	OAT8	Oatlands	D	1858-1880			A		
	PEN1	Penguin					P		
CA8/11	RIC1	Richmond	B	1839-1845	21pp	all bap	A		✓
CA8/1	RIC2	Richmond	B	1839-1852	372 entries	all bap	A		✓
CA8/2	RIC3	Richmond	B M	1852-1855 1852-1863	176 entries	all bap	A		✓
CA8/3	RIC4	Richmond	B	1856-1956	159pp	to 1899, p100	A	Fr Fitzgerald book 1932 to 1935; from 1957—small Register	

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CA8/4	RIC5	Richmond (Triabunna)	B	1863-1931	16pp	to 1899, p14	A		B to 1904
	RIC6	Richmond	M	1839-1852			A		✓
	RIC7	Richmond	M	1852-1863			A		✓
	RIC8	Richmond	M	1863-1892			A		✓
	RIV1	Riverside					P		
	SAN1	Sandy Bay					P		
	SCO1	Scottsdale					P		
	SOU1	South Hobart					P		
CA6/MP3(1)	STJ1	St Josephs	B M	1820-1836 1820-1836	164pp (some)		A	copied by J H Cullen	✓
CA1/A1	STJ2	St Josephs	B	1836-1856	429pp		A		✓
CA1/A2	STJ3	St Josephs	B	1857-1911	614pp		A		✓
	STJ4	St Josephs	M	1835-1853			A		✓
	STJ5	St Josephs	M	1853-1882			A		✓
	STJ6	St Josephs	M	1883-1895			A		✓
	STJ7	St Josephs	M	1946-1948			A		
	STJ8	St Josephs	M	1948-1949			A		
	ULV1	Ulverstone					P		
	WC1	West Coast (Strn/Q'town/Gorm)	B	1897-1914	156pp		A	1901 Mission	
	WC10	West Coast (Savage River)	B	1968-1982			A		
	WC11	West Coast (Zeehan)	M (stat dec)	1891-1936			A		

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	WC12	West Coast (Q'town)	M	1946-1993			A		
	WC13	West Coast (Gorm)	M (cert)	1901-1905			A		
	WC14	West Coast (Zeehan/R'bery)	M (cert)	1949-1988			A		
	WC15	West Coast (Q'town)	M (cert)	1950-1986			A		
	WC16	West Coast (Q'town)	D	1921-1993			A		
	WC17	West Coast (Q'town/Zee/R'bery)					A	Confirmations, 1891-1997	
	WC2	West Coast (Q'town)	B	1914-1937	99pp		A		
	WC2A	West Coast (Gorm)	B	1901-1903	4pp (47)		A	pages removed from Gormanston Register	
	WC2B	West Coast	B	1905-1913	4pp + (2)		A	pages torn from book	
	WC3	West Coast (Zeehan)	M	1891-1895			A		
	WC4	West Coast (R'bery/Zeehan)	M (cert)	1896-1950			A		
	WC5	West Coast (Q'town)	M	1921-1939			A		
	WC6	West Coast (Zeehan/R'bery)	B	1891-1958			A	with index	
	WC7	West Coast (Q'town)	B	1937-1958			A	with index	
	WC8	West Coast (Zeehan/R'bery)	B	1958-1993			A		
	WC9	West Coast (Q'town)	B	1959-1984			A		
CA10/1A	WES1	Westbury	B	1850-1859	78pp		A		✓

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CA10/1B	WES2	Westbury	B	1859-1862	32pp		A	loose pages removed from Register	✓
CA10/1(2)	WES3	Westbury	B	1862-1864	24pp		A		✓
	WES4	Westbury	B	1864-1957	227pp		A		
	WES5	Westbury	M	1851-1864			A		✓
	WES6	Westbury	M	1864-1895			A		✓
	WES7	Westbury	M (cert)	1896-1925			A		
	WES8	Westbury	D	1850-1920			A		to 1902
	WYN1	Wynyard					P		

Abbreviations:

B birth
D death
M marriage

A Archive
P Parish
AOT Archives Office of Tasmania

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COLONEL WILLIAM SORELL 1824–1848

WHAT HAPPENED TO HIM?

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ONLY a few scattered pieces of information are available concerning Sorell's life after 1824. These, together with a little new data, are brought together in this article in chronological order.

On Friday 11 June 1824, the lieutenant-governor had his final meal in Van Diemen's Land, at Lord's house and next day, as the battery fired a salute of thirteen guns, Colonel Sorell and his lady and seven children embarked on board the *Guildford* with all the honours that could be paid to the late chief executive of Van Diemen's Land. He made a most elegant speech and the ship sailed the next day for England.²

The above paragraph implies that 'Mrs Sorell' and the seven children (Edmund William, Robert Sheffield, Henry Edward, Matilda Louisa, Frederick Henry and George Sorell, plus one KENT daughter) went on board with Colonel Sorell, but Knopwood makes it clear that he, his ward Betsey and Drs Hood and Bromley had the courtesy and sympathy to take Louisa Matilda Kent and the children on board.³

On arrival in England Sorell must have found himself in an invidious position. In addition to his mistress, Mrs Kent, he was responsible for one of her children by her husband and for six Sorell/Kent children aged between five and twelve, one of whom, Edmund, died the next year. His wife, Harriet, was alive—he had been paying her £200 a year since 1819—as were five of their children aged from seventeen to twenty-three. He had a pension of £500 a year from the Colonial

Office and a substantial area of land in Van Diemen's Land and, presumably, he would have been obligated to continue paying a reasonable part of his pension to Harriet.

Robson states that Sorell was well received at the Colonial Office but not again employed as an administrator.⁴ Mickleborough states also that Sorell was not given a further administrative appointment, but that he had his pension of £500 a year and a final grant of 2,000 acres, making his total grants of land approximately 12,500 acres.⁵ Between 1824 and 1827 Sorell made several requests to senior officials at the Colonial Office that he be employed again. He named Under-Secretary Hay, Under-Secretary Robert Wilmot Horton and Sir Henry Torrens as having been approached, but nothing came of his requests.⁶

In 1832, a Hobart newspaper reported that Sorell had received an appointment as British Consul-General in Oporto, Portugal.⁷ This is incorrect, as the appointment was to T.S. Sorell Esq. who was Lieutenant-Colonel Thomas Stephen Sorell (later Sir Thomas) (1775/6–1846), William Sorell's younger brother.⁸

For some time after his arrival in England Sorell apparently lived in London. He had 'frequent interviews with Mr Horton on the colonial arrangements of the colony'.⁹ According to the historian R.W. Giblin, Sorell was 'no longer trammelled by the restraints and etiquette or discipline of office' and could speak with authority.¹⁰ Two matters on which he was questioned were Macquarie's

George Town scheme and Brisbane's new system of compulsory and fixed-rate attachment of convicts to new land grants. The latter matter, in Sorell's view, was 'unequal in principle, erroneous in policy and nugatory in application'. Sorell made proposals which were useful, as Colonial Office officials were engaged on the preparation of new land regulations which were issued the following year.¹¹

In 1826, it was reported in the Hobart Town press that 'our late much esteemed Lieutenant-Governor, Colonel Sorell', and his family were residing in Ireland,¹² and in January 1827 he was in London from where he wrote to Under-Secretary Hay about the 900 acres of land adjoining his grant in the Macquarie district.¹³ By November 1827 he was living in Brussels, at which time he was concerned about his 'long protracted expectation of Employment'.

In April 1831 he was in Ostende, Belgium.¹⁴ In November 1835, he was in Boulogne, France, from where he wrote to Horton about a reversion of a 1,000 acre land grant to his deceased son to himself. He also wrote from France to Sir George Gray about what he could recall of a disputed land claim by a settler.¹⁵

From about 1838 to at least 1840, he was living with his sister, Mrs William GREGG in Brussels, when his daughter-in-law, Mrs William Sorell née KEMP, dumped her five children on him and fled to India with Colonel George DEARE whom she had known in Hobart Town. It took him about two years to arrange their return to their father at Hobart Town.¹⁶

On 4 June 1848 Sorell died at 27 George Street, Portland Square, Marylebone, London, his death being reported by Mrs M.A. Greenland who was present when

he died.¹⁷ No obituary had been located for Sorell until the author found the following:

Obituary Colonel Sorell

Jan. 29. Colonel William Sorell, late Governor of Van Diemen's Land.

Colonel Sorell was the eldest son of Lieut.-Gen. William Alexander Sorell of the Coldstream Guards and Colonel of the 48th Regiment. He entered the army on August 18 1790 as Ensign in the 31st Regiment, and proceeded on service to the West Indies with the 21st Grenadier Battalion in 1793, and in that and subsequent years served in the army under Sir Ralph Abercromby at the captures of Martinique, Guadalupe and St. Lucia, the siege of Fort Bourbon, the night attack on the Vigie and the assault of Morne Fortunée, where he was severely wounded. In 1797 he was appointed aide-de-campe to Lieut.-Gen. Sir James Pulteney. He served in the expedition to North Holland in 1799 and was present at the action of August 27 on the landing near the Holder, as also those of Sept. 10 and Oct. 2 and 6 of the same year.

Having returned to England, he continued to serve with the army on the south coast until appointed Major in the 43rd Regiment Aug. 11, 1804, the 2nd battalion of which he commanded during the organization and training of the light brigade under Sir John Moore. On 17th April 1807, he was promoted to the rank of Lieut.-Colonel, and appointed Deputy Adjutant-general at the Cape of Good Hope.

In 1816, Colonel Sorell proceeded to Van Diemen's Land as governor and during the period of years in which he conducted the affairs of that rising colony, he secured the full approbation of the government at home. The following extracts from an historical work (*Van Diemen's Land, Moral, Physical and Political*),

edited by Mr R. Montgomery MARTIN, on the colony by a local writer, will show how highly his character was appreciated in his public capacity by the colonists themselves.

Courteous and affable, he won golden opinions from all sorts of people; secured the universal affection and esteem, whilst his readiness to correct abuse or error— which his clear and comprehensive mind easily traced to its source—rendered his popularity as unbounded as it was merited. Prior to his embarkation for England, an address expressive of the most affectionate attachment, and recapitulating the numerous benefits he had secured for the land he had for several years ruled, was presented, to which a suitable and earnest reply was returned. Each colonist seemed as if he were losing a cherished personal friend. The people followed him *en masse* to the shore, all eager to manifest their regard—to receive a parting glance—the sorrowing countenances around giving token how much he was beloved. This was the golden age of Tasmania.¹⁸

Sorell, apparently, did not make a Will, and administration of his small estate—a nominal two hundred pounds—was granted as follows:

William Sorell Esq.—On the sixth day Admon of the Goods Chattels and Credits of William Sorell late of George Street Portman Square in the County of Middlesex Esquire deceased was granted to Louisa Matilda Sorell Widow the Relict of the said Deceased having been first sworn duly to administer.¹⁹

So Sorell at last married the love of his life by whom he had nine children before their marriage. She was Louisa Matilda Kent née COX, the daughter of Lieutenant-General Cox and the granddaughter of Sir Charles SHEFFIELD, the first Baronet Sheffield, the illegitimate son of the Duke of Buckingham and Normanby

who built Buckingham Palace. The current baronet, Sir Reginald Sheffield D.L., has kindly advised me that after searching his family archives he has found nothing about Louisa Matilda. Some notes about the Sorell-Kent children may be of interest.

Edmund William, born in London in 1812, died in London in the first half of 1825.²⁰

Robert Sheffield, born in London in 1814, died in Guernsey on 14 April 1853. He served in the West Kent Regiment and the West Kent Auxiliary forces, reaching the rank of Major.²¹ In the year his father died, he was serving with a native regiment in India.²² Earlier, while serving as Military Attaché in Paris, he met and married Countess Nadine Sorometsnikoff, a Russian aristocrat, whose uncle was Court Chamberlain to the then Czarina. She had a dowry of £40,000 which her husband went through in five years.²³

Henry Edward, born 1816 in England, died 15 June 1855 in Constantinople, of cholera on his way to England from the Crimea. He never married. He served for twenty years in the 81st Regiment, (The Loyal Lincoln Volunteers), reaching the rank of Major. He was an ensign on 16 May 1834 and in 1845 was Adjutant.²⁴

Matilda Louisa, born 14 November 1817 at Hobart Town, died 1892 in England.²⁵ Never married. After her father's death she and her mother came to live in England 'in genteel poverty'. Her great niece, Nina Fairclough, said that Matilda was so bitter about her father—he would not allow her to marry the man she wanted to, because 'it was a daughter's duty to look after her ageing parents'.²⁶

Frederick Edward, born in January 1819 at Hobart Town, died 20 November 1863 at Meerut, India.²⁷ Never married.

He also served in the 81st Regiment, attaining the rank of Major. He was Assistant Adjutant in 1845 and Adjutant in 1846.²⁸

George, born 22 July 1820, died 10 July 1849. Never married. He served in the Royal Engineers, being 2nd Lieutenant on 16 June 1838, 1st Lieutenant on 1 September 1841 and 2nd Captain on 19 August 1847.

Summary

Sorell made several requests to the Colonial Office for re-employment and must have been very frustrated that no further use was made of his proven considerable administrative skills. To be discarded at only 51 must have been galling for one with such an active brain. He was caught between the relative promiscuity of the later part of the eighteenth century, especially under the Prince Regent and the subsequent swing to prudery during the reigns of William IV and Victoria. He had admitted to Lord Bathurst about his 'one great error of conduct'²⁹ (his relationship with Mrs Louisa Matilda Kent) and this was held against him when appointments were being considered.

Doubtless he used his army connections to get commissions for his four sons. He and his family lived on the continent for at least half of the twenty-four years of his retirement because it was cheaper than living in England and more pleasant. They would not have been flush with money even with the proceeds from the sale of his considerable land holdings in Van Diemen's Land added to his pension.

William Sorell died a poor man, but had the satisfaction of marrying the love of his life, who was still alive seven years after his death. ●

Appreciation

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NEW ARMS FOR THE CHIEF OF MACLEA

THE Lord Lyon has recently issued a warrant for Alastair Livingstone of Bachuil, Coarb of St Moluag, Head of the Clan MacLea, to matriculate his arms in keeping with evidence acquired in the past forty years which enables the arms of the Baron of the Bachuil to be changed to arms of a more highland nature than those granted in 1951 and referred to by Unicorn Pursuivant in his 1996 St Andrew Lecture (The Double Tressure, No. 19, *A Closer Look at West Highland Heraldry*).

The new arms are blazoned: *Quarterly, 1st Or, a lion rampant Gules, 2nd & 3rd Argent, a dexter hand couped at the wrist Gules, holding a cross crosslet fitchée Azure, 4th Or, in chief a salmon naiant Proper, in base three bars wavy Azure.* In saltire

behind the shield, which is supported by stags, are two Bachuils, which represent the ancient crozier or staff of Saint Moluag.

A chapeau *Gules furred Vair* is a new departure in Scottish heraldry granted to the Baron of the Bachuil, the tenure of the barony which is analogous to '*par le grâce de Dieu*'. The crest of Saint Moluag holds the Bachuil and a cross-crosslet fitchée.

St Moluag, an Irish noble of the Dál nAraide, having trained with St Comgall at Bangor (co. Down), founded his first great community in 562 on the Isle of Lismore, the sacred island of the Western Picts. He went on to found over 100 monasteries, mostly amongst the Picts of Albany, and two other great teaching centres at Rosemarkie and Mortlach. His three main centres were to become the seats of the Roman Catholic Sees of the Isles, Ross and Aberdeen. On his death his heirs and successors, the Coarbs of St Moluag, hereditary Abbots of Lismore, had as their symbol of authority the Bachuil Mor or Great Staff of the Saint.

The Livingstones of Bachuil are chiefs of the MacLeas, whose name evolved from

Maconleas; who were originally M'Dunleas.

The distinguished antiquarian Niall, Duke of Argyll maintained that the 'd' disappears through euphonic elision in Gaelic and that there is little doubt that their eponymic ancestor was Dunsleve, the son of Aedh Alain, who through his son Suibhne or Swene was also ancestor of the Mac Suibhnes or M'Ewens, the ancient lords of Otter In Cowal and Argyll and of Castle Sween in Knapdale.



Achievement drawn by Andrew Stewart Jamieson

Argyll used to address Livingstone of Bachuil as ‘my lord’ and considered that Livingstone was the oldest peerage in the realm, being a Baron of the kingdom of the Scots of Dalriada.

The MacLeas came to use the name Livingstone when in the lowlands, probably as political prudence in the turbulence of the mid 17th century

following the grant to James Livingston of Skirling, Baron of Biel and Keeper of the Privy Purse of a lease of the lands and teinds of the bishoprics of Argyll and the Isles. The ancient clan lands were the old abbey lands and included Lismore, Morvern, Appin and land around the shores of Loch Etive in Lorn. Appin literally means “the jurisdiction of, and hence territory owned or ruled by, an abbot, chief dignitary of a monastic



Alastair Livingstone of Bachuil with his sons, Niall, Younger of Bachuil and Alexander hoisting the new colours on a becalmed day on Lismore.

Photo: Cristina Livingstone

community in the pre-twelfth century Celtic Church”.

Charter evidence begins on 9 April 1544 with a confirmation by the then Master of Argyll in favour of John Mc Molmore vic Kevir, in respect of himself, his father, grandfather, great grandfather and other predecessors.

The charter of confirmation constitutes evidence of immemorial heritable possession, clearly preceding the creation of the Earldom of Argyll in 1457 less than 90 years earlier.

The grant is given in “*in puram et liberam elimosynam*”—a grant of frankalmoign.

This was considered the most exalted of grants and was generally a duty to pray for the granter’s soul and, unlike other tenures, the recipient did no fealty. ●

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REMINISCENCES OF THE LATE PRIME MINISTER

Horace Bond Pithouse

[Joseph Lyons was born 15 September 1879 at Stanley, and died 7 April 1939 at Darlinghurst, Sydney. He was elected Prime Minister on 6 January 1932, and was the first Prime Minister to die in office.

Horace Pithouse was born 14 January 1873 and died 10 December 1941. He was the author of *The Luck of 1825*, an historical romance of early Tasmania. He was also the author of many articles published in the *Weekly Courier* and other early Tasmanian newspapers.

The following article was probably written between 1936 and 1941, and we thank Horace's grandson, Brian Evans, for his kind permission to publish it.—*Ed.*]

THE writer was an intimate friend of the late Joseph Aloysius LYONS from the time he was monitor at the Stanley School until his death, a period of forty-four years. The only hiatus in personal contact was during 1901–02 when for much of the time I was on the mainland. I was one of a mere handful, apart from official representatives, who had special places reserved on the Devonport wharf, in the funeral procession, in the church and at the graveside.

THE EARLY DAYS

When Joe was printer's devil for a mushroom growth small weekly, *The Coastal News* at Ulverstone, I was a bigger boy at Penguin but I did not know him then. It was when I was teaching at Irish Town in the Circular Head district that I first met him, a lad of fifteen, slightly built but almost as lithe as a deer

on the cricket or football field or on the running track. We were pals from the moment of contact even though I was some years his senior.

He was a sensitive lad in the presence of his elders, more particularly, if they were strangers. He was slow to make new friends.

Joe never forgot that first meeting and even in recent years recalled with relish the trouncing the smaller Irish Town School gave them. He remembered how his bowling and that of his headmaster was knocked about and of the return match in Stanley when three or four of the biggest Stanley boys went on strike because their headmaster had bowled so much in the first match without success and so chaffed their teachers when they were on the field that the said Head Master sent for the police to remove them from the ground.

Joe later became quite a passable cricketer and footballer and won several sprints at local sports and, I think, a minor event at the big Burnie Sports.

MR LYONS AS A TEACHER

Of his fourteen years with the Education Department, six years (including a three month term as relieving teacher at Irish Town) were spent at Stanley, his native town, as monitor and as assistant.

Within the next five years he was shifted in quick succession to the charge of several small schools including a short term to two half-time schools. This grated upon the sensitive young fellow

who, ambitious to succeed in his profession, had thus no chance to get the results necessary for promotion. He protested to his superiors courteously enough, at first, but receiving only snubs in return, then proceeded to hit out from the shoulder. He was reprimanded.

Then they graciously gave him twelve months in the training college in Hobart. Followed then six weeks as assistant at Glen Dhu and nine months in a similar position at Wellington Square. That city period of nearly two years was a Godsend to the country boy. For the first time he had access to a wide scope of literature and to adequate works of reference. He revelled in it. It hurt him to be transferred again to an insignificant country school at Beulah, but he told me that the kindness of the people took away much of the sting. He had only remained at his new appointment for six weeks when he resigned to become, a few weeks later, an MHA.

HE GETS A POLITICAL BIAS

The turning point in his career was his appointment to the little Tullah School in 1905. He was only there three weeks when he was catapulted to another charge at Smithton, then a small village. His short contact with two or three miners caused him to believe that the best remedy for under-dogs like himself was in political action.

Meanwhile I had changed my occupation and was at Leesville, two miles away and living in the cottage in which Enid BURNELL, afterwards to become Mrs Lyons and later Dame Enid, was born when Joe with whom I had been in frequent confidential correspondence arrived unannounced.

We met almost daily for the short twelve months that he was allowed to remain at

Smithton and spent a lot of time rambling the scrub-ridden banks of the Duck River and of Deep Creek after blackfish and lobsters, chattering like magpies at times, but often, content with each other's company and often guessing correctly our unspoken thoughts, silent for long periods. He was for some weeks at Smithton, however, before I discovered that he had become interested in politics. It happened thus. We had a social club which ran fortnightly debates. The attendance averaged about a dozen. Joe popped in while we were debating protection and free trade. He was the last to volunteer to speak. He ended a few stammering words with an emotional appeal for support for protection 'to save that sweating of blood of labourers which Free trade meant'.

For sometime I had been ardently supporting altruistic Laborism and knew only one other of like keenness on the subject in the village. Buoyed up by the tone of Joe's concluding remarks, I ventured to declare in my reply:

I am convinced that the best thing for Australia would be a judicious policy of Protection combined with the present platform of the Australian Labor Party.

To which Joe roared, 'Hear hear!' two or three times and then, playing a lone hand, applauded vigorously to the openmouthed wonderment of the rest of the audience. The upshot was a debate Capital v. Labour, four a side.

The great day arrived. The little dance hall was crowded with eighty people. Joe led the attack and opened fairly well but it was his final reply that was staggering. He dealt with opponents as easily as though shuffling a pack of cards, incisive, cutting, logical and with a good humoured ridicule that made opponents laugh in spite of themselves. The voting was about sixty to twenty in our favour.

What was perhaps the first Labor League on the north-west coast of Tasmania followed. Joe was the fourth man to pay his sub. It intensified his conflict with the Education Department for they not only forced him to resign from the Labor League but warned him against taking further part in any factional matter whatever.

He obeyed, but he and George ALLEN, now in Victoria, and I had constant confidential talks and it was George and I who first put it into his head to take up politics professionally. He was dubious as to the advisability of taking the risk. He was poor. He had no other profession and it meant resigning with but a remote chance of re-admittance to the Department if he failed at the poll.

Six months later he was in the Teachers' Training College. While there and at the Launceston schools which followed, he studied political economy as chance occurred. He also, rather too openly considering his strained relations with his superiors, advocated the formation of a Teachers' Union among the Training School students and some of the younger teachers. He was in hot water again.

Part of his six months' term at Glen Dhu coincided with a period I had in the Launceston General Hospital. Joe called daily to see me and when I was convalescing he would not be satisfied until I became his guest for two days at his boarding house. He then told me lots and showed me some of the censorious letters from the Department. I wanted him to get John EARLE or Jim OGDEN or another Labor member to bring his case before parliament. Joe had no faith in effective results from such a course, (the Party was weak numerically in the House). Then I ventured, 'Pity you're not in Parliament yourself, Joe.' His eyes lit

and, looking into space, he said, vehemently:

If ever I should be lucky enough to get into Parliament, Horace, the school fees will be abolished, the teachers will get living salaries and be decently housed and the ramshackle barns used as schoolhouses in the country will be replaced by buildings fit for the kiddies.

Twelve months later he wrote me from Beulah, 'I am thing of standing at the next elections. What do you advise, old man?' I answered, 'Think at least twice, Joe. Is it wise to burn your bridges?'

He replied next mail, 'Before I got yours I had burned my bridges. I have resigned from the Department. I want your good wishes, they will buck me up, old chum.' Needless to say, he got them pronto.

JOE ENTERS PARLIAMENT

Daily throughout this, his first political campaign, he posted me, reporting progress. He grew more and more optimistic as the campaign advanced. It was the day of single electorates and his constituency (if it were to be his) included an out-skirt of Launceston. Right along he had been confident of that meeting. It was held in a State School with tallow candles as the illuminant. Next morning he wired me 'Crossed the Rubicon—Launceston reception one of the best.' Joe was elected at twenty-nine years of age.

His outspoken utterances when on the campaign raised some bitter opposition. The most noteworthy instance was at Dunorlan when one of the audience left to acquaint a large landholder with the strictures Joe had just passed concerning his properties. The burly old man rushed to the hall, seizing a whip from Tom O'GEARY'S buggy on the way, strode purposefully to the platform and quick as

Gee-Winkling laid several strokes about the young political aspirant's back.

It cost the aggressor a fair amount in the court and Joe told me that he firmly believed it gave him many more than the required number of votes to win the seat. Strange, if that mistimed flogging was after all the Godsend which gave Australia its outstanding Prime Minister.

Joseph Aloysius Lyons MHA, plain 'Joe' to his old cobbles, at once set out on his plan of educational reform but it was not until he became Minister for Education in John Earle's Ministry that he got some of his own back. All that he told me when at Glen Dhu he would do, he did so far as available finances permitted. The present generation of teachers should call his name blessed. He also founded the beneficent High School System whereby the talented or promising children of the poorest might have something akin in educational chances to the children of the richest.

JOE BECOMES PREMIER

When on the death of John Earle, Joe became Premier of Tasmania we had arguments when we occasionally met because as an industrialist I thought that his measures were not advanced enough for a Labor Government. Joe would listen deferentially enough, answer and continue to go his own way. That was just like Joe, he had the knack of making the veriest schoolboy feel at home and to leave his company assured in his mind that his views had been well worth ventilating. Courtesy was inbred.

Nothing is surer however than that the Lyons' Government captured the imagination of Tasmanians and paved the way to the advent of thousands of adherents to Labor especially among the farmers and the manufacturers.

HE CHANGES PARTIES

Now to more recent times.

It hurt all or mostly all Tasmanian Laborism when this lovable man went over to the other side.

A few weeks after it occurred he had a heart to heart talk with me, his insignificant old chum. He said that he was being influenced by something outside himself. By changing over he felt assured that he could do more for the advancement of Australia as a whole. He felt that it was destiny. He would, except nominally, be 'party' no longer. Should he by any chance rise to power he would try to do all that one man could possibly do to eliminate the narrowest elements of any party. He felt that urge much as did Joan of Arc, though he did not put that in so many words. Readers can judge for themselves out of their own knowledge to what extent he realized that objective.

After he became, first PM General, and then Prime Minister, on the few occasions when we met, Joe more than once repeated that he was unshakably convinced that he was still being actuated by something outside his own volition. He also said that it would never do in this materialistic age to broadcast that conviction, for he would only be ridiculed as a smug hypocrite or something worse. On two occasions he told me, with an equal air of deep conviction, that he had a premonition that when he passed out it would be suddenly, but not before he had accomplished the measure of good that the Almighty had designed for him in the scheme of Australian nationhood.

Though I am as staunch a Laborite as ever, knowing the real Joe as I did, I have never doubted his conscientiousness and have declared the fact in season and unseasonably. I'd do all I knew to help defeat his side at an election but without

any animosity against my old mate. Joe understood.

HIS HUMAN SIDE

The human side of Joe was the great secret of his power amongst his fellows. When he was Premier he heard after a late function at Smithton that the son of an old friend was to be tin-kettled at Irish Town that evening. He joined a carload which made the five miles in quick time. On arrival, no need to knock, Pat O'HALLORAN senior spotted them. Amazed he gasped, 'Cripes, boys, here's Joe Lyons', and he rushed forward with wide extended paw. It was only a matter of seconds later before a dozen males of varying ages were shouting their welcome and most of them were extending to him a glass of ale with strong exhortations to drink the health of bride and bridegroom—and all to the open mouthed consternation of a newly arrived government official from the Old Country who did not know what tin-kettling meant nor that any premier in the world could so unbend as Joe presently did, as to join apparently wholeheartedly in such crude rustic festivities.

Two personal encounters exemplifying this side of him when premier on each occasion surprised me even though I knew the man as I did. The first was at a big chopping carnival at Ulverstone. I had not seen Joe, nor written him except when we exchanged Christmas cards, for fifteen months. I thought that he had too much on his mind now to be bothered with private letters.

Soon after I reached the ground a stranger accosted me. 'You're wanted on the Grandstand, someone wants to speak to you.' I asked who it was. He replied: 'Joe Lyons, he wants you to go right up.'

A minute later Joe was introducing me to the Governor and one or two other distinguished visitors to embarrassment on my part that the affability of my new acquaintances could not dissipate, so that I soon awkwardly excused myself.

I was followed down by Frank EDWARDS, at that time an MLC. Mr Edwards was a pupil at Stanley when Mr Lyons was monitor there. He was also a pupil of mine for a month or two when I nearly spoiled his chances for the Rhodes Scholarship, which he afterwards gained, by spilling half a bottle of ink over his model exercise book. But by that time Frank had forgiven me as he presently proved by inviting me into the deserted committee room.

He opened a locker, 'What'll you have, whisky or ale?'

'A whisky, please, Frank, and make it a stiff one.'

We managed to get half an hour on our own later in the day, did Joe and I.

Had I or any other old friend of Joe's been in dungarees that day I don't think his action would have been different nor yet on the following occasion. It was soon after Joe was able to get about after his motor accident: Place: Wynyard. Occasion: Circular Head and Burnie playing for the Coastal football premiership.

Before the match started I was some distance out on the ground talking. I glimpsed someone with a stick laboriously descending the pavilion, pitied him momentarily, and thought no more about it until three minutes later I flinched because of a hard slap on the back, wheeled to find the face of the lame man beaming at me. It was the good old human Joe again.

On his first visit to Smithton after he became Prime Minister he was met in the hotel by a local character who was more than half seas over. He held out his hand 'Hallo, Joe. Don't you know me?' The landlord brushed him aside and told him not to annoy the Prime Minister.

When we got upstairs Joe asked 'Who was that who wanted to shake hands downstairs, Horrie?'

I told him 'Bill Bluegum.'

'I remember him well. He used to work in the Seven miles sawmill bush twenty-four years ago. Ask him to come upstairs.'

Five minutes later an almost sobered Bill Bluegum walked smilingly downstairs.

On that same afternoon he was seated on a rustic form at the sports meeting talking animatedly to an old lady, a very distant relative of his, when I introduced two leading townsmen. Joe, without looking up, gave them each a perfunctory shake and immediately forgot their existence in his interest in his old friend from a far back settlement. He could meet strangers every day but he had not seen that old dame for over twenty years.

Joe's forgetfulness was however but temporary, for, half an hour later, he asked me to point out those townsmen, after which he went across to them, explained the circumstances and asked their forgiveness.

As I said before 'Courtesy was inbred in him.'

That courtesy made him particular in trivial things.

He thought he had forgotten to pay the Stanley barber who was an old schoolmate for a shave so he forwarded from Devonport a cheque for sixpence. That cheque of the Prime Minister is still

in Jim the Barber's hands and the joke was on Joe for he had parted with the sixpence at the right time.

The human side of Joe was markedly shown during his annual trips to Circular Head during 1933-34-35, when he joined as merrily as a schoolboy in the Oldtimers' cricket matches and in the reunion at night when he sometimes took us into his confidence with tidbits of national moment that had not been released to the press. The Singapore Base, then in course of development, was a case in point.

The biggest thing about Joe was his heart.

When, four years after he became Prime Minister, and for the first time in our long friendship, I never asked or received as much as a sixpence from him, I wrote 'Could you without other obligations other than our friendship lend me twenty pounds?' The letter missed him at Devonport but got him at Canberra. He immediately wired 'Document posted'.

When I met him three months later and sought to introduce the question of repayment he interrupted brusquely:

Horrie don't think of that for another moment. It is due to a Higher Power that I am Prime Minister. My salary is simply a trust. Not only to do for it my best for the Nation but also, using due discrimination, for my personal friends.

Then after a pause, shamefacedly as a schoolboy confessing a misdemeanour, he added simply to make the position seem easier for me:

You are not the first by any means whom I have been Privileged to help. I regard it no more than a handshake and I want you to feel the same about it.

On the few occasions when we were able to meet during recent years he never failed to make close enquiries into the

position of various absentee old friends of his.

It was no business of mine to ask him or to enquire of anyone of them whether Joe had been his or her benefactor but my curiosity was so aroused on one occasion that I did ask an old friend. The occasion was this.

After answering an enquiry from Joe to the effect that the man in question was in a bad way, Joe spoke as though communing with himself:

Poor old chap, I'd like to help him. Next month would be OK but I've my income tax to pay this month and I doubt whether my bank account would stand it.

Then, arousing himself and looking at me, he supplemented, 'I'll speak to the wife about it when I get home, she looks after my private account.'

I saw the chap three weeks later and in a joking way asked him if he'd had any windfalls lately. He looked at me curiously for a moment or two before replying:

Yes, what do you think, Joe Lyons sent me a cheque for five pounds and said it was a birthday present.

The old man then added with a chuckle: 'He seemed to have forgotten that my birthday was six months away.'

Multiply such benefactions as you may safely do and form your own estimate as to whether our late Prime Minister was ever a rich man in the way that riches are defined by the mere materialist.

Last Xmas tide he wrote me that he intended to visit his Circular Head friends before he returned to the mainland and that he hoped to squeeze in three or four hours with me at black fishing as of yore.

Just before he left for the mainland for the last time he rang me to explain that the international developments had so

absorbed his time that it had been impossible for him to do more than, at great inconvenience, make a flying trip to Stanley, twelve miles from Smithton, but that he intended to make every effort to redeem his promise on his next visit to Tasmania. Thoughtful to the last even over such a trivial thing as this. I asked him how he was standing the strain. He replied: 'I've rarely felt fitter in my life, Horrie, I'm thankful to say.' Little did I think that I would never hear that loveable man's voice again.

Vale, Joe, old friend! The man who never forgot a friend and who himself was the friend of every individual in Australia though some shamefully tried to forget him.

Vale, Joe, old chum! The teacher of little country schools who rose till he stood head and shoulders above the most clever of our University trained politicians leaving a legacy for them to use and not to abuse, so that our young nation may eventually reach heights of greatness yet undreamed of!

A GLIMPSE OF THE HOME

Christmas morning 1935, Hill Crest, Joe's home at Devonport. I knocked.

Miss Sheila in housemaid's rig opened the door.

She called her mother, Mrs Lyons, as she was at that date, who came forth bare-armed with flour bespattered face and apron, shook hands, smiled and said:

Would you mind coming into the kitchen and we'll have a yarn. Joe is at Church at Latrobe, but he should be back soon.

In the kitchen she yarned away as freely as a sister would. Then I had a delightful fifty minutes with the younger children who proudly showed me over their Christmas tree, exhibited their presents

and prattled away happily as children will the world over, especially when an older person has just been lauding their new toys to the skies.

Then Joe arrived and was immediately mobbed by the whole family. If anything could possibly have spoiled him, it would have been the homage paid him in his home. The sacrifice of so much of his dear ones' company on the stern altar of 'Duty to the Nation' was ever a strain to him.

Mr J. SWANSTON, the private secretary, was the only other person there that morning apart from members of the family, though Mr Swanston was actually regarded by the kiddies in the light of an elder brother and was treated by them as such. There was no servant.

After an hour's talk with Joe, though they wanted me to stay for Christmas dinner, I had to leave to catch a train. ●

VICTORIA POLICE CORRESPONDENCE FILES

In 1914 Robert FRIDAY of Queenstown Tasmania wrote to Victoria police. He had bought a house there from Mrs. CLOUGH 'on time payment' in 1913, and had now paid it off. He had applied to Mrs. Clough, who was living in Richmond Victoria, for a transfer of land document, but the one she sent was incorrect, and despite his requests for her to send him a correct document, she had not responded. Police reply that it is not police business, and decline to act.

Reference: 4 pages. Unit 1275 of VPRS 807.

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PATRON SAINTS

G. Duchet-Suchaux and M. Pastoureau,
The Bible and the Saints

ELIZABETH of Hungary—bakers,
beggars and charities
EULALIA—women in labour
EUSTACE—huntsmen
GABRIEL—since 1951 patron saint of
telecommunications
GENEVIEVE—Paris
GEORGE—England
HUBERT—hunters
IGNATIUS—soldiers
ISIDORE—Madrid
IVO—lawyers, magistrates, jurists and
protectors of the law
JEROME—theologians and scholars
JOAN of Arc—Orleans, Rouen and
protectress of radio broadcasting and
telegraphy (due to her voices)
JOB—musicians
JOHN the Evangelist—booksellers
JULIAN—pilgrims and hoteliers
LAURENCE—poor
LUKE—doctors
MARY Magdalene—prostitutes, hair-
dressers, perfumiers (due to her
anointing Jesus' feet) and gardeners
MATTHEW—bankers and tax officials
MAURICE—knights and soldiers
MEDARD—farmers
NICHOLAS—children
ODILIA—Alsace
OLAF—Uppsala and Sweden
PATRICK—Ireland
PAUL—Rome
PHILIP—hatters and pastry-cooks
QUENTIN—tailors
RAPHAEL—apothecaries and
physicians
ROCH—plague-stricken ●

(To be continued in a future journal.)

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AUSTRALASIAN STRAYS REGISTER

A new Australasian Federation of Family History Societies initiative

Graham Jaunay, President of AFFHO

A strays' register is a listing of people and events that seem to be out of place. Often our research comes to a sudden halt because our ancestor just seems to appear out of nowhere and no matter where we look we cannot find their origins. Often a strays' register will help. Our English cousins have maintained such registers for many years and a huge database has been developed by AFFHO's English sister organization, the Federation of Family History Societies. Of course to be of much use such a database has to be large! Usually strays are picked up and submitted by researchers trawling through material and finding a person who is not where they were expected to be. In my own family there is a typical example picked up by someone unknown to me and registered in the English list. My great grandfather, Franck Jaunay, lived in Reims, France, until he emigrated to Australia in 1894. He and his younger brother, Jules, as young men, are to be found in the 1871 census in Liverpool visiting a family then unknown to me. This in turn led to locating a lost aunt who also was found living in the same place.

Of course you could say that almost everyone living in our region is a stray, as many have ancestors who emigrated to Australia and New Zealand. However, by definition, only the original settlers could be deemed strays in that they would have left records indicating that their origins were elsewhere. Taking my own example, I can hardly be deemed a stray as I have lived, married and worked in the same small area of South Australia.

However, my sister-in-law is clearly a stray in that she was born in South Australia, but married and lives in the United States. Ideally she could be recorded on an American strays listing and an Australian one too.

Using my sister-in-law as an example raises the issue of privacy as determined by the new Australian Privacy Act. Technically she would be precluded from the listing without her consent as the Australian Privacy Act and AFFHO's own code of practice prevents the listing of living people without their expressed consent. Therefore the only person who could list my sister-in-law would be herself! Because of these provisions, the Australasian Strays Register has a cut off time for most submissions. To observe these legislative requirements the Register does not accept entries for living people unless they are the submitter. This means that births and baptisms after 1910, confirmations after 1920, and all other events after 1930 will not be accepted unless the submitter's name matches the stray's name. All deaths are, of course, accepted!

A site has been created at AFFHO's web address (www.affho.org) to allow online submissions. Unfortunately because it is not possible to determine that the submitter is genuinely giving consent for material about a living person, the cut-off dates outlined previously apply to all submissions. Living persons wanting to submit their own record for posterity must do so in writing.

The web site will list all the names of people in the register.

Complete this simple form

Your contact details:

Given name Family name

Street address Town/City

County/State/Territory PostCode Country

Email

Please keep my contact details confidential

To observe the Australian Privacy Act 2001 we cannot accept entries for living people unless they are the submitter. This means that births and baptism after 1910, confirmations after 1920, and all other events after 1930 will not be accepted unless the submitter's name matches the stray's name.

Stray's details:

Given name/s Family name

Event Date: day month year

Place: Country:

Extract (if applicable)

Place of origin: Country of origin:

Source (inc reference)

Source Place:

Together we can achieve much more!

[To make a submission to the Strays Register—photocopy this form, fill it in and send it to:
Australasian Strays Project, AFFHO, 7 East Terrace, South Plympton SA 5038]

Because the project is just starting (at the time of writing we have no submissions) anyone wishing to see details of a name listed in the register can get the result for free via the website or by forwarding the request with a SSAE to Australasian

Strays Project, Australasian Federation of Family History Societies, 7 East Terrace, South Plympton SA 5038. In the future when the project grows to a very large database, we may have to introduce a system of fees to access records.

When you make a submission to the register the material will be entered into our database and the online index will be updated periodically.

However, this is only part of the task and the register will also operate a clearing-house if the stray's record indicates that another register (such as the one in England) needs to be informed. For example, Mary Jane Feige formerly Cawley née Puttick born 21 Mar 1833 West Cowes on the Isle of Wight, who died at Glenelg North, South Australia on 24 Jul 1911 arrived in South Australia in 1906 to be with her daughter. Rightfully, her death record should be entered in the FFHS Strays Register as she spent all her life in England. We will possibly receive examples of entries that rightfully belong in our Strays register as well as some other organisation's list.

We will make every attempt to see that all strays submitted are listed in the appropriate places.

As the President of AFFHO I seek support from all family historians and all Australasian family history societies, be they members of AFFHO or not, to get behind this project and create a long overdue register that may help many researchers close that missing link! Perhaps you already have a stray? Why not go online now and complete the form or photocopy the form with this article and post to the above address. ●

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CURIOUS CHRISTIAN NAMES IN YORKSHIRE

IN examples of curious Christian names (says a correspondent of *Notes and Queries*) there is probably no district richer than the West Riding of Yorkshire. Every out-of-the-way Scripture name is to be found. Levi and Moses are great favourites. Marquis, Duke, Earl, Lord and Squire are common, and children are actually baptised Little Tenter, Little Scribbler, &c., from the branch of the woollen manufacture carried on by their parents. I have met with a boy named Washington christened General George, a girl name Togotubuline and still more extraordinary, a boy called Wonderful Councillor (from Isaiah ix.6).

Nicknames are quite common, Tom, Ben, Bill, Jerry, being conferred at baptism instead of the full name. In some of the rougher villages I should add that surnames are still dispensed with or unknown. Tom's Bill means Tom's son Bill, Tom o' Bills is the same, while Tom's Bill o' Jack's means that Bill is the son of Tom, the son of Jack. ●

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COLONIAL HORSE-BREEDERS

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ONE of the early reports of horse-racing in Van Diemen's Land was in *The Hobart Town Gazette and Southern Reporter* of 5 October 1816. The report described two horse races held on Monday 30 September at Edward LORD'S property at Orielson Park.

In the first race James MITCHEL'S black mare named Sally defeated Richard TROY'S mare Miss Platoff in two of three two-mile heats. The prize-money was £200 sterling. In the second and only other race that day, also the best of three two-mile heats, the £300 prize-money was won by William MAUM'S bay mare Beauty. Beauty was bred by Colonel GEILS and ridden by Mr TOOMBS who was Lord BARRY-MORE'S former jockey. Beauty easily defeated James Mitchel's Arabian horse Piper, ridden by John EDDINGTON.

The first race-meeting in Launceston was held on 22 March 1824, and was run along a straight course on Elphin Road.

The horses in Van Diemen's Land were described as being strong but small, owing to an Arab strain. They 'lacked bone', but this was balanced by the fine blood-stock imported since 1826, the year of the founding of the Tasmanian Turf Club.

Mr WILLIS of Wanstead imported the racing sire Peter Finn, a descendant of the then well-known Eclipse. In 1826 the Cressy Company imported the thoroughbreds Buffalo, Bolivar and Aladdin and eighteen months later, Waterloo and Whizgig. Some time after this they imported Hector and Black Jack.

Breeders of note in the colony's early years were the ARCHERS, James COX, STAINES and TROY, the LORDS and the HENTY family. Thomas Henty's best horse was, perhaps, Young Wanderer, a black colt of the Egremont stud at Petworth in Sussex, England. Soon after his arrival Henty advertised the services of Young Wanderer and offered a purse of thirty sovereigns for a race to be run over the Launceston course by Wanderer's progeny (once they were two years old). Henty was appointed a steward for the October meeting of 1834. In 1839 he was senior steward at the races when all the winning horses were the descendants of his stallions.

In 1830 the Cornwall Turf Club was formed by J.W. GLEADOW, James Cox, Lieutenant Dutton, C.D. HARDWICKE, Thomas Henty, Dr LANDALE and Joseph Archer. Hardwicke, formerly of the Royal Navy, was noted for his devotion to riding and racing. His best horses were Saladin and Littlejohn.

Race Course Crescent, which in 1957 encircled the cricket ground and bowling green, marked the course. It was here that the first meeting was held on 9 March 1830. A race-course was later built at Newnham. This was followed with a course at Box's Hill, Invermay, and then at Mowbray, where the foundation stone of the grandstand was laid in 1876. ●

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LOST, STOLEN, STRAYED...and FOUND

In Margaret Nichols' article *C'Mon the Blues* in *Tasmanian Ancestry* in December, Margaret was seeking the names of some of the players in the team photograph. Member Danny Crothers has made contact, and has supplied further information.

The photo, with almost all the names, is published in *The Blues Story: 100 Years of Competitive Football 1877—1977* by R.K. Pinchin. The book is a history of the Launceston Football Club.

The caption on page 39 reads:

1931 Seconds—NTJFA & State Premiers

Back Row: F. Trebilco, D. Shields, M. Flanagan, A. Wood, W. Shields

2nd Row: L. Hopwood, W. Anderson, E. Williams, R. Russell, K. Russell, Tas Gill

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Huon branch has received information that many **Tasmanian funeral directors** are holding very large numbers of **unclaimed ashes**, which therefore have not been committed to a public repository.

Perhaps if you know of any families who have unclaimed ashes, you might give them a gentle reminder to claim them and have them deposited in more suitable **long-term or permanent storage** than at the funeral parlour.

NSW Probate Packets 1817–c1941 have recently become available at the **Western Sydney Records Centre, Kingswood**. They are open to public access 30 years from the date of last grant of probate. This record series comp-

lements the widely-used Deceased Estate Files and the Probate packets are expected to be very popular. Because of the high demand on staff resources, only a few Probate packets may be researched during a single visit.

The **information in a probate packet** can vary considerably. Examples of documents that may be in packets include: Last will and testament; Inventory of assets of the estate; Affidavits of death; Copy of the death certificate; Oath of office of the executor; Affidavits sworn by the executor; Executor's petition for probate; Affidavits of attesting witnesses; Notices of motion for administration; Application or lodgement documents including notice of motion for probate and address for service; Orders relating to the filing of accounts; Renunciation, if any, of probate by executor.

Further information and tips on how to search for Probate packets are available on website <http://www.records.nsw.gov.au/publications/aibs/084/page01.htm>

State Records New South Wales, Sydney Records Centre, 2 Glebe Street, The Rocks, Sydney NSW 2000.

Western Records Centre, 143 O'Connell Street, Kingswood NSW 2747.

Reprinted from *Australian Family Tree Connections*, November 2003, p.5.

'**Way Back When ...**', is a series of articles relating to the settlement of the wider Port Dalrymple area of northern Tasmania. The series published in *The Examiner* newspaper began in January 2004 and will continue until the bicentenary of the settlement of Launceston in 2006.

The series is a joint project of the Launceston Historical Society, the

George Town and District Historical Society and the West Tamar Historical Society and **celebrates the bicentenary of European settlement in northern Tasmania.**

Members of TFHS Inc. are invited to submit articles, which can be about an early settler to the region, an event, a place, a building or an organisation, and should be between 500 and 600 words in length.

For further information and details on submitting articles, please contact: Anne Bartlett ☎ (03) 6344 5258 by email habit@bigmailbox.net or Prue Wright ☎ (03) 6394 7348.

Dorset Record Office. The FFHS advises that there will be a temporary reduction in opening hours of the **Dorset Record Office, UK.** Between Monday 17 November 2003 and Monday 5 April 2004 the following will apply:

- The office will be closed every Monday
- Closed for lunch between 1.00 p.m. and 2.00 p.m. other days

The reason for this is given as staff shortages and some financial uncertainty until next year's budget is set. For more details visit <http://www.dorsetcc.gov.uk/index.jsp?articleid=2203>

Brian B. Thomas, 38 Meadow Vale, Dale, Haverfordwest, Pembrokeshire SA62 3RH England, regularly visits the **cemeteries and memorials in Belgium and northern France.** His next visit will be in May/June 2004. He offers a photographic and research service to anyone with an interest in **soldiers buried in these countries.** Information can be obtained from him at the above address on receipt of a stamped addressed envelope (UK) or an IRC to cover postage from the UK. ●

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BLOUNT	BLUNT
BLYTH	BLY
BOHUN	BOON
CAIUS	KEEYS
CHERWELL	CHARWELL
CHOLMONDLEY	CHUMLEY
COCKBURN	COBURN
COLQUHOUN	CAHOON
CRESPIGNY	CREPINY
DE LA WARR	DELLA-WARE
DEVEREUX	DEVER-UKS
FEATHERSTONEHAUGH	FANSHAW
FIENNES	FINES
GLAMIS	GLARMS, GLAMS
HAREWOOD	HARWOOD
HOME	HUME
HOUGHTON	HORTON, HOWTON
KEYNES	KAYNZ
KNOLLYS	NOWLS
LE FANU	LEFF-NEW
LEGH	LEE
MAGDALENE	MAUDLIN
MAINWARING	MANNERING
MARJORIBANKS	MARCHBANKS
MENZIES	MING-IS
POULETT	PAWLER
RUTHVEN	RIVEN
SANDYS	SANDZ
ST CLAIR	SINCLAIR
ST JOHN	SIN-JEN
THEOBALD	TIBBALD
TYRWHITT	TIRIT
WALDEGRAVE	WAWGRAVE
WAVERTREE	WAWTRY
WEMYSS	WEMZ, WEEMZ
WOOLFHARDISWORTHY	WOOLSEY
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TASMANIANA LIBRARY, STATE LIBRARY OF TASMANIA NEW ACQUISITIONS

This is a select list of books on history and genealogy which have been added to the Tasmaniana Library between October and December 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).

Aitken, Richard, and Michael Looker, *The Oxford companion to Australian gardens*. (TLQ 635.0994 OXF)

Armstrong-Whiting, Patricia, *A bold girl*. (Author studied and worked at the Tasmanian College of Advanced Education and was involved with the United Tasmania Group and the National Trust) (TL 920 ARM)

Bennett, Katheryn, *City Fringe Heritage Review: a thematic history of Hobart's city fringe*. (TLQ 994.661 BEN)

Beswick, John, *Brothers' Home: the story of Derby, Tasmania*. (TLQ 994.683 BES)

Bissett, Muriel & Betty, *Index to Launceston Examiner volume 5: 1866–1871*. (TLQ929.3 IND v.5)

Blainey, Geoffrey, *Black kettle and full moon: daily life in a vanished Australia*. (TL 994 BLA)

Buckby, Pauline, *David Howie: devil or saint?* (TL 920 HOW)

Collins, David (edited by John Currey), *A voyage to establish a settlement at Port Phillip*. (TL 994.5 COL)

Elder, Bruce, *Blood on the wattle: massacres and maltreatment of Aboriginal Australians since 1788*. (TL 994.0049915 ELD)

Evans, Caroline, *"Flat-minded"?: living and working at Housing Tasmania's Windsor Court, 1954–2002*. (TLQ 363.5850994661 EVA)

Evans, Kathryn, *The settlement of Hobart 1799–1805: a bicentennial chronology*. (TLQ 994.661 EVA)

Evans, Kathryn and Ian Terry (eds), *Living & working in Hobart: historical perspectives*. (TLQ 994.661 PRO)

- Finlayson, Brian and Elery Hamilton-Smith (editors), *Beneath the surface: a natural history of Australian caves*. (TL 551.447 BEN)
- Fleming, James (edited by John Currey), *A journal of Grimes' survey: the Cumberland in Port Phillip January-February 1803*. (TL919.451 FLE)
- Flinders, Matthew (edited with an introduction and notes by John Currey), *The Investigator in Port Phillip April-May 1802*. (TL 919.451 FLI)
- Forbes, David W, *Hawaiian national bibliography 1780–1900. Vol 4: 1881–1900*. (TLQ 016.9969 HAW)
- Gaggin, Edith, *Tasmanian Presbyterian women in mission 1903–2003*. (TLQ 266.52946 TAS)
- Gardam, Angela, *The Nook book: a history of Nook: the settlement and its pioneers*. (TLQ 994.633 GAR)
- Garwood, Elaine M, *A cemetery that was: Devonport Mersey Bluff Pioneer Cemetery Tasmania*. (TLQ 929.5 GAR)
- Ghosts of Port Arthur: a dramatised documentary of the many sightings of the supernatural at Port Arthur – Tasmania's infamous convict penal colony*. [Videodisc] [TLDVD 12994671 GHO]
- Haines, Robin, *Life and death in the age of sail: the passage to Australia*. (TL 304.894041 HAI)
- Henricksen, Noel, *Island and otherland: Christopher Koch and his books*. (TL 823.3A KOC)
- Hingston, MF, *Forget not: Campbells down under*. (TLQ 929.2 CAM)
- Hodgetts, Jane, *Music in the valley: ten years with the Derwent Valley Concert Band*. (TLP 784.8099466 HOD)
- Hood, Susan, *Transcribing Tasmanian convict records*. (TLR 929.3 HOO)
- Howard, Ann, *You'll be sorry! Reflections of the AWAS from 1941–1945*. (TL 940.541294 HOW)
- Ibbottson, John, *Lighthouses of Australia: a visitors guide*. (TL 387.1550994 IBB)
- Knolle, Wendy K., *Index to news items, obituaries & photographs of World War II Tasmanian servicemen and women published in the Launceston, Tasmania newspaper The Examiner from 1 July 1943 to 9 March 1946*. (TLQ 929.3 IND)
- Knopwood, Robert (edited and introduced by John Currey), *Knopwood's Port Phillip diary 9 October 1803–31 January 1804*. (TL 994.51 KNO)
- Lockley, G Lindsay (edited and updated by Bruce Upham), *A comprehensive bibliography to Congregationalism in Australia*. (TLP 285.894 LOC (Bib.))
- Lockley, G Lindsay (edited by Bruce Upham), *Congregationalism in Australia*. (TL 285.894 LOC)
- Lord, Richard G, *The Hutchins School bell*. (TLPQ 373.946 HUT)
- McHugh, Evan, *Shipwrecks: Australia's greatest maritime disasters*. [Includes chapters on the Sydney Cove, Cataraqui, Lake Illawarra, and Sydney-Hobart Yacht Race 1998]. (TL 910.4520994 MCH)

- Manne, Robert (ed), *Whitewash: on Keith Windschuttle's fabrication of Aboriginal history*. (TL 994.004915 WHI)
- Mattingly, Christobel, *Ruby of Trowutta: recollections of a country postmistress*. (TL 994.638 PAU)
- Maxwell-Stewart, Hamish, *Forgery for fools*. (In the series *Skullduggery: unsolved crimes of the Heritage Highway*) (TLQ 994.625 MAX)
- Meredith, Louisa Anne, *My home in Tasmania*. (Facsimile reprint) (TL 919.46 MER)
- Mottram, Murray and Bev Buckingham, *Beating the odds: the fall and rise of Bev Buckingham*. (TL 798.4 BUC)
- Murray, John (edited and introduced by John Currey), *HM Survey Vessel Lady Nelson and the discovery of Port Phillip*. (TL 919.451 MUR)
- Owen, David, *Thylacine: the tragic tale of the Tasmanian tiger*. (TL 599.27 OWE)
- Payens, Dora, and Tom Jenkins, *A camera in the sky: the life of Peter Volkert Payens*. (TL 770.92 PAY)
- Peron, Francois (continued by Louis de Freycinet and translated by Christine Cornell), *Voyage of discovery to the southern lands*. (Comprises Chapters XXII–XXXIV of the 1824 edition) (TL 910.944 PER)
- Pink, Kerry, *Winds of change: a history of Woolnorth*. (TL 994.638 PIN)
- Probus Club of Moonah, *History of the Probus Club of Moonah: founded 2nd December, the first in Tasmania, 1981–1991*. (TLPQ 367 PRO)
- Purtscher, Joyce, *Applications for Queen's Orphanage, Hobart Town, 1858–1878*. (TLPQ 929.3 PUR)
- Richards, Paul A. C., *Nyllavert: the house that Barnes built*. (TL 994.611 RIC)
- Richardson, Peter (ed), *On the tide 2: more stories of the Tamar*. (TLQ 994.61 ONT)
- Rushen, Elizabeth, *Single & free: female migration to Australia, 1833–1837*. (TL 325.2410994 RUS)
- Saunders, Gordon, and Joan Saunders, *Another fork in the road: a compelling true story*. (TL 920 SAU)
- Schaffer, Irene and Glyn Roberts (compilers), *Lady Nelson's voyage to the River Derwent 1803: log book, June–October 1803*. (TLP 994.6 LAD)
- Shackelton, EH (ed), *Aurora Australis*. [Facsimile of the first book published in Antarctica, with an introduction by John Millard] (TLQ 919.89 AUR)
- Stoddart, Emily, *The Freycinet Line, 1831: Tasmanian history and the Freycinet Peninsula*. (TLP 994.675 STO)
- Tardif, Phillip, *John Bowen's Hobart: the beginning of European settlement in Tasmania*. (TL 994.661 TAR)
- Tasmania. Parliament, *The Parliament of Tasmania 1856–2003: a record of Members and Officers, and a key to the photographic record*. (TLP 328.946 TAS)
- Tasmania's West Coast Wilderness Railway: the rebirth of a remarkable engineering achievement*. (TLDVD 338.47919464 TAS)


Taylor, John Albert, *Dictionary of Palawa (Tasmanian Aboriginal) place names.* (TLQ 499.15 TAY)

Tree, Isabella, *The bird man: the extraordinary story of John Gould.* (TL 598.092 GOU)

Vivian, Betty, *As good as new: stories from a long life 1923–2003.* (Women's Liberation Movement) (TL 920.72 VIV)

Watson, Reg A., *John Bowen and the founding of Tasmania.* (TL 994.6 WAT)

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Any person who has convict ancestors, or who has an interest in convict life during the early history of European settlement in Australia, is welcome to join the above group. Those interested may find out more about the group and receive an application form by writing to:

The Secretary, Descendants of Convicts Group,
P.O. Box 12224, A'Beckett Street,
Melbourne, Victoria, 8006, Australia
<http://home.vicnet.net.au/~dcginc/>

**HOBART TOWN GAZETTE AND
SOUTHERN REPORTER**

Saturday 16 October 1819 p.1 c.2

POST OFFICE.—The Deputy Post Master begs to remind those Persons who are anxious to correspond with their Friends in Europe, and who now wish to embrace the present Opportunity of the David Shaw's proceeding to Sydney, that he will finally close a Packet for Europe (to be sent by the Ship Admiral Cockburn about to

proceed to England from Port Jackson direct) the Evening before the David Shaw sails from this Port.

The under-mentioned Letters are now lying at the above Office for Delivery:—Mr. John Huxley, Mr. Thomas White, Mr William Wheeler, John Hall, Robert Aldridge, John Northall and Michael Gitligg.

JAMES MITCHELL, Deputy Post Master

FROM THE EXCHANGE JOURNALS

Thelma McKay (Member No. 598)

The annual journal of the *Irish Family History Society*, Vol. 18, for 2002 has many interesting articles with four relating to Australia:

1. **‘John Dempsey Patriot, Prisoner and Pioneer’** by Judith Saunders pp.17–20 describes John Dempsey’s transportation to NSW in 1802 per *Atlas 11* as one of the men involved with the Irish Rebellion. His early life in the colony with Ann Roberts and their children is described. He died in 1845 and was buried at Windsor NSW.

2. **‘The Mystery Remains When Was He Born? When Did He Die?’** by Maureen Hanson pp.39–41. A potted history on the life of Michael Ford who joined the British Army, arriving in NSW between 1825 and 1827. He served on Norfolk Island before being transferred to India where he married Harriet Sansby. This couple had children in India, Ireland, Australia and New Zealand. The questions still remain where was he born, and where did he die?

3. **‘Convict Connections in Australia’** by Pat Henshall pp.85–87. An article recording the author’s paternal convict ancestors, namely Edmund Moriarty and Ellen Connell, who were transported to Tasmania from Tralee, Co. Kerry in 1851 and 1852 respectively.

4. **‘Callaghan, Margaret my GG Grandmother’** by Pat Henshall pp.87–89. Tried in Edinburgh in 1847 and transported to Tasmania, Margaret Callaghan was another convict ancestor of Pat Henshall. Margaret had two illegitimate daughters before her marriage to Michael Grimes. The family later moved to Victoria.

5. **‘National School Registers—a little known primary source for family history research’** by Kieran Jordan, pp.63–71. These registers record the name, age, address and father’s occupation of pupils attending the National School for the first time. An introduction to these records, plus an alphabetical list 1886–1903 as taken from the Kiltullagh National School Register, is included.

6. **‘Register of Freeholders, County Wexford 1833–1841’** by Hilary Murphy pp.90–101. These registers which were featured in previous issues of the *Irish Family History* journal [2001] conclude the register of names, addresses and dates.

‘Matters Arising from the Channel Island Special’ Supplement i–xii in *The Greenwood Tree* the journal of the Somerset and Dorset Family History Society Vol. 28, No.1, February 2003. The May 2002 edition was a 116 page Channel Island Special. [Noted in **From the Exchange Journals** *Tasmanian Ancestry* Vol. 23, No.4 March 2003.] This supplement contains some corrections and additional information.

‘Passengers per Ship Essex 329 tons’ by Pat Rice in *The Devon Family Historian* the journal of the Devon Family History Society No.105, February 2003, pp.15–16. The *Essex* sailed from Plymouth, 3rd September 1842, arriving at New Plymouth, New Zealand on 20 January 1843. A list of the passengers under the command of Henry Oakley is given.

‘Tales From The Woolwich Hulks’ in the *Yarram* Genealogy Group newsletter No.67, February 2003, pp.9–12. Taken from **‘An Account From ‘Old Convict Days’** by William Derricourt which describes life on board the convict hulk *Justitia* at Woolwich while awaiting transportation to Australia.

‘The City Livery Companies of London’ by Sherry Martin in the *Hertfordshire People* the journal of the Hertfordshire Family History Society No. 84, March 2003 pp.10–11. This resume of a talk given by John Neal gives a brief history of the livery companies or guilds in the City of London. A useful website is quoted which has an alphabetical list of companies and links to their individual websites.

‘Ten Years of trouble: Letter from Sarah Wood to her brother William Jarvis in Australia’ submitted by Mrs Mavis J. Nugent NSW, in the *Sussex Family Historian* the journal of the Sussex Family History Group Vol. 15, No.5, March 2003 pp.214–215. Sarah Wood of Hastings, England wrote a letter dated 26 February 1848 to her brother William Jarvis in Australia. Sarah mentions family members including brother Charles who had been transported to VDL per *Egyptian* at the age of 14 with a person named Truelove.

‘National Archives of Australia: Records of Displaced Persons’ by Kerri Ward, Project Officer. *Western Ancestor* the journal of the Western Australian Genealogical Society Inc Vol. 9, No.1, March 2003. Many migrants arriving in Australia between 1947 and 1953 from Eastern Europe came under the Displaced Persons Scheme organised by the Inter-

national Refugee Organization. These records are held by the National Archives who have compiled a database for access online. Information includes name, date and place of birth, parents’ names etc. A reference number has been allocated to each person, with groups of numbers indicating members of the same family.

‘Scottish Immigration to the Eastern States of Australia in the 19th Century’ by Linley Hooper can be found in *Ancestor* the journal of the Genealogical Society of Victoria Vol. 26, No.5, March 2003, pp.3–6. This interesting article covers all aspects of immigration of Scottish people to Australia from 1788 to 1900. It has references to most states, for both convicts and free emigrants. The bibliography alone is worth consulting regarding the records available for each state, eg passenger lists on microfilm or fiche.

Two articles are featured in the *Glasgow and West of Scotland* Family History Society newsletter No.66, March 2003.

1. **‘The Meaning of the Words: understanding Scottish documents’** by Georgina P. Fisher, pp.6–7. To understand old documents a knowledge of the meaning of legal terms is needed. This article describes those found in Scottish documents, listed under various headings eg, People, Testaments, Landowners.

2. **‘Little Fifeshire in Australia’** pp.35–36. From 1825 to 1875 the Australian Agricultural Company (A.A.Co), which owned large sheep holdings and coalmines in NSW, brought out large numbers of immigrants from England, Scotland and Wales. A large group from Fifeshire arrived under contract between 1839 and 1841. A list of names from the company records in 1841 is included.

The *Hillingdon Family History* journal No.61, March 2003 has the following two articles.

1. **'Tracing your Huguenot Ancestry'** by Michael Gandy, pp.3-8. An edited version of a talk given by Michael Gandy on the background of Huguenots, where they settled on arrival in England, and the records kept by the churches. The registers of marriages and baptisms are available on film through Salt Lake City; many entries can be found on the IGI.

2. **'Unlocking The Convicts'** by John Symons, pp.12-18. This article covers the research on the Symons family in Cornwall, and details the lives of two brothers Samuel and Henry who were tried for their involvement in the disappearance of two steers and transported to VDL in 1835. Samuel was sent to work for the VDL Co at Circular Head and Henry Symons to Mr McDowell at *Logan*, Bothwell. Samuel later joined his brother at *Logan*, but Henry moved to the *Woolmers Estate* at Longford. He married twice and died at Longford where his headstone still stands. Samuel Symons had been married with children in Cornwall. His later whereabouts are unknown.

The *Oxfordshire Family Historian* Vol. 17, No.1 the Oxfordshire Family History journal April 2003 has several articles featuring Abingdon. These include **'The Abingdon Workhouse'** by Peter Higginbottom, **'Access to Archives for Abingdon Family History'** by Sarah Stark, **'The Abingdon Centre for Local Studies'** by John Pilling and **'Sources for Abingdon Historians'** by Jackie Smith. ●

TWO PLUCKY GIRL SWIMMERS ...

who competed with thirteen young men swimmers in the Trans-Derwent Race on Regatta Day, February 2, 1926, and finished second and fourth.



Miss Joyce Webb, daughter of Captain Webb, Sandy Bay, the popular teacher of swimming is only 14 years of age, and a very strong swimmer. She finished a close second in the race across the Derwent, and also won the 40 yards event the same day.

Miss Trixie Richardson, daughter of Mr. D.H. Richardson, Proctor's-road, and well known in connection with Mrs. Richardson's Juvenile Opera Co., having played "Sir Joseph Porter" in "H.M.S. Pinafore" and "O Mimosa San" in "The Geisha." She began to learn to swim only 12 months ago, and to finish fourth in the Trans-Derwent race was highly creditable to herself and her instructor. Trixie was second in the 40 yards race. ●

Illustrated Tasmanian Mail, 17 February 1926, page 78.

GENES ON SCREEN

Vee Maddock (Member No. 3972)

GENEALOGY is now one of the top five topics for web pages on the internet. This means, if like me, you looked up your family on the net a few years ago when you first went online then it's time to look them up again because things have changed.

Quite a bit of this information is available for a price. Some sites sell CDs of indexes, others charge you to look up their indexes and some simply charge a membership fee. Before you pay a cent check that the information you are about to see isn't available elsewhere. Only a few months ago a young man was charged with fraud after making money charging people to enter GenealogyGiants.com and other sites which he claimed had information on thousands of names. However, when you paid your money all you received was a large list of links to publicly available sites of information.

There are several ways to check the validity of a site before paying out your money. Do a search for the name of the website, the domain name, or the name of the index plus the word 'scam'. For example *genseeker.com scam* entered into google instantly returns many sites talking about related scam sites and other information about the scam.

Ask around on the mailing lists. If someone else has used the site they'll usually say whether or not it was helpful or easy to navigate. Mailing lists exist for nearly every topic, name, place and area of research so pick one that links with your research and start enquiring.

The Hall of Shame highlights a few of the scams that are currently running

<http://blacksheep.rootsweb.com/shame/index.html>

Keep an eye on Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter <http://www.eogn.com/newsletter/> for updates on what's new and what's not.

I am frequently being asked where to start searching online. An amazing amount can be located with a simple search engine like **google.com**. It is, however, important to read the instructions so you know how to search well. When searching common names it is important to be able to add or subtract words from the search, for example, to bring up all the pages on Alexander Bell that don't mention the telephone.

Another place to start is the TFHS Inc. webpage for the area you are researching, and of course, the never ending lists of links on Cyndi's List <http://cyndislist.com/>. If you haven't tried her search box on the front page, do try it. The sites are also listed alphabetically, and by topic.

The most useful sites to the average genealogist probably won't appear on a list of sites. They are the small family trees posted by individuals, the indexing of a small book, or a mention of an obscure grave. The only way to find these is to search and keep looking. Don't expect to find your family in the first ten pages that pop up.

* Note: All links mentioned in *Genes on Screen* are available from <http://www.hobart.tasfhs.org/goslinks.htm> ●

BOOK REVIEWS

Phillip Tardif, *John Bowen's Hobart: The Beginning of European Settlement in Tasmania*. Hobart, Tasmanian Historical Research Association. 2003. RRP \$28.00, 244 pages, including maps, bibliography and index. Available at leading bookshops.

Many readers will be familiar with Phillip Tardif's *Notorious Strumpets and Dangerous Girls: Convict Women in Van Diemen's Land 1803–1829*, a huge book containing transcripts of the convict records of 1675 women transported to Van Diemen's Land before 1829. Tardif's latest publication, *John Bowen's Hobart: The Beginning of European Settlement in Tasmania*, is a much different work but with the same attention to detail found in *Notorious Strumpets and Dangerous Girls*.

Tardif introduces his work with a useful chronology beginning in November 1802 and concluding in January 1805, when Bowen sailed for England on the *Lady Barlow*. Elsewhere he provides a succinct table titled 'First European Contact with Van Diemen's Land'.

Many family historians, perhaps, will turn first to Appendix Two: 'The People of Risdon Cove', which contains biographies of all those known to have lived at Risdon Cove from September 1803 to August 1804. This section appears to have been carefully researched, and is fully referenced. Some of the information does not appear to have been published before. For example, there are new details of the life of Private Jeremiah Smith, former convict and member of the New South Wales Corps, who was later also at the establishment of Port Dalrymple.

Tardif provides a context for the settlement at Risdon Cove. He makes it clear that the settlement did not happen in isolation. His Appendix One summarises first impressions of Risdon Cove beginning with George Bass in 1798 and including Henri de Freycinet and François Péron in 1802, and concluding with Adolarious Humphrey in 1804.

Perhaps most importantly, Tardif does not shy away from grappling with the difficult aspects of the settlement. He produces in full, as part of Appendix Three: 'First Hand Accounts of the Massacre of 1804', Edward White's evidence to the Committee for the Affair of the Aborigines, held in Hobart on 16 March 1830. The appendix also includes contemporary correspondence about the massacre.

The book is presented well. The maps are useful, and clear, the bibliography and footnotes comprehensive, and easy to follow. *John Bowen's Hobart: The Beginning of European Settlement in Tasmania* is part of the Tasmanian Historical Research Association's contribution to the Tasmanian bicentenary, and both Tardif and the Association are to be congratulated on the publication. ●

Dianne Snowden

Terry Sturm, *An Unsettled Spirit: the life and frontier fiction of Edith Lyttleton (G.B. Lancaster)*. Auckland University Press. 2003. RRP \$49.48, 308 pages, index, references, photos.

Edith Lyttleton, under her pseudonym G.B. Lancaster, wrote prolifically over the first forty years of the twentieth

century. She was well known world-wide for her hundreds of short stories mostly published in popular magazines of the day and for eleven novels, some of which were made into silent movies in the 1920s. She wrote of adventure and romance in diverse locations including remote parts of New Zealand, Australia and Canada. Yet, as the author of this biography says, 'she and her work have been almost entirely forgotten since her death in 1945'.¹ This seems to be the case in Tasmania too, even though she was born here in 1873 at Epping, near Campbell Town on a sheep-farming property, *Clyne Vale*. What was probably her most successful novel *Pageant*, published in 1933, is set in Tasmania and was instantly a bestseller in the USA and Britain and, later, in Australia, where it was awarded the Gold Medal of the Australian Literary Society, and New Zealand. It was a 'family novel' following the fortunes of several generations of the same family against the background of Van Diemen's Land in the 1820s to early 20th century Tasmania. It has been likened to John Galsworthy's *The Forsyte Saga*. As such, it would be thought to be interesting reading to many, but appears to be out of print. While the State Library of Tasmania has many copies in its collections, none are available for loan.

Terry Sturm offers reasons for G.B. Lancaster now being so little known, ranging from the style and nature of her writing to the circumstances of her personal life. He examines her literary career in considerable detail but sets it clearly against the background of her rather sad, restless life. Her family disapproved of her being a writer, hence the pseudonym which did not even indicate her gender. The family moved from Tasmania to New Zealand when she

was six and, as an adult, she lived in Britain, Canada and Europe as well as returning to New Zealand later in life. She and her sister, to whom she was devoted, cared for their mother until she was left alone at nearly fifty, when they both died within a few months of each other. It was writing that gave her life meaning and in addition to the professional literature she was a constant and interesting letter writer. Excerpts of many of these are included in the book giving further insight to this woman who had to fight constantly to be allowed to express herself through her writing.

Terry Sturm has produced a biography which is fascinating in itself. Its major interest for many in Tasmania, though, will lie in the connection Edith Lyttleton had with it. It gives interesting background to part of the state's history and there is plenty of genealogical information about her family and others in the sheep growing areas of the Tasmanian Midlands which hopefully will be very useful for some readers! ●

Endnote

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Kate Ramsay

This book is available in Australia from UNIREPS, University of NSW, email c.obrien@auckland.ac.nz or visit website <http://www.auckland.as.nz/up>.

[Kate has located a copy of the first edition of *Pageant* in an antiquarian book store. She has purchased it and donated it to the Hobart branch library. Thank you Kate.—Ed.]

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).

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.

9 March 2004—THRA

Dogs and their human partners in VDL, **James Boyce**

13 April 2004—THRA

Mary McLaughlan and capital punishment, **Helen McDonald**

11 May 2004—THRA

A Tasmanian Life, **Hugh Campbell**

8 June 2004—THRA

Remembrance of the wreck of the *George III*, **Professor Michael Roe**

13 July 2004—THRA

Tasmanian trade unions in the nineteenth century, **Michael Quinlan**

10 August 2004—THRA

Students' Night, The BMA in Tasmania: **Rebekah McWhirter** and a discussion of his thesis: **Tom Wise**

14 September 2004—THRA

Victor Ratten: **Michael Hodgson**

18–19 September 2004

A reunion is to be held of descendants of **Henry and Eliza CHILDS**, in Hobart. The couple arrived in Van Diemen's Land (TAS) on 16 September 1854 with their children Sarah, Martha, Jane, Henry, Mary Ann and Henrietta. They lived most of their lives at Old Beach where they had more children: Emma, Angelina, William, John and Rosina. Connected families include Barnes, Brown, Cooke, Foster, Hurst, Jarvis, McKinlay, Mollineaux, Nunn, Purdon, Rust, Smith, Sutton, Thompson, Tilyard, Winch and Wolfe. If interested, please contact Mavis Richards ☎ (03) 6249 2230 or email: mavis.richards@bigpond.com

12 October 2004—THRA

Eldershaw Lecture, **Nicholas Shakespeare**

9 November 2004—THRA

Managing without Money: living and working in Hobart Town 1804–1810, **Heather Felton**

14 December 2004—THRA

Tasmania's Tourist Image, **Marian Walker**

INTERSTATE AND OVERSEAS

29 February–7 March 2004

200th Anniversary celebrations of the Battle of Vinegar Hill NSW will recognise the contribution of those involved in the Battle. There are two major events: 29 February the Commemoration Ceremony at Castlebrook Cemetery Rouse Hill, and Descendants Day and Battle re-enactment on 7 March 2004.

There are also a number of smaller events between these dates. Patricia Parker, 43 Phillips Street, Alexandria, NSW 2015 ☎ (02) 9319 1008, email pparker@netspace.net.au would also love to hear from any descendants of those who fought in the **Battle of Vinegar Hill**.

28 April–3 May 2004

Dehwelans Festival of Cornwall UK. A celebration of **everything Cornish set in Newquay, a coastal resort** surrounded by spectacular scenery. Experience a superb showcase of Cornish arts, music, culture, heritage, mining, literature, drama, dancing, family history and maritime connections. Dehwelans, Unit 5, Seton Business Centre, Scorrier, Redruth, Cornwall UK TR16 5AW ☎ 0011 44 12 0921 2070 website: www.dehwelans.com email 2004@dehwelans.com

1–2 May 2004

Society of Genealogists' Family History Fair, Royal Agricultural Society, **Westminster UK.** The focus will be on 'One-Name Studies', in a lecture program sponsored by the Halsted Trust. A special 'pre-event' afternoon conference is being held from 12 noon–5.00 p.m. on Friday 30 April with a choice of twelve introductory talks on all aspects of family history. Information is on websites: <http://www.sog.org.uk/events/fair/html> or <http://www.eogn.com/archives/news0318.htm> or by email from David Walsh at: events@sog.org.uk or ☎ 0011 44 207 553 3290

30 May 2004

The 4th Biennial **Family & Local History Fair—Our Cultural Heritage**, will be presented at the Mt Gravatt Showground, Logan Road, Mt Gravatt, Brisbane 30 May by the **Queensland**

Association of Local and Family History Societies Inc. Bookings can be made for stalls, information booths, book-sellers, computer and IT producers/retailers, food vendors etc. To add your name to a mailing list, or for any enquiries contact: Queensland Local and Family History Societies Inc., PO Box 399, Mt Gravatt QLD 4122, ☎ (07) 3344 2008, Fax (07) 3344 2008 email info@qalfhs.org.au website www.qalfhs.org.au

26–30 August 2004

A Family History Festival to celebrate the **30th Anniversary of the Federation of Family History Societies**—'A Flight of Yesterdays' at Loughborough University, Loughborough, Leicestershire. Contact Federation Family History Societies Administrator, PO Box 2425, Coventry, CV46YX. ☎ 0011 44 24 7667 7798 or email admin@ffhs.org.uk

17–19 September 2004

The NSW and ACT Association of Family History Societies Inc. Annual State Conference to be hosted by the Blue Mountains Family History Society Inc. at The Blackheath Community Centre, Great Western Highway, Blackheath NSW. Conference participants will be invited to submit their **research names for inclusion in a booklet**. Contacts: Suzanne Voytas—Convenor ☎ (02) 4751 2746; Suzanne Newbury—Secretary ☎ (02) 4784 1379; Rowena Cook ☎ (02) 4754 1482. Blue Mountains Family History Society Inc. PO Box 97, Springwood NSW 2777. Website www.rootsweb.com/~nswbmfhs

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BURNIE

Accessions—Books

- * Marcus, Alex, *'Dems? What's Dems?' the story of the men of the Royal Australian Navy who manned Merchant Ships*
- Bounty Books, *Philips' Motorists' Atlas 2004*
- * Cooe Primary School, *The History of Cooe Primary School*
- * Emu Bay Railway Company Limited, *In Tasman's land: gleams and dreams of the great north-west*
- Jarpold and Sons Ltd Norwich, *Europe Road Atlas*
- Johnson, Keith A. and Sainty, Malcolm R., *Sydney Burial Ground 1819–1901*
- * National Archives of Australia, *Finding Families, The Guide to the National Archives of Australia for Genealogists*
- * Stott, Paul Edward, *More Than Just a Railway The story of why, when and how a railway came to the Wynyard District.*
- Elias, Peter and Ann, *A Few From Afar: Jewish lives in Tasmania from 1804*
- TFHS inc. Launceston Branch, *Index to Launceston Examiner Vol. 5 1866–1871*

Accessions—CD-Roms

- * BMSGH Publications, *BMSGH 1851 Surname and Folio Index for Staffordshire*
- Johnson, Keith & Sainty, Malcolm, *Census of NSW November 1828*
- Soc of Australian Genealogists, *Rookwood Cemetery Transcriptions*
- * Indicates donated items

DEVONPORT

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- * Blake, Philip Charles, *The Forgotten Chaplain—John Youl*
- * Butler, J. Marjorie, *Settler by Succession—James Austin 1810–1896*
- * Cooper, R.W. (Bob), *Born in the Bush—The Memoirs of R. W. (Bob) Cooper*
- * Denholm, Bernard, *The Irrepressible Mr Dooley*
- * Denning, H.W., *Historical Manuscript of The Tweed*
- * Earnshaw, Beverley, *A Century of Pioneers. The story of five families in the Central West*
- Knolle, Wendy K, *Index to news items, obituaries & photographs of World War II Tasmanian Servicemen and Women published in the Launceston, Tasmania newspaper The Examiner from 1 July 1943 to 9 March 1946*
- Lewis, Kathleen, *Early Launceston: the Marsden Story*
- Lea–Scarlett, Errol, *Roots & Branches Ancestry for Australians*

Accessions—Microfiche

- AIGS. Inc., *Index to the Children's Registers of State Wards in the Colony of Victoria 1864–1897*
- AIGS. Inc., *Children's Registers of State Wards in the Colony of Victoria, Old Series (Admissions) 1864–1880*
- AIGS. Inc., *Children's Registers of State Wards in the Colony of Victoria 1864–1897, Estray Series Registers, Girls Books and Associated Registers*
- AIGS. Inc., *Children's Registers of State Wards in the Colony of Victoria, Boys Books 1868–1888*
- AIGS Inc., *Children's Registers of State Wards in the Colony of Victoria—New Series & Receiving House Vols. 1–9, 1880–1889*
- AIGS Inc., *Children's Registers of State Wards in the Colony of Victoria—Receiving House Vols 10–17, 1880–1889*

Accessions—CD-ROMs

- Macbeth Genealogical Services, *Tasmanian Pioneer Index 1803–1899*
- Macbeth Genealogical Services, *Victorian Marriage Index 1921–1942*
- * Indicates donated items

HOBART

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- Alexander, Alison; *The Eastern Shore—a history of Clarence*
- Bissett, Muriel & Betty (Compiler); *Index to Launceston Examiner, volume 5, 1866–1871*
- * Davis, Richard & Marianne; *The Whistling Irish Bushrangers, Tasmania & South Australia 1848–63*
- * Invermay Uniting Church; *Invermay Uniting Church and Sunday School (Methodist) Centenary 1890–1990 Historical Record*
- Martin, Maureen & Yost, Meryl; *St. Andrews Presbyterian Church, Swansea, Tasmania—Baptism, Marriage & Burial Register Indexes*
- NZ Society of Genealogists; *Projects Register 2002*

Accessions—Microfiche

- * GST Inc.; *Members Interests 1996/1997*

- * Northumberland & Durham FHS; *Index to 1891 Census of Durham—South Shields 1G Westoe*
- * State Library of Tasmania; *Tasmanian Telephone Directory Aug 1957*
- * State Library of Tasmania; *Tasmanian Telephone Directory Aug 1958*
- * State Library of Tasmania; *Tasmanian Telephone Directory Area 002 1971–72*
- * State Library of Tasmania; *Tasmanian Telephone Directory Area 004 1971–72*
- * Tay Valley FHS, *Leslie's Directory for Perth & Perthshire*

Accessions—Computer Disks

- * Devon FHS; *Devon FHS Members' Interests 2003*
- * Indicates donated items

LAUNCESTON

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- * Bye, Ismay, *A Shepherd and His Flock: James Bye 1820–1887*
- * Denholm, Bernard, *The Irrepressible Mr Dooley The 'Boanerges' of Tasmania's North-West Coast*
- * Harvey, Dinah, *The Sampson & Pollard Families in England and Australia*
- Johnson, Keith A. & Sainty, Malcom R., *Sydney Burial Ground 1819–1901 (Elizabeth & Devonshire Streets) and History of Sydney's Early Cemeteries from 1788*
- Knolle, Wendy K., *Index to news items, obituaries & photographs of World War II Tasmanian servicemen and women published in the Launceston, Tasmania newspaper The Examiner from 1 July 1943 to 9 March 1946.*
- The Examiner from 1 July 1943 to 9 March 1946*
- * Lipp, Euphemia Grant, *The Brisbane Diary of Euphemia Kemp*
- * Manktelow, Nicole, *The Australian Guide to Online Genealogy*
- Richardson, Peter (editor), *On the Tide 2: more stories of the Tamar*
- Tonks, David, *My Ancestor was a Coalminer*
- * West Australian Newspapers Limited, *A Passing Era Historic and distinctive buildings of Perth and Fremantle*

Accessions—CD-Roms

- * Ancestry.com *Scottish Parish Registers: West Lothian, Midlothian*
- Archive CD Books, *A Genealogical and Heraldic History of the Commoners of Great Britain and Ireland*
- Archive CD Books, *Alumni Dublinenses*
- Archive CD Books, *Cassell's Gazetteer of Great Britain & Ireland 1898*
- Archive CD Books, *London PO Directory 1819*
- Berkshire FHS, *Berkshire 1851 Mapping & Analysis of Census Households*
- Broderbund. *International Land Records: Irish Flax Growers, 1796*
- Buckinghamshire FHS, *Buckinghamshire 1851 Census Transcription & Index*
- Descendants of Convicts Group Inc., *Index to Colonial Convict Movements 1827–1853*
- Gloucestershire FHS., *1851 Gloucestershire Census*
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- Nottinghamshire FHS. *Nottinghamshire 1841 Census & Nottingham 1851 Census*
- Somerset & Dorset FHS. *Dorset 1851 Census*
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QUERIES

ARMSTRONG/BRACKER

William ARMSTRONG, born 6 June 1888 Launceston, Tasmania. His father William married BRACKER/BRACKEN/BEATON. He was raised as a small child in Brunswick, Victoria, by an aunt and uncle on his mother's side. Associated names are: Frank and May SMITH (née MARSDEN), Harry and Ruby CARTER, MARSH and Marsdens. He had a sister Cate/Kate. William married at Mildura, Victoria in 1910 to Florence Daisy WILLIS. Any help on this family would be appreciated by Betty Hansen, 33 Bunday Street, Magill SOUTH AUSTRALIA 5072 📞 (08) 8332 5743 or by email to bhansen@adam.com.au

HERALDRY

Does anyone have an interest in Heraldry?—Australian Heraldry?

If so, would you please contact Kevin Livingston by email at livingsk@bigpond.com or 📞 (03) 6229 3500

LEE/HARPER/PEARCE

Emma LEE (born c.1865) m. Alexander James HARPER (born c.1847) 13 March 1877 at Nine Mile Springs (District of George Town) in the house of Alexander James Harper. Emma Lee's sister Ann Lee (born c.1863) m. John Carlyon PEARCE in a double wedding with Emma Lee and Alexander James Harper.

John Pearce and Alexander James Harper were cousins.

Emma Lee and Alexander James Harper's children were: Edith Alice (George Town 1878), Alexander James (George Town 1879), Elizabeth (George Town 1881). Edith Alice m. Frederick GREGORY (at Lefroy 1894). Alexander James m. Emily Jane BROWN. I would be interested to know where the Lee and Harper families originated from and any information on all these families. Denise Pierce, 8 Narillan Street, Claremont TAS 7011 email denlorr43@yahoo.com.au

LIVINGSTONE/SHARP/OWEN

I have a Florence LIVINGSTON who came to Tasmania arriving 23 January 1861 at the age of 20. According to the ship's records she was from Glasgow. I have her death and marriage certificates but no mention of parents at all. Her occupation was Cook. I'm wondering if any TFHS Inc. member has a missing Florence in his or her family. I have no idea of her family, brothers or sisters and the reason why she went out by herself to Tasmania. Looking at the list of passengers there were a lot of single woman, mostly Scottish.

Florence married in July the same year of her arrival to Samuel SHARP, who died a year later, then in 1865 she remarried, to Henry OWEN. She died of TB in 1890 at the age of 49.

She was my 2nd great grandmother and it would be nice to put some meat on her bones. Signed: Owen Clough

If anyone knows anything of Florence Livingston and her predecessors I would like to hear from them. Kevin Livingston, email livingsk@bigpond.com or 📞 03 62293500.

MORGAN/LONG/JENKINS/ROACH/COLLINS/REEVES/PENNY/GROVES

I am seeking descendants of the following men. They were transported to Australia for life in 1817 on the *Sir William Bensley*, and convicted as a result of their role in the 'Berkeley Castle Poaching Affray of 1816'. All came from the Morton/Thornbury/Littleton district in the UK. Their ages ranged from 19 to 30 years, and were all sent to Van Diemen's Land. Thomas MORGAN, Daniel LONG, James JENKINS, James ROACH, Thomas COLLINS (COLLINGS), John REEVES, William PENNY and Robert GROVES. Please contact: Jo Watson, 11 Collingwood Avenue, ROBINA QLD 4226 or by email: jowatson@bigpond.net.au

PEARCE/HARPER/LEE/MOORE

John PEARCE born (Cornwall England 1852) son of John Pearce and Elizabeth HARPER lived at Fitzgerald, Tasmania. Their children were: Emma Ann (George Town 1877), John Thomas (Ballarat VIC 1879), Elizabeth Ann (VIC 1880), Lucinda (VIC 1882), Elsie May (1890), Myrtle Irene (1892), Tasman, Leslie Gordon (1892), Richard Stanley (Lefroy TAS 1897). John Thomas m. Violet Annie MOORE (born Zeehan 1884). Elizabeth Ann m. Albert Edward QUARRELL; Lucinda m. William James TURNER; Elsie May m. Percy Clyde STATTEN; Myrtle Irene m. Robert Sydney ROLLS. No information on Tasman. Lesley Gordon killed in action 1917. Two of Emma and Ann Lee's brothers (one was Joseph Lee) m. two of Violet Annie Moore's sisters. Alice and Mary Ann Moore both lived and died in Melbourne. I would be interested to know where the Lee and Harper families originated from and any information on all these families. Denise Pierce, 8 Narillan Street, Claremont TAS 7011 or email denlorr43@yahoo.com.au

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BOWER	TAS/ENG		5986
BRITTON Thomas	Gunns Plains TAS AUS		5980
BRUCE Elizabeth	Norfolk Island/TAS	1788-1808	5992
BURK John	Patersonia	1800+	5977
CHILTON	Dawley SAL ENG	1800-1900	3295
CLARK Robert John	Lady Bay	1832	5989
CONNOLLY Martin	NWCoast TAS (New Ground)	1853-1916	5976
CONNOLLY Margaret	NWCoast TAS (Latrobe)	1853-1916	5976
CONNOR Mary	Hobart/Co. Limerick	1830+	5977
CONNOR William	IRL/TAS		5986
CONNORS Ellen	IRL	1825	5990
DEVLIN Mary Elizabeth	Dunorlan TAS	1845-1884	5976
ELSON Jacob	Leven TAS	1852-1905	5976
FITT Mary	ENG	1800s	5984
FREEMAN	Haverhill, SFK ENG	1800s	3295
GARDNER	DEV/ESS/LND	1700-1800	5981
GOURLAY		1853-1900	5968
GRAY		1853-1900	5968
GRILLS Francis	Westbury and Waratah	1865-1909	5979
GRILLS William	Harbertonford DEV/Westbury TAS	1808-1850	5979
HENDERSON David	Hobart TAS	1807-1874	5992
HEYWARD John Henry	Campbell Town TAS	1820-1891	5992
HOLLAND	Latrobe TAS	1900-1916	5976
HUNNIFORD	TAS		5983
IRWIN John James	Hobart TAS AUS	1876-1939	5992
IRWIN John James	Hobart TAS	1876-1939	5992
JACK Charles Douglas	ENG/TAS	1860+	5975
JACKSON	LND and Prittwell	1850	5987
JARMAN George	SOM ENG	1810-1872	5990
JESSOP		1853-1900	5968
JILLET Robert	TAS/NORFOLK IS/NSW	1799-1840	5975
JOLLEY George Wallington	TAS/NJ USA	1634-1900	5975
JONES Henry	Hobart/Kempton/Bothwell	1820+	5970
KELLY	IRL/TAS	1860-1900	5971
KEMP Catherine		1831	5989
KERSLAKE Mary-Ann	Fingal	1842+	5977
KNOP	GER	Pre 1879	5992

NEW MEMBERS' INTERESTS

NAME	PLACE/AREA	TIME	M'SHIP NO.
LAIRD Henry	ENG	1815-1898	5990
LAWSON George	Hobart TAS AUS	C1800	5991
LAWSON Thomas	Launceston TAS AUS	1854-1940	5991
MUNDAY	TAS/OXN ENG		5983
MUNDY	TAS/UK		5983
MURPHY Mary	TAS	1830+	5975
MURPHY Michael	NWCoast TAS (Greens Creek)	1853-1890	5976
O'CONNOR William	IRL/TAS		5986
OGILVIE Eliza Ann	Hobart	1822-1898	5988
PEPPIATT	Hobart/Launceston	1876+	5970
QUICK Mark	TAS/VIC/SA AUS	1860-1940	3295
RICKUS	Wenlock SAL ENG	1820-1880	3295
RITCHIE Alexander	SCT		5980
SAUNDERS Charles	Alderton SFK ENG	Pre 1820	5978
SAUNDERS Emma	Port Sorell TAS AUS	1800/s	5982
SCANLAN Roger	Hobart/Co. Limerick	1840+	5977
SCANLON Catherine	Launceston and Hobart/Co. Limerick	1840+	5977
SEAGRAM	LND		5987
SMALLBON George	OXN ENG	1800s	5982
SMALLBON Sopic	OXN ENG	1800s	5982
SMITH John	Channel Islands	1800s	5984
STENNARD	Bath ENG	C1800	5987
STUBBS	WES		5981
SULLIVAN	IRL/TAS	1860-1900	5971
SWEENEY Edward	Launceston/Achonry SLI	1832-1900	5977
TEMPLAR Martha Ellen	Port Sorell TAS AUS	1800s	5982
TITLEY William Joseph		1817-1898	5990
VERNON John	TAS/ENG?	1850+	5975
WEEKS John			5989
WEEKS Ruby			5989
WILSHIRE	Worcester ENG	1850-1900	3295
WILSON Gregory	ENG	1800s	5984
WILSON William	George Town and Launceston TAS	1820-1880	3295
WINDSOR Eliza, Ann	Hobart	1822-1898	5988
WINDSOR William Henry	WLS/Hobart	1800-1890s	5988
WISE	West Indies/Nova Scotia		5981
WOLFE George	Wolston WAR ENF	1826-1844	5980
YORK Bachariah/Henry	TAS/ENG?	1850+	5975

NEW MEMBERS

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

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5974	VICKERY Mrs Jennifer	4 Foley Road jendav@dodo.com.au	KINGSTON	TAS	7050
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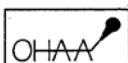
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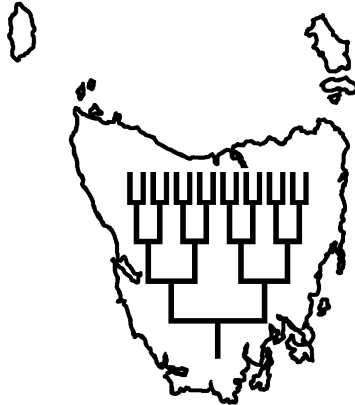


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Tasmanian Family History Society Inc.

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to be held at

Town Hall, Church Street

Ross



Saturday, 19 June 2004

Tasmanian Family History Society Inc.

Annual General Meeting

- 10.15 am** **Registration**
Morning Tea – *Gold Coin Donation*
- 10.45 am** Welcome by the President
- 11.00 am** A guided bus tour of the Historic Village of Ross, including the Female Factory. Afterwards visit the Tasmanian Wool Centre and Museum.
Cost: \$4.00pp (Pensioners \$3.00pp) – *pay on the day*
Concurrently with:
Presentation in the Town Hall on 'The Heritage Highway'
- 12.30 – 2.00 pm** **Lunch:** Purchase at one of the many food outlets in Ross or BYO.
- 2.00 pm** **Annual General Meeting**, incorporating presentation of:
- Lilian Watson Family History Award
- 3.00 pm** **Afternoon Tea** — *Gold Coin donation*
- 3.30 pm** A meeting of the new State Executive



The Tasmanian Wool Centre & Museum

Book Stalls and new publications from Branches will be on offer during the day.

If you will be coming to Ross, please complete this section and mail/ fax or email, before:

1 June 2004 to:

The State Secretary
Tasmanian Family History Society Inc.
PO Box 191
LAUNCESTON Tas 7250

Phone/Fax enquiries: 03 6344 4034
email: secretary@tasfhs.org

Name/s

Address

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I/we will be attending on Saturday, 19 June

	No.
I/we will arrive for morning tea	<input type="checkbox"/>
I/we wish to book for the guided Tour of the Historic Village of Ross (<i>payment to the Tour Guide</i>) OR	<input type="checkbox"/>
I/we will be attending the Heritage Highway Presentation.	<input type="checkbox"/>
I/we will be attending the AGM	<input type="checkbox"/>
I/we will be staying for afternoon tea	<input type="checkbox"/>

This form is for registration, name badges, tour numbers and catering purposes only.

All payments to be made at Ross on the day.

Historic Ross

Historic Sites that may be visited on the Guided Tour:

The Four Corners of Ross:

The Man O' Ross Hotel (1835): Temptation

Roman Catholic Church (1920): Salvation

The Town Gaol : Damnation

The Town Hall: Recreation

Boer War and World War I Memorial and The Barracks

The stone bollards lead to the Ross Bridge, one of Australia's finest historical monuments. It took 5 years to build and was opened in 1836.

The Old Stables and Orderly Rooms built in the 1830s

The Uniting Church formerly the Methodist Church, opened 1885.

Tasmanian Wool Centre was created as a non-profit organisation in 1988 to celebrate the importance of the wool industry in Tasmania and to highlight the historical significance of Ross as one of Tasmania's earliest rural settlements.

Memorial Library, Billiard and Recreation Rooms (1836)

Ross Primary School built circa 1875.

The Female Factory Site which was operated between 1848 and 1854.

Roman Catholic, Anglican and Methodist Cemeteries: Many pioneers are buried in these hillside cemeteries on the eastern side of the railway.

Original Burial Ground is the resting place for a number of the Redcoats who came to this distant land.

Old Quarries and many stone cottages.

Macquarie House and Store: The land granted to William Carter in 1846 for the purpose of building a store and dwelling.

Sherwood Castle built circa 1832 as a coaching inn. Now the Ross Bakery Inn — a great place for lunch!

St John's Anglican Church, completed 1868.



The Historic Ross Bridge

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