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EDITORIAL

I wish to thank all the members, and also some non-members, who have responded to my request for articles. I am in the fortunate situation of having received too many to include in this issue. Those articles not in this December issue will be published in a future journal.

You will again find an interesting mix of information and several examples of members describing how they overcame problems in their family research.

The Campbell Street Gaol list continues; the surgeon's journal on a convict ship makes interesting reading; and we Tasmanians would be familiar with the details of the convict brick trail at Campbell Town. These latter two stories, in their own way, deal with convict transportation to the colony of Van Diemen's Land. *From Ireland to the Colonies* also covers the early period, but from a different angle.

I trust that you enjoy reading the members' contributions this issue. On behalf of the journal committee members I wish you all a happy and safe Christmas and summer holiday period, and for the northern hemisphere members, a hope the sun will shine occasionally!!

Leonie Mickleborough



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

IN Tasmania we have a rich history of which we are very proud. Over the last five years the number of records that have become available to researchers is amazing. The Tasmanian Family History Society Inc. has five branches which, I am pleased to say, have contributed to the release of some of these records. This we could not have achieved without the dedication of our many volunteers.

We hear of more and more researchers using the internet as a tool to access records for their family history and I watched with great interest and some concern as a colleague of mine also began using the internet to do her research.

There are of course some sites with very little information. I have learnt that there are far more sites with excellent information such as indexes, local histories, images and contacts. My colleague has made contact with several researchers who are following the same family line. She has also joined societies within the areas of her research. I was also able to learn how easy it was for her to 'prove' her steps along the way.

Of course, nothing beats visiting a record repository in person, but if this is not possible for you, an alternative is to use the internet and use it wisely.

I think the main thing I have learnt from a society's view point is, that if libraries/societies wish to increase or maintain their memberships they need to look at their own websites. They should try to incorporate into them indexes from their areas, or at least comprehensive library holdings, so that researchers can see what records they have available. Researchers then have the opportunity to

make contact. All in all it has been a very interesting exercise for me.

With December now upon us the branches are winding down for their Christmas break. I wish you all a safe and happy Christmas, may you all enjoy good friends, good times and of course good researching. ●

Anita Swan

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Our meetings continue to be well attended, in particular our day meetings. There are many members who are reluctant to drive at night, so the day meetings give them a chance of fellowship and friendship with their fellow researchers. Our July 'casserole' meeting was enjoyed by all those that attended. Many chuckles were heard throughout the room as Gaye Spicer presented her version of a personal life history, set to a Walt Disney theme, of one of our members who shall remain nameless.

For the August meeting Peter and Judy gave the members a report on their trip to Victoria. They concentrated on the Vic Gum 20th Anniversary Conference held at Beechworth and the computer and research skills they gained.

The four members who were able to go to Melbourne on our research trip certainly enjoyed themselves. They brought back to the branch, not only details of what they had found, but also skills in researching in Melbourne and some valuable publications for our Library. As many of our members could not attend the AGM at Ross, it was decided that the September meeting be a presentation of Peter's Heritage Highway talk.

Once again, we will be having our annual trip to the Tasmanian Archives Office and a visit to the Hobart Branch Library. This year we have permission to view historical buildings and archaeological remains on private property on our return home. This will be a bonus to travellers as it is a chance to view these sites not normally available to the public.

The Burnie Branch has now added a new regular function to its monthly calendar. On the fourth Thursday of each month we hold an information technology night at the branch library. Topics range from basic computer operation to advanced Boolean search functions, software applications and problem solving.

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The last three months have seen some unforeseen changes made in a short space of time. New premises were urgently required as the previous lease could not be renewed. A house was eventually found at Latrobe and the moving of all our library holdings was completed efficiently and smoothly. Our library is now located in the building which was once the police residence. It is situated behind the public buildings comprising the Post Office, Court House Museum, Online Centre and Latrobe Library at 113-117 Gilbert Street, Latrobe. Library days and hours have changed. Opening hours are now

Tuesday and Friday from 11.00a.m. to 3.00p.m. and the second Saturday of each month from 11.00a.m. to 3.00p.m.

A very pleasant mid-year dinner was held at the Axeman's Hall of Fame at Latrobe. David Foster made us very welcome and we were able to view his memorabilia as well as the general display. The embroidery raffle was drawn with the winner being R. Charlton, Ulverstone. Other speakers at the monthly meetings have been Dot Boxhall who gave a powerful address about child abuse and Dr Tony Large who spoke about his latest publication *Ulverstone—Sunshine and Storm* based on recollections of 1920–1940 given to him by Ulverstone residents.

The final activity for 2004 will be a counter meal at Lucas Hotel, Latrobe on Friday, 10 December and this will also be the day the Christmas Hamper Raffle is drawn. The Library will close for the Christmas break on Saturday, 11 December at 3.00p.m. and re-open on Tuesday, 11 January 2005 at 11.00a.m.

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The Hobart Branch will have an afternoon tea for all its volunteers on 5 December at the home of Vee and Doris Maddock. It is timely that the December journal pays tribute to those members who have given time and

effort to make our Branch a vibrant and happy place.

The eight members of the Library Committee, as well as ensuring the smooth operation of the library, give thoughtful suggestions to the Branch Committee on how to improve our services. Pam Campbell does an excellent job organising the often difficult library rosters and our library assistants cope valiantly with the increasing complexity of the library. Marjorie Jacklyn, as librarian, and Maurice Appleyard, as resource manager, are key people. Vanessa Blair and Vee Maddock are computerising the library catalogue. The library will close on 11 December 2004 and re-open on 15 January 2005. If you are visiting Hobart during this time and want to access the library please phone the secretary.

The volunteers at the State and Glenorchy libraries provide an important service as well as being good representatives for our Branch.

The Comprehensive Subject Index project involves thirty people and when finished, will be a great research aid.

The eight members of the happy and enthusiastic Monday group continue to give great support for the numerous projects that are underway.

Denise McNeice is responsible for the database for CHAMP. This project which involves seven photographers, seventeen transcribers, Brian Hortle deciphering cemetery plans, Paddy Byers writing the histories of the cemeteries and Robert Tanner, assisted by three people, putting all this on CD is a tribute to good teamwork.

The many members who have worked on the state BDM project have ensured that our easily accessible state records are expanded—a plus for all researchers.

Cynthia O'Neill continues her excellent liaison work with new members, as well as facilitating the Research Group—another creative person who thinks about the needs of members.

The WISE Group was privileged to have a visit from Thelma Grunnell of the Launceston Branch. It was a chance to share information and get to know each other better. The Hobart Branch hopes to visit the Launceston facilities in the near future. More of these sharing events would be good.

The change in direction of the Family History Computer Group has been a great success with average numbers at meetings more than doubling.

The Family History Writers Group continues to work effectively. The launch of its book *Pros and Cons* was held at 'Jam Packed', Hunter Street—a very appropriate site.

The five members of the Publicity Committee tackle their sensitive task with thoughtful consideration

The Publicity Committee and the four members of the Funding Committee continue to meet to explore avenues to make the Branch more visible and viable. We are grateful to Helen Campbell for preparing our submissions for funding. We have received from the Commonwealth Volunteer Small Equipment Grants a digital camera, four memory sticks and a tripod.

Robert Tanner continues with his fine work as Webmaster.

With over 100 volunteers it is important that we do not forget the people who organise the tasks for the volunteers. Without them the system would not work. The committee wishes to thank them all for their fine contribution.

The latest publication, *Cemeteries of Southern Tasmania Vol. VI Hobart's early churchyards and other monuments Part 2 Presbyterian Cemeteries* has been launched. A special thank you to Thelma McKay and all those who worked on the publication.

Finally, but importantly, I would like to say a personal thank you to the Branch Committee and particularly to our treasurer, Tony Potter, and our very hard-working secretary, Leo Prior. Their assistance to me has been invaluable.

A happy and safe Christmas to all.

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

15 February: Mr Peter Cox, *The Port Dalrymple Settlement*.

15 March: Dr Stefan Petrow: *Sad, Strange, Gruesome and Seductive—Tasmanian Supreme Court Cases 1824–42*.

Family History Computer Group: Branch Library 2nd Wednesday in the month, 7.30p.m.

WISE Interest Group: Branch Library 1st Sunday of February, May, August, November 2.00p.m.

Family History Writers Group: Branch Library 1st Thursday in the month, 2.00p.m.

Research Workshop: First Tuesday in the month from 10.30a.m.–11.30a.m. at the Branch Library

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

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In recent months, the branch has been busy photographing for the eHeritage project. Due to the small number of members able to participate in the various roles of the Branch such as library duty, BDM transcription, and eHeritage, progress has not been as rapid as hoped. Currently eight cemeteries have been photographed with processing to the eHeritage database following a couple of months behind. A significant result of this work is the production of a set of CDs containing high quality images suitable for printing. A separate CD is being produced for each cemetery.

On the first Saturday in October a fund raising lunch was held. The Branch is particularly grateful to the guest speakers from the Hobart Branch, Joyce Purtscher and Leonie Mickleborough, and the attendance of members and their friends.

Later in October the Branch participated in the Huon Valley's major Bicentenary event—'Hands Across Generations' held at Franklin. This provided an opportunity to demonstrate the activities and services offered by the Society.



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Over the past few months, the branch has held some interesting talks and workshops. At the August meeting, Aileen Pike from the British Interest Group organised a workshop on 'British Merchant Seamen' which was well attended.

Other workshops have included Scrapbooking and European Research. Peter Clark from Black & White Photography gave a slide show and talk in September on 'Launceston from 1800–2000' which created a great deal of interest and discussion.

The October meeting was held at the Launceston City Library, where Alan Phillips from Gould presented a Data CD Sampler with a focus on English, Scottish and Irish CDs.

Sales of Muriel and Betty Bissett's latest *Index to Launceston Examiner Volume 7, 1877–1881*, have been good and work is well under way for their next publication. Muriel and Betty, along with Judith de Jong are progressing well with the Registrar General's indexing of births, deaths and marriages.

Committee members Dona Bradley and David Boarder are working on our Family History files and books, with the view to making them more accessible for members, while Judith de Jong has re-arranged and labelled the branch history photo album.

The British Interest Group (BIG) held an enjoyable, well-attended luncheon to celebrate its Anniversary on 15 September, at Rosevears Hotel, West Tamar.

Other activities the branch participated in include a free open morning for non-members at our library for Seniors Week in early October and the 'Back to George Town' festivities, where some of our members interacted with the public, using our CDs and fiche.

The Christmas luncheon was held at the Bracknell Hotel on Sunday 18 November.

On Tuesday 14 December at 3.00p.m. the library will close for the summer break and re-open on Tuesday 18 January at 10.00a.m. Help from members would be welcome at the annual working bee on Monday 17 January.

Meetings

Tuesday 15 February, 2.00p.m: BIG meet at Windmill Hill Memorial Hall.

Tuesday 22 February, 7.00p.m. 2 Taylor Street, *Gleanings from newspapers and other researching.*

Tuesday 22 March, 7.00p.m: *Military Research and Memorabilia.*

Launceston Branch subscribes to the following overseas and local journals:

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

MR EMIRALI'S *Letter to the Editor* in the September journal reflects on Mrs Fry's 'commercial association' with three Directors of a 'second New Zealand Company' and asks 'does money talk?'

No doubt it does, as much then as now. If you want something done and done quickly, then the sooner you find a backer with money, the better! Mrs Fry plainly committed the sin of 'getting into bed', commercially, with three men all of whom had money and maybe, even, a 'past'! She had no doubt decided that she wanted more to be done!

The gentlemen concerned were men of their time. They lived, worked, and fought in society, the behaviour and attitudes of which are comprehensible today only in their historical context. Commercial and industrial working practices were such as are almost beyond belief today. Social behaviour, advanced in some ways was primitive in others,—girls in England could, with parental consent, marry at the age of 12. People suffered. Unfortunately, for many millions, that was just the way it was.

To my mind, the men mentioned all had qualities which contributed to and benefited their times. Edward Gibbon Wakefield, the man who 'abducted' Ellen Turner, 'married' her at Gretna Green, failed, no doubt peculiarly to the modern mind, to consummate the marriage, and then spent three years in Newgate for his pains. He also happened to have quite striking qualities which enabled him, once he had swallowed his medicine, to contribute greatly to colonial society.

Joseph Somes, the ship-owner, was just that! He was paid by the government to do a job, no different in essence from the

prison governors, warders, sea-captains, sailors, soldiers and the rest who played a part in the terrible business of transportation. He seems to have been pretty good at his job and therefore at making money, an aptitude which often attracts disapproval.

The third man, John George Lambton, alias Lord Durham, could hardly fail to be a 'coal baron' with a title like that! But it seems that his contemporaries were so confused that they thought of him as a liberal, no less—an abusive word to much of society in those days. His far-reaching scheme for parliamentary reform preceded, by eleven years, the Reform Act of 1832, a landmark in British history, and one which was due in no small measure to John George Lambton's drive and determination. He was a proponent of freedom of worship for all religions and denominations and again made himself unpopular in parliament with his championship of this and other unfashionable causes. Furthermore, as the wicked (coal) baron that he was, he was amongst the first to be alerted to the need for improvements in the mines and was personally involved in the testing and introduction of the Davy Safety Lamp, a life saver if ever there was one. It was not for nothing that he was known as 'Radical Jack'.

To me, (and perhaps to Mrs Fry), her fellow directors seem to offer the skills, experience and determination that she would have found most useful in pushing on with her reforming ways. And yes, the money too! May God forgive them all! ●

Jim Halsey (Member No. 5772)
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LETTER TO THE EDITOR-2

IN your June 2004 issue of the Journal, Dianne Snowden reviewed my book 'Thanks a lot, Guv!' and I would like the right of reply since I believe some of the comments are unwarranted and incorrectly based.

At the Hobart launch of the *Victims of Tyranny*, Richard Davis, Emeritus Professor of History at the University of Tasmania, made the point that some historians are seriously examining the view that, for history to be popularised for the general public, it may be necessary to accept, complete with any shortcomings, the genre that presents historical facts within a fabric of fiction. I believe that my book is written in this same genre, keeping to referenced facts as closely as possible, and whilst Ms Snowden calls it dangerous and delinquent, there are obviously other individuals who are prepared to pursue its merits.

She refers to a description, on p. 336, of the Hobart market and concludes that the reference given assigns a 'credence it does not deserve'. The reference was meant to apply to the whole paragraph, otherwise every sentence would have been given a reference number that seemed to me to be unnecessary. Anyone who reads p. 149/150 of the *Hobart Town Gazette* of Feb. 19, 1835, will probably agree that my description is appropriate. In addition, since it was a British Colony, it seems a reasonable assumption that the Hobart market would be similar to that in Birmingham.

Ms Snowden also asks, in relation to an attempted rape at Fonthill, 'what purpose does it serve in the story'. Quite simply it serves to illustrate the dangerous situations encountered by young female servants at remote farms where many

male convicts, who had often endured years without association with the female sex, were assigned. Perhaps she thinks it would have been a perfectly safe environment for the servant. I beg to differ.

She then questions whether several events of a sexual nature did, or did not, occur. It should have been clear from the Author's Note that they were fictional. The reality was, however, that many of the female convicts were known prostitutes and had recorded against their records in Gaol or on the ship, comments such as: vicious; troublesome to keep from sailors; violent, particularly troublesome and most refractory. I think that anyone who is of the opinion that no sexual encounters took place on the transporters is rather naïve.

Ms Snowden took particular exception to an event at the female factory. I involved one of my characters in an incident that was reported in the *Colonial Times* of 18 May, 1841, as a means of reporting the event which I thought was a rather bizarre occurrence and worthy of mentioning.

Her criticism about page 396 is a little strange since she cites two quotations interspersed by fictional comment without stating her objection. The quotations are relevant to the text since the first refers to the sentencing of a fellow servant of Harriet James while the second refers to an article by Jorgensen, a celebrated convict, relating to sly grog shops in the colony. ●

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BRIDGET AND THOMAS: THE HARD LABOUR OF LOVE

Dr Trudy Cowley (Member No. 5119)

AS part of my research on the female convicts transported per *Australasia* from Dublin to Hobart in 1849, I came across the following entry on Bridget EDWARDS' conduct record.

Nov^r 1/52 / TL / Having sexual intercourse with a man on the Restdown Road &c 2 mths, hard labor.¹

As you may imagine, I found this entry quite intriguing. For a start, it was the first time I had come across the term 'sexual intercourse' being used in official colonial documents. It was also interesting to conjecture about the relationship between Bridget and the man—was it casual fling or a business transaction perhaps?

To add flavour to the above, the next entry on Bridget's conduct record is:

March 13/53 Delivered of an Illegitimate Child at the Cascade Factory.²

Thus, it appeared that Bridget was pregnant at the time of her arrest for the above offence. The child was a girl and Bridget named her Ann Edwards. She was baptised four days later by the Catholic priest, George HUNTER, at Cascades Female Factory³ and died one year later, on 10 March 1854 at Cascades Female Factory of diarrhoea.⁴

The only other entries on Bridget's conduct record stated that on 21 September 1852 she received her ticket-of-leave, but it was revoked on 25 October 1853; and that on 18 April 1854 her marriage to Thomas O'DONNELL was approved.⁵ Bridget married Thomas

on 13 May 1854 at St Joseph's Catholic Church in Launceston.⁶

Since Bridget and Thomas married in Launceston, over a year after the birth of Ann Edwards at Cascades Female Factory and 18 months after her arrest for having sexual intercourse in Risdon Road,⁷ Hobart, I did not think there was a connection between the three events. However, I had jumped to conclusions too early. When I checked the Lower Court Records for Hobart, more information on Bridget's 'misdemeanour' in Risdon Road surfaced, including the important fact that the man she was arrested with was Thomas O'Donnell.

The entry in the Hobart Lower Court Records for 1 November 1852 states that Thomas O'Donnell, *London 2*, 7 years, ticket-of-leave, farm labourer was charged upon complaint of Constable MAPLEY with being drunk. It further charged (with the said Bridget Edwards, *Australasia*, 7 years, ticket-of-leave) with misconduct as prisoners of the Crown with having sexual intercourse on the Restdown Road at about 9.00 p.m. on 30 October 1852. Thomas and Bridget both pleaded guilty and both stated: 'I have nothing to say in my defence.' Thomas was sentenced to four calendar months imprisonment and hard labour and Bridget was sentenced to two calendar months imprisonment and hard labour.⁸

Bridget was a country servant from County Galway, Ireland who had been transported for seven years for stealing wearing apparel. Thomas had been tried in Limerick on 13 July 1848 for stealing

two cows, and sentenced to seven years transportation. He was a farm labourer, aged 27 years who arrived in Van Diemen's Land on 19 March 1851 per *London 2*. Apart from the incident mentioned above, Thomas kept out of trouble while serving his sentence, receiving his ticket-of-leave on 19 October 1852 and being recommended for a conditional pardon one week later. His conditional pardon was approved just prior to his marriage on 4 February 1854. Thomas' third master, where he was sent on 17 November 1851, was Alexander HERBERTSON of Sandy Bay.⁹ Just over six months later, on 2 June 1852, Bridget Edwards was contracted as a probation pass holder to Alexander Herbertson of Sandy Bay.¹⁰ Now I knew how they had met—in service together, most likely at Alexander Herbertson's property at Risdon Road, New Town.

Bridget and Thomas had applied twice for permission to marry. The first time in August 1853 was refused,¹¹ but the second time in April 1854 was approved.¹² Thus, it was becoming clear that Bridget and Thomas were passionate about each other and courted over a period of up to two years before they were able to marry. As such, it is likely Bridget's illegitimate daughter, Ann Edwards, was Thomas' child. Bridget journeyed from Hobart to Launceston for their wedding.¹³ Bridget was aged 35 years¹⁴ and Thomas was aged 38 years.

After their marriage, Bridget and Thomas had nine children: John (1855–1925),¹⁵ Terence (c.1857–1925),¹⁶ Patrick (c.1858–1876),¹⁷ Mary (1860–),¹⁸ twins Michael (1862–1931)¹⁹ and William (1862–1935),²⁰ Elizabeth (1864–),²¹ Thomas (1866–),²² and Bridget (c1868–1892).²³ Bridget's death notice in the *North West Post*²⁴ states that she left behind a grown up family of eight. However, since by

this time both Patrick and Bridget had died, there were only seven grown up children still alive, unless Terence and Edward are different people (see note 16).

Bridget and Thomas remained together until Thomas died in 1878 aged 53 years.²⁵ Bridget lived another 34 years, and died on 20 November 1912, supposedly aged about 100 years.²⁶ They are buried together, with son Patrick and daughter Bridget, at Mackillop Hill Catholic Cemetery, Forth.²⁷ Bridget's death notice in the *North West Post* reads:

The death occurred at Forthside on Wednesday morning of Mrs Thos. O'Donnell in her 101st year. She was born in Galway (Ireland), and arrived on the Forthside estate in 1852, and settled on the farm now occupied by Mr A. Bartlett and has lived in the district ever since. Her husband pre-deceased her over thirty years ago. A grown up family of eight are left behind.²⁸

The year of arrival of Bridget at Forthside given in the death notice is erroneous as she did not marry Thomas until 1854. Thomas and Bridget probably moved to the Forth area after their marriage in Launceston. Bridget's residence at Forthside was a farm of 102 acres 2 roods and owned in 1903 by the executors of Dr C G Casey of Victoria.²⁹ ●

Endnotes

- ¹ AOT, CON 41/24 *Australasia* (Bridget Edwards).
- ² AOT, CON 41/24 *Australasia* (Bridget Edwards).
- ³ AOT, NS 1052/8 p. 190 (Ann Edwards).
- ⁴ AOT, RGD 35/4 1854/1154 (Ann Edwards).
- ⁵ AOT, CON 41/24 *Australasia* (Bridget Edwards).
- ⁶ AOT, RGD 37/13 1854/1013 Launceston (Thomas O'Donnell & Bridget Edwards).
- ⁷ Restdown Road is now Risdon Road.
- ⁸ AOT, LC 247/20, 1 November 1852 (Bridget Edwards & Thomas O'Donnell).

- ⁹ AOT, CON 33/101 *London 2* (Thomas O'Donnell).
- ¹⁰ AOT, CON 30/1 p.121 (Bridget Edwards).
- ¹¹ AOT, CON 52/6, 28 August 1853 (Thomas O'Donnell & Bridget Edwards).
- ¹² AOT, CON 52/7 p.344 (Thomas O'Donnell & Bridget Edwards).
- ¹³ AOT, CON 41/24 *Australasia* No.183 (Bridget Edwards).
- ¹⁴ It is possible that Bridget was actually a few years younger than this—her age was given as 25 years on her conduct record in 1849, though the surgeon gave her age as 30 years on the sick list for *Australasia*.
- ¹⁵ AOT, NS 1052/20 St Joseph's, Launceston (John O'Donnell); *The Advocate*, 22 August 1925, p.2 c.1 (John O'Donnell).
- ¹⁶ *The Advocate* 3 June 1925, p.2 c.3 (Terence O'Donnell); Bridget's death notice which appeared in the *Weekly Courier*, 28 November 1912, p.28 gives Terence's name as Edward.
- ¹⁷ AOT, RGD 35/45 1876/550 Port Sorell (Patrick O'Donnell).
- ¹⁸ AOT, RGD 33/38 1860/1900 Port Sorell (Mary O'Donnell); Mary married James McCrehan and later James Sullivan.
- ¹⁹ AOT, RGD 33/40 1862/1377&1378 Port Sorell (Michael & William O'Donnell); *The Advocate*, 9 November 1931, p.2 c.1 (Michael O'Donnell).
- ²⁰ AOT, RGD 33/40 1862/1377 &1378 Port Sorell (Michael & William O'Donnell); *The Advocate*, 19 August 1935, p.6 c.1 (William O'Donnell).
- ²⁰ AOT, RGD 33/40 1862/1377 &1378 Port Sorell (Michael & William O'Donnell); *The Advocate*, 19 August 1935, p.6 c.1 (William O'Donnell).
- ²¹ AOT, RGD 33/42 1864/1577 Port Sorell (Betsey O'Donnell); Elizabeth didn't marry and attended her brother John's funeral in 1925.
- ²² AOT, RGD 33/44 1866/1290 Port Sorell (Thomas O'Donnell)
- ²³ AOT, RGD 35/61 1892/803 Ulverstone (Bridget O'Donnell); *Wellington Times* 13 September 1892 p.2 c.6 (Bridget O'Donnell)—Bridget died from burns when clothing caught fire.
- ²⁴ *North West Post*, 21 November 1912, p.2 c.6 (Mrs Thomas O'Donnell).
- ²⁵ AOT, RGD 35/47 1867/556 Port Sorell (Thomas O'Donnell).
- ²⁶ It is unlikely Bridget reached this venerable age as she would have been 37 years at the

- time of transportation in 1849 and 42 years when she married. It is unlikely that she could have borne 9 children from the age of 42.
- ²⁷ TFHS Inc. Devonport Branch, *In Loving Memory: A Transcription of the Forth Cemeteries Tasmania*. 2003 (F4-0024).
- ²⁸ *North West Post*, 21 November 1912, p.2 c.6 (Mrs Thomas O'Donnell).
- ²⁹ *Hobart Town Gazette*, 22 December 1903, p.12259 (Mrs Bridget O'Donnell).

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EMPEROR ALEXANDER CONVICT SHIP SURGEON'S JOURNAL 1833

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IN 1844, Dr William DONNELLY, a retired naval surgeon, founded the Sandgate Dispensary to provide medical relief for the deserving poor of the area. Sandgate is a small seaside village on the south-east coast of Kent, England. Some records of this dispensary survive at East Kent Archives near Dover, and it was whilst using these documents for my own family history research that I was temporarily distracted and found myself researching the life of William Donnelly. During the course of this research, I encountered the series of surgeons' journals held at The National Archives in Kew, and to my delight discovered Donnelly's own journal of the voyage of the *Emperor Alexander* convict ship to Tasmania in 1833 (ADM 101/25/8).

The *Emperor Alexander* was a hired barque of 366 tons under the command of John HURST. William Donnelly was appointed to the vessel on 5 March, joining it two days later. He remarked that there had been no building or fitting of prisons, but by 23 March, the prisons and a hospital had been completed and the vessel was joined by Captain SCOT of the 44th Regiment, Lieutenant LONSDALE, 3rd Regiment, and 29 non-commissioned officers and privates who constituted the Guard. There were also six women and nine children; the crew accounted for a further 29 personnel.

On 24 March, the ship was towed the short distance to Woolwich where the next day, thirty convicts from the *Discovery* hulk were embarked. A further sixty from the *Justitia* boarded on

26th and seventy, also from the *Justitia*, on the 28th. The next day they sailed from Woolwich and anchored at Sheerness where on 1 April, fifty more convicts were embarked, bringing the total on board to 285. After receiving her final orders, the ship sailed from Sheerness on 10 April.

Three days of rough weather in the English Channel brought discomfort to those on board and the ship did not manage to clear the Channel until 20 April. However, the weather was favourable for much of the voyage and they passed Madeira on 28 April and Trinidad on 7 June. In the early part of the voyage, the temperature was between 60° and 75°F and even near the Equator, the maximum was only 82°. Sleet, hail and heavy squalls were frequent during the last three weeks of the voyage. On 12 August they anchored in Sullivan's Cove in the River Derwent.

In all, Donnelly's Sick List comprises 261 cases, although a proportion would be the same patient presenting for treatment on more than one occasion. It is estimated that approximately 130 prisoners and 33 non-prisoners received treatment. The list gives surname and forename, quality (soldier, sailor, convict etc), nature of the disease or wound, dates of addition to and removal from the Sick List with the medical outcome. Most conditions were considered quite minor: phlogoses (boils or external inflammations) were the most common condition. Ulcers were also prevalent. From the time of embarkation there were a few who had small sores on the feet and

lower extremities. The number increased when shoes and stockings were not worn. Additional lemon juice and sugar was given to those afflicted; indeed, the general use of lemon juice to prevent scurvy proved extremely effective. It was only in the last week of the voyage that three cases occurred when supplies were expended. Many patients suffered from diarrhoea/gastro-intestinal disorders, ephemeral fever also affected many.

Favoured treatments were typical of the time—many were cathartic, having fearsome purgative properties. Among those mentioned are jalap, calomel, colocynth, rhubarb, antimony wine, ipecacuanha, magnesium sulphate, digitalis, quinine and opium.

The more serious or protracted cases were recorded in detail. They relate to James TOLL, Horatio SANDYS, John DEVILLE, Robert KING, Samuel SPARKES, James FLETCHER, Nathaniel GRIFFITHS, John McCULLOCH, Henry MAY, Francis MILLS, Thomas JORDAN, Joseph TAYLOR, Samuel PANK, William COPE, Edward BURKE, Daniel KEEFFE, James KENEDY, Nathaniel HOWARD, Edward LACY, Joseph LEWIS, Samuel DRAPER, James LYNCH, James MACKLESFIELD, Samuel FARE, Patrick FANTON, William ANDERSON, John DEWEY, and Samuel RAWLINGS.

There were just two deaths. Horatio Sandys was found to be ill while still in the English Channel, but his fate had been sealed long before he joined the *Emperor Alexander*. Described as a 'copper-coloured West Indian', he had been on board a prison hulk for more than a year and for most of that period had been in the hospital. But even though desperately ill, Sandys failed to mend his

ways. Dr Donnelly wrote on 21 April, 'Though seemingly very ill, this man is now proved to have stolen a pound of sugar from another man employed in the Hospital'. He died on 18 May and a post mortem examination revealed phthisis (tuberculosis) and abscess of the left lung.

The second fatality was Samuel Rawlings. He had been treated for both scrofula and chronic rheumatism and having survived the entire voyage, died on 14 August whilst the ship was anchored off Hobart. At 5.15p.m. when mustered he had appeared well and according to his mess-mates was in good health all evening. Just before 9.00p.m. he told the man who slept next to him that he was ill and within a few minutes had stopped breathing. The post mortem authorised by a Coroner's jury revealed a stomach ulcer although the disease was recorded as asphyxia.

Another unfortunate was a soldier, James Kenedy, aged 17. He first became ill on 15 June, complaining of headache and general pains, with swollen face, legs and feet. He was treated and discharged to duty three days later. However, his condition either returned or worsened and he went back on 24 June. Despite treatment, his condition deteriorated with increased swelling of the head, eyebrows and lower extremities. By the 30th, the swelling was so severe that his eyes were completely closed and the left arm and thigh were also affected. He continued to be treated for the duration of the voyage with his condition being described in great detail. Finally, on 14 August he was sent ashore to the hospital in Hobart.

Samuel Draper, a convict aged 24, suffered a particularly unpleasant scrofulous abscess on the inside of the left thigh. Described as the size of a

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hen's egg, the abscess burst naturally on 9 July and it was not until three weeks later that Draper was walking again. Even when discharged to shore on 16 August, the ulcer was still open.

There were three injuries caused by falls. On 9 July, James LYNCH, a soldier aged 38 fell from the lower deck into the after-hold. He injured his hip and was unable to move his left thigh without considerable pain, but was able to return to duty within two weeks. Heavy rolling of the ship on 24 July was responsible for injuries to two men—Daniel KEEFFE, 40, a corporal of the Guard, and William ANDERSON, 47, a convict. They fell on the quarter-deck and received deep wounds to the head. Both were initially rendered insensible, but sustained no other injury, and fortunately their wounds healed well.

Mrs McCULLOCH, the 22-year-old wife of soldier John McCulloch, gave birth on board ship on 22 April: 20 year old sailor Samuel PANK was suffering from gonorrhoea. Convicts Peter CANE, 17, and William BOOTH, 20, both had scalded legs. The ship's cook, John ARMSTRONG scalded his arm. These are just a few examples of the many cases listed, and although the details may seem insignificant, they are surely the finer brush strokes which help to complete the picture.

Following is a list of the names included in the journal, together with age and the number of entries for that name. It should be remembered that ages quoted show variations, people often used more than one forename, and surname spellings can vary enormously—Dr Donnelly's spelling is definitely idiosyncratic! If members would like further details for any of the names, please email me at Moate22@aol.com or contact the editor.

SURNAME	Forename	Age	Entries
ABBOTT	Charles	23	1
ABLE	Thomas	28	2
ABLE	Thos	28	1
ACKETT	Stephen	17	1
ALBOROUGH	Thomas	22	1
ALLEN	William	16	1
ANDERSON	John	28	1
ANDERSON	Wm	47	1
APPLEBY	Joseph	19	3
APSEY	Robert	23	1
ARMSTRONG	John	36	3
ASTON	John	21	2
BAILEY	John	24	2
BALL	James	22	2
BEST	William	23	1
BIRDMAN	James	42	1
BLACKNEY	George	22	1
BLANCHARD	William	18	1
BLIGH	Thomas	22	1
BOOOCK	Thomas	18	1
BOOTH	William	20	4
BOYCE	Mr	25	1
BOYCE	William	18	1
BRIDLEY [BRISLEY]	John	22	2
BROWN	William	25	2
BURKE	Edward	20	1
BURKE	Tobias	26	1
BURY	George	23	2
CANE	Peter	17	2
CHAMLEY	George	20	2
CLEMENS	Charles	21	1
COLLARD	Charles	23	1
COLLINS	Charles	19	2
COLLINS	Denis	59	1
COOPER	Geoe	22	1
COPE	William	20	2
CROUCH	James	17	3
DALBY	Thomas	37	1
DALTON	James	23	1
DAVIE	James	21	2
DAVIES	James	20	1
DAVIS	James	21	1
DEVILLE	John	27	3
DEWEY	John	23	1
DRAPER	Samuel	24	2
DUBBER	Thomas	21	2
EATES	Thomas	28	1
EDWARDS	Joseph	18	1
ENDERBY	William	28	1
EVANS	Edwin	19	1
EVANS	James	27	6
EVANS	Joseph	17	1

FANTON	Patrick	27	1	MOLLAR	Thomas	20	2
FARE	Samuel	23	1	MORETON	John	26	1
FISHER	Geoe	24	3	MORGAN	Joseph	26	3
FITZGERALD	James	24	2	NEEDHAM	John	21	2
FLETCHER	James	24	1	NOTT	Thomas	20	1
FLITT	Magnus	24	1	O'NEIL	John	18	1
GABBOTT	Mrs	33	1	OSBORNE	James	28	1
GILL	Robert	26	2	PANK	Samuel	20	3
GLOVER	James	21	1	PEARCE	William	26	3
GOLDEN	John	38	2	PERROTEN	Charles	20	1
GOODMAN	Thomas	24	2	PICKERING	James	19	1
GOSCOIGNE	James	17	1	PORTER	Henry	25	1
GRAY	Thomas	19	1	POULSON	William	17	1
GRIFFITHS	Nathaniel	18	2	POWELL	Abraham	20	3
HATCHER	Joseph	17	1	PURFLEET	James	20	1
HICKS	Henry	15	3	RANDALL	Josiah	50	2
HILLMAN	Ezra	27	1	RAWLINGS	Samuel	19	5
HOPE	Richard	22	1	RIGBY	James	29	1
HORNE	Thomas	14	1	ROACH	John	24	1
HORSMAN	John	25	1	ROACH	Mrs	24	1
HOWARD	Nathaniel	22	4	ROBINSON	Thomas	19	2
HUGHES	George	20	1	RONEY	James	32	1
HUMPHREYS	Geoe	20	1	RYAN	John	27	1
HUMPHRIES	George	20	1	SAMPSON	William	19	1
HUNT	Jabez	22	2	SANDYS	Horatio	21	2
HUXLEY	William	27	1	SEAGULL	William	46	1
HYDE	Morrice	16	1	SHIPLETT	Henry	19	1
ISEABY [?]	James	24	1	SMITH	Charles	24	1
JOHNSON	James	20	2	SMITH	Joshua	20	1
JONES	John	23	2	SMITH	William	20	2
JONES	William	14	4	SPARKES	Samuel	32	1
JORDAN	Matthew	2	1	SPEARMAN	Robert	17	1
JORDAN	Thomas	24	1	STACEY	William	19	1
KEEFFE	Daniel	40	2	STEPHENSON	George	20	1
KENEDY	James	20	3	TANNER	Charles	17	1
KING	Robert	25	4	TAYLOR	Joseph	24	1
KNOWLES	William	29	1	TAYLOR	William	15	2
LACEY	Edward	24	2	TEMPLON	James	32	1
LACY	Edward	25	2	TOLL	James	39	1
LEE	John	23	1	TRANTER	Benjamin	19	1
LEWIS	Charles	23	3	TULLEY	Patrick	28	2
LEWIS	Geoe	22	1	TURNER	Charles	27	2
LEWIS	Joseph	22	2	VALENTINE	Mrs	19	2
LEWIS	Wm	21	1	VICK	Henry	40	2
LOVATT	John	42	2	WALKER	Richard	34	4
LYNCH	James	38	2	WALLS	Matthew	27	1
MACKLESFIELD	James	25	2	WATSON	Joseph	47	1
MALCOLM	Robert	26	1	WEATHERS	Samuel	32	1
MANNING	Wm	21	1	WEST	John	23	2
MARTIN	James	18	1	WILLIAMS	Christr	33	1
MASCALL	William	24	2	WILSON	Charles	27	1
MAY	Henry	29	1	WILSON	William	18	1
McCULLOCH	John	25	2	WILTSHIRE	Thomas	16	2
McCULLOCH	Mrs	22	2	WITHERS	James	28	1
McGUIRE	John	32	1	WOLF	Jacob	34	1
MILLER	George	22	1	WOOD	Charles	23	2
MILLS	Francis	23	3				

FISHERMAN TO BRICK TRAIL

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THE practice of banishing undesirables had a long history in England, but it was not organised as a definite system until the Transportation Act of 1717. Prisoners transported under this system were sent to the Americas, until the Revolution of 1775 ended this traffic. The British Government was forced to look for alternative ways of handling the thousands of felons awaiting disposal in the hulks of Britain.

Botany Bay was the site chosen for the first penal settlement in Australia in 1788. In 1803 convicts were among the colonisers in Van Diemen's Land. Transportation continued to Tasmania until 1853, by which time 74,000 convicts had been sent to the colony.

If a convict was well behaved, he was assigned to a private settler as a farm labourer. Female convicts (and there were up to 13,000 of these) were usually employed as house servants. A convict's family could be brought out to join him at Government expense. For minor misdemeanours, convicts were frequently punished by flogging, time on the treadmill, or for worse offences, assigned to a road gang. Serious or frequent offenders had the most severe punishment short of execution: they were transported to a penal settlement at Macquarie Harbour on the island's rugged west coast and later to Port Arthur, south of Hobart on the isolated Tasman Peninsular.

One of these convicts, George GUY, is now 'laid to rest' in the streets of Campbell Town, a former coach stop on the well travelled route along the Midlands Highway, linking the north and south of our island state. George Guy is

part of the Convict Brick Trail, commenced in August last year and along with over 2000 other convicts has been immortalised in the bricks laid along the footpath of this quiet country town. The town's Red Bridge was built by convicts in 1830, using more than one and half a million bricks crafted from local clay. It is still in use today on this major highway.

George Guy was born around 1800 in Rochester, Kent and lived and worked in this area as a fisherman. On 13 October 1828 he was tried and convicted of stealing a watch 'from the person' and sentenced to 14 years transportation. Leaving England on 11 August 1829 after spending 11 months in prison (or a prison hulk in the Thames), George arrived in Hobart Town on 14 December 1829 aboard the *Surrey 2*.

Although George's convict record states he was aged 20, in fact he was 28 when he was convicted. He was a small man at 5 feet 4 inches. He had several tattoos, one of a woman with a dog standing on his hind legs and inside a wreath the initials AG, LG, MG. There were also darts on the inside of his right arm and an anchor on the inside of his left arm. He was a single man and could read and write.

On his arrival in Van Diemen's Land George was assigned to the road gangs in the midlands, brought about by many acts of misconduct according to his very full record! These ranged from absconding several times, to stealing his fellow convict's boots, to, 'being absent from his gang and being in a Public House'. This may have led to George going into the

hotel business once he was a free man (no mention on his record when he was granted his Conditional Pardon). A report in the *Hobart Town Gazette* shows him as the Licensee of the 'Wilmot Arms' at Grass Tree Hill near Richmond, on 7 October 1845, in 1848 and again in 1849. Then he moved to the 'Richmond Hotel' (Henry Street then known as Commercial Road) in September 1850; he was a licensed victualler at the time of his death in 1861.

Although no marriage record has been found, George had 'Permission to Marry' Elizabeth MEARS on 21 November 1842. They went on to have five children: Susannah born 1844 married Henry JARVIS, Mary Ann born 1845 married George JAMES, George born 1849 married Annie COCHRANE, Elizabeth born 1849 married William IBBOTT and Lucy born 1851 married Henry WILSON.

Our line follows George and Annie, who lived in Hobart, Macquarie Plains, and Hamilton, before settling at Mathinna near Fingal.

After George died at the age of 61 years, Elizabeth took over the running of the hotel. She remarried Thomas RYLY (RYLEY), but died from cancer of the womb on 29 December 1864 at the age of 42 years. They are all buried at St Luke's Anglican Church, Richmond along with William HUGHES who died in 1874. As yet we have been unable to connect Hughes with the Guys. ●

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GETTING AROUND IN THE 19TH CENTURY

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IN 1769 James WATT took out his famous patent for, 'A new invented method of lessening the consumption of steam and fuel in fire engines'. In 1781, Watt invented his sun-and-planet gear which replaced the reciprocating action of his original engine with rotary motion. In the following years of the 18th century and into the 19th century, Watt's invention was applied to many uses, such as powering railway engines and ships and pumping out flooded mines. The 19th century was therefore a time of transition from communication provided by animal power (for example horses) and communication provided by wind power (as in sailing ships) to that provided by steam power.

Some notable landmarks: 27 September 1825, George STEPHENSON's first passenger train ran from Darlington to Stockton. Isambard Kingdom BRUNEL built a series of steam powered ships capable of crossing the Atlantic; in 1837 the *Great Western*; 1843 the *Great Britain*; and in 1858 the *Great Eastern*. Railway lines needed to be constructed for the steam powered trains and this, in turn, meant that from time to time rock needed to be blasted and removed. In 1867 Swedish physicist Alfred NOBLE took out a patent for dynamite.

The 20th century was the time of the internal combustion engine, but it should be noted that vehicles pulled by horses still existed into the 20th century. In Melbourne in the 1930s I can remember several merchants delivering goods by means of horse drawn vehicles. ●

FROM IRELAND TO THE COLONIES: A TALE OF TWINS

Rosalie Raftis

TWINS William and Eliza WILLIAMS both contributed to Van Diemen's Land in its infant state. They were born on 12 July 1800 in Kilkenny, Ireland, to Captain William Williams and Elizabeth FINN. Their siblings were: Maria, who entered the Irish Sisters of Charity as Sister Francis Borgia; James Edmond Williams, who became a surgeon in the British Army and attained the position of Inspector General of Hospitals; Herbert Michael who died about 1834 and was a merchant and finally, Charles Jonas Williams, Auctioneer and Port Phillip pioneer. Captain Williams' father was James Williams, an eminent bookseller of Dame Street, Dublin; many of the books he published in the mid to late 1700s are still available for purchase. Elizabeth Finn's father, Edmund Finn of Kilkenny, founded *Finn's Leinster Journal*, one of the oldest Irish newspapers.

Captain Williams left the army and commenced business as a banker, later taking his brother-in-law Michael Finn as a partner. The bank failed, and Captain Williams reentered the army at the lesser rank of cornet in the 11th Light Dragoons. Financially, things were gloomy for the Williams family and so young William accompanied his father to Spain with the hope of obtaining a commission, even though he was not yet twelve.

In a skirmish with the French troops prior to the Battle of Salamanca, Cornet Williams was fatally wounded. An account of his bravery is recorded in Sir William Napier's *History of the Peninsular War*. Young William found him-

self alone, his father now dead. Due to the high esteem in which his father was held, William was supported by those in power. Colonel CUMMINGS sent a letter to Major General ANSON requesting William be awarded his father's vacant cornetcy. In turn, Major General Anson wrote to the Duke of WELLINGTON asking for his sanction of this request. His Excellency agreed, and so began William Williams' military career.

On 10 August 1822 William transferred to the 40th Regiment of Foot as an ensign. On the 9 April 1825 he transferred to the 57th Regiment of Foot as a lieutenant, and in April 1826 he was exchanged back to the 40th Regiment of Foot as a lieutenant.

It would appear that William was posted to Van Diemen's Land with the 57th Regiment about 1824–1825. He was exchanged with Lieutenant CURTAIN of the 40th Regiment who was at the time, Magistrate of the Clyde District. The colony of Van Diemen's Land was very young and Governor ARTHUR divided it into nine police districts. This system was instituted in 1827.

Until this point William had been a soldier. He had fought in the Napoleonic Wars and had operated in the very strict army system from an early age. Now he had to deal with the convicts and the free people in his district: no doubt this was quite challenging.

During William's time at Bothwell, a number of convicts escaped from Macquarie Harbour on 7 June 1824. The leader escape was Matthew BRADY,

born in Manchester, England in 1799 and was transported to Botany Bay for forgery. He was sent to Van Diemen's Land. The band of absconders escaped aboard a stolen whaleboat and commenced their careers as bushrangers by 'holding up' homesteads, small towns and travellers around Launceston, Hobart Town and other areas.

In 1825, the 40th Regiment led by Lt Williams took pursuit of the gang following their recent plunderous expeditions in Bothwell. The gang was surprised by the soldiers and took off, leaving much of their ill-gotten gains behind. One of the gang, COWAN, turned informant, betrayed Brady and his party, and assisted the regiment in its pursuit. This chase continued for many months. In March 1826, from the South Esk River, William wrote to Lt Col DALRYMPLE informing him that he had again come across the gang and that Brady had been shot in the leg, but they had lost them between Patersons Plains and the North Esk River. William believed Brady and his gang to be in a harassed state without provisions.

William and his party (about 20 or so) had been able to break up the gang. In one confrontation, several gang members and soldiers were killed. Brady was now weak as his wound festered. With William's party hot on his heels he was pushed into the path of John BATMAN and his party and was thus captured at Bullock's Hunting Ground. (John Batman was the founder of Melbourne.)

William also requested that the party under his command be considered entitled to a share of the reward in Brady's capture, as he felt they were responsible for the gang being disarmed.

Matthew Brady was executed in April 1826. There were many pleas for mercy

as Brady had shown great respect for women and children. The pleas however, fell on deaf ears, and the execution proceeded.

In 1828 as Police Magistrate, Lt Williams applied for government labour to put up a church at Bothwell to serve Anglicans and Presbyterians.

Patricius William WELSH was appointed as William's Chief District Constable in February 1828. There are several letters from William to George FRANKLAND, Surveyor-General, regarding an allotment of land for Mr Welsh for a house as well as a pound for stray livestock. The Lieutenant-Governor, George Arthur, also became involved in this request as the regulations for land grants had changed; land grants were becoming very difficult to obtain.

The *Hobart Town Gazette* of 19 April 1828 reported that William Williams Esq. had been appointed by the Lieutenant-Governor to be a Justice of the Peace for the territory of Van Diemen's Land and its Dependencies.

William married Jane REID (born c.1815 in Scotland) on 16 April 1829. He was 28 and she was 14. Jane was the daughter of Alexander Reid and Mary MUIRHEAD of 'Ratho', six miles west of Edinburgh. The Reids had arrived in Van Diemen's Land in 1821. They built a home, fought off bushrangers and natives and became one of the oldest pioneering families in Tasmania.

In 1830, the 40th Regiment was posted to India and Jane and William left the colony and commenced a new life in Bombay. William and Jane did not find their new life very easy. It was expensive to live in India; both would certainly have missed their family and friends in Van Diemen's Land. The *Clyde Company Papers*, 'Prologue, Volume 1', includes

many letters between the couple and the Reids as well as to each other when William had been posted to another part of India.

It would appear that this was an extremely happy union. In one letter William gently chastised Jane for not writing often enough. In another, dated 27 September 1834, he tells her how ardently he longs for the time of separation to be over. In other correspondence he advises that he has ordered stockings, combs and bonnets for her and that they are expensive.

William had taken a subaltern position and was now addressed as Brevet Captain Williams. He regretted this and it appears that younger men were obtaining promotions over him; he did not have the financial resource to buy himself another commission. William and Jane dearly wanted to return to Ireland or Tasmania. William worked very hard to attain this by studying Hindustani in the hope of gaining a position as a translator.

In 1834, it appeared to be possible that William and Jane would leave India. Tragedy struck, however, and William contracted a fever. He died on 23 November 1834 in Bombay and was buried at Colabah Cemetery. Jane at the age of 20 was now a widow. Their first baby had died at birth and now the day after William's death, their second child, born prematurely died also. Reverend George PIGGOT advised Mrs Reid of William's death in a letter dated 10 December 1834. He wrote that William had been ill, but had rallied and appeared to be recovering. However, the illness had affected his liver and despite all efforts, he died. How distressed Jane's parents must have been, knowing this and not being able to comfort her at such a sad time.

Jane wrote to her mother from Cape Town on the 14 May 1835, advising that she had taken passage on the *Mary* and was bound for Van Diemen's Land. She had gathered strength from her faith and even apologised for causing anxiety to her family

Jane returned to her loving family. She did not remarry and died one of the oldest pioneers, at the age of 82 years on 1 April 1897. She is buried at Ratho.

Eliza (Elizabeth) Williams was the twin sister of William and followed her elder sister Maria, into the Order of The Sisters of Charity in Dublin.

Following Maria's entry to the Order, her brother Herbert's death and the marriage of her youngest brother Charles in 1835, Eliza would have found herself alone. Perhaps marriage was not for her. She possibly sought a higher vocation and on 8 December 1836 she entered the Sisters of Charity and received the habit and the name Sr Mary Joanna on 3 April 1837.

Australia was settled in 1788 and from that point thousands of people arrived at the new colonies. Many were convicts, a great number were men, but there were many women as well. It appears that many of these convicts had not performed any serious felonies, many were poor and may have stolen food. However, convicted they were and transported to New Holland.

The newly consecrated first Bishop of Australia, Reverend J B POLDING, saw a need for priests and nuns to care for the poor, sick, orphaned and the convicts who were kept in 'factories' in desperate and squalid situations. Botany Bay had a horrible reputation as a vile and awful place. In 1835, Bishop Polding appealed to Mother Mary AIKENHEAD (founder of the Sisters of Charity) for help in sending sisters to Parramatta. Mother

Aikenhead supported his appeal and several sisters volunteered to go.

Both Maria (now Sister Francis Borgia) and Eliza (now Sister Mary Joanna) volunteered. Perhaps because Sister F. Borgia was not strong and did not keep good health, her offer was refused. However, her sister Sister Mary Joanna, still a novice, was accepted and with four other sisters embarked on the *Francis Speight* on 18 August 1838 for the long journey to Australia. The journey took four and half months. Sister Mary Joanna was very sick during the journey and I am certain there was much apprehension of what they would see on their arrival.

Eliza Williams (then Sister Mary Joanna) took the name Sister Mary Xavier Williams after the great Missionary patron, Saint Francis Xavier. Sister M Xavier was the first religious woman to make vows in Australia. She professed her vows on 9 April 1839 at St Patrick's Church, Parramatta, New South Wales. Together with the other sisters, Sister M Xavier worked very hard tending the needs of the poor souls in the Penitentiary and the Factory, which was a place of detention for women convicts.

A letter from Mrs C.B. LYONS from Parramatta to Jane Williams, 4 June 1844 advises that Mrs Lyons had given Miss Williams a message from Jane. She was delighted to hear of Jane's welfare. She further advises that the Nuns seemed very happy and were converting the ladies in the Factory very fast—even Protestants.

At a time of crisis in the Church in Australia, two of Sister M Xavier's fellow pioneering nuns were leaving to go to Hobart, Tasmania, which was in desperate need. Sister M. Xavier requested permission to go with them, as one was old and she felt the other would not cope alone. So in 1847, on the barque

Louisa Sister M. Xavier and her two companions sailed for Hobart. Another new beginning; these women were the first religious women to come to Hobart.

In Hobart the sisters visited gaols, hospitals and the homes of the sick poor. In 1873, St Luke's School was opened in South Hobart and six years later St Joseph's Orphanage in Harrington Street. Sister Mary Xavier Williams became Superioress in 1871 following the death of Mother M. de Sales O'Brien.

In a letter dated 24 January 1872, Mother Xavier's old friend Dr ULLATHORNE wrote to her having just received a copy of the *Tasmanian Standard* recording the death of Mother M. de Sales O'Brien. In his letter Dr Ullathorne reminisces about the journey of the five nuns who carried the religious habit to Australia.

Mother Xavier celebrated her Golden Jubilee on 14 May 1889 although the celebrations of this great event commenced on the 1 May when the schools of St Joseph's Parish each acknowledged her wonderful contributions with songs and readings. She received gifts and Archbishop Murphy made a short speech, pointing out that Reverend Mother Francis Xavier was the oldest nun in Australia, having come out here more than fifty years before. She saw the beginning of the Catholic religion in the colonies, when there were no nuns and but few priests. Gifts and acknowledgements poured in from all around the country.

One address that touched Mother M. Xavier very deeply was the one from HM Gaol, Hobart. The prisoners congratulated Reverend Mother on her attaining her Golden Jubilee. They thanked her and her good sisters for their devotion, prayers and support.

Cardinal MORAN from Sydney, the Archbishops of Hobart and Adelaide, the Bishops of Goulburn, Bathurst and Grafton, the superior of the Jesuit Fathers in Australia, Reverend Father STURZO, and a number of priests from the mainland and Tasmania gathered in the sanctuary of St Joseph's Church. It may be that even her nephew, Reverend James Herbert Williams of New South Wales, attended this most auspicious occasion.

In a report by the *Catholic Standard*, Father Gilleran outlined the history of the Sisters of Charity in Ireland, the work of the pioneers in Sydney, the arrival of three of them in Hobart and the work they had carried out there. At the end of Mass, a short procession then took place headed by two small orphan girls. Reverend Mother followed them. As the choir sang the 99th Psalm, the Cardinal blessed the crown and staff, then placed the crown on Mother Xavier's head and the staff in her hand, as he pronounced a blessing over her. As he addressed the congregation, the Cardinal spoke of the heroism of the little band of nuns who left Ireland to come to Australia some 50 years before in a journey few would have had the courage to undertake. Later in the day further celebrations were enjoyed.

Another wonderful thing happened. In 1890, Rome sent word that the Hobart Community was to be amalgamated with that in Sydney. Mother Xavier's prayers had been answered. She now felt at peace. She was much loved and respected. She showed the same courage as that of her father William Williams. She always put the needs of others before her own and brought comfort, kindness and love to all.

Mother Mary Xavier Williams never retired and died on 8 March 1892 in Hobart surrounded by her sisters and is

buried at Cornelian Bay. She was not only the last of that little group of women who had travelled so far from home to help the needy in the new colonies, but she was the last of her family to die.

It is interesting to note that in 1837 Charles Jonas Williams, the youngest brother of William and Eliza, also came to Australia. He arrived in Launceston and visited his sister-in-law Jane, who was terribly excited to see him.

Charles married Anna Theodosia BELCHER and through this marriage he became connected to several other pioneering families. Anna's sisters all married in Australia, Marcella Belcher married Robert VON STIEGLITZ and Sophia Belcher married Charles von Stieglitz, both brothers of Henry Lewis Von Stieglitz of Tasmania. Elizabeth Belcher married William LANGHORNE of Port Phillip, Mary Jane Belcher married David STEAD and Susan Belcher married Frank Grey SMITH.

Two of Anna's brothers held prominent positions in Victoria. The Hon. George Frederick Belcher was twice Mayor of Geelong and was a very well respected pioneer of early Victoria as well as father of Sir Charles Frederick Belcher, High Court Judge and William Redmond Belcher who held positions with the courts in Port Phillip.

Another brother, Thomas Leopold Belcher was a surgeon with the 51st Regiment posted to Tasmania, he married Miss DUNN, who was the daughter of a prominent banker. There is also a claim that the Belchers were also related to R.R. TORRENS of Torrens Title fame and son of the south Australian Premier Sir Robert Torrens.

I am descended from Charles Jonas Williams and Anna Theodosia Belcher

and have considerable information and documentation regarding the above families. I welcome comment and contact from any interested parties. ●

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THE GONINONS AT BEACONSFIELD: A CORNWALL CONNECTION

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IT was in December 1877 that the gold rush settlement of Brandy Creek had its first Post Office. That was six months after the DALLY brothers had discovered the cap of a rich gold reef, later known as the Tasmania Reef, high on the slope of Cabbage Tree Hill behind where the town of Beaconsfield stands. By March 1879, the recognisable infrastructure of a town was emerging from the chaos of a goldfield. The sensibilities of the more respectable elements of the community had demanded that a more prestigious name be adopted, and thus the town was renamed Beaconsfield after the great British statesman, Benjamin DISRAELI, Lord BEACONSFIELD.

Legend has it that the first manager of the Tasmania Company, Joseph DAVIES, being a Wesleyan preacher and temperance campaigner, would only employ teetotallers and church-goers in his mine.¹ One man who apparently qualified under these criteria, as well as being an experienced miner, was Henry GONINON, who arrived with his wife and family at around this time.

Henry and Mary Goninon were among hundreds of couples who migrated from Cornwall following the birth of the mining industry in the Australian colonies in the mid-1800s. The Cornish had a history of mining in their homeland, dating back to the Bronze Age, and were widely regarded as the best hard rock miners in the world. They were encouraged to migrate in large numbers by the prospect of employment in the burgeoning mining industry here and the USA.

Life was not easy for the mining people of Cornwall, and Henry had begun working in a mine at the tender age of 8 years old. At the age of 20, he went to America to work in a copper mine, but soon returned to Cornwall and married Mary ELLIS. They had four children, and another on the way, when Henry again turned to the greater opportunities overseas. Leaving his wife and family behind, he sailed for the goldfields of Victoria and settled at Sailors Gully near Bendigo.

It would be another five years before Mary and the five children were able to join him there after a long sea journey on the sailing ship *Golden South*. They had several more children and moved to Moonta, South Australia where there was a large Cornish community. However, the appeal of Moonta waned with the deaths of hundreds of children, including two of their own, due to a bad water supply. They moved finally to Tasmania, arriving here in 1878.

After short periods at Mounts Bischoff and Lyell, Henry joined the Tasmania Mine at Beaconsfield in 1880. He died there six years later at the age of 59 from tuberculosis, a common disease of miners. An obituary in the *Examiner* described him as a man whose conduct was 'always upright and honourable' and whose burial was attended by 'fully 500 persons'. By this time, the family was well established in Tasmania, several of his sons following him in the mining industry.

His eldest son, also named Henry, was a prime mover in the establishment of the

Primitive Methodist Church at Beaconsfield. The same building, subsequently moved and modernised, serves today as the Beauty Point Uniting Church. Two other sons, William and Edward Francis, became leading hands in the Tasmania Mine whilst others joined the industry on the West Coast.

William, widely known as Prim (for Primitive Methodist), was a devout and colourful lay preacher, and a leader of men. Once there was a rock fall in the mine, and a large group of men were trapped. Prim, having an intimate knowledge of all the shafts and drives, led in a rescue party which brought the men out to safety. When the roll was called at the top it was realised that Prim was missing. He was found still down the mine, trapped in water up to his neck, praying and praising the Lord. Edward Francis was a shift boss at Beaconsfield and also worked in mines on the West Coast.

When the Tasmania Mine closed down, there were numerous applications for the lease, and so it was decided to determine the successful applicant by drawing lots. It was Mrs Sarah Goninon, Edward's wife who was a former Salvation Army Officer, whose name was drawn. It was of sentimental value only, as the mine was at that time deemed uneconomical.

Today there are many more Goninons in Tasmania than in Cornwall, from whence all of that name around the world have originated. The spelling of the name varies but all are related through their one place of origin. In October 2005, a Global Goninon Gathering is to be held in Launceston, thus reinforcing the long-standing connection between Cornwall and Northern Tasmania. ●

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COUSIN KEN

Shirley Foster

I had ten ‘boy’ cousins. Ken COULTER was my favourite. Ken, who was born in Perth WA in 1915, was the second son of Mr and Mrs Harold Coulter, but sadly his father died when he was only four. After this misfortune his mother made her home in Launceston with her mother and unmarried sisters, who were known in the family as ‘The Aunties’. Ken was their favourite too, so, as a little boy, he gave them an ‘awful fright’ when he fell head first over their upstairs veranda railing, somersaulted, then landed unharmed on the front lawn. He attended the Charles Street Primary and Launceston High Schools then worked as an office boy with F.H. STEPHENS the Shipping Agents and in time, went on to become State Manager.

In 1942 he enlisted in the RAAF and after training in Canada and Ireland served with 612 Squadron RAF (The Aberdeen Squadron). He was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross. His citation reads:

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When peace was declared Ken married a Scottish lass. He was a popular after-dinner speaker in Launceston, with a dry sense of humour, but he didn’t speak of the hours spent in Lancaster and Wellington bombers. He confided, however, the worst task he had to perform was gathering up the personal

effects of the men who lost their lives while on active service and mailing these home to their next of kin.

Ken Coulter died in 1996, leaving descendants in Hobart and Canberra. ●

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MEMORIES OF THE NORTH-EAST RAILWAY

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THERE have been articles in the newspapers and celebrations to mark the Centenary of the railway in the north-east. The work commenced in 1885 and was completed to Scottsdale in 1889. It was extended to Branxholm in 1918 and to Herrick in 1919. Sadly, it is now closed beyond Ling's Siding just out of Scottsdale and much of the track has been removed. There are many memories of events and experiences concerning the railway and our family.

During my childhood, our family spent most school holidays at Blumont, near Nabowla, with our grandparents. The train went past—just one paddock away. It was always exciting to rush out to see it. We waved madly and were often rewarded when the guard or a passenger waved back. The siding nearby was used mainly for loading trucks with cattle or timber, but passengers used it occasionally. It was necessary to 'put the flag out', or at night, light a candle or put a torch in the signal box to warn the train to stop. In later years, there was a railmotor and the obliging driver would stop opposite the house for travellers to alight. They would get through the fence and walk across the paddock, much to the interest of the other passengers. The original Blumont Siding is gone, but further up the line there has been a more modern loading zone for log trucks.

We travelled occasionally on the steam train. I remember the slightly sooty smell, the seats facing one another, the clicketty-clack movement of the carriages, luggage racks overhead, toilet and washbasin compartment, foot-warmers on

the floor (flat metal containers filled with some kind of chemical which the movement of the train activated) and the windows which had to be hurriedly closed when we neared the Tunnel or we would be covered with soot. The train stopped to take on water at Denison Gorge, a very pretty and popular picnic spot, accessible only by rail. I believe there is no sign of the picnic area now.

In earlier times, the train was also the ambulance, especially during the 1918 typhoid epidemic. The dreaded 'yellow carriage' took the local patients to Launceston to the Infectious Diseases Hospital. One of these was our Aunt Kate, aged 25, who was carried on a stretcher by her two brothers from their parents' home at Blumont. Sadly, she did not return. Later still (1924), Mrs RILEY, of Winnaleah, seriously ill after her daughter Meg (KING) was born, was taken with the baby by train to Launceston.

The earliest and least comfortable trip we know of was in 1906. John CARINS of Lisle Road (Nabowla) had a serious accident when an axe nearly severed his foot. He was conveyed to Scottsdale on a railmen's flat-top trolley. These took four men to operate by hand, each push-pulling with a rod attached to a peg on the wheel. After medical treatment, John went by train to Launceston.

When my mother was young, her mother would take her on the train to Scottsdale to visit the CUNNINGHAM grandparents. On one occasion, HEAZLEWOOD cousins were staying at the Manse at Ellesmere. The two children, Gean and Glen were dispatched to the

station with a pram to fetch the baby home. Somehow, Nannah must have found an alternative way home and they missed her. They set off to walk the quite long distance back home. The last steep hill was too tempting: one climbed in the pram and the other pushed, but of course the pram took off, and came to grief at the bottom of the hill. No one was hurt, but they came in for a scolding. They told me of the escapade, with a great deal of merriment when they were both in their eighties!

In 1918, the line was completed to Branhholm. It was that year that Tom Carins (who had been logging on the coast for some time) purchased the farm at Fernbank, Winnaleah, and moved his family from Nabowla. It was quite an undertaking. Tom left on the first day driving 'Skipper' in the buggy, leading the pony, 'Chum', and driving all his stock. The next day, his wife and three children travelled by train to Branhholm. From there they were to be taken on by mail bus, a T-model Ford driven by Mr Bill MUCKRIDGE. Agnes had not been to Winnaleah before, and Mr Muckridge interpreted 'Mr Carins' house' as referring to the hut Tom had used near the Winnaleah sale yards. Imagine her dismay on being delivered there!

"But Tom said there was a house!" she exclaimed. Deciding there was a mistake, she and the children accompanied Mr Muckridge on the mail round, doing a Cook's tour of the district as far afield as Moorina, before Fernbank was finally discovered.

In 1944, Dad was appointed Headmaster of the Scottsdale District School, but I had to continue my education in Launceston. It was then that we discovered that most of the High School students from Scottsdale (classes only to

third year there) to Lilydale travelled weekly by rail-motor to Launceston and boarded there. The train left at 8.45a.m. arriving about 11.00a.m. By the time we had walked from the station to the High School in Paterson Street, we had missed four out of the five morning periods.

Dad considered this an appalling waste of lesson time and set about to remedy the situation. After a few months of tangling with red tape, he finally achieved an arrangement whereby the Monday rail-motor left Scottsdale at 6.45a.m. and returned earlier in the afternoon. It started some time in the second term, but I had missed its maiden voyage owing to several weeks' illness. The great day finally came! My father had to light the way with a torch as we walked to the station in the middle of winter to catch the early train which they dubbed 'Orchard's train'.

The station-master greeted me with, "You are a nice sort—your father goes and gets a special train put on for you to get to school and you haven't even used it yet!" I did use it and so did many other students until Lilydale had a daily bus. Those further away used FRY's Bus. Now there is a daily bus for higher education students from Scottsdale, but I don't think I would have liked all that travelling.

There was another incident involving the train that year. It was war time and Mrs Olive FIELDWICK (whose husband was serving overseas) volunteered to teach, and was appointed to Weldborough State School. It was the great unknown in those days. Hardly anyone owned a car, and Mrs Fieldwick, understanding that the train ran to Herrick, embarked with three young children and all her belongings on the afternoon train, unaware that it only went as far as

Scottsdale at night, so they were stranded on Scottsdale railway station. The policeman called to assist, scratched his head and came up with the bright idea that as she was a teacher, it should be the Headmaster's responsibility: so he brought them to our front door. I well remember my mother taking them in, getting meals, making up beds and no doubt giving some comfort. They went on their way on the morning train. Mum and Mrs Fieldwick always remained friends after the Fieldwicks returned to their Pipers River farm, and met up at CWA from time to time.

When we were married (1950) the mail and papers came by train, even on Saturdays. As trains were notoriously late, we would not go to collect the mail until the train had gone through our property. Most goods came this way, the icecream packed in dry ice in large green canvas-covered containers.

The line from Herrick to Winnaleah had its hazards. Sometimes the engine could not cope with the heavy frost on the line and there would be a delay. On one occasion there was a derailment on this section. The gully was so steep that a makeshift line had to be constructed and the train pulled up with two bulldozers. For many years Peter (my husband) had the job of loading cattle after the monthly stock sales. This meant very early rising to load all the stock purchased by out-of-town buyers, pushing trucks into position, bringing the cattle in from the pens, and loading them for the morning train.

Our children were taken on a school excursion by train to Legerwood and back for a picnic. Although the train ran daily through our farm, it was their first train ride! There has been a friendly relationship with the train drivers over the years. If we heard a toot-toot-toot of the

whistle, we would know there was stock on the line. Once, 'Guv' GARDNER actually stopped the train and walked across the paddock to tell Peter there were sheep fallen into the dam. Others have phoned up from the next station to let us know of straying stock or stock in difficulties.

The last trip I had on a steam train was a special occasion (29 April 1967) when World Chief Guide, Lady Baden POWELL, visited. Guides, brownies, scouts and cubs were taken by train from over the state to Longford Showground. From the north-east a train picked up children, parents and leaders along the way. It was an exciting, but tiring day.

The last steam train came through some years ago. Some zealots managed to restore it and make a nostalgic journey to Herrick, with dozens of cars following on the road, and a helicopter overhead with a film crew. When the train passed though our place, and the helicopter flew low, the cattle were so terrified, they went through several fences. It took considerable time and trouble to get things back to normal. We were neither impressed nor nostalgic!

In 1999, on Peter's 75th birthday, he launched a book, *Nekah*, and presented a framed 'project' on Herrick to the Convent School to preserve some of the early history of this once thriving and important railway terminus of the north-east railway. All that remains of the railway is the old water tank on its rusting stand.

Footnote: The north-eastern line from Legerwood to Herrick closed in 1991 and the track removed. In recent years there has been a freight service from Launceston to Scottsdale and Longanah, a few kilometres beyond. This is to close this year (2004). The end of an era. ●

COPYING TASMANIAN CHURCH REGISTERS

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THE records and registers kept by the various religious organisations over the centuries are a wonderful source of information for family historians. We love to get copies of them and to compile indexes. But, under the Australian *Copyright Act* of 1968, copying of documents created in Australia is strictly regulated. It is illegal to make copies of published or unpublished 'literary works' (the term used in the Act that covers such things as registers) outside the provisions of the *Copyright Act*. Most church registers are unpublished, so the sections of the Act that relate to 'unpublished literary works' apply to them.

Church records are not government records. The sections of the Act that cover copyright in documents created by the Crown don't apply to them. Each register is created by a particular religious body, which is a voluntary organisation and the copyright in it belongs to that body. In some cases, the rights may belong to the individual within the organisation who created them, rather than the organisation. This depends on the structure of the particular body. The creator of the records is the owner of the copyright. Because church marriage records after 1837 are also part of the civil registration process, further considerations may apply to them.

Copying for private study or research

If, for example, you would like to copy a part or the whole of a register for use in your own private family history research, you need to be very clear about how much of the item may be copied, how

many copies may be made, and whether these copies can be recopied and passed on to someone else. This type of copying is dealt with under the 'fair dealing' section of the act. All libraries and archives holding copies of registers are required by the Act to display copyright information about this near their copying equipment. Users of the copying equipment are legally obliged to make themselves aware of the requirements of the Act.

When the Archives Office provides copies of registers to libraries, these copies may be used only for private study and research. If you want to make copies for public use, you need to get permission from the church concerned.

Publishing a copy of a record, or adding a copy to the Internet, raises further issues.

Adding copies to a family history library for public use

In addition to the regulations regarding copying by individuals for private study or research, there are special provisions that apply to obtaining and providing copies for use in public and not-for-profit libraries, and similar bodies. If you are involved with the operation of a library or archives, or a similar place, where records (including documents and photographs) are made available for use by the public, you need to be very careful that you are observing the conditions of the Act.

If you have, or would like to have, copies of church registers for your library, or to add them to the Internet, you need to have formal permission from the relevant

church which must then be provided to the organisation that provides the copy (for example, microfilm copies made by the Archives Office of Tasmania). Some churches allow their registers to be copied and indexed. Others don't. That is their prerogative. The necessary formal permissions should always be obtained. Most Tasmanian churches have websites that give contact information.

The Australian Copyright Council

To help the general public understand the *Copyright Act*, the Australian Copyright Council has produced a number of useful books and information sheets. Details about these can be found on the Council's website at <http://www.copyright.org.au/>

Some of the most useful books and information sheets for family historians, and those who operate family history resource centres for the public, are listed below. The information sheets are available in full on the website. Your local library should be able to help you get access to the books.

Books

- *Libraries and copyright*
- *Historians and copyright*
- *Copyright and the internet*

Information sheets

- G10 An introduction to copyright in Australia
- G23 Duration of copyright
- G42 Family histories and copyright
- G49 Libraries (non-profit): introduction to copyright
- G53 Copying for research or study
- G56 Internet: copying from
- G79 Fair dealing

Other things affecting copying

Copying of registers, and any other document or photograph, may also be restricted by other factors.

The first is the physical condition of the item. Some registers may be so old and fragile that the handling needed to do the copying may adversely affect it. So a request to have a copy made may be refused on these grounds. Further, exposure to ultraviolet light does irreparable damage to documents and photographs. So copying of original items needs to be restricted to a minimum.

Further, the current owner of the original physical item (who may, or may not be, the creator and owner of the copyright) also has the right to refuse a request to copy. No reason is needed for this. It is simply the right of the owner to do so.

Summary

The *Copyright Act* is very complicated, and this article is not in any way a legal opinion or interpretation. Before doing any copying that goes beyond use for private study and research, one should always refer to the Act, and check relevant information sources, such as those listed above. If necessary, get a formal legal opinion on any particular matter of concern. ●

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JOTTINGS FROM JOURNALS AT LAUNCESTON BRANCH

The Borders Family History Society Magazine—Issue 54—March 2004:

This issue has a nine-page list of Australian Intimations in *Hawick Advertiser*.

Births 1858–1897, Marriages 1854–1900, Deaths 1853–1862.

THE MISTAKES WE MAKE

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I am a firm believer, when having a research problem, in the adage, 'Eliminate the impossible until only the possible is left'. This story is an object lesson in how this approach can go very, very wrong.

An abject apology is in order, which I humbly offer my correspondents with whom I have been incommunicado since moving interstate in 2002. This is how it happened:

My research mistake: Ann HOWE, my great, great grandmother.

My ancestors: George MUNDY (c.1788–1 June 1867) and Sarah FREE (30 December 1797–12 November 1871). Their son and daughter in law:

Henry Edward Mundy (29 January 1824–13 August 1904) and Ann Howe (c.1827–22 January 1912).

There are many mysteries in George and Sarah Mundy's family. (I have previously written about this family—see *Tasmanian Ancestry* Vol. 20 No. 4, March 2000.) Some since solved, a few by me, but more by the diligent and generously shared research of other descendants to whom I give my heartfelt thanks.

An update for those who may not know of this enormously convoluted family:

George Monday/Mundy (c.1788–1 June 1867)—condensed history: convicted 22 March 1802 Devonshire Assizes: 'Burglary & stealing spirituous liquors from the house of Edward Beer at Plymouth'. Sentenced to death and then reprieved and transported for life. On the *Calcutta* with David COLLINS in the attempt to make a settlement at Port Phillip (Victoria) in 1803, and then arrived on the *Ocean* at Risdon Cove in 1804. Sarah

SMITH/FREE was born on Norfolk Island to Samuel Free/FREER/ISRAEL, *Salamander* 1791 and Elizabeth Smith, *Lady Juliana* 1790.

The children baptised at St David's, Hobart Town or at Clarence Plains.

James 1815-? No other records found. It is said he went to Western Australia.

George 1817-1879 (Vic) spouse Margaret McMAHON.

Samuel 1819-1892 spouse Mary Ann ROBERTS.

Thomas (William) 1821-? spouse Charlotte KEMP.

Henry Edward 1824-1904 spouses Ann Howe/Howell/Howie very possibly Elizabeth WIGGINS, Eliza BILLET/Bellett(e)/FRANKLIN.

Mary Ann Elizabeth 1826-1899 (Vic) spouse George FREDERICK/Friedrich MEZGER.

John 1828-1911 (Vic) spouse Susan HEYWOOD.

Sarah 1830-? spouse Charles NASH

Maria Hanna 1832-? spouse Thomas RILEY.

Edward 1836-1922 spouse Hannah BARNES/REARDON.

My family in question—and their complicated relationships:

Henry Edward Monday/Mundy married Ann Howe at St Matthews, Clarence Plains, on 2 February 1847. Their twelve children were: Alice Maude, Emily, Amelia Ann/Jane, Adelina Louisa, Henry Joseph, William George, James John (Charles), Ellen Sarah (my great grandmother), (Regina) Mary Eveline, Elizabeth Nancy (Mary), Clara Susan and Emeline Frances Maria.

Henry Edward very possibly had a relationship with Elizabeth WIGGINS resulting in a son Jacob William (Wiggins) ('Mother Elizabeth, father Henry').

Henry Edward's other common-law spouse was Eliza Billet/Bellett(e) married to John Franklin whose real surname was YARD. She had four children to John, they were Caroline, Ann, Arthur (George) Henry and Mary Catherine.

Henry Edward MUNDY and Eliza Franklin had 12 (?) children of their own who were born Mundy, but used the surname of Franklin. These were: Henry Joseph (Harry)? ('Mother Eliza, father Edward'), Adelaide Maud, James George, Malvina (Melvina), William Edward, Clara Amelia, Maria, Adelaide, Charles Thomas, Ellen May, Minnie, Walter and Ernest.

My horrendous mistake:

Henry Edward's wife Anne married as Howe, registered the births of all her children but one, under the maiden name of Howell, the other interpreted as HOWIE. The only clues I had to her birth were her age given at marriage (20) making her born circa 1827, she was a farmer's daughter, and a witness to the wedding was Edward Howe.

My research was thorough, in depth, accurate—or so I thought! The only person to whom I could fit the known facts were a Mary Anne Elizabeth Howe born 30 September 1827 in Hobart Town (coincidentally the same birth day and month as me—wishful thinking?) to James Howe, waterman, and Mary (TICKTON) *Mary I*, 1823. They had another daughter Margaret in 1825, who was admitted to the orphanage by her father in 1837 and consequently discharged to the infirmary (being blind) in 1853. I found nothing else except Mary Tickton's convict record, last entry, a Conditional Pardon approved in 1838.

I had looked at all children born in Australia in the appropriate time period, or immigrants arriving prior to the marriage having any variant of the surname—How, Howe, Howell etc. I had everything, as I thought. A birth, baptism, parents, child census records, etc. I could find no other person who fitted the profile no matter how hard I looked. I had eliminated them all, one by one.

A newspaper obituary showed Ann Mundy died at the home of her daughter Mrs WHITE in Launceston on 22 December 1912 and was buried at Carr Villa. I believe my fundamental mistake is that I have not acquired the only other known official document, namely her death certificate, which might offer other salient facts.

The facts I had dangling were firstly James Howe, who had originally been a waterman. No other record could be found after that, indicating he had become a farmer. Then there was the witness at the wedding Edward Howe. The only Edward Howes who could fit as a father, brother, or other relative, had died prior to the marriage, had immigrated or were mentioned in later dating records. I concluded they must be variances which sometimes appear in research that would be solved in the future.

I had passed all this 'proven' research on to many of my extended Mundy/Franklin family with 'confirming' certificates to match. How wrong was I? In 2002, a lady wrote to a cousin of mine, who then passed on the information interstate to me. This lady was claiming our Ann Howe as her own!

The facts were indisputable. Although the researcher had not found her sister Margaret, the Mary Ann Howe I had ascribed to my family had married William Robert LARKIN at St Andrew's

Presbyterian Church in Hobart on 13 May 1844. Mary Ann had eleven children with William Larkin, the last six in Victoria up to 1868. She could not possibly be in Sorell in Tasmania at exactly the same time, having children with Henry Edward. I searched the *Victorian Pioneers Index* and found Mary Larkin, aged 51, died 1878 (No. 4065) born Tasmania, father unknown—of course!

So, here I am, broadcasting my error with a red face, a death certificate to acquire, and a mystery Ann Howe (or variation) to find. They say confession is good for the soul. I guess my next word is ‘help!’

Hmm, but then again, maybe ... Thomas Howell and Elizabeth (NEWPORT) at Sorell had Edward in 1828 and Nancy in 1826 ... and Henry Edward and Ann had an Elizabeth Nancy and I can’t find Nancy after—I wonder! Here I go again!

POSTSCRIPT

I finally ordered a copy of Ann Mundy’s death certificate, and when it reached me I just laughed. Not much help for family research, but it will probably be a family ‘in’ joke for generations to come! Presumably someone in the family had given the information listed, whoever it was, he/she took the questions very literally.

Name: Ann Mundy

Date of death: 20 January 1912.

Place of death: 141 Patterson St.,
Launceston

Occupation: Not stated.

Stated year of birth: 1822

Reputed birthplace: Tasmania

Conjugal condition at death: Widowed

Age at marriage: 19 years

Issue—of all marriages:

Living Males: 4 Living Females: 12,

Deceased Males: 2 Deceased

Females: 10. ●

CAMPBELL STREET GAOL INMATES

1873–1890

(GREEN–JOHNSON)

Laurie Moody

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THE following is Part 4 of names of inmates who were held at the old Campbell Street Gaol, Hobart during the years 1873–1890.

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

As the gate-book was hand-written, some of the entries were hard to decipher. A question mark has been placed after the affected surnames.

[This series commenced in Volume 24, No.4 (March, 2004). Other names will be progressively published.

If any reader/member would like further information it can be obtained from Laurie by email lauriem@kooee.com.au or by sending a letter in a stamped un-addressed envelope to the editor, which will then be forwarded to Laurie.—Ed.]

Surname	Given name	Entries
GREEN	Charles	1
Alias JOHNSON, William		
GREEN	Francis	5
GREEN	George	2
GREEN	Henry	1
GREEN	James	1
GREEN	James William	1
GREEN	John	5

Surname	Given name	Entries	Surname	Given name	Entries
GREEN	Joseph	1	HAIGH	John	1
GREEN	Richard	1	HAIGH	William	1
GREEN	Thomas	5	HAINES	Andrew	1
GREEN	William	1	HAINES	Frederick	1
GREENLAND	Charles	1	HAINES	Samuel	4
GREENWAY	Henry	1	HAINES	Samuel W.	1
GREENWELL	Charles	1	HAINSBURY	Michael	1
See GREEN			HAKE	Alexander	1
GREGAN	Michael	1	HALE	William	5
GREGG	Margaret	2	HALES	Thomas	12
GRELLIS	William	1	HALES	William	3
GREW	Charles	3	HALL	Henry	12
GREW	Frederick	1	HALL	John	1
GREY	William	1	HALL	Thomas	1
GRIEG	John	1	HALL	William	2
GRIFFIN	Francis	1	HALLIDAY	James	1
GRIFFIN	James	1	HALLIDAY	John	1
GRIFFIN	John	1	HALLORAN	Thomas	1
GRIFFIN	Thomas	18	HALPIN	Thomas	1
Alias GOLDING/ROBERTS			HAMBAY	Richard/Robert	1
GRIFFITH	John	1	HAMBLIN	James	1
Alias GRIFFIN			HAMER	Joseph	1
GRIFFITHS	John	1	HAMILTON	James	1
GRIFFITHS	Laurence	1	HAMPSON	Thomas	1
GRIFFITHS	Thomas	5	HAMPTON	Thomas	1
GRIFFITHS	Thomas	1	HANCOCK	George	17
See GRIFFIN/Alias CARR			HANCOCK	John/George	1
GRILL	Henry	2	HANCOCK	Mary A.	1
GRIMBLE	John	2	HAND	Leonard	1
GRIMES	James/Patrick	2	HANDILAND	William	1
GRIMSEY	William	4	HANDLEY	Michael	1
GRIMSHAW	Joshua	1	HANDLEY	Robert	1
GROOM	Frederick	1	HANEY	Frederick	1
GROVES	Henry	2	HANGER	Alfred	2
GROVES	James	2	HANLEY	John	1
GROVES	Richard	4	HANLEY	Michael	11
GROVES	William	1	HANLON	James	3
GRUBEY	Charles	1	HANLON	John	3
GRUNDY	William	1	HANLON	Patrick	1
GUBBINS	John	1	HANNEY	Frederick	3
GUY	William	1	HANNIGAN	James	1
GUYATT	John	1	HANNIGAN	Michael	2
GWYNNE	Mary	3	HANSEN	Albert	1
GWYNNE	Robert	1	HANSON	Frank	2
HACK	Frederick	1	HANSON	John	1
HACKETT	Michael	2	HARBACH	William	2
HACKETT	William	1	HARBOARD	Frank	1
HACKMAN	William	1	HARBOTTLE	Grace	1
HADDOCK	John	2	HARBUCKLE	Bella	3
HADDOCK	Margaret	4	HARBUCKLE	Elizabeth	2
HADDOCK	Thomas	3	HARBUCKLE	Hanson (Manson)	1
HADDE	John	1	HARBUCKLE	Isabella	1
HADLEY	George	1	See Bella		
HAGUE	David	1	HARBUCKLE	John	1
Also HAIGH			HARBUCKLE	Joseph	8
HAGUE	John	1	HARBUCKLE	Joshua	1
HAGUE	Thomas	1	HARBUCKLE	Manson	2
HAIGH	Daniel	1	HARDINGE	Charles	2

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HARDMAN	George	1	HASTINGS	John	1
HARDWICK	David	3	HATFIELD	Henry	36
HARDWICK	Elizabeth	2	HATTON?	John	1
HARDY	Walter	1	HAWES	Edward	1
HARGRAVE	James	1	HAWKES	Susan	1
HARGRAVE	Robert	1	HAWKINS	Henry	1
HARGRAVES	James	1	HAWKINS	John	1
HARGREAVES	James	1	HAWLEY	John	1
HARLAND	Henry	1	HAWTHORN	John	1
HAROLD	Edward	4	HAYE	John	1
HARPER	Daniel	1	HAYES	John	3
HARPER	James	2	HAYES	Stephen	1
HARPER	John	1	HAYES	William	2
HARPER	Thomas	2	HAYLETT	George	1
HARPER	Thomas	10	HAYNES	William	1
HARPER	William	3	HAYWOOD	Thomas	1
HARRAP	George	1	HAZLEGRAVE	William	40
HARRIGAN	Michael	1	HAZLEGROVE	William	3
Alias LYNCH/(HARRIGAN)			See HAZLEGRAVE		
HARRINGTON	Alfred	1	HAZLEHURST	George	1
HARRINGTON	John	1	HAZLEWOOD	George	2
HARRIS	Charles	1	HAZZLEDINE	James	1
HARRIS	Edward	1	HEALEY	Thomas	1
HARRIS	Edwin	1	HEATON	George	1
HARRIS	Jack	1	HEBDEN	James	1
Alias FISHER/KENNEDY			HEFFERAN?	James	1
HARRIS	James/Peter	1	HEFFERMAN	James	1
HARRIS	James	1	HEFFERMAN	George	3
HARRIS	Jane	2	HEFFERMAN	Margaret	1
HARRIS	Jesse	2	HEFFERMAN	Michael	2
HARRIS	John	2	Alias HOGAN		
HARRIS	Michael	1	HELLESLEY	Michael	1
See HARRISON			HELLIER	Charles	1
HARRIS	Peter 4		HELMAN	Charles	1
HARRIS	Phillip J.	1	HEMMINGWAY	Mary	8
HARRIS	Richard	2	HENDERSON	Frederick G	1
HARRIS	Samuel	1	HENDERSON	Isaac	1
HARRIS	William	1	HENDERSON	James	1
HARRISON	David	1	HENNESSEY	Henry/John	1
HARRISON	George	1	HENNIGAN	Michael	1
HARRISON	James	1	HENRY	James	1
HARRISON	Margaret	1	Alias BRYANT		
HARRISON	Michael	3	HENRY	Montague	1
See HARRIS			HENRY	Patrick	1
HARRISON	Peter	1	HENSHAW	Isaac	9
HARRISON	Thomas	7	Alias DUDLEY, Thomas		
HARRISON	William	1	HEPBURN	Henry	1
HARROLD	Edward	1	HEPWORTH	William	1
HARROLD	William	1	HERBERT	Thomas	1
HARROP	George	1	HERLIHY	Barry	1
HART	Benjamin	2	HERLLING	Charles	1
HART	John	1	HERMAN	Thomas	1
HARTERS?	Thomas	1	HERMANS	Otto	1
HARVEY	Nicholas	1	HERN	John	1
HARVEY	Thomas	2	HERRON	William	1
HASLAM	Thomas	2	HESS	Frederick G	3
HASELL	James	1	HESTER	Cornelius	1
HASSETT	Pierre	1	Also ESTER		

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HEWITT	John	1	HOLMES	Ann	1
HEWLETT	Frederick	1	HOLMES	Edward	1
HIBBERTS	John	1	HOLMES	Elijah	2
HIBBERTS	Joseph	2	HOLMES	George	1
HIBBERTS	Joseph Charles	1	HOLMES	Joseph	7
HIBBITT	John	1	HOLMES	Robert	1
HICKEY	Patrick	1	HOLMES	Thomas	1
HICKS	George	1	HOLSWORTH	John	1
HICKS	Henry	1	HOMER	Arthur	3
HICKS	Richard	1	See HORNER, Arthur		
HICKSON	James	1	HOMER	George	2
HIGGINS	Francis	3	HOMER	William	3
HIGGINS	John	7	HONEYFORD	Seth	1
HIGGINS	Robert	1	HOO	Ah	1
HILL	Arthur	1	HOOD	John	2
HILL	Charles	1	HOORIGAN	Michael	1
HILL	Edward	1	HOPE	Douglas	1
Alias DAVIS			HOPE	Henry	1
HILL	George	2	HOPE	John	1
Alias BLOOMFIELD			HOPE	William	1
HILL	James	2	HOPEWELL	John	1
HILL	John	1	HOPKINS	John	7
HILL	Joseph	4	Alias HOPETON		
HILL	Peter	1	HOPKINS	William	1
HILL	Rebecca	1	HOPWOOD	Louisa	1
HILL	Rowland	1	Alias HODGSON		
HILL	Thomas	1	HORAN	John	2
HILL	William	1	HORAN	Patrick	2
HILLSLEY	James	1	HORE	William	1
HILLSLEY	John	1	HORNER	Arthur	1
HINCHLEY	John	1	HORNER	George	1
HINDS	Andrew	1	HORRIGAN	Michael	11
HINDS	John	1	See HARRIGAN/Alias LYNCH/SULLIVAN		
HINES	Andrew	3	HORROCKS	Henry	1
See HINDS			HORSELY	George	1
HINES	George	1	HORSELY	George (Younger)	1
HINKS	William	1	HORSELY	John	1
HOARE	James	1	HORSELY	Joseph	2
HOBDEN	James	2	HOUGH	Beecham	2
HODDER	James	1	HOUGH	James	2
HODGKINSON	Edward	1	HOUGH	John	1
HODKINSON	Joseph	1	HOUGH	Joseph	6
HOFFMAN	Richard	2	HOWARD	Edward	2
HOGAN	James	1	HOWARD	George	1
HOGAN	John	3	HOWARD	Harry	1
HOGAN	Michael	2	Alias HERBERT, Ralph		
HOGAN	Patrick	2	HOWARD	James	1
HOGAN	Thomas	3	HOWARD	John	3
HOLDEN	George	4	HOWARD	John George	1
Alias McLEAN, Alexander			HOWARD	John	2
HOLDEN	George A.	1	Alias JONES		
HOLDEN	Patrick	2	HOWARD	John Joseph	1
HOLDEN	Thomas	2	HOWARD	Richard	1
HOLDING	George	1	HOWARD	William	1
See HOLDEN, George A			HOWE	John	2
HOLEBROOK	John	1	HOWLEY	John	20
HOLLAND	James	2	HOYLE	George	3
HOLLIS	John	1			

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HOYLE	George	1	JACKSON	James	3
Alias CARMEN?			Alias MILLER		
HUDSON	Samuel	1	JACKSON	John	1
HUFF	Joseph	1	JACKSON	Jonas	1
See HOUGH			JACKSON	Robert	1
HUGHES	Alfred	1	JACKSON	Thomas	5
HUGHES	Benjamin	4	JACKSON	Walter	1
HUGHES	Edward	1	JACKSON	William	3
HUGHES	George	1	JACKSON	William	1
HUGHES	John	21	Alias TURNER		
HUGHES	Maurice (Morris)	3	JACKSON	William	1
HUGHES	Patrick	1	Alias WOODS		
HUGHES	William	2	JACOBS	William	1
Alias BURNS			JACOBSEN	Hans	1
HUGO	Thomas	5	JAMES	Edward	1
HUME	Martha	2	JAMES	Francis	1
HUMPHRIES	George	1	JAMES	Henry	2
HUMPHRIES	Peter	6	JAMES	Lewis	1
HUMPHRIES	William	3	JAMES	Robert	1
HUMPHRY	William (deaf)	1	JAMES	Thomas	1
HUNT	Alexander	1	JAMES	William	2
HUNT	Frederick	1	JANSEN	John	1
HUNT	Jane	1	JARVIS	John	2
HUNT	Janet	1	JARVIS	Walter	5
HUNT	Nathan	9	JEFFREY	Elizabeth	1
HUNT	Robert George	1	JEFFREY	Mark	1
HURCOMBE	Edward	1	(Port Arthur offences 52)		
HURST	Frederick	1	JEFFREY	Robert	1
HURST	John	3	JEFFRIES	Elizabeth	1
HURST	Rheuben	1	JEFFRIES	Thomas	1
HURST	Robert	4	JENKINS	James	2
HURT	William	1	JENKINS	John	2
HUSTON	Annie	3	Alias JENNINGS, Mark		
HUTCHINS	Daniel	1	JENNER	James	1
HUTCHINSON	Charles	1	JENNINGS	Catherine	1
HUTCHINSON	Herbert	1	JENNINGS	James	2
HUTCHINSON	John	1	Alias BURNS, John		
HUTCHINSON	Joseph	2	JERVIS	Walter	1
Alias RICHARDSON			JOHNSON	Andrew	2
HYDE	Thomas	2	JOHNSON	Benjamin	2
IAANTJEES	Arnoldus	1	JOHNSON	Charles	1
IMBER	Alfred	1	JOHNSON	Charles A.	1
INCHEN	William	1	JOHNSON	Frederick P.	1
INCHMORE	William	2	JOHNSON	George	1
INGRAM	John	1	JOHNSON	Henry	1
IRWIN	Henry	2	JOHNSON	James	4
IRWIN	John	1	Alias LUCAS, John		
IRWIN	William	1	JOHNSON	Jedediah?	2
ISLES	James	1	JOHNSON	John	5
IVERS	Robert	1	JOHNSON	Joseph	1
IVORY	William	1	JOHNSON	Mary A.	3
IZON	Thomas	2	Also WILLIAMS		
JACKSON	Arthur	1	JOHNSON	Mary Ann	1
JACKSON	Edward	1	JOHNSON	Peter	2
JACKSON	George	1	JOHNSON	Robert	23
Alias WARD			JOHNSON	Samuel	1
JACKSON	George	2	JOHNSON	Thomas	1

To be continued in a future journal ●

WILL THE REAL MICHAEL MURPHY PLEASE STAND UP?

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MY father's mother died in a nursing home near Canberra at the age of 82 or 83, when I was in my early 20s. Growing up in the Northern Territory, I hadn't had much contact with her—she lived in Tasmania and she wasn't the warm, cuddly grandma of storybooks—she didn't really talk to us kids. Practically all I knew about my paternal grandparents was that they were Tasmanians.

Then some ten years ago I received a 'family story' written by my grandfather's cousin. It focused on the ELLIS family, my paternal line, that came to Tasmania as free settlers in 1862. This tweaked my interest in genealogy, but as a feminist, I was somewhat miffed by the concentration of effort on the male line (my gran's husband's family). When I asked questions about my grandmother, Elsie, there was a lot of shoulder shrugging, and I wished I had talked to her more when she was alive—I didn't even know her maiden name. All I had to go on were vague memories of an Irish connection—my Dad swore she had an 'Irish temper'. He also reported that his father's mother had frequently complained that her son had 'married beneath him'. So with a whiff of skeletons in Elsie's closet, I took up her case.

The marriage certificate¹ revealed her maiden name to be CONNOLLY, and that her parents were George Connolly and Christina MURPHY. Both good Irish names. But it seems her birth (probably illegitimate in about 1898, based on her age at marriage) was never

registered. Was this the scandal that upset her mother-in-law?

George Connolly and Christina Murphy were married in 1899, at New Ground (near Sassafras), in northern Tasmania. Their marriage certificate² lists my great great grandparents as Martin and Margaret CONNOLLY (née LEAHY), and Michael and Jemima MURPHY (née HERON).

Jemima Heron was a different sort of name and I was hopeful of finding the right one, but Michael Murphy? There must be dozens of them!

At this point I discovered the Tasmanian Rootsweb Mailing List and I sent off a hopeful query. To my complete surprise, I received an answer, from Denise DOUGLAS in Victoria. Denise, a co-descendent from Jemima's father, James Heron, was able to tell me of Jemima Heron's marriage in 1860 to Michael Murphy.³ Michael had been the farming partner of Jemima's first husband,⁴ Joseph MOLES, who'd died dramatically of snake-bite two years earlier.⁵ I also learned of Michael's later suicide,⁶ which he carried out in the presence of his eight-year-old daughter, by taking an arsenic-based rat poison, known as 'Rough on Rats'. Wow, what a closet I had stumbled into.

Denise kindly sent me details of the inquest and newspaper reports of the death. What I found most compelling, even addictive, was knowing something of *how* my ancestors had lived and died—it made them real. Denise had been able to piece together the details of many of

Jemima and Michael's large family from marriage and death notices and certificates (very few had been registered at birth), and she provided me with considerable detail about the Heron/Murphy family. But we still knew nothing about Michael Murphy's origins.

The marriage certificates and newspaper articles stated that Michael and Jemima were farmers at New Ground, or Green's Creek, near Sassafras. As well as the few facts, I had heard a lot of rumours from other researchers—that he was a 'captain' (ship's captain, or Salvation Army?); that he was the bounty immigrant, listed as arriving aboard the *Sir W F Williams* in 1857⁷ and that he was buried on private property at Northdown, Port Sorell. However, none of these theories came with any substantial evidence to support them. Some serious detective work was needed.

On a trip to Tasmania in 2002, I rang and spoke to Mr Snow THOMAS, owner and resident of 'Northdown'. He was very helpful, but indicated that the burial ground on the property was a family plot and would contain only family members—no Murphys. He suggested I try the police records (charge books) for the local area. This was the best bit of advice I ever received. We knew from the newspaper article about his suicide in 1890 that Michael liked to tittle (the fact that he returned home sober the night before his death was even remarked upon) and that he visited Latrobe on occasions.

At the Archives Office of Tasmania I looked through the Port Sorell Police records,⁸ and found the charge book for Heidelberg (now Harford). Heidelberg was within easy walking distance of Green's Creek, and had a pub at the time. In fact, the names Green's Creek, Heidelberg and New Ground seem to

have been used interchangeably at the time. Carefully leafing through the old book, I found what I wanted—one Michael Murphy, farmer of Green's Creek, charged on 2 August 1868 with being drunk and disorderly in Heidelberg. But wait ... there was something else listed—the name of a ship! The *Lord Auckland* (3), with 'FS 1859' also clearly written. This Michael Murphy had been a convict. Without further ado (as there was only fifteen minutes to closing time), I quickly looked up the convict record, and went home, very pleased.

But there was always the slim chance that there had been more than one Michael Murphy farming in the Green's Creek/New Ground/Harford district at the time. So when next in Hobart, I checked the records again, more thoroughly. I found two more records for Michael Murphy—on 11 March 1869 he was charged with using 'obscene and abusive language in a public place in Latrobe', and spent five hours in solitary confinement (methinks he may also have been drunk?). But the clincher was the charge of attempted suicide at his residence in Heidelberg on the night of 29 February 1872—he had tried to hang himself with a trace chain. I was now convinced, as the newspaper report concerning Michael Murphy's successful suicide, on St Patrick's Day in 1890, clearly mentioned that he had attempted to commit suicide on two previous occasions: once eighteen months earlier, when he had attempted to cut his own throat with a scythe, and once some years earlier when he had attempted to hang himself.

I believe there are some researchers who still consider that the bounty immigrant is 'our man'. Even without the police records suggesting otherwise, I think that the bounty immigrant is an unlikely candidate on the basis that he was single

when he arrived in August 1857, whereas, when 'our' Michael Murphy married Jemima Heron at his home in March 1860, he was listed as a 'widower'. It's not impossible, but improbable that the bounty immigrant would have married and then been widowed and married again, all within a 19 month period; and the records in the *Tasmanian Pioneers Index (TPI)* support this view—the only other Michael Murphy recorded on *TPI* as marrying in Tasmania during this general time period, did so in January 1857—too early for the Bounty Immigrant. On the other hand, the Michael Murphy who came as a convict on the *Lord Auckland* was already married.

'Our' Michael Murphy, the convict who married Jemima Heron, was sentenced on 27 June 1849 to 15 years transportation for robbery (his first offence).⁹ His native place is listed as County Kilkenny, and he was tried at the Thomastown Quarter Sessions, Kilkenny, Ireland. He was my height, 5 feet 4 inches, had dark brown hair and grey eyes; a Roman Catholic who could neither read nor write. His trade is given as Labourer and he was 30 years old when convicted. He had a wife and three children.

Michael spent nearly a year in Mountjoy Prison in Dublin, after which, he was transferred to Spike Island Prison for a few months before being transported to Tasmania,¹⁰ his behaviour was reported as 'good'. The *Lord Auckland* sailed from Ireland on 29 September 1852 and docked in Hobart on 29 January 1853. Michael suffered quite a serious kidney complaint on the journey out (possibly as the result of poor nutrition), and is the subject of a lengthy entry in the Surgeon's Report.¹¹ Reading that made me feel positively voyeuristic!

What happened to the wife and children he left behind in Ireland is a mystery. In one of his convict records (the Indent),¹² his wife is listed as Margaret ('W Margt'). Next to this is a word that looks distinctly like 'america'. Did she perhaps emigrate to the US or Canada while Michael was in gaol? Was Michael really widowed, or did he resort to the 'seven year rule', presuming his wife dead, because he had not seen or heard from her for seven years?

The final quirk to this tale, is that in the Port Sorell police records I also found Elsie's other two grandparents (my great-great-grandparents), Martin and Margaret Connolly. These two are also Irish Catholic convicts and Martin Connolly was transported on the same ship at the same time as Michael Murphy (they were in Mountjoy prison at the same time). Perhaps they were mates, and perhaps this friendship brought my grandmother's parents together ... who knows. But I think I've found the 'skeletons' that so upset her mother-in-law!¹³ ●

Endnotes

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- ⁴ AOT Hobart, No. 435, Rgd No. 37, 25 August 1851.
- ⁵ *Launceston Examiner*, 19 January 1858.
- ⁶ *North West Post*, 20 March 1890
- ⁷ Assisted immigration index for Tasmania.
- ⁸ AOT Police Charge Books, POL 428.
- ⁹ AOT Convict ID 56668, CON33/112
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- ¹¹ AJCP mtm M711, RN Hospital No 123–145, Haslar Records of Journals of Surgeons Reel 4.
- ¹² AOT CON 14/32
- ¹³ The delicious irony here is that the mother-in-law was herself the daughter of a convict.

BETTY REMEMBERS ...

Kate Carlisle

BETTY REID had two grandmothers each of whom made very valuable contributions to the life in their local communities in the early 20th century. Her maternal grandmother was Florence SALMON of Triabunna, and her paternal grandmother was Lady Alice JONES of Hobart.

Florence Mary Auerbach BILTON was the daughter of George Albert Bilton, born at Stratford, Essex about 1830. He became a storekeeper at Tambo in Queensland, where he died in 1876. He married Mary Hall CULLEY

at Rockhampton in 1865 and they had a family of six: Elizabeth Helen, George Albert, Samuel Hall, Richard Frank, Henry Reginald and Florence Mary Auerbach. When George Albert Bilton died in 1876, the family moved to Hobart to his brother, Henry Bilton.

Florence's mother, Mary, died of a cerebral hemorrhage when Florence was only four years old. The children were sent to their Culley grandparents in Exeter UK, where they were educated. Florence went to live at Cardiff with her Cullen aunt and uncle.

Her aunt, Elizabeth CLARKE, wife of Sir Edward Clarke, then adopted her as a daughter and sent her to finishing school for three years. At the age of twenty she went to Tasmania to see her sister and

while she was there she married Alfred Salmon.

The notice in *The Mercury* on 22 September 1900:

Salmon—Bilton On Sept, 14 at St Mary's Church, Triabunna, by the Rev. Thomas Pitt, Alfred Henry, youngest son of Samuel Salmon, J.P. of Woodstock, Triabunna to Florence

Mary A Abernach youngest daughter of the late George Albert Bilton of Tambo, Queensland, and the niece of the late Henry Bilton, J.P. of Claremont, Glenorchy Tasmania.

On Florence's marriage certificate, her 'present address' was 'Rostrevor', Spring Bay and 'Occupation', Governess.



Florence Salmon (left) and Lady Alice Jones (right) at the wedding of Betty and Harry Reid on 20 October 1949.

Alfred and Florence lived at 'Grindstone Bay' where children George and Nell were born. Alfred Salmon had taken over the running of Woodstock in 1891. In 1904 the family moved to Woodstock, where the other four children were born. By 1916 they had cleared the property of debt and bought it when his father died.

Florence was known far and wide for her nursing skills and was evidently a good diagnostician. She attended calls in the Triabunna area for Dr CLARK of Richmond. She was virtually the bush nurse from Little Swanport to Buckland. Not only did she attend to their medical needs but she sewed and mended for them and looked after the welfare of the

children of the families. She had a basket full of needles, thread, buttons, hooks and eyes etc. which she took everywhere.

Betty remembers that she often visited her grandmother at Woodstock with her mother from 'Lisdillon' near Swansea. The house was always full of people, visitors and family, with welcoming smiles and a hearty meal. Roasts were always popular and apple pie and custard a speciality. There was a very dark area in one end of the kitchen where there was an old black wood-burning stove and a huge sink where she had to help with the washing up after such a meal. Food supplies were stored in an internal pantry which was not only dark but very cold.

Florence Salmon was a widely travelled lady for that era and in 1926 she went to England. Her passport shows that in 1933 she visited Holland, Japan, China, America, Canada and New Zealand. She spent her later years in Hobart. She died at the Glenview Home and is buried at St Mary's Church, Triabunna.

Alice GLOVER was the daughter of William Glover who was born in UK. Her father was Harbourmaster, an officer of the Marine Board of Hobart.

On 21 April 1883 Henry JONES married a tall, attractive, slim, titian-haired girl with a strong personality and high intelligence, named Alice Glover at Wesley Church, Melville Street, Hobart. Their first home was a small cottage in King Street, North Hobart (now known as Pitt Street). Their first child, Alice, was born in 1884 and they had twelve children altogether.

By 1891 George PEACOCK left the factory and retired to Petersham in Sydney. Henry Jones moved into the factory residence with his family. He became a managing partner. Alice had great business acumen and enjoyed her

role as confidante to Henry. The opportunity to move into the residence in the middle of the factory was a means of saving money and enabled him to keep a closer eye on the factory. This arrangement did not suit Alice. The house was small and hemmed in on three sides by the factory and offered nowhere for her seven children to play that would have been safe. Behind the factory were the tough districts of Old Wharf and Wapping, and in front was a busy wharf area with notoriously deep water. Her great desire was to have a garden with fruit trees and at least a little privacy for herself and her children.

In 1900 Henry Jones bought the large two-storey house known as 'Glenora'. Although not a mansion it was comfortable and more importantly for Alice, it had an orchard of fruit trees, a large garden for herself and plenty of playing areas for their twelve children. Behind the house was a stable area stocked with ponies and a skating rink in the loft over the stable.

'Glenora' had a sizeable domestic staff, which included Mrs DYER, the cook, her twin sister, Mrs HUTCHINS, the laundrywoman and Molly WESTWOOD, the cleaning woman, who acted as waitress at lunch time. For her children she had a nursemaid, who later became her companion until she died in 1952. Bill DALWOOD was the rouse-about whose work included driving for Lady Jones in his chauffeur's uniform.

Thursday was shopping day for Lady Jones. She was driven by Bill the chauffeur until he left and Mrs BOWDITCH took her after that. Shopping finished, she would go to Hadley's Hotel for afternoon tea. Friends and family often joined her. They also went to the hotel at the Springs, especially in good weather.

Alice often entertained her friends at home, preferring the sunny rooms at the back of the house overlooking the gardens for such occasions. One of her closest friends and frequent visitors was the wife of Sir Alfred ASHBOLT of 'Lenna'.

She didn't, however, like the view across the road in Campbell Street, so she had two houses built there. Betty and her husband, Harry, lived in one of them when they were first married.

Alice tolerated Henry's interest and involvement in a wide variety of activities in the community. Many of these activities he pursued with a passion. This included playing draughts with friends which he did to such a degree that Alice bought Henry a special table and two chairs for such occasions. She even insisted on him covering his beloved billiard table with boards so that the whole family could share a meal around it. At Christmas as many as 36 people sat around this table.

Betty remembers having her 21st birthday supper there after a visit to the Avalon Theatre to see Bing CROSBY in *Going my Way*. On Henry's death in 1926 Alice decided to stay on in 'Glenora' where she died in 1952 aged 87 years. ●

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NEW PUBLICATION

CEMETERIES OF SOUTHERN TASMANIA VOL VI

Hobart's early churchyards and other monuments

Part 2 Presbyterian Cemeteries

Compiled and Published by
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Hobart Branch

Hobart's Presbyterian Burial Ground in Church Street served two early Presbyterian churches: St Andrews from 1829, and St Johns in Macquarie Street from 1840. Also included in a separate index are details from the burial records for Glenorchy and Southern Districts. This publication gives death, burial and family details from church registers lodged at the Archives Office of Tasmania, dates from TAMIOT records, the *Tasmanian Pioneers Index 1803-1899*, plus full inscriptions of headstones at Church Street and St Matthews Presbyterian Church grounds Glenorchy. Brief histories of the churches and burial grounds also given.

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GENES ON SCREEN

Vee Maddock (Member No. 3972)

THE internet is made of millions of individual web pages. Web pages exist mostly for the purpose of sharing information with others. They can include images, fancy text, pop-ups etc, but the main aim is to share information, whether it is facts or opinions. Making a web page is not difficult. There are many free and expensive editors available, but making a basic webpage from scratch is a good way to start to discover how html works.

HTML (Hyper Text Markup Language) refers to the codes which are placed in a simple text document to tell a web browser (such as internet Explorer or Netscape) how to display the contents. The extension .htm or .html tells the computer to open the page as a web page.

To create a web page, open a notepad (Start >programs>Accessories>Notepad) document. Save it as page.html and it is now a webpage. (If you use notepad to open it you'll be able to edit it, if you double click on it, it will open in your web browser.) Now, to add some content to your webpage. Open it in notepad again and type in the following:

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<HTML>
<HEAD>
<TITLE>This text appears in the title bar
of the window</TITLE>
</HEAD>
<BODY>
This is the text of my webpage.
</BODY>
</HTML>
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Save it and open in a browser and it should show one line of text—'This is the body of my webpage.'

HTML tags are shown between <>.

Each tag tells how to display the information following it. For example the tag makes text **bold**. So the program knows when to stop the command each tag has an off switch, the / inserted in the tag. So *This is the text of my webpage* would produce.

This is the **text** of my webpage.

HTML is not difficult to learn. Below are several sites which will talk you through step by step how to create a webpage using html.

Once you have created your page you need to upload it to the internet. It will only be visible to others if it is on a server. Servers are computers which store files for internet access. Most ISPs have servers. Uploading is computer speak for moving your file from your computer to another computer via an internet connection. If you have an ISP account for accessing the web you probably have some web space on their server attached to it. Each server has its own address, which is where web page addresses or URLs are derived. Contact your ISP for details or see their website for information on how to access and what your internet home page address would be. The tutorial listed below will talk you through using FTP (File Transfer Protocol) program to upload your webpage.

A step by step tutorial to building a web page:

<http://www.pageresource.com/html/index2.htm>

www.pagetutor.com/pagetutor/makapage/lesson23.html

HTML Cheatsheet

http://hotwired.lycos.com/webmonkey/reference/html_cheatsheet/

Colour Codes

http://hotwired.lycos.com/webmonkey/reference/html_cheatsheet/

WYSIWYG free web page editors

Web Dwarf www.virtualmechanics.com/products/dwarf
NVU <http://nvu.com/download.html>

FTP Uploading tutorial

<http://www.angelfire.com/extreme/helpme/Tutorial8.htm>

Other websites of interest:

www.visionofbritain.org.uk

Contains statistical information and maps for places in Britain both current and historical

Old Scottish Measurements

www.scottishdocuments.com/content/research_writinghelp_weights.asp?nomenu=

The same website also has a list of unusual words from Scottish wills
http://www.scottishdocuments.com/content/research_unusualwordsr.asp :

Registry of Shipping and Seamen: WW2 Medals claimed and issued to Merchant Seamen from 1946 to 2002.
<http://www.documentsonline.nationalarchives.gov.uk> ●

Dispatch, No. 164, April 2004. The Journal of The Scottish Military Society has a wealth of information on the history of selected Scottish Regiments, with photos and drawings of uniforms, some in colour. Copies of *Dispatch* held at Launceston Branch Library. ●

NEW PUBLICATION

PROS and CONS OF TRANSPORTATION A collection of convict stories

Compiled and published by
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This publication is the fruit of the labours of Hobart members who attended the Writers Group monthly discussions chaired by Dianne Snowden. Each story is fully referenced, and family historians will appreciate the inclusion of a comprehensive index. These well-researched convicts' tales have been assembled in chronological order of the date of their arrival in the new colony.

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North Irish Roots, Vol. 15, No. 1 2004. 'Gransha Presbyterian Graveyard—Inscriptions on the headstones in the graveyard, dating back to 1854.' Copies of this and other issues of *North Irish Roots* held at Launceston Branch Library. ●

LOST STOLEN, STRAYED and ... FOUND!



RECOGNISE THESE CHILDREN?

A Hobart branch member purchased an old framed photo from the Cat Centre's Op Shop at Blackmans Bay so that she could re-use the frame, and found the above photo (which had been used as padding) behind the front photo. The photographer was 'Ben Sheppard', (Hobart photographer c.1920–c.1950).

Please contact the editor if you recognise the children, as the member would like the photo to go to the family. ●

Member Earl Howard of King Island, has very kindly donated each branch a CD which he has painstakingly made for use of members. The CD, *The Roll of Honour*, which contains the names on lists at **Gallipoli, Korea, Vietnam and King Island** is 190 pages long.

The CD may be accessed free of charge at one of the branch libraries. Earl does not hold any copyright, and is happy if members wish to burn their own copy.

According to Earl, the CD may not be 100% complete as records were still coming to light as he was typing, and he

suggests that reference should also be made to the official records in Canberra for more details.

Earl's next CD will be Australian POWs taken at Singapore in 1942, but with approximately 16,500 names, and being a one-finger typist, he expects that the task will be a long one!

We sincerely thank Earl for his generosity to the Society's members. ●

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION RECORDS RESEARCH SERVICE.

From January 2005 the National Archives in the UK will provide a Freedom of Information (FOI) research service, with the help of temporary staff, until such time as the nature and volume of FOI enquiries can be defined more precisely, probably after six to twelve months.

Prior to the introduction of the FOI service in January 2005, the National Archives will launch a pilot paid research service (from 1 October 2004). The charge will be £15 per 15 minutes research, including VAT.

For further details contact: Ruth Lewis, Public Services Development, Unit Reader Information Services, National Archives, or email: ruth.lewis@nationalarchives.gov.uk ●

THE PUBLIC RECORD OFFICE OF VICTORIA READING ROOM HAS RELOCATED. It is now at: Victorian Archives Centre, 99 Shiel Street, North Melbourne.

For further information contact PROV ☎ (03) 9348 5600 or by email to: ask.prov@dvc.vic.gov.au ●

NEWS FROM THE FFHS—Web address change for the **1901 Census** for England and Wales. The existing web address of www.census.pro.gov.uk is being replaced by a new address, in line with the re-branding of other Public Record Office websites to reflect the National Archives name.

The new address is <http://www.1901.census.nationalarchives.gov.uk>

News from the FFHS: the National Archives are planning to make the **BT 395 database available** on Documents Online. This contains records of WW2 medals claimed and issued to **merchant seamen from 1946 to 2002**. Each entry gives details of the seaman's name and the medals, ribbons and clasps issued to him, with a reference to the medal papers file held by the Registrar General of Shipping and Seamen in Cardiff. Usually, the seaman's discharge book number and date and place of birth are also listed. The database of over 100,000 merchant seamen can be searched at: <http://www.documentsonline.nationalarchives.gov.uk>

DocumentsOnline images can be viewed free of charge at the National Archives and at the FRC as part of a continuing pilot project. ●

The search room at the **Royal Mail Archive London** will close to visitors from 5.00p.m. 10 December 2004 and re-open 10.00a.m. 20 December to allow a stock-take of the collections. Staff will endeavour to respond to telephone and email enquiries during this period.

Direct any queries to: Helen Dafter, User Services Archivist, Postal Heritage, Trust Freeling House, Phoenix Place, London WC1X 0DL email: helen.dafter@royalmail.com ●

Babette Smith, author of *A Cargo of Women: Susannah Watson & the convicts of the Princess Royal* is planning a **new book on the convict foundations of Australia**. Publication is planned for 2006 and Babette is seeking information from family historians.

She is interested in any convicts even if they didn't come on a focus boat. The specific ships however will provide core information and the general themes which emerge from this source will be illustrated by personal stories of individual convicts. Both men and women will be featured, but the men having the greater numbers, will predominate this time.

Babette intends to focus on a boatload to Tasmania, Western Australia and NSW, and seeks to illustrate the bigger picture by personal stories.

The vessels she is particularly interested in are: Male boats to NSW: *John* 1832 and *Lord Melville* 1830. Tasmania, *Canton* 1840 and *St Vincent* 1853. WA: *Ramillies* 1854 and *Lord Dalhousie* 1863

The general themes she intends to explore are: the cover-up of convict ancestry at a family and an official level; the reality of convicts and of the convict system compared to the stereotypes which have been created at various stages; the consequences for Australian character and society of convict foundations; the social mobility or otherwise of convict-connected families.

She is also seeking prints of any photographs of convicts, their business premises or home that she could reproduce in the book: letters, diaries, documents of any kind that cover up the convict connection—even by omission of crucial details. Equally any quote which reveals the family's reaction to having convict ancestors would be helpful.

Anything that might mark the family's outcome in Australia in a positive or negative way would be helpful.

Any research, documents or photographs supplied by participants in this project will be fully acknowledged by Babette in an appropriate scholarly fashion. She will respect the value of family historians, as their contribution is important to our understanding of Australian history.

[If you are able to assist, please contact Babette Smith, 1 First Street, Blackheath NSW 2785 ☎ (02) 47875919, by email babette_smith@hotmail.com or contact me by email editor@tasfhs.org and I will send the form to you as an email attachment.—Ed] ●

Member Margaret SZALAY who lives in Sydney, and her distant cousin Andrew JONES from Victoria have published a book about their families.

Margaret is descended from **WEYMOUTH, HUBBARD** and **HARRIS** families and Andrew from Weymouth, Harris and **McPHAIL**. Margaret has visited Tasmania over the last 30 years, researching and has met and developed friendships with many of her distant cousins who have contributed their stories and family portraits.

The book tells the stories of these first arrivals in VDL and their descendants, amongst whom were: William Weymouth from Devon, and his wife Mary Ann SALMON; George Hubbard from Deal, Kent and his wife Ann WHITE; and Robert Weymouth who married Clara Weymouth, a daughter of Dr William Weymouth.

[Information on the book: *Tasmania Bound: The Weymouth, Hubbard, Harris & McPhail family stories* can be obtained from Margaret Szalay ☎ (02) 9904 1829 or email: margaret@cremorne1.com—Ed.]

NEW PUBLICATION

Undertakers of Hobart Vol IV

Index to H C Millington Pty Ltd Funeral Records Part 1 April 1925–May 1937

Compiled and published by
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This new publication continues our series of valuable records giving details of burials in the Hobart area. Included are addresses, ages, birth places, name of the cemetery and family relationships. Family members are either listed on the pro forma record or found in the occasional hand-written Death Notices intended for newspaper publication. (However it should be noted that where family members are deemed to be still living, for privacy reasons these have been omitted from the index.) Where the cause of death has been given in the original Burial Registers this is indicated in the index with a symbol.

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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 July and September 2004. 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).

Adams, Keith, *Crocodile safari man: my Tasmanian childhood in the Great Depression & over 50 years of desert safaris to the Gulf of Carpentaria 1949–2003*. (TL 920 ADA)

Arnold, Fonda, *St Matthew's of Clarence Plains 1843–1993*. (TLQ 994.663 ARN)

Australia Office of the Status of Women, *Our centenary of women's suffrage*.
(TL 324.623 OUR)

Australian Broadcasting Commission, *Hobart Anzac Day March 25 April 2004*.

[Videorecording] (TLVC 394.26994661 HOB)

Badcock, Josephene, *Historic buildings of the Ulverstone district: pencil sketches of National Trust buildings in the Central Coast Municipality*. (TL 994.634 BAD)

Bailey, Anne and Robin, *An early Tasmanian story: with the Oakdens, Cowies, Parramores, Tullochs and Hoggs*. (TL 929.2 BAI)

Barnes, KJ, *Dr James Ross: 'The Colonist Janus': scholar, pressman, and educator in Van Diemen's Land 1822–1838*. (TLQ 994.603 ROS)

Blackaby, Narelle, *Rossarden: echo of the mountain*. (TL 994.681 BLA)

Borrick, Judith, *Holycross: the story of the O'Mara family*. (TL 929.2 MAR)

Burgess, Greg (ed), *Revolution, nation and memory: papers from the George Rude seminar in French history, Hobart, July 2002*. (TL 944 GEO)

Canden, Chas J, *Memories of Ashley Boys' Home and other ramblings*.
(TL 362.7320994632 CAN)

Cole, Bruce, *Australia's 500 large dams: conserving water on a dry continent*.
(TLQ 354.36277 COL)

Cowley, Trudy, *Relative rapsallions and recidivists: the convict clan of the Cowley kids*.
(TLQ 929.2 COW)

Crawford, Patsy, *God bless little sister: a story of the 1912 Queenstown mining disaster*.
(TL 820.A CRA)

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Melbourne, Victoria, 8006, Australia
<http://home.vicnet.net.au/~dcginc/>

BOOK REVIEWS

Life and death in the age of sail: the passage to Australia by Dr Robin Haines, University of New South Wales Press, 2003, 365pp. price \$49.95.

This book focuses on the voyage to Australia and provides very valuable background information on migration. I found this book most useful when putting together the story of the voyages of members of the Diprose (and Shoobridge) families in the 1820s, 1840s and 1890s. Dr Haines puts the voyages of the nineteenth century in the context of life in England, including health and sickness in England, the voyage and its consequences (especially for mothers, babies and infants) and contrasts the experiences of migrant voyages to Australia with those to North America. She makes extensive use of diaries and letters and includes many tables which feature statistics such as those for deaths on voyages to four colonies or states ie New South Wales, Victoria, South Australia and Queensland. The first eighty or so pages give background information. The bulk of the book gives an account of the voyaging experience by decades: the 1820s and 1830s, the 1830s, the 1840s, the 1850s (two chapters), the 1860s, the closing decades (of the nineteenth century), 1900–1950 (a short chapter). Each of these chapters has a pertinent quote in its heading.

There are endnotes, a bibliography and an index. However, the title with its reference to Australia, is misleading as there is little reference in the text and none in the index to Van Diemen's Land/Tasmania and Western Australia. There almost seems to be avoidance of including these two colonies/states in the index. For example the wreck of the

Cataraqui is mentioned on page 39 but not that it was wrecked on the coast of King Island and there is a section on the voyage of the *Skelton* from Leith to Hobart in 1820 (pp. 81–84) but these don't appear under Van Diemen's Land, or Hobart for the *Skelton*. Also several ships, including the *Cataraqui*, do not appear in the index.

Dr Haines has written other books on migration and one that does have useful information on VDL/Tasmania is *Nineteenth century government assisted migrants from the United Kingdom to Australia; schemes regulations and arrivals, 1831–1900 and some vital statistics 1834–1860*, Flinders University, Adelaide, 1995 (available in the State Library of Tasmania).

Dr Haines spoke at the University of Tasmania's Centre for Tasmanian Historical Studies conference 'Migration: making Tasmania home?' on 4 September 2004 in Hobart.

Elizabeth Parkes



Alphabetical Listings by Owner and Occupier of the 1858 Valuation Roll for the City of Hobart Town, Dr Trudy Cowley. Hobart 2004. \$22. Available through Trudy Cowley, 64 Oldham Avenue, New Town, 7008 ☎ (03) 6278 7398 email tcowley@bigpond.com.au.

This book will be an invaluable aid to those researching any aspect of Hobart during the mid-nineteenth century. Dr Cowley first reproduces Jarman's 1858 map of Hobart, which is fascinating in its own right, showing street names, built-up areas, main buildings such as schools, churches, government buildings and

others, and other landmarks. There is a useful index to streets and buildings, easy to follow since a grid has been superimposed on the map. Writing this review was held up as I examined this very interesting map in great detail.

Dr Cowley then reproduces the 1858 valuation roll for Hobart Town in two forms, the first alphabetically by occupier. For each site the owner, address, occupier, value and description are listed, for example:

(Occupier) ABBOTT Robert (Address) 147 Collins St (Owner) ABBOTT Robert (Value) £34 (Description) house

(Occupier) ABEL Samuel (Address) 16 Burnett St (Owner) HYAMS Israel (Value) £20 (Description) house

The second list is identical except that it is alphabetical by owner. All abbreviations and symbols are carefully and clearly explained, so the book is easy to follow.

The original valuation roll was listed by street, which is fine if you are researching streets, but not a great deal of help if you are researching people's names. For anyone researching people, buildings and other sites, development or any other aspect of Hobart's history, this book will be extremely useful—especially since the compiler is known as a careful and reliable historian, so the reader can be assured mistakes will be either non-existent or minimal. It will be a very handy research tool for any historian.

Alison Alexander



ODE ON THE DUNBABIN PLOT

Anonymous

The day was set
The sun was hot,
Four set off to the Dunbabin plot.
Under the grass the ancestors lay,
A magnificent view over Blackman's Bay.

There they joined Margaret and Jim
Armed with tractor and hoes to trim.
The grass was high and bracken grown
Enough to make those ancients moan .
Great grandfather John, headstone well worn,

Somewhat troubled by blackberry thorn.
Thomas and Sarah, with children eleven
Now rest in this plot, with only seven
The grass was mown, the weeds pulled free

Six of us sat down to tea
With cousin Les, the Oxford Don,
Whose grey marble slab we dined upon
Ada, Amy, Sarah and Belle
Whose talents were varied, too many to tell

Robert and Murdoch are next in line
Richard joined before his prime.
Billows of smoke from grassy mounds,
Sighs of relief from underground;
Spirits emerge and run free
On that Dunbabin plot by the sea. ●

(RE) WRITING YOUR FAMILY HISTORY

A story was seen in a compiled genealogy which explained how the author's ancestor was hung as a horse thief: 'My great-grandfather was attending a public exhibition when the platform on which he was standing collapsed and he broke his neck.' ●

<http://www.ancestry.com/library/view/columns/tips/4118.asp>

Contributed by Vee Maddock (Member No. 3972)

COMING EVENTS

TASMANIA

Unless otherwise indicated, all Tasmanian Historical Research Association Inc. (THRA) meetings are held at 8.00p.m. in the Royal Society Room, Customs House, Davey Street, Hobart (enter from Dunn Street car park).

12 December 2004

Bruny Island Historical Society
Announcement!!

The 50th Anniversary of Vehicular Ferry Service is to be celebrated with Historical Displays etc. on Sunday 12 December at Robert's Point. Walk on/off ferry to venue. Details still to be finalized. Contact Kathy Duncombe ☎ (03) 6260 6287 kdunc@netspace.net.au or Bev Davis ☎ (03) 6260 6366

14 December 2004—THRA

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

21–23 October 2005

Global Goninon Gathering. During the 1800s, three different but related branches of the Goninan/on family of Cornwall, England migrated to Australia and New Zealand. They were **Richard and Letitia; Henry and Mary** (Goninon or Goninan); and brothers **Alfred and Ralph** Goninan. All their descendants are invited to join with Goninan/en/ons from other countries (all are related), for a Global Gathering in Launceston, Tasmania on 21–23 October 2005.

Enquiries to: Dot Beswick, PO Box 1199, Gravelly Beach, TAS 7276 ☎ (03) 6394 7690 email dot@goninon.info website: www.goninon.info

INTERSTATE AND OVERSEAS

15–16 January 2005

McCOOEY REUNION for descendants of **James and Sarah McCOOEY**. James arrived in 1822 per *Isabella*. Sarah and three children arrived in 1826 per *Thames*. They settled at Mulgoa Forest near Penrith. Reunion will be held at Penrith, New South Wales.

Contact: Ms Patricia McCooey, 'Penzance', 11 Sorrell Place, Queanbeyan. NSW 2620 ☎ (02) 6297 5265 email: ausheritage@ozemail.com.au

Saturday 30 April 2005

Family History Show 10.00a.m.–5.00p.m. Royal Horticultural Society, New Hall & Conference Centre, Greycourt Street, **LONDON SW1**.

Tickets £10 at the door at the Royal Horticultural Society New Hall, Greycourt Street, Westminster, London SW1. Special promotional two-for-one offer £10 if purchased before 23 April 2005 (postal delivery) or before 28 April 2005 (collection in person at the Society). Tickets also available from the Society's website www.sog.org.uk

28 June–2 July 2006

11th Australasian Congress on Genealogy & Heraldry, Darwin, NT. This congress will be hosted by the Genealogical Society of the Northern Territory Inc. under the auspices of the Australian Federation of Family History Organisations Inc. (AFFHO). The conference theme is: 'FAMILY HISTORY—the access revolution.' See separate notice on page 129. ●

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QUERIES

BENNIE

James BENNIE, along with his wife Jane (née McDOUGALL) came to Tasmania in 1854 from Scotland with three children, a fourth being born on the voyage. James may have had a brother who also came around the same time. Two of the children married McGAUGHEYs, another married GRANDFIELD, the fourth is a mystery. I am particularly interested in exploring the possible links to the CAMERON and McDOUGALL families who settled in the north-east of Tasmania, in the mid to late 1800s. James and Jane BENNIE settled in the Pipers River/Turners Marsh area.

Please contact Louise Leslie, PO Box 192, Mowbray Heights TAS 7248 or theleslies@iprimus.com.au

BROWN

Elizabeth nee BRICKHILL, born early 1800s. Married John BROWN at Greenwich UK. Had several children. Daughter of William and Mary BRICKHILL. Had several siblings including John BRICKHILL who came to live in Launceston, Tasmania between 1842 and 1844.

Any information very welcome. Mrs June Humphrey, 9 Tilden Place, Cook ACT 2614, or by email: jhum@pcug.org.au

CLARK(E)/MILLER

I am seeking information about the following people and/or making contact with any of their descendants:

William CLARK, a cooper, arrived in Hobart on the *Drummore* February 1831 from Leith Scotland. (William's brother John Clark was also a cooper). William Clark married Grace MILLER (daughter of Janet Miller) on 5 November 1833. Their children were William (born 31 July 1834); John born 6 August 1836; Janet born 12 August 1838; (all born Hobart); Jennet Hoy born 29 January 1841; David Hoy born 11 March 1845 and James Brock born 6 September 1847 (all born Tasman Peninsular). There may have been more children.

William Clark (senior) was Master Cooper and overseer of coopers at the Point Puer boys' prison from 1840 until at least 1847. After 1847, I have lost all trace of the family. I do know that William (junior) who became a Master Mariner sailed the eastern coast of Australia and overseas. It is not known when or why he changed his name to John William Clark.

I would appreciate any information about this family to assist my ongoing searches. Maureen Wilson, 6 Manresa Court, Sandy Bay TAS 7005, or by email: rogmaurwilson@bigpond.com

COAD/PEARCE

Francis COAD, his wife Elizabeth PEARCE and children came to Tasmania per *Cornwall*. Francis was granted land at Lymington, near Cygnet, as he had been an

army pensioner. Does anyone please know their place of origin? Ireland is suspected, but if so, where in Ireland? Jean Coad, PO Box 3, Nebo QUEENSLAND 4742

CONNOR

Mary Ann CONNOR, born in Hobart in 1862, daughter of John and Bridget (née TIERNEY) Connor. Siblings: Felix born 1863; John born 1864 died 1866; Catherine born 1866. Witnesses to the marriage of John and Bridget at St Joseph's Church, Hobart, on 21 May 1861, were Charles CONNOR and Mary CUMMINGS.

Contact: Audrey Warner, 17 Dell Street, Cleveland QUEENSLAND 4163

DINEEN

Timothy DINEEN died in the Tasman district 20 June 1863 and John Dineen late of Fingal died 5 May 1898. Please contact Janet Miller, 89 Cannon Hill Crescent St Andrews Hill, Christchurch 8008 NEW ZEALAND 📞 New Zealand 03 3844716 or email: janetmiller@xtra.co.nz

DOIG

Jane (née BRICKHILL) born 1806 London, married James DOIG. It is believed that she had a son, John. Jane was the daughter of William and Mary Brickhill and died sometime prior to 1878.

Any information very welcome. Mrs June Humphrey, 9 Tilden Place, Cook ACT 2614 or by email: jhum@pcug.org.au

DOLBEY

John DOLBEY, along with his wife Sarah (formerly HOLYMAN, née GREENWAY), came to Van Diemen's Land (VDL), in 1836, from England with their seven surviving children and another was born in VDL. The only male surviving into adulthood, Edward, married Mary CAMERON in Launceston in 1865. The descendants' surnames include DOLBEY, GERZALIA, MUNDY, PEARTON, CHICK, and JOHNSTON. Edward's sisters married McNEAIR, SALOM, ALLEN, CRISP, WORSELDINE and ASHTON. There is quite a connection with the Lilydale area of Tasmania although some of the families left the state.

Please contact Louise Leslie, PO Box 192, Mowbray Heights TAS 7248 or by email: theleslies@iprimus.com.au

JONES

I am enquiring about Thomas P H JONES. He was in Beaconsfield by 1882, then later in the decade was working on the West Coast. He was still involved on the West Coast in 1896. He had two sons (names unknown) and two daughters. Mary E Jones married one CLARKE. She was postmistress at Henty 1890–92, and Dundas 1892–3. Her sister Effie took over the job at Henty in 1892.

If you have any information, please contact Jill Cassidy on 📞 (03) 6394 7677 or email Jill.Cassidy@qvmag.tas.gov.au

LOGAN

Family information on Mary LOGAN indicates she came out as a nursery maid from Belfast Ireland. However, I have found a record in a book I read recently *Single & Free*, by Elizabeth Rushen, of such a person among the passengers of *Bussorah Merchant* leaving England in 1833, arriving in Sydney later that year.

I would be glad of any information about this ship eg did this ship then sail to Tasmania. Is there any further information about possible sailing of this ship to Tasmania. Mary Logan married Henry Sweetland FOSTER in Fingal in the early 1850s. Their daughter also Mary Logan, born 1856, married Richard James OLIVER in 1876.

Mrs Shirley Gray, 20 Currawong Crescent, Modbury Heights SOUTH AUSTRALIA 5092 email: bobnshirley@picknowl.com.au

PATRICK

Elizabeth PATRICK wife of John, convicted at Bristol Quarter Sessions January 1817 along with Hester WRIGHT. Transported via the *Friendship*. Any information as to the outcome of Elizabeth, please contact:

Janet Miller 89 Cannon Hill Crescent, St Andrews Hill, Christchurch. NEW ZEALAND ☎ New Zealand 03 3844716. email. janetmiller@xtra.co.nz

REID

I am seeking information regarding Mary Jane REID who was born at Westbury in 1871 and who was living at Oatlands with the family of Benjamin and Mary TAYLOR in 1892 when she witnessed the marriage of Rosetta AYTON/HAYTON and Benjamin Taylor. Mary had two brothers, William and Joseph.

Any information regarding Mary Jane and her brothers would be greatly appreciated. Mrs Betty J Abbott, 69 Tanundal Street, Howrah TAS 7018

SMITH/HYDE

Thelma Alfreda SMITH, born Mersey district 1905. She was the youngest child of George and Mary Anne Smith (née HYDE).

Any information very welcome. Mrs June Humphrey, 9 Tilden Place, Cook ACT 2614 or by email: jhum@pcug.org.au

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AHERNE	Latrobe TAS AUS		6155
ALCOCK Thomas	Castledermot KIL IRL	1750s	6119
ALLEN Mary	Emu Bay TAS AUS	1800+	6098
AMOS Eliza (Annie)	New Norfolk TAS AUS	1876–1952	6088
ANDERSON William	Glasgow SCT	1790–1840	6112
APPS	Glamorgan TAS AUS		6115
APPS	SSX ENG		6115
ARCHER	TAS	c1800	6141
BACON	TAS AUS IRL		6155
BAILEY	Sharnbrook BDF ENG	1840	6139
BARKER Elijah	Emu Bay TAS AUS	1800+	6098
BARKLEYMAN Janet	TAS AUS SCT		6155
BARTLEMAN Janet	TAS AUS SCT		6155
BAYLIS Isabella Mary	Burnie TAS AUS	c1871	6090
BAYLIS Isabella Mary	Burnie TAS AUS	c1871	6137
BECK Robert	Bristol SOM ENG	1775+	6103
BENNETT		1800+	6100
BENNIE James	Lanarkshire SCT/TAS	c1813–1893	5886
BENNIE James	LKS SCT TAS AUS	c1813–1893	5886
BENTLEY Sarah	Brighton/Broadmarsh TAS AUS	1842–1923	6088
BETTS	TAS AUS	c1800	6141
BLAIR Catherine	Glasgow SCT	c1800	6128
BONSER Mary			6109
BRADSHAW	Ross Oatlands TAS AUS		6155
BRAMICH	Wynard/Sisters Creek TAS AUS		6136
BROWN Edna	Rockhampton QLD AUS	1880–1914	6111
BROWN Jared John	FRA	1800+	6093
BROWNELL Joseph	NZ	–1840	6127
BURKE Daniel	TIP IRL Westbury TAS	1827–1927	6124
BURNSIDE Mary	FER IRL	1830+	6146
CALLAGHAN Eliza	CLA IRL	1831–1885	6129
CAMERON Mary	SCT TAS AUS	c1839–1884	5886
CAMERON Mary	SCT/TAS	c1839–1884	5886
CARNEY	CAV IRL Launceston TAS AUS	1835–1940	6124
CARTER Thomas	Otley YKS ENG	1813	6139
CHAMBERLAIN Jesse	Browns River Evandale TAS AUS	1840+	6146
CHAPLIN A	TAS AUS	1880–1950	6133
COLLIS Eliza Sarah	London ENG	–1843	6127
COOPER George	Hobart/Sandy Bay TAS AUS	1819–1915	6145
COOPER George	London ENG	1819–1915	6145
COOPER			6099
COULSON Henry Lewis	London Eng	1860–1890	6126
COUTH Honora	Hobart TAS AUS	1871–1897	6129
COX John	Norfolk Island	c1800	6125
CRAWTE - PEARSON	KEN ENG/MDX ENG	1700–1850	6131
CRICHTON William	Perth SCT/VIC AUS	1818+	6153

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NAME	PLACE/AREA	TIME	M/SHIP NO
DAIKEN	ENG ?	c1770	6094
DAINTY William	ENG ?	c1770	6094
DANN Harry	LAN ENG		6087
DARKE			6147
DAVIS Thomas			6109
DAVIS			6147
DAY Henry	SOM ENG/Sheffield TAS AUS	c1800	6131
DEACON	ENG ?	c1770	6094
DEAN	Bath ENG		6154
DEANE	Dublin IRL	1840	6154
DENNE	Lorraine FRA		6154
DOHERTY	Inniskillen IRL/St Helens LAN ENG		6120
DOIGHN Jane	TAS VIC AUS	1819-1893	6129
DOLBEY John	Dover KEN ENG/TAS AUS	1792-1866	5886
DOSSETT	NZ		6092
DRAKE John	Dunfermline SCT/Devonport TAS AUS	1650-1850	6131
DU ROSS Deane			6154
DUGAN Patrick Benedict	CLA IRL		6091
EASTLEY William			6109
EASTON George	Edinburgh SCT/Hobart TAS AUS	1809-1873	6145
EASTWOOD John	Willunga SA AUS	1861	6142
FLACK James	Leichardt NSW AUS	1857	6139
FOULKES Cyril	ENG WLS	1880-1914	6111
FRANKLIN John	Swansea TAS AUS	1840-1890	6112
FRANKLIN	VIC AUS		6136
FRANKS			6156
FRASER James	Rosemarkie SCT/TAS AUS	1800+	6098
FUNSLow	Collinsvale TAS AUS		6115
GALVIN	Manchester LAN ENG		6100
GEAR	AUS		6116
GEASON	AUS		6116
GILES Charles	Bonnington/Bilsington KEN ENG	1800	6091
GILLIES Helen	Glasgow SCT	1815-1882	6128
GLAUM	VIC AUS		6136
GLOVER Elizabeth		1800+	6108
GOULD Henry	Sydney NSW AUS	1850+	6103
GOULSTON James	SRy ENG	c1795	6118
GRAHAM Irvine Margaret	Hobart TAS AUS	12.07.1827+	6114
GRAHAM Isabella	Hobart TAS AUS/DFS SCT	1824+	6114
GRAHAM Mary	Hobart TAS AUS/DFS SCT	1824+	6114
GRAHAM Peter	Hobart TAS AUS/DFS SCT	1824-1832	6114
GRAHAM Sarah Anne	Hobart TAS AUS	8.09.1824+	6114
GRANT William Alfred	Adventure Bay Bruny Island TAS AUS		6117
GREENWAY Sarah	KEN ENG/TAS AUS	1796-1879	5886
GREIG	Longford TAS AUS		6155
GROVE			6099
GRUBB			6099

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NAME	PLACE/AREA	TIME	M/SHIP NO
HALL John	ENG	c1820	6118
HANLEY, Edward	Sorell TAS AUS	1833-1879	6092
HARMAN Job	Wycombe BKM ENG	1800+	6103
HASTIE Robert	Edinburgh SCT	1828	6139
HEATON, Maria	TAS AUS		6155
HENDERSON			6130
HENWOOD Richard	DEV ENG CON ENG Hobart TAS AUS	1795-1877	6145
HICKEY John J	NSW AUS	-1900	6087
HILL Bernard	Geeveston TAS AUS	1840-1890	6112
HILL MaryAnn	Launceston TAS AUS	1842-1876	6138
HILL Thomas	Kildwick YKS ENG	1787	6139
HILLS Joseph	IRL	1818	6092
HOCKING Josiah	CON ENG	-1852	6126
HODGES Charles Albert	Hobart Brighton TAS AUS	1827-1904	6088
HODGETTS	TAS AUS	c1800	6135
HODGSON Thomas	CUL ENG Launceston TAS AUS	1850-1919	6145
HOOPER	Hobart TAS AUS		6115
HUSBAND Jessie	FIF SCT Devonport TAS AUS	c1800	6131
JAMES Claude & John	Launceston TAS AUS	1800-1950	6105
JARVIS Elizabeth	Snug TAS AUS	1874	6098
JOHN May	Exeter DEV ENG	1700-1800	6131
JOSEPH Eveline Betrodus	Clarence Plains TAS AUS		6117
JUDGE William	London ENG	-1843	6127
KEEFE Catherine	Westbury TAS AUS	1835-1890s	6106
KEOGH Patrick			6109
KING Elizabeth	London ENG	c1780	6128
KING Thomas	Launceston TAS AUS	1834-1900	6129
KING	VIC AUS		6136
LANCASTER Robert			6109
LAPWORTH Joseph	Birmingham WAR ENG	1847	6093
LAPWORTH Joseph	ENG ?	1793	6093
LAPWORTH William	Coventry WAR ENG	1767	6093
LENNOX Neilson	SCT NZ Hobart TAS AUS	-28.04.1917	6110
LESLIE James	Dublin IRE/TAS	1812-1881	5886
LESLIE James	Dublin IRL TAS AUS	1812-1881	5886
LINCOLN Leslie William	Barnes Bay Bruny Island TAS AUS		6117
LINE			6099
LOCKETT William	Claude Rd TAS AUS	c1800	6125
LODGE Martha May	Tunbridge TAS AUS	c1800	6142
LOHREY	GDR TAS AUS	1855+	6135
LONGMORE	STS ENG Warrington LAN ENG		6120
LOVE Edward	VIC AUS	1863+	6153
LUCAS			6145
LUCKING			6100
LUSH Jerimiah	ENG ?		6094
LUSH Prudence	Frome SOM ENG		6094
LUSH Susan Ann	Hobartown TAS AUS	1843	6094

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NAME	PLACE/AREA	TIME	M/SHIP NO
MALE Elizabeth	SCT NZ/Hobart TAS AUS	-3.08.1932	6110
MANN John	Leamington WAR ENG	c1811	6118
MARCH Charles	SOM ENG		6087
MASON Ernest	TAS AUS	-1900	6126
MATTHEWS	TAS AUS	c1840	6141
MAWER John		1803	6109
MAY John	Exeter DEV ENG	1700-1800	6131
McCARTHY Margaret	Cork IRL/TAS AUS	1817-1886	5886
McDONALD Thomas James	Hobart TAS AUS	1858+	6092
McGURK	IRL AUS		6115
McLAREN	TAS AUS		6136
McLAREN	TAS AUS	c1840	6141
McMAHON John Henry	VIC AUS		6136
McMAHON Mary		1800+	6108
McQUEENEY Michael	LET IRL	1815-1825	6140
McQUEENEY	LET IRL	c1700	6140
MITCHELL Michael	TAS AUS	1865+	6107
MITCHELL Thomas		1800+	6108
MONTI Zelamina	ITL		6147
MOORE John		1803	6109
MOORE			6100
MORLEY John	Beaconsfield TAS AUS	c1906	6132
NABBS	TAS AUS	c1800	6141
NAYLOR Richard	Pudsey YKS ENG	1880	6139
NEWITT			6145
O'KEEFE Catherine	Westbury TAS AUS	1835-1890s	6106
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PICKETT Thomas	Campbell Town, Oatlands TAS AUS	1845-1882	6086
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POWELL Charles	Tunbridge TAS AUS	c1800	6142
PRICE Henry	Woodbridge SFK ENG	1814-1875	6129
PULLEN George	Chilham KEN ENG	1817	6091
REEVE(S) Thomas	Illawara NSW AUS	c1820	6121
REID Jesse	Perth TAS		6146
REILLY Robert	Sydney NSW AUS	1854+	6133
ROBERTS Thomas Isaac	London ENG CHI ENG/Hobart TAS AUS	1845-1929	6145
ROGERS Charles		1800+	6108
ROGERS Joseph Clifford	LON ENG	1863-1927(?)	6093
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SHEARGOLD Edward	MDX LND ENG	1853	6091
SKINNER Richard		c1797	6094

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SURTEES John	Durham DUR ENG	1800+	6098
SWARD	TAS AUS	c1800	6141
SWEETMAN John	N W Coast TAS AUS	1890+	6153
SYDES Charles			6089
SYDES Hilda			6089
SYDES Richard	Norfolk Island Port Dalrymple TAS AUS	c1801	6089
SYDES Thomas		c1806	6089
TOOKE William	Winton London ENG	1906/07	6113
TURNER George	Launceston TAS/ENG YKS	1750–1890+	6105
TURNER Philip	MDX ENG/Hobart TAS AUS	1800–1900	6124
TURNER	SFK ENG		6105
TYLER Mary Ann	Huon (?) TAS AUS	c1865	6113
VAUTIN Emilie	Hobart, Scottsdale, Ringarooma TAS	1831–1915	6088
WADE Thomas	Dublin IRL	1812+	6128
WAINWRIGHT William	Launceston TAS AUS	1810–1887	6133
WAINWRIGHT William			6134
WALKER James	IRL		6146
WANT MaryAnn	WIL ENG	1800+	6105
WATSON Gladys	Bellerive TAS AUS	1900+	6113
WESLEY John	Sawley DBY ENG	c1800	6106
WESLEY John	Westbury TAS AUS	1846–1883	6106
WHITE Anne	Norfolk Island/Port Dalrymple TAS AUS	1790+	6089
WILLIS Joseph	Launceston TAS AUS	1800+	6153
WILSON William	ENG	1801+	6133
WING	ENG/Molong NSW AUS	1849	6139
WOOD Mary	Coventry WAR ENG	1771	6093
WOODHEAD William	Launceston TAS AUS	c1856	6138
WOOLLEY			6145
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VICTORIA POLICE CORRESPONDENCE FILES

Contributed by Helen D Harris OAM (Member No. 86)

Cyril WOOD was convicted in 1913 in Melbourne of insufficient lawful means of support and received a sentence of one month's imprisonment. Hobart solicitors write on behalf of his parents, Mr. and Mrs John Wood, 'highly respected citizens for 40 years, heartbroken at the news'. Mrs Wood also writes. Police place him on a ship for Tasmania on release, at request of parents. ●

Reference: VPRS 807 Unit 484 File N5972.

Mrs Constance C DOWLING of Strathmore, Nile, Tasmania, wrote in 1920 asking whether a cousin of her father was still alive and if so where she was. The cousin was Miss Kate FAERIE; her mother was a daughter of James COX of Clarendon. The writer's father, James, was a grandson. Not found by police [name should have been FARIE, she misspelt it]. ●

Reference: VPRS 807 Unit 1319 File D3231.

THE RAST ARCHIVES PROJECT

THE RAST (Royal Agricultural Society of Tasmania) Archives Project was the brainchild of CEO Geoff FADER who in 2001 seized the opportunity offered by the 2001 Community Heritage Grants to undertake a preservation study of the Society's records.

The Royal Agricultural Society of Tasmania is one of the oldest agricultural societies in the Commonwealth. It has extensive records, photos and ephemera dating from the early 1870s. The Society's origins go back to the group formed in 1821 to protect livestock in the colony.¹ By 1838, meetings of the Society were being held further afield, and E T Emmett claims in his book *Tasmania by Road and Track* that in that year Governor Franklin was guest of the Southern Agricultural Society at a meeting at the Woolpack Inn in the Derwent Valley.² By the 1870s the Society was to undergo the first of several name changes. The final one was in 1922 when the Society received the Royal charter and became The Royal Agricultural Society of Tasmania.

The 2001 Community Heritage Grant enabled a preservation and collection assessment to be undertaken by consultant Julie Stacker. Volunteer assistance of some several hundred manhours was provided by Mrs Margaret ZANTUCK, Ms Wendy HARVEY and RAST Councillor, Mrs Ruth BINNY.

Since 2002, the work of the Archives Committee has been progressively to catalogue acquisitions and develop approaches for preservation. As a result of another Community Heritage Grant in 2002 we were able to have conservation

treatment done on 40 photographs in the collection. Without the National Library's Community Grant this work would not have been possible.

The collection includes early minute books, bound catalogues and schedules, photos (dating from late 19th Century), newspaper clippings, trophies, annual reports, membership lists, medallions etc. Potentially the records are a treasure trove for historians and family history researchers.

The Vault, a publication inspired by Mrs Hilde REINHART aims to provide information about the Society's archival holdings.

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Endnotes

¹ *Hobart Town Gazette* 1822

² E T Emmett, *Tasmania by Road and Track*, p. 143. Unfortunately Emmett does not cite his reference for this information, but it makes for a good story.