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## From the Editors

An interesting, though a less than usual variety of articles this time, resulting in a smaller edition of "Tasmanian Ancestry".

Betty Jones' "Pupil Teachers in Tasmanian Government Schools, 1855-1899" and Shirley Foster's: "The First Women Graduates" are welcome and well researched articles on the foundation of our fine educational system in Tasmania. A grateful "thank you" to the other writers who have taken the time to contribute. The various extracts from the old newspapers and subscription Journals while interesting, are a poor substitute for input from our many members.

Please make a diary note of the closing date, 1 January, for the March 2008 edition, and start working now! Our publication is only as good as the interest of our members, and cannot survive without YOUR active participation.

Check out the Branch and Society advertisements on the new publications, and encourage the branch volunteers by supporting their efforts to disseminate information to facilitate family history research.

On behalf of Editors, Anita and Betty, I extend best wishes for a joyful and blessed Christmas season and positive results in your writing and research efforts during the coming year.

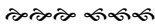
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## President's Message

The State executive is continuing with its investigation into the process of producing T.A.M.I.O.T (Tombstone and Memorial Inscriptions Of Tasmania) on CD, and although I have nothing definite to report, one step at a time we are getting there. Plans are also underway for the State AGM which will be held at Ross on 21 June 2008.

It is always pleasing to see the work of branch publication committees come to fruition. Congratulations to Burnie who have released another volume of the *Advocate* newspaper index. Devonport who have released two volumes of their cemetery indexes and Launceston who have released a CD on shipping and also started two new series of newspaper indexes. You will find more details of these in this journal.

One of my other roles in the Tasmanian Family History Society is co-editor of *Tasmanian Ancestry* and compiling Quidnunc—a task, which I thoroughly enjoy, as this gives me the opportunity to read a fairly wide range of journals from other Family History Societies. I have noticed while reading these over the last 12 months 80% of them are looking at the direction that their societies are heading. Why am I mentioning this? Well, I feel very strongly that this is something our society should also be considering. In general interest in the Society and membership numbers are increasing, but library attendances are not.

Our main rival seems to be the Internet. It is very easy to click on to a few websites, search through a list, and you have a family tree! Those of us who have done this the 'real way', know that if you don't check out the actual records you might not even have the right family.

OK, so we need to look at how we can use this 'rival' to our advantage! It would seem to me that our libraries need to be using their website to let researchers know what records they hold—maybe start with the basics, such as a library catalogue, then work from there. It may not be an easy road, but one I think we need to travel. I would appreciate any comments on this subject.

Just a reminder that membership to TFHS Inc. can now be paid by credit card; facilities have been made available on the membership form to enable payment this way. Applications for membership and membership renewals using the facility should be forwarded to the State Treasurer, PO Box 191, Launceston, Tas 7250, for processing.

Anita Swan  
State President.

## **Waterloo to Woolloomooloo (part 1)**

### **the story of a Scottish veteran of the Napoleonic Wars**

Jim Rouse (Member No 5496)

Watchmaker, soldier, farm worker and genealogist, John DRUMMOND was born in Crieff in Perthshire, Scotland in 1791. From what we know of him John led a most interesting life, having fought in 11 battles of the Napoleonic War including Waterloo, before emigrating to Australia in 1832.

Of his early life little is known, having been born in Crieff which was the ancestral homeland of many Drummonds, including Sir John Drummond who built Drummond Castle in 1491. Crieff, situated on the southern edge of the Scottish highlands was also the site of the country's most important cattle market and was renowned for hanging lawless Highlanders!

The Drummond family were significant in shaping the town of Crieff, and in 1731 James Drummond the 3rd Duke of Perth established a textile industry and flax factory in the town. During the Jacobite war of 1745-46 however, the Drummonds had been on the wrong side and their lands were forfeited to the crown until 1784.

During this time the town was further developed and became an industrial centre based on tanning and bleaching, industries which were significant amongst John Drummond's immediate family. As the town developed with industry, its cattle markets declined, and the largest national sale held each October, the Tryst, moved south to Falkirk in 1770.

As an indication of the significance and size of these events in 1777, a contemporary writing stated that "at one of these trysts which usually lasted two days, sometimes above 50,000 head of cattle have been assembled and sold off".

The Drummond family's involvement with the leather and tanning industries no doubt resulted in them travelling to and from Falkirk (25 miles away) as the industry moved away from Crieff. It's likely that John Drummond's family eventually moved to Falkirk, this would explain why John was in Falkirk at age 15 and why he would continue to return there later in life.

John enlisted in the 71st Highland Regiment on the 25th of May 1807 at Falkirk, where he would have taken the "King's Shilling" (a token sum given at enlistment). For his enlistment John also received a bounty of £11.11.0. (£643.15 in today's money ie \$1,597 Australian) a considerable sum of money at that time even after the cost of his uniform and other kit was taken out of it. The 'Bringer of a recruit for attestation' (Recruiting Sergeant or Officer) was paid £4.5.0. He was marched into the 2nd Battalion at rate of 1/- per day (£2.78 or in today's money-\$6.90AU).

John must have lied about his age on enlistment as he claimed to have been 18 whereas he was in fact only 15. We can only guess as to why he lied; perhaps it was for the same reasons that many young boys would do so 100 years later in WW1. But perhaps he was unhappy in his civilian vocation of watchmaker which was recorded at enlistment. Since he was as young as he was, it's highly improbable he was a qualified watchmaker but more likely an apprentice. Apprenticeships at that time were mostly 7 years and it's unlikely he would have commenced one before the age of 10 or 11. Getting out of an apprenticeship at that

time was not so easy either as it was a legally binding contract with severe penalties should the contract be broken. One way around this however, was that an apprentice not happy in his situation could enlist in the Army or Navy and he could be released without such penalty. The only watchmaker of prominence in Falkirk at this time was John RUSSELL, "Watchmaker to H.R.H. the Prince of Wales" pre-1811; "Watchmaker to H.R.H. the Prince Regent", 1811-17 who was situated opposite the top of Kirk Wynd, so it's possible that John served his apprenticeship with Mr Russell.

Shortly after enlistment the 2nd Battalion of the 71st Regiment moved to Strabane in County Tyrone Ireland, an area that had seen a lot of violence during the failed Rebellion of 1798.

The army were employed at that time (as they have been in more recent times) to police areas in Ireland where rebels had been or were active. The 1798 rebellion, and its aftermath, caused a strained relationship between England and Ireland, awakening ancient fears and evoking memories of the earlier bloody rebellion of 1641. Marquis CORNWALLIS who in 1798 was appointed Viceroy of Ireland, had been responsible for crushing the rebellion, but also seized the opportunity the crisis offered to put through a legislative union between Ireland and England. The Irish parliament was to be another casualty of the 1798 rebellion, while Union was represented as the perfect answer to those separatists who had sought to pull Ireland and Britain apart. Union was duly accomplished in January 1801.

The atmosphere in Ulster in 1807 was not unlike that in Ulster in more-recent times where the British army was seen as the weapon of a foreign government by many, and upholders of the law by others. This then was John Drummond's introduction to military life. ●

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## **New Publications — Devonport Branch**

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## Pupil Teachers in Tasmanian Government Schools, 1855-1899

Betty Jones (Member No 6032)

Teachers in Tasmania are highly qualified and most have a University background. Many hold Masters Degrees and Doctorates, gained through hard study after their original training of at least four years has been completed. This was certainly not the case in nineteenth century Tasmanian schools. Throughout the 1800s, teachers in all schools were largely untrained. In fact, by 1904, when William NEALE carried out his review of the Tasmanian public education system, he observed that of the 500 teachers then employed by the Education Department, 350 had received no proper long-term training. The other 150 had been pupil-teachers, though few of them had received their training in the Model School at Battery Point.<sup>1</sup> The personal information provided on the Government's official Application for Teaching Position forms dating from 1862-1905 confirms that many went straight to teaching positions from very diverse, non-teaching backgrounds.<sup>2</sup>



The Government made attempts to bolster the strength of its teaching force in the 1840s and 1850s by bringing out and employing trained teachers from England, though their number was minimal. In 1850, a Normal School for training teachers was set up in Hobart Town, but this was soon considered a failure and closed two years later. A new Model School was established at Battery Point Public School in Hobart in 1887, the aim being to have modern practice on display there for teachers to view and be taught. Three trained senior teachers were brought out from England to demonstrate method and provide leadership in training.<sup>3</sup> Around that time, *Smith Exhibitions* were introduced to enable a small number of untrained teachers (it appears to be no more than two or three a year) who had distinguished themselves by faithful service and efficient discharge of duty to attend at the Model School for a period of from three to twelve months. During their period of training, the recipients were paid a salary at a rate of 40 pounds per annum and 50 pounds lodging allowance.<sup>4</sup> However, Tasmania did not gain a Teacher Training College until 1906 and relied heavily on the Pupil Teacher system from 1855 until that time.

The notion of having apprentices in schools in this Colony was first noted in February 1851, when details of a new scheme were printed in the *Hobart Town Gazette*. Apprenticed Monitors were to be part of the Normal School's teacher training program. The plan was to have young paid Monitors, starting from the age of 13 years, attached to approved teachers in certain schools for a period of up to four years, during which time they would be given specific daily instruction and taught the rudiments of classroom teaching. They were to eventually attend the Normal School to complete their qualifications. There is evidence in Inspector Thomas ARNOLD's original draft notes, which he made between 1852 and 1853 on his visits to schools throughout the Colony that an apprenticeship system was in place by 1853. Miss UPTON was mentioned as being apprenticed for three years to Mrs HORNE at Brisbane Street School in Hobart Town at that time.<sup>5</sup> When the



Normal School was discontinued in 1852, the Apprenticed Monitor idea lost favour and left room for the Pupil Teacher system of training teachers to take over.

The practice of apprenticing Pupil Teachers, as distinct from Monitors, commenced in England in the first half of the nineteenth century and was being investigated seriously by the Board of Education in Van Diemen's Land by the mid-fifties. An Education Office Circular dated 11.5.1855<sup>6</sup> gave details of how such a system was to operate.

- Pupil Teachers were to be admissible in schools where the number of children exceeded 40 for each adult teacher and on the condition that the character and qualifications of the Master were such as to allow him to educate the Pupil Teacher;
- The Master was to devote an hour and a half daily to special instruction of the trainees over and above ordinary school hours;
- The candidates had to be not under the age of 13 years and were required to produce certificates of character, with reference to both themselves and their families, signed by a Minister of Religion;
- An entrance examination had to be passed in reading, writing, and the first four rules of Arithmetic and there were further examinations to be passed at the end of each year. As well, a certificate signed by the Master and at least one of the school's Special Visitors had to be produced, stating that the Pupil Teacher had shown good conduct and industry during that twelve months. Their salary, ranging from 15 pounds in the first year to 50 pounds in their fifth, was to be paid quarterly, contingent always upon passing the examinations successfully;
- It was possible for the trainees to sit for examinations prescribed for any later year of the course and, if they passed, could both receive the higher rate of salary and proportionally shorten the period of engagement. However, in such a case, the Pupil Teacher was not to be less than the age of 18 years when the termination of engagement concluded;
- The Masters were to receive additional annual remuneration on a scale of 8 pounds for one pupil, 12 pounds for two, 15 pounds for three, and for every additional one thereafter, 3 pounds;
- Every application had to emanate from a qualified Master;
- Each Pupil Teacher had to sign a legal indenture form;
- The prescribed course of study was incremental and included Reading, Grammar, Writing, Arithmetic, Geography, Singing and Skill in Teaching for the first three years. In Years 4 and 5 those same core subjects were continued, with History and Agriculture being added.

In 1859, the Pupil Teacher method of training was refined and formalised and this continued largely unchanged for the next 45 years, despite major criticisms of the system being made regularly. The most obvious problem was that, without a proper training institution to disseminate the latest on educational theory and practice, Pupil Teachers were modelling themselves on teachers who were generally uneducated and not trained in modern teaching methods.

Between 1856 and 1899, about 380 Pupil Teachers were listed in the records of the Board of Education/Education Department, though not all of them completed their

courses, there being a drop-out rate of 30 per cent over that period of time. Analysis shows that the number of males and females included in the total was close to equal.

The earliest recorded appointments were:

- Alban Joseph ROPER at Harrington Street Public School, Hobart in 1855: Alban's father, Joseph ROPER, was considered an outstanding Master at Harrington Street Public School at the time, and had been instrumental in helping the Board of Education draw up the Pupil Teacher system based on his own experience in England. His son, Alban, who was about 14 years old when he started, completed his course at Upper Macquarie Street Public School in 1859 and went on to have a quietly successful career with the Department, one which spanned 56 years and ended when he died at Evandale in 1911.
- Kathleen PIERSE at Bathurst Street Central Public School in Hobart on 2.12.1855: Kathleen finished her training at Battery Point in 1860 and left the Board of Education to teach in Victoria at the end of 1862.
- Duncan Duff Hayes CHISHOLM at Trinity Hill Public School in Hobart Town on 23.5.1856: Duncan was about 14 years old at the time and, after completing his training in May 1860, went on to teach with the Board of Education for another thirty years, his career finishing at Glenora in 1890.
- James John McIVER at Murray Street Public School, Hobart on 17.9.1856: James is last listed in 1858 and it is not clear whether he actually finished his course. He did not continue a teaching career with the Board of Education.
- Alfred WILLICOMBE at Tunnack Public School on 10.10.1856: It appears that Alfred was under the stated requisite 13 years of age when he commenced his course, as records show that he was born on 10.4.1844, making him exactly 12½. He is the only recorded pupil teacher to have been trained at Tunnack Public School in the nineteenth century, his term of engagement being completed at Bathurst Street Central in 1860. Alfred went on to have a long career with the Board of Education, serving mostly in small country schools for forty years, and retiring in early 1897 from the half-time schools at Glen Fern and Mt Lloyd in the Derwent Valley.
- Samuel Andrew HAMMETT at Battery Point Public School on 19.10.1856: Samuel was also possibly less than 13 years old when he started, his course being completed at Trinity Hill Public School in 1860. He then taught with his mother, Mrs Ann HAMMETT, at Victoria (Huon), O'Brien's Bridge, Glenorchy and Macquarie Street Public Schools. Samuel died at the age of 36 in 1880.

The most prominent schools involved in training pupil teachers during the period included:

- Bathurst Street Central, Hobart: 50 from 1855-1899
- Battery Point, Hobart : 47 from 1856-1899
- Trinity Hill, Hobart: 42 from 1856-1899
- Goulburn Street, Hobart : 33 from 1859-1899
- Elizabeth Street, Launceston: 28 from 1858-1898
- Charles Street, Launceston: 24 from 1883-1899
- New Town: 21 from 1862-1899

- Beaconsfield: 17 from 1884-1899
- Macquarie Street, Hobart: 15 from 1859-1899
- Longford: 15 from 1859-1899
- New Norfolk: 11 from 1880-1899

Few references were made to Pupil Teachers in the Board of Education's Secretary's Letter Books other than those noting their appointments, promotions and resignations. It is therefore difficult to piece together the day-to-day experiences of those young people. The fact that each one had to obtain annual certification of their good conduct and industry for promotion purposes obviously kept them focused but was not a sufficient deterrent to all to always follow the rules laid down. A common foible noted was that the apprentices sometimes absented themselves from Singing classes, in particular, and were then formally required to give their reason in writing to the Board. A good example of a response to an explanation was recorded in the Board of Education's minutes dated 10.12.1867: "Edmund Roper may be a thorough musician and capable of giving individual instruction but he might yet be unable to impart instruction to a body of children on the particular system followed by Mr Reynolds [the Teacher of Singing] and adopted by the Board for Schools generally...Therefore he should comply with the rule for attendance of Pupil and Assist Teachers at these classes." Edmund ROPER commenced his apprenticeship with his father at the Harrington Street Public School in 1864 and completed it in 1868.

It is interesting to note that five of Joseph Roper's children took up teaching with the Board—Alban, Edmund, Alfred, Emma and Letitia, but only the boys served apprenticeships. It was not uncommon for members of the same family to be involved in teaching and there are numerous examples in the records of those who are recognised as sibling Pupil Teachers during the nineteenth century: Alice L and Armadale Charles ANDERSON, Elizabeth and Sarah Ann BAKEWELL, Ethel Gertrude, George Frances A, Rosina and Selina Emma BANTOFT, Ellen Henrietta and Thomas F BELLINGER, Charlotte and Sarah BERWICK, Abey Vida and James A BLACK, Florence May and Frederick Isaiah BRIGGS, Amelia Sarah and Rosa Jane BUTLER, Peter Olaf and William CARLSEN, Elizabeth Quint and Sarah Bennett CLARK, Amy Gertrude and Elizabeth May COATES, John Richard and Margaret COLE, Edwin Charles and Harriet Ann FULLER, Jane and Mary Ann Bell FULTON, Elizabeth and Robert William J GUMLEY, James, Louisa and Thomas HOGG, Ann, Florence Mary and Rosa Eleanor HUGHES, Jessie Russell and Mary KIDD, Catherine and Frederick R LEACH, Edith Amy and Walter Thomas MILLER, Henrietta Sophia and Louisa Mayo PEGUS, Charles and Hilda Zealanda RAPP, Anna Rose and Lucy ROBLIN, Alfred Ernest Jones, James, Jane Elizabeth and Sarah Learmouth ROSS, Emily, Ronald Richard and Thomas William SALTMARSH, Mary May and Robert Alexander SLEIGHTHOLM, Isabella and Julia SNOWDEN, Celia and Joseph Edward STEVENS, Lavinia J and Mabel Sarah THORP, James William, John Martin and Margaret A WALLACE, Charles Alfred and Robert Stuart WRIGHT.



In the early 1860s, at least, the Board of Education awarded monetary prizes, usually to the value of 20 shillings, to the Pupil Teachers who achieved the highest marks at their annual examinations. Some of those named in the Secretary's Letter Books include: Matthew ABEL (1863, Trinity Hill), Elizabeth BAKEWELL (1863, Trinity Hill), Sarah Ann BAKEWELL (1863, Trinity Hill), Charlotte BERWICK (1863, Trinity Hill), Sarah Ann Wilkinson BOURNE (1863, New Town), Thomas HOGG (1863, Trinity Hill), Frederick R LEACH (1864, Elizabeth Street, Launceston), Robert Newton RICHARDS (1863, New Town), Edward STIMPSON (1863, Trinity Hill).<sup>8</sup>

Pupil Teachers played an important part in the development of the education system in Tasmania, particularly in the nineteenth century. There were no new indentures signed beyond 1904 and when the Teacher Training College was eventually set up in 1906 and initial student placements made, those who had been Pupil Teachers were given rightful advantage over those who had served as Paid Monitors. The former started as Senior Students and the other as Junior Teachers. By the end of 1907, the Junior Teacher title had replaced that of Pupil Teacher throughout the State. ●

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## Tasmanian Family History Society Inc.

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## "Index to Passenger Arrivals & Departures from Early Launceston Newspapers, 1829-1865"



Sandra Duck, Maureen Martin and Henry Bartlett  
The CD cover features the Customs House, overlooking the River Tamar, Launceston

Many of our members were present at the launch on Wednesday 5th September, at the Phil Leonard Room, City Library, Launceston. President Anita welcomed all present and gave an outline of the history of the book and fiche publications over the past twenty years or so, and the necessity of bringing the shipping records together in this easily searchable and splendid-value CD-Rom. Peter Richardson, Senior Librarian at the City Library spoke of the research facilities available at the Library and the fine co-operation over the years between the Launceston Branch members and the library staff, and the volumes of much-used publications produced by the Society. Dr Frank Madill welcomed among other guests, Mr Mac Kidd, a former Warden of the Launceston Port Authority and before officially launching the CD, spoke of the importance of preserving our early history. Members of the Branch committee provided and served refreshments.

The project was commenced in the eighties by Sandra Duck and Maureen Martin, with a book, then fiche being produced. For the greater part, Sandra carried on with the mammoth task of extracting the data, typing and sorting, culminating with sufficient data for a CD-Rom. Over the years there were many proof readers.

We are much indebted to Henry Bartlett for his invaluable work on the search facility, Help file and designing the CD, while Anne Bartlett has been responsible for the formatting of the data from the onset of the project. Publication committee members Anita Swan, Helen Stuart and Barrie Robinson, spent hours on designing the CD cover and compiling the booklet which is enclosed with each CD. ●

## 1852 New Year Resolutions

### Solve Genealogical Mysteries

It is New Year's Eve 1852 and Henry HYDENWELL sits at his desk by candlelight. He dips his quill pen in ink and begins to write his New Year's resolutions:

1. No man is truly well-educated unless he learns to spell his name at least three different ways within the same document. I resolve to give the appearance of being extremely well-educated in the coming year.
2. I resolve to see to it that all of my children will have the same names that my ancestors have used for six generations in a row.
3. My age is no one's business but my own. I hereby resolve to never list the same age or birth year twice on any document.
4. I resolve to have of my children baptised in a different church either in a different faith or in a different parish. Every third child will not be baptised at all or will be baptised by an itinerant minister who keeps no records.
5. I resolve to move to a new town, new county, or new state at least once every ten years—just before those pesky enumerators come around asking silly questions.
6. I will make every attempt to reside in counties and towns where no vital records are maintained or where the courthouse burns down every few years.
7. I resolve to join an obscure religious cult that does not believe in record keeping or in participating in military service.
8. When the tax collector comes to my door, I'll loan him my pen, which has been dipped in rapidly fading blue ink.
9. I resolve that if my beloved wife Mary should die, I will marry another Mary.
10. I resolve not to make a will. Who needs to spend money on a lawyer?

Author unknown

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## I Wish I'd Known That Sooner

From *The Banyan Tree* July 2007

It's strange how, no matter how long you research the history of your family, there is always something else to learn about even the most basic genealogical methods.

Even though registration was 'compulsory' from 1st July 1837, there was no penalty for non-observance until 1874.

Some parents just didn't bother registering their children's births and others were registered twice under different forenames. What made it worse, if a child wasn't registered within ten days of its birth, the parents could be fined for making a late registration. If they decided not to bother, then no action could be taken against the parents.

It wasn't until 1875, that registration became truly compulsory with the introduction of fines for non-registration. It is estimated that as many as one third of births went unregistered between 1837 and 1875.

## Elizabeth Children Diprose

Elizabeth Parkes (Member No 337)

Elizabeth (nee CHILDREN, 1782-1868) and Thomas (1781-1865) DIPROSE arrived in Hobart Town in 1823 with their eight children, after a six-month voyage on the *Berwick*. Their youngest son Isaac was born four months later. Thomas obtained a land grant, initially of 500 acres, at Diprose Lagoon, Epping (present-day Cleveland) in the northern Midlands.

Elizabeth grew up in comfortable circumstances in Kent, England, with her parents and her ten siblings, on her father William's farm near Headcorn. Some of her Children ancestors and relations were very wealthy. Her pride in her Children ancestry is reflected in her name, Elizabeth Children Diprose, on hers and Thomas' headstone, now at Carr Villa Cemetery, Launceston.

The Diproses' first years in Van Diemen's Land were in stark contrast to Elizabeth's childhood. Their land was isolated and they had to contend with the dangers of attack by aborigines and bushrangers.

One of Elizabeth and Thomas' sons, William with his wife Ann (nee NEWALL) and their children, eventually settled in South Australia. Their other children lived in northern Tasmania. Many of their Tasmanian grandchildren, and some of their great-grandchildren, were pioneers who cleared large acreages on the heavily forested lands of the North-East and North-West of the colony/state to establish their farms. Areas settled included those in and around Scottsdale, Bridport, Ringarooma and Legerwood in the North-East. In the North-West, Isaac and his wife Elizabeth (nee French) finally settled in the Barrington area, and some of Isaac and Elizabeth's children and grandchildren established farms there and in the Sheffield, Yolla and Sisters Creek areas, as well as in the North-East.

Elizabeth and Thomas were Baptists and many of their descendants have continued the strong non-conformist tradition.

NB. See *Tasmanian Ancestry*, September 2007, p. 115 for:

- Married names of Elizabeth and Thomas Diprose's daughters.
- Contact details for forthcoming book on the Diprose family history.

This book includes chapters on the ancestors and relations of Elizabeth and Thomas in Kent, and their lives there and in Tasmania. There are also biographies of their 9 children, 61 grandchildren and most of their 396 great-grandchildren in Australia and New Zealand. As well, there are chapters on the families of Thomas' brother Samuel Diprose, his cousin John Diprose and Elizabeth's first cousin William Shoobridge, all of whom migrated, or had a branch of the family that migrated, to Australia. The last chapter is on the Diproses in the two world wars. ●

## Some Key Dates For UK Genealogy

1522	Earliest Known Muster Roll
1538	Parish registers ordered to be kept
1542	Administrative union of Wales with England
1552	Ulster King of Arms established
1567	Earliest Huguenot & Walloon registers
1574	Colonial State Paper published. Continued to 1738
1578	Earliest Quaker registers
1597	Bishops' Transcripts begin
1600	Memoirs of Officers of the Royal Navy first kept
1601	Poor Relief Act
1642	Civil War interrupts parish register keeping
1644	Earliest Presbyterian registers Earliest Independent (Congregational) registers
1645	Inquisitions Post Mortem end
1647	Earliest Baptist registers
1649	COMMONWEALTH
1653	Provincial Probate Courts abolished
1660	Parish Registers resumed
1662	Poor Relief Act Hearth Act
1663	Earliest Roman Catholic registers
1667	Burial in Woollen
1669	Earliest Lutheran registers
1670	Earliest Synagogue registers – Bevis Marks
1677	Lee's Collection of Names of Merchants in London
1679	Burial in woollen more strictly enforced
1684	Huguenot registers begin in London
1688	Toleration Act for Protestant nonconformists Earliest royal Dutch Chapel registers
1690	Great Synagogue founded in London
1695	Dissenters list of births in parish registers
1703	Repeal of duties on entries in parish registers
1708	Earliest Artillery Muster Rolls
1710	Tax on Apprentice Indentures
1714	Chancery proceedings filed under Six Clerks
1721	Bailey's Northern Directory
1731	Abolition of Latin
1732	Earliest Cavalry and Infantry muster rolls
1734	Kent's Directory
1737	Earliest Calvinist Methodist registers
1741	Earliest Moravian registers
1752	Gregorian Calendar introduced in Britain Earliest Lady Huntingdon's New Connection registers
1753	Earliest Inghamite registers
1754	Lord Hardwick's Marriage act First printed annual Army lists
1762	Earliest Unitarian registers Earliest Swiss Church registers
1772	First Navy lists



1779	Earliest New Connection Methodist registers
1780	Earliest Wesleyan registers Male servants tax
1783	Duty on Parish Register entries
1784	New South Wales original correspondence Co 201
1787	Earliest Swedenborgian registers
1790	Barfoot's London Commercial Directory
1792	Boyle's Street Directory
1794	Abolition of Parish Register duties
1796	Holden's Triennial Directory
1799	Post Office New Annual Directory
1800	Royal College of Surgeons founded Earliest Bible Christian registers
1806	Earliest Primitive Methodist registers
1813	Rose's Act – new Parish Register books
1814	Act of burial in woollen repealed Cape Colony CO 48 Pigot's Commercial Directory
1817	Johnstone's London Directory
1823	New laws concerning marriage by licence Scottish testaments prior to 1823 transferred to SRO
1826	White's first Directory – Hull
1829	Earliest Irvingite registers
1835	Earliest Universalist registers
1837	Civil registration in England and Wales
1841	Census – first of value to genealogist
1842	Civil registration in the Channel Island
1851	Census – first featuring exact ages of individuals
1855	Civil registration begins in Scotland
1861	Census
1864	Civil registration begins in Ireland
1871	Census
1875	Civil registration becomes compulsory
1881	Census
1974	English county borders were redrawn

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## British Army WWI Records On Line

From *Australian Family Tree Connections* August 2007

Ancestry.co.uk in partnership with The National Archive has placed online the first phase of the War Office (WO) service and pension records collections consisting of records A to B of WO 364 which will eventually total records of approximately 2.5 million British soldiers who served from 1914 through to 1920 compiled from soldiers' pension and discharged records.

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Searching the name index is free and pages from the original files is available for viewing by subscribed members or with Pay per View. Although the collections vary in detail, users will be able to discover key information in both, including physical description, regimental number, service history, locations served, date and place of birth, former occupation, next of kin and promotions. <http://tinyurl.com/2np8vp>

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## Genealogist Twelve Days of Christmas

My true love gave to me  
Twelve census searches  
Eleven family bibles  
Ten e-mail contacts  
Nine headstone rubbings  
Eight wills and admins  
Seven miners mining  
Six second cousins  
Five coats of arms  
Four GEDCOM files  
Three old wills  
Two CD-ROMS  
And a branch in my family tree

Unknown

## The First Women Graduates

*University of Tasmania—1896-1921*

Shirley Foster

The year 1872 marked the beginning of a new era for the women of Tasmania. A bar was lifted and, if so inclined, girls interested in furthering their education could put away their needlework and study for an Associate of Arts Degree. The Tasmanian Council of Education, an examining body set up in 1858, had the power to award this degree, which was equivalent to matriculation, to tutored males and boys from private schools. This enabled the sons of colonists to apply for a generous four year scholarship to Oxford University in the UK. Now fourteen years later girls could sit for this examination. Thus the Council was the precursor of the University of Tasmania.

The nucleus of the University can be traced back to 1838 when Sir John FRANKLIN set up a selective private school for the sons of settlers. A year later schooling for destitute and poor children, particularly those in remote areas, was addressed and a Board of Education set up. The curriculum for boys, at that time was the three Rs and for girls it was reading, writing, knitting, and needlework. There were a number of small schools for 'young ladies' and Emily DOBSON (1842-1934), the philanthropist, was educated at home by her father, Thomas LEMPRIERE (1796-1852) but there was a huge gap between the 'haves and have nots'. Now, in 1872, doors were beginning to open. After the bar was lifted in 1872, a number of young women proved to be good scholars. Records show that Miss Sarah BOURNE, a twenty nine year old teacher, 'prepared herself and led the way'. Annie Georgina HICK did well. William G WEAVER's (1830-1887) daughter, Sarah Anne, born in Hobart in 1857, was not yet sixteen when she obtained her AA degree (2nd class). She married Henry Melbourne HOUSE and the first of her three children was born in 1889. Caroline Tynte-BROWNE excelled in mathematics, did well in other subjects and was placed 2nd over both boys and girls. She received a silver medal in 1889 for her effort. Her results were better than those of Robert T DUNBABBIN (1869-1949) who, being male, was awarded the scholarship to Oxford. Soon after this Caroline married Thomas Collins RUSSELL.

In 1890 after decades of community debate and struggle by its tenacious founding fathers, the University opened without land, building, or students. It was not a good time in the colony. A bank had crashed; the birth rate was down, the economy weak, the south indifferent, and the north openly hostile to the fledgling institution. However in 1892, despite all the problems, the purpose built Victorian Gothic private school building on the Queen's Domain became the University's 'home'.

The young women who qualified and signed the University Matriculation Register were:-

1892	Amy Marion ELLIOTT	Friends High School
1893	Eliza Helen WILSON, AA	
1893	Mrs Agnes Clark KENNEDY	Hobart
1894	Maude Ethel LEGGETT	Stanley
1894	Ellen Annie NICHOLLS	Launceston
1895	Mary Elizabeth Gertrude FOX	Launceston
1895	Kate PERRIN	Launceston

1895	Jean Irving BOYES	Launceston
1897	Mary Francis Xavier McMAHON	Launceston
1897	Kate Edith NORRIS	Hobart
1897	Eveline Rosetta BENJAMIN,	<i>Temple House</i> , 65 Argyle St, Hobart
1898	Irene EVERSLED	Launceston
1898	Minnie Mabel Monica HEVINGHAM ROOT	Scottsdale
1898	Harriette Salina STEWART	Launceston
1998	Evelyn WARD	University
1899	Edith Rhoda HURST	New Town
1899	Nelly Maria SMITH	228 Elizabeth St, Hobart
1899	Margaret Egerton MURRAY	Sandy Bay

The University opened with six male students and three faculties namely—Letters, Science and Law. The University needed female students to boost the numbers so happily by 1896 32% of student body were women. Lecturers had to travel by train to Launceston, on rotation, to present lectures in the north and to build up good will and interest. Professor J. BROWN MA. LLB went to Launceston and presented an Extension Lecture titled ‘*The Evolution of Federation*’ for which he was paid £10. s10. Fortuitously, a Launceston student, Samuel PICKEN, was the first to graduate with a Bachelor of Arts degree. Two years later, Eliza Wilson, AA, studied Latin, English, French, History and Mathematics, and became the first female with a Bachelor of Arts Degree. Three years later Maude Leggett (1879-1911), a winner of the Sir Richard DRY Prize which gave her £10 for books, became the first female Master of Arts. Maude had a private school at Stanley and is buried in Stanley’s Pioneer Cemetery. Mary Mc Mahon BA and Agnes Kennedy (1879-1935) BA were two other graduates with private schools. One needs to remember there were no State schools offering secondary education at the time so the schools preparing girls for tertiary level studies were the Methodist Ladies College (est. 1886) Miss Wilson’s School, Broadland House, the Dunira School in Launceston, the Friends High School, (est.1887), St. Mary’s College, Collegiate and The Ladies Grammar in Hobart.

Two girls, who completed their secondary education at MLC were Mary Fox, (1877-1962) and Kate Perrin (1875-1962). Mary Fox MA was the daughter of William W. Fox BA, (1837-1925) a past principal of Horton College, the Methodist school for boys at Ross. The object of MLC at that time was ‘to give girls the same educational advantages open to boys and train them in lady-like habits and refined tastes’. The course offered consisted of English, Arts (writing, elocution, singing, needlework) Mathematics, Geography, Ancient and Modern History, Latin, French and Scripture. Extras included Music, painting, fancy work, Callisthenics, Italian and German. Under her leadership, MLC became one of the largest and most successful schools in Australia. (It seems amusing, now, that when the school first opened Tasmania’s ‘healthy cooler climate’ was advertised as an inducement to parents with daughters living in ‘warmer colonies’). Mary was a classical scholar and keen sports person. She founded the first Women’s Cricket Association of Tasmania and in 1936 sailed to America with the All Australian Women’s Hockey Team. When she retired, in 1941, after 38 years as head-mistress, King George VI conferred on her the M.B.E. ‘in recognition of the extraordinary contribution to women’s education and sport’. After retiring her contribution towards the ‘war effort’ was to join the Women’s Land

Army and pick fruit in Victoria. Her contemporary, Kate Perrin (1875-1935) MA Dip. Ed. (Melb.) was the daughter of Walter Perrin the Launceston draper. She died in 1935 after a trip to Japan and a newly built hall at the school was named in her honour.

The Friends School led educational innovation in the late 19th century. Not only was it co-educational but it had a well equipped science laboratory. Girls, as well as boys, could access physics, chemistry and chemical analysis, mathematics and subjects which could lead to a Science degree. It also had a 'no homework' policy. Amy Elliott (1874-1938), Hobart merchant Robert Elliott's daughter, was the third student to enrol at the school. She was a bright child who chose to study science. Latin was not a prerequisite for a Science degree, as it was for Arts, so whilst the boys went off to their Latin class Amy was permitted to do needlework. After she matriculated she worked at the school for four years as an apprentice teacher and house mistress. She went on to be the first woman to graduate with a Bachelor of Science Degree and the first, of either gender, to graduate as a Master of Science. After working as a Government Analyst she won a position in Melbourne as a Customs Officer but, sadly, she was forced to give up her career because of ill health. Several of the first female undergraduates did well and won University or Sir Richard Dry prizes. This included, Mary McMahon BA, Edith Norris BA, Eveline Benjamin, Margaret Murray BA, and Irene Evershed BA. Nelly Smith BA was also named a University Scholar which was valued at £50 for three years. Some of the women married after graduating. Mary Mc Mahon wed a Mr DWYER and on 14 February 1903. Edith Norris married Rev Canon Herbert Robert FINNIS at the All Saints Church in Macquarie Street, Hobart.

The need to improve teacher training was recognised as early as 1853. When, at last, the PHILIP SMITH Teachers College opened in 1906. Edith Hurst BA was appointed Vice-Principal and Mary McMahon Dwyer BA, a lecturer. A photograph of '*The Original Philippians*' shows Edith and Mary looking very Edwardian in their long skirts, and long-sleeved, high-necked blouses worn, as was customary, under their academic gowns. Their hair is piled high and styled as it was in their undergraduate days.

In 1913, seventeen years after the 'first woman' Eliza Wilson graduated from the University, the State High Schools in Hobart and Launceston opened. This gave all girls, with ability, access to secondary education. In the next few years the signatures of this 'second wave' of clever young women began appearing in the University Matriculation Register. Bertha LAYH signed in 1916, Loris Aileen RUSSELL 1919, Thelma Sadie KINGSTON 1920 and Gladys Mary BROWN in 1921. These well educated women became teachers and made the University's motto *Ingeniis patuit campus* ring true. That is: 'the field lies open to talent'. ●

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## The Census Taker

It was the first day of census, and all through the land;  
The pollster was ready...a black book in hand.  
He mounted his horse for a long dusty ride;  
His book and some quills were tucked close by his side,  
a long winding ride down a road barely there;  
Toward the smell of fresh bread wafting up thru the air,  
The woman was tired, with lines on her face;  
And wisps of brown hair she tucked back into place,  
She gave him some water...as they sat at the table;  
And she answered his questions...the best she was able.  
He asked of her children...Yes, she had quite a few;  
The oldest was twenty, the youngest not two.  
She held up a toddler with cheeks round and red;  
His sister, she whispered, was napping in bed.  
She noted each person who lived there with pride;  
And she felt the faint stirrings of the wee one inside.  
He noted the sex, the colour, the age...  
The marks from the quill soon filled up the page.  
At the number of children, she nodded her head;  
And he saw her lips quiver for the three that were dead.  
The places of birth she "never forgot,"  
Was it Kansas? or Utah? or Oregon...or not?  
They came from Scotland, of that she was clear;  
But she wasn't quite sure just how long they'd been here.  
They spoke of employment, of schooling and such;  
They could read and write some tho really not much,  
With the questions all answered the job there was done;  
We can almost imagine his voice loud and clear,  
"May God Bless you all for another ten years."  
Now picture a time warp...it's now you and me;  
As we search for the people on our family tree.  
We squint at the census and scroll down so slow;  
As we search for that entry from long, long ago.  
Could they only imagine on that long ago day;  
That the entries they make would effect us this way?  
If they knew, would they wonder at the yearning we feel;  
And the searching that makes them so increasingly real.  
We can hear if we listen the words they impart;  
Through their blood in our veins and their voice in our heart.

Author Unknown

## Crawford of *Redbourne Estate*

June Stones (Member No 888)

Life for many pioneering farming families attempting to establish a home in Tasmania's rugged North-West in the 1800s was an unrelenting round of back-breaking toil, often fraught with danger, disappointment and personal tragedy, the CRAWFORD family's struggle is one such story.

Stephen Crawford from Lincolnshire, England, his wife Sarah and sons, George, Walter, James, Frederick and Robert settled the *Redbourne Estate*, bordering Sprent and Spalford in 1861. The area was then described as "dense forest with nothing but trees and wild cats".

Twenty-five years later this large property had become one of the finest in the district. Besides their diverse farming and timber interests the family operated a modern steam-driven cream-separating plant and supplied crushed stone to the Forth Road Trust for road building. They also bred "blood" horses and ran a successful horse-training establishment.

In addition, sons James and Walter established a large produce store and butchering business at Spalford, with a second store at Ulverstone.

In an era when land clearing was at its height, Stephen Crawford set aside a 40-acre section of virgin bush filled with immense blackwood and hardwood trees, which by 1895, was recognised as one of the best beauty spots in the Castra area.

This picturesque site was sold to timber merchants Adams and Sons when the 1890s depression coupled with the collapse of the Bank of Van Diemen's Land brought financial woes to many pioneers, the Crawford's among them.

In March, 1894, an extensive clearing sale of livestock and equipment took place at *Redbourne*. Included in the sale were more than 240 cattle and dairy cows, 150 Berkshire and White Yorkshire pigs and 30 blood, hack, draught and harness horses, drays, carts and harness, cheese and butter making plants.

Later that year a serious accident befell James Crawford when a horse he was exercising bolted and jammed his left leg against a tree, resulting in a compound fracture of the limb. It was initially believed amputation was unnecessary, but despite every effort this diagnosis was reluctantly reversed several months later.

Sympathy for the victim, who had a wife and three young daughters, extended far and wide prompting a letter from Wm E KELLY to the editor of the *North-West Post* newspaper, in March, 1896, enclosing a cheque for 10 shillings and sixpence along with the suggestion a fund be set up to aid the unfortunate man who had been unable to work since his accident.

As a result an appeal was launched with the aim of raising funds to send James to Melbourne where he could be fitted with an artificial leg. Melbourne surgical instrument and prosthesis maker W DENVER tendered a quote of 17 pounds 10 shillings to make and fit the prosthesis.

When finalised in December, 1896, the total amount raised was just under 40 pounds.

December also saw the death of Stephen Crawford. He had been ailing for some time and died on Christmas night, aged 82.

Three years after his accident a grateful James placed an advertisement in the public notices column of the *North-West Post* in which he thanked all those who had assisted in obtaining the artificial limb that he was pleased to state was "now acting splendidly".

The family's troubles continued in August, 1898, when Walter Crawford fell to the ground while cutting down a tree at *Redbourne*, also breaking his leg and dislocating his kneecap.

However, a far greater tragedy took place in September with the death of James' wife Isabella (nee ROBERTSON) aged 31. One week later her sister-in-law Harriet Robertson (nee BURT), who lived on an adjoining property was also dead. Both left families of young children.

In 1899, *Redbourne* was sold to Mr E L CHAMBERLEN. However a final clearing sale had unforeseen consequences when James and Walter were charged with selling unbranded sheep. In pleading guilty, Walter, who told the court all the sheep were his, said he was ignorant of the law at the time and had no intention of breaking it. He was fined 10 shillings with 15 shillings costs. The case against James was dismissed.

After the sale James moved to Devonport where he established a produce store that he operated for 30 years. In 1910 he married Miss M COOMBE, of Sheffield. James died in Hobart in 1936.

Walter also moved to Devonport where he set up a milk run. He died in Devonport in 1925. Frederick, who took up land at Nietta, died in 1909. George remained on the North-West Coast while Robert went to Hobart.

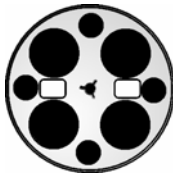
Their mother, Sarah, died at Walter's Percy St, Devonport, home on May 11, 1906, aged 82 years.

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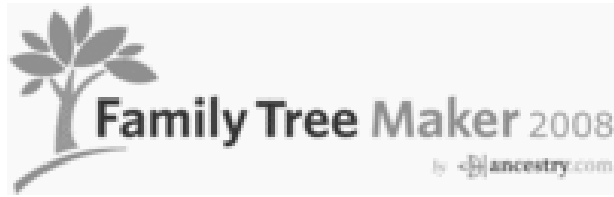


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## The late Mr A F Risby

*Launceston Examiner*, 5 Sep 1895, p7 c1

One of the earliest pioneers at the Leven in the person of the above passed away last week at his residence, after a somewhat protracted illness, borne with fortitude and resignation, in the eighty-first year of his age. The remains were interred in the Congregational burial ground at the Forth, and deposited beside those of his first wife, who predeceased him by several years. In the progress of the funeral, which was largely attended, the body was first conveyed to the Congregational Chapel at the Leven, where the service appointed for such occasions was conducted by the Rev Mr BROWN.

Mr RISBY, with his first wife, came to the colonies from England in 1838. The vessel was the *Duke of Roxburg*, bound for Adelaide. He remained there for about two years, when his eldest daughter, now Mrs W ROWLAND, was born. He then left for Launceston, where he resided for a similar period. After that he became a resident at the Forth, where he remained about thirteen years, being a lessee on the estate of the late Mr Alexander CLARKE. When Sir William DENISON introduced the pre-emptive right system of taking up state land Mr Risby applied for a section of 500 acres adjoining the then township of Ulverstone. He afterwards disposed of 300 [blurred] acres that now form two farms in the possession of Mr R PHILLIPS and Mr TURNBULL.

Whilst at the Forth, Mr Risby followed the usual occupation of growing potatoes and carting palings, mostly disposing of the former to the late Mr T DREW of the Don, who sailed the schooner *Waterwich*, at that time nearly the only means of communication with Launceston. Indeed, in those days it used to be considered quite an adventure to make a voyage to the Forth or any of the North West Coast ports. Previous to the *Waterwich* taking up the trade, the few inhabitants, who were mostly sawyers and splitters, were principally dependent upon the *Wallace*, a small schooner of 14 tons, for getting their supplies. This little vessel was made out of a whale boat, built upon, and was owned by the late Mr T BUTTON. It nearly always took her a month to make her trips, and her arrival (both ways) was anxiously looked for. She disappeared ultimately in a mysterious manner, having been anchored inside the Tamar Heads, while the dingy had drifted ashore. Two men were lost with her, and not a relic of the wreck was ever found.

This is a slight digression. Whilst Mr Risby resided at the Forth the Independents established a mission there under the management of the late Rev Mr WATERFIELD, who was very popular with the residents, all of whom gave their labour to clear about four acres of ground, build a house for the Minister, and also a chapel. Mr CLERKE had previously given the land on condition that the mission was not left unrepresented for more than six months. Unfortunately, the Congregational Union were not able to keep up the ministrations, so the cause lost the ground made valuable by the people's labour, together with the house and all improvements. In contributing to this mission our departed friend was no way behindhand, and subsequently he was always a generous supporter of the denomination he first identified himself with.

When the diggings first broke out they made things much brisker in the industries in which the deceased was engaged, so that though he did not actually obtain gold direct from the mine, he secured sufficient means to settle comfortably on his location at the Leven, where he remained to the day of his death. Upon the death of his first wife, which occurred about thirteen years ago, he married again, the lady being several years his junior, and she survives him. He also leaves one son and three married daughters to mourn his departure, beside several grandchildren, all of whom reside at the Leven and are greatly respected.

In concluding this imperfect notice it would be a serious omission if I failed to state that the deceased enjoyed the respect and good will of the whole community for his uprightness, truthfulness, and geniality. I may speak strongly on this point, as I have been a near neighbour of his for over forty years. May he rest in peace. ●

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## Grimsby Fishing History Goes Online

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The Grimsby "Fish and Ships" electronic database which provides 24-hour access to the index of fishing vessel crew lists is now up-and-running at the north East Lincolnshire Archives in Grimsby Town hall.

The database was created by project workers funded by the Heritage lottery Fund. etc etc.

Enquirers on [www.nelincs.gov.uk/leisure/archives](http://www.nelincs.gov.uk/leisure/archives) will be able to click on the free Online Archive Catalogue, and search for any Grimsby vessel, vessel owner or skipper for the years from 1884 to 1914.

Free-text searching of the database by year, surname, place of birth, or vessel name will reveal the reference numbers of any surviving crew lists. The originals may then be consulted at the Archives.

At the moment the only crew on the database are the skippers. Adding the rest of the crew is a very large task, which has already been started by volunteers but may take a few years to complete.

The Archivist, John Wilson, explained, "This is a major event for local and family historians. In the process of compiling the database all the 38,000 documents were finally sorted, boxed and individually numbered. Now, for the first time the public will be able to access this index from their own homes, 24 hours a day."

"The North East Lincolnshire Council is moving forward to meet the Governments agenda for electronic access to local archives, and to open heritage information to new audiences. We now expect to get thousand of enquiries from all over the UK and the world".

"Our DS-CALM database has been tried and tested in many local authority archives, and will eventually capture the catalogue details of all the millions of documents preserved here for public use".

Fiona Poulton of the Grimsby Branch of the Lincolnshire Family History Society added, "Recent years have seen a huge rise in the popularity of tracing family history and thanks to modern techniques the task is becoming easier than ever before. This new index at the Archives will make it easier to search for ancestors who were in the fishing industry. There remains no substitute for seeing the original, and this will also reduce the wear and tear on the crew lists, and preserve them for the future."

A similar database for Hull vessels is at [www.hullcc.gov.uk/archives](http://www.hullcc.gov.uk/archives)

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### Useful Website

Canadian Immigration, Emigration & Naturalisation  
[http://genealogy.about.com/od/canada\\_immigration/](http://genealogy.about.com/od/canada_immigration/)

# New Publication

## Tasmanian Ancestry

Index to Volumes 21–25

Journal of the Tasmanian Family History Society Inc.

This comprehensive, alphabetical index to all personal names mentioned in the twenty issues of our society's journal published between June 2000 and March 2005 has been compiled by member Sally Rackham. Also included in the index are the titles of all articles, an integrated list of all authors and many different 'subjects' such as properties, cemeteries, ships and companies.

This valuable resource follows on from our previous publication, *Tasmanian Ancestry: Index to Volumes 1–20*, compiled by Kate Ramsay and published in 2003. (see page 216 for a complete list of Society Sales)

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## Tasmanian Family History Society Inc.

### Short Story Competition

**Entries close: 31st December 2007**

1. Subject of the story to be about an area, an event or a family.
2. Length to be between 1,500 and 5,000 words.
3. Illustrations, references, bibliography etc. advantageous.
4. Entries to be submitted in a printed form and should not exceed ten (10) A4 pages.
5. It is the intention to publish the entries if there is sufficient interest.
6. If you wish your story to be published by the Society, please submit an electronic version on CD, disk or by email.
7. Electronic version is to be either an MS Word document or as rich text format.
8. This competition to be run in alternate years with the first winner to be announced at the 2008 AGM.

Further Information and entry forms available from TFHS Inc. Branch Libraries or  
**The Secretary TFHS Inc. PO Box 191, Launceston TAS 7250**

## William McLennan

*The Weekly Courier*, 24 October 1900, p34, c1&2

**A welcome letter:** "Farmer John" received a letter from an old friend in New South Wales the other day—William McLENNAN, a name well known to many of the older residents of Scottsdale. The thought occurred to one that quite a few of our people would like to hear how "Willie McLennan," as we used to call him, had been getting on all these long years, so I will give a few extracts from his letter.

He writes: "We are pleased to read 'Farmer John's' advice to new selectors. What a contrast to this part of the world! You will have read of our struggle throughout the last drought. We in the Tamworth district had a few teeth extracted, but some out west had only their 'gummies' left. We did have a little grass, and in many places a little water. We had to cart water for all our stock, a journey of seven miles, but in the west out from here no feed, no water, dust, dust, and even the gum trees died out. A few I had left for shelter for the stock all died. I also noticed several trees on the road to Tamworth 3ft in diameter, and they died for want of moisture; but what a contrast this season—feed and water in abundance. We have clover here something like trefoil. The ground is covered with it in places a foot in height. It grows well with the beautiful showers we are having. The consequence is that all our stock are rolling fat, our wheat crops top the fences, and we are looking forward to a record harvest. One of our neighbours just across the road has something over 1,000 acres of barley in, and about 200 acres of wheat. He ploughs with a traction engine, drawing 21 furrows. (What price Scottsdale!) We have 400 acres of wheat in, which looks well. We started to plough on April 1, finished with two teams, drawing a six-furrow and a four-furrow plough, on June 20. But in many things we are very far back in this district. We have tried to get up a little competition in wheat growing, like you did in regard to potatoes, with such good results, but the farmers here are rather shy."

Continuing, Mr McLennan says: "At a land sale here some time back the unimproved land sold at £40 to £6110s per acre. But how they are going to make it pay is a mystery. (What price Ledgerwood!) The traction engine has come to stay; it is used for chaff cutting, threshing and hauling loads of 12 tons weight to the railway stations. The lambing season has given a good return, from 75 to 100 percent. Ewes and lambs cannot be bought under from 17s 6d to 26s 6d, with or to lamb. Cows and heifers are in great demand. I sold some vealers at £3 per head. Horses are in strong demand, for, owing to good harvest they are wanted for stripping the wheat. We will require 16 horses to do our stripping, besides others for emergencies."

Now, it seems to me that our old friend Will has, like some of us, had a good many ups and down during the last 18 or 20 years he has been away from *Spring Hill*, and it seems to one that farming in Australia is something like playing a seesaw. Last year the New South Wales farmer was down, while the little Tasmanian "cockey" was very high up—much higher than he is likely to be for some years to come. "Spuds" were up to £6 per ton, and chaff nearly as high. This season, however, the Tasmanian end of the seesaw is down with a bump, so much so that one of our energetic "cockies" said only today, "Potatoes are off; no more spuds for

me this year." By all appearances, the crops in New South Wales will come out sky-high this year.

By the way, speaking about our old friend, Will McLennan, I wonder whether he has forgotten the morning over 30 years ago, when he unhooked the grey mare Blossom from his team to give his friend—another paling carter—a pull up Muddy Creek Hill. He never knew Captain, the black horse, was half so strong until that morning, when he, without the leader, took the load part of the way up the hill by himself. But helping a neighbour up the hill in those bygone days is not by any means the last good turn Mac has done for other people. He has in his composition a very fair amount of the milk of human kindness, and is always ready to lend a helping hand in a quiet way. After the coming of a good harvest, should Mr McLennan decide to pay a visit to the birthplace of his children, I need hardly say we will be quite as pleased to see him as he will be to meet us again. Some of us will find him a shelter and make him a shake-down. He will have no need to camp out as he did on the Den Ranges nearly 40 years ago. *Scottsdale, Monday, Oct 19.*

**Editor's note:** Kenneth and Isabella McLENNAN and family left from the port of Liverpool, embarking on the *Australia* on 22 August 1853, and landed in Melbourne, 18 November 1853.

Kenneth MacLennan, m. 31 Dec 1839 at Achterneed to Isabella MUNRO.

b. 5 Feb 1819 Maryfield, Fodderty, d. 25 Nov 1888, Scottsdale. (f714) Isabella's father and mother are thought to have been Donald Munro and Isabella CAMERON.

Their children:

1. William McLennan, b. 24 Nov 1840 at Dingwall, d. 29 Dec 1919 at "Oxley", his home, Tamworth, NSW. m. Mary Jane REGAN on 28 Oct 1867 at Chewton Vic
2. Isabella Munro McLennan, b. 16 Nov 1842, Fodderty, d. 17 Aug 1920, at Attunga, NSW. m. John Harvey MCKERROW on 16 July 1859 at Forest Creek, Vic
3. Grace McLennan, b. 8 Oct 1844, d. 1877 Melbourne. m. on 12 Oct 1867 at L'ton, (No 352) to Henry KELLOW, of Mt Alexander Cottage, Vic
4. Donald (Dan) McLennan, b. 3 May 1846, Strathpeffer, d. 24 Apr 1913 at Scottsdale. m. on 18 June 1879 at Scottsdale, (No 419) to Susan Charlotte RANSON
5. Ann McLennan, b. 6 June 1850, d. 3 Sept 1928. md. on 3 Dec 1868 at Scottsdale, (No 405) to Thomas CAMPBELL
6. Jane McLennan, chr. 29 Oct 1852, Fodderty. m. K.J. JOHNSTONE
7. John McLennan, born in Port Phillip Bay 1853, d. 11 April 1926. m. on 28 Apr 1876 at L'ton, (No 443) to Margaret BULMAN (nee Stewart)
8. Roderick McLennan, b. 23 March 1856 died infancy
9. Alexander McLennan, b. 2 July 1857, Victoria. m. Annie

(**Note:** The record of the "Australia" shows Ann as the youngest child to leave Scotland, and an infant "male" born on the voyage. Jane and John were not listed.)

Their time in Victoria was spent in the Portland area, and at Forest Creek, near Castlemaine. They came to Tasmania in 1865, (Kenneth for the second time) where they lived with John and Isabella MCKERROW for a year, before establishing their own holding.

## Help Wanted

### Champigny/Champagny

My 4xg grandfather, Lieut James SIMMONS, Lieut HP Royal Artillery, passed away at Champigny/Champagny, Hobart in 1846. I would appreciate hearing from anyone who could tell me where in Hobart this place was.

Sandra Duck, [sfrd@iprimus.com.au](mailto:sfrd@iprimus.com.au) (Member No 1033)

### Downes

Emily Caroline DOWNES nee POPHAM nee WATKINS. Emily was the sister of my Great Grandmother Harriet Sarah THOMPSON nee Watkins. Harriet married Robert Digby Thompson of the 12th Regiment in Hobart and travelled to England Wales Ireland and India with the regiment. Robert Digby died in India in 1879 when Harriet returned to Tasmania. Oral history has it that Harriet settled at the Don and that Caroline assumed responsibility for Harriet's? two youngest children one of whom was my maternal grandfather, Robert Henry THOMPSON. The Downes family appear to have moved to Longford.

Contact Donald Cameron, e-mail [ardcameron@netspace.net.au](mailto:ardcameron@netspace.net.au), ☎ 03 6247 9126 (Member 4988)

### Grave

Ada Florence nee Phillips (1899-1970) I need information about her family, plus what hospital was she born in and what school did she go to in Victoria. Contact Ann Bakes, [family\\_tree\\_search@hotmail.com](mailto:family_tree_search@hotmail.com) ☎ 0407 313 279 (Member No 6528)

### Jones / Brewer / Counsell / Linton / Coplestone / Collins

Richard and Ann Harrington JONES from Wales were early settlers in Pipers River. Children: Elizabeth Harrington m. Peter BREWER; Zillah m. Laurence COUNSELL; Richard m. Mary Jane LINTON; Edward (33) d.1857; Ann m. Henry COPLESTONE Jnr. I would like to know of any connection to Martha JONES (21) m. George COLLINS (37) 1867 Launceston. Children: Richard George Jones; Male (George?); Martha Ann Rosina; Rose Zillah; Victoria Elizabeth; Lillian Malvina Harrington; Henry Ernest all born George Town & Ernest Herbert; Daisy Lavinia; Amy Verbinia at Port Sorell. Names bear a similarity.

Contact: Lorraine WOOTTON, 310 Low Head Rd, Low Head 7253 or [woottondes@hotmail.net.au](mailto:woottondes@hotmail.net.au).

### Jones / Collins

I am interested in the parentage of Martha JONES (21=b.c1845) who married George COLLINS (37) 6.5.1867 Launceston and had 7 chn in George Town and another 3 in the Port Sorell districts. Could she be the Martha JONES born 4.4.1847 to William & Martha JONES, Launceston who seem to have disappeared from Tasmania after Martha's birth? If anyone can shed some light on either of these families, I would appreciate it.

Contact: Lorraine WOOTTON, 310 Low Head Rd, Low Head 7253 or [woottondes@hotmail.net.au](mailto:woottondes@hotmail.net.au)



**Phillips**

I am seeking information on Annie Amelia (1873-1949). On Rosina (1846-1926). and William Henry (1869-1925) and what year he left Longford go to Vic. Also William Henry and Annie Amelia marriage details. Contact Ann Bakes, [family\\_tree\\_search@hotmail.com](mailto:family_tree_search@hotmail.com) ☎ 0407 313 279 (Member No 6528)

**Scott**

Edith Margaret nee Phillips (1900-1971), I need Information where she was born and what school in Victoria please. Contact Ann Bakes, ☎ 0407 313 279 email [family\\_tree\\_search@hotmail.com](mailto:family_tree_search@hotmail.com) (Member No 6528)

**Williams**

Seeking information regarding my g/g grandfather Thomas WILLIAMS, sometimes recorded as Alfred Thomas Williams, Green Ponds, Tas. Thomas Williams (b) 1833 Gloucestershire (d) 1920 Kempton, Tas. Resident of Tasmania for 72yrs.

At Brighton on 22 August 1859 Thomas, aged 26 (m) Julia Hannah REYNOLDS, aged 20. Issue: Charlotte (1860); Alice (1862); Thomas (1865); James (1866) (my great grandfather); Amelia (1868), Martha (1869); Alfred Thomas (1871); Mary Ann (1873); William (1875); John (1877); Walter (1878); Arthur John (1880); Elsen Ernest (1883).

Stories passed down were that Thomas, age 15yrs, was transported for shooting a pheasant and worked on the Bridgewater Causeway.

Contact Madeleine Shaw, 25 Victoria St, Richmond, Tas 7025, ☎ 03 6260 2434 (Member 6030)

**Woodfin/ Woodfine**

I am hoping to have contact with descendants of the Woodfin/ Woodfine families which appear to originate in **Broadhempston**, near Newton Abbott, Devon. The family would seem to be related by marriage to SMALE and BALL, as a Hetty Augusta WOODFIN was witness to a Ball-Smale marriage in 1889 at Wolbotough, Devon.

Mr J Woodfin of Plymouth was one of the Principal mourners at the funeral in 1930 of Richard Holman Ball. On 1881 census record at Charles the Martyr, Plymouth a J Woodfin and family were living at 10 Friary Street.

Contact T L Grunnell, e-mail [tavistovk405@yahoo.com.au](mailto:tavistovk405@yahoo.com.au) (Member 610)

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## Mr Henry Edgell

*Weekly Courier* 20 January 1906, p27 c2

Mr Henry Edgell, after 49 years of excellent service, has retired on a pension from the management of the Launceston branch of the London, Liverpool, and Globe Insurance Company.

On the 11th inst. Mr Charles DANVERS, general manager of the company for Australia and New Zealand, entertained at dinner at the Launceston Hotel the retiring officer. The guests included a number of representative business men. In proposing the health of the guest, Mr Danvers said Mr Edgell had been a most loyal and trustworthy servant of the company. He had been connected with the organisation for the long period of 49 years, in the office in London, the head office in Liverpool, at Sydney, and in Tasmania, and throughout his responsible career had established a record for straight forward and honourable conduct. Mr Edgell had to the uttermost fulfilled in his personal character all the best traditions of the company namely, to faithfully carry out it engagements.

In replying the guest said he had never had an official rebuff during the whole 49 years he had been connected with the company, but had always been considered as a friend, and a loyal man, and like Queen Elizabeth he would be content to have the letters "L.L.G." written on his epitaph. He was handing on his mantle to Mr T M DOUGLAS, a very good fellow. Mr Douglas was a man who might be well relied upon. He was perfectly clean, perfectly honest, and perfectly zealous in every way.

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## Queensland BDM's online

From April 2007 you can search the Queensland Historical Indexes for Births Deaths & Marriages.

Queensland Departments of Justice  
General bdm info.

[www.justice.qld.gov.au/bdm/](http://www.justice.qld.gov.au/bdm/)

Queensland Birth, Death & Marriages  
Historical Index Search

[www.justice.qld.ov.au/bdm/IndexSearch.htm](http://www.justice.qld.ov.au/bdm/IndexSearch.htm)

These online indexes cover the same period as the Queensland Pioneer and Federation indexes. Births, Deaths & Marriages 1829 to 1914. The index also includes some early baptism, burials and church marriages.

## New Members

### A warm welcome is extended to the following new members

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6660	WEEKS Mrs Janette Elizabeth	40 Devon Hills Road	DEVON HILLS	Tas	7300

## New Members' Interests

Name	Place/Area	Time	M'ship No.
APTED	Launceston TAS AUS	1800	6636
AUSTIN	Any	Any	6648
AYLIFF/E John	Nile TAS AUS	1836-1872	6649
AYLIFF/E John (Father)	Evandale TAS AUS	1836-1872	6649
AYLIFF/E John CON	Highworth WIL ENG	1800-1836	6649
AYLIFFE John CON(son)	Evandale & New Norfolk TAS AUS	1848-	6649
AYLIFFE John (son)	Highworth WIL ENG	1820-1847	6649
BANKS Elizabeth	Kingston TAS AUS	1872-	6631
BANKS Ruth	Dewsbury WRY ENG	1822-	6631
BANKS Samuel	MDX ENG	1815-1850	6631
BASSETT John	Birmingham ENG	c1810	6629
BELLHOUSE	AUS	1800-	6621
BERVILLE Sarah	TAS AUS	1800	6636
BOND Frances	Hobart TAS AUS	1856-1931	6644
BREHAUT	CHI UK	1700-2007	6626
BRENNAN-BAKER Sarah	Port Dalrymple TAS AUS	c1820	6629
BRERETON Martin	Tipperary IRL. 1912 Hobart	1828-1829	6644
BRITTON	ENG	1800-1900	6626
BROOKS Frederick C	Hobart TAS AUS	Any	6634
BROOKS Frederick C	New Norfolk TAS AUS	Any	6634
BULLER Christina	Hobart TAS AUS	1817-1848	6627
BURLING	Launceston TAS AUS	Any	6635
CAREY	Any	Any	6648
CARNIE	Edinburgh SCT	Any	6638
CHAPLIN Edward	Any	b c1814 d1874	6622
CLEARY John	Menindee NSW AUS	1870-1910	6647
COOKE(E) George	Campbell Town	1857	6657
COOPER Ann	Maulden BDF ENG	1826-1854	6631
COWBURN Hannah (nee Jennings)	Hobart TAS AUS	1830-1902	6644
COWBURN William	Hobart TAS AUS	c1800-1906	6644
CUNNINGHAM	Ayreshire & Glasgow SCT	Any	6638
DOWLING	Franklin TAS AUS	1800	6636
DOYLE John Burnett	WIC IRL	b1824	6623
EARLY	Any	Any	6648
EDWARDS	Longford TAS AUS	Any	6624
EDWARDS	WLS UK	Any	6624
ETCHELLS William Henry	Port Sorell TAS AUS	c1881 onwards	6619

Name	Place/Area	Time	M'ship No.
EVERETT Mary Ann	New Norfolk TAS AUS	1854-	6649
FISHER Jesse	Norwich NFK ENG	1820-1896	6631
FLETCHER Edward	NWest TAS AUS	Any	6631
FLYN Frances Elizabeth		1860-1890	6660
FREE	ENG	c1800	6626
GARONER John	Strathfieldsay ENG	c1808	6644
GARRETT	Rathcurran IRL	1797-1803	6656
GARRETT Jonathan	ESS ENG	1796-1803	6656
GILLIGAN	TAS AUS	c1854-	6621
GOODWIN Edward	Salop	b c1814	6622
GOODY Issac	Longford/ Cressy TAS AUS	1834-1950	6640
GROOMBRIDGE	TAS AUS	1800-	6621
GUMLEY William	TAS AUS	1850s	6645
HAAS	Germany	<1855	6624
HAAS	Lilydale TAS AUS	1850-1900	6641
HAAS	NE Coast TAS AUS	>1855	6624
HAMMERSLEY	Bangor TAS AUS	1800	6636
HATHAWAY Mary	Any - md John King	1814-	6622
HEALEY Jane	?Queens IRL. 1894 Hobart	born 1835	6644
HERIGHTY	TAS AUS	c1800-	6621
HILL Robert William	Hamilton TAS AUS	1866-1930	6655
HUGHES Edward	Any	c1880	6628
JONES Mary Ann	SAL ENG	Any	6622
KAVANAGH	Limerick IRL	Any	6639
KENNER	NW Coast TAS AUS	Any	6634
KETTLES	Any	Any	6648
KING George	Woodbridge ENG	1814-	6622
LEACH Mary	Any	c1880	6628
LEAHY George	Zeehan TAS AUS	1898-	6620
LEE Benjamin	Maine USA	Any	6639
LEWIS	ENG	1800-1900	6626
LING	NW Coast TAS AUS	1850-1900	6641
LING William	NFK ENG	c1800-1855	6619
LODGE	Any	Any	6648
LORING	Any	1842-	6651
MADDEN	Launceston TAS AUS	Any	6635
MADDEN	Hobart/ Devonport TAS AUS	Any	6635
McINTOSH Margaret	Any	b c1823	6622
McLARTY	Argyle SCT	1743-2007	6626
MORGAN Andrew	Dublin IRL	1771	6639
MORRIS, Enoch	STS ENG	1860-1890	6660
MOUNTFORD Margaret	Launceston TAS AUS	c1830	6628
MULANE	Rathcurran IRL	1797-1803	6656
NICHOLLS	Launceston TAS AUS	1850-1900	6641
NICOLAS	Germany	<1855	6624
NICOLAS	Falmouth TAS AUS	>1855	6624
O'BRIEN	Launceston TAS AUS	Any	6635
O'DONOGHUE Timothy	COR Kanturk IRL	c1806	6628
O'LOUGHLIN	CLA IRL	1800-1900	6626
OSBORNE John	U'Needwood STS ENG	c1804	6628
PEARCE Thomas	Bethnel Green LND ENG	c1730	6629
PITT	TAS AUS	c1854-	6621
ROUND Harry Edward	Huon & Hobart TAS AUS	1890-1951	6645

Name	Place/Area	Time	M'ship No.
ROWSTHORN	NW Coast TAS AUS	1850-1900	6641
ROWSTHORN Henry	Morven TAS AUS	1810-1887	6619
ROWSTHORN Henry	Evandale TAS AUS	1810-1887	6619
RUNDLE John	St Blazey CON ENG	c1780	6629
RUTHERFORD Janet	Vic AUS	1850-1930	6660
SALES, Janet	Vic AUS	1850-1930	6660
SALES James John	Vic AUS	1850-1930	6660
SCOTT Mary Ann	St Boswells SCT	c1848	6629
SMITH George	Hobart TAS AUS	Any	6634
SPRIGMORE Mary	Bethnel Green LND ENG	c1730	6629
STEWART John	TAS AUS	Any	6640
STRONG Thomas	Hobart TAS AUS	Any	6634
STRONG Thomas	Cygnat TAS AUS	Any	6634
SULLIVAN Margaret Ellen	Campbell Town	1857	6657
SYNOT Walter	VDL AUS	1830-1850	6647
TAYLOR Alfred Ernest	Hobart TAS AUS	1868	6652
TAYLOR Alfred Joseph	Hobart TAS AUS	1862	6652
TAYLOR Edward George	Hobart TAS AUS	1870	6652
TAYLOR Emma Eliza	Hobart TAS AUS	1864	6652
TAYLOR Mary Ann Jane	Hobart TAS AUS	1859	6652
TAYLOR William James	Hobart TAS AUS	1855	6652
THOMPSON	Any	Any	6648
WATSONS	Edinburgh SCT	Any	6638
WEBB	Westbury TAS Aus	1800	6636
WEEDING	Surrey ENG	Pre 1800	6658
WHITELAW John Crook	Born Leith SCT; died J'burg S Africa	c1830	6628
WHITMORE	Franklin TAS AUS	1800	6636

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## Diary Notes

**January- October 2008:** Norfolk Island Bicentenary Sailings on board the *Lady Nelson*:

Thursday 17 January 2008 (*Porpoise*)

Saturday 1 March 2008 (*Lady Nelson*)

Thursday 5 June 2008 (*Estramina*)

Sunday 5 October 2008 (*City of Edinburgh*)

To celebrate the arrivals of the Norfolk Islanders 1807-08. Leaving from Elizabeth St Pier, Hobart (10am-12 noon and 1pm-3pm)

Bookings can be made for all sailings at the Lady Nelson Office Dockhead Building Franklin Wharf, Hobart 10am – 3pm weekdays. ☎ 03 6234 3348.

**Irene Schaffer, Lady Nelson's Historian**, will be on board and give talks about the passengers who arrived on the different ships. For more information phone Irene Schaffer 03 6272 2124 or email [schafferi@optusnet.com.au](mailto:schafferi@optusnet.com.au).

**April 16th-19th 2008:** East Launceston Primary School will be celebrating its 100th Anniversary. The former Mothers' Club Members are organising a luncheon for past members to be held on Wednesday 16th April 2008.

They are trying to contact as many past students, teachers and others that have been involved with the school and are gathering the following information:

Name (and maiden name), postal and email address. For students, the period of attendance at ELPS. For staff the period worked at the school and position held. Involvement with Parents and Friends etc. Memorabilia, photos. Where people lived during their school days.? For more details contact: **ELPS.100@Gmail.com**.

**2008 New Norfolk, TAS Australia** New Norfolk is an historic Australian town, settled mainly by Norfolk Island evacuees in 1807-08. This anniversary will be commemorated at two major events in 2008.

- **Back to New Norfolk 2008:** an Autumn Commemoration of the Bicentenary of the town of New Norfolk. Descendants of the Norfolk Islanders and First Settlers, those with ancestral connections and anyone who has ever lived or worked in the town, will be welcome to join in the celebrations.
- **New Norfolk 2008: the 4th World Norfolk and Norwich Gathering**, springtime in scenic New Norfolk. Join us "Down Under Down Under" in Tasmania—Australia's island state—for the 4th World Family Gathering of people from places named Norfolk or Norwich. A special invitation is extended to anyone for Norfolk or Norwich community worldwide.

For more information or to be added to our contact list: email: [info@newnorfolk2008.com](mailto:info@newnorfolk2008.com) or Web: [www.newnorfolk2008.com](http://www.newnorfolk2008.com) or contact the Secretary, New Norfolk 2008, 77 Blair St, New Norfolk TAS 7140.

**Saturday 21 June 2008:** Tasmanian Family History Society Inc. Annual General Meeting, Town Hall, Church Street Ross.

**6-13 September 2008: Angus & Dundee Roots Festival:** Ancestral Scotland is set to launch a new genealogy-based website focused specifically on this region with an annual week-long festival. The site [www.tayroots.com](http://www.tayroots.com), will be dedicated to Angus and Dundee and act as a one-stop shop for anyone looking into their family roots in the area. The website will act as a portal and bring together many resources and websites with an interest in genealogy in Angus. It will offer a range of services including a surname profiler, features on the history of the area, and advice on booking an ancestral trip to Angus. In addition, the site will provide information on key local genealogy resources and a chatroom for those who register for the newsletter. In the future it will also offer digital versions of the area's burial grounds.

**2009: A celebration of the contribution made by the clans to the culture and history of Scotland.** The Scottish Executive has chosen 2009 as the Year of the Homecoming. This initiative is directed worldwide at all those with an affinity to Scotland. There can be no greater affinity than that of the clan member, and a major International Clan Gathering is being planned to support this exciting initiative.

The Gathering will take the form of a major Highland Games, but with the addition of a special clan ceremony, designed by the producers of the Edinburgh Tattoo. This will be held on the magnificent castle esplanade and will commemorate the contribution made by the clans to the culture and history of Scotland. The Gathering is being hosted by the Standing Council of Scottish Chiefs, and it is hoped that all clan associations will attend.

This year will be dedicated to planning and creating awareness for the event, and more importantly, developing special Gathering tour packages, which will be made available in 2008.

**The Gathering 2009 Ltd** has opened offices in Edinburgh, and is in the early stages of planning and designing the event. We will be working closely with clan organisations worldwide, and will be attending major Games and festivals throughout 2007

Please visit

<http://www.thegathering2009.com>

As the first recipients of this news, please communicate it to as many of your clan members as possible. and 2008 to help promote the Gathering. Contact: "Heather" <[hefyfe@cox.net](mailto:hefyfe@cox.net)>

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- Articles for the Journal**
- start thinking about an article which you can submit for the journal!



## Quidnunc

Excerpts from journals  
held at the Launceston Branch Library

### **Australian Family Tree Connection** July 2007

1. *BDM certificates and privacy and identity theft.* by Mr G Jaunay  
If you at all concerned about the restrictions to BDM records, read what Graham has to say on the subject.
2. *The Portable Genealogist.* by Kelly Evans  
If you have ever considered if a PDA would be of use to your research then this article should interest you. It also has some tips for choosing a PDA.

### **The Banyan Tree** July 2007

*Blacksheep.* by Linda Hotchkiss

Linda Hotchkiss of the Lincolnshire Archives explains how it was always wise to check for the black-sheep in your family. The article covers Petty Sessions, Quarter Sessions, Assizes and Life in Prison.

### **Cornwall FHS Journal** September 2007

*Cornish Orphans in Essex.* by Lorna Leadbetter

This is a follow up to her article about Cornish children in the Merchant Seamen's Orphans Asylum at Snaresbrook. The list has over 100 Cornish children who were pupils at Royal Merchant Navy School Foundation between the years of 1836 and 1910.

### **Dispatch** August 2007

1. *A MacLeod Pistol* by Dr Hamish Sloane  
A great article for the Scottish pistol collector.
2. *Scottish Volunteer units of the Royal Corps of Signals.* by Wienand Drenth  
This article presents the lineage of the volunteer elements of the Royal Corps of Signals in Scotland since 1967 to 1999.
3. *Badge Box*  
In badge box this time is the Officers Balmoral and slouch hat badge of the 2nd Volunteer Battn. 6th (T.F.) Highland Light Infantry.

### **Irish Roots** Number 3 2007

*Bridging the Gap.*

Some important facts on Irish immigration into Canada. Too many genealogists want to jump to the mother country's genealogical records in tracing home origins, without first unearthing everything on their ancestors from the immigrants country's records, and this is particularly dangerous avenue to follow when undertaking Irish research, because of the nature of Irish record collections and their pitfalls.

**Lincolnshire Family History Society Journal** Vol 18 No 3*School Records*

The Lincolnshire Archives is the recognized repository for the records of state schools in Lincolnshire and hold records from over 500 past and present schools in the county, together with related administrative material from 1903-1974. There is also a series of nineteenth century plans of schools submitted for grant-aid.

**Tay Valley Family Historian** June 2007

*ScotlandsPeople Update:* The Society has been advised by G.R.O. that film copying has been discontinued and that no more purchases can be made. This follows hard on the heels of the news that images of Old Parish Register (OPR) records are now publicly available online for the very first time. In addition, a major O.P.R. index update has been deployed with over nine million entries updated and linked to the associated images. Customers can now search the Old Parish Register records by county as well as parish, offering greater search flexibility. The session time-limit has now been extended from seven days to ninety days.

**Australian Family Tree Connection** June 2007

*Irish graves:* New transcriptions of memorial in Ireland are being added to the database weekly. See [www.irishfamilyresearch.co.uk](http://www.irishfamilyresearch.co.uk)

*All Mapped out – of not?* The Ordnance Survey is not shy to enforce its 50-year copyright protection and this could affect the latest project from [www.visionofbritain.org.uk](http://www.visionofbritain.org.uk)—the Great Britain Historical Geographical information System Project, based at the University of Portsmouth.

The £400,000 project aims to put information that will allow the public to find out which constituencies a property has been located in since the First Reform Act of 1832, but the parliamentary constituency maps for the past five decades are still copyright of the Ordnance Survey, who is seemingly reluctant to license public access usage of maps. However, the Ordnance Survey is willing to verify usage of its maps in institutions of further education, via the Edina agreement.

This means that the Vision of Britain project is in the unfortunate position of being supported by a university and funded by the Joint Information System Committee (run for the benefit of universities), but restricted by its very goal to make the information accessible to the public.

Further details about the situation can be found at the *Guardian* Free Our Data blog, [www.freeourdata.org.uk/blog/index.php](http://www.freeourdata.org.uk/blog/index.php)

## Scotland's Family Website

A new self-help genealogy portal for Scotland has been launched, Scotlands Family at [www.scotlandsfamily.com](http://www.scotlandsfamily.com) It is intended to assist people at home and abroad doing their own Scottish family research by pointing them in the direction of free online information. The site has received an enthusiastic reception since its launch. Proving particularly popular is the chronological list of sites offering ship passenger lists leaving Scotland, the parish maps from around Scotland, and the explanation terms of disease and death found on Scottish death certificates.

## Obituary—Hon W T N Champ

*Launceston Examiner*, 30 August 1892, p4 c1&2

Intelligence has been received from Melbourne of the death on Thursday last of Colonel the hon. William Thomas Napier CHAMP, first Premier of Tasmania and senior member of the Executive Council of the colony.

The deceased gentleman was born at Chatham on April 15, 1808, his father, who was a Major in the 21st Fusiliers, having seen plenty of hot service in Spain and Portugal against the armies of JOURDAN, MARMONT, SOULT, and others. By his mother's side he was related to NAPIERS and LAWRENCES, of Peninsula and Indian renown. After completing his education at Cambridge, Mr Champ proceeded to the Military School, Sandhurst, where he had for a fellow student the late Mr James Erskine CALDER. He passed his examinations "with credit", and obtained a commission, with purchase, in the 63rd Regiment, which had just returned from active service in Portugal. Of this corps General DYOTT was Colonel, but Lieutenant Colonel LOGAN was the actual commander. Mr Champ rose rapidly to the position of adjutant, and in charge of a detachment of it (which relieved the 40th then in this colony) he sailed in the ship *Wave*, which reached Hobart Town on January 11, 1829.

He had not been long in Tasmania when he sailed for the great penal settlement at Macquarie Harbour, then guarded not only by a host of convict constables, but by more than sixty soldiers and two officers, namely Ensign Champ and the Military Commandant of the settlement, Capt BRIGGS, of the 63rd. Mr Champ continued at this wretched place of banishment about 18 months, when he was relieved by Ensign STUBBEMAN. At this abode of misery and despair he must have witnessed many of those deplorable acts of cruelty then so commonly practised on the convict classes, and above all on men under coercive treatment at those terrible places of torment. These dreadful scenes daily passing before him could not be without their effect on a heart naturally indisposed to the infliction of pain, and which, in long after years, when he was Commandant at one of those punishment stations himself at Port Arthur, he would never permit. His firm but merciful treatment of the unfortunates whom the severities of the old class of magistrates consigned to his charge, when contrasted with the heartlessness of other of his class, drew down on him the highest encomia from the excellent Bishop WILLSON, who having himself witnessed the terrible and half-murderous severities at Norfolk Island, which almost broke the old man's heart, concludes a despatch to Governor DENISON (published in the House of Commons Blue Book, 1853), by imploring him to place the "Ocean Hell" as that island was then called, "under Mr Champ, the just and discriminating Commandant of Port Arthur." Mr Champ was stationed with his regiment at Marlborough and New Norfolk until 1832, when he got his lieutenancy and exchanged into the 39th Regiment, with which he did duty in the Isle of France, but he was not long away from the colony. He quitted the army, and returning to Tasmania settled at New Norfolk in 1835.

In 1836 he was appointed Assistant Police Magistrate and Muster Master at Hobart, and married a daughter of Major GIBSON, a military settler. In his new office of magistrate it was soon seen that while prompt in his decisions, as military men

generally are, unlike, a good many of his brethren on the bench, he was seldom wrong; and he was generally counted by the convict classes, scores of whom he tried every day, as a most impartial man, whose sentences whenever ordered were sure to be just ones. At one of the *old* Hobart regattas Champ was a contestant, and performed an act of bravery and humanity which only a few of the very "old chums" remember. He sailed his own boat, and having rounded the last buoy was speeding homeward, when one of the seamen of a passing river craft fell overboard, and the wind being fresh at the time, he was separated by at least a cable length from his vessel before she could be hove to. Luckily for the fellow Champ was not far off, and giving up the race he steered to the rescue of the struggling seaman; but in the haste of lowering the sail the boat got a little out of command, and in shooting past the man was a yard or so beyond his reach. With great presence of mind Champ lashed himself to the sheet or halyard, threw himself overboard, and finally got the half-drowned man into his boat. For this act he was deservedly extolled by the press at the time, for he was a poor swimmer, and far from being his own master in rough water.

In the Government service Mr Champ rose step by step until he became Premier and Colonial Secretary. His first promotion was to an appointment in the Caveat Office, next to the Surveyor-Generalship (1840), and subsequently to Commandant of Port Arthur. Up to this time the severities practised at these establishments were excessive. Punishments amounting to absolute cruelty were actually enjoined upon commandants and magistrates by governmental orders, one of which got into the hands of the press. This playfully written document is dated January 25, 1853, and enjoined the officers of the settlement generally to see that the most "unceasing labour is exacted from the convicts, and the most harassing vigilance over them observed," which the police magistrate of the establishment is directed, in his official dealings with the convicts "to assign such punishment as will inflict the requisite amount of pain and misery within the shortest period of time," and "he shall take care when flagellation is ordered, it is executed with due severity in the presence of the surgeon, etc." These orders simply made the convicts desperate (*vide* Dr ULLATHORNE's evidence to the committee of the House of Commons, August 3, 1838), and this was the state of things when Mr Champ took charge. But with his assumption of office a reform was gradually effected. Acting independently cruelty gave place to justice, favouritism was banished, and the very worst of the convicts ceased to despair of one day regaining their liberty. But this state of things did not last long, for the death of the first comptroller of convicts on June 6, 1846, and the shameful deposition of Sir EARDLEY WILMOT in September, 1847, brought a new Governor, Sir William DENISON, and a new comptroller (Dr HAMPTON, afterwards Governor of Western Australia) to the colony. Hampton possessed all the bad qualities, of the Governor, and none of his good ones, and had no experience to fit him to control the multitude of gentlemen who officered the 80,000 convicts then in Tasmania. Men utterly unfit for their positions were promoted, skilled officers were dismissed by the score, and a reign of terror and oppression instituted. Having introduced all sorts of reforms in the department Hampton next tried his hand on Port Arthur and Mr Champ, expecting to find in the latter the same weakness and capacity for bearing official castigation he had experienced elsewhere. But in this particular instance he reckoned too hastily, for Mr Champ was not the man to

submit to injustice or tolerate insult. To expel such a man from the service without good reason (or any at all, as they served hundreds of lesser note) was too much, even for the Governor and the comptroller to attempt, so they compromised the matter by leaving him his emoluments and some petty duties to justify his detention at Port Arthur, but divested him of his official title of commandant and the authority belonging to that station, and appointed as his successor, but with the humble designation of "Superintendent," Captain COURTNEY, of the 60th Regiment. Mr Champ soon afterwards confronted the Governor, where he delivered himself in dignified language, though in a tone his Excellency was little used to. He returned to Port Arthur, but resigned his position in 1842, and retired to *Lisdillon* near Swansea.

The post of colonial Secretary becoming vacant in 1852, Mr W Denison re-called him from the seclusion of farm life and installed him in the office, which he held until the introduction of responsible government in 1853, when the appointment became a Parliamentary one, and he vacated it, though pretty well consoled for his loss by a bonus of £6,000.

Mr Champ formed the first Ministry in this colony in 1856, and submitted himself as a candidate for Launceston in the House of Assembly, and was returned, the polling being: J W ROGERS, 563; Adye DOUGLAS, 512; W T N Champ, 501; J MATTHEWS, 229; J J MOORE, 172. The Returning Officer, Mr W S BUTTON, declared the three first-named gentlemen elected. Mr Champ's Ministerial colleagues were: the late Mr T D CHAPMAN, Mr (afterwards Sir Francis) SMITH, Mr J W Rogers (who brought the draft of the new constitution out to the colony) the late Mr ANSTEY, and the late Mr W E NAIRN. The Cabinet held office until February, 1857, when Mr Champ retired from public life, and proceeding to Victoria, succeeded the late Mr John PRICE as Inspector-General of Penal Establishments. He thoroughly established discipline and system in his department, and retired upon his pension in 1869.

He was subsequently elected member of the Legislative Assembly for East Bourke Boroughs, declined the offer of a portfolio in the DUFFY Ministry, and resigning before the dissolution of Parliament, was succeeded by the hon. George HIGINBOTHAM. He was an ardent volunteer, and for many years was Lieutenant-Colonel commanding the northern district.

He leaves three sons and five daughters, one of whom married Mr S M MACDOWELL, son of the late Mr Edward Macdowell, the well-known Tasmanian barrister.

Although he has not visited Tasmania since he quitted it in 1857, the deceased gentleman took a lively interest in its affairs, and often discussed with the writer the prospects of the island where he set his first step on the ladder which led to an exceptionally useful and prosperous career. In 1891, when a deadlock occurred between the two branches of the Legislature, he wrote to the press sustaining the position of the Council, and concluded an able letter: "As to whether or not it is desirable that the powers of the Legislative Council should be curtailed, as suggested by Mr GIBLIN, I offer no opinion; but this, perhaps, I may remark, that under the constitution of Tasmania, administered as it has been during the 25 years, that delightful little island and its peaceful, happy, and prosperous community have been spared the political storms that have so clouded the atmosphere of

Victoria, creating discontent and animosities among nearly all classes of its inhabitants, and those wretched deadlocks which have on several occasions caused such misery among our Civil servants and public creditors and others dependent on them." ●

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Except from *Launceston Examiner*.

The following remarkable epitaph is copied from a monument in Dunkeld Abbey, Perthshire:-

## Marion Scott

Died at Dunkeld, November 21, 1727, and was buried in the Abbey.

Stay, passenger, until my life you read:  
The living may get knowledge from the dead.  
Five times five years I've lived a virgin life,  
Five times ten years I was a widow chaste;  
Now weared of mortal life I rest.

Between my cradle and my grave I've seen  
Eight mighty Kings of Scotland and a Queen;  
Four times five years a commonwealth I saw,  
Six times the subjects rose against the law,  
Twice did I see old prelacy pulled own,  
And twice the cloak was humbled by the gown.  
An end of Stuart's race I saw—nay, more:  
I saw my country sold for England's ore.  
Such desolation in my life hath been,  
An end to all perfections I have seen.

She lived in the reigns of James VI, Charles I, Oliver Cromwell (Commonwealth), Charles II, James II, William III and Mary II, Anne, George I and George II.

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## Regimental Museums

If you can't visit a regimental museum, visit a website on a particular regiment. The sites below (all at various stages of development) will help you find out more:

8th Foot (later the Royal Irish Regiment): [www.army.mod.uk/royalirish/index.html](http://www.army.mod.uk/royalirish/index.html)

Connaught Rangers (88th and 94th): [www.connaughtangers.co.uk](http://www.connaughtangers.co.uk)

Leinster Regiment: [www.leinster-regiment-association.org.uk](http://www.leinster-regiment-association.org.uk)

Royal Dublin Fusiliers: [www.royaldublinfusiliers.com](http://www.royaldublinfusiliers.com)

Munster Fusiliers: <http://royalmunsterfusiliers.net>

## Albert Edward Bird—The Flawed Champion

John Bird (Member No 5995)

It was Saturday the 31st of December 1869 at the Melbourne Cricket Ground. A crowd of 10,000 was in attendance to see the English champions' race. They had been brought to Australia by the entrepreneur George COPPIN for a series of professional footraces in Victoria, arriving in Melbourne on the 23rd of December aboard the *Lincolnshire*. Their first meeting was less than successful and their performances were below expectations due to the very short time frame for training and the fact they had all suffered from dysentery since their arrival. Two of the athletes were George TOPLEY, the English champion long distance walker and Frank HEWITT, the English champion short distance runner.

The other "champion" was Albert Edward BIRD, the champion long distance runner of England, and my great grandfather.

Born on the 15th of August 1846 at Court 26 Pea Croft Sheffield Yorkshire, Albert Edward Bird was the only child of William Bird and Sarah MOSLEY. Albert spent his youth in Sheffield, moving to Arundel Street in 1849 and to 143 Pond Street in 1856. Albert was a talented athlete and although little is known of his early life, he won a major mile race at a major English athletics meeting in 1868, beating Frank Hewitt. In poor conditions he ran a time of 4 minutes 30 seconds.

The champions' second athletics meeting on Saturday 12th of February 1870 was also at the MCG. It was a fine sunny day and a crowd in excess of 11,000 was present. Albert met 11 competitors in a one-mile handicap race in which he started from scratch. *The Argus* of Monday 14th of February reported Bird:

*"defeated them with the greatest of ease. ....The crowd got so excited over Bird's performance that before he reached the winning post they broke through the bounds that separated them from the course, and rushed from all quarters to the pavilion gate, causing much excitement."*

On Tuesday the 15th of February 1870 Albert and the other champions appeared at Eastern Oval, Geelong, where a crowd of 4,000 witnessed the sports. *The Argus* of 21st February reported on this meeting:

*"Bird displayed a wonderful fleetness of foot, winning the one mile handicap race" .... great excitement and interest were evinced by the public.....on Bird's appearance there was quite a furore of cheering .... Bird was most enthusiastically cheered on winning"*

Amusingly, on the 7th of January 1870 Albert was arrested at Merri Park in Northcote, an inner Melbourne suburb, for "racing in a scanty costume." The judge at the Fitzroy Magistrates Court dismissed the charge but asked that he put on more clothing next time he has to appear in public for training or racing purposes. Ironically Merri Park is within 400 metres from where Albert's son William, and later his family lived from 1920 until 2001.

Albert was continually successful in a number of athletics meets in Melbourne's provincial towns over the next two months; *The Age* of 28th February 1870 reporting Albert competed with "unvarying success." He then travelled to New South Wales, competing successfully at a number of athletic meetings against New South Wales best athletes.

Albert arrived in Newcastle in May where he met Alice WALMSLEY, daughter of Joseph Walmsley, proprietor of the City Arms Hotel in Newcastle. After a short courtship Albert and Alice were married at Newcastle on the 10th of December 1870. They remained in Newcastle until early 1872 before heading south. They stopped for a short while in Castlemaine, a country town in central Victoria, where Alice gave birth to a daughter-Sarah born on the 3rd of June 1872. After a stay of approximately one year in Castlemaine, the family travelled to Tasmania arriving in Hobart in early August 1873.

Albert's arrival in Hobart had an immediate impact in the community, *The Hobart Mercury* of 14th August 1873 commenting

*"the lovers of pedestrianism will doubtless be interested in knowing that Mr AE Bird, the champion long distance runner, has arrived in Hobart, and purposes getting up some matches shortly."*

Albert immediately hired out the military barracks for a series of races to be held in Hobart on the 25th of August 1873, including a parade for the neatest costume. Admission to the military barracks was 1/- and 2/6 for reserve seating. *The Hobart Mercury* of 22nd of August wrote "Mr Bird has sent to inform us that the greatest number of entries have been made in each race ever made in Tasmania." His every move seemed to attract attention—*The Mercury* of 23rd August -".... This afternoon at 4 o'clock Bird takes a breather in the domain."

However, it appears that this attention was not always positive. The main race of the day was to be Albert's solo attempt to run 11 miles in one hour against 11 runners each completing a mile. It appears that the event was postponed until the 30th of August. However Albert did not compete due on that day due to being intoxicated. *The Mercury* of 1 September 1873 was very critical of Albert -"....no man after such a short residence in it, ever left without so much contempt as AE Bird, the champion of the world."

Over the course of the next few months, Albert redeemed himself. On the 2nd of September he ran the distance in 6 minutes over the hour although he had to contend with about one and a half miles of rough newly-laid metal and was apparently "unwell." In mid September, Albert stated he would run the 4 miles from Walkers Brewery in Collins Street to Scott's Hotel under 20 minutes. On the 30th of September Albert completed the race with 5 seconds to spare in spite of several hills along the course and a dust storm.

In a race billed as "great race, England vs Tasmania" on the 11th of October 1873, Albert raced against the Tasmanian champion Tinker over the same course as on the 30th of September. Despite giving Tinker a half minute start and having injured his foot in training he won easily. *The Mercury* of 13 October 1873 commented that his "*steady leaping strides and beautiful form drew forth an expression of common admiration.*"

On the 1st of November 1873 Albert offered to run 6 minutes under 30 minutes, but failed to show up, his agent blaming the poor state of the road. But only 3 days later he completed the 6-mile run in 29 minutes and 50 seconds from *Fern Tree Hotel* Huon Road to the *Globe Hotel* in Davey Street.



There was another disappointment on the 10th of November, when Albert after stating he would run 20 miles in under two hours at Rosny gave up after 10 miles in one hour.

In early December 1873 John PAGE the publican of the *Lemon Springs Coach and Horses Hotel* hired the services of Albert as his star attraction at up-coming Boxing Day sports meeting. Albert promised to run 11 miles in one hour with 11 local athletes to each run a mile alongside him. However, there was a fracas on Boxing Day, after which Page charged Albert, his wife Alice and another man called James SOUTHALL with assault. On the 5th of January 1874 they were summoned to appear in Oatlands court the next day. After failing to attend court they were arrested on the 9th of January for their non-appearance to summons.

The 1st of January 1874 at the Cascades the first great (5 miles) cross-country steeplechase in Tasmania was held. Starting from scratch Albert won on a course involving running up hills, down dells and over fences. He completed the course in 24 minutes. Later that month on the 19th of January 1874 he raced two locals, giving them a minute and a half start over a two and a quarter mile course and winning easily.

In February 1874 Albert and his family relocated to Westcombe Street Launceston. This was to remain their family home in Launceston.

During the remainder of 1874 Albert frequently ran superb races and astounded spectators with his feats. In April 1874 Albert raced and beat the mail coach between Perth and Campbelltown a distance of some 40 miles, winning because he was able to outdistance the coach up hills and down gradients.

*The Launceston Examiner* of 5 September 1874 stated:

*"In early August Albert ran 10 miles in 56 minutes and about a fortnight later the still more extraordinary feat of running 20 miles in 2 hours 12 minutes... expressed in hearty cheering for over 6 minutes".*

On the 26th of August 1874 Albert ran from Snakes Bank to the *Wellington Inn* Launceston, a distance of 19 miles in two and a quarter hours.

*The History of Van Dieman's Land* also mentioned that "*Bird the runner*" and Colin Campbell ran from Hobart to Launceston in 24 hours although this is still open to question."

Unfortunately, Albert's feats were at times accompanied by questionable dealings, accusations of fixing and stake money not produced.

Albert was also an actor frequently appearing at the Theatre Royal in St Johns Street. On the night after his run from Snakes Bank to the *Wellington Inn*, he appeared as Cousin Joe in the play "Rough Diamond". At the end of the first act, Albert received a valuable gold [sic] for his previous day's feat. The next day, the 28th of August 1874 Albert and Alice's second daughter, Florence was born.

A few weeks later Albert was involved in more controversy and in October 1874 he was jailed for six months in Launceston gaol for conspiring to defraud by fixing a foot race. *The Launceston Examiner* of 24th October 1874 had extensive coverage of the court case.

There is still much more to learn about Albert over the next 9 years. Most of what is known concerns Albert's family life although there are a couple of newspaper references to his running and acting exploits.

The 15th of April 1876 saw Albert again appearing at the Theatre Royal with *The Launceston Examiner* announcing "a complimentary benefit to A E Bird is arranged for Monday evening at the Theatre Royal when Bird will appear as Cousin Joe in *Rough Diamond*." Two days later on the 17th of April 1876 Albert ran from Campbell Town to Launceston, a distance of 40 miles in under 5 hours.

On the 14th of October 1876 William, my grandfather was born. Albert and Alice had another child, an un-named boy born on the 8th of November 1878 but sadly who died four days later.

Lillian, Albert and Alice's third daughter was born on the 9th of October 1880 and their third son, Alexander born on the 16th of April 1883. Tragedy befell the family on the 10th of September 1883 when his wife Alice at a very young age of 28 died at the family home after contracting tuberculosis. Worse was to follow when on the 4th of December 1883, Alexander also died from tuberculosis.

These deaths, and the fact that Albert had fallen on hard times and was without regular employment, was to prove a devastating blow, culminating in a further term in prison. On the 25th of March 1884 Albert pleaded guilty in court to failing to pay one pound five shillings for the support of his children. He was given until the 29th of March 1884 to pay the money owing. Re-appearing in court he stated that he still could not pay, as he was still to be paid wages for his current job. On the 31st of March 1884 Albert was sentenced to 6 months hard labour, being discharged from gaol on the 29th of September 1884. The case, including details of the court hearing, received a great deal of publicity in the Launceston press.

During Albert's stay in gaol his daughters Sarah and Florence were placed in the Launceston Industrial School for Girls where they remained until they turned 16 years of age. William was placed into foster care and later adopted by Thomas and Rosa HUGHES. It is probable that Albert had very little, if any, further contact with them.

After completing his gaol sentence, Albert endeavoured to resurrect his running career but on the 20th of November 1884 he entered a mile race in Hobart but collapsed after one lap. After being accused of foul running, he was banned for life by Hobart Athletic Association.

Shortly afterwards it appears Albert moved to Sydney. It also seems that he took his youngest daughter Lillian with him, as she is known to have been in a Newcastle Catholic convent in the late 1880s and later married in Sydney. It would also appear that Albert's involvement with Lillian after 1884 was minimal as on her marriage certificate, her father's Christian names were given as Alfred and John.

Controversy followed him to Sydney. Albert competed in a number of races in and around Sydney with some success but culminating in another disappointment when on the 2nd of April 1887 in a race to celebrate St Patrick's Day in Sydney, he suddenly dropped out of the race for no apparent reason. *The Tasmanian Mail* of 2nd April reported "Albert was in Sydney. By all accounts the whilom crack has

*much difficulty in keeping body and soul together as he had in playing many parts in Tasmania."*

Nothing is known about Albert from that time until 31 January 1908 when he was found destitute wandering the streets of Port Melbourne, an inner southern suburb of Melbourne and he was arrested for his own protection. His plight and previous running exploits were reported in the local Melbourne press. After a short stay in prison he was admitted to the Benevolent Society on the 22nd of February that year. Even the *Tasmanian Mail* of 22nd February 1908 reported "*Albert Edward Bird who 40 years ago was champion long distance runner of England has fallen on evil times in his old age.....*" The last we know of Albert is that he discharged himself from the Benevolent Society on the 15th of April 1908. What became of him after that remains a mystery.

Albert was a man of many parts, obviously an outstanding athlete, a brilliant runner who could dazzle the crowds, an actor and well-known identity, particularly in Tasmania in the 1870s. Unfortunately Alfred's life involved much controversy—such a flawed character, a life with so many highs and lows.

There are still many unanswered questions and while I am doubtful we will ever know Albert Bird's whole life story, I think there is still much more to be learned about the life of my great grandfather. ●

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## *The 'Princess Royal' Girls'*

***The First Free Female Immigration Ship To Van Diemen's Land – 1832***  
by Thelma McKay

Contains research on 200 girls arrived Hobart on the *Princess Royal* in August 1832 as free emigrants. Many came from the London penitentiaries and workhouses. Includes information on their husbands, convict or free, children, where lived, final resting place. Includes transcript of diary written on board by Catherine, wife of Rev. Charles Price.

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## New publications from Launceston Branch

### *"Index to Passenger Arrivals & Departures from Early Launceston Newspapers, 1829-1865"* — CD-Rom

The project was by Sandra Duck and book, then fiche being part, Sandra carried on with extracting the data, typing sufficient data for a CD-provided invaluable input file and designing the CD, responsible for the the onset of the project. The CD cover was designed by Anita Swan, Helen Stuart and Barrie Robinson.



commenced in the eighties Maureen Martin, with a produced. For the greater the mammoth task of and sorting, culminating with ROM. Henry Bartlett on the search facility, Help while Anne Bartlett was formatting of the data from

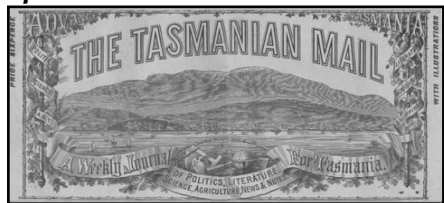
The launch took place on Wednesday 5th September at the Phil Leonard Room, City Library, Launceston. Many thanks to Dr Frank Madill for officiating and Peter Richardson for use of the Phil Leonard facility.

Call in at 2 Taylor Street for your copy of the CD—\$60, less member's discount. If you would like a copy mailed, add \$5.30 to your cheque.

### *"The Tasmanian Mail—A Photographic Index 1894-1904"*

The first volume of this new series compiled by Sandra Duck, covers the years 1894-1935, and is now available. Sketches and illustrations in advertisements have not been included.

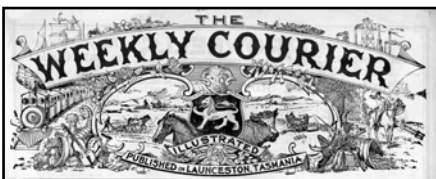
Price at the library is \$27.00 (mailed, \$36.30).



### *"The Weekly Courier—Index to Photographs, Birth, Death & Marriage Notices and Personal items of interest to Family Historians" (1901-1935).*

(Compiled by Muriel & Betty Bissett)

The format is similar to that used in the "Index to Launceston Examiner" (1842-1899) and provides a transcription of the BDM paid notices with a précis of the personal announcements that are considered useful to family history researchers— an attempt to put "more flesh on the bones". Volume 1, 1901-1903 is now available. Price at the library is \$27.00, (mailed, \$36.30).



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## Edward Taylor, Mary Larby And Mary Leonard

Gail Mulhern (Member No 6652)

Edward TAYLOR, my great, great grandfather, was born in c1810 near Petersfield, Hampshire, England, son of Thomas Taylor, Cordwainer. According to the 1841 census records Edward, Hairdresser, was listed at South Bersted, West Sussex aged 31 yrs.

On the 1 November 1841 he married Mary LARBY at the Chapel St Chapel, Chichester, Sussex. Edward was living at East Street, Chichester while Mary's address was Under the East Walls, also Chichester. Their witnesses were Eliza WILTSHIRE and George FAMDELL. Mary was christened 28 March 1803 at Pagham, Sussex, daughter of William LARBY and Mary.



Mary is listed on the 1841 census at East Walls with William WILTSHIRE, Sailor 25 years, his wife Eliza also 25 yrs, and sons William 4 yrs and George 1 yr, as well as Mary's daughters Emma 4 yrs and Mary 2 yrs. These two girls were under the surname Larby.

Mary gave birth to Edward on the 12 May 1842 in the Parish of St Andrew, Chichester—maybe at William and Eliza's house. Edward was the informant, his address being Faith Street, Waterloo Square, Bognor. Mary died on the 3 June 1842 at East Walls of peritonitis. Her informant was Eliza Wiltshire of East Walls. Mary was just 38 yrs. Baby Edward died from diarrhoea on the 7 September in Bognor. His father Edward, Occupier, Bognor was the informant. Baby Edward was just 4 months old.

Edward met up with Sarah ALLEN soon after and according to her convict records they lived together for a year. Both Edward and Sarah assaulted and robbed a Mr JEFFERIES of £16 in a public place in Chichester. Edward was tried at the Petworth Assizes on the 20 March 1843 and received 15 years for the assault whereas Sarah was found guilty of both the robbery and assault and was given life.

Edward embarked on the *Anson* on the 13 September 1843 arriving in Hobart on the 4 February 1844. There were 499 male convicts on board, the greatest number of convicts to ever leave England on one ship. Edward's Conduct record listed him as Protestant, could read and write, a hairdresser by trade, 5' 2¼", 34 yrs, fresh complexion, light blue eyes, light brown hair. Edward had many tattoos—woman in wreath, Sarah Allen Forget Me Not, flower, man and woman on right arm, wreath, bust of woman and 2 children ETMTMTaylor, woman, crucifixion, sailor on left arm. (The initials helped me establish the names of his children and wife). Edward received his Certificate of Freedom on the 22 March 1858.

Edward 32 yrs (proper age would have been closer to 42) was given permission to marry Mary LEONARD (free) 18 yrs on the 4 August 1852 and on the 23 August 1852 they were married at St David's Cathedral, Hobart. Their witnesses were Rowland Thomas DOSSETT and Joanna X DONLAN.

Edward and Mary produced 11 children—Henry Edward born 9 Nov 1853, William James born 10 Jan 1855, John Michael born 26 May 1856, Thomas George born 3 Nov 1857, Mary Ann Jane born 17 April 1859, James born 9 Feb 1861, Alfred Joseph 29 Oct 1862, Emma Eliza born 29 Oct 1864, Abraham Isaac born 6 April 1866, Arthur Ernest born 17 Feb 1868 and Edward George born 6 Jan 1870. Mary's surname changed at every birth and christening (eg. Linnon, Linner, Lennon, Lianna, Lennane, Leanard, Linnian, Lenniore, Lennore, Lanien, Lenane, Lenain). At the time of Henry's birth in 1853 Edward and Mary were living at 50A Elizabeth Street. John Michael Taylor died on the 17 September 1857 at Murray Street, aged 16 months (convulsions) and Thomas George died 12 September 1858 at Elizabeth Street aged 11 months (croup). 3 January 1865 has Edward, Mary and family at 50A Elizabeth Street—house and shop.

On the 1 June 1872 Edward was admitted to the New Norfolk Asylum with amentia (temporary insanity), cause unknown, bodily condition good but thin, duration of illness three weeks. Sadly Edward remained at the Asylum until his death on the 11 May 1874 from 'disease of the brain and diarrhea'. At the time of Edward's death Mary was living at 87 Bathurst Street with one of her son's.

### **Abraham Isaac (Matherin Isaac) Taylor and Ann Ryan (Kelly)**

Abraham (my great grandfather) (known as Isaac) was born on the 6 April 1866 in Hobart and baptised the 13 May 1866, the 8th child of Edward and Mary nee LEONARD. Sometime in 1885 Isaac and Ann Ryan commenced living together as man and wife. Isaac would have been about 18 yrs while Ann was closer to 36 yrs.

Isaac and Ann's turbulent years together listed below—Lower Court Records:

Thursday 24 Jan 1889: Ryan v Taylor—Maintenance for Ann Ryan with whom he has lived and cohabited for a period of four years as his wife. Adjourned to this day fortnight.

Friday 28 February 1889: Ryan v Taylor - Leaving Ann Ryan with whom he has lived and cohabited as his wife for a period of four years without means of support. Complaint withdrawn by complainant (I believe Ann was pregnant with my grandmother—maybe the reason why she withdrew her complaint). A daughter Florence-May Taylor was born on the 5 July 1889 and baptised 14 July 1893 at St Joseph's, Hobart to Isaac Taylor and Ann Ryan. On the 11 October 1893 Matherim Isaac Taylor, fisherman, 32 yrs and Ann Kelly, servant, 40 years married at St Joseph's, Hobart. (I believe Matherin Isaac is Abraham Isaac and Ann Kelly is Ann Ryan)

Lower Court Records (continued)

Monday 13 August 1894—Isaac Taylor: Charged by Sergeant Sanderson with disturbing the peace in a public street in Hobart on 11 August instant. Fined 5/-. Wednesday 29 August 1894 Ann Taylor wife of Isaac Taylor, fisherman, applied for the issue of a Notice to publicans prohibiting them from supplying liquor to her husband, the said Isaac Taylor. The said Notice was issued operative for a period of a year from the above date.

Monday 26 Nov 1894—Isaac Taylor: Charged by Constable Smith with disturbing the peace in a yard abutting a public street in Hobart 20 December 1895 Taylor v Taylor Maintenance of his wife Ann Taylor and his child Florence

- May Taylor. Ordered to pay 5/- every Monday to the Collecting Clerk at this office for the support Of His Wife And Child.
- 21 April 1897—Isaac Taylor: Charged by Superintendent Pedder with unlawfully beating Ann Taylor at Hobart on the 3 April 1897 Fined 5/- and costs 7/6 Monday 30 August 1897 Pedder v Taylor Assault. 3 months imprisonment
- 26 February 1898 Isaac Taylor Charged by Superintendent Pedder with assaulting his wife Ann Taylor at Hobart on 25th instant. Remanded until 2 March 1898
- 2 March 1898—Pedder v Taylor: As on Battery. Withdrawn by Super. Pedder
- 2 December 1898 Ann Taylor: Application by Isaac Taylor for a notice to issue prohibiting publicans supplying her with liquor.
- 16 June 1899—Taylor v Taylor: Leaving wife Ann Taylor and child Florence May Taylor without means of support at Hobart. Ordered to pay 10/- weekly.
- 8 August 1899—Taylor v Isaac Taylor: Non-compliance with maintenance order.
- 21 Feb 1902 Isaac Taylor Using indecent language
- 7 April 1902—Ann Taylor: Disturbing the peace
- 10 April 1902— Ann Taylor; Indecent language
- 12 June 1902— Ann Taylor: Disturbing the peace
- 29 Aug 1902—Ann Taylor: Charged by Police Constable Lawson with being an idle and disorderly person at Hobart on the 29 day of August 1902. Found lodging in an unoccupied house having no means of support. Imprisoned 14 days.
- 12 December 1902—Ann Taylor: Disturbing the peace. 14 days imprisonment
- 17 November 1903—Isaac Taylor: Disturbing the peace. Fined 10/- in default 7 days goal.

According to Electoral Rolls Isaac and Ann moved to the Lower Longley area and nothing more was heard of them until their deaths, Ann 25 May 1938 and Isaac 13 August 1953. Both are buried at the Cornelian Bay Cemetery.

I have more information regarding Edward's gaol term - His station of gang was Seven Mile Creek for a period of twenty-four months. On the 24 Sept 1844 Edward's probation was extended by three months due to a misconduct in having a razor, some thread and other articles improperly in his possession. On the 7 May 1846 Edward's gang probation was finalised. He received fourteen days solitary to misconduct in being in a Public house on the 31 July 1847. Another misconduct charge on the 9 May 1848 in making away with his fellow prisoners' possessions - fourteen days solitary. Towards the end of his sentence Edward was listed as a Constable with the Register of Police Districts. His date of appointment was 28 May 1849. It was noted that he was in Campbell Town on the 1st July of the same year.

There were more convictions regarding Isaac and Ann and I have a prison record photo of Isaac, sadly Ann's didn't survive.

My grandmother Florence May Taylor is another story. She stated that she was born on the 24 May 1888 in Hobart, but I haven't found her birth on that date. I found the Florence May Taylor born on the 5 July 1889, daughter of Isaac Taylor and Ann Ryan). Florence's wedding certificate mentions that her father was Isaac Taylor and her mother Ann Kelly. Both the christening (14 July 1893) and the marriage (11 Oct 1893) were at St Joseph's, Hobart. The christening has Ann Ryan

as the mother but the marriage has Ann Kelly. So it's all a bit confusing. Isaac stated that he was 32 when he married but in fact he would have only been 27 and Ann 40 when in fact she would have been about 46. ●

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## The Possum

Erika Johnson (Member No 5468)

The article by Thelma L Grunnell "*First was the Mouseman then...*" published in *Tasmanian Ancestry* Vol 28 No 2 was of great interest.

My father, William SHANKLEY, emigrated from England in the 1920s and in his diverse life was, among other things, a teacher, scout master and woodworker. As a woodworker, he adopted the possum as his signature & trademark. One of his pieces of furniture which features the possum can be seen on display at The Lea Scout camp near Kingston.



I wonder if he developed this practice of "signing" his work in isolation or had he heard of Robert Thompson, or perhaps even met him, in his early years in England?

The photo features the possum trademark on the refectory table at The Lea Scout Camp near Kingston.

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## Descendants of Convicts' Group Inc. 1788-1868

Any person who has convict ancestors, or who has an interest in convict life during the early history of European settlement in Australia, is welcome to join the above group.

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## William Cozens, Chemist & Druggist, Launceston

Letter posted in London 25 November 1843

My dear Sir,

Since my last communication a Mr William HILL has called upon me two or three times (hearing that Mrs COOKE was Administratrix to her father's Estate), and has represented to me that you are indebted to him in the sum of £1,000. That he had with another gentm entered into a Bond himself with £500 & the other Gent in the like sum but this party failing in payment of the same he has paid both these Sums to some Bank to which he had become Security for you. The object of this calling was known if I could not pay him this Sum so due by you as he alleges to him. Of course I told him I would not do anything of the kind unless I had the fullest authority from you with every legal document transmitted to me by you for my protection.

A power of Attorney would be requisite & even upon this I should be very much disinclined to act as it is necessary that the party giving the power of Attorney should be approved to be living where it is received & acted upon & four months at the least must necessarily elapse before I could received it from you. I have thought it right to state this much to you at in the event of any documents being transmitted by you to me they may come directed to me personally & not through Mr Hill as he informs me he intends to write you to obtain your authority. I shd not act in the matter without consulting the Solicitor the Estate.

We have through exertion been enabled to obtain Sufficient a/ssets to balance your debt due to the Estate of £1986.17.6. I have therefore written this debt off & consider it paid. I have this day invested £90 in the 3 per Cent Reduced for you & the like Sum in the 3 per cent consols in our joint names Jno Cooke & May Cooke in trust for Mr C. & children. Constant investment will be made as the debts are paid in equal moieties, for yourself & Mr Cooke (...) both being invested on the same days.

My dear Mary on the 16th Octr gave birth to a fine boy. We have now living 3 boys and one girl. She is quite well and desires her love to you. Our kind remembrance to Mrs Cozens & I trust you are all quite well in which your Sister Betsey joins.

I am, My dear Sir, yours very Sincerely, Jno Cooke.

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## Was Your Ancestor In The Royal Irish Constabulary?

You can view the RIC service records at The National Archives, Kew.

[www.nationalarchives.gov.uk](http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk)

## Tasmaniana Library, State Library of Tasmania New Acquisitions

This is a select list of books on history, biography and genealogy which have been added to the Tasmaniana Library between April and September 2007.

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) 6231 0927, and by e-mail at [Heritage.Collections@education.tas.gov.au](mailto:Heritage.Collections@education.tas.gov.au).

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

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- Williams, Paul, *Matthew Brady and Ned Kelly: kindred spirits, kindred lives*. (TL 365.1550994 WIL)
- Wooley, Charles, *A walk in old Hobart: Your guide to two wondrous hours with Charles Wooley and Michael Tatlow* (TL 919.4661 WOO) ●
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## T.A.M.I.O.T and eHeritage

<http://eheritage.statelibrary.tas.gov.au/> click on "Monuments and Historic Sites"

... To access transcriptions of the headstones surviving in some 800 cemeteries around Tasmania; held by the five Branches around the State: Burnie, Devonport, Hobart, Huon and Launceston.

Cemeteries are arranged by municipality and alphabetically.

T.A.M.I.O.T. fiche are available for purchase from

**TFHS Inc. PO Box 191, Launceston TAS 7250,**  
and images are available for purchase from the branches

## Burnie Branch

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Jim Rouse from the Devonport Branch gave our members a most interesting talk on the 40th Battalion. This battalion was raised during WW1 and was comprised of Tasmanians. Jim has collected many photos and other documents about the 40th and all will be available online on a dedicated web site.

At our August night meeting member Helen Hislop gave the meeting a talk highlighting her recent trip to Canada and North America. The wonderful photos she showed made many of our members very envious of her trip. A discussion was then lead by Judy Cocker on researching family history in North America. Our members were entertained at the September meeting with an extremely interesting video on researching family names in Scotland. After watching the video, members discussed Scottish research in general.

The Westbury Faire was one of our activities for September. Thanks to those that come to the Faire and helped man our stand during the day. Now the weather is improving we want to have a concentrated effort on the capturing of headstone images from the remaining cemeteries that have not yet been photographed.

It certainly has been the year to travel with some of our members travelling to North America, Scotland, New Zealand and Queensland.

On behalf of the committee I would like to thank all the volunteers that have helped with so many functions and activities through the year and trust that you all have a joyous Christmas and a prosperous New Year. Our Branch Library will close this year on the 11th December and will reopen on Tuesday 15th January.

### Acquisitions

#### Books

- \* Brown, John W, *Black's 1861 Guide to Croydon*
- Lyons, Peter, *Lasting Legacies*
- TFHS Inc. Burnie Branch, *Index to The Advocate Serving North-West and Western Tasmania Births Deaths & Marriages 1916- 1917*
- TFHS Inc. Devonport Branch, *Deloraine Lawn Cemetery Tasmania*
- TFHS Inc. Devonport Branch, *Deloraine Public Cemetery Tasmania*
- TFHS Inc. Devonport Branch, *The North-West Post (1887-1916) An Index for Family Historians Volume 6 1909*
- TFHS Inc. Launceston Branch, *The Tasmanian Mail a Photographic Index 1894-1904*
- \* Watson, Peter, *The Loyal Lads of Feltham*

#### CDRom

Archive CD Books

*Government Gazette Hobart Town 1844*

*Tasmania Telephone Directory 1953*

*Bailliere's Tasmanian Gazetteer and Road Guide 1877*

*Cyclopaedia of Tasmania 1900*  
*With the Fortieth*  
*Tasmanian's War Record 1914-1918*  
*Calendar of the University of Tasmania 1916-1917*  
*Government Gazette Hobart Town 1870*  
*Tasmanian Cyclopaedia 1931*  
*New Zealand Post Office Directory 1905 (Wise's)*  
*Government Gazette Hobart Town 1880*

#### Pastkeys

*Unassisted Arrivals NSW Index 1842-1856 and Ships & Masters to Sydney Index 1842-1856*  
*Deane Index Re-Indexed 1823-1840 Settlers, Military, Convicts Etc.*  
*Convicts & Employers (NSW) Index 1828, 1832-1833, Jan 1838-Jan 1844*  
*Miscellaneous Indexes Unclaimed Letters (Noting Ship or Regiment) Index - 1836-1852 Unemployed*  
*Registers 1860, 1884 Index Wages Paid to Orphans Index 1849-1851*  
*Free Railway Passes (NSW) Index 1880-1892*  
*Immigration Deposit Indexes Immigration Deposit Journals (NSW) Index 1853-1900 Immigration Deposit Regulations*  
*Supplementary Index 1856-1857*  
 TFHS Inc. Launceston Branch, *Index to Passenger Arrivals & Departures from Early Launceston Newspapers 1829-1865*

\*Indicates donated items

## Devonport Branch

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Our Christmas in July dinner at Boscobell's B&B was enjoyed by 22 members and guests. We had a lovely home cooked meal and looked around the old house which could be recommended as a place to stay when in Ulverstone.

In August Barbara Wells from the Kentish Museum came with Angela Gardam and talked about how they compiled the book called "All Known Burials in the Kentish Municipality". There were

many interesting stories to tell about discovering unusual burials, (one being underneath a house).

Our stall at the Westbury Family History Faire helped us launch the Deloraine cemetery publications, a 2 volume set that has been a major work in progress for a good deal of time.

At our September meeting we were entertained by local author Sally Schanckenberg who wrote the very enjoyable book called "Kate Weindorfer: the woman behind the man and the mountain". Sally spoke about her joy of being given access to the family diaries, papers, memorabilia and photos and the process of

sifting through these to provide the meat on the skeleton of her story. The book began its life as a thesis for a university history course but transformed along the way and is now in its fourth printing.

Saturday opening (once a month) has resumed at our library but visitor numbers are low, which can be disappointing for the volunteers on the day. We will continue for the remainder of the year and hope that numbers improve. Dates are Sat Oct 13th, Nov 10th and Dec 8th.

### Planned Meeting and Activities:

- Day time social gathering on Wed 3rd October 10.30 am
- Meeting with guest speaker Jim Rouse, "*From Waterloo to Woolloomooloo*" a story of a Peninsular war veteran" at State Library Meeting Room in Devonport, on Thursday 25th October
- Writing Workshop on Saturday 27th October 10.30–2.30
- Christmas breakup meeting at State Library Meeting Room in Devonport, on Thursday 29th November
- Proposed Christmas Dinner at Gateway Hotel 6.30pm start on Friday December 7th
- Scheduled Saturday opening of Library 11.00am-3.00pm Saturday December 8th
- Library closes for a short break Tuesday December 18th
- Library re opens at 11.00am Tuesday January 8th 2008
- Scheduled Saturday opening of Library 11.00am-3.00pm Saturday January 12th
- First gathering for the year. Library opens 2.00pm and BBQ begins 5.30 pm \$10 per head Thursday January 31st—other branch members and friends are invited.

### New publications

- Deloraine Public Cemetery and Deloraine Lawn Cemetery now available \$40 set.
- 1909 North-West Post - \$25

Please contact Secretary [secretary@tfhsdev.com](mailto:secretary@tfhsdev.com) to make a booking or for any further details on these events check our website at [www.tfhsdev.com](http://www.tfhsdev.com).

## Acquisitions

### Books

Kentish Museum Trust, *All Known Burials in The Kentish Municipality*

TFHS Inc. Burnie Branch, *Index to The Advocate Births, Deaths & Marriages 1916–1917*

TFHS Inc. Devonport Branch, *The North-West Post (1887–1916) An Index for Family Historians. Vol. 6, 1909*

TFHS Inc. Launceston Branch, *The Tasmanian Mail – A Photographic Index 1894–1904*

### CD-Roms

Archive CD Books Australia Pty. Ltd,

*Commonwealth Public Service List 1904 ('Stud Book')*

*Government Gazette Hobart Town 1880*

*Government Gazette Victoria 1851*



*Police Gazette New South Wales Compendium 1862–1865*

*Police Gazette Victoria Compendium 1871–1875*

*Police Gazette Victoria Compendium 1886–1890*

*Tasmania Post Office Directory 1904*

Macbeth Genealogical Services, *South Australian Deaths Registrations 1916–1972*

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## Hobart Branch

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The Hobart Branch library in the old Post Office building at Bellerive, being Heritage listed, is not able to be modified internally and consequentially space for expansion is very limited. It is therefore necessary to periodically change storage methods and try various ways to make room for extra services for our members. Recently a new storage facility for microfiche has been purchased and this has made it possible to do some

reorganisation of the microform room.

As well, a new computer has been purchased for the Comprehensive Subject Index (CSI) facility. The CSI is now located more usefully close to the entry to the library, and the process of accessing data is now faster and more efficient.

The Branch is very fortunate in having a large body of dedicated volunteer library assistants who are regularly on duty whenever the library is open. They perform a necessary service for members and visitors to the library. Their invaluable work is recognised as central to the work of the library.

The library was opened for visitors on Sunday, 28<sup>th</sup> October, as part of the Clarence City Council Seafarers Festival.

The library will close for the year on 15 December and reopen on 16 January 2008.

### General Meetings

Members are reminded that all the general meetings in 2007, and 2008, will be held, as usual, at the Rosny Library building in Bligh Street on the third Tuesday in the month at 8pm. Visitors are welcome at all these meetings.

The final meeting for the year was — Tuesday 20 November: Dr Hamish Maxwell-Stewart: "A family burden—The impact of Convict transportation"

The first meeting for 2008 will be on 19 February – topic to be advised in the Newsletter, on the website and in notices posted at the library.

### Family History Computer Users Group

Branch library - 2nd Wednesday of the month at 7.30 pm.

**WISE Interest Group**

Branch library – 1st Sunday of February, May, August and November at 2 pm.

**Family History Writers Group**

Branch library – third Thursday of each month between 12.30 and 2.30 pm.

**Research Workshop**

Organised workshops have been disbanded. Members with research problems can seek help of library assistants during the opening hours of the library. If this is not convenient they may call Cynthia O'Neill, the Members Liaison Officer, for assistance. Her contact number is (03) 6243 6200 or by email at [news@hobart.tasfhs.org](mailto:news@hobart.tasfhs.org)

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

**Acquisitions****Books**

- \* Baker, A; *Index to The Mercury Deaths—1964*
- \* Balcarek, D, *Women and Bushrangers.*
- \* Eslake, R; *Stanley Burial Ground.* Q929332099465 ESL
- \* Hughes, J.N., *Local Government—Local History.*
- \* Keesing, N, *History of the Australian Gold Rushes.*
- \* Ogle, N, *The Colony of Western Australia—a manual for Emigrants, 1839.*
- \* Pryor, O, *Australia's Little Cornwall.*
- Ritchie, J (ed.)
  - Australian Dictionary of Biography—Vol. 13*
  - Australian Dictionary of Biography—Vol. 14*
  - Australian Dictionary of Biography—Vol. 15*
  - Australian Dictionary of Biography—Vol. 16.*
- TFHS Inc.—Burnie, *Index to 'The Advocate' 1916–1917*
- TFHS Inc.—Devonport, *The North-West Post, Vol. 6 1919*
- \* Viney, Betty, *The Arnolds of Lilydale*
- \* White, C, *History of Australian Bushrangers, Vol. 2*

**CD-Roms**

- \* ABM Publisher:
  - 1871 Census Northumberland: All Saints & Byker, Newcastle upon Tyne*
  - Derbyshire Parish Records Vol. 9 Derby (Phillimore's Marriages)*
  - 1871 Census Huntingdonshire, Huntingdon*
  - Buckinghamshire Parish Records Vol. 9; Newport Pagnell 1558–1837, Lathbury 1690–1837, Broughton 1720–1837, Moulsoe 1559–1837 (Phillimore's Marriages)*
  - 1861 Census Shropshire, Ludlow*
  - Surrey Parish Records Vol. 9; Stoke D'Abernon 1619–1812, Haslemere 1701–1812*
  - 1901 Census Herefordshire, Leominster*
  - Lincolnshire Parrish Records Vol. 9: Withern 1560–1837; Trusthorpe 1562–1837; Huttoft 1562–1837; Marblethorpe, St. Mary and St. Peter, with Stain 1561–1837; Mumby Chapel (St. Leonard's) 1565–1692; Willoughby 1538–1692*

Kent F.H.S., *Kent Parrish Registers Vol. 9*

\* Macbeth G.S.:

*Edwardian Index, Victoria 1902-1913*

*Federation Index, Victoria 1889-1901*

*Great War Index, Victoria 1914-1920*

*Victorian Pioneer Indexes BDM 1836-1888*

\* Sensis, *White Pages Australia-2004 edition.*

W.A.G.S. Inc., *Western Ancestor Index 1979-2002*

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Library usage continues on a regular basis in spite of the poor weather experienced in recent months.

Work is progressing with the eHeritage database and may be completed except for the Huon Lawn Cemetery by the end of the year.

The management committee of the Ranelagh Soldier's Memorial Hall, the location of the Huon Branch library, is planning a 90th anniversary event in late 2008. For the event any information regarding the establishment and earlier days of the hall and the people involved is being sought. The Huon Branch is participating in this project. Any information which might be of interest can be forwarded through the Branch Secretary.

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This has been an eventful period. Firstly the long-awaited launch of the CD-Rom, "Index to Passenger Arrivals & Departures from Early Launceston Newspapers, 1829-1865", at the City Library on Wednesday 5th September. Congratulations to all concerned!

The second new publication is "*The Tasmanian Mail—A Photographic Index 1894-1904*"—the first of a new series. Work is underway on "*The Weekly Courier—Index to Photographs, Birth, Death & Marriage Notices and Personal items of interest to Family Historians (1901-1935)*", the first volume, 1901-1903 published in October.

A number of members attended the Westbury Faire and the opportunity was taken to introduce and demonstrate the new CD-ROM. Sales of both the CD and books were very encouraging.

Anita was pleasantly surprised to be invited to the Civic Reception to mark the launch of the "Launceston Family Album", and accept a quality bound copy on behalf of the Branch.

### Meetings and Activities at 2 Taylor Street:

- **Tuesday 11 December:** 3pm—Library, 2 Taylor St, closes for the Christmas break. All are invited to afternoon tea—bring along a 'Christmassy' plate, please.
- **Monday 21 January:** 9.30am—Working bee—all members welcome!
- **Tuesday 22 January:** 10am—Library, 2 Taylor St, re-opens.
- **Tuesday 22 January:** 3.30pm—A familiarisation tour of the library and the launch of the new Library Catalogue. Come along and familiarise yourself with the holdings for both your own research and learning to participate in library duty.
- **Tuesday 26 February,** 3.30pm—Workshop, websites. Can you contribute?
- **Tuesday 18 March, 7pm:** This meeting is one week earlier than usual, due to Easter. Jim Rouse, Military research enthusiast from the Devonport Branch will be presenting his paper on the 40th Battalion in the Great War, 1914-1918. Please attend and support our visiting speaker!

## Acquisitions

### Books

- \* *A History of Australian Prisoners of War : International Reunion Ex-Prisoners of War Memorial Service*
- \* Australian War Memorial Canberra, Tasmania's Honour Roll : The Australian Army
- \* Australian Defence Force Academy, *The AIF Project*
- Bennett B & Sullivan B, Compilers, *St John's Anglican Church, Plenty, Tasmania : Cemetery Headstone Transcriptions*
- Bennett B & Sullivan B, Compilers, *Back River Chapel Cemetery, Lawitta, Tasmania : Incorporating St Paul's, New Norfolk*
- Burnie Branch, *Index to The Advocate Serving North-Western Tasmania Births Deaths & Marriages 1916-1917.*
- \* Chater, Kathy & Fowler, Simon, *Finding Out About Your Family History*
- \* Devonport Branch, *The North West Post—An Index for Family Historians Vol 6 1909*
- Devonport Branch, *Deloraine Lawn Cemetery Tas : In Loving Memory Series*
- Devonport Branch, *Deloraine Public Cemetery Tas : In Loving Memory Series*
- Devonport Branch, *All Known Burials in the Kentish Municipality : In Loving Memory Series*
- \* Friends Of The Library, *Launceston Family Album : Stories behind the faces at the great expo of 1891*
- \* Gregson, Keith, *Nelson's Navy 1793-1815 :Military History Sources for Family Historians*
- \* Hudson, Lyn & McGowan, Bill, *A Hudson-Sims Family History*
- \* Macphail, *National Directory of Tasmania, 1867-68*

- \* Masters, W E (1/9/1949), *Voyage of the "Clifton" to Port Phillip, Victoria, arriving 12/2/1850*
- \* McGowan, Bill, *A record of the lives & times of eight early settlers in Australia & their descendants.*
- \* Queensland Tourism, Cairns-Kuranda Railway : 1882-1891 – History in the making
- \* Richardson, Peter (editor), *On the Tide 3 : more stories of the Tamar*  
State Library, Launceston, Church Registers, Sept 2004  
State Library, Launceston, Family History Resources  
State Library, Launceston, Cemeteries  
State Library, Launceston, Convict Records  
State Library, Launceston, Migration & Shipping Records  
Launceston Branch, *The Tasmanian Mail : A Photographic Index 1894-1904*
- \* Tomaselli, Phil, *The Second World War 1939-1945 : Military History Sources for Family Historians*
- \* Viney, Betty, *The Arnolds of Lilydale : Robert & Eliza Arnold & their descendants*
- \* Wherett, D G, *Around every corner: Photographs, Launceston, Tasmania in the 1940's*

### CDRom

Launceston Branch, *Index to Passenger Arrivals & Departures from Early Launceston Newspapers, 1829-1865.*

### Fiche

P Hocking, Bendigo

*Bendigo Advertiser Index to Funerals, Inquests, Obituaries, Accidents & More*  
—1877-1878 (5 fiche)

*Bendigo Advertiser Index to Funerals, Inquests, Obituaries, Accidents & More*  
—1879-1880 (5 fiche)

*Bendigo Advertiser Index to Funerals, Inquests, Obituaries, Accidents & More*  
—1881-1882 (5 fiche)

*Bendigo Advertiser Index to Funerals, Inquests, Obituaries, Accidents & More*  
—1883-1884 (5 fiche)

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## News from Scotland People

**\*\* RCE Images online\*\*** Scotlands People recently announced that the RCE images are now available for viewing online.

RCE stands for Register of Corrected Entries and since 1965, Register of Corrections. These may include amendments to birth, marriage and death records made after the original event was recorded.

**\*\*Voucher Payment System\*\*** You can now order vouchers by post and pay for them by cheque or by credit card.

**\*\* Time Limit Extender\*\*** Session time limit has been extended from seven days to ninety days.

For more information check out the website at [www.scotlandspeople.gov.uk](http://www.scotlandspeople.gov.uk)

## Library Notes

### State Microfiche Roster

	17/11/07	18/2/08	17/05/08	18/08/08	1711/08
	15/02/08	16/05/08	15/08/08	14/11/08	15/2/09
<b>Burnie</b>	Set 1	Set 5	Set 4	Set 3	Set 2
<b>Devonport</b>	Set 2	Set 1	Set 5	Set 4	Set 3
<b>Hobart</b>	Set 3	Set 2	Set 1	Set 5	Set 4
<b>Huon</b>	Set 4	Set 3	Set 2	Set 1	Set 5
<b>Launceston</b>	Set 5	Set 4	Set 3	Set 2	Set 1
<b>Set 1</b>	GRO BDMs Index 1868–1897				
<b>Set 2</b>	Griffith's Valuation for Ireland Series. GRO Consular Records Index Old Parochial Records and 1891 Census Indexes for Scotland				
<b>Set 3</b>	GRO BDMs Index 1898–1922 and AGCI				
<b>Set 4</b>	National Probate Calendars 1853–1943				
<b>Set 5</b>	GRO BDMs Index 1923–1942				
	Exchange Journals Members' Interests and One Name Studies Index Lillian Watson Family History Award 2005 and entries				

### Devonport & Launceston Microfiche Roster

	17/11/07	18/2/08	17/05/08	18/08/08	1711/08
	15/02/08	16/05/08	15/08/08	14/11/08	15/2/09
<b>Devonport</b>	Set 1	Set 2	Set 1	Set 1	Set 2
<b>Launceston</b>	Set 2	Set 1	Set 2	Set 2	Set 1
<b>Set 1</b>	GRO BDMs Index 1943-1946				
<b>Set 2</b>	GRO BDMs Index 1947-1950				

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<b>Books</b>	<i>My Most Interesting Ancestor</i> (p&p \$4.90)	\$9.00
	<i>Van Diemen's Land Heritage Index, Vol. 3</i> (p&p \$5.30)	\$11.00
	<i>Van Diemen's Land Heritage Index, Vol. 4</i> (p&p \$5.30)	\$11.00
	<i>Van Diemen's Land Heritage Index, Vol. 5</i> (p&p \$5.30) **	\$25.00
	<i>Tasmanian Ancestry Index Volumes 1—20</i> (p&p \$5.30) **	\$22.50
	<i>Tasmanian Ancestry Index Volumes 21—25</i> (p&p \$4.50) **	\$15.00
<b>CD-Rom:</b>	<i>Tasmanian Federation Index</i> (p&p \$4.50)	\$231.00

\*\* members discount applies

## Branch Library Addresses, Times and Meeting Details

**Burnie** Phone: (03) 6435 4103 (Branch Librarian)  
Library 58 Bass Highway, Cooeee  
Tuesday 11.00 a.m.–3.00 p.m.  
Saturday 1.00 p.m.–4.00 p.m.  
The library is open at 7.00 p.m. prior to meetings.  
Meeting Branch Library, 58 Bass Highway, Cooeee 7.30 p.m. on  
3rd Tuesday of each month, except January and December.  
Day Meeting 1st Monday of the month at 10.30 a.m. except January and February.

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**Devonport** Phone: (03) 6427 8997 (Branch Secretary)  
Library Old police residence, 117 Gilbert St, Latrobe (behind State Library)  
Tuesday 11.00 a.m.–3.00 p.m.  
Friday 11.00 a.m.–3.00 p.m.  
**Second** Saturday of each month 11.00 a.m.–3.00 p.m.  
Meeting Meeting Room 2, Devonport Library, Fenton Way, Devonport at **new start time 7.00 p.m.** on last Thursday of each month, except December.  
Enter from Town Hall car park. Check with the Secretary to confirm meeting place.

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**Hobart** Phone: (03) 6228 5057 (Branch Secretary)  
Library 19 Cambridge Road, Bellerive  
Tuesday 12.30 p.m.–3.30 p.m.  
Wednesday 9.30 a.m.–12.30 p.m.  
Saturday 1.30 p.m.–4.30 p.m.  
Meeting Rosny Library, Bligh Street, Rosny Park, at 8.00 p.m. on  
3rd Tuesday of each month, except January and December.

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**Huon** Phone: (03) 6239 6529 (Branch Secretary)  
Library Soldiers Memorial Hall, Marguerite Street, Ranelagh  
Saturday 1.30 p.m.–4.00 p.m.  
Other times: library visits by appointment with Secretary,  
48 hours notice required  
Meeting Branch Library, Ranelagh, at 4.00 p.m. on 1st Saturday of each month,  
except January.  
Please check Branch Report for any changes.

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**Launceston** Phone: (03) 6344 4034 (Branch Secretary)  
Library 2 Taylor Street, Invermay, Launceston  
Tuesday 10.00 a.m.–3.00 p.m.  
1st & 3rd Saturday 1.30 p.m.–3.30 p.m.  
Meeting Branch Library 2 Taylor Street, Invermay, at 7:00 p.m.  
4th Tuesday of each month, except December.

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## Application for Membership:

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Research is handled on a voluntary basis in each branch for members and non-members. Rates for research are available from each branch and a stamped, self addressed, business size envelope should accompany all queries. Members should quote their membership number. Research request forms may be downloaded from [www.tasfhs.org](http://www.tasfhs.org).

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