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## Editorial

This editorial opens with a tribute to Neil Chick, who has resigned the editorship due to pressure of other work. He has been outstanding in the qualities he has brought to the task, combining scholarship in genealogical and other matters with a high degree of technical expertise, and a willingness to devote long hours to the production of the journal. Relinquishing his journal responsibilities will enable Neil to devote his limited spare time to original work in preparing genealogical material from which we will all derive benefit.

The journal is now being produced by joint effort, and inevitably has some teething problems which will be evident in this issue. There is no lack of enthusiasm and willing help, ably enlisted by Val Watson as Co-ordinator of the Publications Committee. Leonie Carpenter, Jennifer Bugg, Robyn Manser and Janet Matysek provide general editorial assistance: Jack Stott and Margaret Parssey have a major role in assembling the material for publication, and for the typing we are indebted to Irene Hunt and Ann Doble. We are all apprentices to a new trade, and if you would like to join us, please contact Val Watson.

We welcome ideas and criticism, and welcome actual contributions even more. If your article is a long one, we suggest offering it in instalments of approximately 1,000 words, as space limitation compels us to wield the editorial knife. We are always pleased to receive contributions to *Notes* and *Did You Know*. Some of you may come across interesting tombstone inscriptions, old letters or diary entries, or may be able to write something for us on the local history of a particular area. Let us know if you would like to enlist for book reviewing. Finally, if you know any respectable jokes about genealogists, we would be delighted to hear of them.

### † Aubrey Edward Owen Best

Aubrey BEST died suddenly at Penguin, Tasmania on 21 October 1981. He was the son of Edward and Alice (Williams) BEST of Beulah and an active member of our Society, sharing the family interest in Tasmanian history. We extend our deep sympathy to his family.

# President's Report

by

Lilian Watson

Whilst hosing the garden I thought of many things to write and now hope I can remember them all. I wish to let all members know what is happening, but prefer not to repeat what has already been told.

Our last general meeting in Hobart attracted 82 people which was a record. The topic was the preservation and copying of old photographs and Mr. Tim Waters' presentation was really very interesting. The discussion on record preservation was deferred until February.

It is likely that we may need to arrange to use the auditorium so that the moving of furniture is not so necessary.

In August a Workshop was held, then in September we discussed the use of Census records. The attendance and participation was good.

Our Journal goes to many places on exchange and readers have communicated with our members who are interested in connected families.

A query I placed in the Yorkshire Journal was read in London by an American lady. We have since exchanged information on our Lockwood families. If you read the journals you may contact a distant relative or learn of useful records. We have a photocopier which can be used for small items for study.

Recently we have enjoyed visits from the President of the Colac, Victoria branch of the Genealogical Society of Victoria and his wife, also from Mrs. Pamela Clark who moved to Queensland some time ago. She assures us that her husband will soon complete the last part of his history of the settlement of the Huon for which you may have been waiting.

1981 is almost past, but our G.S.T. has made progress: Our Hobart and Launceston libraries have been established; the IGI has been useful to many; a Seminar was held in Hobart; most members renewed their subscriptions, and about 400 have joined since April 1980; committees have been organized to arrange for tombstone copying, publications, management of the Hobart library, and our northern branches; publicity via press, radio and T.V. has become more regular.

The purpose of all of these things is to increase our ability to help and encourage persons engaged in family research and we hope this has been done. Please let us know if your need has not been catered for. Much yet needs to be done. More booklets need to be prepared on various topics, especially on the valuable material presented at general meetings.

## Presidents Report Cont'd

The constitution needs to be updated to allow for our expansion, and this is under consideration now. More regular contact with branches needs to be made for our mutual benefit; much tombstone copying needs doing; displays need to be arranged; material requires indexing.

Correspondence regarding the Risdon Cove Historic Site resulted in an offer being made by Mr. A.L. Graeme-Evans, Senior Executive Officer of the National Parks and Wildlife Service, to arrange for interested members of our Society to have a special tour of the site during February. As numbers are needed before a date can be set, please let our Secretary know if you would enjoy such a tour on a Saturday in February. Several improvements to the site are due to be completed before the visit.

If we are prepared to keep in mind the needs of the G.S.T. as a whole and are willing to work toward it, 1982 can be another year of progress. A quotation on my desk reads - 'If my mind can conceive it, and my heart can believe it, I know I can achieve it.' (Rev. Jesse Jackson).

May I wish you and your families and friends a Happy Christmas.

## *New Members*

Mr. B.J. Curtain	Vict.
Mr. Donald Kendall	Tas.
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Mr. R.J. Buckley	Tas.
Mrs. R. Bell	Tas.
Mrs. I.M. Dell	Tas.
Miss S. Craig	N.S.W.

# News From Branches

## Burnie Notes

We are continuing to grow as a Branch of the Society, and we hope soon to run some activities to involve our members more in the running of our Society.

These activities include resumption of cemetery transcriptions on a regular basis, a display at the Hellyer Regional Library of our achievements as a Society and a collection of old documents and sorting in conjunction with the library.

We have some more ambitious projects under consideration but as yet these are only in the initial planning stages.

On November 10, our Guest Speaker was Mr. R. Faulkes, Registrar of Births, Deaths and Marriages at Burnie, and on 8 December we plan to have a mini-workshop with an end of year social function.

There will be no meeting in January, due to the absence of a large number of members on holiday.

## Launceston Calendar -

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|--------------------|--|
| December 6 (Sun.)  | A Cemetery Transcription Day - the place is yet to be finalised. Please contact Mrs. B. Wood on (003) 445146 if you are able to attend.                                    |
|                    | THERE WILL BE NO MEETING IN JANUARY.   |
| February 2 (Tues.) | Meeting at 8.00p.m. at Kings' Meadows High School.   |
| March 2 (Tues.)    | Meeting at 8.00p.m. at Kings' Meadows High School. The Guest Speaker will be Mr. Ted. Scott.   |
| April 6 (Tues.)    | Meeting at 8.00p.m. at Kings' Meadows High School. This will be our Annual General Meeting, for Election of Officers and Committee.  |
| May 4 (Tues.)      | Meeting at 8.00p.m. at Kings' Meadows High School. Mrs. O'Toole will be our Guest Speaker and her topics will be 'Different Spellings of Surnames' and 'Types of Writing'. |
| June 1 (Tues.)     | Meeting at 8.00p.m. at Kings' Meadows High School. Workshop Evening with Helen Shaw.   |

## CEMETERY COMMITTEE REPORT

The Committee reports that Pontville cemetery has now been transcribed, and that they are busy indexing the findings.

A very satisfactory day was held on Saturday 3 October, when work on the old part of the cemetery was undertaken. A second Saturday at the end of the month saw the exercise completed. Only two or three flat tombstones, overgrown with lichen, proved to be indecipherable.

Two headstones had fallen flat on their faces, and had to be lifted, revealing the inscriptions in an excellent state of preservation.

There were some interesting headstones, one recorded entirely in German. Several dated back to the eighteen thirties. One recorded a marriage and the births of children, but no deaths! Another, of a brother and sister, commented unfavourably on the medical attention received.

This was one of the Committee's most successful enterprises to date, resulting in an almost complete transcription of the headstones.

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# *My Christmas Tree*

My dear Nephew,

We live in a small flat, therefore a number of articles have to fold up, or be packed away to live in a cupboard - or under a bed - like my family tree. One such item is our everlasting Christmas Tree, which spends eleven months of each year under the spare bed, its branches pressed firmly upwards so that it can lie in its long narrow box. In a few days time I will be taking it out, pulling down those wired branches to look as real as possible, then standing in its little red pot ready to be adorned with tiny lights and coloured ornaments. Remembering that I usually place the heavier objects and garlands of tinsel on the lower branches and use smaller objects as I move upwards, finally surmounting all by a bright Star of Hope, I suddenly realised for the first time, the similarity between decorating my Christmas Tree and putting life in my Family Tree.

The solid base and well covered lower branches corresponds to the prolific descriptive material adorning the present generations, illustrated by family photographs and verified by certificates and documents: then, as the branches go higher, the decorations become more rarified and tenuous but surmounted again by that star of hope in the minds eye, without which the ink in my Family Tree would surely fade and die.

I have all my Christmas Tree decorations lying ready for me to use, in another box under the spare room bed, but where can I look for the tinsel and tiny lights to drape around my Family Tree? I now have quite large boxes of brightly coloured folders and files with loose-leaf pages, instead of odd scraps of paper and exercise books, under my own bed, alongside the tree which grows there. Other boxes are collecting copies of certificates and wills, and a new box has recently been pushed under for family photographs I am steadily 'acquiring' from my mother's attic. Yes, this documentation is making quite a festive show around the lower branches of my Family Tree.

The base of the tree is well covered, but as I look upwards I see a fine set of cold geometrical lines, with neat rows of names hanging from them and under each of these names, two or three brief 'announcements'.

How can I transform these neatly written names into people, and uniform lines of statistics into lives? Our Ancestors must long to tell us that, before being imprisoned on paper charts, they once definitely lived - perhaps long enough to have laughed, loved, worry, suffer and to pray - and then eventually they died.

## MY CHRISTMAS TREE

### PICTURING OUR ANCESTORS

How can we visualise our Sarahs and Williams, Annes and Henries, Elizabeths and Johns, who lived before the advent of the camera, unless they are shown to us by a portrait or a pencilled likeness? What can we know of their lives before civil registration, and the coming of the Archives Departments to lavish care upon documents, when pages - and whole volumes - of parish registers, deeds and historic material have perished?

Reference books on genealogy will give lists of sources of information and the great places where they are housed, but no Archives Department will be able to describe for me the faces and outward appearance of my ancestors.

At Llanvinn, birthplace of my great grandfather, John PERKINS in 1812, I sat on the high backed wooden settle at the side of an old kitchen range, looking up at hooks in the beams from which the joints of bacon would have hung. It was a strange experience; John may very well have sat here, working out his plans to migrate to Tasmania in 1838. This year when we revisited the farm, the kitchen had been completely re-decorated and modernised; dealers had taken away the settle and the old range - but I still have the memory.

I could not picture the faces of my ancestors, but by sitting in their homes, walking around the farms looking up at the sky and out over the cliffs to the sea, I could see much that was unchanged since their day; I could feel the winds that must have lashed their coastal dwellings - and tanned and wrinkled their faces; I could see the men with ploughs in their hands on weekdays and Bibles on Sundays, and could hear their voices in the great cathedral of St. David's, where so many of my ancestors have been laid to rest in the church-yard. From the entries in the burial registers of St. David's parish I could see tears in the eyes of their loved ones for the infants who barely lived; the children who did not grow up; the women who died giving them birth; the son who was born after his father died.

Our ancestors wrote out their family history for us long before civil registration took over, but we have to delve and grope even more than at St. Catherine's House using our imagination and intuition as our only source of light, instead of our micro-reader and our cheque book. They wrote about their lives on tablets in churches and chapels, in monumental inscriptions, and gave us detailed information about their families and friends in Agreements, Leases and Wills. The whole gamut of human emotion is recorded, with a great variety of spelling, on parchment and vellum and into granite and stone for us to read....

## MY CHRISTMAS TREE

So, from our two visits to Pembrokeshire, we have brought back colour and decorations to put on the family tree; we know the environment of their houses and farms, with their close neighbour, the sea in its changing moods, very much the same as it must have looked many generations ago, minus telegraph wires and television aerials, and some modern farm equipment. We have sat quietly in their places of worship; in St. David's Cathedral, in Llanrhian Church where my Great Great Grandparents are buried - Henry PERKINS and his 'beloved wife' Mary, also little Rhodiad Chapel where I could almost 'touch' the fervour of those early meetings, and Berea, built in 1833 when the heat of the religious conflict had cooled down. We toured their last resting places - St. David's Cathedral Churchyard, Llanrhian, Rhos-y-caerau and Berea - all of them fascinating, not because of the inevitable notice of death, but for the glimpse of family life. We talked and listened - to everyone we met in the area, absorbing every detail, and how I wished I had a tape recorder with me, or that I could 'take it down' in shorthand. In this rural, farming area, stories have been passed down from one generation to another, understandably, as conversation had few rivals before compulsory education, newspapers, radio and television.

### WILLS ARE AN ILLUMINATING SOURCE OF FAMILY LIFE

Wills are an illuminating source of family life: - A brief extract from that of my great great grandfather, Henry PERKIN, dated 1852:

I give .....my son Peter PERKIN....Aberithy Mill and the lands belonging.....I give....my son Thomas PERKIN the sum of five pounds: if ever he shall return to Great Britain....I give... my daughter Elizabeth PROSSER of Llanryan ten pounds....I give ....my son John PERKIN five pounds to be paid to him by my Executrix if ever he shall return to Great Britain.....I give my son William five pounds.....and lastly I appoint my beloved wife Mary PERKIN sole executrix.

I shall never know their faces, but there is affection in the 'beloved' wife. Two sons emigrated, Thomas to Australia and John, my great grandfather to Tasmania in 1838, not in chains, but perhaps there was not sufficient prosperity in farming at that time.

Did they ever return to Llanvirn Farm? Did they receive the five pounds? A nearby farm house was owned by Henry PERKINS of 'Carhys' whose will in 1846 referred to an Indenture of 13 November 1832 giving a plot of land for the building of a chapel called Berea in 1833. I have visited the chapel and burial ground, where lie many members of the PERKINS and ROACH families who intermarried and were Founders, Deacons and Precentors of this Congregational Church.

## MY CHRISTMAS TREE

The Will of Elizabeth MEYLER, 21 October 1777, Parish of St. David's: -

'I give and bequeath unto my 7 children the sum of seven pounds to be equally divided between Thomas, Peter, Roderick, Ann, Martha, Grace and Mary. I give one gown of my wearing apparel to each of my four daughters - Ann, Martha, Grace and Mary....'

I wish I could see these four gowns and how they fitted four daughters who were unlikely to be the same size.

These are a few of the unseen faces I try to visualise as I place them on my Family Tree. Many of them will have celebrated Christmases in their Pembrokeshire farmhouses, sharing the same thoughts and beliefs as we, their descendants the same hopes of peace and goodwill for each of their New Years.

As I decorate my Christmas Tree I wish you 'Greetings' and a Happy New Year.  
MAY THE STAR OF HOPE SHINE ABOVE BOTH TREES.

*Editor's note:* These excerpts from Mrs. Marion (PERKINS) OGDEN'S article are published by kind permission of the *Berkshire Family History Society* in whose journal it first appeared in 1978. We will be publishing other similar contributions in future issues.

### VICTORIAN GOLDFIELDS

Cora McDougall of Castlemaine, Victoria, will undertake research for people wanting information on ancestors who went to the goldfields of Ballarat, Castlemaine and Bendigo.

Of particular interest could be the single names of women, often being lost to researchers through having married.

Cora McDougall has written a book titled "GOLD! GOLD!", which is to be published before Christmas, 1981. The book deals with the period from 1854 until 1878.

She will do research for a nominal fee which covers postage, photocopying, stationery etc.

To get in touch with Cora McDougall the address is 16 Wimble Street, CASTLEMAINE 3450, Victoria. Telephone number 054-721 275.

# Did You Know ?

## THE GREGORIAN CALENDAR

Did you know that our calendar is based on a system devised by the Egyptians. At a later date (about 1000 B.C.) the Julian calendar named the months, and by 325 A.D. the Church Council of Nicæa had legalised the date for Easter.

In 1582 Pope Gregory observed that a 10 day error had accumulated, and he announced that 4 October 1582 would be immediately followed by 15 October 1582. The Protestant world did not recognise this until 1752, by which time the British calendar was out by 12 days. So on 2 September 1752, Britain ruled that the next day was to be 14 September 1752.

Scholars have now redated all works of history using this Gregorian calendar.

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## NORTHERN NAMING CUSTOMS

A useful tip to bear in mind when searching Scottish and Northern English records before 1837 is that there was a traditional naming pattern which was widely used.

The pattern for sons was:

- eldest son named for father's father
- second son named for mother's father
- third son named for father.

The naming of daughters followed a similar pattern, with the eldest daughter named for father's mother, the second for mother's mother, and the third for mother.

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## THE DADE SYSTEM OF REGISTRATION

In England and Scotland some parish register systems were unusually comprehensive.

Many will know that Scottish registers for the year 1855 are very informative. Less well known is the DADE system which operated from approximately 1777 to 1812 in parishes within a 10 mile radius of the City of York, and also in parts of Northumberland and Durham. You could be very lucky indeed if you have any family history searches in areas covered by this system.

The Reverend William Dade was an enterprising clergyman who persuaded the ecclesiastical authorities in the diocese of York to adopt his own method of parish registration. Details such as information about grandparents, order of seniority in the family, siblings, and parents' place of residence were required: a genealogical goldmine easily missed if original parish register entries are not followed up.

A similar system operated in Durham diocese, including Newcastle, for the year 1793.

Yorkshire parish registers using the DADE system are available in the Borthwick Institute of Historical Research, York. A guide to the Borthwick's genealogical resources will be available in our library shortly.

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AN ATTEMPT TO DEFINE THE ORIGINS OF SURNAMES OF  
TASMANIAN GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY MEMBERS.

by John Marrison

ABBREVIATIONS:- Relationship - R, Locational - L,  
Nickname - N, Occupational - O, Old French - O.F., Old  
English - O.E., Middle English - M.E., Old Norse - O.N.,  
Old German - O.G.

CLASSES BREAKDOWN:- Relationships - 35%, Locational 32%,  
Nicknames - 11%, Occupational - 11%, Unknown - 11%.

<u>SURNAME</u>	<u>CLASS</u>	<u>ORIGIN/COMMENTS</u>
AMOS	R	Corruption of 'Amis' O.F. (Kent, Northants)
ANDERSON	R	'Son of Andrew', ninth most common surname, Scotland.
BETHUNE	L	From Bethune (Pas de Calais, France).
BASSETT	N	O.E. Dim. of 'basse', short, lowly.
BENNET	R	M.E. Dim. of 'Benedict'
BIGGINS	L	M.E. from O.N., 'Building house' many places.
BLACK	N	O.E. 'Black (hair, complexion)'
BOWDEN	L	'hill owner called Boga' many places.
BROADBY	L	'Broad, stout' (Danish 'by, town')
BURTON	L	Fort/manor house, Many places
BROADFIELD	L	'broad field' (dweller at)
CARPENTER	O	'a carpenter' (common Ox- ford to Cornwall)
CASTLES	L	Castle dweller (at or nearby Castle.
CHARLSTON	L	O.E. (possibly) 'coerl, Villien, free peasant.
CHICK	N	M.E. (possibly). 'chike' (chicken) term of endearment.
CLARK	O	'cleric, scholar etc.'
COLLINS	R	Dim. of Nicolas or Collin (son of).
DALEY	L	'dweller in the dale'
DICKENS	R	Dim. of Dick (son of).
DENHOLM	L	'dweller by flat land' or 'in a fen'
DOBROWIES	?	
DOUST	N	'dust coloured (hair)' or 'person of little worth'

SOME GENEALOGICAL RESOURCES AT THE PUBLIC  
RECORDS OFFICE, VICTORIA

Card Indexes Held At The Laverton Reference Office, 57 Cherry Lane:

Pt. Phillip Census - 1836, 1838 and 1841  
Pt. Phillip Electors' Roll - 1848/9 (Typed Sheet, Melb. Electoral  
Roll, 1847)  
Naturalizations - 1851-3 (Treasury References) & 1860-1900  
Public Servants - 1841-49 & 1851 (Pt. Phillip Expenditure Accounts)  
Denominational Schools, Lists of Pupils 1842-45 (Pt. Phillip Exp. Accts.)  
Teachers' Exams, Common Schools, 1863-72  
Inquests 1841-47  
Indexes to Country Insolvencies (Geelong, Incomplete) 1855-8  
Index to pre 1871 Insolvencies  
Police Magistrate's Correspondence, 1836-40  
Capital Case Files, 1852-1956 (Executive Council & Supreme Court)  
Supreme Court Criminal Case Files, 1862  
Criminal Trial Briefs, 1863-4  
Crown Land Grants, Sections 31, 42 & 49  
Registers of Deserters, Geelong 1852-1925  
Register of Passenger Arrivals, 1846-7 (Incomplete)  
Arrivals Mentioned in Newspapers, 1838-40  
Employers of Assisted Immigrants

Registers and Volumes Held At Laverton:

Register of Wills, May 1841 - March 1853 (+ index)  
March 1853-1898 (+ index 1853-1889)  
Probate & Administration Papers, 1841-1898  
Inquests, 1840-1959  
Police Master Rolls, 1871-1973 (Arranged by Locations)  
Victoria Statistics - Lists Public Servants, 1851 onwards  
Index to Railway Employees, 1899 & 1905  
Govt. Gazettes - Curator of Deceased Persons' Estates (HELD CITY OFFICE)  
Alphabetical Register of Lunatics, 1870's - 1906  
Admission Papers, Lunatic Asylums (Index of names in Chief Sec. Corres.)  
Criminal Record Books - Prothonotary, 1841-1946, Vols. 1-4 (up to 1862  
are indexed in front of book)  
N.S.W. Convict Indents, 1830-42  
Court of Insolvency, Melbourne - Correspondence Files, 1842-1930  
Certificates of Discharge, 1848-1875  
Register of Cert. of Discharge & Orders for Release, 1884-1923  
Register of Debtors Summons, 1871-1928  
Register of Returns of Schools, District of Port Phillip, 1842-49  
(Lists teachers of Schools)  
Commissioners of Crown Lands (in Districts), 1839-50 - Correspondence  
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Chief Secretary's Office - Inward Correspondence, 1853-1969  
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Assisted Immigrants to Victoria, 1839-71, alphabetically Indexed  
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Release Books 1/4/1857 - 14/2/1922 (Crew Release)  
Registers of Deserters, 7/3/1878 - July 1924  
Ship's Reports Inwards, 1843 - 1885  
Inwards Shipping Index, 1839 - 1900  
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Outwards, 1869 - Jan. 1879, Sept. 1883 - 1924  
Passenger Lists, German Ships from Hamburg, 1849 - Godeffroy, Wappaus,  
& Doekenhudon. Also, Emmy, 1844, (Geelong)  
Lists of "Her Majesty's Pardon of Exile, 1844-49".

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DOWSETT	N		Dim of 'doux' or pleasing, agreeable.
DUDMAN	R	O.E.	Personal name, 'Dudemann'.
EAGLE	N		Nickname from the bird, occasionally from Fr.
GIBSON	R		son of 'Gib' or 'Gibon'
GLUSKIE	?		originally Gluschke, German.
GRANEY	?		?McGrane (Meath Ireland)
GRINLEY	L		Place in Notts, Staffs or a 'dwelling near green'.
McGUILFOYLE	R		from 'McGuilfoyle' Tipperary, Ireland,



# Book Reviews

by  
Audrey Hudspeth

*Census Return on Microfilm 1841, 1851, 1861, 1871 - a Directory to Local Holdings.*

*Bishops Transcripts and Marriage Licences, Bonds and Allegations, a Guide to their Locations and Indexes* compiled by J.S.W. Gibson. - Gulliver Publishing Company and the Federation of Family History Societies.

Price: 1 pound and 20 p. postage (60p. airmail) direct from the Compiler, at Harts Cottage, Church Hanborough, Oxford OX7 2AB England, or from Mrs. Ann Chiswell, General Secretary, Federation of Family History Societies, 66 Beaumont St., Milehouse, Plymouth, Devon, PL23AQ Devon, England.

One of the great problems for the beginning genealogist is to find out what is where. An enormous amount of genealogical material is in existence, but *what* is it, *where* is it, and *how* can one get hold of it?

The Federation of Family History Societies is doing its best to help with these problems in England and Wales by publishing some excellent booklets, two of which are briefly reviewed here.

*Census Returns on Microfilm* is an updated version of the author's previous compilations. As many people will know, the original census returns for 1841, 1851, 1861 and 1871, to be joined this year by 1881, are at the Public Record Office in London. They have been micro-filmed, and libraries and record offices throughout the country now have copies.

This book tells you where such copies may be found in England and Wales.

Many libraries now have copies of local census returns, and large libraries may hold copies for the whole county. Thus, if you are visiting the United Kingdom, you may find it more convenient to consult a local source rather than the Public Record Office, especially as the latter may shortly move its Archives to Kew. Alternatively, you may be able to use a local contact or researcher more conveniently than a London one. If you are thinking of doing any searches in the English and Welsh census returns, make sure that you consult this booklet first.

Where census returns are available in the original or in transcript form, the author recognises this in addition to the microfilm directory.

## BOOK REVIEWS

*Bishop's Transcripts and Marriage Licences, Bonds and Allegations*

The author tells us that this booklet is to some extent an updating of the previous gazetteer to counties in England and Wales, with details of Bishops Transcripts, Marriage Licences and Probate Records, among others, for each county.

It is now 22 years since Smith and Gardner published their monumental work "*Genealogical Research in England and Wales*", and much has happened meanwhile: microfilming, computerisation, an escalating number of calendars and indexes, and the increasing availability of material of genealogical interest to libraries and record offices.

The author pays tribute to Mr. Cecil Humpey Smith's work for the Institute of Heraldic and Genealogical studies, and also the National Index of Parish Registers produced by the Society of Genealogists, and describes his own work as essentially a guide to indexes and other finding aids, rather than one giving precise details of the original records. For this very reason, it is particularly useful and accessible for beginning genealogists. Where material is available on the International Genealogical Index of the Mormon Church, this is noted.

## What were Bishop's Transcripts?

They date back to the days when the registration of christenings, marriages and burials were matters coming under ecclesiastical jurisdiction, and the officiating clergyman, from Elizabethan times until the second quarter of the nineteenth century, was required to send copies of parish register entries to the diocesan authority. Bishop's Transcripts are sometimes in existence when original registers are not, and are therefore a very useful source for genealogy.

Marriage licences were issued to the groom for presentation to the officiating clergyman, and their existence is a much more piecemeal affair. They were widely used in the eighteenth century, not merely by the middle classes, when banns were not published. (Publicity from the pulpit about the forthcoming marriage was not always welcome).

Marriage licences may give interesting information not available in the registers. It should be remembered that they only indicate an intention to marry: the marriage did not always take place.

These useful and time-saving publications are strongly recommended for perusal and purchase. Other volumes in the same series are being produced. Readers are referred to the contribution by the General Secretary of the Federation of Family History Societies (U.K.) in the last journal, which lists the publications already available.

LIBRARY LIST

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- Commonwealth & State Division of Franklin, 1963. --  
Subdivisions of Clarence, Derwent Park, Esperance, Glenorchy, Huon, Kingborough, Port Cygnet, Richmond, Sorell, Spring Bay, Tasman.
- Commonwealth & State Division of Franklin, 1963. --  
Individual rolls for subdivision of Esperance, Huon Port Cygnet, Kingborough.
- Commonwealth & State Division of Franklin, 1968 --  
Subdivisions of Clarence, Esperance, Glenorchy, Huon, Port Cygnet, Snug.
- Commonwealth & State Division of Franklin, 1970 --  
Subdivisions of Bellerive, Claremont, Clarence, Esperance, Glenorchy, Huon, Lindisfarne, Port Cygnet, Snug.
- Commonwealth & State Division of Franklin, to 21/3/1972 --  
Subdivisions of Bellerive, Claremont, Clarence, Esperance, Glenorchy, Huon, Lindisfarne, Port Cygnet, Snug.
- Commonwealth & State Division of Franklin, 1976 --  
Subdivisions of Bellerive, Claremont, Clarence, Esperance, Glenorchy, Huon, Lindisfarne, Port Cygnet, Snug.
- Commonwealth & State Division of Denison, 1979--  
Subdivisions of Elwick, Hobart, Hobart North, Hobart South, Hobart West, Merton, Moonah, Nelson, New Town, Queenborough, Tarroona.
- Commonwealth & State Division of Denison, to 4/7/1979 --  
Individual rolls for Elwick, Hobart Hobart North, Hobart South, Hobart West, Merton, Moonah, Nelson, New Town, Queenborough, Tarroona.
- Commonwealth & State Division of Denison, to 2/1/1980--  
Individual rolls and combined roll for Elwick, Hobart, Hobart North, Hobart South, Hobart West, Merton, Moonah, Nelson, New Town, Queenborough, Tarroons.
- Commonwealth & State Division of Braddon, 1980 --  
Subdivision of Circular Head, Don. Emu Bay, King Island, Leven, Lyell, Murchison, Penguin, Table Cape.
- Commonwealth & State Division of Wilmot, 1980 --  
Subdivision of Beaconsfield, Brighton, Campbell Town, Deloraine, Devonport, Evandale, Fingal, Glamorgan, Hamilton, Kentish, Latrobe, Longford, New Norfolk, Oatlands, Richmond, Sorell, Spring Bay, Westbury.

Commonwealth & State Division of Denison, 1980 --  
 Subdivision of Elwick, Hobart, Hobart North, Hobart South,  
 Hobart West, Merton, Moonah, Nelson, New Town, Queen-  
 borough, Tarooma,

Commonwealth & State Division of Franklin, 1980 --  
 Subdivision of Bellerive, Claremont, Clarence, Esperance,  
 Glenorchy, Huon, Lindisfarne, Port Cygnet, Snug.

Commonwealth & State Division of Bass, 1980 --  
 Subdivision of Flinders, George Town, Launceston,  
 Launceston North, Launceston South, Launceston West,  
 Lilydale, Prospect, Ringarooma, Riverside, St. Leonards,  
 Scottsdale, Young Town.

City Of Hobart Voters Roll at 1st April 1958. -- Goulburn  
 Street, Hobart., St. John the Baptist Church. 6pp.

#### TELEPHONE DIRECTORIES

##### 1. VICTORIA

Alexandra, Myrtleford, Seymour, Wangaratta, March 1979

Ararat, Ballarat, Horsham, Nhill Districts, Bacchus  
 Marsh Area, June 1979

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Balranald (NSW), Ouyen, Hopetoun, Mildura, Swan Hill  
 Districts, February 1979.

Camperdown, Casterton, Edenhope, Warrnambool, Portland,  
 Hamilton Districts, April 1979

Charlton, Echuca, Bendigo, Castlemaine, Maryborough,  
 Kerang Districts, March 1979

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Charleville, Dalby, Miles, Roma Districts, 1979

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Toowoomba and Warwick Districts, 1979

Gold Coast District 1979

3. SOUTH AUSTRALIA

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North and North Eastern, Including Launceston, 1978/79

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A PLEASANT SURPRISE

As Secretary to the Society, I receive most of the mail and all the journals from other Societies before they go to the library.

On looking through the "New Zealand Genealogist" I was very pleasantly surprised to find that the Karrakatta Cemetery Board of Western Australia had an alphabetical and chronological listing of all burials and cremations in their cemetery (which is the largest in W.A. I think).

I promptly wrote to the Board and within three days they replied sending me ten names (some of which were known to me and others were not). The details included age, religion, area of burial and date of death, so I was elated.

This just goes to show that you will never know what interesting and helpful pieces of information can be found if you don't look in the journals of other Societies. I never would have thought that I would find Australian information in New Zealand journals before I found them in the Australian editions.

Fances Travers

## Notes & Queries

SCRIVENER Mr. A.T. Scrivener, P.O. Box 599, Gladstone, Queensland 4680 has information covering 700 years of SCRIVENER families and activities. He is very happy to offer enquirers this information if supplied with known details. He would also welcome any information however small about SCRIVENERS/SCRIBNER/SCRIVENOR/SKRYVENER etc., as this would help his research, but most importantly in Tasmania.

"SOUTHERN EAGLE" arrived Hobart Town 1 July 1857 from England. Mr. R. Page, P.O. Box 1486 Southport, Queensland 4215 seeks help in locating any article, booklet or information regarding this ship which transported his family elders to the colony.

AITKENHEAD Seeking information on any descendants of Alexander Wilfred b. 15 October 1878 and Colin Daig b. 26 June 1887, both born ARBROATH, SCOTLAND, sons of William and Margaret, nee Black. Alexander migrated to Australia and Colin to Tasmania dates unknown. Any information appreciated. IAN BLACK, BOX 173, HAMILTON, VICTORIA 3300.

CRAW Interested in contacting any descendants of Mary Craw who married Alexander NICOL (builder) on 3 May 1866 and Jane Craw who married Edward Henry son of Thomas SAVAGE on 5 October 1876 both marriages in Hobart, both daughters of Mary and John CRAW who arrived Hobart in 1855. There were others in the family but not known who they married. Any help appreciated. Mrs. JOAN WINTERBURN, BOX 5 CHORLTON, BANKS PENNINSULA, NEW ZEALAND.

CRAIG James and Jane Craig nee O'Neill arrived from London to Launceston on the 'Concord' in August 1859. James was brought to Tasmania by the Launceston Gas Company. There were five children, James Junior (?), Joseph (1860), Jane (1862), Archibald (1867), Sarah (1869). Joseph married Mary Ann Bilton and moved to Newcastle, N.S.W. Would descendants please contact S. CRAIG, 80 MACQUARIE STREET, MEREWETHER, N.S.W. 2291.

SCOTT William Henry SCOTT born ? where ? died Sheffield, Tasmania on 15 May 1922. Married Mary Ann Tyne unknown birth details, she committed suicide at Bracknell, Tasmania on 18 April 1895. Any information appreciated. MR. R. PAGE, P.O. BOX 1486, SOUTHPORT, QUEENSLAND 4215.

Sincere apologies to the Queensland Family History Society for not listing their journal in 'List of Journals received'.

## NOTES & QUERIES

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TURNER Charlotte b. 1862/64 in Launceston, parents Abraham TURNER and Susan McDonald, Abraham a chemist - all this from Charlotte's second marriage certificate in Victoria; fathers occupation labourer according to Charlotte's death certificate. There is no record of her birth, no baptism in St. John's or St. Paul's Launceston, no Abraham TURNER (only one Abraham TURNER labourer of Evandale died 14 July 1891 aged 80 years born in Ireland).

There is no record in Victoria or Tasmania of her first marriage to Thomas ROBINSON who is the father of one of her children viz., May. No record of death of Thomas ROBINSON in Victoria or Tasmania, also no record of birth of May in Victoria or South Aust. as May ROBINSON.

Any information on either the TURNER family or where to go next would be appreciated. JOAN NORTH, 5 BANDALONG COURT, BUNDOORA, VICTORIA 3083.

TYNE see SCOTT enquiry in this section.

WHIPMAN Miss Sheila KIRK would be pleased to hear of any record of the name 'WHIPMAN' in Tasmania. She has details of many WHIPMANS in Australia, and has been told that 'a Comforts Fund man called WHIPMAN was said to have come from Tasmania in approximately 1943'. Please contact Miss Kirk at RMB 4040 Stawell, Vict. 3380.

HERRICK James married Bridget Landers at Deloraine on 2 May 1859. Their childrens' names were Denis, Margaret, James, Mary, John, Catherine, John Martin, William Charles and Sarah Ann. Three of the sons viz. James, William and John travelled to New Zealand in the 1890's. William and John lost contact with James. The Herrick family lived in the Port Sorell area 1873-1883. MRS. JUDY PHILLIPS, 247 RANGATIRA ROAD, BEACH HAVEN, AUCKLAND 10, NEW ZEALAND

### CAN MILLICENT HELP YOU?

If you are interested in the area which covers a straight line distance of 300 kilometers from Meningie in the north to Port MacDonnell in the south of South Australia, then the new SOUTH EAST FAMILY HISTORY GROUP based in the town of Millicent is the Society to contact.

As a branch of the South Australian Genealogy and Heraldry Society, it is happy to answer research queries within the area. Correspondence should be addressed to the Research Co-ordinator, Box 758, Millicent, South Australia, 5280, and should include a large stamped, self-addressed envelope. If extensive research is required, a donation would be appreciated.

## *The Poem of Pages*

Mr. Roger Page has sent us a copy of a poem about his family, 'The Poem of the Pages', by V.F. Richardson. It was written in 1978, is forty five stanzas long and begins as follows-

'Robert Page married Ellen Goss  
and lived in Bracknell true.  
But they shifted on to Cluan  
as their family grew'.....

Various adventures of the Page family in their rural setting are described with vivacity. Did Arthur really ride a wombat?

'Now these five men were brothers all,  
but one was uncle to four:  
his kids first cousins to the uncles  
and to their kids what's more'.....

We are also told that-

'Those Pages formed a cricket team  
Dad and eleven sons.  
They pounded teams around they say,  
while sister scored their runs'.....

If any members of the Page or Goss family would like a copy of the poem, please contact the Editor.

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**From THE SCOTSMAN - 3 September 1981**

**Highland Notes:** A new group is to be set up at Inverness later this month to promote the study of Family History in the Highlands.

Last month, a small group of enthusiastic 'ancestor-hunters', supported by Inverness Reference Librarian, Mr. Peter Reynolds, decided that a Highland Family History Society should be set up, and a steering committee was formed. The inaugural meeting is to be held in Inverness Museum and Art Gallery on 21 September.



## Aunt Pep

'TO WIDOWERS AND GUARDIANS:

A Lady, much experienced in the tuition, care and management of children, is desirous of a re-engagement as governess and to take sole charge of one or two children (boys not objected to). The country preferred. Unexceptionable reference will be exchanged. Address: T.M., office of this paper.'

— *The Mercury*, 7 December 1860.

This reminds me of a story told to me by my late Aunty Pep (short for Hepzibah). While she was a teenager in Brisbane, an unemployed governess, a maiden-lady of great respectability but with little money, became a boarder in my grandmother's home. The governess often spoke of the quality of people she expected to work for, and often sat on the elevated front verandah as if waiting for her callers.

Aunty Pep decided to dress up as a prospective employer, go down the back stairs and approach the governess via the front stairs. She was so successful in her disguise that she had a lengthy interview with the governess and arranged wages, trains to be caught, et cetera, all without arousing suspicion. Aunty Pep left the way she had come but when she had arrived at the top of the back stairs could not help bursting out laughing and telling her sisters the great joke.

Meanwhile the governess had hurried in to tell my grandmother that she had secured an excellent post and began to make arrangements to leave. Luckily my grandmother detected the great hilarity in the back part of the house, and on learning what had happened, made Aunty Pep confess and apologize. I do not know whether the governess left as a result of this incident, but do not imagine she would feel very happy there after this episode.

My grandmother Hardman was a very hard-working, generous woman with a very determined nature. Many a noisy child was poked with her ebony walking stick during church services! She attended the local High Church of England with great regularity and duly presented ten children there for christening. Many of the names chosen were rather unusual, and when Aunty Pep was born, grandmother took her along to a special christening service where several babies had already been christened.

The practice was for the parent to present the baby and tell the Minister the chosen name. 'Hepzibah Hardman' said Grandmother. 'What's that?' asked the Minister. The name was repeated, but somehow the Minister could not understand the Lancashire accent. 'Call him John, call him John!' said the Minister.

Up spoke Grandma Hardman, loud and clear. 'Don't you know your Bible, man; Hepzibah is a woman's name!'

Hepzibah Hardman was duly named but always went by the name of 'Pep'. Many were the family stories this fun-loving aunt told me when I holidayed with her.

# Library Notes

by

Theo E. Sharples

Since we began our lease of the International Genealogical Index in August 1981, the library has attracted more users than it did previously. While I.G.I. is a very useful genealogical tool, let's not forget that books and journals contain a wealth of useful and interesting information. Our book collection aims to supply factual material and historical background. It includes, for example, a number of family histories, the census' of 1828 (N.S.W.) and 1832 (W.A.), guides to genealogical sources in places other than Tasmania and James McClelland's series of volumes on convict and pioneer history in Australia, which contains lists of personal names and shipping. As well, there are books dealing with Australian and European history, not to mention those which guide you in the methods of genealogical research and the publication of its results.

Journals, received in exchange for our own from other societies, have something for everyone in the way of interesting articles and advertisements. Their Contents are detailed in the library lists which appear in *Tasmanian Ancestry*, so that distant members may send for copies of articles which interest them.

The northern people would like to have exchanged journals in their libraries after Hobart has had them for a few months, so, Hobart people, please use them while they are here.

Original material in the library includes indexed files of the cemetery transcriptions done by members, both northern and southern.

Do come and browse at 3 Percy Street, Bellerive (which is only ten minutes from town and has ample parking space nearby), some time when you have a spare hour.

As we are receiving new material all the time, cataloguing proceeds slowly (but surely). Some of this material is donated by members. Some comes from the proceeds of donations made at general meetings, amounting usually to about \$20.00 which I am able to spend immediately. (I had a small spending spree while in W.A. recently, for the benefit of anyone with family connections in the west). Library expansion can happen only as finance becomes available, therefore donations are always appreciated.

Application was made recently to the taxation authorities so that donations to the G.S.T. Library Fund could be allowable as tax deductions. This was approved for donations of \$2.00 or more, providing a small alteration to the Constitution be made, and that receipts be issued in the full name of the fund. A separate bank account for the fund must also be kept in each branch of the Society for such monies. People may prefer to

## LIBRARY NOTES

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make a large donation once or twice a year instead of giving small amounts at each meeting, but please help us to build our book collections.

We hope one day to have a reader-printer to use with I.G.I. The advantage of having a machine which prints out the information it provides is great in terms of saving labour and time. Already a small fund exists to be used for this purpose and further donations towards it would be much appreciated.

Our southern library is staffed by a group of about 25 people. Working in pairs, each has a turn of duty about once a month. Thus we are able to make our library resources available for nine hours each week. (Although this group is referred to as "The Library Ladies" for obvious reasons, interested gentlemen are welcome!) From the group, a committee was formed to assist the Librarian in guiding library policy. Committee members are: Mesdames Janice Daley, Marion Dowsett, Audrey Weeding and Mr. John Marrison.

Our back room has been repainted and tidied up to make a working area for the various committees and officers of the Society. It houses an electric typewriter of our very own, and a manual model on indefinite loan to the Society. Out thanks go to the people who did the hard labour and to those who made the typewriters possible.

The library will be closed for the Christmas-New Year period. It will be open on Wednesdays 6th., 13th. and 20th. January (9.30 a.m. - 12.30 p.m.), then back to normal times from Wednesday 27th. January, 1982.

We wish you good reading and a happy holiday season.

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### NOTES FROM BRANCHES (cont) - Hobart Notes

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| January             | No meeting.   |
| February 16 (Tues.) | Meeting at 8.00 p.m. at Rosny College.<br>'Occupations & Trades of Ancestors'.<br>Contact Andrea Gerrard if you can help.                                       |
| February 20 (Sat.)  | Visit to Risdon Cove Historic site. This is the anniversary of Lieutenant Collins' landing at Sullivan's Cove. No charge.<br>Contact Lilian Watson for details. |

# A Workhouse Christmas

from the Northampton Mercury, 1863.

On this day the inmates of the Union workhouse were entertained with their usual Christmas cheer of roast beef and plum pudding.

Almost every room in the house was more or less embellished with evergreens. In the centre of the dining room was an arch of great beauty, adorned with variegated flowers, and having a central crown at the summit, and underneath the words 'Health and Happiness to all'.

There were many other pleasing devices and significant mottos, as Merry Christmas; Good Old Christmas; Gratitude is a Virtue; A Cheerful disposition is a treasure; God Save the Queen, etc.

A Christmas tree in the board room was much admired; it was covered with about twenty dozen ornaments, principally consisting of toys, sweets and oranges. At half past twelve the bell rang for dinner, and one hundred inmates sat down to the good old English fare of beef and pudding. After dinner the men were allowed beer and tobacco, and the women snuff, and in the afternoon the latter were regaled with tea and plum-cake.

The evening was devoted to all sorts of innocent games and dancing, a violin, violoncello, and two accordians being provided. There were also recitations and singing, the school children's vocal powers being brought into requisition.

The greatest good feeling prevailed throughout the entertainment, and about eleven o'clock, after giving three hearty cheers for the master and matron, and singing the National Anthem, all retired to their several wards.

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** We are indebted to Mr. Jim Wall for this contribution from his grandfather's scrapbook. This grandfather, James WALL and his wife, Eliza Jane Scott were master and matron of the Kettering Union Workhouse, Northampton, England.

Mme. Margaret Audin is a professional Genealogist in France and would be very interested to hear of any Australians with French ancestry. Please contact Mme. Audin, Genealogiste - Tradutrice, 37 Rue de la Quintinie, 75015 PARIS, France.

## TASMANIAN REGISTRATION OF BIRTHS, DEATHS AND MARRIAGES

Compulsory registration in Tasmania was introduced in December 1838. Prior to the 1838 Registration Act there was no direct registration of births, deaths and marriages and these can only be traced through church records, most of which have been transcribed by the Registrar-General's Department. Notwithstanding that registration was compulsory after 1838, there are many instances of either failure of local returns to be submitted, or neglect by the responsible party to make a registration.

Unlike their interstate counterparts, Tasmanian certificates do not give all the data that many people anticipate. The following information may be reasonably expected to be shown.

BIRTHS

Prior to 1896 particulars recorded were:

- Christian name (if known at time of registration, otherwise only sex is indicated) and surname.
- Date and place of birth.
- Christian names and surnames of parents.
- Maiden surname of mother.
- Father's occupation.

In 1896 the date and place of the parent's marriage were added.

In 1902 the ages and birthplaces of the parent's were added.

N.B. Archives Office holds records to 1900 only.

In 1909 previous issue (children) were added.

DEATHS

Prior to 1897 particulars recorded were:

- Christian name and surname of deceased.
- Date and place of death.
- Age at death.
- Occupation.
- Cause of death.

In 1897 the birthplace of the deceased was added.

In 1914 age at marriage and number of issue were added. See note above,

MARRIAGES

Prior to 1896 particulars recorded were:

- Christian names and surnames of parties being married.
- Date and place of marriage.
- Age at marriage (sometime only whether "under" or "over" age, i.e.
- Occupation and Status (i.e. bachelor and spinster).
- Names of witnesses to the marriage.

Names of parents and places of birth of the parties being married were not added until 1896.

# A Letter from the Past

contributed by Audrey Hudspeth

May 21st 1866 (London)

My dear Kitty,

When you was in London with your Father and Mother a long while ago, I gave the boys a Bible each remarking at the time that I would give you one when you got married, but as I may not live to see that happy day, my son Joseph who intends leaving here for Melbourne on Wednesday 23rd. instant will be very happy to convey my token of affection in a small volume for your use on the Lord's day when you go to Chapel.

I hope ere this you have become deeply interested in its History and its promises but above all in that of the Divine Saviour, and when you ponder on it may the Divine Spirit so open your eyes of your understanding that you may see in him the Glory of God and the only Saviour who can save his people from their sin.

Accept dear Kitty, this offering of Love,  
from your Grandfather,

George Sim.

\* George Sim, whose eldest son, also George Sim, emigrated from London to Victoria about 1848, was my husband's great-grandfather. This letter was written to his grand-daughter, Catherine Sim, later ASPINALL.

## CALLING ALL VICTORIAN MEMBERS

We think it is time to have a social gathering. Our Secretary and her husband will be returning from overseas on 2 July 1982 and would enjoy meeting our Victorian members.

If anyone is interested in attending a social on 3 or 4 July 1982 please contact

Helen Harris, 20 Abelia Street, Nunawading, 3131 Phone 03-873 2075

Early contact would be appreciated to facilitate planning and booking arrangements. Please send a stamped, self addressed envelope for a reply.

## SOCIETY PUBLICATIONS

TASMANIAN ANCESTRY (International Standard Serial Number 0159-0677) is the official journal of the Society, and is published quarterly in March, June, September and December. News, articles of interest or scholarship, research notes and queries are welcomed. Each issue is priced at \$3.00 to non-members. Members' queries are published free. Non-members may insert queries for a fee of \$3.00 per insertion.

GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY OF TASMANIA RESEARCH NOTE SERIES (ISSN 0159-9445) appears irregularly and gives detailed attention to particular research problems. Published or in course of preparation are:

1. 'Archives & Family History Societies in the United Kingdom' 60c
2. 'Civil Registration' 60c
3. 'In Search of Irish Ancestry' \$2.00
4. 'Resources of the Archives Office of Tasmania' (in prep.)
5. 'Searching of the Land Records of Tasmania' (in prep.)
6. 'Research Planning, Evidence and Evaluation' 60c
7. 'Using the International Genealogical Index' (in prep.)

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Membership entitlements include receipt of the Society's journal, TASMANIAN ANCESTRY, access to the Society's Library, and reduced rates for purchase of certain other publications. Access to the libraries of some other societies has also been arranged on a reciprocal basis to benefit members.

## THE SOCIETY'S LIBRARY

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## RESEARCH

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## INDEXING

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