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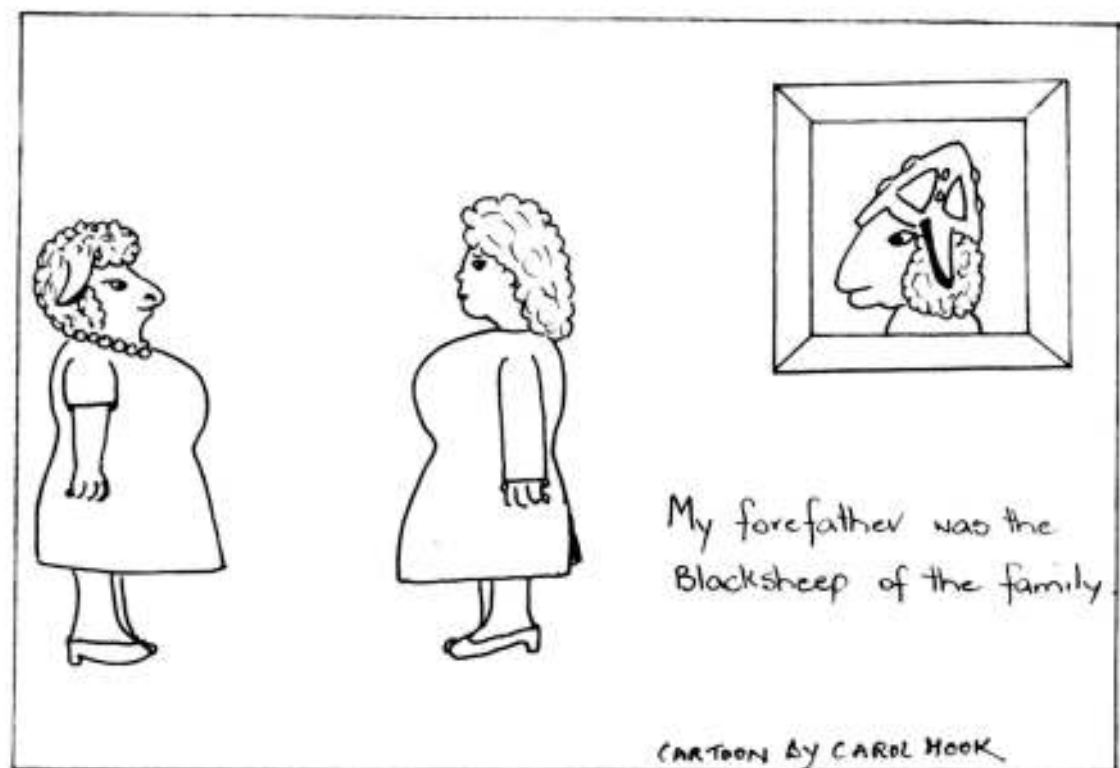
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Editorial

The Editor and editorial panel are very sorry indeed to be losing Val Watson, who has worked in so happily and efficiently with us in her role as Co-ordinator of the Publications Committee. As well as overseeing all financial arrangements for journal production, Val has been a superb organiser, enlisting aid for typing, collating and posting. Val is an excellent communicator and a sympathetic listener, and her energy and enthusiasm promote a similar response in others. We wish you well, Val, in your return to the mainland, and thank you for all you have done for us.

Our new co-ordinator is Mrs Jean McKenzie, whom we have been very lucky to enlist early in her retirement. Welcome to the Publications Committee, Jean. We look forward to working with you.

We have been fortunate in receiving some excellent contributions for the journal, but unfortunately cannot publish them all as soon as we would wish. This time, for example, we have had to hold over the article on University Archives until the December issue. The Library list has grown so enormous that we have decided to produce it separately, and it will be enclosed in the December issue.

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THANKYOU, JENNY!

Virtually the whole of the copy for this journal has been typed by Jenny Bugg.

USING NEWSPAPERS AS SOURCES OF
GENEALOGICAL DATA

by
Neil K. Chick

"Further from this point, it is desirable that a Searcher should possess, or cultivate, the patience of Job and the equanimity of a tortoise."

- Niel T. Hansen

Files of newspapers are an invaluable source of genealogical data. They have the advantage of being fairly readily available either in libraries, or else at the publisher's office. What many are not aware of is that, even for a small area like Tasmania, there have been a very large number of newspapers indeed, since the Hobart Town Gazette began publishing on 11 May 1816. The fourth issue dated 22 June 1816, has on page 2.:

"MARRIAGE: On the 10th. Instant, by Licence were Married by the Rev. Robert Knopwood, at Cottage Green, Mr. William Kimberly, Settler at Clarence Plains, to Sarah, eldest daughter of Mr. Daniel Standish, Settler at Green Point."

The next issue, number 5, 29 June 1816 has

"On Thursday Last, by Special Licence, was married by Rev. Robert Knopwood at the Derwent Hotel, Thomas William Stocker, to Mary Hayes, Widow, of the Derwent Hotel, Elizabeth Street; after a tedious courtship of two years."

- a marriage Knopwood neglected to record in the register!

We shall have reason to refer back to this one in a minute. The first birth notice illustrates the conventions of the times: (H.T.G., vol.1., no. 6, Saturday 6 Jul 1816):

"BIRTH: On Tuesday Last, the Lady of John Drummond Esq. Naval Officer, of a son."

So often these early birth notices omit the mother's name.

Two issues later, on Saturday 20 July 1816 we have the first death notice:

"DIED - On Thursday Morning, Jemmy La Rou, a poor maniac, whose death was occasioned by being exposed during a night, to all the severities of the weather in a state of intoxication -- he was a poor harmless being, who was regarded with pity and compassion; and an object of charity to all the

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Gentlemen of the Colony; and whose death they regret, as he often afforded them amusement by a certain neivete in his manners, and reply to questions, that could not be expected of him under his mental derangement."

One should not of course limit oneself to searching for birth, marriage, and death notices. Engagements, Funeral Notices, In Memoriams, Legal Notices, Inquests, Obituaries, Wedding Accounts, Local News of Accidents, Court Cases, Historical Items, Pioneers' Reminiscences, etc. are all grist to the mill. e.g.

"NOTICE: All persons holding promissory notes issued by Mary Hayes, late Widow, are requested to send in same to me, in order that they may be immediately consolidated. Derwent Hotel, Elizabeth Street. William Thomas Stocker."

This is the "tedious courtship fellow" a month after his wedding, grasping the reins of the hotel business. But notice the reversal of his given names. Which is right? The marriage notice or the personal notice? But enough of examples. What is the best strategy to use to identify, locate, and search newspapers?

First consult the appropriate part of the National Library's Union List:

Newspapers in Australian Libraries: A Union List. Part 1. Overseas Newspapers, 3rd. Edition. Canberra: National Library of Australia, 1975. (Call number is Q016.07994 AUS)

at either the State Reference Library or the University Library.

These two volumes are absolutely indispensable. Each volume has a title index so that if you know the name of a publication you can rapidly locate the library nearest to you that has material. More often, however, all one has to go on is a place name and a time period to be searched. Both volumes have their lists arranged by place, alphabetically. For each locality there is a list of the newspapers published in that locality, also arranged alphabetically by title. For each title there is the date of commencement of the publication, its frequency, and then in table form a list of the libraries holding that newspaper, together with the time span of their holdings, notes on completeness of the holdings. Most of these data are full of symbols, rather like a knitting pattern, but there is a good list of abbreviations and symbols used in the front of each, and it doesn't take long to learn that TSL = State Library of Tasmania, or that TQVM = Queen Victoria Museum Library

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(Launceston). Let me illustrate with some Tasmanian examples in a minute, but first it is obvious that if your town of interest has five newspapers for the time period you are concerned with, then you must search all five. The modern habit of listing personal notices at the commencement of the advertisement section doesn't apply to most of the nineteenth century, and you will often have to search every page, and every column of every page. Very few indeed of these newspapers are indexed: A very worthwhile task for an enthusiast with time on his hands and systematic habits. Now for an example:

Hobart	where published
MERCURY, J1 5 1854+ S.W., d. To Ja 1 1858 as Hobart Mercury; Je 1860 Hobart town daily Mercury. J1 5 1854 incorporates Hobart guardian or True friend of Tasmania; Ag 24 1857 Colonial times; Je 2 1858 Tasmanian weekly news; Tasmanian daily news. My 31 1859 Daily courier; Je 1 1859 Hobart town courier; J1 1935 Illustrated Tasmanian mail	Title, frequency Commenced as Take-overs
T 3 1854+	Newspaper office
MG NEG 5 1854-1900	Microfilm hold- ings
A NL J1 19, 21 1860, N 30 1863, J1 - D 1865, J1 - D 1867, Je 21 1887, Ja 23 - 24, J1 1901+ PID C week	Australian Capital Territory
N LN J1 1 1880+ ML Ag 28 1860 - J1 22 1863, O 3 1866, My 15, J1 1 1868, J1 18, D 12 1885, JL 5 1924 (1960-63 impf) MU 1969 - N 1973 impf NPL C 6 months Parl Ja 1 1901+ impf SPL C 3 months U Ja 1901 - D 1945, Ja 1947 - J1 1968 UNE C 1 year	New South Wales
Q Parl C 1 year SL 1904+ impf	Queensland
S Parl C 1 year SL Ag 24 1857+ impf	South Australia
T Parl 1862, J1 - D 1863, 1864 - Je 1865, 1866 - Je 1867, 1868-73, J1-D 1875, 1879+ QVM Je 18 1855, J1 1 1858 - Mr 6 1891 (1858-91 impf) SL J1 5 1854 - D 22 1856, Ja 1 1858+	Tasmania
V Parl C 2 years SL 1857+ impf	Victoria
W IT C 1 year LB N 1972+	Western Australia

The 'Mercury' is typical in that it has not only changed title several times, but has, in the course of its growth, swallowed most

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of the smaller fish in our local pond. The Union Lists are arranged alphabetically. It would be such a help if there were also tables for each town listing the papers in chronological order. This would make searches very much easier. (Another worthwhile task for an enthusiast with some spare time!)

Tasmanian Libraries holding newspapers are: The State Library, The Tasmanian Archives Office, The University of Tasmania, The Parliamentary Library, The E.Z. Co., The Department of Agriculture, The Queen Victoria Museum, Launceston, The Northern Regional Library, The Hellyer Regional Library, The Tasmanian College of Advanced Education. The Offices of extant newspapers also keep copies: The Mercury, The Examiner, The Advocate, The Huon Times, The King Island News.

What kinds of people advertised in and bought newspapers in the earlier days of Tasmania? Making a comparison between today's costs and incomes and those in the 1830's, it was at least 8-10 times as expensive to buy a newspaper then as it is today, or 20-30 times as expensive when you consider the size of the paper. Would you buy a four page newspaper for \$1.20? Relative costs of advertising were similarly much greater then. Inevitably it was the economically better off who could afford to advertise their family's births, deaths and marriages. One must also remember that compulsory education didn't begin until late in the last century. However, family pride, or grief, often ignored the barriers of cost, then as today, and many in quite straightened circumstances announced vital events, more especially deaths than births. Marriage, then as now, was less reported because, as is the case today, up to a third of all brides went to the alter with little reason to wear white.

With the rise of the profession of undertaking, very few deaths in the last 120 years went unreported in the press, and the earlier the date the fuller the notice, except for the first fifty years of the colony. We should draw a distinction however between the reporting of the deaths of adults and children. A hundred years ago the death of children, especially infants was tragic, as now, but far more commonplace. Couples expected to have six to ten children, but to lose a quarter or more of them to diphtheria, whooping cough, croup, enteritis, etc. Many child deaths went unreported in the press, unless, like my great-grand uncle, he should lose four children in three days.

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Your research strategy should go something like this:

1. Determine the name sought, the probable place of the event, and the likely time period. (It is a good idea to make a list of a good number of people for whom there may be a record in the same time period and locality).
2. Visit the State Library, or one of the Regional Libraries and ask at the Reference Desk for the books listed on page
3. Look up the Locality. Search the list of newspapers for that locality (they are in alphabetical order) and list all newspapers published there for the time period. List the libraries which hold copies you can search (personally or by correspondence).
4. Systematically search all papers for that time period for that locality, page by page, in half-hour bursts, with short rest spells.
5. Record your successes, word for word, quoting newspaper title, date, page, and column number: 6" x 4" cards are ideal, one card per event. In your research notes, also list your failures. You should thus be able to avoid wasteful duplication of effort.

LAUNCESTON'S LOCAL HISTORY ROOM

Resources available at the Launceston Regional Library are based on the collection of the Launceston Mechanics Institute and the Public Library. It is based on the Australiana and Tasmaniana Collections and under the Regional agreement shall always remain the property of Launceston.

The Local History Room is open from 9.30 am to 5.00 pm on weekdays only. Material required after these hours can be placed with the staff in the Reference Room for use after 5 o'clock. The Reference Room is open till 9.00 pm weekly and from 10.00 am till noon Saturday. With a photo-copying machine in the Reference Room, copies are available from the staff, the cost being 5 cents per sheet. Newspapers cannot be copied, but orders can be placed for photos of material required from papers for your personal collection.

Launceston's Local History Room-Cont'd.

The Local History Room is situated off the Reference Library on the second floor. It contains some 6,000 items including the following:-

The Meston Collection

Mr Archibald Laurence Meston, a former Headmaster of the Launceston High School, had a collection of Australiana and Tasmaniana which was offered to the Launceston City Council by his wife. Under conditions imposed, no part of the collection shall leave the Launceston Regional Library.

The Whitfield Index

This belongs to the Royal Society and was compiled by a Miss Whitfield. It consists of names of people mentioned in the Hobart Town Gazette, newspapers, Tasmanian Encyclopedia and some books. It does not appear to be a complete run of any newspaper and being very flimsy the Index requires great care when being used.

Church and Cemetery Records

The following records are available:-

- (a) Cypress Street Cemetery (from Church registers);
- (b) Charles Street Cemetery. These have been acquired from the Launceston City Council;
- (c) Anglican Church records of Georgetown, St. Leonards and Cressy;
- (d) Other Anglican Church records are St. Andrews, Evandale; Christ Church, Longford; St. Matthias, Windamere; Holy Trinity, Launceston;
- (e) An incomplete record of burials in the Scotch Cemetery;
- (f) Presbyterian records of Kirklands, Campbelltown.

Births, deaths and marriages have been carded from church registers, but unfortunately so far no recorded church record has a complete set of registers. The staff are listing obituaries daily from the Examiner and have done so since 1979.

Historical Records of Australia

The Tasmanian Section contains information up to 1830. There are also many more items, various publications of history, biographies, monographs and pamphlets etc. that are available.

Files

Examiner - from 1842
Mercury - from 1856, also on microfilm
Cornwall Chronicle - 1841-1880
Launceston Advertiser - 1832 - 1846
Hobart Town Gazette - 1816 - 1819 (Facsimile)
1829 - 1981
Weekly Couriers - 1901 - 1935

The staff request that papers be ordered half a day in advance.

Almanacs

There are almanacs from 1824, with some gaps. Walches Almanacs published in 1863 are complete to date.

Post Office Directories

These directories from 1892 - 1948 are of value for research. There are also two ordinary directories (1867 & 1881) listing property owners.

Clipping Files

These are taken from all Tasmanian newspapers and include information on local people, places and subjects. There are some photographs of Launceston people (mainly men) who had some interest in the Launceston Mechanics Institute.

Assessment Rolls

The assessment rolls for Hobart and Launceston were published annually from 1853 from the Hobart Town Gazette. Country municipalities were published from 1859 until 1958.

Publicans and other required licences

These were listed annually in the Hobart Town Gazette, and are a useful record for the research of hotels etc.

Shipping

There are micro-film records of ships, ships' passengers, assisted migrants etc. which have been copied from the records in the Archives office in Hobart. There is a ships register of Australian and New Zealand shipping from 1875 -1921. Lloyds Ship Register from 1855 - 1860 is also available.

Library Notes

by
Judy Parnell

The Launceston Branch Library is now open for business following the official opening on Saturday 28 August. The library is situated in Nunamina Avenue (off Hobart Road, Kings Meadows) and was formerly the Office for Carr Villa Cemetery. There is plenty of parking area available and also a bus service almost to the door. Initially the library will open on Wednesday and Saturday afternoons.

We have a good basic collection of books and other materials, both of Genealogy and also the History of the Northern area of Tasmania. One important set of books is the Australian Joint Copying Project Handbooks. This project, begun nearly 40 years ago, has provided microfilm copies of British government records from the Public Records Office relating to Australia to be kept in most major Australian Libraries including our own Archives Office in Hobart. The handbooks provide an index to the microfilms and consist of material from the Colonial Office, Home Office, War Office, Foreign Office, Board of Trade, Admiralty. The information dates from the first settlement and is therefore very valuable to the genealogist.

Another useful book is A Handy Guide to the Genealogical Library and Church Historical Dept. It explains the records of the Mormon Church, and gives a very good explanation of the International Genealogical Index (IGI). Through the coding system of the actual microfiche, one may be able to obtain more information on a person by writing to America.

The Library has many other books and also photocopies of church records, and a card file is being compiled of baptisms, marriages, burials, including TAMIOT transcripts. We look forward to seeing as many of our members as we can, but not all at once as our room is only small!

The Genealogical Society of Tasmania is affiliated with the Federation of Family History Societies (England) and the Australasian Federation of Family History organisations.

USING THE HOBART LIBRARY

by Theo Sharples

(These notes were written by Theo for the use of our library assistants, but are equally relevant to the needs of searchers. Ed.)

There are usually two main kinds of enquiries:

- (a) May I use the I.G.I. please?
- (b) This is my family tree so far. I'm stuck here, what do I do now?

To satisfy (a) get the enquirer seated and equipped with the appropriate microfiche (only one at a time). For England, they must know the county of their ancestor's origin; for Scotland, Ireland and Wales the surnames are listed alphabetically. Beware of Wales - the present system of surnames superseded an earlier one of given names so there are two sequences under Wales. U.K. also includes the Channel Islands and the Isle of Man. If you don't know what county the ancestor's birthplace is in, look under the names of towns in the gazetteers on the bookshelves, near the atlas.

If the enquirer doesn't know how to use the reader, show him/her not forgetting that there is an index at the end of each fiche which shows the first name in every frame on that fiche. Only library assistants must get the fiches in and out of files - we've had one or two nasty experiences with people who helped themselves and put things back in the wrong places. Users' cards are filed in the drawers on top of the I.G.I. cabinet for people who have used it before; if they haven't, make out a new card to be filed away when they have finished.

To satisfy (b), get them seated in the search room, find out exactly what they have done and think where you would look next if you needed the information they are seeking. Remember that we have our Cemetery Index, the 1828 census (N.S.W.) and 1832 census (W.A.), the Pioneer register (and its supplements) of the 1788-1820 Association, 1788: the book of the First Fleet, the Genealogical Research Directories (two Australasian, one English) a list of settlers from Norfolk Island in a folder on the bottom shelf, a list of convicts aboard the Calcutta in a similarly-placed folder. We have recently acquired a directory of English parish register transcripts in Australia (these are also for sale). We have a bio-

graphical dictionary of Tasmanian Members of Parliament, there are some shipping lists and there are James McLelland's "miscellanies". The collection also includes books of historical background, both Tasmanian and overseas, as well as histories of families with Tasmanian connections. Don't forget the "how-to-do-genealogy" books, which give addresses as well as instructions. The list of addresses of Australian Registrars General is pinned on the wall under the notice about cemetery outings.

Use the catalogue as well as the shelves to see what we have on particular subjects. Remember that journals, of which we now have about 30 from other societies, contain lots of useful and interesting information. At the end of the shelves where the journals are kept is a file of directories of Members' Interests, compiled by various of the societies with which we exchange journals. And don't forget the humble electoral rolls and telephone books, in the journal room.

Remember too, that our Registrar's file, which lives in the back room, lists our own members and their research interests, cross-referenced from one to another.

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Library Notes

by Marion Dowsett
Acting Librarian
G.S.T. Library
Hobart.

The library has received generous gifts of journals from Kevin Whilton of Melbourne, who has donated the following titles:

Tasmanian Historical Research Association Papers & Proceedings, Complete issues 1973-1981;

Society of Australian Genealogists journal Descent complete 1967- Mar 1981 with Annual Reports and Australian Genealogists Newsletter (occasional);

The Essex Family Historian January 1978 - November 1980

Members and library staff appreciate Kevin's generosity.

Special arrangements were made to open the library for nine members of the Descendants of Convict's Assoc. of Netona and for five members of Sue Waters' Rosny College Family History Class.

All our best workers are enjoying or are about to enjoy well deserved holidays - Theo Sharples, Lilian Watson, Jean McKenzie, Val Watson and John Morrison. We hope they all return enthused and refreshed.

Many new and wonderful books will appear in our latest Library List.

BRITISH ISLES GENEALOGY

Searches made for birth, marriage and death certificates. All parish records, census returns, probate, military, legal, emigration records searched. Family tree calligraphy and Coats of Arms emblazoned. Contact

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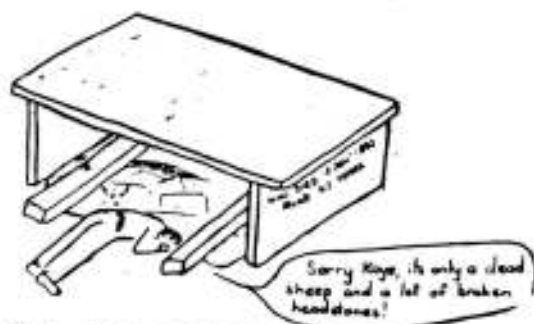
58 Wolverhampton Road, Stafford. ST17 4AU, England. Tel 0785-41253, 24 hrs.

Send all known details for a free consultation with reference to any county. A descriptive brochure is also available.

Available: Staffs. stray and late baptisms index 1800-37; Index workhouse returns census 1871/81; Index census 1871/1851 re canal people born outside Staff.; Index Quarter Session Calendars 1770-1820; Index census 1871 re convict hulk the 'Warrior'; Birmingham workhouse census 1871; Index Staffs. Constabulary lists 1866; Index Assizes for Home Counties 1558-1625.

For details of use send 2 IRC.

Tombstone
And
Memorial
Inscriptions
Of
Tasmania



- Has your family any links with the midlands?
Have you ever stopped to look around the back streets of Oatlands?
Can you name and place any of the 5 cemeteries in Oatlands?
Did you know that there are more than 1000 headstones at Oatlands?
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Do you like clean, fresh air and peaceful surroundings?
Are you interested in old buildings?

If you answered YES or NO to ANY of the above questions, please read on and find out about our I.A.M.I.O.T. Special Excursion Offer.

In June Carol Rodway and I drove to Oatlands doing a full inspection of all the untranscribed cemeteries between there and Hobart. On the way back I said to Carol, "Wouldn't it be great to transcribe all of Oatlands in the one day". Her reply was a laugh and "You're joking of course!". As the number of people currently attending transcription days usually varies from 3 to 6, I took her point - but the more I thought about it, the more enthusiastic I became.

1000 headstones - with small legible inscriptions, one person can transcribe about 20 per hour, therefore

- 1 person would take 50 hours
- 2 people would take 25 hours
- 25 people would take 2 hours
- 50 people would take 1 hour
- 100 people would etc.

As many of these 1000 stones are large monuments or (in one cemetery) in very poor condition, this estimate would be very optimistic, but allowing 2½ hours for 50 people, it might be done.

T.A.M.I.O.T. Continued 2.

All sorts of ideas kept popping up:

Choice - people could choose to work in a particular cemetery :-

1. An "old English" churchyard, with Church in midst of graves.
2. A pleasant fenced in, tree studded, Roman Catholic cemetery.
3. A neat, orderly Presbyterian cemetery (with lots of details).
4. A physical and visual challenge in the old Anglican burial ground, now ploughed around with heaps of broken stones.
5. The old Methodist one no longer exists.

Transport:- would have to be organised to make the most of cars going AND/OR hire a bus - if so, do we have any members or friends etc. with a licence to drive a bus and who would volunteer their time and services?

Invite the local people:- it is their town, their church cemeteries and often their family we will be recording, so we could invite them to come and see, take part in, check that we do not show disrespect for their dead, talk to us and find out how to trace their own family.

Display :- organise a local display in the library, shops etc. and have an information centre where interested local people can talk to our experts on how and where genealogical information can be found.

Socialise:- have a picnic/barbecue lunch

Children :- cater for families and organise a few people to mind young children to allow parents to take part (possibly on a roster system).

Tour :- Ask the local National Trust group if they would be able to organise a tour of Otlands in the afternoon.

Insurance:- because of numbers involved and the condition of one cemetery, some form of insurance is essential.

Raising fallen stones:- the picture shows the biggest (probably also insoluble) problem, but the number of headstones face down in the old Anglican cemetery could be very time consuming using our "conventional" methods (pieces of 4 x 2, rope and muscle power). Ideas, portable winches (e.g. on cars) etc. are desperately needed in this area.

T.A.M.I.O.T. Continued 3.

About 20 people indicated at the last meeting that they would be interested in a Saturday excursion to Otlands during March/April in 1983. We need 50 or more people to make it an "all in one go" day. If you are interested please put your name on the TAMIOT poster either at the Library or meetings (or phone or write to me) indicating any special areas of interest or abilities - e.g. if your writing is not legible, we need people to check the work of others, mind children, set up the barbie, talk to people etc.

If you have any ideas to add, have information on the area which would be suitable for a display, or would be able to help in any of the organisation, I would be delighted to hear from you.

At this stage I am only asking for an indication of interest for me to begin organising things like which (if not all) cemeteries we do; how many groups would be needed for a tour of the town; if we hire a bus, how big does it need to be; what insurance cover we need (if we have any insurance agents, you can make me an offer); etc.

Next issue of this Journal, all southern members - and those from other areas who have indicated an interest - will receive a special invitation giving full details of date, time, costs (bus, tour, insurance) and so on.

Please make an effort to help on this. A successful day would do wonders to boost the morale of the TAMIOT committee in Hobart (and our few faithful transcribers). I have a third list waiting by my phone for your name to be added as a possible starter for the

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Please contact me if you are able to help.

Shirley Johnson
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Any ideas for a 1984 TAMIOT SPECIAL?

DONT'T FORGET- the next meeting of the BRITISH ANCESTRY RESEARCH GROUP will be held at Rosny College on Oct.7 at 8pm. Enquiries to Lilian Watson(44 2504) or Audrey Hudspeth(43 9403)

NO NAPPIES ON SUNDAY

by

Theo Sharples

In March 1897, my paternal grandmother, Josephine Elizabeth Rennie, found herself a widow aged 31, living in Waratah, on Tasmania's wet west coast, with five children of whom my father was the youngest, being then aged 16 months. The family eventually moved to Parattah, where Grandma's family lived, then on to Hobart. There, in later years, my father met my mother. He used to say that he was first attracted to her because she always wore a fresh, clean pinny to Sunday School and he thought she was a nice little girl.

Grandma, the daughter of Henry Robert Figg, was known as Pheeny Figg. This has always been a source of mirth to my children as well as to many others to whom I have mentioned it. Henry moved with his family to Parattah after his first wife, Charlotte Fletcher Jones, had died and he had remarried. Pheeny, unfortunately, did not get on happily with her steomother. She left Parattah and went to work at the Presbyterian manse at Otlands. Family legend has it that she used to eat starch at the manse. One of my lesser research problems has therefore become: why did she develop a craving for common-or-garden starch?

At the Wesleyan Chapel in Otlands on 2 February 1886, Josephine Figg married John Theodore Rennie and in the fullness of time was raising a family in the rigorous climate of Waratah.

Many years later, one of her daughters was spending a weekend at my home. Brought up in a good old-fashioned Methodist way, as indeed I myself was, she watched on Sunday morning as I loaded the washing-machine with nappies and other baby-type washing. "Grandma Rennie never washed the nappies on Sundays" she said disapprovingly. "And just think how cold and wet it was in the winter at Waratah!".

Now I have another problem to solve about my ancestors: Did Grandma have (a) very obliquing babies or (b) constipated babies or (c) just a lot of washing on Mondays?

News From Branches

LAUNCESTON BRANCH NEWS - by Karlana Nagle

The biggest excitement in our branch at present is the opening of our new Library. We are open Saturday 1-4 pm and Wednesday 2-4 pm. We held a Library Shower at the opening of our Library but we can still use more donations of books, records etc.

We recently had a successful day at the Queen Victoria Museum where we had the chance to use many records and books normally not on display to the public. This is the second such trip we have had to the Museum. It is hoped that we can repeat this as it has been most helpful to all who could attend.

Later this month we have planned to go to the Northern Regional Library one evening, where we will be given a guided tour of the books, references and other holdings of the Reference Room and Local History Room. This should be a very informative session. Anyone interested in attending should contact Judy Parnell on 31 6940 as soon as possible.

That's all for this time. Hope to see you all at our Library and/or our meetings.

LAUNCESTON CALENDAR

September 7 : Ways to store information and documents.
Workshop.

October 5 : The Tasmanian State Archives, an open discussion.

November 2 : Ted Scott will speak on his family research

December 7 : A general problems night

Meetings are held at Kings Meadows High School at 8 pm.

HOBART CALENDAR

Sept. 21 : Mrs Mary McRae, Principal Archivist, Archives Office of Tas. will speak on the Joint Copying Project, a little known but important project whereby records are made available to libraries in relevant places. You are the beneficiary so long as you know what record is where.

Oct. 19 : Mrs Frances Travers, former G.S.T. Secretary, who has recently returned from a visit to Ireland from where her ancestors originated. Topic - Irish Research, of course!

Nov. 16 : Members Night Speakers not yet finalised but we have a choice of several.

Above are general meetings, held in the Auditorium at Rosny College at 8 pm as usual.

U.K. Discussion group - Business Studies East room, Rosny College (upstairs) Thursday 7 Oct, 8 pm. All welcome. Bring your research.

HELP**HELP**HELP**HELP**HELP!

Volunteers are urgently needed for staffing the Hobart Library.

Some people may feel that they do not know enough to offer to man the library. This is just how the people who do man the library feel a lot of the time! Few of us are experts in anything, but we learn a lot by finding out when people ask. You are never on your own, and it is a friendly place. Briefing sessions are held regularly for new volunteers. Contact Marion Dowsett on 27 8534 or Audrey Weeding on 72 8591 if you would like to help.

Despatching 400 journals is also quite a job for a small number. Come and help with the stapling, collating and posting. Contact Jean McKenzie on 25 3709 after September 16th.

"HOBART HAPPENINGS" by Lilian Watson, Chairman, Hobart
Branch

Much as I have enjoyed my term as President of the "G.S.T." the idea of acting as Chairman of the Hobart Branch (with the Vice-Presidency as a side-line) feels good.

We have worked hard in Hobart to create our Genealogical Society of Tasmania and I and the Society are indebted to all those who have worked consistently since we began as a group of the Australian Institute of Genealogical Studies, and also to those who now are sharing the many tasks involved.

My main regret is that I have not had sufficient time to get to know everyone on an individual basis. I truly value the friendship of the ones who have worked most closely with me, and value the contributions they have made so cheerfully. Much enjoyment comes from sharing research skills and we all seem to benefit.

This friendly atmosphere prevailed when fifteen of us met at Rosny College for the first British Ancestry Research and Discussion Group on 8 July. We all learned something and contributed too, and decided to meet again on Thursday 7 October. Would you care to join us there?

We like to vary discussion topics at the usual monthly general meetings. We all enjoyed Sue Waters' advice on preserving books in June. She even brought along books and glue to demonstrate simple repairs!

A descendant of George William Evans, Deputy Surveyor General of Van Diemen's Land in its very early years, spoke at the July meeting. He was Mr F.R. Graeme-Evans of Richmond, who presented much interesting data on the life and times of his historical forbear.

Much work is done by G.S.T. members outside meetings. Shirley Johnson, our TAMIOT Co-ordinator, is always busy locating cemeteries and organising copying and indexation of data. A rather small group provides valuable assistance to her, and the members enjoy their chosen tasks. Could you offer to help with part of this preservation of history? Phone Shirley on 43 7486. Shirley has also enlisted the help of the "Mercury" in the task of letting the public know what is being done, and is using a

News from Branches Cont'd 2.

computer to keep her lists up to date. Such enterprise is invaluable.

Our Library at 3 Percy Street, Bellerive, seems to be getting busier each week. The voluntary assistants now seem to have their hands full helping people during opening hours. Perhaps it is time to organise working parties outside these hours, as much filing and display work could be done.

If our sign for the street frontage could be done soon we would be even better known.

When Theo Sharples, our Librarian, and her husband Bill return from their overseas trip, they may think our premises very small, but the contents of the library can be a great aid to those who use it fully.

Mrs Georgina Chick has faithfully recorded the family names being researched by our members and made an index. I wonder if everyone has checked to see if a fellow member is working on the same family? Our Research Officer Carol Rodway can refer to this index for distant members. Please include postage with your request.

Two of our newer members have contributed valuable family charts. One is from Mr F.J. Harris of Kingston; this is mostly of the Harris Family of the Huon and Hobart areas.

The Reverend Basil Stock of Hobart lent us two big charts on the family of his wife. One chart was huge - 2 m x 68 cm, but the other ... was 4.5 m long! Through the good graces of one of our other members we found a place where the copying could be done. The families on this chart were mostly English, before this century began; CAPPER (of Stafford, Eng.), CAREY, STRICKLAND, PRITCHARD, HALL (with Australian connections), VIDAL, RISING, MARSHALL, CARROLL, even BACKHOUSE (connected to the Quaker visitors to V.D.L.). Please see queries section for KINGSBURY data required.

We welcome back Frances and Terry Travers who spent some long service leave travelling around the world, their main destination being Ireland from where many of Frances' ancestors came. Frances has been a mainstay of the G.S.T. from the beginning. As I write, she does not know that soon after her arrival home she will have a call from TV16 requesting an interview. We rely on her to do anything!

FRENCH/BADCOCK REUNION

Over 2,200 descendants of the Francis French and John Badcock families, whose forebears emigrated from Cornwall to Australia together 150 years ago, gathered recently at the Longford, Tasmania, Showgrounds in what is thought to have been Australia's largest family reunion.

Descendants now number around 8,000 and have spread throughout Australia and to a number of overseas countries. At the reunion, held on Saturday 6th March 1982, representatives were present from all Australian States, New Zealand and Malaysia.

Very little is known of John Badcock in Cornwall, except that on arrival on the 23rd August 1831, he was 24 years of age and soon after married Ann, the eldest daughter of Francis and Mary French.

Francis and Mary (nee Oliver) grew up around Lostwithiel and after their marriage at St. Winnows Church of England in June 1810, moved a few miles to a neighbouring district, Pelynt, where it is believed they lived till departure in 1831.

In that year on the 12th April, Francis and Mary and eight of their children, a niece Grace French, and John Badcock, with 25 other passengers and a crew of 16, set sail from Plymouth aboard the 275 ton vessel 'Mary Ann' and arrived at Hobart, Van Diemen's Land (now Tasmania) 19 weeks later. The family immediately moved to Launceston, a small settlement on the banks of the Tamar River, which had been founded 25 years earlier, and where a brother of Francis and father of Grace were living. He was Edward French, who had left England in 1813 and moved to Van Diemen's Land in 1816 and no doubt had influenced the family to join him.

After several months both Francis French and John Badcock took up land at "Norfolk Plains" now Longford, 14 miles from Launceston, and set to work farming and establishing their families in this State. In all, Francis and Mary had 12 children and 114 grand-children, and John Badcock 23 children (11 by his first marriage to Ann French and 12 by his second marriage to Esther Elmer) and 140 grand-children.

French/Badcock reunion cont'd 2.

Francis is particularly remembered for his part in establishing the Wesleyan Methodist Church in the Launceston area. On arrival there was no Methodist Church in the north of the Island and little activity by any other group. The majority of residents were convicts or ex-convicts, mostly of the worst type. One clergyman of the day noted "the wickedness of the people of Launceston, I am informed by an eye witness, exceeds all description". It was commonplace to see gangs of men in chains building roads, in the pits sawing timber, or at the tread mills grinding flour or mixing clay, water and sand for bricks, all working under the watchful eye of soldiers detailed not only to guard them but also charged with the responsibility of ensuring that they worked. Punishment for misdemeanours was severe and was meted out through public whippings, being placed in the stocks, loss of the few privileges that they might have, solitary confinement, and for the worst cases, public hanging. The family, as they travelled to and fro between Longford and Launceston, would almost certainly have witnessed many bodies left swiveling for days at Gobet Hill, Perth, as a deterrent to other would-be criminals.

In 1832, against this background, Francis commenced preaching in the open air at the foot of Windmill Hill, Launceston. When news of his efforts reached Hobart, the two Wesleyan ministers stationed there, the Reverend Nathaniel Turner and Reverend John Manton, rode the 170 miles on horse back to investigate, following which one of the ministers made regular quarterly visits to assist. By September 1834, one of those Ministers, the Reverend John Manton, took up permanent residence in Launceston. As a result of this, the Wesleyan Methodist Church rapidly spread throughout the north in all directions, and frequently was the first denomination to operate as an area was opened up. Early records show that many of the descendants of Francis and Mary French were well to the fore in these Churches with a number of his sons and son-in-laws also being preachers, Sunday school teachers, office bearers. Many of today's descendants are still continuing this work in various denominations, and in a recent count in the Uniting Church (formerly Methodist) a tally of 18 ministers or lay preachers who regularly conduct services of worship in Tasmania was recorded.

On the day of the reunion, items of family history, heirlooms, photographs of past and present generations, family charts etc. filled the industrial hall and a neighbouring pavilion. Greetings were received from numerous family members unable to attend, also from the Premier of Tasmania, the Honourable Harry Holgate, and other State and Federal parliamentarians. A commemorative cake was cut by the oldest descendant present, 95 years old Mrs Leila Smith (nee Badcock) a granddaughter of John Badcock and great-grand-daughter of Francis and Mary French. Spoons for both the French and Badcock families, noting 150 years in Australia, were available for purchase as a memento of the occasion. During the day, some descendants visited the old French home which is only a short distance from the showgrounds also the Mill Dam built by John Badcock in the 1840's to power his flour mill at Newry and family graves at Christ Church cemetery Longford.

A feature of the day was a Thanksgiving Service led by the Reverend Laurie Turner and assisted by two descendants, the Reverend Kevin Dobson of Longford and Pastor Max French of Whitmore. The Reverend Turner and his wife travelled from Melbourne, Victoria as special guests. The Reverend Turner is Moderator of the Uniting Church in Australia in that State, and was invited to the occasion as he is a descendant of the Reverend Nathaniel Turner who was an associate of Francis French in the establishment of the Wesleyan Church in Northern Tasmania.

A book recording the families' activities since arrival in Australia is planned for the future.



GRICE FAMILY - REUNION

A Reunion of descendants of Robert and Ann Grice who settled at Richmond, Tasmania, from Yorkshire in 1855, will be held at the Richmond Town Hall on Saturday, 27 November, 1982 at 2.00 p.m.

At 5.00 p.m. there will be a Barbeque and those who are attending are requested to bring their own meat. Tea & coffee etc. will be available.

A social evening including dancing will begin at 7.30 p.m. and ladies are asked to bring 'a plate'.

For more information contact:-

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FAMILY REUNION

RIDDLE

A Family Reunion is planned for November 1982
for all descendants of
John Riddle and his wife Ann (nee Donald)

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Oxenford

Queensland, 4210

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Book Review

CONVICT, PIONEER AND IMMIGRANT HISTORY OF AUSTRALIA ..

by James McClelland

Book No.11 Vol.5 Printed by K.L.A.N. Instant Printing,
Brisbane. 1981. pp151. Soft cover.

I am never quite sure what I will find as I open a new book by this author, but I know there will be something really interesting.

As a genealogist, I strongly recommend that the source of every record used needs to be listed in case further study of the original document is required. Failure to identify the source does not detract from the interesting material which I feel must often come from the records of the N.S.W. Archives.

This volume contains "Inquiry into the Cruelty on board the Convict Transport 'Chapman' - Ireland to NSW 1817"; despatch from Gov. Macquarie to Earl Bathurst, 1817, regarding the voyage of the 'Chapman'; abstracts of Capt. Darke's Journal of the ship 'Chapman'; extract from the Medical Surgical Journal of the same ship; rules for the convicts; extract from the Book of Evidence before the Committee of Enquiry; and other documents and depositions presented.

A list of some convicts and crew on the 'Chapman' gives details of lashes given, burials at sea etc.

I am sure this material is much more easily read in print than it would be on the original handwritten documents. Division into paragraphs would have improved it further.

"Information forwarded to London in 1825 by Gov. Brisbane" provides some details of the convict gangs in the colony, carpenters, blacksmiths, bricklayers, sawyers, plasterers, quarrymen, wheelwrights, shoemakers, tailors etc. which make interesting reading.

An example of how to set out a brief report on an ancestor is given, and a list of miscellaneous headstones (mostly in NSW) interspersed with notes on various early settlers.

This list of approximately 8 pages is alphabetical and thus easy to scan. An introductory note stating that all place names are in NSW unless specifically shown otherwise would be useful - Tasmania also has a Campbelltown and a Richmond!

I only met with one old friend in the book; Patrick McCusker, who later came to Tasmania, but there are probably others who had connections here.

Mr. McClelland has used better paper and methods of reproduction than in some of his earlier books. He has certainly provided much interesting material for which we ought to be grateful.

An index to surnames, other than what is listed alphabetically, would be a great help. Perhaps this could be a work on its own.

1982 ADDRESS BOOK FOR FAMILY HISTORY SEARCHERS AND HISTORIANS ... by James McClelland

Printed by K.L.A.N. Instant Printing, Brisbane. pp87

This is a most useful list of addresses of Societies, both genealogical and historical, and of record repositories in Australia and overseas, even many from Europe, Africa and the Orient.

Such a list would be valuable for a Genealogical Society library or for a person who has need of addresses in many parts of the world. For that matter, it would be good for one who writes down addresses and loses the piece of paper.

The author has obviously done extensive research himself and understands the needs of the average family researcher.

by Lilian Watson

Prices for these books have not yet been received, but enquiries can be made at bookshops or direct from the author, 1 Silverdale Rd., Silverdale, NSW. Alternatively copies could be ordered through the Genealogical Soc. of Tasmania.

BOOK REVIEW

ENGLISH PARISH REGISTER TRANSCRIPTS. A List of All Known Transcripts of English Parish Registers Held in Australian Libraries.

Edited by N.J. Vine Hall, Director of The Society of Australian Genealogists, Sydney, Published by The Society of Australian Genealogists 1982. Soft cover, 2nd Edition (updated) 142 pages. \$6.

Family history researchers continually need to learn what data is currently available, in what form, and the method of access. This book helps to fill this need, is reasonably priced and easy to refer to.

The Counties are listed alphabetically, as also are the Parishes. Next are listed the libraries which have these Parish registers and the years covered by the registers. It is surprising how many parishes are listed and you may be lucky enough to find the ones you require.

By using the Australia wide Inter-Library Loan Service, one could obtain through major state libraries, the copies situated in other state libraries. A friend living near the Genealogical Society libraries may be able to help search the published lists held by them.

There are 2,885 different parishes listed, being almost 30% of the ancient parishes in England. Time-span of these listings is often limited, but it is surprising how often the parishes in which I am interested are available.

No record of a register being held in Tasmania is made. As the reader of such a book could hardly resist the urge to say "I have one too", I can tell that in our GST library we have a copy of a Nonconformist Register, compiled in 1881 for the period 1644-1752, and "comprehending numerous notices of Puritans and Anti-Puritans in Yorkshire, Lancashire and Cheshire, London etc. - with lists of Popish Recusants, Quakers, etc."

Twenty copies of this useful book are available and can be obtained through the GST Library, Bellerive, \$6 each plus postage if applicable.

by Lilian Watson

Cemetery List

BROADMARSH ANGLICAN

BR16

Anglican Cemetery at rear of St Augustine
 Location : Western side Elderslie Rd, about 1 km north of town of Broadmarsh.
 Grid Ref. : Lands Dept 1:100,000 "Derwent" Map Sheet (B312) D94 793.
 Jurisdiction : Anglican Church, Parish of Brighton (1982 - Rev C. Oliver)
 Monuments : 70 (earliest 1845)
 Transcriptions: 20 Mar 1982

REF.NO.	SURNAME	DETAILS
00033	ARCHER	Robert, died 9 Mar 1863 aged 45
00034	BANNISTER	David, husband of Rita, died 26 Jul 1959 aged 62. Also William F. BANNISTER, killed in France, 3 Jan 1917 aged 25.
00022	BANNISTER	Frederick Walter, died 17 May 1911 aged 17.
00026	BANNISTER	May, wife of Alex BANNISTER, died 9 Aug 1958 aged 54.
00018	BARHAM	William John, died 11 Mar 1903 aged 65. Also William BARHAM, died 7 Jun 1895, aged 29.
00043-46	BAYLEY	Augustus Charles, died 23 Oct 1877, aged 48. Also Julia Matilda, relict of the above, died 11 Aug 1911 aged 79 Also Oswald Bayley REYNOLDS, grandson of above, 26 May 1892-24 Sep 1974 2nd stone: same plot - Minnie Jane BAYLEY, third daughter of J.C.BAYLEY died 28 Aug 1891 aged 30 3rd stone: same plot - Charles Walter BAYLEY, died 23 Nov 1894 aged 9 yrs 4 mth.
00030	BAYLEY	Henrietta, wife of C.J. BAYLEY, died 24 Jun 1917 age 59. Also Charles James BAYLEY, died 12 Oct 1925 aged 72.
00005	BENNETT	Marlene Gail, died 21 Dec 1978 aged 29. Daughter of Neita Burr
00020	BLEATHMAN	Ann, died 19 Sep 1915 aged 89.
00017	BLEATHMAN	George A., died 29 Apr 1913, aged 49
00062	BRUCE	Jamina L., died 9 Dec 1899, aged 66. Also James BRUCE, died 27 Mar 1906, aged 78 Also Alexander W. BRUCE (Bob), died 19 Jun 1907, aged 19 years.
00005	BURR	Marlene Gail - see Marlene Gail BENNETT
00006	BURR	Reginald Thomas, died 10 Dec 1979, aged 65. Husband of Neita.
00028	BURRIS	Harold, died 13 Apr 1934, aged 43. Also John James, only son of above, died 29 May 1923, aged 3 weeks.
00001	BURRIS	Mary Jane M., wife of Harold (dec), died 24 Sep 1951, aged 72. "Forever remembered by her family".
00021	CALVERT	Nora Frances, wife of Robert H.B. CALVERT, died 28 Sep 1964.
00050	CAMPBELL	Elizabeth, died 11 Aug 1884, aged 70. Wife of John CAMPBELL who died 2 Feb 1881. (Note that there is a separate stone for John)
00049	CAMPBELL	John, died 2 Feb 1881 aged 67. Verse implies long illness with pain.
00055	CHAPLIN	Edward, died 7 Oct 1874 aged 74. Also Margaret CHAPLIN, wife of above, born in Scotland 30 Oct 1824, died 9 Aug 1911.
00051	CHAPLIN	Elizabeth, died at Hobart 29 Jun 1920 aged 86.
00054	CHAPLIN	Emily, died 8 Nov 1867, aged 15.
00010	CORNISH	Harold V., our uncle, son of Jillian & Agnes CORNISH, brother of Hertel & May, died 15 May 1970 aged 79.

<u>REF. NO.</u>	<u>SURNAME</u>	<u>DETAILS</u>
00036	COX	Alma Maria, died 8 Feb 1890 aged 33
00038	COX	Celia Caroline, died 3 Apr 1882 aged 61. "farewell dear husband ... love my children".
00039	COX	Fane, died 23 Sep 1893 aged 84.
00014	DAVIS	Walter Randolph, died 23 Sep 1977, brother of Caroline & Tony.
00013	DAVIS	William Walter, husband of Millie DAVIS, died 10 Dec 1917 aged 37. (Inserted by his wife and family) Also our mother and brother, Frances Amelia died 22 Jun 1957, and Sydney Raymond, died 6 Jun 1974. Missed by their loving family.
00067	ESPIE	Ellen Mary, died 1 Aug 1866 aged 33.
00066	ESPIE	Mary, died 15 Oct 1866 aged 73.
00024	GRAY	Ruth, died 28 Jul 1957 aged 74. Also husband Charles Walter GRAY, died 10 Apr 1964 aged 89.
00029	GRAY	Sarah, died 21 Mar 1923 aged 73. Also Samuel GRAY, died 1 Aug 1924 aged 76 Also James GRAY Also Ella M. GRAY, died 17 Aug 1902 aged 16 Also Ada L. GRAY, died 5 Aug 1908 aged 20
00069	HANDLEY	Mary Ann Millicent, died 15 Jul 1850 aged 15
00007	HABES	Ernest James, husband of Kathleen, father of Gaye & Janet. Died 22 Apr 1970 aged 67
00009	HABES	John U., died 10 Jun 1945 aged 81 Also Martha, wife of above, died 27 Mar 1958 aged 82. Grandad & Nana.
00012	HABES	William John, son of John U. and Martha HABES, and father of Douglas, died 17 Jun 1932 aged 33
00048	HINDES	Annie, wife of T.R. HINDES, died 14 Feb 1902 aged 65. Also Sydney, youngest child of the above, aged 7 yrs. Also Florence HINDES, fourth daughter of Annie & T.R. HINDES, died 18 Jul 1912. Also Thomas R. HINDES, husband of the above, died 18 Feb 1922 aged 85.
00040	HOLMES	Alice Maria, died 11 Aug 1888, aged 37
00041	HOLMSTROM	Jane J., died 29 Oct 1948 aged 77. Also Hilda F. RAYNER
00056	HUGHES	Caroline, my mother, died 18 Oct 1934, aged 87. Missed by your daughter Rosie and family.
00016	JONES	Aeron, died 18 Nov 18(9?)6, aged 73.
00057	LEE	Charles, see Thomas WHITEBREAD
00032	McCAULAY	John A., died 20 Apr 1858 aged 19 months.
00065	MANN	Charles, died 20 Jan 1869 aged 75
00064	MANN	Phoebe, died 25 Jun 1856 aged 66 Also Sarah MANN, daughter of the above, died 4 Sep 1992 aged 71(?)
00063	MANN	Sarah, died 11 Aug 1878 aged 48 Also Edward MANN, died 20 Jul 1895
00060	NEECH	Sigma Myrtle, died 5 Aug 1971. Mother of Jim, Henry, Nance and Gloria
00027	NICHOLS	Albert C., died 20 Jan 1964 aged 73. Also Arthur R. NICHOLS, died 26 Jun 1964 aged 77.

REF.NO.	SURNAME	DETAILS
00070	NICHOLS	Annie, died 19 Dec 1944 aged 91. Also David NICHOLS, son of the above, died 23 Oct 1946 aged 62.
00058	NICHOLS	Eileen, our daughter and sister, died 16 Aug 1942. Missed by her father, sisters and brothers.
00061	NICHOLS	George, husband of the late Rose Ann, father of his sons and daughters. Died 14 Nov 1970 aged 93.
00015	NICHOLS	Irene, died 15 Jul 1920 aged 2 weeks.
00011	NICHOLS	M.D., TX2567, Private M.D.NICHOLS, 2/40 Infantry Batt. 10 Mar 1980 aged 58.
00059	NICHOLS	Rose Ann, my wife and our mother, died 3 Dec 1945 aged 63. 2nd stone in front - Our son and brother, Frank NICHOLS who was drowned on the H.M.A.S. Sydney, 17 Nov 1942.
00025	NICHOLS	Walter Lewis, died 30 Dec 1959. Also Charlotte May NICHOLS, wife of the above, died 5 Apr 1963.
00031	DGG	John Frederick, died 28 May 1877 aged 4 years.
00004	PAUL	Gladys Eileen, died 10 Oct 1971 aged 51, wife of Donald.
00003	PAUL	Laura Ruby, died 18 Feb 1972 aged 76.
00068	POGUE	Jane, daughter of Asst Supt POGUE, died 9 Jun 1847 age 13.
00041	RAYNER	Hilda F., see Jane J. HOLMSTROM
00043-6	REYNOLDS	Oswald Bayley, see Augustus Charles BAYLEY
00037	RILEY	Frederick, died 28 May 1977 aged 74
00002	ROLLS	Edith Irene, wife of Keith Walter ROLLS, died 17 May 1945 aged 29.
00008	ROLLS	John William, husband of Isabella ROLLS, died 6 Aug 1942 aged 67. Also Thomas W. ROLLS, son of the above, died while a P.O.W. in Thailand, 21 Sep 1943 aged 25. Also Isabella Enea ROLLS, wife and mother of above, died 1 Feb 1981 aged 96.
00035	STOREY	Elsie Gould, wife of Lieut J. Oliver STOREY, 26th Batt. 1st A.I.F. died 16 Jun 1959. Also her husband Lieut J.O. STOREY, died 8 Jan 1959.
00047	*STOVE	Mary Ann, died 22(?) Apr 186(?)0, aged 11 months. *Name badly eroded - best guess.
00052	TONKS	Mary, died 1 Aug 1890 aged 80. (Fenced in with Richard TONKS)
00053	TONKS	Richard, died 13 Aug 1876, aged 76. (Fenced in with Mary TONKS)
00042	WATSON	Jack, 960 Pte Jack WATSON, 26 Bn, 30 May '38 (AIF plate).
00057	WHITEBREAD	Thomas, died 29 Oct 1852 aged 67. Also Charles LEE, died 5 Jul 1852 aged 67.
00023	WILLIAMS	Thomas, died 21 Aug 18(90?), aged (8?)2 years. Also Mary WILLIAMS, died 3 Feb 1891 aged 76. "... our parents grave ..."
00019	WILSON	Elizabeth Annie, wife of Vernon WILSON, died 3 Jan 1948 aged 58

A DEVONSHIRE EPITAPH ...

HERE LIE THE REMAINS OF JAS. PADY, brickmaker, late of this parish..in hopes that his clay will be remoulded in a workmanlike manner far superior to his former perishable materials (A New Book of Epitaphs-R.L.Brown)

ROBERT WEBBER of PIERMONT by Frances Travers

On the 27 October 1826 Robert WEBBER, his wife Mary and six children, arrived in Hobart Town on the ship "Hugh Crawford" from Dorset in England.

WEBBER, a farmer from Drimpton (a hamlet in the Parish of Broadwindsor, Dorset) was to go into partnership with Captain LANGDON who owned 'Montacute', but this agreement was never carried out. Robert WEBBER then took up a grant of land for 1000 acres at Oyster Bay, and built his first homestead at the mouth of the Stony River in 1827. The present home 'Piermont' was finished in 1838.

Mary Webber must have felt the family ties were broken when she left behind a daughter Anna (or Hannah) who was to have a child later in the same year her parents sailed for Tasmania. However, a daughter, Sedina, was born to Robert and Mary at 'Piermont' on the 28 March 1829, and was christened at the Church of England, Richmond on the 18 April 1834. The death of Mary Webber (formerly FARNHAM) at 'Piermont' on the 10 June 1830 is recorded on the headstone for the family in the Church of England Cemetery at Swansea.

William Farnham WEBBER, the eldest son, born on the 22 December 1804, did not stay on the property, and his father's displeasure seemed evident when his will disclosed "to my son William Farnham WEBBER in the Island of Van Diemen's Land the sum of five shillings to be paid within twelve months after my death". William never married and is believed to have died in Hobart on the 17 August 1868.

Sons did not seem to favour staying on the land because John Thomas WEBBER, born 21 December 1809, also left for Hobart Town and it is recorded that he eventually married Hannah PICKETT aged 18, in St. George's Church Battery Point, when he was 40 years of age. His sister Jane TRAVERS was a witness. It is not known how many children they had but it is thought they had at least one son.

Walter Valentine WEBBER, youngest of the Webber sons was born in Dorset on St. Valentine's Day, 1825 and was only a small child on arrival in Tasmania. His untimely death on the 5 September 1843 through an accident with a bullock team on 'Piermont' occurred only six months after his father had died with dysentery. A cairn on the property marks the place where the tragic accident occurred. Walter, his father and mother are all buried in the Swansea Churchyard. Badly deteriorating headstones make this hard to find, but it is hoped to restore these at a later date.

Jane, the eldest daughter who was born on the 15 October 1812, must have been quite venturesome, because family members recall that she "ran away with the carpenter who came to help build 'Piermont'". The carpenter was Thomas TRAVERS and they married in St. David's Church on the 21 April 1840 and her brother John was a witness. Three children were born to this couple before Thomas died from fever on the 5 December 1850 and was buried in the Trinity Church burial ground in Campbell Street (now the site of the Campbell Street school). Jane lived until the 5 November 1884, when she died of bronchitis. At this time she owned property in Burnett Street, near Argyle Street, and two of the small homes are listed with the National Trust. A headstone was erected by her grand daughter in Cornelian Bay Cemetery.

Elizabeth WEBBER and her sisters Maria and Sedina were joint heirs of their father's property, and life could not have been easy for them, with no male members of their family left on 'Piermont' after 1843. Elizabeth married Captain John Perkins KING (who is alleged to have shipped the first apples from Tasmania) on the 13 April 1844 in the Swansea School house. Her sister Sedina married Edwin WOODLAND on the 14 February 1847 in the same building. Edwin later died, and Sedina married William JACK. By coincidence, Sedina died in Richmond 70 years after her birth and in the same area where she was christened. Maria WEBBER never married, and died in Swansea on the 31 January 1886.

Descendants of Elizabeth and John Perkins KING still live at 'Piermont' today, and 'Coswell', another property in close proximity, is owned by the family.

Robert WEBBER and his wife were among the early pioneers of the East Coast of Tasmania and their descendants have spread throughout all parts of Australia. It is hoped that a reunion can be organised in the not too distant future so that family members can link up again and piece together the jig saw puzzle of missing names.

Terry TRAVERS (who descends from Jane WEBBER) and his wife Frances are going to England in June for the express purpose of visiting the church where his ancestors married, and taking photographs. Perhaps good luck will smile upon them, and they will meet other family members who still live in the Dorset or Somerset area and hopefully trace further back. The quest goes on for still more names to add to the ever growing family tree.

Anyone interested in helping to organize a reunion can contact Terry and Frances (24 Mitcham Road, Claremont - phone 49 3064) after the 6th July 1982.

Note: Piermont overlooks Oyster Bay close to Swansea.
Mr & Mrs Travers have now returned from the trip mentioned above.

NEW MEMBERS

PECK, Mr R	Tas	McCARTHY, Miss M A	Tas
GRIFFIN, Mr & Mrs A R	"	JOHNSTON, Mr D H	"
BLIZZARD, Mrs N	"	DICK, Mrs K M	"
McLEOD, Ms	"	BRESNEHAN, Mrs M P	"
McBAIN, Ms	"	COX, Mrs P M	"
GATSBY, Mr R	"	O'BRIEN, Miss C L	"
COLEMAN, Mrs T	"	PARKER, Mr T E	"
GUY, Mrs K	"	STEBBINS, Miss D M	"
ILLICHMAN, Mrs L	"	WILLEY, Mrs J	"
DEAN, Mrs C M	"	CHALLIN, Mrs E M	"
STOCK, Rev B L	"		
McKENZIE, Mr & Mrs A	"		
NEILSON, Mr W A	"	CULLEN, Mr & Mrs G	Vic
WILLIAMS, Mr C G D	"	ARNOLD, Mrs B	"
ALLPORT, Mr & Mrs D	"	FRANCIS, Mrs D C	"
FORREST, Mr P S	"	ARNOLD, Mrs V L	"
FRENCH, Mr M V	"	MATTHEWS, Mrs I L	"
HOOK, Mrs C	"	TATNELL, Mr D B	"
DALTON, Mrs N	"		
WEBSTER, Mr L J	"		
MEARNS, Mrs S M	"	GOSLING, Mrs M A	NSW
DODGE, Mr W L	"	TURNELL, Mrs K	"
READ, Mr K J	"	REED, Mrs J D	"
HARDINGE, Mr & Mrs J	"	PHILLIPS, Mrs R P	"
VANDER SLUYS, Mrs G	"	GORE, Mrs C M	"
KELLY, M Y J	"		
MACFIE, Mr P H	"		
ALDREDGE, Mr & Mrs S	"	McVILLEY, Mr L	ACT
McINTOSH, Mrs C V	"		
FULTON, Mr T A	"		
RIDLER, Mr P W	"	SHEGOG, Mr T S	SA
HAROS, Mr S J	"	BOWERING, Mrs J M	"
DENNISON, Mr C J	"		
MOORE, Mrs M T	"		
PROCTER, Miss S P	"	PLUNKETT, Mrs B	WA
RATHBONE, Mrs R	"		
CRASKE, Mrs S	"		
GILL, Miss J	"		
JACKWAY, Mrs A M	"		
MAHONEY, Mrs E J	"		
MARSTON, Mrs H K	"		
McKIBBEN, Mrs J M	"		
PECK, Mr D N	"		
SCOTT, Mrs J K	"		
WRIGHT, Mrs D G	"		
ROBINSON, Mr B	"		
EASTLEY, Ms V	"		



Relatively Quiet ... by D. Gear

There comes a time in London when even the most resolute traveller reels from the impact of so much history and pageantry. One leaves the museums - the galleries - the shops and street markets - the monuments - the whole delirious 'street-theatre' atmosphere and boards a crimson bus (three at a time after a lengthy wait) - and seeks the cathedral quiet and archival calm of St. Catherine's House in the Kingsway.

"Go past, love, and walk back. It's quicker" advised the clipper, boring her way phlegmatically through the swaying throng before turning to a bewildered French girl with a handful of meaningless coins for a crash course in English currency values. So we went past and walked back and it was quicker. Not that it was easy to hurry cocooned as we were in sheepskin coats, gloves and hats, handbag and briefcase: but the brisk London crowds flowed around us and Lo! there we were - our oasis - our 'scallop shell of quiet!'

"Would you mind opening your bags?". We were used to the polite request and the security check eyes boring through us like diamond drills. Sadly it happens everywhere. The uniformed officials were bluff. "Births at the front; marriages at the back; deaths have gone. They're round the corner, Alexandra House."

It was a large room neatly sectioned into compartments formed by shelving, floor to ceiling, housing hundreds of Olympian ledgers, brass and calf, weighing on average half a hundred-weight. These were the Indexes of every birth and marriage in England and Wales since 1837. And every possible relative from then on burrowing, swaying, sweating, shoving, writing, poring, muttering and grimacing in frenzied endeavour to get at them. Not to mention the 'professionals' ...

I reeled against the wall in a small uninhabited corner and drank it all in - the muted babble of tongues from all four corners of the world where Englishmen had gone - the fat, mute ledgers hiding what secrets from the family cupboard ... the D.N.A. of a nation ... Inside the massive covers the paper was thick and creamy, the writing elegant, redolent of gaslight and handsome cabs, bustles and bombazine, and poor Bob Crachitt hunched over his stool at eight o'clock at night.

Relatively Quiet continued ...2

A SAM missile whizzed past my head and landed with a 'thunk' on the Dickensian desk. With an expert twist of a wrist the man flicked open the ledger and ran his laser-beam eyes down the list, and I came back to earth with a sense of suspended purpose. It was getting a bit warm, too. I opened my coat, tucked my gloves into the pockets, wiped my glasses and consulted my list, leaning on my little piece of desk. Whoosh! Another cargo of history landed as I smartly side-stepped. But I was getting the message. Keep moving. I humped down my first ledger and my wrist went off like a pistol shot. Somebody pushed me from one side and the 'Professional' shoved me from the other. My ledger slid down off the desk and as I grabbed it my glasses steamed up again. I fought to bring my bag into range, extracted a pencil and pad and looked helplessly for somewhere to leave my things. Not a peg - a shelf - a mousehole or a crack. Only a smug notice saying "Beware of Thieves" and a sanctimonious little homily saying "We told you so". Somebody's elbow knocked my hat over my eyes as another brass-bound missile scythed past my ears and I ducked. Where, oh! where the calm, the quiet, the sanctified atmosphere? The stolid attendants looked on tolerantly and the man in the basement stoked the boiler with a diabolical leer ...

I was getting the hang of this. Do it logically - don't flit - method - that's the thing. 1867 January to March. April to June - July ah! got it! I reached up as a large hairy hand and a man with a bolt through his neck whisked it away like an autumn leaf. Right! Come back to that one. Ah, what a pity! October to December is out for rebinding. Take a spell. Mop up. Coat over arm, hat over one ear, bag clenched between knees - dry the specs. That's better. People fall into categories: the lean, be-jeaned and not-so-cool young kidding themselves it's all a giggle ... the crease-less, wrinkle-less, non-iron American matron, infuriatingly immaculate and indefatigably vocal and the lynx-eyed, steel sinewed 'pro' with his neat black book and death-dealing drive.

My husband was washed to my feet by the tidal flow; perspiration poured down his face and his coat was clenched between his teeth. He looked 'ill-used' but he flapped a piece of paper triumphantly at me. We withdrew to the relative calm of the Admin section and filled in our 'Request' form. "I've had enough peace and quiet" he said wanly, "shall we go to the zoo?"

Notes & Queries

MEMBERS RESEARCH DIRECTORY

Members of the Launceston Branch have expressed a desire to have a Members Research Directory published, based on similar lines to the ones produced by other Societies, i.e. The South Australian Society. If you would like to participate in this please write to Karlens Nagle at 149 Opossum Road, Norwood, Launceston, TAS. 7250, with all the names you wish to submit to such a Directory. The sooner this is done the sooner it can be prepared into a satisfactory document for publication. Thank you for your assistance.

MELBOURNE NEWS

On Saturday 3 July last, a get-together of Victorian members of the Genealogical Society of Tasmania was organised by Helen Harris. Special guests at the function were Frances and Terry Travers of Hobart who had just returned the previous day from a tour of America, England and Ireland.

Unfortunately, due to a slipped disc which occurred late the previous evening, Helen was not able to get around as well as she would have liked, but other energetic members came to the rescue and the night proved most interesting for the twenty people who were able to be in attendance at the Nunawading Mayor's Reception Rooms.

Informality was the keynote of the evening and Frances and Terry spent a lot of time answering questions of members and prospective members. A chart was put on the wall with members Tasmanian interests and families and this was given to Frances to bring back for display at the monthly Tasmanian meetings. It is hoped that some Tasmanian members will find connections with members in Victoria.

Helen Harris said that the way in which the Tasmanian Society could help the Victorian members most would be if people could make reciprocal research arrangements. As can be imagined, it is rather expensive for Victorians to travel over here to get the required information. Any volunteers for this work - which of course would benefit both parties?

Since the meeting of the 3rd July, Helen Harris advised that arrangements are under way to have a regular get together in Victoria at various members' homes approximately every three months. Anyone who is planning a trip to Victoria may like to contact Helen Harris (20 Abellia St, Nunawading) as they would be more than welcome to attend.

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BRITISH POSTAL STAMPS AVAILABLE AT THE LIBRARY

As mentioned in the last journal, International Reply Coupons offer poor value for money, and the use of British postage stamps is recommended if you are researching in that country. Our library at Percy St, Bellerive, has a number of 29p stamps for sale (this is the current price for a standard airmail letter).

A BADGE FOR THE GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY OF TASMANIA?

Can you design a badge for G.S.T. Society members? If so, the Executive would be very pleased to receive your efforts. Get your pencils out and forward any design to your Branch secretary.

POSTAGE COSTS FOR JOURNAL

Surface mail postage for "Tasmanian Ancestry" is 65cents Australian for Asia and Oceania; 75 cents elsewhere. This cost is, of course, included in your subscription. If you wish to have your journal sent by airmail, please pay the difference between this amount and the airmail costs listed below:-

New Zealand \$1.50 U.S.A. \$3.00 U.K. \$3.25 (Australian dollars)

GREEN STICKERS : AN APOLOGY

The Publications Committee would like to apologise to all members who found a green sticker on their journal when their current subscription had been paid. As we were about to post the journals, it was discovered that the Publications Committee's list of financial members was not up-to-date. Rather than delay the posting of the journal or deny unfinancial members a reminder, it was decided to sticker all members. We trust that those who had already paid will understand our dilemma. "To err is human, to forgive divine".

NOTES ON EXCHANGE JOURNALS

The reason for listing the contents of journals in the Library List is to make them more easily available to members. The Librarian welcomes requests for photocopies of any journal article, which can be provided for a small fee.

Searching in NSW? In the December 1981 issue of "Descent" (Journal of Australian Society of Genealogists) there is a valuable article by Joanna Richards on the NSW Archives and Mitchell Library's holdings of records useful to genealogists. The June 1981 issue has an article by Tim Robinson on the rich collections of primary records held by the Society of Australian Genealogists in Sydney.

MEMBERS' PERSONAL NEWS

Neil and Anne Chick now have a third daughter and sixth child, Hannah Jane. Congratulations to all the family not forgetting grandmother Georgina Chick.

Frances and Terry Travers have now returned from their visit to U.K. We hear that their genealogical enterprises were very successful, and look forward to hearing all about them.

John Harrison is leaving in September for three months in U.K. researching his family. John lists all our library acquisitions for the journal and was the author of our recent publication on the resources available in the Lands Dept. Good hunting John. The British Ancestry Research Group will want to pick your brains on your return.

Lillian Watson, our immediate Past President, is away in Queensland having a well-earned holiday. A highlight of Lillian's trip is to be a visit to the Headquarters of the Australian Society of Genealogists in Sydney.

Members will be very sorry to hear that Mrs Betty Bowden's husband died recently. We offer our sincere sympathy to Mrs Bowden and her family.

NOTES & QUERIES Continued

NEWSPAPER INDEXING - "The Mercury"

Mr Kevin C. Whitton of 51 Coppin Street, East Malvern, Vic. 3145 offers the members of the C.S.T. the opportunity to consult his index to births, marriages and deaths from the "Mercury". All enquiries should be accompanied by a stamped addressed envelope.

Transcription and indexing of the following issues has been completed. All dates are inclusive.

July 1858 - August 1859
January - March and June 1864
December 1869
January - December 1877
July 1881 - March 1882
July and August 1887
January 1888

Mr Whitton proposes to continue the index in stages until the year 1899 and has generously offered to place the completed index in our GST library, to be known as "Whitton's Mercury Index" in commemoration of his Tasmanian ancestors.

At times the only record of certain events is that found in the newspaper. I have in mind the death of a Hobart man in 1859 which was clearly published in the newspaper yet no civil registration nor burial record can be found. If the death had occurred at sea this would have been understandable, but this was not so. Deaths of Tasmanians which occurred in other states are also often found in newspapers.

This index will be a most useful research tool.

Contributed by Lillian Watson.

Editor's Note: Our Librarian, Theo Sharples, has 20 years of more recent copies of "The Mercury" awaiting indexation. Offers of help will be gratefully received.

- MCLEOD/LUTTRELL I am seeking information on Sarah McLeod, free, who married Edgar Luttrell at the Methodist Church Hobart on 29 April 1821. It has come to my attention that a Mr McLeod ran the Trans Derwent Ferry around 1820. As the licensee of the ferry service Mr McLeod was required to set up a store and inn near the terminus on the Bellerive side. It appears that the ferry terminal was in Kangaroo Bay, near where the present hotel is. The Luttrell family had connections in the Bellerive area at that time and later, so it may be that the Mr McLeod of the ferry service is of the same family as Sarah. Any information please to Ms Jean Butler, 10 Talbingo Place, Heckenberg, NSW. 2168.
- HALES Daniel, born about 1808, married Sarah Ann TRAILL 22 Dec 1840 at Trinity Church, Hobart. Information sought about their places of birth and dates of arrival in Tasmania.
Mrs M. Gosling, 5 Fox Road, North Ryde, NSW 2113.
- MARTIN John, born about 1808, Innkeeper in Hobart, married Sarah YOUNG on 20 Mar 1841 at St David's, Hobart. John and Robert were their sons. Any information about John and Sarah appreciated.
Mrs M. Gosling, 5 Fox Rd, Nth Ryde, NSW 2113.
- FOLLY William, labourer in Hobart area 1842.
Any information please. Mrs M. Gosling, 5 Fox Rd, Nth Ryde, NSW 2113.

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- O'BRIEN** William Henry, born c.1850 Glenorchy, son of William O'BRIEN and Ann COHEN. Married Eliza BURLIS c.1877 at North Hobart. Children Salome A. (m D. HARRISON) Glenorchy; Charles Wellington b.1879, Elsinore Radford; Ida; Maggie; Beesie (m. H. BENNETT); Norman; Ivy; Oscar. Went to Sydney 1906 where died 1910. Was he descendant of Thomas O'BRIEN who arrived in 1808 from Norfolk aboard 'City of Edinburgh'? Thomas' sons James & William were early farmers in O'Briens Bridge area.
Any information please to Mrs J.E. Jones, 18 Rusapehu Cres., Tasmacranui, New Zealand.
- WRIGHT** James Peter or Peter, born 16 Oct 1871, Sassafras District of Port Sorell, Tasmania. Drowned N.Z. 6 Dec 1903. Parents James WRIGHT and Christina (nee BELL). Information sought about his family - wife and three children.
Mrs Dorothy Wright, 9 Kay Street, Kingsmeadows, Tas. 7250
- (KAY
(WILLIAMS
(NEUMAN Robert, from Scotland, arrived in Circular Head, Tasmania in 1840's.
Griffiths Thomas of Carnarvon, Wales, who arrived Launceston in 1880's.
Joseph and Annie (or Hannah) of Jandong, Vic. married 1886.
Information sought on the above please, by Miss Flo Neuman, Lyell Hwy, GRANTON, 7013.

Miss Cheryl Griffin of 184 McCrae Street, Bendigo, Vic. 3550 writes:-
I am hoping that through Tasmanian Ancestry I will be able to locate someone who would be willing to do some Tasmanian research for me in exchange for me doing some for them in Victoria (particularly Bendigo). My family came mostly from the Longford/Westbury area but access to Hobart records would also be a help. I am often in Melbourne at the State Library.
This seems to be an ideal opportunity to share with a fellow genealogist.
- CLARKE/
KINGSBURY** Information sought on the family of Mary Smith CLARK, the daughter of John (F.H.?) CLARK and his wife Elizabeth (nee KINGSBURY). Mary was born in Hobart 1 Jan 1841 and married Frederick HALL in 1860, in Sydney. The origin of the Kingsbury family is particularly wanted. Family traditions are that Elizabeth KINGSBURY was born in Paris, the daughter of an English Doctor and eloped with a Spanish sailor who deserted her in Bilbao. Her family may have been landed gentry from Hampshire who disowned her. John (F.H.?) Clarke may have persuaded her to come to Tasmania, but they spent some time on the Ballarat goldfields.
Rev. Basil L. Stock, 44 Wellesley Street, South Hobart. 7000
- TURNER** Mary. Seeking information and/or any descendants.
Arrived Hobart per "Henry 1825. Sought indulgence 1829 to marry Thomas REEVES.(Free per Brig 'Lion' or 'Lyon' arrived Hobart 1829.)
Refused.
Married John GREEN, convict, arrived Hobart 'Woodman' 1826, at St. Johns Launceston 1831. Son William born c. 1835 at which time Mary Turner possibly assigned to Rev. R. Clarence. Son William later called himself William Thomas Turner REEVES. Would be most grateful for any information at all.
Mrs. Lyn Bateman, 10 Dunkelth Avenue, BENDWA, Qld. 4217
- SMITH** Information wanted on the following Smiths:-
Any Smiths living Mole Creek or Chudleigh area 1800's.
William Smith died Ulverstone 25 Oct 1899 aged 45, second son of the late William SMITH of Mole Creek, brother to Rhode, John, Ted, Lenard, possibly others.
William Smith buried Presbyterian Cemetery, Chudleigh, 3 Mar 1914, age 35.
Thomas Smith buried 30 Oct 1921 aged 75.
Any information please to Mrs Bev Smith, 2 Lindsay Place, Devonport.
Phone: 245562

NOTES & QUERIES

McCREGGORS SHIPWRIGHTS

John Moore. My great grandfather, a shipwright, was said to be foreman for John McGregor, shipwright. Many of his brothers, sons etc. were employed also at McGregor's.
I wonder if there are any surviving records of this well known firm?

Janine Reed, "Jilderie", Taylors Arm Rd, Macksville, N.S.W. 2447

McMAIDE

Alice (nee MOORE). I would like to contact descendants of Alice who was the second youngest and longest surviving daughter of John MOORE and Ann Walker MOORE (nee FUGG). Alice and her husband Johnny appear to have lived near Bothwell, their children being Aina, Bertha, Olive, Eileen, Jack and Harold.
Janine Reed, "Jilderie", Taylors Arm Rd, Macksville, N.S.W. 2447

BAINE(E)

Searching for birth details of Ava Baine(e) who married Richard STEEG on 31 March 1862, aged 18 years. Can anyone please help?
R.J. Thompson, Dixon Point Rd, Sandford, Tas. 7021.

SYMONS

I would very much like to know of any descendants of my great grandfather and his brother, Samuel SYMONS b.1799 St Minver, Cornwall and Henry SYMONS b.1809, both transported in 1835 accused of stealing two bullocks. Both were pardoned in 1847. Samuel remained in Tasmania while Henry went to Victoria.
Mrs W.N. Dingle, Holland House, 143a Mannamead Rd, Plymouth, Devon, PL3 3NU, England.

DEVINE/HAYDON

Thomas Devine arrived from Ireland 1846 and settled in Oatlands after obtaining his Pardon in 1854. His daughter Johanna was born there in 1863 and named after her mother. Can anyone help with any information on Thomas' wife Johanna (nee HAYDON), on their marriage or on any other children of theirs, please?
Mrs J. Bugg, 14 Mortimer Avenue, New Town, 7008.

LYNCH

John, born 1863 (Glamorgan, Tas). He married Johanna DEVINE in 1892 in Oatlands and they later lived in Latrobe and/or Ulverstone. John LYNCH had brothers Tom, Charlie and Peter who were miners on the west coast. Would be grateful for any information on the family's moves around Tasmania and Melbourne and also on whether his parents James & Ellen LYNCH and his mother-in-law Johanna DEVINE moved from Oatlands with them?
Mrs J. Bugg, 14 Mortimer Avenue, New Town, 7008.

BOOK REVIEW

THE TASMANIAN TRAMP: No. 24, 1982-3. Published by the Hobart Walking Club, Box 753 H, GPO Hobart, Tas. 7001. 202 pages. \$4.95

For those who have never seen our remote and beautiful island, and equally for those who know and love it, this book will provide the savour of its scenery and climate. Apart from the expected and detailed observations of terrain for those walking in wilderness areas, there are articles on; The French in d'Entrecasteaux Channel in 1802, a sailing trip to the South West, the Botanist Robert Brown who accompanied Flinders in the 'Investigator' and later witnessed the founding of Hobart, an early meteorological station on Mount Wellington, names donated by early seamen, Charles Darwin's visit to Hobart Town in 1826, the South Heens Kirk tinfield, an oral history report of an interview with an old state forest logging worker. How did you travel from the East Coast to Hobart in 1840? These are just some of the 45 articles and poems, almost all illustrated, to be found here. There are also four pages of colour photographs.

ACCOMMODATION REGISTER FOR RESEARCHERS

The Hobart Branch of the G.S.T. has expressed interest in the register of people willing to provide accommodation for researchers for a reasonable fee. Victorian and South Australian Genealogical Societies are already participating.

As early families of Tasmania, Victoria and South Australia are often connected this scheme could be very helpful and it is hoped that our members who have a spare room will register. You will not commit yourself to visitors until you have exchanged letters and discussed dates, prices etc.

The following guidelines have been suggested and are here reprinted from the December 1981 edition of "Ancestor".

1. Only those people who are registered members of either society could partake of the scheme, and only for the purpose of research. (It is not intended as a scheme for cheap holidays).
2. Separate room with bed and breakfast supplied, evening meal by mutual arrangement. A table or desk, suitable for writing up notes, be part of the furniture. Close to public transport, or with carparking facilities. Smokers/non-smokers and other preferences to be stated. Tariff to be decided between the parties concerned.
3. Visitors to be entirely independent of the host family for transport.

To make the Society's position clear we advise members that the purpose of the Register is merely to provide members with information concerning available accommodation.

The Society is not to be regarded as an agent of any host providing accommodation nor does it warrant the availability, suitability and safety of the accommodation provided.

Members should note that any arrangements they make concerning accommodation are to be made solely with the host concerned.

A family tree will be easier to climb

By GEORGE LANGLEY

If you have ever tried to climb your family tree and weren't able to reach the first limb, the Department of Justice is about to give you a leg up.

Registrations of marriages and deaths in Queensland to the turn of the century are to be made available.

The Justice Minister and Attorney-General, Mr Doumany, said the move would enable family history researchers to conduct their own research cheaply.

"At present, researchers have to pay the Registrar-General to conduct an index search, which could become costly," Mr Doumany said.

He said many branches of the Genealogical Society of Queensland, historical societies and private citizens had asked for the indexes to be made public.

Nominal cost

"Microfiche copies of the indexes are being produced and will be sold to interested parties at the nominal cost of \$40," Mr Doumany said.

"The fee is calculated to meet the direct cost of producing the microfiche."

Mr Doumany said family researchers would be able to spend unlimited time checking whatever time span was necessary to locate the date of a death or marriage.

During this research researchers might turn up dates of death for other ancestors, thus enabling them to buy death certificates from the Registrar-General.

Mr Doumany said a death certificate was important to a family history researcher, because it listed the children of the family and usually the location of the burial, which enabled further research on the family.

Miners of the Blue Tier by Kathleen Burns

The early settlers on the Blue Tiers struggled to grow enough food to keep alive. They drifted in from 1868 to farm the land and they did not realise that the ore lying thickly on the surface of the Tier was in fact the metal tin. In 1874 the significance of the metal started a tin rush in this area. Some miners came overland from the Mathinna goldfields but most sailed into the Georges Bay (St. Helens) and then set out for the Tier which was a full two days walk away. Because of the distance involved and the need to spend overnight in the bush, a tent was set up halfway between Georges Bay and the Tier. This was at a little farming settlement named Goshen. This tent was later converted into an Inn by putting split palings around it and a shingle roof on top. It had turned into the first 'public' in the area and was known as the Oxford Arms Inn and its remains are still on the side of the road at Goshen today. From Goshen the miners crossed a marshy area and then continued up to Gould's Country. Here they freshened up and ate well at the Johnston's Boarding House. From Gould's Country it was a hike of seven miles to the largest mining town of Lottah or they continued for another three miles right to the brow of the Tier where the little town of Poimena stood. Another mining town called Weldborough stood on the other side of the Blue Tier at a distance of twelve miles from Lottah.

Mines sprang up all over the Blue Tier over the following twenty years and the 'ruby tin' was considered the best quality tin in the world. Dams were built to hold the water needed to drive the water-wheels. Each mine had its own water-wheel to drive its stampers, which crushed the granite containing the tin ore. Water wheels differed in size from 20' but the biggest in the southern hemisphere in 1880 was at the Anchor Mine at Lottah. It was sixty six feet in diameter and was constructed on the steep hillside with very basic tools.

The first miners were paid only 12/- a week but after a while they went on strike for 8/- a day. To dodge this demand the employers brought in Chinese miners who worked very cheaply. However this move did not succeed and our miners got their 8/- a day to be the first in Tasmania. Their work was very hard. They had to dig the granite out of the mountainside with picks

MINERS OF THE BLUE TIER continued 2.

and shovels. It was then napped down to size with hammers for going through the stampers. The Chinese mentioned earlier all settled in the Weldborough area and they were good citizens and community members. Their Joss House from Weldborough is a fine exhibit in the Launceston Museum today. The bags of tin transported to Georges Bay on Tin Carts each held a hundred-weight and these heavy loads negotiated the wooden roads and marshy areas for twenty miles to get to the Port. The ships which came to collect the tin brought in the supplies for the shops on the Blue Tier and the tin carts took these supplies back with them on their return trips.

With the advent of the miner on the Blue Tier, the early farmer at last had someone to sell his produce to for money and so their lot improved. The people who lived in the farming towns of Gould's Country, Goshen, Pyengana only met their neighbours from the mining towns on social occasions. These included of course the Church meetings, picnics etc. Dances were held in small halls with fiddle or accordian music making the feet tap. Magic lantern shows came to Gould's Country in 1890. The Salvation Army travelled with their coloured slides which told the story of the Bible. Elderly folk living here today remember watching the slides which were shown on a bed sheet, their eyes wide with wonder. Cricket, football, foot-races, horse races were all popular amongst these hard working people. Indoor chopping was very well attended and this sport still continues today in the halls in this area and mainly by the descendants of the early choppers.

From the turn of the century the mining on the Blue Tier went into a decline. This was caused partially by a slowing up of the water sources on the Tier. In the first days of mining the creeks had run swiftly on this heavily timbered mountain, but after twenty years they decreased in volume. This happened because when the first farmers arrived on the Tier, one of the first things they did was put fire into the bush in order to grow food. Then to provide shelter and roads and later townships the timber had to be felled and in this process the Blue Tier gradually became denuded. This caused a lack of rainfall in the area and by the late 1890's tin mining was in trouble and the miners decided that their living had to be made elsewhere.

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Those out of work miners packed up their houses and put their possessions on wagons and came to the small town called St. Helens. Here they became fishermen, shop keepers, builders etc. and it was these miners from the Blue Tier who built the town of St. Helens as we know it today. In 1958 St. Helens replaced Gould's Country as the centre for Local Government.

One of the descendants of those pioneers living on the Tier today always says "If you got hold of the Blue Tier and gave it a good shake it would flood the whole world with tin".

Book Review

A HISTORY OF SCOTLAND AND GUIDE TO TRACING CONVICTS
AND IMMIGRANTS WHO CAME FROM SCOTLAND .. by James
McClelland

Book No.15 printed by Talinga Office Supplies,
St.Marys, NSW. 158pp

This book should interest those who have Scottish ancestry and want a handy reference to Clans and associated families and an outline of Scottish History with touches of human interest as well as facts (Mr McClelland's trademark). This history will give the reader a fair understanding of the conditions under which the Scottish people lived, and of the political and religious problems they had.

The chapter "Brief Outline of Some Scottish Clans" contains the clan motto as well as a few other details. A map of the Scottish counties is included and two pages of some ancient clan locations are a bonus.

The list of record repositories is perhaps the most valuable part. Some more detailed books make the addresses hard to find. There is space to add more addresses as they are acquired.

A list of the towns, villages, hamlets and islands as well as the parishes with their respective country locations could be helpful.

I feel that this book is a useful basic book for those beginning research into Scottish ancestry. by Lilian Watson

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