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Editorial

We are presenting this journal with a much smaller content of photo-reduced material, and welcome readers' views on the production of the journal generally. Rarely do we receive any adverse comment and sometimes we think it is because people fear that we may be offended and give up the job! We ourselves are well aware of imperfections and would welcome help from someone skilled in lay-out and production processes.

In this issue, we have concentrated on British research problems, bearing in mind the forthcoming visit of Mrs Elizabeth Simpson from the Federation of Family History Societies. We also print, as a compliment to the Australian Genealogical Conference being held in New Zealand at the time of writing this editorial, an article on New Zealand ancestors by a member of our Society.

We are very pleased with the unsolicited copy we receive, as this shows a lively and helpful interest. Many members have useful knowledge they could offer. For example, perhaps someone who has written for details of the content of I.G.I. entries could write us a few notes on the mechanics of the process of enquiry. Any discoveries you have made the hard way could help other searchers.

The Editorial Panel would like to thank members and others for their support and interest. Our job ceases when the journal goes to the printer. Another team then takes over and does all the work of collating, stapling, posting. Jean Mackenzie, as Co-ordinator of the Publications Committee, is involved in all stages of journal production. Thankyou, Jean, for all your hard work.

CORRECTION OF PAGE NUMBERING

Please note that the pages in the last Journal (Vol.4 No.1 should be renumbered 1-36 instead of 153-188.

DEADLINE DATES FOR JOURNAL COPY ARE FEB 1, MAY 1, AUG 1 AND NOV 1. CONTRIBUTIONS AND ALL CORRESPONDENCE ON JOURNAL MATTERS SHOULD BE FORWARDED TO THE CO-ORDINATOR OF THE PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE, MRS JEAN MCKENZIE, 4 GOODHART PLACE, SANDY BAY, 7005. Ph: 002-25 3709

English Research - ups and downs!

by J. Marrison

If success, genealogically speaking, is measured solely in terms of information gained by a personal visit to the U.K., it is probably better value to stay at home and pay a professional researcher to do the work for you. They will be better acquainted with the primary records and will be able to interpret them to much greater effect than the amateur can ever hope to do. However, what they cannot do is replace the wonderful sense of achievement gained by doing it yourself.

The trouble with doing it yourself, in the U.K., is TIME. There are so many interesting places to see and things to do that it really requires the utmost dedication to your art to spend a lovely sunny day pouring over the dusty tomes of some gloomy Record Office when you could more profitably be out and about lepping up the culture. Particularly when you know that this is the ONLY time you will ever pass this way.

So you have to compromise. I found that the best solution was to drop everything on a sunny day (who knows, with English weather, it may be your last for some time!) and go out and see the sights. The rainy and cloudy days (and there are bound to be some even in Summer) can be better utilised indoors doing research.

I soon learned, whilst overseas, the bitter lesson of the necessity of taking as many family research details as possible with one. I spent a lot of time at St. Catherine's House, needlessly searching for the death date of an ancestor all because I wasn't sure whether I had obtained his details from the 1851 or 1861 Census.

To gain the MAXIMUM reward from overseas research, it is essential to have reached the stage, with one's family history, where the place of origin is definitely known. As there are so many Record Offices in the U.K. you can waste much precious time looking for the appropriate records. However, once the correct area is KNOWN you can devote your entire efforts to a rigorous examination of all available records. It's amazing, once you find the correct area, how everything turned up fits in.

Which brings me to the question of the Record Offices themselves. I found that it was essential, to avoid

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wasting time, to know in advance the hours of Record Office opening. It is not enough to write to the R.O. and receive general details: you must state specific times. The R.O.'s seem to take wicked delight in closing for repairs etc., just the week you are there. I was lucky - I didn't have this problem anywhere. The only time I arrived at a repository to find it closed, was in Leeds. I arrived on the front door amidst a heavy rain-storm only to find the place didn't open on this day till after lunch. So there I stood, getting wetter with each passing minute and wondering what ever I would do until opening time. Luckily a staff member opened up and took pity on me. But I was lucky. Record Office staff get many visitors from the ends of the Earth and are not terribly impressed by the fact that you have travelled 12,000 miles to be there.

You do need to find out in advance whether or not the R.O. in question requires an appointment for you to view its records. I was very rudely treated at one Office because I hadn't had the foresight to realise that I may want to use the records and so hadn't booked ahead. Fortunately I was allowed in, but only because I had arrived at a time when they were not as busy as usual. Not all R.O.'s require appointments to view: the Nottingham Office had a "first come, first served" basis, which meant that you had to get there early in the day if you wanted to be sure of a place. Most R.O.'s have a form of screening process on your initial visit. But after the initial "grilling" you usually had few problems.

You will make the best use of your time in the Records Office if you take the trouble to write for a copy of their listings of holdings. In some cases, for example the Society of Genealogists in London, the examination of their listing can take some time to absorb. When searching at the R.O. it can pay to ask the staff's opinion before ordering material, particularly if the records are only brought at an hour's interval. If you guess wrongly, it can be a long wait.

I was able, in the areas where I was a member of the local Family History Society, to seek the advice of the secretary, who in my experience was quite happy to help and whose local knowledge helped greatly.

The chief sources in the Record Offices were: Census records (which have been indexed in varying degrees by many local Family History Societies), Parish Records both original and copies, either typewritten (as at the Doncaster R.O.) or on microfilm (once again indexed in part by staff). I had the privilege, in Nottingham R.O., of handling the original Parish Records for the area I was searching, which was South Eastern Yorkshire and Northern Nottinghamshire. Some of these began in 1568. The actual entries were all jumbled up together and the writing was often very crabbed and almost impossible to read, even though I have some experience in reading early deeds in my work as a Conveyancing Clerk. In the end I was compelled to buy a book on early writing styles to assist, however I still had to frequently ask the staff for their help. Yet another reason for employing a professional researcher, I suppose.

I spent a half hour pouring over one 17th century deed looking for family names only to be casually told by a staff member that I could find all surnames INDEXED in the catalogue of that particular collection of deeds. So I think it is worth repeating, check what indexes or catalogues are available BEFORE you start. This applies wherever you search, of course, but is especially applicable in the U.K. where considerable indexing has been undertaken. It seemed to me, from my own observations, that Record Office staff spend a large part of their day doing this valuable work. This is a bonus for genealogists, as staff become very proficient at reading old writing. This means that in some cases we in Australia, have access to nearly the same records as local searchers. In fact, in certain Offices, I was unable to find any more information than I had received from a mail search.

Before I left Australia I had a family line chart compiled and photocopied. This enabled me to disperse these records and reduce the chance of loss by depositing a copy in all likely R.O.s I took the precaution of adding my name and address for future reference.

Whilst I was researching in Nottingham, I stayed with a family contacted through the Federation of Family History Societies (UK) Accommodation Register. Quite frankly, they looked after me so well that I decided I wouldn't publicize their name as I'm sure they would be absolutely

inundated with visitors if their hospitality was widely known. They treated me like one of the family, and I went with them to local F.H.S. meetings. This was very interesting, seeing how the other half "live". The guest speaker on the night I was there, spoke very entertainingly about Woolaton Hall, a local Elizabethan Manor House in a good state of preservation. After this my hosts took the trouble to run me over to see the hall. If other participants in the scheme (Accommodation Register) are half as hospitable as this family I strongly suggest that the scheme be used where applicable for short stays, usually of one week maximum. Not the least of the benefits of such a stay is the useful local knowledge given by one's host. Details of the Register can be obtained from our society's library as can the useful publication "Record Offices and Where to Find Them". I used this quite extensively in the U.K. and found it useful; (even though it did almost result in my getting hopelessly lost in Leeds, in the rain). If it has a weakness, it could be that insufficient street names are given.

Whilst in London, I attended St. Catherine's House, which as you all know is the place to go for Civil Registration certificates for the period after 1837 in England, and the Society of Genealogists Library. "St Cats" I found to be just as exhausting and tiring to work in as I had been led to believe. The large crowds, even early in the morning, not always too well mannered, and the lack of working space can be very depressing. I wonder how many searchers suffered the shattered work aims that I did? Although I achieved the specific aims I had set in Australia, I was not able to sustain my keenness in general searching as I had hoped. I suspect that for lengthy general searches, for single name mentions, one would need to spend just a couple of hours a day. The only advice I can give to intending searchers is to avoid school holidays and the lunch break (it seems that many people come in from the city area at this time to search). Try to go early in the day and make sure that you know exactly, before you go, what you are looking for. Lugging the heavy books about is very tiring and you will have to do this four times for each year searched. Often the next book has been taken by another searcher, who will proceed to find a wealth of details and thus will retain the wretched book for an eternity. So it is very easy to lose track of what you have looked

at and what not. The only answer is to keep a note of books consulted.

Some Record Offices are not situated close by shops selling food, so you will often need to bring your own. Not that you are allowed to eat on the premises!

Anyone returning to Australia via London should not miss the chance to go and have a look at the Society of Genealogists Library situated in Harrington Gardens, not far from Earls Court Station. They have a good range of printed material for most counties as well as the huge Boyd's Marriage Index for many counties and parishes. The library holds extensive indexes of names researched as well as a veritable treasure-house of pedigrees deposited. Although the search fees are not low, it is possible to search free of charge if one can obtain a letter of recommendation to search on behalf of a Society of Genealogists member living in Australia. This can be quite a saving. (It is a good idea to give a donation and to keep your "free" visits to a minimum).

Despite the cost, the problems of transport and access, the strained eyesight and often sheer frustration, for the dedicated genealogist there is no substitute for actually DOING ONE'S OWN RESEARCH. The joy of finding an elusive or unexpected piece of information far outweighs these aforementioned problems met overseas. That is, as long as one understands, before making the trip, that success with research can be very elusive, and it is not realistic to expect to find all the missing bits. But chances are that as you are already hooked on genealogy you will find that it is great fun looking even if you don't make any new discoveries.

GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY OF TASMANIA - RESEARCH DIRECTORY

Karlana Nagle writes:- The response to the Research Directory has been wonderful. We have already started processing.

I would like to remind everyone that entries are to be in to me by no later than June 30 for this edition. If you did not receive an entry form, please contact me and I will send you one. My address is: 149 Opossum Road, NORWOOD, Tas. 7250.

ENGLISH RESEARCH SEMINAR

Rosny College - 26 June 1983

GUEST SPEAKER - ELIZABETH SIMPSON

Mrs Simpson, a Fellow of the Society of Genealogists, writes, teaches and lectures on family history and English local history. She was a guest speaker at the World Conference on Records at Salt Lake City in 1980 and a member of the first overseas lecture team from the Society of Genealogists, London, which toured the U.S.A. in 1981. She is a guest speaker at the Australasian Congress on Genealogy & Heraldry being held in New Zealand in May 1983.

1-5 pm Doing English Research by mail or in Person. How to tap into English Family History Sources pre 1837. Civil Registration - Genealogical Societies Locating Private Researchers - Country Record Offices

SMORGASBORD MEAL

6-9 pm The Poor Law - Mrs Simpson's speciality. (For this kits are to be printed so a fairly accurate number will be needed). This topic helps with tracing ancestors who are ordinary folk and not from Landed Gentry.

Use of Wills, Census, Parish Records etc will come into all topics. Question time will follow each session.

<u>COSTS</u>	Afternoon Session	\$7.00	
	Evening Session	\$5.00	
	Full Day	\$10.00	
	Meal	\$7.00	(100 needed before this can be offered)

Seating arrangements dependent on numbers, so reply needed by 10 June 1983.

Tickets available for sale at Genealogical Society Library 3 Percy St, Bellerive (9.30-12.30 Wed, 1.30-4 Fri). If ordering by post, please state name & address and number of tickets required, including meal ticket if desired. Forward with stamped addressed envelope to Genealogical Society of Tasmania, Box 640 G, Hobart, Tasmania. 7001

RENEWALS

Have you paid your subscription? This is the last journal for the 1982-3 Financial Year in case there are some who have overlooked their renewal.

The Day We Lost Grandpapa BY D. GEAR

We drove through the streets of London sharing the thin morning air with three million commuters on their way to work. I say 'we' but K. drove and J. sat beside him navigating while I sat in the back and prayed. There was much to pray about; the rotted straw-covered road and jostling horses; carriage-wheels and darting urchins; flower-sellers and knife-grinders - 'peelers' and petticoats and performing bears ... and the jeering crowd speeding a prisoner to Tyburn Hill ... We breathed the air of ghosts and jostled history aside with our Ford Fiesta.

"There's a parking place", cried J. and I flinched as we flirted with a bus and pulled into the kerb. Drury Lane! I was off again ... Peppy and Johnson raised their hats as they passed - Eliza Doolittle crouched in the drizzle with her violets (or was that Covent Garden)-ah!- and there was Nell - I recognise that bold smile and basket of oranges (oranges? from where?). "Twenty P." said K. impatiently. "Dot! Have you got twenty P.?" The ghosts faded under the threat of that twentieth century bandit - the parking meter.

We were ready for St.Catherines House this time. Oh yes, ready and stripped for action. No coats, gloves, scarves - just a jungle combat kit and sharp pencils. Even so, my heart quailed as that imposing building drew near. I wanted to bolt like a startled rabbit and hide under a haystack while the reaper passed. But J. had the bit between her teeth and in we went. J. is an old friend, an indefatigable researcher and five foot nothing of iron determination, hidden behind a dazzling smile. "Births at the front, marriages at the back and deaths round the corner and may we see your bags?" The ritual observed, we began. J. was to research some distant branch of her family. She carries about in her head twenty family trees and refers to illustrious ancestors with breezy informality. She burrowed off and was swallowed up in the human soup boiling around the shelves and desks. K. said "I'll have to keep feeding the meter and we must leave not later than twelve if we're to get J. down to Lindhurst on time. J. was to meet an old school friend visiting from Canada and this afternoon was her last chance. Lindfield was a couple of hours away in Sussex. "All right", I said meekly, "I'll concentrate on finding Great Grandfather Henry's

marriage to Anne". The next hour or so passed. We were inured now to the heat and frenzy of battle and the glancing blows from brass-bound ledgers scarcely hurt at all. I had enjoyed some success with my family hunt, we stretched back, a long line of London Cockneys - grocers' clerks - cheese-mongers - servants - coachmakers. Solid, dependable, admirable people - back-bone of the nation. I pictured the grimy, gaslit streets - Faquin leering from doorways and the Artful Dodger swiping a wallet here and a pocket-watch there and Bow Bells belting out the hours of the day ... I looked up dreamily and met the stern no-nonsense eye of the 'professional' opposite. (Little black book and neat auditors' ticks. Ugh!). Hastily I bent to my task. (What the hell! It's my great-grandfather isn't it?) K. came panting in wafting an aura of cold from the streets. "Right. We're OK for half an hour. How's it going?" We compared notes. "I've got back to - here " I said, airily waving an un-scholarly hand at a row of indexes. "There's only those last three bottom shelves to go. He has to be there". We joined forces. Systematically the upper row was demolished, then the second - nearly - then - "He's here!" came the triumphant hiss as a thousand heads swung round to scowl. And sure enough, Henry Olive and Anne Anderson, bachelor and spinster, 1845. District of Marylebone. We did a little Victory bee-dance between the legs of the searchers and K. shot off to get the Application Form while I stood guard. J. joined me. "What luck? Oh - terrific" she enthused. Doubtless she had just unearthed a belted earl although she said she'd been at the Army Records. (Records of what? Crecy? I thought nastily.)

K. came back, eye on watch, filled in the form, slammed the ledger shut, put it back and shot off to the counter. Smugly I gathered my things together. Well, that's that. Good morning's work. Can't think why people make such a meal of it. Simple enough if you just keep your head and concentrate.

K. returned. Something was wrong. He flepped the form at us. "Forgot the blasted month" he snarled, "Can you remember?" "Er - March?" I offered tentatively. "No" said J. "I'm sure you were using that book - number three". Well it wouldn't take a minute to check. We heaved it out and flicked the pages. No. Number two then. Somebody was using it. We willed him to surrender it and caught it before it even landed. Quick, flip the

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pages - K. looked at his watch - visions of the traffic cop plodding up the Aldwych. Not there. But he must be! Try January to March ...

The next ten minutes were ghastly. We went through each of the four ledgers at breakneck speed conscious of that wretched traffic meter ticking ominously to 'Empty'. And great grandpapa Henry, that reliable old Cockney was simply not there! Even J. was puzzled. We gazed at each other in awful silence. K. made a decision. "Look, this is silly. He simply has to be there. We've missed him, that's all. I'll go and feed the blasted meter again and you two start going through slowly. Take the year before as well - he's just got to be there somewhere".

The overheated, crowded room swam before my eyes. People blurred like faces in a nightmare. I was going to faint! Die probably! J. said "Your glasses are steaming up". She had a funny thoughtful look on her face. We started again. I started again. K. was by now sprinting up the Kingsway; J. had vanished. I was alone. Ah well! Out with 1844 then. L-M-N-O - Oliver - Olives (too far - go back) Olive! Ah .. no Henry. Slam the book - fling it back - grovel on the floor for the next one - "Pardon me" said a voice over my head. My heart sank. I brushed the hair from my eyes and squinted up. There she was. Dylan Thomas' 'roly-poly pearly' American lady. Winning smile, perfect teeth, exquisite coiffure and the ironed-on look of a Fifth Avenue tailor. Her shoes and bag were crocodile; she wore exactly the right amount of jewellery and her complexion was like hand-painted porcelain. It simply wasn't fair. There was about her the air of unlimited space and far horizons - slow moving buffalo and vultures hanging in the sky ... The thing about Americans, you see, is that they have time by the throat. They may appear to bustle but they don't. No siree. It's time that has to move to accommodate them. They just stand there in the middle of it all and let time fly around like crazy. Not like us. She smiled even more. "Do you think you could advise me please?" I crawled up from the slime. "Yes?" I croaked casting an agonised look at the clock. "I'm just over from the States" she began expansively, "and oh my! I'm just so fascinated. I had no notion that you could just drop in here and look up your ancestors - just like that - it's fantastic." I had a subliminal flash of K. just rounding Drury Lane ... "C-can I help you?" I interrup-

ted desperately. (I, who had just lost great grandfather). She explained. She had found grandpappy Silas Bloggs but how could she be sure it was her own Silas Bloggs and not somebody else's? Did she know Grandmammy Bloggs name? Why, yes she did. Good. Then if she looked up Grandmammy Bloggs in the Marriage Register and found she had the same references as Grandpappy Bloggs - all would be revealed! She was ecstatic. "Why thank you so much. I really am most obligated to you". "You're welcome" I grimaced and she sailed serenely off across the plains.

I fell onto the books as K. hurtled through the door. "Any luck?" he gasped. I shook my head. Together we assaulted those wretched tomes, sweeping people aside ruthlessly - prepared even to kill. For the third time we paged through those vital years but - beyond all reason and logic - Henry had vanished without trace. The ghosts of London had claimed their own. "One more go and we'll have to call it a day" groaned K. flinging the half ton volumes about like autumn leaves ... J. pattered up amiably, smiling as usual. I scowled. "Where were you? We've been going mad here searching for Henry and Anne and we still can't find them!" "It's all right, I've got it," she said. "It's August 20, 1845. That's the third book". She whisked it out and flipped the pages expertly. "There he is". We looked. "But it's not possible" I shrieked, "we've just been through that for the third time! How did you know?" J. grinned. "I went away and looked up Anne Anderson" she said simply.

We made it to Lindfield. The Sussex lanes were lovely; leafy, green and smelling of hawthorn. The A34 from London to Lindfield led us through Brixton. Last night there had been riots in Brixton and the district was on a war footing. Broken glass - barricades - burned cars ..

Neil Gwynn and Tyburn Hill - grandad and his cheese shop - Bow Bells and the Brixton Riots - threads ... threads ...

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Northamptonshire : As you are in health & spirits gay
Headstone I was, too, the other day;
I thought myself of life as safe
As those that read my epitaph.

FAMILY HISTORY AWARD

Commencing in 1983, a Family History Award is to be made annually to the person or persons producing, in the opinion of the Society, the best family history submitted for judging. The Award will not be monetary and may take a different form each year.

Entry will be open to the general public as well as to members of the Society.

CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

1. All entries must be submitted to the Family History Award Committee by 30 September 1983. Entries should be sent to the Honorary Secretary of the Society at its postal address, GPO Box 640G, Hobart, Tas. 7001.
2. One copy of each entry is to be submitted for judging. This will remain the property of the Society's central library and will have inserted in the front a special label indicating that it was submitted and accepted.
3. All entries must be in recognized book form (duplicated, multilith, offset printed, typeset etc.) with paper or hard covers.
4. Entries need not have been published during this calendar year. They may not be submitted for this award in future years unless in a completely new edition.
5. Authors may submit more than one entry each year.
6. Award winners must allow the Society the right to publicize their entries where the Award may be receiving public notice or acknowledgement.

SELECTION COMMITTEE

1. The Award will be determined by an independent Selection Committee of three persons, appointed each year by the Council of the Society.
 2. Members of the Selection Committee will be chosen from the following categories; a genealogist or person experienced in genealogical science; a qualified librarian; a writer or literary critic of note; an historian or compiler of historical or archival material.
 3. No member of any Selection Committee will be a member of the immediate family of any entrant and preferably not a member of the Genealogical Society of Tasmania.
 4. The Selection Committee will give equal consideration to all entries each year.
 5. The decision of the Selection Committee will be final, subject to endorsement by the Executive Committee of the Council of the Genealogical Society of Tasmania before public announcement of the award each year.
- Applications in writing and entries to the address given above, please.

William Calvert (1807-1878)

Early Colonist ... Christchurch, New Zealand
by Shirley Foster

William Calvert arrived in New Zealand on the sailing ship "Zealandia" on 12 November 1859. He and his wife Elizabeth Pickering Calvert and their family of three boys and five girls had left their home in Bishopwearmouth, Durham and undertaken the long journey to the promised land on the other side of the world. No doubt the middle-aged couple had seen the posters and heard some lectures being given in England at that time, recruiting people wanting to establish a new society on the Canterbury Plains, New Zealand.

The promoters of the scheme, the Canterbury Association, were anxious to put into practice Edward Gibbon Wakefield's ideas of an ideal colony, one where the mistakes made elsewhere would not be repeated. Sponsored by the Church of England, the most influential church dignitaries supported the venture; land had been bought from the Maories; surveyors had done their work; now all that were required were sober, industrious, healthy Church members to populate the chosen land and create the perfect society the promoters envisaged.

William Calvert met all the requirements except one. He was a staunch Wesleyan Methodist. Other members of the Methodist Community, including his wife's half-sister Mary Pickering and her husband Joseph John Smith, had sailed to Australia earlier on the "Emigrant". Methodists were on the move. The Canterbury Association, finding it difficult to recruit enough people, changed their requirements and began accepting any colonists who could provide a certificate from a minister indicating that they were honest and respectable. The possibility of convicts seeping in from Australia was viewed with alarm.

The Calverts were gentle-folk. Elizabeth claimed kinship with the Northumberland Collingwood family through her mother Mary Collingwood Pickering. She started the tradition of perpetuating the Collingwood name in every generation, a custom which is still kept today with both New Zealand and Australian descendants.

There were forty gentle-folk on the "Zealandia" together with 316 assisted passengers. The 94 day journey was very pleasant, the three masted ship having been expressly

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adapted for the passenger trade. After disembarking at the Port of Lyttelton, the gentlemen presented the captain with an address which was published in the Lyttelton Times.

Ship 'Zealandia'
14 November 1859

To Captain Foster.

Dear Sir

Before leaving your fine vessel, we are desirous of thanking you and your officers for the kindness we have experienced on the voyage from London to Lyttelton, and express to you our sense of urbanity and increasing vigilance you invariably displayed during the voyage, of which we shall always entertain most pleasant recollections. We beg of you to thank your officers in our name and sincerely wishing that happiness and good fortune may attend you in the future.

Signed William Calvert
(and 39 others)

After leaving the ship, the colonists tramped or rode on horseback up over the Bridle Path which led them through the 1,000 foot high hills that separated the port village and the flat, open, featureless Canterbury Plain, making their way to Christchurch, their destination. Light household goods were carried. An oral tradition is that the Calverts had among their possessions a chair which the great evangelist John Wesley had sat in; a table cloth he had signed and silver cuff-links or spoons bearing the Collingwood crest. The story is also told that William Calvert was so busy talking to other business men that when he enquired where Christchurch was to be found, he was told "It's back there by the pump". They had passed it!

The first task for the immigrants was to provide a shelter for themselves. Most pitched tents until a more substantial dwelling could be erected. Land was not granted but could be bought for three pounds per acre. William Calvert bought land in Durham Street where he lived for the rest of his life. His wife bought acres at New Brighton. William's father, who was also William Calvert, had a wholesale and retail business in Sunderland, and like his father he quickly established an iron-mongering and tin-smithing business in Victoria Street, Christchurch. He later moved his business to the Triangle, High Street, the heart of the growing town, close to

William Calvert continued. 3

Cathedral Square.

Christchurch soon established itself as the most important city in the Province of Canterbury. Planned as a Church of England settlement, the first four ships had brought "the Pilgrims". Now within a decade the Methodists were the fastest growing sect. These industrious and devout people went about building churches and chapels throughout the Province. William served as a lay preacher, travelling widely. The Methodist "cathedral" was a huge stone building in Durham Street. The Calvert family watched the foundation stone being laid in 1864.

The Wesleyan Church, Durham Street, played a significant part in the lives of the Calvert family and other Methodist and music loving people, for within a decade of its opening, large Wesleyan Music Festivals were being held within its walls. Local churches combined to provide choirs of 160 voices singing excerpts from the "Messiah" and other oratorios, with a 29 piece orchestra.

Music was important in the lives of the colonists. Most people occupied their leisure time with some form of music, pooling their resources for their common enjoyment. The church frowned on frivolous activities, but musical evenings where family members contributed were very acceptable and popular. The Calvert family were very musical. They sang in the church choir and played the piano, and some taught music.

The colony had got off to a slow start, but by 1864, gold having been found in New Zealand, immigrant ships were arriving in great numbers. Ten arrived in that year, bringing another 2,500 people to Christchurch. The growing city held its first City Council elections on 23rd March 1867, and William Calvert (being well known and highly respected), topped the poll. The Council ensured that the provincial city reflected its English roots in its public buildings which emulated the Gothic style of the old country. When William retired from the Council after serving for 8 years, the Mayor and his fellow Councillors presented the old gentleman with an inscribed silver tea urn. He died three years later at the age of 71. All the Councillors attended his funeral and one said "Calvert was one of those men who did good by stealth and blushed to find fame". In the nineteen years he had lived in New Zealand, he had become widely known and respected for his work for the City Council and the

WILLIAM CALVERT continued. 4

Wesleyan Methodist Church.

His sons carried on the business he had established in 1859. All his family married and descendants can be found throughout New Zealand and Australia.

Editor's Note: In a covering letter, Mrs Foster writes:-

"I was interested in some known family characteristics and abilities. My mother's family were the well known and celebrated family of musicians in the Edwardian era who travelled all through the outback and gold-fields as well as touring internationally. The CORRICK FAMILY OF MUSICIANS were reported by the press as the "best touring company in Australasia". Why, I wondered, did all of the eight children become professional musicians? I got the answers to this question in N.Z. where I researched the lifestyle of the early colonists."

New Members

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Library Notes

by Theo Sharples

The big excitement in the Society's central library of late has been the purchase of machinery as a change from books and microfiches. We now own a newer, faster Minolta photocopier which replaces the Nashua previously on loan to us from Brian Thurley and Associates, Howrah. Photocopies (conforming, of course, to copyright regulations) cost 15c each.

Two reader-printers have been bought, one by the Burnie branch and one by ourselves. We are charging 40c per sheet for copies of microfiches. Although the total price of a number of sheets may sound alarming, it is generally agreed that the convenience is well worth the price. We have found, however, that at times when the library is busy, it is necessary to take orders to be fulfilled later rather than to be done on the spot. Please bear with us - you won't usually have to wait long.

Exchange journals continue to come to us from various societies mainly in Australia and the U.K. If you would like to see journals from any particular country or area, let us know and we shall try to arrange an exchange.

I cannot stress too much the value of browsing through the journals in the library's collection, since they often contain useful information and recent news items. Most journals also contain queries from people seeking information about ancestors, who may just happen to be your ancestors too. The latest (March 1983) issue of Descent contains an interesting article about I.G.I. which supplements the one pinned up on the library wall near the microfiche readers. The same issue also has an article about English monetary values 1750-1982, which throws some light on values of money referred to in wills, land transactions etc.

Mrs Judy Parnell of Launceston, who is Co-ordinator of the Society's Libraries Board, has temporarily retired from active library service in order to be active in adding to the number of her descendants. Her place as librarian of the Launceston Branch is being taken for this year by Mrs D. Wright.

Information about the Society's Family History Award appears elsewhere in this issue of the journal. Please note that the closing date has been moved forward to

Library Notes Continued

30 September 1983. If you would like some help in preparing and presenting your family history for the Award, (or for any other reason), may I suggest that you have a look at the following books in the Central Library:

Lois Daniel, How to write your own life story, deals with the writing of family history. An American publication.

Lutheran Publishing House, The production of your publication, is a South Australian publisher's advice on the physical production of a book, including copyright obligations.

Patrick Palgrave-Moore, How to record your family tree, is an English book about collecting the data, recording it and publishing it.

From time to time we find it necessary to remind members that there is a charge for the use of microfiches (IGI, Queensland index to marriages and deaths which may not be printed out by machine, NSW Index to births, marriages and deaths). It doesn't come free with your subscription - it costs 50c per half-hour.

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Here lies a father of 29
There would have been more
But he didn't have time.

Exchange Journals

Journals of Other Societies

- ANCESTRAL SEARCHER (Heraldry & Genealogy Society of Dunbarra) March 1983
- ANCESTOR (Genealogical Society of Victoria) March 1983
- B.F.H.S. (Berkshire Family History Society) Spring 1982/
Autumn 1982/Winter 1982/3
- CAMBRIDGESHIRE FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY JOURNAL May 1982/
September 1982/November 1982
- THE GENEALOCIST (Australian Institute of Genealogical
Studies) March 1983
- THE GENEALOGISTS MAGAZINE (Society of Genealogists London)
December 1982. Index to Vol.20
- GENERATION (Genealogical Society of Queensland) Dec.1982
- HEREFORDSHIRE F.H. SOCIETY JOURNAL Autumn 1982
- IBIS LINKS (Griffith F.H. Group) No.1
- LOCALITIES OF MEMBERS RESEARCH (To April 1981) (New
Zealand Society of Genealogists Inc.)
- NORTH CHESHIRE FAMILY HISTORIAN (North Cheshire Family
History Society) February 1983
- PROGENITOR (Genealogical Society of the Northern Territ-
ory) August 1982
- PTUAMA (Toomey One Name Group) December 1982
- QUEENSLAND FAMILY HISTORIAN (Queensland Family History
Society) February 1983
- QUEENSLAND GENEALOGY SOCIETY DIRECTORY OF FAMILY NAMES
1982/3
-
- SOUTH EAST F.H. GROUP (South Australia) JOURNAL October
1982
- TAY VALLEY FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY NEWSLETTER December
1981/August 1982/December 1982
- TIMESPAN (Nepean Family History Society) December 1982/
March 1983
- TOMBSTONE TERRITORY (Genealogical Society of Northern
Territory) February 1983
- VLAAMSE STAM (Family History Society of Belgium) Septem-
ber 1982/October 1982/November 1982/December
1982/January 1983
- WESTERN ANCESTOR (West Australian Genealogical Society)
March 1983
- 1788-1820 GAZETTE (Organ of the 1788-1820 Association)
February 1983

Exchange Journals Continued

OTHER SOCIETIES -THEIR JOURNALS AND ACTIVITIES

(This is a regular feature, in which we highlight a fellow society and its journal)

THE AUSTRALIAN INSTITUTE OF GENEALOGICAL STUDIES (AIGS) (VICTORIA)

This is our parent society, beneath whose benevolent eye we changed from a Tasmanian branch of AIGS to a fully fledged Tasmanian Society. A full issue of a journal was devoted to Tasmania, as a gesture of goodwill and encouragement.

AIGS was the first Australasian genealogical society with which your present editor had any contact. I can remember the excitement of seeing a brief announcement in a local paper of the forthcoming international conference for genealogy, to be held in Melbourne under the auspices of AIGS. This was held at Easter 1977 and was an outstanding success, providing a great impetus to the development of genealogical studies in Tasmania and elsewhere.

AIGS produces an excellent quarterly journal, "The Genealogist", and of course we have copies in our library. It is well worth looking through backnumbers in order to realise the scope of activities. (This goes for other genealogical society journals too). Local groups flourish in Box Hill, Bendigo and Warrnambool.

In 1982, the Society published "The Old Melbourne Cemetery 1837-1922" by Marjorie Morgan, well known for leading a team which indexed over a million cards on immigrant shipping. Further indexing is to be undertaken as a bi-centennial project. Another member, Mrs Helen Harris, has close links with Tasmania, supervises the AIGS cemetery transcription team, and sends us welcome news items for the journal.

AIGS is very concerned about the problems of access to the birth, death and marriage records held by the Government statist in Victoria, and has made a submission to the Minister of Property and Services requesting that they be made public.

Recent items of special interest in "The Genealogist" have been some very interesting articles on emigrant life at sea, and one on Edith Onians, a pioneer child welfare worker in Victoria, who started her career moved by the plight of the young newspaper sellers on the streets during the depression of the 1890's.

EXCHANGE JOURNALS CONTINUED

- ANCESTRAL SEARCHER-THE, Heraldry & Genealogical Society of Canberra Inc., Vol.6, No.1., March 1983. Successes & Failures in genealogical research in England. British & Australian Awards of Honour.
- ANCESTOR Genealogical Society of Victoria, Vol.14, No.6., March 1983. Kings Bay or Port Phillip? The Race with the French.
- AUSTRALIAN GENEALOGISTS NEWSLETTER, No.s. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8,
- B.F.H.S. Berkshire Family History Society, Members Interest Booklet - Spring 1982.
Vol.8, No.1., Autumn 1982. Computers and the B.F.H.S. Looking for Great Grandma. A Pigott enigma. Non-conformists and their registers.
Vol.8, No.2., Winter 1982/3. Identifying a coat of arms.
- BRISTOL AND AVON FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY JOURNAL, No.26, Winter 1981. Bristol & Avon monumental inscriptions project. Freeman of Bristol.
No.27, Spring 1982. Wiltshire County Record Office. The religious order & churches of old Bristol.
- CAMBRIDGESHIRE FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY JOURNAL, Vol.3, No.6., May 1982. Clockmakers of Chippenham. Some deaths at Mendoc. Stanton family of Wisbech 100.
Index to Vol.2, September 1982.
Vol.3, No.8., November 1982. An undetected case of bigamy. Some of the Octobeds.
- GENEALOGIST-THE, Vol.IV, No.1, March 1983. Edith Daniels. Using the Women Index for Wales & Monmouthshire
- GENEALOGISTS MAGAZINE, Vol.20, No.10., June 1982. Genealogical sources in the Corp. of London Record Office. John Graunt's legacy.
Vol.20, No.12., December 1982. Index to Volume 20.
- GENERATION Genealogical Society of Queensland, Vol.5, No.2., December 1982. The treasure of Richmond Villa.
- HEREFORD FAMILY HISTORY JOURNAL, Vol.1, No.11., Autumn 1982. Focus on 'The Lea'. Putting flesh on the bones (relating to sources for genealogical research) 1851 census Hereford County Goal.
- IGIS LINKS Griffith Family History Group No.1. Group History. Gogtown cemetery.
- LOCALITIES OF MEMBERS RESEARCH TO APRIL 1981. (New Zealand Society of Genealogists Inc.).
- NEW ZEALAND GENEALOGISTS-THE, (as above) Vol.13, No.102., March 1982. Wellington Sources.
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Vol.13, No.124., May 1982. The Lochwinnoch Barbour's. Passage orders for nominated immigrants.
Vol.13, No.125., June 1982. Family research in Wales. English Parish registers. Wellington sources.
- LAY VALLEY FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY NEWSLETTER, Vol.1, No.3., December 1981. Vol.1, No.4., August 1982. David Hay Fleming and his library. Vol.1, No.5., December 1982. William C. Anderson Library of Genealogy.
- TIMESPAN Nepean Family History Society. No.7., July 1982. Thomas Henry Hart of Pitt Street. Penrith Municipal lists 1863. Regentville Roman Catholic Cemetery.
No.9., December 1982. 100 Years ago. Upper Castlereagh Methodist Cemetery. Clydesdale revisited, home of Charles Tompson.
No.10., March 1983. The Industrious settlers-the story of Aaron and Susannah Walters of St.Albans.

EXCHANGE JOURNALS CONTINUED

- EDMONTONE TERRITORY, Genealogical Society of Northern Territory. Feb 1983.
- VLAANSE STAM, Genealogical Society of Belgium. September 1982, October 1982, November 1982, December 1982, January 1983.
- WESTERN ANCESTOR, Western Australia Genealogical Society. Vol.2, No.5., Mar March 1983. Early South West Days.
- 1788-1820 GAZETTE, Organ of the 1788-1820 Association. No.76, February 1983. Australia Day at the Rocks.
- NORTH CHESHIRE FAMILY HISTORIAN, Vol.9, No.2., May 1982. The Hague of Dukinfield & Ashton. A Cheshire dissenter. Cleanings from a marriage index.
Vol.10, No.1, February 1983. Did your ancestor go to sea. How to locate archive material in Stockport Library.
Membership List--April 1982.
- UTUAMA Journal of Toomey One Name Group, Vol.1, No.4., December 1982. 1828 Census.
- PROGENITOR Journal of Genealogical Society of Northern Territory. Vol.1, No.3., August 1982. British Parliamentary papers as a research tool. Katherine Cemetery.
- QUARTER SESSIONS, records for family historians. compiled by J.S.W. Gibson. Federation of Family Historical Societies, 1982. 32pp.
- QUEENSLAND FAMILY HISTORIAN, Queensland Family History Society, Vol.14, No.1. February 1983. Queensland & Lancashire.
- QUEENSLAND GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY DIRECTORY OF FAMILY NAMES, 1982/3.
- SOCIETY OF AUSTRALIAN GENEALOGISTS - Annual report & Balance sheet, Membership Lists - 1968, 1969, 1970, 1971, 1972, 1974.
- SOUTH EAST FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY NEWSLETTER, (South Australia) Vol.1, No.3. October 1982.

RECIPROCAL ARRANGEMENTS WITH OTHER SOCIETIES

When visiting the mainland, members of the Genealogical Society of Tasmania may use the libraries of other societies with whom we have reciprocal arrangements. These are:

- The Genealogical Society of Victoria
- The Society of Australian Genealogists (Sydney)
- The South Australian Society for Genealogy & Heraldry
- The Genealogical Society of Queensland
- The Australian Institute of Genealogical Studies (Victoria)

You must produce your membership card when visiting any of these libraries.

Essex
Headstone

Here lies John Steere
Who when living brewed good beer
Turn to the right go down the hill
His son keeps up the business still.

News from Branches

HOBART BRANCH - ANNUAL REPORT by Lilian Watson, Chairperson

Last year I made a report as President of the whole Society as well as of the Hobart Area, this year I have acted as Chairperson of the Hobart Branch, and as Vice-President of the Society.

It is difficult to separate the development of the Hobart Branch from the overall development of the Society, particularly as our journal "Tasmanian Ancestry" is produced here and the main Society library is here.

As our local membership is higher than in other parts of the state, it is logical that we do our part in promoting the goals of the Society as a whole.

At the close of the 1980/81 year, our local membership was 93; by April 1982 it was 155 and it is currently over 210. Very few have left our ranks in these years, some have moved, or become too infirm to attend meetings. Death has made a slight reduction. We hope that this growth is due to the services we aim to provide for all who are keen to record their genealogy.

The useful information housed in our Bellerive Library has greatly increased. The full International Genealogical Index, the indexes to N.S.W. and Queensland Births, Marriages and Deaths prior to 1900, many transcriptions of tombstones, books, journals, family charts and records have all been added.

Some useful information is passed to members through our journal "Tasmanian Ancestry", some through our ten general meetings, some through our U.K. Discussion Groups, and more is housed in the library waiting to be discovered. Members are free to choose whether they avail themselves of all sources or not.

All positions in the Society are filled on an honorary basis though actual expenses are covered. We would never make ends meet if everyone asked for travelling expenses! All contributions of time and effort are much appreciated.

Under the arrangement made last June, 75% of subscriptions from Tasmanian Branches is paid into the general fund which finances the printing of our journal, other general printing, and running expenses. At the end of each year, if any financial surplus remains, Branches may apply for a share. As subscriptions from out-of-state members are paid directly into the general fund, some purchases for the library are made from it. The Library is for the benefit of all members.

In the north the Branches provide their own librarians, but here the one library serves all. Our library assistants are pleased to have visits from distant places.

Our Bellerive library has some income from admission fees, copying etc, and from donations to the Library Fund which are allowable tax deductions if \$2 or more. This year they were able to provide a reader printer for the microfiche records.

Hobart Branch members and also visitors to meetings often make 50 cent donations at meetings which later benefit the local library. Booklets and charts are provided for sale to raise further funds. The branch was able to provide the N.S.W. and Queensland indexes from these funds. We have now pledged to help to pay for the newly acquired photocopier now installed at the library.

Every effort has been made to use wisely the available funds so that records not available elsewhere in the state are provided for our members.

Representatives of our Branch have travelled to Campbellton to meet with those from northern Branches several times during the year. At such meetings people free Publications, IANIGT and Library represent out of state members' interests.

Our co-operation and friendship has increased with such gatherings. The elected Hobart Committee has met every second month to work on matters pertaining to our local development. Several persons this year find it necessary to stand down

Hobart Branch News continued.

or change positions held and some new positions have been created to share the work load. On behalf of the local members I would like to thank all who have participated on the committees, with the journal production and distribution, the library services, the TAMIOT programme, and at meetings as speakers or book-sellers or just pleasant company.

A bonus to our additional knowledge of genealogy are the friends we have made. The general progress of the GST is surely a result of the cheerful effort of many members. Our library assistants seem particularly adept at making visitors feel welcome.

Those relinquishing committee positions are simply moving to other areas of activity within the society. Jim Wall for instance is very much needed to maintain our microfiche reading equipment as well as proceeding with his usual TAMIOT work.

After five years service as Treasurer, Bernard Denholm decided to pass on the task, but I was heartened when he expressed a desire to still keep involved with the committee. Our meetings, usually in my home, have always been friendly occasions even if we do often work late.

Our Branch is most grateful to the Clarence Council who ask only a token rental for our library premises. Our interest in the future use of the historic Bellerive Post Office building (if part of it becomes available for community organisations) has been registered with the Council.

The costs of the use of the Rosny College Auditorium for monthly meetings has increased from \$1 to \$8 a night, but we feel that we truly receive our money's worth.

May we continue to progress through cheerful co-operative efforts. When I think of it, we dare not be nasty as so many find themselves with ancestral connections!

ELECTED COMMITTEE OF HOBART BRANCH OF THE GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY OF TASMANIA :
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A representative of Publications is always invited to Hobart Committee meetings - usually Mrs Jean McKenzie or Mrs Audrey Hudspeth.

DEVONPORT BRANCH - by Diane Bardenhagen

As the baby of the C.S.F. we experienced a few teething problems last year (attendance down to 8); but going by the increased numbers (27) at this year's meetings, it appears that we are improving with age.

Our Chairman, John Gould, gave a lecture at the January meeting, on how to prepare ourselves before undertaking overseas research.

In February, Mr B.R.A. (Snow) Thomas gave his lecture on family and Irish ancestors. His talk also included the Devonport area, and Mr Thomas displayed a family pedigree chart that almost reached the width of our meeting room. Needless to say, it had a few members down on their hands and knees studying it.

Our Secretary/Treasurer, Miss Helen Anderson, brought to our March meeting, a fine family portrait set in a lovely gilt frame. Accompanying this was a talk on her research into the family history and how she managed to overcome problems with this research.

The above lectures were interesting, informative and very well received.

Mrs Chris Morris (and the writer) have been appointed to take care of the publicity for our branch. Our task is to prepare a display kit, something we can use for future functions to let the public know we exist in Devonport. Notices have been sent to various places i.e. Library, Technical Schools etc. Even the supermarket!

I.A.M.I.O.I. Report - We have completed transcriptions of the following cemeteries: Old Devonport, Don (2), Forth (3), Wasley Vale (3) and Latrobe is almost completed. Indexing is also well under way.

Launceston Trip: Saturday 26th February was the date decided upon for our first visit as a group to the Launceston Regional Library. We were able to use the Local History Room (by special arrangement) and Mrs Rosemann gave a very informative talk on how to use what was available there etc.

The only complaint was that we had to leave at noon or else be locked in. Most of those who went to the library would gladly have chosen the latter!

City Park was our next stop, and we were met by Karlene Nagle and other members of the Launceston Branch for a "quiet" lunch break. Two policemen who were patrolling the park, seated themselves near us. Whether they were interested in our group or suspicious remains to be seen!

A guided tour through the streets brought us to our last stop for the day at the doors of the C.S.F. Library at Carr Villa. It was an extremely hot day and quite a few members sat in the shade of a tree, swapping notes etc, whilst others invaded the files and magazines. It was a very enjoyable day and one we hope to repeat. Thank you, Launceston.

Visitors: If you are going to be in the Devonport area, please come to our meetings which are held on the last Thursday of each month. Our meeting place is at the East Devonport Primary School and the usual starting time is 8 pm. Hope to see you.

DEVONPORT OFFICE BEARERS 1983-4

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also

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Librarian: Mrs K. Dick

TAMIOT Leader: Mrs B. Smith

Publicity & Special Projects Officer: Miss D. Stebbins

Delegates to Council: to be appointed at appropriate meeting

Research Officers: Mrs D. Bardenhagen & Mrs J. Smith

LAUNCESTON BRANCH NEWS by Marlene Arnold

As our April meeting was our Annual Meeting, the following office bearers were elected:-

<u>Chairman:</u>	Miss Karlene Nagle	<u>Librarian:</u>	Mrs Dorothy Wright
<u>Vice Chairman:</u>	Mr Don Peck	<u>Publications:</u>	Mrs Mary Blyth
<u>Secretary:</u>	Mrs Marlene Arnold	<u>Publicity:</u>	Mrs Marlene Arnold
<u>Ass. Secretary:</u>	Mrs Dorothy Wright	<u>TAMIOT:</u>	Mrs Betty Wood
<u>Treasurer:</u>	Mr Geoff Repley	<u>Research:</u>	Mrs Pat Harrie

Our meetings are held on the 1st Tuesday of the month at Kings Meadows High School at the new time of 7.30 pm. At a future meeting we hope to be hearing from Mrs Hamilton from the museum, and we are also planning a queries night. A day at the museum and a day trip to the pilot station at Low Head are also planned for the future.

Our TAMIOT project is progressing well, but help is still needed with transcribing and the writing of cards. If you can assist please contact Mrs Wood on 44 5146. We have transcribed the Church of England cemeteries at Evandale and St Leonards.

Our Library has been well patronised on Saturdays (1-4 pm) and Wednesdays (2-4 pm). However, we need more assistants so if you can help, contact our new librarian Mrs Wright on 44 1016.

Subscriptions can now be paid to Mr Geoff Repley at 1 Machen St, KINGS MEADOWS.

LAUNCESTON ANNUAL REPORT by Judy Parnell, Chairman

I have pleasure in presenting the Annual Report of the Launceston Branch of the Society for the year ending 31 March 1983.

The highlight of the year was the opening of our Branch Library at Carr Villa. The library was officially opened by the Mayor of Launceston, Aldermen R. Walker on Saturday 28 August 1982. A successful Library Shower was held on opening day, and thanks go to those members who either donated or loaned furniture, curtains, books and cash. Although space is somewhat limited, a constant flow of people, both members and non-members has since visited the library. We had a visit from the Devonport Branch in February. The State Executive donated \$194 to the Launceston Branch towards the purchase of shelving and a filing cabinet. We have over 100 books in the collection now, as well as many church and cemetery records.

The TAMIOT project is progressing well with the cemeteries at Longford and Perth completed and a start made at Carr Villa. A transcription day was organised in conjunction with Hobart Branch in March at Oatlands. Thanks go to Mrs Wood and her helpers for their tireless efforts in transcribing and carding this valuable information. Our Research Officer has also had a busy year answering queries from both members and non-members. Thank you Mrs Harrie.

LAUNCESTON ANNUAL REPORT CONT'D

The Branch has been involved in numerous activities throughout the year. Another successful visit was arranged to the Queen Victoria Museum. Also visited, was the Local History Room at the Northern Regional Library, where members learned of some of the valuable records available to researchers. A party of members made a day trip to Hobart to spend time researching at our Library at Bellerive.

Several Committee members prepared a collection of permanent display material which was effectively used at the Colonial Ball in July, the Caravanning Into the 80's exhibition at the Albert Hall in September and also at the Northern Regional Library in November. Thank you to those members who manned these displays.

A very successful dinner was held in lieu of our normal meeting night in March. It was held at the El Metedor Restaurant and an enjoyable night was had by all who attended. It is hoped to make this an annual event.

Branch membership has seen steady growth in the past 12 months, due in part to very good publicity in the local media. We currently have 68 members. As a result of so many new members and guests attending our monthly meetings, we have conducted numerous workshops and problem nights throughout the year. Many members spoke of their experiences at researching their family history and a very informative talk was given by Mr Wayne Shipp from the Pilot Station at Low Head. Fund raising at meetings included a Cakeless Cake Stall and a Trade Table as well as the normal monthly donations to the Library Fund.

Two major projects are planned for the coming 12 months. The first is a state-wide Members' Research Directory, application forms for which are to be distributed in the March Journal. Any profits from this venture will go to our Branch. Secondly a Seminar is to be planned in June to coincide with the visit to Tasmania of Mrs Elizabeth Simpson. Mrs Simpson is to be the keynote speaker at the 3rd Australasian Congress on Genealogy and Heraldry to be held in New Zealand in May 1983. Also Mr Alan Phillips from Gould Books in South Australia will be visiting Tasmania later in the year and hopefully members will have the opportunity to see what books he has available on genealogical research.

In conclusion, I would like to thank all members and in particular Committee members for their support during the last 12 months, and to wish the new Chairman and Committee every success in the coming year.

BURNIE BRANCH - ANNUAL REPORT by Jon Williams, Chairman

Editor's Note: This comprehensive and very interesting report records the establishment and progress of the Burnie Branch since its inauguration. Lack of space precludes its reproduction in full, and an extract is offered here. General Meetings during 1982 included a variety of guest speakers, a tour of the Pioneer Village Museum and a workshop. The annual dinner was held on 24th July.

Committee Meetings were held regularly throughout 1982 and major topics were:-

1. The Constitution - It was decided that our branch should ratify the proposed new constitution, with the reservation that a years trial be given before the incorporation of the Society, so that any deficiencies in the working of the new constitution could be easily rectified. The new constitution was formally accepted at the Society's annual general meeting in April 1982.

2. Library Premises - The search for these was continued throughout 1982, together with offers and approaches being made to many companies, organisations and individuals. The committee was disappointed by the continued lack of success in this matter.

During the year a typewriter, chairs and microfilm equipment were purchased at reasonable prices in anticipation of obtaining library premises.

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3. The International Genealogical Index - Because of the expiration of the lease of the old IGI, and because IGI's are now sold rather than leased, it was decided that we attempt to raise sufficient funds to purchase our own. The necessary amount was raised chiefly by donations from members and other individuals. The index order was sent in late 1982.

4. Other Items - throughout 1982 included a review of meeting procedures, a document collection, Penguin Cemetery Transcriptions, increased contact with various agencies about genealogical records.

General Comments 1982

Membership throughout 1982 increased steadily. While 1981 may be dubbed "the year of the constitution", 1982 was certainly "the year of the premises". The search for premises throughout 1982 occupied a large amount of time for committee members. However, increased activity on other aspects is noticeable in the records, and I think it is fair to say the overall quality of our meetings developed through 1982 as a result of improvements instituted by the committee.

1983 (to April)

First general meeting 8th February 1983.

(a) Guest Speakers to date have been:

- 8 Feb 1983 Mr S. Joyce - The Joyce family and the history of Burnie
- 8 Mar 1983 Mr J. Loughren - Ireland, its history and problems.
- 12 Apr 1983 Jon Williams - Cornish Ancestry

(b) Committee meetings have been held regularly to date. Major topics have been

- (i) arranging guest speakers for 1983
- (ii) Publicity Officer : Mrs Nola Blizard
- (iii) The library : setting of operation and conditions and charges.

General Comments 1983

Things got off to a great start for us this year with the obtaining of library premises. In my opinion, this is the best event in the Branch's history to date apart from its founding.

A new lease of life is apparent, with offers to assist in the library coming from many members, and a fresh intake of members through initial contact with the library.

The IGI is receiving excellent usage and it seems as was hoped, that the library will manage to generate its own funds. All library functions and funding are to receive an extensive review in September this year.

Closing Remarks

While 1983 looks like being our best year yet, none of this would have been possible without the back-up of an energetic and devoted committee. It has been my privilege to have been involved in the work of this dedicated group of people, and I commend my fellow committee members to you as deserving of the greatest respect.

The committee is elected from the membership of the Branch and the support of our membership in this area has always been a striking feature of our Branch's success. I believe this support has made our Branch the most successful and active in the Society.

In particular I would like to thank those members who have helped our Branch by providing catering at meetings, those who have helped set up the library by providing transport and assisting in its running, and those members who enabled us to purchase the IGI.

In closing I would like to wish the Branch all the best for the forthcoming year, and I trust that this report has been of value in providing a record of our actions since our foundation in 1980.

T.A.M.I.O.T.

To the 52 of you (+ friends) who were able to go to Oatlands on 19th March and the 10 who went on 16th April I would like to say "thank you" on behalf of all the members and visitors who use the cemetery index. The following cemeteries at Oatlands have now been transcribed.

Uniting	Old Anglican	Catholic
Methodist	Current Anglican,	St. Peters

Transcribing, however, is only the beginning of it all. The next step is to number all the transcription cards (for easy identification). After this, the index cards have to be typed. These contain all the genealogical information but omit the extraneous - such as "in loving memory" and verses (unless significant). When these have been typed and checked, they are sorted alphabetically and used to type cemetery lists.

Some of the highlights of the Oatlands trips were:-

Special Project Officer, Lewis Woolley, spied a headstone in the middle of a patch of gorse in the Catholic cemetery. Clad in an assortment of protective armour and fired with enthusiasm, he battled his way to the stone - only to find that it had no inscription and appeared never to have had one. A record of his expressions (facial and verbal) on emerging, would make an interesting addition to his family history records.

New member Tim Ransome, found relatives in the current Anglican cemetery. He had an old photograph of a headstone which he thought was in a cemetery somewhere in the northwest and was surprised to find it at Oatlands.

On the first excursion, we had five members join us from Launceston, and on the second we had one from Burnie and one from Devonport. Thank you for joining us and we hope you enjoyed it as much as we did.

Possibly THE highlight of Oatlands came on the second trip when Graeme Raphael of the local National Trust group showed us around the town. We were all fascinated with the approach to preservation taken at Oatlands. The aim is to show how the buildings were built, not what present day people think it all looked like. Even the cat which followed us into the old court house appreciated the archaeological "dig" in one of the front rooms. If you missed this trip but would like to organise your own group

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(10 or more for about \$20 donation) to go sometime, it is well worth the effort in organisation.

The shorter hours of daylight and colder weather condition of winter make travelling less pleasant so for 25 June, 23 July, 20 August and 24 September, transcribing will return to Cornelian Bay.

If you are unable to give time on a Saturday but could spend a weekday (or a few lunch hours) at the Southern Tasmanian Cemetery Trust (Castray Esplanade) the Town Hall or Archives, there are several specialised areas where your help would be invaluable. Please phone Shirley Johnson for details of these - 43 7486 (weekends or after 4 pm school days).

BOOK REVIEW - "GRAVE REFLECTIONS" by Jan Davidson & Helen Doxford

In reviewing this book in the last journal, I omitted the most important details - where to get it and how much. As this was my first attempt at a review, I hope I will be forgiven.

Copies are available from the A.I.G.S., National Trust of Victoria Bookshop, Tasma Terrace, Melbourne or from Helen Harris, PO Box 92, Forest Hill, Victoria.

The cost is \$8.95 + \$2.30 postage to Tasmania, and the book is a numbered limited edition of 1,500 copies. Helen has confirmed that most Victorian cemeteries are run by local councils rather than Churches, so if you go looking at these cemeteries be prepared for ones somewhat larger than a lot of our Tasmanian ones!

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Cemetery Lists and Index Cards

If you have access to a typewriter, can use at least one finger and can spare a few hours every now and then, you can be a great asset to the Society in handling this work. Phone Shirley Johnson on 43 7486 (after 4 pm on school days) for more details. Living in the Hobart area is not essential if you make regular (once every month or two) trips to Hobart - and don't forget that Launceston, Burnie & Devonport branches could also use typists.

Cemetery List

LOWER MARSHES - ANGLICAN, ST JAMES

CODE: OA 03

Location : 9 km along Lower Marshes Rd northwest from
Jericho
Grid Ref: Land Dept 1:100,000 Lake Sorell Map Sheet
(8313) grid ref 171E 115N
Headstones: 14, earliest 1913
Transcribed: 2 May 1982

<u>REF NO</u>	<u>SURNAME</u>	<u>DETAILS</u>
00001	JONES	Edward John, died 5 May 1963 aged 81 Also Emma Elizabeth JONES, wife of above, died 24 Nov 1964 aged 73
00006	JONES	Elizabeth E., died 13 Oct 1918, aged 79 Also Frederick JONES, husband of above, died 26 Jan 1926 aged 93
00011	JONES	Frank Abury, son of Charles & Mary JONES, died 11 Jan 1913 aged 17 Also Clarence Morgan JONES, our son, died 10 Dec 1916, aged 24 For King & Country
00003	JONES	Frederick, husband of late Mary Ann JONES, died 26 Mar 1942 in his 79th year
00002	JONES	Gerald Edward, accidentally killed 2 Jun 1956 aged 42
00008	JONES	James Alfred, husband of Winifred JONES, died 9 Dec 1962 aged 79
00014	JONES	John, died 15 Jan 1928 aged 76
00012	JONES	Mary A., died 22 May 1943 aged 76 Also Charles J.B. JONES, husband of above, died 18 Jan 1944 in his 83rd year. Farewell our parents
00004	JONES	Mary Ann, wife of Fredrick JONES, died 18 Jan 1936 aged 70
00009	JONES	Ruby Winifred, daughter of James & Winifred JONES, died 21 Jul 1921 aged 1 yr 8 mths
00010	JONES	Walter Henry, sixth son of Charles & Mary JONES, killed in France 7 May 1917 aged 19
00013	JONES	William, C.T. (Willie), accidentally killed 4 Aug 1979 aged 25
00007	JONES	Winifred G.M., wife of James, died 11 Oct 1967 aged 87
00005	MONKS	Richard James, husband of Rita Louise b. 2 Oct 1898, died 24 May 1972

DATLANDS OLD METHODIST

CODE: DA 07

Location: Along Tunnach Rd on East side Midland Hwy,
opposite District School playground. Cemetery &
site of old Chapel are behind a white picket
fence.

Grid Ref: Land Dept 1:100,000 Lake Sorell Map Sheet (8313)
Grid ref 303E 163N

Headstones: 18, earliest 1860, now closed

Transcribed: 19 March 1983

<u>REF NO</u>	<u>SURNAME</u>	<u>DETAILS</u>
00002	BAILEY	Samuel, Of Datlands, died 27 Jan 1866, aged 79 yrs. Erected by his son John BAILEY
00001	BAILEY	Susannah, Relict of the late Sam'l BAILEY, died 26 Jan 1867. Aged 68
00010	BOOTH	William, died 19 April 1872, aged 95 Also Margaret RAYMOND, died 6 Feb 1884 aged 66
00004	BRANSON	Sarah, wife of William BRANSON, died 13 Nov 1865 aged 62
00006	BRANSON	Sarah, died 7 Sep 1900. Also Winsome, daughter of Rev A.E. & E.B. WELLARD, died 20 Feb 1897
00005	BRANSON	William, died 30 Jan 1882 aged 78
00008	CORNISH	Percy, died 17 Aug 1903 aged 38
00009	EDWARDS	Edith E., died 31 Jul 1898, aged 34 (or 84) yrs
00007	FILLINGHAM	Mary Elenor, Second daughter of Rev. Joseph & Eliza Rebecca FILLINGHAM died 15 May 1860 aged 2 yrs 11 mth
00014	FLEMMING	Thomas, died 25 Mar 1870 aged 72 Also Ann Jane, relict of above, died 29 Aug 1880 aged 70
00013	KINGSTON	Charles, died 28 Nov 1896 aged 57 And Maria KINGSTON, died 13 Jun 1915 aged 75. Our father and mother
00016	MAHER	Cyril, died 3 Mar 1900
00003	POOLE	Rhonda, died 21 Oct 1862 aged (8?)6 yrs
00010	RAYMOND	Margaret - see William BOOTH

DATLANDS OLD METHODIST CONTINUED

<u>REF NO</u>	<u>SURNAME</u>	<u>DETAILS</u>
00015	TAYLOR	William, husband of Amelia TAYLOR, died 24 Jly 1900 aged 42 Also William A & David O., died 21,22 Dec 1886 aged 11 weeks
00006	WELLARD	Winsome, see Sarah BRANSON
00011	WRIGHT	Joseph, died 16 Jan 1867 aged 52 Also Jane WRIGHT, wife of above, died 26 May 1903 aged 52 (or 82)
00012	B.	H.L.M. (full inscription reads: H L M B)

Book Review

PUBLICATIONS OF THE FEDERATION OF FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETIES

World War 1 Army Ancestry by Norman Holding, Federation of Family History Societies, June 1982.

For anyone researching the career of a British soldier in the First World War, this is a most useful book, and a valuable attempt to shed some light on a difficult area. The author comments: "Already the most costly war in history, at least in terms of soldiers' lives, is passing rapidly into the realm of Family History and Genealogy. For most people the question "What did grand-father or father do in the war?" is already being asked too late. The ancestors have died, leaving behind a few photos, a medal or two, and hopefully a collection of reminiscences passed on to their children".

The author has written the book as a result of the research he undertook into his own father's activities during war service in France in 1916-19, and intends it as a guide for those who, like himself, started from scratch.

He warned that many army records have been destroyed, either deliberately or as a result of enemy action in wartime. Research in this area is therefore far from straightforward. Officers are somewhat easier to track down; the author therefore concentrates on N.C.O.'s and private soldiers, and sets out to provide the family history researcher with a list of sources available to him so he can reconstruct the career of a soldier. A large part of the book is taken up with references to sources and books.

The Accommodation Register - Federation of Family History Societies 1982.

This is an updated list of bed and breakfast offers, by and for family historians, which has appeared each year since 1975. There is a "recommended" charge for bed and breakfast of £5.00 per person per night, and this applies to all addresses on the list unless otherwise stated. The "recommended" charge for an evening meal is £3.00.

The list is made available only to members of constituent societies, and enquirers are asked to state the name of their society and their membership number when making enquiries. A stamped and addressed envelope should always be enclosed, with at least three International Reply Coupons, or better still, English stamps (obtainable at the CST Library, Percy Street, Ballerive).

Anyone interested in offering accommodation can write to Mrs Cynthia Walcot, Holey House, Ilminster, TA 19 9PU, England, with a large stamped addressed envelope and return postage.

BOOK REVIEWS CONTINUED.

Quarter Sessions Records for Family Historians - A Select List compiled by
J.S.W. Gibson. Federation of
Family History Societies 1982

Quarter Sessions Records are the records of the administration of the original English and Welsh counties before 1888, when Justices of the Peace were the main administrators.

Quarter Sessions are one of the two main classes of criminal records, containing in their Minute Books the names, offences, and sentences of all who appeared for trial, and in the Indictments the name, age and occupation of the defendant. (The other major class of criminal records are the Assize Court, whose records are held in the P.R.O.)

In addition to their role in the administration of criminal justice, the Justices of the Peace also dealt with a host of everyday matters, and were responsible for the operation of the Poor Law (including bastardy maintenance orders and settlement orders for wandering poor people); licences for printing presses, alehouses, religious and Friendly Societies; lists of people liable for Jury Service after 1696 (aged 21 or more, occupations and addresses listed for those with sufficient property to qualify); and, between 1673 and 1828, the names of military and civil officers taking oaths of allegiance. These are just some of the categories.

It is only the exceptionally fortunate Australian researcher who can spend an extended period in Britain who is likely to be able to explore the records for the county in which his ancestors lived. Moreover, the records present difficulties in indexing with their sheer bulk and the awkwardness of deciphering handwriting in the older documents. (They accumulated from the mid-seventeenth century onwards and sometimes earlier than this.)

J.S.W. Gibson's booklet provides information on the location of records, and a selected list of the holdings in each County Record Office in England and Wales. He reminds us that County Record Offices often produce their own excellent detailed guides.

If you are one of the lucky people with time to spend in England, make sure you take this booklet along with you. Those contemplating the use of a professional researcher or record agent would also benefit from knowledge of the existence of these rich repositories. Before you do anything, remember that much material from Criminal records, for example, is available on microfilm through the Australian Joint Copying Project. Copies of the A.J.C.P. handbook are available in our Society's libraries. We hope to publish an article about the A.J.C.P. holdings in Tasmania in a forthcoming journal.

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WHITTON'S MERCURY INDEX

Mr Kevin Whitton of 51 Coppin Street, East Malvern, Vic advises us as follows:-

"Supplementary to the first advice of 'Whitton's Mercury Index' which appeared in Vol 3 of 'Tasmanian Ancestry', in September 1982, I would now advise that the following years have been indexed where Monthly Summaries of Birth, Marriage and Death are available.

July-Dec 1858
All 1859
All 1861
All 1864
December 1869
All 1877, 1879, 1881, 1882
July, Aug, Dec 1887
January 1888
All 1895 and 1899

Contrary to my first advice, it has been found that the summary of monthly news, including births, marriages and deaths, was carried on until March 1904. These later summaries will eventually be incorporated into the Index.

Members of the G.S.T. are welcome to request abstracts of any entries for specified surnames, provided each request is accompanied by a stamped addressed envelope. Requests for fairly common surnames eg. Miller, Brown, Smith should include a brief resume of known information such as residence, given name or names of wife and family.

RICKETS - Mrs P. Howard of 23 Meath Avenue, Tarroona, has a book presented to Colin Ricketts at Bridgewater High School in 1889 as second prize for lessons in Class 11. She would be pleased to hand it on to a descendant.
Tel: 27 8622.

New Location for L.D.S. Genealogical Library - The Genealogical library of the Church of Latter Day Saints has moved from Barbara Street, Moorabbin, and is now located at Cathies Lane, Wantirna (Melway Ref. 63 D11).

Mr Geoff Squires of "Longacre", Mittagong Road, BOWRAL, N.S.W. 2576, has sent us a copy of his STEVENS Genealogy to be read in conjunction with the PHILLIPS Genealogy already forwarded. His HYRONS Genealogy is now completed and we will receive it in the near future.

Notes continued

Personal News

Mrs Jan Dickens has sent us a newspaper clipping from the New Zealand Herald which tells of a romance that grew from a "Love Boat" type meeting on an Oriental cruise late last year. Barbara Purton, an Auckland, met Albert Bolt, a retired Australian flour miller, on board the Oriana. Barbara was a foundation member of the Genealogical Society of Tasmania.

Congratulations go to Mrs Judy Parnell and her husband Tony, whose son Phillip John Charles was born May 10 1983 in Launceston.

Kevin Whitton welcomed a son, Timothy Charles, on 14 February 1983.

Federation of Family History Societies - Postal Publications Section

Please note that any orders for postal publications should now be sent to Mr Ken Cox, 80a Lampton Road, Hounslow, TW3 4DJ, with cheques made payable to the Federation of Family History Societies.

Convict Ancestors - Mrs Leonie Carpenter claims twelve and Mr Kevin Whitton thirteen!

Hobart Branch Dinner - Hobart Branch is planning a dinner to be held at Bellevue, Bellerive, on September 24th. Members from other branches most welcome. Please ring Margaret Parssey on 48 6176 for details.

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Mrs Gaynor Kirkby of New Zealand has asked us to thank members for their hospitality when she visited Hobart last December.

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Congratulations to the Rapleys on the birth of their baby recently. Geoff is our State Treasurer.

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Queensland Archives at Dutton Park, are no longer answering queries relating to Family History. This will continue indefinitely.

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Members Queries

BENJAMIN, Henry Samuel b. C1810 d. 19.3.1852 who married Lydia SOLOMON b. C1813 (who remarried Lewis COHEN 11.11.1855). Henry & Lydia had two sons Morris b. 1838 and Samuel b. 1839. Henry was licensee of various inns at Oatlands, Hamilton & Hobart. Any information of this family or other members and their origins would be appreciated. Mrs B.V. Brown, PO Box 124, CLONCURRY, Qld. 4824

STONEHOUSE. Seeking information on Robert STONEHOUSE (sailor, laborer, carter and later farmer) and wife Jana (nee MARSDEN). Moved from Sydney to Launceston in about 1820. General Muster for 1820: ROBERT - "arrived free" JANE - "born in the colonies". Issue: Thomas b. 1818, Robert b. 1820, John Marr b. 1823, Ann Jane b. 1824, William b. 1826, Charles William b. 1830, Elizabeth b. 1834 and Henrietta b. 1836. The eldest son, Thomas, remained in Launceston with parents. Others moved to Port Fairy, Victoria about 1842. Any information or contact with descendants of this family appreciated. Mr Kerry Vickers, Kolora R.S.D., TERANG. 3264

FLEMING
COATES
WRIGHT John, b. August 1855, his parents Thomas and Ann (nee WRIGHT). Thomas was a store-keeper at Oatlands. John married Annie COATES, daughter of Edwin, a brewer of Oatlands in April 1873. Their son Eric Kingsley (my grandfather) was born September 1887. John became a Sub-Inspector of Police at Oatlands. Eric went to Denedin, NZ, approx 1902, eventually owning his own plastering business. He died in 1978 at Howick, Auckland. I would be very grateful for information on Annie COATES and her parents; Ann WRIGHT and Thomas FLEMING. I will return postage to anyone able to help with information or possible contact with relatives. Mrs Dianne Murdoch, 29 Princes Street, Cambridge, New Zealand.

MASON George & wife Sarah McCORMACK, arrived as convicts 1850. Their children were Sarah 1852, George 1854, Margaret Ellis 1856, Frances 1858, Thomas 1863, Robert 1865, Charles 1869. Information regarding marriages and deaths of these children please. Contact Mrs S. Mason, 3 Dundas Court, Lenah Valley, Tas. 7008. Ph 28 7112

MEMBERS QUERIES CONT'D

- DONALDSON, Charles and wife Hannah (TAYLOR) were married 1885. Children were Phoebe 1887, Flora 1888, Amy 1889, Violet 1891, Robert 1893, Dora 1895, Edith 1898, Roy 1903. Charles was a blacksmith in New Norfolk, Tas. He died in 1935 and his wife died in 1949. Any information on parents and brothers and sisters of Charles and Hannah would be appreciated. Mrs S. Mason, 3 Dundas Court, LENA VALLEY, 7008. Ph 28 7112.
- HEFFERNAN
HEFFERMAN Fanny; mother of Thomas, Mary, Bridgett, Ellen, Eliza, Tim, James. Fanny and children arrived from Ireland in 1881 and settled at Bushy Park, Tas. Any information regarding marriages and deaths of Fanny or children please contact Mrs S. Mason, 3 Dundas Court, LENA VALLEY. 7008 Ph 28 7112
- GRIEVE Robert Gideon, dentist, Launceston (1892-1932) and his wife Florence Hyland GERMAINE. Their grand-daughter wishes to make contact with anyone with family history or genealogy. Mrs F.M. Gonczol, 16 Brentani Avenue, Elsternwick, VIC. 3185
- DAVIS Theana, born 1851, married Francis James WARD, age 35, at the Church of the 12 Apostles Catholic Church, Margaret St, Launceston on 26 July 1878. I believe the Davis family lived in Launceston and could have been from Invermay. Annie Olim DAVIS may have been Theana's mother. Any information please to Mrs Theana Parham, 36 Sargood St, Altona, Vic. 3018
- ARCHBOLD Catherine, born Hobart c.1835 to Charles and Julia (nee O'BRIAN). Both families may have moved to Melbourne between 1835 and 1854. Any information about either family please to Hugh Menzies, 115 Central Park West, New York, N.Y.10023, USA.
- MAGUIRE John Samuel and Ann (nee COPE) lived in Hobart prior to moving to Melbourne in 1867. Children Annie Emma and possibly John Alfred. John Samuel was a bootmaker. Any information please to Hugh Menzies, 115 Central Park West, New York. NY. 10023, USA.

Why do so many children die? Why are our cemeteries filled with short graves? Why do more than one half the children born never reach the age of manhood? Is it because God has not made man as wisely or as well as He made the ox or the dog? Who would think of raising cattle or horses if five out of every ten died before old enough to come to the yoke or the harness?

There must be some great mistake in the original organisation of man, or else some egregious errors in the habits and training of the human race.

There are several reasons for these early deaths, for this want of stamens in the human constitution. And let it be remarked that it is not among the poor and ignorant, the hardworking and plain living class where we find the greatest infantile mortality. It is with those who are well-housed and have a plenty of food and refinement and culture. True, among the poor there are many deaths from contagious diseases and occasionally an instance of wasting decay; but the roused, bare-footed and plainly-fed laborer's child is more often rosy, rollicking, hearty, and healthy than the well-care-for child of the opulent. No doubt extra early rooms and too little out-of-door exercise send many a child to the grave. Candies, rich food, irritating condiments and this everlasting nibbling between meals of cakes and delicacies, tend to impair the young stomach, and debilitate the nervous system, and produce early death; but we believe the prime destroyer of children of today is tobacco, flanked on either hand by its coadjutors, tea and coffee, and in many instances supplemented with that scourge of scourges, alcoholic drink.

Boys smoke and chew tobacco. They think it early and smart. Thus, in the years of growth, they shatter their nervous systems, derange their digestive circulatory apparatus, and fail to develop into that brazen, robust manhood which nature intended in their organisation. They become pale, sallow, lank in cheek and lank in abdomen, weak in the back and weak in the head, fretful, fidgety, nervous and not more than half developed. Many boys of seventeen, when we advise them not to smoke, tell us they cannot possibly leave off smoking. They must either chew or smoke, and they reveal to us the amount of their indulgence in this respect which is really alarming. Ten, twelve cigars a day is nothing uncommon, an amount indeed every day sufficient to kill three men who were not previously accustomed to the vile weed. These boys do not attain to their normal growth by an inch and a half in height, and twenty five to fifty pounds in weight and are lean, scrawny, nervous, half-built wrecks. They marry the daughters, perhaps, of men of similar habits and these daughters, housed up in ladyhood without exercise, accustomed to strong coffee and tea, are about as nervous and as much debilitated as their tobacco smoking bridegrooms. They have children born to them; and from such parents can healthy children be expected?

It is said that the Fiji cannibals have become wiser than to kill tobacco users for the purpose of food, for they find it impossible to eat them so saturated have they become with the poisonous drug! If a cannibal will not eat a tobacco user is it not fair to suppose that children will inherit the nervous condition and debilitated state of a parent so saturated?

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