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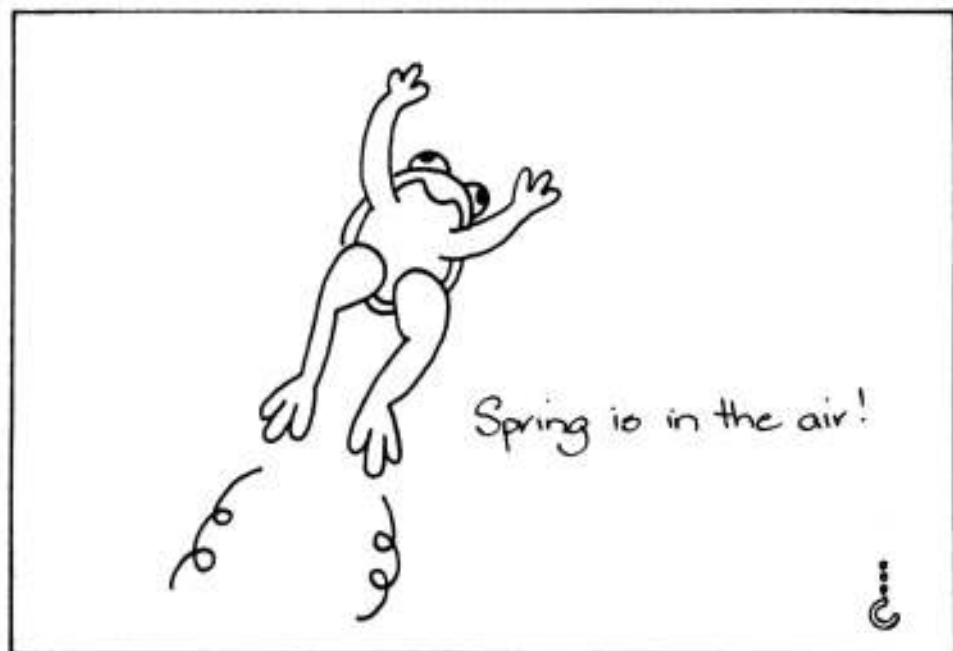
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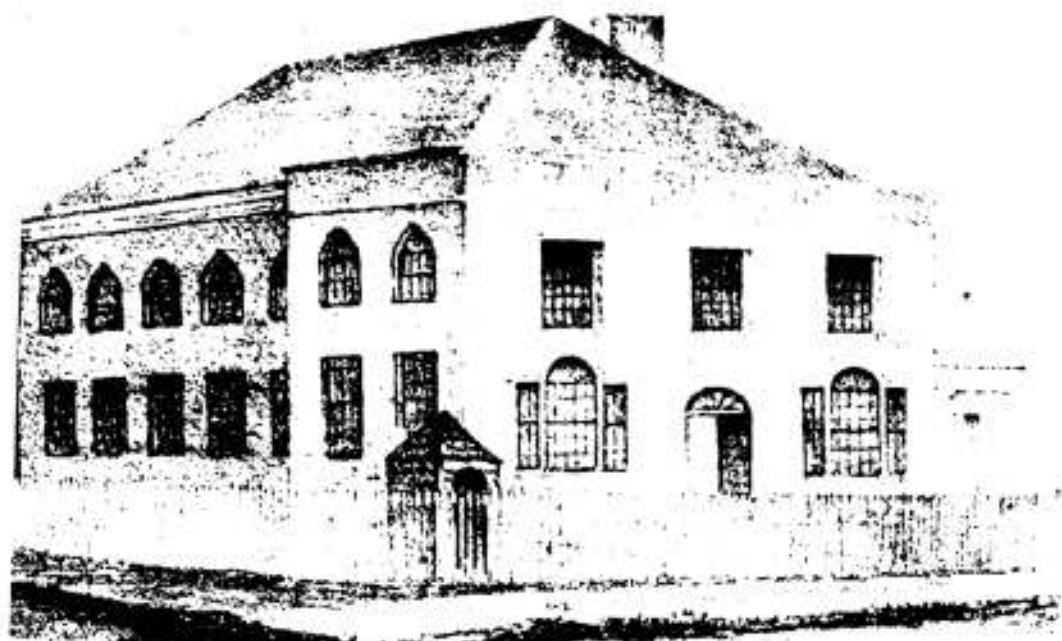
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This building, with an added portico, still exists in Macquarie Street.

THE VAN DIEMENS LAND HERITAGE INDEX
History and Prospects
by
Neil Chick

1. PREAMBLE:

It is my firm belief that the time is right for the working together of as many as possible of the bodies in the community which have an interest in the preservation of the colonial heritage of Tasmania.

Many readers of *Tasmanian Ancestry* or of other Australian Genealogical and Family History journals will be aware of the existence of major publishing projects being undertaken on the mainland. At the time of its Sesquicentenary, Western Australia produced comprehensive indexes of both the free and the convict settlers, a project coordinated by Rica Ericson and others at the University of Western Australia. The Genealogy and Heraldry Society of South Australia, under the leadership of Jill and Peter Statton, is to publish a six-volume Biographical Index of settlers, for the period 1836-1886, for that state's Sesquicentenary. Keith Johnson and Malcolm Sainty, with the assistance of many members of the Society of Australian Genealogists are hard at work on another multi-volume biographical dictionary to cover the settlements of the eastern mainland states, with some reference also to Tasmania, for the Australian Bicentenary. Should Tasmania do the same?

I have believed so since first learning, more than ten years ago of the work being done in England by The Social Science Research Council's Group for the History of Population and Social Change. From then until now? Well that is a story which needs to be told. The first stages were getting to know the holdings of our own marvellous Archives Office, and then the exciting, historic First Congress on Genealogy and Heraldry in Melbourne, at Easter 1977, at which I first saw that it was possible to establish genealogical societies, such as flourish on the mainland and in America, and which are the very mainstay of the SSRC family reconstitution project, as the job of gathering the data for population-wide indexes is enormous. The tasks of organizing a Tasmanian society did not fall to me, however.

I was planning to travel to the USA and Canada for the second half of 1977, to learn the techniques of computerized family reconstitution by computer at Stanford, Salt Lake City, Washington Kingston and Montreal. Lilian Watson and I discussed the formation of a local society at length, though she little knew what the ramifications would eventually become. It was under her inspired leadership that a Tasmanian Group of The Australian Institute of Genealogical Studies was formed, which would develop, eventually, to become our own Genealogical Society of Tasmania.

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with over 800 members, in five short years.

While overseas I used the marvellous C.F.I., the ancestor of the present I.G.I., the computerized index to the temple records of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. (See Tasmanian Ancestry, vol. 5: 3-16, March 1984). There was so much work being done in the USA, and Canada: in the universities, libraries and genealogical societies; such awe-inspiring examples. On my return I commenced, with Lilian and others, to set up the mechanism to enable the study of Tasmania's colonial population in the same intense way.

However, there was so much that needed to be done for the Society first: establishing this journal on a sound footing, initiating the tombstone and memorials inscription recording project (what has now become TAMIOD) and the indexing of newspapers, not to mention the Byzantine complexities of the Constitution. I am very grateful to have seen all these tasks now put into better hands than mine. There was also a long struggle making the Registrar General's birth, marriage and death records available for family reconstitution. Though I can take little personal credit for it, this finally happened: a first in the English speaking world. Then I attempted to transport some of the computer programs I had gathered, in USA and Canada, to the University mainframe computer, with mixed success. Newer and far better languages were becoming more available for writing the huge and complex computer programs which record linkage and family reconstitution require. The building of the microcomputer (upon which this article was composed) for the Tasmanian Historical Demography Project at the University took months of work. By that time, the other indexing efforts were underway on the mainland: in W.A., S.A. and N.S.W.

During the first half of 1984, I closely investigated these projects, and surveyed the archival holdings relating to early Tasmanian families in the Archives Office of New South Wales and the Mitchell Library, Sydney. I also listed the microfilm holdings of Tasmania at the Genealogical Department of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

As this work proceeded, and as I saw difficulties and successes elsewhere, I became more and more convinced of the need to incorporate material of wide community interest. I also saw that the community's needs could be met only by a lengthy and intensive period of cooperation between numerous organizations and individuals, and that the project would require the input of considerable funds from government, corporate, society, and private sources.

Because of my firm belief that the community's needs and interests are far broader than the narrow compass of genealogy, and are wider even than the discipline of family history, and that they take in the whole cultural milieu of the nineteenth century, I am canvassing assistance from many organizations. I feel strongly that with foresight, careful planning and concerted effort, the community's wide interest in this state's colonial past can be further developed and the research needs of the community met, not only for today but for posterity.

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This Society has, in principle, lent its support to this project. At the June Council Meeting, I was elected to head a new Special Interest Board: The Van Diemens Land Heritage Index Board. I have a brief to investigate closely the ways in which such an Index can be produced.

So much for the History. What are the Prospects? I hope that work can now begin, as soon as possible, on the most important single work of scholarship on the history, people, and culture of colonial Van Diemens Land to date:

"THE VAN DIEMENS LAND HERITAGE" (A Biographical, Cultural and Genealogical Index)

2. NATURE AND SCOPE OF THE PROJECT

"The Van Diemens Land Heritage" should cover all persons known to have resided in Tasmania, during the period 1803 - 1875. No data will be included in the Index on persons born after 1875, in order to protect the rights of personal privacy of the living. Information on the marriages, deaths, emigrations, etc., occurring after 1875, which concern persons born or resident in Tasmania prior to 1875 shall be included.

Information on the properties, artifacts, literature, music, commerce and trade, and other activities of nineteenth century Tasmania shall be included to the extent that organizations other than those concerned with genealogy and family history are prepared to participate in the project. This will need to be the subject of negotiation and detailed planning.

3. THE NECESSITY FOR USING COMPUTERS:

It is now well established that the techniques of computerized nominal record linkage are the most successful, and rapid method of population-wide family reconstitution from scattered and disparate data. The techniques involve the transcription of documents and the matching of names in them, linking together records about individuals, families and communities.

Because of the potential for error in the transcription of records, the minimum number of times a record should be copied is twice. This requires that two workers, operating independently, transcribe or index the information. For maximum efficiency, this transcription should be direct to computer, by established key-to-disk procedures. The validation of the transcription can thus be automatic, at the time of entry, as data entry would be under software control. This ensures that the format of names, dates and places is adhered to. Comparison of the two transcriptions would be automatic. Only those transcriptions which were at variance with one another would need manual evaluation. This would enormously decrease the labour of data validation and proof reading.

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Again, to minimize the potential for error, records should be copied no more than twice. Though it is inevitable that some records will be transcribed manually to paper because of a lack of equipment, or training, and then go through double entry to the computer, this should be kept to an absolute minimum.

Errors can also be introduced at the sorting, matching and merging stages in the compilation of the index, particularly if done manually by a number of operators (as is the case in Adelaide). Manual processing would inevitably introduce inconsistencies. Use of a mainframe computer for the sorting, matching and merging of data sets, as well as for the family reconstitution and lineage linking processes will permit far higher speed and accuracy.

Similarly, the generation of copy for the printer can be automated. Using software to produce machine-readable copy for input direct to a photo-typesetter will eliminate the time-consuming, expensive and error prone manual typesetting stage, as well as the need for extensive proof-reading.

If COM (Computer-Output-Microfiche) is chosen as a publication medium instead of (or in addition to) paper, then machine-readable copy will be essential.

Furthermore, as other sources of information become available after the formal publication of the work, and further data are accumulated, such additional machine-readable files have the potential to be incorporated very readily in second and subsequent editions. The establishment of off-line or even on-line genealogical, cultural and biographical data-bases should become an ongoing project, with the annual task being the transcription of the records of that year minus 110 years. With every passing year the data bases could thus be increased.

4. SOURCES OF DATA : MICROFILMS, ORIGINAL & COMPILED RECORDS

Most of the data to be included in the Index are on microfilm. A listing of many of these films in the collection of the Genealogical Department of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints has been supplied to each branch of the Society. I have listings, still in manuscript form, of the relevant holdings of the Archives Office of New South Wales, and of the Mitchell Library, Sydney, which are available on request.

For those instances where the original records must be transcribed, special arrangements will have to be made with the repositories concerned to have the records transcribed, either by project workers or if the original records are regarded as being too much at risk, by the repository's own staff.

An alternative would be to have them microfilmed, by the Genealogical Department of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, or by the Central Microfilm Bureau of the State Library of Tasmania, under terms to be negotiated. This applies to records in the principal repositories, or still in private or institutional care. Acquisition of films for the Project will need

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to be by gratuitous loan in as many instances as possible to minimize costs. Longer term loan of films from the LDS Genealogical Department is possible. At present the cost is \$7.50/reel and such films could be used only at the LDS Branch Genealogical Library. In some cases, permission of the repository which holds the original document may be needed for such longterm loan of LDS files because of the terms under which permission to film was originally granted. Such permission has already been obtained for material from the Archives Office of New South Wales.

Acquisition of films by outright purchase from the LDS Genealogy Department at a cost of some \$20.00 per reel may need to be considered. The same conditions of permission from the holder of the original document would also apply.

By far the most significant source of data are the files of the Registrar of Births, Marriages and Deaths, held by the Archives Office of Tasmania. It is ironic that the single biggest impediment to the implementation of the family reconstitution project until recently was the pressure of interest in these records on the Archives Office: an interest generated by our Society, and exacerbated by the Attorney General acceding to our request to have the records filmed and made available to the public. Should we buy these films as the project's first priority, at a cost of \$2,000.00? No. The Morris Miller Library of the University of Tasmania has acquired them, and they are available for use by Index workers on University premises, under certain conditions. They will not be available to the public.

5. HOUSING THE PROJECT:

Since most of the source data are on microfilm, and the original records are often too much at risk to be handled, the project will require lengthy access, both inside and outside normal office hours to some six to eight 35mm microfilm readers.

The microfilm readers to be used for data transcription and indexing must be of a kind which permits the simultaneous, and ergonomically acceptable, vision of both the projected microfilm image and of the visual display unit and the keyboard of the computer. Other varieties of microfilm equipment permit only manual transcription to paper, which is very inefficient. Reading equipment which meets these specifications, such as the NMI 2020, or which can be modified readily by temporary removal of the back panel to take the computer's VDU screen is located at:

1. The Archives Office of Tasmania; (1 unit)
2. The Morris Miller Library, The University of Tasmania; (2)
3. The Genealogical Library, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Hobart; (8)
4. Room 205, Geography Department, University of Tasmania; (1 already fully operational, with my custom-built microcomputer.)
5. The Australian Archives, (Tasmanian Branch).

The location of the workplace/s of the project will largely depend upon resolution of the problem of adding computer terminals

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to existing microfilm readers, and/or of adding readers to existing terminals. At present costing, it would be cheaper to add readers (at approximately \$1,600 each) to data terminals, rather than terminals (at approximately \$2,500 each) to the readers. However, the general lack of accessible readers may require that a few stand-alone computers or terminals be purchased which must be media compatible with the University or Elizabeth Computer Centre mainframe for ease of transfer of data to disk-pack or to tape.

It is taken as an established fact that the Archives Office of Tasmania cannot be the usual workplace for the project's volunteers. There exists already far too much pressure on its staff, space and reading equipment for the efficient pursuit of even an individual research project, let alone an undertaking of the magnitude of "The Van Diemens Land Heritage". As well, the restricted hours of access preclude its general use. Furthermore, files in the process of extraction or total transcription would utilize a reader for hours on end, to the complete exclusion of the general public.

Facilities at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints Genealogical Library, in Hobart, can be made available for many hours each week. The project would require microcomputers to complement the readers there.

The facilities of the University of Tasmania's Geography Department Computer laboratory should be operational in 1986, and will be available for many hours weekly. To complement the terminals, the Project would have to supply microfilm readers. It would seem to be the best solution to purchase four readers and four microcomputers. This would provide flexibility, and avoid the disruption of the programmes of the record repositories, libraries, and teaching institutions which might otherwise occur.

Further, there is the possibility, yet to be explored fully, of using the facilities now in many schools around the state which are connected, through the RSTS network, with the Elizabeth Computer Centre of the Education Department. This would allow workers outside the Hobart Metropolitan area to participate fully in the project. There could, however, be some problems of supervision, training and quality control.

6. STAFFING THE PROJECT:

The project will require the supervision of a person highly skilled in the fields of history, genealogy, and computing. This supervision may need to be full-time. His duties will include

1. obtaining/writing the appropriate data entry software;
2. establishing and managing the computer data base;
3. negotiation with record repositories;
4. negotiation with printers and / or COM (Computer-Output Microfiche) agencies;
5. establishing priorities for indexing among the available data sources;
6. planning of work schedules and targets, and developing appropriate quality controls;
7. supervision and training of genealogists and of data entry

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shift leaders.

The data entry shift leaders must be familiar with the mechanics of data entry, and data file organization. They must be able to help the teams of volunteer indexers. Shift leaders must be mature persons who are able to give leadership and direction to the indexing.

The genealogists in the team will need to have skills in the evaluation of ambiguities and the establishment of lineages from partial and conflicting data. They will be required towards the end of project for evaluating the results of computerized family reconstitution. They will also be required for evaluation of the family data which are submitted by the public for inclusion in the index.

The data-entry staff will be the foundation for success: simple typing skills and the ability to be careful and systematic will be required of them. There will need to be many data-entry workers, as the job has its dull moments, and no-one would be asked to spend more than four hours in any day, nor twelve hours in a week sitting at a reader/computer. They would be asked to take frequent rests to maximize efficiency and accuracy.

Wherever possible staff should be volunteer rather than paid. It is strongly recommended that under no circumstances should staff be recruited in the manner of the RED or any other temporary employment scheme. Interest, dedication and enthusiasm are the prime requisites of staff. Other indexing schemes employing RED or other such persons have been seriously affected by carelessness and disinterest. Money granted to the project would be far better spent on equipment and file acquisition than on wages.

It is anticipated that staff will be drawn from members of the Genealogical Society of Tasmania, from past participants in the International Genealogical Index name extraction team (who have indexed U.K. parish registers, yielding more than 250000 entries over the past three years, and from volunteers from other organizations interested in the non-family, non-genealogical aspects of our Van Diemens Land Heritage.

7. FUNDING OF THE PROJECT:

A complete and detailed budget for the project cannot be done until the scope, location, and equipment of the project are agreed upon. Nevertheless, based on the experience of the Biographical Index of South Australians project, some broad recommendations are possible.

The general public should be invited to contribute their own brief family histories, at a fee of say \$5.00 per family entry. The Society should make available from its resources, monies sufficient in part to cover the operational cost of the research process. With the membership of the Society at about 800, the Society should be able to provide \$2,000 per annum, for a period of say four to five years.

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The Commonwealth Bicentennial Authority has already been asked to assist with the project. However, the terms of reference of the Authority preclude it from assisting publication projects. The State Government of Tasmania should be approached to provide grants towards both capital and running costs, as has been done in South Australia.

8. PUBLICATION OF THE INDEX

The Tasmanian Government Printer, and others should be invited to tender for the publication of the work in a cases, printed edition, and the method of publication should be such as to comply with the requirement of the Commonwealth Book Bounty scheme.

Local and mainland Computer Output Microfiche agencies should be asked to tender for the production of a COM edition of the Index.

9. STATISTICS OF POPULATION GROWTH:

The first stage in evaluating the feasibility of the Van Diemens Land Heritage Index is to establish the statistics of population and settlement. From these statistics it should be possible to determine the size of the data collection task and to decide the time period to be covered by the Index. As has been seen, the suggested ending date is 1875, though the sheer size of the task might make it necessary (though undesirable) for the cutoff year to be earlier.

These figures are not easily found, as the statistics for free arrivals are defective (indeed it could be said that all nineteenth century statistics are defective to greater or lesser degree). As far as the published, or readily calculable, data are concerned, my estimates for the period 1803-1900 are in TABLE 1. The table lists the following categories, and indicates with a # that good nominal data are available in the Archives Office of Tasmania and elsewhere for that category.

- 1 : Year. "C" indicates that there are surviving nominal records of a Census or Muster for that year. There were other censuses but only statistical data have survived from them.
- 2 : Births, i. e. Baptisms to 1838, Births (as corrected from SOME of the baptism registers) thereafter; #
- 3 : Deaths, i. e. Burials to 1838, and Deaths (as corrected from SOME of the burial registers) thereafter; #
- 4 : Marriages, including civil marriages after 1838. #
- 5 : Convict arrivals, i.e. direct arrivals from the U.K. In the early period there were other arrivals from New South Wales, and elsewhere. #
- 6 : Assisted immigrants, 1832 - 1890. #
- 7 : Free arrivals, (which may include the assisted immigrants for some years). No complete nominal data are available for any year.
- 8 : Departures (both bond and free). No complete nominal data are available for any year.
- 9 : Remarks, often indicating the difference between arrivals and departures: "+" indicating more arrivals than departures

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and "-" the reverse.

10 : Official Population, either by Census or Estimate.

TABLE I : TASMANIAN POPULATION STATISTICS, 1803 - 1900.

| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 |
|--------|-------|-------|------|-------|---------|------|--------|--------|--------|
| YEAR | BIRTH | DEATH | MARR | CONV | ASSISTD | FREE | DEPART | REMARK | POPLTN |
| C 1803 | 2 | 16 | 2 | 299 | 0 | | | | |
| 1804 | 6 | 31 | 5 | | 0 | | | | |
| 1805 | 14 | 6 | 3 | | 0 | | | | |
| 1806 | 7 | 3 | 1 | | 0 | | | | |
| 1807 | 12 | 5 | 4 | | 0 | | | | |
| 1808 | 17 | 13 | 20 | | 0 | | | | |
| 1809 | 39 | 13 | 10 | | 0 | | | | |
| 1810 | 46 | 11 | 19 | | 0 | | | | |
| C 1811 | 83 | 17 | 32 | | 0 | | | | ~1500 |
| 1812 | 41 | 21 | 27 | 199 | 0 | | | | |
| 1813 | 40 | 13 | 13 | | 0 | | | | |
| 1814 | 93 | 25 | 31 | | 0 | | | | |
| 1815 | 57 | 21 | 29 | | 0 | | | | |
| 1816 | 56 | 24 | 52 | | 0 | | | | 1461 |
| 1817 | 71 | 36 | 19 | | 0 | | | | 3114 |
| C 1818 | 85 | 53 | 32 | 595* | 0 | | | | 3240 |
| C 1819 | 131 | 55 | 72 | 312* | 0 | | | | 4411 |
| C 1820 | 190 | 101 | 85 | 1398* | 0 | | | | 5400 |
| C 1821 | 226 | 87 | 75 | 1076* | 0 | | | | 5827 |
| C 1822 | 201 | 92 | 75 | 815* | 0 | | | | |
| 1823 | 183 | 135 | 101 | 1040* | 0 | | | | 10009 |
| 1824 | 177 | 132 | 79 | 722* | 0 | | | | 12643 |
| 1825 | 217 | 197 | 85 | 821* | 0 | | | | 14512 |
| 1826 | 284 | 276 | 113 | 602* | 0 | | | | 15312 |
| 1827 | 319 | 250 | 110 | 1053* | 0 | | | | 17133 |
| 1828 | 309 | 250 | 120 | 1178* | 0 | | | | 18408 |
| 1829 | 301 | 260 | 166 | 1102* | 0 | | | | 20265 |
| 1830 | 460 | 270 | 163 | 2151* | 0 | | | | 24504 |
| 1831 | 422 | 282 | 114 | 2214* | 0 | | | | 26830 |
| 1832 | 489 | 302 | 291 | 1381* | 663 | | | | 29079 |
| 1833 | 455 | 379 | 257 | 2664* | 787 | | | | 34450 |
| 1834 | 714 | 557 | 370 | 1218* | 276 | | | | 37799 |
| 1835 | 730 | 525 | 356 | 2241* | 493 | | | | 40283 |
| 1836 | 684 | 443 | 496 | 2222* | 574 | | | | 43895 |
| C 1837 | 754 | 597 | 381 | 1519* | 554 | | | | 42795 |
| 1838 | 717 | 403 | 331 | 2210* | 0 | | | | 45846 |
| 1839 | 773 | 485 | 423 | 1427* | 0 | | | | 44111 |
| 1840 | 404 | 501 | 457 | 1267* | 0 | | | | 46057 |
| 1841 | 738 | 484 | 407 | 3462* | 247 | | | | 51499 |
| C 1842 | 1101 | 577 | 1003 | 5321* | 1485 | | | | 58902 |
| C 1843 | 1348 | 1140 | 608 | 3677* | 3093 | | | | |
| 1844 | 1551 | 786 | 845 | 3790* | 0 | | | | |
| 1845 | 1506 | 747 | 658 | 2396* | 0 | | | | |
| 1846 | 1567 | 736 | 669 | 1187* | 0 | | | | |
| 1847 | 1531 | 953 | 847 | 790* | 0 | | 4787 | | 67918 |
| C 1848 | 1653 | 773 | 799 | 1521* | 0 | | 3799 | | |
| 1849 | 1766 | 1013 | 734 | 1803* | 0 | 3617 | 3617 | | |
| 1850 | 2025 | 1070 | 923 | 2865* | 0 | | 4612 | | |
| C 1851 | 2081 | 1107 | 993 | 2100* | 418 | | 3930 | 7463 | 69187 |

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|------|------|------|------|-------|------|-------|-------|-------|----------|
| 1852 | 2114 | 1449 | 1213 | 2546* | 220 | | 12632 | 21920 | 63445 |
| 1853 | 2233 | 2017 | 1479 | 1452* | 1831 | | 14977 | 12684 | 65954 |
| 1854 | 2603 | 1926 | 1343 | 0 | 4172 | 9525 | 11280 | -1755 | 64874 |
| 1855 | 2948 | 1692 | 1257 | 0 | 5471 | 10887 | 7055 | +3832 | |
| 1856 | 2956 | 1335 | 933 | 0 | 963 | 4956 | 7636 | -2680 | |
| 1857 | 3246 | 1418 | 897 | 0 | 2512 | 6063 | 5231 | + 832 | 81492 |
| 1858 | 3138 | 1462 | 779 | 0 | 479 | 4003 | 4496 | - 493 | 84080 |
| 1859 | 3244 | 1410 | 706 | 0 | 721 | 2975 | 2921 | + 54 | 85968 |
| 1860 | 3238 | 1749 | 689 | 0 | 820 | 3432 | 3114 | + 318 | 87775 |
| 1861 | 3207 | 1477 | 717 | 0 | 358 | 3784 | 4861 | -1077 | 90211 |
| 1862 | 3149 | 1362 | 636 | 0 | 583 | 3174 | 4444 | -1270 | 90728 |
| 1863 | 2998 | 1418 | 698 | 0 | 170 | 3621 | 4410 | - 789 | 91519 |
| 1864 | 3031 | 1433 | 698 | 0 | 118 | 3711 | 4410 | - 699 | 93307 |
| 1865 | 3069 | 1263 | 591 | 0 | 92 | 3597 | 3509 | + 88 | 95201 |
| 1866 | 2805 | 1327 | 571 | 0 | 53 | 4769 | 4079 | + 690 | 97368 |
| 1867 | 2971 | 1418 | 597 | 0 | 56 | 3559 | 4025 | - 466 | 98455 |
| 1868 | 2990 | 1464 | 654 | 0 | 56 | 5043 | 4320 | + 732 | 100706 |
| 1869 | 2859 | 1335 | 651 | 0 | 28 | 6521 | 7159 | - 638 | 101592 |
| 1870 | 3054 | 1404 | 670 | 0 | 342 | 5982 | 5888 | + 94 | 99328 |
| 1871 | 3053 | 1355 | 598 | 0 | 9 | 4648 | 5326 | - 678 | 101785 |
| 1872 | 3010 | 1411 | 632 | 0 | 199 | 5665 | 6127 | - 462 | 102925 |
| 1873 | 3048 | 1504 | 659 | 0 | 28 | 6787 | 7039 | - 252 | 103571 |
| 1874 | 3097 | 1689 | 712 | 0 | 18 | 6265 | 7714 | -1449 | 104196 |
| 1875 | 3105 | 2078 | 689 | 0 | 16 | 6535 | 8075 | -1540 | 103919 |
| 1876 | 3149 | 1730 | 746 | 0 | 48 | 8571 | 8169 | + 402 | 104573 |
| 1877 | 3211 | 2038 | 831 | 0 | 7 | 9717 | 9270 | + 447 | 106294 |
| 1878 | 3502 | 1700 | 866 | 0 | 44 | 9524 | 8483 | +1041 | 108525 |
| 1879 | 3564 | 1688 | 804 | 0 | 56 | 10578 | 9932 | + 646 | 111208 |
| 1880 | 3739 | 1832 | 840 | 0 | 52 | 10411 | 10025 | + 386 | 113615 |
| 1881 | 3918 | 1733 | 856 | 0 | 59 | 12579 | 11163 | +1416 | 117314 |
| 1882 | 4043 | 1906 | 969 | 0 | 141 | 12822 | 11403 | +1419 | 119474 |
| 1883 | 4259 | 2122 | 1120 | 0 | 598 | 14240 | 12636 | +1604 | 122242 |
| 1884 | 4578 | 1990 | 1003 | 0 | 949 | 14257 | 12524 | +1733 | 125352 |
| 1885 | 4637 | 2036 | 1054 | 0 | 582 | 14822 | 14173 | +7% | ? 128160 |
| 1886 | 4627 | 1976 | 985 | 0 | 168 | 15399 | 14630 | +7% | ? 130442 |
| 1887 | 4736 | 2161 | 939 | 0 | 183 | 14980 | 12288 | +7% | ? 133812 |
| 1888 | 4777 | 2036 | 951 | 0 | 32 | 18866 | 17936 | +7% | ? 137167 |
| 1889 | 4747 | 2098 | 967 | 0 | 19 | 23443 | 20771 | +7% | ? 140262 |
| 1890 | 4813 | 2118 | 954 | 0 | 3 | 29517 | 27070 | +7% | ? 143734 |
| 1891 | 4971 | 2234 | 988 | 0 | 0 | 27315 | 21233 | +7% | ? 148955 |
| 1892 | 4965 | 2069 | 995 | 0 | 0 | 23744 | 24407 | +13% | ? 151727 |
| 1893 | 5216 | 2071 | 848 | 0 | 0 | 18089 | 18649 | +13% | ? 151241 |
| 1894 | 4852 | 1938 | 847 | 0 | 0 | 17009 | 15786 | ? | ? 152286 |
| 1895 | 4790 | 1811 | 846 | 0 | 0 | 18767 | 17168 | ? | ? 154426 |
| 1896 | 4603 | 1901 | 964 | 0 | 0 | 19076 | 15419 | ? | ? 157702 |
| 1897 | 4684 | 1947 | 1052 | 0 | 0 | 20735 | 16697 | ? | ? 162108 |
| 1898 | 4580 | 2357 | 1097 | 0 | 0 | 24074 | 19323 | +4751 | 166559 |
| 1899 | 4674 | 2204 | 1147 | 0 | 0 | 24495 | 20805 | +3690 | 170659 |
| 1900 | 4864 | 1903 | 1332 | 0 | 0 | 23056 | 22574 | + 482 | 172775 |

10. NATURAL BREAKS IN THE DATA AND HISTORY:

The next requirement is to determine the existence of natural / historical breaks, and to examine the size of the data set to be manipulated at each of these time periods. As I see it, there are breaks in the historical sequence as follows:

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1825 This is the date of separation of VDL from NSW, and therefore of the commencement of strictly Tasmanian controlled records, for the most part at the Archives Office. An estimate of the population of the state in 1825 is 14,512. To that date there had been 1994 baptisms (counted in lieu of births), 1137 burials (counted in lieu of deaths), and 871 marriages. There had been 7078 direct convict arrivals, and an unknown number of "indirect" arrivals from NSW and elsewhere. This date is far too early to end the Index.

1838 This is the date of commencement of Civil Registration. I believe this is too early a point in time to terminate: the resulting Index using Tasmanian and New South Wales archival sources would result in a slim volume of fairly minor utility. An estimate of the population in 1838 is 45,846. To that date there had been 8,622 births, 5,901 deaths, and 4,139 marriages. The crude fertility rate (births per marriage) was 2.08, which, for early Nineteenth Century society, is too low, and indicates serious under-registration (i.e. either incomplete baptism records, or many children were never baptized, or both). By 1838 there had been 28,833 direct convict arrivals, and 3347 assisted free immigrants. The number of non-assisted immigrants is not known. An advantage of computerized nominal record linkage and family reconstitution is that it allows accurate answers to just this sort of question.

1853 This is the date of Cessation of Transportation, and thus of a major class of source data: the Convict Indents. Of course marriages and deaths of convicts continued well past this date. Although each authority differs on the number of Convict Arrivals to 1853, the best estimate seems to be 73,566. With the population in 1853 stated to be 65,954, it is clear that a very large proportion of the convict population left the state, after the expiry of their sentences, or soon after. To that date there had been some 31,023 births, 19,739 deaths, and 16,197 marriages, yielding a crude fertility rate of 1.92, which indicates an even more serious under-registration problem. 1853 also marked the fiftieth year of settlement. By 1853 some 10,641 immigrants had arrived by assisted passage.

1855 On 26 NOV 1855, Van Diemens Land ceased to be the official name of this island, being replaced by Tasmania. If we use the title "The Van Diemens Land Heritage Index", then the year 1855 would be a logical cut off. However one need not stick too literally to the timelimit implications of a name such as that suggested.

1856 This year saw the beginning of responsible elected government. It is regarded, because of that fact, as an official year, and its Centenary was celebrated with some vigour. To that date, there had been some 39,530 births, 4,692 deaths, and some 19,730 marriages, with a crude fertility rate of 2.00. The year saw also a rapid decline in the arrival of free settlers, mostly from Victoria, following the reduction in easily winnable gold. Many of these persons would be returning to the state; some few would be genuine newcomers. The population stood at about 76,000. If we analyse these figures roughly, to 1856 there had been 58,000 male convict arrivals, + 20,000 male births. There had

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been ~ 13,000 female convict arrivals, + 19,000 female births which sums to a population arriving by servitude and birth: of perhaps some 110,000 persons. To this we have to add the free arrivals, for which we have no reliable total, though 21,24 assisted immigrants had arrived by 1856. If we consider the deaths of which there had been some 20,000 by 1856, this means that the population of the island ought to have been (131,000-20,000) = 111,000 persons. Yet the official estimate is a population, in 1856, of 76,000. Thus AT LEAST 35,000 of the arrivals (by servitude, assisted passage, or birth) must have migrated elsewhere. This does not include the other free immigrants (who arrived unassisted) and who may or may not have gone elsewhere.

1875 This year is selected arbitrarily, though it does mark an end of a decade which saw large-scale outmigration to the Australian mainland colonies, and also to New Zealand. To date there had been 100,842 births, 52,669 marriages, and the crude fertility rate stood at 3.09, which reflects better enumeration. Following the pattern given above, we have 58,000 male convicts + 52,000 male births + 13,000 female convicts + 48,000 female births + 27,905 assisted free immigrants by 1875. This sums to a population of about 199,000. If we subtract the approximately 53,000 deaths, the population ought to have stood at 146,000, but the official figure was 103,919, which is a shortfall of about 42,000 persons who had lived in the state but who had left. The real figure would be even greater, of course, because of unenumerated unassisted arrivals.

1900 This year saw the end of the Century, and was followed, in 1901, by entry into the Commonwealth. It also, pragmatically marks the end of readily accessible data. As will be seen, the volume of vital records for the twenty-five year period to 1900 is greater than the sum of all records from 1803 to 1875. This is a major reason for selecting 1875 as a terminal date for the Index. To 1900 there had been 211,341 registered births, 102,268 deaths, 56,577 marriages and the crude fertility rate stood at 3.74. Again to give a clearer picture: there had been 58,000 male convicts + 111,000 male births + 13,000 female convicts + 100,000 female births, and the total number of free assisted migrants was 30,846, summing to 313,000 persons. Of these, about 57,000 had died leaving a population of 256,000. The official figure for 1900 is 172,775 persons, indicating an outmigration in excess of immigration to the tune of 83,000: a consequence in part of the difficult economic circumstances of the 1890s.

In summary: the accumulated statistics are Given in Table II. In this Table the computer data-storage figures are also calculated. It must be noted, however, that these data-storage figures exclude the requirements of a number of very important record classes: the probate and lands records for example, which have yet to be analyzed.

TABLE II : SUMMARY OF POPULATION AND DATA STORAGE STATISTICS

| SUM TO YEAR | 1825# | 1830# | 1853# | 1856# | 1875# | 1900# |
|-------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
|-------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|

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|-----------------|---|--------|--------|--------|--------|---------|---------|
| BIRTHS | : | 1,194 | 8,632 | 31,023 | 39,530 | 100,842 | 211,341 |
| DEATHS | : | 1,137 | 5,901 | 19,739 | 24,692 | 52,669 | 102,268 |
| MARRIAGES | : | 871 | 4,139 | 16,197 | 19,730 | 37,574 | 56,577 |
| CONVICT ARR | : | 7,078 | 28,833 | 73,566 | 73,566 | 73,566 | 73,566 |
| ASSISTED ARR | : | 0 | 3,347 | 10,641 | 21,247 | 27,905 | 30,846 |
| OTHER FREE ARR | : | | | | | | |
| POPULATION | : | 14,512 | 45,846 | 65,954 | 76,000 | 103,919 | 172,775 |
| DATA STORAGE # | : | 2,490 | 13,750 | 42,000 | 50,000 | 83,000 | 135,000 |
| B* CP/M DISKS % | : | 11 | 58 | 175 | 208 | 345 | 561 |

- # Data in the above table are cumulative from period to period.
 # Assuming 256 characters (bytes) of data for each event (or 512 bytes in the case of marriages). The figures given are in Kilobytes. (1 kilobyte = 1024 bytes).
 % An B* SS/SD disk, under CP/M will hold 241K characters. (Other disk formats have different storage capacities. Divide by four to get the data storage requirements in Megabytes.)

11. STATISTICAL UNDER-REPRESENTATION:

Table II indicate a particularly severe problem, intrinsic to any population-wide genealogical or demographic enterprise: the fact that many of the families which arrived in the area being studied were in a state of completion, or partial completion and that an indeterminable number of families who were already in the area emigrating before they were completed.

The first problem is partially soluble. In the case of those completed or uncompleted families which arrived by assisted passage, or for whom either an official or family record exists it can provide a listing of those children born prior to arrival in Tasmania. There is, however, no way of addressing the second problem by using the official records surviving within Tasmania. Only family records, here, interstate, or overseas, can tell us of children born, and of deaths and marriages occurring, after the family left the state.

12. INFORMATION CONTENT OF RECORDS:

We need to examine the information content of typical records in order to determine the size and cost (in terms of computer storage and time) of data entry. In the record sources examined, the following types of records are found. The list is given in Table III and includes a simple mnemonic for classification purposes:

TABLE III : CLASSES OF GENEALOGICALLY USEFUL RECORDS

| | | |
|-----------------------------|---|-----------------------------------|
| BIRTH GROUP | : | IMMIGRATION GROUP |
| BB : Birth Registers | : | CI : Convict Indents |
| BX : Baptism Registers | : | CC : Convict Conduct Registers |
| BC : Confirmation Registers | : | CA : Convict Assignment Registers |
| BN : Notices of Birth | : | CD : Convict Descriptions |
| BO : Birth Other | : | CO : Convict Others |
| MARRIAGE GROUP | : | |
| MM : Marriage Registers | : | |

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| | | |
|-----------------------------|---|-------------------------------|
| MP : Publication of Banns | : | IA : Assisted Migrant Records |
| ML : Licenses for Marriage | : | IS : Shipping Records |
| MN : Notices of Marriage | : | IO : Immigration Others |
| MO : Marriage Other | : | MISCELLANEOUS GROUP |
| DEATH GROUP | : | SC : Colonial Secretary's |
| DD : Death Registers | : | Office Correspondence |
| DB : Burial Registers | : | SM : Colonial Musters and |
| DF : Funeral Notices | : | Censuses |
| DN : Death Notices and | : | LD : Lands Records |
| Obituaries | : | GO : Governor's Office |
| DM : In Memoria | : | Records |
| DI : Inquests Post Mortem | : | ED : Education records |
| DU : Undertaker's Records | : | XP : Published records |
| DT : Tombstone Inscriptions | : | XC : Compiled records |
| DP : Probates (Wills and | : | XS : Public Submissions |
| Administrations) | : | |
| DO : Death Other | : | |

13. DATA ITEMS:

Within these record types the following data items are found for which storage requirements have been established already at the meeting of the Computerized Indexing Committee in Sydney in 1984 at which I represented our Society. Although there are slight differences between the standards adopted at that meeting (under the sponsorship of the Society of Australian Genealogists) and those used here, do not affect the eventual outcome.

The unit of storage given in Table IV is a "byte", which refers to one character. The number code preceding the data item name is stored with the data, which are "crunched" to remove all superfluous spaces. This method minimizes the amount of storage needed, yet allows rapid data processing and linkage. There are about two dozen spare Data Item codes, which can be utilized as other classes of records are indexed.

TABLE IV : DATA ITEM CODES AND MAXIMUM STORAGE

| ITEM DESCRIPTION/MAXIMUM BYTES | : | ITEM DESCRIPTION/MAXIMUM BYTES |
|--------------------------------|----|--------------------------------|
| (Remarks) | : | (Remarks) |
| : | | |
| SURNAME GROUP | | |
| 00 Principal's Surnames | 20 | 60 Date of document |
| (Often obtained only by | : | 61 Date of Birth |
| inference) | : | 62 Date of Baptism |
| 01 Principal's Other | : | 63 Date of Marriage |
| Surnames | 20 | 64 Date of Death |
| 02 Groom's Surnames | 20 | 65 Date of Burial |
| 03 Bride's Surnames | 20 | 66 Date of Arrival |
| 04 Bride's MaidenSurnames | 20 | 67 Date of Trial |
| 05 Father's Surnames | 20 | 68 Date of Departure |
| 06 Father's OtherSurnames | 20 | 69 Date of Divorce |
| 07 Mother's OtherSurnames | 20 | |
| 08 Mother'sMaidenSurnames | 20 | 70 Date of Will |
| 09 Spouse's Surnames | 20 | 71 Date of Probate |

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|-------------------|---------------------------------------------------|---|-----|--------------------------------------------|----|
| | | : | 72 | Date of Census | 9 |
| 10 | #### DO NOT USE #### (ASCII Line Feed) | : | 73 | Date of Registration | 9 |
| | | : | 74 | Date of License | 9 |
| 11 | Godparent's Surnames 20 | : | 75 | | |
| 12 | Ship'sMaster'sSurnames 20 | : | 76 | | |
| 13 | #### DO NOT USE #### (ASCII Carriage Return) | : | 77 | | |
| | | : | 78 | | |
| 14 | Officiator's Surnames 20 | : | 79 | | |
| 15 | Registrar's Surnames 20 | : | | | |
| 16 | Informant's Surnames 20 | : | | AGES GROUP | |
| 17 | Witness's Surnames 20 | : | 80 | Age at Baptism | 9 |
| 18 | Previous Spouse's Surnames 20 | : | 81 | Age at Marriage | 9 |
| | | : | 82 | Age at Death | 9 |
| 19 | Other Relation's Surnames 20 | : | 83 | Age at Burial | 9 |
| | | : | 84 | Age at Arrival | 9 |
| | | : | 85 | Age at Departure | 9 |
| | | : | 86 | Age at Trial | 9 |
| GIVEN NAMES GROUP | | : | | | |
| 20 | Principal'sGiven Names 30 | : | 87 | | |
| 21 | Principal's Alias or Nicknames 30 | : | 88 | | |
| | | : | 89 | | |
| 22 | Groom's Given Names 30 | : | | PLACES GROUP | |
| 23 | Bride's Given Names 30 | : | | | |
| 24 | Father's Given Names 30 | : | 90 | Place of Birth | 30 |
| 25 | Mother's Given Names 30 | : | 91 | Place of Baptism | 30 |
| 26 | #### DO NOT USE #### (ASCII End of File) | : | 92 | Place of Marriage | 30 |
| | | : | 93 | Place of Death | 30 |
| 27 | Sibling's Given Names 30 | : | 94 | Place of Burial | 30 |
| 28 | Spouse's Given Names 30 | : | 95 | Place of Arrival | 30 |
| 29 | Other Relation's Given Names 30 | : | 96 | Place of Departure | 30 |
| | | : | 97 | Place of Trial | 30 |
| | | : | 98 | Place of Muster | 30 |
| 30 | Officiator's Given Names 30 | : | 99 | Place of Other Event | 30 |
| 31 | Registrar's GivenNames 30 | : | | RESIDENCES GROUP | |
| 32 | Informant's GivenNames 30 | : | 100 | Residence at Marriage | 30 |
| 33 | Witness's Given Names 30 | : | 101 | Residence at Death | 30 |
| 34 | Previous Spouse's Given Names 30 | : | 102 | Residence at OtherEvent | 30 |
| | | : | 103 | Father's residence at Principal's Birth | 30 |
| 35 | Other Relation's Given Names 30 | : | 104 | Father's residence at Principal's Baptism | 30 |
| 36 | Ships's Master's Given Names 30 | : | 105 | Father's residence at Principal's Marriage | 30 |
| 37 | Godparent's GivenNames 30 | : | 106 | Informant's Address | 30 |
| 38 | | : | 107 | Witness's Address | 30 |
| 39 | | : | 108 | Registration District | 30 |
| | | : | 109 | Ship or Transport | 30 |
| ACCESSORY DATA | | : | | | |
| 40 | Sex 1 | : | | ACCESSORY DATA | |
| 41 | Status : Bond/ Free 1 | : | 110 | Remarks in Document | 30 |
| 42 | Legitimate/Illegitimate 1 | : | 111 | Remarks ON Document | 30 |
| 43 | Stillbirth 1 | : | 112 | Document Repository | 16 |
| 44 | Single/Widowed/Divorced 1 | : | 113 | Document Accession No. | 16 |
| 45 | Denomination/rites 20 | : | 114 | Document Page Number | 6 |
| 46 | Cause of death 20 | : | 115 | Entry Number | 6 |
| 47 | Father's Occupation 20 | : | 116 | Soundex Code | 4 |
| 48 | Informant's Occupation 20 | : | 117 | Hash Code | 16 |
| 49 | Witness's Occupation 20 | : | 118 | | |

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50 Groom's Occupation      20 : 119
51 Bride's Occupation     20 :
52 Issue to marriage       8 : 120
53 Relationship code       8 : 121
54                          : 122
55                          : 123
56                          : 124
57                          : 125
58                          : 126 **** DO NOT USE ****
59                          : ( ASCII Tilde: Item Separator)
                          : 127 **** DO NOT USE ****
                          : ( ASCII DEL: Record Separator)
    
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14. DATA ENTRY FORMATS:

On beginning the transcription, the supervisor would closely examine the document to determine which of the above data items occurred, and the order in which they normally appeared. I have written the data entry computer programs which permit any type of document to be transcribed and indexed. As the first step in transcription the program gets the worker to fill in a "menu" which thereafter determines the form of computer-entry for that document, exactly following the order of the data items, which will minimize transcription error. The computer supplies the cues on the left side, and the transcriber types in the data on the right. Only lower case is used for data entry. The program automatically changes all surnames into capitals, verifies that dates are valid, puts inverted commas around the names of ships, and puts capital letters where-ever needed. The worker cannot proceed to the next data item until machine-detected errors are corrected on the screen. When the entry has been checked again by visual comparison with the original, it is written to disk.

For example, many entries in the Baptism Register of St David's Cathedral, Hobart, follow this format (noting the obvious headings). The document has the accession number NS 282/8/1, and the pages, rather than the entries are numbered.

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" 1818
  26 MAR : Mary : 22 FEB : Robert and Elizabeth CARTER :
  Parents married at Hobart : R. Knopwood, Chaplain"
    
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The menu would generate the following form of entry on the left side of the screen. The worker would enter data as on the right:

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#####
# Place of Baptism      : St David, Hobart, Tasmania      #
# Entry Number          :                               #
# Date of Baptism       : 26 MAR 1818                     #
# Principal's Given Names : Mary                          #
# Date of Birth         : 22 FEB 1818                     #
# Father's Given Names  : Robert                          #
# Mother's Given Names  : Elizabeth                       #
# Father's Surnames     : CARTER                          #
# Mother's Surnames     : CARTER                          #
# Mother's Maiden Surname :                               #
# Remarks               : parents married at Hobart      #
    
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GANGEL, John, M William & Mary GANGEL,
 B 19 APR 1818 C 29 OCT 1820, St David, Hobart,
 parents married at Hobart. NS 282/8/1 p178 :00763

GANGELL, Hannah Grace, F William GANGELL & Ann SHILLHORN,
 C 28 NOV 1812, St David, Hobart,
 Stillborn. NS 282/8/1 p125 :00215

GANGELL, Mary, F William & Mary GANGELL,
 B 10 DEC 1821 C 27 JAN 1822, Pitt Water, [St David,
 Hobart], parents married at Hobart. NS 282/8/1 p192
 :00915

etc. Most data sources to be used in the project are well worth using to produce simple unlinked printed indexes, before the job of lineage linking is done.

15. FORMAT OF THE PRINTED INDEX

This has yet to be decided in specific detail. Since the index will contain a great deal of information it will be necessary to minimize waste space. An opposing need is to ensure readability and this will require that every entry is carefully set out. We have the option of following the example of the IGI : producing a single continuous index to ALL the sources used and putting on the user the responsibility of linking the data into families. However, one of the advantages of using the record linkage techniques is that family reconstitution is possible and the resulting index can be lineage linked, with the data grouped by families. As an example of but one possible form of output (again constrained by the format of this journal) consider TABLE VI. In every case where there is no issue, full details are given in the first generation entry. Where additional generations occur the full details are deferred, and reference is made to them by the symbol "-->" or "--" depending on position in the alphabet. Each person so indicated would have his own family entry, similarly cross-referenced, the males under their own names, and the females under the name of their husbands.

TABLE VI : ONE POSSIBLE FORMAT FOR THE VDL HERITAGE INDEX

DUTTON, Thomas. : Lieut., Royal Navy, Gentleman. Agent for
 the Van Diemens Land Establishment at Cressy, 1828-1830.
 arrived 12 MAR 1828, Hobart Town, per "Calista" (Hawkins).
 born 22 SEP 1795, High Holborn, London, England,
 to Thomas and Sarah [Kingdom]-DUTTON, Clockmaker;
 chr 27 NOV 1795, St Andrew, Holborn, London, England,
 marr 08 MAR 1835, St John, Launceston, Tas., <NS748/4:284>
 to Heloisa Frances Doran Rose LETTE,
 (born 19 FEB 1817, at sea 30 deg 17' S.Lat., 95 deg 14'22"
 : E. Long., on the "Hunter"
 : to Peter Lemonde LETTE and Elizabeth [Peck] LETTE, -->
 : of "Curramore", White Hills, Tasmania.
 : chr 04 JUN 1822, St John, Launceston, Tasmania,
 : <NS748/3:127>
 : died 15 APR 1895, Launceston, Tasmania. <RGD35/63:1895/98>
 : bur 17 APR 1895, St Matthias, Windermere, Tasmania.

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- ; "Examiner" 16 APR 1875)
 resided at Cressy, 1828-30; Boyton Hill, near Launceston,
 1830-36, "Chillon" and "Pleasant Hills" near Rosevears,
 West Tamar, (1836-1872)
 died 08 JAN 1872, "Pleasant Hills", West Tamar, Tasmania,
 (RGD35/40 : 1872/1659
 bur 10 JAN 1872, St Matthias, Windermere, Tasmania,
 and had issue 8 sons and 3 daughters :
- 1 DUTTON, Isambard Kingdom Brunel,
 born 02 DEC 1835, Boyton Hill, Launceston, Tasmania,
 chr 09 NOV 1836, St John, Launceston, Tasmania, (NS748/5:395)
 drowned 17 FEB 1852, Tamar River, Tasmania.
 bur 19 FEB 1852, St Matthias, Windermere, Tas., (PR, #20)
 Never married.
- 2 DUTTON, Llewellyn Mudge Rains, 1837-1901, <--
- 3 DUTTON, Josephine Elizabeth Heloisa,
 born 01 MAY 1839, "Chillon", West Tamar, Tas.,
 chr 11 OCT 1839, St John, Launceston, Tas., (NS748/5:493)
 died 14 MAY 1840, "Chillon", West Tamar, Tas.
- 4 DUTTON, Rupert Burton Warlow, 1841-~1900, <--
- 5 DUTTON, Josephine Elizabeth Heloisa,
 born 03 DEC 1843, "Chillon", West Tamar, Tas.,
 (RGD33/23:1844/1)
 chr 16 FEB 1844, St John, Launceston, Tas., (NS748/5:1218)
 died
 Never married.
- 6 DUTTON, Sarah Emmeline Mary Ann, 1845-1871,
 marr 1870 to John MALLINSON, (1846-) -->
- 7 DUTTON, Julius Stewart Ackerley, (1847-1891) <--
- 8 DUTTON, Leonard Claudius Augustus : farmer,
 born 28 APR 1850, "Pleasant Hills", West Tamar, Tas.,
 (RGD33/25:1850/2767)
 chr 21 AUG 1850, St Matthias, Windermere, Tas., (PR #42)
 marr 04 JUL 1882, Launceston, Tas., (RGD37/41:1882/569)
 to Agnes GOWENS,
 (born
 ; to
 ; died 02 SEP 1922, Winkleigh, Tas.,)
 died 02 OCT 1926,
 bur OCT 1926, Winkleigh, Tas.,
 without issue.
- 9 DUTTON, Cecil Audley de Courcey, (1852-1907) <--
- A DUTTON, Edwin Francis Wickham, (1855-1936) <--
- B DUTTON, Octavius Isambard Kingdom ("Willie"), (1858-1921) <--
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Comments on any of the above ideas are needed from interested readers, and can be directed to the writer at this address:
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Notes

LANCASHIRE IN 1851

Sheelagh Procter has sent along details of a "Map for Family History Research" in Lancashire which she recommends.

The map gives information about the Superintendent Registrars' Districts and sub-districts used for the censuses and for the registration of births, deaths and marriages. Township boundaries are indicated. Also included are ancient parishes (including most of the adjoining ancient parishes in neighbouring counties) with their churches and chapels of ease. Provided free with the map are: an information sheet explaining how the map will help you to use the census returns (1841-91) and to trace birth, death and marriage records, addresses and telephone numbers of Superintendent Registrars' Districts and a list of old districts. The cost is 2½ pounds stg (please add 75p postage for overseas). The map is available from ALLEN & TODD, 78 Albert St, Ramsbottom, Bury, Lancs. Librarians please note this would be a useful addition to any genealogical library.

SCOTTISH RESEARCH

ANCESTOR (winter 1985) quarterly journal of the Genealogical Society of Victoria, has a comprehensive section on Scottish Research, including maps, lists of record agents and details of how to apply for certificates. This is a most useful article for anyone researching in Scotland.

ABORIGINAL FAMILY HISTORY

DESCENT (winter 1985) has a book review on "Koori - a Will to Live" by James Miller, published by Angus and Robertson, retail price \$14.95. This is a tribal and family history of the Wonnarua people of the Hunter Valley the author's own ancestral tribe. It is the first full history of a Koori (Aboriginal) family extending through five generations to pre-European times. This is a welcome milestone in Australian genealogy, and should be a catalyst for the production of other Aboriginal genealogical histories.

NOTES

IRISH RESEARCH : CARLOW

"Cumann Oidhreachta Chantae Cheatharlach" is the gaelic title of the County Carlow Heritage Society, at 4 Kennedy St, Carlow, Ireland. The Society has a long term goal of establishing a permanent computerised genealogical service, and invites enquiries. Contact Mr Michael Purcell at the above address.

JAMES ROSIER ET AL

Mr Anthony Wilcox of 73 Bridgewater Rd, Ipswich, Suffolk, writes that a previous mention in this journal of James Rosier had a successful result. He is now seeking background information about Theodore Bartley of Launceston, c1828; William Sinclair and John Sinclair of Avoca and Fingal in the 1820's to 1840's, and James Gray of Fingal c1848. Also a convict, Thomas Saunders who escaped from a chain gang in about 1828 and was recaptured by James Rosier. Mr Wilcox states: "I am writing a book for genealogists, based on the career of James Rosier, and showing how much documentary material may exist in England and in Australia relating to even the most insignificant convict. I would also like to be in touch with any local historians who know of the early history of Avoca and Fingal. My offer of reciprocal research in Suffolk still stands."

NEVIN FAMILY BIBLE

Mr Kerry Vickers of Kolora, R.M.B. 5135 Terang, 3264 Vic., writes that on a recent visit to Tasmania he purchased an old family bible in Launceston. This contains a number of entries relating to the NEVIN family: "Martha Nevin Was Born in Clyneveal tasmeina (sic) on the 16 of november 18 fifty fore (sic); James Nevin Was Born in Parkmount Tasmania (sic) on the 6 of october 18 fifty six; Elisa Jean Nevin in Illawarra in Tasmania on the 3 of february 18 fifty nine. Illawarra, Robert Nevin, Meary (sic) Nevin twins was born July the 11 1860. Samuel Nevin was Born in November the 2 1863. John Nevin born october ? 1867. Annie Mary SMITH born Launceston, December 22 1878 ... William John Nevin was born october the 16 1866. Henry Nevin was born in Illawarra 23 Augt 1870. Mary Nevin died in Illawarra on the 30th of August 1871 aged 10 years 1 month 19 days". Loose page inserted: "Sept 5th 1856 Martha Nevin. With the fervent prayers of the friends who knew her in infancy Johanna C Cuan Helen Maxwell Cuan".

SCOTTSDALE

Noted from the newsletter of the National Trust of Tasmania - The Rev. W.H. McFarlane's articles on the Scottsdale district, written in the 1950's and 1960's are available in a series of notebooks at the Queen Victoria Museum. (The articles were originally published in the 'North Eastern Advertiser')

NOTES

Historic Walks by Andrea Gerrard

Each term Adult Education sponsors a series of historic walks and these are conducted by Mr Tony Rayner. They cover such areas as Bothwell, Glebe, Battery Point, South Hobart and many more. On the Thursday night, two hours are set aside for a talk and some slides, and this is followed by question time. Then, on the Saturday morning, a walk of two hours' duration is conducted. These walks are done at a fairly leisurely pace so that even those who aren't very fit can keep up. The idea is to find out background information on the Thursday night and see the areas discussed on Saturday morning.

This term, several new walks will be introduced and include: Lower West Hobart, Early Churches in Hobart, Barrack Hill and City Hotels. Although by the time this comes out the courses will be under way, often some vacancies do exist and those interested should contact Adult Education. If you miss out this term, try again next term (Term 1, 1986). For anyone interested in background information about Hobart and its environs, these are well worthwhile. A trip to Maria Island is also being considered for later in the year (1985) and details will be announced in the Mercury when they are finalised.

Also to keep in mind, is a local history workshop that will commence in March 1986, this will cover sources, writing up findings, card references and would be very useful to those wishing to learn more about local history research and its compilation.

EVANS : Mr Tasman Royce Bracken would be very interested to hear from anyone who has a copy of "History of the Evans Family". His great-grandmother Gwenllyan Evans married William Davies at Tarleton on 7 July 1857.

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Sergeant John Snook

I am a member of the Devon Family History Society and recently I obtained copies of "Tasmanian Ancestry" Vol 5, Nos 3 & 4. I wondered whether anyone out there is researching Snook, but the list in Vol 5 only goes up to "Lawson". I have copies of some letters from my great-uncle John Snook, who was a Sgt in the British Army. In a letter dated August 1843, he says that the regiment is going to "Van Dimans (sic) Land" and he will try to search out "uncle's brother".

The next letter is headed "Hobart Town, Van Dimans Land, January 10th 1846". In it he says "I seen James Snook the other day, he was down to town, we had a comfortable glass of rum together. He was very glad to see me, he desired to be remembered to father and aunt Hurford and he is doing well, he rents 40 acres of land, keeps two horses and two plow bullocks, and he told me he should be coming home in course of a year or two". He signs off "John Snook, No 5 Company". (He was in the K.O.L.I. regiment at that time.)

This is a scanty bit of information about James Snook, except that the note about his 40 acres, 2 horses and 2 bullocks, I imagine is not likely to be found elsewhere. I have not been able to link James into the family records, but I would assume that he originated in Broadclyst parish. "Aunt Hurford" would be John Snook's aunt Betsie who married a Hurford from Hatherleigh. Why John refers to James as "uncle's brother" I do not know. I would have though two brothers would both be uncles.

John continues with some military and naval information. "There was an English Man of War carrying 28 guns, she is gone to New Zealand. Also Steamer Driver, she carries 7 guns 72 pounders, she come 2 thousand 2 hundred miles in nine days, she is going to New Zealand. I believe we are not going away as soon as expected on account of the New Zealand stir, there have been a great row amongst the natives. There have been some of the 58th, 99th and 96th regiments killed and wounded. There was one Capt. Grant 58th, and a man name of Moran 99th regt. was rosted alive. Tes supposed that the americans supplied them with arms and Co. Tes expected that they are preparing for a hot engagement as they are keeping us here on that account. The 11th regt are all arrived, there is 300 gone to Sydney. the 65th regt is coming out there is a draft of them in harbour now."

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Letters to the Editor

"The joy that comes from being a member of the Tasmanian Genealogy Society is sweet indeed. I love getting letters starting "Dear Rata, I thought you might be interested in this .." and enclosed is some devastating piece of vital family information. There's nothing quite like it. Nobody can tell me the world is going to the pack. I think we get what we look for .. As a N.Z. member, I would like to assure Tasmanian members that Australian Airmail stamps are welcome when anyone wants information from me. Of course I cannot use them as 'return postage' but I can enclose them with my enquiries for information from various sources over there. So anyone wanting a reply need only enclose an Australian airmail stamp. You see, I eat them for breakfast. " - Rata Goodger, 15 Waterworth Ave, Onekawa, Napier, N.Z.

by Patricia O'Toole

Tracing the Dolbel family

Eighteen months ago, I was asked to compile a family tree of Henry Dolbel. His death record was recorded in Tasmania and I found his headstone at Sprent on the N.W. Coast. According to the age on the headstone, he was born in 1837 but 'where' was the next problem. There was no record of his birth in Tasmania. No record revealed how he got to Tasmania, so for the moment I was stumped.

One day I was cleaning out the sideboard at home when I found a newspaper clipping I had cut out of the "Examiner". The date was the 1st July 1968 (which shows how long it's been since I cleaned the sideboard!).

The clipping was about an inheritance on the Isle of Jersey. The constable of the Isle of Jersey, Mr C. Le Vesconte, had come to Tasmania on a world-wide search for the descendants of the Jersey Isle Dolbel family. Enclosed is a copy of the newspaper clipping. So I saved my money, and went to Jersey, hoping to find something of the family. The results were beyond my wildest dreams, as in the two weeks I found three and a half thousand ancestors of the family, going back to 1154.

Extract from "The Examiner", Monday July 1, 1968.

"A DEVONPORT PENSIONER MAY BE HEIR TO \$30000 PROPERTY..."
He is 76-year old Mr Elwyn Dolbel, now living in a \$4 a week cottage at the Meercroft Home for the aged, Devonport.
The constable of the Isle of Jersey (Mr C. LeVesconte) visited Mr Dolbel's two roomed cottage yesterday afternoon.
Mr LeVesconte, who has been on a world-wide search for a descendant of the Jersey Isle Dolbel family, left "very interested" in Mr Dolbel's chances of winning the inheritance.

He has asked for an outline of Mr Dolbel's family tree to be sent to him. Mr Dolbel's grandfather came to Australia as a seaman on the Commodore Perry in the 1840's. Like many other sailors he was caught up in the fever generated by Victorian gold finds. He jumped ship and went to work a claim at Bendigo with two other men. His money ran out and he returned to the sea. Only weeks after he left, his partners made "a big strike" on the claim. After a trip home to England, Mr Dolbel's grandfather returned and settled in Tasmania. Mr Elwyn Dolbel, born at Sprent, and worked most of his life as a farm hand on properties at Sprent, Broadmarsh

and Campbell Town. His first job (as a ploughman) paid 50c a week. Mr Dolbel brought up a family of 12 on light wage packets. Now he and his wife have a tiny self-contained cottage at the Meercroft Home.

Spry and moustachioed, Mr Dolbel explained yesterday about his claim to the island estate.

His grandfather had two brothers. One died in a shipwreck off Newfoundland, and the other died of fever in Africa. "But the one who went to Africa had a son", said Mr Dolbel. "The son's name was Clem. He spent some time in Australia and then went to India. We have not heard of him since." If "Clem" had any children, they would have a prior claim to the estate. "My grandfather was the youngest of the three brothers so this would make his descendants last in line" Mr Dolbel said.

How does Mr Dolbel feel about the prospect of becoming a wealthy landowner. "We'll wait and see what happens. It doesn't pay to hope" he said. Mr Dolbel said he'd probably stay at the Meercroft cottage. But Mrs Dolbel gave him advance warning of a dispute on this point. "It would be nice to have our own home" she said wistfully.

During March of 1985, I spent two weeks on the Isle of Jersey in the English Channel, tracing the line Dolbel. The island is only 5 miles wide and 9 miles long, and is situated 12 miles from the coast of France.

The island is divided into twelve parishes, namely: St Saviour, St Helier, St Lawrence, Trinity, St Johns, St Ouen, Grouville, St Mary, St Peter, St Brelade, St Martins, St Clements.

The records, births, deaths and marriages, are held in the different parish churches. There is a local genealogical society called the Jersey Sociatare, under the direction of Miss De La Haye at the Jersey museum. Most records are written in French. Land registry and wills are held at the solicitor's offices in St Helier, but Miss Haye can be contacted for them.

Civil registration commenced in 1842 and records are held by the registering government authority in the St Helier library building. The St Helier 1842 onwards records are held at the St Helier town hall. Cost is 4 pounds Jersey currency (equivalent to English pound). Sterling is used as well as Jersey currency on the island.

The records are on the matriarchal order. Baptism records show name of child, parents' names, including the maiden name of the mother, date of baptism, godfather and godmother including the maiden name of any married godmother, and the relationship of the godparents to the child, for instance: DOLBEL, Philippe, son of Jean and Elizabeth St Croix, baptised 18 November 1785 at St Helier (godparent Esther Neel widow, of Aaron de ste Croix, grandmother).

Marriage records give date and place of marriage, bridegroom's name (and usually his father's name), the bride's name and sometimes the bride's father's name. Death records show date of death, person's name, and in the case of a widow, it is stated 'widow of' and gives the husband's name. In the case of a child, the father's name is given.

DOLBEL, Jean, son of Philiooe (probably Philippe) of Sav to Jeanne Vicq to St Helier, 15 June 1743.

Death Records show:

Etienne son of Jean son of Etienne, 29 November 1746.

For the main families on the island, family trees have been prepared and published and are available at the museum, these include Dolbel, Le Cras, Le Cronier, Faee, Degruchy, Poingdestre, all of which married into each other.

JERSEY ASSIZE ROLL - Interesting records which survive.

In 1299, Alicia DOLEBEL and her daughter complain of the wife Robert Martin that they were beaten in 1299.

In 1299 GEOFFROI DOLEBEL one of gang, beaten up. Jean Dangy of Grouville.

In 1299 PIERRE DOLEBEL had a son who was attacked at night by a gang in St Martins Parish.

In 1299 MADAME DOLEBEL widow struck by Lucus Martin.

VARIATIONS OF DOLBEL (Catalogue of Jersey Names by Charles Steven)

| | | |
|----------|----------------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| DOLBEL | 1749, 1668, 1528, 1515, 1497, C1490, 1661-78 | |
| DOLBELL | 1607 | |
| DOLLEBEL | C1490 | |
| DOLEBEL | 1342, 1331, 1299 | |
| DOLOBEL | 1309, 1299 | |
| DULBEL | 1309 | |
| DUBEL | 1309 | |
| DELEBEL | 1299 | |
| DOUBLEL | 1528 | |
| DOBLEL | 1528 | DOUBLIER 1668 |
| DOBLELL | 1515 | LE DOUNLEURE 1470 |
| DOUBLEL | 1331 | LA DOUBLIERRE 15th century |

MISSING CHURCH RECORDS

| | |
|----------------------|-------------------------|
| Trinity marriages: | 13.7.1632 - 15.1.1640/1 |
| | 25.8.1665 - 14.10.1671 |
| | March 1675 - 27.5.1688 |
| St Brelade: | 1612 - 1620 Baptism |
| St Mary Baptism: | Nov 1653 - Nov 1670 |
| | July 1678 - Apr 1690 |
| | April 1708 - Mch 1714 |
| | Oct 1714 - Jly 1731 |
| Burials | 1678 - 1689 |
| St Johns Burials: | June 1746 - Feb 1752 |
| St Lawrence Burials: | June 1705 - Apr 1709 |

Book Reviews

Where to Find the International Genealogical Index by Jeremy Gibson and Michael Walcot; published by Federation of Family History Societies, 1984.

Price: £1.40 stg (surface) or £1.75 stg (airmail).

This booklet gives details of the location of the I.G.I. in the British Isles, and is therefore useful mainly for those researching in that country. As with all F.H.S. publications, there is useful introductory material; in this case, reprinted articles on the uses and problems of the IGI that are well worth reading.

Genealogical Research Directory - Regional and International, 1985 and Guide to Genealogical Studies compiled and published by Keith A. Johnson and Malcolm R. Sainty; North Sydney, 1985. Price: paperback \$15.75.

Available plus cost of postage, from the GST Library (contact Despatch Officer)

Each edition of this useful work is fatter than its predecessor. This one, with introductory notes in English, French and German, contains more than 80,000 entries from twenty countries, all newly submitted since the last edition. An article entitled "When you write to Germany" gives valuable basic advice applicable to any overseas postal enquiry. Other features are details of all major genealogical societies worldwide, including their library hours and membership fees, and a list of forthcoming genealogical events. Entries for the 1986 edition close 31 August 1985 but late entries up to early October may be accepted.

First Ticket in Tatts

by Noreen Stubbs

On the third day of August, 1891, the doors of the Bank of Van Diemen's Land remained shut. Crowds gathered; the curious and the idle and the disbeliever. The Bank had failed. Life savings disappeared overnight and a shocked community gazed in consternation. Amid the concern and the heart-break and the chaos, one trustee of the bank, G.P. Fitzgerald, offered a bizarre suggestion; the bank should raffle its assets to pay its creditors. People gasped at the idea. Hadn't the colony only just managed to live down its convict origins? Wouldn't this make them the laughing stock of the world? But there were no other solutions forthcoming. Finally the last dissident voice died away. Even James Backhouse Walker who, in the privacy of his diary, had called it a pernicious scheme and declared Fitzgerald to be a charlatan, on the great night found himself seated on the platform. George Adams of Tattersalls, a successful sweepstake organiser on the mainland, was invited to come over and undertake one of the biggest and strangest lotteries in the world. Houses and hotels and properties were to be won for the price of a One Pound ticket.

Not far away from the bank, on the corner of Elizabeth and High Streets, was a cosy little inn, called "The Caledonian". It was very reputable and in its quiet, back parlours, civil servants enjoyed their tumblers of beer and a comfortable game of crib. Mine host, a small man with a long beard and a genial spirit, chattered to one and all, heard their family news and their hard luck stories. Many a pound note changed hands and its original owner never reckoned on seeing it again. Himself the father of ten, he was quite intimate with hard times and only in latter years had his fortunes changed.

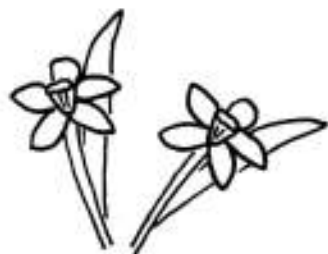
The date for the lottery drew near - May 7, 1895. In spite of initial misgivings, the colony found the whole world was interested and supportive. The first prize was Miller's Corner, a town property worth 26,000 pounds, and the 50th was a building block worth 100 pounds. The event was the talk of the town as requests for tickets arrived from all over the world and people even borrowed a pound or bought a ticket by instalments to have a stake in the goldmine. To the "Caledonian" one day, returned a wanderer that mine host (John Smith) had not seen for many years. Into his hand he pressed a ten pound note, a loan that John had long forgotten. He turned it over thoughtfully and pondered. His father had been a Scotsman and ten pounds should not be treated lightly; a wheen o' mickles, mak's a muckle. Finally he decided that every child should have a ticket in the Lottery, from the eldest, Eva, to the youngest, Douglas.

On the night of the drawing he strolled down to the Exhibition Building and

joined the throng, all of whom by 5 past 8 had found a spot on the floor of the concert hall. An impressive barrel, flanked by two smaller ones, stood majestically on the platform, the music of its wooden marbles differing considerably from that of the pianoforte which usually occupied this worthy spot. A large board stood nearby, ready to have posted on it the winning numbers as they were drawn from the barrels. John edged his way through the motley crowd, looking for a vantage point. Rich rubbed shoulders with poor. Even the Salvation Army lasses were there but nobody really supposed that they were holding tickets. A bewildered little dog wandered between the forms, his tail tucked between his legs.

Dignitaries took their places on the platform and Mr Adams explained the procedures for the evening. A hush had fallen over the crowd and all eyes were fixed on the four strong men slowly turning the barrel handles. They stopped. Mr Adams drew out 50 marbles, each one's number being called out to an expectant audience, and then boarded for all to see. These 50 would all represent a prize, but what would it be? The numbers of the 50 properties were put in one small barrel and the 50 marbles in another. Two little girls came onto the platform and were lifted onto chairs to reach the barrels. The atmosphere was intense. The prizewinners were beginning to appear but, apart from a ripple of curiosity when Miller's Corner was announced, the hall was strangely silent. No cheers or congratulations betrayed the recipients of the expected windfalls. Probably none of the major prizewinners stood among that crowd. Later it appeared that only two Tasmanians were listed in the first eight (with a prize worth more than one thousand pounds) and one, George Stancomb, lived at Perth in Northern Tasmania; the other was a little boy of six who lived at the "Caledonian" in Elizabeth St. His delighted father slipped quickly through the dwindling crowds and hurried home to tell Amelia the news. The baby had won Prize No 6, a house and large orchard property fronting onto the Huon River.

References: Smith Family Legend: Mercury 7,8,10 May 1895: The Critic 17 Nov 1923 and Prelude to Federation: Walker.



News from Branches

HOBART BRANCH

At our July meeting, we were privileged to hear a most interesting lecture on Wapping, an old area of Hobart that has now disappeared. Much interest in this area has been generated; firstly, by a study of the area undertaken by a group of post-graduate Tasmanian History students, and now with the erection of the International Hotel affecting the historic concept of the Sullivans Cove area.

Many members haven't renewed their subscriptions. If you know of someone who hasn't received their June journal, the chances are they haven't renewed as yet.

A social evening will be held in September at the Derwent Regional Library on 17 September 1985. Tickets will be sold at \$2 each and must be pre-purchased either from the Library or through the Branch Secretary. We have organised an interesting guest speaker - Mr Tony Rayner who will talk and show slides on female convict history.

15 October - Mr Peter Mercer, Curator of History Tasmanian Museum and Art Gallery - Genealogical sources at the Museum

19 November - Social Evening, Mrs Beth Robb - Calvert Family

ANDREA GERRARD

BURNIE BRANCH

It is now five years since this branch was formed. In that time, due to the enthusiasm and generosity of our members and a well stocked trade table at all meetings, we have been self-sufficient. But now due to rises in our library rental, we feel the time has come for some fundraising functions to enable us to carry on with our usual efficiency.

We have therefore had our first function, a soup and sandwich luncheon, held at the home of the secretary. We had an excellent response and the financial result was very encouraging.

Already our branch has had two excellent speakers, namely Hugh Loane on the Port of Burnie and Mr David Cherry on 'A Tale of Two Families'. We have a full calendar for the ensuing months.

We would like members to note that we have had a change of meeting place. We are located still in Mount Street, but now at St Georges Anglican Church.

DAWN COLLINS - Secretary

LAUNCESTON BRANCH NEWS

Beginners' Classes and General Public Service

With the arrival of a copy of the Registrar General's Department films at the Northern Regional Library late last year, it was decided to hold some classes for beginners to genealogical research. These were to be just basic lessons, how to start, fill in charts, to use a micro film reader and how to find the correct film.

The first class was held on 13 November and we had about 30 attend. On 13 February this year, we had three sessions, morning, afternoon and night and were overwhelmed with the response of 120. Prior to Easter we held another two sessions.

The classes were all held at the Northern Regional Library and the co-operation of the staff was excellent. With the assistance of several members of the Launceston Branch, this project has been very worthwhile and has resulted in several new members.

At our July meeting, Mrs Sarah Lebski, Acting Northern Regional Librarian, made a plea for assistance from members to educate members of the public in the correct use of micro film and readers. There has apparently been considerable damage done by persons unskilled in handling available material. Also the reference library staff, not trained in research are having to spend a great deal of time away from their normal work to help budding researchers.

It was agreed that the branch would hold regular monthly classes and that several members would make themselves available on a one to one basis to teach people how to use the micro-readers and film reels. We will also be giving library staff assistance with preparing the convict records for release.

We have been asked to speak at several meetings about our Genealogical Society and how to start a family tree. One visit, on a most inclement night, was to the Norfolk Plains branch of the National Trust, when the warmth of their welcome made up for the travelling conditions. Another visit was to the University Women Graduates Association. In September a trip is planned to attend a meeting of the Scottsdale branch of the Business and Professional Women's Association. These meetings are ideal for promoting interest in Genealogy. We have had made available to us, a thesis on the local History Room reference section of the Northern Regional library, which was prepared by a staff member, Mrs Dorothy Roseman. This collection of slides with both written and taped commentary has proved most useful.

Launceston Branch News contd

We have just received from a member, Mrs Montagu, details of Jewish families with Tasmanian connections. A copy will be available in the branch library and in the Local History Room.

PAT HARRIS -Registrar

DEVONPORT BRANCH

As of the week commencing 28 July, our library opening hours have changed. They are now:-
Wednesday 12 - 3 pm
Friday 12 - 3 pm

Our July meeting proved to be very interesting, with a number of members contributing items for our "Show and Tell" evening. Next month we are looking forward to a talk on old Latrobe, by Mr Jack Curtis. Forthcoming events being planned are an annual dinner and a cake stall to be held in November.

The following office bearers have been elected for the current year 1985-6.

Chairman: Mr B. Carney, 20 Stanley St, Ulverstone
V.Chairman: Mrs I. Harris, 31 Manning Cres, Dev't
Secretary: Mrs N. Stubbs, 56 Watkinson St, Dev't
Treasurer: Mrs D.A. Sims, Wesley Vale
Asst. Treas: Mrs D. Bardenhagen, 52 Surrey St, Dev't
Librarian: Mrs K.M. Dick, Wesley Vale
Library Asst: Mrs C. Gibbons, 18 Madden Cres, Dev't
Tamiot Co-ordinator: Miss H. Anderson, 192 Tarleton St, Dev't
Miss L. Richardson
Research Co-ord: Miss H. Anderson
Registrar: Mrs P. Coy, 121 James St, Dev't
Publicity Off: Mrs C. Morris
Journal Reporters: Mrs D. Bardenhagen, 52 Surrey St, Dev't & Mrs C. Morris
C'tee Members: Mr. T. Parker, Don
Mr J. Cannon, 15 Jermy St, Ulverstone

NOREEN STUBBS - Secretary



DESCENDANTS FROM CONVICTS GROUP

(Report from Neville Jetson, Northern Branch)

A few months ago a member, who had been researching convict records to learn more about an ancestor transported to Van Diemen's Land, thought that there must be other members encountering problems similar to those she was experiencing. She considered that if her assumption was correct it could be profitable for these people to meet and discuss the various ways of overcoming them.

The matter was raised at a branch meeting and following enthusiastic reaction interested members met at the home of Mrs Bev Perkins. From a discussion of successes, false leads and frustrations, it became obvious that the range of expertise in this area varied considerably and that avenues of research were either not known or not clearly understood by many of those present. The consensus of opinion was that regular informal meetings where problems could be aired would be mutually beneficial to all concerned.

It was agreed to meet bi-monthly and, if the current degree of interest is maintained, the future of the group's activities would seem to be assured. Press publicity resulted in non-members attending and it is hoped that this will lead eventually to increased membership of the Society.

The detailing of basic known facts relative to each convict ancestor gave rise to the compilation of a convict register, a copy of which has been issued to each participant member. The fact that it is intended to update this at regular intervals should help to sustain interest and, hopefully, it will enable members to pass on to others relevant information which they might garner during the course of research into their own convict forebears.

Presentation of photocopies of various records held by individual members has made others aware of the wealth of material available in this particular field. A word of warning - records which initially appear to contain duplicated information occasionally reveal variations which could prove vital in back tracing to more remote generations. An instance of this is that there were records apparently identical, relating to convict Broomhall, yet closer perusal revealed the addendum 'proper name Capper'. The implication of this is obvious. Discussion of the records presented enabled several members to gain a greater awareness of their significance if compiling a more complete picture of their particular ancestors.

Members of the group are working in close harmony with the staff of the

Northern Regional Library to introduce more effectively to the public the microfilms of the convict records held by the State Archives. As many of the staff members are not "au fait" with their significance, the group has arranged with Mr Ian Pearce, State Archivist, to address us and give a full explanation of the use and interpretation of the convict material held at the Archives and now being made available to other regions. Staff members of the Northern Library have been invited to attend on this occasion.

Following this, it is planned to hold instruction classes for the general public in the use of this material and, as a result, it is hoped that the Society's membership will be increased.



OUT OF THE CORNER OF MY EYE -



SIDLIGHTS ON THE NORTHERN BRANCH BICENTENNIAL PROJECT

By T.L. Grunnell

Late in 1984, the Northern Branch with the active cooperation and enthusiastic support of the Northern Regional Acting Librarian, Mrs Sarah Lebski, embarked on the indexing of the Births, Deaths and Marriages column of the 'Examiner' from 1900-1920. We hope to complete this task by the Bicentennial year. The project will provide information not freely accessible elsewhere, with a duplicate copy for both the Northern Regional Records and those of the Genealogical Society.

A format was drawn up and work has proceeded at a reasonable pace; by the time of publication of this article, we should be well in 1907.

Volunteers spend whatever time they can spare on the indexing at the library. The completed sheets are then cut up, put into alphabetical order and typed up according to year. The basic information only is transcribed with the date of publication so that researchers can refer easily to the correct volume for further details. We would appeal for more helpers on indexing, even half an hour can cover a useful amount of material.

While this is a purely research project for benefit of all family researchers, who knows when you may find a scoop for your own family tree! I did! The Chin Kitt and the house name Knock-Na-Hona were vaguely connected with my forebear's early residence in Launceston. One morning there it was, the death notice of one James Henry Chin Kitt, Knock-Na-Hona, Frankland St. The family Chin Kitt had been neighbours of my grandparents in 1886.

Of course, while indexing, many interesting headlines catch your eye as you leaf through the volumes, especially from the daily News in Brief on the front page.

The following snippets encourage me and I hope you too, to further reading in the future when the indexing is complete.

Great Exhibition Scandal

Honours by purchase of medals, certificates, etc with intent to defraud the public by false advertising by 44 continental firms, 17 of which were never represented at all.

Barnum and Bailey's Circus - (with photos)

Dallying with Death. An aerialparadox, looping the quadruple chasms on bicycles.

Launceston Girls Industrial School Prizegiving

Where was it? The girls were taught the skills of house wifery, but were they voluntary students, orphans, state wards?

Death Notice

One Patrick Kennedy, accidentally killed while riding in a steeple chase at the Neunham Turf Club.

Accident.

Patrick Maher, waggoner, while riding on the shaft of a waggon between Forth and Don, was kicked by a horse and sustained a broken leg.

Tourist

When in the UK recently, Mr S. Eardley Wilmot visited nearly all the principal golf courses including St Andrews.

Saturday August 12, 1905

Mr J. Dunn has donated a handsome marble tombstone over the grave of John Doran to mark which grave contained the remains of the first interment at Carr Villa.

August 29, 1905 (from UK)

The first lady passive resister imprisoned, was the niece of the Librarian of the Launceston Mechanics Institute. This was for non-payment of sectarian rate. She was most indignant when informed at Holloway Prison, that convicted women were not allowed access to writing materials.

Several weddding announcements carried the words 'no cards or cake'.

Presumably the couple were not sending any out to their friends.

The flamboyant claims of patent medicines in large areas of column space.

Did our forebears really believe their claims and what did the lavish spreads cost the advertiser, as they were a regular weekly, often daily, feature?

I hope these snippets have whetted your appetite for browsing through early copies of newspapers and that we shall recruit more volunteers for our project.



Private Edward Murphy

PRIVATE EDWARD MURPHY, 99th REGIMENT

by Irene Schaffer

Edward Murphy was born in Kilkenny, Ireland, in 1823, the son of a cloth merchant. He joined the 99th Regiment of Foot (Lanarkshire Volunteers) when he was 18 years old. The bright colours of the uniform must have contrasted sharply with the poverty and drabness of the Ireland of that period (Edward had an eye for colour which was to come to the fore in the years ahead.) The lure of 1/- per day was encouragement to any youth to join up and a bounty of 3 pounds would have seemed like a fortune to his family. Little did he realise that he would leave his family within the year, never to see them or Ireland again.

After arriving in England the 99th marched to London and were billeted at Chatham where they stayed until, in the course of two years, all its members would be despatched to new headquarters at Port Jackson. Many were to go, as Edward Murphy did, as guards on the convict ships. He sailed on the "Isabella" from Portsmouth on 19 Jan 1842 with 28 other soldiers and officers, 4 women and 7 children. On board were 267 convicts being transported to the colony of New South Wales. (1)

After their arrival, the Regiment was sent to Newcastle, Cockatoo Island, Goat Island, Port Philip and Hobart. During this time Murphy became very disillusioned with army life and deserted a number of times, resulting in him being confined to the cells for 6 & 9 months at a time.

Back in Sydney in 1848, he met a young Irish immigrant woman called Matilda Finch, a protestant from Ballymore County, Armagh, who arrived in the ship "Elizabeth" in 1844. She was a nurserymaid, aged 20, to be employed by Mr Moffatt of Watsons Bay at a wage of 13 pounds 3 shillings for three months with board and lodging. This was a lonely life for a young girl but, like so many, she had decided to go to the Colonies for a new and hopefully better life. Matilda had left a widowed mother in Ireland.

They were married at Scotts Church, Pitt St, Sydney, in 1848. Within the year Murphy was to be posted to Hobart and Matilda went with him. Three months after they arrived, their first child Agnes was born at the Barracks. Two years later their son Edward was born.

While stationed in Hobart, Private Murphy renewed his interest in drawing on nautical themes, such as arrays of flags, signals and ships, executed with exquisite neatness, as was reported a few years later in a Tasmanian Paper.

During 1852, the Regiment was stationed on Tasman Peninsula and the family found themselves in a remote area of the Cascades, at the Probation Station

that housed the convicts sent there from Port Arthur. A son, Frederick James, was born there. The following year, while still at the Cascades, he was imprisoned for three months at Port Arthur, which resulted in his being confined to the hospital for 18 days after completing his sentence. One can only surmise what happened to Matilda and the children during this period - did the Army keep her on the victualling list or did she have to rely on the other soldiers' wives to help out? Whatever the case, it would not have been an easy time for her as, according to the pay sheets, Murphy's pay was stopped for the 18 days he was in hospital.

When they returned to Hobart in 1854, their daughter Elizabeth was born at the Barracks, but the following month their eldest daughter Agnes died of croup.

Again, while he was stationed in Hobart, he found time to continue his drawing and was commissioned by Mr Olaf Hedberg, a Swedish Merchant of Hobart, to do a pen and pencil drawing of flags of all nations, with the Swedish standard in the centre. (2)

When the 12th Foot (East Sussex) Regiment arrived, the men of the 99th were given the opportunity to transfer to another company in preference to returning to England. Private Murphy chose to join the 12th Regiment and returned with them to the Tasman Peninsula, where his son John Francis was born at Eaglehawk Neck in 1856.

After he returned to Hobart, he was again commissioned by Mr W. Lewis, signal officer of Hobart Town, to do a drawing featuring the three ships over the line in the 1857 Hobart Regatta. (3)

By 1858 the family had moved to Launceston, where a daughter was born and, as shown on her birth certificate, Edward Murphy was at last free from his unhappy army career and signed himself as a painter. This daughter was to die a year later.

After his son Henry was born in 1862, Edward moved with his family to Victoria and it wasn't long before he had established himself in a business as a sign writer, then a plasterer in the suburb of Emerald Hill.

Edward had come a long way since that day when he joined the 99th Regiment - from soldier to painter, then a business man and patentee to add to the success of his business. (4) One of his more successful patents was a decorative ventilator for the elegant new houses of Melbourne.

By now his family had grown and during these years, William James (1864) and two daughters Margaret Matilda (1866) and Agnes Marion (1869) were added to the family.

Unfortunately, Murphy died soon after in 1871, aged only 49, leaving Matilda to rear 8 children - 4 boys and 4 girls aged from 2 to 22 years. He was buried at St Kilda Cemetery in Melbourne, leaving sons to carry on his name and business in Victoria, also to far distant places across the Tasman Sea to New Zealand and maybe even further. Who knows, some may have even returned to Ireland. In 1900, Matilda aged 77, died and was buried beside Edward in the St Kilda Cemetery.

1. "The Army in Australia" by M. Austin, p185.
2. Tasmania Collection, State Library Hobart.
3. Tasmanian Museum and Art Gallery
4. "Melbourne Record" 28 Dec 1871.



AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION 4 AUGUST, 1984

The Commissioner of Corporate Affairs has ruled that certain rules of our Society be amended or redrafted to fulfil the requirements for incorporation of the Society. A resolution to become an incorporated Society was carried at the 1984 Annual Council Meeting.

Following alterations to the constitution dated 20 April, 1982 at the 1984 Annual Meeting and at a further Special General Meeting an updated constitution (dated 4 August, 1984) was printed, a draft copy being forwarded for comment to The Commissioner for Corporate Affairs.

As a result of the Commissioner's requirements (a copy has been circulated to each branch) and the need to make minor corrections and alterations, the amendments proposed are listed below.

These amendments have been established by Mr. D. Forrest (President) and Mr. J. Williams (Junior Vice President) in accordance with a resolution made at the Annual Council Meeting of 1 June, 1985.

It is advised that a Special General Meeting will be held at Campbell Town High School on Saturday 26 October, 1985 at 10.30 am to vote on the proposed amendments.

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS

- Clause 2.1.1 Delete
- 2.1.5 Delete "and delegates from branches and interest groups;"
replace with "of the Society and members as defined in
rule 18."
- 4.8.19 Delete
- 6.2. Delete existing wording replace with
- 6.2 Attendance at meetings
- 6.2.1 The right to attend branch ordinary meetings
and other branch meetings as branch committees
may from time to time determine pursuant to
these rules.
- 6.2.2 The privilege to attend Executive meetings
pursuant to rule 28.
- 6.2.3 The right to attend Council Meetings.
- 6.4 Delete existing wording replace with
- 6.4 The right to move motions and vote on all motions.
- 6.4.1 Coming before the branch of the Society in which
they are resident.
- 6.4.2 At executive meetings pursuant to rule 28.5.
- 6.4.3 At all Council Meetings.
- 6.5 Delete the words "on Council or".
- 9.2 Read "serve" for "service".
Read "applicant" for "applied".
- 9.3 Read "...rejection to the Branch Secretary".
for "...rejection the the Branch Secretary".
- 11.7 Delete "fee".
- 13.2.1 Delete "of Council, or".
- 16.1 Delete "of Council".
- 16.2 Delete existing wording. Replace with
- 16.2 A person so appointed.
- 16.2.1 shall be eligible to be a member of the Society
and shall hold office until the Annual Council
Meeting next after that at which he is appointed
and is eligible for re appointment.
- 16.2.2 shall not be eligible to be a member of the
Executive, Board, Panel, Committee or sub-committee.
- 18.1 Delete existing wording. Replace with
"The Council of the Society shall consist of the
Executive of the Society and members of the Society
in attendance at Council Meetings and who are entitled
to vote pursuant to rule 26.1."
- 18.2 Delete
20. Delete "Election of".

- 20.2 Delete existing wording. Replace with
"Apart from the Executive, the Council shall consist
of financial members of the Society".
- 20.3 to 20.6 inclusive - delete.
- 22.2 Delete "...five members of Council..." replace with
"...five members of the Society..."
- 26.3 Delete "...absent member of Council may,..." replace with
"...absent member of the Society may,..."
- 28.2 Delete "...and from the members of the Society's..."
- 28.2.2 Delete existing wording. Replace with
"the Senior Vice-President, unless established
pursuant to rule 28.1;"
- 28.2.3 Delete existing wording. Replace with
"the Junior Vice-President;"
- 28.2.4 Delete existing wording. Replace with
"the Executive Treasurer;"
- 28.2.5 To read "the Executive Secretary;"
- Clause 28.3 Delete "...as Council shall from time to time determine..."
- 28.5 Read "officers" for "offers".
- 33.6 Read "Executive Treasurer" for "Treasurer".
- 38.2.2.2 Delete "from time to time".
- 38.12 Delete "through their delegates".
- 41.1 Delete "...is first discussed and voted on in each
Branch, and published in the Journal and if at least
2/3 of the Branches so agree to alter it." Replace with
"...is notified to each branch by circular within 21
days of the proposed meeting and that it is passed by
a majority of not less than three quarters of the members
of Council present in person and entitled to vote."
- 44.8 Insert "Subject to the provision of section 33 of the
Associations Incorporation Act 1964." prior to the
existing wording.

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Family Reunions

MUNRO-McDONALD FAMILY REUNION

To commemorate the 130th Anniversary of the arrival in Tasmania from Scotland in 1855 of Donald and Ann Cameron MUNRO with their family, Murdoch Cameron, Mary Fraser, Margaret Farquhar, William, Ann Stewart, Flora, John Hugh Cameron, Alexander, Donald, Charles and Isabella from FINDON, and Lachlan and Jane McDONALD with their family Elspet (Elizabeth) Ann, Jane, William, Alexander, Mary (Marjorie) Catherine and Christina from LAGGAN.

A combined Family Reunion of descendants, relatives and families will be held on Sunday 8 December 1985 in the City Park, Launceston, Tasmania.

The organisers are anxious to contact those eligible clansfolk from all branches of these two families who have not yet forwarded Family Forms and details required for the compilation of invitation mailing list and any interested in attending this special day.

For further information and details please contact:

Mrs. D.M. Munro,
29 Easton Avenue,
WEST MOONAH, TAS. 7009
(002) 72 1026

or

Mr. J.D. Munro,
34 Curraghmore Avenue,
BURNIE, TAS. 7320
(004) 31 4749

GULEY FAMILY

I am trying to contact descendants of the GULEY family. A reunion for all descendants of Isaac and Mary Ann GULEY (nee HORTON) is being planned for 26 January 1986, at the Gardens in the city area of Brisbane, Queensland.

Isaac and Mary Ann GULEY first arrived in Adelaide, S.A., on 8 September 1840. Their first 3 children were born in Melksham, Wiltshire, England. They were Tamar (1833-1862), first married Isaac HALL then Edward Edwin HUGGETT; Thomas (1835-1922) married Mary Ann NUTLEY; Elizabeth (1837-?) married John HOSKIN (may also have been married to a Mr PALMER).

For further information, please contact me at the following address:

Judy Guley
4 Hammond St
M.S.I. 1606
NORTH RICKHAMPTON Qld. 4701
Ph: (079) 36 1085

STRAYS INDEX

- BARKER, Bridget, wife of George. Died 22 Aug 1939 aged 57 at Launceston, Tas. (MI at Albany/WA)
- BARNES, Clifford Aubrey (Pte 3573) AIF 15th Bn Austr Infantry. Died 14 Jun 1919 aged 23. Son of Mr & Mrs Barnes of King Is, Tas. (MI Springvale necropolis, Melb, Vic. (War Dead of British Commonwealth 1914-1918)
- BIRCH, William, born Tasmania, died Brisbane, Qld. (Qld Intestate Estates Index 1896.)
- CLARK, John William, married Mary Ann Terese McCROHAN. Shipmaster, a native of Tasmania, Aust. Married 9 June (Tuesday) 1863, by special licence at Scots Church, Syd, NSW, by Rev Dr Lang, MP. (Syd Morning Herald 15.6.1863)
- CLARKE, Elizabeth, married Joseph FOOTE. B 1793/5, Bap 23 Aug 1795 Alderley, Eng.: married 22 Jan 1821 Bristol, Eng. Arrived 31 Jan 1848 ship "Britannia", Launceston, Tas, Aus.: arr 8 Aug 1850 ship "Emigrant", Moreton Bay, Qld: Died 22 May 1852, Brisbane, Qld.
- COOKE, Emma Ellen, married Willoughby HANNAM (B Oxf, Eng). B c1841, Tas, married 31 Oct 1863 Brisbane, Qld, died 6 Dec 1901 Cairns, Qld. (Qld FHS member 84/12)
- EYLES, Will, married Lena WOODLEY. Son of late George Eyles of Ouse, Tas. Married 3 Nov 1897 at St Peters Church, Woolloomooloo, Syd, NSW. (Syd Morning Herald 9.11.1897)
- FOOTE, Alfred William, m Eliza Ann YEATES (b Tas, Aus). Born 5 Nov 1823 Calne, Wil, Eng. Arr 24 Aug 1841 ship "Arabian" at Launceston, Tas. Married 4 Feb 1852 Launceston, Tas. Died 22 Jul 1896, Ipswich, Qld. (Qld FHS member 84/11)
- FOOTE, Joseph, married Elizabeth CLARKE (B Eng). Born c1791. Married 22 Jan 1821 Bristol, Eng. Arrived 31 Jan 1848 ship "Britannia" Launceston, Tas. Died 10 Jul 1848 Richmond nr Hobart, Tas (Qld FHS member 84/11)
- GADSDEN, Ellen Jane, b Longfield, Tas, d Feb 14, 1938, buried Gatton, Qld. (MI Gatton, Qld)
- HALLISSEY, Ada Clementina, widow of M.A. Hallissey of Dundas, Tas. Died 17 Mar 1938. (MI Memorial Park Cem., Albany, W.A.)
- HARRISON, Hanora Violet, m Daniel U. SEATON. 4th daughter of late James HARRISON of Hobart, Tas. Md 26 Oct 1898, St Mathias Ch, Paddington, NSW. by Rev J.W. Gillett, B.A. (Syd Morn Herald) 23.11.1898
- HAYES, John Blyth, d 12 Jly 1956; resided Launceston Tas. (NSW Probate Index)
- HENTY, Thomas, b 24 Aug 1836, Launceston, Tas. M 8 Apr 1869. D 22 Sep 1887 Brighton, Vic. (Family records. QFHS 84/50)

- HOWELL, Lionel Arthur (L. Cpl. 318) AIF 40th Bn., Aust Infantry. Died
29 Aug 1918, Son of Mr & Mrs A. Howell of Glen Lusk, Tas.
(MI Fremantle, W.A. "War Dead of the British Culth 1914-8)
- JOHNSTONE, Charles, m Charlotte NEWSOM. Eldest son of Alexander Johnstone,
Tas. Married 10 Jun 1891 at St Johns, Milson's Point,
Syd, NSW. (Syd Morn Herald 11.7.1891)
- MacDONALD, Mary Ann, md George COX (b BKM, Eng.) Born 12 Dec 1846 Otlands
Tas. Md 29 Jul 1867 Grafton, NSW. *D 25 Nov 1876 Lower
Southgate, NSW. Bur Grafton Cemetery, NSW. (Qld FHS member
84/44)
- POWLEY, Alice Louise, wife of John Powley. B 1875, Hobart, Tasmania (?)
D 1936. (MI Memorial Park Cem, Albany W.A.)
- ROONEY, Charles Edward, native of Otlands, Tas. Husband of "Tossie".
Bur Longreach, Qld. (No date). (J. Clements Index)
- SIMSON (nee MURRAY) Agnes Hunter. Born 1828 VDL, (TAS). Md Apr 1851 Geelong
Vic. (Childrens birth certificate.)
- STEWART, Mabel Isabel, md Harold C.W. THOMSETT. Youngest dau of late R.F.A.
Stewart of Launceston, Tas. Md 8 May 1898 at Newcastle,
NSW. (Syd Morn Herald 28.5.1898)
- UTHER, Frederick Wilson, md Janet Scott ALLAN (b Sct). Born 8 May 1834
Launceston, Tas. Md 1 Sep 1866, Melb, Vic. Died 11 Mar 1908
Syd, NSW. (Certificates)
- WALTERS, Jack and Mrs, "from Tasmania". In "Pathways of Yesteryear" -
article on Cedar Creek, Ravenshoe, Qld. ("Cairns Post"
12.7.1939)
- WILLINGTON, Charles Robert, md Mary Jane NOTT. Born Launceston ?, Tas.
Md Mary Jane NOTT at Melrose, S.A. on 2.11.1870 age 24.
(Mge cert)
- WILLINGTON, Thomas Humpstone, chr 22.3.1809 at St Phillips, Birmingham,
War, Eng. Transported to VDL 1830. Died 26.12.1884 at
Melrose, S.A.
- YEATES, Eliza Ann, md Alfred William FOOTE (b Wil, Eng). Born 3 Sep 1833
Launceston, Tas. Md 4.2.1852 Launceston, Tas. Died
15.11.1915 Ipswich, Qld. (Qld FHS member 84/11)

Members' Queries



QUERIES

Editor's Note: We have been struggling to clarify and condense some lengthy queries and would greatly appreciate having them presented in the usual format, ready for publication. Sixty (60) words is an acceptable maximum.

QUERIES

COOPER: BARTHLOMEW

John COOPER (son of Charles) b 1841/2, Tasmania, m 1859/60 to Mary Ann (Annie) BARTHLOMEW, Tasmania. Children - Ann (b 1863, not confirmed) Exton, Launceston, Tas. and son Alfred (b c1865). Mary Ann died c1865 (Tasmania presumably) and John remarried Rosabell BARTHLOMEW (sister of Mary Ann) c1865/6 in Melbourne, Vic.

Came to New Zealand c1867; occupation hotel keeper in Dunedin, Port Chalmers and Christchurch areas. Daughter Ann m Benjamin Walter GLASS, Port Chalmers in 1884. John died 1918 aged 76, Christchurch; Rosabell died 1926 aged 81, Christchurch.

Great grand-daughter of Ann and Ben seeks information please. All letters answered. Mrs Ann Loffhagen, 'Beechbank', Culverden, Nth Canterbury, NZ.

BODICIN (BODICENE)

Peter, wool merchant, b1793, arrived Sydney 1820. Went to Hobart 1834, m Eliza DWYER, daughter of Michael DWYER (Wicklow Chief) in Sydney 1828. Children - Mary A. b1828, Mark Henry b1829. I would be grateful for information on the above. George Cargeeg, 24 Purdie Ave, Ardross, W.Aust. 6153

BUTLER

Frederick, officer Royal Navy, son of Barnabos BUTLER from Co Wicklow, Ireland. Left NSW to live Hobart. Married Ellen DWYER in NSW. Four sons John, George, Robert (b1838) and William (b1844). The sons went to NSW 1852. Their 3 sisters, Ellen, Maria and Georgina known as 'Three Graces'. Information please to George Cargeeg, 24 Purdie Ave, Ardross, W.Aust. 6153.

ANDERSON: LARKINS

Seeking any information on descendants of:

Ray or Rachael Maggie ANDERSON who married John LARKINS in Sydney 1918, especially one Olga LARKINS b1919.

Mrs Joan Minty, 22/65 Azalea Ave, Coffs Harbour, NSW. 2450

BARLOW: WISEMAN

William (1802-83), left England with his second wife and family for New Zealand, during the Maori Wars. Moved from there to Tasmania c1850, and settled at Battery Point, New Town and finally Swansea. Daughter Margaret BARLOW m James WISEMAN in 1858 and had unnamed male child at Bothwell in 1859. Any information please to Mrs Kerrie Dick, Wesley Vale, Tas. 7307

CLARKE : WRIGHT

John (b1843) m Elizabeth Rebecca WRIGHT at Gatlands in 1871. They lived in Launceston and later moved to St Marys. Any information please to Bob Clarke, POBox 255, Devonport, 7310.

QUERIES

SCULLEY:DANIELS

James (b 1833 ?) m Mary DANIELS at Glenorchy, 1859. Any information on them, their children or forebears please, to Bob Clarke, POBox 255, Devonport, 7310, Tas.

DICK:AIKEN:SMITH

I am searching for descendants of Margaret (b1862) and Mary (b1864) DICK born Sassafras, Tas. They were daughters of Robert and Marian (nee AIKEN) of Scotland. Margaret m Joseph SMITH, children - Grace, Alice, Charles, Edgar, Sydney and Jessie. Mary m Albert BERRY and moved to New Zealand possibly Rotarua. Any information please to Mrs V. Dick, 1 Victory Ave, Devonport, Tas. 7310

KIRKWOOD:CLARKE:WALKER

James KIRKWOOD b Perth, Tas, 1861?, m Ellen CLARKE 1886. Ellen was daughter of Allan CLARKE and Margaret (nee WALKER). She was b Hobart 1853. I would be grateful for information about any family members. Mrs V. Dick, 1 Victory Ave, Devonport, Tas. 7310

STURGESS:COOMBE

Can anyone tell me why a birth certificate (microfilm copy) should have the following information written under the child's name? "m'ge 10/04 and deceased 1526/57^{mm}" It appears someone has recorded marriage and death. The child's name was Nessie Clare STURGESS, b 1882, Campbell Town, to William J. and Annie L. STURGESS (nee COOMBE). Any information on the family welcome. Mrs C.M. Morris, 11 Chelsea Court, East Devonport.

CRAWFORD:WEBB:MORRIS

Thomas CRAWFORD and Mary WEBB m 1840 at Longford. In 1852 Mary had a daughter, Ann, fathered by John MORRIS at Westbury. In 1854 James was born to Mary CRAWFORD, father John MORRIS at Westbury. In 1857 an unnamed son was born to Mary CRAWFORD, father Thomas CRAWFORD. In 1860 Mary married John MORRIS at Westbury. One month later a daughter was born. In 1864 Thomas CRAWFORD died. Any children born prior to 1852? Any other information welcome. Mrs C.M. Morris, 11 Chelsea Court, E.Devonport.

FRASER:MAKIN:CRESSWELL

Any information on Duncan FRASER (convict) m Mary MAKIN (convict) 1847. Unnamed child b1853. Mary d 1885. Was the child's name William who gave his mother's name Amy CRESSWELL on his wedding certificate? Did Amy live with Duncan after Mary's death? Anyone researching Amy CRESSWELL? . Mrs C.M. Morris, 11 Chelsea Court, E.Devonport.

QUERIES

PARKER

George James (b1805 Bath? UK) and Anna (Hannah) GADSBY (b Aug 1824, bap Oct 1824 Clifton, Derbyshire, daughter of David and Sarah) were married 1840 at Green Ponds. Anna was a servant to Mr Burton. Sarah died 1835. David remained in Clifton. Any information on Anna's arrival after 1835, George's arrival and departure of both (c1850 for Ballarat), appreciated.
Mr D. Adams, 1/73 Leopold St, South Yarra, Vic. 3141

BRACKEN

John, m Ann (Hannah) TOMKINSON 1851, St Josephs Church, Launceston. Known issues: John 1851, Mary 1853, William 1855, Anne 1862, George 1871. Information from any descendants deeply appreciated. Mr T.R. Bracken, 7 Pine Place, Devonport, Tas. 7310

CAIRNS

James (sawyer, Brooke Bay, Huon, Tas), m Margaret KITTELY, 1845, Hobart. Children were Elizabeth 1851, James 1858, probably others. Any information on this family and their descendants please. Mr E.M. Alston, 64 Argyle Rd, Kew, Vic 3101

SMITH

John, m Mary Amelia BIGGINS. Their eldest son Percival James m Emma RICHARDS, Hobart, their two children, Keith Lancelot 1896 and Eric Vivian 1898 have descendants. Any information on these please.
Mr N.Stubbs, 56 Watkinson St, Devonport, Tas 7310

BOOTH

William Henry b1827 Manchester, m Elizabeth ELLIS, b1814, in London. Known issue Annie Maria 1847, William Henry 29 May 1850 (m Annie Elizabeth HAYWOOD at Stawell, Vic). Any information when they arrived and where and when married. Was it Elizabeth ELLIS' second marriage? I have been told they lived in Tas for a period. All letters answered. E.Bell, 13 Pauline Ave, Tecoma, Vic 3160.

REARDON

Edwin, m Catherine Jane DAVID date unknown. Their children George Tasman 1885 and Doris Winifred 1891. Any other family information appreciated by Mrs S. Duck, 71 Gibson St, Launceston. Tas 7249

BROWN

William (police constable) m Margaret GRAHAM 1829, Ireland. Issue: Rebecca b Ireland?, William, John, Lydia, James, Robert, Thomas, Margaret, Peter, Elizabeth, Charles. Mrs G.Smith, 12 Warwick Place, Kings Meadows, 7249.

QUERIES

Repeated due to error in last issue:

SHINKWIN: BYRNES (BURNS): O'BRIEN: BEAUMONT

Patrick and Mary BYRNE (nee O'BRIEN) arrived Vic c1856, settled Bacchus Marsh area. Children Patrick, Jane (Mrs Tim GLEESON), Margaret (Mrs John D'SHEA) and Catherine b c1845 Limerick, d 1893 South Yarra, Vic. She married Henry BEAUMONT at Blackwood, Vic 1869 then settled Delorsine/Beaconsfield area with children Constance (Mrs C. BURR), Edward, Arthur, Augustus, Elizabeth, Archibald and Catherine (Mrs J. DALY). Where are they all?

Henry b c1844, d Inveresk, Tas. 1891, baptised London 1846 same day as siblings John Augustus Shinkwin, Arthur and Sophia Alice, children of John Augustus BEAUMONT and Elizabeth SHINKWIN.

Mrs M. Beaumont, 7 Bulga St, Mooroolbark, Vic. 3138

WEDGE

John Helder (1792-1872) Surveyor M.L.C. Does anyone know the whereabouts of his personal diary? I have reason to believe that the said diary is in the possession of a family in Tas. Any information on the location of the diary or its contents would be gratefully appreciated. J.E. Scott, 8 Amanda Court, Burnie, Tas. 7320

CLARKE: (or possibly PRESTAGE)

Either transported or free, date unknown, settled Hobart. Evidently this man claimed to own the land on the proposed site of the 'houses of Parliament'. A very old family member claims to have seen a letter from a Minister pertaining to this wrangle. I would be thrilled to bits with any advice or help to follow this up. Mrs G. McIntyre (nee CLARKE), 34 Hillcrest Rd, Wyesham, Mornmouth, Guent, UK.

TURLEY

Abraham (age 53) arrived Hobart per Clyde 18 Jan 1833 with wife Susanna (nee HOPE) aged 34. Children John 11, Abraham 7, William 6, Susannah 4. Peter TURLEY b 1836 Tas, m 1858 Portland, Vic, to Tamar BRADLEY daughter of Samuel. She arrived Hobart 9 April 1825, convict per Lady East. Would appreciate further information. D.B. Boyd, 12 Buckland Rd, St. Clair, NSW 2759

LINDSAY

Information and possible descendants sought of Samuel James LINDSAY, master mariner, who married Ann FACY in 1840, Hobart. Lindsay believed b Portsmouth c1809 and to have arrived aboard 'Clarence' under command of his father James or William Jas LINDSAY (?), commanded brig 'Marianne' and involved in whaling. Postage refunded. Mrs J. Hellstrom, PO Box 109, Lindfield, NSW 2070.

QUERIES

BURTON

John, m Anne THOMAS, 1878 at Hillston, NSW. No parents names shown on certificate. On John's death certificate, his father's name is given as William. Appreciate any help on John's mother (Williams wife) and more about William. John and Anne's daughter Christiana b1881, Merri Merrigal, NSW, married John WILKINS 1870.

Mr W. Pitt, 25 Streeter Ave, Mackay, Qld. 4740

MARTIN

John, born when and where? Probably England. Believed arr Tas mid 1820's. Married Sarah YOUNG, St Davids, Hobart, 1841. Issue: John 1842, Robert James 1845, William Alexander 1847, Joseph Henry 1852. Sarah died 1853. John leased Cornish Mount Hotel, Barrack St, 1849-53. Owned property at Brandy Bottom nr Jerusalem (Colebrook) 1847-66. Lived Glenorchy. Died 1870. Buried Albuera St. Information greatly appreciated on John and Sarah, ancestors or descendants.

Alan Ludeke, 157 Binney St East, Euroa, Vic. 3666

MOORE

Richard, b 1846-51, Hobart? One known older brother. Mother's name unknown. Believe father's given name began with "J". Married Lucy Anna HAMBLYN 1869 at home of Rev J.W. SIMMONS, 187 Elizabeth St. Issue: Lucy Anna 1870 (m Walter GILLIGAN), Richard John Henry 1871, Charles Phillip 1873, Bertha Ann 1875 (m Albert WARD), Esther Ann 1882 (m Arthur LEARY). Richard was a dairyman of Providence Valley (owned land bordering Friends Burial Ground). Later butcher High St, Sandy Bay. Died 1897 Melbourne. Buried Cornelian Bay, Hobart. Would be pleased for information about Richard, his parents or descendants. Alan Ludeke, 157 Binney St East, Euroa, Vic 3666.

STONEHOUSE

Robert m Jane MARSDEN in Sydney, date unknown. Moved to Launceston c1820. Issue: 1. Thomas 1818, d 1895 Beaconsfield, m Elizabeth BACHELOR (BATCHELOR) 1838, Launceston. 2. Robert b1820, m (a) Eliza PORTER 1838 Launceston and (b) Catherine McKEGNEY Melb. 3. John b1823, d 1873 Parmure, m (a) Isabella MILLS (nee IATE), Port Fairy, Vic and (b) Louisa MOLLENOYUS (nee BUNKER) 1854, Warrnambool. 4. Anne Jane b1824, m John WILLIAMS 1837 (sic) Launceston. 5. William b1826, d1904, Parmure, m Elizabeth McVEY 1850. 6. Adam b & d 1829. 7. Charles William b1830, moved to Vic. 8. Elizabeth b1834 d1874 Forth, m Capt Alexander LOGAN. 9. Henrietta b1836, d1847, Launceston. Jane Stonehouse's brother John MARSDEN, convict, arr Tas 1825. Free 1827. In 1832 at Launceston, m Elizabeth BEAVEN. Any information please. Mr Kerry Vickers, Kolora R.M.B., 5135. Terang, Vic 3264.

QUERIES

DENMAN

Ellen (nee WELSH) b Ireland, m Patrick NEEDHAM. A son Martin b1854, Jardleworth, Rochdale, Lancashire. Patrick killed Crimean War. Ellen and son Martin arr Tas c1856, m a DENMAN, one known daughter Jane. Lived Piper River. Death date wanted for Ellen, also contact with Jane's descendants welcomed. Mrs R. Thwaites (nee Needham), 120 Brookfield St, Hamilton, N.Z.

MARSHALL

Enoch and Sarah. Information requested on these and their family who arrived aboard the 'Merlington', 1854. Their daughter Emma m William RILEY, 1855. Mrs L. Fitzgerald, PO Box 56, Upper Ferntree Gully, Vic.3156

McNAMARA

Bartholomew, b ±1814, m Mary? b ±1814. Children Bridget 1833, Eliza 1837, Patrick 1840, John 1842, Bartholomew 1846, d 9 Dec 1895 Launceston, Theresa 1849, Joseph 1852, James (Bartholomew) 1854, d 1879 Hobart, (m Christine GREGAN, 1876), arr as a family on 'Sir W.F.Williams' from Liverpool, UK, 1856, ex County Wicklow, Ireland. Family tradition says they came from County Clare, also some may have moved to Vic. Mr C. McNamara, 33 Tingira Rd, Blackmans Bay, Tas, 7152.

SMITH

James, m Susan WRIGHT 1842, Launceston. Known issue; Susan 1843, James 1844, James Garner 1845, Emma 1849. Marriage witnesses George SMITH and Ether WRIGHT. James (snr) was a gaoler at Longford for a time. Mrs G. Smith, 12 Warwick Place, Kings Meadows, Tas. 7249.

NICHOLLS

Clara Lydia, b1853, Longford? m 1871 at Quanby, to Adam HODGETTS (b1847). Information needed on parents, siblings (sister m a RUBENACH?) and birth of Clara. Mr C. McNamara, 33 Tingira Rd, Blackmans Bay. 7152. Ph:294844

McGUIRE (MAGUIRE)

? married Catherine WILSON??) b 1797 Ireland, d 1879 Hobart. Daughter Judith m Michael GREGAN, d 1898 Hobart. Daughter Christine GREGAN died 1885, Hobart, m 1876 James Bartholomew McNAMARA d 1879 Hobart. Christine m Charlie KEMP between 1879 and 1885. Any information to Mr C.McNamara 33 Tingira Rd, Blackmans Bay, 7152.

QUERIES

1.

SMITH:WRIGHT

James SMITH m Susan WRIGHT, Launceston, 1842. Children :- Susan 1843, Charles 1844, James 1845, Emma ? 1849.

2.

THOMAS:JONES:HOSKINS:SMITH:JOHNSTON

Elias THOMAS m Eliza JONES (when?), West Tamar area. Eliza m HOSKINS, John d infant, Sarah m George SMITH, Thomas m ?, Sarah remarried Reuben JOHNSTON, children: Eva and Gordon.

3.

GLOVER:BROWN

Charles GLOVER m Rebecca BROWN 1849, West Tamar church. Rebecca m Thomas SEEN, Margaret Jane, Maria, Lydia m John HINDS, Robert, William m Selina HAMMERSLEY, Charles m Margaret (who?), Harriet m Alex MCKENZIE.

Replies please, to Gwen Smith, 12 Warwick Place, Kings Meadows, Launceston, Tas 7249.

MCKENZIE (1)

John, m Janet STEWART, Ullapool, Scotland. Arr per 'Sir Allan McNab' 1854. Murdock d young. Alexander m Rebecca GLOVER. Mary, Kenneth, Annie, Janet, Margaret, Murdina.

THOMAS (2)

Elias, m Eliza JONES known children John 1855, Eliza, Sarah 1856.

GLOVER (3)

Charles, m Rebecca BROWN 1849. Known issue: Rebecca, Margaret, Charles, Maria, Lydia.

SMITH (4)

George m Fanny Louisa BURGESS. Issue: John d aged 11 yrs, Magnus d 1934, George d 1870 (chief clerk His Majesty's Customs), Elizabeth d 11 days old. Information about any of these please. Gwen Smith, 12 Warwick Pl, Kings Meadows, 7249.

1984/5 ANNUAL REPORT

BY Douglas Forrest - President

The year has seen steady consolidation within the Society, membership advancing from 639 at 30 March 1984 to 799 at 30 March 1985. Of these, 154 are from interstate or overseas, strong interest is still being developed in the community as publicity of the Society's activities is promoted.

The support and enthusiasm of the executive, has been excellent and is the major reason for continued growth of membership and the sound position of the Society. Attendance at the quarterly executive meetings has averaged 70%.

Because of heavy work commitments over the past year, I regret not having visited other branches around the state. However, inter-relation with other branch members has been maintained through executive meetings and the Library/Tamiot combined meeting.

Southern branch members have worked very hard to obtain new larger premises for the main library, and have been rewarded for their efforts with allocation of part of the old Bellerive Post Office. This will significantly increase storage space and improve comfort for researchers and the voluntary staff.

Devonport Branch members are also proud of their new library premises, well situated in the heart of the city and already providing a stimulus for growth of the branch. I was pleased to be asked to officially open the library on 25 January this year.

Co-ordination of the library activities and inter-relation between branches has been very capably directed by Mrs Theo Sharples and the combined Libraries/Tamiot meeting held in March proved very successful. Mrs Shirley Johnson as Tamiot Co-ordinator has also had a busy year setting up standardized record procedures.

The Journal has now been improved in its presentation and format for trial prior to recommendation to branches. The service to members and the community provided by the Society is the key to progress and the Research Team has made an excellent contribution by its effectiveness.

Huon Branch is starting to find its feet; Launceston is progressing well and Burnie Branch has extended its library. A new branch in the West Coast is expected to be formed shortly.

Our Senior Vice President, Mr Neil Chick, represented the Society at a Computerisation Project meeting in Sydney in September last. The proposals put forward by Mr Chick and Mrs Shirley Johnson for national computer rationalisation and compatability were well received and commended.

The 1984 Family History Awards were presented by Mr Chick at a Hobart Branch meeting on 17th July to Mrs Annette Macquarie for her manuscript on Henry Pearce and his descendants and to (representatives of) Mrs Thais Mason for her book on the Garth Family.

The Family History Award for 1985 will be for the Manuscript section only, and is being co-ordinated by Mrs Maureen Bellette and Miss Stacey Bellette. New judges have been appointed following the unavailability of the previous judging panel. Several submissions have already been received.

As part of the Society's involvement in Australia's bi-centennial activities, Mr Neil Chick has prepared recommendations for "The Van Diemens Land Heritage" (A Biographical, cultural and genealogical index) together with a report on the Biographical and Genealogical Index. I see Society support for this project as an immediate requirement in order to take best advantage of the time available and establish impetus for action.

Mrs Jill Statton of Adelaide has been acting as our representative to AFFHO, the Australasian Federation of Family History Organisation, for the past year. She has been in regular contact with the Executive and Mrs Shirley Johnson for the interchange of information and list of our requirements.

Our biggest involvement this year has been with the Constitution and Incorporation of the Society. After amendments to the constitution were dealt with at the last annual council meeting, and at a following special council meeting (on 4 August 1984) the constitution was updated and copies have been provided to each branch chairman.

The requirement (for financial liability reasons) to become an Incorporated Society was established and approved at the last annual meeting. However, after all the work with the constitution we are advised by the Commissioner for Corporate Affairs that more changes are required. The major change is that rules be drafted to allow periodic general meetings of members. Such general meetings will be the ultimate authority of the Society. I cannot see that it is practical to have the Council of the Society and the complete body of the Society both with the same responsibilities. This suggests that the Council as established must be restructured to include all financial members who are eligible to vote. While the rules may also be constructed to regulate voting rights at general meetings, the rules must make provision for such. The executive of the Society would be elected and operate in the same manner as currently exists.

The constitutional requirements for amendment are listed in Clause 4I.I and require that proposed changes are circulated, discussed and voted on in each branch and published in the Journal. Alteration must be at an annual council meeting or at a special council meeting convened for that purpose solely.

All necessary changes will have to be established and voted upon as above. It is certainly going to be an interesting year ahead.

Bank reconciliation statement

CREDIT BALANCE AT THE SAVINGS BANK OF TASMANIA
AT 31 March 1985 \$1,873.58

LESS UNPRESENTED CHEQUES

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| Cheque No 404488 of \$22.98 | |
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| 064011 | 3.60 |
| 17 | 180.72 |
| 18 | 852.60 |

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BANK BALANCE AS PER RECEIPTS &
PAYMENTS STATEMENT

\$809.28

LIBRARY FUND

Bank Reconciliation Statement

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|-----------------------------|-----------------|
| CASH BALANCE at 1.4.84 | 855.26 |
| ADD RECEIPTS | <u>7,029.55</u> |
| | 7,884.81 |
| LESS PAYMENTS | <u>7,466.80</u> |
| CREDIT BAL AS PER CASH BOOK | <u>418.01</u> |

PROOF

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| S.B.T. BANK BAL AT 31.3.85 | 1,785.44 |
| ADD OUTSTANDING RECEIPT | <u>275.78</u> |
| | 2,061.22 |

LESS UNPRESENTED CHEQUES:

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|-----------------------------|--------|
| Cheque No 91939 of \$185.46 | |
| 42 | 166.47 |
| 43 | 750.00 |
| 44 | 533.28 |
| 45 | 8.00 |

1,643.21

CREDIT BAL AS PER CASH BOOK

418.01

GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY OF TASMANIA

CASH AT BANK 31.3.85

GENERAL FUNDS

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| STATE COUNCIL (GENERAL A/C) | 809.28 |
| " " (INVESTMENT) | 2,570.17 |
| HOBART BRANCH | 2,687.82 |
| LAUNCESTON BRANCH | 897.85 |
| BURNIE BRANCH | 100.67 |
| DEVONPORT BRANCH | 118.97 |
| HUON BRANCH | 347.08 |

LIBRARY FUNDS

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|------------|--------|
| MAIN | 418.01 |
| LAUNCESTON | 269.90 |
| BURNIE | 147.20 |
| DEVONPORT | 278.12 |
| HUON | 100.35 |

TOTAL CASH ON HAND 8,745.42

AUDITOR'S REPORT FOR YEAR ENDED 31.3.85

Having reviewed the financial records of both the general and library funds, I am of the opinion that they are drawn up so as to give a true and fair view of the year's transactions and the financial position as at 31.3.85. Other records made available during the audit included the membership register, minute book and copies of all branch financial reports. The assets of the Society have not been audited.

Signed: James J. Pawson - Auditor
22.5.85

A full copy of the financial statement is available from the Treasurer, G.Rapley, 1 Machin St, Kings Meadows, Launceston. 7249. Please enclose s.a.e.

SOCIETY PUBLICATIONS AND SALES

TASMANIAN ANCESTRY (International Standard Serial Number 0159-0677) is the official journal of the Society, and is published quarterly in March, June, September and December. News, articles of interest or scholarships, research notes and queries are welcomed. Each issue is priced at \$3 to non-members. Current issues are free to members and some back copies are obtainable for \$2.

QUERIES of members are published free and those of non-members at \$3 each.

CORRESPONDENCE Due to the enormous increase in correspondence, we cannot guarantee letters will be answered unless return postage is included. Notices of change of address will not be acknowledged.

G.S.T. Research Notes:

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| 'Cemeteries in Tasmania' notes from a talk by Abel Reeve | 30c | Tracing Original Names of Early Tasmanian's | 30c |
| Records in Tasmania | 50c | Research by Correspondence | 30c |
| Searching Tasmanian Land Records | 50c | When and How to Secure Professional Help | 30c |
| Suggestions for Storage of Genealogical Material | 30c | Tracing Family History is Exciting "Let's Begin" | 50c |
| Resources I have used in Ireland by F. O. Travers | 50c | List of Some Genealogical Sources in Scotland | 30c |
| Abbreviations for Genealogical Purposes | 20c | Researching Planning, Evidence & Evaluation | 30c |
| In Search of Irish Ancestry | 1.00 | | |

CHARTS

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|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------|-------------------------------------------------|------|
| 9 Generation pedigree | 1.50 | 12 Generation Pedigree | 2.00 |
| Standard 5 Generation Pedigree | 10c | 15 Generation Pedigree | 2.50 |
| Family Group 3/40 or | 10c | 5 Generation portraits display | 6.00 |
| 7 Generation display family tree | 6.00 | Ornate semicircular bridge display family chart | 6.50 |
| Display chart showing names of all official, convicts, seamen to arrive with first fleet to Botany Bay 1788 | \$3.40 | | |

BOOKS

Begin Your Family History - Pelling \$2.80
Compiling your Family History - M. Gray 16th Edition 1985 - \$4.95
Tracing your origins \$16.95 Roots & Branches \$5.95
In Search of Ancestry \$18.95 The Convict Ships 1787 \$15.95
The First Fleet Convicts \$5.95 The Second Fleet Convicts \$6.00
The Third Fleet Convicts \$9.95 MacRoots - Scottish Ancestors \$3.00
Historical Records of Newcastle 1797-1897 \$12.95
Papers presented at Third Australasian Congress on Genealogy & Heraldry May 1983 - Hamilton New Zealand \$12.00 English Parish Register Transcripts by H J Vine. A list of all known transcripts of English parish registers held in Australian Libraries \$6.20
Genealogical Research Directory - An index to people and the family names they are researching. (Published yearly) 1985 14.75 members (Prices vary from year to year) 15.75 non-members

JOURNAL - Family History News and Digest - from the Federation of Family History Societies. This is published in England but gives an outline of what is happening in many places. It is a quarterly journal which we obtain in bulk and sell to our members for \$2.60 + postage. A list of those who wish to reserve copies is at the GST Library, Bellevue, to which names can be added. Only a few extra copies are ordered each quarter.

Branches can obtain any of the above for resale or orders can be placed through Despatch Officer. PLEASE ADD POSTAGE.

Photocopies of articles in earlier issues of Tasmanian Ancestry can be supplied.

Books and Charts prices maybe subject to change without notice.

MEMBERSHIP IN THE GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY OF TASMANIA

is open to all interested in Genealogy, whether resident in Tasmania or not. Assistance is given to help trace overseas ancestry as well as Tasmanian.

Dues are payable each year by 1 April.

Rates of subscriptions are as follows:

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| Ordinary Member : \$18.00 per annum |
| Joint Members (Two persons at one address) : \$24.00 |
| Student/Pensioner/Unemployed over 6 months : \$12.00 |
| Joint Pensioners : \$18.00 |
| Corporate Members (Institution or Society) : \$24.00 |

Membership entitlements include receipt of the Society's journal, TASMANIAN ANCESTRY. (NOTE: If Air-mail postage to overseas members is required extra costs will need to be paid)

Members are entitled to free access to the Society's libraries, and reduced rates for purchase of certain other publications. Access to the libraries of some other societies has also been arranged on a reciprocal basis, and an Accommodation Register arrangement with other states can be used by researchers.

Application for Membership forms can be obtained from Branch or GST Secretary and can be returned with appropriate dues to a Branch Treasurer, or sent from out of state to the GST Treasurer c/- Box 648G, G.P.O., Hobart 7001. Dues will also be accepted at Branch General Meetings or at the Library.

The Central Library is at 3 Percy Street, Bellarive, and some branches also have a library. Access is free to members but all users of the International Genealogical Index (U.K., Cent. Europe, Misc which contains data for Australia etc) are asked for a small fee. Books, journals from various genealogical societies, index to transcribed tombstones, register of family names and family charts are at the library and books and notes may be purchased here.

Donations to the Library Fund (\$2 & over) are an allowable tax deduction. Gifts of family records, books, maps, photographs etc are most welcome.

Research is handled on a voluntary basis in each branch. Simple queries from members and the public will be answered upon receipt of postage and envelop. A register of Member's research interests is kept in a card file and reference to this file will be made for distant members. Cemetery transcription index may also be helpful. Non-members may obtain data from this index and have their family names entered in this file for \$3. Duplication of research is often avoided by so doing.

A list of members willing to undertake record-searching on a PRIVATE basis can be obtained if records outside the GST library are required. The Society takes no responsibility for such private arrangements.

Advertising for TASMANIAN ANCESTRY is accepted with pre-payment. \$15 per quarter page in one issue, or \$40 for 4 issues; \$60 for 1/2 page and \$100 for a full page in 4 issues.

CLERICAL ASSISTANCE is always required as all branches transcribe cemetery and tombstone records. Branch officers or TAMIOY co-ordinators would welcome offers of help, the tasks are simple and often increase friendships. The Society's librarian also welcomes similar assistance, phone 002-476313, and such tasks can often be done at home.

Library Hours 3 Percy Street, Bellarive: Wednesday 9.30 - 12.30; Saturday 1.30 - 4.30, or by arrangement.