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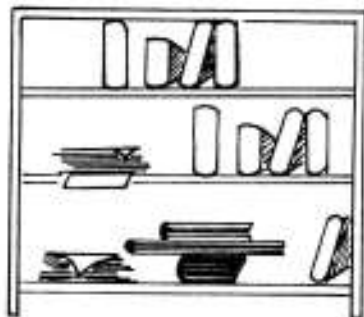
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Old Genealogists don't die,
they just lose their Census

Inspiration from
Ken Read
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The NEW official Society address is:
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ARCHIVES AUTHORITY OF N.S.W.
GENEALOGICAL RESEARCH KIT

The Archives Authority of N.S.W. has in its custody, the largest and most comprehensive collection of public records relating to the early history of European settlement in Australia. Compiled in Government offices since 1788, these State archives date from a time when NSW comprised the entire eastern half of the continent, and they therefore cover the formative years of all four eastern States.

Although the State archives were created for administrative purposes, they contain a wealth of material which is useful for genealogical research and, as a result, some of them have been in constant use for decades. Beginning in 1959, the Archives Authority embarked on a major programme of copying on to microfilm, the records which were most often used, in order to minimise wear and tear on the originals. Since then, some 2000 microfilms have been produced, thereby preserving the original records from further physical deterioration and also providing researchers with unfettered access to the information.

However, the development of this copying programme has been more than matched by the growth of public interest in both family and local history research, which has reached major proportions in recent years and continues to expand at an enormous rate.

Accordingly the Archives Authority has decided to make its microfilm copies more widely available to the public by producing a Genealogical Research kit

The Kit is based on 35mm microfilm, supplemented wherever practicable by microfiche. It has as its foundation, the records which document the arrival of people in NSW from 1788 to 1900, ie the records recording the arrival of convicts, assisted immigrants and unassisted persons. To these are being added records of births, deaths and marriages; of naturalisations; of the employment of public servants; of land grants, publicans' licenses, depasturing licenses; electoral rolls; and a wealth of other material useful to family historians. In addition, many of these records have been indexed, so the Kit includes some volumes of printed indexes published by the Authority and some references to indexes produced by outside organisations.

Although specifically directed at genealogists, the Kit will be of value to historians and researchers generally. For example, the New South Wales Blue Books have been included because they contain information on public servants. However, this is overshadowed by their great wealth of statistical information on the administrative, economic and cultural growth

of the Colony.

The Kit is copyright. It is supplied subject to the provisions of the Copyright Act 1968, as amended in 1980, and also to the Authority's usual conditions governing access to photocopying and publication of State archives. These conditions are obtainable from the Archives Office of NSW and in addition are set out on the reels and microfiche of the Kit.

Please refer to the "How or Order" leaflets for details of the prices and availability of the various series. Use the double sided order form attached to each leaflet when requesting material.

Summary:

It was originally planned that the Kit would be published in three stages over at least three years. However, due to a special grant from the NSW Government, it has become possible to expand the contents of State III and to add a Stage IV.

Stages I and II have been completed and are now available for purchase. The contents of these stages and the proposed contents of Stages III and IV are summarised.

Stage I

Registers of births, deaths, marriages 1787-1856
Assisted immigrants arriving in NSW, 1828-96 and Moreton Bay
1848-59
Index to assisted immigrants 1880-96
Index to assisted immigrants to Moreton Bay 1848-59
Assisted immigrants arriving at Port Phillip 1839-51
Unassisted passengers arriving 1854-80
Convict arrivals 1788-1842
Convict death register 1828-79
Convict assignment registers 1821-24
Register of Tickets of Leave 1824-27
Record of appointments to Government offices 1814-25
Blue Books 1822-57
Naturalisation index 1834-1903
Electoral rolls 1842-64

Stage II

Index to assisted immigrants 1860-79
Index to assisted immigrants arriving Port Phillip 1839-51
Unassisted passengers arriving 1826-53, 1881-1900
Passengers departing 1816-25
Indexes to ships arrived 1837-1925
Guide to shipping and free passenger records

Index to convict indents, 1837-42
Registers of convicts' applications to marry 1825-51
Public service lists 1858-70
Indexes to land grants 1788-1865 and selected registers
Registers of naturalisation 1834-1903
Certificates of publicans' licences 1830-61
Registers of depasturing licences 1837-51

Stage III

Index to assisted immigrants 1844-59
Register of Conditional Pardons 1791-1825
Registers of convicts recommended for Conditional Pardons 1826-56
Registers of absolute pardons 1791-1843
Registers of recommendations for absolute pardons 1826-46
Ticket of leave butts 1827-75
Abstracts of all licences for marriages granted to free persons
1813-27
Registers of Coroners' inquests 1902-42
Wives and families of convicts on bounty ships 1849-55
Members of the Family Colonisation Loan Society 1854-57
Passenger lists of the Family Colonisation Loan Soc. 1854-55
Applications for admission into the Orphan Schools 1825-33
Applications for children out of the Orphan Schools 1825-33
Female Orphan School Admission books 1817-32
Male Orphan School Admission books 1819-33
1828 Census Householders' Returns

Stage IV

Persons on bounty ships to Sydney, Newcastle and Moreton Bay 1848-91
Wage agreements and entitlement certificates 1844-5
Immigration deposit journals 1853-1900
Reports of inquests 1796-1828
Roll of barristers, solicitors, attorneys, proctors and conveyancers,
1824-76 and other records relating to legal appointments
Medical Board Minutes of proceedings and register 1838-1901
Register of chemists and druggists 1876-1920
Register of Police 1862-1904

Editor's Note:

Special order forms for the kit available from the Archives Authority of NSW, 2 Globe St, Sydney, 2000 (02-2370137) to whom further enquiries should be addressed. Copies of these with prices may be seen at GST library, Hobart and also further details and contents.

WHERE DO 'E CUM VROM, WHERE DO 'E GO?

by Thelma Grunnell

Sorting through a mass of family research material the other day, reminded me of this comment of Will Hay's from the film 'The Ghost Train'; and I thought it would be a very good motto for a Genealogical Society.

At a recent meeting of the Launceston branch, I called for a show of hands from members who read the exchange journals and was quite surprised at the result. Not very many! So to encourage those, and any other reluctant readers, I thought that I would share with them the incredible contacts I have made during the past few months.

On duty at the Launceston Branch Library one Saturday in October, in a quiet period, I was browsing through a copy of the Bristol and Avon F.H.S. journal when I came across a query for the HUNT family of Kingsteignton (my family name - same village). So off went a letter and pedigree chart in the fervent hope that I had at last tracked down a living member of the family. Time passed and I'd given up hope of a reply when just before our December meeting a bulky envelope arrived. Heart beating rapidly and with bated breath, I read the enclosed letter. Yes! At last! The correspondent was descended from the same family line; our great grandparents being brother and sister. Much new information was forthcoming and we have exchanged family group charts and old photographs to fill in gaps in each others research material. So now I have a new relation to visit on our next trip to UK.

In Christmas week, we received the Members Interest 1986 of the Devon F.H.S. and again I saw an entry "Ball, Stoke Gabriel" which was one I was also researching plus several other promising entries. What with the Christmas festivities and being called back to work quite a bit, I didn't get a letter away, but was delighted to receive a letter and family tree from Canada. Yes, we're related! Great-great-grandfather's sister Susan's descendants migrated to Canada, and Linda Collings (who was my correspondent) had just returned from a visit to the family village. The Ball family was not very venturesome in the early generations, as we have proved that my father was the only male in direct line back for nine generations not born in Stoke Gabriel. Perhaps only because his father was a police constable by profession and posted elsewhere in the county. Now I am waiting for answers to several letters sent to other parts of the world in the hopes that my luck has turned and more relations will appear. So do read the journals that are acquired for our benefit and maybe you too will have a pleasant surprise when the postman calls.

EXTRACTS FROM THE VICTORIA POLICE GAZETTE

Contributed by Helen Harris

30.12.1853

"Larceny and Embezzlement. Absconded from Adelaide (charged with embezzlement) in the Sea Witch for Melbourne where he arrived on (left bank) FREDERICK WALLER: Height 5' 3³/₄", age 30 years, fresh complexion, brown hair, hazel eyes, scar on right side of upper lip and chin. This man arrived in Van Diemen's Land in the year 1842 per ship Emily and under sentence of transportation. He absconded from thence and came to Melbourne, where on 16 August 1851 he was tried and convicted in the name of GEORGE REES and sentenced to 3 years on the roads of the colony. Was discharged from the Main Penal Depot, Pentridge, on 13.12.1852 with a ticket of leave. Absconded from the district in which he was authorized to reside and proceeded to Adelaide, where by means of forged certificates of character, he succeeded in obtaining the situation of Superintendent of Convicts, where he embezzled large sums of money which were entrusted to him by virtue of his office. Warrants have been issued by the Adelaide magistrate for his apprehension. Information to be given to the Police Gazette Office, Melbourne." An entry on 10.3.1854 states he was apprehended in Sydney.

"Absconded from the City of Hobarton, Van Diemen's Land per schooner George, and arrived in Melbourne on the night of Saturday 17 December, charged with stealing Gold Watch and other articles from HARRIS ROSENBERG, Hobarton, JOHN HOLLAND alias LIPMAN. He is a native of London, 17 years, black hair, dark complexion, hazel eyes. Information to the Police Gazette Office where a warrant for his apprehension has been received." An entry on 27.1.1854 states he was caught and received a sentence of 3 months. A further entry of 29.9.1854 states he is wanted again, this time his name is JOHN/THOMAS LIPMAN alias JOHN HOLLAND.

LISTING OF ESCAPED CONVICTS IN VICTORIA, SHOWING ORIGINAL ARRIVAL

30.12.1853

EDWARDS, William, to VDL per Lord Exmouth
GOODGANE, Josiah, to VDL per Tenesserim (later note states drowned in attempting to cross the Merri Merri Creek)
BOOTH, Joh, to VDL per Hindostan
WATSON, Charles to VDL per Royal Sovereign
OSBOURNE, William, "Pessengee Bommengue" (caught at Heathcote)
FRYER, Walter, to VDL per "Lord Lyndock"
CROSBY, James, alias HUGHES, James to VDL per Gilmore (2)
SMITH, James, per David. Native of VDL?

27.1.1854

shaw, James alias Tommy TUCKER, horse and cattle stealing, "strongly suspected that he is a runaway convict from VDL".

Extracts from Victoria Police Gazette.

3.2.1854

MURPHY, Peter, alias John HURKINSON, from Launceston.

31.3.1854

Absconded from the schooner John Massey THOMAS BROWN, a constable of the island of VDL, who having been placed on board the schooner at the river Mersey on duty, was brought to Victoria in her, as she was obliged to weigh anchor he is a ticket of leave holder, etc.

21.7.1854

EMERY, George, illegally at large, from VDL

28.7.1854

McKAY, William, to VDL per Gilmore

WILLIS, William to VDL per Lady Harwood

QUINN, Charles, to VDL per William Miles

CROUCH, William, to VDL per John

BROWN, William, to VDL per Eleanor

11.8.1854

SOUTHALL, Benjamin, alias JONES, William, absconded, supposed to have gone to VDL

1.9.1854

PATCHETT, Thomas to VDL per Sarah

SUTCLIFFE, Edward, to VDL per Persia

SMITH, William, to VDL per Recovery

THOMPSON, Robert, to VDL, no ship listed

HANSON, Joseph to VDL per Calcutta

OLIVER, Thomas to VDL per York 2

BIGGS, Michael, to VDL per Moffatt

NOTE: The listings related to former VDL convicts who came to Victoria, were arrested, sentenced and subsequently escaped. A full description is given, including age, height, hair and eye colouring, complexion, scars, convictions, date, place and sentence of latest offence.

SEARCHING FOR YOUR ANCESTORS?

Genealogical research undertaken in and around Oxfordshire, England. Reasonable rates, member of the A.G.R.A.

For further details please contact:-

Mrs E.B. Newbold, 10 Hugh Allen Crescent, Marston, Oxford.
OX3 0HN. England.

William Williams

by Joan O'Brien

The headstone states simply "Sacred to the memory of William Williams, formerly Sergeant H.M. 57th Regt, died March 21, 1898, aged 90 years." William rests in Campbell Town (Tasmania) "Old English" Cemetery. Born in Maidstone, Kent, in 1808 William joined the 57th Regiment of Foot on May 16, 1825.

In 1828 William embarked on the convict ship 'Morley' and joined his regiment in N.S.W. During service, he accompanied convicts to V.D.L. In 1831 he left NSW with the 57th Regt for service in India. William's brother-in-law, a sergeant in the Royal Marines, wrote to him from Portsmouth in 1835 and gave him all the family news:

Dear Brother,

Your very kind letter we received and it gave us great pleasure to hear that you were well and although you have been exposed to the fire of your enemy, it has pleased the Almighty God to save your life and it gave us very much pleasure to find that the wound you received did not prevent you again resenting it on your enemies.

Dear Brother, I can assure you that your letter gives myself and wife great pleasure to find that you are in the position of self command sufficient to carry you clear of the evil and dangers of drunkenness, may the Almighty ever strengthen you and conduct you in safety through all your Trials.

Dear Brother with regards to our Mutual Relations at Datham, your sister Sally has wrote to us about 2 years ago - as also your Brother Thomas - we have heard from them since then but no letter. Your Sister Sophia wrote to us about six months ago when her husband was very ill and your sister did all in her favour in assisting them but for her kindness they never even acknowledged the receipt of what we sent them nor regarding their health.

My Dear Fellow, I am very much obliged to you for your kind wishes regarding my being Sgt Major, but I can assure you I would not accept it on no consideration - my present situation being much better - and I can assure you that I do not care who shines in a scarlet coat decked with gold lace - as long as I can wear a scarlet coat with the worsted lace and 4/5 a day good quarters and no running about on parade - I have only one parade every month to attend - mine being almost a Civil Situation and the best of ale, your sister and children comfortable and happy thank God for it. Dear Brother we have no news here at present but there is every expectation of France and America going to war with each other - as for the war in Spain between Queen Donna Isabella and Don Carlos, there is so many reports that no one knows the truth - the Queen has had about 9,000 English men and about 1,000 horses besides other Nations to assist her. We have no more at present to inform you of but we are in daily expectation of the arrival of our Sister Jane and Husband home from Malta. We sincerely hope that this

letter will reach you in safety and in the enjoyment of good health and happiness.

Your dear Sister joins with myself in prayers for you and that the Almighty disposer of all good will preserve you to a safe and happy return to your native land - the Dear Children send their kind love to their Dear Uncle with kind prayers for his welfare - we conclude Dear Brother with invoking the Divine Blessing on your head.

We remain

Your ever affectionate Loving Brother and Sister Thos and Anne Thomas.

In 1839 William married Johanna Tynan, widow, on the Contonment at Tiruchchirappalli in Southern India. Johanna was the widow of one of William's comrades, also of the 57th Regt.

William was promoted to corporal in October 1840 with a further promotion to Sgt in August 1844. Johanna and William sailed for England where William was discharged from the 57th as "unfit for service" after spending twenty one years and three months with that regiment. He was then 40 years of age.

In November, 1848 their only child Charles was born. They were then living back in Maidstone, Kent.

July 24, 1850 saw the family embarking per the 'Blenheim' and on their way to VDL where William had applied for a land grant as a Military Pensioner his pension being 26 pounds and 4 shillings per annum.

The Blenheim being a convict ship, William had to police the convicts. Records held in the Tasmanian Archives and dated Hobart Town, 6th December 1850, describe William as "located on his land at Campbelltown and in the Police".

Johanna and William built a little house (it still stands in Forster St, Campbell Town) and farmed their land, which is still in the Williams' family.

Contributor notes: I have William's War Service Record and also hold the original Marriage Certificate of Johanna and William, together with the letter quoted from and written in 1835. They were left to me by an aunt. In the original letter (1835) there are no punctuation marks - dashes used by myself make it readable.

Further research was done in Tasmanian Archives relating to Army Pensioner Lists.



News from Branches

HUON

Our branch held its December meeting with members reminiscing on Christmas traditions and finished with Mr Lance Geeves reading an extract from 'Boyes Diary' about a Bush Christmas in Lenah Valley in the early part of the 1800's.

Some of our members have been involved over the Christmas break with 'The Woolley Family Reunion' where more than 1,000 relatives gathered at Glen Huon Hall on the Australia Day weekend, to celebrate the 150th anniversary of the landing of their forebears in Tasmania.

Our Library closed on December 13 and re-opens 7 February 1987. Our next meeting to be held on 9 February.

Meetings are held on the second Monday in each month at 7.30pm at the Ranelagh Library.

Library hours are 2-4pm every Saturday and 10-12 noon the first Wednesday of each month.

S. Goode - Publicity Officer

DEVONPORT

Our library is open again after the holiday break and additions to our micro-fiche indexes include a copy of the IGI and Mormon Family Registry Index. There are also many new books and shipping lists which should be very helpful for those researching either in the British Isles, Norfolk Island or here.

The extensive collection of Cemetery Records have been filed and labelled to provide easy access for even the novice researcher.

Towards the end of last year, our librarian Julie Astell resigned because she was leaving the district. We were very sorry to lose her as she had worked hard to build up the library and we do thank her for the time and expertise put into this. She will be missed from our branch.

LAUNCESTON

Fund-raising events:

13 March 1987 ... Lamington Drive

19 March 1987 ... Cake Stall at R.N. Kings Meadows. Donations of cakes etc will be accepted.

A knitathon is being arranged for the winter months.

Annual Meeting - Will be held at Kings Meadows High School on 28 April. Nominations for Office Bearers are called for and should be sent to the Launceston Branch Secretary, Mrs Kaye Grice, 14 days prior to the meeting, ie 14 April 1987.

Visitors to the State are welcome to use our Branch Library.

Launceston News contd

Library Hours: Tuesday 10-12, Wednesday 12-2 and 7-9pm, Saturday 2-4pm.
Address 63 Paterson St. Any queries please to Mrs Marlene Arnold, on
002 44 7885.

Library Report - Launceston:

The last quarter has seen continued growth in the branch in terms of material and membership. We are opening for 4 sessions each week, with hours designed to provide service for working members who might not otherwise be able to attend, and for those who have other commitments. This has resulted in renewed interest from some of our long standing members and has attracted a number of new ones. We believe this is a positive indication of the growing interest in genealogy and of the dedication of those who have worked so hard to make the branch successful.

We have acquired the 1981 European and 1984 Scandinavian IGI, which will increase our holdings to provide for those who have ancestors from other countries. We now have access to microfiche-making facilities and can copy, as a back-up, any microfiche now held. These facilities will permit us to copy onto microfiche, any documents held and I hope to see librarians examine the possibility of microfiche copies of many of our records.

The success of our indexes of births, deaths and marriages, is indicated by the fact that we have to reprint for the third time, as our stocks are again very low. Work is continuing on the 1921-30 indexes and we will be asking for more assistance with those records because of the increase in numbers of advertisements in later newspapers. We would commend a similar project to other branches as we have raised a quite reasonable amount from sales of our indexes to date. Several similar projects will be examined in the coming year to assess their viability.

As Ann and I will be leaving for an overseas trip in March, we will not be able to attend the Branch Annual General Meeting and possibly the AGM in June. I think this is a good opportunity to extend to all members our best wishes and thanks for the past year. The reaction of many of our Launceston Branch members to the plans for expansion and their efforts to ensure that we succeeded in several ambitious projects, have been of enormous encouragement and guaranteed that the branch will continue to expand.

We plan this year, to raise funds to purchase St Catherine's House indexes and put together another Tasmanian Research Directory, updating the previous one.

I have received authority from the Police Dept to purchase the reels of film containing all records of police who have served in Tasmania since early 1800's to the present. The purchase is dependent on the film remaining in my possession as it contains information on serving police officers, but I will be able to provide some details from the records on request.

Lannceston Library contd

There is no index as yet and a search will really be quite time consuming. One volume of records contains an estimated 5,000 names which includes the full name, status (some were free, others convicts), their convict number, name of ship, date they joined the police force and dates of transfers, promotions, dismissals or resignations. I will be unable to assist with enquiries until I return to work.

In keeping with our past ideas, we will welcome advice or suggestions to improve our facilities or material. We are interested in having a few details of any new books published and comments on their suitability for purchase. We also ask for copies of family histories and any old books containing names particularly post office directories, Hobart Town Gazettes and very old telephone books which will provide us with a source of names.

Tom Lello - Librarian.

HOBART

Extended Library Hours: The hours of opening of the Society's library at the Old Bellerive Post Office have been extended. The new times are:

Wednesday 9.30 am - 12.30 pm and 7-9 pm

Saturday 1.30 pm - 4.30 pm

Third Tuesday (Meeting day) 5-7 pm. This allows members to spend an hour or so before attending the general meetings at their new location.

New location for general meetings: Commencing with the March meeting, all general meetings will be held at the Clarence Football Club Social Rooms in Petchey St, Bellerive, just up the hill from the Society's library, at 8pm.

February 17: Genealogy Made Easy. This meeting marked the beginning of an ongoing computer users group, meeting at the Geography Dept, University of Tasmania. Members were able to get hands on experience of the IBM-PC, Apple II and Apple Macintosh computers, and use several of the many excellent genealogical computer programs currently available for these machines. Has your filing system become a failing system? Help is at hand!

March 17: What the Society can do for you. This is for all members, new and old. The Society provides many services of which members may not be aware.

April 21: Surnames and Annual General Meeting. Come prepared to share your ancestral surnames, and to withstand the shock when you learn what they mean. Also election of office bearers for 1987-88.

May 19: Research Resources in Tasmania. An experienced panel will review sources available in Tasmania, including ones which are unjustly neglected.

June 16: In Search of the Dead. "And you thought the paperwork ended when you carked it?" Records last a lot longer than we do, and include wills, administrations, inquests post mortem and much else you might not have thought of.

July 21: Members' Night. Bring a tale to tell, but let a member of the committee know about it first so we can plan for a night of sharing of experiences.

August 18: The Joint Copying Project. Much material on early Tasmanian families has survived in England, and is accessible here in Hobart on micro-film.

September 15: How to write your Family History. A panel will discuss and show the various ways of going about putting it all together.

October 20: And Adam was my 97th Great Grandfather. Several members share some really ancient lineages. A panel will discuss just how reliable the records of these pedigrees are.

November 17: Social Night. "Let trumpets blow and angels sing!" Bring a story and a plate.



BURNIE

Our Library re-opened on 27 January 1987, and we have had a full house each day, consisting of both members and non-members seeking information. It is top priority of the Branch members to either find larger premises or extend our hours of opening to meet with this demand. At present we open Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday afternoons from 1pm to 4pm. This Branch hopes to vary meetings this year to maintain the interest of our members and our first meeting of the year was held at the Branch Library where we had arranged the extra space for the night, and members were able to benefit from all the research material and equipment available in the Library.

The State Tamiot co-ordinator V. Dudman has finalised a complete list of all cemeteries so far transcribed throught the State, and a copy has been circulated to all Branches for verification.

It is hoped that this list will be available in the GST Libraries in the near future. This will be a valuable asset and all those who have helped to compile this record over the years should be commended and our Branch sends a special thanks to them.

Dawn Collins - Secretary

AVERAGE ANCESTORS?

(A contribution from Devonport Branch Library)

It's my turn this week!
What I really mean to say
Is that it's my Library duty day.
I try to help those with a need
And also ones who wish to read
The micro-fiche and convict lists.
But woe is me
For you see
There are some who don't know their ABC.

Oh! Here comes a woman
Who's as pleased as punch.
She has three convicts in her 'bunch'.
All are First Fleeters. Isn't that grand?
To be part of the history of this land?

John Pascoe Faulkner's descendant
Has just made herself known.
And here is Bill's ancestor, of some fame.
He was botanist with Flinders,
Brown by name.

Mine was one of Nelson's crew
Another voice has cried.
And mine was a shepherd
I mused deep inside.
My head, which was whirling with excitement
As I sat waiting for further enlightenment.

But, the hours have fled.
It's time to depart.
I can't wait for next time, my duty to start.
For who knows what will then ensue
I might meet someone whose ancestor was a shepherd too.

Family Reunions

Mrs Val Mills (nee Bell) of 42 Moore St, Kaniva, Vic. 3419, writes:

During my research of the Bell family, I wrote to Mr William H. Bell who is the founder of the Bell Family Association of USA. Mr Bell is working towards the re-establishment of the Bell Clan in Scotland. This is the old West March Bells, not the sept of the MacMillans. The West March Bells lived in Lowland Scotland and were commonly known as the Border Bells. In May 1985, the Lord Lyon gave Mr Bell the go-ahead and directions to proceed on the re-establishment quest and research has gone on since to find an heir to be appointed as Chief.

A gathering of Bells will be held 4 July 1987 at Jacksonville, Florida, in order to unify the Bells (there is also a Clan Bell Descendants Assoc. in USA), and to determine their reason for desiring a Bell Association - that is, for Clan re-establishment OR for genealogical purposes.

In Mr Bell's latest letter, he states "It would be important to me to know the feeling of the Australian Bells, Bealls, Beals, Beales, Bales and descendants regarding re-establishment". He also adds "Any effort to establish an Australian Bell Soc. will certainly help in our quest for re-establishment".

In regards to founding an Australian Bell Soc. it is beyond my capabilities but I'm sure there would be some person willing to take on this important task. However, I would be happy to have those who wish to register their vote, send it to me and I will forward them collectively to the Bell Gathering in Florida by 4 July.

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President's Message

By Neville Jetson

I hope 1987 will prove to be a very rewarding year for the Society as a body and the membership individually. One of the best methods of ensuring this is for each member to become involved in the activities of his or her branch and, particularly, by attending branch meetings on a regular basis. It is at these meetings that individual members have the opportunity to air their views, to suggest possible activities, to request the provision of particular facilities and to be made aware of what the Society is endeavouring to do for its members.

Here, too, individuals have the opportunity to endorse the decisions made by their Executive or to express their disapproval. Please remember though, if you are critical be positive and offer a practical alternative to the decisions with which you disagree. Criticism can be most helpful if it is constructive but damaging if it is not. Frank expressions of opinion aired at a meeting are signs of a healthy, mature group, and are most welcome.

The year has commenced well in one direction at least, as all branches were represented at a meeting called by the Executive Treasurer to discuss with branch secretaries and treasurers, ways by which uniformity of accounting, minute keeping and general form filling-out procedures could be achieved. It is my firm belief that in addition to the practical aspect the personal contacts made at such meetings is a splendid means of helping to unify the Society.

I would like all members to give serious consideration to attending the Annual General Meeting this year. There will be a departure from the usual custom as it will be hosted by Launceston Branch at Launceston. Following the meeting it is planned to hold a dinner, to conduct a programme of events of genealogical significance, and if interest is sufficiently high, to conduct an excursion. This will occur during the weekend 20-21 June and full details will be forwarded to all branches as soon as possible. Please try to keep this weekend free and by your attendance, make this experiment a success from both the social and genealogical angles.

By the time you read this message, I hope to have visited the Hobart Branch meeting and to meet personally as many southern members as possible. I would like to finish off with a parting thought for your consideration ... Each one of us is firstly a member of the Genealogical Society of Tasmania Inc, and secondly, for geographic convenience, a member of a particular branch.

Best wishes,
Neville Jetson.

Members' Queries

COOPER

John Karr, b Scotland, d 1889, 58 yrs, Elphinstone St, Hobart, m Mary in Scotland. Migrated to Hobart 1850's. Mary d 1901, 72 yrs, Hobart. Children Jessie, Robert, Isobel, John, Janie, Tom, David, Elizabeth Carr BARRETT, d 1915, 57 yrs, wife of Edward BARRETT.

William COOPER, b 1863, Hobart, d 1932, Hobart. Married Mary TOLLAND, b 1869 d 1961.

Reply to David Cooper, C/- 2 Wilbraham Crt, Frankston, Vic. 3199.
Ph: 03 789-4780.

WILLIS

George Thomas - son of Thomas WILLIS (HATTER), b Manchester, UK, m Margaret HARRIS (or Burnett), dtr of Ellen KENNEDY and Henry HARRIS at Launceston 1848. Any information? Joan Williams (Willis), Beach Rd., Killarney, Vic. 3282. Ph: 055 - 687310

1. ILES:ISLES

Isaac, b probably Tidworth, Hampshire 1800-5. Arrived VDL as convict on ship Proteus 1831. Died Colebrook, Tas, 1896, m Eliza GIFFORD, Hobart, 1835. Known issue: Harold, Thomas, William, John, Mary Anne (m YOUNG), George b 1846, David b 1850, James b 1852, Eliza b 1854 (m William Alexander MARTIN). All b at Jerusalem (Colebrook).

Also had 2 brothers transported. Believe they may have spelt name EYLES.

2. GIFFORD

Eliza, m Isaac ILES, Hobart 1835, (see above)

3. MARTIN

Am seeking info as to whether John MARTIN who arr in VDL mid 1820's, came as soldier in a British Army unit stationed in Hobart. Possible units are: Northamptonshire Regt, The Buffs (Royal East Kent Regt), Prince of Wales Volunteers (formerly 2nd Somersetshire Regt), Middlesex Regt.

John m Sarah YOUNG, Hobart, 1841. Known issue: John, Robert, James, William Alexander, Joseph Henry. John leased hotels in Hobart to 1853. Owned property at Jerusalem (Colebrook). D at Glenorchy 1870. Any information re John and Sarah and relatives greatly appreciated. Mr A. Ludeke, 157 Binney St East, Euroa, Vic, 3666.

HARRIS

William John, shoemaker, m Esther HUMPHRIES (or YS), Hobart, 1877. Family: John Edward 1875, William George 1878, Charles Walter 1879. Maybe others? Also Susan HARRIS m Charles HUMPHREYS, shoemaker, Hobart, 1884. No family known. William and Susan were b New Norfolk to William and Ellen HARRIS. Would like to contact descendants. Mrs E. Matthews, 22 Berean St, Launceston, 7250.

FITZGERALD

Details sought concerning the whereabouts of William Vincent FITZGERALD between 1867-98. He was b 1867 to John Ambrose FITZGERALD and his wife Mary Jeanette MARTIN at Mangana. William Vincent m Margaret Anastasia TURNER of Campbell Town, 1898, in the Catholic Church. Her parents were Michael John TURNER and Susan WHEELER.

Any information on the Fitzgerald family would be welcome. There could have been a brother James and another George Alfred, children of John Ambrose Fitzgerald. Mr K. Kenneally, West Australian Herbarium, Dept of Agriculture, George St, South Perth, W.A. 6151.

SMITH

George, m Grace MORRISBY, 1810, in Hobart Town. Issue: Grace, William, George James, Richard, Henry and Ann. Settled Clarence Plains. Information on family required by Irene Schaffer, 12 Church St, N.Hobart, 7000. Ph: 310959.

1. KENT:SINGLINE

William John KENT m Catherine (or Kathleen) Isabel SINGLINE at Ross, Tasmania, in 1920. Three children christened Ross C of Et- Olga Nancy (1920), Leslie Gordon (1922) and Connie May (1925).

2. SINGLINE

Any information Australia-wide concerning this surname please.
Ken Read, 9 Nilpena St, Mornington, Tas. 7018.

GLEED

Mr D.G. Webb, 39 Bush Ave, Little Stoke, Bristol, England, has information on William GLEED, of Chipping Sodbury, Gloucestershire, who was transported 1 July 1837. Seeking descendants and is willing to exchange information with them.

POULTNEY

David, Jr, m Elizabeth CLARK(E) 1863 at Hobart. Issue Sarah, Emily, Eliz Ada, Florence, Henry Thomas, Arthur, Amy, F, George. Information needed on Elizabeth Clarke who d 1879 Hobart, b 1851 (Eng). Contact Mrs L. Harrison, 22 Paul St, Brighton, Qld 4017.

HUDSON

Fredrick, m Elizabeth TILLY 1870, Hobart. Fredrick b 1848, Long Bay, to James Hudson and Sarah WRIGHT. Elizabeth Tilly b 1852-4. Any information re Hudsons' (Esperance) or Tilly's would be welcome to Mr and Mrs P. Hudson, 147 Newtown Rd, Newtown. Ph 28 3994. (NB : Esperance in Tas)

BRIGGS

Agnes m James ROBINSON, Hobart 1890.

Edward Joseph m Zephriene NICHOLS, Hobart 1885.

Florence m Albert JOLLEY, Hobart 1890. (Lived 38 George St, Hbt in 1906)

Rose Ann m James PREECE, Hobart 1890.

Descendants or info re children, place and date of death of above please.

S.J. Joyce, Flat 1, Fire Headquarters, Dunedin, NZ.

HENDERSON:FOX

Descendants of Thomas and his wife Ann FOX sought. Names of children are Selina, Mary Ann m Mr FLEMING and lived Lindisfarne about 1921, Thomas, Peter (d in mining accident 1921 Miema) and David.

Thomas Snr d 1861 and his widow Ann m a Thomas DAISLEY:DAZELEY in St Lukes Church, Campbell Town, 1866.

Mrs F.D. Travers, 24 Mitcham Rd, Claremont, Tas. 7011, or Ph: 002-49 3064.

1. MORTON

Can anyone supply background information on a Mr MORTON of Westbury to whom William DAVID was assigned C1852, eg his occupation, location of property?

2. COULTER

Sarah, m William DAVID in Westbury in 1856, aged 19. She was said to have come from Ireland with her parents, her father dying on the voyage. What became of Mrs COULTER and did Sarah have any siblings? Lenore Frost, 8 Cliff St, Essendon, 3040.

MICKLEBURGH

Seeking info on Mary Anne (Maryanne) and her parents. B approx 1853, place unknown, death details unknown. Only known issue William b 1871, Tamworth, NSW, whilst unmarried. William m Margaret Mary CONDON 1899, Tamworth and d Balmain, NSW, 1942.

Mrs L. Carpenter, 6 Wentworth St, South Hobart, 7000.

REID

John Fleming (Master Mariner), aged 21, and Joanna PHIN aged 18, m 1861 Devonport. Their children Isabella Anne b 1861, Robert b 1863, Margaret b1867, John b1870 (father of Albert John), Joan Elizabeth b1872, Arthur Dixon b1874, James Thomas b1875, Horace Ernest Ivarhoe b1880.

Hoping to contact any descendants. John & Yvonne Reid, 50 Belar St, Hourah, 7018. Ph:002 443562.

OESTERICH;HESTERER

Descendant of Marguarita and Caspar Oesterich was Maria who m Johann WOLF in the Longford Church of England 1857. Her father was a witness. Maria (called Mary) went to N.Z. after the death of her husband in 1896.

The burial place of Marguarita and Caspar Oesterich (known as hesterer in 1857) is sought. It is thought that they could be buried in Longford or Lilydale but an R.G.D. search has so far failed to find them. They were about 40 yrs old on arrival in 1855 so probably too old to go to NZ after 1896. Any information would be of invaluable help. Mrs F.D. Travers, 24 Mitcham Rd, Claremont.

Family History Societies

Whilst researching our branch of the Ralston family, I have become interested in compiling a world-wide Ralston family index. I have devised a card system each person being entered under a name eg. Rohn Ralston. On his card, the following would be listed (if known): date and place of birth, death and marriage of the individual and spouse, parents, names of husband and wife, names of issue and their birth (and sometimes death), residence, source(s) of information, reference to appropriate family tree, and name of researcher(s) studying that lineage. Four thousand cards are indexed so far.

In order to succeed in this task I require information from other members of the Ralston family. In return for details about your branch of this family, I will exchange information and assist your further research, where possible. I charge no fees and will answer all letters but allow up to six weeks for preparation of answers to queries.

Resource materials include known published accounts, personal histories and pedigrees from contributors, Ralston Family Index, Parish Records, Cemetery Inscriptions, Rolls - Jurors, Assessment, Electoral, Names and Addresses of other researchers and much more.

If you can add further references to those already listed, please forward details to Mrs Ralston. Personal family history details and pedigrees, even the briefest notes are a valuable contribution to the Ralston family history project. If preferred, omit personal details (such as dates of birth etc) and indicate if you want your records to remain confidential.

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Library Notes

By Lillian Watson

The summer brought less library opening hours, many visitors from distant places, and steady progress in the preparation of records for your use. Thankyou to those who interrupted holidays to staff the library and help with the work behind the scenes.

After negotiations to obtain a better price, we have acquired a further 11 cabinets of card file drawers. Already most are filled, many with the index to Mercury Births, Marriages and Deaths.

The years fully indexed are 1860 - 1863; 1886-1888; 1900-1922, but there are others for the 1960's etc. We have a good record of the years done by Mr and Mrs O'Shea but the list of indexes made for the later years seems to have been misplaced. Can anyone help with such a list?

These indexes can help to narrow a search for a death - saving money at the Registrar General's Office, can reveal a death or marriage which occurred in another state, or provide details of family members which may otherwise be hard to discover. We are indebted to those who have spent much time and effort in preparing them.

The Launceston Branch has printed its Indexes to the Launceston Examiner 1900-1920 which are also available. Of course you could buy your own from that branch.

All family history manuscripts and charts and items on places etc. have now been placed in a filing cabinet in the reading room. Here you may find the family charts, family files, subject files and unwanted certificate files. The process of indexation of these files, also the huge rolled family charts now kept in the bottom drawer of the micro-fiche cabinet, is underway.

We have some volunteers who are learning more about many families as they work. If you can help, please phone me on 44 2504. We have space for more family records, charts etc. and invite you to deposit copies of your records (even if incomplete) so that others related to you can obtain help and contact you.

Even newspaper items can be useful. I have accumulated items on many families and places and these are now being put into scrapbook form by June Ball. An index to them will be made so all can benefit.

By now many files will be bound but if you have cause to use one which is not, please be careful to leave it as you find it. The most valuable records we can find are those compiled by our members and friends. We must preserve them. Several new library assistants have been trained and are now helping library users... and having fun doing so. I know I love to be in the library to meet people. Do tell us if you would also like to help. Inexperience is no handicap.

The Hobart Branch plans to extend library opening hours so long as the demand warrants it. We will continue to open on Wednesday evenings (7-9pm) after Daylight Saving.

Those who are having trouble keeping their family charts, certificates, photos etc. together, but flat and in order, will benefit by seeing the expandable Family Record Binders and plastic protective envelopes now at the library.

The catalogue to books is now located in the Reading Room right beside the book shelf. As it is important to replace the books strictly in the numerical sequence, so others can find them, large cardboard markers have been placed on top of the catalogue drawers. By placing a marker in the spot from where you took the book, you will know exactly where to return it. Use the markers too when you extract a family or subject file. Family Files of HYRONS, TOWNER, TOOGOOD, SALTMARSH AND LAING are really extensive, or perhaps the large chart of the MURDOCH family will help YOU. Urgently needed are people willing to occasionally dust and vacuum our library. It looks and feels so much better when it sparkles. One hour help every two months from half a dozen people would do the job.

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John Ralston

by Antoinette M. Ralston

John Ralston, one of the great pastoral pioneers of Tasmania, Victoria and Queensland, was prominent in the development of Evandale. Its award winning St Andrew's Presbyterian Church, as well as the Public Library, were among his achievements. He was a Justice of the Peace and the first Warden of Evandale. He was very concerned with the value of literacy and literature, and as president of the Public Library should have been well satisfied in 1867, with the library's acquisitions, which included 2,600 volumes of a high grade amongst which were some of the best contemporary authors.

John Ralston was born around 1810 in Scotland, the son of Robert and his second wife Elizabeth Bryce. Robert Ralston of The Aird, decided in 1822 that the future prosperity of his family lay in the Colonies. In 1823 he sold his land and applied to the Secretary of State for the Colonies for a letter of permission to proceed with his wife, two sons and six daughters to Van Diemen's Land as a settler. His first family had already emigrated to America and two other sons would remain in Scotland. Late in 1822, Robert and his son Matthew, began the search for a suitable vessel to transport the family, stock, implements etc to the other side of the world culminating in January 1823 with the purchase of the brig 'Amity' which would later play an important role in the settlement of Queensland and Western Australia. It was finally honoured by the latter, who built a replica in recognition of the role this brig played in the establishment of that state.

The west coast of Scotland bred hardy men, and at an age when most men contemplated a quieter life, Robert aged 70, began to refit the Amity for her longest voyage yet. His vision and courage were a reflection of his heritage, for he descended from a long line of noble Scotsmen whose ancestry can be traced to the earliest of times and from such Robert and his family acquired their strength and carminess. He knew he would never see his homeland again and also that there could be no second chance, so he chose well. All household items and farm implements, including a valuable threshing machine, went into the hold. Family valuables which included a gold ring and brooch with the family crest, and necessities such as the spinning wheel went in too and are treasured today by descendants. Whisky and other items for trading purposes were included and stock feed for his Ayreshire bulls and cows. One hundred and twenty years later the Historical Society of Queensland commented that he "took with him valuable livestock which in due course became the nucleus of some great flocks and herds gaining name and fame for themselves in all Australian colonies as well as in New Zealand.

On 15 November 1823, the Amity with 21 passengers, departed from Stranraer

John Ralston 2.

bound for Australia, halting at Dublin and Rio de Janeiro, and docking in Hobart Town on 15 April 1824.

Robert and his sons received land grants in the Evandale district, and as they prospered they purchased more land. After Robert's death in 1837 John inherited the family estate of Logan Falls and Matthew that of Hampden. At the end of the few land grants, with the best land settled, some men of vision looked north to Victoria. John Helder Wedge wrote in his diary on 20 May 1830 "Mr Roberts at my tent - gave him the receipts and papers relative to his cattle with Mr Ralston's and Batman's affairs." By 1835 the race was on between Batman and Faulkner to settle Port Phillip. John Ralston was among the first to investigate the pastoral promise of Victoria. Faulkner recorded on 7 July 1876 that Mr Ralston had arrived per 'Chili'.

In spite of the flow of emigrants from VDL to Victoria, so great was the development of the island that extensive immigration was proposed from the UK. In this movement, the Presbyterian Church took a prominent role. John Ralston was a member of St Andrew's Society of Launceston, which paid bounty on the passage of farm servants from Scotland per 'S. George' (Leith to Launceston). The object of this Society was to promote union and co-operation amongst the members of the Scottish community in the colony, to relieve the widow, educate the orphan, protect the stranger and support the aged, indigent or sick.

The Presbyterian Church had many difficulties in its early days and the Marriage Bill of 1838 was a piece of legislation that gave rise to great controversy. Presbyterian ministers had been at a disadvantage with regard to marriages and burials, but this Bill validated their activities. The Scottish citizens of Evandale responded rapidly and gave generously to a fund, raising 600 pounds, to build the beautiful St Andrew's Church. John Ralston, with other family members, was among the original signatories to an application in 1838, for Government assistance to build the church. He made provision for the church by an endowment of 650 pounds. J. Heyer, in 'The Presbyterian Pioneers of VDL' wrote: "Touching testimony was given after his death to the warm personal interest he had taken for the welfare of his fellow-townsmen and the residents of the neighbourhood, quietly and unknown to most people, - one of those simple types, clothed in humility which for true human nature is ever found most becoming."

In the 1840's speculation in land and stock was widespread and this, with continuous expansion of bank credit, high interest rates, falling price of wool in London, and the drying-up of flow of British capital, resulted in a depression. Many had to leave Tasmania. John's brother-in-law William Learmonth, was one who succeeded very well and yet in the 1841-2 financial crash, he was practically ruined. He went to Victoria and again

prospered.

John Ralston took up Dergolm and Roseneath in 1849 and in 1853 he entered into a partnership with Rev Charles Simson and James Simson. Dergolm and Roseneath were neighbouring properties on the Glenelg River, and John appointed his brother-in-law Adam Beveridge, as manager of both stations in 1858.

In 1859, John's attention was distracted from Victoria to Queensland. In 1861, William Gordon, John Ralston and Matthew Ralston made application for an area called Banchory. In 1863 they applied for Banchory Mains and in 1864 for Upper Banchory. These runs were situated on the Belyando River in the South Kennedy district.

John was a member of the Cornwall Agricultural Society which was formed in Launceston in 1833 for the advancement of improvement in the differing branches of agriculture, and likewise improvement in sheep, cattle and horse breeding. When the society conducted its first show a year later, he exhibited Ayrshire bulls.

In 1854, John and his brother Matthew, took over the Strathmore flour mills, showing another facet of his versatility. John Ralston died in 1880 and was buried beside the church he had helped establish. His wife, whom he had married in 1844, was a cultured lady, being among the first four women admitted to Edinburgh University. Formerly Rachel Weir Hutchison, she bore John 11 children before passing away in 1872. John's family inherited his pioneering spirit and later established in Queensland, New Zealand and Tasmania. The family estate of Logan Falls was inherited by William Henry Ralston, who later sold to Henry Reid, ending a chapter of the family history.

John Ralston was a great man and a quiet achiever.

Editor's note: This article is slightly abridged. Full copy available at GST Library, Bellerive.



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Notes

INDEXES

(This will now be a regular feature of the journal. The editor will be pleased to receive any information from readers about new or little known indexes.)

Shropshire, UK : Shropshire FHS has indexed part of 1851 Census for the county, including the whole of the county town, Shrewsbury.

Derbyshire, UK : Census details of thousands of persons born outside but living in Derbyshire in 1851. Contact Ages Ago, 6 Mettesford, Matlock, Derbyshire. Cost 3 pounds stg for search with part refund if unsuccessful.

Deaths and Institutionalisation in the 20th Century (South Australia)
Jill Statton, well-known for her magnificent work as coordinator and editor of the "Biographical Index of South Australians, 1836-85, is now amassing records relating to institutionalisation and death in Homes, Hospitals, etc which are not reported in newspapers.

Eventual publication is planned, but meanwhile Jill will search records \$5 per name or \$10 for 3. If search produces a No Record reply, a further search will be undertaken in 3 months as additional records are processed for no extra cost.

Contact Jill Statton, 199 Seacombe Rd, South Brighton, SA, 5048.
Ph: 08 296 8115.

Soldiers Index

This index, a project of the Manchester and Lancashire FHS, aims to cover the period 1792-1882. J. Beckett, the coordinator of the Project, writes as follows in their journal:-

"When the NATIONAL SOLDIER'S INDEX was launched, it was decided to cover the period from 1792-1882. This is still the long term plan. Of course how many years it will cover will depend on the number of participants and their support, especially from areas distant from Manchester. Within that 90 years, it is believed that the period of greatest need is from 1816-53 a time of much reduced military activity, with few campaign medals and casualty lists to help the searcher. It is also important to include the Napoleonic War Period 1793-1815 when few veterans survived until 1847 to be awarded the very belated medals. There is an index of discharged soldiers 1883-1913 at Kew but it does not include deceased. Many in that index will be found on records before 1883. Frank Turner's Soldier's Index is extracted from April 1861 Muster Rolls but will have men serving long before and after that date and may even duplicate a little with 1883- 1913 Index. Casualty Lists from Crimea (1854) and after can be found in the London Gazette, certain regimental histories and other publications; also casualties for India, Africa, New Zealand and elsewhere. If there is reason to believe the ancestor served in India there should be a very good chance of locating the regiment in the extensive records and indexes at the India Library, 197 Blackfriars, London, SE1 8NG, where there are over 1,000 volumes of Baptisms, Marriages and Deaths, the latter particularly numerous during

the 1857 mutiny and subsequently.

The co-ordinator visited the National Army Museum in June and added many more useful regimental histories to the Bibliography which eventually should considerably cut down searching at Kew. Possibly, the most useful input into the Index would be the Barrack Census for 1841 and 1851 particularly areas distant from Manchester and we would be most grateful for such contributions. Although I am of the opinion it is only practical to SURNAME INDEX the census returns of large towns, I feel that institutions (including Barracks) should be produced in full. We already have copies of the following Barracks: Hulme, Manchester (1841 and 51); Tib St., Manchester (1841); Regent Rd (1841 & 51); Preston (1861); and Ashton-under-Lyne (1851).

Thousands of soldiers have been recorded from Anglican baptismal, burial and marriage registers. Fortunately, a very high proportion of Lancashire and Cheshire registers, have now been microfilmed and are available to the public in archives and libraries. Soldiers were expected to marry and baptise their children at certain churches, although the Scots usually attended non-conformist chapels.

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FORTHCOMING TASMANIAN FAMILY HISTORY BOOKS

Mrs Delma Jarne, of 16 Walker St, Donald, Vic. 3480, and Mrs Lilian Dell of 802 Lydiard St North, Ballarat, Vic. 3350, are launching the following books in March:-

"A Founding Father of Launceston 1806" (John Dell, member of NSW Corps)

"An Old Soldier's Family" (John Dell's wives, children and grand children, with names of many descendants).

"The Gales Blow In" (Aaron Gale, his children and grandchildren and many descendants).

WELSH SURNAMES

University of Wales Press has produced "Welsh Surnames" by J.P. and P. Morgan. Anthony Camp comments: "Extremely important, result of great labours (including complete search through electoral registers for whole of Wales)."

TASMAN PENINSULA CHRONICLE

The GST library has a few copies of the first edition of this local history journal, which is receiving initial bicentennial funding - but aims to be self-supporting. Editor Peter MacFie states: "The magazine intends covering any aspect of history involving the peninsula from 1830 to 1850. Articles are welcomed from residents old and new, and anyone interested in this unique past of Australia".

(Peter MacFie is the Historian for the Port Arthur Conservation and Development Project).

NOTES 3.

NORTH WALES & BORDERS

Computerised marriage index. The Hayes Index has more than 200,000 marriages. For further details contact V.A. Masters, 34 Bryn Awelon, Bucle/Buckley, Clwyd, CH7 2QB

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SAGAR;SAGER

(Lancashire). We have received an interesting article from Mr John H. Sagar, BA, of 8 Morrell Ave, Horsham, W. Sussex, RH12 4DD, England. Mr Sagar's article is called "The Leaving of Lancashire" and describes the movement of Sagar;Sagers away from Lancashire over a period of 300 years. Illustrated by his own family. It is too long and specialised for inclusion here but may be seen at GST Main Library Bellerive or a photocopy obtained through Despatch Officer.

The book "The Williams Family of Stanley" by Irene Kaufman is at present with the publishers and will soon be available for sale. It tells of the family of William Gold alias John Williams from London in 1882 till Montagu (Tasmania) in 1945. Address any enquiries to Irene Kaufman, 123 Patrick St, West Hobart, Tas.

CHANGES IN VICTORIA

Please note these important changes of location:

Public Record Office: The City Search Room is now located on the 4th Floor, 318 Little Bourke St, Melbourne (between Myers and the Post Office Tavern).

Genealogical Society of Vic: New headquarters "CURTIN HOUSE", 252 Swanston St, Melb. 3000

GLENORCHY BICENTENNIAL PROJECT

We are endeavouring to contact descendants of early Glenorchy families: If you are a descendant of a Glenorchy early settler (1804-20) it would be appreciated if you would contact Mrs D. McNeice, Hobart Branch Secretary, on 28 3564 after hours, or drop a note to the Hobart Branch GST, GPO Box 640G, Hobart, 7001.

MERCURY BDM INDEXING

A note from Joyce O'Shea

Listed below are the dates of Births, Deaths and Marriages from early Mercury papers that have been indexed and filed at the GST Library at Bellerive.

1860-63, 1886-88, 1900-22.

Until 1904, the Mercury reprinted the BDMs in bulk each fortnight as well as on the front page of the daily edition. I have used these fortnightly pages up to the time this procedure was discontinued. This means that searchers need to go through the days papers that are listed on the card.

Readers no doubt realise that this indexing, copied from Mercurys on film at the State Library, is a mammoth task. I have taken all care but would advise that the cards have not been checked before being filed. Members using these cards are advised that no responsibility can be accepted for correctness of information. They are provided only as a guide. Work is currently at a standstill as we are awaiting a new supply of cards to continue the exercise.

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TUSON, Mr. L.B.

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BOWDEN, Miss A.J.
COCKS, H.G.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

BROWN, Mr. R.H.

Cemetery List

Code: UL 07

Location: Gawler Rd, approx 8 km south of Gawler
Grid Ref: Lands Dept 1:100,000 Forth Map Sheet (8115) 1979. 295 354
Jurisdiction: Pvte burial ground of McCulloch family, but also previously site of a Presbyterian Church. (Since removed.) Currently in use.
Headstones: 24
Transcribed: 1985 and updated 10 May 1986.

- 0001 In loving memory of CHARLES H. STONES, d 4 Feb 1943 age 69. Also AGNES STONES, d 6 Sept 1952 age 75.
- 0002 In loving memory of WILLIAM PERCIVAL TRIPP, d 21 March 1956 aged 78. Also his beloved wife ELIZA MARGARET TRIPP, d 7 Apr 1966 aged 78.
- 0003 a) In loving memory of HENRY A. BURT, d 29 June 1938 aged 62.
b) In memory of HENRY A. BURT, d 29 June 1938 aged 62. Also RUBY X. BURT, d 6 June 1969 aged 82.
(2 headstones in family plot. (a) marble, cracked and (b) bronze.
- 0004 In loving memory of HENRY A. BURT b 26 Aug 1850, d 1931. Also his wife ROSANA ELIZABETH, b 2 Aug 1856, d 4 June 1890. (This inscription, hand-painted on rough slab of marble, added since first transcription).
- 0005 No headstone. Iron railing in disrepair. Possible grave of Henry and Harriett BURT.
- 0006 In loving memory of Our beloved parents LESLIE J. McCULLOCH 1883-1947, LOUISA A.S. McCULLOCH, 1889-1976. LANCE, AGNES, LILY.
- 0007 In loving memory of ERNEST McCULLOCH b 15 May 1885, d 4 Aug 1960 and his beloved wife ELSIE McCULLOCH b 11 Apr 1886, d 7 Oct 1973.
- 0008 In loving memory of JAMES McCULLOCH, d 4 Apr 1892, aged 83.
- 0009 ROSANNA McCULLOCH, d 5 Apr 1873, aged 64.
- 0010 JANE McCULLOCH, d 22 March 1891 aged 79. Original settlers of Gawler. (Family plot of 3 graves, 1 headstone)
- 0011 In loving memory of HORACE McCULLOCH, d 9 May 1897, aged 13 m.
- 0012 ANDREW McCULLOCH, d 11 Aug 1904 aged 57.
- 0013 AGNES GORDON McCULLOCH d 21 Apr 1933 aged 79.
- 0014 HERBERT McCULLOCH d 17 Apr 1942 aged 52.
(Family plot with 4 graves, 1 headstone, abutting previous plot)
- 0015 In loving memory of ANDREW McCULLOCH d 24 June 1959 aged 80. Late AIF
- 0016 In loving memory of HERBERT COLIN STEWART, beloved h of GERALDINE loved f of TANYA, COLIN, KAREN. Born 27.5.1936. Accidentally killed 1.9.1974.

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- 0017 In loving memory of JAMES SIMON STEWART, beloved h of
0018 MYRTLE, d 7 Apr 1964, aged 73. Also MYRTLE STEWART d 6 Feb
1962 aged 90.
- 0019 In memory of 4027 Sergeant JOHN H. STEWART, M.M., 47 Batt AIF
b 2.2.1893, d 27.2.1964
- 0020 In loving memory of MARY ANN STEWART 1869-1900. Also JOHN
STEWART 1858-1916. And DONALD SIMON, grandson of above,
accidentally killed, 23 June 1950, aged 24.
- 0021 In loving memory of JOHN McCULLOCH d 22 June 1896, aged 51.
MARGARET McCULLOCH d 8 Jan 1906 aged 73. At rest.
- 0022 No headstone. Recent burial beside Cyril and Mary Lawson.
- 0023 In loving memory of CYRIL (SID) LAWSON, passed away 18 Dec 1953
aged 51. Sadly missed.
MARY IDA LAWSON, w of Sid, passed away 26 Jly 1975 in her 69th yr
Ever remembered.
- 0024 In loving memory of SUSAN M. McCULLOCH beloved w of J.H. McC,
d 3 Oct 1928 aged 55. Also their beloved son JOHN G.G. McCULLOCH
d of wounds at Tobruk, 18 May 1941 aged 29, and his wife
KATHLEEN 1912-1939. Also JAMES H. McCULLOCH, d 22 Jly 1964
aged 91.
- 0025 In loving memory of JAMES McCULLOCH d 19 Nov 1918 aged 78.
Also his wife MARY ELIZA McCULLOCH d 23 Jly 1919 aged 75.
- 0026 In loving memory of JOHN WILLIAM aged 1 day, and GEORGE
GILBERT, aged 6 days. Born 26 Feb 1911, beloved twin sons of
J.H. and S.M. McCULLOCH.
- 0027 In loving memory of ARTHUR ERNEST ANDERSON loved h of HESTER
Passed away 6 June 1981 aged 71. Loving Dad, to HILDA, MARGARET,
NEIL, NEVILLE, RUTH, ALLAN, GEORGE, WALLACE. Eternal rest.
(This headstone added since first transcription)
- 0028 In loving memory of PETER McCULLOCH, Died 18 May 1926 aged 74.
MARGARET McCULLOCH d 3 Jan 1948 aged 84
- 0029 In loving memory of NEIL JAMES, son of ARTHUR & HESTER ANDERSON
d 5 Oct 1937 aged 9m. An angel in heaven.
- 0030 In memory of our loving father and mother JAMES BRUCE McCULLOCH
M.M., 22 Sep 1896 - 2 Aug 1966. BERNICE McCULLOCH, 11 Apr 1897 -
15 Aug 1980. DOROTHY, JAMES, FRANK, DALE.
- 0031 In loving memory of FRANK, aged 6 yr. and baby ROSS. Loved sons
of BERNICE & BRUCE McCULLOCH.

RAILTON METHODIST CEMETERYCode: KED4

Location: In Railton township, southern side.
 Grid Ref: Lands Dept 1:100000 Forth Map Sheet (8115) 1979 511 219
 Jurisdiction: Methodist. In current use.
 Headstones: 58
 Transcribed: 20 August 1983

<u>Ref No</u>	<u>Surname</u>	<u>Details</u>
0054	ANDERSON	William Colles, b 2 Dec 1862, d 7 Dec 1949, and his beloved wife Gertrude (nee NOTTAGE), b 20 Oct 1865, d 7 Jan 1958. Also Eileen Gertrude, elder dtr of above, b 26 Mar 1898, d 14 Dec 1977.
0056	ANDERSON	Collis Nottage, see NOTTAGE
0014	BELLCHAMBERS	Keith John, d 21 Feb 1957, aged 51. In loving memory of our loved husband and father. So mote it be.
0007	BETTS	William Alfred, d 7 May 1952, aged 93. In loving memory of.. In God's care.
0008	BETTS	Zuriel Winifred, d 1 Feb 1963 aged 76. Always remembered. Loving wife of William Alfred Betts. Forever with the Lord.
0003	BLENKHORN	James, 1857-1946
0036	BLENKHORN	James S., 1884-1914 Mary A., 1891-1898
0037	BLENKHORN	J. Archie, d 21 Apr 1937, aged 30. Sacred to the Memory of our loving son and devoted grandson and brother. God must have a wonderful garden for he picked our choicest flower.
0043	BLENKHORN	Kate, 1854-1940 KB Sep 30, 1940 - pebbles inlaid in stone.
0044	BOWER	Arthur, d 14 Feb 1941, aged 86. John, d 31 Jan 1936 aged 73. At Rest.
0016	BROWN	John Scott, beloved husband of Shirley, loved f of Susan and Carolyn and loved son of J & I BROWN. D 30 Oct 1958 aged 30.
0027	BURK	David Edward, d 4 Jly 1947 aged 76. In loving memory of our dear father. Also Caroline, d 8 Dec 1947, aged 43. Our loving sister. At rest.
0026	BURK	Matilda, d 5 Feb 1918, aged 48. Also Gladys M., d 8 Aug 1922 aged 20.

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- 0020 CLEARY Elizabeth Susan, d 14 Jan 1966 aged 79.
 Also Charles Patrick, d 4 Dec 1966 aged 86.
 Sadly missed.
- 0021 CLEARY M.F. 408276 Flt Sergeant. Royal Australian Air
 Force. 16 Apr 1980 aged 67. Loved only son of
 the late Charles & Elizabeth CLEARY, Merseylea,
 Tas.
- 0040 CONNORS Janet St Luke, d 21 May 1956 aged 45. At rest.
- 0023 DAWKINS Holly, passed away 10 Jly 1975 aged 86.
 Also Bertie, passed away 11 Sep 1975 aged 74.
- 0025 DAWKINS Richard, d 28 Aug 1938, aged 70.
 Also Eliza Jane, d 29 Nov 1940 aged 68.
 Also Sylvia Maud, their dtr, d 7 Jan 1921 aged 24.
- 0047 DELL Frederick, 1858-1940
 Also Amy, 1860-1941. In loving memory of our parents
 and grand parents.
- 0011 DAWKINS Linda May, 30 Mar 1953
- 0002 GARWOOD Joan Edna, accidentally drowned at New Norfolk
 16 Jan 1940 aged 13. In loving memory.
- 0017 GOSS Amelia, relict of the late Robert GOSS, d
 12 Jly 1959 aged 94. Peace Perfect Peace.
- 0057 HAYES Gertrude, d 2 Aug 1914, aged 33.
 Also Sydney William WEBB, son of above, d 29 May 1923
 aged 18 y 5 m.
- 0022 HERSHAW Janet Wallace, late Bulli, NSW. 1900-1966.
 In loving memory of our beloved wife, mother &
 nanna.
 Also James, 1895-1980
- 0034 JONES Henry, d 12 Oct 1935 aged 77
 Also Martha, d 11 May 1936 aged 80
 In loving memory of our dear parents.
 Also Elsie, our dear sister, d 12 Nov 1914 aged 34
 And Arthur A.L.H., our brother, AIF, Killed in action
 7 Aug 1915 aged 23. At Rest.
 (Mason: Ulv. H. Turner)
- 0035 JONES Sydney Cecil Clare, d 19 Apr 1945 aged 59
- 0039 KNOWLES George, d 18 Nov 1944, aged 76. In loving memory.
 Also Jane Emma, d 15 Aug 1943, aged 63. " " "
- 0029 KNOWLES James, loving f of Venie & Archie and uncle of
 W. SELLARS, d 28 Feb (19)21 aged 56.
- 0038 KNOWLES Rosetta, loving m of Venie & Archie and aunt of
 W. SELLARS, d 30 Dec (19)43 aged 75.
- 0018 MANSON Nedby G.H., 1873-1965,
 Also Lillian, loved w of above, 1880-1972. At Rest.

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- 0033 MAY Frank, d 17 June 1947 aged 64.
 Also Effie, d 7 Mar 1974 aged 83 and their dear son
 Thomas, d 12 Sep 1936 aged 15.
 Ever remembered by Nell and Dawn
- 0024 MITCHELL Lorna, passed away 15 May 1954 aged 24
- 0053 NOTTAGE Herbert E., our dear h, f, and grandfather,
 passed away 24 Aug 1958 aged 82
- 0055 NOTTAGE Clara M., d 22 Mar 1941 aged 69
- 0056 NOTTAGE Francis James, departed this life 6 Sep 1883
 in the 22nd yr of his age.
 Also Eva Annie, departed this life 27 Jly 1883
 aged 15 y
 Also Collis Nottage ANDERSON, grandson of Man J.
 NOTTAGE, 12 Dec 1894 aged 4y
 Also Margaret, beloved w of John S. NOTTAGE, d 5 Feb
 1895 aged 55
 Also John S., May 13 1914 aged 81
 Also James, 11 Sep 1916 in his 83rd yr
 Also William Henry, son of above J.S.Nottage, 10 Dec
 1936 aged 70.
 (Two headstones in family plot)
- 0006 SCOTT A.R.B. (Roy), d 12 Dec 1945, aged 64. In loving
 memory of our dear h and f. Ever remembered.
- 0029) SELLARS See KNOWLES
- 0038)
- 0012 SHERRIFF Marjorie Kathleen, passed away 14 Nov 1961 aged
 49. In loving memory of our loving wife,
 mother and sister. Our loved one at rest. Madge.
- 0013 SHERRIFF Joscelyn Richard, passed away 11 Dec 1980 aged
 66. In loving memory of our loving h, f and br.
 Our loved one at rest. Joss.
- 0015 SHERRIFF June, infant dtr of J & M Sherriff, 28 Mar 1954
 aged 3y.
- 0049 SHERRIFF Gordon
- 0048 SHIMMELS Ann, d 16 Jly 1926 aged 67. At rest.
- 0004 SHIMMELS Mary Jane, d 25 Jly 1945 aged 84. At rest.
- 0005 SHIMMELS Peter, d 2 May 1946 aged 78. At rest.
- 0042 SIMPSON Arch. Arbuckle, d 28 May 1940 aged 47. Native of
 Sydney. Sadly missed. In loving memory of my
 dearly beloved only son.

0041	SIMPSON	Janet Grant, d 29 Dec 1952 aged 80. Native of Scotland
		Also John Edwin, d 22 Nov 1952 aged 82. Native of NSW. At Rest. Mother/Father.
0009	SPELLANE	Letitia Eliza E., 14.2.1979
0010	SPELLANE	Martin Joseph, 14.11.1952
0045	TAYLOR	Mary N. (White wood cross only)
0030	THOMAS	Jane Clement, d 11 Jne 1928, aged 66. In loving remembrance.
0001	TUNE	W.D., passed away 11 Jly 1913. Aged 89. In God's care. Erected by his son Alf.
0031	WEEKS	H. (Wooden marker only)
0028	WEEKS	Heather Lesley, 11 Jne 1942, aged 2½ y. In God's care. Leslie.
0032	WEEKS	Henry, d 25 Aug 1899 aged 67. Thy Will be Done. In loving memory of our dear father & mother.
		Also Priscilla, d 24 Nov 1895 aged 62. Blessed are they who die in the Lord. (Mason: D. Morgan)
0057	WEBB	Sydney William. See HAYES.
0052	WHITE	Alma, beloved w of William A., d 30 Jly 1935, aged 30. At Rest. Mother.
0050	WHITE	Philip Henry 1860-1928 Elizabeth Ada 1866-1948 Olive Maude 1900-1909
0051	WHITE	R., d 11 May 1935 aged 71. (Mason J. Dunn, Bris St.)
0058	WINTER	Wm & Sam. In memory of Donors of this land for Methodists. Contractors for Tas ... Steam Railway in Tas. Mersey District.
0019	WOODFIELD	Bryan Donald, beloved son of Don & Margaret. Passed away 20 Nov 1965 aged 16 y. Ever remembered.
0046	WRIGHT	Albert, beloved son of James & Christina, who departed this life 22 Sep 1888 aged 8y 4m. In affectionate remembrance.
		Also Leslie, beloved son of above, d 25 Oct 1888 aged 2 y (verse illegible).
		Also Ada, d 22 Feb 1891 aged 2y 3m
		Also Alice, d 9 Jne 1891 aged 8y.

METHODIST CEMETERY : SPRENT

Code: UL 05

Location: Castra Rd, 2km north of Sprent
 Grid Ref: Land Dept 1:100,000 Forth Map Sheet (8115) 1979 295 321
 Jurisdiction: Methodist, no longer in use
 Headstones: 13
 Transcribed: 1985

- 0001 In loving memory of WILLIAM MILES JACKLIN, d 29 Oct 1909 aged 80.
 "Blessed are the dead that die in the Lord". At Rest.
 (Mason: E. Morgan, Cimitiere St, L'ton)
- 0002 No headstone. Plot with iron railing
- 0003 ditto
- 0004 In loving memory of JOSEPH H. COX, d 2 March 1934 aged 63.
 Also son ERIC and MARY LOUISE COX, wife of J.H. Cox, died
 23 Feb 1965 aged 91. "Thy will be done".
- 0005 In loving memory of GEORGE DOBSON d 25 Aug 1922 aged 72.
CHARLOTTE ELIZABETH, beloved w of above, d 20 Aug 1942 aged 86.
 Also of MORTON C. DOBSON, d 7 Feb 1920 aged 42. "It is well".
 Also of Pte HERBERT W. DOBSON, 40th Batt AIF, d 7 June 1917
 aged 21.
 (2 headstones in family plot)
- 0006 Sacred to the memory of THOMAS WRIGHT, d 26 Oct 1896, aged 76.
 Also SARAH H., wife of above, d 4 Jly 1902 aged 70.
 Parents gone but not forgotten, Nor is the good advice they
 gave. Sweetest thoughts shall ever linger, Round our loving
 parents grave.
 (Mason: J. Dunn, Bris St.)
- 0007 No headstone. Plot with iron railing.
- 0008 In loving memory of MARY BISHOP beloved wife of M. BISHOP d
 25 Nov 1915 aged 57. At Rest.
 (Mason: Corben, Melb)
- 0009 In loving memory of COLIN McPHERSON, d 23 Sept 1944, aged 11y.
 Also ANGUS McPHERSON, d 20 Oct 1944 aged 12½ y. At Rest.
- 0010 In memory of JAMES McPHERSON d 31 Jly 1939 aged 7y. At Rest.
- 0011 In loving memory of JANET M. McPHERSON who d 18 April 1916,
 aged 50. Rock of Ages cleft for me, Let me hide myself in thee.
ANGUS McPHERSON d 22 Oct 1931, aged 70.
 (Mason: Corben, Melb.)
- 0012 Major H.A. McPHERSON, 12th Batt AIF who d 24 Dec 1918. Aged 28.
 (Mason: H. Turner, Ulv)
 Cross on 3 tier base. Cross broken and incomplete.

- 0013 In loving remembrance of ALEXANDER McPHERSON who departed this life 10 Jan 1895 aged 32.
CHRISTINA McPHERSON, sister to above, d 27 Aug 1877 aged 19.
DONALD McPHERSON, d 7 Dec 1877 aged 8 y and
JOHN COLL McPHERSON, d 21 Dec 1877 aged 20.
Brothers to the above.
Also LESLIE JOHN McPHERSON, nephew to above, aged 5 wks.
Gone but not forgotten.
Also DUNCAN McPHERSON d 3 Jan 1896 aged 67 and CATHERINE McPHERSON d 23 Jan 1904 aged 70.
(Mason: J.Dunn, Bris St.)
- 0014 In loving memory of HENRY P. DOLBEL d 8 Sep 1903. Also THOMAS d 6 April 1877. FLORENCE d 23 June 1890, KATHERINE d 21 May 1896, JESSIE d 15 Jly 1897, MARGARET, d 12 Jan 1899, CHRISTINA d 25 May 1899, JOHN d 31 May 1907, CLEMENT, d 31 Jan 1908.
(Family plot. Headstone broken into two pieces)
- 0015 No headstone. Plot with iron railing.
- 0016 Sacred to the memory of WILLIAM CASH CRAWFORD d 18 Aug 1879, aged 42. Also HARRIETT CRAWFORD w of the above, d 9 June 1905, aged 69. Gone but not forgotten.



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The Culpable Christmas Card

By Patricia Berner

It all started so innocently. You know how it is; you have bought a box of 20 Christmas cards, but only have 19 friends. Mindful of Grannie's old adage about waste-not-want-not, you store the extra card to use next year only to find when the time comes that the damp or the dog got to it first!

So there I sat, determined not to store yet another card, but with nobody to send it to. As I gazed through the window for inspiration, a jet aircraft swept majestically through the sky followed by its roar, and immediately I thought of cousin Philip. Flight Lieutenant Philip Percival Phillips - Percival DFC had been my childhood hero ever since I had first seen photos of him in Canada in his flying-suit, and had heard my mother recount his wartime exploits over the skies of Europe during the dark days of World War II, and how the King had personally presented his sword to him.

I had not seen cousin Philip for more than 20 years. In the early 50's my brother and I would cycle to his home where he was in his early 30's, married to a pretty woman named Betty and with a small son. On Saturday afternoons we would play cricket on the lawn and then be fed with tinned peaches and jelly before cycling home again. However, as we grew up, the two families lost touch and I had recently heard rumours that he and his family had emigrated to South Africa. I knew the name of the company for which he had worked and so I sent my card together with some stamps and an explanation to the company, with a request that they forward it to him. Then I sat back and waited for the happy response, the family snapshots and 20 years of gossip and news.

My rude-awakening came a few days after Christmas. A letter from the company explained kindly that he had worked for them and had emigrated, but had died just a few months previously. I had missed him! I felt sad, but somehow compelled to compile a profile of his life and exploits so that others in our wider family might know about him in the fullness of time.

I went along to the reference library and asked for the Air Force lists.

"Which ones?" the assistant asked.

"World War II" I said.

"All of them?"

"Yes please".

She looked startled but didn't argue. It was about half-an-hour later when I spotted her, manfully dragging a huge trolley-load of books along the room. "They seem to have got through a lot of people" was her observation. She seemed to be right! I began to wade through the lists of Flight Lieutenants. Philip was not there! He must be! I must have

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missed him. I re-checked. He wasn't! Pause for reflection.

I realised that he was unlikely to have achieved higher rank than Flight Lieutenant, so I opted for Flying Officers. Back to 1939, and more wading! I found a plain Philip Percival in 1943. 1943! That was much too late for those daring deeds. I must have missed an earlier Philip. Again I re-checked, but no this 1943 job seemed to be mine! Oh well you can't expect every family legend to be 100% right can you?

At least I now had his date of Commission and his Service number and so I wrote to RAF Records for details of his career and how/where/when he won that DFC. Well, I did not have to hold my breath for long as their reply was prompt. But there was no DFC, just a couple of medals of the kind that everybody got if they turned up. And no, the Sovereign did not present swords and Commissions personally, and my Philip had been no exception.

So my Flight Lieutenant Philip Percival Phillips-Percival DFC was just plain Philip Percival who achieved the fairly lowly wartime rank of Flying Officer. I did not admire him any the less for the exploded myths. I reckon that he would have had a good laugh at the family snobbery.

Nevertheless, it was a disappointing start to a family history. Fortunately it did not deter me, but made me rather wonder how many other legends were without foundation and how many cover-ups there had been. The trail led eventually back to 1456 and on its way I picked up a lot of learning, a lot of local history, a lot of fun and some wonderful friends and experiences. So perhaps dear old cousin Philip came up with the goods in the end.

Editor's Note: Mrs Berner, a member of the Birmingham and Midland Society of Genealogy and Heraldry, says "I am still happy to give free advice to anyone who is stuck at any point if they will kindly enclose 2 IRC's or a single dollar note to cover return postage."

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A Cornish miner of the 1880's stands surrounded by a shovel, borers and picks. He holds a recent innovation, a heavy Holman's rock drill which would be supported at the rock face by a stretcher bar. He wears coarse drill - usually stained red with iron oxide - shoes without socks, and a resin-hardened felt helmet. His only light and makeshift timepiece is a tallow-dip candle held in place with a fistful of St Agnes clay. More candles hang from his neck. Seated miners enjoy a clay pipe and "croust" of a Cornish pasty. A water barrel lies at their feet. The soft white skull cap is usually hidden beneath the helmet. A coiled fuse hangs from the neck of one of them. A miner fills a tram with "attle" or waste. Behind him a shaft is being sunk; a pump and iron take compressed air to a rockdrill at depth, while the broken ground is raised in an iron "kibble" and is being tipped into a tram. Massive timbering prevents a "run" of loose ground from worked-out stopes above. Three miners are overhand stoping - "raising an upper" - while standing on makeshift staging. This attractive picture and accompanying text, is taken from a coloured postcard series "Legend and Lore of Cornwall" and was submitted by Devonport member Chris Morris. The card is reproduced by kind permission of Mr Murray King, Director of Studio St Ives, Cornwall, who produces the cards.

The following names have been taken from the Birthday Book belonging to David Donald CURTAIN and Maria Agnes nee MC GUIRE who lived at ELDERSLIE, Tasmania from 1872 to 1924, and were copied by Mary L. SPITTALL

JANUARY

1	Madge SEABROOK	1897
2	Oswald Rupert CONNOR	
3	Amy Isabel LEWIS	1873
3	Anjtie E. SIBLEY	
3	A.B.S.	1870
3	Irene Agnes CURTAIN	1896
14	Nellie PAUL	
16	Edith J.M. BARKER	1878
18	Una Mary RASPIN	
20	John KEATING Junior	
21	M.A. SIMPSON	1844-1893
24	Louise WILSON	1877
24	Kathleen M. PAUL	
28	Bethia Agnes HEWITT	
29	Harold E. SMITH	
31	Emma ANDERSON	

FEBRUARY

14	Turner Ashley ADAIR	
16	Hubert Walton DELESTE	
19	Florence Gertrude JACKSON	
28	Harry Strahan HEWITT	

MARCH

4	Charles TILLACK	
4	M.E. BYRNE (POKE)	
5	Corrie TILLACK	1890
7	Alice COLK	
8	Freda A. SIBLEY	
11	Ann BYRNE & Ruby STEVENSON	1886
15	Verne PAUL	1892
15	I. STEVENSON	
17	Clare KEATING	
18	J. STEWART, Sydney Rd., Melbourne	
22	Charles H. MELLIS	1869
23	Constance A. CONNOR	
23	F.T. SIBLEY	1874
25	Margery WILSON	
26	V. JACKSON	

APRIL

1	Willie Roy LEWIS	1891
2	Maria Agnes CURTAIN	
6	L.B. MC CONICHY (19 IN 1897)	1878
8	L.M. ANDREWS	
9	Margaret Jane MC GUIRE	1819
12	K.C.	
16	Frederick George ST. LEDGER	
17	Marie ALLWRIGHT	
21	Walter STEWART, Rosstown, Vic.	
22	Margaret COLK	1892
22	E.J. ANDREWS	
24	A. STEWART	
25	Annie Isabel CURTAIN	
30	Bernard PAUL	

MAY

1	Elizabeth STEWART	1819-1897
2	W. OLIPHANT	
4	T.G.E. HOWARD	
5	Sydney ALLWRIGHT	
7	Edith Isabel MELLIS	1871-1875
18	Ethel MC GUIRE STEWART	
19	Estelle CONNOR	
19	George ALLWRIGHT	
20	Ida CURTAIN - DIED	1898
22	ROBERT S. THORNE	
23	Minnie E. ARCHER	
25	Victoria ALLWRIGHT	
27	Sydney REYNOLDS	1870
29	J.G. COLCHRIK	

JUNE

2	Edward Allan CURTAIN	
4	Kate CURTAIN	
6	Gertie BASS	
7	James R. MC GUIRE	1860-1884
8	Emily Jane COLK	1862
9	Lochinnar Duncan Whitelaw MC RAE	
10	Nicholas Leviston CURTAIN	1894
11	Alfred J. BASS	
12	Amy & Katie TILLACK (Twins)	1873
16	James Donald CURTAIN	
17	Harry CHADWICK	
18	Josephine PENTZLIN (BROWN)	
21	Mary STEWART	
22	G.A. BYRNE	1869
30	Ida Evelyn CURTAIN	1892-1898

JULY

1	Emily STEWART	
1	Joan CURTAIN	1901
4	Wellington WALKER	1872
6	M.S. STEWART (MC COOMBE)	1874
6	W. STEWART	1874
7	Nelly BASS	
7	Amy & Edith COLK (Twins)	1887
9	David Isaac MC GUIRE	
15	Mary-Ann HALLETT	
15	Brian Charles HEWITT	
16	Jack HOWARD	
18	Lizzie BARWICK	
21	A.M.A.	
27	Carrie HALLETT	1887
27	Elfreda Zelma CONNOR	
28	M.G. HOARE	
28	V.I. STRUTT (BRANNON?)	
29	Reuben JUDD	
30	David ANDREWS	

BIRTHDATES CONTINUED -AUGUST

1	Harry BARKER	1874
1	George A. STEWART - Died	1898
7	Amy C. WALDIE	
9	Elizabeth COLK	1888
11	Brian Arnold CURTAIN - Died at Birth	
11	Harriet Honora CURTAIN	
12	Janie STEVENS	
13	M. HAMILTON - Married 1897	
16	W. LIVINGSTONE	
17	E.F. HEWITT	1876
18	Ethel PIKE	
20	David Donald CURTAIN	1831-1924
21	Edward Charles ANDREWS	
22	Edith Maude KEATING	
24	Cecil B. PAUL	
26	Edith JACKSON	
29	Bertie STEVENSON	1887

SEPTEMBER

3	Gwen M. CURTAIN	1899
4	Eric PAUL	
5	Lena A. TILLACK	
15	Jack HEWITT	1894
15	Annie HALLETT	
15	Louisa CURTAIN	
17	Eldred Hobart CONNOR	
18	William STENNARD	
19	Benjamin COLK	
20	W.I. TILLACK	
21	Francis Marie DUFF	
22	Emilie ANDERSON	
24	Edward COLK	
26	Brian Cornelius CURTAIN	1898
29	Ina WILMER	

OCTOBER

7	Reeta KEARNEY	
9	R.B. REYNOLDS	

9	Lizzie SAUNDERS	1871
12	Daisy HEWITT	
15	Anna M. CURTAIN	
18	James BAILLIE	1872-1894
21	Cis WALKER	
22	Marjorie MC PHEE	
23	Eileen ANDREWS	
25	May SMALLHORN	
30	Audie SIBLEY	

NOVEMBER

6	Robina M. BLEATHMAN	
9	Christobel GERTRUDE MC RAE	
12	E.L. TILLACK	
13	Anne L. BYRNE	
21	Gertrude HOOK	1878
21	W.J. BASS	
22	Amy Teresa ARCHER	
24	Florence Isobel MC GUIRE	
28	David G. CURTAIN	1874
30	Margaret E. HAMILTON	

DECEMBER

1	Raymond CONNOR	
2	Mary DICKENSON	1874
5	Alfred SMITH	
6	Maggie CURTAIN	
6	Agnes E. HEWITT	
11	A.M. ANDREWS	
13	Emily Ellen CURTAIN	
14	A. MELLE	(18 March 1891)
15	Estelle HEWITT	
19	W.J. DICKENSON	
21	M.M. HOWARD	
25	Catherine ANDREWS	
26	Dorothy F. STEWART	1896
28	Ernie & Beryl - Married	1898
30	A.A. HOARE	

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