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DEADLINE DATES: 7 January, 7 April, 7 July, 7 October

## EDITORIAL

Congratulations Launceston Branch members! You have done a great job for this issue. That quiet faithful member, Thelma Grunnell, with her short but important article brings to mind a neglected aspect of family history; the rest of the world. While our ancestors were going through the BDM experience in the UK, Europe, America, Australia or wherever, what was happening on the world history scene and how did it have an effect on our families then or at some future time? we often refer to the hard times of poverty, war and famine but how many of us give these events any more than a passing glance in the middle of a long paragraph.

We should stop and think why Great Great Uncle Charlie went out one dark night and stole that side of lamb hanging in the neighbour's barn; and how it was that little Willie McNab was driven to relieve the old squire of his watch and chain.

Then, when we have had a think about these aspects of our ancestors' circumstances, we can write the world into our family stories with the right choice of words, in such a way that our readers realise these details are there to set the scene and not as hard cold facts.

I know a family where several members were born on the same day and month (different years) as A. Hitler. While this is no claim to fame for any of the family, it is a curious thing that one of them joined the Australian Navy and served overseas during the war and took part in sinking German warships.

Place your family on the world stage! Give your ancestors relevance! That's what I'm advising.

I seem to have strayed from the journal editorial, or as Pat Harris would say "don't get led up the garden path." Pat's is an excellent article on just how misleading family research can be and how family lines just fizzle out through taking the wrong information as correct and binding. Pat spoke at one of the Launceston Branch meetings and Gwenda Webb spoke about the veterans at another.

Delve into the little-known indexes, explore the records you discarded once as not relating to your family. Look at all the new books and microforms that come to your branch libraries, check the exchange journals (Thelma's work is a great help) and now tell your fellow GST members (but don't bore them). Lastly, write a short article on your research for the next issue of *Tasmanian Ancestry*. This will be good practice for your complete family history.

Jenny Gill, Associate Editor

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I should like to use my space this quarter to take a look at our journal *Tasmanian Ancestry*.

A relatively small group of members spend many hours of their time in collecting, collating, typing, editing, proof reading, labelling, packaging and despatching the Society's journal every three months. Their reward is a reduced amount of time to pursue their own research and the knowledge that no sooner is one journal despatched than they are starting to prepare the next. They must I am sure, also derive some personal satisfaction from doing a job extremely well. I believe that this small team does a remarkable job for the Society without seeking tangible rewards and for this I thank them sincerely.

How many of you have consciously stopped to see who writes the articles which appear in our journal?

Apart from "Special Editions" where the content material is provided by one Branch or area, we see the same names appearing regularly as contributors of articles yet we have a membership of some thirteen hundred, most of whom would have at least something of interest to share with other members.

Many will say "Oh! I couldn't write an article for the journal" but how do you know unless you have tried!

By taking up the challenge of researching your own family you are already displaying the qualities needed to put together an article for publication, some of these being the ability to research and problem solve, to use imagination and lateral thought and the ability to compose and compile. Why not give it a try and write an article about a favourite ancestor, or how you found a way around a seemingly insurmountable problem. By writing an article about a member of your family you may very well discover that you know far more about that person than you had realised and it is often a good way of determining which direction to take next in your research. It could well be that this exercise is the spur you need to forge ahead and publish your family history.

I am sure the Editorial team would be delighted to hear from you and I will look forward to reading your contributions in future journals. Come to think of it I will have to do something myself won't I!

David Harris, President.

Cover design: A large group of miners assembled at the Main Shaft, Tasmania Goldmine, Beaconsfield. Taken during the 1890s. The vertical openings below the small gates would be for the cages the men travelled in to the underground workings. Main Shaft preceded Hart Shaft. Photograph courtesy of the Grubb Shaft Museum, Beaconsfield

**Annual General Meeting**  
of the  
**Genealogical Society of Tasmania Inc.**  
is to be held on  
**Saturday 17 June 1995**

at  
**Lindisfarne Activities Centre,**  
**Lincoln Street, Lindisfarne**

commencing at 1.30 p.m.

**Agenda**

Suspension of Standing Orders for presentation of 1995 Family History Award

1. Apologies
2. Read and confirm minutes of previous AGM
3. Business arising
4. Reports:- President, Treasurer and Co-ordinators
5. Election of Office Bearers and endorsement of the Branch Delegates
6. General business  
Nomination of a Fellow of the Society  
Circulation of the "Big R" Index  
Family History Award - Sponsorship Proposal

**AGM AND CONFERENCE WEEKEND**

Much thought has gone into the Conference and Annual General Meeting weekend of June 17 and 18. All of the talks should be of great interest, and the Hobart Branch hopes that the members will fill the Lindisfarne Citizens' Activities Centre in Lincoln Street. The interstate visitors are Martyn Killion and Helen Doxford Harris, OAM.

Martyn is the current President of the Australasian Federation of Family History Organisations (AFFHO), a position he has held since 1991. He is a long established family historian and is employed by the Archives Office of NSW. His first talk focuses on the records of the Colonial Secretary's Department and their immense value to genealogical research. (They filled in a valuable missing link for me and may be of great help to you.) On the second occasion he will look at Birth Death and Marriage

sources other than civil registration records such as Convict Marriage Banns, the T.D. Mutch Index and Burial Licences.

Helen, although a Victorian, is a long standing member of the society. Her Australian maternal family line commenced with the arrival in Van Diemen's Land in 1824 of the Gage and Howell families. She has specialised in research on the Victorian goldfields and in police, court and criminal records. Some of her publications are in Branch Libraries. As so many Tasmanian families have spread to Victoria, Helen's talks should be of great interest and value.

From the local arena we have three highly talented speakers. Martin Davies is an expert in his field and has a great knowledge of early sites and their architecture, while Jill Robertson is a talented speaker and local and social historian. Those who attend the dinner will be entertained and educated by Joan Woodberry, one of Australia's leading writers, and an experienced lecturer and researcher. Joan will talk about two of our early clerical figures - Knopwood about whom so much is known, and Conolly, the Roman Catholic, about whom very little has been made public. The Hobart Branch hopes that all who attend will have an enjoyable weekend.

Bryce Ward, Hobart Branch President

## BRANCH NEWS

### BURNIE

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At the February meeting an audio visual presentation narrated by Mr Tom Jewel of Exeter, Devon, entitled "Peeping at the Poor", was the special feature. Thanks are extended to John and Thelma Grunnell of the Launceston Branch for the loan of the tape and slides.

The March meeting was a members' interest night on convict ancestors. Members brought details of their findings on convict ancestors, their detention in Van Diemen's Land and their blending into part of Tasmanian history.

The Annual General Meeting was held in April and the following members were elected to serve on the committee for 1995-1996:

President	Doug Forrest	(004) 31 1882
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## DEVONPORT

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A small committee is to be congratulated for the splendid display which was mounted in the Lyons Library for Family History Week. It was voted most successful by all who saw it and it has resulted in several enquiries about membership.

The Branch Library is being well patronised and we are also fortunate to have had some books donated by one of our members, Mr John Ticknell.

A small group visited Westbury for the St Patrick's Day weekend festivities. They stayed at "Egmont", an historic home, and this provided the atmosphere for an enjoyable weekend. It was great to experience the many activities which were related to the Irish way of life.

The following members were elected to the Committee for 1995-1996:

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Vice President		
Secretary	Helen Anderson	(004) 27 8997
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The new Committee members for 1995-1996 will be:

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Secretary	Cynthia O'Neill	(002) 28 3175
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Nola Ward	(002) 43 7884
Les Young	(002) 43 9131
David Hodgson	(002) 29 7185

We thank Anne Hay for her fine service as Secretary and are pleased that she stays on as a committee member. Regrettably, our Vice-President, Irene Schaffer, who is a tower of strength to the branch, and John Marrison, one of the most experienced members have both found it necessary to take a break from the branch executive. We thank them very much for their great service.

Les Young and David Hodgson are two enthusiastic genealogists who offer their services for additional duties on the committee. A great loss to the branch's activities has been Carol Rodway's need to withdraw from her TAMIOT duties for the time being. Carol has rendered excellent service and spent countless hours in cold windy conditions collecting information. We hope that she will soon be back and that another volunteer is available to continue with her work.

A great sadness was felt in the Society when Joan Legget recently passed away. Joan had been an outstanding contributor to Society activities, a friend to all and an ever ready adviser to individual members. Her assistance was keenly sought by library users. Joan has given years of service in a variety of ways, including acting as Secretary, and at the time of her death was a Branch Research Assistant and a library aide. We miss her greatly.

The recent addition of the printed booklets for Births Deaths and Marriages which appeared in *The Mercury* from 1900 to 1910 are an additional resource tool which are being keenly sought. Joyce and Frank O'Shea have given years of service in compiling the material and Thelma McKay and her assistants have entered the information on to the database and checked it. It is this kind of service which makes the Society of great value to its members. The booklets may be purchased from the Branch Library.

The branch's monthly meetings are held at the Rosny Park Regional Library, near Eastlands, at 8 p.m. on the third Tuesday of each month. We hope to see you there.

## HUON

President	Betty Fletcher	(002) 64 1546
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The Huon Branch has had a very interesting past three months. Twenty members have replied in favour of attending this branch. On Monday 10th April the branch held an open house for those members, along with members of the Huon branch who do not attend branch meetings.

During Family History Week two Hobart Branch members, Irene Schaffer and Denise McNeice conducted a workshop at the Branch Library. We were pleased to welcome

eight people as well some Huon Branch members who supplied soup and sandwiches for lunch. The workshop was very informative and we thank Irene and Denise for giving up their time and helping others. Most of the participants stayed on during library hours to do research and to find out more about the branch's library holdings. Some of them joined the Society.

The Branch is in the process of buying a computer and on Monday 8th May members met in the home of Judith Thomasson where Judith showed how to use a computer and some of the things that can be done on it.

The Annual General Meeting was held on Monday 24th April.

## LAUNCESTON

President	Anne Bartlett	(003) 44 5258
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We have enjoyed two excellent and informative talks this quarter: from Anne Bartlett on "Researching Huguenot Ancestry" and from Gwenda Webb on "The Royal Veterans". The text of the latter is published in this edition of the journal. March saw an appraisal of members' treasures by Kaye Pickett and we heard the stories of how some came into members' families. An excellent talk on Welsh Genealogy and a research workshop given by UK visitors, Dr Keith and Mary Meredith, was the trial run for Sunday afternoon meetings. This was in response to those members who say that they do not like to come out at nights and would prefer an afternoon meeting. Sadly, the sum total of members was fifteen, in spite of good publicity.

So, to try again, and in response to requests, the next afternoon will be a workshop of Genealogical computer programmes on Sunday, June 4th, at the branch library commencing at 1.30 p.m. So if you do not know what programme to buy or are having difficulties with your present programme this is for YOU! The "Buy a Fiche" scheme has had a slow start but we are hoping that further donations will be forthcoming.

There are many members whom we do not see either at branch meeting or the Library. While realizing that the tyranny of distance is the reason for many being unable to attend, the Committee is wondering if it is not fulfilling the needs of most members, and therefore any constructive comments would be appreciated.

At the Annual General Meeting the following were elected for the 1995-1996 year:

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Committee	Ella Crawford	(003) 39 2840
	Pat Harris	(003) 44 3951
	Alan Leighton	(003) 26 2318
	Joe Stephens	(003) 44 5969
	Barbara Valentine	(003) 34 5622

## INTEREST GROUP REPORT

### Van Diemen's Land - Norfolk Island Group

The group is still growing at a small rate each month. The first excursion for the year was to Rokeby and the surrounding district and was somewhat different, mainly because it was not as far as we normally travel. It was the thirteenth in the five years that they have been held. The group was joined by members of the First Settlers 1804 for this excursion. We travelled from Bellerive to Rokeby, where they viewed some of the old grants that the Norfolk Islanders received on their arrival in 1808. Then on to Cambridge by the Pass Road, Ralphs Bay and Cremorne. The day ended with a church service at St. Matthews in Rokeby where a plaque was placed on the grave of Elizabeth Thomas (later Mrs Waterson), a First Fleeter.

The next excursion will be held in November; it will be a weekend in Launceston. Conducted with the help of Anne Bartlett, it will, I am sure, be very interesting. The bus trip on the Saturday will be from Launceston to George Town, then return via Beauconsfield and the west bank of the Tamar. Members will be able to observe some of the places where the first of the Norfolk Islanders received their grants in 1804. On Sunday we will be shown around the old sites of Launceston.

Joyce Purtscher's last book in her Children in the Orphanage series deals with the children who were boarded (fostered) out between 1865 and 1897. Joyce is to be congratulated on the work that she has put into these books. Many people have written to her expressing their extreme joy on finding their long-lost ancestors, that they had been looking for without success for many years. Most of her work has been difficult because of the way in which the records were kept. She has gone to a lot of trouble to compile them. She believes that the hard work has been well worth it, from the response she has received.

#### **New books:**

Tasmanian Boarded Out (Fostered) Children 1865-1897.

Excursion - Rokeby, Cambridge, Sandford.

Irene Schaffer, Co-ordinator.

# LIBRARY NOTES

## BURNIE

### Acquisitions for the January - March quarter

#### Purchases

Tasmanian Industrial Schools & Reformatories  
Index to Mercury Marriages 1900-10  
Excursion, Sandy Bay, Channel, Geeveston  
Taking you Back Down The Track  
St. Joseph's Orphanage 1879-1900

#### Donations and Loans

In & Around Record Repositories In Great Britain & Ireland  
Londoners' Occupations  
Growth Of A People  
Research Index  
And They Came From Tipperary: General Contact Reference 1992  
Family History Research Manager  
National Commercial Directory  
Norfolk & Suffolk Microfiche  
Ireland Old Age Pensions Claims. Part 1  
Australian Historic Records Register

## DEVONPORT

### Recent acquisitions - Microfiche

British Isles Genealogical Index - Yorkshire  
Western Australia Marriages 1931-1965  
Western Australia Deaths 1954-1980

### Recent acquisitions - Books

Advocate - Photocopies of Personal Notices for 1994 in large binder  
Devonport General Cemetery Burial Records  
South Australians 1836-1885 Book 1 A-L, Book 2 M-Z  
Excursion - Sandy Bay, Channel, Geeveston, Huon Road  
Tasmanian Industrial Schools and Reformatories  
O'Shea Index to the Mercury Deaths 1900-1910  
O'Shea Index to The Mercury Marriages 1900-1910  
Historic New Norfolk - Series IV - St Matthew's Burial Records, 13 March 1826-30  
October 1903  
The Reluctant Traveller - Edward Kimberley and Descendants in Tasmania  
"HIERN Filings" a Narrative by Olga Hiern-Cook  
My Ancestors were Manorial Tennants  
Launceston Reference Library Genealogical Holdings

**The following items were donated by Mr John Ticknell:**

- A Day Before Yesterday - Good Old Sydney Town, Abe Davis  
 Balmain in Time  
 The Best of Geeves - Nostalgic Cameos from Australia's Past, Phillip Geeves  
 Bridge Building in New South Wales 1788-1938  
 Converting the Wilderness to Garden - The Art of Gardening in Colonial Australia  
 Early Colonial Houses in New South Wales, Rachel Roxburg  
 Edmund Plunkett Architect Sydney  
 Heritage Australia (2 vols) Autumn 1991 and Winter 1991  
 Historic Buildings: Parramatta (Vol. 1)  
 Historic Buildings: Central Area of Sydney (Vol. 2)  
 Historic Buildings: Liverpool and Campbelltown (Vol. 3)  
 North Shore from 1788 to Today, Les G. Horne  
 "KU-RING-GAI" Early History and Development  
 "KU-RING-GAI" Collection of Early Photographs  
 Old Colonial Architecture in New South Wales and Tasmania, W. Hardy Wilson  
 Port Jackson 200, Graeme Andrews  
 Port of Sydney Vol. 8 Nos. 6 & 7, Vol. 9 No. 1, (Maritime Services Board of NSW)  
 A Romance with Retailing, Frances Polden and Phillip Geeves  
 The Royal Botanic Gardens, Sydney - A History 1816-1985, Lionel Gilbert  
 A Short Story of Bathurst  
 Sydney as it Might Have Been, Eric Irwin  
 Sydney Sketch Book, Tess Van Somers  
 Sydney - The Story of a City, Marjorie Barnard  
 The Story of Paddington, Patricia Thompson  
 The Sydney Book, Marjorie Barnard  
 William Hardy Wilson - A 20th Century Colonial 1881-1955  
 Willoughby - A Cenenary History 1865-1965  
 Written in Gold - The Story of Gulgon, 1966 and 1970 editions.

**LAUNCESTON****Recent acquisitions - Microfiche****English Census Directories:**

Cornwall	1884	Bedfordshire	1864	Buckinghamshire	1864
Durham	1894	Gloucestershire	1870	Huntingdonshire	1864
Lancashire (FN)	1829	Lancashire (N)	1851	Lincolnshire	1865
London	1862	London	1874	London	1909
Northamptonshire	1864	Warwickshire	1862	Westmoreland	1829
Westmoreland	1851	Wiltshire	1889	Worcestershire	1862

**1851 Census Index for London & Middlesex:**

Acton	Brentford	Chiswick
Isleworth	Twickenham	Hampton
Westminster	Charing Cross	Long Acre

Berwick St	St James Square	Golden Square
Soho	St Mary Le Strand	St Clement Dane
Holborn	St Giles	City-Outside the Walls
St Lukes	Bethnal Green	St George in the East
St Paul	St Mary	Shoreditch
Holywell & Moorfields	St Leonards	Hoxton
Wanstead & Woodford	Haggerstone	

Argus Index Births 1921-25

Unrelated Certificates Index Series 1

NZ Cemetery Records

\*FFHS Strays Collection.

### Recent acquisitions - Books

Children in Queens Orphanage 1828-1863

Infants in Queens Orphanage 1851-1863

Applications to the Queens Orphanage 1858-1878

Apprentices & Absconders from the Queens Orphanage 1860-1883

O'Shea Index to the Mercury Marriages 1900-1910

O'Shea Index to the Mercury Deaths 1900-1910

The History of Dunorlan

Living Stones Vols I, II, III

\*The Family of Patrick Ryan & Bridget O'Malley

\*From Royalty to Us

\*Index of Deaths & Memorials from Tasmanian Newspapers 1988-1994

\*Index to Devon School - West Buckland, Topsham

\*Johnston

\*Linked by Chains & Lineage

\*Of Yesteryear & Nowadays

\*Practice makes Perfect

\*Research Index 1992-1994

\*Scotland - Fife MIs

\*Some Australasian Families Descended from Royalty

\*Swan Hill Research Directory

\* donated items

### St. Catherine's House Index Roster

	21/5/1995	8/1995	11/1995	2/1996
	- 8/1995	- 11/1995	- 2/1996	- 5/1996
1868-1878	Huon	Hobart	Devonport	Burnie
1879-1889	Launceston	Huon	Hobart	Devonport
1890-1900	Burnie	Launceston	Huon	Hobart
1901-1911	Devonport	Burnie	Launceston	Huon
1912-1922	Hobart	Devonport	Burnie	Launceston

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**NEW ACQUISITIONS**

This is a select list of books on history and genealogy which have been added to the Tasmaniana Library between mid-January and late April, 1995.

They are mostly, but not all, new publications; the Tasmaniana Library often acquires older works which relate to Tasmania and which it does not already hold.

The list has been kept as brief as possible; normally only author, title and the Tasmaniana Library's reference number are given. If you would like further information about any of the books listed, please contact the Tasmaniana Library at 91 Murray Street, Hobart 7000 (telephone (002) 33 7474, fax (002) 33 7902) Further information is also available on TALIS, the State Library's on-line information system. TALIS terminals are available in all city, and many branch, libraries throughout Tasmania.

Please note that, while all of these books are available for reference in the Tasmaniana Library, they are not available for loan (although some of them may be available in city and branch libraries).

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Alexander, Alison, *The history of the Australian Maritime College*. (TL 378.94611 ALE)

Bellerive Historical Society, *Bellerive Heritage*, Volume two. (TLPQ 994.663 BEL)

Broinowski, John, *A family memoir*. (TL 929.2 BRO)

Candy, P.C. and J. Laurent, *Pioneering culture: Mechanics' Institutes and Schools of Arts in Australia*. (TL 374.280994 PIO)

Challingsworth, Nell, *Australia's dancing heritage: stories of the 19th century*. (TLQ 793.30994 CHA)

Clark, D.F., *Woodside descendants: a sesqui-centenary*. (TL 929.2 CLA)

Clark, Laurel, *Bill Fuller, bookseller extraordinaire: some memoirs*. (TLP 381.45002 FUL)

Coppleman, Frederick A., *Not of my choice*. (TL 920. COP)

Donohoe, James Hugh, *The First Fleet families*. (TLPQ 929.394 DON)

Eriksen, Erik O., *Rev. J.E. Tenison Woods: an eminent priest of the Australian colonies*. (1832-1899) (TL 282.092 TEN)

Fieldhouse, Raymond, *Mount Lyell, full story souvenir: fantastic start, superb life, new future, si monumentum requies circumspici*. (TLPQ 622.09946 FIE)

- Fieldhouse, Raymond, *West Coast guide: unique tourist area, majestic mountains, lakes, rivers with a vast mining & railway heritage.* (TLPQ 919.464 FIE)
- Finnane, Mark, *Police and government: histories of policing in Australia.* (TL 363.20994 FIN)
- Graeme-Evans, Alex, *Tasmanian rogues and absconders, Volume 1: new frontiers 1803-1821.* (TLQ 994.602 GRA)
- Henry Ikin (1816-1900), an autobiography.* Edited by R. Wesley Hartley and Grahame Thom. (TLQ 920.1KI)
- Heritage: the national women's art book.* Edited by Joan Kerr. (TLQ 709.94 HER)
- Holiday, Audrey and Walter Eastman, *Mansions, cottages and All Saints: residences and churches - the heritage of greater Hobart.* (TLQ 994.661 HOL)
- Kerr, Garry, *Of men, boats and crayfish: an oral history of the Norling family.* (TL 639.5099469 KER)
- Law Society of Tasmania, *Solicitor's handbook.* (TLQ 340.09946 SOL)
- Lennox, Geoff, *A visitor's guide to Port Arthur and the convict systems.* (TLPQ 365.9946 LEN)
- Lowe, Madge, *Days gone by in the Channel, Volume three.* (TLQ 994.654 LOW)
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# THE ROYAL VETERANS in VAN DIEMEN'S LAND

*Gwenda M. Webb*

On 26 August 1826 the ship *John Barry* arrived in Hobart Town bringing the first Royal Veterans' Corps. This group consisted of Captain John D'Arcy, Lieutenants Robert Travers and Stephen Collins, three Sergeants, three Corporals, fifty Private soldiers, forty-five women and forty-two children.<sup>1</sup> Reinforcements for the group continued to arrive in small numbers until the end of 1827.<sup>2</sup> Altogether sixty-three rank and file were to serve here and forty-three were to remain as permanent settlers.

Recruiting for the group had started in September 1825, when a Proclamation issued by the War Office in London stated that three Companies of Veterans were required for service in the Colonies, Coys 1 and 2 in New South Wales and Coy 3 in Van Diemen's Land.<sup>3</sup> Details of eligibility included the requirements that enlistees should be former servicemen of good character, honourably discharged and must have references from members of the clergy or some other respectable citizens. They were to be less than fifty years of age and have no serious body infirmity. It was necessary to pass a medical examination. As it was intended that these soldiers should be discharged in the colony and remain as permanent settlers, they could bring their wives and children with them, provided *these were not too numerous!* Among the inducements offered to the men to enlist were that they were offered cavalry rates of pay<sup>4</sup> and could count their time as Veterans for further pension entitlements.<sup>5</sup>

After arrival the Veterans were sent to various parts of the island. Captain D'Arcy took a detachment with him on the Government brig *Prince Leopold* to George Town,<sup>6</sup> while others were based at Swansea (at the appropriately named Waterloo Point), Brighton, the Clyde and the Huon (Birch's Bay) settlements. In all these areas some of the Veterans were overseers on the public works, supervising convicts as they built roads, bridges and public buildings. Others (probably those who had previously served in cavalry regiments) became mounted police, protecting settlers in outlying districts from aborigines, bushrangers and escaped convicts.

Only eleven men remained in Hobart Town as overseers. Among them was William Hunt.<sup>7</sup> In a letter home he described his work:

*My station is over a gang of convicts consisting of 40 to 80, all in chains with heavy irons around each leg. I fetch them from the prison barracks at half-past five in the morning and they work until nine o'clock. Then out at ten till one for dinner, then again half-past two until six at night, in winter from seven in the morning until five in the evening, when I take them back into the barracks where they remain till I fetch them out in the morning. I have to overlook them with a stick in my hand and to see them work and I am obliged to be very severe with them. If I*

*report any of them for neglect, they get 25 to 50 lashes. The work my gang do is making the town streets and levelling them and gravelling them and I have the honour to say I have completed the first street in Hobart Town and I believe there are nineteen more wanting completing, so that if, please God, I live and have my health I have three years work cut out for me.*

Poor William was not to be spared. He was transferred to Birch's Bay, and died there early in 1828.<sup>9</sup>

William was not the only casualty suffered by the Veterans. An officer, Lieut. Stephen Collins, died in the same year. As a serving officer he was accorded a funeral with full military honours, attended by the Governor, his fellow officers and the town's military and civil establishment. *The Hobart Town Courier*<sup>10</sup> reported the occasion, mentioning the drama, watched from outside the burial ground by ordinary citizens, as the sun sank down behind Mount Wellington as he was laid to rest and the Last Post was played.

The Veterans' first casualty had been John Poulton,<sup>11</sup> who died at George Town in 1827. Others who died while still doing their military service were Robert Coonan,<sup>12</sup> Martin White,<sup>13</sup> William Egan<sup>14</sup> and John Smith.<sup>15</sup> When a soldier died, his pay stopped immediately and, as this was before the day of Widow's Pensions, his widow had to seek employment. There were plenty of Hobart residents ready and eager to employ the widows, but they were less willing to take the children as well and so assume responsibility for their upkeep. Consequently, several of the Veterans' children were placed in the King's Orphan Asylum, to be reclaimed by their mothers upon the latter's re-marriage or the child reaching the age of employment or apprenticeship at twelve years. The children of Privates Coonan, White, Egan and Smith<sup>16</sup> were all placed thus; the case of Ann White<sup>17</sup> aged two years, next-of-kin of her widowed father, being particularly heart-breaking.

Despite suffering these early losses, most of the Veterans survived their military service until 1830. However, the Governor was not happy with them. In despatches back to England<sup>18</sup> Arthur referred to them as *absolutely useless* and described them as *... tired, worn out men with families - not at all the Characters to discipline the sulky, unruly subjects (the convicts) placed under their charge.*<sup>19</sup> He proposed to progressively discharge the Veterans, because they were paid at a higher rate than the other soldiers, and to replace them as overseers with other persons.

Towards the end of 1829 the men were notified that their discharge was imminent and asked to express their wishes regarding settlement in the colony and land grants. This information is held in the Archives of Tasmania in a file<sup>20</sup> headed "Nominal return of men of the RVC who are desirous of settling in the Colony". This file, with two extensions<sup>21, 22</sup> contains forty-three names. The men gave their ranks and names and stated whether they wished to settle in town or country, giving the location preferred. Most significantly of all, the form has a final column which contains comments (presumably made by the officers), on each individual's general character. Some are listed as *good, reliable*, others as *good when sober, or given to drink or indifferent*.

Some confirm Governor Arthur's opinion of them, being described as *tired, worn out, unable to cope with responsibility or useless*. A few men opted for employment in the Colonial Public Service: Benjamin Toplis, Augustus Walsh, Thomas Hughes, John Waugh.

Significantly, many men chose to settle in areas in which they had served. Apart from those wishing to resume practising their trades or seeking employment in the towns of Hobart and Launceston, some popular choices were George Town, the Brighton district, the eastern shore of the Derwent and the East Coast. By 1831 most had assumed their civilian status and were already settled. In Hobart, Veterans' Row was erected for them. In his *Almanac & Directory for 1831*,<sup>21</sup> James Ross described ... *the neat little brick cottages of the veterans being built just beyond the northern end of Murray Street*. Some were already completed in 1831 and occupied by John Kirkwood, W'm Hill, John Hepburn, W'm Skerrow, W'm Cleary, W'm Jervis and Benjamin Shires on one side of the road. On the other side were housed Matthew Howard (a shoemaker), Alexander Fullerton, W'm Burns, Jas. Compton, W'm Kirsons (tailor) and Jas. Panton (also a tailor). Altogether, twenty cottages were built for the Veterans, the originals being joined, as their cottages were completed, by Samuel Coulston, Thomas Leonard, W'm McKay, W'm Page, Simon Carson and Thomas Homer. Although described by Ross as "labourers" several of them had rejoined the Police as civilian Constables; however, most served only for a short time.

The same Directory of 1831 also mentions that work was in progress at East Arm on the River Tamar, erecting cottages for some six to eight members of the late RVC. Originally eight Veterans had asked for farmland grants of fifty acres.<sup>22</sup> Joseph Allan amended his original request<sup>23</sup> for land at East Arm to a suburban grant in Launceston; instead, he received a suburban grant in George Town! He was to remain living there until his death in 1858,<sup>24</sup> rearing a large family who intermarried with the locals. Farming grants originally estimated to be of fifty acres, but later measured by Government Surveyor Thomas Scott<sup>25</sup> to be rather larger, were taken up by William Holliday,<sup>26</sup> Pat Cunningham,<sup>27</sup> Jas. Rowley,<sup>28</sup> Jas. Kelly,<sup>29</sup> Jas. Boskell<sup>30</sup> and James Kerrigan.<sup>31</sup>

A series of misfortunes befell the East Arm settlers. Patrick Cunningham's wife, Jane, was killed by aborigines in 1831.<sup>32</sup> Rowley was drowned when his boat was upset in the river in 1833.<sup>33</sup> Mrs Rowley applied for Power of Attorney and was successful, being granted administration of effects after the property was sold in 1834.<sup>34</sup>

William Holliday was the longest survivor of the East Arm settlement. He remained living on his original grant for fifteen years.<sup>35</sup> In 1845 William, then aged fifty-two years, together with his second wife and some of his family, moved to Victoria to become a pioneer once more in the Kyneton district. He died in 1878, "*... a respected figure and veteran of Waterloo*."

Others who settled in the north of the colony were Joseph Bilson,<sup>36</sup> Charles Bennett,<sup>37</sup> John Orchard,<sup>38</sup> Augustus Walsh<sup>39</sup> and Samuel Johnson.<sup>40</sup> Johnson had been one of the Sergeants of the Veterans.<sup>41</sup> He had had a long and good career as a soldier and had

fought in the Peninsular War during which he had been captured and held prisoner for four years. He had been transferred from his original battalion, the 95th Foot to the 10th Foot - a Garrison Battalion, prior to his enlistment in the Royal Veterans' Corps. A native of Devon, he had applied for land on the East Coast<sup>46</sup> but sold this in 1835.<sup>47</sup> He was appointed Superintendent of the Female Hiring Depot in Launceston. He was one of the most highly regarded of the Veterans, his death in 1852 warranting a favourable Obituary in newspapers in both the north and south of the island.<sup>48</sup>

As newspapers in early Tasmania tended to chronicle the progress of the upper classes, there is not much to report on the progress of ordinary settlers, unless they were overtaken by sudden misfortune. Consequently it is impossible to follow the fortunes of all of the forty-three Veterans who settled here.

The official records of the 1842 Census<sup>49</sup> contain names of some of them and give slight indications of how they were faring. Veterans' Row retained its name on the map and justified it, as there were still Veterans living there. William Skerrow is the only labourer remaining there; he became the victim of a cowardly murder in 1846.<sup>50</sup> William Cleary had bought up some of the adjoining properties, partly to cater for his growing family and also for the increased trade as Mine Host of his inn, the "Sir Thomas Brisbane". Other surviving Veterans still living in Veterans' Row were Simon Carson, James Panton and William McKay, all three of them tailors.

William Cleary was another success story. He had applied for a licence in 1833<sup>51</sup> and held it until his death in 1847, when the business was taken over by his wife, Agnes, and later by his son, James. It passed out of the family hands in 1857, by which time Veterans' Row had become Murray Street.

Other Veterans who held licences at various times were:

William Lee - Adam & Eve, Waggon & Horses, Harvest Home (Hobart);

Jas. Burnip - Blacksmith's Arms, Castle Inn (Pontville);

Thomas Hughes - Ross Hotel (Campbell Town district), Victoria Hotel at Tunbridge (Oatlands district);

Augustus Walsh - Gardiner's Lodge (Launceston).<sup>52</sup>

Some of the Veterans came from farming backgrounds and the prospect of owning land, even if conditions were very different from those in rural England, was appealing to them. John McCafferty acquired 40 acres at Brighton,<sup>53</sup> but did not live long to enjoy it, dying on his land in 1830.<sup>54</sup> Others in rural areas who survived for varying periods were John Digney<sup>55</sup> who spent several years at Ralph's Bay before settling at Invermay; Alex. McDonald<sup>56</sup> took up land at Geilston Bay and then went into business as a corn chandler in Hobart Town; George Layman<sup>57</sup> farmed at Spring Bay.

A small group had land in Glenorchy. William Lee, Stephen Meaney and John Nash had land at the Black Snake<sup>58</sup> and farmed there for several seasons. John Nash's wife died there in 1835,<sup>59</sup> he subsequently re-married and moved to Victoria. Stephen Meaney became ill, moved into town and died in 1838.<sup>60</sup> His wife raised their children and survived him until 1874 when she died,<sup>61</sup> being described as a *penstomer's widow*; William Lee had a withered arm and a young family. He abandoned his land in 1834<sup>62</sup>

in favour of keeping an inn. James Walker also had a land grant of 40 acres at Glenorchy<sup>16</sup> and received additional land to help him cater for the needs of his family.<sup>17</sup> He died in 1835<sup>18</sup> and his land was transferred to William Jervis, another veteran.<sup>19</sup>

The longest adult survivors in Tasmania of the *John Barry* passengers were Benjamin Shires, who died 1879<sup>20</sup> and his wife Sarah.<sup>21</sup> Thomas Leonard, listed as a *confirmed drunkard who sold his necessities*<sup>22</sup> nonetheless survived until 1866!<sup>23</sup>

I have not been able to trace all sixty-three Veterans, especially those who emigrated to the mainland, and it is hard to reach a general conclusion about them. For many the highlight of their lives was having been a participant at Waterloo or one of the other battles of the Napoleonic Wars, and much of their lives was over by the time they arrived here. They did desire a better life for their children than that offering in England at the time, and most of them achieved this.

### ROYAL VETERANS CORPS, No 3 Company

Captain John D'ARCY

Lieutenants

Robert TRAVERS

Stephen Collins

Sergeants

James BURNIP

Samuel JOHNSON (Johnston)

William LEE

Corporals

Joseph COSTELLO

Thomas HOMER

John KENWORTHY

Stephen MEANEY

Privates

Joseph ALLAN

John KIRSONS (KERIVAN)

Charles BENNETT

George LAYMAN

Joseph BILSON

Anthony LEE

James BOSKELL (BOWSKILL)

Thomas LEONARD

James BRINDLEY

John McCAFFERTY

William BURNS

William McKAY (McCOY)

Simon CARSON (CARSEN)

Linsay McPHERSON

William CLEARY

Peter/Patrick MANGAN

James COMPTON

John NASH

Robert COONAN

John ORCHARD

Samuel COULSTON (COULSON)

William PAGE

Patrick CUNNINGHAM

James PANTON

John DIGNEY

John POULTON

Alexander DONALDSON

Thomas QUIN

William EGAN

James ROWLEY

John FRASER (FRAZER)

Benjamin SHIRES

Alex FULLERTON

William SKERRA (SKERROW, SKERRER)

John HEYBURN (HEPBURN)

John SMITH

William HILL

Charles STEWART

William HOLLIDAY (HALLIDAY)	Daniel/John STORER (STOREY)
Matthew HOWARD	William SULLIVAN
Thomas HUGHES	John THOMPSON
William HUNT	Benjamin TOPLIS
John IRVIN (IRVINE, IRVING)	James TROTTER
William JERVIS (JARVIS)	James WALKER
James KELLY	Augustus WALSH
James KERRIGAN	John WAUGH
John KIRKWOOD	Martin WHITE

Recruited locally?

Edward MUNDAY (MUNDEY)	James JORDAN
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I have done my best to trace all members of the RVC but there are gaps in the surviving records. There are no records of the discharges for Pte Kirsons (Kirvan) nor for Edward Munday and James Jordan. The latter two were possibly the locally-born settlers who were recruited to fill the places of some veterans who died. Both Munday and Jordan applied for land grants, on the grounds that they were members of the RVC, and these grants were allowed.

There are inconsistencies in the various records in the spelling of some surnames and often confusion with the Christian names: James, Joseph and John often alternated. John Kenworthy and Thomas Homer appear on lists sometimes as Privates and other times as Corporals; they were probably promoted and demoted.

A page of information (to date) on each of the veterans is being deposited in the GST library in Launceston. Members who can add extra information are requested to do so, to complete our record.

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Sergeant	2s 2d per day
Corporal	1s 7 1/2d per day
Private	1s 3d per day (less than 7 years service)
	1s 4d per day (7 to 14 years service)
	1s 5d per day (14 to 21 years service).
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## THE DOWNS - WHERE IS IT?

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How many of our members know where "The Downs" is located? For some time I just did not know either: perhaps, in hindsight, I should have known where to look. I recount the following story to illustrate.

Ships, of course, brought all the earliest settlers to Australia; passengers embarked and departed from major sea ports all over England, Wales, Scotland and Ireland. Convicts were embarked from gaols or hulks. The ship's passenger list stated that they sailed from Plymouth or Liverpool, which was usually the last port of call in England. Sometimes it was stated that the ship sailed from "Downs" or "The Downs".

Whilst researching of the convict Randall Riseley, who was transported for life on the convict transport *Minerva*, the shipping records showed that it sailed from "Downs" on 1 August 1821, arriving in Sydney on 16 December 1821.

Wishing to know more about Downs, I first looked up several UK road maps and could not find the port of Downs. I then asked for assistance from local family historians who told me the location would be near Southampton or Plymouth but this was not correct.

Next was a trip to the local Public Library to look up Downs in a Gazetteer. I found the meaning - "North and South Ranges of chalk running east and west across south east England" - but this was not a seaport.

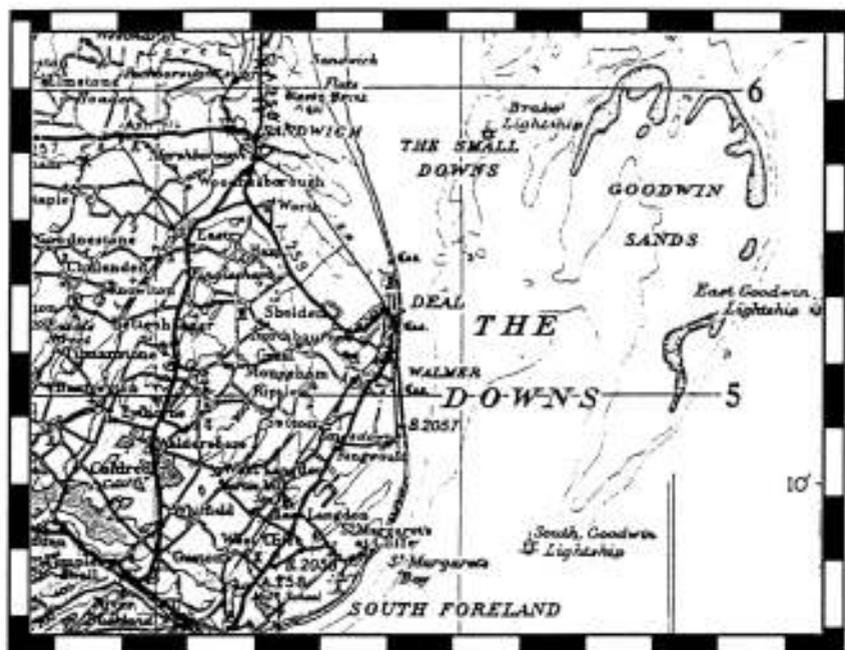
The very next trip to the Library I looked up the *Gazetteer of Sydney Shipping* - this gave me the answer, "Downs/The Downs, England - Channel and anchorage between the east coast of Kent and Goodwin Sands, near the naval station and shipyards of Deal".

In the meantime I had written to a town planner in Chichester, West Sussex, for the information and whereabouts of the Downs. Further reading about the Goodwin Sands, Kentish boatmen and the port of Deal, brought forward some very interesting facts.

For more than a thousand years ships have used the Downs as a major anchorage off Deal. Looking at the map you can see that it is sheltered by the Goodwin Sands. It is eight km. long and six km. wide; has a good anchorage from six to ten fathoms of water; and is well sheltered on all sides except the south.

Passengers travelled to London to board the ship which then proceeded or was towed down the Thames to the Downs for anchorage and watering whilst awaiting suitable weather conditions to commence the long voyage to Australia.

This small corner of the British Isles has played an important and quite remarkable role in the maritime history of the country as a whole. It is reputed that Caesar and his Roman army landed at Deal in 55 BC. HMS *Sirius* and other First Fleet ships sheltered there in February 1787.



The anchorage was used by naval and merchant shipping from the seventeenth century until the coming of the steam age, being at its peak during the Napoleonic Wars.

Checking Ian Nicholson's book, *Log of Logs*, we find that the *Minerva* ship's log reads as follows:

Master	John Bell,
Surgeon Superintendent	Charles Queade,
22 July 1821	at London docks - loaded prisoners from Middlesex Gaol,
26 July 1821	departed London - dropped estuary pilot at Deal.
1 August 1821	Sailed from the Downs.
12 August 1821	Called at Madeira Island in Atlantic Ocean, 32° 40' North 16° 45' West, where it remained for one day. Then continued her passage sailing around Cape of Good Hope.
Sometime after 8 December 1821	Called at the Derwent River, Hobart Town for a brief stay before sailing on to Sydney.
16 December 1821	Arrived in Sydney - where it disembarked 169 male prisoners.

Late in World War II the writer was in the RAAF, an Odd Bod attached to an RAF Squadron. A few times on operations we used the North Goodwin Lightship to set or alter course. Perhaps I should have known where the "Downs" was situated.

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## JOHN CLARK, JP, AND HIS GEORGE TOWN MAGISTERIAL RECORDS 1830-1835

*Mary Ramsay*

This article is based on the Clark-Weston family papers which are owned by the Royal Society of Tasmania. It is not intended as a detailed family history as this is being undertaken by family members.<sup>1</sup> A brief outline of the Clark and Weston families is given however, to illustrate the usefulness of these papers to historians and genealogists.

The Royal Society of Tasmania houses its manuscript collection in the Archives of the University of Tasmania in Hobart. The University Archives are located within the Morris Miller Library. These Archives are a treasure trove of early Tasmanian history which could be better utilised by those family history researchers who venture beyond the mere acquisition of dates.

The graveyard of St Mary's Anglican Church at Kempton can be seen from the Midland Highway. A rectangular monument within an iron railing is one of its more imposing memorials. The monument was erected for the Clark family who built two of Tasmania's notable homes on two well-known farms. These homes are "Cluny" on the Lake Highway north of Bothwell and "Mauriceton" at Hunting Ground downstream from Kempton on the Jordan River. No descendants of Captain William and Ann Clark in Tasmania now bear the surname Clark.

The *Adrian* arrived in Hobart Town on 12 May 1824. Her most significant passenger was the new Lieutenant-Governor of Van Diemen's Land, Colonel George Arthur who was travelling with his wife and family which included his nephew Charles. Also on board, although it is not known if they were previously acquainted, was another army

family consisting of Captain William Clark, late of the 6th Regiment of Foot, his youngest son John and his elder daughter Jane. The Clark and Arthur families remained friends both during the governor's term here and later. John Clark and Charles Arthur who were the same age maintained a friendship and a correspondence some of which has been preserved.<sup>2</sup>

Captain William Clark had been a professional soldier and was probably the son of a professional soldier.<sup>3</sup> He joined the English army before 1799 and served at Rolicca, Vimero and Corunna. He was captured by the French in 1812 and held at Verdun. His four oldest sons also served in the 6th Regiment of Foot and sought promotions to other regiments in a manner that suggests the family was not wealthy enough to buy commissions. He sold out after the regiment had been in South Africa and before it moved to India. The Clarks joined the *Adrian* at the Cape of Good Hope.

Mrs Clark remained in England with their younger daughter Ann during the South African posting and did not emigrate until one son had finished at the Royal Military College, Sandhurst and another son, William, had been married to Isabella Berdmore. In a letter dated 23 April 1823 and addressed to Captain Clark as *My ever Dearest Dear* she writes that:

*the Berdmores are very proud and think a great deal of their family ... I hope he [William] will not repent his bargain however he has not got a pudding making wife. She is certainly a very clever young woman but in my opinion I do not think her a fit wife for an ensign.*

Unfortunately yellow fever denied Isabella any chance to improve her culinary skills - both she and William died in Jamaica in 1825. Their orphaned son has not been traced. Mrs Clark and Ann arrived in Van Diemen's Land on the *Phoenix* (Capt. Dixon) in 1825.

Captain Clark selected land at Bothwell which he named "Cluny Park". He did not get on with his neighbours most of whom were from a farming background and many of whom were Scottish. Jane Clark became governess to Governor Arthur's children. Her sister Ann, who hated pioneering life and wrote a memorable letter to her sister Jane on the subject,<sup>4</sup> married William Pritchard Weston in 1826. Weston had also been a passenger on the *Adrian* in 1824 and became a prominent Tasmanian politician. He and Anne built "Hythe" at Longford - an architectural gem which unfortunately has been demolished. "Hythe" was named for Anne Clark's birthplace.

Jane Clark never married and spent the later years of her life at "Mauriceton" near Kempton which was another grant to the Clarks. She kept many of the letters that her family wrote to her, especially the Weston children and grandchildren and also some of her letters from friends.

Within ten years of their parents' settling at Bothwell four of the Clark sons had been lost - William died whilst stationed at Jamaica, George died in India and Charles was drowned when the *Lady Munro* was wrecked on her way to Van Diemen's Land. Their eldest son, Thomas Noble Clark, received a head wound whilst in the Light Dragoons and spent most of his adult life in an army lunatic asylum in England.

John Clark was the only son to settle here. He kept a copy of most of his important outward correspondence as well as his incoming letters. John Clark's first government appointment by Colonel Arthur was as Keeper of the Bonded Store in Launceston. This was in 1829 when he was twenty-one. He was then appointed as Coast Waiter and Searcher at George Town. The appointment was worth three hundred pounds a year. His duties included the clearance of vessels, boarding and examining every vessel, taking measures against smuggling and overseeing the pilots who guided vessels down the Tamar to Launceston. Before this when he lived in Launceston he had been made a JP and was acting magistrate at George Town. He was directed to take up residence in George Town in May 1830 and was given other duties which included attention to the Female House of Correction, keeping a record of all prisoners at the settlement including those in the lime gang at East Arm, enforcing Sabbath attendance and investigating the education of children in the settlement. He left George Town in May 1835 and served as a magistrate in Hobart and later in Launceston.

After his marriage to Jane Oswald Sinclair Eddie in 1839 he returned to "Cluny" at Bothwell. There he kept a farm diary, his tradesmens' bills and other letters useful to Bothwell historians. He died in 1852. His widow suffered a nervous collapse and returned to Scotland from where she maintained a correspondence with her sister-in-law Jane much of which dealt with the activities of the Royal Family.

It is impossible to describe all the material in the Clark-Weston papers in detail as they cover 1.5 metres of boxed shelving. Some George Town records have been described in this article so that the researcher can get an idea of the information they contain about George Town between 1830 and 1835.

One of John Clark's first tasks was to follow up the suggestion of the Rev. W.H. Browne to organise a school at George Town. The Rev. Browne, who was the Anglican chaplain for the northern part of the colony, encouraged the establishment of schools. It was decided that there were seventeen likely students with a possibility of six more. In a letter dated 6th January 1830 Clark lists the children at George Town for *the information of the Government in establishing a public school*

<b>Parents names</b>	<b>No. of children of age for school</b>	<b>Underage</b>	<b>Total</b>
Dr Smith	3	0	3
Mrs Smith	1	1	2
Allan	1	1	2
Quin	2	0	2
Blake	3	0	3
Begent	2	2	4
Sherlock	3	1	4
Haines	3	1	4
James	1	0	1
Total	19	6	25

### Children of the military (57th Regiment)

Major Wellman	2
Serjt Pettard	1
Pte Horsley	2
Pte Shore	1
Total	25

William Wilson a convict (per *Medina* 656) whose character was described as *exemplary good* was appointed schoolmaster at a salary of 35 pounds a year plus a "dwelling" and rations. A note from Rev. Browne to Clark in November 1831 says that Wilson is not acquainted with Bell's system of education which is the only one the Archdeacon will sanction and suggests that Wilson visit Mr Headlam's school in Launceston. William Wilson was given a Ticket of Leave 7 August 1830.

Copies of convict records kept by Clark<sup>1</sup> give an idea of some of the convicts living in his area and sometimes give extra information. For example Bridget Langham's sentence of one month at the House of Correction from 18 May 1830 is not recorded by Tardif.<sup>2</sup> Dr John Smith laid a complaint of drunkenness and insolence against her in May 1830 when Clark came to live in George Town. Smith said that when the offence occurred in April there had been no magistrate. The complaint was that Bridget Langham, who worked for Dr Smith and always washed the children at night, was given two or three hours off on April 11th. However when she came home she was very insolent and was too intoxicated to wash the children and said *She never saw children take so much bloody washing in her life.*

Port Sorell was part of the George Town district. In November 1830 two convicts in the employ of Bartholomew Boyle Thomas laid a complaint against their overseer James Parker for beating them. Joseph Belfield said that he asked Parker for a pass to lay a complaint before a magistrate *but he said that he would do with me just as he liked for that I was sold to him as a slave and could not run to a magistrate with a complaint.* The other complainant was Joseph Rufford whom Parker maintained he hit because he found him cruelly beating a cow. Depositions were taken from Joseph Lockett, William Millingham, Edward Thompson and Samuel Brewer. The complaints were heard by John Clark, JP and William Bryan, JP<sup>3</sup> but the outcome is not included. The Northdown settlement and James Parker were the source of many complaints. In July 1831 Joseph Rufford again laid a complaint against James Parker for striking him because he had lost the bullocks. On this occasion, when Parker finally appeared to answer the charges, he was fined one pound with costs. Thomas Carter also accused James Parker of striking him and brought Samuel Smith as a witness and Parker was once again fined one pound with costs. July 1831 was an expensive month for Parker. The Port Sorell settlement was again in trouble on 2nd August 1831 when Alexander Miller went to the magistrate and said that he was a servant of Mr Thomas. Their boat the *Pilot* had been wrecked six or seven months ago and Miller was repairing it. He had not been supplied with any food or provisions since then and had *subsisted by charity* but was unable to work any longer without food. *He prayed for the interference of the magistrate on my behalf.* One wonders if this use of the magistrate to hear complaints

by the men at Northdown was a common occurrence and these few cases are all that survive or if the men had just learnt of their rights. The situation changed late in August 1831 when both B.B. Thomas and James Parker were speared to death at Port Sorell by aborigines from the Big River Tribe. In another part of the papers<sup>10</sup> is a letter that Clark wrote to his sister Jane in which he says that he is sending a search party to look for Thomas and Parker.

Circular Head was also part of the George Town district. Edward Curr sent a letter to John Clark in October 1831 asking him to come down in the *Fanny* by which the note arrived. Curr wrote that he was eighty miles from a magistrate but had a *servant in my house whose conduct is so bad that I can no longer go on without redress*. An appendix to the note written two days later mentions that the wind had changed and the cutter had to go to Woolnorth first before delivering the note. One wonders what the atmosphere was like at "Highfield". Stanley whilst the Currens and the servant awaited the magistrate's visit. There are no papers detailing the servant's name or behaviour.

A letter from Major Schaw of Bothwell to John Clark on 22nd December 1834 warns him that a runaway from Bothwell, James Bassingthwaite, has been reported as receiving letters from George Town purporting to be from his sister and asks him to look out for the runaway. A copy of the letter back to Schaw from Clark survives and reveals an unhappy Christmas Day for James. Chief District Constable Freestun apprehended James Bassingthwaite on 25th December 1834. Later Mary Thomas, laundress, was fined ten pounds with costs for harbouring a convict illegally at large namely James Bassingthwaite.

Sorting through the papers reveals another story which illustrates the difficulties of magistrates. Clark wrote to the Colonial-Secretary, John Burnett, on 8th December 1831 asking if the enclosed certificate for an ex-convict called Thomas Kent was genuine. He described Kent as *a very suspicious character well remembered here by the appellation of The Pieman*. He detained Kent in jail awaiting a reply. Obviously the certificate was not returned from Hobart and Clark wrote Kent out a general pass on 17th December. Perhaps not surprisingly Kent aroused the suspicion of the Oatlands magistrate two months later and his pass was again taken. John Clark was reprimanded for issuing a general pass because they were *extremely injurious as they may be made negotiable and pass through many different hands being used with effect by them all*. Before this, in January, Clark had received a letter from a Launceston lawyer, Henry Jennings stating that he had been instructed by Thomas Kent to start legal proceedings against him for compensation for illegal detention of fourteen days at George Town. Clark has written on the letter *Let him try and get it*.

A sidelight is thrown on the wreck of the *Kains* in Whirlpool Reach which William Lushington Goodwin captained to Van Diemen's Land in 1831. John Gunn (*Claudine*) the government sawyer, retrieved many of the cedar logs she was carrying. Goodwin said he could keep some for himself but Gunn kept more than he was allowed and spent a month in the Launceston chain gang.

John Clark's copies of population records which he sent off to Hobart include lists of people holding tickets of leave, assigned servants, and musters for 1833 and 1834. There are little scraps of paper in the file with information on them such as a list of servants assigned to Joseph James who worked either in George Town or Cimitiere's Plains. In 1831 he had William Harding (*Hibernia*) who was spending a month in the Launceston chain gang. James' comment was a *good working farming man but evidently dishonest*. His comment on William Russell (*William Miles*) was a *good working farming man but very insolent and I have every reason to believe is very dishonest*. His third assignee was James Rankin (*William Miles*) who was a *lazy useless man and I have reason to believe has destroyed my property in more instances than one with a view to injure me*. These records have not been thoroughly checked against other known records to see how complete they are but they are probably the only extant copies of some returns. The Archives Office of Tasmania holds a "Passbook" which records two Ticket of Leave men working for John Foster at Cape Portland who are not listed in Clark's George Town records. One would presume they should be included as Cape Portland was in the George Town police district but the book does not seem to have any convicts listed under George Town. The population of George Town is given as 296 in 1833 of which twenty-six female convicts were in the House of Correction. By December 1834 there were only two female convicts in the district out of a population of 293. Presumably the House of Correction had been relocated to Launceston.

The entry Clark sent off for the Blue Book contains a mystery. In the "fisheries" column is listed 5000 dozen salmon trout valued at 312 pounds ten shillings. Was this an early and unsuccessful acclimatization attempt?

Village life comes through in the papers. Thomas Wilson when apprehended called Constable Joseph Musselwhite *a damned baldheaded old rascal* or more strongly in CDC Freestun's deposition *you damned baldheaded old bugger* and then kicked him. Dr Smith informed the magistrate that George Hobler had violently assaulted and beaten Hobler's infant son and namesake. Mary Ann Rogers, an assigned servant to Mr Thomas the publican, was lured away by William Fisher who said if she came with him he would keep her. She spent eighteen days in his hut out in the bush, saw only one other person briefly apart from her seducer and had nothing to eat but salt meat, damper and tea. I was very uncomfortable she said. John Clark went away in March 1835 and received an unwelcome letter from CDC Freestun telling him that:

*... I was forced to confine two of your assigned servants on Saturday the 14th March instant one for being drunk and disorderly the other for stabbing (sic) William Gribble one of my constable (sic) when taking him in charge for being drunk. I have also to inform that it was William Mansbridge that stab the constable with a bayonet (sic) in the cheek. There are also Gaggins and Thomas McManus in the watch for being drunk I have put constable Aylett in charge of your house untill (sic) your return ...*

Copies of the descriptions of the holdings of the University Archives have been distributed to the University libraries at Launceston and Burnie. Unfortunately the index to the Clark-Weston papers does not contain every name found in them but it does include some names. It is unfortunate that until recently those searching for information about George Town between 1830 and 1835 were not aware of the careful record-keeping of John Clark JP.

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### Huguenot Surnames Index

The publishers of *Australian Family Tree Connections* (AFTC) have begun to compile a Huguenot Surname Index and a Huguenot Descendants' Register. The Index comprises the surname being researched, name of place/area, date and contact details of researcher in Australia. Details of the Index are to be included in Judy Webster's Central Register of Indexing Projects. The full index will be published annually in *Australian Family Tree Connections*. For further details contact AFTC, PO Box 1133, Toowong, Queensland, 4066.

## A DANGEROUS OCCUPATION

*Margaret McKenzie*

The rumble and rattle of winding gear is echoing around Beaconsfield again as a new mining company prepares to win the gold left by the old Tasmania Gold Mining Company (TGM) eighty odd years ago.

Visitors to the Grubb Shaft Museum get some idea of the huge TGM operations from the display of photos, pump rod timbers etc. Their first question is about the gold and then many people ask about accidents. The interest is sufficient for me to do research for a special file.

Information about accidents in the large and small mines in the area has trickled in over the years. Sometimes just a name and a date, in one case the mine name but no names, several people have donated copies of their own research and we have a copy of a four page unsigned letter advising a widow to sue the mine management. Tying in with the letter, I found photos in *The Weekly Courier* of her husband and a relative of mine who died in the same accident. I was also loaned a copy of a 1912 *Examiner* containing the inquest details of the deaths of Thomas Floyd and Murdoch Stewart. So far I have the names of eighteen men killed in various mines between 1889-1914.

***The Examiner April 6th 1889*** - An inquest was opened on A. Thompson who was killed by a fall of earth at the Tasmania Mine. Evidence was given by Bishop and Hardy, mates of the deceased.

**September 1889** - Mr E. Whitfeld inquired into the death of Thomas Lyons aged fifty-six years, a native of Ireland who had worked at the Tasmania Mine for eight or nine years. Mr Lyons was put to work in an area of the old workings. Because of restricted space he refused extra timbering telling the foreman the ground was safe enough for anything. Subsequently quartz and mullock fell covering his lower body. He died in the Launceston General Hospital. He is buried in the Westbury Cemetery.

***The Examiner June 18th 1901*** - At the Moonlight-cum-Wonder mine a young man named William Thomas lost his life and his mate, William Fox, narrowly escaped the same fate. They were engaged in sinking a shaft when an inrush of foul air overcame Thomas. Fox went down the shaft and was also overcome. A young man, William Cornelius, was lashed to a bucket, went down and rescued Fox. He then pluckily descended again and recovered the body of Thomas who was about twenty-two years of age. He had been married only a few weeks.

***The Examiner June 22nd 1901*** - A letter from Mr H.A. Sands, White Pinafore Mine General Manager, praising Cornelius and asking if his bravery would be recognised.

**Report of Inspector of Mines 1904** - The Inspector reported five fatal and thirty-six non fatal accidents in the state's mines for that year.

Thomas Richard Miller, aged sixteen years was an apprentice fitter at the Tasmania Gold Mine. He disobeyed the foreman's warning not to oil moving machinery. On the day of the accident the foreman stopped him ascending the counter shafting but Miller must have gone into another compartment and ascended from there. He was dragged between the pulley and shafting.

**The Weekly Courier March 17th 1910** - Photos of William Watters and Arnold Yeates killed in the Tasmania Mine.

**April 10th 1910** - An unsigned letter to Mrs Watters detailed how the writer thought the accident happened to Watters and Yeates. A man named Parker was injured at the same time. The letter writer's opinion was that the stope in which the men were working was not properly and safely timbered. Mr Watters was a company wages man. Mr Yeates, a contracting miner, left a wife and two daughters.



*Tasmanian Gold Mining Company site circa 1914. Showing L to R Grub Shaft, Boiler House with Lefroy Headframe in front & Hart Shaft. The chimney stack was 180 ft.*

**The Examiner October 18th - November 1st 1912** - The accident to Thomas Floyd and Murdoch Stewart on October 17th was the subject of an investigation by the Coroner Mr H.E. Walduck and a jury of six. The night shift finished work underground and as usual travelled back to the surface in cages. Somewhere between the 500ft and 370ft levels the two men disappeared from their cage. Six other men were in the cage and Mr McIvor gave evidence that he heard a tearing sound, saw Mr Floyd doubled up disappearing over the side of the cage. He thought the noise was Mr Floyd's oil skin coat tearing. The other men said they did not see what happened and neither Floyd nor Stewart had time to call out. They were killed instantly.

Each man in the cage had about 1 foot 9 inches of space, they would be facing and touching each other. There was a bar in place with one side of the cage described as naked or unprotected. The men had to stand still as the cage travelled at 500 feet a minute and even moving their shoulders would endanger the other men. The draught in the shaft was described as exceedingly powerful. Two of the other men were fortunate, they just avoided being thrown out as the cage bumped.

Much of the evidence by twenty-seven witnesses concentrated on a broken knocker line which was used to send signals in the shaft. The line was special quality galvanised wire, the length being 1370 feet. It was thought the wire might have snagged one of the men. The line had to be retrieved from the repairer's shed for the inquiry.

The jury's verdict was accidentally killed, "that there was not sufficient evidence to determine the cause of the accident". They added a rider that a broken knocker line is very dangerous and under no circumstances should a cage run with men in it whilst a line is broken, excepting any travelling necessary to locate the break.

The Tasmanian public generously donated to funds for Mrs Floyd and the Queenstown Mount Lyell disaster families. Mrs Floyd, the mother of twelve children, still had the younger ones to provide for and thirteen year old son Eddie had to leave school to go out to work.

Beaconsfield did not settle down for some time after the accident. The FMEA (Federated Mine Employees Association) threatened to strike because their branch president was refused permission by the mine manager to inspect the scene of the accident and the mine books. At the time 377 men worked for the Tasmania Company, 114 voted to strike. The town had the unique sight of 300 women holding a meeting in the Victoria Hall and passing strong resolutions against the strike. The meeting was called by the warden's wife.

The women's pleas were spurned, the men said they did not require instruction from women on how to conduct their business. The miners could get the advice of their wives at home so they did not need the advice of those who were not the wives of workers.

The mine management and the men settled their differences after mediation by the Premier, Mr Solomon, and Mr Earle, the leader of the Labor Party.

There was a brush with near tragedy several weeks after the Floyd/Stewart disaster when six men working in the 1500 ft level managed to scramble to safety from foul air.

At the October inquest the Inspector of Mines said "All mining is dangerous".

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## Anything for a Good Story

*Vivienne Darby*

In a recent publication *Heroes All*, Reg Watson tries to create a mystery that cannot be substantiated about Tom Galvin who died on 19 August 1900 at the Boer War as reported in *The Mercury* on 24 August 1900. He was the eldest son of Joseph and Jane Galvin and, as reported in the paper, his death was a blow to the family and community. He had worked as a cabinet maker at Beaconsfield and the community erected a memorial to him; he was apparently a popular young man.

"Did Galvin die in the War?" and "was he seen looking at his own memorial years later?" These were comments made to Geoff Wilson, however he said to me in a letter on 24 September 1992 that they were only hearsay and would not be accepted in any Australian Court! Such a pity to publish such comments for the first time after all these years for later families to read.

Tom wrote to *The Examiner* on 3 May 1900 on behalf of his comrades, thanking the newspaper for including copies of the paper with their mail. The lengthy letter goes on to describe in some detail their activities in South Africa and promised further letters to the paper. He died of enteric fever, which was one of the major causes of death in the Boer War, and is buried in the Roman Catholic section of the Pretoria cemetery. Maurice, Tom's younger brother, his sisters and many Galvin descendants have visited that monument with pride. Was it Maurice who was seen in the early 20s looking at the monument?

Bartholomew and Catherine Galvin of Cork, Ireland, arrived in Launceston on board the *Royal Saxon* in 1842. Bart was a builder and sons John and Charles followed in that tradition. The other two sons, James and Joseph (my grandfather), were grocers. Tom was Joseph's oldest son. They flourished in the Launceston community. In the "Northern Scene", 2nd February 1983, John and Charles are described as the founders of Galvin town, an area they opened up with roads and cottages. In the *History of Our Streets* Charles was described as a founding member in 1845 and leader for many years of St Joseph's Band. As Tom's uncle, it was most appropriate that this band played at the re-unveiling of the Boer War memorial in Beaconsfield in 1993.

The grocer brothers, James and Joseph, are not so well documented. James had an advertisement in *Walsh's Almanac* in 1864 as a Wholesale and Retail Grocer and Provision Merchant at the junction of Bathurst and Wellington streets.

Joseph married Jane Gray on 1 June 1868 and died on 19 March 1915 in Melbourne where he spent his retirement. My grandmother, Tom's younger sister, Catherine, known as Kit or Kate, lived her married life in Melbourne.

I would love to hear from any Galvin-Gray researchers.

# What were you doing ... ?

*Thelma Grunnell*

We are often told that to add colour to our family tree we should tie the lives of our ancestors into historical events. Well and good! But what do you remember of your whereabouts during the momentous events of history in your lifetime and have you documented them?

## **On the day WWII was declared?**

My family had been enjoying a trip around Cornwall with relatives visiting from Lancashire and we were relaxing after a tiring car journey with a nice "cuppa" when the news was broadcast. Shortly afterward we heard a sound that we were later to dread, the siren (air raid warning) which was mounted on the church tower.

## **On D. Day - the Normandy landings?**

I was at school and that week we kept a map chart with the advances and retreats carefully marked in at the start of each morning. Masking tape was on the windows and coarse net stuck on to prevent splintered glass flying into the class rooms in the event of bomb blast.

## **On V.J. (Victory in Japan) Day?**

Together with a school friend, I had gone to Lancashire for the summer school holidays, travelling in school uniform to take advantage of the half fare. We had our satchels containing lunch, Devonshire Pasties of some great size and flasks of tea as there were no catering facilities on the trains then. On the actual day of celebrations we went with our hosts to an evening party during which we were offered a small glass of champagne. We duly blotted our copy books by commenting after the first sip "that we much preferred cider!"

## **On V.E. (Victory in Europe) Day?**

I really cannot remember. At school, I expect, but the sound of the Church bells pealing out really brought home the fact that the war had ended. If there had been an invasion the bells would have been clashed together as a signal, not the joyous pealing for which we were all longing. The bell ringers practised during the war using hand bells to be in form for the great event.

## **On the day the death of King George VI was announced?**

I was in nurse's uniform sitting the examination to become a State Registered Nurse. The invigilator told us the news at the end of the morning's session and we were allowed an extra half an hour lunch break before the afternoon practical exams.

## **On Coronation Day?**

It was our first wedding anniversary. John had booked a table in the Launceston Hotel main dining room to celebrate. Much to our embarrassment we were the only couple not in evening dress!

#### **When Prince William was born?**

We were attending a performance of "Underneath the Arches", the story of Flanagan and Allen, British comedians, at the Prince of Wales' Theatre, London. After the interval the manager came onto the stage to announce that the Princess of Wales had given birth to a son. Quite appropriate!

#### **During the Thatcher debacle?**

That week and a couple of weeks prior to the event we were in Devon and had been watching "The House of Cards" on TV. I wonder if BBC1 had made an inspired guess to run this show at the crucial time?

That's all folks! My memory is deteriorating rapidly, how about yours? Keep a journal type diary, it's a great help.

## **RESEARCHING UP THE GARDEN PATH**

*Pat Harris*

Some thirty-five years ago, while living at Ulverstone, we met a distant relative who mentioned that he had done a Harris Family Tree. He claimed the first Harris arrived with David Collins. In 1977 when I decided to start on research for all branches of our family, little did I know what I was getting into. Beginning with the Harris/Collins story I was off on my first wrong direction. George Prideaux Harris, a surveyor with Collins, married, had two daughters and died in 1810 - so could not have fathered future generations of Harris's.

The next faulty step was on the Baker branch. Frances Mary Ann was born at Longford in 1823, the daughter of William and Sarah. I had a whole family tree for William and Sarah, both convicts, who lived in the Longford/Evandale area at that time, before I realised it was the wrong William and Sarah. William Fellows Baker (free settler) and Sarah Gould (born in the colony) had married in Hobart in 1818. Another wrong turn occurred with William. A CSO letter says he arrived in Sydney on the *Marquis of Wellington* in 1815. No passenger or crew list survives for this voyage, other than the 46th Regiment who were on board. Extensive research into the 46th Regiment found William Baker listed and in Australia. He was born in Devon so a fellow researcher followed this path and found dates and family. With the CD-ROM version of the *International Genealogical Index* now available, I typed in William Fellows Baker and up came a baptism in Essex, 1790, father Benjamin and mother Mary Fellows. Surely this is the right one and not the one on Devon.

It is bad enough having one Smith line to research, but I am burdened with three. Fortunately one did not venture to this end of the world and I was lucky to make contact through the new BIG R and was presented with a lot of information. (Another was Dr. John Smith, Port Dalrymple 1806). The third Smith branch was a great

grandfather George Smith. A birth registration gave the father as George Smith and the mother as Ellen Halfpenny. But the marriage registration of Ellen Halfpenny is to John Smith (ex *Equestrian*). The *Equestrian* had two George Smiths and two John Smiths. (Even the Convict Department got their records confused). As the marriage was in a Roman Catholic church, I contacted the University Archivist who could only confirm John Smith as the 'groom, but was able to supply a bonus of not only giving me the baptism of George, son of John, but also that of a brother and sister, both of whom did not have a birth registration. It was some time before I convinced myself that the right person was John Smith, a nailer, of Worcestershire. But am I right? When daughter Ellen married in Victoria she gave George as her father's name.

George Smith and Ann Cadman were given as the parents of my grandfather, but no marriage could be located in Tasmania, other states or New Zealand. As all the children born to them had birth notices in the newspapers, I was convinced there was a marriage somewhere. I even went through two years of *The Examiner* newspapers for a notice in case the registration had gone astray. I always researched under the Cadman name and not Smith. When the Victorian Consolidated Index came out several years ago, I checked again, but still no Cadman. To this day I still do not know what made me look under Smith - George William - and there it was! The Cadman name had been deciphered and indexed under Cardman. A bonus came out of it all, as when the certificate arrived (three entries to a page) the entry following was for a brother Thomas, something I would never have found as no further information has come to light for Thomas.

The Boskell family arrived in 1826 as part of the Royal Veterans Company. Mary (his wife) re-married in 1853, but I could not locate a death for James Boskell. A James Bushcombe died in June 1849, so this was a possibility. Viewing a Australian Joint Copying Project film recently for further information I found where James was paid his pension until June 1849, so I was right and another bonus was that it gave his regiment prior to the Royal Veterans. [It may be of interest to note that James Boskell, with yet another alternative spelling, is mentioned in Gwenda Webb's article on the Royal Veterans in Van Diemen's Land.]

Emma Grubb's birth, marriage and death dates were all recorded in a family bible, with the birthplace given as Bur Island. But where was Bur Island? There is one in a small bay on the coastline of Devon, another in the middle of the Northern Pacific Ocean. The Devon one too small to be likely and who would be in the middle of the Pacific even if it was habitable in 1830? What I should have done in the first place was check her death registration in 1896 - for that gave her birthplace - Birr, Ireland!

It all goes to show that most trips we take up the "garden path" are our own doing, for not keeping an open mind on spellings of names and places and not collecting all possible evidence. Something learned recently could have sent me the wrong way again if the situation had arisen. Some early records, especially census may give a persons' status as father-in-law or brother-in-law, but this is not in the sense we know today. In our terms it means step father, step brother, etc. Have you been caught?

# SOURCES TO USE TO DISCOVER THE BIRTHPLACE OF AN ANCESTOR OVERSEAS

*Alma Ranson*

Twenty-six years ago I set out to find where my children's ancestors came from and, possibly, why they came to Tasmania. I have since researched back to twenty-five emigrations, married couples or single people who arrived either with government support (some possibly unwillingly) or who paid their own passage. None of these people had their actual birthplace recorded on the shipping records so I have had to use other methods to discover this. To date I have managed to find fourteen. I believe that in the majority of cases there is a document or someone somewhere that can assist. In many of my cases it was a matter of determination and persistence. Unfortunately there are very few records in existence at the point of embarkation and arrival records were not always very informative, quite often only giving a country or a county.

Once you have the name of the ancestor s who were the original emigres, obtain every detail that you can from shipping records in their State of arrival. Look up anything you can find about that ship. There were sometimes reunions of the ship's passengers and these were quite often recorded in the press.

In the course of your research you will have found out as much as possible from relatives - family rumours have a place in research but **do need to be verified**. Someone in your family may have a book or document such as a diary, bible, birthday book, letters or photographs with inscriptions that could help. Record every detail you see regardless of how trivial it may seem at the time. Photographs that were taken prior to emigration may have the photographer's name and address or the photos may have been sent from the homeland after emigration thus establishing other relatives who were left behind.

You may know the name of another family member who stayed behind but still do not know the area; check the civil registration indexes for a death etc. Did your ancestors marry in England after the start of civil registration in June 1837; in Scotland after 1855 or Ireland after 1845 or 1864? If so obtain a copy of this certificate. Check for death certificates, obituaries, tombstones and wills. If these do not contain sufficient information look to other family members who also emigrated - did they marry or die in another State or New Zealand where more complete records may have been kept? A marriage after 1896 in Tasmania can give more information; did one of the emigres remarry later in life? There was a good deal of family emigration, did another member of the family come as a convict and later send for relatives?

Record all birth and death informants and marriage witnesses for any family member and with Catholic families the sponsors at baptism; if necessary research these people.

It may surprise you with what you find. Keep a record of all information that you find on a family name, what appeared to be nothing to do with your family may turn out to be otherwise. It may also help to eliminate those that do not belong to you and therefore help to prove your own ancestor. Follow up other families who arrived on the same ship or who were close family friends as quite likely they came from the same area or an area nearby where they may have had mutual acquaintances.

**Indexes** - There are quite a number of these around in local libraries and archives, check every one. For me they have produced - two applications for teaching positions, these give birthdate and place; obituaries and other newspaper articles; ship's name; and church records which included three adult baptisms giving birthdate; and place and naturalization records.

**Printed Matter** - Check district histories for the area where your ancestor lived in Australia; the author may have included details on the family. Newspapers often had articles about the history of a district, particularly around the time of a centenary. Newspapers are a valuable resource which are quite often under utilized. People sometimes named their house or property in their new land after a farm, village or area where they had previously lived.

**Letters and Personal Contact** with other family members can bring some clue to light, exchange even trivial information with other researchers of the same family. Look in directories, Members' Interests and One Name Study publications to see if other people are researching the family name here or overseas, or advertise yourself. If it is an unusual name you may find an area where that name is prevalent which may give you a clue to the family's origins. I have even contacted people researching the name into which females in my family have married.

It is now possible to check the *International Genealogical Index* (IGI) for the whole United Kingdom on computer. The people you want may be there or you may get a clue to the locality of a certain surname. *Family Search*, also on computer, may do the same thing.

I believe in researching and recording as many descendants as possible of the original emigres. This enriches your family history and quite often opens doors to discovering clues to help you along the way, it may establish lasting friendships with people having similar interests.

So often I hear people saying they can not find their ancestors after only a few weeks of research; it took twenty-five years but only a few months ago I found another convict. In this case it was a first in that the native place was listed. As yet I have not been able to confirm this was the actual birthplace but I have lots of research I now can do. Do not give up, as records become easier to use and more records are being released and as indexing is being done all the time, there is more chance for you to find that vital clue.

## FROM THE EXCHANGE JOURNALS

*Thelma McKay*

**"Burials Database"** in *The Greenwood Tree*, (Somerset & Dorset Family History Society), May 1994, Vol. 19, No. 2, p.47. Recent additions of parishes and the dates covered in the Dorset and Somerset areas are listed in the above society's Burial Database. This database now has over 270,000 records. For more information write to David Hall, The Old Vicarage, Elm Grove, Taunton, Somerset TA1 1EH, UK.

**"NSW County Court Houses"** by Jennifer Chandler in *Generation* (Genealogical Society of Queensland) September 1994, Vol. 17, No. 1, p.3. In NSW civil registration records are held by local registrars, known as County Court Houses. If an ancestor was born, married or died in the country areas of NSW their records can be found in the local registry in that district. A request for a certificate which will be a typed copy of the original entry, (marriages up to 1973) can be obtained for \$20; if not found, money will be refunded in full. Supply as much information as possible and the registration number is not needed. A list of County Court Houses can be found in the NSW telephone directory under Attorney General's Department.

**"NSW Registry of Births, Deaths & Marriages"** in *Relatively Speaking* (Family History Association of North Queensland), December 1994, Vol. 12, No. 4, p.24. The NSW Registry Office has a number of checking services which allows you to write to the Registry with a list of up to 10 registration numbers and the details of the certificate you are seeking for a fee of \$20. The registration numbers submitted will be checked with the details provided and a copy of the certificate sent to you. A result of search is issued where no certificate can be located.

**"Missing Marriages"** by Christine Eagle, in *Yorkshire Family Historian* (Yorkshire Family History Society), October 1994, Vol. 20, No. 5, pp.117-118. Christine Eagle explains how generations ago marriages were performed between the poor in a simple ceremony, not in a church but with two witnesses present. This could possibly be the reason why our ancestors marriages cannot be found in the registers. If property was involved a church ceremony was necessary to enable the wife to claim her dower and her children their inheritance. Many were married outside their own parish to keep a marriage secret and many took place in London. Although registers were supposedly kept by 1653, not all parishes compiled early records. Those that have survived are kept at the PRO, London. By the 18th century up to 20% of all marriages in England were clandestine; as a result the Marriage Act was introduced in 1753.

**"The British Lying-in Hospital"** by Howard Lambert in *Origins* (Buckinghamshire Family History Society) June 1994, Vol. 18, No. 2, pp.91-93. The British Lying-in Hospital situated in Brownlow Street, Drury Lane was founded in 1749. The registers containing the particulars of over 42,000 entries, in ten volumes from 1749 to 1868 are held at the PRO in Chancery Lane, England. The information these records contain includes both parents names, date of admission and discharge, child's name and

baptism date. A list of patients from the Bucks area 1749-1767 has been included in the above issue.

**"Visiting Other Record Offices & Local Studies Libraries"** in *Origins* (Buckinghamshire Family History Society) September 1994, Vol. 18, No. 3. In each edition of its journal this society features an article on one of the County Record Offices in the UK. Although mainly for researchers who reside in England, this can also help overseas researchers as addresses and the sort of services available are mentioned e.g. postal charges, photocopies and lists of their main deposits. Hertford County Record Office is featured in this issue.

**"Aboriginal Research - Snippets"** in *The Endeavour* (Botany Bay Family History Society) September 1994, No. 40, p.24. A comprehensive guide to official records relating to indigenous people of Victoria 1836-1975 has been prepared by the PRO in Victoria and the Australian Archives Victorian Regional Office. The guide *Aboriginal Research - My Heart is Breaking* is available from the Commonwealth Government Bookshop, 32 York Street, Sydney. A previous guide *Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander People in Commonwealth Records* was compiled by the Australian Archives.

**"Extracts From Loughborough Union Workhouse Minute Book"** by Miss P. White in *The Journal of Leicestershire & Rutland Family History Society* Autumn No. 77, pp.18-19. This article was taken from the day by day account of the workhouse 1837-1838. Lists names, ages, trade or status, amount of rations and wages earned, and includes information on children.

**"Blackwatch Graves in France"** in *Tay Family Historian* September 1994, No. 39, pp.27-29. While on a visit to France Pat Featherstone came across the graves of members of the Blackwatch who died in WW1. She has listed the name of deceased, rank, age and date of death. The cemetery and section are also included.

**"Sources of Royal Navy Research"** written by Paul A. Blake plus **"... and They Went to Sea in a Beautiful Pea Green Boat"** by Lilian Gibbens. These two articles on searching for seafaring ancestors can be found in the *Metropolitan* (London & North Middlesex Family History Society) October 1994, Vol. 17, No. 1, pp.12 and 27. Paul Blake has listed sources for Royal Navy research and the Lilian Gibbens article is a brief guide to records that can be used in the search of merchant navymen.

**"In Pursuit of Your Naval Ancestors"** by Ted Wildy in *The New Zealand Genealogist* (New Zealand Society of Genealogists, Inc), November/December 1994, Vol. 25, No. 230, pp.371-376. Written as a sequel to his "Naval Ancestors" in the above society's September/October 1990 issue. The brief history of the ranks and ensigns is followed by useful addresses in England. The pages devoted to advice for naval research in New Zealand could apply equally well to research in Australia.

**"When Britannia Ruled the Waves ..., The Royal Navy in the 1881 Census"** part 1 in Summer 1994, Vol. 19, No. 2, p.56 and part 2 in Autumn 1994, Vol. 19, No. 3, p.95 of *The Journal of the Northumberland & Durham Family History Society*. Lost your seafaring ancestor on census night? This article, published over two issues, lists the men born in Northumberland or Durham with the ship they were on board on census

night, 3rd April 1881. Information given includes names, marital status, age, rank and county of birth, the name of the ship, type of vessel and the area in which it was serving. An Editor's note advises that Cleveland Family History Society has produced a 16 page booklet 1881 Census Royal Navy, Yorkshire & Durham which is available overseas £1.50 (post free) from Mr D.W. Taylor, 106 The Avenue, Nunthorpe, Middlesbrough, Cleveland TA7 0AH UK.

**"Tasmania's Tragic Lighthouse Keeper"** in *Progenitor* (Genealogical Society of Northern Territory), September 1994, Vol. 13, No. 3, pp.75-77. On the 2nd January 1926 the heading in *Smith's Weekly* noted "Saw Wife Drown at Hell's Gates - Buried His Mate on Deal Island". This article describes how the assistant signalman at Hell's Gates lighthouse on Macquarie Harbour, Henry John Hooper, lost his wife and two sons by drowning. Many years later while on Deal Island in Bass Strait, the head-keeper died suddenly and Hooper had to bury him on the island. Henry John Hooper was later transferred to Eddystone lighthouse in north-east Tasmania.

**"Buckler Drawings of Wiltshire Churches"** in the Wiltshire Family History Society journals 1987 to 1994. Since 1987 this society has featured in each issue two or three drawings from the Buckler Collection. John Buckler, 1770-1851, was an authority on medieval architecture as well as an artist and architect. His watercolours of Wiltshire churches are very clear and accurate in detail. The collection of nearly 700 drawings which was made before the era of rebuilding and restoration, and includes seventeen churches which are no longer standing, is held by the Wiltshire Archaeological and Natural History Society Museum. Reproductions are available from The Librarian, WANHS, 41 Long Street, Devizes SN10 1NS UK. 10"x7" colour £26.44 inc VAT, monochrome £9.40 inc. mounting £4.70 inc VAT plus P&P. A list of the drawings featured in the journals to date is available from the exchange journal co-ordinator.

**"Point of Departure"** in *The South Australian Genealogist* (South Australian Genealogy & Heraldry Society Inc), October 1994, Vol. 21, No. 4, pp.24-29. This article, which has been copied from *The Western Figaro* in Plymouth 1884, gives a vivid description of the Colonial Government Emigrant Depot at Plymouth, from which so many of our ancestors would have begun their journey to Australia. Details are given on the arrival procedures, luggage arrangements, space allocated for sleeping quarters, kitchen facilities and the final muster prior to departure.

**"Newmarket: A Profile"** by Gill Rushworth in the *Journal of the Cambridgeshire Family History Society*, November 1994, Vol. 9, No. 8, p.319. This author claims Newmarket is an awkward place for family history research as it is partly in Cambridgeshire and partly in Suffolk. The profile gives a potted history of Newmarket and includes details of the churches, chapels, cemeteries and other local landmarks with special emphasis on the advent of horse racing which led to the growth of the town.

**"Dean Index"** in *Time Line* (Genealogical Society of Queensland) August 1994, Vol. 4, No. 1, p.18. During 1929-30 a Miss Dean, while working in the PRO, London, compiled an index of prospective settlers to Australia who had written to the Colonial

Office in England 1823-1840. These letters have been filmed by the AJCP (Australian Joint Copying Project) and the above society is compiling an index which will include the reference to the AJCP film numbers, as Miss Dean's list does not contain all names mentioned. This project will eventually be published. For more information contact Pastkeys, PO Box 116, Rockdale NSW 2216.

**"The Gibson Index"** by Lenore Frost in *Ancestor* (Genealogical Society of Victoria Inc.), Summer 1994, Vol. 22, No. 4, p.6. An exiting new index of men and women named in many of the nineteenth century police watch-house charge books which are held by the Police Historical Group in Victoria. The Gibson Index gives the name of the watch-house, date and hour of apprehension, name of prisoner, age, calling, country, religion, education, offence, previous convictions, property found on prisoner, signature of watch-house keeper, apprehending constable and prosecutor, whether bailed, on whose authority and amount, how case disposed of and number of rations drawn. This is not a complete index of all persons held in watch-houses pre-1900 but covers several areas of Victoria.

**"Publishing Your Family History"** by Alan Phillips of Gould Publishing in Victorian Gum News (*Victoria Gum Inc* - Genealogical Society of Victoria), December 1994, Vol. 11, No. 6. All aspects of writing a book are covered in this article. The lay-out, indexes, photos, maps, family trees, the type to use and the costs involved, printing, publication, proof-reading and floppy disks.

**"Research in Poland"** in the *Family Tree* (New Zealand Family History Society), December 1994, Vol. 26, No. 3, pp.63-64. A bureau, to look for documents on history and property, which co-operates with archives, registry offices, land registries and churches, has been set up by Maria Banert of Kalisz to help in searching Polish ancestry. The average time for a search is 45 days. For more details on charges and how to pay for this service, consult the above article.

**"Torpoint Archives"** in the journal of Glamorgan Family History Society, December 1994, No. 36, p.38. The Torpoint Archives in Cornwall hold the census records for 1841, 1851, 1861, 1871, 1881 and 1891. All are indexed and held in six bound volumes. These census returns contain not only local families but also the families of Royal Navy men at HM Dockyard at Devonport. For a search send £1 (which goes towards the upkeep of the archives) and a SSAE or IRC to Mr Cooper, Torpoint Archives, 3 Buller Road, Torpoint, Cornwall PL11 2LD, UK.

**"Freedom Records"** in the *Sussex Family Historian* December 1994, Vol. 11, No. 4, pp.147-148. The records of admission to the Freedom of the City of London prior to 1916 are in the custody of the Guildhall, London. This article is reproduced from a handout published by Guildhall and lists the methods of becoming free. Advice on researching records is given.

**"Scotland - Dirty Secrets of Long Ago... and Other Medical Matters"** by Moira Neal in *The New Zealand Genealogist* November/December 1994, Vol. 25, No. 230, pp. 393-97. Researched from Scottish records, the author gives an interesting insight into the medical world from the 12th to the 20th century, as man learns to cope against

diseases such as the plague, smallpox, cholera, consumption and whooping cough. The article finishes with a tribute to Alexander Fleming, the Scotsman who discovered penicillin.

**"An Australian Saint - Mary MacKillop (1842-1909)"** by Sister Philomena McGuigan R.S.J. in *Descent* (Society of Australian Genealogists), December 1994, Vol. 24, No. 4, pp.158-160. Sister McGuigan, from the Mary MacKillop Centre at Mount Eliza in Victoria, writes of the life of Australia's first Saint, Mary MacKillop. From her birth entry in the *Port Phillip Patriot* newspaper on the 17 January 1842, through her childhood living with her parents in Victoria, one of a family of eight children. Mary worked on her aunt's property at Penola in SA, met Father Julian Tenison Woods and together they established an institute for childrens' education in 1866, and later, the Sisters of St Joseph of the Sacred Heart, who founded orphanages and schools.

## COMING EVENTS

- 13 June 1995 THRA meeting: "Island of Contentment - Preservation Island" by Mr Tim Jetson at the Royal Society Rooms, Tasmanian Museum and Art Gallery, Macquarie Street, Hobart at 8.00 p.m.
- 16-17 June 1995 Genealogical Society of Tasmania Inc. Annual General Meeting weekend hosted by the Hobart Branch.
- 25 June 1995 Launceston Historical Society meeting: "History of Jacksons and locksmithing in Australia" by Mr Scott at the Queen Victoria Museum and Art Gallery Theatre at 2.30 p.m. For further details contact the Secretary, telephone (003) 30 1328.
- 10-13 July 1995 The 8th Irish-Australian Conference, hosted by the University of Tasmania History Department, is to be held at the St John Fisher College, University of Tasmania. For further information contact the Secretary, Lyn Rainbird, Department of History, University of Tasmania, GPO Box 252C, Hobart, Tasmania 7001.
- 11 July 1995 THRA meeting: "Migrants in the 1920s" by Mrs Maree Ellison and Mrs Yvonne Young at the Royal Society Rooms, Tasmanian Museum and Art Gallery, Macquarie Street, Hobart at 8.00 p.m.
- 8 August 1995 THRA meeting: "The Van Diemen's Land Commissariat" by Dr George Parsons at the Royal Society Rooms, Tasmanian Museum and Art Gallery, Macquarie Street, Hobart at 8.00 p.m.
- 8-10 Sep 1995 "Words at Work" - the 1995 Biennial National Conference of the Oral History Association of Australia (OHAA), hosted by the Tasmanian Branch of the OHAA, is to be held at the Albert Hall, Launceston Tasmania. For further information contact Jill Cassidy at the Queen Victoria Museum and Art Gallery.

Wellington Street, Launceston, Tasmania 7250 or telephone (003) 37 1391.

- 12 September 1995. THRA meeting: "Tullah - Mining and Community in a Small Town 1898-1914" by Mr Glyn Robert at the Royal Society Rooms, Tasmanian Museum and Art Gallery, Macquarie Street, Hobart at 8.00 p.m.
- 15-17 Sept 1995 "Place of Banishment" - NSW Association of Family History Societies State Conference, hosted by the Hastings Valley Family History Group, Inc., Port Macquarie, is to held at the West Port Bowling Club, Buller Street, Port Macquarie, NSW. For further information contact the Secretary, Hastings Valley Family History Group Inc., PO Box 1359, Port Macquarie, NSW 2444.
- 10 October 1995 THRA meeting: "Charles Underwood and his Snakebite Antidote" by Mrs Maree Ring at the Royal Society Rooms, Tasmanian Museum and Art Gallery, Macquarie Street, Hobart at 8.00 p.m.
- 21 October 1995 "Art Craft and Everyday Style" - the third Tasmanian Biennial Seminar, hosted by the Bellerive Historical Society.
- 14 November 1995 THRA meeting: "The History of Launceston Grammar" by Dr Alison Alexander at the Royal Society Rooms, Tasmanian Museum and Art Gallery, Macquarie Street, Hobart at 8.00 p.m.
- 6-9 February 1997 "Landfall in Southern Seas" - the Eighth Australasian Congress on Genealogy and Heraldry, hosted by the New Zealand Society of Genealogists Branches in the Canterbury Area under the auspices of AFFHO, is to held at Christchurch, New Zealand.

## GLEANINGS

### Newspapers on microfilm

The following newspapers have been microfilmed and are now available in the State Reference Library:

1. *Kingborough News*: edition of the *Huon News* from 14 April 1967 to 18 June 1981
2. The *Huon News* which continued as *The Huon and Derwent Times*, absorbed by *Huon Valley Sporting Gazette* and continued by *Huon Valley News*: from 17 July 1964 to December 1994.
3. *The North Eastern Advertiser* from 17 December 1909 to 22 December 1994.

Robert Wise from the State Reference Library, telephone (002) 33 7499 is seeking early copies of *Togatus* (prior to Vol. 7, October 1937) for microfilming.

## Photographs Available for Genuine Descendants

Mrs Kathy Duncombe has in her possession photographs of the below which are of no use to her. In return, if you have any photographs of Duncombes (Gould's Country), Beckers (Fingal/Mathinna) Oxbrows or Slaters (Deloraine) she would be very interested in obtaining copies. Write to Mrs Kathy Duncombe, Missionary Road, Barnes Bay, Bruny Island 7150 or telephone (002) 60 6287.

### Goulds Country

Tom Cooper	Edie and Dot Goynes
Willis, Ernest, Mr. and Mrs. Hal!	Nicholas Turner and wife (baby?)
William Young and female	
Mrs. and John/Jack, Alec, Murdoch, Elsie, Ellie and May Johnston	

Photocopies available of:

Dedication day of St. Gabriel's, 1912	Goulds Country School children 1912+/-
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### Fingal

William Baker's twins and grandparents	Barbara Baxter
Flo Berresford	Jack Clark
Mollie Cunningham and husband	Nancy Flemming (now Clarke)
Beverly Freeman/Keenan?	Mrs. Graham
Athol Harris	Jan and Bain Jordan
Fergy Legro and bike (1924)	Alf Mills
Lucy Oliver	Kevin Peters
George Smith	Vera Standage (1925)
Leo Strochnetter	Jean Sulman?
Daisy French and Arthur and Suzanne Strochnetter	

Photocopies available of

Fingal State School

### St Helens

Allen Brooks and sister

### Deloraine

Rev. and Jim, Mary and Rob Blyth (1923-4)    Lionel Omerod (Burnie)?

## Sudden Death

While doing some work from *The Canterbury Times* newspaper at the Canterbury Museum, Mrs. D. Turner, a member of the New Zealand Society of Genealogists, came across the following:

*On Saturday morning a lad named Alexander BROWN, a native of Hobart town, and an apprentice on board the barque Southern Cross, was found dead in his bed. He had been ailing for some little time, and the medical evidence at the inquest went to show that death had resulted from congestion of the lungs. A verdict of "Died from natural causes" was returned. Canterbury Times, August 10 1878*

She writes that "It may be of interest to one of your members who may have "lost" one of their BROWN family. As a genealogist I know the feeling of "losing" family connections. Hope this may help someone."

### **Australian Branch of Morgan Society**

The inaugural meeting of the Australian Branch of the Morgan Society was held in Brisbane in February 1995. The Society has been formed to advance the study of genealogy and family history of all persons with the surname "Morgan" or its variants and for all family members interested who live in Australia. Details of the Society may be obtained from the Secretary, Mrs Jacqui Morgan, PO Box 34, Underwood, Queensland 4119 or the Chairman, Mr Ralph Morgan, PO Box 6348, South Tweed Heads, NSW 2486.

### **War Memorials Data Base Project**

Mr. Bill Holmes, AFSM, OAM, JP, State President of the RSL has announced that Mr Fred Thornett, JP, has been appointed to prepare a data base on all the names on War Memorials and Honour Boards in Tasmania. He will also photograph all of these memorials in case any more are destroyed by fire, demolition or vandalism. Mr Thornett will be assisted by a grant from the Tasmanian Committee of Australia Remembers: 1945-1995.

There are many hundreds of War Memorials and Honour Boards across Tasmania which commemorate the tens of thousands of Tasmanians who have served Australia in war time. Unfortunately there is no list of these memorials and there is no central record of the many people who have been memorialised. At present people who wish to know where their relatives have been memorialised find it almost impossible to locate all of the places where their names are inscribed.

Mr Thornett has said that if the information on all of the War Memorials and Honour Boards in Tasmania is to be successfully gathered, he will need the help and co-operation of the whole community. He needs to be advised on the location of the many War Memorials in out of the way places and the assistance of the many organisations which control buildings in which Australian Servicemen and Women are commemorated on Honour Boards. These include the memorials to only one person such as that in the entrance of Olgilvie High School which commemorates the service of one former student who lost his life as an airman in the second world. There are hundreds of Honour Boards in the board rooms of many Tasmanian firms and sporting clubs, in municipal halls and other public buildings such as the ornately carved marble memorial as above the counter of Hobart GPO.

The Genealogical Society of Tasmania has already provided Mr Thornett with a list of all names which appear on War Memorials and Honour Boards that were included on the TAMIOT microfiche. If any members have information on the location of other memorials which may be located in out of the way places, Mr Thornett can be contacted on (002) 34 1458 or c/- Returned & Services League, Anzac House, Hobart, Tasmania.

## BOOK REVIEWS

*Pocket Guide to Griffith's Valuation And Other Irish Resources*, compiled by Christina Smith, National Library of Australia Cataloguing-in-Publication, A4, soft cover, 28pp., available from Christina Smith, PO Box 921, Slacks Creek, Queensland, 4127, \$7.00 plus \$0.85 p&p.

Another welcome publication to assist with Irish research. Most of our members are aware of Griffith's Valuation - this is a step-by-step guide in how to use it. As well as the town and county an ancestor came from, it is often necessary to know something of the subdivisions of Ireland, and basic information on this is included.

Other, possibly not so well known, records which might be consulted are mentioned, not in great detail but the intention is merely to suggest avenues of research.

Griffith's Valuation between 1848 and 1864 listed all of the land occupiers in Ireland and included several earlier surveys, the purpose being to list and assess all but the smallest properties throughout the country for taxation purposes.

Part 1 of the Index may be used in two ways, first if you know the town or parish and secondly, if you know only the county. Part 11 deals step-by-step with using the Valuation.

After mentioning other types of records, there are three pages of information concerning wills, ending with a list of provinces and counties.

*Pocket Guide to Civil Registrations*. Christine Smith, National Library of Australia Cataloguing-in-Publication, A4, soft cover, 50pp., available from Christina Smith, PO Box 921, Slacks Creek, Queensland, 4127, \$9.00 plus \$0.85 p&p.

One of the most practical and useful guides I have seen, dealing with obtaining certificates from Register Offices, this will be consulted by all with Australasian and/or British or Irish Ancestry. Containing essential information on registration of births, marriages and deaths commencing with all Australian states, followed by England and Wales, Scotland, Ireland, New Zealand and Papua and New Guinea, in each case clearly showing what the records are and what details are given on certificates supplied by each authority.

No longer need we wonder what information we shall receive and whether or not the expenditure on a certificate is warranted - it's all here, including, where appropriate, indexes which pre-date civil registration.

Addresses of all register offices are given (but not local district register offices) including addresses for adoption certificates. In some cases referral is made to agents who will obtain certificates for a fee.

For obvious reasons fees are not quoted, but this information is always available from our branch libraries.

The following six publications are all available from the Federation of Family History Societies, The Benson Room, Birmingham & Midland Institute, Margaret Street, Birmingham B3 3B.

***An Introduction To Irish Research***, 2nd Ed., Bill Davis, A4, soft cover, 100pp., £4.60 plus £0.85 (surface mail) or £1.90 (airmail) p&p.

With Irish research all available help is needed and the first edition of this work provided a basic guide on the subject. This edition, following new developments in the field, goes into greater detail, with additional appendices and particular attention is paid to the availability of records outside Ireland.

Beginning with the basics, the theme of avenues for overseas researchers to pursue is expounded upon in chapters which are easy to follow. Practical matters are dealt with, e.g., which stamps to enclose on a return envelope, how to obtain them and the questionable use of IRCs.

The book is illustrated with many examples of various existing records and the appendices contain lists of often required addresses in Ireland and other countries, Heritage and Research Centres in Ireland, and records and their sources.

A handbook for the shelf of anyone not fully conversant with Irish research.

***Company And Business Records For Family Historians***, Eric D. Probert, A4, soft cover, 80pp., £4.10 plus £0.85 (surface mail) or £1.90 (airmail) p&p.

Although the incidence of survival of business records is not very high before the 1930s, information obtained from censuses, birth, marriage and death certificates, baptismal entries etc. might suggest that an ancestor was connected with a business of some kind. This book puts forward ways and means of tracing an aspect of that ancestor's life which might not otherwise have come to light.

Obviously, the researcher would probably start with directories, an invaluable source, many of which are now being published on fiche and are being purchased by our branch libraries. Many sources mentioned should be available through inter-library loan or by obtaining copies of newspaper or magazine articles, etc., via local library facilities.

Although most of the repositories referred to are in the UK, full reference numbers are quoted, saving time and money should it be necessary to employ a professional researcher. A direct approach to some of the repositories might be considered.

Many solicitors have now been glad to deposit old files and documents with record offices, etc., and this too is dealt with. If records exist, small businesses are just as easy to trace as large companies.

***Militia Lists & Musters, 1757-1876***, Jeremy Gibson and Mervyn Medlycott, 3rd Ed., A4, soft cover, 48pp., £2.50 plus £0.70 (surface mail) or £1.30 (airmail) p&p.

The publishing of a third edition within five years of this particular Gibson guide illustrated how more and more militia archival material is being brought to light. There are considerable additions for some counties, with most counties containing something

more than the previous edition. Without the diligence of the compilers and their acknowledged co-operators, this is one aspect of research which doubtless might otherwise be overlooked by many genealogists.

In the usual form, county by county, details of extant documents relating to local and other militia may be found, together with their present whereabouts and, in many cases, a brief summary of what details one might expect to find. Public Record Office and/or other appropriate reference numbers are given which could save time and money where a UK agent is instructed to make an inspection on behalf of an overseas researcher.

***An Introduction To Church Registers.*** Lilian Gibbens, A4, soft cover, 43pp., £2.50 plus £0.70 (surface mail) or £1.30 (airmail) p&p.

A good guide for beginners, commencing with a chapter in what registers originally were, their history and purpose until 1538 when registers as we know them today came into being. Bishops' Transcripts, registers during the Civil War, burials in woollen, irregular and clandestine marriages, civil registration and the Rose Act of 1812 and many other aspects are explained in plain language in the first half of the book.

The second half deals with locating church records, including those of non-conformists and Roman Catholics, non parochial registers, both non-conformists and Anglican and finding "lost marriages".

Also explained are the International Genealogical Index (IGI), marriage licences, at what stage in research church registers will be used and the concluding references and notes section refers to many books invaluable to the researcher.

***Victuallers' Licences: Records For Family And Local Historians,*** Jeremy Gibson and Judith Hunter, A4., soft cover, 56pp., £2.50 plus £0.70 (surface mail) or £1.30 (airmail) p&p.

This publication must come under the heading of "What will they think of next?". There have been (and are) many types of inns and licensed premises and to find out as much as possible about a licensee ancestor's business life might not be easy without some knowledge of the trade and necessary procedures.

Here, beginning with an introduction to the records, a very brief summary of licensing laws from 1552 to 1828 is given. Under the headings of Quarter Sessions Records, Petty Sessions Records and a number of others there are explanations of various aspects of this most complicated subject and suggestions as to the type of records which might be sought.

Several pages of information and notes are followed by the usual county-by-county format enabling the reader to see at a glance where to look for records for an ancestor's area - as usual, where appropriate, reference numbers are given.

***Census Returns, 1841-1891, A Directory to Local Holdings in Great Britain, Channel Is., Isle of Man,*** Jeremy Gibson and Elizabeth Hampson, 6th Edition, A4, soft cover, 56pp., £2.50 plus £1.00 (surface mail) or £1.90 (airmail) p&p.

The first update since the release of the 1891 census, mention is made that census films/fiche are now available in many more Scottish repositories and that a separate Guide to these is now going into a second edition.

The preface contains information about other publications (dealing with censuses in general) which have appeared since the last edition of this guide, most of which might be beneficially consulted in conjunction with this one.

Some local libraries have indexed their own census holdings, e.g. Sandwell, Staffs., and I note that where appropriate this is indicated. Sometimes library staff will answer a written query if they have an index to refer to. Other repositories have a street index, also indicated in this guide.

Clearly set out, county by county, in the usual Gibson format, it appears that virtually complete local coverage of all census years throughout Great Britain has been attained.

Jo Keen.

*Tracing your family history in Australia: a guide to sources*, Nick Vine Hall, 2nd ed., Albert Park, Victoria, 1994, 657pp., available from the author, 386 Ferrars Street, Albert Park, Victoria 3206.

This is a comprehensive guide to sources accessible by personal consultation and correspondence for tracing family histories and genealogies of Australian residents, past and contemporary. Presented in such a way that it can be used by researchers all over the world, it is intended as an outline of historical evidence from which this information can be obtained.

It is arranged by state and territory, including island territories. The introductory chapter includes a brief account of the discovery of Australia by Europeans, and its geography, settlement and development.

Chapter 2 describes for beginners the basic procedures in Australian research, with examples of some major sources of records. There is a subject index and five appendixes which include a list of published Australian family histories, a list of abbreviations and acronyms used in genealogy, a bibliography and a key to the Record Location Codes used in the text. There is also an index to names and subjects appearing in Philip Geeves' previously unindexed publication, *The dawn of Australia's radio broadcasting*, this includes names of many people in occupations associated with the early days of Australian radio broadcasting. It is a very useful index but is it either appropriate or necessary to include it here? And is all that advertising material that has been included in the volume really necessary?

Like the first edition of the same title, this is a "must" for the well-stocked genealogical library, since it is a reference book which covers many topics and has much value for the genealogist.

It would have been more favourably received by many readers if the typeface were more comfortable to read, with italics instead of so much heavy underlining.

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## **BELL/WILSON/CASCADE BREWERY**

Laura BELL, born 1838, was favoured by aunt and uncle Wilson, of the Cascade Brewery, who were childless. Pre-1866 they took Laura to England for a holiday. On their return voyage on of the Wilson's died and Laura was left £100 from the Cascade Brewery for life. She died in Melbourne in 1923. I have searched Wills and written to Cascade Brewery to no avail. Can anyone help? Any information to Mrs. R. Hayes (2034), PO Box 106, Rosanna, Victoria 3084.

## **BRADLEY**

Searching for relatives of Emid BRADLEY, granddaughter of Charles BRADLEY and Helen (nee FLEMING), living at Dundee Scotland, UK at the time of the 1841 census. They migrated to Hobart some years later. Miss BRADLEY visited FLEMING relatives in Halifax, UK, circa 1947. Any information on the BRADLEY family would be appreciated by Stephanie Dean (1967), 17 High Street, Evandale, Tasmania 7212.

## **CLEARY/DWYER/TUSTIN/THALLAN**

Lou Daniels is working on a book including the families of convicts Thomas CLEARY (1819-1900, of Bream Creek), Patrick DWYER (1819-1892, of Rhyndaston) and Thomas TUSTIN (1810-1868, of Forecett) and would appreciate information about them or their descendants, especially photographs and contemporary material about those three rural communities. In particular any details about Frances Ann Dwyer (nee TUSTIN) of Rhyndaston, Elvina Truan WATSON (nee CLEARY), Amelia Ann CLEARY (nee DWYER) and James THALLAN (died 1885, Forecett) would be appreciated. Write to PO Box 336, Kippax, ACT 2615.

## **GILLESPIE/ADAMS/LINTON**

Charles GILLESPIE married Agnes ADAMS in Girvan, Scotland in 1843. They came to Tasmania on the *Commodore Perry* in 1855. Walsh LINTON and his sister, Mary Jane LINTON, came from Ireland on the *Royal Sovereign* in 1843. Any information appreciated by E.F. Cox (3232), 141 Penquite Road, Launceston Tasmania 7250.

## **HILL**

Peter HILL married Julia MULLINS on 23rd November 1848 at Perth, Tasmania. Issue: Peter (born circa 1838, Tas) married Agnes McGORAN 1858; Emily (1839, Tas) married William Thomas PRESNELL 1856; Female (1842-1842 Tas); John (circa 1844 Tas) married

1) Martha PRESNELL 1863 and 2) Catherine DUFFY 1868. John died in 1914 at Launceston. Issue: 10 males and 2 females, mainly born at Longford, Tas. Contact is sought with descendants. Information to share. Mrs. N.J. Cunningham (1872), 28 Strettham Avenue, Picnic Point, NSW 2213, telephone (02) 774 3459.

## **KELLY**

John Kelly, convict on Rodney, arrived 1851 from Kilkenny, Ireland, married Caroline Jane WALLINGTON, Hobart 1858. They had eight children. Son John married Josephine Ethel May FARMER - six children. Son James George KELLY married Myra Muriel WEST, daughter of William WEST and Ellen Amelia, nee WEBB. Any information would be appreciated by Jan Woodhouse, Hylands Road, Bagdad, Tasmania 7030.

## **McCREGHAN/SULLIVAN**

James McCREGHAN could have been born in Westbury. He married Mary O'DONNELL on 8 June 1880 and they had twelve children: Arthur (born 12 October 1880); Patric (11 November 1881, died 1917); Bridget (18 August 1883); John (Jack) (18 September 1885, died 1955) married (1) Annie MEAD (2) Grace; Thomas (SULLIVAN?) (7 November 1887, died 1950); James (SULLIVAN) (1 September 1890, died 1917); Martin (SULLIVAN) (3 July 1892, died 1949) married Nora TURNER; Julia (28 June 1895, died 17 August 1927) married John SCOTT; male (26 March 1898); Michael (24 February 1899, died 1964) Cornelius (13 October 1900, died 1981) and Edward (25 March 1902). Some could have lived in the Barrington/Sheffield/Melrose area. John (Jack) and Laura owned a Billiard Parlour in Sheffield. Any information on these families would be greatly appreciated by Mrs Sue McCreghan (2386), 39 McCulloch Street, Ulverstone, Tasmania 7315.

## **McGEE(MAGEE/McGHEE)/SCOTT/HEGARTY**

Walter McGEE born circa 1825, County Mayo, Ireland arrived in Tasmania per *Blenheim* in 1847 with brother Martin. Walter (Wattie) married first Elizabeth (Betty) SCOTT born circa 1820 in County Donegal, Ireland, arrived per *Lord Auckland* in 1849. They married at Campbell Town, Tasmania in 1851. Known issue: Thomas SCOTT (1850, Ross, Tas) did he later become Thomas McGEE?; William Walter (1851 Campbell Town) died at Port Frederick in 1898 as Walter; Patrick (1856); John (1858) and Mary Jane (1859) all at Westbury. Elizabeth SCOTT died at Westbury in 1860 and baby Bridget in 1861. Walter then married Mary HEGARTY at Westbury in 1861. Children : John; Martin; Mary; Bridget; Michael F.; Catherine (Kate); James P. and Thomas born between 1862 and 1880 at Westbury. Walter died in 1898 and was buried at Westbury. Brother Martin, unmarried, died at Launceston in 1900 and was buried at Westbury. Did some children of the first marriage leave and go to either Ireland or America. Any information gratefully received and exchanged by Joan Antarakis, 9 Cramer Crescent, Chatswood West, NSW 2067, telephone (02) 419 6904.

## **McPHAIL/HARRIS/WEYMOUTH**

Flora Weymouth McPHAIL was born in Launceston in 1875 to Alexander McPHAIL and Rosa Maria HARRIS. They also had several other children. Rosa Maria died in April 1880 and soon after Alexander married Susan HARRIS (Rosa Maria's sister?) and had two more children. Rosa Maria seems to have been the daughter of Robert HARRIS (died 1858) and Clara WEYMOUTH (died 1893) but there is no record in the Tasmanian indexes of her birth. Alexander McPHAIL appears in *Walch's Almanac* during the 1880s, advertising as McPhail

and Weymouth, wholesale grocers in Launceston, but there is no record of his birth or death in Tasmania. Any information about Alexander McPHAIL or Rosa Maria HARRIS would be much appreciated by a grandson of Flora McPHAIL: Bruce Laffer, 136 Nelson Road, Mount Nelson, Tasmania 7007, telephone (002) 25 4289.

## MOORE

Jean Munro (1898) is trying to trace her ancestor William MOORE. Of the twenty who arrived as convicts, one is of particular interest. He arrived in 1843 on the *Fingarshive* and was a native of Nenagh, County Tipperary, Ireland. Can anyone please help me disprove (or prove) this theory. Contact Jean at 1862 Malvern Road, East Malvern, Victoria 3145.

## PEASE

Norfolk, England and Tasmania. Came to Tasmania last century. Any information greatly appreciated by Mrs. L.M. Cox (3233), 141 Penquite Road, Launceston, Tasmania 7250.

## PERSIAN

Mrs. E.J. Chandler (2339) is seeking information re voyage of the *Persian*, arrived Hobart 1857. Amongst those on board were the MCKINNON and McDUGAL families from the Isle of Coll. Some members of these families died on the voyage and some were admitted to hospital on arrival. Which hospital? Both these families had moved to Port Phillip by the 1860s. Write to "Wirreanda", RMB 1018, Picola, Victoria 3639.

## RICKETTS/DAVIS/NOONE/WILSON

William RICKETTS, brass founder, married on 1 October 1849, aged 31 to Elizabeth (or Mary Anne) DAVIS, servant at St Joseph's Church (town illegible). Matilda Ann RICKETTS was born on 18 August 1850, at Launceston, parents William and Mary Anne. She married Thomas Joseph NOONE from Galway in 1871 and moved to Victoria. Thomas NOONE died in 1875 leaving Matilda and two children, Sydney Matilda and Thomas Michael. Matilda married again in 1884 to Thomas James WILSON, John Edmonds (3454) would appreciate information about William RICKETTS, Mary Anne DAVIS or Thomas NOONE. Write to 515 Willowite Road, Moriac, Victoria 3240.

## SMITH/DICK

Desperately seeking Joseph's family! Joseph SMITH, born circa 1858, married Margaret DICK in 1880 at Sassafras. He had a brother "Paddy" (William Patrick) who married a DOUSE (Annie), also a brother John who never married and three sisters, names unknown. Their parents were supposed to be convicts. Their mother stole a cow at Deloraine and Joseph and John (and perhaps more of the children) were sent to the Queen's Orphanage. Joseph was a miller at Egmont, Westbury, then a farmer at Riana. Any information would be greatly appreciated by Virginia Ling (3595), 364 Relbia Road, Launceston, Tasmania 7258.

## SMITH/RIGNEY

Thomas Robert SMITH born ? (1861-62 Scotland from Death certificate) married Bridget RIGNEY on 8th April 1885 at Launceston. Witnesses were John RIGNEY and Eleanor SMITH. Thomas died on 16th February 1925 and Bridget died on 16th September 1935, both at Launceston. Any information on these families would be greatly appreciated by Mrs. Pat Logan, 6 Park Crescent, South Geelong, Victoria 3220.

## **TAYLOR/HALLIDAY/HOLLIDAY**

Edward TAYLOR (born circa 1816 Poplar/St. George's East, London, died 1885, Launceston) was transported to Van Diemen's land in 1836 for stealing a handkerchief. He was married at the Manse of Lorn, Whirl Pool Reach, West Tamar in 1843 to Mary HOLLIDAY (born 1831, East Tamar to William HOLLIDAY/HALLIDAY and Martha PRIESTLY, died 1911, Melbourne). They had fourteen children: Mary (1844, Greenhythe - 1854); Edward (1846-1922) married Margaret KEMP, 1871; John Charles (1848-1903) married Elizabeth SIMMONDS, 1873; Susannah Martha (1850, Lawriston - 1877) married John McBETH, 1873; William Joseph (1852-1853); William Joseph (1854-1929, Vic) married Ellen Jane KSTLE (sic), 1884; James Benjamin (1856-1889) married Martha Matilda ALEXANDER, 1885; Henry Abraham (1859-1891) married Isabella RICHARDSON, 1877; Mary Jane (1861-1923, Vic) married John Thompson BOYD, 1882, Launceston; Alfred Edward (1863-1931) married Gertrude Sarah EAST, 1888; Louisa Grace (1865-1937, Vic) married Thomas Wemyss JUST, 1883; Herbert Holliday/Halliday (1868-1935) married Elizabeth CAIN, 1888; Frederick Ernest Albert (1870-1896) and Percy Gordon (1873-1934) married Grace BLOOMFIELD, 1899. Julie Stevens (3071), 33 Davidson street, Traralgon, Victoria 3844 would be pleased to hear from any descendants.

## **THORNELOE/TURNBULL/MANSFIELD/BRIGGS**

Joseph THORNELOE, born 1807, was the toll keeper at Bridgewater ferry. He died on 14th June 1851 at New Norfolk. His wife, Hannah Hickson BRIGGS, born 1815, also died at New Norfolk on 19th February 1855. Joseph and Hannah had a son, Joseph THORNELOE, born on 15th December 1843 at Bridgewater Ferry. He married Anna/Hannah MANSFIELD in Melbourne in 1867. Mansfield was born in Hobart, Tasmania around 1838-1844. I have heard of an article that was written on the THORNELOEs but cannot find it. Any information on any of the above would be greatly appreciated by Bene Cochran (3608), PO Box 1560, Townsville, Queensland 4810.

## **YOUNG/NELIS**

Robert YOUNG married Rebecca NELIS in Bolton, Lancashire circa 1837. He was posted to Tasmania in 1840 with the 96th Manchester Regiment. Robert died at Evandale in 1853. His wife Rebecca married James KENNEDY a few years later. Rebecca NELIS was a Palatine. Contact Joy Hannon (2110), 13 Peters Street, Dubbo, NSW 2830, telephone (068) 82 3672.

## NEW MEMBERS' INTERESTS

- 3803 Mrs Christine R Sharpe, RSd Lisle Road, Patersonia, Tas 7259  
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# LETTER TO THE EDITOR

## *Missing Births/Baptisms*

*Dear Anne,*

*I read with much interest the excellent article "Searching for Tasmanian Pioneers on CD ROM" by Margaret Frewin.*

*In this article she suggests that those with missing ancestors search the NSW Pioneer series (1788-1888) as she discovered quite a few early records for Tasmanian parishes.*

*In fact I found baptisms from 1799 (which would have been an adult baptism) to 1883 and suggest that the majority of them are from the records of the Methodist Church for Glenorchy Hobart Macquarie Harbour/ Port Arthur and are to be found within the records of the Methodist Church held by the Archives Office of Tasmania.*

*If this is the case then these records certainly would not appear on the Tasmanian Pioneer Index.*

*For those baptisms prior to 1840, a check of Alexander Buchanan's "Index to Tasmanian Births/Baptisms 1803-1840" would be worthwhile to see if he has listed the baptism and its source before expending the \$15 necessary to purchase a copy from the Registrar of Births, Sydney. For those away from the Hobart area, and although a slower alternative, it would still be less expensive to obtain a copy from [the] Archives Office of Tasmania.*

*Hopefully Alexander Buchanan can identify those records within the New South Wales Pioneers Series Index that are not to be found elsewhere and add them to his ever growing Addendum!*

*Marce Ring*

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