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EDITORIAL

This edition of *Tasmanian Ancestry* is loaded with great items and there must be something to catch the interest of almost everyone. To me the most important offering this time is the listing of projects being undertaken by GST members. Some projects are still in the planning stage, others well advanced and some are completed. Then there is the big group that look as though they will never be finished. The indexes that are the end product will be of immense value to local and overseas family researchers, even for people interested in commercial activities in Tasmania.

Not quite all the state is being researched and it would be a valuable exercise to enquire about what is happening over on the West Coast areas with the mining towns and then what about the Hydro communities. Some of these are being put to new uses with new people. While the emphasis is heavy on birth, deaths and marriages, it is good to see other resources like shipping, immigrants and schools being investigated. I wish I had more time to take part in this important work. Having to earn a living can really cramp the style when it comes to family history.

The Annual General Meeting was a great success from what we have reproduced in this issue; the paper on new and different resources to help add flesh to our family histories. Lastly, congratulations to Claudia M. Dean for award winning manuscript William Lindsay.

Jenny Gill
Associate Editor

Cover Design

Helen Harris, Jill Roberston and Martyn Killion speakers at the conference weekend at Hobart in June.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

My congratulations go to Bryce Ward, Hobart Branch President, and his Committee for a very well organised and successful Annual Meeting Weekend. All speakers were of the highest quality and gave excellent addresses, a fact borne out by the applause given to each and the conversation between members at every break in proceedings.

At the Annual General Meeting I was delighted to be presiding when the nomination of Lillian Watson as the Society's first Fellow was approved by the members present. I cannot think of a more deserving recipient of the Society's highest honour.

Following the meeting I have been asked by several members about the procedure for nominating someone as a "Fellow of the Society", or for a "Certificate of Meritorious Service". The full details of both these awards are contained in the Society's By-Laws, a copy of which should be available at each Branch Library. In brief, any financial member can nominate someone for one of these awards although the nominee for a Fellowship must be a financial member themselves. A seconder for the nomination is needed as is a written submission supporting the nomination which gives details of the nominee's service to the Society.

Up to six "Certificates" and three "Fellowships" may be granted in any year but there is a limit to the number of Fellows the Society can have at any time.

Various questions are directed to the Journal Editor, Branch Officers and Branch Library Staff Volunteers by members and others seeking help on Society matters. I will endeavour to answer here some of the more frequently occurring questions:

(1) No Journal received! Who do I tell? Your first contact should be the Journal Co-ordinator, Mrs. Bev Perkins, telephone (003) 39 1270 [If you were late paying your subscription see (4)].

(2) Changed your address! Advise Mrs Lyn Hookway, Membership Secretary, telephone (004) 33 0767 and also your Branch Secretary.

(3) Membership number! Where does this come from? On joining the Society your membership card will not immediately show your membership number as this is allocated by the Membership Secretary when your application reaches her. Your number will appear on the address label of your first and all subsequent Journals. Branch Treasurers receive a list of all members several times each year and once allocated your number will appear on these lists.

(4) What happens if I am late renewing my membership? The first problem is that you are ineligible to vote at any Branch/Society meeting until you become financial again. Secondly you will not receive any Journals until your renewal form has been processed through the membership secretary. This may involve a delay of up to two months and result in your receiving several Journals at nearly the same time. Without a current membership card you will be charged visitor fees at each Branch Library you visit.

David Harris, President

PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL REPORT

17th June 1995

This year of 1994/95 will not go down in the history of the Society as uneventful although one might be forgiven for wishing it was the case.

From an inauspicious start when only the last minute acceptance of nomination by Colleen Read saved us from the embarrassment of being outside our own rules, through the high points of Society stalwarts once again shouldering the responsibilities of office and the good representation of the Society at the Brisbane Congress, to the low points of the sad loss of our first Secretary Frances Travers and the transfer interstate of Grahame and Rosslyn Thom.

The problem of finding members willing to take office was not confined to the State Executive but I would reiterate my already expressed opinion that it is only when we accept a challenge that we discover our own potential and hidden talents.

During the year matters arose which severely threatened the unity and harmony of our Society and I am grateful for the spirit of conciliation which was so evident at the May Executive meeting and which I believe has gone a long way to reducing tensions and restoring the status quo.

Sadly the grant of Vice-Regal Patronage to our Society will expire on the 19th October this year at the end of Sir Phillip Bennett's term of office.

It is good to see from Branch reports that all Branches are continuing to move forward, some of the highlights being the phenomenal fund raising effort by Burnie Branch members to replace their obsolete reader/printer, the success of Devonport Branch's first venture into publication and the continuance of *The Mercury Indexes* by Hobart Branch. Huon Branch has entered the computer world and with further volumes of *The Examiner Index* as well as a very successful AGM weekend to the credit of Launceston Branch, there has been obvious progress during the year.

I had the opportunity as your delegate, together with Grahame Thom and Isobel Harris as observers, to attend the Annual General Meeting and the Extraordinary General Meeting of AFFHO during the Congress in Brisbane. Some of the issues raised at the AGM were very strongly debated and it was good to hear the views of other Societies on these issues. It was confirmed at the AGM that the next Congress will be in Christchurch, New Zealand during February 1997 and that the Year 2000 Congress will be in Western Australia. A tentative suggestion that the GST Inc. should become the next host Society for AFFHO was quietly declined.

Launceston Branch have once again undertaken, via Jenny Gill, to run the 1996 Family History Award for a Commercially Produced Book. This will follow on from their successful efforts with the 1995 award for a Manuscript which was won by *William Lindsay* by Claudia M. Dean. Launceston has made it quite clear that this will be the last year it will run the award. Jenny has further refined the administration of the

awards to the point where it should not be difficult for another Branch to take up the reins. Thank you Jenny!

Another retiree is our State Library Co-ordinator Morris Lansdell who has indicated that he is unable to continue in the position beyond the Annual General Meeting. Our sincere thanks Morris for the work you have done for the Society over a considerable number of years.

The Launceston Journal team collectively has continued to do a sterling job of producing and despatching the Journal every quarter, a task which does not get easier with practice. A bonus in the latest issue is index to articles which have appeared in *Tasmanian Ancestry* over the last four years.

Hard work and long hours have been the order of the day for TAMIOT Co-ordinator Betty Calverley and this should also be the case within the Branches in the run-up to the publication date of June 1996 for the expanded and updated TAMIOT records.

In the Research area, John Dare has this year updated his previous work and has produced for each Branch a bound volume containing all the surnames researched over a three year period.

Another ongoing task within the Society is the computerising of Members Interests each year and our thanks go to Allen Wilson for his continuing efforts in this field.

Sadly Irene Schaffer is stepping down from the State Executive this year due at least in part to the growing work load of heading up the Van Diemens Land and Norfolk Island Interest Group. We will miss you on the Executive Irene but realise there is a limit to how much one person can do.

Due to circumstances which could not have been foreseen at this time last year, the production of Volumes 4 & 5 of VDL Heritage has been stalled for much of the year and we can only wish that better circumstances prevail for Neil Chick in the coming year.

I feel sure that Denise will have prepared a comprehensive report on our financial status and will leave that area to her.

My grateful thanks go to Colleen Read for "Bridging the Gap" this year and to Denise McNeice, Dawn Collins and Mike Smith who not only took up the load this year but have agreed to serve again in the year ahead.

Perhaps the problems experienced during the year were a reminder to us all not to become complacent and will serve to spur us forward from this our fifteenth year to beyond 2000.

David Harris, President

GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY OF TASMANIA INC.

INDEPENDENT AUDIT REPORT

To the members of the Genealogical Society of Tasmania,

Scope

I have audited the Statement of Income and Expenditure for the year ended 31 March 1995 and the Balance Sheet as at 31 March 1995 for State Executive of the Genealogical Society of Tasmania. I have also audited the consolidated Statement of Income and Expenditure for the year ended 31 March 1995 and the consolidated Balance Sheet as at 31 March 1995. With the exception of the Hobart Branch I have not audited the financial reports of individual branches which form the basis of the consolidated statements. The individual branches have been separately and independently audited. The committee of the State Executive of the Genealogical Society of Tasmania are responsible for the preparation and presentation of the financial report and the information contained therein. I have conducted an independent audit of the financial report in order to express an opinion on it to the members.

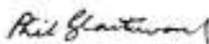
My audit has been conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards to provide reasonable assurance as to whether the financial report is free of material misstatement. My procedures included examination, on a test basis, of evidence supporting the amounts and other disclosures in the financial report, and the evaluation of accounting policies and significant accounting estimates. These procedures have been undertaken to form an opinion as to whether, in all material respects, the financial report is presented fairly in accordance with Australian accounting concepts and standards and with the rules of the Society so as to present a view which is consistent with my understanding of the Society's financial position and the results of its operations.

The audit opinion expressed in this report has been formed on the above basis.

Audit Opinion

In my opinion, the financial report presents fairly in accordance with Statements of Accounting Concepts and applicable Accounting Standards the financial position of the Genealogical Society of Tasmania as at 31 March 1995 and the results of its operations for the year then ended.

15 June 1995
HOBART


P. Blackwood CPA

GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY OF TASMANIA INC.

State Executive

Statement of Income and Expenditure for the year ended 31st March 1995

1993/94

1994/95

RECEIPTS

	Subscriptions	
6704	Direct	9595
14682	Branches	12949
4799	Sales	8086
515	Journal Income	627
223	Donations	360
565	Interest	799
537	Other	273
<u>28025</u>		<u>32689</u>

PAYMENTS

12219	Journal Expenses	12343
3964	Publications	3494
8952	Administration	8314
1816	Depreciation	1544
<u>26951</u>		<u>25695</u>
2050	Prior period adjustment	
<u>(\$976)</u>	SUPLUS (DEFICIT)	<u>\$6,994</u>



Denise McNeice
STATE TREASURER
1st June 1995

GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY OF TASMANIA INC.
Statement of Income and Expenditure for the year ended 31st March 1995

		TOTAL	STATE	BURNIE	D'PORT	HOBART	HUON	L'TON
1993/94	INCOME							
29197	Subscriptions	30295	22544	904	752	3657	678	1760
4295	Donations	6307	360	1657	767	2627	65	831
41215	Other	56012	9785	4959	7685	17132	1625	14826
74707		<u>\$92,614</u>	<u>\$32,689</u>	<u>\$7,520</u>	<u>\$9,204</u>	<u>\$23,416</u>	<u>\$2,368</u>	<u>\$17,417</u>
	EXPENDITURE							
56354	Administration	58737	24151	3483	5954	15096	1727	8326
20069	Depreciation	20219	1544	2354	2321	6977	2495	4528
76423		78956	25695	5837	8275	22073	4222	12854
2010	Prior Period Adjust							
78433		<u>\$78,956</u>	<u>\$25,695</u>	<u>\$5,837</u>	<u>\$8,275</u>	<u>\$22,073</u>	<u>\$4,222</u>	<u>\$12,854</u>
(\$3,726)	SURPLUS (DEFICIT)	<u>\$13,658</u>	<u>\$6,994</u>	<u>\$1,683</u>	<u>\$929</u>	<u>\$1,343</u>	<u>(\$1,854)</u>	<u>\$4,563</u>

Denise McNeice
State Treasurer

DMcNeice
17/6/95

GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY OF TASMANIA INC.
State Executive
Balance Sheet as at 31st March 1995

1993/94

1994/95

ACCUMULATED FUNDS

39253	Balance as at 1st April 1994	38277
(\$976)	Surplus (Deficit) for the year	6994
	Balance as at 31st March 1995	\$45,271

REPRESENTED BY:

ASSETS

10420	General Bank Account	18496
10875	Investments	11379
1130	Petty Cash Advances	1130
5562	Cash in Transit	
8557	Stock	10803
670	Debtors	512
3247	Equipment	2760
7045	Library Resources	5988
47506		51068

LESS LIABILITIES

8255	Subscriptions in Advance	5797
974	Creditors	
9229		5797

\$38,277	NET ASSETS	\$45,271
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Denise McNeice
Denise McNeice
STATE TREASURER
1st June 1995

GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY OF TASMANIA INC.
BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31ST MARCH 1995

1993/94

	TOTAL	STATE	BURNIE	D'PORT	HOBART	HUON	L'TON
ACCUMULATED FUNDS							
190811	Balance as at 1/4/94	187086	38277	18307	17841	54583	37538
(3726)	Surplus (Deficit)	15512	6994	1683	929	1343	4563
187085		<u>\$200,744</u>	<u>\$45,271</u>	<u>\$19,990</u>	<u>\$18,770</u>	<u>\$55,926</u>	<u>\$18,686</u>
	REPRESENTED BY:						
ASSETS							
20414	General Bank Account	33459	18496	1252	3388	5357	3841
26112	Investments	29165	11379	2547	3232	2500	6021
1253	Petty Cash/On hand	1314	1130	115		19	50
5562	Cash in Transit						
8557	Stock	12509	10803				1706
670	Debtors	1500	512			988	
67336	Equipment	90673	2760	7428	4995	27454	33323
78377	Library Resources	50986	5988	9388	8157	27453	
208281		<u>219605</u>	<u>51068</u>	<u>20730</u>	<u>19772</u>	<u>63752</u>	<u>19343</u>
	LESS LIABILITIES						
11849	Subs in Advance	13260	5797	417	1002	4607	780
4780	Lease	5279				3219	2060
4567	Creditors	323		323			
21196		<u>18862</u>	<u>5797</u>	<u>740</u>	<u>1002</u>	<u>7826</u>	<u>657</u>
\$187,085	BALANCE	<u>\$200,744</u>	<u>\$45,271</u>	<u>\$19,990</u>	<u>\$18,770</u>	<u>\$55,926</u>	<u>\$42,101</u>

Denise McNeice (State Treasurer)

DMcNeice



Mrs Lilian Watson

Recipient of The First Fellowship of the Society

Over a long period of time Mrs Lilian Watson has given invaluable service to family historians and genealogists, not only in Tasmania and mainland Australia but also those around the world with Tasmanian ancestry.

Lilian's interest in family history and genealogy first led her to private research in 1974 for referrals from the Archives Office of Tasmania. In 1978 she was a member of the Australian Institute of Genealogical Studies (AIGS) and shortly afterwards Lilian was encouraged to form a Tasmanian AIGS group. During her two years as chairman of this group she was appointed official representative of AIGS in Tasmania.

In April 1980 the Genealogical Society of Tasmania was formed under her guidance with Lilian as foundation Chairman, an office she held for two years. Lilian has given unstinting service on the Executive Committee of GST Inc. in many areas:

State President	1980-82
State Senior Vice President	1982-84
State Committee member	1984-86
State Research co-ordinator	1985-86
State Library co-ordinator	1987-89

In addition Lilian has served on the Hobart Branch committee as:

Branch Chairman	1980-84
Branch Librarian	1986-87
Branch Research Officer	1985-86

Lilian was also foundation Secretary of the Hobart Town (1804) First Settlers Association which was founded in 1974 and she also served as the Genealogical Society of Tasmania Representative on the Clarence Council Bi-Centennial Board.

Lilian began conducting Adult Education Classes in Family History in 1978 and continues these valuable beginners and advanced classes today. Teaching drew her attention to the need for printed guides - Lilian is joint author with Neil Chick of *Archives Office of Tasmania* which is now in its third updated edition. She also designed her own Family Group Charts which are now printed to Gould Books in Adelaide and enjoy wide distribution.

For a long period Lilian wrote a regular column on Family History Research for *The Mercury* newspaper in Tasmania. A major article by Lilian entitled "How to trace your family history" was published in the October 1977 edition of the *Australian Women's Weekly* and shorter articles have appeared in *Trading Post*. Lilian has also prepared papers for two Australasian Genealogical Congresses. In Adelaide (1980) she spoke on "Records In Tasmania" and in Launceston (1991) Lilian gave two lectures - "Tracing the Ancestral Home of that Early Ancestor" and "Effective Use of the pre-1900



Lilian cutting the Society's fifteenth birthday cake at the AGM on 18 June in Hobart

Records of the Registrar of Births, Deaths and Marriages and How to Supplement them from other Sources.

On many occasions Lilian has greatly enhanced the genealogical cause with her informative yet humorous radio talk-back appearances; she has prepared and set up many family history displays in city and municipal libraries; organised seminars; prepared and presented addresses or led workshops for GST Branch meetings, school groups and community gatherings in many areas of Tasmania. Her name is legend in Tasmanian genealogical circles.

Notwithstanding all of the above, Lilian's greatest "coup" has been the release of the Tasmania Birth, Death and Marriage records. In 1979 Lilian headed a group which lobbied the Tasmanian Attorney-General to seek better access to the records held by the Registrar General. Lilian undertook the task of gathering appropriate

background material and spearheading the lengthy letter-writing campaign. The persistent negotiations by Lilian and her group led in September 1980 to the release of not only the pre-1900 Birth, Death and Marriage Indexes but also the actual records - now available on microfilm in every major library throughout Australasia. This was the first time in Australasia, perhaps in the world, that such records were released to the general public. It was a landmark in genealogical history and provided a precedent for other Australian States. These records have been of inestimable benefit world-wide to all those with Tasmanian ancestry.

The Hobart Branch of the Genealogical Society Inc. believes that Lilian's invaluable service to family historians and genealogists is worthy of recognition and has much pleasure in submitting her name for the first Fellowship Award of the Genealogical Society of Tasmania Inc.

1995 Family History Award

Winning Entry

William Lindsay by Claudia M. Dean

Hobart

Other Entries

The Launceston Lyons by Terry Lyons

Devonport

Young Family by E. Townsend

Launceston

A letter to Rebecca by W.T. Southerwood

Hobart

A Bonney Affair by Colin Harvey

Launceston

John Tattersall and Sarah Waters by Leonie Carpenter

Hobart



Claudia Dean (centre), winner of the 1995 Family History Award with Jenny Gill, co-ordinator of the Family History Award and Bryce Ward (right), Hobart Branch President, at the AGM on 18 June in Hobart.

BRANCH NEWS

BURNIE

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There has been good reaction from the public in Burnie following the "That's Life" article in *The Advocate* in April. Many people have spoken about the article and several new members have resulted. This has also engendered further enthusiasm into the Branch.

A "Get To Know Your Library" night at the May meeting was very popular. An indication of the various records held in the library was given by members who were familiar with each area and could explain their value. Free use of all facilities then followed with support being provided as needed.

Mrs Anne Thrupp of Turners Beach, who recently published the second edition of her book *The Gables at Turners Beach* presented a talk entitled "If I can do it so can you", at the June Meeting. Anne described the trials, frustrations and costs associated with achieving publication and her delight at being classified as an author.

Several members of the branch assisted Miss Vernice Dudman in conducting another Family History Course for Adult Education. The five week course commenced on 12th July and was held at the Branch Library.

Doug Forrest, President.

DEVONPORT

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The Branch has almost completed publishing three volumes of indexes of the Personal Announcements from *The Advocate* 1990-1994. Volume 1 which is an index of Engagements, Marriages and Anniversaries has already been released at a price of \$25.00. Volume 2 contains indexes of Births, Birthdays and Thanks and will be available in August for \$30.00, while Volume 3 which contains Deaths and In Memoriams, will be completed before the end of the year at a cost of \$25.00. Our thanks go to Audrey Trebilco who undertook the mammoth task of compiling these indexes.

A simple idea was found to be most difficult. This was the experience of all members at the June meeting. Each member supplied two un-named photos of the same person at an early age and at a more recent time and the photos were displayed. The task was to match the two photos.

At a recent meeting Helen Anderson gave a talk on "Writing a Chapter of Family History". All members are now being encouraged to write a small history about one of their ancestors. It is envisaged that the results will be displayed during Family History Week in 1996.

Rosie Marshall

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The special feature of this quarter was the mini-conference which was coupled with the Annual General Meeting. It was great to see so many members participating in the State activities on the Saturday afternoon, a feature of which was the awarding of the first Fellowship of the GST Inc. to Lilian Watson. The Branch was highly delighted to see her outstanding work over the lifetime of the Society recognised by this prestigious award. The Branch also congratulates Claudia (Peggy) Dean, a local member, who was present to receive her Family History Award.

All of the speakers at the conference were appreciated by the large audiences. It is most encouraging to have speakers of the calibre of Helen Harris and Martyn Killion so freely giving of their time to other states. From home we had Martyn Davies and Jill Robertson to compliment them. Every talk gave food for thought, and possible avenues of exploration to our genealogists. The dinner on the Saturday night which was so well organised by Cynthia O'Neill was also a most enjoyable function.

Guest speakers for the immediate future are:

September:	Suzanne Lester; Spring Bay
October:	Audrey Hudspeth; Marine Board of Hobart
November:	Frank Bolt; The Early Settlers and their Environment.

We have had some very busy days in our library and thank our Librarian, Morris Lansdell, and all of our volunteer helpers. Any members who wish to help in this capacity, or in others will be cheerfully welcomed.

HUON

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The branch now has its own computer set up and some software. The branch library is being well used and therefore the opening hours have been extended. Saturdays 1.30 to 4 p.m. and first Wednesday of each month 12.30 to 2.30 p.m. plus 7 to 9 p.m.

The branch has been asked to participate at St. James College Fair at Cygnet on 1st October to help show people what is available and how to start their genealogical work along with their family history. They will supply computer, printer and microfiche readers for our use.

Members are looking forward to meeting new people and hopefully being able to help get them started on a life time pursuit.

Elaine Burton.

LAUNCESTON

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Following the branch AGM in May members enjoyed a talk by Mary Ramsay of Bothwell on the research she has done on the Clark-Weston papers held by the University of Tasmania. Transcripts of letters from early settlers to their relations were most revealing and information on the early settlement of George Town is also contained in these papers. Mary kindly allowed us to copy listings of the material for the branch library. These papers are on open access to researchers but Mary recommended going in the University vacation to be sure of a close parking spot.

The afternoon on Genealogical Computer programmes held on a Sunday afternoon in June was an overwhelming success. Upwards of sixty persons, both members and non members, came through during open hours, which were longer than anticipated. Five programmes were set up at six stations with demonstrating members fielding many questions as to the quality and user friendliness of their respective programmes. We appear to have gained a couple of members as a result of this exercise which we plan to repeat at a future date. Our thanks to the demonstrators.

In July, Richard Hooper, an enthusiastic member of the Beaconsfield Mining Museum Committee, shared his knowledge of the early settlement of Beaconsfield which many of us were surprised to learn began as an agricultural development. He brought us up to date with the projected development at the Museum and the present state of the

Beaconsfield Gold Mine. Shares worth an investment, if you don't want to get rich quick!

On the social side, lady members and their friends enjoyed a Soup and Sandwich luncheon at the lovely Elphin Road home of Jenny and Shirley Gill. Beside a cheery open fire they exchanged news and views, followed by a winter fashion show of garments designed and made by Lyn Archer of Devonport. Our State TAMIOT officer stepped into the breach as a model and showed us a different side of her personality!

Which brings up another point. Voluntary service in a Society such as ours makes many demands on Office holders and we wish to acknowledge our appreciation of two in particular. Alma Ranson told us recently that as a point of interest she had totted up the hours spent on library matters apart from the actual Tuesday opening hours. The total was thirty-two and the week was not then over! So don't winge if you cannot find what you need in the Library, see if you can help Alma to obtain it and be grateful for the enormous increase in material acquired since she has been our Librarian.

In an effort to get the local cemeteries in our area updated, Betty Calverley has convened upwards of ten transcription days this autumn/early winter, travelling many kilometres in the process. Not only is she putting the data into the State records, but is also making a complete transcription printout of all headstones for the branch library with all the additional work that correction of errors entails.

So a well deserved note of appreciation to these members, and if you have a spare day now and again when the warmer weather arrives why not come and join Betty's "Picnic in the Park" team.

Meeting Program:

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| October | "The Irish Exiles" Heather Donaldson |
| November | 15th Birthday - Bring newspaper clippings, old photos, memento of the Branch |
| December | Christmas breakup - Everyone is asked to bring a photograph of themselves taken when they were much younger. |

LIBRARY NOTES

St. Catherine's House Index Roster

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

BURNIE

Accessions:

- Children in Queen's Orphanage
- Of Yesteryear & Nowadays
- Bruny Island's Story
- On Bruny Island
- *Computers for Genealogy
- *Genealogist's Handbook
- *Clan MacKay
- *How To Record Your Family Tree
- *Wills & Where To Find Them
- *Sources of Australian History
- *Cyclopedia of Tasmania Vol. 1 & 2
- *The Gables, Turner's Beach, 1850-1993
- *1992 Tasmanian Year Book
- *As I Sailed out From Plymouth

DEVONPORT

Accessions for the March-June quarter

Microfiche

Blake's Place Names of Victoria

Books

- An Index to The Advocate, Tasmania Personal Announcements 1990-1994
- 1851 Cornwall Census Surname Index Truro Registration District Volumes 18 & 21
- Excursion Index - VDL & NI Interest Group 1990-1995
- Index to Photographs of WW1 Servicemen and Women in Tasmanian Weekly Magazines: Vol. 1 The Weekly Courier
- Journal of Police History Victorian Historical Society
- One Acre of Van Diemen's Land - Mark Carter and Henry Selwyn
- O'Shea Index to The Mercury Births 1911-1920

O'Shea Index to The Mercury Marriages 1911-1920
Register of Land Grants VDL 1824-1832, Thelma McKay
The Rose and the Waratah - The Friends' School Hobart 1832-1945
Tasman Peninsula Chronicle
Tasmanian Boarded Out (Fostered) Children 1865-1897, J Purtscher
World of Work - work in Tasmania, Kim Pearce
Genealogical Research Directory 1995
Headstone Inscriptions of the Linda Cemetery
Pathways to Our Past, Judith M. Thomasson
Pre-1855 Monumental Inscriptions Stewartry of Kirkcudbright
The Mercy Way at Deloraine 1895-1995, Maureen Bennett
Where they Lie - Early Burials on the Bendigo Gold fields - 1852-1870

HOBART

Microfiche

Buckinghamshire Marriages 1559-1837
Buckinghamshire 1851 census 5 district
Buckinghamshire Wills etc
Buckinghamshire High Wycombe Baptisms 1775-1815
Buckinghamshire Index to Names from Parish Registers
Phillimore Hampshire Marriages
Index to Hampshire Marriage Allegations
Index to Hampshire Wills 1571-1858
Directories of Somerset and Cumberland
Western Australia Pioneer Index 1841-1905
Western Australia Marriage Index 1931-53
Westminster and Central London 1851 Census
Index to ticket-of-leave convicts 1810-75
Register of Deaths Scotland - Bute 1855-75
Lanark 1855
1881 Census of Nottinghamshire, Hampshire, Essex
Boorandoorra (Kew) Cemetery
The Argus Passenger List 1861-65 and Port Phillip Herald Passenger List 1840-46
Assisted Passengers ex England to Port Lyttleton, NZ 1855-77
German Immigration to Port Phillip

Print

Immigration Sources ... Pioneer Register
Eaglehawk & District ... Cemeteries in Australia
South Australia 2 Vols 1836-55
Pioneer Register Vol. 25 and Spouse supplement
Beginning Family History in Victoria
Transcript of Register of Shipping
Tasman Peninsula Chronicle Vol. 7

As I sailed from Plymouth

Index to photographs of WW1 Service men & Women in Tas Weekly Magazines vol 1
Date Line for Tasmanian Genealogists.

LAUNCESTON

Microfiche

English Directories:

Berkshire	1852	Cheshire (NE)	1825	Cheshire	1874
Cornwall	1852	Cumberland	1847	Derbyshire (Far NW)	1825
Devonshire	1840	Devonshire	1852	Devonshire	1910
Dorsetshire	1852	Essex	1848	Essex	1898
Gloucestershire	1852	Gloucestershire	1870	Lancashire (pt 1)	1824
Lancashire (pt 2)	1825	Lancashire	1829	Lancashire (N)	1851
Lincolnshire	1865	London	1805	London	1814
London	1862	London	1874	London	1880
London	1909	Middlesex	1846	Norfolk	1845
Norfolk	1883	Somersetshire	1805	Somersetshire	1902
Northants	1864	Warwickshire	1862	Westmoreland	1829
Westmoreland	1851	Wiltshire	1889	Worcestershire	1830
Worcestershire	1862	YUorkshire	1823	Yorkshire (SW)	1863
Yorkshire (SW)	1879				

Census transcript for Solihull 1841

Nonconformity in West Bromich, Staffordshire

Nonconformist Register of Wolverhampton 1726-1837

Nonconformity in Tipton, Staffordshire

1881 Census Indexes

Cornwall

Denbighshire

Devonshire

Gloucestershire

Leicestershire

Somersetshire

Books

Elizabeth Needham, Gwenda Webb

Headstone Inscriptions: Linda Cemetery, West Coast FHS

Headstone Inscriptions: Queenstown Pioneer Cemetery, West Coast FHG

History of the Church of Holy Nativity, Bishopsbourne, David Baker

An Index to The Advocate, Tasmania: Personal Announcements 1990-1994 Vol. 1

Index of Photographs of WW1 Servicemen and Women in Tasmanian Weekly
Magazines, Vol. 1, Wendy K, Knolle

Joseph Bunton, Ian Bunton

Memoir's of the Irish Rebellion 1798, Sir Richard Musgrave, 4th ed.

O'Shea Index to Hobart Mercury Births 1911-1920

O'Shea Index to Hobart Mercury, Marriages 1911-1920

Royal Veteran Corp, Gwenda Webb

The Surnames of Scotland: Their Origin, Meaning and History, George F. Black
William and John Clark

PROJECTS currently being undertaken

Burnie Branch

- Index of Births Deaths and Marriages from *The Advocate*
- Index of Births Deaths and Marriages from *The Circular Head Chronicle*
- Index of Births Deaths and Marriages from *The Coast News*
- Index of Births Deaths and Marriages from *The Deloraine-Westbury Advertiser*
- Index of Births Deaths and Marriages from *The Devon Herald*
- Index of Births Deaths and Marriages from *The Emu Bay Times*
- Index of Births Deaths and Marriages from *The Leven Lever*
- Index of Births Deaths and Marriages from *The Mount Lyell standard and Strahan Gazette*
- Index of Births Deaths and Marriages from *The North West Post*
- Index of Births Deaths and Marriages from *The North Coast Standard*
- Index of Births Deaths and Marriages from *The North Western Chronicle*
- Index of Births Deaths and Marriages from *The Wellington Times*
- Index of Births Deaths and Marriages from *The West Coast News*
- Index of Births Deaths and Marriages from *The Zeehan and Dundas Herald*
- Index of Births Deaths and Marriages from *The Banner*
- Index of published references to names of early settlers.

Devonport Branch

- Index to Births Deaths and Marriages in *The North West Post*
- Index to Personal Announcements in *The Advocate*

Hobart Branch

- Accession list of books held in Hobart Branch Library.
- Index of surnames in manuscripts held at Branch Library.
- Index to Australians of the 3rd Regt in the NZ Maori Wars, 1863-64.
- Index to microfiche held in Hobart Branch Library.
- Index to Tasmanians mentioned in footnotes of Bean's books on WWI.
- O'Shea Index - Completion of index to Births Deaths and Marriages in *The Mercury*, (published 1900-1920)
- Whitton Index - Computerise index of Births Deaths and Marriages from *The Mercury*, pre-1900, published in book form, 3 volumes.

Launceston Branch

- Index to Births Deaths and Marriages in *The Examiner* 1900 onwards - 1900-1950 published.
- Index to Births, Deaths and Marriages in *The Cornwall Chronicle* - 1835-1850 published.

Index to passenger arrivals and departures from shipping columns in early Launceston newspapers - *The Launceston Advertiser* 1829-1846, *The Examiner* 1842-1860 and *The Cornwall Chronicle* 1835-1860.

Private

Index of those on second fleet, giving places of burials - Irene Schaffer.

Index to passengers, etc. on Trade Wind immigrant ship 1858 - Patricia Quarry.

History of Mathinna - Charmaine Lowe.

Index to Births, Deaths and Marriages, Inquests, Drownings, Accidents etc. from the Early Hobart Town Newspapers: *The Colonial Times* 1825-, *The Hobart Town Courier* 1827- and *The Hobart Town Gazette* 1816-1860 - Anne Bartlett (1816-1840 published).

Index to Births, Deaths and Marriages in *The Mercury* 1991- - Morris Lansdell

Index to Chelsea Pensioners from the AJCP reels, WO22, 1844-1880 - Grahame Thom.

Index to Deaths/Burials in Tasmania 1803-1840 - Alex Buchanan (published).

Index to German immigrants on the *America* - Pat Harris

Index to Marriages in Tasmania 1803-1830 - Thelma McKay. (published).

Index to Perkins in Tasmania - Bev and Bill Perkins.

Index to Return of free men, Norfolk Island, 1794 - Thelma McKay, Hobart.

Index to Births in *The Southern Star* - Wally Short

Index to articles, book reviews, reunions, gleanings in *Tasmanian Ancestry* - Denise McNeice

Index to children in the Queens Orphanage 1828-1863 - J. Purtscher. (published).

Index to infants at the Queens Orphanage 1851-1863 - J. Purtscher (published).

List of people living in Wapping, Hobart Town, 1852.1936 - Irene Schaffer.

Juveniles requiring Education - Irene Schaffer.

Land Grants Register 1824-1832 - Thelma McKay

Apprentices - Absconders 1860-1883 - Joyce Purtscher.

Tanning licences in Tasmania 1862- - Irene Schaffer.

The Sick and the Poor in Tasmania 1870 - Irene Schaffer.

Top of the World Swimming Club - Leonie Carpenter.

Index to Portraits of young Tasmanian men before leaving home to fight in WWI - Wendy Knowle (Vol. 1 published).

Index to Marriages in the Methodist and Presbyterian Churches - Maureen Martin.

Hill Street Burial Ground - Rosemary Davidson

Mathinna from beginning to 1916 - Charmaine Lowe.

The Bellerive Historical Society: Documenting Local History

Paper presented at the Genealogical Society of Tasmania Inc. Conference

Hobart, 18 June 1995

Jill Robertson

Bellerive, originally known as Kangaroo Point, lies directly opposite Hobart, separated by four kilometres (two and a half miles) of the Derwent River. The first land grants to white settlers were in 1806 and 1807, but settlement in this part of the eastern shore was hampered by two things: the physical barrier of the river and lack of a water supply. Most of the early settlers moved north-east, to the farming lands surrounding Richmond, Sorell, Cambridge and Clarence Plains. With the beginning of ferry services from Bellerive around 1816, a settlement of inns and stores grew up for farmers and merchants travelling to and from Hobart. Bellerive became an important terminus, with travellers staying in the inns before continuing on to Hobart or stocking up on supplies prior to returning home. An article in *The Hobart Town Mercury* in 1858 noted that *the township will yet be one of the most important in the colony* and declared that it could justly be called the *keystone of all communication and commerce*. But progress was spasmodic and in many ways Bellerive was looked upon more as a country holiday resort than as a place to live. Its healthy climate and natural attractions brought ferry loads of day-trippers and holiday makers to enjoy the sandy beaches, to walk along the Bluff and to fish in the river. The town, meanwhile, had to wait many years for essential services: the first bridge in 1943, a permanent water supply in 1955 and a sewerage system in 1959.

In the early years, sandstone was an important resource and Bellerive was fortunate in having extensive quarries which provided a high quality stone for many of the town's (and Hobart's) buildings. An 1856 entry in *Woods Almanac* said that *the freestone of Kangaroo Point enjoys an established reputation throughout the Australian colonies*.

By the 1990s many of the town's original sandstone buildings remained, their history, however, long forgotten. To most of the locals, they were buildings which, they said, have always been here. In September 1990, a group of people, keen to document the area's history, met to form the Bellerive Historical Society. From humble beginnings (five people at early meetings, then nine, then double figures!) the Society grew. The initial committee framed a brief constitution which stated that the Society's objectives were to "foster an appreciation of, and develop an interest in, the preservation of historical buildings, and in the social history of the Bellerive area."

Monthly meetings were organised at which a guest speaker spoke on a topic of local interest (for example, the Bellerive-Sorell Railway, the Clarence Hotel, the Kangaroo Bluff Battery), and members were encouraged to bring along an item to "show and tell". A photograph project, held in conjunction with the Clarence Council, produced the basis for what is now an extensive collection of old Bellerive photographs.

For the first year or so, meeting attendances were encouraging but small. We persevered. The people who came were a varied assortment: Bellerive old-timers, newcomers to the area who were keen to know about their new community, those renovating and researching the history of an old house and those who wanted to know more about the district's history. Our meetings seemed to provide something for everyone. Local identities shared memories with old friends, new arrivals were able to learn about the area and researchers gleaned snippets of information, such as who lived in their house in 1913 or what colour it was originally or what the front fence used to look like.

Gradually, the Society took shape and we were able to propose a list of projects. Foremost, to document Bellerive's history. An important step forward came when we expanded our one page meeting notice into a four page newsletter. The enthusiasm of the inaugural committee meant that interesting newsletter items were always provided. Eventually other members contributed by writing a precis of the previous month's meeting or by providing an historical newspaper account or article in a book to copy. For example, one member selected all the entries from Knopwood's diaries which related to Kangaroo Point; another member contributed her family's memories of living in Bellerive in the early years of the century. The newsletter is also an ideal forum for requests for information or to inform members of forthcoming events. We are often approached by people keen to trace their family roots. Sometimes we are able to find a relevant photograph in our files or one of our members has the missing information or someone is able to put them in touch with someone "who may be able to help". From a small subscription base, the newsletter is now sent to more than eighty subscribers. It represents an important part of our aim to document our history.

At most of our monthly meetings a frustrating element was present. We would hear interesting and valuable pieces of information yet we had no time in which to record what was being said. People "showed and told" fascinating memorabilia such as old maps and charts, ferry tokens, photographs of long-gone houses, shaky home movies, old scrapbooks, yet we had no time to record and collate what people in the community possessed. We all knew something had to be done. We dismissed the idea of a grandiose definitive book. Not only was the idea overwhelming, we had neither the time nor resources. Rather, we favoured a less ambitious but more attainable goal. We would produce a small booklet relating the history of some houses, a building and a site. The booklet would also contain photographs from our collection, a brief history of an architectural feature and the story of a local identity. But who would write it? How would we co-ordinate such a project? Would people in the wider community be interested in our efforts?

To begin, we asked for volunteers. Not surprisingly, none came forward. Many people believed they couldn't write or they felt they lacked the confidence to tell their story. Many felt that others wouldn't be interested in activities they considered were ordinary and "just the way we lived then."

By encouraging those who wanted to participate and by helping them prepare their article, we were able to produce a booklet which contained the history of ten houses

(the earliest one built in the 1830s to a "modern" 1941 home), all written by the people who lived in them and enriched by never-seen-before photographs. The booklet was rounded out with a photographic feature on old gates and fences in Bellerive, the story behind a memorial to a shipbuilding enterprise, a history of a street and one man's memories of growing up in Bellerive in the 1930s. The publication was launched and immediately began to sell. Two years later, and a second printing, it is still steadily selling. Its secret, we believe, is that it triggers people's memories of places and buildings which to them "have always been there" but of which they knew little; it has helped put events in their context and in perspective; it has helped people see that it is often the everyday little things (such as how clothes were washed, what children did in their spare time, how much a ferry ride cost) which form the building blocks for interpreting social history. It is a powerful reminder to people of their local community and its past; it makes people proud to belong to such a community.

A second volume, produced in the same manner, has realised a similar success. A publication team of three organises the content and lay-out of the stories, as well as the numerous tasks which include requesting permission to reprint photographs, preparing the acknowledgment section, compiling the index and sending off a legal deposit copy hot off the presses to the National Library in Canberra and the State Library in Hobart. Choosing the photograph for the front cover - not to mention the colour of the cover - are nerve racking but exciting decisions. But it is a whole Society project. It could never be accomplished without the enthusiasm and contributions from all members. A third volume is being produced.

The Society is also producing a different kind of publication; smaller booklets which focus on a single topic and which tend to have a more limited, local readership. The Society aims to produce these small publications from time to time. The first one, a small booklet on the Bellerive Boer War Memorial and the soldier in whose memory it was built, was researched and written by a Society member and published in 1994. There is a postscript to this story. A Sandy Bay reader noticed an article about our book in *The Mercury*. She believed she had a letter written from South Africa by Quarter-Master Sergeant Morrisby and contacted us. The letter was a vivid account of his sea voyage and arrival in South Africa *I was very glad to have the chance of going through Natal, and really the trip was beautiful apart from being in an open coal truck, and his thoughts on the war there is a feeling going through Camp that peace will be declared during this week. I feel certain de Wet will not surrender.* This letter, found in a family scrapbook, is an important document and is especially poignant as Frank was killed a matter of weeks after it was written.

A second booklet will soon be produced documenting the history of the area's Social Institute.

The Bellerive Historical Society continues to encourage the documentation of its local history by its members. And if success can be measured by enthusiasm, dedication, co-operation and, not least, enjoyment, then the Bellerive Historical Society, and its publications, are indeed a success.

New Sources and Indexes available for Research in Victoria

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Helen Harris

The Gibson Index

An alphabetical index of men and women named in any one of the nineteenth century Watchhouse Charge Books currently held by the Victorian Police Historical Unit. It contains more than 55,000 names taken from 109 different police stations throughout Victoria and covers the period 1854 to 1900. The entries include the names of both victims and offenders. The Index is available as a set of three microfiche, costing \$25.00 per set. Cheque to the Secretary (Gibson Index), Victoria Police Historical Society, PO Box 415, World Trade Centre, Melbourne Victoria 3005.

Index to Members of Victoria Police 1853-1953

The Victoria Police was formed on 1 January 1853, with an initial complement of 875 members. The Force grew rapidly and by 1858 there was over 1400 members; by 1900 more than 6000 men had served for some time with Victoria Police. This figure more than doubled in the first half of the twentieth century.

Members of the Victorian Police Historical Society have compiled a comprehensive alphabetical index of all members which covers the first 100 years of the Force. The index contains more than 15,000 names and is the first complete list of members. A similar list compiled in the 1970s by a group of volunteers under the direction of the late Keith Holden did not include those members who were not given Registered Numbers. (The Registered Number system which is still in use by Victoria Police today was introduced in 1858 but more than 3,200 men had served with the Force and left prior to this date).

This index provides the full name, date of joining and (where applicable) the Registered Number of the member. entries contained in the index are a key to gaining further information about the service of any member of Victoria Police. A copy of the service records of a member of the Force named in the Index can be obtained, free of charge, from the Victoria Historical Police Unit.

The Index is available as a set of two microfiche, costing \$12.00 per set. Cheque to the Secretary, Victoria Police Historical Society, PO Box 415, World Trade Centre, Melbourne Victoria 3005

List of Candidates for the Victorian Police (Forthcoming) - Hundreds if not thousands of men sought to join the Victorian police force, particularly in the 1850s. Most of these were rejected for various reasons and therefore the police department officially has no record of them. The department, however, is above all else a bureaucracy and

keeps its paper work. Numerous copies of these applications from candidates for the police force are to be found within the inwards correspondence files. Currently being indexed are those from the period 1853-1893. This means physically checking over 500 boxes of archival material. It is hoped that the resulting fiche will be published next year. Some of the material located so far is very sparse, just an enquiry from a resident of a certain area for example. But other material is wonderfully informative in that it gives details of the person's educational background as well as their work experience for years past and mentions influential friends or family. For example: John Whitefoord wrote from Oatlands in August 1853 to the then CCP, W.F. Mitchell:

My dear Sir,

A good many years have passed since you and I were brother officers in the Civil Service in this government, tho not so long a term I hope to have lost me entirely from recollection in the new sphere of action you have been called up to fill. And if not, I trust I am not relying too far upon your memory of old acquaintenship in begging of you the favour of appointing as a Cadet in the Mounted Police branch of your department, my son Caleb, a young man of amiability, spirit and intelligence, whom I am anxious to place in a position in life where he may rise by his merit and exertion ...

In September 1853 Caleb Whitefoord was appointed to the police force. He was promoted to Sub Inspector 2nd class in September 1860, seven years later and was dismissed from the force in December 1864. Because he was promoted to officer class his record of conduct and service finished in 1860, the year of his promotion. The reasons for his dismissal therefore do not appear there, but the case will be detailed somewhere in the correspondence files - I just have not found it yet!

John Duncan wrote from Melbourne in 1865, seeking to join the Victoria force. He had been in the Tasmanian police, was single and 24 years old. The Victoria police wrote to Hobart and received a report on him: He was an active, intelligent, steady man, his only failing was an inclination to form connections with women, which led to his leaving the force. Apparently at his medical check the police doctor here discovered a swelling in the groin. Duncan was concerned about this, and sought another medical opinion. He then reported to the CCP that the affliction is permanent, not as I considered it a swelling in the groin, but swelling in the veins of the left testicle. Given a month's trial, he lasted thirty years. This information then makes sense of a document attached to Duncan's record of conduct and service.

Other Tasmanians found to date include Edward Higgins from Launceston and Arthur C. Anderson from Hobart, both in the Tasmanian police force, and William Price.

Missing Friends in the Victoria Police Gazette 1880-85

An index I have completed and issued on fiche. Although there were cases of wife desertion listed in this section, these people were overwhelmingly not criminals but merely sought by police so that old friends, relatives or other government officials could make contact with them. Many of the entries refer to events that took place many years before and so can provide vital and hard to obtain information about a person's background. I have indexed not only the person sought but every other name mentioned in the item. Some of the entries refer to Tasmanians.

The fiche sells for \$10 and is available from Harriland Press, PO Box 92, Forest Hill, Victoria 3131.

Liz Rushen's Work

Did your ancestor's arrive in Tasmania in the 1830s? Liz Rushen is writing a history of the first bounty scheme for free, single women to come to Australia. These women came to Van Diemen's Land on six ships. They are:

Strathfieldsay, arrived Hobart August 1834

Sarah, arrived Hobart February 1835

Charles Kerr, arrived Launceston November 1835

Boadicea, arrived Hobart February 1836

Amelia Thompson, arrived Launceston August 1836

William Metcalfe, arrived Hobart January 1837

If you think any of your female ancestors may have been on one of these ships, Liz would appreciate hearing from you. She can be contacted at 72 Hotham Street, East Melbourne, Vic. 3002.

LOCALITY INDEXES

Warrnambool and District

Beattie & Phillips' undertakers records, being indexed by Warrnambool group of Australian Institute of Genealogical Studies, covers period to 1924.

Portland

The Hospital registers for 1858-1910 are indexed, write to History House, Portland for details. The information varies but can give birthplace, ship and date of arrival, next-of-kin etc.

Geelong

The Hospital registers are being indexed by the Genealogical Society of Victoria; write to Liz Allan for details.

Northeastern Victoria

A private index held by Mrs F. Johnson covers Beechworth, Brown's Plains, Chiltern, Eldorado, Rutherglen, Wangaratta, Barnawartha, plus Corowa and Howlong in NSW.

Over 10,000 entries containing details from cemetery records, inquests and probates, newspaper extract, etc. A search fee of \$5 plus long SSAE for a search of up to five names. Contact Mrs Johnson at 9 Murrumbeena Cres., Murrumbeena, Vic. 3163.

Beechworth District

The 1855 Ovens Election and the Golden Horseshoes, by R. Shennan, gives details of one of Beechworth's historic events - the election for a member of the Legislative Council to represent the Ovens district in 1855. This was the first election at which the district's mining community were eligible to vote. The Ovens district encompassed Beechworth, Yackandandah, Stanley and surrounding districts as far away as Porepunkah. The successful candidate, Daniel Cameron, was supposed to have ridden around town on a horse shod with shoes of gold. The book details the pre-election activity and gives details of the election and the famous ride. It reproduces the electoral roll itself, which contains details of over 1,300 eligible voters, mainly miners. The cost is \$13 including postage, and is available from M.R. Shennan, 4 Albany Court, Noble Park, Victoria 3174.

Gisborne Area

Gisborne Express Index 1858-1862 on microfiche, \$8.00 including postage.

Gisborne Families pre 1900, 3 volumes, \$10 plus \$1.50 postage for each volume. Each volume contains stories on approximately 20 families showing a good cross-reference of life in this area.

Cemeteries Indexes - Indexes for Gisborne 1857-1993, Riddells Creek 1869-1990 and Macedon 1864-1993 contain entries taken from both the registers and existing tombstones. The Sunbury Cemetery Index has been taken from existing tombstone inscriptions to 1993. The complete set of these cemeteries on microfiche is \$25 including postage.

The above indexes are available from Marion Button, PO Box 540 Gisborne, Victoria 3437.

The Gisborne Genealogical Group have published *Old Gisborne - The Early Settlement Years* and *Old Gisborne - the Bush Inn* for \$6.00 each (plus \$1.25 p&p). They are available from them c/- Post Office, New Gisborne, Victoria 3438.

Dunolly Area

The Dunolly & BetBet Shire Express 1865-1870 has been indexed as regards Births, Deaths and Marriages, inquests, suicides, murders and divorces. While the indexing project will continue past this date, the compiler is offering an interim search for a fee of \$2.00 per name enquiry, plus \$1.00 a page printout of the items found. Please include a SSAE. The compiler is Andrea Hunter, PO Box 1208, Tennant Creek, NT 0861.

Another newspaper indexing project is that of Ruth Moore. She is indexing Dunolly, St. Arnaud and Tarnagulla papers for the 1860s but unlike the earlier project she will be able to assist with names, events and topics as her computer programme can select

all of these. Her search is free, but do enclose a SSAE when writing. As Ruth is interested in building up a profile of the district, she would like background information about the people enquired about. Dr. R. Moore, Camp Cottage, 12 Goldsmiths Crescent, Castlemaine, Victoria 3450.

Ballarat

The Ballarat Genealogical Society has published a consolidated index to Ballarat and district cemeteries, listing some 30,000 entries from 30 cemeteries. They have also published a consolidated index to Ballarat district school registers, listing over 70,000 pupils' names.

The Ballarat hospital registers are being indexed by the Genealogical Society of Victoria; contact Liz Allan for details.

Goldfields area

Other hospital registers from the goldfields include Amherst, Bendigo, Castlemaine, Creswick, Dunolly, Kynton, Maldon, Maryborough and Stawell - all are being done by the Genealogical Society of Victoria.

The Bendigo and Castlemaine Benevolent Asylum records are also being transcribed by the Genealogical Society of Victoria.

SPECIFIC TOPICS

German Immigrants to Port Phillip 1849-1850

This index lists some 1,278 immigrants on the *Alfred*, *Dockenhuden*, *Emmy*, *Godeffroy*, *Pribislaw* and *Wappaus*. Cost is \$7.50 (plus \$1.50 p&p) from Guthrigg Genealogy, PO Box 114, Ringwood, Victoria 3134.

Immigration Resources

A Select List of Resources held by the Australian Institute of Genealogical Studies, the Genealogical Society of Victoria and the State Library. The list includes both books and microform and is available from Guthrigg Genealogy, PO Box 114, Ringwood, Victoria 3135 for \$6.50 (plus \$2.00 p&p).

Coming South - Victorian Archives of Immigration 1839-1923 A Guide. PRO \$8.95 plus p&p.

Argus Passenger Indexes 1846-1851; 1856-1860; 1861-1865 are available for \$45.00 a set including postage and 1852-1855 for \$50.00 including postage. These indexes include both overseas and interstate arrivals mentioned in *The Argus* shipping columns and any testimonials to various captains which listed passengers. Also included are any passenger or crew deaths listed. The indexes give surname, given names, title, date and place of departure and date and place of arrival. Accompanying the passenger index is a shipping movements index with the same information but listed in order of vessel. In this way you can instantly see all other passengers listed for the same voyage. Also available is *The Port Phillip Herald Passenger Index* 1840-1846 on microfiche for

\$25.00 a set. These indexes are all available from M. Button, PO Box 540, Gisborne, Victoria 3437.

Children in Victorian Institutions 1860-63

This microfiche index is an alphabetical listing of children held in various charitable institutions in Victoria between 1860-63 and has been extracted from material held in the files of the Chief Secretary's Office and housed at the Public Records Office repository at Laverton. In many cases the data provided leads to further sources of information. The institutions were:

- The Immigrants Home, Melbourne
- The Melbourne Protestant Orphan Asylum
- St. Vincent de Paul Orphanage, South Melbourne
- Ballarat Benevolent Asylum
- Beechworth Asylum
- Bendigo Benevolent Asylum
- Castlemaine Benevolent Asylum
- Geelong Protestant Orphan Asylum
- Geelong Roman Catholic Orphanage

The information provided includes some or all of the following:

- Name, birthplace and age of child;
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- Previous residence of child;
- Details of parents (birthplace/occupation);
- To whom apprenticed.

It is available from Harriland Press, PO Box 92 Forest Hill, Victoria 3131 at a cost of \$5.00 (plus \$1.00 p&p within Australia).

Industrial School Registers

After the introduction of the Act in 1864, the government established Industrial Schools for these children. Typically, accommodation was hopelessly inadequate and poor. For a while some hulks were used and even a section of the Geelong prison! The first custom built building for them was erected at Sunbury in 1865 and a new book *Neglected or Criminal? Vol. 1 1865-67* by Joan Brogden, gives details of the conditions there. There was, for example, neither a kitchen nor a hospital for 18 months and a shortage of water left most of the children developing scabies, head lice and worst of all ophthalmia which led to permanent loss of their eyesight. The book is available from Joan Brogden, 51 Canning Street, Avondale Heights, Victoria 3034 for \$7.50 including postage.

The first publication to detail the Industrial Schools legislation was *Neglected and Criminal* by Donella Jagg. It is available from the Phillip Institute at Preston.

Of more immediate use to researchers are the Registers listing all children admitted to these schools. These have been indexed for the period 1864-1894 and are available on microfiche from Australian Institute for Genealogical Studies Inc., PO Box 339,

Blackburn, Victoria 3130 for \$40.00 including postage. The Registers themselves are being microfiched and will eventually be for sale by the AIGS. Be warned, however, the material in these Registers does not make pretty reading: typical examples would be: Mother is a prostitute, father is in gaol, father deserted, mother in lunatic asylum; there is at least one case of a child being infected with venereal disease. If you do find a child in these Registers, the paper I presented at the Brisbane Congress 'Poor Beggars. researching the records of the destitute and insane' will guide you further.

Victorian Prisoners Index c1850-1900

The basis of this index is VPRS 515 Central Register of Male Prisoners and VPRS 516 Central Register of Female Prisoners. These records are being indexed for the period commencing approximately 1850 to 1900. Some earlier records will also be included. Marion Button is busily compiling this index which will take quite some time. In the meantime, she is offering a write-in service. For 10 x 45c stamps, plus a long SSAE, she will check her listing for the name you are seeking and send details of the entry in the Register. These Registers cannot be photocopied as they are huge leather-bound volumes. Marion is up to Volume 20 at the moment about half way. For details of how to proceed further once someone has been found in these records, see Cops & Robbers.

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The Personal and the Public: linking family and general histories

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Written history is our public or collective memory, but what historians choose to write about is in part shaped (censored?) by their own and society's belief systems. From the 1960s, roughly speaking, historians developed the rather ambitious undertaking of social history, which attempted to take into account the history of a society as a whole - and as a major part of that focus, came the idea of "history from below" in which the lives of ordinary men, women and children were reconstructed. How did they live, work, enjoy leisure? What was their diet, their health, longevity, marriage patterns, family sizes? In contrast, a great deal of previous historical writing had to do with nations and nation-making - politics, diplomacy, war and peace, trade and economic development - in short, history tended to focus on the elite and the public sphere of life. Joined to social history in the 1970s was women's history. Women until very recent times were excluded from public life: they could not be elected to parliament, nor did they have public careers in professions (law, medicine, accounting, church, military etc.). Therefore, in order to tell the story of women historians focussed on the private sphere of human relations, particularly the history of the family. What women historians have shown us is that the private and personal is also political: the State (ie. governments) regulate a great deal of private behaviour (marriage laws, criminality, inheritance, pensions, taxation).

Genealogy is concerned to discover and uncover ancestors from public records (birth, deaths and marriage records; land and property titles, wills and probate records, criminal records from convict files etc.). Genealogists have begun to move beyond adding branches and twigs to the family tree and to use those public records to write family histories, that is to reconstruct past lives and past generations in a historical context. In effect, family historians are writing, or have the potential to write micro-social history.¹

There is a convergence of interests, I think, between family historians - largely unpaid enthusiasts - and social historians - largely paid and academic - particularly in the contemporary focus on the private and family sphere. We share some common ground. My interest as a general historian is, how do we learn from each other? How do we connect that personal - the growing number of family or micro-histories - to the larger perspectives of say, the general history of Australia, or of Tasmania or of any locality, such as Launceston, Huonville, or Forth? From your point of view as family historians: how can general history inform me about the context of and issues in my great-grandmothers' and grandfathers' lives?

There is another convergence too. Just as social historians have become interested in the lives of ordinary people, and through the vigour of women historians, also in the history of the family, so too do genealogist/family historians and social historians share common ground in local history. Michael Roe in his paper "The value and interest of local history" written in 1968 reminds us that *the pursuit of local history implies an affirmation that small communities do matter, that they merit a significant part - I do not say whole - of one's loyalty.*²

If genealogists turned to written histories of Australia in 1960 for help in establishing a context for their own research and writing, they would have found a relatively small body of work. This is now no longer true.³ Interest in our own history as a people, as distinct from say, that of Britain, was then in its infancy. Manning Clark (1915-1991), the first historian to write a sustained version of Australia's modern history from 1788 to 1935 (his finishing date) began his work on what became six volumes of *A History of Australia* in 1956; the sixth volume was published in 1987, just one year before the bicentenary of British settlement. Clark tells us in his autobiography *The Quest for Grace* (1990) that he felt very much the call and mystique of England in 1938. At Oxford University he felt himself an outsider. Returning to Australia in 1940 he gradually found himself to be an Australian, not British. Clark illustrates in his life what seems generally true for Australians as a whole: a delayed and reluctant interest in our own past. The same statement applies to us here in Tasmania.

Our two great silences

Tasmania's written history has two great silences. Both silences are in the process of being given public voices, for example through the work of Lloyd Robson and N.J.B. Plomley, but much still remains to be done. The first great silence is the story of the Tasmanian Aborigines and how they were dispossessed. We need to know the local detail of white-Aboriginal relationships and dispossession. The second great silence is our convict past. In particular, bringing to life the many convicts who married, settled and left descendants. Who speaks for them? Aboriginal dispossession and convictism occurred contemporaneously: Port Arthur, that great symbol of penal control, opened in 1830, the year of the "black line". At the other end of it, the major symbol of the dispossessed nomadic culture, Truganinni, died in 1876; in the following year, 1877, Port Arthur closed as a penal settlement.⁴

Silence arises here not because there is nothing to say. On the contrary, around both great silences lingers deep pain and shame. Pain and shame are emotions that get transmitted from generation to generation. Research about how parents transmit the emotional shame they carry to their children (and others) and methods to effect psychological awareness, release, healing of shame is yet in its infancy.⁵ The point is, that it is in our Tasmanian society, and maybe within some of us, we have an emotional trespass from our past.

The sense of shame in both great silences still lingers: the way to exorcise shame is to face it and explore it. Let us look more closely at the convict layer in our history. Formally speaking the convict era lasted for the first fifty years of white settlement:

this is one quarter of our Tasmanian history since 1803. Yet the impact of that convict era lingered much longer. For example, political controls against convictism were built in. Unlike the other three Australian colonies (NSW; Victoria; South Australia) which had achieved self-government at the same time as Tasmania in 1856, the Tasmanian Parliament did not grant adult male suffrage to all men until 1900: the other three colonies all did so by 1858. Equally, a very powerful upper house was constructed in the new Tasmanian Constitution of 1856. Its powers remain intact today.

The last convicts were dying in the early years of federation. William Groom, sentenced to seven years transportation in 1847 for stealing, was elected as a Queensland MHR in the first federal parliament in 1901; he died later that year. The last elderly ex-convict died in Launceston in the early 1900s; the female factory (built circa 1835) in Paterson Street was knocked down in 1914 to make way for the new high school built in the following year; the gaol (built circa 1829) next door was demolished in the following years. From 1803 to the early twentieth century makes roughly half our modern history since 1803. Launceston was glad to get rid of that physical past of high and forbidding gaol walls.

Despite their long term importance at the time we have no public remembrances of convict sites. Let us take Launceston as an example. We have several known convict sites: the female factory, the gaol, the treadmill and the bluestone quarries (Paterson Street); the Commissariat store (ie. Paterson Barracks, St John Street); prisoners' barracks (William and George Streets); military barracks (Royal Park and elsewhere); police offices, stocks, and law courts. There are no plaques marking any of these places. It is as if they never existed.

But what of the human presence: the descendants of convicts? But who are they? To answer that question we need an alliance of workers in family history and general history. We need to combine the personal detail of many individual convicts turning up in our family trees and combine their stories to build up a collective story. We need to combine the personal with the public, to link family and general histories.

How important are descendants of convicts numerically in Tasmania's late twentieth century population, now nearing 500,000? How many convicts married and settled in Tasmania leaving descendants? We do not know. But we can make some observations about convict numbers which indicate that the proportion is likely to be significant. If we look at the 1851 census for Van Diemen's Land (the last taken before the ending of transportation to the island in 1853, and occurring in the gold rush year) we find some interesting things. The male and female convicts (listed as "bond") and ex-convicts (referred to as "other free persons") for the whole island:

male convicts	12,468
male ex-convicts	12,369
total	24,837 (or 58% of the total 43,101 males)
female convicts	4,037
female ex-convicts	3,534
total	7,571 (or 30% of the total 25,482 females)

More interestingly we can make another calculation that gives a better estimate of the convict presence in 1851. If we make the arbitrary assumption that all convicts were over twenty-one years of age (which was probably very much the case at this time), we can, by using the age and sex part of the census, delete children under fourteen years and youths fourteen to twenty-one years. We then re-calculate. Convicts as a proportion of the adult population loom much larger. Let us look at the calculation I have made of the proportion of convicts and ex-convicts in the Launceston district in 1851. (About the same proportions exist as for the island as a whole.)

males under 21 years	= 4,400
total males	= 6,544
male ex-convicts & convicts	= 3,323 (75.5% of males over 21 years)
females under 21 years	= 2,128
total females	= 4,311
female ex-convicts & convicts	= 1,073 (50.4% of females over 21 years)

These calculations reveal the large proportion of convicts and ex-convicts in the total settler population. In effect, adult males (ie over twenty-one years) who arrived free or were born free were in a minority, about one-quarter of all males over twenty-one years. The overwhelming convict majority emphasises the importance of British troops stationed in the major centres as a precaution against convict revolt.

Two observations are pertinent here. First, the large convict presence and their deployment as labour (either as assigned servants up to 1840, or as ex-convicts seeking wage labour) meant that social ways of easing relations between free employer and convict employee had to be found. Was one way, in the interests of getting essential work done, keeping quiet and accepting at face value the "government" men and women? And the long run effects of keeping quiet? _ the relative absence of family tales and folk-lore about convicts. We in the late twentieth century have thus inherited a very strange and silent past about convictism. (For example, only a couple of small references to assigned convicts in both James Fenton's *Bush Life in Tasmania*, and Henry Button's *Flotsam and Jetsam*. Both begin their Launceston-published reminiscences in the 1830s and are writing about these times over fifty years after they occurred.⁶)

Second, it is not hard to understand the passion of John West and male colleagues at the end of the 1840s in pushing for the end of convict transportation to the island: they as free settlers knew and felt themselves to be a distinct minority.

Beyond the mere numbers is the sense of stigma of convictism felt by free colonists: "That Hated Stain" as Henry Reynolds has written.⁷ That phrase is definitely the viewpoint of the free emigrants: the landed gentry, professional men (lawyers, clergymen) merchants, bankers, storekeepers and businessmen who felt that sense of contamination, perhaps all the more because they had come to the colony to better their social standing and economic condition.

Why did the Tasmanian (new) middle classes want to brush the convict past under the carpet? This is an involved and interesting question which cannot be explored here.

The relative large proportion of the convict population had something to do with the silence. Second, the power of the new code of manners called respectability. The rising middle classes (the meritocracy) in England sought respectability as a personal code of behaviour - goodness, moral, responsible, dutiful - and also used it as an ideology to justify to the aristocracy, signified as "corrupt" - (Dickens' novels are often about individuals hurt by corruption; eg *Bleak House*) and power wielders in Parliament that voting privileges be extended to themselves. Respectability was signified through temperance, church attendance, personal codes of manners and conduct. Respectability itself was symbolised by the young Queen Victoria who ascended the throne in 1837.

The virtue of respectability arrived with many free settlers to Van Diemen's Land: we see this in the great amount of church and school building here in the 1830s and 1840s.⁴ The convict presence affected respectability in two ways: large numbers and continual arrivals threatened free settlers (crime rates; lack of employment opportunities for ex-convicts); and from 1847 the revelation of and revulsion against homosexual practices (which we can interpret through the code word, "vice") among male convicts.

The urge to self-government was made stronger by the resistances from the VDL governors and their acceptance of the convict system. Would Van Diemen's Land, the second oldest and in 1851 the second most important of the Australian colonies, be given self-government by the British government if it remained a penal colony? was a question free settlers asked themselves in the late 1840s and early 1850s. The answer was clearly no: conflicts of interest emerged in the 1840s over who was financially responsible for crimes committed in VDL. The great proportion of crimes were being committed by ex-convicts, but Tasmanian free settlers were forced to pay for the upkeep of gaols and police. This burden of a London-induced cost created by London-induced policy of transportation rankled.

And finally, even the elite from the landed gentry carried recent residues of the convict past. For example, in the Launceston region James Cox of "Clarendon" married the daughter of an ex-convict; and the Reibeys of "Entally" were descended from the Sydney ex-convict, Mary Reibey.

As an aside, we can see that the free settlers' fears of convict stigma were not wide of the mark. Mud sticks. British wartime Prime Minister Churchill, angered by Australian Prime Minister Curtin's withdrawal of Australian troops from North Africa in order to defend Australia from Japanese attack in June 1942, observed that *the Australians came of bad stock*. More recently, in 1993, during the fuss over Prime Minister Keating's use of "recalcitrant" to describe Malaysian Prime Minister Mahathir, a Malaysian federal cabinet minister criticised Australians as being descendants of convicts.⁵

How have we regarded our own convict history in Tasmania?

I have referred to our historical amnesia in the great silence about convict history. That silence has been deepened, ironically, by the Tasmanian tourist industry. Private and public agencies sell Tasmania with photographs of Port Arthur and its yellow stone ruins prominent in advertising campaigns. In the public mind of resident and tourist

alike the convict era is equated with Port Arthur, and the lesser Sarah Island on the west coast. Yet these were places of secondary punishment, meaning that only convicts who committed serious crimes in the colony would be sentenced to imprisonment and hard labour there. Only a small proportion of convicts actually spent time at Port Arthur or its equivalent. We do not know the precise numbers, but about 10 -15% would be the order of magnitude. In short, the focus on Port Arthur gravely distorts our historical impressions of our convict past, not only about the relative importance of place, but about punishment, conditions, and the contribution that convicts made to Tasmania's economic development.

To clarify the historical picture we need to see convicts, both men and women, as both workers and pioneers. If we turn to our conventional local histories, the pioneers, a group that began to be looked at in literature, memoirs, art and so on in the late 1880s and 1890s - in short, as the pioneering generation was dying out: one foot in the graveyard and the other on a banana skin, as eminent Australian historian Sir Keith Hancock (1898-1988) liked to describe himself in his last years. Convicts were the main labour force for the first sixty years or so: they were the pioneers. How many local histories of Tasmanian districts look to prominent (free settler, relatively well to do) families as leaders and pioneers of their district? Where are the convicts and ex-convicts in our local stories? Until well into the twentieth century with the advent of labour-saving machinery (fork-lift trucks etc.) unskilled labourers made up over 33% of the workforce. This was the age of muscle-power: the muscles were of men and horses.

If we turn to our physical buildings and remains, the rich Georgian and early Victorian heritage in Tasmania, how much of that was built by convict labour? (It is important to note here that the Sydney region of comparable heritage, has lost much through its being the major industrial city in Australia; size and sprawl have overwhelmed the remnants of its Georgian architecture.)

- * roads, bridges, houses, churches, public buildings, land clearance, hedgerows; drainage ditches
- * timber workers, stonemasons, quarrymen and stone breakers; brickmakers and layers, carpenters, carriage builders, farm hands, carters, smiths, general labourers.

But this describes only the male convict workers. Some 12,000 convict women also came to Tasmania. We know of the sites of the female factories at George Town, Launceston, Ross and the Cascades in South Hobart. These were the holding sites of recalcitrant convict servants and unmarried, homeless pregnant convict women. Again, only a minority of convict women were in any of these places at any one time. But what of their work? In the age of servants (as late as the 1901 census 30% of women in paid work were domestic servants; by 1947 the proportion was less than 6%) convict women were in demand for household work and farm work. Many of these tasks - for example, hand-washing and ironing clothes - required hard work and long hours.

Women servants were in demand. An interesting story serves to illustrate the point. In 1849 the Launceston anti-transportationists formed into two separate Leagues. Why

two? They had a difference of opinion which we might call the female domestic servant question. The landed gentry and the middle class League - meeting at the Cornwall Hotel at midday - wanted to continue as they had always done, to hire convict women as servants to help their wives; the largely working class League - meeting at 7.30 pm at the Frederick St kindergarten - would have nothing to do with convicts of either sex: they wanted to boycott the hiring of all ticket-of-leave convicts, both men and women. We know very little about these convict women, yet many became mothers; many have left descendants in Tasmania. Are you one?

Taking all of this together, it tells us that we need to reconsider convicts as workers, and their work was in what are the most densely settled regions of Tasmania. Let us look at this.

Where were the convicts based? Where did they work? If we look at just the probation gang period of the 1840s, we find convict workers all over most of Tasmania: Hobart and district; upper Derwent Valley; Huon Valley and south; the Midlands; Launceston and region; the Tamar Valley, George Town; Westbury, Latrobe; Fingal Valley; east coast; Emu Bay, Circular Head and the North West.

But what about the viewpoint of the ex-convicts and their descendants themselves?

How many of you have discovered a convict or two in your family tree? To ask that question thirty or forty years ago would have been impolite. Can we ask it now? Can we develop that story further now? In principle, the multiplication of descendants and intermarriage among a relatively stable population, would make it likely that there is a high proportion of Tasmanian families who have convicts in their family tree.

Example: my family history:

Victorian genealogist Judy Sloggett, turned up the convicts John Cruse and Martha Frampton:

- * John Cruse born (Chailey?), Sussex, England 3 May 1811.
- * 16 October 1835 transportation for life for larceny in a dwelling house. Arrived Hobart, 2 March 1835 on the *Waterloo*.
- * assigned servant and worked as a gardener to Rev. R.R. Davies of Longford. TL 14 April 1843; Conditional Pardon 1846.
- * 2 October 1843 married Martha Frampton (b. 30 May 1825, Walton, Somerset), a bounty immigrant (arrived 4 April 1843) and servant of Davies.
- * lived in "Ivy Cottage", Wellington St, Longford all their married lives; his photograph; his descendants.
- * John Cruse died Longford 21 June 1889; Martha on 17 July 1912.
- * 4 children; at least 23 grandchildren.

James Coward (biographical details based on information in Tipping's *Convicts Unbound*)

- * born 1777 (?), Offington, Kent.

- tried 3 Dec 1800 for stealing two black oxen. Sentenced to death; reprieved, and sentenced to transportation for life.
- arrived Hobart as part of Collins' party, 1804.
- 3 June 1812 married Elizabeth Harkinstone (a short-lived marriage? 26 December 1812 JC charged the butcher Daniel Anchor with enticing his wife away. Anchor's wife came out with the Collins' expedition, but during the voyage became the mistress and later de facto wife of deputy commissary-general Leonard Fosbrook.)
- moved to Launceston sometime after 1818
- first semaphore keeper at Mt Direction, East Tamar, 1826.
- injured in a cart accident; died 10 April 1845.

The Personal and the Public

In this brief outline I have shown the links between my family history and Tasmania's general history: this is one aspect of the personal and the public. But this story has not been explored: what evidence exists to flesh out the story of an individual ex-convict living in Tasmania, apart from official dossiers? How can that individual life be fleshed out to show the life in the context of the times? How can that personal be linked to the public, or general history?

An interesting case study of a convict woman in New South Wales has been researched and published by Babette Smith. Her *A Cargo of Women: Susannah Watson and the convicts of the Princess Royal* (1988 and 1992) is a good model that integrates the individual life of one convict woman with the convict assignment system in New South Wales.

Susannah Watson

- born London, 20 October 1794
- sentenced Nottingham to fourteen years for shop robbery, two previous convictions. Married with 5 children. 5'2"
- arrived Sydney 9 May 1829 (six month voyage)
- Ticket of Leave July 1839 (after ten years)
- certificate of Freedom July 1844
- August 1856 moved to Braidwood
- died October 1877, Gunning, NSW

Can we write some individual stories about individual convict and ex-convict lives in Tasmania? Is there a way for genealogists interested in reconstructing family histories to take that endeavour further to connect to general history? Here it may be possible for several family historians to combine to look for common patterns in their researches (eg. similar times of arrival; or assignment and or settlement in a particular district) and to link several stories into a larger district story. For example, we know how many people in Launceston in 1851 were ex-convicts and convicts. How many remained there and had families? What was their experience in Launceston after 1851? Did they leave letters or diaries? What can be reconstructed from the public record: from newspapers; Benevolent Society records; convict records, *The Hobart Town Gazette* etc.?

We have a model of this kind of group biography and that can be improved upon. Marjorie Tipping's *Convicts Unbound: the story of the Calcutta convicts and their settlement in Australia* (1988) uses official convict records to reconstruct a group biography of the 268 convicts who arrived in Hobart with Collins in 1804. After a voyage in HMS *Calcutta* from Portsmouth to Port Phillip, the planned settlement there (at Sorrento) was abandoned in favour of VDL. By 1808 many (some seventy-four) became free and left the colony; while some 194 deaths were traced (p.213). Most of these were by natural causes; thirty-three passed their seventieth year.

Tipping's final interest is not so much Tasmania but how those who came with Collins, or their descendants, in turn moved across Bass Strait to colonise Port Phillip in the mid-1830s. As Tipping puts it: *The influence of nineteenth century historians, who were so gratified that the state of Victoria had been spared the 'convict taint', has rested like a dead hand on a chapter of history that has assumed increasing interest and importance. During that century incredible efforts were taken to try to obliterate the origins of some families. Yet had many of those convicts chosen to sail in the Calcutta and Ocean with Collins left many men and women who have made significant contributions to the history of Victoria as well as of Tasmania ... (p.214)*

In general, Tipping's story is that many of these very early Tasmanian ex-convicts made good. But her story focuses on a tiny minority who arrived prior to the major influx of convicts which began after 1820. Further, 60% (three in every five) of all convicts transported to Australia arrived after 1830. In short, Tipping's example illustrates the variety in convict experience, but it is atypical of the convict experience. Of importance to us as Tasmanian historians is the fact that close to half the of the convicts sent to eastern Australia arrived here: 45% of male convicts (54,640) and 50% of female convicts (12,500) came to Tasmania.

Distribution of convict arrivals in Eastern Australia 1788-1852

	men	women	total
NSW (1788-1840)	55%	50%	54%
VDL (1803-1852)	45%	50%	46%
total convicts	122,620	24,960	147,580

Source: based on Robson, *Convict Settlers of Australia*.

Historians who link family history with Tasmania's social history would give families a firmer, sharper focus in a historical context; and the other side of it, would give social history a sharper imprint of individuality. Working these together - as a collective group project perhaps? - would help to uncover the silence of our convict past. But there are also other allies in constructing our histories. Oral history (or more accurately, oral evidence) is a very powerful method for using in constructing family histories. A lot can be said about oral history, but that is really another paper. Here I would just point to Janet McCalman's admirable and very readable *Struggletown* covering the years 1900 to 1960, which is about the Melbourne inner city suburb of Richmond and its "old" Australian working class.

Social history and oral history: the model of Janet McCalman's *Struggletown*

Struggletown is very heavily based in oral history joined with other primary sources. The table of contents reveal the backbone of an individual life - birthplace, childhood, youth, young marrieds, middle age, old age and reflection - but these headings also stand for the progression through the life of a generation, which takes in two major wars, a great depression, and the post-1945 boom.

One of the advantages of the oral method is that it enables the historian to explore feelings as well as thoughts, beliefs and attitudes. Feelings rarely get into the public record: how did convicts feel about their exile and treatment under "the System" in Tasmania? How did they feel about their freedom and their lives after their sentence had ended? We do not know. Feelings tend to be devalued in our culture, as in that famous quotation by philosopher Rene Descartes uttered in the 1630s: *I think, therefore I am*. Is this really being human? What about a broader, truer formulation? such as *I think and feel, and imagine and intuit ... and therefore I am*? A feeling is always linked to a thought; you can not have one without the other. Oral history allows that drawing out of feeling that can bring to life family history and social history.

That reference to "I" - to each of us as individuals - is a good note to conclude. Each of us as individuals has to make sense of the world and its great mysteries of living, of the hidden divinity around us, we make sense of that partly through our family histories, our local histories and our general social histories. By doing so we breathe life into a past and at a deeper level hope that will also help us to understand ourselves. The personal and public, the inner reality and the outer world of each of us if you like, are always interacting on how we perceive and interpret the world, are our imprint on history. The personal and the public as I have tried to suggest, link family and social history.

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INTEREST GROUP REPORT

Van Diemen's Land - Norfolk Island Group

We regret that the excursion to northern Tasmania will not now take place. We The group will be attending a small tour of Pontville on Sunday 7 October, visiting some early homes and other places of interest. The tour will be conducted by Freda Gray of the First Settlers Group and we have been invited to take part.

We plan to visit North Bruny Island on the 17 March 1996. There will be more about it in the next journal. Reminder that 1995-96 renewals will be due in September; notices will go out with the Newsletter later this month.

New books:

One Half Acre: Story of Mark Carter at Clarence Plains.

Indexes to Excursions Books 1990-1995

A small stock of our books are now obtainable at the Lenah Valley Newsagency. We are very grateful to the proprietor for his interest in Tasmanian history.

Irene Schaffer, Co-ordinator

Transported Forever?

Derek Sherborn

People often write to me (as a result of advertisements in various genealogical magazines which express, I fear, rather vague interest in transported criminals) asking for help in tracing their ancestors, maybe a John Smith from Lambeth, for instance, who they believe was sent to the colonies for some actual, or dubious, offence, a century and a half ago. It is a pity that my reply has to be unhelpful.

However, I was browsing through my books the other day, and in *A Handbook of London, Past and Present* by Peter Cunningham, published by John Murray in 1850, I found the following article on Millbank Prison, or Millbank Penitentiary, as it was better known. It has gone now, having been replaced by the Tate Gallery on its site:-

Millbank Prison, A mass of brickwork equal to a fortress, on the left bank of the Thames, close to Vauxhall Bridge; erected on ground bought in 1799 of the Marquis of Salisbury, and established pursuant to 52 Geo. III., c. 44, passed Aug 20th 1812. It was designed by Jeremy Bentham, to whom the fee-simple of the ground was conveyed, and is said to have cost the enormous sum of half a million sterling. The external walls form an irregular octagon, and enclose upwards of sixteen acres of land. Its ground plan resembles a wheel, the governor's house occupying a circle in the centre, from which radiate six piles of building, terminating externally in towers. The ground on which it stands is raised but little above the river, and was at one time considered unhealthy. It was first named "The Penitentiary", or "Penitentiary House for London and Middlesex", and was called "The Millbank Prison" pursuant to 6 & 7 of Victoria, c 26. It is the largest prison in London. Every male and female convict sentenced to transportation in Great Britain is sent to Millbank previous to the sentence being executed. Here they remain about three months under the close inspection of the three inspectors of the prison, at the end of which time the inspectors report to the Home Secretary, and recommend the place of transportation. The number of persons in Great Britain and Ireland condemned to transportation every year amounts to about 4000. So far as the accommodation of the prison permits, the separate system is adopted. Admission to inspect - order from the Secretary for the Home Department, or the Inspector of Prisons.

Having discovered this, I wrote to the Public Record Office in Kew and it seems that the records one needs are likely to be there.

The Office holds records relating to Millbank Prison. These are in record class PCOM 2: Prisons Records. These records are mainly prisoners registers with a date range of 1837 to 1877. There is also a

question, suggestions etc book (PCOM 2/164) and a deaths and inquest register (PCOM 2/165) which may assist you further.

This Office also holds records on prisons in the following record class:

HO 20: Home Office: Prisons Correspondence and Papers 1820 - 1843

HO 21: Home Office: Prison Entry Books Series 1 1812 - 1884

HO 22: Home Office: Prison Entry Books Series 11 1849 - 1921

HO 23: Home Office: Registry of County Prisons 1847 - 1886

HO 24: Home Office: Prison Registers and Returns 1838 - 1875

It is not the function of the Public Record Office to provide a research service for correspondents. The aim of the Search Department is to help those who visit the reading rooms in person to undertake their own research. If you are able to visit the Office yourself, the staff will be happy to advise you further.

You may possibly wish to contact Greater London Record Office, 40 Northampton Road, London EC1R OAB, who may also assist you.

Absolutely Fabulous

Not the TV program, the 1881 census index on Microfiche.

Thelma L. Grunnell

I've found "Aunt Jane" aged four years living with her grandparents, John and Jane Carter, at Tavistock. So the graves she used to tend when she visited us in the early 1940s must have been theirs. But her father, a widower, was shown as visiting his father-in-law in Plymouth who also was given as widower. Where was Kate Mary aged two years, Jane's sister? Their mother, Margaret, must have died between the time Kate was born in 1878 and Census time but I can not find her death on the St Catherine's House index.

Yes, a couple of steps forward and then more puzzles to solve. Getting all fired up at a recent meeting about the helpful way the 1881 census is set up got me a job: to write this article to encourage you all to dip into this goodie bag - the 1881 Census Index on microfiche.

Not all English counties have been released yet but those that have are a mine of information for the Family History researcher. The Index consists of seven sections all listed alphabetically, and although I have only consulted Devon and Cornwall, I assume that all counties are similarly set up.

1. **Surname Index:** Lists surname, forename, age, sex, marital status, relationship to head of house, census place, name of head of house, County and where born. Also piece roll and Folio number, page number and GSU number. By noting down the Folio number and page it is easier to access your person in the 'As Enumerated' section.

2. **Birth place Index:** Lists surname, County, Parish, forename, age, relationship to head of house etc. Handy if name and birthplace is all that you know about an ancestor, as then you may find a whole family in the "As Enumerated" fiche.

3. **Census Place Index:** Grandfather lived in X— ? This may help you find him. Listed alphabetically by surname and census place.

4. **"As Enumerated":** A typed version of the actual Enumeration form. This index is headed up by Parish, piece roll, Folio and page number. So with data from the Surname Index it is easy to find the family. Note that the page number is given for the right hand page in the book and continues on to the reverse, so don't think you have missed out when the number goes for example from 19 to 21. For the sea port town of Bideford, Devon, ten entries are given as "Wandering gipsies" few named.

5. **Miscellaneous Notes:** In some sections of the index a "+" appears by a name. This part of the index gives fuller information about the person so marked e.g. for one female listed in my family there has been a notation in another hand than that of the Enumerator - "Head of house in husband's absence".

6. **Vessels and Ships:** I am not sure what the distinction is in the title. This part of the index is a bonus if you have a mariner listed as it names the vessel, gives home port, Master's name, tonnage, type of vessel i.e. schooner, gunnery ship, foreign etc. Also listed is the business of the vessel, cargo, coaling/cokeing trade, fishing.

7. **"Hampden House Academy":** I am not sure why this is entitled thus, but it is a list of various institutions in the County i.e., Tavistock Grammar School, Devon Artillery Depot, Stoke Damerell, Blundells School, Tiverton etc.

This is only a brief outline of the 1881 census index on microfiche which I viewed at the LDS Family History Centre, Penquite Road, Launceston. No doubt their branches in other centres in Tasmania have these records available too. Do go and look, it will be well worth your time. The FFHS journal gives the contact person for purchase of part or all of this census on fiche, but it is not available to private persons, only societies.

Just as a side line, do you know that in 1871 there was a census taken in Devon of those children eligible to be at school and which gives the reasons for their non-attendance. These make interesting reading and are available at the Devon County Record Office in Exeter.

Filing System

I have found a filing system that suits me very well. The largest size Rice Bubbles packets will each hold a folder plus assorted items still to be dealt with. Certainly they would look much more professional if I ever get around to covering them. In the meantime, I have this array on a shelf, labelled and easily accessed.

As I do not as yet have any willing heirs to all this quite large collection, when I proudly showed my husband, I suggested that "If anything happens to me and no one wants all this, you'd better send it to the Genealogical Society".

"Oh no", he replied, "I'll just send it to Kelloggs!" - Allison M. Carins

FROM THE EXCHANGE JOURNALS

Thelma McKay

“What’s in a Name? - Coats of Arms For Sale” by Helen Hinchliff in International Society for British Genealogy & Family History newsletter. Part 1; July-September 1994, Vol. 16, No. 3 and part 2; October-December 1994, Vol. 16, No. 4. This article on Coats of Arms will be in 3 parts: parts 1 and 2 are featured here. There are many different crests for some surnames. The Fletcher name and crest is mentioned in this issue following queries concerning a “Hall of Names” certificate. Many questions are raised and answered by Helen e.g. “Why do private companies sell arms?” “Does it matter if we display the arms of someone who is not our ancestor?” and “Is it wrong to use arms photocopied from reference books?” Part 2 “Rules About Coats of Arms” explains how and why individuals obtain a grant of arms and crests and who has the right to use them.

“Now Complete” by Mrs Jane Jones in *the Kent Family History Society Journal*, June 1994, Vol. 7, No. 7, p.231. A letter to the Editor advises readers that the Kent Marriage Indexes, covering the whole county from 1538-1837, are now complete. They are divided as follows: Michael Gandy, 3 Church Crescent, Whetstone, London N20 0JR has the East Kent Index 1754-1812 and the whole of Kent 1813-37; Sidney Smith, 59 Friar Road, Orpington, Kent BR5 2BW has the West Kent Index 1538-1812; Mrs Jane Jones of Weir Bank Lodge, Monkey Island Lane, Bray, Maidenhead, Berks SL6 2ED has the East Kent Index 1538-1753.

“Scottish Veteran Pensioners” by Ian Rowbotham in *The Manchester Genealogist* (Manchester & Lancashire Family History Society), October 1994, Vol. 30, No. 4, pp.69-75. An alphabetical list of “Scottish Veteran Pensioners”, many of whom served in more than one regiment, was featured in this society’s journal over the past two years. The lists show the name, regiments with comments added. Part 1-2 Vol. 29, Nos 3-4, 1993. Part 3-4 Vol. 30, Nos 1-2, 1994 and Part 5-6 Vol. 30, Nos 3-4 1995.

“Southwark: Industries & Commerce” by Stephen Humphrey (Archivist) in *East Surrey Family History Society Journal*, December 1994, Vol. 17, No. 4, pp.15-20. If your ancestors came from the parishes of Southwark, Bermondsey and Rotherhithe on the River Thames in Surrey, the Southwark Local Studies Library holds various records on the history of shipping, ports, industries and the records of employers and staff, also maps, paintings and pictures of street markets.

“Accessing Genealogical Databases” by Lauren Thomson in *The Genealogist* (Australian Institute of Genealogical Studies Inc), December 1994, Vol. 7, No. 12, pp.491-93. This article contains a summary of the genealogical databases listed in the annual directory published in the American computer journal *Genealogical Computing* (Vol. 13, No. 4). There are twelve databases listed for Australia; and eighteen miscellaneous indexes most of which are surname indexes. Several of those listed are

available for purchase (prices and addresses quoted) others invite postal research enquires.

"They Came to Melbourne" by Ian Main in *The Ancestral Searcher* (The Heraldry & Genealogical Society of Canberra Inc), December 1994, Vol. 17, No. 4, pp.164-68. What was Melbourne like in the 1850s? This article gives a glimpse of those early days, and for further study, offers a lengthy bibliography of publications from that era written by various authors, diarists and reporters.

"News-Views-Comments-Letters" in *Berkshire Family Historian* (Berkshire Family History Society), December 1994, Vol. 18, No. 2, p.66. A snippet (from *Family Tree Magazine* October 1994, Vol. 10, No. 12, p.24) advises that researchers interested in the Crimean War (1853-56) should write to the Crimean War Research Society, C/-Secretary David Cliff, 4 Castle Estate, Castle Lane, Ripponden, W Yorks; or to Ken Horton, 15 Bartestree Close, Matchborough East, Redditch, Worcs B98 0AZ. In both cases send SAE or two IRCs.

"Bygone Belvoir House" by Frank Bate in *Descent* (Society of Australian Genealogists), December 1994, Vol. 24, No. 4, pp.161-66. "Belvoir House" in Surry Hills, NSW is situated on part of the land originally granted to Captain Joseph Foveaux in 1793. By 1832 the land was divided into blocks, one being purchased by Richard Ellison Bate who was born in Hobart Town, the son of Samuel Bate, Deputy Judge Advocate of VDL. The history of this two-storey house includes names of other owners, with references.

"Researching in South-West Victoria" by Beth Phillips in *Eagle Eye* (Cowra Family History Group Inc), December 1994, Vol. 11, No. 2, p.47. The Reference Library in the Flagstaff Hill Maritime Museum holds a wide range of local history resources for Warrnambool and the South West district of Victoria. The Warrnambool Branch of the Australian Institute of Genealogical Studies Inc. staffs the library and offers a research service. Write to Research Officer PO Box 607, Warrnambool VIC 3280 for further details.

"Millstone Dressing" by Don Felgate in *Greentrees* (Westminster & Central Middlesex Family History Society), November 1994, Vol. 14, No. 1, pp.12-13. Don Felgate's informative article on the ancient craft of "millstone dressing" will be of interest to anyone with a miller in their family tree.

"IGI on CD-Rom" by Richard Chapman in *West Middlesex Family History Society Journal* December 1994, Vol. 12, No. 4, pp.15-17. These helpful instructions are of benefit to all researchers familiar with an IBM keyboard, who wish to take full advantage of the many benefits of searching the IGI by computer.

"William Stanbury-Convict 1022" by Neil Thomas and "SA Convict Database" by Graham Jaunay in *The South Australian Genealogist* (South Australian Genealogy & Heraldry Society Inc.), January 1995, Vol. 22, No. 1, pp.12-14. This volume covers many aspects of convict research. One article by Neil Thomas recounts the story of his ancestor William Stanbury - Convict 1022 who arrived in VDL per the *York* in 1829. In his study on South Australian Convicts, Graham Jaunay notes that SA was not entirely

free from convicts and transportation and advises a database listing all SA convicts sentenced to transportation. For further information write to G Jaunay, 7 East Terrace, South Plympton, SA 5038.

"The Merseyside Maritime Museum" in *Southern Suburbs Scroll* (Southern Suburbs Branch of GSQ), February 1995, Vol. 11, No. 1, p.23. If your ancestors emigrated from the Port of Liverpool, the Merseyside Maritime Museum may be able to help in tracing them. Write to Merseyside County Museum, William Brown Street, Liverpool L3 8EN, UK. Please include a SAE and two IRCs.

"Unfilmed 1851 Census of Manchester, Salford & Districts" in *The Manchester Genealogist* (Manchester & Lancashire Family History Society), Vol. 31, No. 1, January 1995, pp.46-47. A list of the inmates of the Salford Union Workhouse of the parish of Manchester, township of Salford has been compiled by the PRO. Many records were damaged by flood water but have now been transcribed.

"New Zealand Research - A Brief Guide to Family History Sources at the National Archives" in *Mount Isa Family History Society Inc. Journal*, February 1995, No. 46, pp.14-26. A list of holdings at the National Archives in Christchurch, New Zealand has been printed in full. At the time of printing, December 1994, the following records held are: deceased estates, probates, bankruptcy, health, hotel licensing, court records, land and survey, mining, police and railway records to name just a few. For more information write to The National Archives, PO Box 1308, Christchurch NZ.

"The Gazette - Publican's Licences - QLD" in *Time Line* (Genealogical Society of Queensland, Gladstone Branch), February 1995, Vol. 4, No. 3, pp.3-8. Did your ancestor reside in Queensland during 1863-64? Did he (or she) hold a Publican's General Licence? This alphabetical index covers over six pages transcribed from these records. Sometimes it is these small personal indexes that help in locating a lost ancestor.

"The Household Cavalry and the Foot" by Captain E A Gray in *Suffolk Roots* (Suffolk Family History Society), February 1995, Vol. 20, No. 4, p.221. Anyone with an ancestor who served in the Household Cavalry or the Foot Guards before 1900 will be interested in Captain Gray's article. First he defines these "two great institutions of the British Arms". Addresses for further enquiries are also given.

"History of The Suffolk Regiment" (The 12th Foot) in the same issue of the above journal, pp.208-10. In 1854 the 1st Battalion of the Suffolk Regiment arrived in Australia, serving in Tasmania until it took part in the Maori Wars in New Zealand in 1860. This service laid the foundation for the alliance which exists between the Suffolk Regiment, the Tasmanian Regiment of Australia, and the Auckland Regiment of New Zealand. Details of the long history of the Suffolk Regiment are outlined in this article.

"Did Your Ancestor Arrive on the Royal Admiral" by Cathy Dunn in *Illawarra Branches* (Illawarra Family History Group), March 1995, No. 42, p.22. Cathy Dunn (PO Box 52, Milton, NSW 2538) is researching the forty-nine females who arrived in NSW on board the convict ship Royal Admiral on 7th October 1792. Many settled in the Hawksbury district; Cathy is related to six of these women.

"A Truly Local Upstairs, Downstairs Family" in *Origins* (Buckinghamshire Family History Society), Vol. 19, No. 1, March 1995, pp.31-34. Various branches of the Rothschild family owned at least six houses in Buckingham and their staff ran into hundreds, from cooks to stable boys. The 1891 census records show not all these servants were born in that area, many were from France. A potted biography of the Rothschild household at "Ascott House" near Wing, home of Leopold De Rothschild, lists the name, age, occupation and birth place of staff members. Three more homes will be featured in following issues.

"Finding Out More About Convicts" by Cora Num in *The Ancestral Searcher* (The Heraldry & Genealogy Society of Canberra Inc.), March 1995, Vol. 18, No. 1, pp.7-10. For those with convict ancestors, this article describes how and where to find records of trials and published works concerning convicts. If you are unable to obtain copies of newspapers in your local library, the National Library of Australia holds many newspapers which contain accounts of trials and an index to The Times newspaper in London from 1785. For convicts from London and Middlesex tried at the Old Bailey, these are on thirty-eight reels of microfilm, part 1 1714-93, part 2 1794-1834. (Films can be obtained through inter-library loan at your nearest Reference Library.)

"List of Child Deaths" and "Book Review" in *The Central Queensland Gene-ologist* (Central Queensland Family History Association), March 1995, Vol. 5, No. 3, pp.69-70, 76. This article lists some of the names of "Child Deaths" at Forest Creek near Castlemaine, Victoria and is a prelude for the book *The Pennyweight Kids* by A.R. McMillan, reviewed on page 76 of the same journal. The book virtually asks and answers the question "Why did more than 200 children die at Forest Creek from 1830-1930?".

"Genealogical Resources & Services at the Mitchell Library, Glasgow" by Anne Escott in *Glasgow & West Scotland Newsletter* (Glasgow & West Scotland Family History Society), Spring 1995, pp.4-8. Anne Escott, the librarian in charge of the Glasgow History Room, writes of the difficulty in describing the genealogical resources held in the reference library owing to the vast number of records. Over a million volumes have been collected from census records, valuation rolls, street directories, monumental inscriptions, army histories, education records, newspapers and published family histories, plus useful indexes for finding death records.

"Public Record Office" (Victoria) in *The Genealogist* (Australian Institute of Genealogical Studies Inc.), March 1995, Vol. 8, No. 1, pp.32-33. This article by Bronwen Merrett covers not only the records held at the PRO in Victoria but also hours open, addresses, access to records and their location at either Laverton or the City of Ballarat, and how to avoid an unnecessary journey to a PRO search room, if planning to go to Victoria to do research.

"Indexes Held by Members" in *West Middlesex Family History Society Journal*, March 1995, Vol. 13, No. 1, p.40. If your ancestor came from the West Middlesex area various indexes compiled by members of the above society will be of interest. A fee of £1 per surname is requested for most searches. These cover marriages pre 1837,

monumental inscriptions (areas are listed), settlement records, parish registers. The Feltham and Teddington index covers material collected relating to these places. Also included a divorce index taken from The Times 1780-1910 and a coastguard index (45 per name). See the above journal for addresses.

"Hospital Records in the GSV Library" by Liz Allan and "Mental Health Records from the 1840s to Circa 1915" by Bronwen Merrett in *Ancestor* (Genealogical Society of Victoria Inc), Autumn 1995, Vol. 22, No. 5, pp. 12, 14. There are two articles in this issue regarding hospitals and health. An on-going project is being compiled by the GSV of hospitals in Victoria and may help in locating people in the goldfields. An index shows name, address, age, occupation and birthplace and occasionally the ship of arrival and length of stay in the colony; women and children are also included. The second article by Bronwen is a list held by the Public Record Office in Victoria relating to mental health records, taken from various institutions and districts in Victoria. These cover asylums, hospitals, receiving house and admission registers for patients.

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GLEANINGS

Alexander Turnbull Library Biographies Index

The Alexander Turnbull Library, Wellington, has spent the past 75 years compiling an index to biographical information relating to about 150,000 residents of New Zealand and the Pacific. The Alexander Turnbull Library Biographies Index now consists of close to 200,000 cards relating to those 150,000 people. Until this year, however, this unique historical resource has only been available to people able to visit the Library in Wellington. Thanks to a newly-established section of the National Library, Image Services, that has now changed.

The complete Alexander Turnbull Library Biographies Index is now available on microfiche to individuals and institutions anywhere in New Zealand or throughout the world. The Index which includes a Guide, will enable improved access to books, magazines and newspapers throughout New Zealand. The Guide gives an explanation of what the Index includes and explains how to find information from the references on the cards.

Image Services plans to have supporting source material relevant to the index available on microfiche in the near future. For further information contact the National Library of New Zealand, PO Box 1467, Wellington 1, New Zealand.

Clan Johnston/e

The Clan Johnston/e was established in 1985. The Clan Chief is Rt. Hon. the Earl of Annandale & Hartfell who lives in Dumfriesshire in the dale of the River Annan. The clan Commissioner for Australia is Judge P. Johnston of Sydney.

Johnston/e is a name largely associated with the ancient clans of the Scottish Border but other branches of the name are to be found elsewhere in Scotland and also in Ireland. The Tasmanian descendants of all would be warmly welcomed as members of Clan Johnston/e and through the clan magazine will not only be brought into contact with inter-state members but will also find information touching upon other Scottish/Australian matters of interest such as gatherings or tours.

For membership application forms please ring the Tasmanian convenor on (002) 442931.

Launceston Churches

A sub-committee of the Launceston Historical Society is compiling information in twentieth century church buildings in Launceston. This information is to be published in a companion brochure to the Society's *Nineteenth Century Launceston Churches*.

References have been found to a Congregational Church and Sunday School at the Sandhill. Walsh's Almanacs list the Sandhill Church as a place of worship from the 1860s to 1906 but its exact location has not been discovered. The church was supplied

by lay preachers but seems to have been a branch of Christ Church, Frederick Street, Launceston.

Members of the sub-committee would be most grateful if anyone can help with the church's location. If you can assist, please contact the Secretary, Dorothy Rosemann, P.O. Box 1296, Launceston, 7250, ph (003) 30 1328, or Barbara Valentine on (003) 34 5622.

Davies/Davis Descendants

In my possession I have a booklet entitled "The Forget-me-not, or Last Hours On The Mersey", No 34, Religious Services on board Australian Emigrant Ships, the Fortune. Then details are given about the ship etc (a full copy is available). It is written by James Buck and published by the Liverpool Seamen's and Emigrants Friend Society and Bethel Union, 34 Crown Street, Pembroke Place and North Bethel, Bath Street, May 17th 1855.

My interest as a member of three family history societies in Wales is in the hand written words at the top of the page:

"Yny llong hon yr oedd Llewellyn a Harriett yn myned i Van Diamon's Land. Anfoniad hwn i mi o Liverpool", signed D.R. Davies. Translated this reads, "In this ship Llewellyn and Harriett went to Van Dieman's Land; they sent me this from Liverpool". The name may be Davis but in view of the fact the inscription is in Welsh I think Davies more probable.

Maybe there is some descendant of Llewellyn and Harriett in Tasmania and/or in Wales, who would treasure the booklet or a copy of the same. Calling Tasmania!

Elfred D. Bevan, Erw Lon, Ryeford, Ross-on-Wye, Herefordshire HR9 7PU, UK.

Reprinted from the Dyfed Family History Society Journal, April 1995.

Ticket-of-Leave Index

In the past, finding a ticket of leave in New South Wales for a convict could require a long and laborious search, as some convicts received tickets of leave earlier or later than expected, did not receive a ticket of leave at all, or obtained more than one ticket of leave.

Finding a ticket of leave has at last become quick and easy thanks to a new index, Tickets of Leave issued in the Colony of N.S.W. 1810 - 1875 (Kingswood and City: Fiche 5726 - 5733). This index has been compiled and published by Peri McIntyre and is now available on microfiche in both search rooms of the State Archives of New South Wales. Convicts who obtained tickets of leave from 1810 to 1875 are listed in one alphabetical sequence, with their ship and year of arrival, ticket of leave number, and the shelf location and reel number reference.

COMING EVENTS

- 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.

FAMILY REUNIONS

Scolyer Family

The Scolyer family reunion will be held on 27th January 1996 at the Paddle Wheel Park Echuca, Victoria. For further information contact:

Mrs L Dun, 41 Tallow Street Moulamein, N S W 2703 (058) 87 5356
Mrs L Muir, Greenpoint, Marrawah, Tas 7330, (004) 57 1259

Reeve Family

Descendants of Clement and Sarah Reeve are celebrating 140 years of their arrival in Tasmania (6/7/1855) at the Punchbowl Road Chapel/Community Centre, South Launceston, Tas., on 27th & 28th January 1996. Other family names include Crosby, Webster, Raymond, Knight, Apted, Harris, McDougall, Conlan.

For further information please contact:

Mrs M. Whittle, 16 Penrith Street, Riverside, Tas. (003) 27 3009
Mrs M. Gilpin, P.O. Box 4, Legana, Tas.

NEW RELEASE

AN INDEX TO *THE ADVOCATE* TASMANIA PERSONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

1990-1994

In three volumes

In 1983 the Devonport Branch of the Genealogical Society of Tasmania Inc. began to index the current *Advocate* personal announcements of births, deaths and marriages, with Mrs Julie Astell as first compiler. Mrs Audrey Trebilco took over the task, caught up on the two-three year stockpile of *The Advocate* and extended the scope to include birthdays (age 30 and over), engagements, anniversaries and in memoriam notices with pre-1983 dates of death, to include those whose death notice had not appeared in the Branch's index. There were very few of these and the recording of in memoriam notices was dropped in 1993. Thanks notices which give dates of birth were included from 1991.

With five years of indexes now on computer, the Branch decided to publish them in three volumes. This first volume contains 3,275 engagements, 1,879 marriages and 1,765 anniversaries from 1990-1994, with the five years records of each event sorted into one file. The second volume, expected to be available soon, will contain births, birthdays and thanks. Deaths and in memoriam notices will form the third volume, also intended to be published this year.

As much information as space allows is given in each record but in many cases there is, of course, a great deal more in the original announcement. It must be remembered that some information is gathered from further notices, up to several issues after the first date of publication, which is the one given for almost all entries in the Index. This ensured that the originals can always be viewed at the Branch Library, Devonport, or photocopies can be sent at a modest charge. Many libraries also now have microfilmed copies of *The Advocate*.

The Branch hopes that the first volume of *The Advocate* Index and its two companion volumes will prove to be another valuable tool for family research. Grateful acknowledgement is given to the expertise of Audrey Trebilco, Louise Richardson, John Dare, David Harris and Kerrie Dick. The Branch also thanks Mrs Anne Bartlett for her helpful advice and encouragement.

Orders for this new Index can be placed with the Secretary, Devonport Branch, PO Box 587, Devonport, Tasmania 7310

Price	Volume 1	\$25.00 (\$3.30p&p)
	Volume 2	\$30.00 (\$5.00p&p)
	Volume 3	\$25.00 (\$3.30p&p)

Registry of Births, Deaths and Marriages

Index to Marriages 1900-1909

Index to Deaths 1900-1904

On Microfiche

The Registrar General has announced the release of further indexes to births, deaths and marriages registered in Tasmania. The above indexes will be available after 15 September 1995 and others will be released during the next eighteen months. The indexes and their proposed dates of release are:

31 December 1995	Marriages 1910-1914 Deaths 1905-1914
30 June 1996	Deaths 1915-1920
31 December 1996	Births 1900-1905

The microfiche are available from the Registry of Births Deaths and Marriages, GPO Box 198, Hobart, Tasmania 7001

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BOOK REVIEWS

Me! And My Family! EXPLORER Software, published by the National Heritage Foundation, Melbourne, 1994. Software available from the National Heritage Foundation, Level 4, 478 Albert Street, East Melbourne, Vic 3002 for \$49.00 & p&p.

Me! and My Family! EXPLORER has been developed by Keystone Media Pty Ltd Visual ABC Pty Ltd, Past and Present Family History Research and the National Heritage Foundation. This is indeed a package of contrasts.family historians and genealogists

The package is quite well presented in an attractive video-like plastic box which contains two floppy disks, a letter of congratulations and encouragement for the purchaser and a simple and readable manual suitable for those unfamiliar with genealogy and computer operations at a sophisticated level. There is no index to the manual.

There are some signs of haste in this first release of the software - such as errors in the disk labelling and spelling mistakes in both the Readme file and some of the screen messages. However, let me describe my first encounter with the software.

The program loads from the Run Command in Windows, and it took 20 minutes to load the programs onto my 486DX50 - not particularly quick, but then I do not think that is very important. It was very easy to load, there being only one glitch in the routine. This occurred when I refused to allow the program to place a line in my Autoexec.bat file to activate Share.exe. I do not want this as it is incompatible with the other programs that I run regularly; this means that for me, EXPLORER will never be a product that I can use without a great deal of hassle; nobody wants to reboot their machine continually so as to load or unload Share.exe, or any other item for that matter.

I entered data about myself as the registered owner, but only birth, marriage and death events are catered for - and I only need two of those so far, not wishing to tempt fate. There is though, a facility to enter up to 50 other user defined events of 80 characters each. However there are no structured templates for the entry of christenings, occupations, burials, censuses or wills, and no linkages provided to the source of the data, evidence, proof or certainty levels. This is disappointing in my opinion in any family history package.

I found the entry screens reasonably easy to navigate, although there are some irritating dead ends when you change your mind halfway through data entry. If you make a mistake in the linkages, it is very difficult to go back and disconnect and then relink individuals, as you are constantly returning to the list of individuals and the pedigree screen to find or see the impact of what you are doing.

I only got as far as a small database of 20 or so ancestors -so how I would cope with the 10,000 or so individuals in my Roots IV database is hard to imagine. I do not relish the prospect of trying to find individuals who are not maintained in the system with a unique identifying number! So, perhaps understandably, I couldn't help feeling as I

grappled with this affected product, how much easier it is to use some of the more popular shareware such as *Brother's Keeper*, *The Family Edge* or *Relatively Yours*. Why is this so I wondered.

I suppose the reason is that EXPLORER is aimed at a different market -presumably schools, children and their immediate family relatives. This must be why it has no import Gedcom capability, no ability to view or print indented descendant charts or lists, not any other standard genealogical software features such as ahnentafel display, special flags, genealogy reports, no indexing capacity, search, calendar, relationship calculation, bibliography, tiny tafel or image attachment routines, report generator or drop box chart facility. In fact, it would be in my view very difficult to use explorer as a research tool as it apparently is incapable of holding information which can be easily accessed, retrieved and classified on individuals who have no linkages to the registered owner of the package.

On the other hand, the quality of the printed Pedigree, Family Group and Alphabetical List is superb, even on my dot matrix printer - much better than can be achieved with packages that cost five times as much.

So, as an introduction to family research for children in a school or educational environment, and others who have only limited interest in genealogy and computers, this software may be found colourful and fun, with its attractive screens, built-in tutorial, apparent ease of data entry, friendly Windows environment and quality printed charts. However, it is this very simplicity which places EXPLORER in its current stage of development way behind other similarly priced (\$49) products which are much more powerful, better featured, documented, proven and useful in real terms.

As for potential, I guess we need to wait and see whether the National Heritage Foundation with its high expectations, invisible sponsors, curious genesis and gold plated list of patrons, directors and advisers can add real quality, data integrity and value to the general pursuit of recording and preserving our history. I certainly hope so, but they really do have a very long way to go if this is a serious representation of their ideals and commitment to helping all Australians discover and preserve their family heritage.

It might be useful if they would accept submissions to their database from the genealogical community not only in Explorer format but also in Gedcom format. Valuable information is already being exported from all the other software tools by genealogists. Perhaps in return for this data the National Heritage Foundation will allow access to its databases - this may well have occurred to its founders already.

John Snelson

Reprinted from *Descent*, March 1995

Castle Day-dreams compiled by Maureen Martin and Linda Abblitt, A4, soft cover, maps, charts, illustrations, 235pp., available from the authors.

The kind of book we should all be writing, the format is so easy to follow. Commencing with a section subtitled Our English Heritage, the possible origins and

variations of the name Castle are shown, followed by a short history of the place to which this particular family has been traced, Banwell in Somerset, England.

Each nuclear family is then dealt with, together with occupations, businesses, etc. Descendants have written their own family stories, in some cases by dealing with the whole family, in others by dealing with individual family members. References or sources are shown at the end of each chapter (obviating the necessity of constant referral to the back of the book), followed by the family tree.

Section 2, A New Beginning tells the stories of the original emigrants, how they came to Van Diemen's Land and how they fared after their arrival, with the usual family highs and lows.

The individual stories of the many descendants of John Castle appear in Section 3, by far the largest part of the book, followed by Section 4, subtitled Lest We Forget, and comprising an honour roll and profile and photograph of each person therein named.

The concluding Section 5 contains a relationship chart, very useful calendar of events, bibliography and an excellent index.

There are many illustrations and good quality reproductions of photographs and the numerous contributors and both compilers are to be congratulated on an excellent publication, obviously of invaluable interest to members of the family and their connected lines, but also many stories of general interest, particularly to those who may be still contemplating writing their own family history.

Jo Keen

Family and Local History Sources in Victoria, 6th Ed., Frances Brown, Don Meadley and Marjorie Morgan (eds), published by the Custodians of Records, Blackburn, Victoria, 1994, A5, soft cover, 111pp, RRP \$9.00 (\$2.00p&p). Available from the Publishers, PO Box 30, Blackburn, Victoria 3130.

The two questions most often asked by genealogical and historical researchers are "Where do I find ... ?" and "Who holds records of ... ?". For those searching for information on Victoria and Victorians a book published by the Custodians of Records in Victoria will do much to satisfy both these queries. The Custodians of Records was formed due to growing concern in Victoria that demand created by the increasing interest in family and local history was straining records and human resources of holders of the records. The book is *Family and Local History Sources in Victoria*, 6th edn.

The book is divided into 18 broad categories of repositories, with several of them such as Property Records, Church Records, Cemeteries being further sub-divided to provide specific information. Each category includes details on opening hours, the type and extent of material held, charges for access and, in some cases, valuable background information on the records. There is a separate section detailing records held on microform. For the beginner the useful introduction provides ten basic rules to be observed when using any of the repositories as well as six steps to follow when commencing family history research.

A very useful index concludes a research tool which, by directing researchers to specific sources, hopefully is fulfilling the aim of the publishers.

While primarily targeted towards the genealogist, this book will be most useful to all historical researchers.

Dorothy Rosemann

Family and Local History Sources in the Sydney Area, compiled and edited by Jennie Fairs and Dom Meadley, Nunawading Victoria, Meadley Family History Services, 1995.

This is another volume for researchers of genealogy and local history in the group of source books that began in 1963 with Neil Hansen's *Guide to Genealogical Sources: Australia and New Zealand*. Other similar volumes for Australian states followed between 1979 and 1991.

The compilers of the book are professional genealogists. Each had had, at the time of publication, sixteen years experience in researching family history.

Having a soft cover and 133pp of text, the book is of a size and format that is convenient to be carried with the researcher while visiting repositories. The latter are described in terms of address, public transport and parking available, hours of opening, telephone and fax numbers. Research services and fees, with details of publications for sale, are listed.

Available records are summarised and in some cases records not available are listed.

This guide to resources was compiled from information provided by staff of each institution named, so one can reasonably expect that the information given would be relevant and current at the time of publication.

The contents are divided into sections covering archives offices, government departments, family history societies, LDS family history centres, historical societies and museums, public libraries, church archives and cemeteries.

The final section, on professional researchers, presents AAGRA (Australasian Association of Genealogists and Record Agents) as the agency from which to obtain names of people competent to undertake, for a fee, genealogical research for members of the public. It also reminds the reader that professional title researchers are available to search land records for a fee.

A comprehensive reading list follows the body of the text.

The book may be purchased from the publisher but no price is given.

This is an essential reference book for those interested in resources concerning the history of Sydney and its people.

Theo Sharples

The following Federation of Family History Societies publications are available from the FFHS (Publications) Ltd, The Benson Room, Birmingham and Midland Institute, Margaret Street, Birmingham, 3BS, UK.

How to Tackle your Family History: a preliminary guide for the beginner, a 7pp. pamphlet.

Outlining very briefly the various main sources to be first considered and then explored more fully, this pamphlet contains a central chart in three sections, preliminary outline, detailed assessment of archival material and presenting results. Suggested reading for any beginner, perhaps prior to reading *Beginning Your Family History*, next reviewed.

Beginning Your Family History, 6th Ed., George Pelling, A5, soft cover, 88pp., £4.25 (Overseas surface).

The introduction to this book mentions that when the Federation of Family History Societies was founded in 1974 it had less than a dozen members: by 1994 this total had increased to 170, spread across the English speaking world. The necessity for help of the kind supplied by this and similar books is obvious.

Dealing with England, Ireland, Scotland, Wales, the Isle of Man and the Channel Islands, the reader is taken from the starting point of family sources through the usual channels, from censuses, parish records, civil registration, non-conformist records, wills, etc. to publicising one's research. First published in 1980, it has been regularly revised, and therefore contains information on opening hours and fees currently charged by various authorities.

The interesting chapter on non-conformist records includes an informative chart showing the many divisions of the Methodist Church, the chapter on wills contains a chart to assist in finding the appropriate probate court and the book is well indexed.

The Family Historian's Enquire Within, 5th Ed., Pauline Saul, A5, soft cover, 287pp., £9.75 (Overseas surface).

Another work which is frequently updated (and one I would prefer not to live without!), written in enlarged index form containing a wealth of information mostly on the United Kingdom, although there are entries for other countries, including Australia.

So far as this book is concerned, it seems to me to be a matter of "You name it, it's here". I am unaware of a more comprehensive book of its type and cannot recommend it too highly.

One additional point pleases me: there seems to have been an improvement in the binding. My copy of the 1988 edition fell apart instantly, the pages having been separately inserted. On inspection, it appears that this fault has been rectified in the new edition.

An Introduction to Civil Registration, Tom Wood, A5, soft cover, 55pp.

As research of British ancestry from the present time back to the early part of the last century is almost impossible without birth, marriage and death certificates, this is a most important reference source to be included in any family history library. Dealing in full with the subject of registration of these events, it gives a great deal of valuable information, e.g., that a birth cannot be registered at all more than six weeks after the

day of the birth, which explains why we sometimes cannot find an entry we seek. However, the time for registration of a death is not limited.

Local and National Indexes are fully explained and an Appendix shows the whereabouts of microform copies of the National Indexes (including our own Launceston Branch).

There is an paragraph (p.19) dealing with registration of the births of illegitimate children, and I was interested to read that the information recorded on marriage registers was assumed to be correct, and fabricated information would not have been questioned unless those recording the marriage knew it was an untruth. Hence the bigamous marriages many of us are aware of - presumably a 'widow' or 'widower' was not required to produce evidence of the death of the previous spouse.

This book, too, covers England, Wales, Scotland, Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland, Isle of Man and the Channel Islands.

An Introduction to Using Computers for Genealogy, David Hawgood, A5, soft cover, 51pp.

As a relative newcomer to the terrifying world of computers, I find the gist of the opening paragraph, i.e. that you should not have to understand how a computer works in order to use one, most comforting. The writer explains Computerspeak in English, which even I think I can understand, at least at the time of reading.

The first chapter deals with the actual use of the computer, followed by typing documents and letters, dealing with personal family history, including genealogy packages, family trees and charts, GEDCOM, etc. and commercial and shareware programs. It goes on to spreadsheets, extracting IGI and Ancestral File from CD-ROM and various databases.

Chapter 5 contains addresses, bibliography and English addresses of suppliers of genealogy packages, some of which are obtainable in Australia, and the book is indexed.

Basic Facts About Heraldry for Family Historians, Iain Swinnerton, A5, soft cover, 16pp.

As those of us who have attended Iain's lectures are aware, he has an easy style of explaining his subject, even one which may seem to the lay person to be dauntingly complicated.

The mysteries of the subject are explained in plain language. Many people believe that because they have a particular name, it follows that they have a family Coat of Arms. This is not necessarily so! Conversely, there are probably many others who are unaware that they are entitled to use a Coat of Arms. The difference between a Coat of Arms and a Family Crest is explained.

Containing basic information, illustrations and history of a fascinating subject, the book ends with an illustration of the impressive Armorial Bearings of the College of Arms.

A Genealogical Bibliography, Stuart Raymond, A5, soft cover, £8.40p.

Two more publications in this County series, *Hampshire*, 103 pp. and *Lincolnshire*, 108 pp. Series reviewed *Tasmanian Ancestry*, Vol. 14, No. 2, September 1993.

The following books are published by and available from the Society of Genealogists, 14 Charterhouse Buildings, Goswell Road, London, EC1M 7BA, England.

General Register Office One-Name Lists in the Library of the Society of Genealogists, Library Sources No. 4, A5, soft cover, 14pp., £1.65.

A list of names appearing in the One Name Periodical Collection (many of whose compilers are members of the Guild of One Name Studies) forming part of the Society's Family History Collection, with full references for each name. The list occupies twelve of the fourteen pages.

Not all are uncommon names, e.g. Tasmanian names Flood, Gunn, Neighbour and others appear in the list.

My Ancestors were Baptists, 3rd Ed., Geoffrey R. Breed, A5, soft cover, 97pp., £4.99.

Baptist research can be very complicated and in this edition the text has been up-dated and slightly enlarged, the Appendices, which contain details of the whereabouts of all known Baptist records, have been entirely re-written.

The purpose of the publication is to enable a would-be researcher to gain biographical information concerning Baptist ancestors and to this end the origin and evolution of the denomination is necessarily explained and makes interesting reading. Births, marriages and deaths are dealt with separately.

Appendix One, in county format first for England and then Wales, consists of a complete list of Baptist registers and records in the custody of the Public Record Office. Appendix 2 comprises a list of the English and Welsh registers including Particular and Unitarian Baptists of which copies are held in the SOG library, with an overseas section showing that in Australia B1835-86 are held in Hobart (no further reference).

Appendix 3 contains a list of the English Baptist Church Records at the Gospel Standard Baptist Library, Sussex and Appendix 4 of those in the custody of the Strict Baptist Historical Society's Library, Dunstable.

Jo Keen

Informit is on the Move

Informit are moving to bigger and better premises. All genealogical enquiries should be directed to Margaret Frewin phone 9341 3248. Informit's new postal address is Informit, PO Box 12477, A'Beckett Street, Melbourne, Vic 8006

SOCIETY SALES

The GST Inc. has published the following items which are all (except the microfiche) available from Branch Libraries. All Mail Orders should be forwarded to the Sales and Publications Co-ordinator, PO Box 60 PROSPECT, Tasmania, 7250. Please allow extra for postage.

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BENJAMIN/ISRAEL/BLASHK

Mrs. V. Brown's grandmother, Florence BARBER (nee BENJAMIN), the daughter of Morris BENJAMIN and Mary Ann ISRAEL of West Maitland, NSW, often told of the wonderful holidays she had in Hobart with relatives during the 1890s. These people may have been related to the BENJAMIN, ISRAEL or BLASHK families. There may have been a confectionery business in Hobart. Florence was an excellent violinist. Any help with information and contact with descendants would be appreciated by Mrs. Brown, 14 Upper Widgee Road, MS115, Gympie, Queensland 4570.

BOWER/SMITH

John BOWER (1841-1895) married Ellen SMITH (1839-1890) and lived in Hobart. There were 11 children: William Henry married Amy Amelia LEITCH; Gerladine; Amy Jane; Georgina married John William PAYNE; Ella Louise; Ellen Ruth; Lily Jane; Florence married Peter FAGAN; John Ebenezer; Milly May and Daisy Emma. Information from descendants would be appreciated by Elizabeth Macilwain, 204 Beulah Road, Beulah Park, South Australia 5067. I am compiling the SMITH family tree.

COATES/CORNELIUS/MURPHY

Joseph COATES, married in 1869 at Longford, Tasmania to Mary Ann CORNELIUS, born 1833 at Longford. All eleven children were born in North Tasmania (Mersey):- Rosemary (1870) married 1894 to Edward MURPHY; Emily (1871-1871); Anne Jane (1872-1874); Joseph (1874); Eliza and Sarah (1875-1875); George Albert James (1877) married 1898 to Martha Herriett PERRY; Alfred Henry (my great grandfather) (1878-1928) married 1898 to Eureka MURPHY; Thomas William (1881); John Percy (1883); David (1885). Michelle Allen, 612 Lydiard Street, Ballarat, Victoria 3350 is seeking descendants or information on this family.

CRANE/PROSSER

Samuel Fairweather CRANE married Clara PROSSER in 1883 at Gloucester. Two children, William and Frederick were born in England. They arrived Hobart? in mid 1880s and had five children in Hobart: Ada, Samuel, Ednain, Gladys and Dorothy. He was a constable in Hobart from 1888 to 1905, transferred to Zeehan in 1905 and resigned in 1906. Any information on this family would be greatly appreciated by V. Ling (3595), 364 Relbia Road, Launceston, Tasmania 7258.

DEVERELL

Mrs M. Cronin (2534) is seeking information about Joseph and Alice DEVERELL. They married on 10 August 1868 at Deloraine, Tasmania. Any information about this couple would be greatly appreciated. Contact Mrs Cronin at 2 Hamilton Street, Deer Park, Victoria 3023

DOUGLAS/MATHEWSON

William DOUGLAS married Eliza Ann MATHEWSON on 11 March 1862 at Longford. They had children: Adelaide (1863); Beatrice (1864); William (1867); Albert (1869); Bertha (1871); Johnston (1874) and Charles 1877. William was a shopkeeper and died at Longford in 1878. Eliza Ann was the daughter of Barbara MATHEWSON from Liverpool, England. Other siblings Johnston and Catherine. Johnston Matthewson DOUGLAS married in January 1907 to Caroline Hollis SMITH who was born at Sheffield in 1882. Any information on the DOUGLAS or MATHEWSON families and descendants would be appreciated by Peter CLARKE (3764) 12 Vela Street, Howrah, Tasmania 7018.

DOWNWARD/NELSON/HUTTON/LEWIS

John DOWNWARD married, on 2 June 1778, Ann NELSON, daughter of Ann NELSON, Workington St Michael, Cumberland. Their son, Richard DOWNWARD was a soldier. He married in England(?) Jane Seaton HUTTON. Their four eldest children were baptised in Flimby, Cumberland. Their fifth child was born in Tasmania in 1822. We know the outline of their history from about 1823 to 1851 e.g. their second child, Ellen Hutton DOWNWARD's first husband was Thomas LEWIS of the Bryan-Lewis-Arthur affair, her second husband was John NELSON. However, because our main interest has been in LEWIS, we have neglected the DOWNWARDS. We would be grateful for any information, forwards or backwards. John Edmonds (3454), 515 Willowite Road, Moriac Victoria 3240 or Ros Lewis, Centre for Australian Studies, Deakin University, Victoria 3217.

FITZPATRICK/FRANKLIN

John FITZPATRICK, born 1797, Limerick, and wife Ellen (nee YORK?) with three children - Mary Ellen, Rebecca and Helen - arrived in Hobart on the Greenoch in April 1826. For a short time John rented a farm at Pennyroyal Creek (Isis River) owned by his father-in-law, John YORK, and then has a dairy business in Hobart. In July 1828 he received a land grant in Abercromby Parish (Campbell Town). By this time a fourth child had been born - (possibly James, born March 1828). John and Ellen's eldest daughter, Mary Ellen, married John FRANKLIN at Swansea in 1843. He was a blacksmith at Swansea and also at Buckland where he died in April 1886, aged 82. Mary Ellen died in Hobart, April 1893, aged 77. They had eight children of whom their eldest daughter Margaret/Ellen FRANKLIN, born 1846 at Swansea, married in 1870 to Thomas REYNOLDS and died in Hobart in August 1933. Does anyone identify with this FITZPATRICK family and can help with further information? Please contact Mary Ellen Franklin's great great grand-daughter, Mrs. E.M. Gunn (2154), 12 Moore Street, Ashwood, Victoria 3147.

GEE/SMITH/FISH

Information is sought on Alfred Edmond GEE, born 1851, married Louis SMITH on 7 November 1887 at Ringarooma. From 1905-1910 Alf was a storekeeper at Beaconsfield; by 1916 he was listed as a photographer in Hobart and not long after he was listed as a Chiropractor in partnership with Dr. Phoebe FISHER. Any information on Alfred GEE, died 1927, his step-children; Samuel Louis SMITH (Registrar Court of Requests, died 1955 at

Hobart): Herbert Illenden SMITH (born 1870, Launceston) and Percy Frederick SMITH (born 1875, Launceston) and also Dr. FISH would be gratefully appreciated by Eileen Graham, 5 Karpaty Avenue, Newnham, Tasmania 7248.

HEATLEY

Ruth Heatley (3150) is looking for information on Marshall Davis HEATLEY, shopkeeper, of Latrobe and Ulverstone, 1880-1900? or any other HEATLEYS. Contact Ruth at 1/26 Thompson Avenue, Hobartville, NSW 2753.

HOGAN/ROBERTSON/COWARD

Louise Izzard (2432) believes that her grandmother, Eva May HOGAN was born on 11 January 1899 to William HOGAN and Margaret (nee CONNORS). She has found the birth registration of two elder brothers Cornelius HOGAN (1891) and John Thomas HOGAN (1892). Eva also had at least one more brother, Walter and a sister, Margaret. She is unable to locate any birth records for these three. Margaret married Thomas COWARD and lived in Launceston. Eva married James ROBERTSON in Launceston in 1919 and then lived in Hobart until her death in 1932. Any information appreciated on any of the above. Louise Izzard, 20 Inkerman Street, Triabunna, Tasmania 7190.

JOHN/SCOTT

Rasmussen JOHN married Clara SCOTT at the home of Selina Kerrison, Weld Street, Beaconsfield, Tasmania on 25 August 1887. They had at least three children: Frederick John, Roseabella and George Robert. Bob Scott (3036) 4 Bent Street, Nambucca Heads, NSW 2448 would be most obliged to hear from any descendants.

KELLY/KENNY/NEVILLE/HORTON/CORKERY/CHILCOTT

From Galway, Ireland to Tasmania in 1857, James and Mary KELLY with children Bridget (18), Thomas (10) and Martin (8). Sponsored by Michael LYONS, a relative. During the sixties Bridget KELLY and David KENNY lived at Forth with sons Thomas, John and James and daughter Mary Ann. In 1866 David KENNY died and in 1868 Bridget KELLY married William NEVILLE. They had a son William and a daughter Frances Bridget.

Martin KELLY died, aged 26, in 1876. James KELLY died, aged 67, in 1879. Thomas KELLY witnessed the death certificate. Thomas KENNY married Mary HORTON in 1888, Mary Ann KENNY married Jeremiah CORKERY in 1883 and Frances NEVILLE married Arthur CHILCOTT in 1895. Nothing is known of Thomas KELLY after his father's death in 1879. A Phil KELLY was a pall bearer at Thomas KENNY's funeral in 1941. If any descendants of the above families can help, please contact Shirley Stevenson (3038), 13 Marrah Drive, Wy Yung, Bairnsdale, Victoria 3875.

LAWRENCE

Information is sought on Thomas Edward LAWRENCE, believed to have been born in 1856. He lived at Longford, Tasmania and is believed to have left home aged 14 with his brother - they probably went first to Melbourne. We have found no trace of him in Tasmanian records. He lived in New Zealand from 1886 until his death in 1935. Any information would be welcomed by his great-grand-daughter, Glenys Lawrence, 10 Tahuna Street, Freeman's Bay, Auckland, New Zealand.

LEE/SHEPPARD

Edward LEE married Elizabeth SHEPHARD at Barking, Essex on 20 October 1788. Children: Elizabeth (married Uriah PORTER); John (married Hannah ANCONA); Thomas; William; Henry; Benjamin; James and Edward, all baptised at Barking. Mrs. Carol Avery (3742) is seeking information or descendants. Contact Carol at PO Box 1858, Traralgon, Victoria 3844.

RODGERS

Miss Flora Powell (3078) would like to make contact with any descendants of Alexander RODGERS, born 1857-58 in the Green Ponds area. He married Sarah DWYER in 1890 at St Bridget's Church, Tunnach, Tasmania. Contact Flora at 21 Moore Street, Invermay, Tasmania 7248.

ROYAL VETRANS COY (1826)

The following members of the above group are believed to have left Tasmania and settled on the mainland. Further information to confirm and if possible, dates and places of death would be appreciated by Gwenda Webb (3030), 3/51A Campbell Street, Launceston, Tasmania 7250. Sgt BURNIP; Ptes Thoas QUIN; John STORY/STORER; w/m JERVIS; Jas BRINDLEY; John/Jas KENIGAN/KERIVAN; John HEYBURN/HEPBURN.

TENNANT/NUNN

James TENNANT, aged 20, married on the 14 July 1868 to Charlotte NUNN, aged 17, at the home of Simeon NUNN, Old Beach. Heather Nunn cannot find records of their births or deaths. Their children were: Walter (1869) married Annie PROCTOR; Emma (Emily) (1871) married (1) John HALL (2) Alfred CROOK; Lilia (Lily) (1873) married John WARREN; Arthur (1897) married Lilian PITCHFORD; Albert (1878) married (1) Jane WOODS (2) Ambersene HALL; Douglas (1881); Alfred (1883) and Ruby (1889). They lived at Brighton 1868-1883, New Norfolk 1889-1891 and Glenorchy 1894. Any information would be greatly appreciated by Heather (3576), 18 Lucinda Parade, Lutana, Tasmania 7009.

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