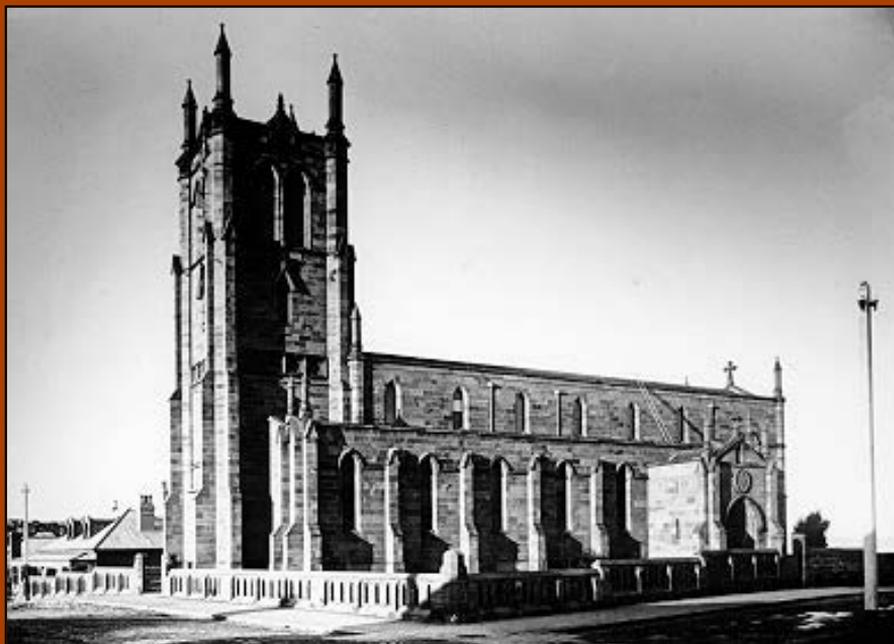


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Editorial

A moving experience or a journey through time? This issue will take you on several journeys—the first in 1841, the second during 1856–57, followed by one in the 1870s and the final in 1927. These are all personal accounts—three written during the voyage and the fourth in retrospect—having been recounted to a daughter and compiled by Allison Carins. The first is from the perspective of a convict, George Reading, who appears delighted with the whole adventure. Don't be put off by the lack of punctuation and strange spelling—it gets easier. Lizzie Merriman gives us an account of the voyage from a woman's point of view, while the last is the diary of a young lad from Wales, when sea travel had become a more pleasurable and far less hazardous experience. As you make these journeys with them, we have supplied you with plenty of additional reading for your enjoyment and edification along the way.

We have to thank Alex Wanders, whose earlier works in our journal have received warm praise, for producing another wonderful pen drawing—the Grant family tombstone © on page 156.

If you have an article relating to education, (or anything) for our next issue, please send it as soon as possible, don't leave it until the deadline!

May your plate be full, your letter box overflowing and your tree laden with goodies during the festive season.

Rosemary Davidson

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See *Champion, the Master Bellringer*, page 165 this issue

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

BELOW are the answers to a number of questions which are frequently directed to the journal editor, branch officers and library staff volunteers by members seeking assistance on society matters.

1 I did not receive my journal! The person to contact is the journal coordinator, David Freestun, telephone (03) 6243 9384. If you were late paying your subscription, however, consider items two and three below before contacting David.

2 What happens if I am late paying my membership subscription? Firstly you are ineligible to vote at any branch or society meeting until your subscription is paid and without a current membership card or receipt, you may be asked to pay visitor fees each time you visit a branch library.

Secondly, you will not receive any journals until the renewal form has been processed through the membership secretary. There may be a delay of up to two months, and as a result you will receive a number of journals together. The journal is posted out at the end of February, May, August and November to all members who have paid their subscriptions by the end of January, April, July and October respectively. So if you pay your subscription in the month the journal is posted you will not receive your copy at the regular time. There may be a delay of up to two months, depending on the timing of the payment.

Please remember that all officers of the society are volunteers. They do their best, but sometimes delays occur as family matters must often take precedence over society business.

3 I've changed my address, what do I do? Advise the membership secretary, Mr John Dare (03) 6424 1837 and notify your branch secretary.

4 Should I use the email address listed on the editorial page of *Tasmanian Ancestry* for correspondence to the society? Unless the correspondence has to do with the contents of the journal the answer is NO!

We realise that email is a very convenient way of keeping in touch (I use it myself frequently but not on society business). It is too easy to lose track of emails and we need to make sure that correspondence is passed on to the correct person. Proper records must be kept so we can follow up items if there is a problem in the future.

All correspondence not directly concerned with the contents of the journal should be addressed to the society's post office box, PO Box 60, Prospect 7250.

5 Where do I get my membership number from? For Tasmanian members joining the society your membership card will not immediately show your membership number as this is allocated by the membership secretary when your application form reaches him. Your number will appear on the address label of the first and all subsequent journals. Branch treasurers receive a list of current members several times throughout the year, and once a member is allocated a number it will appear on these lists.

And now for the bad news. The executive regrets that due to increasing administration costs at both branch and society level it has been necessary to increase the membership subscription for the 1999–2000 year from \$30 to \$36 for a single membership and joint concession. The new rates will be printed on the March 1999 journal cover.

On a brighter note I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a merry Christmas and a prosperous new year.

Anne Bartlett ●

BRANCH NEWS

Burnie

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At a special meeting of the branch in August, Anne Bartlett presented Vernice Dudman with her Meritorious Service Award. Congratulations are extended to Vernice who has been involved with the Burnie branch since its formation in 1980 and has been a tireless worker for the branch and for the society. Also at the meeting our first publication of *The Advocate Indexes to births, deaths and marriages 1931-1935* was launched. After the meeting Anne spoke on the Female Factory and convict life in early Launceston.

Members gathered at the Burnie City Library for the September meeting where librarian Sue McDonald guided us around the old and the new on family research including the Internet.

One of our keenest library team members, Shirley Medwin is recovering in Melbourne from a heart operation and hopes to be home mid-October. We hope it's not too long Shirley before you join us again.

Our library will close for the Christmas break at 4 pm on Saturday 12 December and re-open on Tuesday 12 January 1999. There will be no general meeting until February.

We wish all our fellow branch members a safe and happy Christmas and hope Santa fills your stockings with those longed-for indexes, how to ... books, or that elusive family photo!

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During 1998 monthly meetings have been well attended and it has been pleasing to see several new members in attendance.

At the July meeting, Helen Anderson presented a most interesting talk about her Fogg ancestors and she also referred to the varying types of documents she had used to verify family details.

Peter Jermy, whose interest is in antiquarian books, spoke at the August meeting. He used examples of books to show how the type of binding used is a means of being able to determine when the book was printed. He was also available to give valuations of books and collections of cards.

Preparations have begun in organising activities for Family History Week in March 1999. The theme will be *From Shoebox to Family Tree*. It is hoped that all members will contribute to memorabilia or produce posters for a display in the Devonport Library.

The final function for 1998 will be a dinner on 10 December at the Formby Hotel. The major fund-raiser has once again been the Christmas Hamper Raffle and this will be drawn at the Branch Library on 11 December.

The library will close for the Christmas break at 4.00 pm on Friday 11 December 1998, and will reopen at 9.30 am on Friday 8 January.

Hobart

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The publication of our final volume of indexes to BDM notices in *The Mercury* saw the culmination of a large project made possible by two very generous

donations; the pre 1900 card index compiled by Kevin and Albert Whitton, and the pre1900 supplement and 1900–1930 notices transcribed by Joyce and the late Frank O'Shea—a total of fifteen publications. Revenue raised has benefited all members, with our library acquiring equipment and resources that otherwise would have been beyond our financial grasp.

In recent years, others too have kindly donated indexes or research for publication by the branch. All these projects have brought together a group of willing helpers who assist with computer work, checking printouts, transcribing, making corrections etc and each and every one deserves sincere thanks. The social aspect of the working bees is of incalculable value as friendships are formed and members share their knowledge, research skills, and expertise in so many areas.

Morris Lansdell officially resigned his post earlier this year and we thank him sincerely for kindly agreeing to stay on as caretaker Branch Librarian. At the time of writing, his successor Maurice Appleyard is expected to return from holiday in October. We again pay tribute to the sterling contribution Morris Lansdell has made to the society at both state and branch level. It is pleasing to

know he will be keeping in touch with his regular spot on the duty roster.

David Hodgson resigned from the Branch Committee in September, having given the branch valuable service since his appointment in March 1995. In October, Vee Maddock, who had resigned earlier this year to live interstate and has since returned to Tasmania, was reappointed as a committee member. Keith Brown, who had only recently taken over as coordinator of the English Research Interest Group, has moved unexpectedly to NSW and we send him our best wishes in his new venture. Any volunteers for his position?

Hobart library will be closed from Thursday 17 December to Friday 15 January.

Programme for early 1999:

Sunday 7 March, English Research Interest Group Meeting, Panel

Tuesday 16 February, 'Making better use of our Library', Panel

Tuesday 16 March, 'VDL & the Irish Famine 1845–1850' Richard Davis, Emeritus Professor of History.

Huon

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The past few months have been busy with reorganizing our library and trying to fit everything into the smaller rooms. Some things still have to find a 'home'.

We have also rearranged some of our microfiche so they are more easily found.

We are thankful that our new members were willing to do their research during the difficult times.

We are grateful for the few willing helpers that do library duty and attend our meetings.

Launceston

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Index to Passenger Arrivals and Departures from early Launceston newspapers is now available in fiche: Volume 2, 1841–1845, cost \$55.00 including postage.

Work is in progress on *The Examiner Index 1950–1960*. Due to the large number of entries they will be released in 5-year periods, the first volume for Deaths 1956–1960 should be available before Christmas. The others will be released gradually during 1999.

Library Holiday Arrangements:

Closed from Wednesday, 16 December and re-open Tuesday, 12 January 1999.

Phone contacts over the holiday period:

16–22 December

Alan Leighton—6326 2318

23–29 December

Pat Harris—6344 3951

30 December–5 January

Joe Stephens—6344 5969

6–11 January

Thelma Grunnell—6331 2145

Members are reminded that there will be a working bee at the library Monday, 11 January from 10 am.

Programme:

Tuesday 1 December at St John's Centre. Speaker: John Wilson on the history of Launceston Solicitors—Clarke & Gee.

Tuesday 2 February at the Branch Library, 2 Taylor Street. Speaker: Anne Bartlett will tell us about her recent overseas tour.

Tuesday 2 March, venue to be confirmed. Speaker: Ivan Heazlewood, local historian who will speak on farming history, and the Whitemore district.

Tuesday 6 April, at St Johns Centre, Speaker Stan Merry. Subject: History of the Launceston Railway Workshops.

In August members enjoyed a trip to the Archives and the Hobart Genealogical Society Library. We thank Dian Smith for her time and effort in organising this excursion—voting at Oatlands and a lovely morning tea, our driver Philip Ranson and the Hobart members who were on hand to assist at the Hobart Branch Library. Another trip is proposed for Saturday 27 February 1999. Cost \$20.00. ●

The Mercury

24 August 1929

ROBINSON.—On 13 January 1929, at his late residence “Rokeby”, Lower Sandy Bay, James, dearly beloved husband of Marianne Robinson who is one of the grand daughters (the other two Mrs. E. M. Fisher and her late sister Margaret) of Captain Robinson, Royal Navy, of South Audley Street, London, who was a descendant of a long line of Scottish Barons who in 1410 bought the estate of Rokeby in Yorkshire, hence the title of “The Robinson of Rokeby”.

25 September 1929

ROBINSON.—On September 24, 1929 at a private Hospital, Hobart, Marianne, relic of the late James Robinson of Rokeby, Lower Sandy Bay.

Joyce O'Shea

THE WHOLE TRUTH AND NOTHING BUT THE TRUTH, SO HELP ME ...

Joyce Purtscher

FOR decades people have queued at the Louvre in Paris to view Mona Lisa's fascinating smile. There are no queues at Launceston's Community History Branch of the Queen Victoria Museum where I succumbed to the fascination of Mary Nye's smile.¹ The more I looked at her photo, the more I wished that her picture would come to life so that she could tell me her stories.

The information with the photo, obviously a studio portrait, does not indicate where the information came from, but my guess is that she told most of it to the photographer and then someone added more details.

Mary Nye was the wife of an English farm labourer who was transported to Van Diemen's Land for seven years for stealing an egg. Nye coming home from his day's work noticed a hen's egg lying by the roadside near the farm ... On his way home he showed the egg to his neighbour who later reported the matter to the police who then waited upon Nye and ... took him into custody on the charge of 'having an egg in his possession for which he was unable to satisfactorily account.' His wife Mary upon being left alone after his sentencing, committed a trifling offence, which ended in seven years' transportation to Van Diemen's Land. On her arrival she was placed on board the prison hulk 'Anson' which was used as a women's hiring depot, lying in the New Town Bay near Hobart Town. In due course she was hired out to a mistress in the country near Green Ponds. She made inquiries about

her husband receiving help from the Convict Department but was not successful in discovering him, and during a long residence in Van Diemen's Land she never saw him again. Mary Nye was the sister of Owen Swift, who was frequently in demand as a pugilistic tutor to the Royalty.

There was also a handwritten note on the reverse of the mounted photograph.

Mary Nye was frequently before the Police Court, Launceston for various offences in the years 1857, 1858, 1859, 1860 and about the same time at Oatlands and at Green Ponds where she died aged over 100 years. Her brother was a prize fighter and taught King George 3.

As there was no one transported under the name Mary Nye, I looked up the Lower Court Records for Launceston to find her convicted as Mary Nye or Wilson Elizabeth & Henry.² This transport made two voyages with female convicts. The first voyage in 1847 had two Mary Wilsons on board, one known also as Mary Berry.³ The second voyage of the *Elizabeth & Henry* arrived here in 1848 and had a Mary Wilson, also known as Mary Fleming on board.⁴

This was the first break-through. Mary Fleming married Charles Nye at Longford 10 October 1854, less than a month after she had received her Certificate of Freedom. The Convict Indent stated she was 33 when transported for stealing a coat, a widow with four children, John, Thomas, Ellen and

Mary Ann who were left behind in London. It stated her father's name was Timothy, mother Mary, brothers Cornelius and John, and sisters Rosanna and Margaret.⁵

She had a long list of convictions after her arrival including the interesting one of *being in her master's stable on a bed with the groom*. After hearing the sentence of six months, she threatened the judge with the words, 'You will have no better luck and you will have a widow's curse', to which he rewarded her with an extra three months. Her convictions of indecent language, drunkenness, larceny, absence without leave and assault stretched out until 1884.

The *Examiner* newspaper 27 July 1869, described the brutal assault by Mary Nye and James Stone on George Matthews on 24 July 1869 at Stone's hotel at Kings Meadows.

... Stone's housekeeper, a woman named Mary Nye, was brought up at the Police Court, charged with stealing 37 one-pound notes from Stone's house; but the charge was not proved, and the woman was acquitted, and was taken back by Stone to his employ. Matthews was also servant to Stone, and Mary Nye informed the latter that he (Matthews) had stolen the money, and had told her to meet him in town on t' Saturday evening, when he would give her some of it. On Saturday, Stone sent the man into town, and gave information to the police, and three constables laid in wait for him; but somehow or other they missed him and he got back to Stone's. As soon as Matthews got inside the house, Stone shut the door, took up a brass-loaded whip, and said, 'Now you devil, I'll murder you'. He then commenced beating the poor fellow, inflicting no less than five scalp wounds, each two or three

inches long; a deep and very severe wound on the left wrist; a black eye; and various bruises about the body. The woman Nye also assisted in the assault.

Mary Nye and James Stone were remanded to appear in the Supreme Court 29 September 1869. The *Examiner* reported,

... Stone struck him more than once on the head, with what he believed to be a whip-handle: and whilst this was going on the prisoner Nye came, and commenced to beat him on the head with several pieces of crockeryware, which were broken. ... Prisoner Nye, in her defence, said she had not struck Matthews at all, but tried to separate him and Stone; that the latter had tried to put all the blame on her, saying she would only get a month or two for it; Stone had also threatened her, and told her he would shoot Matthews outside the door, and put a bag of money in his hand as a proof of his right to shoot him.

Both prisoners were found guilty and sentenced to eighteen months.

It was obvious after reading the three Mary Wilson convict records that I was not the only person to be confused. These three women were in the same districts and committed similar offences. The clerk at the Convict Department put some of Mary Nye's offences on another Mary Wilson's record and Mary Nye had the death of a child Jane, belonging to Mary Wilson/Berry put on her record. None of these women had a brother by the name of Owen Swift, unless this was a name assumed for the boxing ring. Bill Phelps, also known as 'Brighton Bill' died after a fight with Owen Swift in 1838. Swift went to Paris to escape scandal and is believed to have continued his boxing career.

Well, what about the husband who found the egg? Charles Nye's record didn't mention the injustice of being transported for stealing an egg, hard-boiled or raw, but it did say he was sentenced and transported per *Argyle* for life in 1831 for stealing a shirt and gown and had a prior conviction for stealing money in Sussex.⁶ He was a 20-year old shoemaker like his father John and brother George. His colonial record wasn't all that good either. He had sentences for idleness, insolence, smoking, assault and one for failing to assist Police Constable Tottam who was in danger of drowning.

His first marriage was to Mary Adams, in 1844. I cannot find what happened to her, but in 1854, as a constable at Longford, he married Mary Fleming/Wilson, the lady with the Mona Lisa smile.

The *Police Gazette* in 1884⁷ stated that Charles Nye was admitted to the Invalid Depot, New Town on 30 January 1884 and discharged two months later on 31 March 1884. Mary Nye was also admitted to the Invalid Depot 22 January 1884 and discharged 25 February 1884. Whilst the institution was called the New Town Charitable Institution, government charity didn't stretch to allowing married couples to share

accommodation, but no doubt Charles and Mary would have met and hopefully shared memories.

Charles Nye died in Launceston in 1886 and Mary Nye was again admitted to the New Town Charitable Institution where she died in 1891 and was buried in the pauper section of Cornelian Bay Cemetery. Her given age was 83 and place of birth was Ireland.

How did she come to have her photograph taken and why? When was it taken and how old was she?

Mary Nye's smile now looks at me with the message,

'You'll never find the true story!' Her research has indeed proved to be elusive and full of questions still unanswered. I think she had a way of leading nose people like me a merry dance.

After all, what is a lie?

'Tis but the truth in masquerade.

from Byron's 'Don Juan'



Photograph: Queen Victoria Museum, Launceston

Mary Nye

References:

- 1 QVM:1986:P:1239 [Queen Victoria Museum]
- 2 LC 343 [Lower Court]
- 3 CON 41/11
- 4 CON 41/17
- 5 CON 15/4
- 6 CON 31/33
- 7 POL 709/1884

THE NATIONAL PROBATE CALENDARS

David Harris

THIS set of microfiche has been purchased by the state executive of the society for the benefit of all members and will be circulated around the branch libraries in a similar manner to the St Catherine's indexes.

The full set consists of some 6114 microfiche, covers the period from 1853–1943 inclusive and is made up of 87 subsets which vary from 34 to 127 microfiche in each subset. The first subset of 64 fiche is in fact the wills proved in the Prerogative Court of Canterbury between 1853–1857, whilst the remainder are a series of calendars for each year following the Probate Act of 1857, and commence with 1858.

Each year is arranged alphabetically and each entry gives the name, address and date of death of the person, the name and address of the executor or administrator, the date probate or letters of administration were granted and the value of the estate. The occupation of the deceased and the executor are also given in many cases.

In checking the set for missing fiche I have found that in the years 1859, 1860, 1865, 1866, 1881 and 1887, some sections have apparently missed the initial filming process and in these cases the missing sections are added to the end of the subset. An example is that in the 1859 subset, the letters SAB to SME appear to be missing from their proper sequence but have been put at the end of the subset on fiche nos 3/106, 3/107 and 3/108.

Additionally, the years 1858–1876 inclusive have separate fiche after the last letter of the alphabetical listings which

give probate details for some Irish and Scottish wills. I am unable to say whether these are the only Irish and Scottish wills proved in these years or whether they are only those which have been proved in an English court.

Whether one's personal search of these records is successful or not, I believe they will prove to be one of the best investments the society has made on behalf of its members. ●

NEW RELEASE

The Tasmanian War Memorials Data Base

compiled by Fred Thornett

An index to the names listed on memorials erected to commemorate the war service of people connected with Tasmania. The data base contains about 50,000 names which have been recorded on some 750 war memorials, honour boards, honour rolls, memorial tablets, plaques and other commemorative devices throughout Tasmania.

The data base is in three sections:

1. An index to memorial sites grouped by municipalities.
2. A statewide alphabetical list of all names on the memorials (cross referenced to the listing of names on each memorial in each municipality).
3. A list of all the memorials and the names on each memorial, grouped by municipality.

Mr Thornett has given the Genealogical Society of Tasmania Inc. permission to publish the data base on microfiche and the set of 21 fiche is now available for sale.

Cost: \$60.00 plus \$2.00 p&h

Available from

The Sales Coordinator
PO Box 60 Prospect
Tasmania 7250

A CONVICT'S LETTER

Irene Schaffer

LETTERS written by convicts are almost unobtainable, which is why, when I came across a mention of this one by George Reading I could hardly believe it. I am very grateful to Dr Hancox for obtaining a copy from his second cousin, Richard Reading who gave permission to publish this transcription by Barbara Drew in *Tasmanian Ancestry*.

This letter came to my notice when I received a request from Dr Roger Hancox to research George Reading. Dr Hancox was attending a lecture at the Oxfordshire Family History Society (of which he is a member) when he came across the Van Diemen's Land and Norfolk Island Interest Group column in our journal and decided to write to me.

One of the most interesting things about this letter is the absence of gloom throughout. I have often wondered if convicts, at Port Arthur for instance, ever noticed how beautiful the scenery was, or if those in Hobart looked up and remarked about Mt Wellington's supreme view. George remarked constantly about the pleasant country and his pleasure of the sea life and birds during the voyage. His reference to life on board was also enlightening, sleeping on deck for instance when it became too hot to sleep below.

Most of George Reading's records had been obtained by Dr Hancox from the *Coventry Herald and Observer* and the PRO—Criminal Register, Convict Prisons, Letter Book of *Ganymede* and *Warrior* ADM, Register of names of all convicts transported from Great Britain and Scotland in the Colony of VDL and

Pardons.¹ This information gave his crime, description etc.; it did not, however, give more vital details such as—native place (Aylesbury), period of probation, that his conduct was either good or very good during this time, nor the fact that he did not receive extra sentences after his arrival. His indent also revealed the name of his wife, son George, and three brothers.²

Mrs Reading wrote to the Tasmanian Government inquiring about her husband George in July 1853. She gave her address as Nelson Yard, Sautfort street, Coventry. An answer was sent back to her in December 1853 but there is no indication as to what this information was.³

George and Ann Dickson had been married at St Michael's Church Coventry on 9 June 1817. A son George was baptised at St Michael's on 9 October 1818. In March 1841 he was sentenced to ten years' transportation on the *Tortoise* for stealing letters containing a £5 note and velvet cloth from a receiving house. The surgeon's report stated he was good and honest.

The last notation of George on his conduct record stated that he was working for

¹ HO 27/65, HO 8/68, HO 9/12, HO 10/38, HO 10/40.

² CON 33/17 & CON 14/13 Archives Office of Tasmania.

³ Letters from persons in Great Britain enquiring as to the fate of their relations who are convicts in Tasmania GO 121 1850–1868. Archive Office of Tasmania. Dr Hancox could not find a Nelson Yard or Sautfort in Coventry. He did however find Ann Reading aged 58 in Smithford in the 1851 Coventry census.

Robert Douglas Esq. in Hobart Town in October 1843. George Reading was admitted to St Mary's Hospital on 8 June 1857 and died there on 9 August 1857 aged 58, from cancer.⁴

He was buried in St David's Cemetery 10 August 1857, across the road from St Mary's Hospital⁵.



The following is a transcription of the letter sent to Mr Mark Reading, Goswell Street, St Lukes, London, from his brother George at Cape Town. Where words are indecipherable they are marked with hyphens, e.g. ----. Where it is possible to put an interpretation on words these have been put in brackets, e.g. [---].



Coventry 1841 February 5 Saturday I was Taken into Cuesty and Taken To Gaol and thear I remained Till monday Week the 14 of Febuary and then I was Taken before the magestricks and then I was Fulley Committed For Trial and I remaind in Gaol Till the 24 of march and then I was Tried and the judge Sentance me To 10 years Transportation and I Stopped in Gaol Till the 21 of April on Saturday and then I was Taken From Coventry and then Taken me to woolwich that day Mr. Carter and Mr. Prosser Taken me and I got into woolwich about halfe Past 3 in the afternoon and when I got thear I was Striped of my Clous and then I was Put into a tub of warter and well washed all over and I neaver Saw my Clous after and then I Put on thear

dress wich was Course brown dress and then I had a hion Put round my leage and that was Fastned on my leage and I weared it day and night and it waid Three Pounds and I wared it day and night and then I went on bord the "Warrior" hulk a veary good hauld Ship and the next day I went out to work in the dookyard and I youst To onload and load Shiping of all Sorts of Stors Such as Iron and wood and Copper and Stone and bricks and all kinds of things For work and the dookyard his Veary large and woolwich his Veary Plesent Town and it tis Suported by Ship Carpenters but it tis Veary Could Cuntry and while I was thear I worked at the largest Ship that Ever was built at woolwich and the name of it was the Trafalguer and the Figuerhead of it was Nelson⁶ and it looked Veary hansom and it was wone hundard and Twenty Gun Ship the largest Ever was built at woolwich and I Saw it lance and it was lance on the 21 of june the monday and the quean⁷ was thear and her attendance and a great many nobles and lades of all ranks I never Saw So many People together in my life and it was Veary butifull Sight To See and Veary hot and on the 23 of june Wensday I Saw the king and quean land at woolwich and thear attendance and thea

⁶ *Army and Navy Register & Woolwich Garrison Gazette* for June 1841 described the gigantic bust of Nelson, the hero of Trafalgar, placed on the bow of the *Trafalgar*. The July issue included a large engraving of the ship. (R. Hancox).

⁷ *London Times*, Tuesday, 22 June 1841, details of Queen Victoria's arrival and the launching of the *Trafalgar* for which a bottle of wine was broken on the bows that had been part of the stock which Lord Nelson had on board the *Victory* at the battle of Trafalgar. (R. Hancox).

⁴ RS 28/2-3 AOT and Purtscher, Joyce, *St Mary's Hospital Index 1841-1862*.

⁵ Burials 365/1857, 34/2.

all looked well and harty and it was the king and quean of belgam⁸ and I Saw the Finest Steam Veasel lance thear that Ever was lance and built thear by memory of man and I Saw Too more lance thear while I was at woolwich and the hulk that I was in was Veary Clean and Veary holsom and thear was Veary large Chappel in the Ship and Veary hansom and it would hold Eight hundard People and I youst to go Twis in aweek and we had a reagluer Parson out of the Town and he had Veary Good Sallery For it I left woolwich on the Saturday 21 of August and I went To Chatterm that day and went on bord the Tortouis and Came back again to Shearness whar I Stopped Till Monday ---- and then we Seat Sale For Portmsouth and we Got into Portsmouth on the 27 of August on Friady and we had Veary Pleasent Voige and I Saw dover Castle and it tis Veary Pleasent Place as it Stands on a veary hig hill and as we Passed through the downs it was Veary Clarm and Veary Plesent it was Wendsay the 25 of August when we Passed through and we had Veary Plesent Sale to Portsmouth and we got into Portsmouth on the 27 of August and it tis Veary Pleasent Cuntry all round and I Stopped at Portsmouth Till the 11 of September and then we waid anker on Saturday at Eight in the morning and then we Came to Plymouth on the 13 of September on monday and we had Veary bad Sale to Plymouth and it tis Veary Pleasent Cuntry and it tis in deven there Sea Port and we Stopped thear Till the 3 of October on Sunday and then we waid

anker and Seat Seal in the afternoon on Sunday at 4 oclock and we went through the English and Irish Channel Till we Came to the bay of biskey and then the Gentlemen on bord the Ship thought it was not Safe and we Came back again on the 7 of October into Plymouth harbor again and we had Veary bad Passage and on wensday we had I thought we Should have been lost but Providence as brought us Safe back again and we Sailed in the Four days about one Thousand miles and while we Stoped in harbor the Ship went under it thourough repare and From the 7 of October on thursday we Stoped till The 26 of October and then we waid Anker again on Tuesday and we Seat Sail again at 4 in the afternoon and we went through the English and Irish Channel and the Irish Channell was Veary bad again and we Got into the bay of bisky and we Sailed through with Great Pleasuer on the 28 and the 29 and then we Came to the Western ocean on the 30 of October and we Sailed through the Western Ocean on the 4 and 5 of October Till we Came and we Crossed the Ineadre [Azores?] ilands on the 7 of November and it on the Cost of Afreace and it tis Veary Plesent Cuntry and we Sailed on till the 12 of November Veary Plesent 12 Freaday the First day that we had wine and it was Veary hot day and we had not much wind that Saturday 13 was Veary brisk wind and was Veary Plesent Sunday 14 we went 10 knots ahour day and night Monday 15 the weather his Veary Clarm and did not go above 9 knots in the day and night and the weather his Veary hot and Plesent and Some of hour men go without thear Shirts and we lues the Sun about halfe Past Five in the afternoon and we have but Veary little rain at this time and I had my iron Taken of my leage on the 29 of October

⁸ *London Times* Thursday, 24 June 1841 reported the unexpected arrival the previous day of King Leopold and the Queen of the Belgians aboard the steam vessel *Widgeon*. (R. Hancox).

and I Veary Glad as it was Veary Great Easment to my mind and I heave Seen mass of Papoises and thea was in the Western Ocean and thea are Veary large and the Weather his Veary hot that I due not wear nothing but my Sheart and Trousers and Shues as the Climent his So Veary hot hour nights hear his hotter than any day that you have in Summer with you Tuesday 16 was Veary Clarm and Plesent Wensday 17 Veary Clarm and hot and I Saw Many Flying fish and we Passed the Canary iliands and it his wone of the Spanish Iland in South of Afreace thursday 18 Veary hot and Good Sailing and we Passed Saint ---- [Santa Cruz?] iland Fready 19 the day was Veary hot and Plesent and Veary Good wind and I Saw many Flying fish that day Saturday 20 the Climent was Veary hot indeed and Good wind we went 10 knots ahour and Every knot his wone mile and I Saw wone of the highest mountans that Ever was Seen and the name of it his Saint [Tan Toneyon] and it tis wone of the Spanish iland in South of Afreace and it Contains about 15 Thousand Inhabetance Sunday 21 the day was Veary hot and Plesent and Good Sailing Monday 22 the day was Veary hot and Veary fine and I Saw thousands of flying Fish and thea are Veary Small about the Sise of aring and Small wings Tuesday 23 the day was Pleasent and Veary hot and Good wind and Veary Good Sailing Wensday 24 the day was Veary hot and Good Sailing and we have 12 hours Sun at this time thursday 25 the day was such suffock[?] hot that the Sweat run of me as I was riting theas Few Lines and we are Getting nearer under the Sun Every day and I Saw a veary hansom butterfly that day on the Ship and that his not usual to See at Sea and we have had 3 or 4 martens with

us for about aweek and then thea left us and we have had a howell [ow] Come to hus and the Saiolers Caut it and I had it in my hands and it had long hears as long as your Finger and thea killed it and Stuffed it and that his Veary unusal thing to See at Sea as we was So many hundards miles from land and and the Climent his Veary hot now and we yous a great deal of Vinegar to Shrink the decks for the good of hour health but I bless God I ham quite well and the men Drink a great deal of Vinegar to keep the Scurvy away and I due not drink it my Sealf but I rub my temples with it and it Suites me much as the weather his So Veary hot Several of hour men fall with the heat but thank God I Stand it well hour Coldest nights his twis as hot as any day that you have in Summer thursd afternoon we had Veary heavey rain and it did [Continue] till the 26 of Fready and we had Veary weat day and night and ruff Sailing and it rained all the day Veary heavey rain indeeds we was in South of Afreace Ocean Saturday 27 we had a great deal of rain and the Sea was Veary rought and it was Veary hot and we Can See to rite letters at 5 in the morning the days are Veary long Sunday 28 the day was Veary hot and we had good wind and Veary Good Sailing we went about 7 knots ahour we never ---- Sailing day nor night Monday 29 the day was Veary hot and we had Good Sailing and I Saw a dolphin Catch a flying Fish in his mouth and the Sailors Triad to Catch it but thea Could not and the dolphin his of a large Sise and Veary hansom resembless a mackrell and the Sise of it tis from 15 to 20 and 25 pounds this I Saw in the South of Afreace and on the 29 we Crossed the Eequalactel fine and we Crossed it with Veary Great Pleasuer and the Sun was Veary hot as

we was under the Sun and it tis 5 thousand 3 hundard miles from England and I ham well and harty Tuesday 30 the day Veary hot and we had Veary Good Sailing and we had Veary heavy rain that day and the Climent his so hot that I heave not Sleep on my bed for 4 weeks and the men Sleep in all directions on the deck and maney of hour men Go without thear Shirts and I my Sealf Sleep on the deck with my blanket under me but we have a Good bed for Each man and we have a good Place to Sleep in we Sleep 4 in wone burth and thear his wone burth above another 2 high and the burths his 7 feet Squear and 3 feet high and the deck that we are in his 15 yards wide ---- and thear his 4 hundard Prisners and that his all the Prisnors we have and the Place His Veary hot and we have 3 hare Pumps to work the foul hear out and the freash are in and the are work night and day as the weather his So Veary hot and I have to look over twenty men to See as thea due thear little work and I never Sile my hands for any thing if I have [a mind] and I hope I shall due well Wensday December 1 I never was out in Such a day in my life thear was not a Cloud to be Seen all the day and it was Veary hot and we had Good Side wind and Veary brisk and the Sailors Caut Veary hansom bird on the riggon and it was Veary large and Cant tell you the name of it Thursday 2 the day was Veary Plesent and Veary hot and I like the Sea much and hour Ship his reconed to be wone of the finest and fastest Ships that Plowes the Salt Seas Fready 3 the day was Veary fine and Veary hot and I Saw Veary hansom bird and it was all white and its Tail was 2 feet long and as Small as arats tail and the name of it his his the Long Tailed Smellet and I ---- Came by that day a great quanty

of Popoises and thea are of a large Sise and Veary brown Saturday 4 the day was Veary hot and Plesent and thear was not a Cloud to be Seen all the day and good Side wind Sunday 5 the day was Veary Cloudy and dull but we had Good Sailing ---- and hot and I Saw a great many flying fish that day many thousands and thea look Veary hansom when thea was flying Monday 6 the weather was Veary hot and we had Good Side wind Veary fast Sailing and I Put down Every day as thear Should be no mistake in the days Tuesday 7 the weather been Veary hot and we had Good Side wind and we went 9 knots a hour and we have had Veary Plesent Voige at Present and I ham aloud one halfe a Pint of Good wine Every day Wensday 8 the day was [Lucifer] hot as I was riting theas few lines the Presper-aition run of me Veary fast and we had Good wind Thursday 9 Veary Plesent but dull Sailing and little wind Freaday 10 we Passed by that noble and Eachant Place Called the isle of Saint ealeaner [Saint Helena] whear that noble Boneaparth ended his days and I little thought of Ever Passing that Place when I first heard of it and the druping ---- [viller?] that hangs Over his Toom Stone whear his body was buread and God knowes whear my Poor bones may lay⁹ but I ham well and harty Saturday 11 Veary fast Sailing that day Sunday 12 the fastest Sailing that we Ever had yeat thear was four hours that we went 13 knots a hour and Good Side wind the Sun rises at 5 in the morning and Sets at 7 at night and you Can See to rite a letter at haife Past 3 in the morning and till ---- and the Sea his butifull and Plesent and I Enjoy it much and I Saw

⁹ His bones were laid to rest at St David's Cemetery.

Great many marble Fish and thea hear Smooth and dark Sise and the are large and heavy I Saw wone of them leap out of the warter 6 feet and the Sise of them his 1 hundard and halfe waight Monday 13 the day was rather Cooler but Good Sailing and Side wind from the South Tuesday 14 the weather was Veary weat but fast Sailing Wensday 15 thursday 16 Fready 17 and Saturday 18 the days was Veary dull and foggy and Slow Sailing on Sunday 19 we had wone of hour Prsnors died and he was buread in the afternoon and he was buread in the deep and he had 2 Eaighteen Pound Shots fastned to his feet and he went down in wone mennet and was Seen no moor Monday 20 I Saw 2 large wales and thea was Veary large Tuesday 21 the Shortest day the Sun rises at halfe Past 4 in the morning and we had Good wind Wensday 22 Thursday 23 and Fready 24 Saturday 25 we had Veary Good wind and faist Sailing Sunday 26 Monday 27 and Tuesday 28 and Wensday 29 we had Veary Slow Sailing and Veary hot and we got into Timons bay near to the Cape of Good [Hope] in the afternoon and we have had Veary Good Vaige and we have been 9 weeks and 1 day and it tis 9 thousand miles from England and the Place his Veary Plesent whear we hear Timones bay near to the Cape of Good hope my Dear brouther and Sister and Children I have wonce moor the Pleasuer of Taking up my Pen in aforen land to rite theas lines to you by the blessing of God and I hope thea will find you all in Good health as I ham happy to Say I ham in Good health at this time and I bless God for it and I never Engoyd my health so well in my life and dear brouther and Sister I have rote to my Poor dear unfortunate wife and I due hope as Soon

as you receive this letter you will delay no time in Sending to her and I hope by the blessing of God that She his well and be Sure and send my kind love to her and God bless her and I Told her to be Sure and Send To you as Soon as She had received my kind letter and I hope She will and my Dear brouther and Sister and dear Children I will rite to you again before I leave this Cuntry and I Cant Say any thing in this has it tis filled up with my jurny and I have Sent wone to you all as you may keep it for my Sake and God bless you all till you hear from me again So No moor at this Time from your Loving brouther George Reading and God bless all of you. ●

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INTENSELY PERSONAL MATERIAL

Historian's Delight; Historian's Dilemma

Michael Roe

SUCH was the title of a short talk I gave to the 1998 AGM of the Hobart branch of the Society. In introduction, I explained that in the past year I had been researching the history of tuberculosis in Tasmania, and now faced the yet longer task of preparing a monograph from this material. It will include a chapter on strictly medical matters by Richard Wood-Baker, Director of respiratory medicine in Tasmania. By its very nature my research led into much 'intensely personal material', addressing fundamentals of life and death. As a supreme example of such data, I presented (with the aid of my wife and of Richard Wood-Baker) a dramatised version of a 1952 session of the Medical Board which had been constituted under the 1949 Tuberculosis Act to adjudicate any case where a tb sufferer disputed Health Department directives to enter hospital. The disputant in this case was a young mother who had already spent some time at the Sanatorium in New Town, Hobart, and now expressed vehement and moving hatred for the place:

I can have no treatment ... No cure for me ... I don't see why you should put me back out there to die. All the time out there you never will be happy. You have nightmares that you dread and detest when the walls seem to close in on you all the time ... What bit of time I have left, I want to live it. I have not that much longer ... You don't know what it is like being a mother. Never able to pick her up or anything, and now you are trying to take away from her the little time I have left.

Members of the Board responded with some sympathy, even distress, but still confirmed the order for hospitalisation.

My first move when presenting the talk was to establish the sense in which this material provided 'delight'. The answer lay in its revelation of those life-and-death issues which my research necessarily pursues, but which rarely find such dramatic display as in this case. Without excessive romanticism, the Board's proceedings could further be seen as a confrontation between on one hand, forces of authority, science, and improvement, and on the other, the human yearning to uphold life, defying all restraints. Perhaps an anti-authority strain is common to most mankind, and the undoubted strength of such feeling in Tasmania supports the proposition that in this island we see human nature especially clear and sharp. In similar vein I proposed that the chief historiographical value of my tuberculosis project lay in giving weight to such richly illustrative episodes as the Board's hearings: the *general* history of the disease and its treatment differed little here from the situation in other parts of the western world.

So much for 'delight'. The 'dilemma' which the use of such material entailed has two separable (although overlapping) aspects, the first ethical in nature, the second raising the question as to whether use of such material may not cloud the truth rather than clarify it.

The prime ethical issue is obvious: has anyone the right to intrude upon such personal emotions and experience as that

revealed by the disputant before the Board? Such doubts increase when we know that the case happened within our own lifetime and in our own community, so that conceivably the disputant's daughter herself could have been among the audience I addressed.

Various strands of current opinion increase doubts and sensitivities as to the use of 'intensely personal material'. While on one hand loud cries prevail for freedom of information, even louder ones (so I judge) uphold rights of privacy and protection. Especially, but not only in relation to Aboriginal affairs, this call for privacy/protection has extended to historical research and analysis; only a particular group can understand its own past, goes the argument, and only its members have a right to explore that past. An associated tendency has been to see the historical record as something not so much to be explored and established, as to be exorcised. That is to say, the historian's purpose is seen primarily as to reveal the wrong-doings of dominant elites in the past, as a preliminary to expressions of sorrow for consequent sufferers. The moral basis for all these trends is powerful, but the inexorable fact is that they tend to inhibit historical enquires of traditional mode.

In academic life this situation impacts through ethics committees. First concerned primarily with medical research, as it involved both animals and humans, they have come also to supervise social enquiry. Again, there can be no denial of the case for such committees to call to researchers' minds the need for constant sensitivity to ethical standards. Wood-Baker and I submitted our project to the ethics office, and duly received advice that we should exercise great care to avoid pain and hurt, both in the use of

medical case-records and in conducting oral interviews with tb sufferers. Pondering such advice I have decided not to conduct any such interviews—how could one be sure in advance of the result not being to cause some pain and hurt? I have decided too not to cite names of any particular sufferers since 1920, unless that datum is already in the public record. Throughout I will strive to maintain a sense of general compassion, such as I see as essential in any aspect of life, historical study very much included.

In such ways I respond to ethical concerns, but I do not pretend that thereby is resolved our primary dilemma. When all is said and done, I still am going to use such 'intensely personal material' as the Board hearing. In doing so, I admit to having ethical qualms. That means that I am going to give higher priority to the quest for historical truth than to the whisperings of my conscience. Likewise, although I will feel and try to express sorrow for those who suffered from tuberculosis, my prime object is not to 'exorcise' this suffering. With all the care I take, I recognise my enquiries and writing may upset some people, but nevertheless continue with my task.

I hope that in so acting I am moved by more than professional arrogance. It seems to me that concern for truth is, when final taws are down, more important than ethical concerns. The latter, I believe, are more subject to fickle fashion, and more open to manipulation (often in good faith, sometimes not) by ruling elites. In terms of the present issue the point may be best expressed this way: I would justify the use of the Board hearing on the grounds that so powerful a human document should be open to the world rather than kept secret in the archives. Withal, my conscience remains

troubled, and I recognise final and absolute answers in this area are impossible.

The basic point to make apropos the second horn of our dilemma—how ‘intensely personal material’ itself threatens the quest for truth—is that the very nature of such records might cause the historian to abandon proper standards of objectivity and care when using them. The Board hearing well supports this point. Most people would side with the disputant as she faced the tribunal, three professional males armed with authority and righteousness. Yet it is possible that (as members of the Board in fact suspected) that she was a liar, and even deliberately unscrupulous in invoking her motherhood so that she might be free to enjoy herself in civil society, all the while spreading terrible contagion. The tribunal may have been overbearing, but after all it was by use of such powers that dread tuberculosis was virtually destroyed in Tasmania.

Uncritical use of the episode might lead to further error in suggesting a wider divide between the populace and authority than did in fact prevail. Certainly there was some hostility to compulsory x-rays and hospitalisation, but it rarely came to direct confrontation. From my knowledge of resistance to vaccination against smallpox in earlier years, I would say that there was notably greater compliance with the anti-tb campaign. Again, one must recognise that the disputant’s views on the New Town Sanatorium, while having their echoes in other documentation, were far from universal. The one published memoir by a patient presents the place and its directors in golden terms, consonant with the fact that the writer recovered, and still lives.

All these warnings come with particular force from an historian like myself who believes it is both objectively and ethically wrong to posit conflict and polarisation as the norm in human affairs. Thus I have suggested that some (very small, but perceptible) blame for the tragedy at Port Arthur might rest with those who, from Marcus Clarke onwards, have distorted the evidence and presented that place as overwhelmingly a place of evil and suffering. Such interpreters perhaps established an image that the gunman sought to fulfil.

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The published memoir of a New Town patient is in Janet Brown, *In the company of strangers*, (Werribee) 1994. ●

CORNELIAN BAY CEMETERY

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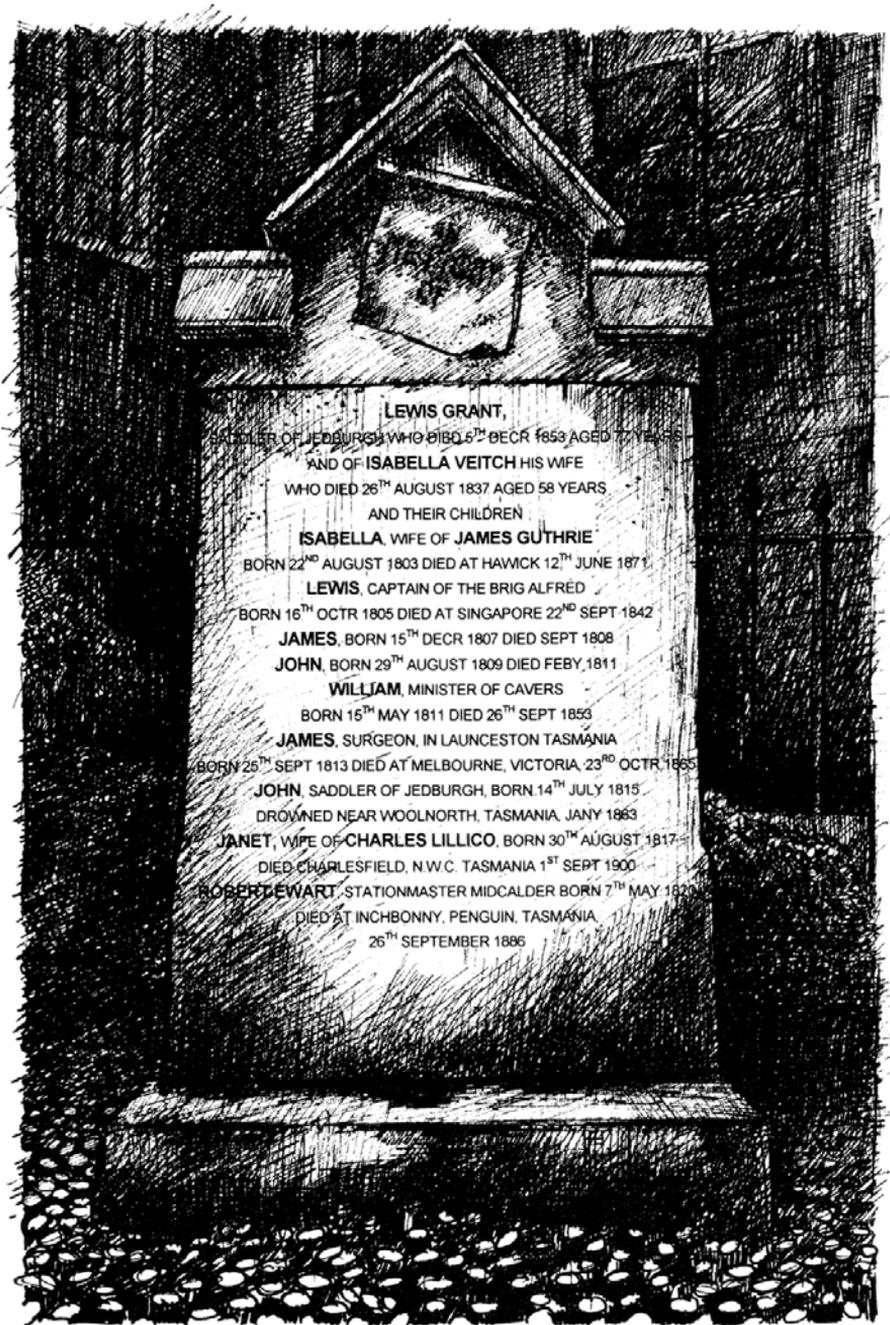
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LEWIS GRANT,
SADDLER OF JEDBURGH WHO DIED 5TH DECR 1853 AGED 77 YEARS
AND OF **ISABELLA VEITCH** HIS WIFE
WHO DIED 26TH AUGUST 1837 AGED 58 YEARS
AND THEIR CHILDREN
ISABELLA WIFE OF **JAMES GUTHRIE**
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BORN 25TH SEPT 1813 DIED AT MELBOURNE, VICTORIA, 23RD OCTR, 1865
JOHN, SADDLER OF JEDBURGH, BORN 14TH JULY 1815
DROWNED NEAR WOOLNORTH, TASMANIA, JANY 1863
JANET, WIFE OF **CHARLES LILICO**, BORN 30TH AUGUST 1817
DIED CHARLESFIELD, N.W.C. TASMANIA 1ST SEPT 1900
ROBERT EWART, STATIONMASTER MIDCALDER BORN 7TH MAY 1820
DIED AT INCHBONNY, PENGUIN, TASMANIA
26TH SEPTEMBER 1886

GRANT FAMILY TOMBSTONE

ABBEEY CLOSE, JEDBURGH, ROXBOROUGHSHIRE, SCOTLAND

Irene Schaffer

THIS story began at Jedburgh, Scotland, in 1986 when Ken Evans of Smithton, Tasmania, was strolling through Abbey Close looking at headstones. His attention was drawn to one in particular with place names of Launceston, Woolnorth and Penguin in Tasmania. Not having a camera with him, he wrote to the Jedburgh Council on his return to Tasmania, asking for information about the headstone. His letter was forwarded to Abbey House, Jedburgh. The reply came with full transcription and photographs.

When Ken first gave me the list I thought I would send it off to *Tasmanian Ancestry* as it was, but having looked at it again, I thought to myself, there's a story here.

Lewis Grant the eldest son was a sea captain who traded between Sydney and Launceston on the *William* from 1837 to 1842. He died in Singapore in 1842.

Dr James Grant arrived in Van Diemen's Land about January 1835 with recommendations from Under Secretary R. W. Hay in England. How he arrived is not known. It would seem however, that he certainly had friends in high places, the Marquis of Lothian being his Patron.¹

In January 1836, Drs Secomb and Grant were in attendance at a duel between Lt Baxter of the 60th Regiment and a son of Captain Wood of the Snake Banks, which ended without injury after an exchange of shots.² His first appointment was in Launceston where he was surgeon at the Launceston Hospital. With the death of Dr de Little in Bothwell he was appointed District Surgeon of that town in 1837.

He married Ann Linda McDowell, second daughter of Archibald McDowell of *Logan* on 10 July 1839. The McDowell family arrived from Scotland in 1824 and became well known throughout the district of Bothwell. James Grant's sister-in-law, Margaret McDowell, married Frederick Augustus Du-Croz, a former London merchant, on 20 December 1845 in St John's Church Launceston.

These and many other connections throughout the island brought James and his family in close association with other wealthy landholders in the colony. His best friend, Ronald Gunn, was witness at his marriage. It seems he encouraged James' interest in natural science. James corresponded with Professor Robert E. Grant of London University as early as 1835 regarding the fauna of the colony.³

In 1837 James sent a preparation of the gland and duct connected with the spur of the 'Platy pus' [sic], by coach to Captain Maconochie R. N. in Hobart as a result of Gunn's encouragement in his work.⁴

Hoping to interest people in England, he offered his services as Honorary Naturalist of VDL. He wrote to Downing Street but his offer was not accepted, although a copy of the letter was forwarded to Sir John Franklin by Lord Glenelg.

He returned to Launceston where he lived at St John's Street in 1840.⁵ It's possible he went into private practice. His daughter Isabel Veitch was born in 1843 and named after her grandmother. There were two young girls on the 1848 and 1852 Census between the ages of 2-7 years. What happened to them is not

known. They may have died as there is no mention of them in his will in 1856.

Through his friend Gunn, who in 1852 was appointed consultant of the VDL Company's land transactions at *Woolnorth*, he leased 2,000 acres of land at £300.0.0 per year, plus 5/3d a head for the sheep on the property. This transaction almost sent him bankrupt and by 1854 he advertised to let, on a long lease, the 2,000 acres in small farm lots of 50 acres, with rights to graze cattle and horses at *Woolnorth*.⁶

While James was at *Woolnorth*, one of his shepherds reported seeing the wreckage of a ship extending from West Point past the Arthur River. He reported this information to the master of the *David Howie* on 15 May 1853 when the vessel arrived at Circular Head. Mr McDowell, James Grant's superintendent, along with Mr Howie, proceeded along the coast for two days in an attempt to see if any of the crew or passengers had been saved, with no success. They were of the opinion that it was a large ship that had been wrecked. Due to the terrain, it was quite impossible for any survivors to proceed except by foot, and the place where the goods were cast on shore was fifty miles from Cape Grim, along a frightfully rough coast.⁷

It was later discovered that the ship was the *Rebecca* out of London on her way to Sydney. Her captain, his wife and seven of the crew drowned. The other eleven crew managed to make shore where they spent twenty-three days before being rescued by Mr Burgess on his way back from Macquarie Harbour to Circular Head.⁸

Returning to Launceston in 1856, James advised his friends and the public he was resuming private practice and residing at the corner of George and Elizabeth

Streets. During this time he was also listed as a shipowner in Launceston.⁹

After a bad fall from a horse in 1856 he was confined to bed for many months. He also lost his sight. Later in the year Dr Pugh admitted him to a Melbourne hospital and with the help of eleven other surgeons performed an operation. While this was successful in regard to his eyes, he unfortunately died the next day. His body was returned to Launceston for burial. His wife Ann died in Sussex in 1887 aged 67.¹⁰

John Grant was drowned near *Woolnorth* 15 January 1863. He was proceeding in a whaleboat from *Woolnorth* to Trefoil Island when a sudden squall washed him overboard, 'there being such heavy seas that before he could be helped he sunk to rise no more'.¹¹

Janet Grant married Charles Lillico, date and place unknown. It must have been sometime after 1856 as James' will refers to her being a spinster. Charles Lillico came to Tasmania from Scotland in 1852 and went to work at *Woolnorth* for James Grant.¹²

Robert Ewart Grant died at *Inchbonny*, Penguin, 26 October 1886 aged 66 years. His brother-in-law Charles Lillico was the informant.¹³

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SOUTHAMPTON TO SYDNEY 1856–57

WILLIAM, ELIZABETH AND SARAH MERRIMAN

The following is a transcription of a diary, (spelling mistakes and lack of punctuation are original) which was written by Elizabeth (Lizzie) Merriman in 1856 and 1857.

My great grandparents Elizabeth (née Danks) and William Merriman travelled from London to Sydney with their infant daughter Sarah. In the diary as well as descriptions of the embarkation procedure, the food and happenings on the trip, Lizzie also wrote how measles had broken out amongst the children and how Sarah was 'taken very poorly'. She died on 19 April 1857 aged 12 months, a little more than two weeks after arriving in Sydney.

Sometime before 1859 William and Lizzie moved to Victoria where William was employed in the Victorian Railways as an engine driver, and also where another nine children were born before 1880. Their tenth child, Clara Danks Merriman, was my grandmother.

Leonie Carpenter

[The diary dates have been changed to a bold style rather than use of underline as in the original—Ed.]



William and Lizzie Merriman

Sailed from Southampton

Nov 27=1856

We arrived at the Nine Elms Emigration Depot London on the eighteenth of november one Thousand eight hundred and fifty six a bout two o clock wher we had a good Dinner it was soup made of pearl Barley and beef and

afterwards came beef and potaters we made a good dinner then we had to pass the Doctor wich takes a bout two hours then we go by train to Southampton were we arrive about seven in the evening a man meets the train and takes us to the Depot every persons name is called over and we had two canvas bags given to us containing a tea. pot two quart Drinking cups two knife and forks and a suggar canister two teaspoons when we had done our tea the Beds and Bedding where given out but O such beds and then we had to creep into a small Bed place a bout as wide as a door case we had hard work to turn round the living is very Good here we stay till the twenty fifth of November when we go on board the Vessell Mary Ann from London she is a Dirty Old Cargo Vessell in fact she brought home horses from the crimea

Nov 26 1856 *we go a few miles down the river today and Drop anchor for the night*

Nov 27 *the anchor is weighed at midday and we pass a very large oval shaped rock and lands end which is a very small Island with only the lighthouse upon it our Vessell being such a very slow sailer the pilot has to take us farther than usual the Vessell begins to Leave now and all begin to be sea sick O what a sight for a week almost every body is in bed after that time the doctor rouses all out of bed and gets them on the quarter deck the weather has been very rough for the first week and the vessell has done nothing but toss from one side to the other*

Dec 4 56 *we are all better now the men have been lashed to the helm all the well*

The sea is very rough and the wind roars like thunder it lasted in. this way for three days and nights During wich time we lost two main sails and two stay sails the wind blows a perfect hurricane and we expect to become a wreck every moment

Dec 8 *the wind has changed for the best and we go nine knots an hour all day*

Dec 9 *foul wind again another sail is split into ribbons in the night we are in the Bay of Biscay and the vessell rocks fearfull the waves wash over us every few minutes we cannot sleep in bed the water kegs have all got loose the tea pots and tea cups all make night music it is so rough now that all hands are out captain as well he as given orders for the main mast to be cut a way and the sailors asked one another weather they should be a live in the morning*

Dec 10 *the gale still continues but is not so fierce the Baker is baking Bread today the waves wash into the trough that had the dough in and made the bread so Salt that we could not eat it wich we all thought was a bad Job as we only had one pound three times a week we had no breakfast or dinner today the men have sat up all night for it is impossible to lay down in bed*

Dec 11th *the wind has calmed down but we do not go fast at all the sea is too rough*

Dec 12 *it looks rather squally all the sails are taken in except the main sail she rolls so bad that we cannot hardly stand*

Dec 12 *the fair wind continues and the Captain speaks to an homeward bound Vessell in the afternoon the sailors are using a small pump wich they use to pump water with to wash the deck they are standing under a boat when a truss of hay fell upon one of the boys and break*

his leg a fair wind still continues we are only twenty one miles from cape finistere

Dec 13 *there are a great many Porposises to be seen to day and we are going on very well*

Dec 14 *after the deck has been cleaned the Doctor reads the church service prayer Books and bibles are lent to the passengers Dureing service the main top sail has broke away and as to be replaced by another*

Dec 15 *the weather is very fine and more porpises are seen today*

Dec 16 *there is a vessell in sight and it is rumoured that letters will be exchanged a great many write letters but we loose sight of the vessell and so the letters remain with the writers on board Mary Ann*

Dec 17 *we sighted Maderia this morning at six o clock every one was up to see land it is a grand sight the land it is like a mountain that rises up to the sky over this mountain the clouds were just begining to break and from behind you could see the Sun was riseing and was sheeding her golden rays over the dark mountain it was a most beautiful time*

Dec 21 *nothing worthy of notice occured till to night it is very warm now as we are getting into the tropics the young women are promised that they the poop Deck after tea it is very hot in thier part of the ship as they are located in glory hole they are locked in while they have tea but before the docter came down to have them let out they set up the most dreadful noise the docter comes down and has the lamps fetched out then they set to and kicked the door in the Docter goes in to find out who are the leaders when one throws the mop at him and knocks of his hat there were some scotch girls in the*

room but they had gone to bed some of the others took the holy stones and threatened to kill them if they did not get up but they did no more than threaten them it took two carpenters an hour to mend the door

Dec 22nd the sharks mouth is let out and it shades the poop Deck beautiful it is a piece of sail cloth that covers the Deck like a tent

Dec 24 this is christmas eve many think this must be a Dull time on board it is true we have no friends to speak to or anything to drink except cold water but it was christmas and we made ourselves as happy as circumstances would permit us to do we passed the cape De Verde Islands this morning and we had a very narrow escape from being wrecked as the vessell was very close to it before it could be seen for the fog when was saw it at seven o clock we were very near it then at night the girls had a ball some had muslin ball Dresses and white satin slippers there was a great variety of Dresses Displayed one girl dressed herself in a sailers Dress and she made good fun among the girls by running in amongst them and kissing them

Dec 25th the ball is continued tonight on the, poop Deck where there is more room the bakers mate put on his sisters Dress and went amongst the girls the girls went between decks at ten o clock pm they carried their game on till morning after the girls had gone down the men begin to dance and sing wich lasts till midnight it is very hot now and we are almost rosted in bed at night we had for dinner to day a preserved meat pie and a plum pudding we passed christmas very happy and hope our friends at home did the same nothing of importance has occerd for a week so I begin with new Years day

January 1st 1857 all the passengers sat up to watch the Old year out and the new year in the bell was tolled for half an hour there were carols sung and tales told amongst the married people the single girls are haveing a ball in their place and the young men are dancing a way on the quarter Deck the measles have broke out among the children there have been four Deaths in a fortnight the first child that had them it has left Dropsical and its mother has died of Dysentry and sea sickness the hospital is full of children with the measles and Sarah is taken very poorly it is very hot we can scarsley ly down at night

Jany 16 1857 for the last fortnight we have sailed on an average ten knots or miles an hour wich is reckoned first rate for our ship to sail the weather has been fine we have not seen a Vessell for some time and we all think it would be a treat to see one now the child s so poorly that it takes one to nurse her

Jany 30th 57 the weather is fine and we all begin to wonder how much longer we shall be on Mary Ann for washing the clothes in salt water as breed some lice they even get on the captain and Doctor we have some as well as the other people but not likeing such vistors and being against the main hatch way we kept them down very well

February 2nd 1857 The child is taken with the measles and I have to go into the hospital wher I remain a fortnight Dureing wich time the weather is very rough and we are roolld a bout very much there are a great many birds to be seen the Albatross bird follows us for weeks at a time when they are Flying they seem about the size of a Duck except their wings wich are a great lenth

Feb 18 57 We can see the crosets or Miran Islands they are great rocks wich rise a great height out of the water there are two of the Islands a bout two miles long and around them are seven small Islands called the seven apostles some of them were of an Oval shape and on was the form of a Triangle and seemed to be balanced on one corner and another went up to a point like a church steeple we pass another wich seems a bout thirty miles long wich seems to have two Imense hills upon it the sun is reflected upon the water that break against the land In all Colours of the rainbow the Captain told us that men came to these islands from the cape of good hope to fish and to ketch seales there were a great quantity of beautiful birds about the size of an English piegon they were of a drab colour with white spots on there wings and we threw biscuits over board and there drop a dozen birds at wonce and then that was not near enough they would run along the water very fast and then dive after it like a duck we were so near to these Islands that we could see the moss growing upon them

Feb 28 57 We are in the Southern Ocean and for the last thirty six hours the wind has blown an hurrican and the sea in truth rolls mountains high every wave looks as if it would send us to the bottom we cannot walk about without the fear of getting one for our nobbs nearly all get into bed to keep the things from falling upon them the wind whistles in the ropes and riggin like thunder

March 1st 57 Sunday the soft bread is short weight this morning wich causes great grumbling amongst the passengers one man who had two children in the hospital had his full allowance of bread

he was not satisfied he wanted more so the third mate called him back and took some of him and he being the doctors clerk on Sunday Dureing Divine Service did not like to cary tales to the doctor so at the end of one of the prayers instead of saying a men he said and short weight in our bread this morning wich caused a laugh but the doctor took no notice of it this man is to have the middle watch tonight it is a very ugly watch from twelve at night till four in the morning he has had this watch but twice sience we sailed he said he would not take it so when the doctor came his usual round at 9 pm one of the constables told the Doctor he would not take his watch the Doctor told him he was taking upon him self a great Deal more than other people and he would not have it and the Doctor said if he did not take his proper watch he would stop not only his rations but the rations of his family for a day the old chap said he would not get up when he was called the doctor went away and did not say any more and the man walked about the Deck from 8 pm till 4 am with a pair of squeaking boots and every few minutes giving a loud coff much to the annoyance of the company this noise took place after he had been holding a prayer meeting on a Sunday night

March 3rd Mrs Hawton of 21 mess was confined of a daughter

March 4th two children are taken into the hospital with the measles from our mess and we are very glad to get rid of them they are so dirty

March 6th we are becalmed this morning the sea is so smooth that it looks more like a vast sheet of glass than the rough heavy sea wich has tossed us about for three long weary months

March 7th a child nine months old died this morning with the measles its parents being Catholics and the captain being of the same religion he read mass over it in the school room it was buried at sun set one of the Irish men said a few words whilst it was being carried from the school room to the side of the ship where it was slid down a long plank into the sea with out any more to do

March 9th we are getting near to our journeys end for the doctor has given order for the front of the beds or bunks as they are often called to be cleaned the table posts and tables and seats forty pounds of soap is given out for this purpose twelve men are picked out to do this piece of work all the scrubbing is done by dinner time and the hatch way is painted red the work is done and we are preparing for bed at seven o'clock we go to bed early to get some hours good sleep for if a storm comes on it is impossible to sleep or ly down the vessel rolls so very bad we had hardly got to sleep before the wind whistles through the riggin the wave wash over the side the hatch way is fastened down and covered with Oil cloth when a wave washes over the water comes down into our place and carries away all stray boots shoes or clothes in one of these floods my disaperad for a week Williams boots were full of water we are so used to these sort of tricks now that they only furnish us with sport poor little Sally stands all this rocking about with so much as a cry we have had a great many bumps and clotts on the deck wich only cause a loud peal of laughter the child has escaped without a bump so far

March 10th the anchor chain is got up this morning and screwed to the anchor all the boards are washed with lime and water this morning

March 11th a great many birds are following the vessel this morning baits are thrown out and two were caught they were hauled on deck and the captain ran the girls round on deck with it as they rest on the water they look as larke as a swan they are no larger in body than a duck they have an imense quantity of feathers it measured seven feet across the wings

March 12 and 13 we are becalmed these two days after getting to within two hundred miles of sydney the wind changes into a head wind and the sea is getting very rough the captain has the vessell hove too to keep from getting out of our course

March 15th we sight cape Low in Australia today and we have a fair wind so there is some hopes of us being there soon

March 16th we make no distance to day we have so fowl a wind

March 17th we expect to drop anchor to day haveing only one hundred and seventy miles to go after a great many sitting up all night and we passed a sleepless on we are at eight o'clock next morning only ninety six miles of Sydney we only sailed two miles an hour for twelve hours

March 18 we are all up betimes this morning in hopes of seeing Sydney breakfast and dinner time passed a way and about half past one we see what the captain says is land but it is so far of it looks like a Small cloud three o'clock we can see land more plain now and we are running down the coast to Sydney Sydney lies seven miles up a river at the mouth of the river on each side of it is a great rock and on one of these rocks is placed a stone lighthouse wich can be seen fifty from it at sea these rocks are called sydney heads

March 19th the ship beats into one of the small but beautiful bays belonging to Sydney we are put into currantine to wash our clothes for fear of the measles getting into the town it is a fine View of the country from here as far as the eye can reach it is hills of white sand covered with green trees and white stone houses among the trees have a very pretty effect on this Small Island there is no large trees but it is covered with shrubs wich bear a great variety of flowers a great many different kind of birds of the most beautiful plumage

March 20th it is Friday today it was friday we left the land at Southampton and we set our feet on land again for the first time we have rambled about the hills till 1 am as Dark as a native and the muskaters have bitten William so bad till he is covered with pimples

March 21 we have orders to wash all our clothes even starched Dresses and shirts and I have made shift with only a change as the salt water rots them so we have four pounds of soap given to every couple to do their washing with I get some of the clean clothes and sprinkle them and ring them and let them dry I laid them on top of the others and Left it to take its chance it took me till wednesday night to get all cleared up Thursday the Doctor and governor and Doctor are to inspect the boxes to day mine that I had not washed passed of as very clean now the men have to white wash the sleeping houses and to sweep down the sleeping houses and to sweep down to the beach wich is a good quarter of a mile the governor watches them all the while and is as particular as my Father was about the garden walks in the mounts it is Friday again and we have dropped anchor in Hobsons bay we

sailed on the 27 Nov 1856 from Southampton and we have dropped anchor at Sydney march 27 1857

March 30th we are advertised for hireing to day in the Sydney Morning Herald a great many hire for forty to fifty pounds a year and their wives are to do the washing for the family William got a pass on wednesday to go on shore and found a place of work we left Mary An on the thursday and William went to work on the friday we settle down on land once more After a rool a bout ride of four long months

L Merriman. ●



The Advocate

9 NOVEMBER 1912

A woman who had been masquerading as a man was discovered in a Dunedin boarding house unconscious with a dead female child by her side. She was known as Thomas Parker. The woman died next day. Her real name was Annie Read aged 20. She went to school at Dubbo N.S.W. and was at Ararat, Victoria, in October 1911 where she masqueraded as a man. Her sex was then discovered by accident when she was going under the name of Thomas Ralph. She went to Invercargill and called herself Thomas Russell, and thence went to Dunedin as Thomas Parker.

Joyce Armstrong

CHAMPION THE MASTER BELLRINGER

Lou Daniels

THE link with Tasmania began on 2 April 1823 when William Champion was convicted at Gloucester for receiving stolen goods and sentenced to 14 years transportation. William came from a good family with relatives in Cam and Dursley.

He was transported on the *Asia II*, which left the Downs on 9 August 1823 and took 163 days to sail to Hobart via the Cape—a long voyage in a small ship, but the 150 male convicts all arrived safely at Hobart on 19 January 1824. William's gaol report states his former character was good, he was respectably connected, and very orderly. It notes he had a wife and one child living at Dursley.

In the colony he committed a few minor offences. On 7 September 1824 he was out after bell ringing the previous night and was reprimanded. On 10 March 1825 he was absent from Church muster the previous Sunday and again reprimanded, and on 6 December 1826, after repeatedly being absent without leave and neglecting his duty, he was sentenced to work 14 days in irons.

He submitted a memorial to the Lieutenant Governor, Sir George Arthur, on 18 January 1832 seeking a Conditional Pardon,¹ and this was granted on 30 March 1833,² Number 469, and a Free Pardon was granted on 7 April 1837.³



Photograph: Collection R. Davidson

William Champion's hand bells
Holy Trinity Church bell tower.

Long before his pardon came, William was assigned to, and making hats for, his master of that time, Mr Munro, who had a hat manufactory in Bathurst Street and later in Liverpool Street.

By 1826 William's wife Maria and daughter Esther had arrived from England, and in 1834 Peter and Hester Champion, his parents, emigrated to Hobart. They came as

free settlers, with two of their younger daughters, Mahala and Thirza. By then William had served his sentence and established himself as an up and coming businessman in Hobart.

William established his own hat-making business by 1829, and his ability and reliability as a businessman, coupled with an ability to attract the trust of his peers and customers led to a very prosperous life. He quickly expanded into the hotel trade, as licensee of the *Jolly Hatters Inn* and brewery in Melville Street.

William had been a bellringer in his native town, and when the new Trinity Church, complete with a bell tower, was built on the hill above his pub, William was encouraged to offer his skills in training the first team of bellringers.

In 1847 a full peal of eight bells arrived from England to be installed in Holy Trinity Church. They were cast by Messrs Mears and Co. of Whitechapel, London, and were placed in the tower when it was completed. The Rev'd Philip Palmer, Rector of Trinity, was fortunate in securing the bells during a visit to England. The Dowager Queen Charlotte was a contributor to the cost of the bells. They arrived on the barque *Navarino* and were transported to Trinity Hill by six bullocks.

This notice appeared in the *Hobart Town Courier and Gazette*, 7 August 1847:

Bell Ringing,

THE undersigned, having promised to do all in his power to form a company of ringers for the new bells in Trinity Church Belfry, will feel obliged by the attendance at his home, on Tuesday Evening, the 10th August, at seven o'clock, of those who are desirous of assisting in such an object, as ringers.

W. CHAMPION, *Jolly Hatters*.

William was not only the first Master Bellringer, with his team ringing for the first time on Regatta Day, 1 December 1847, but contributed £125 to strengthen the tower of the Church when the bells were suspended. He had a set of hand bells, brought out from England, on which he taught the new bellringers. They are still at Trinity today.

The first team of bellringers were 1 (treble) Norton, 2 William Champion, junior, 3 Davis, 4 Cresswell, junior, 5 Hilton, 6 Basstian, 7 Mitson, 8 (tenor) W. G.

Beaumont.⁴ Young William was then aged 19, and most of the team were only youths. The Mitson was probably William, aged 20. He, Beaumont and young Basstian all came from publicans' families, which suggests that Champion drew his bellringers from the circle of his acquaintance.

Lady Denison, wife of the Governor of Tasmania, noted the first peal of Trinity bells in her memoirs.

The day [Regatta Day] was ushered in by the sound of the first peal of bells I believe that have ever been heard in the southern hemisphere, or at least in Australia. It has amused me to hear so many of the young people who have been born here say that they never heard a peal of bells and express their curiosity to hear these. The bells have recently been purchased by subscription, and brought out from England for the new Church which is now nearly finished here. Great exertions have been made to get them up in time to ring the first peal today. I thought that they should have reserved this honour for Christmas Day, but it seems that this, the birthday, [anniversary of Tasman's landing] as one may call it, of the island into the civilized world, is the great day of the year here.⁵

The *Courier* also recorded the occasion.

We have casually noticed in our regatta report the public opening of the bells at an early hour in the morning. After that the bells were rung thrice, at 8.30 am and again at 4.15 pm with a marked improvement in the performances. When we consider that with two exceptions the ringers are native youths who have had no experience but by practise with Mr. Champion's handbells, and a very brief period of ringing with the muffled bells since they were placed in the tower, much more has been achieved than might have

been anticipated, giving promise of future excellence.⁶

Twenty years later, when the bell-ropes were replaced for the first time, Champion was acknowledged by *The Mercury* as the originator of the bells.

At that time, through the energy of a respected colonist and experienced ringer, still residing in Hobart Town, Mr William Champion, not only was the public induced to contribute towards the expense of hanging the bells, but the first troupe of ringers was organised.⁷

The bellringers didn't forget him as the years passed by.⁸ In 1869, on his sixty-eighth birthday, at eight o'clock in the morning, the Trinity Amateur Ringing Association rang a peal in his honour. His interest in developing the art of change-ringing had remained, and the compliment was a mark of the bellringers' respect.⁹

William Champion, gentleman, died at his home at 3 Burnett Street on 25 September 1871, from *congestion of the brain and asthma*, aged 70, and was buried in St Andrew's Cemetery, on Wednesday 27 September, after a funeral beginning at 2.30 pm.

His funeral was reported two days later:

The funeral of the old colonist took place yesterday and as might have been expected, the attendance at the grave side was numerous. The Rev'd Mr. Storie performed the burial rites and his address to the assemblage was both eloquent and impressive. Before and after the service the Trinity bells tolled a muffled peel, and then the fine old man was silently left in his resting place.¹⁰

William and Maria Champion had two children—Esther, born in England and William junior born in Hobart. Young William married Helen Wiseman but died

in March 1853, three days before the death of his only child. Esther married Frederick William Lewis in 1839 and following his death in 1852 married William Johnston. She became mother of ten children who have produced many descendants of the Master Bellringer.

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CHAMPION HEADSTONES

The Hobart Guild of Bellringers wish to preserve the headstones of William Champion and his family as they are of considerable heritage value.

The stones are currently against the wall of St Andrew's Park with William Champion Junior's being in very poor condition. It is hoped the stones can be restored and placed in the bell tower at Holy Trinity Church, a heritage listed building, to ensure their preservation.

Any Champion descendants are asked to contact the Captain of the Hobart Bellringers to register their thoughts on this.

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PART OF
THE LIFE OF A HOUSE
SECOND EPISODE
Thelma Grunnell

See *Tasmanian Ancestry* Volume 19 Number 1, June 1998, p.53, for the first part of this story.

AGGRAVATING isn't it, when you complete an article, send it off to make a deadline and then much too late find another reference source?

When using Jenny Gill's *Engraved in Memory* to answer a research query I found a paragraph on Eber Goldberg, a former owner of 2 Taylor Street, the Launceston Branch Library premises. With Jenny's permission it is reproduced below.

Eber was born in Sydney, New South Wales, on 29th April, 1891, one of seven children of Joel Goldberg and Dinah, formerly Cohen, both Jewish families. Eber was educated at Fort Street School, Parramatta Road, Sydney. He was a good athlete and for a few years was a professional runner.

On 17th November, 1919, Eber married Fanny Joseph, only daughter of Morris Joseph and Rosa, formerly Pearce, and had three children. In 1929 the family moved from Sydney to Tasmania and settled in Launceston where there was a small but growing Jewish community.

Some members of this community had a few years earlier 'discovered' the Launceston Synagogue which had been closed for some time. Eber was appointed secretary of the congregation in 1938 and served for seventeen and a half years.

Eber was also a member of the Masonic movement in Launceston and a member of Tattersall's Club, and had his own business at 113 St. John Street. He died on 20th October, 1955, while on a visit to Sydney. In his memory a memorial

plaque was erected in the Launceston Synagogue. The inscription reads:

"In Respectful Memory of
Eber Goldberg
Hon. Secretary/Treasurer
of this Synagogue
1938-1955

Erected by the Members of this
Congregation as a Tribute to his Memory
Died October 20th 1955."

POOR REBECCA!

The expanded story of Rebecca Downing published *Tasmanian Ancestry*, Vol. 18 No.1, p.36, June 1997—'Workplace Harassment?'

East Portlemouth Poor Law records 338A/PO4, Devon County Record Office List of Apprentices put out by the Overseers of the Poor.

1774 Rebecca Downing to Richard Jarvis.

This very sad case was a child aged 8 years apprenticed out to a farmer. Rebecca was employed in the fields picking stones amongst other things. By the time she was 14 she was also making the breakfast for the farmer who was by then quite aged. Somehow, instead of sugar, she put poison (arsenic?) in the coffee pot—and her master died! Poor Rebecca was taken away to Exeter prison, charged with murder.

The report says 'she was quite happy and quite unaware of what was happening to her'. She was found guilty and ordered to be burnt at the stake. Some say 'she was a witch' but I think she was just a poor little apprentice child, worked terribly hard, probably had a terrible life and just lost her mind. She was taken to the stake at the tender age of 15 years.

Compiled by Sheila Jewell, member of the Devon Family History Society and sent to Thelma Grunnell. ●

THE MIGRATION OF AGNES MAUDE PERCY

As told to her daughter Eleanor Blyth

Allison Carins

AGNES MAUDE PERCY (known as Maude), was only eleven years old when she set out on the long voyage from England to Tasmania. Her father and most of her relatives had migrated previously. She had been in boarding school. Maude didn't remember her mother who had died when she was very young. She and her brother, Algernon, had an older step-sister, Eleanor (Nellie), who had responsibility for them. She was a governess in France for a time. For some reason, it was decided that Maude should travel out to join her father, aunt and grown-up cousins in Southern Tasmania.

She was put in the care of the wife of the captain of the ship, *Sir Jamsetjee Family*, of the Messrs Green's Blackwall line, sailing from London via Cape Horn. Maude remembered feeling quite excited about the trip—until she saw the rollers as they headed into the Atlantic, when, she admitted, she went down to her cabin to have a good cry.

This ship was a wooden, three-masted ship, 1049 tons, (ON30167), 192.8, 34.8, 21.9 metres. It was built in 1863 by A. Stephen and Son, of Dundee, for Captain John Willis—a well known ship-owner, usually trading with India. Although his trade was not restricted to that country, it may explain the name. It is of interest that the vessel was built in the Dundee yards of Messrs Stephen and Son and one wonders if the Jamsetjee family were involved in supplying raw jute for shipment in the vessels of Mr Willis.

On this particular voyage, the ship sprang a leak off the coast of South America, and was forced to put in to Rio de Janeiro and was there for six months. Maude, under the care of the captain's wife, was billeted at the agent's house, and sometime during her long stay, she contracted yellow fever. She remembered lying in a trundle bed and watching black beetles [cockroaches?] running up and down the walls!

One wonders about the other passengers, but very probably they would have transferred to other shipping. The ship eventually sailed for Melbourne, where arrangements had been made for her passage to Hobart. On the back of the ticket are the following instructions

It is agreed that Messrs Green's agents in Melbourne shall pay First class passage for Miss A. M. Percy, equal to half-Adult by the first Steamer leaving Melbourne for Hobart Town after the Ship 'The Sir Jamsetjee Family' arrival at that Port, and also that she may remain on board the ship 'The Sir Jamsetjee Family' at Melbourne free of expense until the above-mentioned steamer sails, luggage transferred at Ship's expense, but at Passenger's risk.

The fare as far as Melbourne was twenty-six pounds, five shillings.

The ship changed hands in Melbourne, shipping agents, Grice, Benn and Co., enrolled as Folio 20 of 1879, for Orr, Flett and Wright. While in their ownership, she was wrecked when driven ashore near Point Greenville, California, on 2 December 1886. There were those

who did not have a very good opinion of the sea-worthiness of this ship, and considered that Maude was fortunate to have arrived at all!

What a long voyage for so young a child, without relatives to accompany her! Although her father, Robin Percy, was in Tasmania, Maude made her home with her Aunt Eliza and her family at *Bayview*, Rokeby. Robin was with them for a time, then later lived on King Island, but not much is known about him.

This wasn't the only hazardous sea voyage Maude experienced. When she grew up, she trained as a nurse (being one of the second intake at the Royal Hobart Hospital), and was sometimes sent out into country districts. One of these appointments was to the West Coast of Tasmania, travelling round the coast to Strahan by steamer. On this voyage, perilous at any time, the captain became intoxicated. A storm was raging, with water coming over the ship and even down the funnel, and most passengers considered their lives would surely be lost. But one of the crew subdued the captain, took control of the ship and finally they reached Strahan in safety.

Maude Percy married Alfred Tibbs, a carpenter and a very competent tradesman who built their home in West Hobart. In recent years, her son-in-law visited the house and found the owner delighted with the perfect condition and quality of the work when he bought the house.

Maude and Alfred Tibbs had three children, Alan and Dorothy, and thirteen years later, Eleanor, Mrs Stanley Blyth, who has remembered these things her mother told her. ●

ST HELENS FAMILY HISTORY GROUP

St Helens Family History Group has now been in operation for four years. We meet fortnightly on Monday nights, 7.00 pm to late. We are an informal group who aim to help people as we discuss the many questions that arise from individuals who arrive on the night. We regard ourselves as a support group for anybody interested in tracing their family tree. We have a core membership of about twelve people but have had thirty or more, with a number of successes in their findings.

We have collected together resources from our members and purchased some as a group. These include:

- IGI for the British Isles
- BDM—Victoria and NSW
- BDM—New Zealand
- Locality Index
- Big R—2 listings
- Tasmanian Eastcoast Cemeteries
- Griffiths Valuation on CD-Rom
- Phillimore Atlas

and a few more odds and ends.

We hold workshops a couple of times during the year and have group excursions to Launceston and Hobart to visit the LDS, Archives and Genealogical Society. Internet resources are now widely used by many of our members and internet access is usually on-site once a month for members use.

We charge a small fee of \$2.00 per night which goes towards room hire and resources. Visitors are welcome, so if you are in St Helens on a Monday night, feel free to come along. Local research (Fingal through to Ringarooma) can be done by the group by donation to the History Room.

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BURGESS REUNION

A family BYO BBQ will be held
Saturday 6 December 1998
(10am–3pm) at Otto Grotto's BBQ area
Dial St Ulverstone (west end of Beach Rd)
for ALL descendants of

George (Snr) Burgess and Ann Haines

This will be a good chance to check
that your family details are correct before a
Burgess Family Tree Book is published in early 1999,
and place your book order.

If you are descended from any of the following
families, please come along to the BBQ,
we look forward to meeting you.

George (Jnr) Burgess b.1838

married Mary Ann Smith

William Burgess b.1841

married Rebecca Pickett

Maria Burgess b.1844

married William Kent Watts

Charles Burgess died infancy

Elizabeth Burgess b.1847

married Francis Thow

Henry Charles Burgess b.1848

married Elizabeth Clara Walters

Mary Ann Burgess b.1851

married Joseph William Whitehouse

Edwin Burgess b.1854

married Harriett Ramskill

Eliza Burgess b.1855

married Josiah Butler

Louisa Burgess b.1858

married George Walker

Sarah Ann Burgess b.1860

married Henry Johnson

Martha Burgess died infancy

Other family names include
Allen, Aspinall, Atkinson, Aylett, Barker, Bennett,
Best, Betts, Broomhall, Carey, Cox, Crisp, Deverell,
Edwards, French, Gleeson, Harkness, Hills, Howard,
Howe, Johnson, Jones, King, Maloney, Marshall,
McCulloch, McDonald, Metcalf, Poke, Ridge,
Shadbolt, Smart, Smith, Vincent, Wilcox

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There is to be an 'All Schools Reunion'

30 and 31 January 1999

on

Bruny Island

to celebrate the

50th Anniversary

of the South Bruny Island Area School
at Alonnah.

All Welcome!

Interested in hearing from past students or
teachers and their reflections and memories.

The school at Alonnah will be open for
a trip down memory lane.

An Historical Display of all schools on
Bruny Island will be at the
Alonnah Community Hall on both
Saturday and Sunday.

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JONES—BROWN REUNION

Charles Jones & Isabelle Jones
Late of Jericho

Peter Brown & Ida Brown (néé Jones)
Late of Beaufort, Ross

All descendants, families and friends
are most welcome to attend

Any enquiries please phone:

Ivo Brown (03) 6381 5401

Charles Brown (03) 6266 4618

Neina Gibson (03) 6261 2066

Sunday 27 December 1998

12 noon

Ross Recreation Ground
(Football Oval)

BYO Food & Drinks

If anyone has any photos they are willing to share for
the occasion it would be greatly appreciated.
Any memorabilia can be displayed.

SCOTTISH BORDER GYPSIES AT KIRK YETHOLM

Andrew K. Rae

YETHOLM, a derivation of *gate-town*, is a remote village in Roxburghshire, at the foot of the Cheviot hills, close to the border between Scotland and England. It is actually two villages, Kirk Yetholm and Town Yetholm, separated by the Bowmont Water, and is often visited by walkers following the Pennine Way. Over the centuries, these villages have witnessed Iron Age, then Roman settlements, the Scots/English conflict of the Middle Ages and comparatively recently, the influx of the Gypsies who made Kirk Yetholm their Scottish base.

Little is known about the early history of the Gypsies prior to their appearance in Europe about the beginning of the 15th century, claiming to be Christian pilgrims fleeing from the Saracens. Introducing themselves as 'Lords and Earls of Little Egypt' they were initially granted passage and privileges by some of Europe's most powerful rulers. The word 'Gypsy' (sometimes Gipsy) is almost certainly a corruption of 'Egyptian', although the presence of Hindustani words in the Romany language suggests an origin in North West India. Some scholars say that the Little Egypt alluded to may be the Mediterranean island of Epirus, sometimes called Little Egypt.

The Gypsies' first mention, by name, in Scottish records was in 1505. During the period 1505–1579 they enjoyed a measure of Royal patronage before their way of life and petty criminal tendencies resulted in harsh laws being enacted against them. An Act in 1579 stated that

any person found to be a Gypsy should be nailed to a tree by their ears and thereafter have their ears cut off. A law in 1609 made it a crime, punishable by death, just to be a Gypsy. Fortunately, these cruel laws were seldom enforced and instead many Gypsies were deported to the Americas and Australasia.

In Scotland, as elsewhere in Europe, the remaining Gypsies sought refuge in the countryside, enlisted in the army, or assimilated with the indigenous population. A common practice among them was to adopt the surnames of the local gentry which might explain the number of Scottish Gypsies bearing the surnames of prominent Scottish families. In Scotland, it is also true that the Gypsies co-existed and inter-bred with the much older, native *tinkers*, or *tinklers* (wandering tin-smiths) who shared their lifestyle and may themselves have been descended from disbanded highland clans.

For almost four centuries, Kirk Yetholm was the traditional Gypsy base in Scotland. This owed much to its location, offering refuge and the opportunity to profit from trade (or smuggling) across the Scottish border. There are also stories of local landowners rewarding Gypsy heroism with gifts of houses in Kirk Yetholm. One story tells how in 1695, during the Anglo-French wars, a Gypsy saved the life of Capt. David Bennet, a local laird, at the siege of Namur. Another story tells of a house being built for a Gypsy in gratitude for the recovery of a valuable horse taken by Bonnie Prince Charlie's Jacobites.

The Faa family were the Royal family of the Scottish Gypsies and for several generations occupied the Gypsy throne at Kirk Yetholm. The first King in Yetholm was Patrick Faa, husband of perhaps the most famous Gypsy of them all—Jean Gordon. Jean was the inspiration for the character of *Meg Merrilies* in Sir Walter Scott's novel *Guy Mannering* and a few stories about her might best illustrate the rich and colourful legacy of Gypsy lore. By all accounts, Jean was a formidable woman, almost 6ft in stature, and one of great determination and personal integrity. Born in Kirk Yetholm, circa 1670, she single-handedly raised a family of nine roughish sons after her husband was deported.

One story tells how the farmer of Lochside, having raised a substantial sum of money to pay his rent was forced to take shelter from treacherous weather. He must have been greatly vexed when the door of the barn he approached was opened by Jean, who was preparing a meal for the return of her brood. He had little choice but to place his trust in the Gypsy matriarch who took custody of his money for safe keeping, and bade him retain a small sum for appearance's sake. Although led to believe, by Jean, that the farmer had little of value, her sons sought confirmation by riffling his pockets while he 'slept'. The paltry sum they found, bore out Jean's deception, leaving her free to restore the 'guid man's' wealth before he left at first light the next morning.

When one of Jean's sons was murdered by another Gypsy, it was Jean herself who traced and followed him, first to Holland then Ireland where he was finally apprehended and brought back to a hanging at Jedburgh. Sadly, the same fate befell the last three of her sons, for sheep

stealing, a few years later in 1730. Her own death was also in brutal circumstances of which she was most undeserving. A staunch supporter of the Jacobites, she was drowned by a hostile mob on a market day at Carlisle soon after the year 1746. Each time she managed to raise her head above water, she was heard to exclaim defiantly, "Charlie yet! Charlie yet!".

At any one time during the 19th century, there were approximately 100 Gypsies who made their home in Kirk Yetholm for the winter months. There were also smaller colonies at Kelso, Jedburgh and Coldstream. Contrary to stereotypes, the majority of menfolk were neither horse-dealers nor fiddlers, and instead earned their living mending pots and utensils, and making horn spoons (called *lutties*), heather baskets, besoms, etc. The women hawked these wares alongside needles, thread and other small goods, and a few supplemented their income by telling fortunes. By the 1830s, the main Gypsy occupation was collecting rags, bones, old iron and crockery which were sold to purchase low-grade pottery in Staffordshire for subsequent re-sale in Northumberland and the Borders. Only a century before, pitched and bloody territorial battles had been fought over just such trade routes.

In 1839, the minister of Yetholm, Rev. John Baird gave its Gypsy population as 125 souls, including fifty-two children and sixteen adolescents. The majority of the twenty-six families were potters, although there were also 2 horners, 1 cooper and 1 tinsmith. Some forty years later, Murray's *Gypsies of the Scottish Border* lists the names of eighteen Gypsy families: 10 Douglasses; 4 Blythes; 2 Taits; 1 Ruthven; and 1 Rutherford. Clearly, nicknames were a necessity,

where there were so many families with the same surnames.

Rev. John Baird, was at best a saviour and at worst a well-meaning persecutor of the Gypsies. On one occasion he described them as, 'a set of worthless, unprofitable, deceitful and dishonest vagabonds who hated all work and pursued only those occupations which covered and excused their idleness'. This statement is difficult to reconcile with his observation that, 'they were grateful for kindnesses shown to them and seldom injured the property of those disposed to help them'.

In the early years of Rev. Baird's ministry, following his appointment in the Spring of 1829, he concentrated on matters of civic amenity, linking Town Yetholm to Kirk Yetholm by a stone bridge in 1834, and building a handsome new church in 1836. Thereafter, he embarked on a mission of evangelical reform, marshalling legislation and inducement to coerce the Gypsies to abandon their itinerant lifestyle, which he believed to be the root of the Gypsy 'problem'.

Baird's plan focused on the more impressionable Gypsy children, whom he sought to keep at Yetholm throughout the entire year, where they would receive an education, followed by an apprenticeship or entry into domestic service. To his credit, Baird successfully overcame the antipathy of the villagers toward the Gypsies and instituted a funding committee in order to pay the not inconsiderable cost of school fees, a teacher's salary, an apprentice fee for boys and lodging expenses. Results were at first mixed, and latterly Baird also appealed to the local magistrates to enforce laws prohibiting selling without a licence, roadside camping and fire raising.

Doubtless, twenty years of evangelism took their toll on the Yetholm Gypsies or perhaps itineracy could no longer generate the level of income needed for subsistence. The 'Palace' of the last Gypsy Queen, Esther Faa Blythe, still stands in the street once called Muggers' Row, after the resident muggers (potters) who hawked earthenware. The coronation of her successor, in 1898, was little more than a publicity exercise to promote tourism. Traditions are still kept alive, but without the pretence, during the annual town fête, when a young man and woman are elected *Bari Gadgi* and *Bari Manushi* for the day's festivities.

Fortunately for genealogists, the Gypsies were firm believers in christening and there are therefore good baptismal records. Marriages were sometimes of the 'irregular' sort, sealed 'by declaration', most famously at Gretna but also at Coldstream. There are no civil records for these perfectly legal unions, however the dates may often be found on the birth certificates of children born after 1860. There are few monumental records as most Gypsies lapsed into poverty in old age, although police and poor law sources are worth checking. Other resources include the archives of the *Gypsy Lore Society*, and the Gypsy Collections held by the University of Liverpool and the University of Leeds.

For reference, the Gypsy surnames most common in the Border counties included Baillie, Blyth(e), Douglas, Faa, Fleckie, Geddes, Gordon, Grey, Halliday, Keith, Kennedy, Marshall, Robertson, Ruthven, Stewart, Tait, Wilkie, Wilson, and Young.

Of course, all Borders families with these names, were not Gypsies. If however one finds that: a) a family were very mobile (i.e. their children were born in different

parishes); b) there is some evidence that they married selectively (see family names above); and c) they followed occupations like: tinsmith, muggler (potter), basket maker, spoon maker (horner), or hawker, then they may well be of Gypsy descent.

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TOMBSTONE INSCRIPTION

Boardmills 2nd Presbyterian Graveyard
North County Down Ireland

A tablet in front of the church door.
Erected by the Rev. John Downes, late of Boardmills, now of Clunes, Victoria, 24th June 1863.

Sacred to the memory of his four beloved relatives here interred:

his wife Mary JAMEISON aged 27 years,
his children Agnes Jane (aged) 9 months,
and Thomas McCrie (aged) 10 weeks, his
mother Elizabeth MARTIN (aged) 75
years.

"Them that sleep in Jesus will bring God
with him".

The Rev. John Downes was born in Falkirk, Stirlingshire on 24 July 1802, the eldest son of John Downes. He was educated at Falkirk and entered Glasgow University in 1813 (sic). He was confirmed as a minister of Second Boardmills on 2 May 1826 and was ordained there in the following year. His stay in Boardmills was punctuated by several disputes about the union with other churches and Synods, and he readily accepted a call to Hobart, Tasmania, in August 1855. He married firstly Mary Jamison, eldest daughter of David Jamison of Prospect. She died on 3 September 1840 aged 26. He married secondly on 11 October 1842 Martha Gilmore, third daughter of John Gilmore of Ballycarnannon. He died at Clunes, Victoria on 29 May 1866, and his widow survived him to die in 1909 at the age of 96.

See Addison: *The Matriculation Albums of the University of Glasgow* (1913); Stewart: *The Seceders in Ireland* (1950); McClelland: *A Short History of Boardmills* (1963).

Submitted by Mrs Pat Shaw
St Helens Family History Group

VOYAGE TO TASMANIA IN 1927

THE DIARY OF LESLIE CANDRICK

A fifteen-year old boy from Pontlottyn South Wales

Friday July 22nd 1927

Up early this morning, felt very ex[c]ited, spent the time bidding farewell to the housefull of relatives & friends. Went up to the station & found it crowded with people wishing to give us a good send off. I had a long talk with my school chums. The train departed at 9 a.m. & the railway side, right through the village was crowded with waving wellwishers. Had a last glimpse of gran & grandfather in the garden. At Deri, Aunt Susannah came to see us & her brother, returning to London, came to our carriage. When Bargoed was reached Mrs Evans who travelled so far with us, said good bye & Aunt Sarah & cousin Dolly came to see us. The next stop was Pengam, my school village; & my school chums came & shook hands with me. I now settled down & enjoyed the scenery, but it was found that I had left my attache case behind & was told it was being sent on. Newport was soon reached & after a short stay we boarded the London Express. The journey was delightful, the countryside looked beautiful & some parts of the railway embankment were yellow with Primroses. At Swindon we had a short halt & had refreshments; the engine yards were visible from the train & there were hundreds of engines there. Had glimpse of Windsor Castle & also saw Sutton's gardens which were magnificent. Late in the afternoon Paddington Station was reached & we got aboard a General bus & were soon in Gower St where our hotel was situated. We all freshened ourselves up & had tea,

Cynthia & I afterwards going for a walk down the street, we saw the University which is not a tall building but is very stately. Went to Paddington Station a few times with dad to see if my case had arrived. It was rather late when we got to bed, while in bed we had two visitors Lena Way & another young lady whose name I cannot remember.

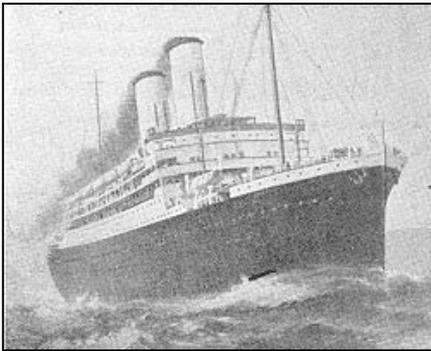
Saturday July 23rd

Up early this morning as our train was due early. We walked to St Pancras Station, which we found to be an immense place. There were hundreds of other people waiting for the same train, we met some Welsh people & got in their carriage, the train left about 8 a.m. It was a very uninteresting journey to Tilbury. When the Docks were reached, what a hurry & bustle we found, hundreds of intended passengers jostling one another, porters rushing everywhere with luggage, children crying etc. But anyhow we boarded the tender safely & were soon steaming over to our floating home, & my word she did look lovely, all so clean & white. We climbed up the gangway & were aboard. Now the fun began, finding our way around, it was a long time before we found our cabins, eventually we did & there our luggage was deposited. Cynthia & I afterwards watched other passengers arriving, walked around the ship finding our way about, but when we decided to return to the cabins, lo, we found we had lost our way, all cabins were alike, alleyways alike, we wandered around & around & it seemed hours before we again found our objective. The 'Orama'

sailed about 11 a.m. but I was too occupied looking over the ship to watch the scenes as we sailed along. Our first meal was great fun, the bell rang & there was a stampede to the Dining Room, we were too late, so had to wait until next sitting. In the evening we had a view of the white cliffs of Dover. Went to bed late, it was great fun clambering up to my bunk which was near a port-hole & level with the sea, so the floor of the cabin was below the water level. The bunk I found very comfortable & was soon in the land of Nod, so came to an end the most eventful day of my life & also the most pleasant.

Sunday July 24th

Awoke early this morning & found the ship was stopped, on looking through the porthole I found we were anchored in a bay which I found later was Tor Bay. There were six battle ships also anchored. The voyage was continued at 9.30 a.m. I spent the day wandering about & playing quoits etc. There was no Divine Service today, everyone too busy I expect.



S.S. *Orama*

Monday July 25th

Still in the English Channel, lost sight of land for a few hours. Later saw the French coast & entered the Bay of Biscay, the sea was choppy than in the Channel but was not rough as I expected it to be. Sighted

the coast of Portugal. Saw shoals of Dolphins playing follow the leader!

Tuesday July 26th

The Portuguese coast in sight all the time, passed the Burling Isles, very fine & rocky. Again saw shoals of Dolphins. Passed Cape St Vincent, the cliffs were hundreds feet high, there was a lighthouse on the summit, I went down to the cabin for my camera but when I got back the cliffs were too far away to snap.

Wednesday July 27th

Passed Cape Tarifa & after a few hours came in sight of Gibraltar, the first of Britain's oversea countries & the Key to the Mediterranean. The 'Orama' anchored in the Bay a good distance from shore. The rock is very majestic & the city nestling at its foot. Dad & I went ashore & had a most enjoyable time. Saw many interesting sight's in this my first glimpse of the East; a Moorish fortress, frowning over the city was the most conspicuous thing. The streets are very narrow & were crowded with vendors of beautiful fruit & souvenirs. We walked right through the town & visited some bazaars & the Cathedral a very plain building. Saw Spanish ladies wearing their mantillas & Moors with their quaint turbans, slippers, knickerbockers & capes. The chief articles of sale were fruit, leather goods, antiques & beautiful Spanish shawls; I bought a Spanish sombrero, it will come in handy as a sun hat. When the ship anchored it was surrounded with vendors of fruit in their small boats. We continued the voyage late in the evening & entered the blue Mediterranean. The rock is very steep on this side. The weather is getting warmer.

Thursday July 28th

Passed Cape de Gata & Cape San Antonio, also passed the Balearic Islands which were too far distant to see.

Friday July 29th

Reached Toulon early this morning, it is a very picturesque place with its red roofed houses. The mountains behind it were rather high, but rocky & barren. Anchored in the harbour, French warships also anchored there; as Toulon is a French naval base. Mother & dad went ashore, but Cynthia & I stayed aboard, the fare to the city being too expensive to justify our all going. We were disappointed but managed to find something to pass the time away. Mother told us how interesting it was & that it had some very narrow cobbled streets. French, Belgian & Lithuanian passengers came aboard. Stayed in Toulon harbour all night.

Saturday July 30th

Continued voyage very early this morning. Still in sight of the French coast but later lost sight of it. We are now on the way to Naples. Passed the island of Givalgia, a very rocky & mountainous island. (Sighted Elba where Napoleon was imprisoned) Corsica were he was born & Sardinia, all rather mountainous islands. Sailed through the Straits of Bonifacio.

Sunday July 31st

Up early this morning & sighted Mount Vesuvius rearing its steep & smoking summit to the clouds. Entered the world famous Bay of Naples about 9 a.m. passing the beautiful island of Capri. Naples looked wonderful on the shores of the beautiful bay, the sun glistening on its buildings & enveloping Vesuvius in a hazy mist. We anchored right at the quay, there were many other ships anchored including a Soviet. On the quay we noticed two men in uniform & were informed they were policemen, one a Fascist. After breakfast we all went ashore & after a changing some money into Italian currency we went sightseeing.

Naples is a large city & has some fine buildings & wide roads. The back streets were vile; the houses tall, the streets narrow, washing hanging across from house to house, & open drains. We had an amusing experience, we having spent our Italian money, tried to buy some fruit with some English, but the tradesman would not accept it, he was gesticulating & talking so loudly that a crowd soon gathered; no one could understand our language & we could not understand theirs, we were in a fix until a policeman came up, he understood English so explained everything to the tradesman & we wended our way back to the ship with our fruit. Mails & stores were taken aboard & Italian & Maltese passengers embarked. We left late in the afternoon & about midnight passed the volcanic island of Stromboli, the night was dark & it was a fine night to see the sparks arising from the crater.

Monday August 1st

Nothing seen today. We sailed through the Straits of Messina about 1 a.m.

Tuesday August 2nd

We are now on the way to Port Said. Passed Gaudo Island about 6.30 a.m. Practice for sports at 10 a.m. Weather getting very warm.

Wednesday August 3rd

Uneventful day, weather very warm.

Thursday August 4th

About 8 a.m. the Egyptian shore became visible, very flat & at the entrance to the Suez Canal, Port Said, at 9.15 a.m. So soon as the ship anchored it was surrounded by small boats, their occupants selling fruit & curios etc. Did not go ashore it was so frightfully hot, watched other passengers going ashore; the Egyptian policemen & soldiers parading the bank wearing their funny little hats call fezes & boys diving for coins which were

thrown overboard to them. Port Said seems to be a fair sized city with lots of European buildings; the British Consulate however is built in the Eastern style. Port Said was said good-bye to at 5 p.m. & we continued our voyage through the canal. The country on either side is very flat & sandy, saw some Egyptian sailing boats with their peculiarly shaped sails. Passed several villages & saw people astride camels, also passed another ship proceeding to Port Said, it however soon became too dark to see anything so I went to bed.

Friday August 5th

Came out of the Canal at 5.30 a.m. & stopped twenty minutes at Suez. Suez has some very nice buildings & a handsome War Memorial which stands on a sandy peninsula. Passed Shadwan at 6 a.m. & entered the Red Sea, the barren coasts of Arabia & Egypt on either side. The sky & sea are very blue & the sun scorching hot, although the decks are shaded by canvas awnings they are almost too hot to sit on, I am perspiring terribly & only wear a thin shirt & trousers & no stockings. Late in the evening Mt Sinai was pointed out to me. Children sports were held today, I won the boys skipping championships, skipped 646, second boy 269. We are now on the way to Colombo. I have been sleeping on deck all the week as the heat is unbearable in the cabin. One night we were caught in a tropical storm, which came very suddenly & left off almost as sudden, but it did rain!

Saturday August 6th

Still in the Red sea, lost sight of land, sea a bit choppy, but the weather is still very hot. Pass Jebel Tier at 11 a.m. & Perim at 5 p.m.

Sunday August 7th

Passed Aden at 6 p.m., too far away to see anything; entered the Arabian Sea,

weather very hot. Had a Divine Service on deck at 10.30 a.m., conducted by the Purser, a religious meeting at 7 p.m. by some Hindu Salvation Army officers.

Monday August 8th

Passed Cape Gardafui, which is the extreme eastern point of Africa, at 4 p.m. about 2 p.m. the weather began to get stormy, very strong wind which has cooled the atmosphere. The decks are not so crowded now! Waves 15 & 20 ft high are breaking over the ship & she is rolling like a cork. Began to feel a bit queer in the evening. Passed Socotra, a small British island off the coast of Africa during the night.

Tuesday August 9th

Storm still raging, am feeling very sick, & poor Cynthia is in a terrible way, mother is also sick but Dad is quite alright. Have hardly eaten any food today, the Dining Saloon seems very deserted; & the tables have raised edges to prevent the crockery rolling off. A few waves splashed over the top deck today. The decks are in a terrible mess & almost deserted, the few people there are, are keeping on the move.

Wednesday August 10th

Still stormy, nearly everyone aboard is sick. We are now in the Indian Ocean & will reach Colombo on the 13th. I am feeling better today.

Thursday August 11th

Still stormy. I have almost recovered now. It is getting monotonous now, will be glad when we see land again. Had very interesting evening, a cinema show on the games deck at 8.45 p.m. Cynthia & I sat with our Hindu friend Deva Dasen.

Friday August 12th

Uneventful day, saw some flying fish. The storm has ended & things are getting normal again.

Saturday August 13th

Sailed into Colombo harbour about 6 a.m. & anchored a little distance from the shore. I looked through my port-hole & saw the palms on shore swaying in the morning breeze. Went ashore at 9.30 a.m., a heavy shower came just as we reached shore. We engaged a Hindoo guide (a Christian & a charming man). Colombo was a beautiful city with wide streets, fine shops, large public buildings & tramcars. We saw women sweeping the roads, visited the native quarter & found it very dirty & unfit to live in, saw many girls not more that 12 years of age who were mothers. We afterwards visited a Hindu temple, a beautifully sculptured building, we were not allowed inside, so viewed the interior from the steps, the priest came out & spoke to us & gave me a garland of flowers from off the neck of the idol. The interior was heavily draped & idols stool everywhere, the atmosphere reeked with incense. At the extreme end behind a thin curtain, the principal god could be seen, a huge brass image something like pictures I have seen of Buddha. From the temple we went to a Mohammedan mosque & watched the worshippers washing their feet in a holy well before entering the building. We next went to a Ceylonese worshipping place & now people praying & laying of gifts of flowers at the feet of goods. After we had finished sightseeing we met the members of the amusement committee (dad being one) & visited the shops choosing prizes for the sports & fancy dress carnival. We afterwards went by car to the Globe Hotel where we had lunch, being waited on by barefooted Ceylonese men. After lunch we returned to the Wharf in rickshaws; small vehicles drawn by almost naked men. I did not see one horse, all the wagons being drawn

by small oxen. I enjoyed myself here immensely & was sorry to leave. A lot of natives were aboard all day, loading merchandise, they were all chewing Betel nut & their lips & teeth were stained red. Left Colombo at 10 p.m. & are now on the way to Fremantle. Our friends the Hindu Salvationists disembarked here, I will miss them especially Deva Dasen.



Leslie with Deva and Cynthia

Sunday August 14th

Nothing seen today. We had a Divine Service at 10 a.m. & a religious meeting at 7 p.m.

Monday August 15th

Crossed the Equator at 8 a.m. Saw flying fish & sea pigs this morning.

Tuesday August 16th

Weather get cooler as we are nearing Australia. Had a cinema show this evening which lasted until 10 p.m.

Wednesday August 17th

A very important day; a childrens fancy dress parade took place at 2.30 p.m. & it was a great success. A Boy dressed as Lord Nelson had first prize; another boy as John Bull had 2nd Prize, I received a consolation prize. At 4 p.m. we had a special tea given by the Captain & afterwards were given a gift & the sports & Fancy Dress prizes were presented. I was given a fountain pen for my fancy dress & an ebony elephant for the Skipping Championship. In the evening the adults had a fancy dress ball, the

decks were lit by hundreds of Chinese lanterns, it looked very pretty & the evening was perfect. Stayed up late watching the dancing.

Thursday August 18th

Weather is nice & cool. Passed the Keeling & Cocos Islands at 5 a.m.

Friday August 19th

Sea a bit choppy today. A Whist Drive took place at 8 p.m. & the 1st Class passengers had a fancy dress ball, I watched them from the boat deck.

Saturday August 20th

Nothing unusual took place or was seen today.

Sunday August 21st

Quiet day. Divine Service at 10.30 a.m. & Evangelistic service at 7 p.m.

Monday August 22nd

Quiet day. About 3 p.m. we saw three whales spouting a little distance from the ship, one of them rolled right over & oh what a splash it made; nearly all the passengers aboard rushed to the side to get a good view.

Tuesday August 23rd

Arrived at Fremantle at 6 a.m., saw two sharks swimming about near the ship. When the ship anchored, the dockside was thronged with people waiting to welcome their friends & relatives who were aboard. After lunch we went ashore & wandered through the town & suburbs, it was very nice to be in an English speaking town again. Fremantle is a very new looking town, but what struck me most was the absence of high buildings; the majority of them were one or two storeys. I was amused to see buildings roofed with corrugated iron & not slate. Although it is autumn, the sun is very hot, hotter than on some of England's summer days. When the ship was ready to continue her voyage, the dockside was

again thronged with people wishing us good bye; amongst them being the passengers who had disembarked. It a sight to see the streamers waving in the breeze; as the ship slowly moved away. We sailed about 7.30 p.m.

Wednesday August 24th

In sight of the Australian coast at Cape Leeuwin today, the sea is rather rough & a very cold wind is blowing, so I am writing this in my bunk with a few blankets over me.

Thursday August 25th

Sea very rough & cold wind is still blowing. Lost sight of land; we are now crossing the Great Australian Bight, on the way to Adelaide. An albatross I following us, it is a fine bird.

Friday August 26th

Sea still rough. We are still in the Bight.

Saturday August 27th

Off Cape Borda 7 a.m. Arrived at Adelaide about 9 a.m. It is a well planned city possessing beautiful parts, handsome shops & fine buildings. St. Peter's Cathedral is very nice with lovely surrounding gardens. We enjoyed ourselves here immensely, spending most of our time on the beach & in the amusement park at Port Adelaide. Dad & I went for a walk & saw a Pelican & gathered coral & beautiful shells on the beach. We left Adelaide at 5 p.m. & sailed through Backstairs Passage at 10 p.m.

Sunday August 28th

Uneventful day. We are now on the way to Melbourne, our last port of call on the 'Orama'. Off Cape Otway 10 a.m.

Monday August 29th

Landed at Port Melbourne about 7 a.m., many passengers disembarked here. Spent most of the day looking around the shops & on the beach. The P & O liner 'Maloja' was berthed on the other side of the wharf.

Tuesday August 30th

Soon after lunch we bid farewell to our friends & left our floating home; the Customs examined our luggage. We caught a train & went to Flinders Street Station, Melbourne. From the station we went down to the river wharfs & deposited our luggage on the S. S. 'Loongana'. Melbourne made us feel at home it is such an English looking city. Went to our hotel in Bourke St, "The Melbourne Coffee Palace", had a clean up & some refreshments & afterwards went to a theatre. We retired at 7 p.m. as we were frightfully tired.

Wednesday August 31st

Soon after breakfast we went sightseeing, Melbourne we found to be a very fine city, having large shops, fine public buildings & spacious parks. Cynthia & I walked up to Parliament House at the top of Bourke St & also saw the Burke & Wills monument. We met mother & dad & visited the shops, St Paul's Cathedral & the Alexandra Gardens which has beautiful flower beds & also two handsome statues, one of Queen Victoria & one of King Edward. After lunch we went down to the wharf & boarded the 'Loongana' which sailed for Launceston at 2 p.m.

Thursday September 1st

We found the 'Loongana' very cramped after the spaciousness of the 'Orama', spent the time very quietly & the crossing was very calm. In the early hours of the morning we had our first glimpse of our adopted country & sailed up the river Tamar, the scenery on either side being very pretty. We reached Launceston about 8.15 a.m. & spent some time interviewing various officials re our luggage etc. got aboard the train about 9.10 a.m. The Tasmanian engine with cow-catcher & large light on the front, I thought very

strange after the British ones. The train departed almost immediately, so we had no opportunity of seeing the city. The journey was very tedious; but tremendously interesting being right through the Tasmanian bush. We saw many strange trees (mostly gums), flowers & birds, & glorious scenery surrounded us all along the journey tree clad hills, towering cliffs, snow clad mountains, beautiful homesteads and orchards. We stopped at Parattah about half way to Hobart for refreshments. Our first view of the river Derwent was at Bridgewater where we crossed it, I thought it was a lake it looked such a large expanse of water. At a suburb of Hobart called Moonah some of our friends welcomed us & rode with us to the city, where the rest of our friends were. Hobart was reached about 4 p.m., it is situated on the Derwent at the foot of Mount Wellington, which was snowclad. We took a tram to our friends home where we were made very welcome, the house being decorated with flowers & a lovely tea prepared. The evening was spent getting introduced to various people & about 11 p.m. we went to a kind friend's home, where sleeping accommodation was prepared for us.

Friday September 2nd

Early this morning we drive out to our new home at Kingston, it was a pretty drive; the road was very twisty & followed the river Derwent. The farm is very pretty, situated on a hill in the bush in full view of Mt Wellington & the river. I wandered around among strange trees & flowers; the wattle trees were in bloom & strange birds were flying about, a very common one being a kind of parrot. So ended our travels. ●

MISCELLANEOUS TASMANIAN ENTRIES LOCATED IN VICTORIAN POLICE CORRESPONDENCE FILES

Helen D. Harris OAM

FOR some years now I have been reading through police correspondence files held at the Public Record Office, Laverton repository. The following entries relate to Tasmanians I have come across during this time. The listing is by no means comprehensive, but is merely a selection of the type of interesting material that can be found in these files.

The Public Record Office does not undertake research, so anyone wishing to obtain photocopies of the material would have to arrange with a researcher for this to be done.

ANSWERTH, Charles, of Melbourne, writes re Henry George CHIN KITT, deserted his wife and three children in Launceston; believed to be living in Melbourne with a woman named Mrs Miller. Chin Kitt subsequently arrested. 1904. VPRS 807 Unit 252 No. 9148

BOSSWARD, Mrs Avis, of Hobart writes re her daughter Avis STUBBS, married, who left husband and child in 1903 and cleared off with unknown male. The child Harold is now in Mrs Bossward's care. She has heard Avis is now in Ballarat and has another child. Ballarat and district police report they cannot identify her. 1907. VPRS 807 Unit 314 No. 4052

COWLEY, Miss Elsie, C/- Mr Farrell, West Coast, writes to Dimboola police. Is engaged to Duncan McDONALD, but is led to believe he is already married. 'It

would mean ruin to me if I married him then found him to be a bigamist'. McDonald came from Dimboola, hence her letter. Reply states not police business, and suggests she pay for a search of the Victorian marriage indexes. 1907. VPRS 807 Unit 315 No. 3380

DOVE, H. S., The Retreat, West Devonport. Asks police to trace his order for a suit, left with a tailoring company in Melbourne, for which he paid cash and has receipt. Police investigate and report that suit is being forwarded on. He thanks them for their efforts. 1901. VPRS 807 Unit 154 No. 4870

EDWARDS, A. E., Albion Hotel, Ulverstone, writes re Ernest WILKINSON, an axeman, who owes him nearly £10; has gone to Victoria, claims palings he intended to sell have been burnt in a bushfire. Asks confirmation of this claim. Police report that Wilkinson is now living in Footscray and his statement re bushfire was correct. 1906. VPRS 807 Unit 309 No. 1612

ETCHELLS, Alice Maud neé WEBER. Mother of a child left with a registered nurse in Melbourne, child born before her marriage. Nurse seeks to get in touch with her, as child is very ill. Weber married Etechells in Devonport January 1907, traced from Launceston to Smithton. 1907. VPRS 807 Unit 309 No. 1612

GALVANI, John, C/- Sailors Rest Home, Taranki Street, Wellington, New Zealand, writes re whereabouts of his children, Bertie and Nellie, 3 and 4 years old. His wife has gone off with another man named BARCLAY/BARKLY and taken children with her. Galvani is a seaman, while Barclay/Barkly has a Victorian river Master's ticket. Her mother lives in Hobart. Police reply the enquiry is not police business. 1907. VPRS 807 Unit 306 No. 11037

HADDON, Thomas, tried and acquitted on a charge of bigamy. Married Elizabeth OTICK in 1878 in Hobart, believed she was a married woman. The pair separated and he came to Victoria, but begged her to join him which she did for two years. He subsequently married Mary Ann Matilda SMITH in Victoria and Annie STOREY in Tasmania. 1900. VPRS 807 Unit 112 No. 887

JACKSON, Mrs E., Bullarto, Victoria, writes re details of her parents, both were convicts transported to VDL. Enquiry sent to Tasmanian police, who reply that the father John BENNETT arrived per *Lady Raffles* in 1841, having received 14 years for burglary. He was aged 21 on arrival, born Portland Place, England. The mother, Mary O'BRIEN, came on the *J. Calvin* in 1848, having received 7 years for stealing. She was 16 on arrival, born Limerick, Ireland. The pair were married in Southport, Tasmania in 1849. Mrs Jackson was to be informed: 'the matter must be treated confidentially. No person other than Mrs Jackson should be informed'. She writes again, asking for confirmation that her father is dead, was working for a farmer at Glengower in 1892. No record of death in Victoria could be found. 1900. VPRS 807 Unit 113 No. 1171

LAWS, F., Charles Street, Launceston, asks whereabouts of husband James LAWS, dentist, believed to be working in Bendigo. Bendigo police report now in Melbourne; Melbourne police provide address. 1907. VPRS 807 Unit 321 No. 6617

MILNER, Charles. Telegram from Launceston, 1903, re his wife who left by *Pateena* with another man. Travelled under name of Mrs Green. Police report states living with a man in a Flinders Street hotel under name of Thomas. VPRS 807 Unit 223 No. 6926

SMITH, Mrs A. E., Frederick Street, Launceston, writes re her daughter, aged five years 9 months, taken to Melbourne for a fortnight's holiday by a Mrs. PAGAN three months previously. Smith has heard that Pagan's sister, Mrs Bennett, wants to adopt the child, and asks police help in getting her back. They interview Pagan who states she is returning in the next fortnight. 1900. VPRS 807 Unit 116 No. 2427 ●

TASMANIANS BURIED AT SPRINGVALE CEMETERY

ALLEN, Annie Maria, wife of William, died 2 Sept 1928 aged 76.

ALLEN, William John, born Bothwell Tas. 1849 died Oct 1931 aged 81 years. C/E section.

DAVISON, Eliza K., Stanley, Tasmania, died 11 Aug 1919. Beloved friend of Hazel Crump. Presb. section.

HORNE, Henrietta, widow of Thomas Francis Henry Horne, daughter of Peter Roberts, Assistant Commissary General, Hobart, Tas., born 26 Apr 1837 died 1 Nov 1914. C/E section. ●

TASMANIANS MENTIONED IN THE GEELONG ADVERTISER INDEX 1840–49

Compiled by Elaine Kranjc

ADAMS John, brother of late Oliver Adams, late of Paterson's Plains near Launceston, 21 October 1848.

ASHWOOD John, arrived 1846 *David*, absconded from service of J. & A. Brown Mt Elephant, 29 April 1846.

BALL G. Palmer, from Launceston to enter business in Geelong, 17 May 1848.

BASTION George, from VDL, died 24 March 1848, 31 March 1848.

BAYLIE Dr W. H. (jnr), recently arrived from VDL, occupying F. Hitchin's former Yarra Street store, 2 September 1848.

BELFIELD Thomas, from VDL, absconded from service of T. W. Vicary, 26 August 1846.

BERRY Mrs May Ann Clarke, witness at inquest ex VDL, 20 October 1849.

BIRD John, emigrant from VDL on *David*, 7 May 1847.

BLACKWELL John, (vet surgeon) has experience in England and VDL, 23 March 1847.

BLOORE Richard, at Caledonian Hotel livery stables, experience in VDL, 5 February 1845.

BRADLEY Mary, murdered at South Geelong, ex VDL, 20 October 1849.

BRUCE James, recent arrival from VDL, vagrant, 13 August 1847.

BYRON Thomas, absconded from service of T. & S. Learmonth, 45 years ex VDL, 1 October 1847.

CASH Martin, recent arrival from VDL, 21 May 1847.

CHAMPS George, arrived *Julia*, in court, 9 September 1846.

COLLINS W. H., (flour miller) about to erect a mill at South Geelong, 29 August 1844.

CONNOR John, before court, recently arrived from VDL, 3 June 1846.

COOK Eliza, from VDL, husband also a former convict, 14 December 1849.

COOPER James, from VDL on *David*, absconded from service of J. and A. Brown, Mt Elephant, 29 April 1846.

CORNEY Robert, of Lake R. VDL, married Ellen Anderson of Borriyallock, 22 August 1846.

DEEKS John, ex VDL, on *David*, 28 May 1847.

DRUMMOND Mrs, (midwife) recently arrived from VDL, 14 April 1849.

GODDARD Henry, (convict) Certificate of Freedom found. Came to VDL on *Clyde* 1830, 2 December 1844.

HARROLD William, charged with cruelty, 20 October 1847.

JAMES Susan, daughter of late Captain Joseph James of George Town VDL. Married W. H. Dalton, 17 June 1848.

[JAMES?—*Ed.*] Joseph (Jane) widow of, from VDL, opened grocery store near corner of Yarra St and Malop Sts, 27 July 1847.

McSHANE Michael, (butcher) passenger from VDL on *David*, 25 November 1846.

NEIL Garrett, before court, recent arrival from VDL, 12 September 1846.

PARNELL William, recent arrival from VDL, an old man, 1 June 1847.

PATTAMORE Jesse, from VDL, 40 yrs of age, sawyer, absconded from service of Hy Grass & Sons, 29 April 1846.

PERKINS John, absconded from service of R. Forbes, age 23 years, native of Somersetshire and an ex Constable in VDL, 12 March 1847.

PUNCHARD R., horse breaker, ex VDL now at Barrabool Hills, Highett's paddock, 21 March 1842.

RUDGE Frederic, from VDL, Hotel licence transferred to him from John Peppers, 5 March 1847.

RUSSELL Philip, (died at residence of his brother George) of Bothwell VDL, 8 July 1844.

STRACHAN J. F., brought family from VDL on *Lillias*, 18 September 1843.

TAYLOR Anne, from VDL (husband John), 31 December 1845.

WAINWRIGHT Joseph, 50 years of age, known as 'lankey', ex VDL, absconded from Williamson & Blow, Wardy-Yallock, 22 October 1847.

WERE Thomas, came from VDL, accused of murder, 31 December 1845.

WHITE Martin, (sawyer) absconded employee of S. Staughton, ex VDL 12 September 1846.

WHITE William, (hut keeper) absconded from service of J. G. Ware, from VDL, 30 December 1846.

WRIGHT Andrew, (builder) man of property in Geelong and VDL, letter to editor re police action, 16 September 1848. ●

NEWS FROM ARCHIVES

Robyn Eastley—Senior Archivist

Brief subject guides available:

- No 1 Patient Records, Royal Derwent Hospital.
- No 2 Records relating to Criminal Cases.
- No 3 Records relating to teachers & other educational staff.
- No 4 Education Department—Indexes, registers and correspondence.
- No 5 Records relating to Child Migrants.
- No 6 Records relating to the movement of convict Ticket of Leave holders.
- No 7 Records relating to the registration of Companies, Firms & Business Names.
- No 8 Records relating to prisoners in Gaol.
- No 9 District registers of births and deaths available on microfilm [includes marriages—Ed.]
- No 10 Records relating to Naturalisations.

NSW convict records:

Some new fiche relating to convicts to NSW have been purchased and are available in the stand in the search room.

Archives Office of Tasmania

77 Murray Street

SATURDAY OPENING

The Archives Office will be opening from 10.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m. on each of the Saturdays listed below during 1998/1999:

5 December 1998	16 January 1999
27 February 1999	10 April 1999
22 May 1999	19 June 1999

Ian Pearce—State Archivist—April 1998

VAN DIEMEN'S LAND & NORFOLK ISLAND INTEREST GROUP

Irene Schaffer

OUR group has now been going for nearly twelve years and I hope everybody has been happy with what they have received from it, I know I have. Many of the members have become personal friends and I always look forward to letters about the descendants of Norfolk Islanders.

Over the past two years I have strayed a bit but my interests have not been far away from the needs of the group. I have not organised any excursions during this year and many of the members have missed them. After fourteen outings in ten years I have to concede that even good things come to an end. Again, I hope you have enjoyed them and gained from them.

So now, having come to the decision that I must move on, but not away from the group, which I believe has run its full course, I still intend to keep in touch and answer any letters or enquiries you may send me. The problem I have faced for the past year is how to finalise the group, as I keep getting an occasional new membership.

September is the end of our financial year. I have held off sending the Newsletter until I decided what to do. Already some members have sent their renewals and many of you have not received the *1997 Members' List*. At our last committee meeting it was decided to continue on for the next year with no cost to members. I will attempt to bring the members' list up-to-date and mail it out to all those who paid their extra \$5.00.

My work on the *Lady Nelson* continually brings me into contact with descendants of Norfolk Islanders and early settlers to Van Diemen's Land and I have found it keeps my interest alive. I often feel that I am reliving that history when I sail on her.

I started holding historical talks dealing with early Hobart and historical sails on the *Lady Nelson* on the River Derwent in August to raise funds for the *Lady Nelson*. They have both been well attended. Many well-known historians have willingly given their time and already, valuable information has come from these. Notes have accompanied these talks and have proved popular enough for me to have extra printed for sale. The set of six for \$8.00 includes postage.

- *Sullivan's Cove, Arthur's Circle, St Peter's Hall, St Mary's Hospital and the Mariners' Church*, Irene Schaffer.
- *The Rise and Fall of the Bottom End of Town*, Audrey Hudspeth.
- *The Hobart Wharf—Railway Connection*, Ken Milbourne.
- *Old Wharf and New Town Probation Station*, John Thompson.
- *Madam D'Hotman, Belle Vue, Davey Street, Hobart Town*, Irene Schaffer.
- *Children in the Queen's Orphanage, Hobart Town 1828—63*, Joyce Purtscher.

The books I have published for the group are still available from me and will continue to be while interest remains. I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your support during the years we have been together. ●

GENES ON SCREEN

Vee Maddock

VIRUS ALERT!! Have you heard of the ‘Gullibility Virus’? We are all susceptible to it. Our first instinct when confronted with an area in which we know little is to believe what we are told. The problem is that out on the net are a group of people who get their thrills from spreading rumours, creating fears and generating chain mail. If you have an email address then chances are, sooner or later you will be confronted with an email warning you of a ‘new virus’, telling you how by penning an email message it will wipe your hard drive, destroy your high scores on minesweeper or defrost your freezer.

Basically these hoax mails come in three different types. There are the never-ending stream of warnings about email viruses (i.e. Do Not Open A Message with GOOD TIMES/PEN PAL GREETINGS in the subject, it will destroy your hard drive). The names keep changing, but the message is basically the same.

Then there are the promises of rewards for forwarding the email. (i.e. Hi I’m Bill Gates, thank you for helping me test my email tracer, if this message is forwarded 1000 times I’ll send you a free copy of...) The third group are the ones designed to appeal to public compassion (i.e. a young child, Fred Bloggs is dying and wants to have the record for the most greeting cards ... , or for every person you forward this to <some company> will donate <some money> to <some charity>).

The bad news is that the majority of these emails have no basis in reality at all. The

good news is that there are very few email viruses out there, far fewer than there are hoaxes. And they are easy to defeat. Firstly, you *cannot* destroy files, damage your hard drive, set off nuclear weaponry or anything else by opening an email message—all you can do is read the message.

If there is a file attached to an email message, then you need to use caution. Do not open any attached file from a person you don’t know without running it through an up to date virus checker.

If in doubt about the validity of a warning or message you receive there are several sites devoted to exploding these urban myths.

<http://ciac.llnl.gov/ciac/CIACHoaxes.html>

<http://www.symantec.com/avcenter/index.html>

<http://www.mcafee.com/support/hoax.html>

<http://www.drsolomons.com/vircen/hoax.html>

<http://www.urbanlegends.com>

The people at Tourbus (<http://www.TOURBUS.com>) have developed a kit to assist in stopping these messages—a series of emails you can use to send back to anyone who sends you a hoax message. To get them, send an email to URBANLEGENDS@NETSQUIRREL.COM with GET HOAX PACKAGE in the body of the message.

Please, help stop the proliferation of this type of junk mail, think before forwarding a message, and inform the sender if they have been taken in by a hoax. On an even more sombre note, some companies are actually instigating legal

proceedings against those who forward hoax messages. So keep an open mind, and think before panicking. :-)

Tourbus, mentioned above, is an excellent place to find out what's new on the web, keep up with the latest hoaxes and the best sites to visit. See their archives at their site and sign up to have regular informative emails sent to you.

Where is it?

Find a place. A large portion of the world is covered with many more maps being added all the time. Wonderful search facilities on addresses and ways to zoom, adjust, and view different features on the maps.

<http://www.mapquest.com/>

A number of useful indexes of street names, churches, lodging houses, police divisions, pubs and cemeteries and more in Victorian London can be seen at

<http://www.gendocs.demon.co.uk/victorian.html>

Also included is a list of those streets where the Irish congregated which may assist in finding them in census returns. Linked are many other sites worth investigation including <http://www.bathspa.ac.uk/greenwood/home.html> which contains a detailed map of old London—very interesting to look at even if your ancestors never set foot in London.

The 1895 Atlas Page (USA) is at <http://www.livgenmi.com/1895.htm>

Word Play

Did you know the saying 'to wet your whistle' came from the old practice of baking a whistle into the rim or handle of ceramic cups used in public houses. To get a refill you just whistled. Well, that's what 'they' say anyway. Find out more and have a giggle at

<http://www.rootsweb.com/~genepool/sayings.htm> And if you like unusual words have a look at <http://www.randomhouse.com/jesse/>

Glossary of unusual words found in wills

http://ourworld.compuserve.com/homepages/dave_tylcoat/glossary.htm

The Soundex Machine

<http://www.nara.gov/genealogy/soundex/soundex.html>

Welsh Names

A wealth of information for researchers of Welsh names. Details on how and where to look, a list of names people have submitted, and an invitation to submit your own.

<http://home.on.rogers.wave.ca/boozy/index.html>

Collections

[Http://www.postcard.co.uk](http://www.postcard.co.uk)

Do you have any old postcards among your family memorabilia? This site on postcard collecting may help you value it, or discover its history.

<http://www.geocities.com/Heartland/Meadows/5209/>

A collection of essays, memoirs and articles on Scottish and United States life in the last century—interesting reading.

GenServ

<http://www.genserv.com>

With over 14 million names and growing daily this has to be one of the biggest databases available. Search rights are available for a small yearly fee. Two months access free if you send in your GEDCOM family file. To try out this site take advantage of their one name free search offer.

If you've lost a convict or an early settler in NSW they may be in a muster somewhere. This list of musters describes the 'wheres' and 'whats' of many early checklists.

<http://www.zeta.org.au/~feraltek/genealogy/oz/ozcensus.htm> ●

TASMANIANA LIBRARY, STATE LIBRARY OF TASMANIA

NEW ACQUISITIONS

This is a select list of books on history and genealogy which have been added to the Tasmaniana Library between late June and late September 1998. They are mostly, but not all, new publications; the Tasmaniana Library often acquires older works which relate to Tasmania and which it does not already hold. The list has been kept as brief as possible; normally only author, title and the Tasmaniana Library's reference number are given. If you would like further information about any of the books listed, please contact the Tasmaniana Library at 91 Murray Street, Hobart 7000 (telephone (03) 6233 7474, fax (03)6233 7902). Further information is also available on TALIS, the State Library's on-line information system. TALIS terminals are available in all city, and many branch, libraries throughout Tasmania. It is also possible to connect to TALIS through the State Library's Home Page on the World Wide Web; its URL is

<http://www.tased.edu.au/library/library.htm>

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

Alexander, Alison, *Glenorchy 1964–1998*. (TL 994.662 ALE)

Atkinson, Alan, *The Europeans in Australia: a history. Vol 1*. (TL 994.ATK)

Bayly, George, Pamela Statham (Ed.) and Rica Erickson (Ed.), *A life on the ocean wave: voyages to Australia, India and the Pacific from the journals of Captain George Bayly 1824–1844*. (TL 910.45 BAY)

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Boxhall, Geraldine, *From Lebrina to Quamby Court: the life of Ray Collins*. (TLQ 929.2 COL)

Brooker, Peter H. W., *The long road: the life of Hon. Edward Brooker, MHA*. (994.6052 BRO)

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Davidson, Rosemary (Comp.), *Cemeteries of southern Tasmania, vol. 2, Congregational cemeteries of Bagdad, Brighton/Pontville, Broadmarsh, Green Ponds/Kempton, Hunting Ground and Wattle Hill, Melton Mowbray*. (TLR 929.5 CEM)

Elder, Bruce, *Blood on the wattle: massacres and maltreatment of aboriginal Australians since 1788*. (TL 994.0049915 ELD)

Dean, Roy, *Memories of the Shannon Rise*. (TL 799.1757 DEA)

Dimmick, L. W., *Home and a range: the Hean family of Tasmania*. (TLQ 929.2 HEA)

- Fifty years of the Tasmanian Symphony Orchestra.* (TLPQ 784.2 FIF)
- Gibbings, Dennis, *A Seven Mile Beach scrapbook and other stories: 50th anniversary celebrations, November 1995.* (TLQ 285.8946 SEV)
- Grant, Malcolm, *Not to be silent: a history of Rostrum in Tasmania.* (TLP 367.ROS)
- Gurney, Alan, *Below the convergence: voyages towards Antarctica 1699–1839.* (TL 919.89 GUR)
- Imms, Bob, *Chosen to build: a history of the Woodbridge Uniting Church.* (TLQ 287.9309944654 WOO)
- Johnston-Liik, E. M., George Liik and R. G. Ward, *A measure of greatness: the origins of the Australian iron and steel industry.* (TL 338.47669142 JOH)
- Knudsen, Margrethe J., *The portrayal of the aborigine in Australian children's literature, 1959–1979.* (TLQ 8820.9351A KNU)
- Lehman, Greg, *Aboriginal history and culture: Bicheno townscape project dossier.* (TLQ 711.40994675 LEH)
- Lohrey, Andrew, *Notes on David Uniapon's Tasmanian visit.* (TLPQ 994.661 LOH)
- Lohrey, Andrew, *The Carnegie building.* (in Hobart) (TLPQ 727.80994661 LOH)
- Murphy family reunion, Saturday 2nd & Sunday 3rd March, 1996, football club rooms, Deloraine, Tasmania.* (TLQ 929.2 MUR)
- Num, Cora, *Web sites for genealogists.* (TLR 025.069291 NUM)
- Schaffer, Irene, *Swan Island, Bass Strait.* (TLPQ 994.693 SWA)
- Scott, E.G., *The Scotts at Hagley, 1849–1973.* (TLPQ 929.2 SCO)
- Scripps, Lindy, *The industrial heritage of Hobart. Volume 1: Historical study. Volume 2A: Site database—Part A. Volume 3: Site database—Part B.* (TLQ 994.661 SCR)
- Scripps, Lindy, *Settlement history: Bicheno townscape project dossier.* (TLQ 711.40994675 SCR)
- Sharland, Charles, *Extracts from letters, September 1916 to October 1917.* (Sharland was a lieutenant in the 40th Battalion, AIF, France.) (TL 940.5481946 SHA)
- Tasmania, Parks and Wildlife Service, *Ross Female Convict Station Historic Site: Conservation Plan.* (TLQ 363.690994624 ROS)
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DID YOU KNOW?

Wayne Smith

- That **Beaconsfield**, Tamar Valley was an old gold mining town named in 1879 in a ceremony conducted by the Governor of Tasmania, Sir Frederick Weld. The town was named after Lord Beaconsfield, Benjamin Disraeli (1804–81), the incumbent British Prime Minister 1874–80. Lord Beaconsfield’s title is derived from the town of Beaconsfield in Buckingham, England which in turn derives its name from the word *Bekensfeld* (open field near beacon). Beaconsfield was ranked fourth in Tasmania for importance in 1900. Gold mines with some very imaginative names sprang up everywhere in the 1870s and their names are worth recording for posterity:

Ballarat, Bonanza, Brandy Creek, Britannia, Cosmopolitan, Dallys United, Denmark, Duke of Edinburgh, East Tasmania, Florence Nightingale, Garfield, Golden Gate, Italian and Scotchmans Almalgamated, Kohinoor, Lefroy, Leviathan, New Providence, North Tasmania, Olive Branch, Ophir, Phoenix, Queen, Rising Sun, Star of Beaconsfield, Tasmania, West Tasmania, Moonlight and Little Wonder etc. The last two merged to form *Moonlight-cum-Wonder*.

The previous name of the town changed in 1877 from *Cabbage Tree Hill* (after Cabbage Palms or Pandani) to Brandy Creek (possibly because an illegal still may have been kept there).

- **California Bay**, Cradoc, was ultimately named after the USA State of California—almost certainly named during the gold rushes of the early 1850s to indicate the spot where timber was cut to be shipped to the goldfields in California.

- **Chale Bay**, Esperance Narrows was ultimately named after the village of Chale, Isle of Wight, England. Presumably the naming of this bay was influenced by George Chale Watson, son of George and Ann Watson who operated a sawmill near here in the 1850s.

The village of Chale, Isle of Wight, England is a holiday resort near Northam, Southampton (the home town of the parents of sea captain/sawmiller George Watson I (1804–1857)). The village of Chale, England has its own beach situated in a shallow bay which may be known locally as Chale Bay (although it is not recorded as such on some modern English maps). The Tasmanian Chale Bay is situated on a 500 acre property owned by George Watson I for a brief period before being purchased by George Rolwegan in the 1850s. The naming of Chale Bay was almost certainly applied by early local landowners George and Ann Watson who gave Chale as the middle name to their English-born eldest son George Chale Watson. The first official use of this name appears to be late 1854 early 1855 when it was mentioned in the land description of Lot 23 purchased by George Rolwegan. This plot of land (consisting of 500 acres on Esperance River) encompasses Chale Bay. Extracts from this land description stated

crossing Creekton Rivt ... to road leading to South Port ... and by the Reservation fronting upon Chale Bay

The grant deed for this property was finalised 13/2/1855. LSD 413/3 p.117. The Watsons were very important to the

Esperance region as they operated the first sawmill in the area and were arguably the first significant employers here.

- The quaintly named hill **Chicks Perch**—Huonville, is located just north of Sherwoods Hill, Huonville and it was almost certainly named after the Victoria (Huonville) pioneer Richard Chick.

In 1851 Chick was recorded as holding the license for the *Ferry Inn* at Ironstone Creek (South Huonville) which he held until the late 1860s. Henry Chick (relation?) was listed in 1853 as employing three convicts in the Huon. By 1858 Richard Chick was recorded as residing on an orchard on 200 acres of land at Ironstone Creek. This property was owned at the time by Mrs Elizabeth Rathbone, farmer of Ironstone Creek which suggests that she was then the owner of the *Ferry Inn* (see Waltons Inlet). Mrs Rathbone's daughter Elizabeth Rathbone (Junior) was known affectionately as *Betsy the Ferry Girl*. She is reputed to have operated the ferry since she was 14 years old (i.e.) 1848. Her brother George was also operating the ferry as he placed an advertisement to that effect in 1850. Betsy married at the age of 16 to John Walton aged 25. By 1862 Richard Chick occupied a house and farm on 500 acres of Crown Land as well as the above 200 acres. Perhaps this hill is sited on the land leased by Chick. In 1866 Richard Chick was chairman of the Victoria Road Trust.

- **Evandale** was named to honour George Evans the Deputy Surveyor General in the 1820s. Evans was acclaimed for his exploits with Oxley and others in exploring the Blue Mountains and finding an access route from Sydney. ●

OLD PAROCHIAL RECORDS BARONY BAPTISM

Thomas McADAM, Sergeant, 40th Regiment of Foot & Mary Mowbray had a lawful daughter, their 6th child born in Hobart Town, Van Diemen's Land on 21 September 1829 named Catherine. Witnesses: Robert Mowbray & Jas Tod.

This 'stray' was found by Irene Esson of 402–1630 Barclay Street, Vancouver BC Canada V6G 1K1 while searching for a James McADAM, supposedly a colour Sergeant in the Argyll Sutherland Highlanders who lost an arm in the Battle of Waterloo—later a Chelsea Pensioner. His place of birth and date of marriage are unknown, however, he married Jane Allan and retired in Scotland. Their son James was born at sea, a British subject, about 1826 and married Elizabeth Maywood in 1861 in Renfrewshire.
email: Irene_Esson@bc.sympatico.ca

TOMBSTONE INSCRIPTION

From Bury St Edmunds

Sacred

to the Memory of

Mr. THO. DORLING

He died Feb 4th 1754

She died May 8th 1740

Say what a Wife should be
and She was that.

FORGETTABLE QUOTE?

'The man who has not anything to boast of but his illustrious ancestors is like a potato,—the only good thing belonging to him is under the ground.'

Sir Thomas Overbury, *Characters*. (1614), from *Stevensons' Book of Quotations*, Cassell, 10th ed. 1967.

Lost, Stolen or Strayed ... and Found

Five microfiche, *Index to Tasmanian Convicts, Miscellany*, have recently strayed from their home at Hobart Branch Library. The library helpers are anxious to know of their whereabouts and would be grateful for their safe return. □

Ralph Tapping of the *New Town Central Pharmacy* in New Town Road, New Town, Tasmania, still has the **original prescription books** which date back to 1908. Some of the family names of the time were Barnett, Clarke, Crisp, Dixon, Enslow, Fisher, Green, Hall, Kearney, Mansfield, McDonald, Pearce, Propsting, Reid, Sargent, Stamford, Townley, Valentine and White. Anyone interested is welcome to peruse these prescription books. Only the earliest book is held at the pharmacy so please ring (03) 6228 1146 to arrange a suitable time. □

Margaret Chisholm, Clan Genealogist of the Australian Branch of the **Clan Chisholm Society** writes that in 1990 they published 'The Clan Chisholm in Australia 1790–1990' which contained details of some of the Chisholms who had arrived in Australia between 1791 and 1961. The society is now aiming, in conjunction with its parent branch and branches in New Zealand, Canada, etc., to draw up family trees of all Chisholms. She is seeking to add more recent generations and to check what she has. In return Margaret will be happy to give details of what she has to members of a particular family.

Write to her at 30 Monash Avenue Cowes, Victoria 3922, fax (03) 5952 1317 or email mhc@nex.net.au □

Iain Swinnerton asks to ensure that mail reaches him and to comply with current security restrictions which recommend service indications or ranks should not be used on envelopes to retired officers, **please address mail as follows:**

I. S. Swinnerton (Esq. if you like!)
2 Falconer's Cottage, Milton, Nr Martock,
Somerset TA12 6AL England
email IainSwinnerton@compuserve.com □

Newport Libraries now offer a Family History research service. The charge is £18.80 per hour, minimum half an hour. Contact Susan Pugh, Reference Library, Newport Libraries, John Frost Square, Newport, South Wales NP9 1PA. □

The Kiama Ancestral Research Society has undertaken to find and index the shearers of Australia for the proposed **Shearers Hall of Fame** to be established in the Hay district and opened in the year 2000. They need the name, town of origin or any known address, the year or years that they were shearing—including present day shearers and any woolclassers and shed hands. Please address to **Shearers, KARS, PO Box 303 Kiama NSW 2533** or Mr R. McCully, PO Box 414 Hay NSW 2711. □

Another new release from Bruny Island, *Index of Baptisms, Burials & Marriages under St Peters Church, Variety Bay, Bruny Island*, (includes Channel area), 18 A4 pages—\$5 plus p&p available from Kathy Duncombe, 315 Missionary Road Barnes Bay, Bruny Island TAS 7150 Telephone (03) 6260 6287 or email kdunc@netspace.net.au □

FROM THE EXCHANGE JOURNALS

Thelma McKay

‘The Trials and Tribulations of William John Speed’ by Helen Eggleston in *The Genealogist*, the journal of the Australian Institute of Genealogical Studies, December 1997, Vol.8, No.12, pp.538–541. This fascinating story relates the life of Lieut-Colonel William John Speed who married four times, researched by his descendant Helen Eggleston. Convicted for bigamy, William was transported to NSW in 1810, he later arrived in Hobart Town with his third? wife Eliza and their children where they were both school-teachers at Clarence Plains. William returned to Sydney where he died in 1838.

‘Convict Interest Group—List of Convicts’ in *The Ancestral Searcher*, the journal of the Heraldry and Genealogy Society of Canberra Vol.20, No.4, December 1997, pp.313–319. List of the convicts plus number of member who submitted the entry from the above Interest Group. Convict’s name, date of birth, ship of arrival and year, where tried, district assigned to, with comments eg aliases, to whom married. Contact can be made by writing to the HAGSOC GPO Box 585 Canberra 2601, please quote number of member.

‘Know Your Parish: Christ Church, West Hartlepool’ in the *Cleveland and South Durham and North Yorks Family History Society* journal Vol.17, No.1, January 1998, pp.47–51. West Hartlepool was formerly with the township of Stranton. In 1845 there were only about 300 inhabitants, by the end of the century this number was over 62,000. This increase was due to the opening of the West Hartlepool Harbour Dock Company

in 1847. People came from all parts of the country in search of work. This article describes Christ Church, its records and the Church School.

‘The Scottish Churches in Liverpool’ by Arthur Brack in the *Liverpool Family Historian*, the journal of the Liverpool and South West Lancashire Family History Society Vol.19, No.4, December 1997, pp.127–131. The history of the first Scottish Church built in Oldham Street, Liverpool in 1793, later St Andrew’s Church of Scotland was built near by. The Oldham Street Scots Kirk finally closed in 1909. By 1928 those interred in the cemetery had been moved to Everton cemetery. St Andrew’s escaped the bombing in 1940 but was damaged by fire in 1983. Their record and minute books are held by the Scottish Record Office.

‘A Case of Highway Robbery’ by Wendy Hibbitt in *The Essex Family Historian* Winter edition 1998, No.87, of the Essex Family History Society journal pp.28–32. A brochure on the Richmond Gaol Historical Site in Tasmania was sent to the Writtle Archives in Kent with information on convict Thomas Lake tried at Chelmsford in Kent. Writtle archivist, Wendy Hibbitt, investigated Thomas Lake and found his baptism, trial and transportation to VDL on the *Eden* in 1842 but queried what had become of Thomas after he became free in 1858.

In the next edition of *The Essex Family Historian* No.88, another article by Wendy Hibbitt, **‘More Highway Robbery’**, has an update on Thomas Lake. Wendy received a letter from Australia informing her that Thomas married Lydia

Prentis in Hobart, had six children, and died in 1894 in Hobart. Names connected to this family are Underell; Murphy; Hill; Hammer; Males and Duggan. A family chart is included. For a small donation Wendy Hibbitt of 2 Green Close, Writtle, Essex CM1 3DX UK is willing to obtain a printout of their family name for anyone who has connections with Writtle from their archival records.

'In Contact ...' in the *New Zealand Genealogist*, the journal of the New Zealand Society of Genealogists, Vol.29, No.249, January–February 1998, pp.53–58 gives details of names and addresses of 70 branches plus Special Interest Groups associated with their society.

Two articles of interest in *Cornwall Family History Society's* journal No.87, March 1998.

1 'Transport in Torpoint' by C. W. Cooper pp.2–4. This article covers the history of transport in Torpoint, Cornwall from the 1790s to the 20th century. The first stage coach was named the *Royal Cornish* in 1796. The location of records with names and places where coaches, including mail coaches, departed and arrived. Records for tradesmen e.g. saddlers and harness makers, blacksmiths and coach builders are also mentioned.

2 'Parting Gifts of Yesteryear' by Tom Richards pp.7–9, author of the book *'Was Your Ancestor a Railwayman?'*. Tom was a former Great Western Railway employee and gives an interesting insight into his research in writing his book. The 'Among the Staff' reports in the GWR Magazines can provide much family and social history, eg. on retirement an employee's career, the speeches and parting gifts he received might be recorded, with an accompanying photograph. The GWR Magazine's first issue

was in 1888 with the final edition in December 1947. These are held in many repositories in England, the PRO and libraries. For a detailed list see Tom's book. (A copy is held by the Hobart Branch).

'Finding Out More About Convicts—Using the Australian Joint Copying Project M Series' by Cora Num in *The Mail* the newsletter of The Descendants of Convicts Group, March–April 1998, No.84, pp.1114. The M Series records of the AJCP relate to the County Record Offices in England and are available from the National University Libraries and other repositories in Australia. Some examples are given in this article of County Record Office Quarter Sessions, the AJCP reel number is included.

'Useful Addresses in Britain' in *Western Ancestor* the Western Australian Genealogical Society Vol.7, No.5, March 1998 edition, p.208. A list of addresses to help when researching in England. These include several societies, church groups and libraries, Post Office Archives, etc.

'The Development of London Cemeteries: A Brief Survey' by John M. Clarke in the *Genealogists Magazine*, the journal of the Society of Genealogists Vol.26, No.1, March 1998, pp.9–13. This interesting article covers the development and history of London's many burial grounds. Includes brief notes on several cemeteries with date of commencement, acreage and by whom designed.

Two journals taken off the exchange list since the printed list in *Tasmanian Ancestry* September 1997, Vol.18, No.2, *Parkes and District* History Group, NSW and *Vlaamse Stam*, Belgium.

New journals are *Banyon Tree* from the East Yorkshire Family History Society and *Root and Branch*, the journal of the West Surrey Genealogical Society. ●

BOOK REVIEWS

Federation of Family History Societies (Publications) Ltd. Available from FFHS (Publications) Ltd., 2-4 Killer Street, Ramsbottom, Bury, Lancs., BLO 9BZ.

FFHS Handbook 1998/9, A5, soft cover, 362pp.

A long needed source of reference to all of the many family history societies comprising the Federation. Now painstakingly revived and expanded by Pauline Saul, the first handbook was compiled and published by Iain Swinnerton in 1976 and contained 32 pages, the second in 1991. Obviously, a great deal of work has been carried out to collate the contents of this book, which will be invaluable in helping to find details of every individual family history member society in England, Wales, Northern Ireland, Republic of Ireland, Australia, Canada, Netherlands, New Zealand, South Africa and USA.

Full details of the name and addresses of individual societies, office bearers, membership fees, opening hours and much more are given. Particulars of The Guild of One Name Studies may be found together with those of many of its members. A section is devoted to Other Societies (General), which includes, amongst others, the Huguenot and Walloon Research Association, Romany & Travellers and Rolls Royce FHS.

The one country not included is Scotland, where individual societies form part of the Scottish Association of Family History Societies (contact address given). A book most libraries and genealogists will want to own.

Alphabetic Index to Victorian Government Railway Stations, compiled by C. G. Harvey, 16 Leane Street Hughes ACT. no details of price given.

The preface indicates that the index relates to a 1946 Railway Map of Victoria produced by the Railway museum at North Williamstown, for sale by V/Line.

It deals with more than 1200 railway stations, sidings and stopping places throughout Victoria.

The state is divided into four sections, so that it should be easy to find the station being sought by following the example given. Such knowledge could be of assistance in following the whereabouts and travels of people who sometimes moved about a great deal.

Roads and topography have been omitted from the map, which does make for clarity, especially as many of the roads existing in 1946 would not have existed in the last century.

Finding Families, The Guide to the National Archives of Australia for Genealogists, published by National Archives of Australia in association with Hale & Iremonger Pty Ltd, PO Box 205, Alexandria NSW 2015, no price given.

It is well known that the National Archives of Australia contains millions of records of great interest and use to genealogists, but it can be difficult to ascertain exactly what they are and their whereabouts.

The guide was first published ten years ago—obviously the archives content has grown considerably in the intervening period of time.

There is a section on how to use the guide, which then deals with subjects category by category, state by state. For those using the Internet facility there is a Website database where more information about the quantity and description of the record may be found, but as yet the records themselves cannot be accessed by computer.

Some of the subjects listed are immigration, transport, parliamentary, census and ceremonial records, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, education and training, government employment, repatriation, health and welfare and many others.

This book will be of great assistance when seeking both well-known records and those which may be more obscure.

Jo Keen.



They came to preach and prosper: by Kenneth J. Read, a brief history of the Geeves or Jeeves family in Tasmania and Australia, 1842 to 1998, with details of more than 6,500 descendants (including spouses). Howrah, Tasmania, the author, 1998.

Published following the Geeves family reunion at Port Huon in 1992, this book is the result of research carried out since the early 1980s. It is set against a background of places relevant to a pioneer family of the Geeveston district. While the first part of the text consists of information about the early Geeves families, their lives and times, the major part of the book is a detailed alphabetical listing of facts about individual family members.

The diaries of Osborne Geeves have been quoted extensively. Family trees for several generations following those of the original settlers are included and the book

is well illustrated with photographs of individuals and family groups.

A chronology of Geeveston is included, with references and sources. Although it was published as a hardback volume for family members, copies are available in paperback format for \$55 from the author at 32 Mortyn Place, Howrah Tasmania 7018, ☎ (03) 6247 8418.

Compiling your family history, Nancy Gray, 20th ed. Sydney, ABC Enterprises and the Society of Australian Genealogists, 1996.

This is a new edition of a book which has been a standard reference tool in Australian genealogical research for many years. It developed out of an article published in the journal of the Society of Genealogists in 1965. It has been reprinted many times up to 1996 and is still useful for more advanced researchers. It was brought up to date by Nick Vine Hall for the editions of 1980–1986 and by Heather Garnsey for 1986–1996.

The book teaches basic procedures of research, concisely showing what kinds of material to seek and how to use them. It indicates where to search both in Australia and overseas, listing family history societies, record offices and other archival repositories. A full account is given of the Society of Australian Genealogists and its facilities.

Advice is given on how to store information, both manually and by computer, how to draw up the family tree, how to compile a family history and how to deal with the common problems that appear so often in research. There is also advice on how to hire and make good use of the services of a professional researcher.

The book ends with a reading list to assist further research.

Family History for beginners and beyond, Cora Num and Ruth Rodgers, eds. 10th ed. Canberra, Heraldry & Genealogy Society of Canberra, 1998.

In 1981 notes compiled to accompany a series of lectures for beginners in genealogy, conducted by the Heraldry & Genealogy Society of Canberra, were published as a book entitled *Family history for beginners*. This new edition of the book, with its new title, is a comprehensive guide for the beginner as well as being a valuable reference tool for those more advanced in research.

From 'Where do I begin?' the book states and describes the basic information that is needed, how to find it and what to do with it when found. Record keeping, both manual and by computer, comes early in the text with advice on choice and use of software and use of the Internet.

Repositories of information in Australia and overseas are listed and described with postal and Internet addresses, together with information about the main family history and genealogical societies in Australia. For England and Wales, civil registration regions are given, as are county maps and Chapman Codes for the UK. Contents and use of the IGI are explained.

Each chapter has a booklist for further reading and details are given about the papers presented at Australasian congresses on genealogy and heraldry.

A welcome inclusion for beginners is the glossary of terms used in genealogy.

Theo Sharples



Web sites for Genealogists, Cora Num, A4, soft cover, 70 pp., 1998, price \$10 + \$2.50 p&p in Australia from Cora Num, 17 Pendred Street Pearce, ACT 2607. ☎ 06 286 5887 email dnum@pcug.org.au

This is the second edition, revised and expanded, designed to help genealogists locate sites quickly and efficiently in the Internet. It contains over 700 addresses and descriptions in 100 categories, with sites for over forty-five overseas countries. With clear Table of Contents and comprehensive Index, this book will be an invaluable tool for the novice and regular Internet user.

Cynthia O'Neill



NEWS FROM NATIONAL ARCHIVES

THE new National Archives of Australia opened in Canberra in September. It is now in the refurbished old Canberra GPO and houses records received from government agencies.

The October issue of their magazine, *Memento*, lists their series of *Archives Advice* sheets with a current total of twenty-five titles. Many deal with such subjects as protecting and handling paper files, maps and plans, magnetic media, disks, photographs and microfilms etc. Others are, *Caring for your family archive*, *Archival quality packaging*, *Providing electronic records in evidence* and *Email is a record!* Apparently the 'courts have accepted e-mail as a legitimate source of evidence and it is therefore subject to legal processes such as subpoena'. The sheets can be found on their website www.naa.gov.au under 'Services to Government' or paper copies can be obtained from the National Archives of Australia, PO Box 7425 Canberra Mail Centre ACT 2610 or email: archives@nna.gov.au

You can also submit a Genealogical Enquiry Form or a World War I Dossier Request through their web page. ●

NEW RELEASES FROM LAUNCESTON BRANCH

Index to Passenger Arrivals and Departures from Early Launceston Newspapers

1841–1845

Lists of passengers arriving and departing from the port of Launceston during the nineteenth century have not survived. To reconstruct some of these passenger lists Sandra Duck and Maureen Martin, two members of the Launceston Branch of the Genealogical Society of Tasmania have compiled an index to passenger lists in the shipping columns published in early newspapers in Launceston. The newspapers being indexed are:

The Launceston Advertiser (1829–1846)

The Independent (1832–1835)

The Cornwall Chronicle (1835–1879)

The Examiner 1842–)

Volume 2 of the index, compiled by Sandra Duck, and covering the period 1841–1845 is now available.

It contains over 27,000 entries of passengers arriving and departing on ships for or from overseas, inter-colonial and intra-colonial ports. A separate section of the index lists the arrivals and departures of passengers who are not named individually. This section includes the movements of convicts, regiments, aborigines, whalers, assigned servants and other passengers.

Volume 2 of the index has been published as a set of 11 microfiche.

Cost—\$55.00 (includes postage)

Available from:

The Sales Officer, Launceston Branch
PO Box 1290

Launceston, Tasmania 7250

Work on Vol. 3 (1846–1850), Vol. 4 (1851–1855 and Vol. 5 (1856–1860) is in progress and they will be released over the coming twelve months.

Index to Births, Deaths and Marriages from *The Examiner* Newspaper

Five more volumes of this index, covering the years 1951–1960, will be released during 1998–1999.

Vol. 13—Deaths 1956–1960

containing over 10,000 references to death notices in the paper, will be available from 1 December 1998.

For the first time the index to deaths contains cross references to the married woman's maiden name (where the information is available)

Other volumes soon to be released

Vol. 10—Births 1951–1955

Vol. 11—Births 1956–1960

Vol. 12—Deaths 1951–1955

Vol. 14—Marriages 1951–1960

Prices on application

Available from:

The Sales Officer
Launceston Branch
PO Box 1290
Launceston
Tasmania 7250

Index to *The Examiner* Obituaries and Funerals 1941–1950

An index to obituaries and reports of funerals published in *The Examiner* newspaper. The index contains over 5,000 entries and is the first of a new series of indexes.

Cost—\$25.00 (plus postage)

Available from:

The Sales Officer
Launceston Branch
PO Box 1290
Launceston
Tasmania 7250

COMING EVENTS

TASMANIA

Unless otherwise notified, all Tasmanian Historical Research Association (THRA) Meetings take place on the second Tuesday of the month in the Royal Society Room, Custom House, Tasmanian Museum and Art Gallery, Macquarie Street Hobart starting at 8.00 pm.

18 October–December 1998

Convict Love Tokens Exhibition at the Tasmanian Museum and Art Gallery, Hobart.

November 1998

8 December—THRA

Oral History, Ms Jill Cassidy.

30 and 31 January 1999

All Schools Reunion on Bruny Island to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of Area School at Alonnah. Contact Ruth Dillon (03) 6293 1339, Bev Davis (03) 6260 6366, or Kathy Duncombe (03) 6260 6287

3–6 February 1999

The Colonial Eye, an interdisciplinary conference to be held at the University of Tasmania. Contact Professor Lucy Frost at School of English & European Languages & Literatures, University of Tasmania, GPO Box 252-82 Hobart TAS 7001 or ☎(03) 6226 2348

INTERSTATE AND OVERSEAS

1999

The Famine ‘Orphans’ Gathering as part of the 150th Anniversary Commemorations, at Tipperary. Contact Tipperary

Clans Office, 45 Main Street Tipperary Town Republic of Ireland.

1–2 May 1999

Third Victorian State Family History Conference, *Health, Wealth and Wisdom*, at the YWCA, Cato Conference Centre, 489 Elizabeth Street Melbourne. There will be twenty-seven sessions with three general sessions for all participants. To obtain a brochure, write to Form, PO Box 89 Blackburn Victoria 3130 enclosing a business size SAE, or email gsv@alphalink.com.au aigs@alphalink.com.au or lberry@ozramp.net.au

3–5 September 1999

Time & Tide, Northwest Kent Family History Society Conference. University of Greenwich, Avery Hill Campus, SE London England. Contact Mrs J. Hoad, 133 Sundale Avenue Selsdon South Croydon Surrey CR2 8RX England or NW Kent Home Page on the internet.

26–30 April 2000

Domesday to Database The Millennium British Family History Conference at Bath University, UK—hosted by the Wiltshire Family History Society in association with the FFHS.

27 September–1 October 2000

Let Records Speak, the 9th Australasian Congress on Genealogy and Heraldry at University of Western Australia, Perth Western Australia. For details contact: Mrs Diane Jarvie, PO Box 980 Rockingham WA 6168 <http://www.cohsoft.com.au/afhc/ags/html>

LIBRARY NOTES

As a result of the many new microfiche purchased by the state over the past year, a major redistribution is being proposed which will be considered at the November meeting of the state executive. Please check with your branch library to find out which microfiche they hold for this quarter. A new roster will be published in the March 1999 journal.

BURNIE

Accessions—Books

Family History for Beginners & Beyond, Genealogy Society of Canberra
Family History Research Manager, Genealogy Society of Canberra
Finding Families—A guide to the National Archives of Australia for Genealogists
GST Inc. Members' Interests 1997/98
Immigrant Arrivals—Commonwealth of Australia
South West Families Histories, FFHS
The British Army in Australia, 1788–1998, *James Donohue*
The O'Shea Index to *The Mercury*, Deaths 1921–1930, *J. & F. O'Shea*
Web Sites for Genealogists, Vol. 2, *Cora Num*
Welsh Family History—a guide for research, ed. *John & Sheila Rowlands*

Accessions—Microfiche

Index to the 1851 Census of Lanark, Calder and Lesmahogow
Tithe Defaulters—Ireland 1831
* Indicates items donated

DEVONPORT

Accessions—Books

* An Index to *The Advocate* Tasmania, Personal Announcements 1997, Devonport Branch Publication
* Australian Sea Stories, ed. *John Currey*
Cemeteries of Southern Tasmania Vol. 2, comp. *Rosemary Davidson*
* Chronological Sequence of Events—Tasmania 1811–1980
Dog Owners 1830, comp. *Rosemary Davidson*
GST Members' Interests 1997/98
Index to *The Advocate* 1931–1935
* London & Middlesex—A Genealogical Bibliography—Vol. 1, 2nd Edition, *Stuart A. Raymond*
* Norwich Archdeaconry Marriage Licence Bonds 1813–1837, ed. *Christine Hood BA*
O'Shea Index to *The Mercury*, Deaths 1921–1930, *J. & F. O'Shea*
* Record Offices—How to Find Them—8th Edition, *Jeremy Gibson & Pamela Peskett*
Specialist Indexes in Australia, comp. *Judy Webster*

Accessions—Microfiche

- * Cornwall Family History Society Members' Interests 1998
- * Index of *The Creswick & Clunes Advertiser* May 1859–Dec 1862
- Index to Inward Passenger Lists from British Ports to Victorian Ports 1852–1859
- Inward Passenger Lists from British Ports to Victorian Ports 1852–1859
- MacPhail's National Directory of Tasmania 1867/68
- *Indicates items donated

HOBART

Accessions—Books

- * A Fascinating Adventure—Henry Ashton DACG, 1785–1828 & His Family in VDL, *Derek H. Hindle*
- Anglican Church in Tasmania, Sesquicentenary 1992, *G. Stephens*
- Beginning Your Family History, *G. Pelling*, revised and updated by *Pauline Litton*
- Bendigo Advertiser* Personal Notices 1896–1910 Vol. 3, comp. *Betty May Jackman*
- * Charles Grinter of Somerset, *James Grinter*
- * Clan-Hunter/Ralston, *G. M. W. Hunter*
- Cornish Immigrants—assisted arrivals in NSW 1837–1877, comp. *P. Lay*
- Genealogical Research Directory 1998, *Johnson & Sainty*
- GST Members' Interests 1997–98
- * Hawkesbury Journey—Up the Windsor Road, *D. G. Bowd*
- Home and a Range, The Hean Family of Tasmania, *L. W. Dimmick*
- Index to *The Advocate* Personal Announcements 1997
- O'Shea Index to *The Mercury*, Deaths 1921–1930, *J. & F. O'Shea*
- * Birth Notices from the *Southern Star*, *W. Short*
- Specialist Indexes for Family Historians, *J. Gibson & E. Hampson*
- * Web Sites for Genealogists, 2nd ed. *Cora Num*

Accessions—Fiche

- Durham Burial Index 1813–37
- Free Passengers and Crew on Convict ships into Sydney 1830–40
- Orkney Isles 1851 Census of St Andrews Parish
- Scotland Deaths Indexes—Kincross 1855–1975
- South Australian Records prior to 1841
- Victorian Deaths 1961–1980
- West Surrey 1851 Census
- 1851 Electoral Rolls—Melbourne & Surrounds

CD-ROM

- 1851 Census of Devon, Norfolk and Warwickshire
- * Indicates items donated

LAUNCESTON

Accessions—Books

- Advocate, The*, GST Inc., Devonport
- Book of Trades or Library of Useful Arts 1811, 1818, Vols 1, 2 & 3, *Beryl Hurley* (Ed.)
- Branches to Success; Dornauf—History of the Family from 1855–1988, *Les T. Parish*

Dress & Insignia of the British Army in Australia & New Zealand 1770–1870,

Ronald Montague

* England Under the Tudors and Stuarts, 1485–1689, *M. A. R. Graves*

* English Non Conformity for Family Historians, *Michael Gandy*

* Family History Research in Glamorgan, *Rosemary Davies*

Finding Families, *Margaret Chambers*

* From England to Van Diemen's Land 1829–1997; *Harry Faulkner & Rebecca Jane*

Bish, Margaret Walker

* Genealogical & Local History Books in Print, *Marian Hoffman*

* *Herald Year Book*, The, 1949, *J. A. Alexander*

* Hidden Chapters, The, *Robert Piper*

* Historical Manuscript of the Tweed, *H. W. Denning*

Index to *The Advocate* 1931–1935, GST Inc. Burnie

* It Started with Muslin; Elizabeth Hopper's Story, *Jean Turner*

John Glover and Patterdale, *M. J. Maddock*

* Kent, A Genealogical Bibliography, *Stuart A. Raymond*

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King's England, The (Essex), *Arthur Mee*

King's England, The (Derbyshire), *Arthur Mee*

* Launceston Cemeteries, Friends of Library

* Long Road to Hobart Town, A.; Robert Hay's Story, *Jean Turner*

* Members' Interests, GST Inc.

* Motoring Atlas of Great Britain 1988—Ordnance Survey Maps

O'Shea Index to *Mercury*, Deaths 1921–1930, *J. & F. O'Shea*

Old Kirk and St Andrews, *Veda M. Edwards*

* Scotts at Hagley, 1849–1973, *E. G. Scott*

Tracing Your Ancestors in Northern Ireland, *Ian Maxwell*

* Unwilling Tasmanians; William Hazlewood's Story, *Jean Turner*

* Wollombi Cemetery, Committee

Accessions—Fiche

* Emigrants from Hamburg to Australia 1860–69

Mornington Cemeteries

Paupers in Workhouses 1861

Royal Navy Invalids & Pensioners 1866 & 1868

Royal Navy Seamen in Receipt of Parish Relief 1860

* Indicates items donated

SOCIETY AND BRANCH SALES

Please refer to your June 1998 journal for the complete list or contact your branch library for a copy of the sales brochure. *New releases* are advertised on pages 146 and 200 of this issue.

'The O'Shea Index to *The Mercury* Deaths 1921–1930' as advertised in the September journal is available from Hobart Branch Library for \$30.00 plus p&p.

Please note that items advertised are only available from the branches as listed and must be ordered from the address given.

BRANCH LIBRARY ADDRESSES, TIMES AND MEETING DETAILS

BURNIE Phone: (03) 6435 4103 (Branch Secretary)

Library 62 Bass Highway, Cooee (above Bass Bakery)

Tuesday 11.00 a.m.□3.00 p.m.

Saturday 1.00 p.m.□4.00 p.m.

Meeting Branch Library, 62 Bass Highway, Cooee 7.30 p.m. on
3rd Tuesday of each month, except January and December.
The library is open at 7.00 p.m. prior to meetings.

DEVONPORT Phone: (03) 6424 5328 (Mr & Mrs Harris)

Library Rooms 9, 10 & 11, Days Building, Best Street, Devonport

Wednesday 9.30 a.m.□4.00 p.m.

Friday 9.30 a.m.□4.00 p.m.

2nd Sat. of month 1.30 p.m.□3.30 p.m.

Meeting Branch Library, First Floor, Days Building, Best Street, Devonport
at 7.30 p.m. on the last Thursday of each month, except December.

HOBART Phone: (03) 6228 3175 (Branch Secretary)

Library 19 Cambridge Road, Bellerive

Tuesday 12.30 p.m.□3.30 p.m.

Wednesday 9.30 a.m.□12.30 p.m.

Saturday 1.30 p.m.□4.30 p.m.

Meeting Rosny Library, Bligh Street, Rosny Park, at 8.00 p.m. on
3rd Tuesday of each month except January and December.

HUON Phone: (03) 6264 1335 (Branch Secretary)

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Saturday 1.30 p.m.□4.00 p.m.

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2nd Tuesday of each month except January.

LAUNCESTON Phone: (03) 6344 4034 (Branch Secretary)

Library 2 Taylor Street, Invermay, Launceston

Tuesday 10.00 a.m.□3.00 p.m.

Wednesday 7.00 p.m.□9.00 p.m.

Saturday 2.00 p.m.□4.00 p.m.

Meeting St John's Parish Centre, at 7.30 p.m. on
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RESEARCHING BY EMAIL

A growing number of members are taking advantage of new technology for their genealogy by using computers and, increasingly, email. A number of other journals now include members' email addresses, and sections such as 'Revised/Additional Interests'. Many of our members will not have had the opportunity to 'advertise' their interests since joining (apart from the *Members' Interests* published annually, now on microfiche). So, as a trial, we are listing some members' email addresses, with the family names being researched. We would like to have your comments to help us judge its value. The new Renewal/Application for Membership Form has a space to include your email address and these will be included in the 'New Members' section of future journals—Editor.

Don.Gregg@tassie.net.au

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QUERIES

ALEXANDER/RILEY

Henry ALEXANDER married Elizabeth RILEY, New Norfolk 1856. Three children, Henry, Mary Anne Jane and Albert were born Launceston. They then returned to England in 1866.

Any information to Mrs Irene Davidson, PO Box 25 Concord NSW 2137

BARNETT/SMITH

James (Barney) SMITH born 1855 and Alice neé BARNETT, born 1857, marriage not known. Children were—Alice Maud 1888; May Martha 1890, Launceston; James, birth unknown. James senior was stated as being a coach painter and died October 1930 at his daughter's residence in Howick Street, Launceston. Alice died February 1921 aged 64 years. Any information relating to James or Alice, ie migration records, birth, marriage date or background would be appreciated.

Jenny McGillvery, 32 Warring Street Ravenswood TAS 7250

BEST/MOIR

Susannah BEST born 1871 Huddersfield, West Yorkshire, parents Aaron Best and Elizabeth ? died 25 November 1959, buried Carr Villa, married 1 January 1891 Methodist Church Launceston, to David William MOIR born 19 February 1868 Launceston, died 23 May 1929 Launceston. They had five daughters, one son. To the best of my knowledge, Susannah had two brothers, Joseph and Lindsay(?), and a sister Priscilla (Millie). Susannah arrived in Tas when she was 10 years old, her father Aaron died 30 November 1915 at Lebrina, buried Lilydale. Aaron's job was a tinsmith at Harts, south west corner of Charles and York streets, Launceston. Elizabeth and the rest of the family I know little of. Anyone knowing of descendants of the Best family I would greatly appreciate knowing about them.

Susan Hinds, 6 Parnella Drive St Helens TAS 7216 ☎ (03) 6376 3271

BROWNLIE/MEAD

Agnes Jane BROWNLIE, born 4 May 1854, Collingwood, Victoria, married Thomas Edwin MEAD, born 29 July 1853, Holloway, London, England, on 2 August 1876, Richmond, Melbourne, Victoria. They had three children: Amy Agnes born 26 April 1877, Collingwood (married Charles Joseph ALEXANDER); Emily Jane 1879–1880 and Lily Isabel born 16 June 1884, Richmond (married George Alfred PRINCE 6 June 1907, Carlton, Melbourne, Victoria). Thomas Mead was the hotel keeper of the Napier Hotel in Fitzroy, Melbourne, Victoria and died there 7 June 1902 aged 48 years. Agnes Jane MEAD died 21 January 1917 aged 62.

Ms J. C. Stevens, 'Clyla' 8 Perry Street Seddon VIC 3011 ☎ (03) 9687 3663

BRUNY ISLAND CONVICTS

Was your ancestor a convict assigned to someone on Bruny Island? If he was, I would be interested to hear from you. I am compiling a file of convicts who served some of their time on Bruny Island, on behalf of The Bruny Island Historical Society to place in our History Room situated at Alonnah. Please write to Kathy Duncombe, 315 Missionary Road Barnes Bay Bruny Island TAS 7150

BUCCHARIA

Four children; Betsey c.1820; Mary Ann c.1820; Vizenza c.1823 and Henry c.1824 Hobart Town. Listed in CSO1/122A pages 2 and 32. Census in 1827 of children where they are residing, not born. Any information on the above children, their descendants plus the children's parents, appreciated.

Mrs Karen E Healy, PO Box 622 Moe VIC 3825

BUCCHERI, Vizenza

Also known as BUCCAREY, Thomas; BUCHARI, Antonio and BUCKHARDI, Vicentia. Born c.1781 Sicily, convicted Malta 1809 Life. Transported on *Guildford* 1811. Conditional Pardon 1841. Died 1842 Hobart Town. Married 1826 Hobart Town, FOLEY, Mary. Five children; Elizabeth c.1823; Harriet c.1827; Mary Ann c.1829, Thomas c.1832 and Agnes c.1832. All five children were admitted to the Orphan School between 1833–1838, Hobart Town. Seeking the descendants of the sisters and brother of Agnes (my five g-grandmother).

Mrs Karen E Healy, PO Box 622 Moe VIC 3825

BURGESS family book

I am seeking information on the descendants of George and Ann BURGESS (née HAINES) who were in the Parkham/Deloraine area. Their family was: George, born 1838 married Mary Ann SMITH; William, born 1841 married Rebecca PICKETT; Maria, born 1844 married William WATTS; Charles, born 1845 died 1846; Elizabeth, born 1847 married Francis THOW; Henry, born 1848 married Elizabeth WALTERS; Mary Ann, born 1851 married Joseph WHITEHOUSE; Edwin, born 1854 married Harriett RAMSKILL; Eliza, born 1855 married Joseph BUTLER; Louisa, born 1858 married George WALKER; Sarah, born 1860 married Henry JOHNSON and Martha, born 1864 died 1864. A book is being produced to be released early next year and anyone interested should contact Annette Banks, 46 Payne Street, Burnie TAS 7320

☎ (03)6431 7475

BURTON Henry

Henry BURTON is the father of the youngest child of Mary KEEFFE and I believe was a convict and in prison at Port Arthur in 1864. I am seeking information and contact with descendants of the above. B. Hossack, 7 Corella Court Peregian Beach QLD 4573

GOER

How did James GOER come to Tasmania? James born 1826 Chelsea, London married Margaret CONWAY in Hobart in 1851. They had fourteen children. Son Francis

Vincent died 1951—buried at Carr Villa Memorial Park with wife Mabel Oceanna MAYNARD. Their son Charles Alfred John (spouse Grace) died Beaconsfield General August 1973, second son William Francis Vincent (spouse Vera) died May 1979 at Beaconsfield General. Any information on these families would be greatly appreciated as I hope to visit Tasmania soon and make contact.

Mrs Elizabeth Donald, 4 Walker Place Papakura New Zealand 1703

GOER/CLEASBY

My great great grandmother Elizabeth GOER neé CLEASBY born London 1809, mother of James, arrived on *Persian* 31 October 1857 with son Thomas and daughter Emma. Emma married Robert Bowie LINDSAY. They came to New Zealand c.1858/59. Recorded on the *India* returning to Hobart from Invercargill May 1863—Mrs Goer. Any information on these families would be greatly appreciated as I hope to visit Tasmania soon and make contact.

Mrs Elizabeth Donald, 4 Walker Place Papakura New Zealand 1703

JEWELL

Josephine Lavinia M. JEWELL married Vernon MIDWOOD in Hobart on 10 June 1863. Witnesses to the marriage were a Mrs Giblin and Eliza Jewell. I assume Josephine and Eliza were sisters. Josephine was born about 1843, parents and place unknown. She visited India a number of times which may have a connection. I am seeking any information on both girls (parents etc.) and any information on what became of Eliza while she was in Tasmania.

Wally Short, 5 Fairfax Road Glenorchy TAS 7010 or email: wally@trump.net.au

MEAD/GILES

Joseph MEAD (born 1828, Stokenchurch, Oxford, England to William Mead and Hannah FLETCHER) married Ann GILES (born c.1828, Oxford, to Elisha Giles and Sarah BIRD) 21 July 1847, Lewknor, Oxford. Children: Ann born 1847, Stokenchurch; Isabella Charlotte born 1849, Stokenchurch (married George CHIPPERFIELD); Martha born 1851, Holloway, London (married Johann FANKHAUSER), Thomas Edwin born 1853, Holloway (married Agnes Jane BROWNLIE), Elizabeth Sarah born Nailsea, Somerset (married Anders JORGENSEN). In 1859 Joseph, Ann and children sailed to Victoria per *Agincourt*. They had two more children, Robert Joseph (1859–1860) and Arthur Fletcher born 1861, Richmond, Melbourne, Victoria (married Elizabeth KLEESCH). Joseph died 1909 and Ann died 1874.

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McLAUGHLIN/KEEFE

Mary McLAUGHLIN married William KEEFE 1851 (also called Marianne Jane McLACHLAN) in St James Cathedral, Melbourne, Victoria. They went to Loddon goldfields where at least two children were born in that area. Thomas Keefe born 1853 is noted in Launceston Library as first white child born on Lodden diggings. William and Mary Keefe returned to Launceston area and William died in 1859, Launceston. In

1864 Mary Keefe died in Launceston. and her children were placed in the Queen's Orphanage—all except the eldest child Thomas who died in Cressy in 1938. I am seeking information and contact with descendants of the above.

B. Hossack, 7 Corella Court Peregian Beach QLD 4573

McROBIES GULLY/I.O.O.F. LODGE (Albemarle Branch) Hobart

Seeking information or local history on McRobies Gully, Hobart and I.O.O.F. Lodge (Albemarle Branch) in Hobart.

David Cooper, 4 Drum Close Frankston North VIC 3200

MOIR/KIRKWOOD

Isabella MOIR born 4 November 1839 Dumfermline, Fife, Scotland, came to TAS with brother Peter Moir on ship *Forest Monarch*, assisted passenger arriving 27 July 1857 Launceston, died ? and buried ? married 29 April 1864 Chalmers Church Launceston to John KIRKWOOD born ? and died ? had four children: female born 28 June 1865, Joseph 28 April 1867, Mary Stark 14 March 1869 and female 28 January 1871, all at Launceston. Anyone knowing if descendants are about, their lives, or Isabella and John's family, would be appreciated.

Susan Hinds, 6 Parnella Drive St Helens TAS 7216 📞 (03) 6376 3271

NORMAN/COOK

Sarah Ann NORMAN born ?1837 died 1875 Ulverstone, married Thomas COOK born 1830, in 1855 at Torquay. Where did Sarah Ann come from? Can anyone help please?

Pauline Lancaster, Port Arthur Holiday World C/- Post Office Port Arthur TAS 7182

📞 (03) 6250 2262 Fax (03) 6250 2513 email: caster@vision.net.au

QUARRYMAN/COOPER

Seeking information on descendants of John QUARRYMAN and Mary COOPER arrived Hobart 1854, lived at McRobies Gully then Weld Street Hobart 1880–1901. Children: Janet born 1853; Elizabeth BARNETT born 1856, died 1913; Robert born 1859, Police Constable in Hobart 1882–1900, lived at 30 King Street, died 1929; William born 1861, carpenter for railways, lived Tregear Street, died 1932; David born 1873 and George born 1878. David Cooper, 4 Drum Close Frankston North VIC 3200

WHITING

Captain Edwin WHITING born c.1807, operated brig *Henry* between 1835 and 1840. He married Hannah MANIFOLD born 1807, in Launceston in 1838. Their children were Sarah Manifold 1840; Mary Butterworth 1841 and Albert Edwin 1844. Hannah died in 1850 and Edwin married Anne Jane BARNES in 1854. Maria Whiting, who married John MCGILLVERAY in Invermay 1894 was known to be related. Any information on this connection or Edwin's background, family, migration etc. would be appreciated. Jenny McGillvery, 32 Warring Street Ravenswood TAS 7250

NEW MEMBERS' INTERESTS

NAME	PLACE/AREA	TIME	M'SHIP NO.
ABERY	Kingston TAS AUS	pre1847	4877
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ARNOLD George	Five Mile Flat Newsteadshire Talbot	1800-1840	4970
BAKER Robert			4938
BALCH Ernest Arthur	Sheerness KEN ENG	1913-	4954
BALDWIN William	Clapham SRY ENG/Hobart TAS AUS	1798-1842	4923
BENNETT George	NFK ENG	1823-1890	4953
BETTS William	KEN ENG	1847-1868	4918
BOTO Thomas	AUS	1800-1880	4912
BOWCHER Henry	TAS AUS	1837-	4932
BOWCHER Henry	ENG/TAS AUS	1797-1843	4932
BRADSHAW Robert Emanuel	CORK/TIP IRL	1840-1900	4955
BRASLIN William Percy	New Norfolk TAS AUS	c1874	4959
BRIDGEMAN	CAM/SFK ENG	1682-1900	4926
BRIGGS Christopher	Hatfield YKS ENG/Bothwell/Kingston TAS AUS	1801-1885	4923
BRIGGS Mary	Launceston TAS AUS	1816-1839	4952
BROADBY Charles	Hobart TAS AUS	1857-1940	4929
BROADBY Charles	Hobart TAS AUS	1884-1961	4929
BROADBY Samuel	Bethnal Green ENG	1830-1895	4929
BURNETT William Robert Charles	Buckie BAN SCT		4876
BURROWS John	Cretingham SFK ENG		4973
BUTTON Flo	Launceston TAS AUS	1874-1954	4966
BUTTSWORTH Susannah	NSW AUS	1800s	4965
BYRON John	Waterford ENG	1797-1852	4948
CAIRNS Mary		-1870	4934
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CHILCOTT Christopher	TAS AUS	1837-	4932
CLARK Benjamin	ENG	1800-1880	4912
COLE			4976
COLEMAN	COR IRL/TAS AUS	1800-	4972
CONNORS Mary	DUB IRL	1888	4911
CONNORS Michael	DUB IRL	1888	4911
COOPER Charles	OXF ENG	1780-1830	4909
CORKER Henry	Launceston TAS AUS	1820+	4940
CORRICK Alice	NZ	1870-1956	4966
COVENTRY William	DON IRL/Hobart TAS AUS	1776-1831	4923
CROCKER Henry	Totnes DEV ENG/Launceston TAS AUS	1808-1880	4932
CROCKER John	Ermington DEV ENG/TAS/Waimea East NZ	1793-1863	4932
CROCKER Samuel Henry	ENG/TAS/NSW/SA AUS	1856-1937	4932
CUTTRISS Charles Matthew Hall	Ely CAM ENG/Port Arthur/L'ton TAS AUS	1815-1885	4923
DICK	NSW AUS		4942
DONAHUE C			4947
DOWNING William	DOW/ANT NIR	1840-1900	4956
DUDLEY Guilford George	DUB/WIC IRL	1840-1900	4955
DUGGAN Timothy	Gortmore COR IRL	-1847	4877
DURKIN	SCT/IRL		4934
EATON Thomas	YKS ENG	1832-1896	4948
EAVES John		-1870	4934
EDWARDS Ernest George	Ipswich SFK ENG	1846-1890	4918
FAHEY John	Brighton TAS AUS	1864-1900	4911
FARRELL Charlotte			4947
FARRELL M	COR IRL		4947
FARRIER Geoff T	Mildura VIC AUS	1906-	4966
FARRIER Lorna	Mildura VIC AUS	1910-1980s	4966
FLETCHER Esther June	Camperdown VIC/Launceston TAS AUS	1878	4960
FLINN Margaret	IRL/Hobart TAS AUS	1831-1900	4935

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FORD	Georgetown SA AUS/IRL		4927
FOUNTAIN Martha	Hobart TAS AUS	-1904	4876
FRANCIS	LIN ENG	1700-	4968
FRANCIS Phillis	Hobart TAS AUS	1840-1904	4929
FRANKLIN James George	Sorell TAS AUS	1871-1948	4953
FRASER Arthur	Launceston TAS AUS	pre1835	4930
FRASER Jane	INV SCT	1810-1854	4925
FRASER Simon	Launceston TAS AUS	1840-	4930
FULTON Arthur Joseph	Launceston TAS AUS	1876-1950	4914
GARDNER James	Black River TAS AUS	1848-1880	4980
GEATREL	JAMAICA/ENG	1700-	4968
GILBERT	SFK ENG		4926
GRADY Bridget	KIK IRL	1829-1850	4977
GREY Agnes	SCT	1840-1860	4971
GRIGGS Mary Ann	Norfolk Is/Sydney AUS	1798-	4924
GRIGGS Sarah	Norfolk Is/Sydney AUS	1790-	4924
HANCE Sarah	Launceston TAS AUS	1837+	4930
HARDY Peter	Stockport ENG	1821-1890	4948
HARRISON Thomas	Portland	1892	4946
HAWKINS Sarah	MDX ENG	1794-1837	4948
HAYES John William Henry	Bairnsdale VIC AUS	1830+	4940
HEDLEY	DUR ENG		4964
HELE	Adelaide SA AUS/ENG		4927
HENLEY Harriet	Rye SSX/Tonbridge KEN/Leigh ENG	1770-1880	4962
HENLEY Sarah	Rye SSX ENG	1790-1909	4962
HEPBURN Henry James	Lambeth ENG	1812-1833	4977
HEWITT Charlotte	Launceston TAS AUS	1841-1890	4918
HIBBLE Alfred Hibble	SFK ENG/NZ/NSW AUS	1828-1884	4965
HIBBS Ann	Launceston TAS AUS	1833-1846	4958
HILL William	Tibsheff DBY ENG	1840+	4940
HILLIER Arthur	Launceston TAS AUS	1837+	4930
HOARE Sarah	ENG	1800-1815	4970
HOGGETT Jane	Launceston TAS AUS	1875-1900	4912
HOGGETT Stephen	Launceston TAS AUS	1875-1900	4912
HORNE John	NTH ENG	1822-1845	4977
HOUSEGO John	Ross TAS AUS	1852-1854	4980
HOUSEGO Richard	TAS AUS	1858-1876	4980
HURNDELL Cornelius	ENG/VIC AUS	1860+	4940
HUTCHINSON	VIC/SOUTH AUS	1700-1900	4916
INNES Charles	INV SCT	1810-1854	4925
JAMES	DUR ENG/IRL		4963
JOHNSON Mirian			4946
JOHNSON William	Macquarie Plains	1917	4969
JONES Jane	Green Ponds TAS AUS	1858-1912	4959
KEEFE Margaret	Cape Sorell TAS AUS	c1796-	4924
KEENAN Peter	MOG IRL/Oatlands TAS AUS	1828-1901	4936
KENNA Ann	Oatlands TAS AUS	1835-1918	4936
KETTLE William Albert	Scottsdale/Launceston TAS AUS	1890-1936	4914
LARKIN Stephen	Eastwell Park/Ashford KEN ENG	1770-1880	4961
LAVELL Winifred		c1800s	4953
LAW Richard Humphrey	Southwark LND ENG	1800-1900	4940
LEGGE William Vincent	Carnarvan WLS	1830-1898	4918
LEWIS	LND ENG/TAS AUS	1800-	4972
LOCK William	TAS AUS	1800-1850	4909
LOMAS Joseph	Huonville TAS AUS		4877
LOWE Richard Charles	Yass NSW AUS	1860s	4965
LOWTHER Rev. William	Cardiff WLS/Scottsdale TAS AUS	1851-	4979

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LOWTHER William	Scottsdale TAS AUS	1851	4979
LUCAS James	TAS AUS	1823-1865	4924
LUCAS John Hunt	Norfolk Is AUS	1794-1800	4924
MACKRILL	Hobart Tas AUS	1868-1929	4935
MALONEY Bridget	CLA IRL	1780-1900	4939
MANN John	TAS AUS	1830-1850	4909
MARK Marion Gertrude	Providence USA	1855-1891	4918
MARKHAM Elizabeth	ENG		4877
MARKS Eliza	BRK ENG/Nelson NZ	1805-1889	4965
MARTIN	Glen Osmond South Aus AUS/CON ENG		4927
MARTIN Stephen	Norfolk Is/Green Ponds TAS AUS	1747-1829	4923
MASON Ann	Hobart TAS AUS	-1854	4876
MATCHAM	AUS	1800-1900	4915
MATHER John	ENG	1800-1815	4971
MATTHEWS Charles	BRK ENG/Nelson NZ	1800-1864	4965
McCRAE	SCT/AUS		4981
McGINLEY Bridget	Balleymoney Belfast NIR		4938
McGINLEY Mary	Balleymoney Belfast NIR		4938
McINNES	Adelaide SA AUS/SCT		4927
McKENZIE Alfred			4946
McKINLAY Daniel	Brighton TAS AUS	1855-	4959
McQUINEY Michael	VIC/Hobart TAS AUS	1859-1900	4912
MILLWOOD Sarah	Patersonia TAS AUS	1857-1887	4922
MILLWOOD Thomas	TAS AUS	1857-	4922
MINTY Jacob Levi	Hobart TAS AUS	1863-1940	4977
MOLES Joseph	Burnie TAS AUS	1890-1962	4929
MOONEY Eliza Theresa	TAS AUS	1840-1876	4924
NEWMAN William	Rosevale Launceston TAS AUS	1853-1903	4910
NORTON	VIC AUS		4942
OAKLEY	UK/SA/VIC/NSW/WA AUS	1756-	4942
OATES Harriet	YKS ENG	1800-1860	4911
OATES John	YKS ENG	1800-1860	4911
OHLSSEN Frederick Jakel	DEN	1830-1877	4977
PACEY Edward	Hobart TAS AUS	1824-1880	4935
PACEY Edward	Hobart TAS AUS	1854-1940	4935
PALMER John Henry	Port Arthur/Bream Creek/Taranna TAS AUS	1834-1893	4960
PAYNE Thomas	George Town TAS AUS	1882-	4974
PEARTON Daniel	ENG	1800-1815	4970
PEELING Hannah	LND ENG/Norfolk Is AUS	1769-1799	4923
PHILLIPS Ellen	LND ENG	pre1820	4975
PILCHER John	KEN ENG	pre1820	4975
PILKINGTON Mary Charlotte Ann	Launceston TAS AUS	1820-1860	4918
PRATT Alice Kate	Ipswich SFK/Redruth CON ENG	1875-1948	4954
PRIEST James	Battery Point Hobart TAS AUS	1880-1900	4911
PUSEY	JAMAICA	1700-	4968
RAE	NSW AUS		4981
RAINBIRD Samuel	New Norfolk TAS AUS	c1795	4959
REA	Sydney NSW AUS	1800s	4981
READ Elizabeth	New Norfolk TAS AUS	c1879	4959
READ Mark Alexander			4947
REDLINGS	UK/SA/VIC/NSW/WA/AUS	1756-	4942
REEDER Jonathon	VIC AUS	1830-1860	4909
REID George	Roxborough SCT		4973
REYNOLDS			4976
RICKINSON	YKS/DUR ENG		4964
RICKINSON	YKS/DUR ENG		4964
RIDER John	YKS ENG	1802-1878	4948

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ROBERTSON James	ABD SCT	1800-1845	4909
ROBINSON	Birmingham ENG		4976
ROBINSON George	Stoney Stratford BKM/Tonbridge KEN/Leigh ENG	1770-1880	4962
ROBINSON George Washington	Green Ponds/Sorell Springs/Hobart TAS AUS	1837-1882	4960
ROBINSON George William	Green Ponds/Sorell Springs TAS AUS	1820-	4960
ROBINSON John	Patersonia TAS AUS	1857-	4922
ROKES Arthur Reginald	Croyden ENG/Sydney NSW AUS	1855-1938	4965
RYAN Peter	Campbell Town TAS AUS	1824-	4925
SAYERS Bridget	Campbell Town TAS AUS	1824-	4925
SCOTT Benjamin	George Town/Low Head/L'ton TAS AUS	1832-1869	4949
SCOTT Isabella	George Town/Low Head/L'ton TAS AUS	1832-1849	4949
SCOTT John	George Town/Low Head/L'ton TAS AUS	1832-1861	4949
SCOTT Salome Jane	George Town/Low Head/L'ton TAS AUS	1838-1928	4949
SEABROOK H W	LND ENG/TAS AUS	1828-	4937
SHERWOOD Stephen	Lucas Manor SRY ENG	1770-1880	4961
SIMMONS Ernest	Scottsdale	1920s	4969
SLEEMAN James	AUS	1800-1880	4912
SMITH Mark Henry	Oatlands TAS AUS	1853+	4958
SMITH Thomas	Latrobe TAS AUS	1900+	4958
SOMERVILLE	Lanark SCT	1847	4934
SPANTON	DUR/NFK ENG		4963
SPOTSWOOD Mal	Hobart TAS AUS	1882-1969	4966
STANLEY Sophia	Launceston TAS AUS	1800-	4925
STEWART John	Cluan Westbury TAS AUS	1801-1860	4910
STRICKLAND William	WOR ENG	1822	4969
SYDES Richard	Launceston TAS AUS	1820	4910
TAYLOR Francis H	Lucas Manor Chobham SRY ENG	1770-1880	4961
TAYLOR Wm Henry E	Ipswich/Aldeburgh/Plomesgate ENG		4954
THOMPSON Robert	ENG	1820-	4937
THORNE	DEV ENG	-1865	4919
THORNE	Waratah TAS AUS	1880-	4919
TRIFFITT James	Norfolk Is/New Norfolk TAS AUS	1769-	4959
TULLY Elizabeth	George Town/Low Head/L'ton TAS AUS	1836-1888	4949
TULLY George	George Town/Low Head/L'ton TAS AUS	1832-1848	4949
TURLEY	ENG	1790-1810	4971
WADE Mary	TAS AUS	1800s	4913
WALBOURNE Caroline Louisa	Launceston TAS AUS	1830-1901	4977
WALKER	ENG		4976
WALLACE Helen	Edinburgh SCT	1800-1840	4970
WALTERS Rose Elizabeth	Hobart TAS AUS	1851-1920	4929
WARD	DUR ENG		4963
WATSON Feltham Bold	TAS AUS	1800s	4913
WESTELL James	Hartshore Smisby DBY ENG	1750-1850	4939
WHELAN	IRL		4976
WHITE Ann	Launceston TAS AUS	1779s	4910
WHITE Constance Adelaide	Scottsdale TAS AUS	1800-1900	4979
WHITE Thos	LND ENG/TAS AUS	1828-	4937
WHITE William	Launceston TAS AUS	1800-	4925
WICKS Richard	LND ENG	1809-1830	4958
WICKS Richard	Launceston TAS AUS	1830-1846	4958
WILLIAMS	JAMAICA/LND ENG	1700-	4968
WILLIAMS William	Limehouse MDX ENG	1794-	4948
WILSON William Stutsbury	Hobart TAS AUS	1815-1903	4876
WIMBLE John	Hobart TAS/Ballarat VIC AUS	1813-1867	4960
WIMBLE Sarah Ann	Hobart TAS AUS	1850-	4960
WORSTELL John William			4939
WROE			4976

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WYATT	LND/LIN ENG	1700-	4968
YATES Doris	Sheerness KEN ENG	1915-	4954
YODAN Arthur William	LND/Ballararat AUS	1820+	4940
WORSTELL Arthur William			4939
WORSTELL James	Hartshore Smisby DBY ENG	1750-1850	4939

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