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Editorial

I would like first to pay tribute to the editorial efforts of Mrs. Pamela Clark. She is going to be sorely missed. I wish her and Douglas every success in Queensland. I am also grateful for Sue Waters's help.

This issue could have been twice the size, as so much good material is coming forward. I hope all members and readers will seriously consider the advice of Reg. Watson in the lead article of this issue, which will I hope further swell the stream of articles submitted!

The next issue will be a "*Special Library Number*", and will begin Volume 2., to keep volume numbers and years running together. Volume 1 (first part published June 1980) will consist of three issues only. Next issue will be larger: 40 pages, and we will need a new cover design, so all you artists, please submit sketches and drafts.

Held over from this issue to appear in future are 'Place Name Changes in Tasmania' by Sue Waters; 'Denholm Connections' by Bernard Denholm; and articles by Beverley Surkevicius and Georgina Chick. Because of the need to publish 'Cemetery Transcription Standards', the Dunalley and Sassafras cemetery transcriptions were also held over, and pages and pages of library listings! Next time!

President's Message

by

Lillian D. Watson

First a personal note: I DO have relatives in Tasmania other than my husband's people! My third great grandfather, William Lockwood, carpenter and architect, of Skelton, Yorkshire, who was also the great grandfather of Rudyard Kipling, has been of interest to me for some time. When I noticed records of a Lockwood family who settled in northern Tasmania and who originated in the same area of Yorkshire, I began to make notes. Now I find that a friend of mine has married a descendant of this family and is busy compiling the family history. She is finding my notes useful and has contacted senior members of the family who have proven most helpful. It is really exciting!

As I look over the accomplishments of the Society in 1980, I have good reason to be pleased. In addition to a good start in the south, the north of Tasmania is a hive of genealogical activity at present. The Launceston Branch of our Society was organized at a meeting at the Kingsmeadows High School on 4 November. Miss Karlena Nagle was elected Chairman and has a most enthusiastic committee with whom to work. The Hellyer College, Burnie, was the scene of the inaugural meeting of the Burnie Branch on 9 December, attended by sixty people. Mr. John Williams was elected Chairman and he too is fortunate in the eight others who will share his labours on the Burnie Committee. Members from both areas have been travelling to Hobart frequently to do research and to attend our meetings. We appreciate their efforts and wish them all success.

In consequence of their election as Chairpersons of the Launceston and Burnie Branches, Miss Karlena Nagle and Mr. John Williams become ex-officio members of Council. We must sadly report the departure from Council of our Vice President, Mr. Douglas Clark, and of his wife Pamela who was the first Editor of this journal. They have moved to Queensland and will be missed in many ways. Mr. Clark, among many other services to the Society, organized our September Members' Night, at which, very fittingly, he was presented with a lidded container of Huon pine to remind them of their Tasmanian roots and to show our appreciation and good wishes. Mr. Les Howarth has also resigned from his position on Council as Coordinator of Public Relations, owing to ill health. We wish him a speedy recovery. In accordance with the Constitution, these vacancies have been filled by the decision of Council, and the following persons will complete the term of office of those they replace: Mr. James R. Wall as Second Vice President; Ms. Piret Reiljan as Coordinator of Public Relations. Mr. Neil Chick, already serving as First Vice President has become the new Editor of the journal. Thus there is still a vacancy on Council, and a volunteer to serve as the third member of the Publications Committee would be appreciated.

Looking forward to the coming year, we anticipate four major events, though in what order is still unsure. First in importance to the whole Society is the acquisition of premises for our Library.

[STOP PRESS!!! Premises for our Library have been found through the kind offer of the Clarence Council to make available to us at a very reasonable rental two adjoining rooms in the heart of Bellerive. We ask members who may have tables, chairs, shelving and other items to make the rooms serviceable to let us know as soon as possible. Further details on the Library will be announced in the March 1981 journal.]

Members who were with us in 1978 (when we were a part of A.I.G.S) will remember the very successful seminar "History and Genealogy" held that year. We will be holding another day-long seminar during the first half of 1981. A highlight of the 1978 seminar was the use of the Computer File Index, compiled by the Genealogical Society of Utah. The Council of the Society will be negotiating with that Society to lease those parts of the index in its latest printing (now called the International Genealogical Index) which will best serve members' research interests. We will need to purchase equipment for reading microfiche, to enable members to use the I.G.I. Donations towards the cost of the lease and the purchase of a reader-printer would be very welcome!

We intend also to publish an index or directory of members' own research interests in the new year. New members and others who have given only sketchy details of their research interests (family name, place and time period) should endeavour to compile a more complete pedigree chart and submit it to the Society's Registrar. Of course, should members desire their research lines NOT to be published, they must let us know.

Christmas Greetings are extended to members and friends; may you enjoy the company of your immediate and extended families during this joyous season, and may 1981 bring to the Society, to its Branches and to individual members the happiness and success we all desire.

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Publish Your Efforts

by
Reg. A. Watson

With the recent publication of my own family history I have achieved a major step forward after eight years of diligent research. When I commenced research, I didn't know that such a word as 'genealogy' existed. Rather, I commenced research out of a deep curiosity as to where I came from. My love for history has always been intense and this also prompted my desire: to be part of history.

When recently I showed someone the publication, they said to me, 'Gosh, you're keen!' in a tone that really meant, 'couldn't be bothered!' Well, I'm a compulsive genealogist now, and I guess we're all different; but I look upon any such publication not as being just self-gratifying or just to please one's own curiosity but as a documented piece of this state's and this nation's history. This attitude is a very important one for each genealogist-enthusiast to be aware of: that they are adding to the wealth of history of their nation. If such research is recorded, then the generations that follow us can have it at their finger-tips, just for the asking. Future historians can draw upon the work that we are accomplishing now. It's more than a hobby; it's a life-long work of utmost significance.

And because it is so important, I cannot stress too highly the value of making sure that the records we have produced from our research over the years are protected beyond our own lifetimes and through the production of multiple copies avoid possible destruction from flood or fire. Let me give as an example what I have done.

Besides keeping my research efforts in ordered form in files in my own library at home, I have duplicated much of it and have lodged these copies with my lawyer, just in case of fire or vandalism or whatever. As mentioned, I also had my compiled results published. I distribute (actually I sell) them to interested members of the family, world-wide. This allows records to be kept elsewhere, just in case mine are lost or damaged. I also lodge a copy with the relevant bodies, i.e. the Archives Office of Tasmania, the Tasmania Collection at the State Library of Tasmania (both of these in Hobart), the Mitchell Library in Sydney, the Genealogical Society of Tasmania and the Genealogical Society of Victoria, and I usually send one off to the *Parade* magazine. The more copies that are scattered and secured, the better.

Finally, so that my work is not wasted after my death, I have given instructions in my will as to what is to become of them all. As I also do research on a contract basis for others, the files that have been completed on their behalf are also listed in my will, for all of these records are to be preserved.

Let me just say briefly some words about my published work. I only had a limited number published: a run of forty copies, but as I have the plates, further ones can be printed. I also had a professional

typist do the paper work and she had it printed. This resulted in a much better production than duplication. In all, with bindings and plates, it cost me \$104. Not too bad, I thought! And although I will probably rewrite it in another two years, I am pleased with the result. I've been able to get back directly to the year 1510.

I am, without sounding vain, proud of my family line, as everyone should be. Genealogy has made me aware of my Anglo-Saxon/Celtic origins, besides my family background. Therefore I have become deeply involved in the ethnological study of my racial heritage. That too is absorbing, and although anything pertaining to 'race' these days is taboo, we researchers should not be put off by any political climate of the day. Anyway, we all know that changes frequently!

I would encourage everyone to take steps so that their efforts are recorded for posterity. It's an absorbing work, a lifelong work, and terribly important!

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George & Delia McDonald

by
Helen Anderson

George McDonald was a convicted thief. Whether he practised this profession from necessity due to economic conditions or simply from a dislike of earning an honest living, I do not know. He has left no written word in his own defence so I have had to rely on impersonal legal documents to piece together his life story.

Of his life prior to 1818 I know nothing at all except that he was probably born in Wiltshire, England about the year 1800. He was tried at the Wiltshire Assizes on Wednesday, 10 March 1819 and several indictments were brought against him. The crime for which he was found guilty and sentenced was that of breaking 'feloniously and burglariously with force and arms into the house of Grace Gate¹ in Cliffe Pysard², Wiltshire at 1 a.m. on 12 February in company with William Adey (or Adye) and stealing a hat worth one shilling and an iron spoon worth one penny belonging to Laban Gate.' Both men were sentenced to be hanged but were reprieved and transported for life.

Notes added to the indictments record that, because of this sentence George was not tried for the theft of brass on 3 February or for stealing a mare on 13 February 1819³. He was acquitted on charges of stealing bridles on 29 October 1818, spoons on 6 February 1819 and cheeses on 17 February 1819.

The indictment described him as a labourer, late of Cliffe Pysard, Malmesbury, Lyneham, and Long Newnton. (The first three towns are in Wiltshire, but Long Newnton is in Gloucestershire.) Both George and William were eighteen years of age.

The convict records at the Archives Office of Tasmania record him as being a native of Wiltshire and by trade or calling a servant man. He is described as being 5 feet 5 1/4 inches tall, with light brown hair, light grey eyes, and light complexion.

He left England forever on 11 September 1819⁴ and arrived at Hobart Town on 10 January 1820, aboard the store ship *Dromedary*. The arrival of the ship was noted in the *Hobart Town Gazette* of 15 January as follows:

'On Monday last arrived from England, His Majesty's store ship *Dromedary* Captain Skinner, with three hundred and sixty nine male prisoners. She left England in September, and came direct without touching anywhere on her voyage...'

George's record⁵ whilst a convict is not entirely free from blemish. His crimes are mostly drunkenness and cruelty to his working beasts. Four such charges were made. The first was for cruelty to his working bullocks, on 29 September 1821. For this breach he forfeited his ticket-of-leave.

Then on 19 August 1823 he was charged with drunkenness and neglect of duty. Once again (14 July 1832) he was cruel to his animals when he was fined ten shillings for 'cruelly beating and ill treating a bullock his own property on the 11th instant'.

The fourth charge was for being drunk and disorderly for which he was fined five shillings on 19 May 1834. A fifth and more serious crime will be related presently.

On reading through his record one is immediately concerned about one particular entry, he forfeited his ticket-of-leave in 1821 - after having been in the colony for only twenty months. Occasionally tickets were issued to convicts soon after arrival and this may have been the case with George. However, it could also mean that his record sheet is not accurate and he may have been confused with another convict of the same name.

An application for permission to marry⁶ was made on 20 January 1831 and resulted in his marriage at Norfolk Plains on 24 February 1831. His youthful bride (she would have been about sixteen) was Delia Gillam, a free woman. They were married in the parish church by the Chaplain the Reverent R.R. Davies.

Norfolk Plains was eight or ten miles south-west of Launceston. G.W. Evans, Deputy Surveyor of Lands, in his book *A Geographical Historical and Topographical Description of Van Diemen's Land* published in 1822, considered the area to extend over six thousand acres of the richest soil, well watered by the Lake River and the South Esk.

Edward Curr, manager of the Van Diemen's Land Company in the far North-West of Tasmania apparently wasn't very impressed by the population of this area (which extended as far as Westbury). He describes the area as being divided into small farms 'rarely exceeding fifty or sixty acres in extent'. He considered Norfolk Plains 'a very rich and populous settlement' on the northern bank of the South Esk. But of the settlers themselves he says: '[they] have done little beyond making them celebrated for their crimes, the lands themselves being left a prey to every noxious weed that grows....Let the settler beware how he places himself amongst these people...'⁷

Five sons and eight daughters are known to have been born to the McDonalds, the eldest being born in 1832, most probably at Norfolk Plains.

From the evidence given at his trial in 1847 it would seem that George had at that time been living in the Longford district for about twenty five years (being known to one Samuel Cox, who was himself a resident at Longford for twenty eight years. This would mean that he arrived at Norfolk Plains about 1822, two years after he arrived in the colony. Until early in 1836 he described himself as a cordwainer (shoe-maker), and then later in that same year as a farmer. It was in

this year that he was granted a conditional pardon⁸. He had previously applied for it on 29 April 1831.

He became a tenant of Henry Clayton about 1838, and resided on a farm of about ninety acres in a house of wooden construction which was in existence at the time of the 1842 census. The house, complete with communal well and a barn, was across the paddock and opposite Clayton's Mill, a distance of about seven hundred yards.

On 2 October 1847, George, together with his servant Walter Bardy, and Henry Wright, Francis Maugham, Henry Rushforth and Benjamin Kennedy, was brought up on a charge of stealing a quantity of wheat from Henry Clayton's mill at Wickford on 26 September 1847.

After following George's waggon to Longford and examining the wheat he had sold to Mr. Reid, Mr. Clayton had him arrested. His premises were searched and wheat corresponding with Mr. Clayton's sample was found.

A trail of wheat between the mill and George's house was also found together with other evidence. On 9 October, he was placed at the bar, charged with stealing one hundred bushels of wheat. He pleaded 'not guilty'.

Witnesses spoke highly of his character, referring to him as a hardworking, sober and industrious man of whom 'until now, not the slightest doubt had existed as to his honesty'. A verdict of guilty on the amended charge of having received stolen property was brought forth by the jury but this was tempered with a plea for mercy 'on account of his good character'. George was sentenced to fourteen years transportation and was to serve two years at Port Arthur. The other men involved in the case were discharged.⁹

It is not until 1851 that the story resumes with the birth of Catherine at the Marsh Paddock (now Exton) on 2 January. Two more daughters, Delia, and Emily, were born in the Westbury district and their second son William Newman McDonald died there from inflammation on 20 July 1854. He was only sixteen years of age.

George was granted a free pardon on 3 March 1857, and he purchased farm land at River Leven in the same year. In 1861 three of the McDonald children were married. Frances at Quamby Bend and Thomas and Maria at their father's house "Greenhills", Leven.

George (the elder) took his own life at Sassafras on 29 June 1878 aged seventy eight years¹⁰. He was living with his daughter Harriet and son-in-law George Turnbull at the time. The verdict of the coroner's inquest published in the *Devon Herald* on 3 July was death by suicide whilst in a state of temporary insanity. He was buried at the Ulverstone Cemetery.

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George's wife Delia was a native of Kent. On 13 September 1828, the 333 ton American built ship *Harmony* (Master B. Ireland) sailed from Gravesend for Port Jackson and Hobart Town with a crew of twenty six, thirteen cabin passengers, nine women passengers and thirty three children travelling steerage, and one hundred female prisoners. The *Harmony* arrived at Hobart Town on 14 January 1829: amongst the steerage passengers were Frances Gillham (sic) and her children Delia (14), James (12), William (8), Louisa (5), Thomas (3) and Frances (9 months). Frances was the wife of Thomas Gillham a convict transported for aiding and abetting smugglers, and who arrived by the *Governor Ready* in July 1827¹¹. Having been 'sent on board at Woolwich by the Home Government' they arrived only to have to remain on board ship until February owing to Thomas 'not having arrived from the Interior' and an inability to procure a conveyance for them at his master's place of residence. (His master was William Lyttleton, Esq. of Norfolk Plains)¹²

In July 1831 Thomas was assigned to his wife and apart from 'missing Church muster' and being drunk and disorderly on several occasions, lived what must have been a quiet and industrious life as a farmer. He received a conditional pardon on 28 January 1839.

From the few records so far available to me I know that Thomas and Frances were living at Glenore on land owned by William Bryan at the time of the 1848 census and had increased their family by seven - of whom Jane, Catherine, Edward, Israel, Joseph, and Maria are known.

Frances was older than her husband by about eleven years, a fact which strengthens the statement presented by Edwy Finch, her great great grandson, that she had been married prior to her marriage to Thomas Gillam and that the two eldest children, Delia and James, were not Gillam's children. In fact he states that Delia is really Cordelia Preston. This is an avenue of research yet to be undertaken.

In the latter years of her life Delia lived with her daughter Delia Warden. A large woman - tall and stout - she suffered an injury to her hip and died at Sprent on 11 August 1900, aged eighty five years.

GENEALOGY:

George McDONALD, b. about 1800, Wiltshire, England - d. 29 JUN 1878 at Sassafras, Tasmania by suicide with a gun; m. 24 FEB 1831 at Norfolk Plains to Delia Gillam alias Cordelia Preston (b. about 1815, Kent, England - d. 11 AUG 1900 at Sprent, Tasmania; mother's name known to be Frances) and had issue:

1. George McDONALD, b. 15 OCT 1832 at Norfolk Plains, Tasmania - d. 03 OCT 1875 at Ulverstone, Tasmania; m. 01 JUN 1854 at Westbury, Tasmania to Maria Emily Tatlow (b. 19 JUL 1836 at Launceston, Tasmania - d. 29 JUL 1911 at Ulverstone, Tasmania; the daughter of Anthony TATLOW and Mary Moore) and had issue.

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2. Hannah McDonald, b 07 JUL 1834 at Norfolk Plains, Tasmania - d. 27 DEC 1925 at Latrobe, Tasmania; m. 23 AUG 1851 at Westbury, Tasmania to John CURRAN.
3. Elizabeth McDonald, b. 06 AUG 1836 at Norfolk Plains, Tasmania - d. 20 JAN 1909 at Westbury, Tasmania; m. 24 MAR 1853 at Westbury, Tasmania to John LEITH (b. about 1816 at George Town [?] - d. 18 JUL 1894 at Westbury, Tasmania; the son of William Elliot LEITH and Alice Blackstone [?]) and had issue.
4. William Newman McDONALD, b. 11 SEP 1838 at Norfolk Plains [?] - d. 20 JUL 1854 at Westbury, Tasmania. No issue.
5. Harriet McDonald, b. 11 SEP 1840 at Norfolk Plains, Tasmania - d. 15 SEP 1929 at Latrobe, Tasmania; m. 12 FEB 1861 at River Leven to George TURNBULL (b. about 1839 - d. 20 JUL 1929 at Torquay Road Latrobe; the son of William TURNBULL and Mary Richardson) and had issue.
6. Thomas McDONALD, b. 11 SEP 1842 in Tasmania - d. 24 DEC 1907 at Ulverstone, Tasmania; m(1). 10 OCT 1861 at Greenhills, District of Port Sorell to Priscilla Farmer (b. 27 JUN 1845 at Evandale [?] - d. 28 FEB 1887 at Ulverstone; daughter of William FARMER and Katherine Kearman) and had issue.
7. Frances McDonald, b. 29 MAY 1844 at Wickford, Tasmania - d. 29 FEB 1916 at Burnie as a result of an accident; m. 07 NOV 1861 at Westbury, Tasmania to John STURZAKER (b. 16 JUN 1842 at Launceston, Tasmania - d. 04 JAN 1928 at Mooreville Road, Emu Bay; son of John STURZAKER and Jane Leith) and had issue.
8. Maria Louisa McDonald, b. 10 JUN 1846 at Illawarra, Tasmania - d. 14 MAR 1897 at Ulverstone, Tasmania of enteric fever; m. 11 JUL 1861 to James Alfred FOGG (b. 04 JUL 1835 in Wales - d. 26 MAY 1915 at the New Town Infirmary, Tasmania; the son of John Barrett FOGG and Charlotte Newbery) and had issue.
9. Catherine McDonald, b. 02 JAN 1851 at Marsh Paddock (Exton), Tasmania - date and place of death not known; m. 12 APR 1866 in the Port Sorell District to William Wallace WOODHOUSE (b. about 1830 in Kirkcaldy, Scotland - d. 24 DEC 1932 in the Ulverstone Hospital, Tasmania) and had issue.
10. Delia McDonald b. 27 APR 1853 in the Westbury District-- d. 12 FEB at the New Town Infirmary; m. 29 MAR 1869 at Greenhills, District of Port Sorell to Henry WARDEN (b. date not known, in Tasmania - d. 05 SEP 1900 at Castra, Tasmania) and had issue.
11. Emily McDonald, b. 28 JUL 1855, Westbury District - death details not known; m. 21 APR 1886 at Holy Trinity Church, Ulverstone, to Harold William Barnard BUTTON (b. 10 MAR 1855 at Ulverstone, Tasmania - d. 24 JAN 1932 at Pymble, New South Wales; son of William Barnard BUTTON and his wife Elizabeth) and had issue.
12. Joseph McDONALD, b. 20 APR 1858 at River Leven, Ulverstone, Tasmania - d. 07 SEP 1939 at Castra Road, Ulverstone, Tasmania; m. 24 DEC 1879 at Ulverstone to Jessie Anderson (b. 09 SEP 1862 at Avoca,

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Tasmania - d. 05 DEC 1948 at Castra Road, Ulverstone; daughter of James ANDERSON and Margaret Bond or Bonce) and had issue.

13. Arthur James McDONALD, b. 26 MAR 1862 at River Leven, Tasmania - death details not known; m. 17 AUG 1881 at Castra Road, Ulverstone to Jemima Anderson (b. 23 SEP 1864, Port Sorell District - d. 01 JUN 1942 at the Ulverstone Hospital; daughter of James ANDERSON and Margaret Bond or Bonce) and had issue.

NOTES

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| <p>1. Actually the name is Gale, or so I am informed by the Wiltshire County Record Office.</p> <p>2. Cliffe Pysard, as stated in the record, should read Cliffe Pysard, according to the the same C.R.O.</p> <p>3. The mare was the property of T. & R. Large of Lyneham. <i>Salisbury & Winchester Journal</i>.</p> <p>4. Bateson, Charles, <i>The convict ships 1787-1868</i>. Glasgow: Brown, 1959.</p> <p>5. CON 31/9/130, Archives Office of Tasmania.</p> <p>6. CON 45/1:42, Archives Office of Tasmania.</p> <p>7. Curr, Edward, <i>An account of the</i></p> | <p><i>colony of Van Diemen's Land, principally designed for the use of emigrants</i>. London: George Cowie, 1824.</p> <p>8. Conditional Pardon No. 1062, granted 10 October 1836.</p> <p>9. <i>Cornwall Chronicle</i>, Oct. 1847.</p> <p>10. Presuming the age shown on the convict records to be correct, George was born in 1800. This would make him 78 at his death, not 70 as stated on his death certificate. To further complicate matters, the age on his tombstone is stated as 74 years.</p> <p>11. Convict Records, Archives Office of Tasmania.</p> <p>12. CSO 1/368/8375, Archives Office of Tasmania.</p> |
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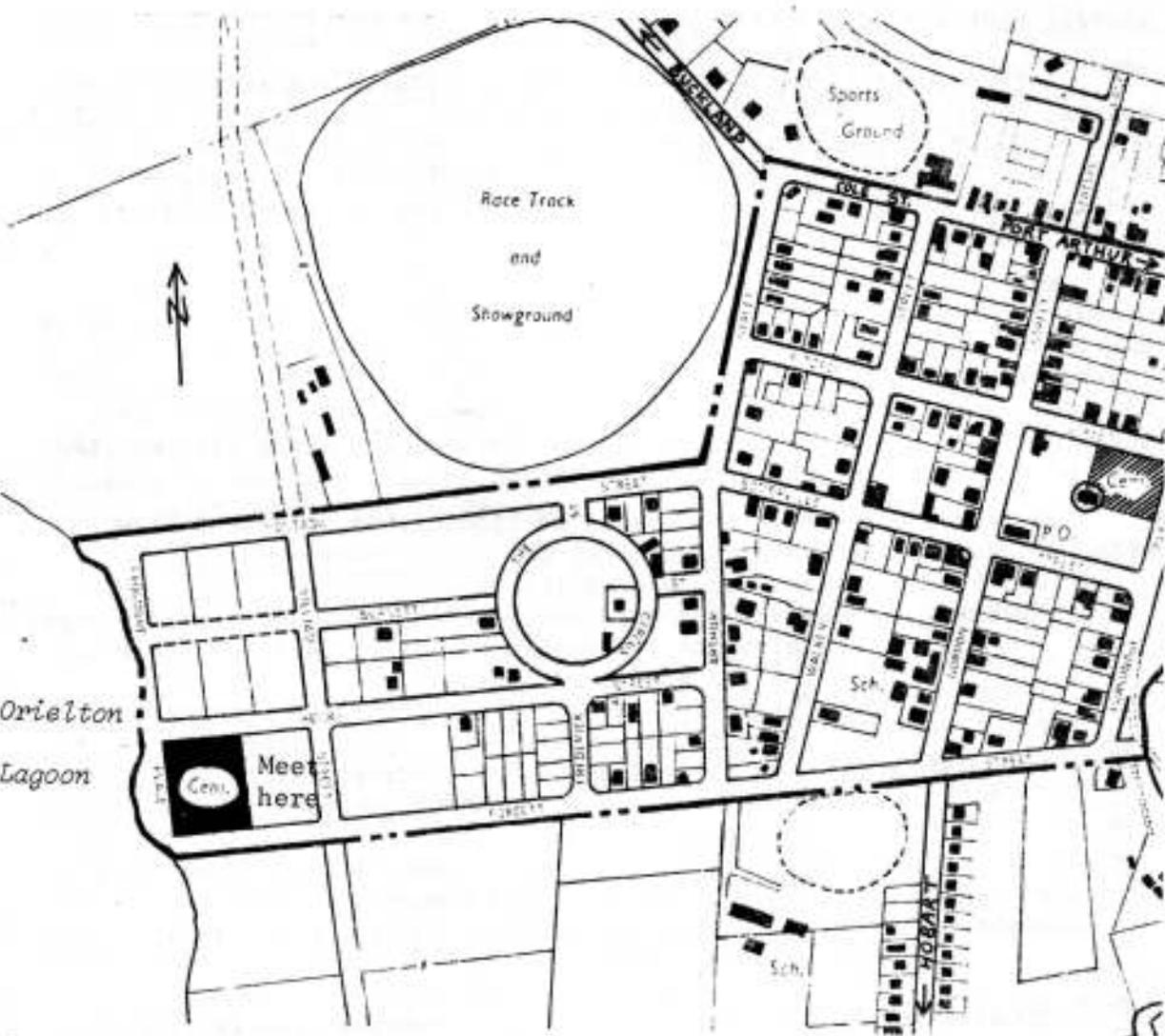
As coordinator of the Cemeteries Committee, I would like to thank all those dedicated members who have given up much of their valuable time in order to assist the Society with the lengthy and continuous task of compiling an index to the Tombstone and Memorial Inscriptions of Tasmania. We are grateful to members of the new Burnie Branch who have recently sent us 435 transcription cards covering graveyards in the Forrest, Montagu, Marrawah and Smithton areas. From the same source we received a copy of the Marrawah Burial Register which, of course, lists many persons for whom there are no headstone memorials. Further assistance has been received from members of the newly formed Launceston Branch in the form of lists of inscriptions and births, deaths and also marriage records from the Fingal area. Mesdames P. O'Toole, B. Gugliotti and J. Johnstone have submitted cards, photostats of notes, and typescript covering various northern cemeteries, including parts of Carr Villa, Launceston, Beaconsfield, Scottsdale births deaths and marriages, Nile, Franklin Village, Perth general, St. Leonards, White Hills, Ravenswood, Sassafras (Baptist and Uniting), Glengarry, Hagley Uniting and parts of Stanley, together with extracts from records at Campbell Town and Deloraine. Pat O'Toole is a tireless worker!

The south of the island has not been idle either. Our efforts to transcribe St. Georges, Sorell were washed out on 28 June, but succeeded on 18 October when 370 cards were made for all readable headstones, plaques on the Columbarium Wall and plaques commemorating those killed in action and buried elsewhere. 31 January 1981 has been set aside to complete work at Sorell, where three cemeteries close to Orielton Lagoon await us at 2.00p.m. The map below shows how to get there.

The list of cemeteries for which information is available grows daily. See the list commencing page 79. Many of these are "notebook transcriptions" and even more only extracts of genealogical information, all "grist to the mill" and worthwhile. Among those in the south who are assisting with indexing these notes are Mesdames Richardson, Tuttle, Totok, Weeding, Daley, O'Shea and Miller, and Mr. Chick. Further helpers are required.

It is pleasing that our TAMIOT Project is of value, especially to those overseas: I am sure the writer will not mind if I quote from a recent letter: 'The first on the list [referring to a list I had extracted from our records] was my grandfather! I hadn't known his birth date and his was the only inscription that contained a date of birth - Uncanny.' In genealogical research, this sort of thing often occurs and it also confirms the value of cemetery transcriptions.

Lastly, could members search their attics and other repositories to see if they have old photographs of some of our cemeteries and/or tombstones that were taken when these places were less delapidated, and phone me (002-439244) or write to me at 40 Derwent Ave, Geilston Bay, Tasmania 7015.



Location Map: Cemetery on shore of Orielson Lagoon, Sorell.

Certificates

The increase in the cost of the Victorian birth, marriage and death certificates is not welcome news. The new prices are \$12 for a full certificate dated 1905 onward, and \$6 for earlier years. The price of Queensland Certified Copies of entry (of Birth, Marriage and Death registration) has been raised from \$6.00 to \$7.00, and the price for extracts from \$3.00 to \$4.00. Postage may be extra. Please also note that date of marriage of parents will no longer be routinely supplied when a birth certificate of a child is made out, but will be given on the certificate if a specific request is made at the time of application.

CEMETERY TRANSCRIPTION

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NOTES ON MINIMUM STANDARDS: (The numbers refer to the list just given).

1. Locating and identifying cemeteries: The official name of the cemetery should be determined, together with the name of the authority who has jurisdiction over it (municipal council, church, private body or trust). An accurate description of how to get there, accompanied by a well-drawn sketch map or the grid coordinates from the 1:100,000 series maps (Map number, eastings, northings). The number of headstones is required so that enough transcription cards can be provided.

2. Already copied cemeteries: Coordinators may decide to recopy an already transcribed graveyard if it is believed the earlier work is faulty, or if many new headstones have been added.

3. Permission to copy: Coordinators should apply, in writing, using Society letterhead paper for permission to transcribe. Local churches or councils will no doubt give permission, but it is good public relations to get permission.

4. Transcription cards: The pre-printed buff coloured cards should be used. They are ordinary 80-column computer cards, printed on the back. Future printings will give a little more room for transcription.

5. Transcribe in full: The policy is to transcribe exactly what is carved as a memorial. Use black biro (NOT blue biro or pencil). If part of the inscription is in capital letters use capitals; if lower case, use that. Be faithful to the text. If you must break a long line, insert [/]. If in doubt, insert [?] after obscure letters or numbers.

6. Teamwork: Whenever possible, work in teams of two: one writer and one checker. The checker should independently examine both the memorial inscription and the transcription card. Two heads are much better than one!

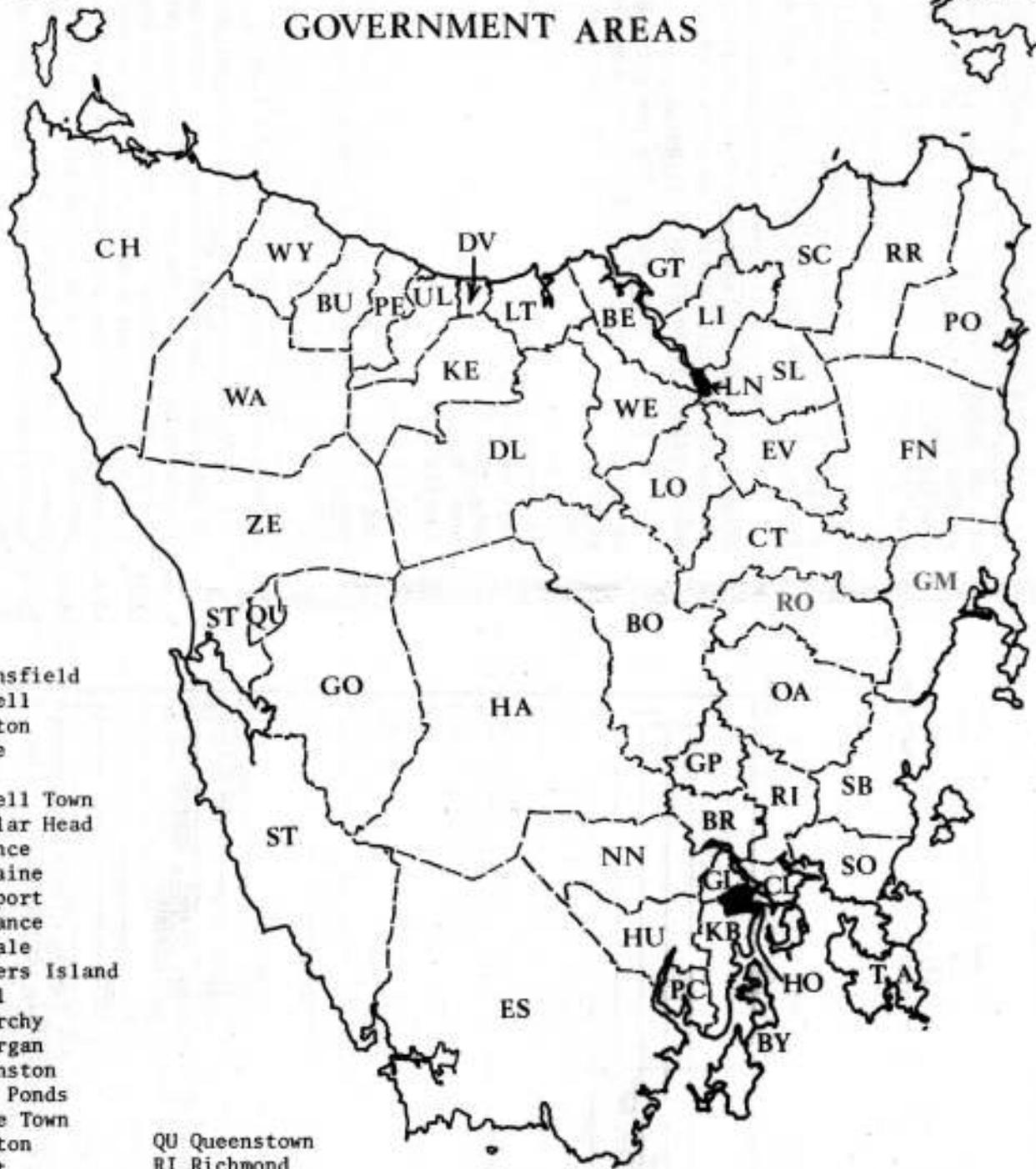
7. Initial & Return: Return all cards, used and unused, to the coordinator at the end of the expedition.

8. Numbering the Cards: The coordinator should check that he has at least the same number of cards as there are headstones. There may of course be more if lengthy inscriptions need more than one card. The coordinator stamps each card with the appropriate cemetery identification prefix, which consists of two letters for the municipality, and a number, e.g. CL3 is St. Matthew's Rokeby, the third cemetery to be copied in the Clarence municipality. A full list of letter prefixes is found on the map overleaf. A list of all the cemeteries known to have been transcribed, together with their prefix letter-number combinations follows.

9. With so many groups working on cemetery transcription it is not possible to have a single running sequence of card numbers. Each cemetery will have cards in sequence from 1 to however many needed.

LETTER-PREFIX CODES

FOR TASMANIAN LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREAS



- BE Beaconsfield
- BO Bothwell
- BR Brighton
- BU Burnie
- BY Bruny
- CT Campbell Town
- CH Circular Head
- CL Clarence
- DL Deloraine
- DV Devonport
- ES Esperance
- EV Evandale
- FI Flinders Island
- FN Fingal
- GL Glenorchy
- GM Glamorgan
- GO Gormanston
- GP Green Ponds
- GT George Town
- HA Hamilton
- HO Hobart
- HU Huon
- KE Kentish
- KB Kingborough
- KI King Island
- LI Lilydale
- LN Launceston
- LO Longford
- LT Latrobe
- NN New Norfolk
- OA Oatlands
- PC Port Cygnet
- PE Penguin
- PO Portland

- QU Queenstown
- RI Richmond
- RO Ross
- RR Ringarooma
- SB Spring Bay
- SC Scottsdale
- SL St. Leonards
- SO Sorell
- ST Strahan
- TA Tasman
- UL Ulverstone
- WA Waratah
- WE Westbury
- WY Wynyard
- ZE Zeehan

1: 800,000

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10. Indexing is fairly exacting work, and cards should be typed or at least printed neatly. Careful and methodical workers should offer their services.

11. The death/burial/inquest card used is multi-purpose, and for indexing cemetery transcriptions not all data "fields" are used. The examples which follow should be studied carefully. The death/burial/inquest cards are used to index the names of persons we may presume are actually buried in the cemetery. The secondary name card (see the example following) is used to index names of relatives.

12 and 14. Proof-reading is essential at any stage of copying to ensure accuracy. Nobody is perfect; we must expect mistakes and not be ashamed of them. But we should try to correct as many as we can.

Figure 1.
Blank
Death/
Burial/
Inquest
Index
Card.

Genealogical Society of Tasmania, TASBRES.	<input type="checkbox"/>	NAME		
	AGED:	AT	AGED:	
	NOTED:	AT		
	Plot Number:	Funeral from:		
	Undertaker: Plot was purchased by:			
	INQUEST:	AT		
	Case of death:			
	INFORMANT:			
	REL:			
	REFERENCE:	Page:	○	Serial Data Entry Issues

Figure 2.
Index
Card
filled
in, all
possible
kinds of
data.

Genealogical Society of Tasmania, TASBRES.	STANDARD Spelling	<input type="checkbox"/>	NAME	SURNAME	Given Names	
		AGED:	DD MMM YYYY	AT	Placename	AGED: Given
		NOTED:	DD MMM YYYY	AT	Placename	
		Plot Number:	Division : No.	Funeral from:	Address, chapel, church, etc	
		Undertaker: Plot was purchased by:	SURNAME, Given Names or FIRMNAME			
		INQUEST:	DD MMM YYYY	AT	Placename	
		Case of death:	As given in the record			
		INFORMANT:	SURNAME, Given Names, Title/Occupation			
		REL:	Give standard relationship abbreviations & the Given Name/s, and SURNAME if different. May also be used for remarks if required.			
		REFERENCE:	document Accession No.	Page:	Number	○

In Loving Memory
of
FREDERICK BINGHAM
DEARLY LOVED HUSBAND OF LAURA
FATHER OF
AUDREY, HILDA, IRIS & GEOFF
PASSED AWAY 29TH APRIL 1970
AGED 75 YEARS
LAURA EMMA
BELOVED WIFE AND MOTHER OF ABOVE
DIED 18TH APRIL 1977 AGED 82 YEARS
RE-UNITED.

Figure 3.

New style Cemetery Transcription Card. Use the top half or two thirds of the card to copy the inscription exactly as it appears on the stone.

If more than one card is needed, indicate here.

Comment here on condition, material, style, etc.

Put ROW and plot No. here.

Initials of transcriber and checker go here.

Date copied goes here.

The indexer determines that six persons are mentioned on this stone. Two are primary names (actually buried there)

and four are secondary names (other relatives)

The Prefix refers to the Municipality and Cemetery.

The Serial Number gives the number of the card, in this case the 140th card used in that cemetery.

Continued on card #		Prefix Municipality Cemetery	CL 3 ← (00140)
Remarks:			
Cemetery: ST. MATTHEW, ROKEBY			
Division	Plot #		
Transcribed by: MW	Primary index card	2	Serial Number
Verified by: SW	Secondary cards	4	
	Date: 8 DEC 1979	Register card	
University of Tasmania Historical Demography Project. © Neil K. Chick		Entry Reg. cards	
		Typed	
	Proof-read		
	Index made		

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NAMES: Transcribe names exactly as they appear on the tombstones. When names are indexed, however, put surnames first, in capital letters, followed by given names. e.g. Joshua Edward McDonald becomes McDONALD, Joshua Edward on the index card.

DATES: Transcribe dates exactly as they appear on the tombstones. e.g. 7th November 1865 or 7 Nov. 1865 or November 7th 1865 or 7.11.65. But when indexing, adopt the standard form DD MMM YYYY, i.e. two digits for the day (thus 7th, etc. becomes 07), three capital letters for the month (JAN FEB MAR APR MAY JUN JUL AUG SEP OCT NOV DEC), and four digits for the year. All the above versions would be indexed in the form 07 NOV 1865.

Figure 4.
Primary
Index
Card
made from
transcription
of
headstone
showing
first
name.

Genealogical Society of Tasmania INDEXES.	<input type="checkbox"/> NAME	BINGHAM Frederick	
	DECEASED:	29 APR 1970	AGED: 75
	BURIED:	AT St. Matthew, Rokeby	
	Plot Number:	Plot Number:	
	Undertaker:	Plot was purchased by:	
	INQUEST:	AT	
	INFORMANT:		
	AT:	w. of Laura Emma, ft. of Audrey, Hilda, Iris and Geoff.	
	REFERENCE:		
	Page:		
	Serial Data Entry Item	KEY: GST / CL3	
		Number: / 00140	
		Sub: / 1	

Figure 5.
Primary
Index Card
made from
transcription
of
headstone
showing
second
name.

Genealogical Society of Tasmania INDEXES.	<input type="checkbox"/> NAME	BINGHAM Laura Emma	
	DECEASED:	18 APR 1977	AGED: 82
	BURIED:	AT St. Matthew, Rokeby	
	Plot Number:	Plot Number:	
	Undertaker:	Plot was purchased by:	
	INQUEST:	AT	
	INFORMANT:		
	AT:	w. of Frederick mt. of Audrey, Hilda, Iris & Geoff.	
	REFERENCE:		
	Page:		
	Serial Data Entry Item	KEY: GST / CL3	
		Number: / 00140	
		Sub: / 2	

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AGES: Transcribe ages exactly as they appear on the tombstones. e.g. aged 85; or in her 31st year; or aged 1 year 11 months. When the index cards are made out these become Aged 85; Aged 30; and Aged 1y11m. Note that "in her 31st year" means that she has had her 30th birthday but not yet her 31st, so her age is 30, NOT 31.

NAME: BINGHAM Iris		Secondary Name Entry Form
NAME: BINGHAM Hilda		
NAME: BINGHAM Geoff		
NAME: BINGHAM Audrey		
University of Tasmania Historical Demography Project	TYPE OF PRIMARY RECORD EXTRACTED:	The above name is a secondary name, occurring in a primary record according to:
	Birth	PRIMARY NAME: BINGHAM Frederick
	Obituary	DATE OF EVENT: 29 APR 1970 at St. Matthew, Rokeby
	Marriage	RELATIONSHIP TO PRIMARY NAME: DG
	Death	REMARKS:
	Burial	
	Inquest	
	Headstone	
	Will/Admin.	PRIMARY SERIAL ENTRY: CL3
	Food	NUMBER: 00140
Letter	SECONDARY SERIAL ENTRY: 3	
Other:	NAME:	

Figure 6. Four Secondary Name Index Cards, made out for other relatives mentioned on the headstone. This design will be superseded by another bearing the same "Serial Data Entry Items" as on the Death/Burial/Inquest Card.

CARD NUMBERS: As can be seen from the examples in Figures 4 and 5, every index card has three "Serial Data Entry Items":

- (1) The KEY and PREFIX: GST = Genealogical Society of Tasmania; CL3 which identifies the Municipality (see the map) and the particular cemetery.
- (2) The NUMBER which identifies the Cemetery Transcription Card, and
- (3) SUB: a personal number. Thus CL3/00140:1 refers to Frederick Bingham; CL3/00140:2 refers to his wife Laura Emma Bingham, and ...:3 through to ...:6 refer to secondary cards for their four children.

RELATIONSHIPS: See the standardized codes listed on the next page.

BASIC CODE		HALF	STEP	INLAW	ADOPT.	GRAND	G-GRAND	G-G-GRAND	ONLY	OLDER	ELDEST	YOUNGER	YOUNGEST
PARENT	PR		PS	PL	PA	GP	1P	2P					
FATHER	FT		FS	FL	FA	GF	1F	2F					
MOTHER	MT		MS	ML	MA	GM	1M	2M					
BROTHER	BR	BH	BS	BL	BA				Bø	BO	BE	BY	BT
SISTER	ZZ	ZH	ZS	ZL	ZA				Zø	ZO	ZE	ZY	ZT
CHILD	CH		CS		CA	GC	1C	2C	Cø	CO	CE	CY	CT
SON	SN		SS	SL	SA	GS	1S	2S	Sø	SO	SE	SY	ST
DAUGHTER	DG		DS	DL	DA	GD	1D	2D	Dø	DO	DE	DY	DT
UNCLE	UN		US	UL	UA	GU	1U	2U					
AUNT	AN		AS	AL	AA	GA	1A	2A					
NEPHEW	NN			NL	NA	GN	1N	2N					
NEICE	EE			EL	EA	GE	1E	2E	FIRST	SECOND	1 REMOVE	2 REMOVES	
COUSIN	CS			CL					1C	2C	SECOND FIRST (COUSINS)	11	12
HUSBAND	HS								1H	2H		21	22
WIFE	WF								1W	2W			

and also FIANCEE (FN) FRIEND (FR) WITNESS (WT) OFFICIATOR (OF), etc. The numbering of g-g-g-grandparents etc. is 3F, 4F etc. and cousins likewise (65 = sixth cousin five times removed). A third character may be added where required, e.g. 2UL = great great grand uncle-in-law.

Transcribed Cemeteries

The following is an interim listing of cemeteries which have been transcribed at one time or another and for which cards, loose sheets or notebooks are held, either by the Society or by individual members. The Cemetery Committee is very anxious to know of any others, and to know for each one the identification details, jurisdiction, location, and whether indexed. Please try and fill up the many gaps!

BEACONSFIELD (BE)

- BE1 Beaconsfield Civil
- BE2 Supply River
- BE3 Winkleigh
- BE4 Glengarry
- BE5 Sidmouth Auld Kirk

BOTHWELL (BO)

BRIGHTON (BR)

BURNIE (BU)

- BU1 Ridgley

BRUNY (BY)

- BY1 Adventure Bay
- BY2 Barnes Bay

CIRCULAR HEAD (CH)

- CH1 Forrest
- CH2 Montagu
- CH3 Marrawah
- CH4 Smithton

CLARENCE (CL)

- CL1 Bellerive
- CL2 Mary Ann Bay
- CL3 Rokeby (St. Matthew CofE)
- CL4 Rokeby (Congregational)
- CL5 Sandford (St. Martin CofE)
- CL6 East Risdon (St. Margaret)
- CL7 South Arm (St. Barnabas)
- CL8 Sandford (Congregational)
- CL9 Cambridge Union

CAMPBELL TOWN (CT)

- CT1 Campbell Town (General)
- CT2 Campbell Town (Roman)
- CT3 Campbell Town (St. Lukes)
- CT4 Campbell Town (Church St.)
- CT5 Conara
- CT6 Cleveland
- CT7 Campbell Town (Presb.Chapel)
- CT8 Campbell Town (Presbyterian)

DELORAINE (DL)

DEVONPORT (DV)

ESPERANCE (ES)

- ES1 Cairns Bay
- ES2 Cockle Creek
- ES3 Dover
- ES4 Geeveston
- ES5 Southport (CofE)
- ES6 Southport (Roman Catholic)
- ES7 Surges Bay

EVANDALE (EV)

- EV1 Evandale (General)
- EV2 Nile
- EV3 Barton
- EV4 Nile War Memorial

FLINDERS ISLAND (FI)

FINGAL (FN)

- FN1 Avoca (General)
- FN2 Avoca (Roman Catholic)
- FN3 Fingal (Presbyterian)
- FN4 Cullenswood (Christ Church)
- FN5 Cornwall (Congregational)
- FN6 Mathinna (Roman Catholic)
- FN7 Mathinna (Prebyterian)
- FN8 Mathinna (General)
- FN9 Fingal (Roman Catholic)
- FN10 Fingal (St. Peters)

GLENORCHY (GL)

GLAMORGAN (GM)

- GM1 Swansea (Presbyterian)

GORMANSTON (GO)

GREEN PONDS (GP)

HAMILTON (HA)

- HA1 Hollow Tree (St. James)

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HOBART (HO)HUON (HU)

- HU1 Franklin (St. Johns)
- HU2 Franklin (Roman Catholic)
- HU3 Glen Huon
- HU4 Huonville
- HU5 Ranelagh (St. James)
- HU6 Ranelagh (Roman Catholic)

KENTISH (KE)KINGBOROUGH (KB)

- KB1 Kingston (St. Clements)
- KB2 Kingston (Roman Catholic)
- KB3 Longley
- KB4 Lower Longley
- KB5 Margate (All Saints)

KING ISLAND (KI)LILYDALE (LI)

- LI1 Windermere (St. Matthias)
- LI2 Karoola
- LI3 Lilydale
- LI4 Turners Marsh
- LI5 Tunnel

LAUNCESTON (LN)

- LN1 Glen Dhu
- LN2 Old Scotch
- LN3 Cypress Street
- LN4 Carr Villa
- LN5 Old Charles Street

LONGFORD (LO)

- LO1 Bishopsbourne (Nativity)
- LO2 Blackwood Creek
- LO3 Pisa (St. Lukes)
- LO4 Perth General

LATROBE (LT)

- LT1 Sassafras Uniting
- LT2 Sassafras Presbyterian

NEW NORFOLK (NN)

- NN1 Bushy Park (Red Hills)
- NN2 New Norfolk (Stephen St.)
- NN3 Plenty (St. John Evangelist)

OATLANDS (OA)PORT CYGNET (PC)

- PC1 Cradoc (St. Peters)
- PC2 Cygnet (St. Marks)
- PC3 Cygnet (Roman Catholic)

PENGUIN (PE)

- PE1 South Riana

PORTLAND (PO)QUEENSTOWN (QU)RICHMOND (RI)

- RI1 Richmond (St. Lukes)
- RI2 Richmond (Roman Catholic)

ROSS (RO)

- RO1 Ross (St. James)
- RO2 Ross (Uniting Chapel)
- RO3 Ross (War Memorial)

RINGAROOMA (RR)SPRING BAY (SB)

- SB1 Darlington (Maria Island)

SCOTTSDALE (SC)

- SC1 Scottsdale (Ellesmere)
- SC2 Scottsdale (Kirklands)
- SC2 Scottsdale (Birnside)

ST. LEONARDS (SL)

- SL1 White Hills (Roman Catholic)
- SL2 White Hills (St. Johns)
- SL3 Franklin Village (St. James)
- SL4 St. Leonards (St. Peters)
- SL5 St. Leonards (Station Rd.)
- SL6 Prospect (Congregational)
- SL7 Ravenswood (Henry St.)

SORELL (SO)

- SO1 Bream Creek
- SO2 Dunalley
- SO3 Lewisham
- SO4 Sorell (St. George)

STRAHAN (ST)TASMAN (TA)

- TA1 Premaydena
- TA2 Premaydena Convict
- TA3 Port Arthur
- TA4 The Isle of the Dead

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ULVERSTONE (UL)

UL1 Sprent
UL2 Forth Methodist

WE4 Carrick
WE5 Hagley (St. Marys)
WE6 Westbury (General)

WARATAH (WA)

WYNYARD (WY)
WY1 Wynyard (General)

WESTBURY (WE)

WE1 Bracknell
WE2 Hagley Uniting
WE3 Hadspen

ZEEHAN (ZE)
ZE1 Zeehan (New)

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1 New South Wales
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John Rawlings, Convict

by
Myra Brown

Two years ago I visited England, intent on seeing the towns where my forebears originated. With this in mind, I set off for the village of Geddington, situated a short distance from the town of Kettering in Northamptonshire. Imagine my delight on arriving to discover that the whole village was 'National Trust' on account of the fact that one of the three remaining Eleanor Crosses is situated in the middle of the village square. The houses are centuries old, with thatched rooves and cobblestone streets lead to the eleventh century church and graveyard and an eleventh century inn.

It was here on 8 January 1792 that my great great grandfather, John was born, the son of John Rawlings and Mary Scuthorpe.¹ At a later date John married Susannah or Susan Bland who was purported to have come from Leicester, and they settled in Cranfield, Bedfordshire.² Their son John was christened there on 14 June 1823.³

On 7 February 1824 John was committed by the Reverend J. Beard for stealing seventeen bushels of oats, the property of James Merryweather.⁴ At the Lent Assizes he was found guilty, sentenced to death (a sentence commuted to transportation for life) on 24 April, and he was delivered on board the *Jentition*, a gaol hulk at Woolwich. John Rawlings arrived at Hobart Town, Van Diemen's Land on the *Princess Charlotte* on 9 November 1824.⁵

Meanwhile his wife, Susan, with baby John had set sail on the *Phoenix*. There were seventy six passengers, including children. The captain was Francis Dixon. *Phoenix* left the Downs on 16 September 1824 and touched at the Cape of Good Hope where she remained a week, and arrived at Hobart Town 26 January 1825.⁶

On arrival, Susan applied to the authorities that her husband should be assigned to her, and this was granted. Life was not easy for Susan as John was always in and out of trouble (as can be seen in his police record.⁷ Eventually he received a conditional pardon on 20 September 1837.⁸ During 1829 or 1830 a daughter, Susan, was born and in 1832 or 1833 another daughter, Lucy. The registers of St. Davids Church, Hobart Town, record that Susan Rawlings, aged 32 was buried on 3 October 1833. She was described as a labourer's wife, and the service was performed by William Bedford. On 29 September 1834, John Rawlings, widower and ticket-of-leave man per *Princess Charlotte* married Anne Matheson, widow and free woman at Holy Trinity Church, Hobart Town. Both signed the register with their marks.⁹

After he gained his freedom,¹⁰ John Rawlings prospered, and at the time of his death he owned about fourteen houses in Goulburn and Molle Streets, Hobart, and campaigned, with his two sons-in-law for votes for parliament. His daughter Susan was married to William Pocock, a convict, on 20 May 1850 at St. Josephs Church, Hobart by Reverend W.

Hall.¹¹ They had ten children, and several of their grandchildren are still living in Hobart.

The younger daughter, Lucy, also married a convict, John Bailey Wooster on 7 March 1853, at the same church and by the same priest.¹² Lucy and John Wooster had six children, the eldest daughter, Susan, married Thomas Kemble, a mariner, at Auckland, New Zealand, and they became my grandparents. Their eldest son, William Kemble was accidentally killed under tragic circumstances on Boxing Day 1880 when, during a freak storm, the wooden pavillion in the cricket ground at the Queen's Domain was blown over where he and others were sheltering.

John Rawlings died on 17 December 1870, aged 77 years, the cause of death being stated as influenza and senilis. His will commences 'I, John Rawling, Yeoman...'

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Thomas William Field : 1817- 1881

by

Joan Graney

Thomas William Field was the second of the four sons, all over six feet tall, of emancipist William Field, about whom so much has been written. Now it would seem that a large part of the criticism stemmed from petty jealousy, of one whose natural business ability made him a dominant figure in his time. William Field died in 1837 leaving his four sons with great wealth and a property each - and on 12 June 1980, the last and also the original of these properties, "Enfield", tragically passed out of Field ownership.

Thomas was only 20 when his father died and he had taken over responsibility for the property "Westfield", near Westbury, some years before that.

Like his father he was very interested in the breeding and racing of horses and with his brothers was very successful in this field.

THOMAS WILLIAM FIELD, 1817-1881

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The magnificent natural setting with Quamby Bluff as a back drop for his home, makes "Westfield" one of the most photographed houses in the state. It was built of bricks made on the property and all the blackwood in the interior is also home grown and pit sawn.

On 8 September 1847 he married Elizabeth Isadora Lindsay, daughter of Captain James Lindsay, a merchant of Hobart. They had 14 children, two of whom died in infancy and the eldest son Thomas Lindsay Field was accidentally killed at the age of 20. The survivors were, in order:

Louisa Mary Field
Elizabeth Sara Field = Charles EASTON
Mary Annie Field = Charles FIELD of "Woodfield"
Sara Jane Field = E.J.C. WHITESIDES
Isabella Alice Field = Frank WISEWOULD
Alice Maude Field = Eddington FIELD
William Enfield FIELD = Frances Amelia Elmer
George Westfield FIELD = Ethel Archer
Ellen Nora Field = Charles Andrew PAYNE
Richard Charles FIELD = Lily Ayton
Ethelwyn Lindsay Field

Thomas was a member of the first Tasmanian Parliament in 1856, and represented his district in the House of Assembly for six years. Later in 1875 he was elected to the Legislative Council and was a member at the time of his death.

He was also a member of the first Westbury Council in 1863, and held numerous Racing Appointments.

He went to Melbourne to see the Great Exhibition and while there was persuaded to have a lump removed from his knee, some accounts say, of displaced cartilage. Septicaemia set in and he died.

Thomas William was also an accomplished bushman and spent much time out mustering the great herds of cattle. After his death Melbourne newspapers reported that Thomas Field's name would be forever revered in Ireland because he had led the party which rescued Mitchel, McManus and other Irish political prisoners, finding the way over the then trackless and unknown lake country, at that time densely wooded, to where a ship waited. 'The only man in the country who could have performed such a feat!'

Many months later a packet arrived at "Westfield" containing a gold ring which was inscribed inside, 'Thomas Field, from the Irish Directory of New York. 1853'.

The ring is made to look like a leather strap with buckles on either side of a central gold horse shoe enclosing a tomato coloured Irish bloodstone. The ring is now in the possession of Thomas Field's great grand daughter, Mrs. Robert Jones.

On page 42 of the last issue of *Tasmanian Ancestry* a family reunion was announced. The present owner of "Westfield", Mr. J.L. Wadley, has most graciously offered to open the old home for the family. However, the announced date of 11 January is not convenient for him. The Rector of St. Andrews has been transferred and the proposed Commemoration Service is also uncertain so negotiations regarding a new date are going on at this time. Nevertheless, all Field connections and friends are welcome. Please bring any old photos and mementoes.

For further information on times and places of the reunion please contact Mr. Geoff Pedley, "Sherwood", Gravelly Beach, phone 003-944332, or Mrs. Joan Graney, 19 Balmoral Road, Kingston Beach 7151, phone 002-296256.

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BONNER. (Corrected from Vol. 1, p44.) Thomas John BONNER was the son of John and Emilia BONNER of Whitley in Surrey. Emilia BONNER brought her family to Van Diemen's Land, via Adelaide on 9 November 1842. My query is regarding Thomas John BONNER's brothers: Walter Stephen, Edward William, Frederick Richard, and George and his sister Emily Sarah who married George BRUMBY of Longford in 1859. Anyone knowing of their families, please contact Mrs. L. Luckie, 13 Hillcrest Avenue, Mona Vale, N.S.W., 2103.

FREEBURGH. Any information on Thomas, Mary Anne and Marion FREEBURGH who arrived at Launceston 7 April 1855? Also on James FREEBURGH who married Christina Mackenzie on 11 January 1859 in Launceston. Mr. Keith Evans, 3 Saundridge Road, Coee, Tasmania, 7320.

KENNEDY. Mary Kennedy aged 16 married Jeremiah KEOGH, 28 years, at the Catholic Church, Westbury, Tasmania on 25 November 1856. They lived at Red Hills and Deloraine and had four sons and five daughters. Inquirer is the grand-daughter of Hannah Keogh, who married John Marshall LAMB of Beaconsfield. She has information on the KEOGH family but nothing yet on the KENNEDY family. (Mrs. M. McKENZIE, 33 High Street, Beaconsfield, Tasmania, 7251.)

LAKELAND. Details are sought on the birth of Jack Stanley LAKELAND, born at Rosevears about 1889 or 1890, but not registered; also on his parents Gordon LAKELAND, who was a schoolmaster, and Gertrude Plummer, and any information on their ancestors. (Mrs. Brenda Lakeland SCHLEMMER, 6 Siglingen Street, Emerton, New, South Wales, 2770.)

LOWE. Francis LOWE, born 24 May 1845 was baptized in the parish of Redbourne, Lincolnshire, England. He, with his parents, three brothers and one sister went to Tasmania. Together with two of the brothers, Fred and Tom, he came to New Zealand. The other brother, John and the

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sister, Sarah, stayed in Tasmania. Would be interested to hear anything of the family, when and where they arrived, where they settled, and also whether there are any descendants still in Tasmania. (Miss D.M. Castles, 12 Bay View Road, Napier, New Zealand.)

NORTHERN LIGHT, *Schooner*. A New Zealand visitor to Tasmania was interested to know if anyone has information on this vessel, which was chartered privately to take a group to New Zealand at the end of 1860 or early in 1861. The master was Capt. Tobin and it is presumed to have sailed from Hobart. Any details would be most welcomed by Mr. Gordon A. Boyce, 4 Kauri Terrace, Invercargill, New Zealand.

PEGLER. Wanted to contact any descendants of Charles and Mary Ann PEGLER, née Collins who were married in New Norfolk in 1841. Their family included Mary Pegler BROWNING, Jane Pegler JACKSON, Esther Pegler CLARK, and John PEGLER, ancestor of inquirer: Mrs. M. Coatsworth, 4 Sunnyside Ave., Howick, Auckland, New Zealand.

PEGS PLAINS. (or Peggys Plains). Information is sought on the property or area of these names, near Evandale, about the year 1855 is sought by Mr. Keith Evans, 3 Saundridge Road, Coee, Tasmania, 7320.

ROSE. James ROSE, carpenter, married Maria Williams on 1 June 1864 at St. Andrews Presbyterian Church, Hobart, and resided at 191 Bathurst Street, Hobart, from 1867 to about 1920. Their children were Ada, William, Ernest, Amelia, Ethel, James, Marie-Louise and Lily. I would appreciate any information about this family, plus contact with any descendants. (Mrs. G.K. Wheeler, 17 Sandford Street, Auckland, New Zealand.)

SQUIRES. Any information on Thomas SQUIRES, born 18 December 1810, who arrived in Tasmania 2 April 1830. He married Sarah Francis in New Norfolk about 1834. They had five children: George, William, Elizabeth, Frederick and John, and moved to Victoria about 1850. Anyone knowing anything about them please contact Miss Debbie Squires, 45 Main Road, Bruthen, Victoria, 3885.

VINCE: Blanche Amelia Vince, g-g-mother, b. 11 APR 1866, Hobart, daughter of John Simons VINCE, farmer and Louisa Haines or Homes VINCE and g-dau. of Ann LACEY who registered the birth. Blanche grew up and married in Auckland, N.Z. Information? I offer to research in N.Z. Kay N. Smith, 40 County Road, Torbay, Auckland 10, New Zealand.

WHATLEY. Samuel John Knowles WHATLEY, born St. George East, London, in 1826, the son of Samuel WHATLEY, grocer of Warminster, Wiltshire. He had sisters Francesa and Elizabeth, and he married Harriet Thompson. Emigrated 1853, worked on first N.S.W. Railway, and died in Penrith, N.S.W. 1874. I would be glad to hear from any families of this surname. (Mrs. E. Grocott, 17 Arlington Street, Dulwich Hill, N.S.W., 2203.)

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Strange Relations

Another patriarch, whom I never saw, and whose name I have forgotten, came to my knowledge in the following manner:- A sturdy, middle-aged negro, called Ceasar, entered my office and inquired if he could not have his wife and children. "Certainly," said I. "But she's got another husband, and things is powerful mixed up," "Let us hear the whole story."

"Ye see I was sold away from here fifteen years ago into the Alabamers. Wal, ever since the freedom I've been workin' to get back, and last week I gets back and finds my wife all right an' powerful glad to see me. But she thought I was dead, an' so she's been married these ten year, an' thar's her ole man a livin' with her now. He's a drefful ole man; he can skasely see. She wants me, and wants him to go away but he won't go".

It was a complicated and delicate case. According to the laws of South Carolina the first marriage was binding, precisely as if the marriage had been white, while Bureau orders declared that such persons as were living in lawful wedlock at the date of emancipation were husband and wife, to the exclusion of all other claimants. But looking at the hale, middle-aged man before me, and remembering the blind senility of his rival, I ventured to make this a special case, and decided according to the civil statute. "You can have your wife," said I. "If you have worked your way back from Alabama for her sake, you deserve her. I'll write you an order to put you in possession."

"An' about the chil'n?" he asked. "Why, take your own children, of course." "I mean his chil'n - the ole woman's chil'n an' his. She says she won't go ef she can't hev all her chil'n. An when we offers to take um the ole man he hollers and says, 'What's to come o' me?' He's sich an old man, ye see, he can't so much as see to light his pipe. After he's got it filled one of us has to put some fire on it 'fore he can git to smoke. That's so, as such as you's bohn; he can't git to smoke ef some of us don' light some straw to put on his pipe." "They are your children," I decided, cutting all knots with the statute. "All the children of the wife are the children of the husband. Tell the old man that. It will at least enable you to make good terms with him."

The result was that the wife clove to the younger husband, while the elder remained in the family as a sort of poor relation - "Drawing Bureau Rations." in *Harper's New Monthly Magazine*.

Editor's note: The above piece of 'family history' appeared in 'The Mercury' of 28 October 1868.

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