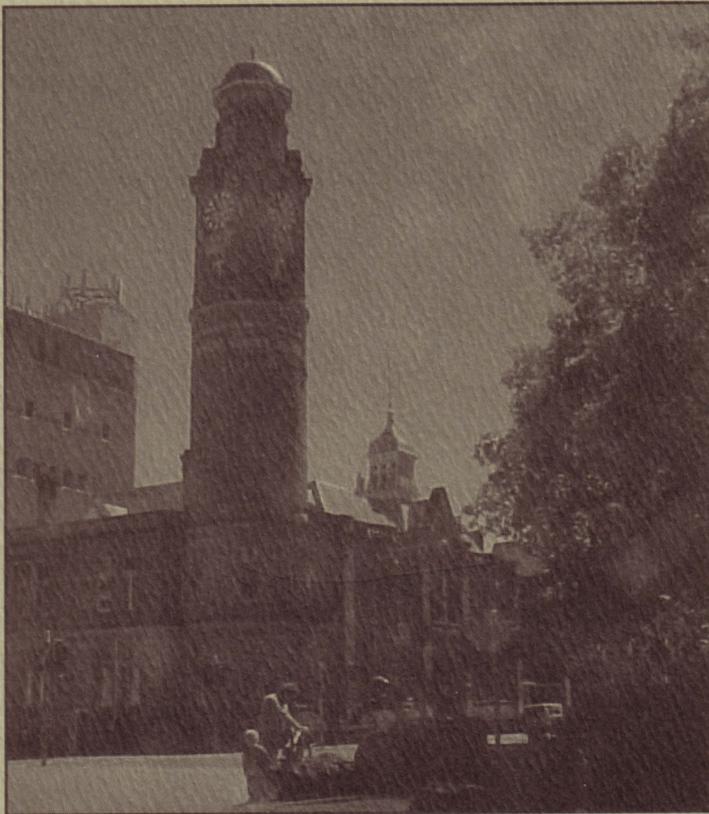


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## From the Editors

We have now managed to complete one full year of production of *Tasmanian Ancestry* with thanks for the collection of articles on hand from Leonie Mickleborough, our previous editor. So from here on we are on our own. It always amazed me how things just 'fell' into place even when we had no idea what articles we would receive—but never so much as this edition! We had in mind that as Launceston was celebrating its bicentenary this year, we could focus on this with articles from the early Examiner newspapers: for instance the Launceston Post Office and the Queen Victoria Museum. We also reprinted some articles from earlier journals that we thought would be appropriate, "Early Launceston" and "Launceston's Immigration Societies of the 1850s".

In an effort to make the journal not all Launceston focussed, we have included an Excursion to Port Arthur (2 of 5 articles), a Wedding at Circular Head and Notes on Duck River. There are of course several other interesting articles for you to enjoy.

Please do keep those articles coming in so that *Tasmanian Ancestry* will continue to be of interest to all our readers.

### Anita & Betty

Articles are welcomed in any format—handwritten, typed or word processed, on disk, on CD Rom, or by email. Disks and photographs will be returned on request. We do ask that you try to limit these to **2500 words maximum**, unless it is an *Index* which may be included in several issues.

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## President's Message

**2006!** For Launceston it is certainly shaping up to be a bicentenary to be remembered. When I read the calendar of events ("Its about us") released by the Launceston City Council in December, I noted that there is something planned for every month of the year. Let's hope it will also be the year for the release of more research material for family historians.

This year we will see the release of *The Federation CD-Rom*—a joint project of the Tasmanian Registrar General's Department and TFHS Inc., covering:

Births	1900-1919
Deaths	1900-1930
Marriages	1900-1930

The latest report was that data input was almost complete and contracts are to be signed shortly.

The final volume in the *Van Diemen's Land Heritage Index* series (Vol. 5) was completed in 2005 and branches are now holding stocks for members to purchase.

As you will see in this journal the next Annual General Meeting of the Society will be held at Ross on the Saturday 17th June. If you are planning to attend you may like to consider taking advantage of my *Early Bird* prize! We will of course be well catered for with good food and an equally good speaker.

At the AGM the Society will be launching three new competitions, which will be presented at this and subsequent the AGMs.

They will be:-

1. Journal Article Competition. This will be awarded for the best article in *Tasmanian Ancestry*, starting

with Volume 26 (1-4) and awarded annually.

2. Family Chart Competition—awarded bi-annually.
3. Short Story Award—awarded bi-annually.

The Society will of course continue with the annual Lilian Watson Family History Award.

I hope that you will set aside the time to join us in Ross. ●

**Anita Swan**

### 5th Annual General Meeting

of

### ***Tasmanian Family History Society Inc.***

will be held at

**Town Hall, Church Street**

**Ross**

**Saturday**

**17th June 2006**

commencing at 1.45pm

Registration form in this journal

Register before **Monday 8th May**  
to be eligible for the

**President's Early Bird Prize**

## Don't Forget!

**Membership for 2006-07 commences on  
1 April 2006 through to 31 March 2007**

**Current membership subscriptions expire  
on 31 March 2006**

**Un-financial members are not eligible to vote or accept  
nomination for office at the State or Branch Annual  
General Meetings.**

You will have received a Membership Renewal Form (lemon) in the **December edition** of *Tasmanian Ancestry*.

Additional forms may be downloaded from our Website:  
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Our last meeting of the year, our Dinner Meeting, was a great success. We held the dinner in our Branch Library and there is enough room to seat 40. Imagine the

concern of the organising committee when at 7.15pm the 41st guest came through the front door. Thankfully they were the last and we managed to seat everyone comfortably.

At the dinner the awards were presented for our Family Tree competition. The winner was Doug Forrest with a very well presented computer generated chart, the runner up was Ann Bailey and a special commendation award went to Gaye Spicer.

We will be holding this competition again for 2006.

The last day meeting for the year was a trip to the Maritime Museum in Devonport. Those that were able to go enjoyed themselves and realized what a wealth of information is held by the Museum. Special thanks to Bob and Faye for their hospitality.

Our computer group has been well supported and we will continue to hold these meetings throughout the year.

I trust that your research is fruitful and that those brick walls come tumbling down during 2006. ●

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A busy year came to a close when thirty members and friends met for an enjoyable dinner at the Bass & Flinders Restaurant at Ulverstone. The Christmas Hamper Raffle

was drawn with Mr Gray being announced the winner.

Activities and outings for 2006 have been planned. It has been decided that there will be no general meetings at the Mersey Regional Library during May, June, July and August but other activities have been planned during those months.

The 2006 calendar of activities for the Devonport Branch is as follows:

**January 19:** Latrobe town walk & BBQ.

**February 23:** Meeting at Mersey Library.

**March 30:** Meeting at Mersey Library.

**April 1:** Bus trip to Stanley.

**April 27:** AGM at Mersey Library.

**May 25:** Online night at Devonport Online Access Centre.

**June 24:** Bus trip to Penguin Historical Society.

**July 27:** Meeting and catered meal. Venue to be advised.

**August 31:** Visit to RSL Museum, Devonport.

**September 28 & October 26:** meeting at the Mersey Library

**October 28:** Overnight trip to Archives of Tasmania, Hobart.

**November 30:** Break up meeting at the Mersey Library. ●

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The long awaited upgrade for our computer system has at last eventuated. After reading many submissions and having deep discussions the

Committee decided to give the task to PC Supplies. The library fiche area has been modified to allow for the new system and the process of installing software has begun. It is hoped all will be finished before the library reopens in 2006.

At the end of the year it is appropriate to consider those who have been so helpful in keeping our Branch working efficiently. It is always hard to single out individuals but with the increasing reliance on computers we need to acknowledge the marvellous service we receive from Vee Maddock. Not only has she the expertise and enthusiasm for the task but also the energy to spend countless hours working in the library. We are indeed fortunate to have her as one of our many excellent volunteers.

In December we had a special function to honour our volunteers and say thank you for the various services rendered.

This year we noticed many could not come to that function as the pressure of pre-Christmas activities kept them away. We have now decided to move this event to April, hoping more will be able to attend at that time.

Cynthia O'Neill has again been producing our Newsletter on a regular basis. Her expertise and enthusiasm for this task is much appreciated. Most members receive the Newsletter electronically, others by post or by picking up a copy at the library or at meetings. If you are not receiving this publication please call the Secretary to be added to the mailing list.

Committee members and their partners enjoyed a pleasant end of year barbecue at the home of our Secretary – thank you Leo for this and all the other tasks you perform so willingly and so well.

### General Meetings

Meetings are held at the Rosny Library, Bligh Street on the third Tuesday in the month except December and January at 8 pm.

21 February: Jeff Atkinson – “Mary Proctor: convict pioneer settler.”

21 March: Babette Smith – “The women convicts: beyond stereotypes.”

18 April: Margaret Davies – “When was it OK to recognise the murky past? : the Davies family.”

### Family History Computer Group

Branch library - 2nd Wednesday of the month at 7.30 pm.

### WISE Interest Group

Branch library – 1st Sunday of February, May, August and November at 2 pm.

### Family History Writers Group

Branch library – last Sunday of each month between 2 and 4 pm.

## Research Workshop

Branch library – 1st Tuesday in the month from 10.30 am to 11.30 am.

Details of these meetings and other activities may be found on our website at <http://www.hobart.tasfhs.org/> ●

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Following receipt of the Huon Valley Community Grant, materials were purchased and members prepared the timber for assembly in the Library. With the

assistance of members of the Lions Club of Huon two sets of shelving and under bench storage were assembled. This has provided approximately 30 metres of new shelving. The use of excess material has enabled additional refurbishment of the computer room. It is expected that all upgrading work will be completed by Easter.

A picnic style lunch was held at the final meeting for the year.

Early in the New Year it is expected that work will resume on the cemetery photographing as part of our eHeritage commitment. ●

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Over the Christmas break we have been busy organising the books in our Library ready for catalogue-ing in the future. With this in mind we arranged a tour of the Library and

Sausage Sizzle in February to acquaint members and visitors with the new layout.

Anne Green was the speaker at our January meeting, on the topic 'Stories in Stone' a book she is writing for the Launceston City Council, for the Bi-Centenary Celebrations Project "Its about Us 2006", on the history of Launceston.

Congratulations must go to Barrie Robinson and Marie Gatenby on receiving Branch Awards. Barrie spends many hours working on our Branch eHeritage Project and Marie has been our hard working Research Officer for the past few years.

Would members please note that the date of our Annual General Meeting has been brought forward a week, due to Anzac Day.

## Meetings and Workshops:

### Tuesday 28 March,

Workshop: Putting Flesh on the Bones: Other Research Sources in our Library.

### Tuesday 18 April, AGM:

Speaker, Ivan Badcock 'Early History in the Northern Area'.

### Tuesday 23 May, Workshop:

Family History Programs for Computer, such as Brothers Keeper or Family Tree Maker.

**Cost \$5.00**

*Registration Compulsory.* ●

# New Competitions

## Tasmanian Ancestry

### Journal Article Award

The State Executive is pleased to announce that the Society will be conducting a new competition. An award will be presented annually for the best article in *Tasmanian Ancestry* for the year, commencing this year with Volume 26 No's 1-4.

The articles will be judged on the guidelines specified in the editorial page of each journal.

The Journal Committee will filter the articles and one article from each volume will be submitted to the May State Executive meeting where the winner will be selected.

The award, in the form of a framed certificate, will be presented at the **Annual General Meeting on the 17th June 2006.**

### To be introduced at the Annual General Meeting

- **Family Chart Competition**  
—In alternate years commencing in 2006.
- **Short Story Award**  
—In alternate years commencing in 2007.

## Looking Back

### Margaret McKenzie (Member No 47)

Our Launceston Branch's 25th anniversary has passed but I am still in the past. After an enjoyable gathering at Judy WHISH-WILSON's I decided to have a look through copies of the old *Tasmanian Ancestry*. It took several days.

I was pie-eyed after reading part of 10 years worth when there was a knock on the door. Close relatives from far away, one asked if the new pine box in the lounge room was my old glory box. Not so, I showed her my stash of family history information gathered over 30 years. She said "You're just like our daughter, she files everything away too but I can't be bothered with all that family rubbish!" I guess it takes all sorts to make the world go around. Anyway why I was pie-eyed was mainly because of the tiny printing of some early articles. Number three son wandered past and suggested I use a magnifying glass. Thanks to the volunteers the Journal has always been a good read.

Now for a selection of what I found, a bit of a dog's dinner to be honest. In 1980 the first journal had a list of the Foundation Members for the Society, 99 were quick off the mark to make it.

I had my first request for help about Great-Grandmother Mary KEOGH's KENNEDY family of Westbury. I'm still none the wiser about where they came from or how they arrived in Van Diemen's Land.

The 3rd edition that year had an article and a very involved explanation from the author about a project he was doing. He said the data details were like a knitting pattern. Fair Isle I reckon, I never mastered that either.

1982 was a big year for our branch. We scored a small room at Carr Villa for our

library. I know some people looked at us rather strangely when they found out. They couldn't equate graves and books. Opening day found Judy PARNELL, Karlana NAGLE, Geoff RAPLEY, Ray BASSETT, Alma RANSON and I coping in that small area, no room to swing a cat. I hope I haven't missed anyone out.

I also wrote my first piece for the *Tasmanian Ancestry* and said I was spitting chips because I couldn't find a birth date for John LAMB, my Scottish great-grandfather. Years later I found a match, birth year, marriage banns to Margaret MARSHALL, children's names with surnames for 2nd names all tallied. My grandfather they named John Marshall Lamb. Then many years later Helen STUART borrowed an old friendship book belonging to an M L and gave me a copy of Lamb names in it. Most of them were mine but who were the others including Grandmother who died on March 15th 1882? Was she Mary MACKIESON or Margaret BUCHAN, who were the mothers of John and Margaret Lamb? I always thought they stayed put in Scotland. Hang in there long enough like Thelma GRUNNELL, Volume 26, No 3, 2005 and something will surface.

The FRENCH / BADCOCK Reunion was an interesting read, imagine having 23 children in one family.

Theo SHARPLES' piece about being taken to task for washing nappies on a Sunday because her Methodist Grandmother never did that at Waratah, took me back there, where I grew up. We were Methodists too but not strict; my Mother, Win BROWN, washed any fine day that came along. If we saw rain coming from the direction of Mount Pearse we headed for the clothes lines.

Old habits die hard—these days I still “read” the clouds and head for my line if rain comes over Beauty Point and Middle Arm.

You can learn something every day: in 1983 a forthcoming get together was advertised, to quote “The descendants are planning a Muster” (you cannot have a **reunion** if people have not met before). I looked for .... So There, it was missing!

I was particularly interested to read an article about William PAINE, painter and decorator who ended up at Waratah. I have often wondered who painted a forbidding likeness of “Philosopher” SMITH high above the stage of the Athenaeum Hall—Mr Paine did. I haven’t found out who “touched” up the portrait years later. Sacrilege?

Fund raising for the Launceston Branch included a Cakeless Cake Stall, I guess all the ladies voted “Aye” for that.

On the last page of that issue (No 2) Frances TRAVERS contributed a piece from the *Mercury* 1862 about why so many children died and why our old cemeteries are filled with short graves. The writer also had a swipe at candies, rich food, tea, coffee, and alcoholic drink. The most fury was directed at tobacco, the paragraph finished as follows: “It is said that the Fiji cannibals have become wiser than to kill tobacco users for the purpose of food, for they find it impossible to eat them, so saturated have they become with the poisonous drug! etc, etc.”

One article I really enjoyed in ‘83 was in issue (No 2), *The Day We Lost Grandpapa* by D GEAR. In St Catherine’s House with steamed up glasses she looked up to find Dylan Thomas “roly poly pearly American lady” standing beside her asking for help. Read it!

In the same issue was an epitaph from Lancashire. “Here lies a father of 29. There would have been more but he didn’t have time.”

In 1990 the journal had a wide variety of information including a piece from Maree RING about picking oakum. I can think of other things I’d rather do. Leonie CARPENTER had a very informative piece about names and the middle two pages were devoted to a family chart. One book review was about the French / Badcock family book, it was a heavy weight, 600 pages and weighing two and a half kilograms.

That’s it, I could pick pieces from the journals for ever. So many people involved, some sadly departed, friends and acquaintances leapt from the pages. I read about and remembered all the work put in by the branches to keep the Society and the Journal afloat.

The participants who lined up at the Albert Hall in Launceston for the 1991 Congress will never forget that event, and TAMIOT transcribing for instance. John McKENZIE has never forgotten the ground starting to give way under him at the Beaconsfield Cemetery on our one and only sortie with Alma and Co. To tie in with that, in *Tasmanian Ancestry* 1981 Vol 2 (No 2), I loved *Family Climacteridae* by Jacqueline JOHNSTONE, Audrey HUDSPETH and Neil CHICK. I laughed until I shed a tear or two.

As Mr (What WAS his name ? ) used to say in *Are You Being Served* ? “You’ve all done very well.” ●

#### Advertisement—Wanted

Respectable, strong girl, help with housework. Sunday holiday. Mrs BUSHMAN, 52 Frankland St.

*Launceston Examiner*, July 1982

## Launceston's Immigration Societies of the 1850s

Kevin Green

There must be a determined effort made by the wealthy colonists to obtain a supply of labour from Britain. The cream of the agricultural counties of England may be secured if the proper means are adopted... Multitudes of the finest specimens of moral heroism, patient and plodding industry, and strict integrity, are only kept in England because they cannot raise the sum necessary to defray the charge of transporting their elder relations and young offspring to these regions, where the labouring man cannot know what want is, and where prospects of his family are as certain as they are cheerful. *The Examiner* editorial 8 November 1853.

What differentiates this editorial from numerous others on the same subject is that it was written after the formation of the Launceston Immigration Aid Society and was in effect a public relations exercise to promote that Society. The need for labour following the exodus of large numbers to the Goldfields was obvious enough; but it was the plight of the rural labourers in the Eastern Counties of England (Norfolk, Suffolk and Essex) as detailed by Rev Benjamin DRAKE (an Independent clergyman newly arrived from Terling, Essex) in discussions with Rev John WEST that provided the catalyst which was to bring about a new means of promoting immigration and which led to the formation of the Launceston Immigration Aid Society and the St Andrew's Immigration Society.

The "proper means" envisaged by John WEST, Henry DOWLING, Henry BUTTON, F A DU CROZ and others forming the L I A S at a meeting held in *The Examiner* office on 5 November 1853 was that the larger landowners would contribute the initial funds to

enable the recruitment of impoverished family groups "to transport from the old country to the new" where it could be expected that "for a time they will continue labourers; their children will soon become useful; ... their wages will enable every fraction of the cost of conveyance advanced by the employer; and as the seasons roll on they will gradually become the productive tenants of their original masters."

The 15 founders of the Launceston Immigration Aid Society each subscribed 100 pounds (£100)—providing a sum sufficient for the payment of deposits for 80 family and 60 single Government Bounty tickets; to employ Rev Benjamin Drake to return to England and carry out recruitment of labourers; and for the provision of the emigrants' outfit for the voyage.

The St Andrew's Immigration Society (formed under the auspices of the St Andrew's Society already active in Launceston and northern districts) boasted a membership of "82 of our most respected colonists with a paid up subscription list of 3,450 pounds (£3,450)"—sufficient to provide for the immigration of 110 families and 305 single immigrants. "Great difficulty was experienced in procuring an Agent suitable for the important task of selecting the proper description of persons required by the colony, this being considered of paramount importance for the efficiency of the scheme, and to avoid the evils induced by the indiscriminate mode of forwarding emigrants to these colonies, as adopted by the Park Street Commissioners." The Society resorted to public advertisements for an agent but the difficulty in obtaining an agent "was met, by Mr [Joseph] BONNEY

placing his services gratuitously at the disposal of the Society."

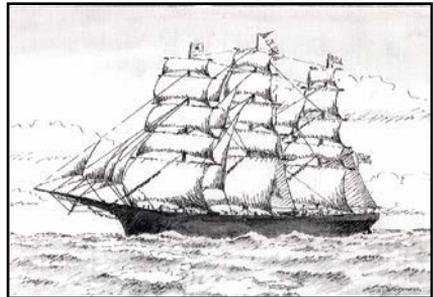
Agents from Van Diemen's Land had carried out recruiting activities previously (Bonney himself had been one) but never on such an extensive scale. Drake, as might be expected, concentrated his activities in the eastern Counties; the immigrants by the *Whirlwind* (arriving Launceston 31 March 1855) were mainly tradesmen from Essex and farm labourers from Norfolk and Suffolk. Bonney was given instructions as to the emigrants required by the St Andrew's Immigration Society:

In the Highlands you will find the men best adapted for shepherds, and the women as rough house servants suitable for farmers; while in the Lothians and other counties the most expert ploughmen and in-door servants are procurable.

But some family histories available suggest that the recruiting from among displaced rural workers was not uncommon. Family history sources also provide some details of the experiences of the immigrants following the arrival in Launceston of the *Commodore Perry* (4 Apr 1855 with 312 immigrants for the St Andrew's Immigration Society), *Montmorency* (28 Jun 1858-78), *Storm Cloud* (27 Aug 1855: 358), *Ben Nevis* (9 Oct 1855: 51) *John Bell* (arriving Hobart 4 Dec 1855: 104) and the *Mermaid* (13 Feb 1856: 41). Typically the immigrant was employed by members of the immigration societies which as well as providing for the well-being of the immigrant facilitated the repayment to the Societies of the advances made to the immigrant.

These repayments provided the societies with funds to undertake a second wave of recruitment (the Government contribution to the Bounty coming from debentures secured by the

Land Fund). Rev Benjamin Drake was able to relate success stories of the *Whirlwind* immigrants to achieve his recruitment target for immigrants by the *Southern Eagle* (arriving Launceston 28 Aug 1857 with 263 immigrants) and the *Trade Winds* (arriving Hobart 22 Feb with 131 immigrants for the Launceston Immigration Society and 150 immigrants for the Hobart town Immigration Society also selected by Drake). The St Andrew's Immigration Society's immigrants, recruited on a more general basis and again exclusively from Scotland were despatched by the *Broomielaw* (1 Apr 1857 — 259 immigrants) and the *Forest Monarch* (21 Jul 1857 — 1830).



The Commodore Perry  
Copied by Roy H Bates (1993) from a photocopy of  
a watercolour by John Wilson, 19th century

The successful placement of these immigrants and the subsequent repayments enabled the St Andrew's Immigration Society to recruit a further batch of immigrants from Scotland 1859-60. The *Broomielaw* returned to Launceston on 20 November 1859 with 225 immigrants to be followed by the *Indiana* on 24 Apr 1860 with a further 234 immigrants. Amid public concern over the costs involved and the quality of some of the immigrants both societies carried out a final recruitment of immigrants but on a smaller scale. The *Solway* (immigrants arriving via Melbourne on 19 Aug 1862) and the

*Netherby* (via Melbourne on 19 Aug 1862) carried the final 70 immigrants, all from Norfolk, for the Launceston Immigration Aid Society and the Lady *Egidia* arrived in Launceston on 19 Apr 1862 with 236 immigrants from Scotland.

"I have seen them pass from their settled homes in England, through all the excitement of preparation for embarkment and dangers of the voyage, to the commencement of their Colonial life," the Rev Drake of the L I A S immigrants in 1861; but what in 1991 do we know of these immigrants? One thing is certain; the societies have long been regarded as being amongst the most successful immigrant to Tasmania. "By what efforts of Mr Drake and the St Andrew's Society," wrote Henry BUTTON in *Flotsam and Jetsam*, "a considerable number of intelligent, respectable, and valuable domestic and farm servants, with their families, were introduced into the colony.... Most of the families remained permanently in Tasmania and became successful and respected settlers." Biographies of some of these settlers appear in the *Cyclogedia of Tasmania* (especially Vol II) and their reputation as successful settlers was further enhanced by reunions in 1905 celebrating the jubilee of the arrival of the *Whirlwind* and the *Commodore Perry*. Family history research will continue to add to our knowledge of these immigrants; their origins; the circumstances leading to their emigration as well as their colonial experience. Perhaps by the Sesqui-centenary (2005) the accumulated information will enable a comprehensive examination of these immigrants and an assessment of their significance to the development of Tasmania (and beyond). ●

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## Early Launceston

### Miss Miranda Morris-Nunn

A transcript of a talk given to the Launceston Branch in 1981. Extracted from *Tasmanian Ancestry* Vol 9 No 3, 1988.

In Launceston, we are blessed with a wealth of documentary information in the way of newspapers, as the second half of the last century boasted at least two and usually three main Launceston papers, each trying to publish information ignored by others. For example, the *Cornwall Chronicle* promoted the Waverly Woollen Mills while *The Examiner* hardly mentioned them. *The Examiner* on the other hand devoted its best pages for over a year to the Launceston-Deloraine railway scheme.

Prior to this blossoming of public information, every decision went through the bureaucratic process so that we can discover the most trifling details through the historical records of Australia and the correspondence book of the Colonial Secretary's office. Wonderful aids to site investigation, are the Assessment Rolls to be found in the *Hobart Town Gazettes* from about 1853.

The task is made much easier by the fact that there is a definite starting date for the study. Before Paterson arrived with his small group of people, there was no industry here. As soon as they appeared on the scene, food had to be produced and buildings erected. The methods used were medieval, far cruder than the sophisticated ones being built in England. Paterson's party was provided with basic provisions, a couple of frame houses, a herd of Bengali cattle, rum and grain. Paterson began to plant vegetables as soon as they reached dry land, surrounding the plants with lime mixture to discourage

the unfamiliar grubs. The cattle nearly all died of exposure. The hides were put into tannin in the casks which had to be used for salt fish and meat and the resulting leather was used for moccasins.

Because of infighting between the powers that be, it was not until the early 1820s that Launceston became the main settlement of Northern Tasmania. Like the other early Australian settlements, it lacked skilled tradesmen. Roads were unspeakably rough, wheelwrights were rare. Three enterprising men built a boat to travel between George Town and Launceston as it was far easier to travel by boat than land.

Launceston was first selected as a site for settlement because of its sheltered position and the luscious green pastures it offered to the poor, dying Bengali cattle. These cows rated so highly in Paterson's list of priorities that little attention was given to the provision of drinking water for the human population. For many years, the only means of obtaining water was by boat from the First Basin and the cost of this was enormous and it was a joke in Hobart in the 1820s that Launceston was unable to get a temperance movement off the ground for want of fresh water.

In 1825, a pump was erected on planks over the North Esk River at the bottom of George Street and another near Hobbler's Bridge, a long way from the town centre. William TYSON, one of Launceston's most revered builders bored pumps out of hollow logs in the 1830s in his workshop in Elizabeth St near Princes Square. No really satisfactory arrangement was made

until 1834 and then it was almost by accident.

In 1833, Andrew SIBBALS built himself a water mill below the Giant's Grave in the Cataract Gorge. The adjacent land belonged to Roderick O'CONNOR who built too close to the water so that the whole wheel washed away in the seasonal floods. Undeterred, he re-built the mill at the mouth of the Gorge where RITCHIES Mill now stands. Though he was now safe from floods, he was also removed from his source of power and he then employed Archibald RUSSELL, a cooper, to bore wooden pipes which were erected along the cataract to the First Basin by Alexander and Thomas AIRD. The water superfluous to the needs of the mill was stored in a tank and sold to carters and ships. The miller, T W MONDS, reckoned that the sale of water at the Cataract Mill was two thousand pounds a year.

The Cataract Mill was by no means the first. A windmill was built on Garden Island by J SMITH in 1817 and was moved to the bottom of Margaret Street in the mid 1920's. It was a simple post mill as was the one on Windmill Hill built by Nathaniel LUCAS for Robert TOWERS. Both can be seen on LYTTLETON's sketch of Launceston in 1830.

A third windmill was owned by John TIBBS in Invermay approximately at the end of Mayne St, and Adam YATES built a water mill at Distillery Creek in 1821. This was pulled down in 1846 and the grander Albion Mill built by Mr GUILLAN.

A Mr CHARLTON built the Supply mills on West Tamar in 1825. The area was dense bush. The mill became an easy prey to bushrangers, two of whom (BEAVER and BRITTON) shot the miller, BARTLETT and his man. Their

bodies were discovered days later being devoured by pigs.

The mill was primitive and had to close down because of lack of water for several months of the year, but it was the place of training for apprentices, James SMITH, later dubbed the 'Philosopher' who discovered tin at Mt Bischoff, and T V MONDS who later became one of Launceston's most important millers.

Britton, one of the bushrangers who shot Miller, had been one of the servants assigned to William BARNES, a Cheshire brewer who in 1824 set up the Port Dalrymple Brewery at the bottom end of Margaret St. He managed to persuade others that he was not making any profits, but within months had erected a brewhouse thirty feet and fifteen feet, twelve feet high, and an even larger malt barn with a granary over it. The buildings were all of sawn timber, boarded and shingled. He added a 16 feet high kiln, twelve feet square, built of brick, and a few months later built another malt barn with another granary over the top.

Distillery Creek lived up to its name when James TOWERS, whose brother erected the Windmill Hill Mill, produced his Caledonian Spirits. It was so remote that the Inspector had difficulty keeping an eye on the business. Before being banned altogether, Colonial Distillers were almost taxed out of existence and Towers went into the brewing business with the establishment of the Caledonian Brewery in Lyttleton St.

Barnes quit while he was ahead and leased his brewery to BUTTON and WADDELL. GARRARD erected another brewery in Paterson St near the quarry in the 1830s. John FAWNS arrived in 1827 and commenced brewing in a small shed near the river bank. He later opened the Cornwall Brewery in William St. SCOTT and GRIFFIN opened their

Tamar Brewery in 1851 near Canal St. There were others too, but they were all absorbed when they were taken over by James BOAG who purchased the Esk Brewery from C S BUTTON in 1881.

Launceston was not quite entirely alcoholic. In spite of its problematical water, Temperance Societies were forces to be reckoned with in the mid-nineteenth century and soft drinks were here to stay. J G TOWERS (perhaps the same Towers who had moved from spirits to a brewery) opened an Aerated Water and Lemonade Manufactory at the corner of Charles and Brisbane Sts in the 1850s and a Mr RAWLINGS set up an aerated water factory in George St in the same year. This became an extensive enterprise when it was purchased by W E THREWER (having been in the hands of Robert McKENZIE and Peter BARRETT). He offered, among other things, 'Temperance Champagne' and by the turn of the century when it belonged to G P MILSOM, the output was 1,000 bottles daily.

HARRIS' cordial factory in Paterson St, erected in 1879, became ABBOTTS PHOENIX CORDIAL factory and was only demolished in 1974.

Most of Launceston's early buildings were made of timber. Trees would have been dragged down by bullocks and then pitsawn to size. The first brick buildings, the Granary, St Johns Church, the Cornwall Hotel, REIBY's Store were made from bricks moulded and fired on site by itinerant brick-makers. This meant that beside each of the grand edifices there were often ugly pits as was Princes Square until the 1850's. The Brickfields in Launceston, between Margaret and Bathurst Sts were used as a local dumping ground and even carcasses were thrown on it. The stench was said to be awful.

As roads improved, it became easier for brickmakers to erect their machinery on their own sites and a whole community of brickmakers mushroomed in the Glen Dhu, Sandhill and Westbury Road areas. When the Launceston City Council issued contracts for large sewerage pipes, it was here that Alfred CORNWALL (later John CAMPBELL) and MCHUGH set up their works.

Hygiene in the nineteenth century was an immense problem. The Abattoirs were situated in Upton Street, South Launceston. Only cattle were killed there as sheep and pigs were slaughtered on the butcher's premises. Henry BUTTON remembered terrified animals being driven through the centre of town by men on horseback, scaring the daylight out of the local shoppers who would run into the shops. Stray animals would be found in the cemetery, the church and the waterhole in the Brickfield.

Hides were picked up from the butchers and abattoirs by the tanners of the town; TURNERS in Lower Elizabeth Street, BUTTON in Wellington Street, GARDNER and McKENZIE in Wellington Street and others. They were scraped then soaked in pits of wattle bark tannin which turned the hides a reddish colour peculiar to Australia. Many of the tanneries collected their own bark, sending men in boats up the Forth River. They then mulled it on their own premises. Some of them extended their operation and opened boot and shoe factories.

Meat from the Abattoirs would go to butchers and smallgoods manufacturers like Leonard BENDER and John JOYCE. Old and broken animals were boiled down for tallow at the Tasmanian Soap and Candle Manufactory, ANDERSON and MITCHELL, soap and candle makers, and EVANS Soap and Candle Manufactory. Soap for many

years was a mixture of tallow and ash from barilla obtained from the Bass Strait Islands.

Candles were a necessity. They were less repulsive than tin bowls of mutton fat with rag wicks which graced the homes of many. The meagre light given out scarcely made the stench worthwhile. Street lighting was almost non-existent and people took their lives into their own hands when they ventured out after dark. Horrendous tales were told of people breaking limbs and drowning in drains.

Benjamin HYRONS, determined to open his *Angel Inn* with a degree of glamour, used refuse to light the rooms with gas in 1845, fifteen years before the Launceston Gas Company illuminated the town's streets and two hundred homes. These gaslights, which seemed to turn night into day when they were introduced, appeared positively gloomy when electric lighting was introduced to the streets in 1895. It was one of the first towns in the Southern Hemisphere to be lit by hydro electricity and the Duck Reach Power Station is of national importance.

Many other industries have not been mentioned here, not because they are not important, but because they are topics in themselves. There are our woollen mills, transport, mining. The field is very wide and the topics endless. ●

### **Emu Bay** (from our own correspondent)

A Tasmanian maid was ironing out the flounces of a new ball dress at a coast hotel, when *he* came wooing. Unfortunately the tender passion was not reciprocatory, and his experience of that flat iron stifled every emotion to disguise his feelings under a lard mask for the remainder of the holidays. .

Devon Herald, July 10, 1885.

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## Once upon a House of God

### Jenny Gill (Member No 400)

Once upon a time there were no religious houses in Launceston nor were there any clergymen. It was not until 1811 that the settlement of Launceston was attended by a clergyman of any particular calling and it was in February that year that the first recorded baptisms took place. It was in this month that the Rev Robert KNOPWOOD of Hobart paid a "quick" visit to the north of the colony, baptising and marrying as the settlers queued beneath the trees with their families.

Unfortunately for the townsfolk, Mr Knopwood did not return to the north until early 1814. Hence there was a backlog of couples waiting for a church marriage with their children in attendance. In 1818 the Rev John YOUL took up residence in Launceston and extended his pastoral care as far north as Port Dalrymple and south into the Midlands. Mr Youl made use of an old blacksmith's shop in Cameron Street and kept an account of ceremonies performed.

Records of these and Mr Knopwood's visits may be found at the beginning of the registers of St John's Church, Launceston, available on microfilm at the Archives Office of Tasmania (AOT) and the Northern Regional Library (NRL)

Following the establishment of the Church of England in Launceston, other religious bodies attempted to put down roots of faith in the town. Some of their buildings have survived on original sites and others have disappeared or have re-cycled. However it was not until the Church Act of 1837 that other denominations were 'officially' permitted to set up a church and worship within the colony. The Act was intended to

provide assistance for land accession and clergymen's salaries.

One group of Independents, led by the Rev Charles PRICE, built in Tamar Street in 1837. He conducted a grammar school for boys there during the week. Price died in August 1891 and in 1895 a new chapel was built next door. Early in 1920 the old chapel closed and was eventually demolished. An extension of the City Park covers this site. The second chapel became known as the Price Memorial Chapel. In later years it has been used by members of the community and the Free Reformed Church, it has also been a small theatre and is presently the Design Centre of Tasmania.

Price also built the Wycliffe Chapel in 1848. A small place on a site of St John Street and used by some elderly of his flock. In 1859 a group of six faithful Methodists introduced the 'Primiive' persuasion to Launceston and used the Wycliffe Chapel until 1862. The building, closed in 1900, is now hidden by others on the street level but Vincent Street goes up past the chapel which has had many tenants and is at present a merchant's bulk-store.

The records of these chapels are available through the NRL and the Queen Victoria Museum and Art Gallery (QVM).

The Church of Rome entered the colonial scene around 1837. Father Ambrose COTHAM began his ministry in spite of the Church of England and the foundation stone of St Joseph's Church was laid in March 1839 on land in Margaret Street. This building was replaced in 1866 by the Church of the Apostles.

St Joseph's records can be found on microfiche at the AOT as "Launceston—Roman Catholic Churches".

The Methodists were a wide-spread, divided group having many temporary chapels. Wesleyan missionaries had been in VDL from 1820 with permission from Gov SORELL to preach to the needs of the common people (the convicts). Gov ARTHUR also encouraged these missionaries and early meetings were held under the trees on Windmill Hill. The Rev J HUTCHINSON arrived in Launceston in 1826 and built a small chapel and parsonage in Cameron Street, near the corner of George St. This was sold within two years when the Wesleyan Missionary Society withdrew its support. The chapel became a Charity School. The Church of England eventually took over the site in 1842. The Wesleyans left Launceston for a few years and returned in 1832, with the Rev J A MANTON of the Wesleyan Missionary Society appointed as resident minister. He was granted a parcel of land in Paterson Street on the north side between St John and Charles Streets. The foundation stone was laid in April 1835 and the Wesleyan Chapel was opened the following year with lodging for a caretaker and a school room attached. This chapel has become the parish hall for the bigger church built next door in 1868.

Records are held at the QVM with some at AOT.

A small Chapel opened for the Methodists near the corner of Margaret and Balfour Streets in January 1837. A Sunday School was built next door in Balfour Street in 1858 and when the congregation outgrew the chapel, services took place in the school. In 1917 the Balfour Street School was remodelled to be the church and the

Margaret Street chapel became the new school.

Registers can be viewed now at the AOT on microfilm.

In 1896 a small Methodist chapel was built in Mulgrave Street. The building has had many users since its closure shortly after 1911

Records are lodged at the AOT.

The Primitive Methodists were firmly established in Launceston by 1862 having used the Wycliffe Chapel since 1859. They opened a church for their congregation in August 1862, which was the large brick building in Frederick Street. After many years of service it was closed by the Methodist Union in 1942 and some time after that the City Mission, located in new premises next door, took over the old church as a meeting hall.

The "Prims" registers are now at the AOT and can be used on microfilm copies. They cover baptisms Jul 1859 to Mar 1942, marriages 12 Feb 1862 to 28 Mar 1942.



St Andrew's Presbyterian Church - 1850

In 1833 the Scotch National Church was built in Lower Charles Street. The opening was held on 13 October at 11am, there having been a meeting of the faithful the evening before for the letting of pews; rent £1 per annum. The congregation moved into a new building in Paterson Street in December 1850. The old church in Charles Street

housed the Telegraph Printery for many years and now it is used by the legal firm of Archer Bushby.

Early records are held by AOT, others by the NRL.

Towards the end of 1846 members of the Christian Union ministers of religion and local businessmen met to put into action a plan to erect a Bethel Chapel on the wharf for the benefit of seamen who visited the port. Completed by January 1847, the Chapel was open for Divine Service free of debt, on Sunday 7 February at 3 o'clock, the Rev Charles Price being the preacher. No records exist from the activities of this chapel and it is doubtful if any were kept. The chapel which was situated just behind the end of St John Street had only a short life and no records of ceremonies exist. The Chapel was removed many years ago and much wharf and road development has taken place.

St Paul's Church stood in Cleveland Street, off Charles Street and before October 1854 had been part of St John's Church of England. On 15th of that month St Paul's became a parish in its own right and has been the only Launceston church to have its own burial ground. St Paul's served the local community until 1975 when it was demolished to make way for extension to the Launceston General Hospital. The furnishings and fittings, including the stained glass windows, were transported to Low Head and installed in the little chapel of St-Paul-by-the-Sea. A new chapel of St Paul has been opened since within the hospital in Launceston.

Old St Paul's records are lodged at the AOT with bound photocopies and microfilm available. Copies of the Burial Ground records can be used at the NRL.

The Rev Henry Dowling brought the Baptist calling to Launceston in 1834 and in December 1840 opened the first Baptist Chapel in York Street. The congregation prospered but it was not until 1883 that the chapel closed and the congregation moved into premises in Cimitiere Street. This new building, opened in May 1884, was known as the Launceston Baptist Tabernacle and the Rev William WHITE was in charge at the time. The Baptists moved again, this time to Duncan house in Brisbane Street and then in the 1980s moved into Christ Church in Frederick Street. The York Street building is at present a curtain factory and shop, Cimitiere Street is now the Postal Institute and Brisbane Street has been converted for commercial purposes.

Baptist records are held at AOT. Only a few registers from York Street chapel are available on microfilm, Baptisms 1843-1898 and marriages 1843-1895 with later books missing; one of the pastors having left town in hurry, so the story goes.

In 1875 Henry REED, a merchant and a member of a group of Christians of no particular denomination, purchased Parr's Hotel and Skittle Alley in Wellington Street and "converted" them into the Christian Mission Church. This served a growing congregation for several years until 1885 when a new building was opened next door as Reed Memorial Church. Some years later the congregation embraced the Baptist calling and the records of the Christian Mission are in the care of the Baptist Union.

Over the years all manner of other buildings have been used temporarily by preachers of one denomination or another, from old stables to sheds to private homes and even the old Courthouse in Cameron Street. Nearly all these have long since disappeared.

The thing which has lasted longest alongside the present "permanent" buildings is the people's faith, their religious community and the records of their being part of Launceston's social development. ●

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## Obituary Rev Charles Price

PRICE, Charles, minister of the Tamar St Independent Church, died at his residence, aged 84 years. For 55 years pastor of the Independent Church, Tamar St, Launceston.

Born London 21 Nov 1807, boyhood spent in Coventry. Married Christine BROGDEN on 3 Apr 1832. Travelled on *Princess Royal*, chartered to carry the first free immigrants to Hobart Town—ship was driven ashore in Frederick Henry Bay.

Started on 17 September in a gig on a week's trip to Launceston with Capt JACOB of the Bombay artillery, Mrs Price following with Mr COX. First preached in the old Court House, Cameron St. Leaves widow and three surviving children: Rev CSY Price and daughter, Mrs Rev A W WHITNEY, Baptist Minister, Castlemaine and one unmarried daughter. *Launceston Examiner*, 5 August 1891 [p4 c1 & c2]

Rev William LAW of Christ Church, officiated. Deacons of the Tamar St Church, Mayor S J SUTTON, Messrs W GURR & D ROOM snr; Ministers Revs C H YOUNG, R Nugent KELLY, A CASS, W LAW, F Neale, J H MILLARD, WHEEN, J LYLE, ANTHONY, D S BRUNTON, VINSON, & MARTIN. Pastors A J CLARKE and WHITE and E MARSHALL (City Missionary) and Archdeacon HALES.

In the same grave as daughter Catherine Ann Price who died in 1851 at 12yrs.

*Launceston Examiner* 7 August 1891 [p4 c1]. See also 10 Aug, p3 c2

## New Launceston Post Office

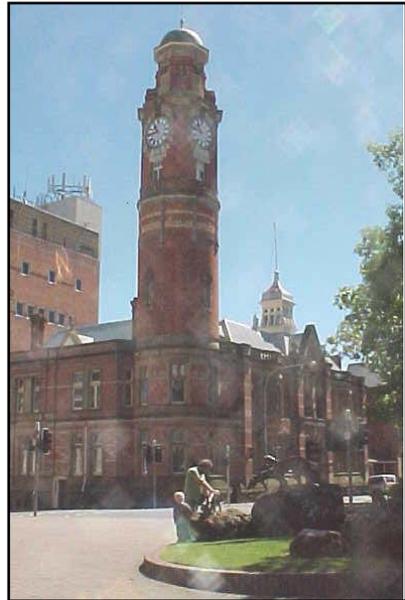
After taking nearly five years to erect, and costing, with the land (£5,000), some £23,500), the new Post-office for Launceston is at last ready for occupation.

With the appearance of the outside of the building, more especially the tower, the public is already painfully familiar, therefore little need be said on that point, except perhaps to express a hope that the mellowing hand of time may subdue the glaring colouring of the building, and that by some means the present tower may be partially destroyed and re-built with great pretensions to architectural symmetry and artistic taste. The interior arrangements unfortunately are not allowing much room, and, worse still, the lighting has been sacrificed to decorative "fads."

On the left hand side of the entrance to the central quadrangle is the Telegraph office, which is a sufficiently large and well lighted room, containing five desks and a counter; next to this is a room for the chief telegraph clerk, and behind that again a clerks' room and lavatory. On the right of the entrance is the finest room in the building, which is *mirabile dictum!* reserved for the Postmaster-General, who will possibly use it for a few hours once or twice a year, and probably not at all. This would have made an admirable money order office.

On the left of the quadrangle we have the money order office, which is at present so dark that gas will have to be burnt for at least seven or eight months in the year. It is said that an effort is to be made by means of more tinkering and expense to introduce more daylight, but we fail to see how this can be satisfactorily accomplished. The room itself and the fittings leave nothing to be desired.

Behind is a large office for the money order clerks. Through a very narrow, almost pitch dark, passage we arrive at the post-master's room, which, once discovered, is a pleasant, lofty apartment, though any unwary visitor would be apt on leaving it to pitch headlong down a narrow winding staircase leading down to the



basement, which is directly opposite the door. Another door leads from the postmaster's into the mailroom, which we are pleased to be able to say is as near perfection as possible, as there is ample space and light, and all the fittings are complete. Only one delivery window will be in ordinary use, though arrangements will be made to have another available on an emergency. At the end of the mailroom is a small room with 103 private boxes, opening into the quadrangle and the newspaper room.

The mails will be lifted directly from the carts into the mailroom though by the

way the architect in his wisdom, has made the gates too narrow to admit of the passage of an ordinary float, so the mail contractor has had to be granted an extra subsidy in order to enable him to have a specially narrow cart constructed, which looks somewhat like a coffin wheels, and for ugliness well matches the top of the tower. At this end of the mailroom are situated the room and lavatories for the messengers.

Opening into the balcony which runs round the quadrangle on the first floor are the telegraph operators' rooms, and offices public telephone exchange, poked away in a dark corner, fumigating chamber, lavatories, and the office-keeper's apartments.

On the roof is the flag cupola, though it will be of little use, as it will be next to impossible to see the flags or balls without going close up to the Post Office. The flagstaff should have been on the tower instead of the present "variegated extinguisher."

The quadrangle looks extremely well, and will be much improved by the addition of the fountain which it is hoped and believed a public-spirited citizen intends to present, at all events, the pipes, etc, are all laid for it.

On descending to the basement by a narrow, breakneck staircase, we come to the strong room, which, though it may do for a coal cellar, or to stow records in, is much too inconvenient if placed for the purpose for which it was intended, and in addition is anything but perfectly secure. This necessitates a further expenditure for two large safes to be placed in the mailroom where, of course, the strong room should have been constructed.

Though the building is in many respects a fine one, and the workmanship and material excellent, reflecting the greatest credit on the contractors,

Messrs J & T Gunn, we cannot but think that for the sum expended a more commodious, if less decorative, building could have been erected. ●

*Launceston Examiner*, 25th September, 1890 p4 c1.

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This afternoon the ceremony of opening the Victoria Museum and Art Gallery will be performed by His Excellency the Governor at 3.30 o'clock, and as a great deal of interest is being taken in the event, a large attendance is expected. The number of cards of admission was limited to 300, the available space not being enough to accommodate more, and all have been applied for. The number and quality of the exhibits are much better than might have been expected, and under the energetic supervision of Mr A MORTON, Curator of the Hobart Museum, they have been displayed in a manner that will come as a surprise to the spectators. In the evening at 8 o'clock His Excellency will preside at the meeting of the Natural Science Association of Northern Tasmania at the Mechanics' Institute.

*Launceston Examiner*, 29 Apr 1891 [p2 c5]

### Inaugural Ceremony

The Municipal Council and citizens of Launceston have reason to feel proud of the auspicious inauguration yesterday of her latest institution, which will rank second to none in its important influences on the future culture and intellectual progress of the city, as well as the development of the mineral resources of the northern districts of Tasmania. In all young countries the arduous task of overcoming the rude forces of nature and conquering the wilderness for industrial settlement, leaves little leisure for the cultivation of the muses, for devotion to the fine arts, and to those higher and more refined pursuits which belong to the advanced stage of civilisation, and the growth of a class who can afford to spend their days in lettered ease. But though few colonial cities have yet reached this stage, a good beginning has been

made in all the chief centres of population in establishing those store-houses of scientific research and artistic culture, which combine with the traces of the remote and receding past the models for advancement of the ever expanding future. In a well appointed modern museum there are presented in remarkable contrast to the view of the visitor all the scientific links in the natural developments of the past, the indices of the scientific and art culture of the present, with the model and groundwork of the future. The founders of such institutions are the pioneers of intellectual culture, who leave the ground ready for others who follow to sow and reap.

Various circumstances combined to render the proceedings of yesterday a signal success and be invertible inaugural ceremony with some degree of *éclat*. The weather was a typical Tasmanian autumn day, with a blue sky, and just that degree of coolness which braces the nerves and creates buoyancy of feeling. Among the assemblage in the Art Gallery there was a plentiful sprinkling of ladies, and a fairly representative muster of the leading men of the city. By dint of untiring industry Mr Morton and his willing assistants had succeeded in accomplishing marvels, and the classification reflected infinite credit alike on their excellent judgment and judicious arrangement. From a personal knowledge of most of the museums in the Australian colonies, we are justified in saying that there are few if any that have been begun more auspiciously, and with better promises of future success. Launceston is fortunate in profiting by the lessons of experience in other places. Though our Museum does not start fully equipped, it begins on

definite lines, and at least with symmetry of design, harmony of general details, and as much completeness as is compatible with present requirements and possibilities. We must not despise the day of small things. During the first year of the existence of the British Museum, the daily average attendance was only 45. Now on holiday occasions it often numbers 50,000 in a single day. The experience in connection with the great national museums of Oxford, Dresden, Vienna, Munich, St Petersburg, and the Louvre has been the same. Last year there were nearly a million and a half visitors to the South Kensington Museum, and nearly a million at the British Museum. But the utility of such an institution cannot be reliably gauged by that criterion. A single individual, after spending a few hours in the mineral department may carry away enough knowledge to enable him to identify the presence of a valuable mineral deposit where it has previously lain undetected, and may in one discovery enrich thousands of people and give an enormous impetus to the industries and resources of the country. The artistic talent dormant in many youths, may be stimulated by the sight of the works of the greater masters, or the spirit of emulation inspired by the evidences of discoveries in the field of science. In short, the value of a national museum as an educative and refining agent can hardly be overestimated.

His Excellency the Governor, whose inaugural address was well suited to the occasion, was very felicitous in his references to this aspect of the question, and especially in his eloquent and graphic picture of the future of the institution.

### **The Opening Ceremony**

His Excellency the Governor (Sir R G C HAMILTON, KCB) accompanied by his

private secretary, Mr H W B ROBINSON and the Mayor arrived at the Museum at 8 o'clock, but before the time a large number of ladies and gentlemen had assembled outside the building. His Excellency was conducted to a seat at the western end of the Art Gallery. Upon his right were seated the Hon Thos REIBEY, Speaker of the House of Assembly, and the Mayor, and upon his left Alderman D SCOTT (MHA) and H EDGELL. Among those present beside these were the Hon H I ROOKE, MLC, W HARTNOLL MHA, Aldermen PANTON, CARTER and THROWER, Ven. Archdeacon HALES, Revs C PRICE and C ANTHONY. Mr C YUILL [sic] (Symmond's Plains) Dr PARDY, Messrs Jules JOUBERT, F FERGUSON, E WHITFIELD [sic], J W CAMPBELL (Collector of Customs) G W WATERHOUSE, W BARNES and other leading citizens.

The Mayor's speech: ... Let me give a brief history of the building. About two years ago it was undertaken by Messrs J & T GUNN, and the cost of the work was £5,000 which sum was granted by the Government in ... [see c2]

His Excellency's speech: ... Since I have had the honour and privilege of being Her Majesty's representative, this island has made very rapid strides forward in the direction of material progress. I would only refer to two directions in which this has been noticeable. When I came here four years ago there was hardly an inhabitant on the West Coast of Tasmania; now they are to be numbered by thousands, and they are engaged in developing an industry which I freely believe will turn out a very great source of wealth to the island. Then, again when I came here the fruit trade between Tasmania and London was almost non-existent, now we have had for weeks past some of the finest

steamers coming to Hobart and taking away thousands of cases of fruit. ... The foundation stone was laid by my friend Mr CARTER—who was then Mayor—in the year of the Queen's Jubilee, and the name of the gracious lady who presides over these dominions was adopted as part of the title of the building. ... Now one word as to this building. It is a very fine one and an ornament to the city. I think the site could not have been bettered. It stands in the grounds which I hope will before long will form the Botanical Gardens, stretching out toward the unrivalled Gorge where the South Esk discharges its waters into the Tamar. It is I consider, the very pick of Launceston, and, I believe that in time to come, after we have passed away, Launceston, in size and extent, will be something beyond our wildest dreams, and its visitors will be annually numbered by many thousand. These visitors, when they come up your beautiful river, and see this building, perhaps at that time greatly enlarged, and standing in the gardens, would naturally ask what the building is and why it is here, and I think that the inhabitants of Launceston in those days would feel proud, and say, "Our ancestors of the early days had the wit and wisdom to see that science and art should be encouraged, and wisely selected the pick of the available situations in Launceston for the gardens and Museum." [see c2-3]

### **Art Gallery**

The visitor upon entering the Art Gallery cannot fail to be struck with the display of pictures lining the walls of the apartment. The collection is an excellent one, comprising altogether upwards of 300 pictures, many of them valuable and notable works of art. The loan offers were so numerous that numbers had to be refused, there not being sufficient space available for their

accommodation. ... list of paintings and artists [see c3-4]

### **The Museum**

This display of objects of natural history and specimens generally embodied in the museum department is exceedingly creditable, considering the fact that the institution is at present only in its infancy. For this satisfactory state of affairs the trustees of the Launceston Mechanics' Institute are in a great measure to be thanked, they for years past have fostered the establishment of a museum within the walls of their building, and had it well stocked with specimens. The whole collection was handed over to the Municipal Council as trustees of the Victoria Museum and Art Gallery, and the nucleus of a good exhibition formed thereby. Donations and loans from private and other sources have swelled the list of specimens, and the result so far has proved most satisfactory. The large mineral trophy given by the trustees of the Mechanics' Institute occupies a prominent position in the Museum department, which is situated upon the ground floor of the building. ...

The most notable feature in that portion of the Museum devoted to the exhibition of specimens of mineralogy is part of the well known collection of Mr W F PETTERD of this city. [see c6-7]

### **Ornithology**

In this department Mr R F IRVINE has forwarded a valuable contribution in the form of a well arranged collection of Tasmanian birds. Mr T CARR has also sent a very credible assortment, while the collection of Mr W F PETTERD calls for especial attention. ... [see c7]

### **Entomology**

A choice collection of specimens of Australian beetles and butterflies has been loaned by Mr Augustus SIMSON. ... [see c7]

### Natural History

Grouped in a corner near the entrance are a number of specimens of Tasmanian mammals, such as native tigers, kangaroo and wallaby. ... [see c7]

### Miscellaneous

A considerable collection of articles of various description which goes towards the furnishing of a museum. ... [see c8] ●  
*Launceston Examiner*, 30 Apr 1891 [p3 c2-8]

### Old museum 'must go'

*The Examiner*, 14 Dec 2005, [p1&2]

What would our ancestors think? [Ed.]

### Who Are They?



Are you able to recognise any of these men? The man standing on the left, I believe is Richard James MOODY. If so the photo was probably taken at the Hobart Gas Co. A date written in pencil on the back of the photo states: 23 September, 1918.

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## Mount Direction Semaphore Relay Station

Anita Swan (Member No 3243)

Mount Direction is approximately halfway between Launceston and George Town. It is 368m high and from the summit one can see with the naked eye Mount George and Windmill Hill. Records of the 1800s show that Mount Direction was noted as ideal for a relay station for Northern Tasmania, 1 of 4 planned for the state. This Northern Semaphore would use an entirely different system than the Southern Semaphores.

The Tamar Valley Semaphore Association Inc has been tireless in its efforts to make both access and information available to the public. Recently a footbridge was installed across the railway line; this will reduce about 500 metres off the steepest part of the climb. For those of you who have not made the climb to the summit and viewed the ruins, believe me it is well worth the effort. Let me try to describe what you will experience.



The track to the summit is 2km long. A boardwalk 100 metres long leads on to a crushed shale path which continues at a medium grade climb to the footbridge over the railway line, from here the climb graduates to a strenuous walk to the summit.

The dwelling, now decayed and affected by bush fires is all that remains of the 6 room stone dwelling erected by a convict artisan from Launceston using locally quarried dolerite rock. Sandstone blocks from Launceston were used for windows and doorways while convict-made bricks were used for the chimneys. A pair of Cast Iron gates which have been restored hang proudly on the stone fence which surrounds the house.



It is hard to imagine, that in 1843, residing in this dwelling were 4 'Free' people and 6 convicts.

By 1848 residing in the stone dwelling were the signalman ('Free') his wife, 6 children and 1 convict. There were also 3 other wood dwellings these housed a total of 13 'Free' people and 5 convicts.



A path beside a dry stone wall leads to a well once used by the inhabitants of the Mountain. Early reports suggest that there was a permanent spring and research carried out confirms this. It is likely that digging of the well was a wet job but very encouraging for those who were stationed at the signal station. They did not need to go far for their water supply. Water quality at this location was almost certainly good, with perhaps no more than 200 parts per million of dissolved salts which is better than any modern bottled water. Due to changes on the mountain the well is now dry.



The semaphore mast located on Mount Direction is 18 metres high with a pair of arms 5 metres long which were controlled by chains.

Coded messages between the semaphore stations were sent using numbers. The positions of the arm represented a different number. Groups of numbers were used to signify a name, phrase or instruction. Codes of signals were regularly updated, published and distributed in Launceston. There was also a private code used to send personal and confidential messages but to date these code books have never been found.



Next to the semaphore mast is a stone cairn. These cairns were used by the early surveyors to compile a trigometrical survey of Tasmania.



Mount Direction became an Historic site in 1984 and still covers an area of 180ha.

I hope that I have convinced you to take the climb, and a walk back in time to visit the ruins of a locally quarried signal station cottage. ●

**Reference:** Tamar Valley Semaphore Association Inc.

## Sarah Fletcher

Elaine Gardwood (Member No 5018)

Whilst perusing English Court Records for a family member Sarah Fletcher, I came across two Sarah Fletcher's both in Court within a few months of each—one a Victim the other a Perpetrator.

The first was my Sarah who had had a white shawl stolen from her by a passing thief—he was eventually caught and received a prison sentence for his crime.

I then decided to look through the Court Records of the second Sarah Fletcher and lo and behold found she'd been transported to Van Dieman's Land. So I had to find out what I could about her.

Sarah FLETCHER (born 19th December 1798 at Hertingfordbury, Hertford was the daughter of Richard Fletcher (a Labourer) and Mary CAYTER who were married on 21st January 1792 in Hertingfordbury, Hertford.

Sarah had two sisters: Elizabeth born 3rd January 1792 and Catherine born 5th July 1801, and four brothers: George born 22nd September 1793, Richard born 27th July 1796, Thomas born 11th March 1804 and William born 8th June 1806.

Sarah went out into service and it appears she had many a man in her life and on 12th September 1819 she gave birth to a son, who she named John, at Furneux Pelham, Hertford, father unknown.

In April 1821 Sarah began work at the Cock, Public House, at Holloway, in the parish of St. Mary, Islington and on Sunday the 27th of May was charged with robbery.

### *Trial Summary*

Sarah FLETCHER, alias Mary PAYNE, was indicted for stealing, on the 27th of

May, at St Mary Islington, in the dwelling-house of James Capling, two pocket-books, value 1 shilling, eighteen sovereigns; one 7 shilling piece, one 50 pound note, two 10 pound notes, eight 5 pound notes and forty-two 1 pound Bank notes, his property.

Mary CAPLING: I am the wife of James Capling, who keeps the Cock, Public House, at Holloway, in the parish of St. Mary, Islington. On Sunday, the 27th of May, about half-past five o'clock in the morning, I examined a box which was in my bed-room, there were 100 pound Bank of England notes, among which was one of 50 pounds, also eighteen sovereigns, a 7 shilling piece, and some wearing apparel, and at half-past five o'clock on the Monday morning I found the box had been broken open, and they were all gone; the prisoner had lived with me for about a month, and did so at this time.

As soon as my husband came home I told him. The prisoner had been taken up about a disturbance; she was brought home, and my husband gave her in charge for this robbery, suspecting her; she was searched, in my presence, by Edward Read, and accused a young man, a gentleman's servant with it; he was taken up; but discharged. She said if anybody knew where the money was, he did. I have found none of the property.

Mary Ann SMITH. On the 27th of May, I lived at the Cock, and remember the money being missed; I saw the prisoner in her mistress's room between three and four o'clock on the Sunday afternoon (she was servant to Mrs. Hobson, who was there for her health); I went in, she had the box lid open, and directly as I went in she shut it down, turned her back to it, and then picked

up a basket, and put it on top of the box; I asked her what she was looking for—she said for her white apron; I asked her what she had on her arm. (she had an apron there).

She said that was one, and she was looking for the other, to lend to me, as I had greased mine; I said the one she had on would do for me—she said she did not like to see girls without white aprons on of a Sunday afternoon. She went up stairs about ten minutes before I did. I came down again, and she came down after me, almost directly, and went into the bar. I afterwards went up stairs with her to clean herself. She said nothing to me.

Edward READ: I am an officer of Hatton-Garden, and took charge of the prisoner. When we were at the office I asked her if she knew where the money was; she said she did not know anything about it, but that a young man, a cousin of her's, who had visited her that afternoon, about four o'clock, asked her if she knew where her mistress's money was, and she told him; then he went up stairs into her mistress's room, with a crow-bar, which he brought with him, opened the box, and took the money out. I think she said it was between four and five o'clock—she said the man's name was William COULSON; he was in custody at the time, and denied it.

Mrs CAPLING re-examined: Coulson came to my house about half-past two o'clock that afternoon, and asked to speak to her—he called her cousin he sat in the parlour, had a pint of ale, and remained there till she came down stairs. I do not believe that he was up stairs—they were in the kitchen together. He lives in Cheapside.

Mary SMITH re-examined: I did not see the young man in the house at all—he was not in the room while I was there.

Edward READ re-examined: I was present at the examination, and saw her put her mark to this paper after it was read over to her. Nothing was said to induce her to make the statement. The young man was examined, and discharged, in about a fortnight, as nothing could be traced to him.

“The prisoner voluntarily says, Edward Coulson, my cousin came to me on Sunday afternoon, a fortnight ago, last Sunday, he came into the kitchen, and said he had been asking my master if he might speak to me, he asked me about the money, and where it was—I told him up stairs in the box, and between seven and eight o'clock in the evening he went up with me, and broke it open himself, with an iron instrument, which he had in his pocket; I left him in the room—he came down to me in the kitchen and there took out eighteen sovereigns and three 1 pound notes in a black pocket-book, which he gave me, and took the rest himself.”

Her SARAH X FLETCHER, mark.

Prisoner's Defence: I do not think my mistress ever lost anything, she is a very suspicious woman; she once said she had lost her husband's shirt, and I saw her take it out of the drawers herself.

Conviction Date and Sentence: 18th July 1821. Life (Death Recorded)

First Middlesex Jury, before Mr. Justice BURROUGH.

Later Sarah's Sentence was changed to Transportation for stealing in a dwelling house where she was a servant.

Gaol Report: A very bad disposed woman.

Sarah Fletcher Convict No. 2622

Ship's Surgeon's Comments: A robust country woman. A dangerous woman to

man. Under a fair face and simplicity of manners lie a lustful heart, a lying tongue and great hypocrisy in religion. Prostitute. An infamous feigner of illness.

On 12th August 1822 Sarah Married Thomas WHITE, convict per "Fortune" in Hobart. They had five children.

On 16th August 1829 she received a Ticket of Leave.

21st November 1829 she applied to marry James COWELL (Cavell), free. This was approved and they married at Hobart Town 1st February 1830.

On 22nd September 1832 A Conditional Pardon was recommended and approved on 18th July 1834.

On 20th November 1840 – Free Pardon recommended and approved on 10th December 1841. ●

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## Death or Trance?

The Ulverstone correspondent of the Devonport paper telegraphed on Friday night: Since Mrs CLARKE's death on Tuesday morning rumours have been current that she was merely in a trance, and was not dead at all. These assertions received and added weight owing to the fact that the deceased lady had expressed the fear that she would go into a trance, and wished that her body should be kept for four days before interment if she died suddenly. The funeral was fixed at 2 o'clock this afternoon.

All day the corpse was visited by a considerable number of friends and neighbours, some of whom expressed belief that Mrs Clark was merely in a trance, while others as strongly averred that she was undoubtedly dead. Dr ROOKE, of Burnie, was wired for, and after some 200 mourners had been waiting for about three hours, the Salvation Army officers, who were conducting the funeral, declared that, on account of the doubt on the public mind as to whether Mrs Clark was really dead, the funeral would be postponed until Sunday morning at 10 o'clock. The face of the corpse wears a peaceful appearance, and it is said not to have altered in any way since Tuesday morning. The husband has no doubt about the death.

About 6 o'clock this evening Dr Rooke arrived, and with Dr DOWNIE, who had previously attended the deceased and given a certificate of the cause of death, examined the corpse in the presence of Mr MARCHANT. Both were un-animously of opinion that death had take place as set forth in the certificate, and that the decomposition was well advanced. ●

*Wellington Times*, June 18, 1895.

## Ann Dilworth & George Robinson

Dona Bradley (Member No 5791)

There are 20 DILWORTH entries shown on the *Tasmanian Pioneers Register*. 19 of these are connected to my gg grandparents; Matthew DILWORTH b. in Slaidburn Yorkshire & Dublin b. Mary Kate CARROLL, both convicts, they married in 1852.

My story begins with the second of those twenty DILWORTH names which appear on the TPI: *Ann Dilworth*. My aim was to either connect her as family or 'get rid of her' once and for all. It was and still is an intriguing story, and I can't put it down.

Throughout the research the repetition of the names John ROBINSON (g/father) informant of the majority of Tasmanian births, DILWORTH and POND. The occupation of Carter/Labourer/Car Driver also give clues which connect the families of Robinson, WENN, MOIR, DALY and WATSON.

**Ann DILWORTH: b. Liverpool 1840–1891.** Ann D was born to Mary VINEY and John Davies DILWORTH, printer in 1840 in the sub district of Islington, Liverpool (No 451). Informant: JD Dilworth/father, Christian St.

The 1851 Lancashire Census shows 11 year old Ann as a scholar born 1851 in Liverpool.

In 1861 John POND sponsored Ann (21/servant) & George (1) DELWORTH (sic), they departed Liverpool on the *Shalimar*, arriving in Launceston on 1 Aug 1861. In Nov 1891 Ann ROBINSON (Carter's wife) died of Influenza aged 51.

**George [Washington] ROBINSON 1: 1837-1855.** Son of George William Robinson & Elizabeth PRESNELL baptism (32/7532/1837) Geo W ROBINSON md Margaret THIRD in Vic in 1855 (VPI:3597), and died in a mining accident age 45 (35/572/1882).

[Some researchers have erroneously assumed this Geo R was the one who married Ann D, however I believe the evidence below will show this is not the case.]

Less than a year before Ann DILWORTH's arrival in Aug 1861, John POND had sponsored the immigration of the ROBINSON family to VDL. John (59) & Ellen (58) George (20), and Ann Jane (14), ROBINSON departed Liverpool on the *Argonaut*, arriving in Launceston Oct 1859. In Oct 1861 John POND also sponsored Henry ROBINSON labourer (28) from Liverpool.

**George ROBINSON 2: England c1839–1928.** It seems logical to assume that George ROBINSON & Ann DE/ILWORTH had known one another before their immigration and that George was the father of Ann's son George, born two months after his father's arrival in VDL in 1859. They wasted no time in marrying once Ann arrived in VDL and over the next 23 years George and Ann had an additional 12 children, many of whom were registered by their g.father John Robinson. 9 children are listed on the TPI and 3 (births) are unregistered.

I began to wonder if baby George had survived until I found his name appeared on the registration of Annie Christina ROBINSON in Dec 1878. *Informant: brother 'George'*. Secondly, on the birth of Alice Maud WENN in Mar 1879, *Informant: G ROBINSON—cousin*. Thirdly in 1886 George & Rachel ROBINSON witnessed the marriage of Martha Ellen Robinson & William Frederick WATSON.

In Nov 1883 at the Launceston Church of Apostles George ROBINSON md Rachel MONAGHAN: Wondering who

Rachael was I returned yet again to this saga. Rachael was the youngest daughter of what was to become the well known MONAGHAN family of Launceston. Her writings under the Nom De Plume 'X Rays' were published in the *Courier*. Her obituary was published in the *Weekly Courier* on 2 Sept 1905.

In Feb 2005 I interviewed the granddaughter of George DILWORTH / ROBINSON jnr. The family Bible gives his birth 20. Dec 1859 presumably in Rachel's handwriting. Birth certificate No: BXCA 916818: George DILWORTH born in Liverpool 20 Dec 1859 to Ann Dilworth/charwoman 32 Raymond St, Liverpool.

George Jnr's sister, Ann Jane ROBINSON, (c. 1845, md John Lawrence WENN in 1870 in the residence of M (sic) Pond, Launceston. Witnesses were John POND and M Pond. Ann Jane died in Victoria in 1941. Ann Jane & John WENN had 12 children.

John POND Norfolk 1820–1905 & Mary Ann ROBINSON England 1827-1906. As I have already said the POND name continually links this story, with J Pond sponsoring the family to VDL. The sixth child of Ann & George ROBINSON born in 1868 was named William Pond Robinson and later the son of Martha Ellen Robinson and her husband William Frederick WATSON was named Samuel Pond WATSON.

My thoughts were that John Pond and wife Mary Ann were affluent, having sponsored six adults and one child to VDL. A search of immigration records was unsuccessful but surprisingly the Convict records showed John Pond (seaman), a convict on *Pestongee Bomgangee*, and Mary Ann ROBINSON (needle girl), convict, transported from Liverpool aboard the *Tory*. The family named in her records were John,

Henry, John jnr, George and sister Jane. Both arrived in VDL in 1845.

I would like to think that John Pond loved Mary Ann Robinson so much he sponsored her family, [including the infant son of her brother George and his mother, Ann DILWORTH] on their voyage to Tasmania.

John and Mary Ann Pond had no children and died within a year and a day of each other in 1905 and 1906 respectively. John was by then classed as a gentleman and owned many properties in Launceston.

Obituary (*Examiner* 29 Dec 1905): "The death is announced of Mr John Pond who was one of the oldest residents of Launceston. For nearly fifty years he was in business in this city and conducted a fancy goods and crockery emporium in Charles Street. He was very shrewd and was well known as a public dealer. Deceased who was 84 years of age retired from business about 8 years ago. He leaves a widow."

We must admire the love of family which enticed them to cross oceans in horrific conditions, and the strength gained from these labourers and convicts, the little people who helped us become Tasmanians.

There are so many stories within this brief outline of the large Robinson saga that somehow I've been drawn to. My search continues, whilst the Tasmanian story is well documented, there are parts of the English history that I have doubts about, until more documents become available, I may never know for certain whether Ann Dilworth was related to my gg grandfather Matthew. Feel free to contact me, I am most willing to share. ●

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## Foundation Members

### Maurice Appleyard (Member No 4093)

With the end of the year 2005 fast approaching, I had cause to reflect on the age of our Society and that *Tasmanian Ancestry* has been published continuously for almost 26 years.

On consulting the first issue of the journal, volume 1 no. 1—June 1980, I noticed that it contains a list of the foundation members of the Genealogical Society of Tasmania [our Society's previous name].

Of the 101 members listed; 1 was from NSW, 9 from VIC, 2 from SA, 4 from QLD, 3 from WA, 5 from NZ and 1 from USA.

It would appear that 24 of the founders are still listed as members. Some have let their membership lapse for a period and rejoined at a later date.

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*Launceston Examiner*, 15 July 1892 p1 c2.

## Help Wanted

### Allen/Spinks

Thomas ALLEN (1844-1926) m. at Horton (1867) Susannah (1845-1924), a daughter of Sophia & John SPINKS. They died Launceston but lived mainly in NW Tasmania and had children: Gavin John Sir Jezman, child to Laura RADFORD; Henry Ernest James (d. 1948) m. Agnes STUBBS (d. 1914), children; Florence Alberta (1872-1912) m. Wm Stubbs (d. 1912), children; Clarence Philip Nenian (d.1912) m. Mary Maria, children; Lawrence Nathan Edgar (d. 1951) m. Annie Martha; Stephen Brenen Lewis (d. after 1945) m. Ada Isabel HILL (d. 1945), children; Lindsay Arnold (d. 1925) m. Elsie Louise HORTON (d. 1973), children: Was Thomas born 1844, Ledbury, Herefs., England to Ann & Thomas ALLEN? This Thomas had a sister Ann, Mrs NORTH/GARRATT (1839-1884), large family.

Would any descendants of Thomas please contact Lyn Staite at 74 Brushy Creek Road, Lenah Valley TAS 7008, ☎ (03) 6228 0563 or email: [staite@aapt.net.au](mailto:staite@aapt.net.au). (Member No. 5617)



### Crow or Crawl?

Could any members of the Society help with the name of this lady? She is believed to be a CROW or CRAW whose forebears were John & Mary CRAW who went to Tasmania 1854 on *Ocean Chief* from Scotland.

My great and grandparents were on the same ship but later came to NZ. John CROW was a stonemason and would have probably been engaged in several buildings in Hobart.

I should be pleased to be in contact with any members of this family.

Contact: Joan Winterburn, 38 Campbell Street, Geraldine, South Canterbury, NZ. (Photographer: Bishop Osborne, Hobart)

### Danks/ Merriman/ Noble

According to the *Tasmanian Pioneer Index* (ref. 180/1892) William Danks MERRIMAN and Emma Matilda NOBLE married in Hobart 17 October 1892. Emma was born Hobart 30 June 1867 daughter of Mary Jane (née MARLE) and William Noble (*TPI* ref. 9345/1867).

Elizabeth (néé DANKS) and William Merriman (from Staffordshire 1856) had eleven children, including two sons named William. The second William was born in Geelong in 1866 and died before 1916. Was this the William who married Emma Noble?

I would be pleased to make contact with any descendants. I am descended from Elizabeth and William's daughter Clara Danks Merriman (1880-1924).

Leonie Mickleborough, 6 Wentworth Street, South Hobart TAS 7004, ☎ (03) 6223 7948 or email: [lemick@keypoint.com.au](mailto:lemick@keypoint.com.au). (Member No 20)

## Help Wanted

### Garsia

Seeking information on the Garsia family resided in Tasmanian 1910-20 near Irishtown, Smithton. Lt. Rupert Clare GARSEA of *HMAS Australia*, b. c. 1887 NX, visited his father at Smithton 1914 and later served in WW1 rising in rank to Captain, served WW2 until he retired 24th Sept 1945, 58yrs Rank: Commander *HMAS Leeuwin*. My father Earl S HOWARD lived in the area in 1914, His friend was a Mr Garsia (Carcia) who spent some time together in USA 1920-34. Have photo of Mr Garcia in USA. Cornelian Bay Cemetry references. Maybe Brother sister. Eric Garsea d. 27 Dec 1968, 86yrs of Glenorchy, next of kin wife Mrs M Garsea. Florence Garsea d. 27 Feb 1973, 93yrs, next of kin Mrs PAXTON, niece. Earl G Howard, PO Box 68, Currie King Island 7256 or email: [ehoward@kingsisland.net.au](mailto:ehoward@kingsisland.net.au). (Member No. 5297)

### Garratt/Green

Alice GARRATT (b. 1874) m. John Claude GREEN (a butcher, 24 yrs) at Burnie in 1892. John was a licensed victualler at Exeter (1914), Latrobe (1921) and Penguin (1925). They had children: Alice Elizabeth Ann, Ellen Marion, Esther Harriet, Richard John Claude, Lucy May, James William, Thomas Henry and Reta Mary. Have family photos but not much information. Would descendants of Alice and John please contact Lyn Staite at 74 Brushy Creek Road, Lenah Valley TAS 7008, ☎ (03) 6228 0563 or email: [staite@aapt.net.au](mailto:staite@aapt.net.au). (Member No. 5617)

### MacKenzie/ Duncan

Looking for descendants of the children of Catherine MacKenzie and William DUNCAN who married at Campbell Town in 1869. They were Susan Kate (1870), James (1871), William (1873), George MacKenzie (1875), Alexander Scott (1877), Elspeth Jane (1880), and Roderick Mackenzie (1881). Catherine was a sister to Margaret MacKenzie who married James MUIRHEAD at Mona Vale, Ross, 1862. They emigrated with their mother, Susan, from Scotland in 1854 in *Sir Allan McNab*. Please contact Margaret Cameron, 66 Corinth St, Howrah TAS 7018 or email [mhardcam@netspace.net.au](mailto:mhardcam@netspace.net.au). (Member No 4989)

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## New Members

A warm welcome is extended to the following new members

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6356	SMEE Mr John	PO Box 222	NEWSTEAD	TAS	7250
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6358	BENNETT Mrs Cynthia	26 Farview Avenue	RIVERSIDE	TAS	7250
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6364	KING Mrs May	60 Olviers Rd mayking@vision.net.au	Ulverstone, via PENGUIN	TAS	7316
6365	CUNNINGHAM Mr Bernard (Bill)	PO Box 148	WYNYARD	TAS	7325
6366	MUNDAY Mrs Diane Ruth	4 Bay St diane-munday@hotmail.com	BURNIE	TAS	7320
6367	WINSKILL Mr Gregory Alexander	22 Mills Road GAWinskill@southcom.com.au	BURNIE	TAS	7320
6368	TYSON Mrs Judy	23 Back Cam Road judee.t@bigpond.net.au	SOMERSET	TAS	7322
6369	CHILLER Ms Dawn H	9 Crisp St talkeasy2@hotmail.com	COOEE	TAS	7320
6370	COOPER Mr Ian Davis	8 Liverpool Cresc ian.cooper@dier.tas.gov.au	WEST HOBART	TAS	7000
6371	LOFTUS-BOWERS Ms Janet Lorraine	106 Poplar Parade	YOUNGTOWN	TAS	7249
6372	BURGESS Mrs Shirley Ella	PO Box 113	MOWBRAY	TAS	7248
6373	BURGESS Mr Brian Tasma	PO Box 113	MOWBRAY	TAS	7248
6374	BENSON Mr Ian	Not for publication			
6375	BAILY Mr Frederick Peter Maxwell	39 Jindabyne Road fbaily@iprimus.com.au	KINGSTON BEACH	TAS	7050
6376	MONKS Mr Paul Ian	33 Bounty St PM_LP@optusnet.com.au	WARRANE	TAS	7018

If you find a name in which you are interested, please note the membership number and check the New Members' listing for the appropriate name and address. Please enclose a stamped self-addressed envelope and don't forget to reply if you received a SSAE.

## New Members' Interests

<b>Name</b>	<b>Place/Area</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>M'ship No.</b>
BAILY Elizabeth (nee HULL)	nr Windsor BRK Eng	1800-1843	6375
BAILY John Richard	nr Windsor BRK Eng	1800-1843	6375
BAILY Mary	nr Windsor BRK Eng	1800-1843	6375
BARTLEY	Scottsdale TAS AUS	1850-2005	6372
BARTLEY	Scottsdale TAS AUS	1850-2005	6373
BINKS Henry	Cygnat TAS AUS	All	6376
BOLTON George	TAS AUS	1800-1900	6363
BRADY James	Hobart TAS AUS	1830-1880	6354
BRAIN	GLS ENG		6360
BREAKEL	Howick Penwortham LAN ENG	1770-	6364
BRECKEL	Howick Penwortham LAN ENG	1770-	6364
BURT	Gawler TAS AUS	1860-2005	6373
BURT	Gawler TAS AUS	1860-2005	6372
BUTLER	Bushy Park TAS AUS		6365
CAMERON James Stewart	Montrose SCT	1792?	6366
CLARKE Rose	Hobart TAS AUS	1850-1900	6354
COOPER Augustus	Ringarooma TAS AUS	1890	6370
CUNNINGHAM	Western Tiers TAS AUS		6365
DAVIS Peter	Ross TAS & WALES	1823	6370
DOHERTY Denis	Clonmel Tipperary IRE	c1848	6355
DOHERTY Patrick	Ringarooma TAS AUS	1856-1903	6355
FERGUSON Alexander	East Coast TAS AUS	1880-1940	6367
FERGUSON James	East Coast TAS AUS	1850-1900	6367
FISHER Alice	77 Macquarie St Hobart	1837-1918	6361
FISHER William	shop at 77 Macquarie St Hobart	1857-1909	6361
FISHER William	Hobart TAS AUS	1849-1857	6361
FISHER William	ENG	1825-1849	6361
FOORD	Crossgates FIF SCT	1800-1900	6364
FRANKS Esther			6366
FREEMAN	BRK ENG		6360
GREGORY Thomas	Hobart TAS AUS	1805-1809	6354
HARTRIDGE John	Hobart & Launceston TAS AUS	c1840	6354
HEADEN Annie		c1800 or earlier	6371
HOGG			6359
HOWARD John Thomas Pond	Launceston TAS AUS	1863-1926	6354
HUDDART Annie	Liverpool ENG	c1800 or earlier	6371
JACKSON Alice Maude		All	6376
JESSOP			6369
JONES Bridget	TAS AUS	1800-1880	6357
JONES John	TAS AUS	1800-1880	6357
KING David	Spalding LIN ENG	1800-1900	6364
KIRKUP	MDX ENG		6360
LAWRENCE	Wokingham BRK ENG		6360
LOFTUS James	N IRE	c1800 or earlier	6371
MANNING	NSW AUS	c1800	6356
MASON Caroline	"Sea Queen" convict to TAS		6366
Mc MacGREGOR Mary	TAS AUS	1800-1900	6363
MEDHURST Trayton	Wartling SRY ENG	1840-1856	6357
MILLARD/ JACKSON			6369
MONKS Ernest Clyde	Tasman Peninsula/ Hobart TAS	Any	6376

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Name	Place/Area	Time	M'ship No.
NURCOMBE	Wiveliscombe SOM ENG		6360
O'CONNOR			6359
O'REILLY John	Roscrea Tipperary IRE	c1879	6355
O'REILLY Michael	Roscrea Tipperary IRE	1879-1910	6355
O'REILLY Michael Joseph	Latrobe TAS AUS	1910-1956	6355
PAICE Nicholas	father of Thos Paice, convict	1843	6366
PANTON			6359
PHILLIPS Edward Lencre	TAS AUS	c1830s-1906	6363
PHILLIPS John	TAS AUS	1800-1900	6363
PHILLIPS Walter Newton	TAS AUS	c1840-1900s	6363
RANSON	TAS AUS	1850-1900	6358
SCOTT John	Sydney NSW	c1792-1843	6362
SCOTT Maria	ship "Rebecca" Sydney NSW	c1792-1843	6362
SMEE Francis	ESS ENG	c1800	6356
SMITH Alice	Hobart TAS AUS	1837-1857	6361
SMITH Beverly	Hobart TAS AUS	1837-1857	6361
SOUTHERWOOD Francis	Perth TAS AUS	1826-1870	6354
STEELE William	Steeles Island/ Carlton TAS	All	6376
SWEENEY	Walcha AUS	c1800	6356
TYSON family	Hobart TAS AUS	pre 1900	6368
VISAR	Broken Hill NSW AUS		6360
WEBBERLY	Hamilton TAS AUS		6365
WING Mary Ann	TAS AUS	1800-1900	6363
WINSKILL Thomas	TAS AUS	1803-1900	6367
WINSKILL William	TAS & VIC AUS	1803-1900	6367
WRAGG Samuel	Ironworks DBY ENG	c1700	6366

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## Diary Notes

### 2nd April 2006 (Sunday)—Heritage Listed site - Bruny Island

**Open Day at Variety Bay Pilot Station - North Bruny Island.** An Open Day will be held at Variety Bay on site, 10.00 am 3.00 pm. [Entrance: via Great Bay—*gateway will be well signposted*] There will be an interpretative display and guided tours of both the Pilot Station (c1831) and Church (c1846) (*established by the Bruny Island Historical Society in 2003 under the Cultural Heritage Projects Program*). Bring a Picnic lunch, or just drop in. No admission charge. A great chance to see part of the island not normally open to the public.

Further information, including the **Bruny Island Sunday Ferry Timetable**, contact: Bev Davis, Co-ordinator Bruny Island Historical Society, ☎ 6260 6366 or Kathy Duncombe ☎ 6260 6287 or email: [kdunc@netspace.net.au](mailto:kdunc@netspace.net.au). (Member No 2012)

### 12 April 2006 – Launceston Library

Symposium entitled *Willing and Unwilling: Female Migrants to Tasmania in the Nineteenth Century*. Main speakers are Irene Schaffer, Trudy Cowley, Dianne Snowden and Jeff Atkinson. Registration \$20 which includes lunch and morning & afternoon tea. Limit of 40 participants.

Enquiries to: Reference Desk Launceston Library ☎ (03) 6336 2642 or Mike McCausland ☎ (03) 6394 7184.

### 15-16 April 2006—Hill Family Reunion

A gathering of the descendants of George and Ellen HILL will be held near Hobart at Easter 2006. George Hill arrived in Van Diemen's Land in 1833 on the convict transport *Atlas*. Ellen, nee Singleton, arrived as a free immigrant on the *Sarah* in 1834. Their main residence was in the Avoca and Fingal districts and their children were Elizabeth (1836) John (1838), Ellen (1841), Maria (1843), George (1847), Celia (1852). Connected families include: Aikman, Bailey, Blegg, Brooks, Brown, Campbell, Coghlan, Dicker, Dykes, Faulkner, Glover, Hanlon, Hart, Jones, McTye, Mann, Rose, Weeding, White.

Enquires to: Christine Woods, ☎ (03) 6249 4822 or email: [bcwoods@bigpond.net.au](mailto:bcwoods@bigpond.net.au). (Member No 1096)

### 23 September 2006—Lathey, James and Janet Reunion

Reunion of descendants of James and Janet LATHEY are invited to a gathering in Hobart, Tasmania to mark the 151st anniversary of their marriage in Van Diemens Land. James arrived as a convict in 1843 on the ship *Cressy*. Janet arrived as Janet CUNNINGHAM, an assisted free immigrant, from Scotland on the ship *Storm Cloud* in 1855. Associated names include: Appleby, Ashby, Barrett, Branch, Carter, Cartledge, Croome, Deegan, Ellis, Foot, Ives, Kitto, McKenzie, Newman, Richards, and Spotswood.

Enquiries to: Eddy Steenbergen, ☎ (03) 6272-6007, mobile 0418 129 154 or email: [steenbergen@netspace.net.au](mailto:steenbergen@netspace.net.au). (Member No 5290)

## Quidnunc

### Excerpts from journals held at the Launceston Branch Library.

#### Irish Roots Issue No. 56

An Early Seventeenth Century Scottish Settlement in County Londonderry. The Haberdashers' Settlement.

This is a copy of a two page document discovered in Edinburgh in the National Archives of Scotland. This document is catalogued in the National Archives as follows: 'List of Scottish Freeholders in Ulster.'

Also in this issue  
South Armagh Genealogy Project.  
This project aims to construct a dedicated website for the region highlighting information and source available and where they can be accessed.

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#### Dispatch

This journal is a must for anyone with Scottish Military. It always has in-depth information on Scottish Regiments.

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#### The Devon Family Historian

No. 116 November 2005

Eighteen Pages dealing with the Battle of Trafalgar, Vice Admiral Horatio Nelson, naval personnel and their families.

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#### Ancestor

Volume 27, No. 8

Surname Index Ballarat East Petty Sessions Register Part 2 1890-1921

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#### Family Tree Magazine

October 2005

#### Making the most of the NAAIRS index

If you are tracing your family history in South Africa then you will find this article very interesting reading.

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#### Family Tree Magazine

January 2006

This issue has 3 articles that I thought may interest you.

#### Firstly there is:

Finding ancestors in the Merchant Navy Part 1. There is information on available resources, where to find them and website for online searching.

#### Secondly:

Internet resources on West Country ancestors, This article covers the areas of Cornwall, Devon, Dorset, Gloucestershire, Somerset & Wiltshire. Their Record Offices, libraries museums, societies, mailing lists, and online indexes are all covered.

#### Thirdly:

Your family in Ireland.  
Part 1 of the series deals with register offices, national archives and family history societies.

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#### Advertising—Wanted

- 500 first-class platypus skins. No correspondence answered without stamps enclosed. W BISHOP
- Person to make up furs. Apply. Wm BISHOP, William-street.
- Beeswax wanted, three tons or any quantity. WALDEN, Wharf.

*Launceston Examiner*, 17 June 1892

## A Website with "the lot"

Thelma Grunnell (Member 610)

Searching for Cornish church photos I found a website [www.caerkief.co.uk](http://www.caerkief.co.uk) which was helpful but did not give me the Saint's name to which the church at Breage was dedicated. On making contact with the webmaster Ryan Smith he not only gave me the information but also another website which is really the "Bee's Knees."

<http://www.genuki.org.uk/big/eng/ Cornwall/Breage/index.html>

Logging on to this I found the following mine of information:

**Description of the parish** and its boundaries with principal villages.

### **Cemeteries:**

Where the M.I's and War memorial inscriptions are held.

### **Census** 1841-1901

Where these are held locally and what specific information on Breage is available.

**Church History** both Anglican and Non-conformist, with description of the Anglican Church.

**Church records** Where held and periods covered in great details most available on line from the C.F.H.S or O.P.C

**Civil registration** tells which places are covered by the Parish of Breage with the address of the local registration office.

### **Description & travel:**

Photos available to click on

**Directories:** Piggot & Co and Kelly's

**Genealogy** OPC assistance and Strays

### **Historical geography**

**History:** a Publication available on line

**Maps:** to click on

**Newspapers:** Extracts from the *West Briton and Cornwall Advertiser* relating to Breage are available on line.

**Occupations:** Information on mines in Breage and Godolphin on line.

**Poor houses and Poor law:** Breage was part of the Helston Union for Poor law administration Overseers accounts for some periods between 1762-1812 are held by the Cornwall Record office.

**Population:** numbers from 1801-2001 with a note that the Parish of Porthleven was created from Breage and Sithney parishes in 1846.

**Probate records** available on line from 1660-1730.

### **Religion & Religious Life:**

List of the Vicars of Breage parish 1147-1907 on line. Seating plan St Breaca Church 12th May 1666 on line protestant returns for **Breage** 1642 on line.

### **Statistics:**

Size of the Parish & borders.

**All data was updated 1st August 2005.**

### **Well! What more could a researcher want?**

If you are interested in this website put your own village name in place of Breage and see what turns up. I've done three other parishes and although not as extensive a coverage found, what was given was most rewarding.

PS: Ryan Smith will be bringing out a CD-Rom of his amended photos with text in due course. ●

## An Excursion to Port Arthur in 1842

(from an old manuscript) by *Flying Fish (No's 1 & 2)*



Port Arthur, the once penal settlement of Tasmania, has furnished a thousand texts for a thousand fallacious, if not perverted commentaries. It is a place the economy of which is little understood even in this colony, and of course utterly unknown to the British public. As a faithful description may lead to good purpose, I herewith supply a narrative which I trust may be found as interesting as it is authentic.

The principle upon which the administration of his Excellency Sir John FRANKLIN is based being to afford every facility of investigation and of information, there existed no difficulty in procuring from the Colonial Secretary the requisite visiting permission, together with an order for a passage in one of the colonial Government vessels; the only vessels trading to the port. Thus furnished, on the evening of Thurs, Jan 6, 1842. I embarked in the schooner *Eliza*, Captain HARBURG, a beautiful craft about 150 tons, built at Port Arthur in 1835, and named after the wife of the late Lieutenant-Governor. It was designed partly as a yacht for Sir George ARTHUR, and partly as a cruiser to be employed in chase of any runaways who might carry off any colonial shipping. We had several passengers; amongst the number the Rev Mr SIMPSON, of the Wesleyan Mission; John KERR, Esq, Messrs AGNEW, HOLMAN, and Major

ROBERTSON, with a party of the 96th Regt, and a batch of convicts for disposal at different stations.

We weighed anchor and made sail with a gentle land breeze, about 4 o'clock of the following morning; the barque *Lord Goderich*, which had landed her convicts, standing down the river in company. It was one of those delicious mornings which inspire the heart and enchant the senses. The numerous diversified bights and bays of the glorious Derwent glanced sweet and softly to the early sun; the country showing fresh and verdant after the recent rains. About 8am a moderate sea-breeze sprang up. This obliged us to work to windward, to enable us to round the Iron Pot, and Betsy's Island, a task we had completed in a couple of hours; after which the lively *Eliza* was permitted to run before a steadily increasing breeze, which tempered the otherwise 'sultry' heat of noon.

Point after point opened to our view in swift and pleasing succession. The water was of mirror-like smoothness, the bright sands of many a fair shore glittered gaily, the air seemed charged with odours, and all nature breathed harmony and joy: in a word it was one of those fascinating moments when mere animal existence is a bliss of transcendent enjoyment. The breeze continued to freshen and we sped along the shores of Frederick Henry Bay with a flowing sheet. The characteristics of Frederick Henry Bay bear a somewhat close affinity to the imposing scenery which greets the visitor of the far-famed Loch Linne. In the Scottish waters, the deep inland projections are termed lochs while the like sea-arms of Tasmania are designated bays. Both are beautiful; each has its points of

resemblance to the other; the southern mountains, however, unlike the time worn, weather-beaten cliffs of poetic Morven, rise and fall in graceful undulations, and are divested of the savage precipitous grandeur of the Scottish hills. They are moreover, clothed with living wood, and illuminated by a sun that rarely chases the cold grey mist from the frowning peaks of the north.

We skirted Slopem Island, had a distant glimpse of Pittwater and the Carlton, and shortly after noon entered the magnificent lake-like sea called by Captain FLINDERS Norfolk Bay. The prospect on every side was superb—the view a-head terminating in a glorious salt-water vista, its apex formed by one of those graceful sugar-loaf hills so common to Tasmania. We were the centre of a moving panorama of beauty; bight after bight, channel after channel, glen after glen presented themselves in endless torturous variety; each new feature basking in all the ethereal loveliness of a spotless empyrean, seemed more attractive than the preceding; for a picture of harmonious groupings, that which is seen last is ever apt to be the most esteemed. Of the present it may be truly said there are few scenes to surpass it; hill, dale, wood, water, blend in one enchanting whole. Every eye beamed with pleasure, every imagination revelled in the ravishing prospect.

We called to land convicts at several probations stations on Tasman's Peninsula; but as these were subsequently visited, I shall pass them over for the present, simply remarking that our coasting trip made it night ere we let go the anchor off Woody Island, near the top of Norfolk Bay. The sunset was in keeping with the beauty of the day, being one of radiant glory,

unsurpassed by any I ever witnessed within the tropics.

The following morning broke forth in heavenly sweetness. The *Eliza* floated gracefully on the bright quiescent waters and the beauteous landscape, sunk in calm repose, conveyed anything but an idea of being the receptacle of Britain's off-scourings. Guild and its attendant punishment seemed at utter variance with scenes and climes sufficient of themselves to excite gratitude and joy. Lovely land, and still more lovely water! What might you not now be—what must you not inscrutably become when the felon race, the only blot on your fair face, shall be merged in the active, industrious, moral peasantry! And yet, humiliating as is the spectacle of man's degradation, it is still one cheering feature of the picture that it leads, in a great measure, to the ultimate compulsory re-generation.

At 9 o'clock we bade adieu to the staunch and fleet *Eliza*, landing on the railway jetty at the head of Norfolk Bay. This rail, or rather tramway, is formed from the hardwood of the country, and passes over a space of five miles, thereby affording a rapid and easy means of transit between the heads of Norfolk and Long Bay, the later which leads directly to Port Arthur. This tramway, the projection of Captain BOOTH, has proved to be a work of the utmost utility, shortening the distance betwixt Hobart Town and Port Arthur, and ensuring a rapid and certain communication at times when the long sea passage might be impracticable. Like many men of superior intellect, it was the fortune of Captain Booth to encounter the sneers of the common herd, who, in their narrow-mindedness, predicted naught but failure in his enterprise. Nothing daunted, and possessing the confidence of the Governor, Captain Booth toiled on till

they that came to jeer went back to admire. The tramway, unlike our English railways, follows the natural levels of the ground, the ascent of a hill being compensated in its opposite descent.

No horse, no ox, no locomotive traverses its course; the wagons are propelled by convicts—three men being generally allotted to do the work of each wagon, which is capable of conveying half a ton of goods at each transit. Upon emergency, the same gang have made their three journeys and back, thirty miles a day, conveying thus half a ton per man either way. It jars harshly against the feeling to behold man as it were lowered to the standard of the brute, to mark the unhappy, guilty creatures toiling and struggling along, their muscular powers exerted to the utmost, and the perspiration bursting profusely from every pore. It is a harrowing picture; and yet a little calm reflection will show that it is rendered more peculiarly so by place and circumstances. Let us but tax our memory, and we shall find hundreds of free British labourers whose drudgery is fully equal to that on this tramway. This tends in some degree to dissipate the revolting idea, which, nevertheless, still usurps possession of the imagination, and shocks the heart. And yet the tramway is a step of the probationer's advancement, Captain Booth arguing justly, that the convict who can not resist the greater facility which it affords of pilfering or absconding, is unfit to be trusted in the less restricted parts of the Island.

By noon Major Robertson, Holman, and myself have traversed the tramway on foot—no passenger vehicle were to be had at the moment, owing to the few in use being used to convey Captain SULLIVAN of HM Sloop *Favourite* and a party to the Coal Mines. Transferring

the soldiers and their baggage to a launch, we embarked in a fine four-oared whale-boat; and after a short pull, Port Arthur opened its capacious basin to our astonished and delighted gaze. "What! This the pandemonium—this the re-pository of the worst guilt!" was the natural exclamation bursting from our lips. Whatever the core, the outside is a goodly and enchanting one.

*Launceston Examiner*, 27 Sept, 1890. p7 c3-4.



Commandant's Cottage

What lovely bays! What noble basins! What splendid anchorage! An anchorage not wholly unconscious of freightage, nor the ample means of equipment, for its dark-green waters floated the *Lady Franklin*, a strong, staunch, wholesome-looking bark (just launched) of 270 tons burthen, and a few yards off HM 18-gun sloop *Favourite* was stripping, preparatory to undergoing a thorough refit. We landed at the Commissariat Pier, where we were met by Mr CARR, the Superintendent of Convicts, through whose kindness we were quickly enabled to present our credentials to the Commandant. Captain BOUTH welcomed us with the greatest urbanity, presenting us to his accomplished partner, and courteously inviting us to take up our quarters with him—an invitation we gladly accepted; Port Arthur being yet unconscious of an hotel, lodging-house, or any place of

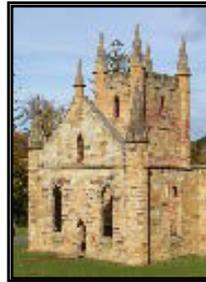
entertainment; in fact, every residence is a Government one.

Next day being Sunday, we proceeded after breakfast to see the convicts mustered prior to their being marched to church. They were drawn up in three lines, each gang forming a separate division—the overseers (convicts) taking their stations in the rear. It was hideous to remark the countenance of the men, to which their yellow raiment (or half black, half yellow), with P.A., and their respective numbers stamped in various parts, impaired a sinister and most revolting expression. Scarcely one open set of features was to be found. To read their eyes, it seemed as though they were speculating the chance of gain, in advantage to be hoped from us. Crime and its consequences were fearfully depicted in their visages; and we turned from the disagreeable caricature of humanity with as much disgust as pity and regret. Muster over, the men were marched with the utmost silence to church, whither we shortly followed; a military guard with loaded arms being so stationed as to command the entire building.

This necessary arrangement in a great degree destroyed the solemnity of worship. The crew of HMS Favourite were present; their frank, manly, jovial countenances offering a striking contrast to the lowering aspects of the miserable yellow jackets. Service was performed by our fellow traveller, the Rev Mr SIMPSON, the occasion being in aid of the Sunday school the worthy pastor took the opportunity of remarking that as cash was a scarce commodity on the settlement, the IOU of any individual disposed to contribute would be gladly received—an observation which excited a general grin, since, however beneficial it might prove to the cause, the expression seemed more fit for the gaming-table than the pulpit. The

language, however, was soon forgotten in the motive.

The church at Port Arthur is a beautiful, spacious, hewn-stone edifice, cruciform in shape, with pinnacled tower and gables. Internally it is simply but neatly fitted, affording accommodation for upwards of 2,000 sitters. There is no organ; but a choir has been selected from among the convicts, who chant the psalms with considerable effect. As yet no clergyman of the Established church has been resident, the religious duties having hitherto been undertaken by those zealous and indefatigable Christians, the Wesleyans. Mr MANTON is the present respected pastor, a gentleman who has devoted himself, not only to call the sinners of Port Arthur to repentance, but who has erstwhile laboured earnestly in the same good cause at the now abandoned settlement of Macquarie Harbour.



After service we accompanied the Commandant to the cook-house, where the respective rations were about to be issued. The manner in which this is arranged is admirable. The

messes, varying from 12 to 26 men, are berthed in chambers of the penitentiary, affording accommodation for their respective numbers. Each of these messes select, in daily rotation, two delegates, who receive the victuals, and afterwards apportion each man his share. That this may be fairly done, the mess, drawn up in double lines before the table, surveys the partition. They then sit down and consume all the food that is set before them, it being one of the imperative regulations that nothing

shall be laid by, a measure to ensure the impossibility of husbanding, and thereby obtaining a provision in case of absconding. So rigidly is this necessary precaution enforced that eating out of season becomes a punishable offence, and no food (fish, or kangaroo for example) caught in the bush is on any pretext permitted to be consumed there. The meal afforded the convict is not only ample but nutritious, consisting of excellent soup, good wheaten bread (I tasted both), and beef, mutton, or pork—such a meal indeed, as would rejoice the heart and gladden the eyes of many an honest, hard working, hungry Briton. Breakfast and supper of bread and a pint of skilly. The clothing of the convicts is of woollen cloth, dyed yellow, or partly black, partly yellow. They are furnished with two complete suits, shirts, and boots, a year. Their quarters are clean, well ventilated, and frequently whitewashed. They have a sufficiency of bedding, which during the day is folded up, each man sleeping in a separate berth. In the first ward we enter, J., the Chartist watchmaker, was acting overseer to the mess, which comprised some refractory lads. He said grace for them before meat. He appeared to be circumspect and orderly, although upon his first arrival he wore the aspect of a sottish, dissipated mechanic, and was disposed to talk rather freely and unwarrantably. A hint, however, sufficed. He has learned his place, and seems to be in full health, and vigour. When not employed in trifling repairs in his own trade he works in the tailor's shop. W. is likewise at Port Arthur. In the first instance, having assumed a specious character, and being in some degree conversant with mining, he was sent to the coal mines. There he inveigled some of his companions, built a boat, and effected a temporary escape; being re-captured,

he was sent to Port Arthur, where he at present works in one of the chain gangs. I did not see W., who is represented as a bad, designing man. Some of his associates in flight were a short while at large. During that period they committed a murder, for which they were executed, a penalty they ought never, perhaps, have incurred but for the temptation of W. From the penitentiary barracks we proceeded to the silent cells, the rations of whose inmates are only bread and water. In one we found a juvenile murderer, of who more anon. In another was a man confined for habitual absconding; a short period only had elapsed since he had been rescued from death by exhaustion. He was discovered at the last extremity, conveyed to the hospital, recovered with difficulty, and no sooner recovered than he again attempted a similar rash and fruitless hazard.

From the cells we went to the hospital, where we had a signal opportunity of drawing a wholesome moral from the sad—the miserable consequences of crime. There, upon a stretcher, lay Henry SAVARY, the once celebrated Bristol sugar baker, a man upon whose birth fortune smiled propitious, whose family and kindred moved in the very first circles, and who himself occupied no inconsiderable place in his fellow citizens' esteem. The forgery (in 1825) and the miraculous escape from execution of this unhappy man cannot have escaped the public mind. Acting under the advice of several magistrates of Bristol, Savary pleaded guilty to the offence, refusing, although earnestly counselled by the Judge (GIFFORD), to amend his plea. He was in consequence sentenced to death, and his crime occurring so recently after FAUNTLEROY'S, his execution was deemed equally certain. The punishment, however, was commuted to

transportation for life; and Savary shortly afterwards arrived in this colony, where he was employed as a writer in one of the public departments. Having left a wife in England who was tenderly attached to him, she speedily followed her husband; but the ship (the *Jessie Lawson*) in which she had taken her passage was wrecked on the Hoe at Plymouth. The passengers, nevertheless, escaped, and Mrs Savary, nothing daunted, embarked in another vessel. She escaped shipwreck in her second conveyance; but, unless report be false, made a shipwreck of her husband's peace of mind. The domestic affliction here alluded to is painfully narrated in a take called "Quintus Servington," a work published by Savary in Hobart Town in 1830, and which appears to be an authentic memoir so far as his ill-starred career. Goaded to frenzy, the miserable Savary attempted his life by drawing a razor across his throat. The wound, however, was not mortal, and he was discovered in time to save his life. Shortly after his wife and child returned to England; and Savary subsequently obtaining a ticket-of-leave engaged in farming—became bankrupt—again had recourse to forgery—was again convicted, and subjected to the ordeal of Port Arthur. There he experienced a shock of paralysis, and there, ere long, in all human probability the misguided man will terminate his wretched career. \*

It has been said by the slanderers of the colony that vice makes converts. I would that his Grace of Dublin, or even his ally of the Colonial Gazette, could have stood, as I did, by Savary's pallet—could have witnessed, the scarce-healed wound of his attenuated throat—the lack-lustre glare of his hollow eye. I think even they would have felt inclined to doubt the syren's blandishments. Knowing, as I once did

at Bristol, some of Savary's wealthy, dashing, gay associates, I could not contemplate the miserable felon before me without sentiments of the deepest compassion, mingled with horror and awe. There he lay, a sad, a solemn warning. ●

\*Savary died shortly after, on Feb 5, 1842.

*Launceston Examiner*, 4 October, 1890. p7 c1-2.

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## A Circular Head Wedding

Last week our primitive people derived no small excitement from the marriage of Miss Eva ATKINS and Mr Henry ANTHONY, both of whom are well known and highly popular residents. The marital ceremony was performed at St Paul's Church by the Rev Joseph CLAMPET in the presence of many friends and well wishers.

Emerging from the sacred edifice, the bridal pair had to literally face a continuous shower of rice directed with a reckless prodigality that threatened to leave the unveiled bridegroom as blind as ever love was painted. With all due reverence for old customs, if this particular one is to be observed in future, I respectfully suggest the propriety of boiling the rice. If we are to compliment our newly-wedded friends by adopting the ancient practice of throwing rice and heaving old shoes, let us by all means boil the rice and place some restriction on the size of the other. I strongly advocate this precaution, because I have a vivid recollection of a mishap last summer, where the indiscreet attentions of particular friends brought about most disastrous results.

It happened that a wedding party, comprising the "happy pair", bridesmaid, and best man, started from the Stanley Hotel in a one-horse vehicle, under the customary shower of rice and old shoes. The horse proved rather fractious under the ordeal, but all might have gone well had not a lady friend yanked off one of her Sunday shoes and indulged in a fling at the bride, as a woman will do, don't you know. The shot was at long range, and missed its intended mark; but the ponderous missile caught the horse under the ear—and next moment horse, vehicle and bridal party crashed through a paling fence and rolled over in a

confused heap on to the door-step of a house that stood some 6ft below the level of the street. The smash, as may be imagined, was something terrific; and how the parties concerned escaped with life and limb is a mystery unsolved to the present day.

Escape, however, they did, with nothing worse than cuts and bruises; and the services of blacksmith, wheelwright and harness maker being called into requisition, the party pluckily struck out for home within two hours of the accident. I witnessed the second start, and barring that the horse seemed to have a flea in his ear, I could see nothing much out of gear. I saw the innocent cause which had led to such dire effects, and when I say that the shoe of East Stanley is a "big thing", you can safely lay your bottom dollar on the fact, d'ye mind. This is why I advocate boiled rice, and shoes on a less dangerous footing. ●

*Launceston Examiner*, 22nd August, 1890.  
Circular Head News, p3 c3.

### Was your letter unanswered too?

In an endeavour to tidy up my research on my Cornish family connections I sent a letter to the Society of Cornishes run by the Rev Roger Cornish, who lives in Plymouth, Devon. My letter was dated 17th June 2005. The query was on Thomas Cornish of Princetown who married Bertha Rook and went to USA.

On 31st August I received an e-mail content as follows:

"Your letter dated 17th June 2005 arrived here last week! It was amongst mail recovered from a postman who hoarded mail in the boot of his car !."

After all that Roger did not have anything to tell me about Thomas. ●

Thelma Grunnell (Member 610)

## Directory Assistance

### Maurice Appleyard (Member No 4093)

Many researchers may not be aware of the value of the numerous directories found in family history library collections and how helpful they can be in tracking down that elusive piece of information.

#### **Wise's Tasmanian Post Office Directories**

Wise's Tasmanian Post Office Directory commenced with the first issue for 1890-91 with subsequent issues being produced every two years. In 1899, due to the growth of the colony the directory was published annually. It reverted back to being bi-annual from 1932-33 to 1945-46. An annual edition for 1947 and 1948 (57th year of publication) was produced with the latter appearing to be the last directory of this type.

Whilst the format has undergone some changes over the years, the major parts of the directory have always been available and prove to be an excellent way to track the occupation, residence or location of many of our ancestors. Major sections found in the 1948 directory are:

#### **Streets Index to Hobart & Suburbs and Launceston & Suburbs**

This alphabetical index of street names directs researchers to the more extensive street directories and in many cases solves the problem of 'missing' streets. Over the years, many streets have undergone name changes. These indexes tend to carry the old name as well, in a number of issues after the change.

#### **Hobart Streets Directory**

This directory lists the streets in alphabetical order; firstly giving all properties on the right-hand side of the street, then all those on the left-hand

side. Intersecting streets are endorsed as they occur in the run of street numbers. The name of each commercial or community building is given and in the case of residential addresses, the name of the householder; if this happens to also be the owner then it is also recorded.

This can be an excellent tool to locate the residence of a business of an ancestor, even if the building no longer exists. It is usually possible to work out the position of a building from other street address that still exist.

[Hobart suburbs as we know them to day will vary greatly from those in earlier directories. The 1948 directory lists 'Towns Adjoining Hobart' as: Bellerive, Lenah Valley, Lindisfarne, Montague Bay, Ridgeway and Risdon & Risdon West. Only an alphabetical list of householders is provided for these towns.]

#### **Launceston Streets Directory**

This directory is in the same style as the Hobart one. [In 1948, the 'Towns Adjoining Launceston' were:

Distillery Creek (including Ravenswood and Waverley), Franklin Village, Killafaddy, Legana, Newnham (including Rocherlea), Prospect, St Leonards, Tenalga and Youngtown.]

#### **Country Towns Directory**

This directory is an alphabetical list of the remaining Tasmanian towns. Household names are provided in alphabetical order in each town and occupations are also given.

#### **Alphabetical Directory**

Tasmanian householders are listed alphabetically in this section. Frequently, an occupation and street address is given, in addition to the town

location. Farmers and Graziers and Private Residents in Country Towns are not shown and are listed elsewhere. [The combined use of this directory with the Hobart or Launceston Streets directory is a good way to find that nursing home an ancestor was born in or the place where the family corner-shop, butchers or grocers was located.]

### **Trades and Professions Directory of Tasmania**

Trades and professions are listed alphabetically and members are listed alphabetically under each subject. Names, locations and often street addresses are given. [Under the heading 'Medical Section' can be found the Private Hospitals & Convalescent Homes as well as the Public Hospitals. A member's query in the previous journal was solved by consulting this directory.]

### **Ecclesiastical Directory**

Alphabetical lists of incumbents for all Christian faiths are given with street or town addresses.

### **Pastoral, Agricultural & Horticultural Directory**

This directory includes Dairies, Fruitgrowers (Apple & Pear, Small Fruits & Hop Growers) and Grazing Properties. Property owners are listed alphabetically under the appropriate headings. Names and location are given.

### **Stations, Grazing Properties and Owners in Tasmania with 500 sheep and over**

This is an alphabetical list of property names; or the owner if no name is given.

[An excellent way to track down the property that an ancestor owned or worked on. e.g. 'Native Corners' (W

Howlett), Campania; helped me identify the birthplace of a family member I was researching.]

### **Local Government**

This directory provides basic details of some office bearers of the Cities, Municipalities and Marine Boards.

### **Official Directory**

This directory contains a Federal Government and State Government section. Names of Ministers and members of both houses are given as well as contact names and addresses of the various government agencies.

Researching through the various issues of Wise's Directories can help to show the movement of people from location to location, the time spent in an occupation or residence, the creation and demise of businesses, hospitals, schools, etc. **Hobart Branch** library collection contains directories for 1903, 1904, 1923, 1931, 1934, 1939-40, 1940-41 and 1948. The Tasmaniana Library in the State Library of Tasmania, Hobart appears to have a full set of the directories available. Researchers outside Hobart should enquire at their local family history or regional libraries.

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### **Articles for the Journal**

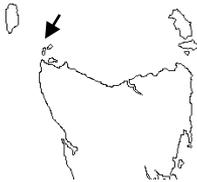
In the December journal we asked members to think about writing articles—would you please:

**Send them in now.**

Don't wait until after the deadline!

## Duck River Notes (by *ILIO*)

Though far removed from the busy centres of civilisation our respected grandmother Stanley excepted. I see by your paper that some wandering journalist occasionally finds his way, or I should rather say loses his way, and picks himself up at Duck River, some 14 or 15 miles out of his reckoning. Such intrepid explorers occasionally give you a glimpse of a people who I have heard some assert, are nearly allied to the lost tribes of Israel, and it might possibly be so, for if the lost tribes have settled in a place at all similar to Duck River, no one can wonder at their not having been found up to this present time. However a little information as to this duck of a place, may perhaps not be uninteresting to some of your readers.



Separated by some 12 miles of wet sandy roads from that would be commercial emporium Stanley, this settlement seems

to have struggled into existence through the extent and value of the beds of timber, both Blackwood and hardwood; the magnificent river, second to none as a harbour on the N W Coast (not even our respected parent excepted) offering a splendid opportunity for the export of same. Since then settlement has steadily increased, though in the respectable old-fashioned way that has always been a characteristic feature of the Stanley family. Leaving the Stanley and Table Cape main road, the traveller wandering through the sand and slush for some 10 miles is pleasantly surprised by coming suddenly on to a macadamised road, which, though none of the smoothest, and on which a good

deal of metal seems to have been left for the carts to break, is certainly a great improvement on the other part of the road. By a gradual slope the top of the hill is reached, from which a fine view of farms, forest, and plains is obtained. Beneath lies the township with its neat and comfortable hotel, also a Post and Telegraph-office, a store or two and numerous potato sheds. Below again (the tide being in) lies the river like a silver lake, winding away to the southward, until lost behind a forest of timber. At the turn of the road is the jetty, where the produce of the surrounding farms is shipped; certainly anything but a creditable affair to the authorities that be.

Above the jetty is the bridge, over which leads the road to Montagu; picturesque certainly at a distance, but on closer acquaintance—well, more of this by-and-bye. On a fine clear summer's day the traveller is tempted to feast his eyes for some time on the scene before him, and may often see the line of smoke across plain and woodland left by the train running from Mr LEE's sawmill towards Christmas hills, the dead trees on the farms there being distinctly visible in the distance. However, we will descend and make a closer acquaintance with this little known region and its inhabitants. On looking down, the hill now separates the traveller from the township. The question arises, how is he to get down? The hill is of the steepest, the stones of the biggest, and the road of the roughest. There is nothing for it, however, so setting his teeth, with his foot hard on the brake, he jolts and tumbles, and bundles to the bottom as best he may, wondering if the inhabitants in this region ever heard of

such a man as the Hon the Minister of Lands and Works, and if that gentleman ever travelled this way, to enquire into the wants of the district.

Pulling up at Mr JONES' Temperance Hotel, both man and beast are soon made comfortable. After his journey the traveller will be glad to rest, and not ramble far off the township.

Straight down the street is the jetty, and, as I said before, it is anything but a credit to the Stanley Marine Board, who for the last 30 years have had charge of the same. Much produce has been exported from here in the timber and potato line, and gone to swell the returns of the Circular Head port in spite of the way in which the river has been neglected by the members of the Board.

"Had we no representative on the Board," did you say? Oh, no; members were nominated by the Governor-in-Council on recommendation, and Mrs Stanley being, as I said before, very old-fashioned favoured centralisation, and considered a resident outside Circular Head would be quite out of place on a Circular Head Marine Board. Lately a law has been passed, I believe, entitling us to a member on the Board, but it is hinted that it was thought doubtful in certain quarters whether there was a representative to be found in such an uncivilised place capable of understanding the dignity and important duties of such an office. However, I believe we are to be allowed out on trial, so look to yourselves, ye ducklings. Montagu was also to have a member, but a little bird told me it was thought it inadvisable that there should be two members from this side lest they should form an alliance and call undue attention to the common justice their ports required by their barbarous importunity. Therefore, Montague, give

way humbly to Detention, and take an outside seat.

I have been in all the ports up and down the North-West Coast, and for a natural harbour, unaided by the art of man, there is none to equal this, except perhaps the Montagu passage. At present there is from 14 to 16ft of water at high water on the bar. The bar consists of soft sand, about two chains across, and still as you ascend the river. Inside the heads vessels of the largest tonnage could be afloat at all tides. With one quarter the dredging the Mersey has taken, Duck River could easily accommodate the largest inter-colonial steamers.

So Stanley is to have a breakwater, and much she needs it, but the time has arrived for Duck River to speak up and urge her claims as a port, and demand her share of the public expenditure that farmers here may be no longer handicapped by an extra 5s ton freight on their produce on account of having to lighter it round to Stanley, when steamers could come and load with greater facility in their own river, if it received only the light expenditure on improvements that it is entitled to. I am informed, to erect a few beacons and mooring posts to mark the channel and the various heaps of ballast they have permitted to be deposited in the fair way of the river for years past, but from the description I am given of them I fear they will be on a par with the mud scoop and the royal barge at present moored alongside Stanley wharf.

If a thing is worth doing at all it is worth doing well. I fear I am trespassing too much on your space, and must, therefore, leave our settlers and their farms with their weeds for a future time.  
Nov 25. ●

*Launceston Examiner*, 29 Nov 1891, p3 c7

## Sammy Cox — 117 years

Sammy COX, the Tasmanian centenarian, died in the Launceston Invalid Depot yesterday, his supposed age being 117 years. From an account of Cox's eventful career furnished to this journal by Mr F W MONDS on June 9, 1890, the following statements made by the man himself are gleaned:— Sammy Cox, whose real name was Samuel Emanuel JARVIS, was born at *Shenstone Park*, near Lichfield, England, on November 15, 1773. His father (Squire Jarvis), the owner of *Shenstone Park*, was killed by a fall from his horse whilst fox-hunting, when Sammy was about 10 years old.

After his father's death young Jarvis, was taken by his uncle, Captain Jarvis, on board ship, and he went to sea. He remained with his uncle some five or six years, voyaging to different parts of the world. During one of these voyages Captain Jarvis fell in with a pirate ship; an engagement ensued, and the captain had one arm shot off, Sammy being at his uncle's side, holding his hand when the shot struck him.

The last voyage Sammy made was with his uncle to the South Seas. Captain Jarvis at this time commanded a ship named the *Regent Fox*. During the voyage the boatswain of the ship informed the young fellow that his uncle intended to leave him on some inhabited island, and then return to England and claim the property to which he (Sammy) was the rightful heir.

This frightened the lad, and he resolved to escape from his uncle the first opportunity. It was some time in 1789 when the first land was sighted, and the vessel being short of water a boat was sent ashore to try and procure some. Sammy went them and they landed near the mouth of what is now called the river Tamar in Van Diemen's Land.

The lad being on *terra firma* and frightened to return to his ship, ran away from his companions and concealed himself in the bush. Soon afterwards he fell in with a tribe of aboriginals, and he used to state that he must have wandered about with them for many years. This assertion has been to a great extent doubted. In the course of their wanderings the tribe came upon the place now known as Hadspen, and here Sammy found some white people. He then left the natives and joined a family named COX with whom he remained for a number of years.

Subsequently he worked principally as a gardener in the districts of Muddy Plains, Longford, Bishopsbourne and Carrick. At the latter place and its neighbourhood he lived for upwards of 50 years. Of late years he has been an inmate of the Invalid Depot, where yesterday he died. ●

*Launceston Examiner*, 6 June 1891, p2 c8.

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## Stan Lathey—the last of the Lefroy Goldminers

### Eddy Steenbergen (Member No 5290)

The hamlet of Lefroy (then called Nine Mile Springs) about 15km east of George Town came into being when Samuel RICHARDS discovered reef gold in payable quantities in 1870. Lefroy went through a boom and bust cycle according to the amount of gold being mined. When payable gold ran out for the last time about 1910 Lefroy shrank from the fourth largest town in Tasmania to one which is now occupied by a handful of households.

Edward Stanley LATHEY was born on 15 August 1891 to Edward and Annie LATHEY (nee NOLAN) just as one of the boom periods began with the discovery of the Pinafore reef. He was soon referred to as Stan. His father Edward worked as a carpenter and builder. In early years Stan also worked as a carpenter but from 1928 he described himself as an engine-driver in electoral rolls.

Rev D Ross HEWTON married Stan to Bertha Evelyn Brightie KITTO on 26 December 1922 at St. John's Church, Launceston. On 13 March 1924 they had a child Ronald Edward who, sad to say, died just four days later. We know of no other children to Stan and Bertha.

As far as we know Stan and his father Edward lived their entire adult lives in Lefroy.

The earliest record<sup>1</sup> of Stan's gold-mining activities appears in 1931 in the Tasmanian State Archives. He wrote to the Secretary of Mines expressing interest in using the diamond drill when it next came to Lefroy. The Secretary replied noting Stan's interest.

In 1935 Stan wrote to the Minister for Mines asking for assistance in developing a prospecting claim. The

Minister wrote back approving (a) fifty pounds to cover sinking a fifty foot shaft and driving from the shaft a distance of fifty feet, and (b) a trial crushing, the Government to pay half the cost of crushing and cost of transport.

In 1937 Stan wrote again to the Minister asking for more assistance. He asked for a hundred pounds to develop a lode at 100 feet. This time the Minister refused. It seems that the law limited total assistance to 300 pounds and Stan had had 250 pounds worth the first time. The Minister also noted that Stan should start using the small battery for crushing ore. It seems to have sat idle since arriving.

On 2 August 1937 his wife Bertha took over the Lefroy Post Office<sup>2</sup> and operated it until she died on 26 December 1947. She received an annual allowance of 73 pounds 10 shillings.

In 1940 Stan wrote again to the Minister asking for money for "myself and a mate" to do some prospecting for a few weeks. The Minister fobbed Stan off saying no money was available and to try again later. Later that year Stan wrote again asking for "any old broken handle shovels" to use for prospecting. We don't know if he received any but his mining activities were obviously very low key at this stage.

Stan joined his father as a Justice of the Peace for the George Town district on 11 June 1943.

In 1944 Stan wrote to the Inspector of Mines. The letter starts "I was told yesterday that when you were in Lefroy you were enquiring about the show held by myself and mate." He then goes on to describe his mine and the results of

recent crushings each of which had produced a few pennyweight of gold.

Stan wrote to the Director of Mines in April 1948 asking for an interview to discuss "Mines Department Property in my care also the Perpetual Lease." At this point he still had the lease and, presumably, the battery.

Later that year Stan wrote again to the Director asking "if there is any hope of getting some money spent in boring on the Lefroy Gold Field" and concluded by "hoping you will be able to give some help to lift the Field up again." The Director refused the request mainly because the last boring had produced negative results.

Stan married again on 25 February 1950, this time to Helen Emily Mary ROBERTS at St George's Church, Battery Point.

We do not know when Stan stopped mining gold. He wrote for the last time to the Mines Department in late 1950 but only to complain that some people had been cutting green timber on his mining lease.

He ceased to be a district JP in 1954.

His second wife Helen died on 26 June 1966 and was buried in the Lefroy Cemetery on 28 June. Stan outlived both his wives to die on 15 July 1975 at St Johns Park Hospital, New Town, and be buried in the Lefroy Cemetery where both wives and his son already lay.

Was Stan the last person to work a gold-mine in Lefroy? ●

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## Symposium on Female Migrants

The National Trust Heritage Festival theme for 2006 is "We Came by Sea", highlighting Tasmania's maritime associations. As part of the Festival, Friends of the Library Launceston in conjunction with the Launceston Library will conduct a symposium entitled *Willing and Unwilling: Female Migrants to Tasmania in the Nineteenth Century*.

There has been considerable interest recently in the lives of women, convict and free, in the history of Tasmania. The restoration of the Female Factory in Hobart and the formation of the Female Factory Research Group, Christina Henri's "Departures and Arrivals" bonnets exhibition at various sites around the state, and a range of recent publications have led to an increasing awareness of this long-overlooked group.

The symposium's four main speakers are currently researching in this field. Irene Schaffer has written extensively on early Australian historical subjects such as voyages of the Lady Nelson, and the settlement of Norfolk Island and Van Diemen's Land; in 2005 she published *A most remarkable woman: Mary Bowater, convict and landholder, 1765-1849 : Shrewsbury, England, to Norfolk Plains, V.D.L.* Also released in 2005, Jeff Atkinson's *Mary Proctor. Convict, Pioneer and Settler* uses the story of an individual female convict to illustrate the social circumstances of those transported to our shores. Dianne Snowden's 2005 doctoral thesis, entitled *'On her own hands: Irish convict women in Van Diemen's Land'* examines the lives of those women transported from Ireland to Van Diemen's Land for arson, and follows them through beyond the time that they were technically free. Trudy Cowley of Research Tasmania,

whose recent work includes detailing Tasmania's 1858 valuation rolls, published last year *A Drift of 'Derwent Ducks': Lives of the 200 female convicts transported on the Australasia from Dublin to Hobart in 1849*.

In addition to an hour-long presentation by each speaker which provides for question time, the symposium's program will include an interactive session for participants based on a panel discussion; this will be led by researchers interested in various aspects of the symposium's theme.

Details of the symposium:

**Date and time:** 12 April 2006, 9:30am to 4:30pm .

**Venue:** Phil Leonard Room, 2nd Floor, Launceston Library.

**Cost:** \$20 (including lunch and morning & afternoon teas)

**Expressions of interest and registration fee** can be addressed either to:

Mike McCausland (Friends of the Library, PO Box 607, Launceston 7250; ph 6394 7184) or

The Reference Desk, Launceston Library (Civic Square, Launceston; ph 6336 2642).

**Make cheques payable to:** Friends of the Library, Launceston.

**The venue holds only 40 people, so early registration is advisable.** ●

## News from Joint Tasmanian Archives Consultative Forum

Maurice Appleyard (Member No 4093)

The Consultative Forum is composed of a number of major 'stakeholder' organisations that are deeply interested in Tasmanian Archive material held by the National Archives of Australia and the Archives Office of Tasmania.

Representatives from: State Library of Tasmania [Tasmaniana Library], Queen Victoria Museum and Art Gallery, Tasmanian Historical Research Association, University of Tasmania [History Department], Tasmanian History Teachers' Association, Professional Historians Association, Tasmanian Family History Society and Tasmanian Museum and Art Gallery; meet quarterly with officers of the two Archive bodies.

The purpose of the Forum is to facilitate community consultation with the National Archives' and the Archives of Tasmania's key stakeholders. It provides an avenue in which the key stakeholders can contribute in a meaningful way, to decisions that affect the collections and services provided by the two organisations. Stakeholders are able to provide feedback on initiatives of the Archive offices and can express the views of their organisations and articulate community expectations.

The Forum also aims to raise community awareness of the work of the National Archives and the Archives Office of Tasmania and facilitate collaborative ventures between Tasmania's cultural institutions and historical associations.

### Archives Office of Tasmania

The AOT has recently accepted the following transfers of interest:

Anglican parish records from Westbury, Hagley and Carrick. [The records, which are currently undergoing preservation treatment for damp and mould, are likely to be microfilmed.]

Inland Fisheries Commission records, 1925.

Oral history master tapes of wartime interviews by a Mr Chalk.

Papers from the collection of Edith Langham about the Miss Tasmania Quest.

Blind and Deaf Society films about various teaching activities.

AMA minutes.

The papers Ian Burke, former organist at St. David's Cathedral.

Launceston Children's Christmas Fair records.

[Whilst it may take some time to process this material and determine availability schedules, it is good to know that these records are being preserved for the future.]

### Opening Hours

AOT advise that the search room may be closed on occasional mornings to enable staff meetings and training workshops to be conducted.

### National Archives Of Australia

National Archives recently commissioned an independent review of Reference Services and a number of recommendations for change were received. A working group within NAA has been convened to consider the implementations of the Review's recommendations.

One point of particular interest to Forum members was that it was found that; only 1% of research enquires were made face-to-face, the remainder being submitted via on-line services. National Archives, Hobart may therefore reduce the number of reading room opening hours available. It is proposed that the Hobart reading room only be open three days a week to allow staff to devote more time to other functions. The actual closure days are still to be confirmed.

### ***Australia on the Map 2006***

The Hobart Office will conduct two seminars on Dutch migration records on 1 and 16 March 2006, as part of NAA's contribution to *Australia on the Map*.

### ***Antarctic Tasmania Mid-Winter Festival and Ice Cold Words***

Planning has commenced for the NAA's participation in *Antarctic Tasmania Mid-Winter Festival and Ice Cold Words 2006*. The National Archives' contribution to the 2006 Festival will include a Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade exhibition entitled *Antarctica — Treaty Territory. Ice Cold Words* is a literary event which will feature readings of original records by prominent authors and personalities.

### ***Queen Victoria Museum & Art Gallery***

After being closed for two years while a new search room and library was developed at Inveresk, the new Community History Centre has reopened. The Centre's opening hours have been reduced to Mondays to Thursdays from 10.00 am to 4.00 pm, and access to the Library is by appointment only. ●

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### **To whom it may concern:**

With reference to an article, titled *Forgotten Australian War Veterans*, written by James Gray, in the

September 2005, issue of *Tasmanian Ancestry*, I wish to advise that I had stated, some five months ago, to Mr Gray, that I did not wish to be associated with any of his work, as I have found numerous errors, and he has often fabricated material, in relation to the veterans, as well as other subjects. Furthermore, I have statements from Barry Crompton, Len Traynor and have been in telephone contact with Bob Simpson, all of whom do not wish to be associated with the work of James Gray. This can be confirmed by contacting any of these persons, who are the original researchers of the American Civil War veterans buried in Australia. The reasons can be clearly seen, when examining the work of Mr Gray.

Furthermore, the information Mr Gray seeks has already been included in a volume published by the daughter of the late Roy Parker, Mrs Virginia Crocker, in 2000, and it is fairly obvious to all of us that Mr Gray is using the volume to contact the sources and individuals listed there, and associated sources, to obtain the very same information, and then claim it all as his own hard work. We had already done this work some twenty years ago, and Mr Gray is just following in our footsteps, through the use of the volume as his guide. The reasons can be clearly deduced by noting the donation request at his web site.

Please be advised that legal action has already been initiated against Mr Gray in the use of our original work, and that several such actions are already planned to stop his misappropriation and misuse of our work.

Regards, Terry Foender,  
2/125 Campbell St,  
Toowoomba, QLD 4350

## The Furneaux Group

A few years ago an endeavour was made by the Government to establish a school in the Furneaux Group in Bass's Straits, for the benefit of the mixed population of Europeans and half-castes inhabiting these islands who had been previously utterly neglected by both Church and State, the Rev Canon BROWNRIGG being the first clergyman who took any pains to administer to their spiritual wants.

The experiment, which was placed under the charge of Mr COLLIS, was not a success, owing to the population being, not only migratory in character, but scattered over a number of islands, and the varying nature of the currents and eddies amongst this portion of the Straits rendering navigation difficult even for adults, except in fine weather.

According to the census of 1881 there were 252 souls resident in the Furneaux Group, but this number has been considerably augmented by European settlers during the last few years.

At the date of the census there were 19 adults, descendants of Tasmanian aborigines living on the islands, only one of whom was unmarried, and three male and five female descendants of Australian aboriginals had intermarried with descendants of the Tasmanian race, while four white men had married wives of Tasmanian aboriginal descent.

Besides these there were one female and five males descendants of the Australian race, who were in no way related to Tasmanian aboriginals, three of the males being married, two to white women.

Last year the Education Department determined to make another effort to reach these islanders, and during the present year a school-house and

teacher's residence has been built on the north-west coast of Cape Barren Island, where five acres have been reserved. This is near the principal settlement, and is as central a locality as can be obtained.

Mr E STEPHENS has been appointed as the first teacher, and left yesterday, with his wife and family, for his new sphere of labour in ss *Warrentinna*, which has been chartered to also convey the necessary furniture and stores for the school and teacher's residence, and we wish Mr Stephens every success in his arduous undertaking.

For the reasons that have militated against the establishment of a State School, it is impossible to station a clergyman permanently in the Furneaux Group, and occasional visits can effect little permanent good.

Recognising the peculiar circumstances of the case, the Minister of Education has felt justified in relaxing the strict rule laid down with regard to State School teachers, and giving Mr Stephens permission to act as catechist and use the school building for holding religious services.

It is not intended that such services shall convey any particular denominational teaching, the aim being simply to Christianise the people, and Mr Stephens will have a portion of his time set free to enable him to visit the adjacent islands, and extend his sphere of usefulness in this direction as circumstances may warrant. ●

*Launceston Examiner*, 30 July 1890, p3 c1

## Can you help identify these people?



Written on the  
back of photo:

**Back Row**

Left to Right  
T RANKIN  
4th from left  
N McKenzie

**Ladies**

2nd from left  
Margaret SMILIE  
3rd from left  
Polly CORBET?

The above photo was among family photos belonging to the RANKIN family of Launceston Tasmania. I have been told that four of the ladies are related to the SMILIE family. Can anyone tell me who they are? Also what they represent?

If you have any information please contact: Anita Swan, 53 Foch Street Launceston TAS 7248. (Member No 3243)

*Descendants of Convicts' Group*  
Incorporated

1788  1868

Any person who has convict ancestors, or who has an interest in convict life during the early history of European settlement in Australia, is welcome to join the above group. Those interested may find out more about the group and receive an application form by writing to:

The Secretary, Descendants of Convicts Group,  
P.O. Box 12224, A'Beckett Street,  
Melbourne, Victoria, 8006, Australia  
<http://home.vicnet.net.au/~dcjinc/>

## Remove the Blinkers

Paul E Stott (Member No 5686)

A recent acquisition to my bookshelf comprises a collection of letters that had been located and published by a granddaughter of the writer. It is only a small volume of some 64, A5 sized pages but the Index is a goldmine for Family Historians and contains references to approximately 125 different persons! A lot of us begin and end our research at the Index section of a book but the pain of tedious and sometimes monotonous search for details of ancestors can be relieved if we broaden our research to include an understanding of the world in which they lived. The following anecdote would not have surfaced if I had concluded my research at the Index section of this book.

The Burnie Branch of our Society makes an annual pilgrimage to the State Archives in Hobart each October. Travelling together on a coach provides plenty of time for members to swap notes and we always detour for some extra historical research. However, the perennial subject for discussion on the last three trips has concerned the number of dead trees that mar the landscape throughout the Midlands.

Now, it so happens that during 1844 the wife of the first Bishop of Tasmania was travelling by coach from Hobart to Launceston and she recorded details of her journey in a letter to her father who lived in England. As a newcomer to these shores, so different from her native homeland, she not only mentioned names of those she met on her journey but described the scenery in much detail.

Let me quote:

The view from the summit of Spring Hill, between this and Jericho, is very fine, commanding a noble outline of the mountains in the distance, the fertile plain of Green Ponds, and the wooded hill we were ascending...

On descending this hill we observed one of those frequently recurring tracts of dead timber – large trees with every branch and their trunks perfect, only leafless. On one side of Mount Wellington this skeleton-like forest is very perceptible, even from the town, and there are many such. The effect is most melancholy, as though the Locust had passed over the land. Mr. Wedge and other colonists attribute it to a very severe frost in 1825, or possibly to the drought of one very hot summer; but I believe no one has satisfactorily accounted for it.

Whilst we can be grateful to Anna Maria for having written her letters there is also a message here for Family Historians of 2006. If we make some effort to record details of our own lived experiences we may just happen to be providing a missing piece of the jigsaw for researchers of the future. ●

### References:

Nixon, Norah. *The Pioneer Bishop in Van Diemen's Land 1843–1863*, J. Walch & Sons 130 Macquarie Street Hobart, 1953, p.34.

## Book Reviews

### Smocks

**Hobart** Branch recently added a publication with this title to their library collection.

**Smocks by Maggie Hall, is an A5 booklet, first published in 1979 in the Shire Album series [no. 46]; ISBN 0 85263 477 3.**

Hobart's copy, from the 1993 reprint, was donated by June Roberts.

#### **Smocks:**

'The smock-frock was worn by countrymen in England and Wales during the eighteenth, nineteenth and early twentieth centuries. It was essentially a practical garment and represented a true folk craft developed by ordinary people. It never became a fashionable garment for men although the technique of smocking had been used on women's and children's clothes since the end of the nineteenth century. It was unique in needlework, being both serviceable and decorative, and the work ranged from the simple, robust working smock for everyday use to the beautifully and finely worked smock for special occasions. The popularity of the smock-frock declined towards the end of the nineteenth century with the increased mechanisation of agriculture and mass production of clothing.'

This publication is a 'background book' for family history researchers that could also be helpful in dating photographs of ancestors wearing a smock and providing clues to their true occupation.

The misconception that farmers and agricultural labourers were the only wearers of the smock could cause confusion as to the occupation of an ancestor.

Maggie Hall's book clearly shows that men wore the Smock in a variety of trades.

Examples given are:

Brewery workers, Butchers,  
Cidermakers, Coachmen,  
Gamekeepers, Gardeners,  
Fishmongers, Lamplighters,  
Shepherds, Stonemasons,  
Tailors and Wagoners,

It was usual for a man to have two smocks, one for work and one for special occasions. Smocks for special occasions were made from finer linen than the working garment and tended to have more elaborate embroidery. They were worn on Sundays for church and on special days such as jubilees and at other times such as weddings and funerals.

There are quoted cases where a smock has been worn by three generations in a family and of Parishes maintaining a set of smocks to be worn by the pallbearers at funerals.

All of which illustrates that the old gentleman in your photograph may not have been an agricultural worker.

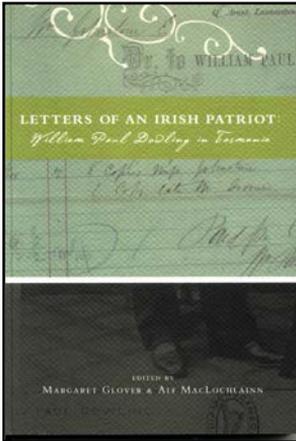
I recommend this booklet to all those who have access to the Hobart Branch library. Those who do not may be able to find it at your local family history group or regional library. ●

Maurice Appleyard,  
Resource Manager

## New Publication

### ***Letters of an Irish Patriot: William Paul Dowling in Tasmania***

Edited by Margaret Glover & Alf MacLochlainn (Tasmanian Historical Research Association, PO Box 441, Sandy Bay, TAS 7006) \$27.50



Some people have all the luck.

William While Paul Dowling was never an Irish rebel in the mould of the Young Irelander patriots including William Smith O'Brien, John Mitchel and Thomas Meagher; he was arrested by London Police after they discovered Young Ireland movement documents on him.

After a trial, he was transported from England to Van Diemens Land.

Unlike Mitchel and many others however, Dowling was granted a ticket-of-leave as soon as he stepped ashore in Tasmania in November, 1849.

He set up as a photographer and lithographer, working in Launceston with his brother Matthew Patrick Dowling.

Dowling's marked views on the inferiority of Tasmanian colonial life and Tasmanians in general ("the degraded public servant of today may be head of Government tomorrow" and "any young man of abilities and gentlemanly bearing would have a fine chance of rising here because there are so few of them") are recorded in all their frank earnestness.

And some things never change. Dowling noted that Tasmania, with a population of a mere 89,000 ("a fourth the size of Dublin"), had a governor, two houses of parliament, "a host of MPs paid and unpaid with all their staffs of clerks and policemen besides numerous other establishments for sick and made and jails and hospitals."

Dowling nevertheless thrived. Possibly unlike Britain (as it then was) Dowling found being a former convict in Tasmania no bar to success.

In 1850 he married Irish immigrant Julia Anne de Veaux. They settled down to business and married life but after a full pardon in 1857, Dowling was overwhelmed with homesickness. He returned to Ireland in the late 1800s no doubt with a view to living there permanently.

"We have no comfort in our lives as we feel ourselves in a land of strangers", he said of Tasmania before embarking for Dublin.

Yet he was soon to return to Launceston to continue his business. He died in 1877 from tetanus after an operation.

There is no better and intimate view of history than the truth of contemporary letters. This careful selection of correspondence is a fine example of the genre. ●

Martin Stevenson, *The Examiner*, Saturday, 17 December 2005

**Trudy Cowley, *A Drift of Derwent Ducks*, Hobart: the author.**

\$48 in bookstores; \$45 at TFHS Hobart branch; or \$43 direct from the author including postage.

There is a growing number of books looking at many different aspects of our convict past, and this present book is an excellent addition to them. It looks at a shipload of 200 female convicts who arrived in Tasmania from Ireland in 1849 on the *Australasia*.

Trudy Cowley looks at all aspects of these women's lives. Their backgrounds in Ireland: what was happening there that they committed crimes? The answer is the Great Famine, which left millions of people poverty-stricken and starving. The author provides excellent background material on this, and then analyses the women's crimes. Among Trudy Cowley's many gifts, she is good at maths, and provides clear figures and diagrams which show exactly what was happening.

She describes the trip out to Australia, and the fate of the women once they arrived there. This was the period of the probation system (clearly explained), and the women were mostly given a period of probation, and then worked as domestic servants. Some did well, some did not, and there are many stories of their lives while still under sentence.

All this material is relatively easy to find on convict records. Much harder is the next part of the book: what happened to the women after they were freed? As researchers know, there are gaps and difficulties once people were out of the convict system: not everything that happened by way of births, deaths and marriages was officially recorded; records are not extant; names are spelled differently; people used aliases; and perhaps some tried to avoid recognition. Others went to the mainland. After an enormous amount of work—if you've been in the Archives over the past few years you'd know about this—Trudy Cowley has tracked down a large number of women: 63 percent to their deaths, and overall, 85 percent after they received their certificates of freedom. It's therefore possible to discuss their total lives: few authors have worked hard enough to find out the facts to do this.

The book is well-written, and illustrated with 30 figures (mostly graphs), 28 tables and 23 photos. It's an excellent addition to your library of books about Tasmanian history. (Note: The first edition of 500 copies has sold out, but another edition is on the way.) ●

Alison Alexander.

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## T.A.M.I.O.T and eHeritage

<http://eheritage.statelibrary.tas.gov.au/> click on "Monuments and Historic Sites"

... To access transcriptions of the headstones surviving in some 800 cemeteries around Tasmania; held by the five Branches around the State: Burnie, Devonport, Hobart, Huon and Launceston.

Cemeteries are arranged by municipality and alphabetically. T.A.M.I.O.T. fiche are available for purchase from **TFHS Inc. PO Box 191, Launceston TAS 7250**

Images are available for purchase from the branches.

## FFHS Publications – New Publications

Now available at your local Branch Library

***Dating Twentieth Century Photographs:*** by Robert Pols. This successor guide to Robert Pols *Dating 19th Century Photographs* concentrates on the understanding, identification and dating of photographs from the last century. It clearly sets out the development of photography and includes guidelines for dating your photographs.

***Genealogical Jargon:*** by Stuart Raymond. This book is intended as an aide-memoir for those about to set out on the family history trail. It defines many common terms, including abbreviations and acronyms. A few Latin words and terms are also included.

***Scottish Family History on the Web:*** by Stuart Raymond (2nd Edition). There's more to Scottish research online than the Scotland's People website, good though that it is. In Stuart Raymond's latest book he lists hundred of vital sites, from Tartans to the Tartan Army. If you are researching ancestors who came from, or lived north of the border, you will need this guide. It will save you hours of research time and perhaps hundred of pounds.

***Tracing your Nineteenth Century Family History:*** by Stuart Raymond. A companion volume to *Tracing your Twentieth Century History*. It is probably easier to research family history in the nineteenth century, or at least in the period from 1837, than for any other long period. This is due to the fact that the researcher has two major comprehensive sources—the records of civil registration from 1837 and the census enumerators' schedules every ten years from 1841. The purpose of this book is to encourage you to go beyond the bare bones of the civil registers and census, and to understand the history of your family in its social and economic setting.

***Birth, Marriages and Deaths on the Web (part 1):*** by Stuart Raymond. Innumerable web pages now provide transcripts and indexes of parish register and civil registration records, etc. They are all listed here. Part 1 includes: Berkshire, Buckinghamshire, Channel Islands, Cornwall, Devon, Dorset, Gloucestershire & Bristol, Hampshire, Herefordshire, Kent, London & Middlesex, Oxfordshire, Shropshire, Somerset, Surrey, Sussex, Wiltshire, Worcestershire and Wales.

***Birth, Marriages and Deaths on the Web (part 2):*** by Stuart Raymond. Innumerable web pages now provide transcripts and indexes of parish register and civil registration records, etc. They are all listed here. Part 2 includes: Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire, Cumberland, Derbyshire, Durham, Essex, Hertfordshire, Huntingdonshire, Isle of Man, Lancashire, Leicestershire, Lincolnshire, Norfolk, Northamptonshire, Northumberland, Nottinghamshire, Rutland, Staffordshire, Suffolk, Warwickshire, Westmoreland and Yorkshire. ●

## Genes On Screen

### Vee Maddock

Have you googled anyone lately? The search engine [google.com](http://www.google.com) has become so successful that google has become a verb.

What is a search engine? Basically it's a searchable index to the internet. While there are many different search engines out there, quite frankly if you haven't got into the habit of using at least one of them regularly then learn to do it now and for the sake of argument start with google. It can save you a lot of time asking questions to which the answers are easily available. Simply go to [www.google.com](http://www.google.com) and type your query in the search box and hit enter or click on the search button. On the results page the page title will come up as a blue link (click to visit that page). Pages will be ranked according to those most likely to contain the results you want. On the right will be paid ads relating to your search terms. Scroll down the list and even click next to see more results. A snippet of each page is given so you can judge the appropriateness to your query.

Got an email that you're not sure if it's a hoax or not? Simply copy a key phrase from the text into google, surround it with " " (searches for the words in that order and together) and search. The results will quickly show you if it's a virus warning or yet another annoying hoax email. E.g. "if you press #90"

Want to know where you've seen that actor before in the evening movie? Type the *name of the movie* +*cast*. The search will return only sites showing the words from the movie title and the word cast. Scroll down and find the name of

the actor. Still not ringing any bells? Now type his name into google +*filmography*. Sites will appear listing his works and the mystery will be solved.

To find sites that don't include a word use the - sign. E.g. *Family -planning* or *history -America*. Remember however this will exclude the site wherever the word appears on the page.

If you need a definition of a word type *define:word*. E.g. *define:genealogy*.

Looking for a census in adobe pdf format? To avoid every page that mentions the word census type *census filetype:pdf*

Google will automatically try and find sites that contain all the words you type in the search box. To change this to an 'either or' type search put an uppercase OR between the search terms. E.g. *genealogy OR history*.

Google has developed a list of synonyms for many words so instead of having to do the same search over and over changing the term you use the ~ character and google does it for you. For example if you search *England ~history* you'll find not only sites containing those two words but sites containing 'historical' information, 'timelines' etc.

For more information on searching with google see the help files on <http://www.google.com/support>. Whatever you want to know, from recipes to databases, it's probably on the net if you know how to search for it.

## Tasmaniana Library, State Library of Tasmania

### New Acquisitions

This is a select list of books on history, biography and genealogy which have been added to the Tasmaniana Library between October and December 2005.

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 or by telephone on (03) 6233 7474, by fax on (03) 6231 0927, and by e-mail at [Heritage.Collections@education.tas.gov.au](mailto:Heritage.Collections@education.tas.gov.au).

Further information is also available on TALIS, the State Library's on-line information system. TALIS is available in city and branch libraries throughout Tasmania and through the World Wide Web; its URL is <http://www.talis.tas.gov.au:8000/>.

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

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- Heerey, Peter, *FX Heerey: a Tasmanian's story of the Great War.* (TL 940.48194 HEE)
- Horne, Julia, *The pursuit of wonder: how Australia's landscape was explored, nature discovered and tourism unleashed.* (TL 910.994 HOR)
- Houghton, John, *The Bellerive to Sorell railway revisited.* (TLQ 385.2099467 HOU)
- Jehan, David, *Rack railways of Australia.* [Includes Mount Lyell Mining & Railway Co. Ltd Queenstown to Regatta Point rack/adhesion railway] (TLQ 385.20994 JEH)
- Jones, Ellen, *My children are my garden: memoirs of living and growing up as a young girl on Bruny Island, Tasmania.* (TL 920.72 JON)
- Lake, Robyn, "George Peck: purveyor of the fine arts" in *Australiana*, vol.25, no.4, November 2003. (TLPQ 700.994 PEC)
- Lambourne, Donald C, *Potters, painters & preachers: the Walkate family history with special reference to the ancestors and descendants of Enoch Henry Walkate (1858-1939), both in England and Australia.* (TLQ 929.2 WAL)
- Leaman, David, *The un-abandoned shore: the legacy of John Bowen.* [Inaugural Bowen Lecture, 12 September 2004] (TLP 994.602 LEA)
- Leeson, Allan, *Rotary Club of Somerset Inc: 25 years' service to the community.* [Part 1, "Year by year history"; Part 2, "Year by year structure"; Part 3, "Membership register"] (TLP 369.5 ROT)
- Ludeke, Michael, *Tasmania's Maria Island: a comprehensive history and visitor's guide.* [Second edition] (TLQ 994.674)
- Marx, Bruce and Lisa Williamson, *The Marx family history.* [Traces the offspring of Jacob Marx and Christina Phillips] (TLPQ 929.2 MAR)
- Mckenzie, Linda, *[Gravesites of Tasmania] Cornelian Bay: Hobart War Cemetery* (TLCDDROMS 929.5 MCK)
- Mckenzie, Linda, *[Gravesites of Tasmania] Cornelian Bay: Methodist, Scottish, Jewish.* (TLCDDROMS 929.5 MCK)
- McKnight, Thomas Boreland, *Diary of Thomas Boreland McKnight: 28/11/1826-19/2/1912.* (TLQ 920 MCK)
- Meals on Wheels Committee (Glenorchy, Tas.), *Glenorchy Meals on Wheels: 1963-2003.* (TLP 362.630994662 MEA)
- Miller, John, *Cleanliness is next to godliness: the story of Richard & Alice Miller & their family.* (TLQ 929.2 MIL)
- Minck, May, *Looking back.* [Autobiography] (TL 305.89430936 MIN)

- Monson, Les, *Centenary of angling culture, 1905-2005: 100 years of angling on the North West Coast, Tasmania: with the Ulverstone Anglers Club*. (TL 799.12099463 MON)
- Newman, Terry, *Becoming Tasmania: renaming Van Diemen's Land*. (TLQ 994.6 NEW)
- North-West coasters in the Vietnam War*. [Advocate special supplement] (TLPE 959.7043 NOR)
- O'Brien, Ekarestini, *Australian Joint Copying Project: handbook part 11: Public Record Office: Classes filmed in the final five years of the Australian Joint Copying Project*. (TLR 016.994 AUS pt. 11)
- O'Shea, J, *Indexes to birth, death and marriage notices: The Mercury 1854–1930*. [CD republication] (TL CDR0M 929.3 IND)
- Oeuvres de Nicholas-Martin Petit, artiste du voyage aux Terres Australes: 1800-1804*. [Artist with the Baudin expedition] (TLPQ 741.944 PET)
- Owen, David and David Pemberton, *Tasmanian devil: a unique and threatened animal*. (TL 599.27 OWE)
- Palshoj, Karin and Gitte Redder, *Mary, Crown Princess of Denmark*. (TL 948.906 MAR)
- Perry, Nancye Kent, *Child of the twenties: girl of the thirties*. [Autobiography] (TL 920.72 PER)
- Pridmore, Walter B, *Point Puer, and the prisons of Port Arthur*. (TLP 365.420994671)
- Rees, Siân, *The ship thieves. [James Porter – Australian convict, pirate and master mariner]* (TL 994.02 POR)
- Reynolds, Henry, *Nowhere people*. (TL 305.89915 REY)
- Rowston, Laurence F, *Possessing the future: a history of the Ulverstone Baptist Church, 1905-2005*. (TLP 286.194634 ROW)
- Rubenstein, William D, *The all-time Australian 200 rich list*. (TLR 305.5234 RUB)
- Schaffer, Irene, *Van Diemen's land records: Exiled three times over: Land musters, stock returns and lists*. [CD republication of two works] (TLCDROMS 929.3 VAN)
- Snowdon, Dianne, *Foundations of a Tasmanian industry: the history of the Master Builders' Association, 1891–2005*. (TLQ 690.060946 SNO)
- Sorell Bushranger Festival, 3rd annual, 21st November 1999*. [Programme] (TLPQ 994.672 SOR)
- Staunton, Anthony, *Victoria Cross: Australia's finest and the battles they fought*. [John Bisdee, Guy George Egerton Wylly; Henry William Murray; Percy Herbert Cherry, John Woods Whittle, John James Dwyer, Lewis McGee, Stanley Robert McDougall, Wally Ernest Brown, Alfred Edward Gaby, Percy Clyde Statton, Bernard Sidney Gordon, Raymond Tasman Donoghue] (TL 355.1342 STA)
- Stropin, Fran (ed), *Twentieth century heritage: marking the recent past*. [Includes Pius X Church, Taroon] (TLQ 363.690994 TWE)
- Tasmanian Historical Research Association annual excursion: Brighton municipality: Saturday 27 November 1971*. [itinerary and notes from the excursion] (TLPQ 994.665 TAS)
- Terry, EV, *Tasmanian Tiger: Thylacinus Cynocephalus: alive and well*. [Recorded interviews of Tasmanian Tiger sightings] (TLCD 599.27 TAS)
- Terry, Ned, *Tasmanian Tiger: Thylacinus Cynocephalus: alive and well*. (TL 599.27 TER)
- The Great Flood of 1929: transcription from ABC radio broadcast*. (TLPQ 994.611 GRE)

Tom, Emma, *Something about Mary: from girl about town to Crown Princess*. (TL 929.789 TOM)

Turner, Rosemary, *The descendants of James Allison Owens, 1865-1897, and Clara Elizabeth Brooks, 1866-1954*. (TLQ 929.2 OWE)

Waterhouse, Richard, *The vision splendid: a social and cultural history of rural Australia*. (TL 994.02 WAT)

Wheatley, J.B, *Calling and the bounds of habitation*. [Autobiography] (TL 920 WHE)

Wilson, Gwen, *One grand chain: the history of anaesthesia in Australia 1846-1962. Volume 2: 1934-1962*. (TL 617.960994 WIL, v. 2)

Woodmansee, Maurice, *A memorable journey: England to Australia by sea: December 1965 to January 1966*. [Journey to Australia of the Woodmansee family] (TLQ 305.89420946 WOO)

Woodward, Ian, *With heart and voice: the life and times of Ray Sherry*. (TL 920 SHE)

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## Branch Acquisitions

### Burnie Branch

Bennett, J M, *Sir William Stawell, Second Chief Justice of Victoria 1857-1886*

Haygarth, Nic, *Baron Bischoff, Philosopher Smith and the Birth of Tasmanian Mining*

\* Parker, Mike and Whitfield, Paul, *Wales—The Rough Guide*

#### CDRom

MacBeth Genealogical Services,

*Federation Index Victoria 1889-1901*

*Marriage Index Victoria 1921 to 1942*

*Inquest Index Victoria 1840-1985*

Russell, D&A and Dean, G, *Peace Amongst The Pines: A History of the Ridgley Cemetery and Those that rest there*

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### Devonport Branch

#### Books

Pols, Robert, *Dating Nineteenth Century Photographs*

Ratcliffe, Richard, *Basic Facts About...The Wesleyan Methodist Historical Roll*

Ratcliffe, Richard, *Basic Facts About...Methodist Records for Family Historians*

Raymond, Stuart A, *British History and Heritage on the Web, A Directory*

Raymond, Stuart A, *Irish Family History on the Web, A Directory*

Raymond, Stuart A, *Tracing Your Nineteenth Century Family History*

TFHS Inc. Devonport, *Latrobe Early History – Pioneer Families*

TFHS Inc. Devonport, *Latrobe Early History – Land Valuations, Post Office Directories plus more*

#### CDRom

ABM Publishing,

*1871 Census Oxford*

*1861 Census Dorset, Dorchester*

*Phillimore Parish Records*

*Dorset Vol. 1(Marriages)*

*Essex Vol. 1 (Marriages)*

- \* Archive CD Books Australia, *Hobart Town Gazette, The 1844*
- \* Archive CD Books Australia, *Hobart Town Gazette, The 1870*
- \* McClure, Sandra, *Northcote Cemetery Headstone Transcriptions & Complete Burial Register 1855–2003*
- \* GSV Inc., *Transcripts of Memorial Inscriptions in the St Kilda Cemetery & Name Index*

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## Hobart Branch

### Books

- \* Bennett, Elaine & Gray, Dianne, *A Treasured History. William Henry Carpenter (1849–1917) & Mary Elizabeth White (1851–1944)*
- \* Centre for Tasmanian Historical Studies, *Tasmanian Historical Studies Vol 9 2004 Family & Gender in Australia & Tasmania*
- \* Centre for Tasmanian Historical Studies, *Tasmanian Historical Studies Vol 10 2005 Migration-Making Tasmania Home*  
*Department of Environment & Land Management, Tasmanian Towns Street Atlas Edition 7*
- Penguin History Group Inc, *Penguin Cemetery Old and New Sections*
- Penguin History Group Inc, *South Riana Cemetery*
- Walters, Paddy, *Molesworth: an historical account- (Molesworth Primary School 125 anniversary)*

### CDRoms

- ABM Publishing,  
*1871 Census Oxford*  
*Phillimore Parish Records*  
*Dorset Vol. 1 (Marriages)*  
*Beaminstier 1686–1812, Bothenhampton 1636–1812,*  
*Bradpole 1695–1812, Cattistock 1558–1812, Chilfrome, 1709–1812,*  
*Mapperton 1669–1812, North Porrtton 1761–1812, Powerstock & West*  
*Milton 1568–1812, Walditch 1738–1812*
- GSV Inc, *Index & Transcriptions of Melbourne General Cemetery Monumental Inscriptions to 1989*
- GSV Inc, *Transcriptions of Memorial Inscriptions in the St. Kilda Cemetery & Name Index*

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## Huon Branch

### Books

- \* Blake, Dorothy. *Philip Markham 1808–1888*
- \* Chick, Neil (ed), *Van Diemen's Land Heritage Volume 5*
- Cowley, Dr Trudy, *1858 Valuation Rolls for Southern Tasmania*
- \* Davis, B, *Guide to Bruny Island History*
- Duncombe. Kathy, *Bruny Island's Quarantine Station in War & Peace*
- \* Public Record Office, UK, *Genealogy England*
- Rait, Basil. *The Port Cygnet Story 1834–1984*
- Rayner, Tony, *Female Factory, Female Convicts*
- Richard Ratcliffe, *Basic Facts About Methodist Records for Family Historians*

*Basic Facts About The Wesleyan Methodist Historic Roll*Robert Pols, *Dating Nineteenth Century Photographs*

- \* Robertson, Cheryl, *I Can Tell You a Funny Story About That*—Articles taken from The Geeveston History Almanac
- \* Smee, Dr C J, *Pioneer Registers Vols. 6-14 & 16-20.*
- Smee, Dr C J, *Pioneer Register –Spouse Supplement to Vols 1–X, XI–XX, XXI–XXV*
- Stuart A Raymond, *British History and Heritage on the Web: A Directory Irish Family History on the Web: A Directory (2nd edition)*
- Tracing your Nineteenth Century Family History*
- TFHS Burnie Branch, *Index to the Advocate: Births, Deaths & Marriages 1906-1911*
- TFHS Devonport Branch, *The North-West Post (1887-1916): An Index for Family Historians Volume 1 Part 1 1887*
- TFHS Hobart, *Undertakers of Hobart Vol 14 H C Millington Funeral Records Part 2 May 1937-March 1944*
- TFHS Hobart, *Undertakers of Hobart Vol IV Index to HC Millington Pty Ltd Funeral Records Part 3 March 1944-March 1950*
- Woolley, Richie & Smith, Wayne, *A History of the Huon and Far South: Volume 1 Before the Orchard Grew*

**CDRoms**Archive CD Books Australia, *Bailliere's Tasmanian Gazetteer and Road Guide 1877*

- \* FFHS, *National Burial Index for England and Wales, second edition*
- TFHS Hobart Branch, *Indexes to Births, Deaths and Marriage Notices: The Mercury 1854-1930*
- TFHS, *TFHS Members Interests 1998-2005*

**Manuscript**

- \* Index to Surnames of persons listed in Gravelly Tasmanian, volumes 1, 2 & 3, including family and employer
- \* **Indicates donated items**

**Launceston Branch****Books**

- \* *A Guide to Glastonbury & its Abbey*
- \* Australian War Memorial. Khaki and Green, *The Australian Army at Home & Overseas*
- \* Brassington, Margaret, *The Ward Book, Our Tasmanian Heritage*
- \* Chapman, Jennie, *Benjamin Smith My Passage in Time 1835-1927*
- \* Cory Kathleen B, *Tracing Your Scottish Ancestry*
- Day, Alan, *Baptists in Northamptonshire in 1876*
- \* Dean, Johnson, *Shooting the Franklin, Early canoeing on Tasmania's wild rivers*
- \* Evans, J A, *Frederick Matthias Alexander*
- Fensham, B, Wels, B, Zygmuntowicz, *Private Lives Public Records, Family History Resources at Public Record Office Victoria*
- \* Glover, Barbara, *A most dangerous girl*
- \* Macleay River Historical Society, *Trial Bay Gaol : The Story of Trial Bay Gaol*
- Readers Digest, *Australia's Yesterdays, A look at our recent past*
- \* Richardson, Kev, *Australia's Convicts Heritage 1 : The First 50 Years*
- Australia's Convicts Heritage 2 The Next 50 Years*
- \* Rogers, L L, & Metcalf, E M, *Hammersleys of Beaconsfield*
- \* Simons P F, *An Historic Graveyard, Some early records of Port Fairy Cemetery*

- \* *Tasmania's War Effort 1939-1945*
- \* Wagner J, *My G G Grandfather Lt. Edward Lord-Royal Marines, A Glimpse of his life and that of his family*

**CDRoms**

1901 Census Christchurch  
ABM Publishing, *Irish County Maps*  
*Phillimore Parish Records*  
*Cambridgeshire Vol 1 Marriages*  
*Devon Vol 1 Marriages*  
*Essex Vol 1 Marriages*  
*Gloucestershire Vol 1 Marriages*  
*1861 Census Dorset*  
*1891 Census Sussex, Brighton, The Palace*  
*1901 Census Surrey-Surbiton & Esher*

## Archive CD Books

- Hobart Town Gazette 1844*  
*1898 Medical Directory*  
*1917 Wise Tasmanian Post Office Directory*  
*1931 Wise Tasmanian Post Office Directory*  
*Bound for South Australia-Passenger Lists 1836-1851*  
Cambridgeshire FHS, *Cambridgeshire Members Interest 2005*  
Devon FHS, *Members' Interest 2005*
- \* Quintin Publications, *West Wales Historical Records*
  - \* West Surrey FHS, *1851 Census Camberwell Surname Index-Surname*  
*1851 Census Southwark Christchurch & St Saviour-Surname*  
*1851 Census Southwark St John Horsleydown*
  - \* Examiner Newspaper Personal Announcements Index 1987 & Death Notice Index 1988

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## News Flash!

### Ancestry.com.uk

TFHS Inc. has successfully negotiated for *Ancestry.com.uk* to be available on free access on up to four dedicated computers. Currently only Burnie and Hobart Branches are able to take advantage of this sponsorship, and it is hoped the agreement can be finalised and the site be available in these two libraries from 1 February 2006. *Ancestry.com* has extensive and growing indexes and data that will be of huge benefit to our many members with UK ancestors.

#### For further information

Hobart members can check the branch's monthly newsletter or Secretary Leo Prior on Ph 6228 5057.

Burnie members should contact President Peter Cocker on Ph 6435 4103

## Library Notes

|                   |                                                                                                                                        | <b>State Microfiche Roster</b>                      |          |          |          |          |
|-------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
|                   |                                                                                                                                        | 20/02/06                                            | 20/05/06 | 21/08/06 | 20/11/06 | 19/02/07 |
|                   |                                                                                                                                        | 19/05/06                                            | 18/08/06 | 17/11/06 | 16/02/07 | 18/05/07 |
| <b>Burnie</b>     | Set 3                                                                                                                                  | Set 2                                               | Set 1    | Set 5    | Set 4    |          |
| <b>Devonport</b>  | Set 4                                                                                                                                  | Set 3                                               | Set 2    | Set 1    | Set 5    |          |
| <b>Hobart</b>     | Set 5                                                                                                                                  | Set 4                                               | Set 3    | Set 2    | Set 1    |          |
| <b>Huon</b>       | Set 1                                                                                                                                  | Set 5                                               | Set 4    | Set 3    | Set 2    |          |
| <b>Launceston</b> | Set 2                                                                                                                                  | Set 1                                               | Set 5    | Set 4    | Set 3    |          |
| <b>Set 1</b>      | GRO BDMs Index 1868–1897                                                                                                               |                                                     |          |          |          |          |
| <b>Set 2</b>      | Griffith's Valuation for Ireland Series<br>GRO Consular Records Index<br>Old Parochial Records and<br>1891 Census Indexes for Scotland |                                                     |          |          |          |          |
| <b>Set 3</b>      | GRO BDMs Index 1898–1922 and AGCI                                                                                                      |                                                     |          |          |          |          |
| <b>Set 4</b>      | National Probate Calendars 1853–1943 and<br>Lilian Watson Family History Award 2004 entries                                            |                                                     |          |          |          |          |
| <b>Set 5</b>      | GRO B7DMs Index 1923–1942<br>Exchange journals Members' Interests and<br>One Name Studies Index                                        |                                                     |          |          |          |          |
|                   |                                                                                                                                        | <b>Devonport &amp; Launceston Microfiche Roster</b> |          |          |          |          |
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| <b>Devonport</b>  | Set 2                                                                                                                                  | Set 1                                               | Set 2    | Set      | 1        | Set 2    |
| <b>Launceston</b> | Set 1                                                                                                                                  | Set 2                                               | Set 1    | Set      | 2        | Set 1    |
| <b>Set 1</b>      | GRO BDMs Index 1943-1946                                                                                                               |                                                     |          |          |          |          |
| <b>Set 2</b>      | GRO BDMs Index 1947-1950                                                                                                               |                                                     |          |          |          |          |

## Society Sales

The Tasmanian Family History Society Inc. has published the following items which are all available from branch libraries.

**All mail orders should be forwarded to the Sales Officer**

PO Box 191 Launceston TAS 7250

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*Van Diemen's Land Heritage Index*, Vol. 4 (p&p \$4.20) \$11.00

*Van Diemen's Land Heritage Index*, Vol. 5 (p&p \$4.20) \$25.00

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*Tasmanian Ancestry Index Volumes 1—20* (p&p \$4.20) \$22.50

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## Branch Library Addresses, Times and Meeting Details

**Burnie** Phone: (03) 6435 4103 (Branch Librarian)  
Library 58 Bass Highway, Cooee  
Tuesday 11.00 a.m.–3.00 p.m.  
Saturday 1.00 p.m.–4.00 p.m.  
The library is open at 7.00 p.m. prior to meetings.  
Meeting Branch Library, 58 Bass Highway, Cooee 7.30 p.m. on  
3rd Tuesday of each month, except January and December.  
Day Meeting 1st Monday of the month at 10.30 a.m. except January and February.

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**Devonport** Phone: (03) 6424 5328 (Branch Secretary)  
Library Old police residence, 113 Gilbert St, Latrobe (behind State Library)  
Tuesday 11.00 a.m.–3.00 p.m.  
Friday 11.00 a.m.–3.00 p.m.  
2nd Saturday of each month 11.00 a.m.–3.00 p.m.  
Meeting Meeting Room 2, Devonport Library, Fenton Way, Devonport at  
7.30 p.m. on last Thursday of each month, except December. Enter from  
Town Hall car park.

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**Hobart** Phone: (03) 6228 5057 (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.

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**Huon** Phone: (03) 6239 6529 (Branch Secretary)  
Library Soldiers Memorial Hall, Marguerite Street, Ranelagh  
Saturday 1.30 p.m.–4.00 p.m.  
Other times: library visits by appointment with Secretary,  
48 hours notice required  
Meeting Branch Library, Ranelagh, at 4.00 p.m. on 1st Saturday of each month,  
except January.  
Please check Branch Report for any changes.

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**Launceston** Phone: (03) 6344 4034 (Branch Secretary)  
Library 2 Taylor Street, Invermay, Launceston  
Tuesday 10.00 a.m.–3.00 p.m.  
Saturday 1.00 p.m.–4.00 p.m.  
Meeting Branch Library 2 Taylor Street, Invermay, at 7:00 p.m.  
4th Tuesday of each month, except December.

# Membership of the Tasmanian Family History Society Inc.

Membership of the TFHS Inc. is open to all individuals interested in genealogy and family history, whether or not resident in Tasmania. Assistance is given to help trace overseas ancestry as well as Tasmanian.

**Dues are payable annually by 1 April.** Membership Subscriptions for 2006–07 (including GST):-

|                                         |         |
|-----------------------------------------|---------|
| Individual member                       | \$39.00 |
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| Australian Concession                   | \$27.00 |
| Australian Joint Concession             | \$37.00 |

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## Membership Entitlements:

All members receive copies of the society's journal *Tasmanian Ancestry*, published quarterly in June, September, December and March. Members are entitled to free access to the society's libraries. Access to libraries of some other societies has been arranged on a reciprocal basis.

## Application for Membership:

Application forms may be downloaded from [www.tasfhs.org](http://www.tasfhs.org) or obtained from the TFHS Inc. State Secretary, or any branch and be returned with appropriate dues to a branch treasurer. **Interstate and overseas** applications should be mailed to the TFHS Inc. Treasurer, PO Box 191, Launceston Tasmania 7250. Dues are also accepted at libraries and at branch meetings.

## Donations:

Donations to the Library Fund (\$2.00 and over) are **tax deductible**. Gifts of family records, maps, photographs, etc. are most welcome.

## Research Queries:

Research is handled on a voluntary basis in each branch for members and non-members. Rates for research are available from each branch and a stamped, self addressed, business size envelope should accompany all queries. Members should quote their membership number. Research request forms may be downloaded from [www.tasfhs.org](http://www.tasfhs.org).

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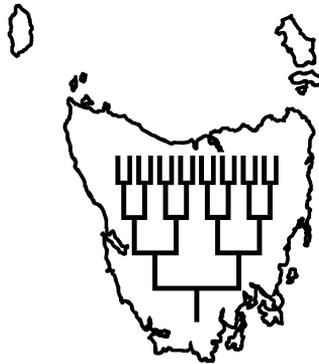
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# 5th Annual General Meeting

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*Tasmanian Family History Society Inc.*

ABN 87 627 274 157



to be held at

**Town Hall, Church Street, Ross**



**Saturday 17 June 2006**

# Programme

**10.00am**     **Registration**  
**Morning Tea**

**10.30 am**     Welcome by the President

**10.45 am**     "*1820 Military Outposts—Establishing European Settlement in the Interior of Van Diemen's Land*", Brad Williams.

**11.40 am**     **Introducing:**

- Journal Article Competition winner
- Family Chart Competition and Short Story Award

**12.30 –**  
**1.45pm**     **Lunch**

**1.45 pm**     **Annual General Meeting**, incorporating presentation of:

- Lilian Watson Family History Award
- TFHS Inc. Awards

**3.00 pm**     **Afternoon Tea**

**3.30 pm**     A meeting of the new State Executive



*The Tasmanian Wool Centre & Museum*

Book Stalls and new publications from Branches will be on offer during the day.

# Registration Form

Closing date for registration and payment is 1 June 2006

The State Secretary  
Tasmanian Family History Society Inc.  
PO Box 191  
**Launceston** Tas 7250

**Phone/Fax enquiries:** 03 6344 4034  
**email:** secretary@tasfhs.org

Name/s .....

Address.....

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| <u>I/we will be attending</u> | <u>No.</u>               |
|-------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Morning tea                   | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Lunch                         | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Afternoon tea                 | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Lunch, Morning & Afternoon Tea:\$16.00 per person

Total payment enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

## Early Bird Prize

Register before the **Monday 8th May** and you could be in the draw  
for the President's Early Bird Prize

# New Competitions

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## Tasmanian Ancestry

### Journal Article Award

The State Executive is pleased to announce that the Society will be conducting a new competition. An award will be presented annually for the best article in *Tasmanian Ancestry* for the year, commencing this year with Volume 26 No's 1-4.

The articles will be judged on the guidelines specified in the editorial page of each journal.

The Journal Committee will filter the articles and one article from each volume will be submitted to the May State Executive meeting where the winner will be selected.

The award, in the form of a framed certificate, will be presented at the **Annual General Meeting on the 17th June 2006.**

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**To be introduced at the Annual General Meeting** (see page 2)

- **Family Chart Competition**  
—In alternate years commencing in 2006.
- **Short Story Award**  
—In alternate years commencing in 2007.