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Editorial

Thank you, Northern members, for all your contributions to the September journal. As usual, you turned up trumps, and, as usual, we ran out of space. An excellent effort.

We very much appreciate the encouragement and occasional constructive criticism that we receive from members. It is your journal so let us hear from you. And now for a few nuts and bolts matters.

If usual features such as Branch News or Members' Interests are missing, it is because we haven't been given any to publish. We are pleased to print reports of family reunions, but please keep them short, as numbers are increasing.

We would like to be able to print everything (almost) that we receive, but are compelled to select on grounds of space, and breadth of interest. Unselected articles may appear on a later occasion, or be placed on file at the GST Library as resource material, so please do not feel that your contribution is not valued. Let us know if you would like to have it returned.

A very happy Christmas and New Year to all our readers.

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"Romance of the Huon River"

by N. Beechey

"When telling a tale of course one should begin at the beginning, but it is often very hard to find the beginning". So wrote Mrs A.H. (Nance) Garnsey, born Ann Stafford Bird, 20 August 1872, the second child and daughter of Bolton Stafford Bird and Helen nee Chisholm in "Romance of the Huon River". (1)

Ann Stafford's tale truly begins in the bush home of her parents at Flight's Bay, now called Waterloo Bay, on the west bank of the Huon River where her father, recently retired from his Hobart ministry in the Congregational Church, had chosen to settle and make an agricultural establishment. (2)

From that childhood experience began her life-long nostalgia for her personal fairyland, the Land of the Huon River, which sustained her in a long, adventurous and dutiful life and towards life's end moved her to write that primer of Huon history "Romance of the Huon River".

Ann Stafford's father, Bolton Stafford Bird, had come to Australia in 1852 as a boy with his parents who settled in the Clunes district of Victoria. He entered the Methodist ministry in 1867, transferred to Congregationalism and married that same year. (3)

Bolton Stafford Bird's primogeniture was not extensive as we now indicate: Thomas Bird, schoolmaster, m Ann Stafford. Of that marriage was born:-
Bolton Stafford Bird b 30.1.1840, Hazelrigg, Northumberland, UK, d 15.12.1924
Lunawanna, Tas.

Married Helen Chisholm 20.4.1867, Melbourne (4)

Of that marriage was born:-

1. May m Jane Weatherley, c 1950 (5)
2. Robert m one daughter known
Dorothy m James M. Focks (6)
3. Ann Stafford b 20.8.1872, Victoria, d 1957 Mildura. (7)

Married, first, A.E.M. Smairl, Guildford, W.A., d 3.6.1905

Issue: 1. A daughter d in infancy

2. Kathryn Helen Stafford b 8.4.1905 (9), Guildford, W.A.,
d 15.7.1923, Sydney (10)

Married, second, Arthur Henry Garnsey 28.8.1922, Lunawanna, Bruny Is, Tas.

Bird served at the Sturt Street church in Ballarat 1869-70, then at various localities around Avoca, mainly Redbank 1871-73, then Bendigo and finally moved in 1875 to Davey St Congregational Church, Hobart, where he remained until 1880 when he resigned from the ministry and removed to Flight's Bay on the Huon River to establish a home and apple orchard.

Mrs Garnsey gives an account in her "Romance" of the family's removal to the Huon, telling of their journey from Hobart by barge which took three days, her father building their house and planting a garden and naming his property "Waterloo" in commemoration of his personal battle to turn the bushland into a homestead with the Wellington Range of mountains overlooking his scene of endeavour.

"Waterloo" then, was the childhood home of Ann Stafford and in "Romance" she records her childhood memories of local people, of swimming in the river, playing on the relics of the old abandoned sawmill and of her father's church services in their breakfast room and she records "It is good that the children's memories remain so vivid all through life for they are a continual happy feast to the mind." (13)

Bird managed to prosper in his new undertaking, and in May 1882 succeeded in being elected as M.H.A. to the Tasmanian Parliament. (14)

However, all did not remain serene at "Waterloo"; Bird was an investor in the Van Diemen's Land Bank which in 1891 in common with some twenty other banks throughout Australia was forced to close through widespread economic depression leaving many of its supporters, including Bird, almost penniless. Amid widespread economic confusion, the Tasmanian parliament passed the Van Diemen's Land Bank Lottery Bill, as a means of funding the release of a great many property mortgages held by the Bank. (15) Among these, was Bird's "Waterloo" which was in due course won by a retired Sydney sea-captain Robert Williams, an Englishman with a life of sea-faring behind him; Mrs Garnsey records "This man knew next to nothing about orcharding and after rather neglecting the place for a few years, had the good fortune to sell out for some thousands." (16)

Dispossessed, Bird removed his family to a small orchard property at Lunawanna on South Bruny Island and Ann Stafford set out to earn her own living and to see the world. The Garnsey family papers record that she went first to "a big school in Queensland, then trained as a nurse and had a great life." (17)

In 1951, Mrs Garnsey published a recollection of her nursing experiences "Scarlet Pillows" (18), a unique set of colourful stories of pioneer nursing in Queensland and West Australia. It tells of her departure from Tasmania in 1893 and of youthful adventures as a nurse at Rockhampton where her sister, May, was teaching at the Rockhampton Girls Grammar School. (19)

In 1898 she travelled to Western Australia, was employed by the Government Medical Service there, served at Pinjarra and Bridgetown and for about two

years at the goldfield town of Coolgardie. Leaving there, she became Matron at the Guildford hospital and it is probable that it was there she met and married A.E.M. Smairl, an engineer working on the great project of the Mundaring dam, then under construction. (20) The Smairls lived at Ellam Park, Guildford. (21)

The Garnsey family papers indicate that the first born of the marriage, a daughter, died in infancy; a second daughter Kathryn, was born in April 1905. (22) Unhappily, only two months later, Smairl died of typhoid. (23) Ann returned to live with her parents in Tasmania.

In early 1907 Ann's sister, May, having become one of the first graduates of the University of Tasmania, and then teaching at Queen's College, Ballarat Victoria, was appointed headmistress of the New England Girls' School, Armidale, NSW (23). Ann joined her there as the School's Matron and Art mistress. (24)

May spent only one quarter as headmistress, leaving the school to marry James Weatherley; (25) Ann Stafford stayed on and her daughter Kathryn was a pupil at the school.

In 1917, after eight years at NEGS where she had been a great favourite with both students and staff, she relinquished her post because of a period of ill health. The NEGS jubilee publication "Milestones and Memories (1895-1945)" records "their going was much regretted not only by the girls who had passed through her hands in their sicknesses, but her kind and thoughtful little acts together with her bright and cheerful manner, left a great gap in the school life for everyone, pupils and teachers alike." (26) Once again she returned to Tasmania.

Whilst at Armidale, Ann Stafford had met Henry Arthur Garnsey and his wife. Garnsey was Chaplain of NEGS and Warden of St John's Theological College next door to NEGS. (27) In 1915 Garnsey had left Armidale to become Warden of St Paul's College at the University of Sydney and in 1922 the widowed Garnsey and Ann Stafford married at St Michael and All Angels Church, Lunawanna Bruny Island and went to live at St Pauls College, Sydney. (28) Ann's daughter Kathryn died of tuberculosis in 1923. (29)

Ann Stafford's father, Bolton Stafford Bird, died in 1924 aged 84, at his home "Brunivale" at Lunawanna after a sickness of some few months and was buried at Lunawanna. Bird's death ended a long and successful life in Tasmanian politics, public service and the mining industry.

Bird's wife, Helen, had predeceased him by a few years; her father, Robert

Chisholm, had been a native of Peebleshire, Scotland and a director of the Edinburgh and Glasgow Bank and had migrated to Auckland, New Zealand. (30)

After the death of A.H. Garnsey in 1944, Ann Stafford moved to Melbourne to live with her now widowed sister, May Weatherley.(31) It was, no doubt, in this new quiet time of her life that her thoughts turned again to her beloved Huon: she wrote "hanging on the wall of my sitting room is a water colour sketch of the Huon River which I made many years ago, and which I have with me wherever I have been living in Australia - up North to Queensland: to my home near Perth and to various other places; and now it is in my home in Melbourne. I have kept it by me as one keeps the photograph of a dear friend for I love to look at it and remember". (32) On this nostalgic note, Ann Stafford wrote the "Romance of the Huon River".

This romantic account of Huon life, is a fusion of her childhood memories and of a lifetime of stories about the Huon told by her family and friends, added to which is material from the Shiplovers' Society of Tasmania, "The Centenary of the Settlement of the Huon" (33) and the resources of the Tasmanian Tourist Bureau. Written in an anecdotal form and the style of reminiscence, it carries a preface by H.M. Green, Fisher Librarian of the University of Sydney and doyen of Australian literary critics of the day.

The preface summarises Ann Stafford's tale: "She tells of -" days of the ticket-o'-leave men and women, birds and animals, days of no bridges and a river ferry, of pining, palings, shingles and staves, boat and barge races, early days of orcharding and a few good stories including the one about the lady whose "groceries" broke, spilling liquor all over the deck and the young man who on enquiring of his elders the best orchard manure, was told, succinctly, "sweat". All of which sums up the tone and content of "Romance". Adding to the charm are some historic photo reproductions of places and sailing vessels and the author's pen and ink sketches.

Since its publication in 1947, "Romance" has been widely read and adopted by many as a history of the Huon. Equally, it has been a good deal scorned by those seeking historical facts, for truly "Romance" is not a reliable source of the details of Huon history. This comes about from the nature of the sources used and the author's need to rely on memories of days long gone. Perhaps the best known example of "Romance's" fallibility is in the introductory story of the settlement at the Huon by sick Irish immigrant women from the ship "Castle Forbes". This long current story has been shown to be without foundation by recent research. (34) Similarly there are many minor errors which disconcert the seeker after facts. But only the incautious reader will persist in regarding it as history for in her intro-

duction Mrs Garnsey has clearly written "This book is not really a history of the Huon - others must write that". (35)

If, then, "Romance" is not a history, what value does it have? Indeed a considerable one: what is important about "Romance" is Mrs Garnsey's unique perception of the Huon as an historic entity. Quite simply, she has perceived and put before us the concept of a Huon which is not just a geographical entity but a place and a time with a unique history of settlement and development. Her statement "others must write that" is both a declaration that there is a Huon history and that it must be written. The final discernment of Huon history will be a fusion of many views; Mrs Garnsey's view of the Huon is a personal one, the intensity of which is an invitation to others to contribute to a definitive Huon history.

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Providence Valley

by Olive Collins

On his arrival from England in 1822, William Shoobridge was granted 40 acres of virgin land. This extended from what we know as Mellifont Street to Elizabeth Street (opposite Soundy's, North Hobart).

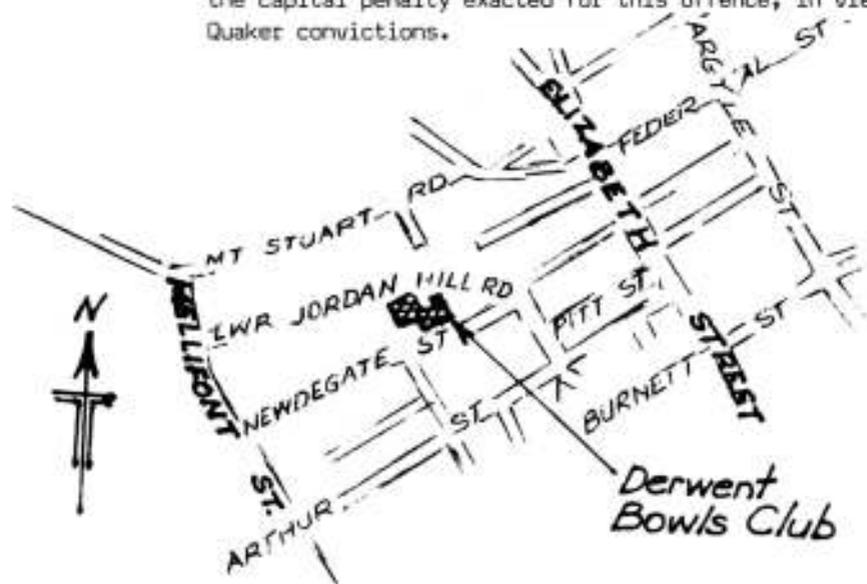
He had brought with him a number of Hop Sets which he planted on this land and thus began the first hop field in Tasmania.

The property was surrounded by thick bush and one day when Mr Shoobridge was working in his field, a shot was fired at him but it struck a carpenter's rule in his thigh pocket and glanced off. Being a devout Quaker, he thought the incident a special providence for his life and consequently named the property Providence Valley Farm.

With the help of his servants, Mr Shoobridge, a well-built man of 6'4", captured the bushranger John Logan, put him in a wheelbarrow and wheeled him to the Police Court. He was later charged with attempted murder and executed at a public hanging.

The hop field and house he built for his family, 'Kent Cottage', was demolished in 1910 to make way for the Derwent Bowls Club. It was the object of the prominent citizens and businessmen of the day, to construct a sports and recreation area on the Shoobridge land - a bowling green for men, a croquet lawn for ladies and a tennis court for children. However, only the bowling green was constructed, and it still flourishes today.

Editor's Note: It would be interesting to know Mr Shoobridge's reaction to the capital penalty exacted for this offence, in view of his Quaker convictions.



Library Notes

by Theo Sharples



The long-awaited new edition of the I.G.I. is with us. This time we have bought only those sections dealing with the U.K. and Ireland, together with the Miscellaneous section. The latter includes Australia and New Zealand as well as other smaller countries in Asia and elsewhere in the southern hemisphere. It also includes a fiche for events At Sea. In this edition, Scotland has been divided into counties. Unfortunately, Ireland did not arrive with the rest of our set, so for the time being we are using the old edition of this section. There are many more names included in this edition, including those of My Problem Ancestor and His Missus. For five years, I've been trying to find, by any means whatever, any information whatever about this elusive pair. This has been something of a wild goose chase - until I found William and his Mary sitting quietly among the names in Clackmannanshire, waiting to be found.

One of the decisions made at the Libraries Board meeting held in September was that we should publish the details of the microform holdings of the Main Library and branch libraries. Here they are:

Main Library:

Microfiches

International Genealogical Index

New South Wales	R.G.D. index to births, deaths & marriages, 1856-1899 (Includes some pre-1856 material)
Queensland	R.G.D. index to deaths and marriages, 1856-1899
Victoria	Post Office directories - Bailliere's 1868-1881 Wise's 1884-1900
L.O.S. Church	Family history register: first quarterly instalment

Microfilms

New South Wales	Registers of baptism, s burials & marriages, 1787-1856
Tasmania	Cyclopedia of Tasmania

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Burnie:

International Genealogical Index

Devonport:

Microfiches

South Australia	R.G.D. index to births, deaths & marriages, 1842-1906
Western Australia	R.G.D. index to births 1841-1895 " " " marriages 1841-1896 " " " deaths 1841-1896
Queensland	R.G.D. index to marriages & deaths 1856-1899
Victoria	Post office directories: Bailliere's, 1868-1881

Launceston:

Microfilms

Liverpool (England) Directory 1780-1824

Although hopes were raised recently that we would be in residence at the old Bellerive Post Office by Christmas (this one), we are not going to believe it until we are actually there. Meanwhile, we become more and more cramped in our present quarters and wonder where we can put any more acquisitions. We have heard comments from people who don't want to visit us because it is not very comfortable to do so. We don't like it either, but we're stuck with it. Please bear with us - it can't last forever!

With the beginning of daylight saving, we have begun evening opening again at the Main Library on Wednesdays, 7 - 9p.m. As always, we hope this service will be better patronised than in the past. It's pretty dreary when you give up your evening to be on duty and nobody comes to use the library.

Christmas hastens on and we take our usual break. We close at 4.30 p.m. on Saturday, 21 December until 9.30 a.m. on Wednesday, 15 January 1986. However, we are available for visitors to Hobart. For an appointment,

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ring myself (002 47 6313), Mrs Joyce O'Shea (002 72 7416), Mrs Audrey Hudspeth (002 43 9403) or Mr John Marrison (002 44 2651).

We still need a Fund-raising Convenor. Is there anyone out there who has the know-how, the time and the energy? We need money to buy more goodies for the Main Library which is there for the benefit of the whole Society, not just the Hobart members.

One of the ways in which we raise an honest cent or two is by selling books, charts and other materials useful to genealogists. A useful and practical book recently added to this stock is Dom Meadley's Writing your family history (\$5.95.). We have also ordered a bulk supply (not yet received at the time of writing these notes) of the English Family tree magazine which has attracted favourable comment from many readers.

Christmas is the time of celebrations and general goodwill, so it is a good time for me to thank publicly my faithful Library Committee and library assistants for their attendance and hard work over the past year. Where should we be without them?

News from Branches

DEVONPORT BRANCH

August - Guest speaker, Mr. Jack Curtis from the Historical Society, gave a talk on Latrobe's old homes and accompanying this was an interesting selection of slides.

September - This meeting concentrated on new members to show them how to fill in research forms. This was assisted by the use of an overhead projector. Various ways of indexing one's own ancestors was also discussed.

October - A very successful display was held in the Devonport Lyons Library and comments have been received from several members of the public.

November - Mr. Malcolm Isherwood was our speaker this month and he showed a video on the Latter Day Saints underground microfilm vaults. A talk and question time was appreciated by everyone.

DIANNE BARDEHAGEN

BURNIE BRANCH

Members of the Burnie Branch were very pleased to have the opportunity to welcome Janet Reakes accompanied by her parents, to an evening seminar on Friday 8 November. Janet and her parents joined the committee and about 25 members for Soup and Sandwiches before the commencement. Sixty one Members were present from as far afield as Devonport and Penguin to the east, and Savage River, Waratah and Boat Harbour to the west.

Janet's infectious good spirits and her wealth of knowledge on genealogy endeared her to all present, and it was unanimously decided that a return visit would be very welcome. The Reakes family finally left for Launceston about midnight.

The Branch is very fortunate in having some very hard working members. V. Dudman recently collated a beginners course and with strong support from Margaret Stempel and Jim Scott, had three sessions and in doing so donated an attractive sum to the Library funds. Further courses are anticipated in the future.

The new I.G.I. has arrived and is very much in demand. As it was not expected for some time, it was a very pleasant surprise to receive it.

November 19 will be our final meeting for the year and we will have a guest speaker, Mr. Trethewie from Stanley, and a festive supper.

All members of the Burnie Branch send best wishes for the Christmas festivities and a happy and successful New Year to our fellow members.

DAWN COLLINS - Secretary



RESEARCH REGISTRATION CARDS

Our research registrar, Margaret Parssey, draws your attention to the new registration cards. Each member is entitled to five cards, and additional entries are 5c per card. Cards are available from your Branch Secretary or from the Society's Despatch Officer.

Margaret will be pleased to answer any queries. Her address is 31 Surf Rd Seven Mile Beach, Tas. 7170. Ph: 002 - 486176

AN UPDATED INDEX OF MAJOR ARTICLES

IN

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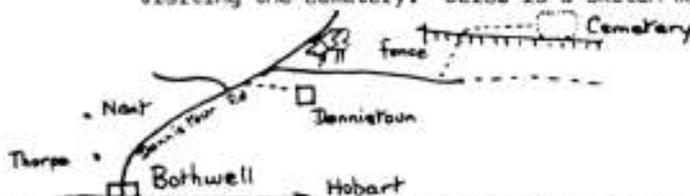
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Location: On the Dennistoun property about 8 km north of Bothwell on the Dennistoun Rd (at the base of climb into hills). Permission must be sought from the Edgell family at Dennistoun before visiting the cemetery. Below is a sketch map of area.



Grid Ref: Lands Dept 1:100000 LAKE SORELL Map Sheet (8313), grid 062 125.

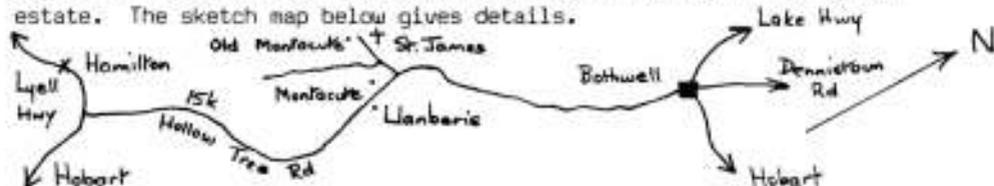
Dates of burials: from 1828 - 1866

No of Monuments: 5

Transcribed: 1985

Ref No	SURNAME	DETAILS
00001	BURNS	Jacobina, b at Edinburgh, 10 Feb 1762, d at Bothwell 10 Jan 1851 aged 89 yrs. Notes added by Fergus Barnard (Bothwell): Mrs Burns arrived 1821, bought Ellengowan, Ouse and was first woman to own peroperty in VOL. Her son David wrote numerous plays including The Bush Rangers. In 1832 David m Catherine (sister of Capt Michael) FENTON at New Norfolk . He returned to Scotland and married a second time. He d in N.Z. 1875. Her connection with Dennistoun - niece was wife of Capt Patrick WOOD. See also note on entry for Mary DANIELLS.
00005	DANIELLS	Mary, wife of Richard DANIELLS and her two children, who were murdered by the blacks at The Den in the year 1834. Footstone: M.D., D, D. Notes added by Fergus Barnard (Bothwell): Mrs Daniells was an aboriginal servant of Mrs Burn. She and her children were murdered on Den Hill. See also note on entry for Jacobina Burns.
00001	FENTON	Catherine and Michael, note ref on entry for Jacobina BURNS.
00004	ROY	Anne, wife of Campbell ROY, d 2 Nov 1828, aged 17 yr. Footstone: A.R.
00002	WOOD	Jane, wife of Capt Patrick WOOD, M.e.i.c.s., 7th Madras Native Infantry, b 9 Jan 1805, d 9 Nov 1837. Footstone: J.W. See note on entry for Jacobina BURNS.
00003	WOOD	William Blackburn, b Edinburgh 28 Apr 1836, d Dennistoun 1 Aug 1866. Monument erected by unnamed eldest brother.

Location: On Montacute estate. This is private property and permission to enter must be sought from Mr Des Hallett, Llanberis (1985). The chapel is the only remaining complete building from the old Montacute estate. The sketch map below gives details.



Grid Ref: Lands Dept 1:100000 SHANNON Map Sheet (8312), grid - 902 977

Earliest known year of burial: 1876

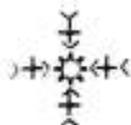
Status: Current

Number of Monuments: 14 when transcribed in 1985

Ref No	SURNAME	DETAILS
00002	AYLWARD	Annie, see William J. HALLETT
00009	BANNISTER	Vera Grace, dtr of Alexander and May BANNISTER, died 13/15 Nov 1911, aged 10 months. Footstone: hand painted on back is much the same information but Alexander shortened to Alex and date of death given as 13 Nov 1911.
00004	BLACKWELL	Caroline Maude, wife of Joseph H. BLACKWELL, dtr of W.J. and M.A. HALLETT, d 4 Aug 1952, aged 75 years. Joseph Henry BLACKWELL, d 10 Jan 1961, aged 84 years
00012	CAHIR	Rebecca Allison, 1965-67, dtr of Margaret & Leon
00005	HALLETT	Donald Frederick (John), husband of Nina HALLETT, eldest son of L.F. & F.W. HALLETT, father of Robert, d 24 May 1969 aged 64 years.
00010	HALLETT	Elizabeth, d 28 Oct 1899, aged 74 yrs. Charles HALLETT, d 16 Jan 1916, aged 90 yrs.
00006	HALLETT	Fredrick William, husband of Lillian Florence HALLETT, d 28 Mar 1930, aged 68 yrs. * (see end)
00003	HALLETT	George William, husband of Mae, father of Desmond and Elizabeth, d suddenly 31 Jul 1978.
00014	HALLETT	Norman Geoffrey, husband of Olive Esme, 1909 - 1975, father of Margaret and William. Olive Esme, wife of Norman Geoffrey HALLETT, 1907-79, mother of Margaret and William.
00002	HALLETT	William J, d 5 Sep 1908, aged 68 yrs. Mary-Ann, wife of William J., d 28 Apr 1918, aged 76 yr. Annie AYLWARD, eldest dtr of above and wife of V.P. Aylward, d 29 Oct 1922, aged 59 yrs. Issac, husband of Mary HALLETT, son of W.J. and M.M.

BOTHWELL - MONTACUTE CEMETERY

- HALLETT, d 28 Aug 1929. "Here lies also the heart of his wife" 1950's transcript adds, wife returned to Ireland, omits date but has age 62 yrs.
- 00008 HALLETT William Sprackett, son of the late William J. and Mary HALLETT, died 25 Nov 1937, aged 69 yrs.
- 00011 KAY Frank Weymouth M., see Frank Weymouth McKAY
- 00013 LANGDON Ada, child of William and Maggie LANGDON, accidentally burned to death 2 Jul 1888 aged 2 yrs. (Stone peeling)
- 00007 LANGDON William, R.N. of Montacute, d at Derwentwater, 23 May 1879 aged 89 yrs.
Elizabeth Mary LANGDON, his third daughter, d at Adelaide 13 Nov 1880, aged 26 yrs.
Anne LANGDON, widow of William LANGDON, d at Bellerive 24 May 1902.
- 00001 LANGDON William. This stone is erected (in porch) in thanksgiving to God for the life of the Hon. Capt. William LANGDON, RN, M.C, who built this church under dedication to St James in 1857.
- 00011 McKAY Frank Weymouth, d 19 Jan 1876, aged 13 yrs, son of George and Elizabeth W. McKAY. (Surname appears as M KAY)
- NB * (From 00006) Lillian Florence HALLETT, d 22 Sep 1964, aged 90 yrs.



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GENEALOGY AND THE ORAL TRADITION

BY Kevin Whitton

The inspiration for this resume, and consideration of the link between genealogy and the oral tradition, was drawn from the Fourth Biennial Oral History Conference, held at the University of Melbourne between 7 and 9 June 1985.

As an administrative officer of the University, I was delighted to find this opportunity literally on my doorstep. My interest in oral history dates back to interviews undertaken as a part of my sociology degree, and is reinforced by over twenty years of genealogical enquiry, which necessarily involved many interviews with relatives or friends of my family.

The conference was of great benefit by providing a forum in which to rethink my own conceptions, not only of what I believed oral history to be, but of the relationship between this and active family history research. Put simply, this relationship is just not a case of tape-recording an interview on a "warts and all" basis. It is a total consideration of the validity, use, bias, content of this material and of the ethics involved in future access and use. Hopefully, this (admittedly subjective) article will encourage a more considered and practical approach to the collection of oral history for genealogical use.

Personal acquaintance with the oral tradition, per medium of the genealogical interview developed a firm belief in a valid relationship between the two subjects. It is always an advantage for the genealogist to fully explore additional sources of information in order to supplement the "dry bones" of documentary evidence. Access to an oral source can offer an entirely new field for exploration. Partial confirmation of documentary evidence, an insight into personality and character, and the preservation of oral traditions per se, are among the more obvious benefits.

Where the term 'oral history' is applied to genealogy, it would be best to consider it as more in the nature of 'oral tradition' or 'oral recollection'. The term 'oral history' is an uncomfortable title to apply to a subject so diverse. As generally interpreted, 'oral history' encompasses a great variety of material from oral, aural and visual sources. I suspect that oral recollection is the aspect most likely to be considered in the context of family history. Perhaps symptomatic of the confusion in which these terms are used, is the manner in which I have neglected to standardise their use in this article.

We are all aware that interviews can be a warm and rewarding pastime, as well as providing a social link with the past through a particular individual. I am unlikely to be the only family historian who values the many friendships which have developed from this initial contact.

I suspect that a surprisingly large number of genealogists have completed an equally large number of interviews in the search for their roots. A significant number of these will have been recorded in detail, either verbatim by tape recorder or in precis by handwritten notes. I feel sure that many readers will also have given some thought at least, to the levels of dialogue that have emerged; the stated, the unspoken or implied, and that which has evolved during the interview.

The intention to keep this article brief, precludes any dissection of the manner in which each of these dialogue types may be interpreted (or misinterpreted), in pursuit of that elusive ancestor. But these dialogue levels do illustrate the importance of variances in speech, cadence, phrasing etc. which are significant - and are totally unable to be transferred to the printed page.

Verbal and non-verbal implications lead us directly to a later problem of storage of the recorded material, and future use as the family history progresses towards publication.

This is a problem of both ethical and legal concern, and a full and informative discussion of both aspects was, to my thinking, one of the significant features of the conference. An excellent first draft entitled "Ethical and Legal Guidelines for Oral Historians", has been circulated for comment, and is expected to be available early in 1986. It should be required reading for any genealogist or local historian who wishes to seriously collect and assess oral history as part of their research project.

Family historians, myself included, have been guilty of overstressing the importance of hearsay as "partial fact" in the too-eager hope that this means would provide long sought ancestral links. In most cases, we have found the error of our ways highlighted, to our frustration, only after the expenditure of considerable time and effort. The adoption of a commonsense and logical assessment of the content of genealogical interviews, rather than a half-baked enthusiasm for possibilities, not only enhances the standards of the interviewer and the discipline, but is reflected in a more professional family history.

The significance of treating confidential comments as such was strongly made; for our purposes, these should not become items of genealogical speculation.

Publication of the resurrected, and probably inaccurate, recollections of great-aunt Maud's wild affair with the baker is not only likely to destroy your own reputation for integrity, but may cause significant distress or

embarrassment to Maud's descendants. I imagine the baker's family would not be all that pleased either! A publicised action for defamation is unlikely to improve your own ego or bank balance, let alone the image of genealogy as a popular pastime.

It should always be remembered that self perceptions do change, or are revised during the interviewee's lifetime. We should recognise that oral recollection will reflect these changes. It is a basic error to assume that oral recollection is definitive or accurate until able to be confirmed from some other reliable source.

Persistent correction of any recognised inconsistencies between memory and recorded fact, while in the presence of the interviewee is sure to alienate and restrict communication during further interviews. This process is better completed as part of the early editing, and in private.

Trust and good communication are essential factors in establishing a successful dialogue - one that is the result of two-way, not one-way communication. Our genealogical eagerness should be tempered to allow room for the interviewee's personal mythology. By this, I refer to the manner in which those whom we interview see their personal role in history, and project this as part of the history of their community.

It may appear that I have assumed the role of devil's advocate in respect of genealogy in general, and the treasured cassettes of great-aunt Maud in particular. By adopting this cautionary approach, I wish to stress the need to conform to certain commonsense ethics applicable to all - whether serious researchers or collectors of antique scandal. The permission to record is generally not given lightly, particularly by our senior citizens, and this privilege should be honoured. If misused, it can cause significant future problems for social historians.

The use of subjective recall offers a real alternative to the more authoritarian interpretation of history which most of us encountered during our school years. The advantages of utilising individual resources, as an alternative to official reports and documents is now commonly accepted and encouraged in academic circles. Bill Gammage's book, "The Broken Years" based on the letters and diaries of Australian soldiers caught up in the turmoil of the Great War, is an outstanding example of the genre.

For ancestry seekers, the prime reason for seeking out oral history is to firmly establish the place of their family, and the individuals within that group, in their contemporary community.

Where families or individuals were neither economically or socially

advantaged, this source can be of some assistance. For those of us having links with the earliest years of white settlement in Tasmania, this aspect is of particular relevance: of the forty-nine people in Bowen's party of 1803, the names of two women and one man remain unknown. History may not always be made in the tents of the mighty, but the advantage of literacy and articulation have loaded the odds against the common man.

The oral tradition used for genealogical purposes, thus becomes an important supplementary resource. It is most relevant to us in 1985, as an aid in fixing the place of our families in society around the turn of the century. There will often be reflections of an earlier age, generally prefaced by .. "my father used to say". I have found discussion with older family members most useful in establishing roles of individuals active in particular industries (farming, shipping, timber); or where families had a specific role in the local community (church, union, council, charity). All these are fields in which documentation is the exception rather than the rule.

There is also the chance that these interviews might reveal some previously unknown facets of our forefathers' character or personality. I am sure that readers have found several examples.

In all oral history the problem is as much selective memory, as it is degenerative. So it is with this article, where brevity has allowed only an abridgement of those factors which I have judged to be of interest to family historians.

In sum, the Biennial Conference provided a rewarding opportunity to obtain a worldview of the state of the art; to assess the applications relevant to genealogy, and to hear other well informed opinions. I unreservedly recommend membership of the Oral History Association to those readers who wish to professionalise their interest and actively participate in the development of this discipline. A list of O.H.A.A. State branches is appended to this article.

As family historians, we should already be aware of the significant potential of the enlightened amateur in accessing the oral history resources for our State. Acting through our respective societies, and through the Oral History Association of Australia, I believe that genealogists should assume a more active interest in the ethics, status and development of oral history.

I hope that this article has awakened a healthy curiosity of the important interaction between oral history and genealogy and to have motivated others like myself who have had a latent interest for some time.

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VICKERS

Information sought on ancestors of George Vickers b Cheshire 1807, emigrated to Tasmania; son of Richard Vickers (farmer) AND Ellen SINCLAIR. Richard Vickers Widr, of Davenham, had a second marriage in 1819, Holy Trinity, Chester, to Sarah STEELE. Also on John BLACKSTOCK, coach body builder of Manchester, believed to have originated from Great Salkeld and resided in the Brooks Bar district of Manchester. He died in the 1880's.
Mr H. Riding, 18 Elm Tree Crt, Eaton, Tarporley, Cheshire, UK. CW69AZ

TALLENT;BESSELL

Elizabeth TALLENT married, Launceston 1875, Alfred BESSELL. Suspect she is the Elizabeth born Hobart, 1856, to Peter and Elizabeth TELLON. Any information about TALLENT or TELLON welcome.
Mrs. J.E. Bessell, 26 Dandar Drive, Southport, Qld. 4215

BRIANT;DELVES

James BRIANT born 7 and christened 25 November 1797 at the Independent Chapel, Havant, Hampshire, U.K. Married Elizabeth DELVES of Gosport, Hampshire. Elizabeth was born in 1798. They moved to Mare Street, South Hackney, Middlesex, U.K. and were on the 1841 and 1851 London Census records. Any information please to
Mrs. Margaret A. Parssey, 31 Surf Road, Seven Mile Beach, Tas. 7170

QUERIES

1. SMITH

John Smith, aged 31, plasterer, bachelor, m Margaret McKERCHER (21), spinster, at house of Mr Southerwood, Perth, Tas (Wesleyan Rites) in 1854.

2. THORNE

Eduard Sydney Thorne (23), mail contractor, m Jane McKERCHER (21), domestic servant, spinster, at Church of St George, Sorell, in 1874. Children were Charles Edward (b 1875, d 1940); Amy (b 1877, d 1878), Lillian Laura (b 1879); Sydney Archibald Norfolk (b 1881); Violet Emma Miller (b 1883); Hilda May (b 1888) and Hobart (b ?) at Sorell or New Norfolk.

Eduard Sydney was the son of Robert and grandson of Samuel and Ann who arrived with Lt Col Collins.

3. OWEN

William Owen (25), steward, bachelor, m Mary McKERCHER (25), housekeeper, spinster at dwelling of Mr Sing, Launceston (Christian Mission Church Rites) in 1885.

Any information or contact with descendants of the above would be appreciated. Mrs P. Gore, 15 Hudson Court, Savage R, 7321.

DUCK

Samuel m Jane HOWARTH at St Davids Cathedral, Hobart, 1844 and moved to Colac, Vic, 1845. Their issue: Henry, Elizabeth, Isaac, Samuel, John, Jane. Second marriage to Isabella HART. Issue: Caroline, William and Mary. Information from any descendants deeply appreciated. Mrs S. Duck, 71 Gibson St, Launceston, 7249.

BREAM CREEK SCHOOL

I have reason to believe my G-G-Grandmother lived and taught at the original Bream Ck School in the 1870's. Has anyone a list of teachers or photos of the school from which I could obtain copies please? Mrs S Duck, 71 Gibson St, Launceston, 7249.

MULCAHY

I have acquired a copy of a family group sheet showing details of the family of James and Caroline BATCHELOR. She was Caroline England ELLIOTT (nee STOWER). The name of the compiler of the sheet is illegible but could be J. Mulcahy (or McKay?), Forth, Tas. I have found no one by either of these names at this address. Does anyone recognise the names on the sheet or have any idea who may have compiled it?

Mrs I. Sharples, 330 Carella St, Howrah, Tas. 7018. Ph (002) 47 6313.



QUERIES

1. DAVIS

William (Welsh) m Sarah CAULTER, 1856, Westbury, Tas.

2. GOSS

John m Ann AYRES?, lived Oaks Tasmania, d 1887. He came on ship Emerald from Lancashire. Berthed Stanley. Any information please to Mrs Carol Byron 204 Bass Hwy, Launceston. 7250.

BURNIP

I am seeking help regarding my Great Grandparents Joseph/Lucy BURNIP (nee WHITE), who married in Hamilton, Tas, in 1853. Joseph was in the 1867 Directory of Tasmania as living in the Huon district. Am trying to establish relationship -father/son - between Joseph and James BURNIP who arrived Sydney 1826, transferred to VDL 1827 as Sergeant in NSW Royal Veteran Corps. James discharged 1829/30, built 'Castle Inn' in Pontville lived in that area until 1842 approx.

Mrs A. Farnsworth, 8 Robyn Court, Trymple, Vic. 3498

McQUIRE

Information wanted about parents of David believed b 1801/2 at Norfolk Is, d 1870 at O'Brien's Bridge, Glenorchy.

Mrs B. King, 13 Bowden St, Glenorchy, 7010. Ph: 72 1124

PALMER

Alfred Sr m Margaret SAUNDERS, 1842 Hobart Town. Children born Hobart: Jane 1843, Female 1846, John 1844. Children born Geelong: Alfred 1849, Thomas 1853. Birth and death of Alfred Palmer Sr unknown. Any information please. Mrs Leanne Watmuff, POB 197, Dareton, 2717. NSW.

RINGROSE

Interested in all families in Australia before 1930.

BRIGGS

William Peter, m 1. Bridget GALLAGHER

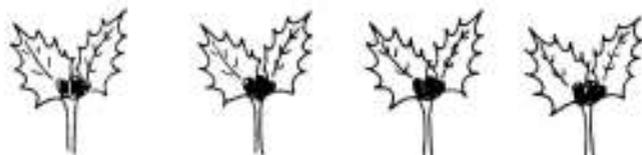
2. Catherine Matilda KNAPPER

Issue b Hobart : John James 1849, Sarah (m Ringrose), (descendants complete)
Henry 1854, Agnes 1855 (m JOLLY), Edward Joseph 1861,
Rose Ann 1863.

FITZPATRICK

Rose b 1800, Cavan, Eire and Ann b 1791, Cavan, Eire. Any information please.

All letters answered. S.J. Joyce, Flat 1, Fire Headquarters, Dunedin, N.Z.



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My husband has been bitten
by the Genealogy Bug,
And through our family history
He has diligently dug.

He's unearthed all kinds of skeletons,
Some were convicts, some were gentry,
And many had 'special' permits
For their Australian entry.

Our ancestors were a mixed bunch,
Irish, Welsh and Scottish to name a few,
But up to date we haven't found
We're listed in Who's Who!

They say the dead can rest in peace,
But I've really got my doubts,
Since I heard some of the stories
That these "genies" have found out.

My once tidy house is littered
With papers, books and charts,
As he tries to piece together
Names and places from the past.

Sometimes when sitting talking,
He will suddenly blurt out -
Did I tell you so and so's father ..
Bla! Bla! Bla!
Till one day I'm sure I'll shout.

And the countless phone calls -
Beep, beep, "Is Mr Nicholas there please?"
And intuitively I know
They have the 'Dread Disease'.

So if your spouse has caught the Bug
And talks non-stop day and night,
Just keep your fingers crossed
They've got their flaming records right.

For you never know just who you'll find you're related to;
And that person that you cannot stand, might be a KIN to you.

Paulus ZANGLEIN was 43 years old when he arrived in Tasmania from his native Baden (in West Germany today), on 23 July 1855. With him were his wife Catherine (35) and six of their children. The names of the children and their ages on arrival were:-

Franz, 14

An. Maurice or Mariann, 13

Sebastian, 11

Blassein (Bloss), 6

Johann, 4

Wilhelm, 3

These eight souls departed for Tasmania from Liverpool, England, aboard the ship America, which means they left Baden and travelled to England before embarking for Tasmania.

Another child joined this good Catholic family on 3 October 1856, when Henrietta Josephine SINGLINE was born at Fingal to 'Paul and Catherine SINGLINE'.

As you can see, the registration of my great-great-grandmother's birth has already changed the original spelling from Zanglein to Singline.

Researching the other members of the family illustrated to me the extent to which a name can change. The best way for me to demonstrate this is to list the way the surname was spelt on the marriage certificates of the children.

Mary Ann SINGLAN, m Henry HANSON in 1860

Sebastian SIGLION m Elizabeth STYLES in 1869

Bloss ZINGLINE m Mary SALTER in 1870

John SINGLY m Robina MARGISSON in 1870

William SINGALINE m Menala CAPPLE in 1888

Henrietta Josephine SYNGLINE m John RUSSELL-DICKER (or RUSSELL) in 1871

In spite of all these variations, the name eventually became SINGLINE. How did I find out such detailed information?

I began my research by talking to my Grandmother, Mrs Alma ATWELL, a grand-daughter of Henrietta. 'Nan' told me that her grandmother was a German and that she came from the north of the State. Her information was correct, as I found the birth at Fingal in 1856. As I could not find any details of siblings, I asked the State Archives staff for advice.

With this slim information, they found an original shipping record which,

upon doing some checking of the names of witnesses at marriage or informant at death, proved to be of the family I was researching. The detailed information on this record enabled me to eventually track down the family origins in current day West Germany and to get copies of birth, death and marriage certificates.

Remember then, if you have an unusual name in your ancestry, not to despair. Keep on researching as you try to think up spellings that may give the same sound as the correct spelling, and to check that out.

Above all, don't give up. It took me several years to obtain all this information and to get photocopies of original Gothic German writing translated.

Family Manuscript Experiences

by Annette Macquarie

Initially I had no intention of compiling a family manuscript - all I wanted was to find out a little about my forebears. However, before long I found I had acquired a wealth of information from different sources and in fact probably knew more than anyone else about our family, so felt morally obligated to document this information.

As I accumulated the various snippets of information, I found it easiest to store them in a box for each generation, ie parents, grandparents, etc, together with their respective families, including the wife's ancestral background - the latter being collected because so much interesting information came to light and I felt it necessary to round off each generation.

Before long, however, I found that it became very complicated; so much so that if someone asked me a question which should have been relatively simple, I had to hunt through a box of papers. So in order to make things clearer, I typed a draft manuscript for each section, listing all I knew and entering names and dates on family charts. This proved to be a great help as I had left gaps to record extra information between paragraphs and just added or altered as I received more facts. The original never left my care, but a copy was lent to relatives to read at their leisure and hopefully to make alterations or comments which I could add to my master copy. Most people were very interested, and requested copies of the finished document. I kept a giant-sized envelope for each section and as I finished with a working paper, I popped it in this - just as well I did, as I was forced on a couple of times, to refer back for something I had forgotten to record eg the source of information.

To minimise the cost of producing a manuscript, I found it easier to type my own then obtain, say, 20 photocopies at a reasonable cost. The photocopier I used was a Minolta, which copied photographs very well; also the pages could be photocopied on both sides by inverting them.

The cost of copying the photos lent to me by other people, varied considerably at different firms. I found the cheapest one was Sheps in Cat and Fiddle Arcade, Hobart; the copies were of very good quality and took about 10 working days. Any size photos from say 4mm x 6mm to 20mm x 25mm could be copied to the sizes listed below, the respective costs being shown:-

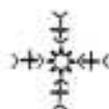
postcard size	\$1.20	
13mm x 18mm (5"x7")	5.31	as at 1.9.1985
20mm x 25mm (8"x10")	7.98	

(Normally this is for photo only - negative costs about an extra \$5)

As there seems to be so much information to obtain, it is often difficult to know what to do first. I found one of my first priorities was to send off letters as the answers often took a while to come back. Here again, it is most important to keep a file copy of all correspondence as 6 months later you have often forgotten what you asked or told someone. Naturally, it is etiquette to enclose a self-addressed stamped envelope and you have far more chance of receiving a reply.

Another point to remember, is that first-hand information is the truest record and, of course, questions can be asked or clarification sought. The information deposited in Archives etc will presumably be there for as long as you want it (and there may even be more added) whereas relatives are not here for ever. I would therefore advise people to obtain all the first-hand information they can before it is lost forever. Often people would say to me, "Oh I really don't know anything!" but when told what I knew or given a draft manuscript to read, they produced all sorts of interesting facts as memories were jogged.

One final comment - I have found that one's family history is never finished. Luckily I had made my manuscript into a loose-leaf form so it is easy to replace or add additional pages.



Family Reunions



ELPHINSTONE FAMILY REUNION by Pat Coy

On Sunday 7 April 1985, about 700 descendants of Adam and Elizabeth Elphinstone gathered at the Deloraine Showground for a picnic style family get-to-gether.

Adam and Elizabeth arrived in Tasmania 130 earlier from Liverpool, with the first four of their eight children. They emigrated from Scotland. The children were: Alexander (m Martha LAMPREY), Margaret (m John SCOTT), Adam (m Isobella ROLES), William (m Mary LINDSAY CRAIGIE and then Nellie BALLANTYNE), Daniel (m Mary Ann BRYAN), Elizabeth (m George SCOTT), Henry James (m Mary CAMERON) and Janet (m Peter CAMERON).

All these families were represented, some travelling interstate. On registration, members received a name tag depicting the family crest and a brief history of the pioneers, plus a chart of recently researched information from Scotland.

A feature attraction was the display of old photos, documents, paper clippings, family tree charts and memorabilia which had been gathered by the organising committee. This drew a great deal of interest. Also on display was a gold medal won by Adam in Scotland at a National Ploughing Championship.

Five of the six surviving grandchildren of Adam and Elizabeth, were present. They were Miss Jean ELPHINSTONE, 74 of Melbourne; Mr Colin ELPHINSTONE, 77, of Sydney; Mrs Jean RADFORD, 79, of Latrobe; Mr Neill ELPHINSTONE, 79, of Myalla and Mrs Vera FINN of Devonport who was celebrating her 80th birthday! Ill health had unfortunately prevented Mrs Ethel WILLIAMS OF Moorleah from being present.

The main activity of the day was talking! A striking feature was family likeness - in appearance or voice or laugh. Group family photos showed a remarkable number of redheads, no doubt a legacy of Mary CAMERON and her father Robert.

So the task ahead of us now is to compile a written record of all members. Anyone who can assist should write to Mrs Jessica Reid, Box 210, PO Deloraine, or Mrs Pat Coy, 121 James St, Devonport.

Following the success of this reunion, there will be a family picnic held each year on the second Sunday in February, at Apex Park in Ulverstone. It will be completely informal and all family members are invited. The first one will be 9 February 1986.

McLENNAN FAMILY by Muriel and Betty Bisset

Their reunion was held on 26 and 27 January 1985 at the North Scottsdale Hall (40 miles north east of Launceston in Tasmania).

With ideal weather conditions, the 800 family members present enjoyed picnic lunches outdoors, and could readily imagine the fun and joy of family gatherings of their forebears.

The reunion included descendants of Kenneth and Isabella McLennan (1816-73), John and Isabella (McLennan) McKerrow, William and Jane Tyson and James and Annie (Tyson) Shearer, all of whom had arrived in Tasmania or Victoria during the 1850's from Scotland or Yorkshire.

The 'gathering of the clans' commenced with a very well attended old-time dance on Saturday night. McLennan descendant Warren Turner of N.S.W. had specially written a poem for the occasion, called "Our Pioneers".

Mr Bertram Farquhar, a McLennan descendant and prominent public affairs figure in Scottsdale area, welcomed the participants and entertained them with comments and old family stories of the history of the four families.

David Jensen (Shearer) opened the Commemorative Service, and speakers were husband and wife team, Rev. Gordon and Marguerite Tyson.

Our cousin and Clan member Alva McLennan and his wife Iris were unable to attend, but had prepared for the occasion, high quality Scottish theme music tapes. Alva did a fine job of reporting on the Clan MacLennan history and arrival of Kenneth and Isabella in Victoria and Tasmania.

Family photos were taken by Lyman Jensen and local families provided afternoon tea culminating in the cutting of the cake by a representative of each family: Mrs Gwen Simms of NSW for the McLennans, Mrs Edna Austin of Scottsdale for the McKerrows, Mr Philip Tyson of Carrick for the Tysons and Mr Robert Shearer of Bridport for the Shearers.

We were delighted to receive a letter from Chief Ronald MacLennan and Dame Margaret, and a telegram sent by Max McLennan on behalf of the Melbourne Clansfolk and Chief Ronald.

Few descendants realised they were eligible for Clan membership, and many Membership Applications were distributed. There was great interest in the photo display of the McKerrow and McLennan families.

Two booklets have now been produced covering a list of family names for the four families, and containing about 3,500 names.

BRIANT FAMILY REUNION

Descendants of Charles and Emma Briant (nee (PRESTON)) will be holding a Family Reunion on Saturday 15 and Sunday 16 February 1986, at the Sorell Memorial Hall, Sorell, Tasmania.

For information please contact Mrs Margaret Parssey, 31 Surf Rd, Seven Mile Beach, Tas. 7170. Ph:002 48 6176

WAGNER FAMILY REUNION

The Wagner family are planning a reunion at the Campbell Town Showground on Saturday 8 February 1986.

Valentine and Christlana ((NICOLAI)) WAGNER arrived from Dotzheim, Germany on the Wilhelmsburg in 1855 with their family, and settled at Campagna. Family: William settled near Pynegana: Frederick settled at St Marys: Philip married Caroline HAUKE and settled at Woodsdale: Christian m Hannah HAUKE and settled at Wirmaleah: Louisa m Christian BENDER and settled at Bream Creek and Glenhuon: Arthur m Emma ROWLANDS and settled at Woodsdale and Sorell.

A booklet on the history of the family with photos of the original family and hopefully a list of all the descendants up to the present is being compiled, so any stories or anecdotes please, concerning the family. We hope we have contacted all descendants, but if not, please contact Mrs Alma Ranson, POB 331, Ilfraville, 7251. Ph: 003 83 4490

ABEL FAMILY REUNION

by P.C. Sims

Descendants of emancipists William ABEL and wife Mary Ann MOREY, who settled in New Norfolk in 1808 from Norfolk Island, will gather at New Norfolk during the weekend of 1st and 2nd March 1986.

Well over 3,000 descendants have now been traced and recorded in the book 'The Abel Family' published in 1985. Many of those living, local and those from around Australia and some from New Zealand and USA will travel to take part.

The organisers are anxious to hear from any folk either interested in attending or wishing to confirm reservations for the events planned. These include displays, slide show, celebration dinner, memorial Church services, a commemorative plaque and coach trip to view the many historic locations associated with the Abel Family at New Norfolk.

Bookings are already heavy and some events may have to be limited in number. Any further information from: Mr P. Sims, PO Box 692, Quoiba, Tasmania, 7310, Phone 004-247006.

PECK RE-UNION

By D. Wright

On 10 March 1985, about 170 descendants of Joshua and Mary Peck met at Myrtle Park, between Launceston and Scottsdale, for a Peck Family Reunion to proudly celebrate their convict background.

Joshua and Mary arrived in Australia on the first and second fleets respectively. Joshua was convicted of stealing something unnamed to the exorbitant value of 35 shillings, Mary was sent out for what some believe to have been a felony committed solely so she would be deported to the same penal colony as her beloved Joshua. Whatever the story behind the couple, their modern day descendants turned out in force to remember them.

Joshua and Mary Peck's family were:-

Elizabeth (m Peter LETTE), John, Mary Ann (COCKERILL), William, Joshua, Thomas (m Elizabeth CROMARTY), Charles, James, Sara, Jeremiah (m. Mary McKENZIE). Descendants of Elizabeth, Mary Ann, Thomas and Jeremiah were represented by names such as PECK, KANE, ATKINS, MASSON, RAINBOW, WEBB, McGE, SANKEY, KEAN, BEATTIE, MCKIBBEN, GOODYER, JETSON, DOBSON, BUTT, WELLINGTON, BARROW, WRIGHT, HODGETTS, BIRD, TWIGLE, STYLES, FARRELL, COULSON, SPURWAY-SMITH, ROBOTTON, HODGE, MILLER, MOORE, HARMON, PEARTON, LITTLEJOHN, McGIVERN, BOURKE, NICHOLS, KERRISON, PHILLIPS, ELLIS, GRIFFITHS, HALL, BARTLETT, BYRON, KINCADE, MILLWOOD, DENNIS, LETTE, FITZPATRICK, BASSETT, GARTON, SMITH, HANSON, WILLIAMS, HINSON, McMAHON.

The supper room of the Myrtle Park Hall was well ornamented with memorabilia and a roll call was held. Families met in groups and enjoyed barbecues and were photographed individually and in groups. Mr Rupert PECK, 90 years old, from Evandale, was the oldest descendant and youngest was the baby of Mr and Mrs Chris Williams of Hobart. Descendants came from interstate as well as Tasmania. The next reunion is planned for 1985.

GULEY FAMILY REUNION

Please note that the venue for this reunion on 26 January 1986, 10am-4pm, as publicised in the last Tasmanian Ancestry, has now been changed to Captain John Burke Park, Kangaroo Point, Brisbane, Qld. (South Side, under Story Bridge, fronting river, off Holma St.)

The reunion is for all the descendants of Isaac and Mary Ann Guley, nee Horton, who arrived in Adelaide, S.A., on the 'Lysander' on 6 September 1840. See September journal for details of descendants. Further information from Miss Judy Guley, 4 Hammond St, M.S.1 1606, North Rockhampton, Qld. (Ph: 079 - 36 1085).

Ed Note: We apologise for not being able to incorporate her amendments earlier.

Notes

Journal scout Shelagh Procter has gleaned the following items for us, from the Journal of the Manchester and Lancashire F.H.S. and other sources.

ANYONE NAMED KERSHAW?

Mrs M.G. Mason, 3 Southlands, Holmes Chapel, Cheshire, is collecting all references to the surname Kershaw and would be pleased to exchange (presumably all conventional printed and indexed sources have been gleaned and both extractors are now really looking for references from unprinted sources). 2 postal coupons or English stamped see please.

IGI WARNING

A contributor notes that two ancestors who had surnames as second names (eg Joseph STOPFORD Ingle, Timothy DARBYSHIRE Ingle) were eventually found in the IGI under these and not under the true surname.

GUIDE TO THE LANCASHIRE RECORD OFFICE

This new edition, encompassing all holdings up to 1976, replaces the previous editions of 1948 and 1962. Its five parts are: Public records, Official records, Parochial records, Ecclesiastical records and Deposited collections. Cost 12 pounds 75p plus postage and packing. Overseas postage rates available on application to Lancashire Record Office, Bow Lane, Preston, Lancs. PR1 8ND.

NATIONAL PEDIGREE INDEX

This index is operated by the Society of Genealogists, London. It contains details of pedigrees, either researched or being researched, which show three or more generations in the male line resident in UK.

You can contribute your own researches by writing to the National Pedigree Index, c/- Society of Genealogists, 14 Charterhouse Bldgs, EC1M 7BA, London. You will receive a supply of index slips with instructions. Searches may also be made. You should give details of surname and parish/county, and send two international reply coupons and 1 pound or equivalent for each surname/county request. Your fee will be refunded if search proves negative.

IRISH GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

This Society has compiled a marriage index relating to Protestant churches in Belfast prior to April 1, 1845, and will search a limited period for \$4. Reduced rates for subsequent request. Contact David McElroy, Irish Genealogical Services, 60 Ivanhoe Ave, Carryduff, Belfast, N.I. BT 8B BW

THE ILLAWARRA FAMILY HISTORY GROUP is compiling a pre-1900 Pioneer Register of Local Families as a 1988 Bicentennial Project. This will comprise families who lived in the area covered by the 042 Telecom Area Code. Please apply to Pioneer Register Committee, Illawarra Family History Group PO Box 1591, Wollongong, NSW, 2500 with see (foolscap). Ph: Val Porter on 042-28 9775

COLONIAL CULINARY QUIRKS

Society member John Morrison, has received a request from Mrs Ann Gray (a member of the Sheffield, UK, Family History Society), for local members' assistance towards her aim of compiling an anthology of unusual recipes. Her letter mentions a recipe she collected "for the warding off of Plague" (take a pennyworth of dragon water - an achievement in itself!) If any members have old or unusual recipes, especially those reflecting early colonial society, be it convict or free, or modern recipes with unique Australian content, please send them to John at his home address: 44 Beach St, Bellerive, 7018. They will be forwarded to Mrs Gray.

Common Interest Groups

ONE NAME SOCIETIES

MANTLE SURNAME ORGANISATION (incorporating MANTELL, MANTEL, MANTIL) of 131 Isabella Drive, Farnborough, Kent, BR67 1F, UK. Mr Henry Mantell would be interested to hear from any overseas person with this name in their pedigree. The name is rare in most counties, but occurs in Devon, Somerset, Cornwall, Sussex, Kent, Surrey and London. The organisation is compiling extracts of all civil registration of births, marriages and deaths from 1837 to the present. Mr Mantell will reply to queries accompanied by International Reply coupons.

PANTALL, PANTOLL, PANTELL ETC

Mr Richard Pantall, of Upper House, Staunton-on-Wye, Herefordshire, England writes seeking information on this name, which can in many cases, be traced back to 1447. Some are known to have emigrated to Australia in the 1880's and around 1914. Mr Pantall would be pleased to hear from any descendants. (Editor's Note: Both Mr Mantell and Mr Pantall would also be interested to hear of any entries in overseas telephone directories. A nice little job for some kind hearted person!)

BROOK, BROOKE, BROOKES, BROOKS, Kinawley Parish in Counties Cavan and Fermanagh, Ireland. Mr Maurice Comfort, R.R.2 Thorndale, Ontario, Canada has written to us enclosing a list of 120 persons of the above surnames who lived, for a time at least, in Kinawley Parish. The list has been compiled from civil registration, church records (Church of Ireland) 1821 census and private records. Most of these families disappeared from the area about 1850 and some are known to have gone to Canada. List available at GST library, Percy St, Bellerive. Further details from Mr Comfort.

Book Reviews

By Mavis Anderson

BAPTISTS IN VAN DIEMEN'S LAND 1835-86, by Laurence F. Rowston.

Published by Baptist Union and Hobart Baptist Church, Hobart 1985. Price could not be ascertained before going to press, but is approx. \$7-8.

To mark the 150th Anniversary of Baptist work in Australia, and Tasmania in particular, Mr Rowston has written two illustrated histories on the life and times of the people who were leaders, both lay and from the ministry.

The second volume covers the earliest period 1835-86. In the house of Jeremiah Ware, Elizabeth St, Hobart Town, five Baptists covenanted together to constitute the first Baptist Church in the Australian Colonies on the 14th June 1836.

The first Baptist settlers had joined the Congregational Fellowship on arrival in the colony in earlier years. Dissension had arisen on the matters of open or closed Communion and baptism. The group who had decided to found a separate Baptist witness in 1835, became known as the Harrington St Strict and Particular Baptist Church, Hobart Town.

Mr Rowston has endeavoured to present the story of the church through the life and experiences of the prominent members of the church at each stage of its development. He has not ignored the difficulties, but has focused on each leader and his family, giving a series of short biographies in each of eight stages of development.

The beginnings from the time of separation from the Congregational fellowship and the arrival and ministry of the Rev Henry Dowling, first Baptist minister in Australia, through to the arrival and ministry of Rev Edwin Tucker, are clearly detailed. The Rev Dowling came to V.D.L. to join his son and daughter in the Launceston area. He was an itinerant minister going to small centres and to support himself and his seven children, he took the position of official chaplain to convicts of the chain gangs around the colony. He also travelled to Hobart to assist the church there from time to time.

Strong differences on the communion service continued to cause difficulties in the young church and compounded the problem of obtaining and supporting a suitable minister. On a number of occasions this led to the disbanding of the church. Despite these problems, the church was recommenced and by 1885 was strongly established with a number of branches throughout the State.

There are numerous illustrations throughout the book, and reference sources are clearly indexed, giving an invaluable guide to further research. This volume and the one reviewed in Tas Ancestry in June 1985, make an important contribution to the local history of the Christian Church in Tasmania.

BOOK REVIEW

THE LUCAS REPORT: TRANSPORTED SIX TIMES OVER! (hardbound, 160 pp, printed by Rowick Printers Pty Ltd, Curtis St, Belmont, Geelong) Price \$20 plus \$3 postage from the author or from the M.G.A. Bookshop, 405 Bay St, Brighton Vic, 3186.

I saw the advertisement of this book in the Genealogical Society of Victoria journal, realised that the family had connections with Tasmania, and could not resist asking more about it. Mr Lucas kindly sent me a copy. The author sets out a record of the first of his ancestors to arrive in Australia: Nathaniel Lucas (b 1764, d 1818), a carpenter, who arrived on the 'Scarborough' in 1788 with the First Fleet to Botany Bay, and Olivia Gascoigne, who was 24 in 1787 at the time of her trial at Worcester Lent Assizes, and also came in the First Fleet, but by the 'Lady Penrhyn'.

This couple had thirteen children:- Ann, Sarah, Mary, William, Nathaniel, Olivia, John, James, George, Charles, Sarah, Mary Ann and Thomas. However this book deals mainly with the direct ancestry of Russell Lucas back through Thomas.

The author tells us something about the family background of the wives of his direct ancestors. Collections of quotations from Court records, certificates, letters, newspapers, ledgers and Government papers are used to provide additional data for earlier generations.

Family stories are included and some of those interesting items from newspapers (which you simply cannot ignore when you are seeking family data) give illustration of social conditions in early days.

Nathaniel (snr) and Olivia Lucas were sent to help settle Norfolk Island in 1788. Here Nathaniel's skill as a carpenter must have been valued, for in 1791 he was granted fifteen acres of land. He bought another 60 acres a couple of years later. Norfolk Is records are sketchy, and no actual record of marriage has been found, but Olivia and children returned to Sydney with Nathaniel in 1805 after it was decided to reduce the island population.

With Nathaniel, came materials from Norfolk Is to build a Sydney windmill, and by June 1805 he had erected this first Post Mill. Olivia became a widow in 1818 and proceeded with her son Nathaniel (jnr) and younger children to Tasmania. At Port Dalrymple (Launceston) she received 100 acres of land in 1825 and died there in 1830 aged 69.

In this book several references to Tasmanian families are made; Sydes, Gibb, Huntington, Scott, Prestage etc, but most seemed to move away after a few years.

THE LUCAS REPORT contd

Nathaniel (jnr) had obviously worked with his father and learned his skills as he and William erected the windmill at Launceston in 1817 which was much appreciated by the people there. I believe that is the origin of the name Windmill Hill. Charles and James built the 70 ton schooner 'Olivia' on the Tamar in 1825 - another first.

by Lillian Watson



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QUEENSLAND STRAYS

Sincere apologies to Queensland Family History Society, we were unaware that the list of strays published in our last journal was from their "Strays Collection Australasia 1985" compiled by R.V. Hopkinson. This publication is available from their bookshop P.O. Box 171, Indooroopilly, Brisbane, Queensland 4068. Price \$4.00 + \$1.00 p/p.

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English Parish Register Transcripts by M. J. Vine. A list of all known transcripts of English parish registers held in Australian Libraries	\$6.20
Genealogical Research Directory - An index to people and the family names they are researching. (Published yearly) 1983	14.75 members
(Prices vary from year to year)	13.75 non-members

JOURNAL - Family History News and Digest - from the Federation of Family History Societies. This is published in England but gives an outline of what is happening in many places. It is a quarterly journal which we obtain in bulk and sell to our members for \$2.60 + postage. A list of those who wish to reserve copies is at the GST Library, Hellenive, to which names can be added. Only a few extra copies are ordered each quarter.

Branches can obtain any of the above for resale or orders can be placed through Despatch Officer. PLEASE ADD POSTAGE.

Photocopies of articles in earlier issues of Tasmanian Ancestry can be supplied.

Books and Charts prices maybe subject to change without notice.

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Application for Membership forms can be obtained from Branch or GST Secretary and can be returned with appropriate dues to a Branch Treasurer, or sent from out of state to the GST Treasurer c/- Box 640G, G.P.O., Hobart 7001. Dues will also be accepted at Branch General Meetings or at the Library.

The Central Library is at J Percy Street, Bellarive, and some branches also have a library. Access is free to members but all users of the International Genealogical Index (U.K., Cent. Europe, Misc which contains data for Australia etc) are asked for a small fee. Books, journals from various genealogical societies, index to transcribed tombstones, register of family names and family charts are at the library and books and notes may be purchased here.

Donations to the Library Fund (\$2 & over) are an allowable tax deduction. Gifts of family records, books, maps, photographs etc are most welcome.

Research is handled on a voluntary basis in each branch. Simple queries from members and the public will be answered upon receipt of postage and envelop. A register of Member's research interests is kept in a card file and reference to this file will be made for distant members. Cemetery transcription index may also be helpful. Non-members may obtain data from this index and have their family names entered in this file for \$1. Duplication of research is often avoided by so doing.

A list of members willing to undertake record-searching on a PRIVATE basis can be obtained if records outside the GST library are required. The Society takes no responsibility for such private arrangements.

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CLERICAL ASSISTANCE is always required as all branches transcribe cemetery and tombstone records. Branch officers or YAMLOT co-ordinators would welcome offers of help, the tasks are simple and often increase friendships. The Society's Librarian also welcomes similar assistance, phone 002-476313, and such tasks can often be done at home.

Library Hours: J Percy Street, Bellarive: Wednesday 9.30 - 12.30; Saturday 1.30 - 4.30, or by arrangement.