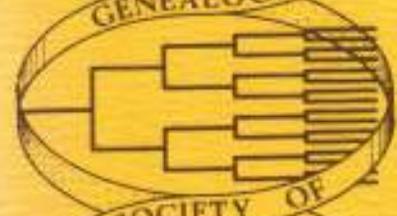
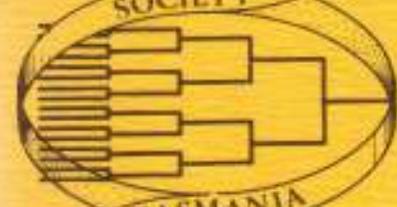


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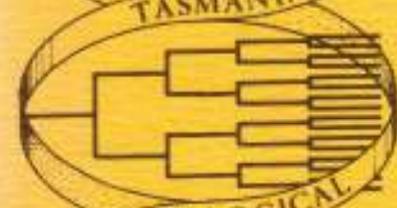
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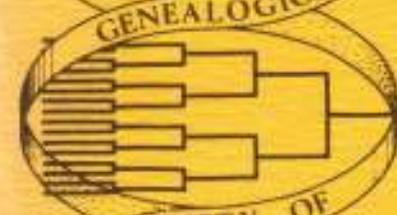
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President's Message

Firstly, I should like to congratulate all concerned with the compilation and production of the March issue of our journal. It is evident that considerable thought and effort were devoted to the project of featuring a particular district. This issue has set a high standard for the other branches to follow when each, in turn, provides material highlighting its own district. I hope that the remaining branches will make every effort to ensure that the bicentennial issues will be memorable ones and give satisfaction to our hardworking editor whose brainchild this idea was.

In June Annual Council will be held and it is time for members to give serious thought to the nomination of candidates for the State Executive. Those elected will be directing the affairs of the Society for the next year and will need the full support of all members so that the Society may continue to progress from strength to strength and move in the direction the majority of members wish.

Already branch executives for the ensuing year will have assumed office and I urge them to work in close collaboration with the State Executive to keep members' interests in mind at all times.

In the future I should like to see the Executive providing a greater degree of practical support in the development and expansion of branches. (Branches are doing a tremendous job in providing research facilities and deserve greater support.) I think, too, there is the need to sponsor schemes which will enable branches to improve the skills of older members and to provide greater assistance to our new members. The more established sometimes tend to forget the difficulties and bewilderment which often face those beginning their family history research.

Again I would ask members to make every endeavour to enlist new members to the Society. There is strength in numbers and this special year when there is so much interest in our past seems to me to be an ideal time to expand.

Happy forebear hunting.

Neville Jetson - President.

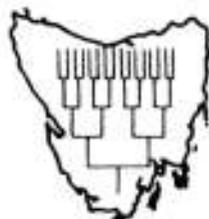
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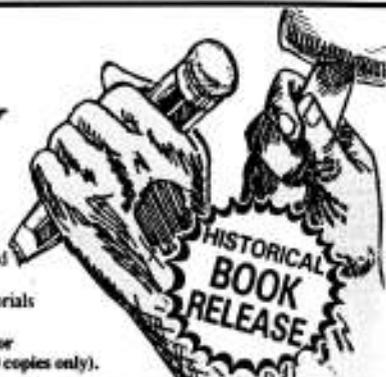
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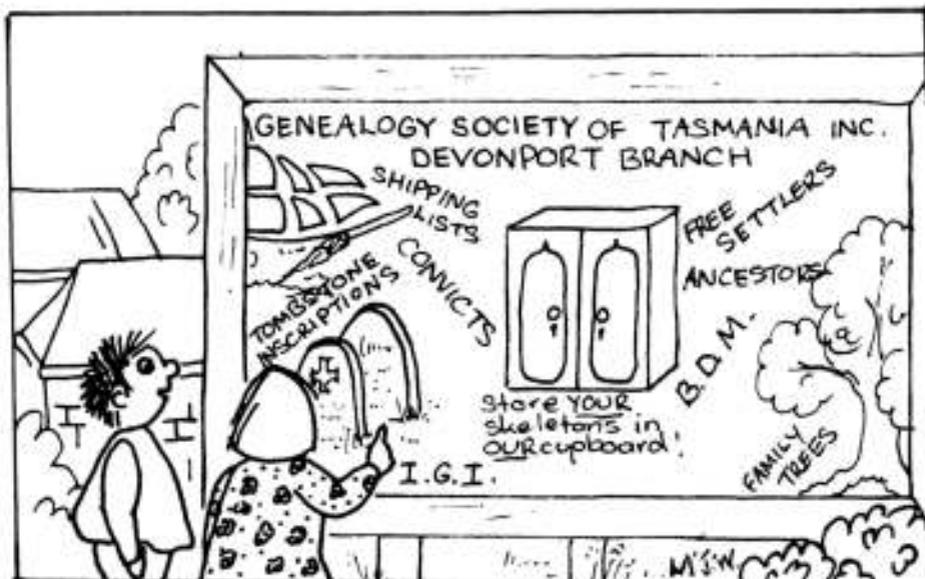
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EDITORIAL

European settlement in the Port Sorell district pre-dates the first entries in the Registrar General's registers which date from 1845. Its history is intimately tied up with the convict system and later is influenced by the influx of assisted immigrants in the early 1850's when coal was discovered at the Mersey.

When we first set out to produce a "family tree" we are content with just a pedigree. We review our work and feel well pleased, or despondent, depending on our success amongst the records of the Registrar General.

But something is missing! Now there is an urge to clothe the skeletons unearthed and preserve the history revealed to us by our kinsmen.

With this in mind we find we have an historical rather than a genealogical bias in this issue of the Journal. It is relatively easy to find the "skeleton", harder to provide the "flesh". We hope that the material within these pages, gathered from a variety of sources including newspapers official government papers and personal recollections, will encourage you to rescue your ancestors from obscurity.

No pedigree is ever complete; and we never know when to call a halt - but the day we start to "write it all up" is the beginning of a new and pleasurable experience.

The Committee thanks members for their contributions, and regrets that limitations of space precluded the use of all of the material.

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PIONEERS OF SASSAFRAS

BY

Rosamund Marshall

At a time when there was much activity along the North West Coast of Van Diemen's Land with would-be settlers clearing their much dreamed about acres of land, Sassafras remained in its primeval state - silent, dark, and forbidding. Although it was known there was land to be cleared it had been avoided due to its dense covering of forest.

Today, Sassafras is a farming district lying between the Mersey and Rubicon Rivers. It is well known for its rich chocolate soil and prolific crops. Yet it was because of the fertile soil that the forests were so tall and impenetrable.

The name of Sassafras most probably originated from the name of the native Tasmanian rain forest tree. Indeed Sassafras trees did grow in the gullies in the area but so did Eucalypts, Blackwoods, Ti-tree, and the like.

On a hill overlooking the Sassafras district was the site of the first church. Here Henry Rockliff had an interdenominational chapel built on his property "Skelbrook". This chapel was opened on 01 January 1865. A Wesleyan Church was established to the north of the Skelbrook Chapel on land adjoining the school and was opened on 26 August 1876. An enlarged church was built on the identical site of the Skelbrook Chapel by the Baptist Church and was opened on 13 May 1900.

The first public school was opened in 1871. This was replaced by the present school on a different site in 1927.

With the passing years, the businesses which were established have all disappeared. One of the earliest was Shadbolt's blacksmith and wheelwright business. Other smaller blacksmithing works as well as a bootmaker's shop were established. Flour mills, operated by Henry Rockliff and Francis Rockliff, provided a necessary benefit to the local inhabitants as did several saw mills.

In later years a couple of stores and a butchery were opened. One of the landmarks on the Bass Highway was White's Store and Post Office which was on the site of the former Police Station. The Police Station is not remembered by present day residents, while the

store was demolished to make way for highway improvements.

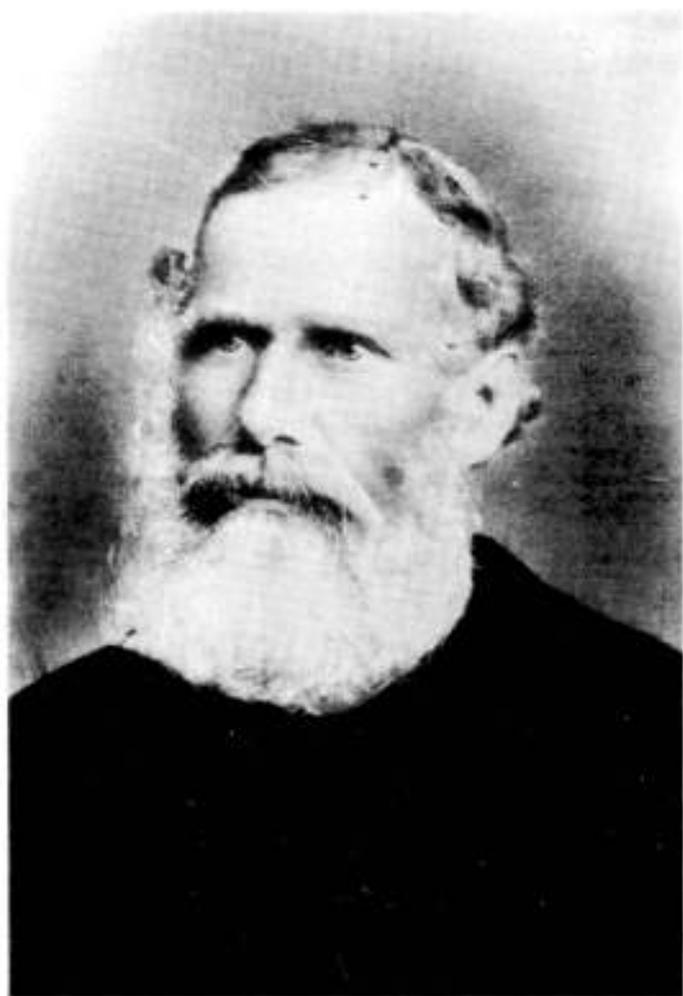
One of the earliest settlers to the East Sassafras area was John Lamprey (1815-1890). He had married Martha Rowsell (1813-1888) at South Petherton, Somerset in 1840. With their two children they left on the "Royal Saxon" in 1842. After several years at Northdown John Lamprey, a former shepherd and farm labourer, purchased 300 acres in 1853.

The Rockliff family from Kirk Smeaton, Yorkshire settled at Sassafras in the late 1850's. The four brothers and one sister spent some time at "Wesley Dale", Chudleigh, owned by their cousin Henry Reed, before moving to Sassafras. Henry Rockliff (1815-1889) had arrived on board the "Essex" in 1841 to take up a position as overseer at "Wesley Dale". He married Hannah Spurr in 1842 and they had a family of 8 sons and 3 daughters, all born at "Wesley Dale". He eventually moved to Sassafras and named his property "Skelbrook". George Rockliff (1831-1909) arrived on board the "Lady Bute" in 1852. On 19 November 1857, in conjunction with his brother Henry, he purchased 500 acres and immediately moved to Sassafras and commenced operations. He married Ann Levick (1829-1925), formerly of Yorkshire, and together they established "Springfield".

John Rockliff (1835-1905) had married Alice Scholey at Arksey, Yorkshire in 1858. They left almost immediately on board the "Donald McKay" and eventually settled at "Westfield". Francis Rockliff (1829-1893) with his sister Hannah (1824-1906) left Liverpool on board the "Merchant Prince" in 1859 and soon joined the family at Sassafras. Francis returned to England in 1867 and married Elizabeth Wass but was back in Tasmania in less than twelve months. They brought with them their nephew John Rockliff (1849-1939) to help on their property "Robin Hood's Well".

James Spurr (1830-1919) of Wickersley, Yorkshire, married Ann Deacon Rawson (1834-1914) in 1856. With their young son John they arrived at Launceston on the "Greyhound" in 1859. James had been engaged by his brother-in-law, Henry Rockliff, to be overseer at "Skelbrook" prior to the removal of Henry Rockliff and his family from "Wesley Dale". He was able to purchase his own property which he named "Ferraury".

Another Yorkshire pioneer was Thomas Cutts (1850-1929) who arrived



ROBERT BEVERIDGE

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on board the steamer "Great Britain" on Christmas Day 1870 with two Midgley brothers. He became a tenant farmer on the property which became known as "Brierley Grove" and this was eventually purchased by the Cutts family. He married Sarah Stratton (1850-1931) in 1872.

Pioneers of Scottish origin included Robert Beveridge (1817-1887) and Robert Peebles. Robert Beveridge from Alva, Stirlingshire had arrived at Hobart Town on board the "Jane" in 1838 with his parents. He married a Scottish lass, Janet Moug in Launceston in 1845 and after having lived at Hagley and Port Sorell he purchased "Valleyfield" in about 1858. Robert Peebles, who arrived on the "Commodore Perry" in 1855 married Jane Moug and became a tenant farmer on "Valleyfield" the property of his brother-in-law.

Irish pioneers on board the 1855 sailing of the "Commodore Perry" included James Kelly and Jonathan Graham (1833-1905). They settled at Sassafras in the early 1860's and James Kelly eventually purchased the property on which he was a tenant farmer. Jonathan Graham developed "Rockfield" and later was appointed an Inspector of Roads. Patrick (1815-1888) and Michael Roche (1820-1909) from Co. Wexford took up land in the 1860's and named their property "Roche Vale". They were keen horsemen and were successful in breeding and racing.

A family of German origin was that of Jacob Lehman (1825-1906). Formerly from Weinsberg, he arrived on board the "Montmorency" in 1855 with his wife and two children. While at Longford his wife died and he married Christina Mueller, a fellow German passenger on the "Montmorency". In the early 1860's they moved to Sassafras.

A pioneer who was well known for his blacksmithing abilities was George Shadbolt (1822-1882). Born in Hertfordshire, he married Jane Whitton (1832-1875) in 1854 and moved to the Sassafras district in about 1860. Although he bought land, his blacksmith shop and wheelwright business was on land bought by George Ingram. After his death Linden Shadbolt (1852-1919) took over the business and expansions were made. Linden married Mary King (1854-1935).

George Ingram (1837-1905), from Kingston, Dorset, left England in 1853 on the "Emile". After some time with Isaac Noake at Lonford he bought a brewery at Perth. In 1863 he married Matilda Bird (1844-1909) at Perth and three years later he bought 640 acres in

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the central area of Sassafras and named it "Sassafras Vale".

Two other pioneers who also spent some time in the Longford district were Jonathon Lunson and Lewis Perry. Jonathon Lunson (1818-1891) born at Penrith, Cumberland was a shepherd and farm labourer. He arrived at Hobart Town on board the "Maria Somes" in 1844. He married Sarah Davey at Longford in 1848 and moved to Westbury and Deloraine before taking up 100 acres at Sassafras in about 1862. Lewis Perry who married Ann Sinnett lived at Campbell Town and Perth before moving to the Sassafras district in the late 1860's. He took up land at East Sassafras in 1875.

These are just some of the pioneers who settled at Sassafras and most of them still have descendants living in the district. Some of these descendants are still living on the original properties.

Sassafras can look back with pride on the men and women who showed foresight, courage, and determination in paving the way for the future development of the area.

★★ ★★
JAMES HOARE
AN AMERICAN VETERAN

"Mr James Hoare, of Paradise, who has reached the age of 80 years, has just been granted a pension by the United States Government for his services in the first Mexican war. As a youth of 18 he landed in New York from Ireland, and immediately enlisted in the artillery, serving under Captain Sherman, afterwards General Sherman, who became famous as a great leader of cavalry in the struggle between the North and South. Upon the war ending, Mr Hoare re-enlisted in the Dragoons, doing garrison work in Mexico. About nine years ago Mr Hoare first learned that pensions were being paid to soldiers who had served in the Mexican war when they reached the age of sixty. He then applied, and Mr Baker, the United States' Consul for Tasmania, also took an active part in trying to obtain it for him, but it has taken the Office for Pensions in Washington about eight years to satisfy themselves that he is the right person." [North West Post 12 May 1910]

CHARITY BEGINS AT HOME

NOMINAL RETURNS OF PERSONS IN RECEIPT OF AID FROM PUBLIC FUNDS
01 DEC 1870

In 1870 there was a Royal Commission on Charitable Institutions. One of the many lists produced as a result of the Commission was this one listing over a thousand cases. We have extracted only those relating to the Port Sorell District and Westbury.

Details listed are as follows: No. of case, Name of recipient, District, By whom recommended, Weekly amount now given, Date allowance first granted, Amount then given, Cause necessitating grant.

371. Mary Ann Kilpatrick

Deloraine, Warden, 5/-, 05 June 1866, 5/-. Husband under sentence 6 months. On completion of sentence allowance discontinued. Husband committed for trial Dec 67 and sentenced 01 Feb 1868 to 2 years. He is now an absconder. 5 children under 12.

378. Johanna Moran

Deloraine, Warden, 7/-, 01 Jan'y 1868, 7/-. Husband under sentence 8 years from February 1868. 4 children under 12. Recipient is suffering from chronic ulceration of the legs.

396. Maria Oakley

Westbury, Warden, 7/6, 01 Feb 1868, 10/-. Widow with 7 children, 4 now under 12. The eldest born in 1853 is "mentally incapable of doing anything for herself".

407. Catherine Shaw

Westbury, Warden, 3/6, 01 Mch 1868, 3/6. Widow, aged 70, unable to work.

441. Bridget Mahoney

Westbury, Warden, 5/-, 01 May 1868, 5/-. Husband under sentence for 6 years. 3 children under 12.

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449. Mary Ward

Westbury, Warden, 4/-, 28 May 1868, 5/-. Husband under sentence 3 years. 3 children, 2 now under 12.

459 Johanna Nash

Westbury, Warden, 5/-, 16 June 1868, 5/-. Desertion of husband and failure of her health. 3 children, 1 now under 12.

593. Eliza Cusack

Westbury, Warden, 5/-, 01 Jan'y 1869, 5/-. Widow; too infirm to work. Age 60.

594. Robert Beans

For maintenance of Alice Ford born '63, Deloraine, Warden, 5/-, 01 Feb 1869, 5/-. Death of father; desertion of mother.

615. Margaret Elliott

Westbury, Warden, 5/-, 01 Mch 1869, 5/-. Widow in a weak state of health. 3 children, one an infant at the breast, now 2 under 12.

682. Elizabeth Horan

Deloraine, Warden, 5/-, 16 June 1869, 5/-. Husband unable to work (since dead), 3 children under 12.

710. William Archer

Westbury, Warden, 5/-, 01 July 1869, 5/-. Nearly blind. Has a pension of 1/- per diem. 5 children, 4 under 12. Wife consumptive.

788. William M'Clure

For maintenance of her [sic] grandchildren Henry born 1861, and Edmund Hayes, 1863. Deloraine, Warden, 9/-, 26 Oct 1869, 9/-. Desertion of father; mother in service; she supports a third child.

811. Robert Burnie

Deloraine, Warden, 7/-, 17 Nov 1869, 5/-. Suffering from paralysis.
5 children under 12. Has now 4.

851. John Jago

For maintenance of his grandchild, John Batt, born Feb 1863.
Deloraine, Warden, 3/-, 01 Jan 1870, 3/-. Desertion of father;
leaving 7 children unprovided for. Mother dead. Recipient keeps 2
others of the family without assistance.

872. Sarah Webb

Westbury, Warden, 4/-, 06 Feb 1870, 4/-. Widow age 51. Nearly
imbecile.

898. Harriet Warburton

Westbury, Warden, 5/-, 06 Mch 1870, 5/-. Husband in hospital (since
dead). Has 5 children under 12.

927. Robert Booth

Deloraine, Warden, 2/6, 01 May 1870, 2/6. Paralysis, age 72.

953. Thomas Thelkeld

Westbury, Warden, 3/6, 01 July 1870, 3/6. Infirmity, age 68.

982. Honora Hartnett

Westbury, Warden, 5/-, 01 Aug 1870, 5/-. Widow, 4 children under
12. Her late husband's mother lives with her.

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996. Ellen Duffy

Westbury, Warden, 5/-, 20 Aug 1870, 5/-. Absence of husband, who is supposed to be in hospital Melbourne, Victoria, to which colony he went in search of employment. Has 6 children under 12 and is near her confinement.

1021. Nappy Harvey

Torquay, Stipendiary Magistrate, 2/6, 01 Sept 1870, 2/6. Husband under sentence of 6 months. One child under 12. The authority for the payment of this allowance in this case expired 31 Dec 1870.

1028. Christina Glenn

Westbury, Warden, 4/-, 27 Sept 1870, 4/-. Husband under sentence at Port Arthur 6 years from 10 Sept 1866. 2 children under 12. She suffers from prolapsus uteri. Cannot work.

1030. Ann Reid

Westbury, Warden, 2/6, 01 Oct 1870, 2/6. Widow described as a helpless creature. 2 children under 12.

1036. Elizabeth Deverill

Deloraine, Warden, 5/-, 01 Oct 1870, 5/-. Recipient is the eldest, and has the care of her 3 brothers, two of whom are under 12. The father is in hospital, Launceston, and the mother is under sentence for larceny 3 months from 07 Oct 1870.

1044. Henry Dennis

Deloraine, Warden, 7/6. 01 Oct 1870, 7/6. Partial blindness and inability to work. Wife reported to be in a dying state. 7 children, 6 under 12 years of age.

"Elphinstones - Pioneer Farmers In Tasmania"

By Pat Coy

Following a very successful family reunion in April, 1985 a group of direct descendants of Adam and Elizabeth Elphinstone has worked hard to produce a written record of the above couple and the families of their 8 children.

The book describes conditions in Scotland which probably led to the decision of Adam and Elizabeth to emigrate in 1855. It includes a description of the voyage out to Tasmania on the Commodore Perry which carried 429 passengers and arrived at George Town on 7th April 1855.

The struggles and hardships of their early days in the Deloraine, Green's Creek, and Caveside districts are recorded, along with later achievements and successes as members of the family dispersed into other areas of Tasmania, including Penguin, Blythe, Myalla, Stowport, Harford, and Scottsdale, and contributed significantly to the development of the pioneer farms in these and other areas.

The book comprises 140 pages and includes genealogical tables, anecdotal accounts of family and farmlife in the second half of the 19th century and early 20th century, and over 100 pictures, including portraits, family groups, and early farming photographs. Maps of the Harford/Green's Creek and Mole Creek/Caveside areas are also included.

The book is indexed, of A4 size and comes in hard and soft cover editions which are available from any member of the Editorial Committee, listed below:

Mrs Pat Coy, 121 James Street, Devonport 7310. Mrs Meg Davies, 13 Horsham St, Ulverstone 7315. Mr Reg Elphinstone, 11 Barossa Place, Newstead 7250. Mrs Jessica Reid, P.O. Box 210, Deloraine 7304. Mr David Scott, 8 Clarke St, Devonport 7310, and Mr Jim Scott, 32 Alford St, Howrah 7018. Cost - Hard Cover \$18, Soft Cover \$13 plus \$4 pp (in Tasmania). Books will be available from May 1988.

SCHOOLMASTER SERGEANT BARLOW

By K.M. Dick

My ggg grandfather William Barlow was born in Wigan, Lancashire on 12th March 1802, to William Barlow and his wife Mary Howarth.

In 1824, William joined the Royal Artillery; he served for 20 years in the role of Schoolmaster Sergeant. This job took him to various overseas army bases such as Gibraltar and the Scilly Isles. Some of his children were born in these places and his wife Elizabeth, nee Sutor, died abroad during childbirth, in 1841.

William left the R.A. and with his second wife, Hannah, and his surviving children, Margaret, Mary, Elizabeth, and William he emigrated to New Zealand, where he set up a trading post to supply miners. This proved to be a lucrative business and with the money he made, William moved his family to Hobart, Tasmania, where he bought a farm.

In March 1855, after the death of his second wife, William married again, this time to Mary Ann Hall, a 48 year old widow. Together they moved to Swansea where William took up a position as Schoolmaster at the Swansea Public School.

William died on the 3rd October, 1883, aged 81 years. He led an active and interesting life until the mid 1870's when failing health forced him to remain in his home at "The Hermitage". He is buried in the Swansea Anglican Cemetery. He was survived by his wife Mary Ann and his children Margaret (Mrs James Wiseman), Elizabeth (Mrs William Geal), William (who married Elizabeth Cooley), and Mary.

I am researching William Barlow's life and would be pleased to make contact with anyone interested in this family - Mrs Kerrie Dick, Wesley Vale, Tasmania 7307.





SCHOOLMASTER SERGEANT WILLIAM BARLOW

RETURN OF PUBLIC SCHOOLS 1876

Published in the Journals of the Legislative Council 1877: Name, Age, Salary p.a., Service on 31 Dec 1876, Class. [Lists of Teachers are also published in Walch's Almanacs.]

La Trobe

Thomas Hainsworth, 44, £90 p.a., 17 years 4 mths, Head Teacher.
Mrs M.J. Hainsworth, 40, £30 p.a., 17 years 4 mths, Female Assistant.

New Ground

David Purvis, 22, £54 p.a., 5 years 9 mths, Teacher.

Northdown

Mrs E.M. Morey, 43, £50 p.a., 6 years 6 mths, Mistress.

Sassafras

Thomas Pullen, 42, £96 p.a., 9 years, Head Teacher.
Mrs M.J. Pullen, 36, [joint salary with husband], 7 years 7 mths, Female assistant.

Sheffield and Kentishbury [half-time schools]

Charles Coleman, 35, £40 p.a., 11 months, Teacher.

Torquay

J.S. Roche, 32, £72 p.a., 6 years, Head Teacher.
Miss M.J.J. M'Cluskey, 27, £30 p.a., 2 months, Female Assistant.

Abbotsham

William Kenner, 31, £72 p.a., 5 years 3mths, Head teacher.
Mrs M.E. Kenner, 24, [joint salary with husband], 8 months, Female assistant.

Castra Road

A.P. Gregory, 25, £54 p.a., 9 months, Teacher.

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George Heritage, 26, £90, 10 years 3 mths, Head Teacher.

Miss M. Littlejohn, 19, £20 p.a., 3 years 7 mths, Female Assistant.

Hamilton-on-Forth

Robert Robertson, 22, £54 p.a., 6 months, Head Teacher.

Miss Marie Wilson, 20, £20 p.a., 1 month, Female Assistant.

Penguin Creek

Miss M.A. Paton, 47, £40 p.a. 6 years 7 mths, Mistress.

Ulverstone

George H. Reilly, 20, £54 p.a., 1 year 11 mths, Teacher.

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METHODIST MINERS AT THE MERSEY

River Mersey. The Reverend Mr Innes, Wesleyan Minister, visited the district and preached at the Mersey Coal Company's station in the morning to about 30 adults and 40 children. In the afternoon he baptised 9 children at Mr Dean's house - so reported The Examiner of 26 December 1854.

These nine Baptisms will not be found in the Methodist Registers for the Mersey Circuit but will be found instead in the Register of the Patterson Street Methodist Church in Launceston. [Available on microfilm at the Archives Office of Tasmania.]

The families of these children (excepting the Clarke's) all arrived at the Mersey to work in the Coal Mines in 1854, having travelled out to the colony in the ship Merlington [called Merrington in the Examiner].

Only two of the children baptised that day (10 Dec 1854) were born in the colony. The baptisms are listed below:

George Clarke b. 15 Nov 1854 River Mersey.
William Clarke b. 28 April 1853 River Mersey.
Sons of William and Ruth Clarke, Labourer.

George Merrington Dean b. 01 Aug 1854 at sea. Son of Joseph and Ann Dean, Miner.

Mary Ann Outram b. 16 Nov 1854 [sic] at sea. Daughter of Charles and Amelia Outram, Miner.

Samuel Outram b. 29 Sept 1853 England. Son of above.

James William Rawnsley b. 30 Nov 1851 Huddersfield, England.

Walter Rawnsley b. 04 May 1854 Huddersfield, England. Sons of James and Mary Rawnsley, Joiner.

Thomas Marmaduke Constable b. 07 Apr 1853 Halifax, England.
John Watson Constable b. 30 May 1851 Halifax, England.
Sons of Marmaduke and Mary Constable, Wheelwright.

Other Port Sorell baptisms found in this Register were:

14 Dec 1854

George William James Marcus Mulligan b. 21 Nov 1852 Launceston. Son of George Perry and Eliza Mulligan, Farmer, River Forth.

Sophia Susan Catherine Jane Brown b. 24 Dec 1854 River Forth. Daughter of James and Mary Brown, Farmer, River Forth.

25 Apr 1855

Amelia Muggerridge b. 30 Dec 1855 River Mersey. Daughter of George and Mary Muggerridge, Blacksmith, Mersey River.

28 Aug 1856

Martha Eliza Stewart b. 31 Mch 1856 Pardoe. Daughter of Robert and Eliza Stewart, Timber Merchant, Pardoe House.

Frances [sic] Nibbs b. 05 July 1856 Pardoe. Son of William and Mary Ann Nibbs, Farmer, Pardoe.

31 Aug 1856

James Thomas Reed b. [not stated]. Son of William and Ann Reed, Collier, Frogmore.

Emma Hurst b. 22 Aug 1856 Denison Colliery. Daughter of Reuben and Betsy Hurst, Miner, Denison Colliery.

John Thomas Church b. 29 Oct 1855 Denison Colliery. Son of Charles and Fanny Church, Miner, Denison Colliery.

Sarah Ann Weeks b. 06 May 1855 Denison Colliery. Daughter of Henry and Priscilla Weeks, Miner, Denison Colliery.

John Locke b. 27 Oct 1855 Formby. Son of Robert and Sarah Locke, Miner, Denison Colliery.

William John Maddox b. 30 May 1856 Frogmore. Son of Frederick and Mary Maddox, Smith, Frogmore.

METHODIST MINERS AT THE MERSEY

Leopold Arthur Von Bibra b. 26 Oct 1855 Coburg, River Mersey. Son of Francis Lewis and Eliza Von Bibra, Storekeeper, Tarleton.

Alma Gillan b. 19 July 1856 Tarleton. Daughter of Andrew and Mary Ann Gillan, Baker, Tarleton.

Eliza Mercer b. 27 June 1856 Torquay. Daughter of William & Elizabeth Mercer, Sawyer, Torquay.

04 Sept 1856

George Reeves b. 04 Aug 1856 Formby. Son of John and Mary Ann Reeves, Labourer, Formby.

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"A PERFECTLY UNCONCERNED SPECTATOR"

"An inquest was held at the Port Sorell Inn this day, 29th November, [1857], G. Robson, Esq., Coroner, on the remains of a man found in the bush a short distance off the road leading to Deloraine, and about two and a half miles from "Sharkie's" Hut. From the evidence of Mr Wilson, who found the remains, and others, it was proved that the deceased was a person named William Ward, a baker, formerly carrying on business in Launceston, and latterly at Torquay, but through the habitual intemperance of himself and wife, he had for some months been in destitute circumstances. It is supposed he was on his way to Deloraine when death overtook him in so melancholy a manner. A verdict of found dead was returned. Mr Ryan, the Chief District Constable, had the remains, or rather the portions not carried off by the native cats, etc, removed to Burgess [Port Sorell] and interred. The deceased's wife was present at the inquest and burial, and was apparently a perfectly unconcerned spectator."

This somewhat brutal account of a death, published in the Examiner 08 Dec 1857, adds considerably to the information recorded in the Death Register for Port Sorell - "found dead". It also indicates a burial ground at Burgess the location of which is currently unknown. No doubt many a mariner and ticket-of-leave man is buried here.

On 27 July 1854 the ship Balmoral, 357 tons, Captain Clarke, London, arrived at Launceston with 8 cabin passengers and 17 in steerage for the Mersey Coal Fields - Coal miners, Blacksmiths, Navigators, and Carpenters from Yorkshire and Lancashire.

Many of the men are listed as "single" but were in fact married and their wives arrived on later ships after they became established in the colony. Most of these families remained in the district after the failure of the mines.

The cabin passengers were:

James (or John) North, Thomas Lodge, George Laycock, Michael Wood, Andrew Morris, John Charnock, Thomas Bibby, George Hill.

Steerage: Allan and James Beaumont, Allan Brooke, Henry Carter, William Herron and wife Mary Ann and dependents Ann, John, & Martha. James and Ruth Naylor, Thomas Sheard, wife Elizabeth and children William, and Marianne. John Thom[p]son and wife Eliza, and J. Birch who is listed in the newspaper report but not the official passenger list.

Extracts from the obituaries of three of these men - Michael Wood, Thomas Lodge, and Henry Carter - are quoted here, together with that of Maria Maxfield who came out on the Juno.

These obituaries provide details of the early history of Tarleton and Formby (Devonport), sometimes conflicting but always interesting to historian and genealogist alike.

"Old Times in Devon" recalls the names of many of the men who arrived per the Balmoral and the Merlington, and Merle Fitzmaurice's article on Thomas Hainsworth explores the colonial experience of a self-taught Yorkshireman who was himself a prolific writer of "Letters to the Editor".



"The late Mr Wood was a familiar figure in the town [Devonport] in which he evinced a keen interest in any matter appertaining to its welfare. He was born at Lipton, Yorkshire, England, 76 years ago, and he came out to Tasmania in the year 1853, in the sailing ship Balmoral which sailed from London, and after a voyage extending over fifteen weeks reached Launceston. Mr Wood had comrades who still reside in the Devonport district in Messrs Henry Carter (Devonport), Thomas Lodge (Devonport), and James Beaumont (Don), whilst Messrs George Laycock and James Naylor (Devonport), and Allan Beaumont (Don) were also shipmates, but they have since passed over to the Great Beyond. The party left Huddersfield (Yorkshire), under engagement for a term of three years to a coal mining syndicate operating at Dulverton, consisting of Messrs Crooks, Button, Grubb, and Henry Reid, all of Launceston. After reaching the Northern port they embarked for Devonport in a small vessel, and thence made their way to Dulverton. After eighteen months' work Mr Wood removed to Devonport, and was engaged as a carpenter and contractor, and he was noted for his faithful workmanship. Amongst other places that he built was the old grain store that stood on the banks of the Mersey at the site of the present wharf until a few years ago. Of late years he was engaged on the training wall. About fifteen or sixteen years ago he opened the ironmongery business now carried on by his son John.

Mr Wood was one of Devonport's early public men, and occupied a seat on the Formby Road Trust, and afterwards he was a member of the Town Board, but about twenty years ago he resigned his seat to take up the position of clerk of works for the water construction scheme, which was being laid on to Devonport. He often told his friends of his experiences in the early days in the district, and remembered the bushranger named "Long Scottie", who became an outlaw as a result of a quarrel with a man at Pardoe, in which the latter was killed by the bushranger striking him on the head with a bottle.

About 55 years ago the deceased married a young lady who had come out on the same ship and on the same voyage, and who resided at the late Mr Herrings, at Latrobe....." [North West Post 13 Jan'y 1913]

By Merle Fitzmaurice

A settler of the Port Sorell district in 1854, was Thomas Hainsworth, who came from Yorkshire, England, with his wife, and settled at Latrobe where he was contracted to the Mersey Coal Company. They came on the sailing ship "Merrington", arriving first at George Town after a journey of four months, and from there travelled to Latrobe by the steamer "Titania", and landed at Ballahoo.

As was usual in Yorkshire in those early days, Thomas had gone to work in the coal mines at an early age, so had very little formal education, but having a thirst for information, he studied geology and mineralogy, partly from books, partly from observation, and by talking with people familiar with these subjects. Besides these sciences, he acquired a large amount of general knowledge, and it is remarkable that he was knowledgeable enough to be a teacher for some twenty odd years after leaving the Mersey Coal Co.

His first school was at Formby (now Devonport) on the Esplanade (now Formby Road), somewhere near the foot of Turton Street. He later (c1861) became first State School Master on the North West Coast at Table Cape, and subsequently first Schoolmaster at Latrobe about the middle of 1870, in Church of England premises in Hamilton Street.

Thomas and his wife Mary Jane had a family of ten, two of whom died in infancy, with eight of the ten being born in the Port Sorell district. In letters to relations back in England, Thomas and Mary wrote in glowing terms of their new land, and the hopes that they had for the future. They remained in the Tarleton-Latrobe area until their deaths in 1896 and 1898, and there are still descendants of theirs in the Latrobe and Devonport districts, as well as other areas of Tasmania.



This letter to the Editor was written on the occasion of the publication of an obituary to the late Thomas Hainsworth, in which, according to the writer of this letter, there are some inaccuracies, which he begs to correct.

"I have always understood that Mr Hainsworth, Mr M. Wood, and party were brought out from Yorkshire by the late Mr Henry Reid, to work a supposed seam of coal at Tarleton. An engine house and shaft were built in the hollow, close to Ballahoo Creek (through which the railway now runs), and some good brick cottages on the west side. When the company collapsed for want of coal, Messrs Wood, Lodge, and Laycock agreed with the Devon Road Trust to build bridges on the old Main road to Deloraine. These were a fine tressel bridge over the deep creek near the Junction Inn, and two others near Mr Smith's publichouse at Fossil Bank. Shortly after, these were all burnt, for want of proper precaution. About this time Mr Charles S. Thomas was cutting up the frontage of his land into allotments to form the hamlet of Wenvoe. Mr Wood purchased two allotments where he has, till lately resided. Messrs Thomas, Sheard and Lodge rented land on the Middle road; Mr M. Maxfield a 20 acre block with right of purchase. Over the creek, where a tall poplar now stands, was Mr Charles Outram's, with H. Carter behind him, Mr W. Herron on the south, and Mr Laycock behind him. Old Mr and Mrs Bowman [Beaumont] and their sons, James and Allan, rented land on Appledore. Mr Riley was the only one who remained at Tarleton, where he struck coal, and carried on a lucrative business with Launceston for many years. Captain Murray, though he laughed at my brother, secured two of the most beautiful allotments on the Wenvoe frontage, followed by Messrs Jowett, Best, G. Buck, and Reeves. At the time Mr Hainsworth returned to the Mersey Mr Best had purchased the allotment on which my brother had built an American frame house. Mr Best then built a school house for Mr Hainsworth..... soon after Captain Hedstrom built the cottages on Formby frontage; Mr Madden built a publichouse where the Formby Hotel now stands; Mr Bennett left his shanty on Wenvoe and took one of the cottages and opened a store. Mr Reeves sold to Mr Best, and went to Barrington....." [N.W. Post Jan'y 1896]

Although he wished to remain anonymous, the author would almost certainly be Mr Bat Thomas, brother of Charles S. Thomas, and occupier of the Appledore estate.

OLD TIMES IN DEVON

The diaries of Bat Thomas dating from 1845-1890's have survived in the Thomas family and are being transcribed by members of the Devon Historical Society. They will not be published but copies of the transcript will be made available to the State Library and the Mersey Regional Library later this year.

A GOLDEN RECORD

A record in golden weddings in one family has, it is considered, been established in Tasmania. Mr and Mrs W. Hudson, of Ulverstone, have recently celebrated their 50 years of married life, and two sisters of Mr Hudson - the late Mrs Henry Church, of Launceston; and Mrs J. Eagle, of Ulverstone - were both spared to enjoy a similar privilege: the latter has recently celebrated her diamond wedding. A niece of Mr Hudson - Mrs C.H. Harris, of Westbury - is also to be included amongst the "golden" celebrants. [Weekly Courier 13/9/1922]

PETITION

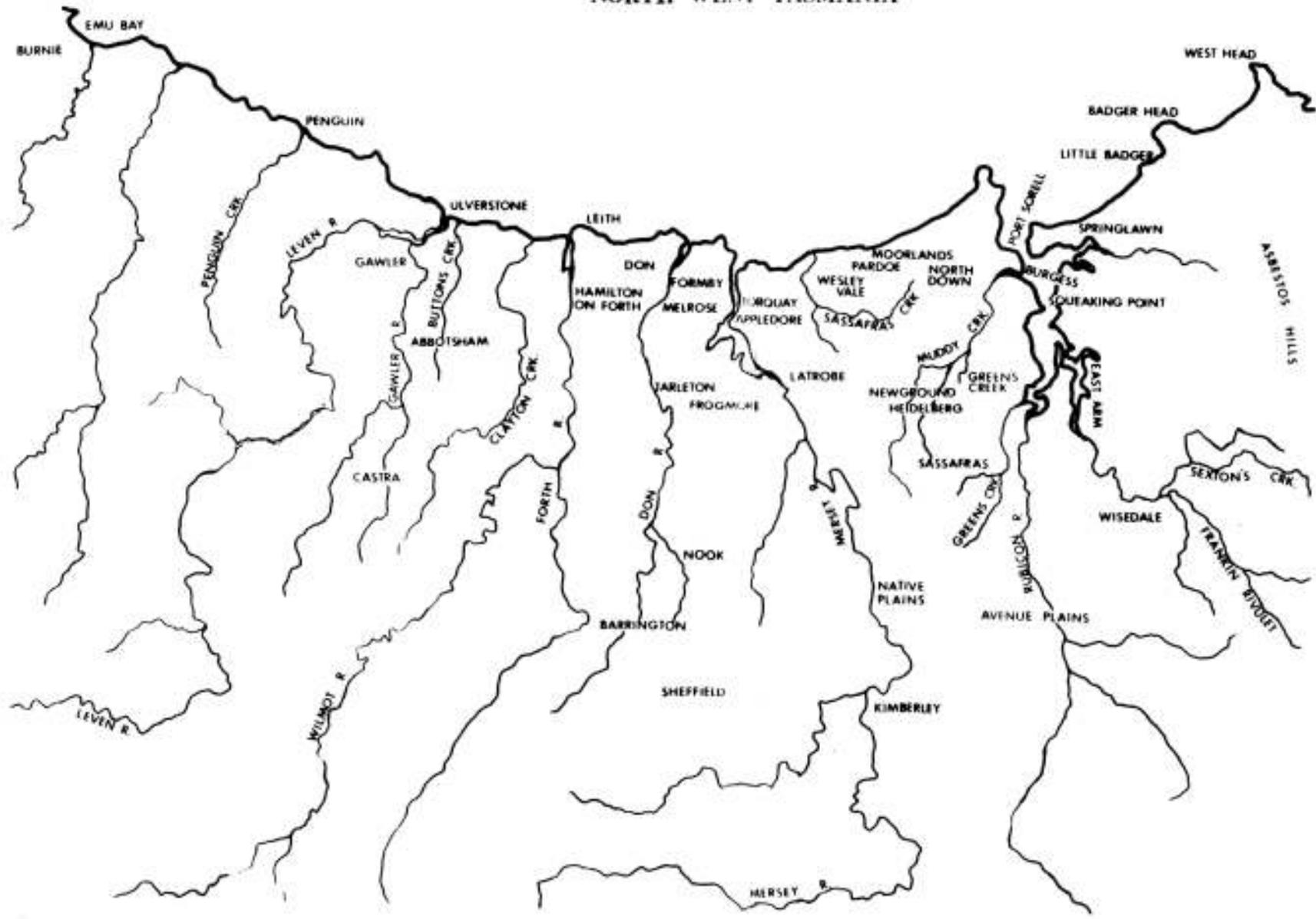
Petition of George Robson for Amendment of Carriage Duties Act presented by Mr Rooke 14 Nov 1871. [House of Assembly Journals]

In the petition of George Robson of the Parish of Templeton, East Devon, private gentleman, he states that he is a Retired officer H.M. Army and that he became a military settler under the Horse Guards Regulations of 1827-28 in the year 1829.

As well as providing this useful information regarding his past and giving a clue to the date of his arrival, the petition goes on to add flesh to the skeleton.

"In 1857 owing to the falling of his horse became afflicted with a double "Hernia" which for the last 5 years has so much increased as to render him physically incapacitated from walking beyond a few yards, and medically prohibited from attempting to ride on horseback whilst he is permitted to be driven very limited distances".

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HENRY CARTER

"Mr Henry Carter, one of the oldest residents of Devonport, passed away on May 10. He was 93 years of age. Mr Carter was born at High Burton, near Huddersfield, in January, 1824, and has had a somewhat varied career. He was apprenticed to a well-known Yorkshire firm of cutlery manufacturers, and at the age of 30 years he was with many others at that time attracted to Australia. Having accepted an engagement with a Launceston mining syndicate as blacksmith, he sailed from London in the ship Balmoral in 1854, the year of the Crimean War.... The voyage, though rough, was uneventful, and 15 weeks elapsed before the party reached their destination. At that time Launceston was a town not nearly so large as Devonport now is. A stay of three days was made in Launceston, as a week's holiday was granted by the employers after the long voyage out....Mr Carter's employment was for a period of three years at a salary of £104 per annum, with rations and house to live in. Coal was quickly located, but the seam was but 20 inches thick, and it was then that the company considered that the body was of too small a dimension to work profitably with a tramway, and naturally was anxious to terminate the agreements made with the party....Mr Carter insisted on the agreement being adhered to, and he had the satisfaction of receiving £30 from the company in addition to his last quarter's salary...." [Weekly Courier 18 May 1916]

MRS O'DONNELL
A FORTHSIDE PIONEER



"Last week Mrs O'Donnell, relict of the late Mr Thomas O'Donnell, who died at Forthside, North-Western Tasmania, 36 years ago, passed away. Mrs O'Donnell celebrated her 99th birthday in May last. Deceased was born in Gort, County Galway, Ireland, in 1813, and landed in Tasmania in 1851. In 1852 she married Mr O'Donnell in Hobart.* In 1855 they proceeded to Forthside, living on a farm forming part of Dr. Casey's estate. Mrs O'Donnell resided on the one farm for a period of 57 years. She leaves a family of six sons and three daughters. Of the former, John, Patrick, Edward, William, and Thomas reside at Forthside, and Michael lives at Spalford, where he is engaged as manager for Mr Gaunt. The daughters are Mrs J. Sullivan and Misses Bridget and Elizabeth O'Donnell, residing on the old homestead." [Weekly Courier 28 Nov 1912 page 28.]

* A check of the RGD records reveals that Bridget Edwards married Thomas O'Donnell on 13 May 1854! Both were pass-holders. A selective view of the past perhaps!

The late Mrs Maria Maxfield of West Devonport was "one of the few remaining settlers who came to Tasmania with her husband in 1854 under engagement to the Mersey Coal Co. There were fifty in the party, all hailing from Yorkshire, and they landed at Launceston and were brought to the Mersey in the s.s. Titania, which was chartered by the directors of the company. Mining operations were commenced on an extensive scale on the flats near the road leading to Barrington but success did not follow the efforts of the enterprising company, the so called coalfields being nearly barren. Previous to commencing work, the Yorkshire miners had dwelling houses erected, and the settlement had the appearance of a thriving little town. After a couple of years of fruitless work, the company collapsed, and the miners were left to their own resources. Mr C. Thomas brother to Mr B.W. Thomas, the squire of Appledore came to their aid, and threw open the Wenvoe estate, charging the settlers only £1 per acre. They set to work, and the new settlement, now known as the Middle road, was called York Town. The settlers cleared their land, and made a comfortable living, but not without undergoing the hardships which attend pioneer work of this nature....The deceased lived up to the time of her death on the holding which had been secured by her husband when the Wenvoe estate was subdivided."

[North West Post 04 Nov 1893]

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THOMAS LODGE

"The late Mr Lodge was born in Huddersfield, Yorkshire, England, 85 years ago, and came out to Tasmania in the sailing ship Balmoral, which left London in 1853 and reached Launceston after a voyage of fifteen weeks duration. Amongst those who were shipmates with Mr Lodge were Messrs H. Carter (Devonport) and James Beaumont (Don), and they are still living. Their other comrades on the voyage who have since passed over to the Great Beyond were the late Messrs Michael Wood, Allan Beaumont, James Naylor, and George Laycock. The party came out under engagement to the Mersey Coal Mining Company who were operating at Dulverton, Mr Lodge being a general hand. About 40 years ago, he with Messrs Laycock and Beaumont, took up land on the Don Road at Devonport. They cleared away the timber and followed farming pursuits, whilst they also cut post and rails and sent them to Launceston. Today in the very same spot stands a number of the finest residences in Devonport. After disposing of this ground, the trio turned their attention to the land between William and Percy Streets and almost cleared that part of thick scrub. Some 36 years ago Mr Lodge married the eldest daughter of the late Mr Henry Morgan who at that time was the oldest inhabitant of Formby, as it was then called....."
[North West Post 31 Mch 1913]



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AN ACROSTIC POEM

Windus, the name,
In history I've delved,
Not without heartaches, or happiness felt,
Deeds long gone by now, but
Under the pen,
Surfaced again, and reared up its head,
So here's to our heritage. It is not dead.

THE NAMING OF MELROSE

"Although the old gentleman [Mr William Henry Neville] cannot be considered one of the oldest residents, he certainly was one of the earliest to visit the West side of the Forth River. In June, 1853, Mr Neville was employed with a party of sappers and miners, under Corporal Ashplant, making a survey of the country to the west of the Forth River. This included laying out the present township, Casey's estate, blocks for the late W.B. Button and John Williams. At this time there was not a house where the town now is nor in its vicinity, and the land in question was covered with a dense dogwood scrub. There were no residents, although several were living on the other bank, including the late James Fenton, William Jones and the Walker family, Messrs Alfred, Henry, and George. The late Samuel Berry also lived on the west side, and had the ferry (1853). The old fruit trees that used to surround the house are still in existence, just below the Independent cemetery. Mr Neville was also with the surveyor that discovered and named Melrose Creek. The surveyor's name was George Melrose. The party had got bushed, and could not find their camp and struck the creek early next morning. It has often been said that Melrose was named after a place in Scotland, but such was not the case. Melrose, the surveyor, named it after himself. This was about August 1853. The same party of sappers and miners also surveyed the River Don and the country in its vicinity. [Ref. N.W. Post 17 June 1910.]

RIVER DON SETTLEMENT

BY FAYE GARDAM

Today's travellers through the small township of Don, part of the City of Devonport, would find it difficult to believe that it was once a thriving pioneer settlement. There is a very hackneyed phrase which is often used to express commencement - "the cradle". However, in this particular instance it is an appropriate description, for indeed it was literally the cradle place of hundreds of early Tasmanians.

Over the many years I have been researching the area, I have identified well over 300 households who lived there during the second half of last century, most of which households had numerous children.

Those offspring and their descendants would now be inestimable, and have spread into all walks of life, throughout the whole of Australia, and beyond. Many who are reading this journal know it to be fact, because they have ancestors who were fortunate enough to be part of that unique community.

Several things made it unique in the overall picture of Tasmanian settlement and development.

Don came into being because of timber, or more correctly because of the very many people of diverse character who worked together in a spirit of rare co-operation to harvest the timber.

In 1854 a large sawmill was built and operated by Messrs Cummings and Raymond, who came from Ottawa and Nova Scotia respectively. They built tramways into the forests to bring out the timber; built and bought vessels in which to ship it; built tracks and bridges; established a trading store, furniture and joinery factory, butchery and bakery; built a school and a church, all of which soon attracted many settlers.

As the land was cleared of timber, it was rented to tenant farmers after an initial rent free period to allow them opportunity to get on their feet. The trading store allowed credit from crop to crop, and purchased the produce which tenants had in excess of their need, e.g. butter.

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Working for the Company were coal miners, timber workers, sawyers, craftsmen of all kinds, ship builders, captains and crews, clerks, and navvies capable of every conceivable task. The Company built dozens of small cottages to house them, which were let to them for reasonable rentals.

The Church built by the Company and the community, cared for the whole district spiritually, emotionally, and culturally, regardless of country of origin, previous church allegiance, or social origins of its inhabitants. The widowed or orphaned were fed; the numerous bereaved comforted; and entertainment provided for their limited leisure time. Tea meetings and concerts were held for every imaginable reason and always well patronised. In return the church expected, but did not always obtain, a strict moral behaviour and loyalty to the congregation.

The settlement was fortunate in that successive sawmill managements continued the same community oversight as their predecessors. John Henry had the same philosophy and concern for his fellow men when he took over the Company in 1873. Misbehaviour by exuberant youth in the rear of the congregation or back seats of a concert was admonished on the spot by the Chairman or Minister. Sport for healthy bodies and Temperance Societies and educational lectures for healthy minds was encouraged.

Cynics may doubt the motives of those community leaders, but the fact is that the Cummings and Raymond partners were continually under financial stress and ultimately experienced bankruptcy, and John Henry had his own problems when the Van Diemen's Land Bank collapsed.

The mutual sense of responsibility for each other's welfare raised a community with a strong character which coped with the inevitable droughts, floods, bushfires, and disease. And because of the community oversight they did not experience abject poverty as did many other areas. For example, the children of one resident addicted to the bottle, were watched over and often fed by the nearby baker.

It took the arrival of the Railway in Formby [Devonport] and the burning down of their sawmill for the third time, to eventually

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cause the decline in work, and of course, in population. The removal also of the sand bar from the mouth of the Mersey River enabled the entry of larger vessels, which together with the Railway made it a more viable port than the adjacent River Don. John Henry moved his Company to Devonport, and other tradesmen did likewise.

Don remains an attractive district, bordering as it does on fine farmland won from that vast forest of yesterday. It is the home of the Van Diemen Light Railway Museum where one can still ride behind steam, and the Devonport Community Bicentennial Committee is about to embark on the rebuilding of the historic Sawdust Bridge, which originally linked both sides of the river near the original founding Sawmill. Next time you are in Devonport, allow yourself time to look over this pleasant and very historic area.

[Later this year Mrs Gardem hopes to be able to publish her comprehensive history of the Don area, which is to be entitled "Sawdust, Sails and Sweat".]



A CENTURY OF CARING

By John Wilson

A Century of Caring is the centennial history of Latrobe's hospital and the many people who worked there - local gentry, doctors, nurses, domestics, builders, and many others.

The Mersey General Hospital is the oldest surviving hospital along the North-West Coast of Tasmania. It was established at a time when Latrobe was a busy sea-port, and the bustling commercial centre of the whole district.

This hard-cover book of 320 pages contains 192 captioned photographs and an index of 2,500 names. A comprehensive list of senior hospital appointees, together with Graduate General and Midwifery Nurses is included as an appendix.

This book is published by the Graduate Nurses' Association of the Mersey General Hospital, Latrobe. Cost is \$35 posted. Copies may be obtained by writing to the Secretary, Centennial Celebrations Committee, Mersey General Hospital, Latrobe, Tas. 7307.

GAWLER DISTRICT

"This fine agricultural district is situated south of Ulverstone, from which town the boundary is reached in about one and a half miles. Gawler was discovered by Mr Kentish, a surveyor, in the early forties, who named the river after a former governor of South Australia, Colonel Gawler. This river also gives its name to the whole district."

This is the introduction to a series published in the North West Post in July and August 1906 and entitled "Round the Farms". Other areas covered by the series include North Motton, Kindred, and Preston. A few extracts are cited below to illustrate the wealth of material to be found in the small local newspapers.

"The next estate [on the Lower Gawler Road] is occupied and owned by Mr B. Counsel, a son of Gawler's pioneer. In this place is centred much of the district's history. Mr L. Counsel, sen., brought his family from Piper's River, some distance out of Launceston, in 1860, and lived for a few weeks a mile or two up the old Gawler road, then removing to the present property, which was originally bought by Mr C. M'Arthur from Brown and Kennedy, in the fifties, Mr Counsel, sen., purchasing 488 acres from the first-named gentleman. The land was thickly timbered with dogwood and sassafras, and covered with dense scrub. Of roads there were none, just paling tracks, which, as a rule, only misled the wayfarers...."

"Taking the year 1865 as a guide and going back to the Gawler-Ulverstone boundary, Mr W. Mason, father of the present owner, had an extensive estate. He did not reside on the property, but lived at Longford, and let the farms to tenants. ...The late James Elliott rented ground, where Mr Henslow now lives, in 1852, and was one of the first four Leven settlers. He planted a willow tree on the grassy flat 53 years ago, and the tree is still to be seen. This ground was owned by the late Alex Clerke...."

"Going round the next bend of the [Old Gawler] road, the many homesteads owned and occupied by the M'Culloch family are to be seen, forming a community and a village almost of their own. They are the descendants of Gawler's only pioneer, the late James M'Culloch, who brought six sons with him from Scotland, and forced his way into the dense, almost impenetrable bush, buying 500 acres

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of land from the Government under the pre-emptive right system, and thus settling there in the year 1859.....The original 500 acres were cut up and divided among the patriarch's sons, the estate stretching right from the Gawler River to Abbotsham. It consists of rich river flats and the well-known chocolate soil. Neat hawthorn hedges enclose many of the paddocks, but the former estate has been greatly added to by purchase until now it forms one of the largest and best properties on the North West Coast....Mr Hugh M'Culloch's property is at the foot of the hill, joining which is the private burying ground of the clan M'Culloch. In the early days, the roads were so bad that they were forced to use portion of their estate for a cemetery. The land originally taken up is all occupied by the first applicants or their sons, and "Edinburgh", as the place is called is peopled exclusively by the M'Culloch's...."



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The timber industry has been the mainstay of many a district in the North West of Tasmania from the beginning of white settlement.

This photograph, taken early 1920's, could be of workers at the Minnow Sawmill near Sheffield. If you can help to identify both the place and the people please contact Mr P.C. Sims, P.O. Box 692, Quoiba 7310.

[A brief description of life at the Forth in 1857 written by "a correspondent" of the North West Post 20 July 1901.]

"I have been thinking of the wonderful changes on the Coast since 1857. I left Launceston in that year, on board the cutter Jane Elizabeth, Captain George Williams, a son of the late Captain John Williams, of Hamilton-on-Forth. It took from Tuesday till Sunday to complete the journey. I was not quite 9 years old at the time. Arrived at Forth. I wended my way along the river till I reached Dr Casey's farm, at Forthside, commonly called Ballamycargie, the late Mr E.J. Beecraft being the overseer. At that time there was a blacksmith's shop on one side of the river, and a shoemaker's on the other. I found very little done in regard to cultivation. A few small farmers were sowing on Dr Casey's land, potato growing being their chief support. Between the Don and Forth there was not a sod turned. Mr James Filleul scrubbed about 14 acres that year, for a start. Soon after Mr A. Gardiner and others commenced, and the land began to be opened up, but the roads were in bad condition. I resided about the Forth for some years, during which time a Mr Michael Hannon started as overseer for Dr Casey. They used to boat the potatoes down to the point, so called at that time but now known as Leith, where Captain Logan kept a publichouse, the property of the late Mr Williams. A 100-ton schooner named the Swallow, owned and commanded by Captain Patterson, used to take the cargo to Melbourne. Unfortunately, I have forgotten the year*, but it was in the month of September, Mr Hannon, his wife and child, and two men named Thomas Quinlan and John Cain, left with 6 tons of potatoes in a boat for the point. They had only gone about half a mile when, owing to a heavy fresh, the boat struck the bank and upset. Hannon, being a good swimmer, tried to save his wife, but both were drowned, as was Quinlan. Cain could not swim, but he managed to save himself and the child. Mr Joseph Flight, now living at the Forth, saw how it all happened. The bodies were found on the Sunday morning, and were buried on the side of the road, there being no Catholic church there at the time. They have since been removed. Mr Thomas Button kept a store, there being no other nearer than the Don, where Messrs Cummings & Raymond did an extensive business in sawn timber."

[* Michael Hannon and Ann his wife (nee McNamara) were accidently drowned in the River Forth 21 September 1861. They had a daughter, Bridget, born in 1859 who may have been the child who was saved. The man Quinlan was Thomas Quinlan, (per Rodney 3), a farm labourer.]

CHARLES HENRY WELLARD & HIS FLOUR MILL

By his great-granddaughter
Dorothy Priestley

Charles Henry Wellard was born at Glenorchy on 13 June 1840, the second son of Samuel and Theresa Wellard. After the death of his mother in 1855 he went to live with his father's sister, Mrs James Darley. He served his apprenticeship in milling at the Kensington Flour Mill at Glenorchy.

In 1861, in company with two brothers, Charles took up 129 ha. (318 acres) of land in the Kindred district. He married Louisa Irebilcock, daughter of Thomas (then deceased) and Elizabeth, in 1866. The family moved to Forth when he established a flour mill there in 1880. There were 6 girls and 3 boys in their family.

The first of the two flour mills he built was situated about 275 metres east of the Forth River, a three storey weatherboard building which stood a little distance off the main road. The mill was powered by a water turbine, supplemented by a small steam engine. The water was drawn from a small creek which has its source in the Rathaida Forthside Hills. For about 20 years this mill provided flour for the residents of Forth and surrounding districts.

About the turn of the century, the original mill was abandoned for a new one which had been built closer to the road and about 180 metres further down stream. With the removal of the machinery, the old mill was converted into a wheat store. It was later demolished and some of its timbers were used by Charles' son Gilbert to build a barn on his farm.

Like the first mill, the new one was powered by water turbines. The water was impounded in two dams, the first about 275 metres above the mill, and the second a little further upstream. From the bottom dam the water was diverted along the hillside to a penstock from where it had a considerable drop through steel pipes to the mill, providing enough power to keep the wheat-grinders rolling for several hours. The capacity of the first mill was one bag of flour per hour, but I do not know the capacity of this new mill. The procedure was first to release the water in the lower dam, and as the level dropped the water in the supplementary dam was set free.

The flow of water in the creek was usually sufficient to fill both dams overnight.

The Forth Mill was only one of many which thrived in Tasmania during the years prior to Federation. The Wellard flourmill was still supplying much of the needs of the district up to the end of World War I. It was eventually demolished.

For interested researchers I append the following notes.

Charles Henry Wellard's grandparents, Emmanuel Wellard and Mellinder French How, both of ancient Kentish lineage, married at Sevenoaks church on 15 September 1799; in the same church where Emmanuel's great-grandfather had been married in 1706. In late 1821, Emmanuel, now 46, with wife and six children, set out in the "Clarence" for V.D.L., arriving at Hobart Town in May 1822. A building tradesman, he soon found work, and was placed in charge of the masonry work during the erection of the Wesleyan Church in Melville St, Hobart. This building is still in use.

About 1849 Emmanuel and Mellinder are believed to have gone to live in Melbourne, and Emmanuel is thought to have been buried in the old Emerald Hill Cemetery where the Victoria Market now stands. Mellinder was buried in the Brighton (Vic) Cemetery.

Charles's father Samuel was the second son of Emmanuel and Mellinder and was born 12 April 1812. He married Theresa Champion (of vinegar fame). They lived at Glenorchy where he was a well-known wheelwright. They also lived for some time at Swansea, on the East Coast. Samuel died 25 March 1860 and was buried in the Methodist Churchyard at Glenorchy. Theresa had died 18 May 1855 and was buried at Swansea. After her death their family of seven boys and five girls became scattered, many growing up as strangers.



PRISONERS 1866

The following item appears in the House of Assembly Journals 1867 [available on the shelves Northern Regional Library] and names of North West interest have been extracted: Prisoners' Names, Offences and Other Particulars for 1866.

The listing carries the following headings: Name, When Committed for Trial, When Tried, Place where offence occurred, Place of Trial, Period of Confinment in custody previous to trial, Result of Trial, Offence, and Cost of Witnesses.

George Thompson, 09 Jan'y 1866, 12 Feb 1866, River Don, Launceston, - , Guilty, 9 months imprisonment, Indecent Assault, £5/15/-.

Charles Thompson, 25 Jan'y 1866, No Bill, The Sassafras, Hobart Town, - , - , Wounding Horses.

William Bannon [details as above] Cost of witnesses 12/-.

John Kirk, 04 Apr 1866, 24 Apr 1866, Latrobe, Launceston, 23 days, Not Guilty, Horse Stealing, £13/13/-.

Matthew Brien, 04 Apr 1866, 24 Apr 1866, Tarleton, Launceston, 26 days, Guilty, 4 years, Larceny, £15/1/-.

John Cashin, 23 Apr 1866, 11 June 1866, Sherwood, Launceston, 48 days, Guilty, 6 years, Larceny, £21/5/-.

Joseph William Atkinson, 22 May 1866, No True Bill, River Leven, - , - , - , Larceny, £1/10/-.

James Page, 11 Aug 1866, 10 Sept 1866, The Sassafras, near Torquay, Launceston, 19 days, Guilty, 5 years, Indecent Assault, £21/2/-.

Charles Friend, 09 Aug 1866, 04 Oct 1866, Torquay, Launceston, 27 days, Guilty, 3 years, Embezzlement Public Officer, £46/10/-.

Climpton Hill, 29 Aug 1866, 04 Oct 1866, Ballahoo, Launceston, 42 days, Guilty, 5 years, Breaking store, & larceny & receiving.

John Smith [details as above] Not Guilty, £45/12/-.

Mary Trickett, 14 Sept 1866, 04 Oct 1866, Westbury, Launceston, 20 days, Guilty, 3 years, Larceny, £6/7/-.

Francis Fitzmaurice, 02 Oct 1866, 10 Dec 1866, Deloraine, Launceston, 80 days, Guilty, 18 months, Larceny, £17/1/-.

William Grainger, 25 Sept 1866, 03 Jan 1867, Tarleton, Launceston, 102 days, Not Guilty, Murder, £49/-/-.



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Latrobe:

A Short History of Latrobe, Port Sorell and Sassafras, by Karl von Stieglitz.

The Rockliff Saga, by N.C. Rockliff.

Blow Bugle Blow, by John Firth [A history of the original members of the Latrobe Federal Band].

Sam Thomas and His Neighbours, by H. Thomas [A history of the Thomas family and of North Down. N.B. 2 editions].

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KIMBERLEY CEMETERY

Kimberley Uniting Church Cemetery

Location: Kimberley Township

Earliest date 1952

Transcribed: July 1987

In Loving Memory of/ A dear wife & mother/ Agnes Jean Roebuck/ Died
30-7-74/ Aged 68 years

In Loving Memory/ of/ Our dear mother/ Margaret G. Roebuck/ Died 4th
June 1952/ Aged 86

In Loving Memory/ of/ A dear wife & mother/ Muriel A. De'Laval
Lambert/ Died 20th May 1954/ Aged 47 years

In Loving Memory/ of / Diana Elizabeth Sally/ Beloved wife of/
Bernhard Van Der Aa/ Died 4th Feb. 1970/ Aged 22 yrs

In Loving Memory/ of/ Robert Bruce Elliott/ Our dear son & brother/
Accidentally killed/ 27 April 1982 aged 22 yrs

In Loving Memory of/ Archibald Holloway/ Loved husband of Betty/
Died 24th Feb. 1978/ Aged 73 yrs/ A lover of mankind and/ Nature

In Loving Memory/ of/ Doris Ivy Bramich/ Passed away 31st March
1972/ Dearly loved sadly missed

Treasured Memory of/ Dad/ Jackson/ Newton/ Born 17 March 1883/
Passed away/ 11th June 1968/ Aged 85 yrs/
Mum/ Jackson/ Caroline Mary/ Born 29th January 1900/ Passed away/ 14
December 1968/ Aged 68 yrs/ Abide with Me

In Loving Memory/ Our dear husband & father/ Alfred Sharman/ Died
2nd October 1952 aged 80 yrs./ Also our beloved mother/ Ada Sarah
Sharman/ Called home 25-9-1979 98 yrs/ In Gods Care

STANLEY GLADSTON STEBBINS

By Donnita Stebbins

My grandfather Stanley Gladston Stebbins was born at Ulverstone on 19 January 1896. His father, Albert Stephen Stebbins, was at the time manager of the River Don Trading Company's No. 2 Branch in Ulverstone.

On the 9th February 1916 Stanley enlisted with the army at Claremont, Hobart and was drafted to the 40th Battalion. He was then posted to France where he was appointed a Second Lieutenant on 31 August 1917. While in France he was awarded the Military Cross. The exact date of the action is not known but the citation for the deed reads:

"For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This officer in charge of a fighting patrol of eight men with a Lewis gun went out to obtain identifications by the capture of prisoners. He located an enemy patrol, which put up a stubborn fight in which the Lewis gun was knocked out, but despite this he brought back the necessary identification after killing three and wounding two of the enemy, having handled the situation with skill and judgement."

He returned to Australia in 1919 and was transferred to the Reserve of Officers. After war service he moved to Blackwood in Western Victoria where he established a reputation for himself as a poultry-man and daffodil grower, and was made a Fellow of the Royal Victorian Horticultural Society. He returned to Tasmania in 1929, to manage his father's General Store at Waratah.

When World War II broke out Stanley was transferred from the Reserve of Officers and was appointed Assistant Area Officer of Area 50 in Tasmania. He was also recruiting officer for the North of Tasmania. He was promoted to the rank of Captain on the 9th February 1943, and was transferred to the retired list on 19 July 1946. Stanley then brought property at Burnie and established "Stebbins Nursery". He specialised in daffodils and Iceland poppies. He handled many interstate and overseas contracts and orders.

In 1949 he sold this business and bought property at Mooreville Road Burnie. He established "Glendon Park" a stud farm for Black Aberdeen Angus cattle, becoming the first Aberdeen Angus breeder on the North West Coast. He entered his cattle in most Tasmanian Shows plus some interstate Shows, winning championships on each occasion. He also won the Grand Champion Award at the Sydney Show on several occasions.

Stanley died at his property in Burnie on 25 August 1959 at the age of 63. He was one of life's true gentlemen and well respected by all who knew him.



WHAT'S IN A NAME?

By Mike Smith

It has often been said that mothers-in-law have a lot to answer for and mine is no exception, for had her maiden name not been KEYGAN I would not have attended a family gathering at which opinions were expressed as to the purity of the Keygan pedigree. The year was 1983 and so after many years of thinking about our family history, I finally became completely unstable and began researching.

Records show that on 05 April 1858 John KEATING and Ann Boxhall were married by licence in the Longford Catholic Church, John signing with "his mark" whilst Anne was able to sign her name. It appears that Anne Boxhall was born on 14 April 1840 at Woolmers, an estate at Longford owned by the Archer family, and was the eldest daughter of Isaac Boxall and Ann[e] Ball who were married on 23 Feb 1838, permission having been granted by the Government on 01 Dec 1837.

Isaac Boxshall, aged 22 years, was sentenced to "Life" at the Surrey Assizes on 19 Dec 1832 for stealing; was granted a ticket of Leave on 27 Jany 1842; recommended for a Conditional Pardon on 25 Feb 1845 which was approved on 15 Jany 1846. He became a sexton at the Longford Parish Church.

Ann Ball, aged 23 years, was sentenced to "14 years" at the Somerset Quarter Sessions on 30 Dec 1833. She received a conditional pardon on 15 Dec 1842.

John KEEGAN and Ann Boxall had seven children between 1859 and 1877 whilst they lived at Cheshunt Park, an estate between Deloraine and Mole Creek, the last being Ellen Mary who was born at Brookside. During this period the name had been spelt KEGAN on one occasion. It appears that they could have had a son named John, who was probably born in 1858 at Longford, and who married Amelia Woodcock; an Aunt Amelia is mentioned by family members. In addition, the informant for the birth of one of John and Amelia's children is listed as Mary KEEGAN, Aunt, Deloraine, and refers to Ellen Mary who was always known as Aunt Mary.

The only flaw in the foregoing assumption is that an ANN KEEGAN (hopefully BOXHALL) died at High Plains on 13 Feb 1898, aged 54 years, thus making her year of birth 1844, a four year difference.

On 25 June 1866 John KEEGAN and Ann Boxall had a son Charles, who later married Isabella Ayton, his name being spelt as KEAGEN on the certificate. The marriage took place at the residence of Mrs Keagen of Brookside.

The first child of Charles and Isabella was named JOHN KEEGAN and was born at Deloraine, the remaining nine children were born on the West Coast at Waratah and bore the name KEYGAN.

The death certificates listed Charles and Isabella as KEYGAN but their wills showed the name KEEGAN and were signed as such, although a notation was made on Charles's will "KEEGAN (also known as) KEYGAN. The reason for the name change is not apparent as yet.

It would seem that the KEEGANS and KEYGANS are in fact from the same family which could even be KEATING, although as John Keating could not write, the name was probably written down as it sounded to the scribe completing the certificate.

So the question is, should the name be KEATING, KEEGAN, KEGAN, KEAGEN, or KEYGAN - your guess is as good as mine - anyway, what's in a name.



MEMBERS QUERIES

EWART, Harold Henry, b. c.1890 Kangaroo River, Colebrook, s/o John Peter Ewart and Isobel McAllaf/Johanna McAulliffe?

TOWNS, George m. Sarah Ann Walker. Chs Robert (1851) Henry (1852) Thomas (1856) Charles (1858) Elizabeth (1861). All b. Campbelltown. Any information on George and Sarah buried Campbell Town Anglican Cemetery.

Any information to Mrs K.M. Dick, Wesley Vale. 7307.

PORTER, Joseph m. Elizabeth nee? Living Oatlands 1800's. Shoemaker. Died 21 May 1893. Chs Matilda (m. John Brown Knowles), Elizabeth (d. 10 Oct 1863), Emily Eliza (m. Andrew Goss).

OAKLEY/OKELEY/OAKLEY, George. m. Dorothy Barrisford 07 Nov 1808 Hbt Town. Chs Davie, Lydia, & Elizabeth, John (m. Hannah Cowley), Mary Anne (m. Stephen Stebbins), William (m. Bridget Lambert), Edward (m. Mary-Anne Thomas), Hannah (m. Henry Groom), Samuel (d. 12 Dec 1844)

BARRISFORD, Dorothy. m. George Oakley. Known siblings Esther (m. Kingston), Joseph, Sarah (m. Waddle).

Any information to Ms D. Stebbins, 17 Lower Madden St. Devonport 7310 ph. 004 249574.

ELLINGS/ELLENS, Thomas. m. Ann Thomas. Migrated NZ 1875. d. NZ 1882. Wife & chs came Tasmania. Ann m. Stephen Middleton 1884. Lived Barrington. Both had family in USA?

ELLINGS, John Henry. m.1 Hilda Ellen May Poulton 1903. m. 2 Gertrude Bridget Collins 1921.

KNIGHT, William m. Mary Neill Lton 1855. Chs. Charles, Mary Ann, Ada, Sara, Elizabeth, John, Henry. Charles m. Hannah Collins Lton 1888.

CONROY, Joseph m. Mary-Ann Bryne in Ireland? Came Tas 1861 from Co. Kildare?

GODFREY, Richard m. Ann Gee 1845. Chs Michael, Ellen, John, Mary, Honora.

Anyone researching these families please contact Mrs B. Knight, 29 Marine St. East Devonport 7310

ROBSON, Colin MacPherson, b. Roxburgh, Scot. Son John b. c1862 and m. Eleanor Larkin at Campbell Town 1884.

MARSHALL, Sidney Tromo b. Halifax, Yorkshire. m. Helen Marshall at Campbell Town 1861.

Any information appreciated. Mrs R. Marshall, RSD 598, Latrobe. 7307

DAVIDSON, Ellen nee Wing. d/o Jacob Wing b. 09 July 1833 Mildenhall, Suffolk. Living Ross 1875, Bagdad 1905/6. Dau. Fanny b. 15 Aug 1854, also had dau. Mrs Monteith.

KING, David & Elizabeth, Kingsdon, Dairy Plains. Arr. Lton 1856. Chs John, Maryann, David, Joseph, Charles, Robert, Eliza, Sarah (k/as Jane?), and Arthur. Maryann m. William Sims, Eliza m. Thomas Kelloway Stone.

Any information welcomed. Mrs Barbara King, 8 Treasure Place, Ulverstone. 7315

PEAT, Mary Brookwell m. Joseph Dell, Lton 1832.

FISHER, George and Mary Ann. Arr. L'ton per Amelia Thompson 1836. Chs George, Tabitha. Pre 1836 information please.

Mrs A. Trebilco, 43 Hiller St, Devonport 7310. ph. 004 244412

TAYLOR/MADDEN. Information on Alexander Taylor m. Mary Ann Cannon 1854 Cullenswood. Issue unknown.

Daniel Madden m. Margaret Cannon Cullenswood 1863. Chs James, Maria, Daniel.

Any information to John Cannon, 15 Jermyn St. Ulverstone. 7315

WINDUSS/MAHONEY/CRIPP. Anyone researching these families please contact Mrs Janette Winduss, 5 Flowers Grove, Ulverstone. 7315

PATTERSON/MACKISON, James & Catherine. Arr. Scotland 1857. Related to Andrew Paterson of Roselands, Whitmore.

SMITH/WELLS. John Henry Smith b. 1812, d. 1886. m. Mary Ann Wells b. 1843 d. 1899. Policeman at Exton and Hagley. Labourer Westbury 1863.

STEVENSON/MOORE. James Stevenson m. Maria Sophia Moore 1840's+. Lived Whitehills.

Any information please to Mrs Julie Astell, 82 Sheffield Main Road, Spreyton. 7310

WARDEN/McDONALD. Wanted for family history, photos of Henry Warden (1847-1900) and wife Delia (McDonald) (1853-1926) of Sprent. Also of chs. Henrietta (Ponsonby), Harriet Sophia (Bingham), Amy Frances (Best), Anna Maria (Stalker), Henry Wm, Ernest Leslie, Llewellyn Henry, Hilda Mary, Margery McDonald (Biddle).

Contact Ma H. Anderson, 92 Tarleton St, East Devonport. 7310

BAIN, Elizabeth Ann (1857-1941) d/o Colin & Mary Bain nee Robe. m. William John Haigh.

WEIR, David & Martha (nee Harrison) of Smellwood Bridge, Birmingham, UK.

HAMILTON, James & Margaret of Wishaw, Lanark, Scotland.

LEWIS, William & Janet of Camprey, Lanark, Scotland.

Any information please contact Mrs Pat Haigh, 3 Haines Place, Devonport 7310

NIPPER/NAPPER/NAPIER & GRANTHAM. Any information on John Grantham & Isabella Nipper. On 28 Apr 1864 John Grantham m. Mary Ann Balfe. 12 July 1864 John Grant m. Isabella Grantham. 23 July 1864 John Grantham & Isabella Nipper had twin girls.

FRASER/MAKIN/CRESWELL. Duncan Fraser per "Duncan" m. Mary Makin per "Tory" 1847 Hbt Town. Is male child born 1853 Hbt Town same as William James Fraser b. c1860 who cites on marriage cert. of 1904 his parents as Duncan & Amy Fraser nee Cresswell?

Any information to Mrs C. Morris, 11 Chelsea Court, East Devonport. 7310.



THIS CONCLUDES THE SPECIAL SECTION CONTRIBUTED BY DEVONPORT BRANCH

QUERIES

CLARK(E):

Does anyone know this family of brothers and sister?

WILLIAM CLARKE, also known as PERCY HALLAM CLARKE, was a journalist for The Sun (Melb) and secretary to Chaffey Bros in Mildura.

CHRISTOPHER CLARKE, b C1858 Bridgewater, Tas (can't locate birth record), m ELIZABETH DAVIS in Westbury, 1880. Died Reedy Marsh, nr Exton 1918.

FRED CLARKE, went to U.A.

JOHN (JACK) CLARKE, had a son called DON who d in U.A.

ANNIE CLARKE, m name not known, who had daughter CONNIE.

There may be others. I can't discover their parents names, except that Christopher m Elizabeth Davis "at the home of Mrs Elizabeth Clarke" in Westbury, possibly his mother. I can't discover any birth records for them in Bridgewater or Westbury, and don't know where else to look.

Any information greatly appreciated by Lenore Frost, 8 Cliff St, Essendon, 3040.

1. HUTCHINSON, HILLS:

Jane Hutchinson, m Thomas MEDLICOTT at Longford in 1845. She was 18. Thomas later d and she m Samuel HILLS. They had children William (b1862, m Selina MACE); Mary Ann (b1855 m John BALLARD); Edmond; Louise (b1857, m John BUSH); Lavinia (b1864, m Fred MACE).

2. WILLIAMS, RALPH:

John Williams b about 1829, m Susannah Herbert ROBINSON (a widow) on 30.6.1856 at Westbury. John was the inn keeper of 'The Hope Inn' at Westbury. Their daughter Maria b1857, m George R.V. Ralph at Westbury in 1887.

Any information appreciated. Mrs J. Gibson, 9 Warwick Place, Kings Meadows, Launceston. 7249.

PROSSER:

Thomas Frederick (shoemaker) m 1845? Sarah JONES or MILES in Tasmania. Issue: Thomas Frederick (b C1849, m 1868 Mary Jane SMITH in Launceston); Walter John (b1854); Lydia (b1857); William (b1866).

Sarah d 1883, Thomas d1886. Both buried Cypress St, Cemetery Launceston. Information on any of above appreciated. Mrs Dorothy Nesbit, 96 Langs Rd, Ascot Vale, V. 3032.

MILLER:TAYLOR:STEVENS:

Margaret MILLER (nee TAYLOR) b C1807, Arbroath, Angus (Forfarshire) Scotland. My g-g-grandmother, d of William and Margaret. Margaret Taylor m James Miller and as far as I know, they had 3 children, one being Jemima. After James died, Margaret m my g-g-grandfather, Meshach STEVENS in Hobart, in 1839. Issue Georgina, Raymond Taylor, William, Margaret and Frederick Sparks. The Stevens family moved to Vic 1851? Mrs Joan Campbell, 255 Bacchus Marsh Rd, Corio, V. 3214.

QUERIES

1. LAMONT:

Allan, b1809, Torosay, Scotland, m Jane MACEAN, arr Vic 1853 per "New Zealander" with Elizabeth (18), Jessie (16), Mary Ann (14), Isabella (12), Murdock (8), Angus (5) and John (4).

2. LAMOND:LAMONT:

Angus b Mull, Scotland m1878 Vic, Margaret Jane BARNES. Child: Janet m 1. TAYLOR, 2. SHEFFIELD 3. GRAY. Mary Ann m Pierre WATT. Edward m ?. Sons Royston and Peter. Murdoch went to U.A. m cousin Miss GRAY? Mary Ann Lamont (sister of Angus) m Duncan McINTYRE, Dartmoor, Vic. Issue Sarah, Allaan, Donald, Mary, Jane, Isabella, Jessie. Descendants or anyone knowing of these people please write to Mrs L. McIntosh, 1 Cullens Rd, Punchbowl, NSW. 2196.

HEMPSTEAD:PEARMAN:

William Hempstead . Mrs Rita Burgess, 7 Grebe, Broadhead Strand, Grahame Park, London, NW9 5PS writes:

I am presently researching the Hempstead family and have come across William Hempstead Pearman who was transported to Tasmania in 1841 from Suffolk, Eng." Does anyone have any further details of his life here from 1841 till 1853 when he returned to England. He apparently returned quite well off, so may have made his money prospecting or something similar.

WATSON, James (shipwright) with Mary Ann (nee BUCKLEY ?) and two children, Charlotte and ? arr. from UK C1846. Lived Launceston 1848+ where six children born, David, Isabella, James, Helen Matilda (my grandmother), Kilner Richard and Henry William. James d. Torquay 1861 and Mary Ann md. James Lester BURKE (ex convict). Charlotte md. Henry William WIGMORE 1859. Any descendants please contact Mr. Robert Simpson, 365 Swann Road, St. Lucia, Qld. 4067

GENEALOGICAL RESEARCH IN VICTORIA REASONABLE RATES

S.A.E to Sandra Motteram,
4/14 Erindale Avenue,
Elsternwick, 3185
Victoria.

Book Reviews

Carol J. Baxter (ed.): GENERAL MUSTERS OF NEW SOUTH WALES, NORFOLK ISLAND AND VAN DIEMEN'S LAND, 1811, ABGR in association with Society of Australian Genealogists, Sydney, 1987. Price \$33.00 plus \$4.00 postage from Australian Biographic & Genealogical Record, P.O. Box 1788, North Sydney, N.S.W. 2060.

The long-awaited 1811 Muster is all it promised to be. It is a handsome volume of 192 pages, hard covered, and fully indexed and annotated. The actual muster list contains 6470 names in 139 closely-tabulated pages. The rest of the book is made up of introduction, explanatory notes and appendixes, as well as a list of some civil and military staff.

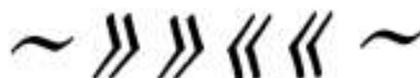
The 1811 Musters are important primary documents with two significant qualities as reference sources: they concentrate on pre-arrival and arrival information; and they provide information about free adults and convicts living not only in New South Wales but also in the settlements of Norfolk Island and Van Diemen's Land. They also provide a cross reference to Convict Indents, and in many cases provide information about people missing from the Indents.

The main listings give a Reference Number, Place of Residence (NSW, Norfolk Is., Pt. Dalrymple, Hbt.), Status (cnvt, free), Sex, Name, Ship of Arrival, Trial Date, Trial Place, Sentence, Remarks, PRO reference number and AONSW number.

Between them, the index and the appendixes give a great deal of help in interpreting and explaining particular entries in the main text and especially in reconciling different ways of spelling the name of the same person.

Tasmanian readers will be interested to note that the Bibliography includes Neil Chick's Computerised Transcription of the 1811 Muster for Norfolk Island and Van Diemen's Land.

For those interested in history and genealogy the 1811 Musters provide an unequalled reference to the origins of the white residents of Australia in 1811. Henceforth, this volume will be the obligatory first reference for anyone researching those who were here then.



1988 FAMILY HISTORY COMPETITION

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For the purposes of this Award, a 'book' is defined as a printed publication with paper or hard covers. A 'manuscript' is a typed and duplicated work presented in recognised book form, either with covers or in a folder.

Whilst a Tasmanian connection is required, the history need not be wholly Tasmanian. It must be the story of a family, not of an individual person. The competition is open to the general public as well as to members of the Society. Family histories published more than five years ago are not eligible.

The winners will be determined by an independent judging panel and, following endorsement by the Society, will be presented with the Award.

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LAUNCESTON BRANCH NEWS

Calendar:

- June - Museum Archives (Mrs Hamilton)
- July - Jenny Gill - Book Publication
- Aug - Mr Hill - Welsh Society
- Sept - Workshop
- Oct - Karlana Nagle - Jigsaw
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- Dec - Pat Harriss - Congress

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