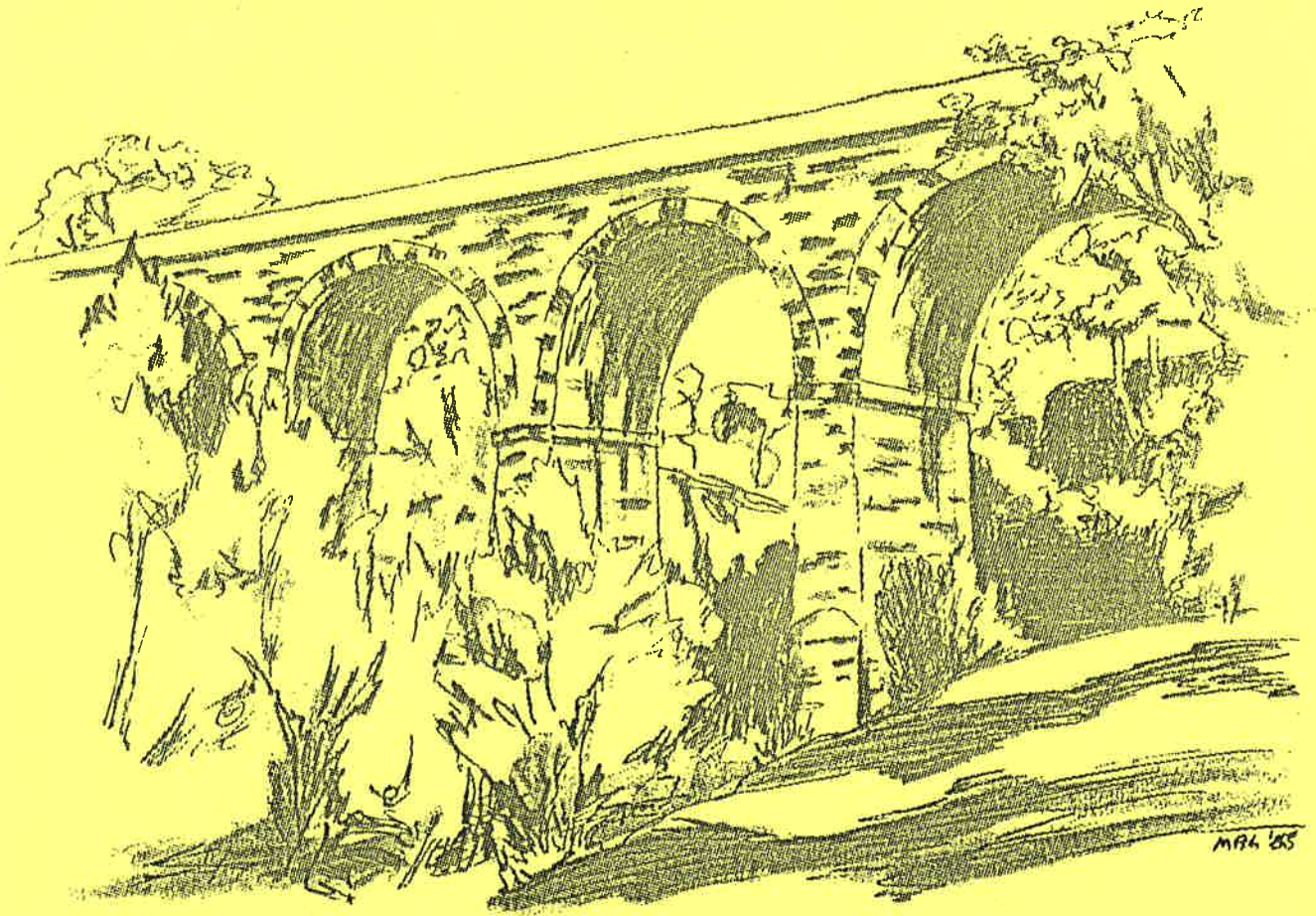


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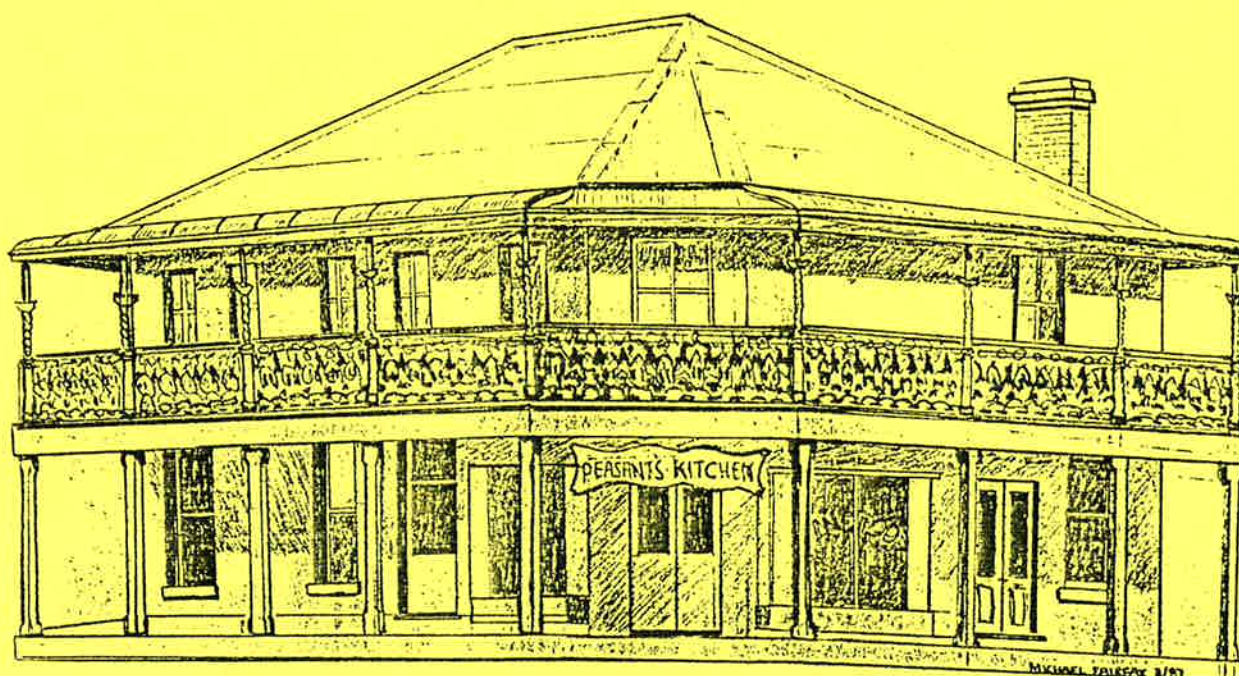


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Thank you to all those who contributed to this issue of the journal.
We would like to encourage all our members to consider writing
articles, especially now that our library is available for research on
Thursday and Saturday. In particular, we are looking for items on our
own area, e.g. history of buildings, properties, events, the railway,
schools, derivation of street names, the history of agriculture in the
Picton district, early families and peoples' lives in general.

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For further details and phamplet see Jan Ross.

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JUST ANOTHER COINCIDENCE ?

by JAN ROSS

While demolishing an old house in Picton, a friend of my daughter's found a medallion. Circular in shape with a diameter of approximately ten centimetres, it is blue in colour and etched with figures of white. On one side appear the word "Etruria" and the date 1789 whilst on the other is the inscription "Private J. Bollard, August 20, 1897". In the mould are the the markings of the maker, "Wedgwood" as well as the designer's initials, "T.L.".

As a result of being appointed the royal supplier of dinnerware in 1762, Josiah Wedgwood, a British potter was able to build near Stoke-on-Trent in England in 1768, a village which he named "Etruria". His most successful innovation was Jasper ware, a durable unglazed porcelain, which often featured finely detailed cameos depicting white Grecian figures embossed on a blue background. (1)

The "Wedgwood Company" has the rare distinction of having been directly associated with Australia since 1789. Samples of clay from the infant colony at Sydney Cove were forwarded to Joseph Banks, the noted English naturalist and then President of the Royal Society, by Governor Arthur Phillip. A medallion commemorating the new settlement was made from this clay and decorated with the design "Hope encouraging art and labour under the influence of peace to pursue the employments necessary to give security and happiness to an infant settlement". Designed by Henry Webber, the medal is more widely referred to as "The Sydney Cove Medallion". (2).

To commemorate the Diamond Jubilee of the reign of Queen Victoria, a contingent of Mounted Rifleman including three from Picton travelled from Sydney to England to participate in the celebrations of 1897. These men had been selected from those who competed in a number of contests which included tournament work, fencing, boxing and horsemanship.

After sixty four days at sea, the detachment arrived in London on 22 April, 1897. These troops having been made members of the respective Officers' and Sergeants' messes of the Scots Grey, were accommodated in the rooms usually occupied by the band of that regiment.

The Royal Military Tournament was staged at Islington, Dublin and the New South Wales detachment won almost every competition in which they entered. A bushranging display was also one of the main features of the tournament. As well as visiting a number of cities the detachment participated in the Lloyd-Lindsay competition at Bisley. One journalist reported that those who had viewed the competition could not help admiring the horsemanship displayed by Colonel Lassiter's riflemen from New South Wales. The Colonial Regiment was privately inspected by Queen Victoria in the grounds of Windsor Castle and the only others present were the Queen's daughter and Lord Roberts. (3).

On Saturday 16 October, 1897, the local riflemen were met on their return at the Picton Railway Station by a large number of people, many vehicles and the local brass band. The band having voluntarily

rendered their services, escorted the procession, led by "Our Riflemen" seated in Joe Hill's drag through town to the George Inn where light refreshments had been provided.

Private Vacchini who responded to the welcome home toast, assured those present that they had done their best to uphold the reputation of Australia as far as military men were concerned. It was also noted that -

" From the appearance of the members of Picton Mounted Rifles just returned from England, it does not appear as if they fared of the Australian diet, viz, corned beef and cabbage. No! they must have been given some soup, with ham and chicken, or something of that sort." (4).

The three Picton members of the detachment were Privates A.J. Bollard, E. Fairley and C. Vacchini and each had been presented with one of these medallions which featured the design of "The Sydney Cove Medallion", as a memento of the occasion. The British artist, John Flaxman born in York in 1755, was mainly responsible for the great popularity of the Wedgwood ware. (5). The surname of the person who unearthed the medallion in Picton, "Flaxman".

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LOCAL NEWS

LIST OF COMING EVENTS - DATES TO NOTE IN 1989

SATURDAY	18 MARCH	STREET STALL IN PICTON
MONDAY	10 APRIL	GENERAL MEETING
SATURDAY	15 APRIL	R.A.H.S. SEMINAR "SYDNEY, PAST, PRESENT AND PROBABLE"
SUNDAY	16 APRIL	*E MACQUARIE STREET FAIR - Bus to be arranged
SUNDAY	23 APRIL	*E TOUR OF GOULBURN BREWERY - For more details contact Jan Ross. No decision has been made as yet to arrange group outing. * DURING HERITAGE WEEK
MONDAY	8 MAY	GENERAL MEETING
SATURDAY	13 MAY	STREET STALL IN PICTON
MONDAY	19 JUNE	GENERAL MEETING (12 June - Queen's Birthday Week-end)
FRIDAY	30 JUNE	1989/1990 ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION FEES DUE (Have you renewed your Membership?)
SATURDAY	1 JULY	R.A.H.S. "LOCAL HISTORY WRITER'S WORKSHOP"
MONDAY	10 JULY	GENERAL MEETING
SATURDAY	15 JULY	PICTON STREET STALL
MONDAY	14 AUGUST	GENERAL MEETING
SATURDAY	19 AUGUST	R.A.H.S. WORKSHOP. "IDENTIFYING & DATING AUSTRALIAN FURNITURE, SILVER, CERAMICS"
MONDAY	11 SEPTEMBER	ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
SATURDAY	16 SEPTEMBER	PICTON STREET STALL
MONDAY	9 OCTOBER	GENERAL MEETING
MONDAY	13 NOVEMBER	GENERAL MEETING
MONDAY	11 DECEMBER	CHRISTMAS / END OF YEAR MEETING.

LIBRARY REPORT:

THE SOCIETY'S PREMISES

We have now occupied the premises kindly leased at a nominal rent from Mr Colin Apps and members of the executive have been busy installing furniture and depositing our acquisitions and collections there.

Accessioning and cataloguing of our holdings is underway and when completed members will be able to make full use of all the resources available. We have obtained a microfiche reader and the N.S.W. Births, Deaths and Marriage Index on fiche has been ordered. Our family history "fanatics" will appreciate these two items.

We are fortunate, too, in that we have been given a photo-copier. When it is operational we hope members will "scout" around to try and locate items of local interest (eg. old photos of streetscapes, houses, shops, occupations, people, letters, diaries, ledgers, accounts, etc.) from their own collections, or approach old district identities and see if they would be willing to allow the Society to photocopy some of their precious material to add to ours and help us build up a great local history collection.

So much of our history is fast disappearing and the reason for our society's existence is to try and preserve Picton and District's fascinating past. We need to discover where these local treasures are and if possible, obtain them, or at least, copy them so that our illustrious past can be captured, stored, cared for, loved and enjoyed, not just by us now, but for those who will follow.

It is hoped that members will willingly make themselves available for rostered duty so that the work load will not remain with the willing few.

Have you visited our rooms? If not, please do so. We think you will be pleasantly surprised.

Certain records have been acquired by the Society on the assurances of confidentiality and are only available on a restricted basis.

If you have any queries regarding access to the Society's records or use of the Library facilities, please contact the Library Officer - Noel Collison (Phone: 046 - 771872)

INDEX to the JOURNALS of the

Picton & District Historical & Family History Society - 1987 to 1988.

Cynthia Collison has recently compiled an index of the Journals published by the Society during the first two years of operation.

That is to :- Volume 1 - Numbers 1, 2 & 3; &

Volume 2 - Numbers 1, 2, 3 & 4

The index lists approximately 1,000 names of people and places and is cross-indexed, for example:

CONVICTS

See: Ahern, William

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See: Brooks, C

Graham, Alf

Hill, J

Hill, Lancelot

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Treacy, D

All references list Volume, Number & Page. The Index (31 pages in all) has been published by the Picton & District Historical & Family History Society and is available for \$3, plus \$1 postage.

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TRANSPORT PROBLEMS ?

Would you like to attend the General Meetings or any of the Society's other social activities but are unable to do so because you don't have private transport ? Then please don't hesitate. Just contact one of the following Committee members and transport will be arranged.

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WILLIAM KLENSENDORFFE
AND
TAHMOOR HOUSE

by Marlane Fairfax

Tahmoor House stands on land originally granted to Edward Doyle on 2nd November, 1822, comprising 50 acres in the County of Camden and District of Picton. (1) In 1824, William Klensendorffe is in residence. In the diary of W. Hovell on his exploration with Hamilton Hume to start their expedition which opened up a track from the Murrumbidgee to Port Phillip, mention is made of the party stopping the night at Klensendorffe's. (2)

William Klensendorffe had arrived free in the colony in 1818 and by 1822 held 520 acres and employed 12 Government Servants. (3) Included in this 12 was James Robinson who in 1824, took William Klensendorffe to Court for unpaid wages amounting to 9. 4. 11 1/2. The case was before Magistrates Chas. Throsby, H. C. Antill and Thos. Moore. The Court awarded in favour of James Robinson. However, Mr. Klensendorffe took no notice of the award and judgment and from the one letter referred to in this article, it is not known whether or not James Robinson received the wages due to him. (4)

Mr Klensendorffe had a reputation of having a "troublesome litigious character" and is so described by Magistrates Antill & Throsby in a letter dated 7th April, 1824. (4)

Klensendorffe obtained a liquor licence for his premises in 1825. (1)

By 1828, William Klensendorffe has a total of 1260 acres and employs 23 males and 1 female. The majority employed in the Camden District and others at Goulburn Plains. (5)

In 1829, Ralph Hush took over the licence of the inn at Myrtle Creek naming it "The Traveller". William Klensendorffe retained ownership of the land, however, as it is noted on the Publican's Licence of 1830, "Wm. Klensendorffe proprietor of the house". (6)

A traveller named "W W M"; writing in the Sydney Gazette of 25th April, 1832 stated, "Two miles from the river (the Bargo) at Myrtle Creek, a picturesque spot embellished by a good sign, the sign of "The Traveller" built by Mr. Klensendorffe and now kept by Mr. Ralph Hush, where you will greatly rejoice in an hospitable reception, excellent fare and moderate charges". (1)

In 1835, James Crispe bought the inn and 240 acres of land for 1000. (1)
In 1830 James Crispe held the licence for "The Angel Inn", George Street, Sydney. (6)

By 1839, William Klensendorffe had moved onto property which forms part of present day Canberra. The following is an extract from "A Colonial Woman. The Life and Times of Mary Braidwood Mowle", by Patricia Clarke. Allen & Unwin, 1986. Pages 92-93.

". The property, a 2560 acre block, one mile wide by four miles long, ran south from the Molonglo River (now Lake Burley Griffin) over what is now south-central Canberra taking in the western half of Capital Hill, then known as Kurrajong, and all or parts of the present suburbs of Forrest, Deakin, Red Hill, Yarralumla, Griffith, Narrabundah and Garran. The land was granted originally by Governor Darling on 21 January 1828 to John Stephen, son of Mr. Justice John Stephen and brother of Sir Alfred Stephen, who may have used the land but did not live on it, and then by WILLIAM KLENSENDORFFE who obtained it through a court of claims case heard on 28 January 1839. Klensendorffe through his solicitor George Allen said that Stephen, who was absent from the colony, had sold the land to him. William Klensendorffe, who arrived free in the colony in 1818, had on 5 January 1819 at the age of 35, married Elizabeth Guise, twenty, daughter of Richard Guise of the NSW Corps, and sister of Richard and William Guise, pioneer settlers at Gundaroo, north of Canberra.

After his marriage Klensendorffe was an innkeeper at Myrtle Creek near Tahmoor and a landholder at Camden. When he took over his block on the Limestone Plains he built a substantial stone house of ten rooms with a large basement. One room was so large it was called a ballroom by later owners

Klensendorffe, reputed to have been cruel to the convicts assigned to him, was said to have used the basement rooms as accommodation for his convicts and this may have led to a description of the house in a later photograph as the Canberra convict barracks. Klensendorffe purchased one of the first pews at St. John's Church but soon after on 27 October 1845 he was declared bankrupt. He moved to land on the Murrumbidgee and died at Campbelltown Road near Liverpool at the age of 72 on 11 May 1861 "

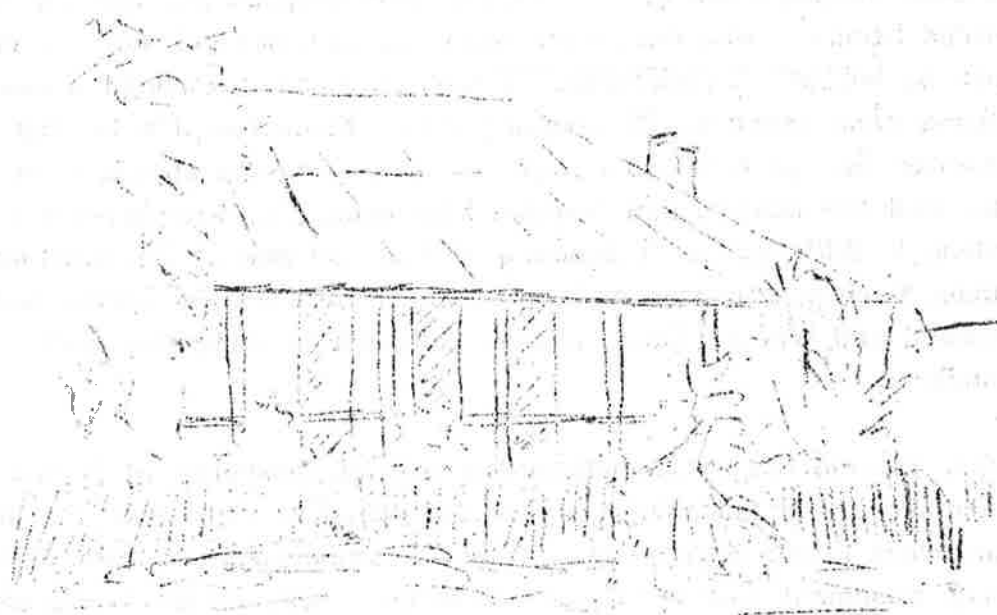
The property at Tahmoor continued on as an inn until 1867. John Gray held the licence for a time and from the licence dated 20th April, 1847, we find it named "Pastoral Hotel".

James Crispe continued at the Inn until 1847 when he took over the George Inn at Picton. John Gray took over the premises at Tahmoor re-namng it "Pastoral Inn".

In 1867 the Inn became and still is a private residence.

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TAHMOOR HOUSE

RESEARCH UPDATES

As usual, the latest news from the State Archives at Kingswood, ARCHI VISTA, No 7 February, 1982, makes mention of some interesting new sources at Kingswood for those of us researching local & family history.

The following items are from Archi Vista No.7 & Supplement, but if you wish to read all the details you can view this, along with the newsletters and Journals from other societies, in our library on Thursday and Saturday afternoon.

GRAVE NEWS FROM VICTORIA

Brighton Cemetery Trust has produced a microfiche package of the cemetery burial registers and headstone transcriptions covering the years 1855 to 1988.

Brighton Cemetery is one of the major Melbourne cemeteries. It opened in 1854 and there are approximately 64,000 burials. The oldest headstone dates from 2nd March, 1855.

There are indexes to both the burial registers and the headstone transcriptions. The burial registers usually give register number, when buried, name, age, late residence, rank or occupation, by whom the ceremony was performed, where born and details about the grave. The information on headstones naturally varies a great deal as some headstones give many details while other headstones may supply little, or only confuse.

In either case, these records (Kingswood microfiche nos V1124-V1228) are excellent if you are looking for a death in Melbourne.

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Just arrived at Kingswood - the four volume set of the BICENTENNIAL DICTIONARY of WESTERN AUSTRALIAN'S pre 1829-1888

ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL ARCHIVES

St Mary's Cathedral is the principal Roman Catholic Church in Sydney. The original church on the site, built in 1821, was destroyed by fire in 1865, although the records were saved. The present Cathedral was dedicated in 1882.

The State Archives was given bicentennial funds to assist the Archives of St Mary's Cathedral, which date from the early 1800's. The archives and relics held by the Cathedral are part of our national heritage. Many of the relics are now on display in the Cathedral's new museum, which is open to the public.

The Cathedral holds a large collection of baptismal, burial and marriage records for Catholics in the nineteenth century. The most important of these were compiled by the famous Father Therry, who was

the first official Catholic priest in N.S.W. He is buried in the Crypt underneath the Cathedral.

The State Archives have helped to care for these records over the past two years. One obvious public benefit has been the production of two guides, which will assist researchers to use the records. The two guides are:

- * Guide to the records of baptisms, deaths and marriages in the archives of St Mary's Cathedral, Sydney.
- * Guide to the records of Rev. John Joseph Therry and related papers held in the archives of St Mary's Cathedral, Sydney.

Complimentary copies were sent to all family history societies and many public libraries in N.S.W.

We wish to thank the Archives Authority of New South Wales for sending our Society complimentary copies of these two booklets.

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Jenny Commons and Alice Jansen have asked the Editors if the following information could be published in the March issue of the Journal.

They are compiling an INDEX OF NSW LAND SELECTORS from the Conditional Purchase Registers held at the Kingswood Repository of NSW Archives Office.

"The Registers commenced in 1862 and the earlier ones are indexed by locality only. To help family historians gain access to these volumes, a surname index is being compiled. . . . To date the 4 volumes for 1862 have been indexed and some 4000 surnames have been recorded. This ongoing index can be researched for a fee of \$5 per name. . . If you require a listing of all references to a given surname, the cost would be \$10. Please include s.a.e. If your request is unsuccessful, it will be kept on file and you will be informed when your person comes onto the index."

CONTACT: Jenny Commons, 71 Chapman Pde, Faulconbridge NSW, 2776

ROYAL AUSTRALIAN HISTORICAL SOCIETY EVENTS

R.A.H.S. ANNUAL CONFERENCE 1989.
21-22 October, 1989. Country venue to be announced.

WORKSHOPS	History House
1 July, 1989	"Local History Writers Workshop"
19 August, 1989	"Identifying and dating Australian furniture, silver and ceramics"

Cost of all workshops is \$12 per head including lunch. Bookings essential. Please contact Gail Griffith on 02-278001 or 02-276227.

15 April, 1989 History House "Sydney: Past, Present and Possible"
A Seminar exploring the urban environment.
Cost: \$25 members, \$30 non-members. Includes lunch.

RESEARCH: THE WESTERN AUSTRALIAN WAY

by VAL MALCOLM

Whilst on a recent visit to Perth, I took the opportunity to do a little research into my father's family. I had done the ground-work prior to leaving home, i.e. letters to the W.A. relatives, etc. (not much help there though), and checked on where all the records were located in W.A. I even remembered to take the notebook with the little information I had in it and was well stocked with pencils.

My first objective was to obtain three certificates, one birth and two death. Knowing how "speedily" N.S.W. certificates are issued, I was prepared to pay for "on the spot" searches. When I discovered that these took 24 hours to get, and an extra \$10, I decided to wait for a normal issue. After all it was only four days, and the extra \$10 could be spent better elsewhere.

It was at the B.D.&M's that I encountered my first problem, but only a minor one.

"What district was the birth/death registered in?" I was asked.

"How the heck would I know!" was my reply (After all I was an Easterner)

I guess that explained my stupidity at not knowing that these things are registered in districts and indexed the same way.

After looking up one set of indexes (I can't remember which), the clerk checked the Swan district indexes. My father's birth and my Grandmother's death were both in this index. Of course my Grandfather's death should have been there also, but another problem? There were two Ernest Smiths registered in the period I was after. The next question was, "who were his parents?" To me this was a silly question, as this was the purpose for obtaining the certificate. I suggested the three certificates be processed together. A simple solution I thought! When I arrived 4 days later to collect my certificates, the birth and one death certificate were waiting for me. Again I was asked about my grandfather's parents. This time I could give the names. My previously unhelpful relatives had found both my grandparents' birth Certificates and also their marriage certificate. Another four days wait, I thought? Would you believe, it took about 15 minutes for the certificate to be copied? Makes you wonder, doesn't it? One thing struck me on my visits to the B.D.&M's was the lack of customers. Don't they need Certificates in W.A.?

After my first visit to the B.D.&M's, I headed for the State Archives. Should be interesting, I thought!

Expecting a similar set-up to the NSW Archives, I was surprised by what I found. The W.A. State Archives are located in the Battye Library on the 3rd floor of the W.A. State Library. A very large, bright, modern and inviting room. It made our State Archives at the Rocks seem dark and dingy. The Library is very centrally located within a few hundred meters of Perth railway station beside the W.A. Art Gallery and the Museum. Although the staff were a bit vague (or were they taken aback by the audacity of an Easterner to be interested in such things?) we did manage to work out what I wanted.The

Electoral Rolls, firstly for Kalgoorlie district and then the suburb of Bassendean. Another problem arose. Kalgoorlie had five districts. Which one did I want? My answer by now was the standard, "I don't know!" I supposed it would be a good idea to start at the beginning - that being Boulder. I couldn't have made a better choice. I found my family on the first Fiche. However, the name was 'Schmidt', not Smith. I now realised that my grandfather's parents' surname was 'Schmidt', not 'Smith' - pity I didn't know this before my visit to the B.D. & M's. Oh well! After losing the name on the Boulder rolls I then looked for Bassendean. Another problem? "What Electoral district?" The usual answer! The librarian didn't know either, so I decided to plough through each volume until I found the right one. It took about half an hour to find. Surely there is a map or some such listing of which district each suburb or town is listed under? After about an hour of looking at the Rolls I had an idea of when my grandparents had changed their surname. I decided to leave the library for the day, have lunch, and have a look around Perth and see just how much the place had changed since my last visit. It was also my first full day in town and there was still plenty of time for research. Before I left I did a quick tour of the library to familiarise myself with what records were available.

Visits to relatives were very productive. I got more information in a couple of hours than I'd been able to get through letters over a period of 2 years. Armed with this new information I headed back to the Battye Library. Every day I got more information, never a negative result, although to someone not "addicted" to family research it probably would seem very little for so much time spent.

I also visited my father's and grandmother's graves at Karrakatta cemetery. This is the major cemetery in Perth. There are a few in the outlying suburbs. As you would imagine, it is a very large cemetery but the care taken with it puts any I've seen in NSW to shame. The records are also very good and very accessible. I did know the location of my father's grave but I checked the location of my grandmother's with the office. The staff is very helpful. Also on a second visit a week later I was able to locate more relatives graves with the help of the office. Maps available at the office also make the locating of graves a very simple matter.

On my second visit to the Library I had noticed cemetery records on Fiche - Kalgoorlie, Albany, Broome and Karrakatta, among others. The Karrakatta list appeared to be a copy of the computer records which are at the Cemetery office. Entries are alphabetical giving surname,



christian name, grave and section numbers, religion, suburb or residence of death, and date of death. By this time I had a few more names to look for and, using this index, I found a bit more information.

I had been told my grandfather had changed his surname around 1914 to enlist in the Army. So I decided this was my next project. Off to the State Archives I went. NSW keeps their records of name changes there, so I thought it logical that W.A. would do the same. I think I must be prone to asking "difficult" questions of librarians, etc. The same librarian I spoke to on my first visit was again on duty. He seemed a bit puzzled as to why I should want such information. He thought about my question for a while and then decided to send me to the Office of Titles. He was astonished when I asked what that was, but explained that it is where all titles registered in W.A. are located, the equivalent to our Land Titles Office. On making my enquiry at the Office of Titles, I was told that they no longer held the records, but I would be able to find them at Oakleigh House in the Terrace. Oakleigh House is where the B.D. & M's is located. Also it is on the same floor. The doors to each office face each other. The name change office is not well marked, so I hadn't noticed it on either of my previous visits there. Oh well! I was applying for another certificate so it wasn't any more of an effort to do both, and Oakleigh House is just across the road from my bus home. When I made my enquiry I was told that deed poll was not legal until 1926, so the information I wanted was not available. This was the only disappointing time in all my research, so I won't complain.

Although most of my research was mainly with the B.D. & M's and at the Library, other sources are around. The W.A. Genealogical Society is located at Maylands and the W.A. branch of the Australian Archives is at East Victoria Park. I had planned on visiting these places but time didn't permit. Getting to these places is another problem, a car being the best solution, although public transport is very good.

I was very disappointed in the lack of interest in family history. The reason I was given most of the time was - "We (W.A.) are not as old as you (NSW) so we don't have the history or records available". On the whole I found the staff at the offices I visited very helpful and friendly.

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CHARGES FOR CERTIFICATES IN WESTERN AUSTRALIA ARE:

Certified Copy	\$15
Extract	\$10
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REUNIONS

HUTCHISON REUNION:

All descendants of Joseph HUTCHISON and his wife Ellen, nee Ross, are invited to a reunion to be held weekend 18-19 March at Hillston.

Joseph and Ellen (Helen) were married 1855 in Victoria and moved to Hillston c.1879. They had 12 children:-

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| 1. George. m. Maryan SUTTON | 7. Joseph. m. Mary A. COOPER |
| 2. Margaret. m. George HYDE | 8. Lauchlan. m. Mary DELLIS |
| 3. William. m. Annie DAZELL | 9. Charles. m. Lizzie FOY |
| 4. Ellen. died age 15 yrs | 10. Edward. m. Agnes FORREST |
| 5. Isabella. m. John McCARTHY | 11. James. died age 4 yrs |
| 6. John. m. 1st Maud BUSCH | 12. Sarah Ellen. m. 1st Alfred CASHMERE |
| 2nd Lizzie HUTCHISON, nee Foy | 2nd Henry GROUND |

For further information contact:-

Gail Hangar. 43 Hill Street, Picton. NSW. 2571. Phone: 046 - 771276

JENKINS - SHOEBRIDGE - DITTON - SMITH REUNION

Descendants and friends of these four families are invited to a gathering to be held at Camden Show Hall on 30th April, 1989, commencing 10.30 am.

The families are:

William & Eliza (Tully) JENKINS of Mt Hunter
Robert & Jane (Waller) DITTON of Mt Hunter and Sutton Forest
John & Elizabeth (Brown) SHOEBRIDGE of Burragorang Valley
Phillip & Mary (Shoobridge) SMITH of Burragorang Valley

For further information contact:-

Mrs Valarie Malcolm. Rockbarton Road, Picton. NSW. 2571. Ph: 046-809358.

HAYTER REUNION 1839 - 1989

Warwick Hayter and Committee are inviting people to attend the Sesqui Centenary Celebration of the arrival of Sarah and Jeremiah Hayter to the colony of New South Wales.

Their Children:

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| 1. John Thomas b. 1839 | 2. George b. 1846 | 3. James b. 1842 |
| 4. Jess b. 1844 | 5. Ora Jane b. 1846 | 6. Eli b. 1849 |
| 7. William. b. 1851 | 8. Charlotte b. 1853 | 9. Samuel b. 1855 |
| 10. David b. 1857 | 11. Sarah Ann b. 1859 | |

The event will be held at A.H.I. Hall at Onslow Park, South Argyle Street, Camden. Sunday 2nd April, 1989 at 10.00 am.

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Mrs Nancy Murdoch. 5 Barsden Street, Camden. 2570. Ph. 046-666093
Mrs Heather Matthews. 34 Broughton St., Camden. 2570. Ph. 046-667709
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BURRAGORANG ABORIGINES

by H. J. MCCOY

FROM: Camden News 7th November, 1895

Many interesting ceremonies connected with the death and burial of N. S. Wales aborigines have not been noted by the authorities quoted Mr. J. Steele Robertson. I can only speak with personal knowledge of the aborigines of Burragorang and Mulgoa. I distinctly remember the death of a young black boy in Burragorang about 34 years ago and shall never forget the soul piercing death cry raised by the gins and how all the black-fellows, several of whom were burning off timber for my father, threw down tools and taking up the wail, ran over to the camp. The dead boy's mother sat on the ground and hacked herself with a tomahawk, she then smeared her face with white pipeclay and glued her hair with it, and in this ghastly state of mourning, her head covered with terrible wounds, she remained for several weeks. I was not present at the funeral, but remember that two mounds, or make believe graves - one on either side - the object in making three graves being to puzzle the evil spirits who come to dig up the corpse. The aborigines of Burragorang always carved a number of V-shaped characters on a tree near the grave, and if they saw these characters imitated on a tree by a white, obliterated them. The Burragorang aborigines strongly objected to the presence of white men during their burial ceremonies and nothing distressed them more than to sympathise with them, or even mention the name of the deceased. After a death they at once shifted camp.

---ooOoo---

This is a Tuit !
At long last, we have
sufficient quantity for you
to have one of your own. Guard it with
your life ! These Tuits are hard to come
by - especially the round ones ! For years
you've been saying " I'll get a round Tuit ".
Now that you have a round Tuit
of your own, many things
that you meant to do
just may get done !
So get TUIT.

(Maybe I will get around to answering those letters now ?)

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