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Thursday of the month in the library of the Flagstaff Hill Maritime
Village, 23 Merri Street, Warrnambool. Visitors are most welcome.

LIBRARY The Warrnambool Branch of the A.I.G.S. mans the library at Flagstaff Hill
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EDITORIAL

Welcome to this edition of 'The South West Genealogist', this is the fourth issue of
the newsletter for 1991 and I hope you enjoy it. This month we continue looking at
genealogical software for the home computer in Computer Corner, in Marie's Memorabilia
we reproduce the original rules and regulations for the Melbourne General Cemetery
which raises questions on what records are available from other cemeteries as well. In
Irish Connection I look toward the upcoming bicentenary of the first Irish convicts to
come direct to Australia from Ireland on the 'Queen' and look at the Irish
Transportation Records given to Australia by the Irish Government in 1988 for
Australia's Bicentenary.

When reading up on the 'Queen' for this article I discovered that of the 226 convicts
who arrived in September 1791 by April 1992 only around 50 were still alive in Sydney
having perished from the effects of the ordeal suffered on the voyage to Australia.
Conditions on the second and third fleets were appalling.

Due to the length of the Melbourne General Cemetery item Genealogical Gleanings has
been omitted from this issue but will return again next month along with a review of
the 1991 GRD which is now available.

THE AREA ADMINISTRATORS CORNER*

Dear Members,

Dr Jan Critchett was the guest speaker at our April meeting.

Dr Critchett spoke on her latest book 'A Distant Field of Murder' and the problems she had while researching her material. The book is based on the interaction between the Aboriginal and the Europeans in the Western District during the mid 1840's.

Dr Critchett received an award from the 'Fellowship of Australian Writers' for 'A Distant Field of Murder'.

We have been advised that there is a group from the Warrnambool Gallery who are interested in trying to set up a Museum and are looking for interested people to be on a committee to investigate this possibility further.

If any of our members can offer accomadation to a group from Melbourne, it would then be possible to hold a seminar in Warrnambool. Any one who can help please contact me for further information.

our guest speaker for May is Mr Tom Wicking. Mr Wicking is a noted historian, and is in great de~ as a speaker.

My thanks to Teresa Collis who has offered to be guest speaker at the Warrnambool Womens Probus Group at a date to be arranged.

Noel Hallam
Area Administrator

THE IRISH CONNECTION

On 26th September this year it will be 200 years since the first ship the 'Queen' arrived in Port Jackson with the first cargo of convicts to sail directly from Ireland. The 'Queen' was part of the third fleet and sailed from Cork. The last ship to sail from Kingstown (now Dun Laoghaire) was the Phoebe Dunbar which arrived in Western Australia on 30th August 1853.

During these 62 years of transportation from Ireland to Australia some 30,000 male and 9,000 female convicts were shipped. On 9th January 1868 some 63 Irish Fenians arrived in Western Australia on the 'Hougoumont' the last convict transport to sail from England to Australia. They had been convicted in Ireland.

IRISH TRANSPORTATION RECORDS

In July 1988 the Taoiseach, Prim Minister of Ireland, Charles J Haughey, T.D., presented the Australian Government with microfilm copies of most of the transportation records covering the period 1788 to 1868 that are held by the Irish National Archives.

A computer index of these records has been produced, and was part of the gift, which enables the researcher to check if any records are available on a given name entered by the researcher. These computer indexes were available at the Warrnambool for a short period last year as they toured Australia. The GSV in Melbourne has a copy of these computer indexes. The microfilms themselves are kept in the 'National Library of Australia' in Canberra.

The records and their contents are as follows

TRANSPORTATION REGISTERS, 1836-57(TR) Microfilms 1 - 5

The Transportation Registers contain over 20,000 names of convicts sentenced to death or transportation between 1836 and 1857. The registers have been filmed and indexed in their entirety. Not all of the convicts were sent to Australia.

PRISONERS' PETITIONS and CASES, 1788-1836(PPC) Microfilms 6 - 19

Many convicts submitted, or had submitted on their behalf, petitions for commutation or remission of their sentence to the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland.

STATE PRISONERS- PETITIONS, 1788-99(SPP) Microfilms 20 - 25

The State Prisoners' Petitions concern those arrested for involvement in the 1798 Rebellion, and who were sentenced to transportation. Content is similar to the PPC series above.

CONVICT REFERENCE FILES, 1836-56; 1865-68(CRF) Microfilm 26 - 101

The Convict Reference Files take over from the petitions series, PPC, above and include additional documents in some cases. 17 of the 63 Fenian files for 1868 have been included on reel 101 along with four photographs of the Fenians.

FREE SETTLERS' PAPERS, 1828-52(FS) Microfilms 101 - 104

Male convicts who had served a minimum of four years of their sentence in Australia were entitled to request a free passage for a dependant wife and family to join them in the colony. The records deal with these requests as well as some other documents such as letters and petitions.

MALE CONVICT REGISTER, 1842-47 Microfilm 104

This is a single volume containing the names of all male convicts sentenced to transportation in the period 1842-7. Contains some physical details.

REGISTER of CONVICTS m CONVICT SHIPS, 1851-53 Microfilm 104

This single volume register contains the names of convicts who embarked on ships sailing in that. period to Van Diemen's Land and Western Australia.

ADDENDUM Microfilm 105

This film contains copies of items omitted from or filmed incorrectly on films 1-104. The computer index incorporates these corrections and additions.

FURTHER RESEARCH

If a search in the computer index and the microfilms has been successful, there may be enough information to pursue the research in other Irish sources.

The National Archives may also have additional information concerning convicts in other series which it has not been possible to include in the microfilms and index.

The address of the National Archives is as follows

National Archives, State Paper Office, Dublin Castle,
Dublin 2, Ireland

MARIES MEMORABILIA

The following item whilst a bit long winded gives some insight into the various records which did and my still exist with regard to Melbourne General Cemetery and make one wonder do similar records and regulations exist for other cemeteries, especially the one you are interested in.'

RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE MELBOURNE GENERAL CEMETERY

Established by Act of Council, 1850, 14 Victoria, No. 19.

In pursuance of the 5th section of the above Act of Council, whereby it is enacted, 'That the Trustees of the said Cemetery shall have power and authority to make such rules and regulations, and to do and perform, and cause to be done and performed, all such acts, matters, and things as may be necessary and proper for any of the purposes aforesaid, and also for determining and directing the order and position of all graves and vaults to be made in the same Cemetery, and for protecting the buildings, monuments, shrubberies, plantations, and enclosures therein and thereof from destruction or damage; and shall have power to prosecute all persons who shall or may at any time do or cause to be done any damage to any such buildings, monuments, tombstones, shrubberies, plantations or enclosures: Provided nevertheless, that the said Trustees shall not by any rule or regulation, or any act, matter, or thing, at any time interfere, directly or indirectly, with the performance of any religious ceremony in the burial of the dead, according to the usage of the communion to which the deceased may have belonged, or with the original distribution of the said land, made, or intended to be made, by the grant thereof to and amongst separate and distinct religious denominations or communions: Provided further, that no rite or ceremony shall be performed in any portion of such Cemetery set apart for any particular denomination, except according to the usage of such denomination, and by a duly recognised Minister of the same.' The Trustees of the said Cemetery, with the concurrence and approval of the Government, make and promulgate the following Rules and Regulations :

Rules and Regulations

1. All charges must be paid when orders are given, or before the ground or vault is opened.
2. By the 7th section of the Act, 'Any person making a vault, or erecting and placing a monument in the Cemetery, by and with the permission of the Trustees, and under these rules, and upon payment of the charges therein mentioned, is entitled to have, maintain, and keep a vault, monument or to ~ tone, according to the tenor of such permission, to, and for the sole and separate use of such person or persons, and his or their heirs, or near relations for ever.'
3. Applications for such permission to be made at the office of the Trustees, a certificate of permission in the form set out in the schedule will be granted to the party applying for such permission, on payment of the charges in the schedule.
4. The charges will be remitted on the burial of any poor person in such Cemetery on a certificate of a Minister of religion, or other evidence proving to the satisfaction of the Trustees, that such person was a pauper, or that the relations and friends of the deceased are unable to-pay the costs and charges.

5. orders for internment to be given either to the keeper at the lodge, or at the office of the Trustees; if given at the office of the Trustees, such notice to be given between the hours of ten AM and three PM the previous day if not, an extra charge will be -made.
6. The Trustees will cause all common graves to be dug; but parties wanting brick graves or vaults, will be required to construct them under the direction of the Surveyor; and in case internment i's to be made in any private grave or vault, the consent (in writing) of the party entitled thereto must be left with the order..
7. The name, age, late place of residence, and probable cause of death, of the deceased, must be stated at the time of giving the order.
8. The time fixed for the funeral to be the time when the procession is to be at the Cemetery, and the same must be punctually observed.
9. Until otherwise ordered, the usual hours fixed for the performance of funerals will be from ten AM to six o'clock PM, in the months of September to April inclusive, and from ten AM to four o'clock PM, in the other four months, except on Sundays, when the usual and only hours for funerals will be from two to five o'clock PM throughout the year.
10. All monuments, vaults, graves, and grave stones, to be kept in repair and proper condition at the expense of the owners.
11. Every coffin in a vault or brick grave to be bricked in, cemented and covered by a slab of freestone, slate or iron.
12. A drawing of every stone, tomb, pedestal, and plan of every monument or tablet proposed to be erected, and a copy of every epitaph or inscription, to be submitted to the Trustees for approval, who are required by the 7th section of the Act, 'To determine and fix the position of any unobjectional monument according to the description, size, and character thereof, having reference to the general plan for ornamenting the said Cemetery in an appropriate manner.' in the erection of tablets, copper cramps must be used.
13. No catacombs nor any wooden fencing allowed.
14. No servant or other person employed by, or engaged in any duty on behalf of the Trustees, will be permitted to receive any gratuity for the discharge thereof.
15. The ground will be open daily to the public from sunrise to sunset.
16. A plan of the Cemetery, showing the situation of the purchased and other graves, is kept at the office, and may be inspected at the charge set out in schedule ; and registers of all grants are kept by the Secretary.
17. The keeper has orders to turn out or to take into custody (as the case may require) any person who shall behave indecorously, or commit any trespass or injury to the trees, flowers or erections, or otherwise infringe the Act of Council relating to the Cemetery, or the regulations for protection of same and such person will be proceeded against, according to the provisions of the 9th, 12th, and 13th sections of the Act.
18. The Trustees reserve the right to make any alterations from time to time in these charges and regulations.

(Signed) Robert Williams Pohlman,
 John Sullivan,
 David Ogilvy,
 Robert Smith,
 Henry Jennings,

Trustees of the Melbourne General Cemetery. Melbourne, 23rd March, 1853.

SCHEDULE A

Charges. - Public Graves.

	£	s	d
Single interment in the open ground, including digging the grave, if selected by the Trustees, adult	1	0	0
Ditto, under ten years of age	0	15	0
Single interment in the open ground, if selected by the Trustees, under one year	0	10	0
Ditto, of still-born children	0	6	0
Single interment in the open ground, if selected by the applicant	1	10	0

Private Graves

Land for graves, 8 by 4 feet, if selected by the Trustees	1	0	0
Ditto, ditto, if selected by the applicant	2	0	0
Sinking same 7 feet	1	0	0
Ditto for first additional foot	0	5	0
Ditto for second ditto	0	7	0
Ditto for third ditto	0	12	0
And so on in progression for every additional foot.			
Land for family vaults £1 1s per foot width up to 12 feet			
Charge for each interment	1	1	0

Miscellaneous Charges

For all interments that take place between 6 and 10 AM an extra charge of	0	10	6
For interments at other times, not in the usual hours, an extra charge of	1	1	0
Charge for permission to erect headstone to grave, adult	0	10	6
Ditto, child's grave	0	5	0
Ditto, for raised stones or half tomb	1	1	0
Ditto, for upright pedestal or monument	1	12	6
For inspecting plan	0	2	6
Copy of Register	0	5	0

SCHEDULE B

Form of Certificate of Right of Burial in the Melbourne General Cemetery

on the application of _____ and upon payment of the sum of _____ the
 Trustees of the Melbourne General Cemetery, in term of, and as authorized
 By the Act of Council, 14 Victoria no. 19, have agreed to grant, and do
 Hereby grant, unto the said _____ permission to dig or make a grave or vault on
 that piece of ground _____ feet long by _____ feet broad, lying within the
 portion of the said Cemetery appropriated for _____ burials, and marked No _____,
 compartment

on the map or plan of the said Cemetery, kept by the said Trustees, with permission to erect or place on the said piece of ground, a monument or tombstone in payment of such charges as may from time to time be established. And it is hereby declared, that the said _____ shall be entitled to have, maintain and keep up such vault, monument or tombstone, according to the terms of this permission, to and for the sole and separate use of the said _____ and his (or their) heirs and near relations for ever : Provided always, and it is hereby declared, that this grant is made subject to the terms and conditions following, viz. First, that the said piece of ground shall be kept and used by the said _____ his heirs and near relations, solely as a burying place, and that no other use shall be made thereof. Second, that no enclosing wall, fence, building, monument, or tombstone, shall be erected or placed on said piece of ground, until a plan thereof shall have been exhibited to the said Trustees, and their authority given for the erection thereof. Third, that the said grave or vault, and the said wall, fence, building, monument, or tombstone, shall be maintained and kept up by the said _____ and his heirs and near relations, in proper repair, to the satisfaction of the said Trustees. Fourth, that the said _____ and his heirs and near relations, shall, in the use of the said piece of ground, and access thereto, be subject, in every respect to such rules and regulations as the Trustees of the said Cemetery may from time to time make ; and shall not be entitled to exercise the right to bury or inter therein, except on payment of such charges as shall from time to time be established by the said Trustees.

Given under our hands and seals, at Melbourne, in the Colony of Victoria,
 this _____ day of _____ AD, 18

(LS)
 (LS) Trustees of the
 (LS) Melbourne
 (LS) General Cemetery.
 (LS)

Signed by the above Trustees in the presence of

Register No. Compartment No.

SHIPS OF THE FLEETS

Do you know the names of the ships which comprised the first, second and third fleets which brought the first settlers to Australia between 1787 and 1791.

FIRST FLEET HMS Sirius and HMS Supply were the King's escort vessels.

Alexander, Friendship, Scarborough, Charlotte, Lady Penrhyn and Prince of Wales were the convict transports.'

Fishburn, Golden Grove and Borrowdale were the storeships.

SECOND FLEET HMS Guardian was a storeship and Justinian was a supply ship.

Lady Juliana, Surprise, Neptune and Scarborough were the convict transports.

THIRD FLEET Gorgon was a storeship.

Queen, Atlantic, William and Arm, Britannia, Matilda, Salamander, Albemarle, Mary Anne, Admiral Barrington and Active were the convict transports.

COMPUTER CORNER

In this months column I will continue to review genealogical software packages for various types of computers and will look at some program designed, to run on Commodore 64 and 128 computers. Firstly I will look at a program called Family Tree which comes in versions to operate on both of the above computers.

FAMILY TREE

Family Tree is produced by Genealogy Software in three versions, one to run on a C64 and 40 column and 80 column versions to run on the C128. In FT each person is assigned their own file number which must be assigned before beginning the task of entering the data into the ancestor files. 500 Ancestor files can be stored on a disk using a 1541 disk drive whilst 1000 files can be stored if a 1571 or 1581 disk drive is used in C128 mode. This data disk also contains an index of all the names currently assigned.

An Ancestors file consists of the following fields

File Number	Name (Surname, GivenNames)
Sex	Birth date & Birth place
Death date & Death place	Marriage date & Marriage place
Fathers Name & File Number	Mothers Name & File Number
Spouses Name & File Number	Number of children
Childrens file numbers	Comments

In addition there are four extra fields that you can label for your own use. Mormons use these for Baptism, Endowment, Sealed to Parents and Sealed to Spouse. Each file can also contain up to 255 characters of information. Where multiple marriages exist more than one file per ancestor becomes necessary.

With the information entered into these Ancestor files]FT can then link them together to create pedigree charts, family group records and descendants charts. It should be noted that FT can only produce these charts etc from files on the same disk so some thought must be given about which disk to create a file on.

FT will produce the following outputs of information to either the screen or printer :

<i>Numerical Index of Names</i>	Alphabetical Index of Names
Individual Record	Surname Search
4 Generation Pedigree Chart	

FT will produce the following outputs of information to the printer only

- 5 or 6 Generation Pedigree Charts
- Descendants Chart
- Extensive searches of Birth, marriage and Deaths.

Some 25 different search patterns are available.

FT is a menu driven program which means it is very user friendly and it is easy to review, edit or delete data in files from the master menu.

From the above comments it can be seen that FT contains most of the features necessary in a genealogical package and is a very good buy for those who have a C64 or C128 computer at around \$86.00 from Briwall Australia.
