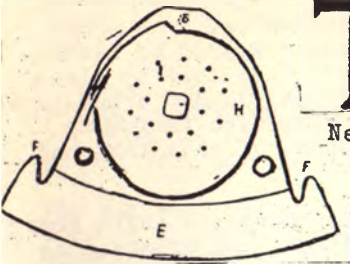


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the Lacemakers of Calais.

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NEXT MEETING : We will be back at the Archives Building for our next meeting.

The meeting, which is the Annual General Meeting, will be held at 1 p.m. on 16th July 1983 in the Conference Room, Archives Building, Globe St., Sydney. Elections will be held for all executive positions.

After just over one year of operation it will be time to look at what we have achieved and what we plan to do in the future. Please come along and bring plenty of your ideas with you.

Subscriptions for 1983/84 are now due. The amount is the same as last year, that is \$15 per family.

The meeting will also consider proposals for a new format for Tulle. This will probably be the last issue of Tulle in its current form. It has been suggested that we update our image by improving the format of our magazine. The first four issues probably reflect our early struggle to find ourselves. Now that the Society has grown in stature it is appropriate that our magazine reflects our maturity.

Elizabeth Simpson spoke on 2GB on Tuesday, 14th June. Her subject was the Lacemakers of Calais and Australia. It is intended that we discuss that speech at our next meeting.

MEETING NOTES : The opportunity to meet with Elizabeth Simpson was taken up by over 70 people. We have come to expect the members from Queanbeyan, Armidale, Oberon, the Hunter and Illawarra making the long journeys to attend each meeting. However to have these members joined by those from Victoria, Queensland and Western N.S.W. was indeed heartening

## MEETING NOTES (CONT) :

Not only did people travel long distances and make other sacrifices, members also brought along a wealth of historical items. So much of our history has been lost by clean ups that it was wonderful to see what people had accumulated about our families. All who saw the displays, including Elizabeth, were excited about the amount of data that had been accumulated and displayed.

What a wonderful speaker Elizabeth is! Margaret Audin heard her speak recently in Liverpool, England, and promised us we would be in for a treat, how right she was.

Elizabeth's speech portrayed the misery of Nottingham in the late eighteenth and early nineteenth centuries: unhealthy overcrowded conditions amongst a booming technological revolution. We heard how machine lace was first developed from the stocking trade. How the industry grew and expanded to France. We were told that the lacemakers became the elite of the artisans and that we should be proud of these clever forebears.

The misery created by the unsanitary conditions in Nottingham created and fostered new social movements. People found hope in the emerging religion of John Wesley. How many of the immigrants were Methodists? Elizabeth looked to us to find the answer to that.

We heard of the mysterious Luddites who resorted to machine breaking in their frustration. Later the trade union movement was formed so that organized labour could more peacefully counteract the excesses of organized capitalism. But the town was still rowdy with food and political riots. Democratic reform was often supported by a bit of arson.

France offered a way out to some of the artisans who wished to exploit their skills and so some of the lacemakers moved to France, principally to Calais. Later came the move to Australia as conditions in France became unsettled.

The speech blended together things that we knew with newly discovered facts. Each member who heard the talk must now understand a bit more about their ancestors and the conditions under which they lived. Isn't that quest for understanding what family history is all about?

## MEETING NOTES (CONT) :

Thank you Elizabeth for a speech that made history live for all of us.

There are a few copies of the speech available at 50 cents per copy. Contact either Terrence Higgins or Bob Wilson if you wish to obtain a copy. Elizabeth gave the speech again in Maitland and so orders are coming from there for the book

The day would not have been as successful without the work done by Elinor and Terrence Higgins who did a great job organising the meeting and then keeping everything running on the day. Thank you very much Terrence and Elinor. We also wish to thank the Salvation Army for the use of their hall.

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## BOOK NOTES :

Albert Vion, our good friend and hisrorian of Calais, has published a new book entitled "Calais et Saint-Pierre au XIXe siècle". The Society intends purchasing a copy. If any member wishes to order the book it will be possible to do so at the next meeting. The cost is 122FF (about \$19). Margaret Audin recommended it to the Society, it has many illustrations and, although it is in French, is apparently well worth the trouble of translating it.

Our Society now has reciprocal arrangements with The Herald & Genealogy Society of Canberra. We forward copies of Tulle and they send us copies of "The Ancestral Researcher". The magazine is well presented and could well be used as a model for our own magazine. The latest issue contains an article on the Dargon family who settled at Windsor and an article on Abraham Crocker. There is also an interesting article on how one of their members went about the publication of a family history. Amongst many other interesting articles is one on source material in the National Library of Australia.

Elizabeth Simpson donated to the Society a copy of "Orange's Directory 1840" for Nottingham. The book has been republished by the Nottinghamshire Family History Society. It contains a lot of data on the trades and businesses of Nottingham as well as a list of many of the people in the town.

Both the "Ancestral Researcher" and "Orange's Directory 1840" will be available for perusal at the next meeting.



COMPUTER INDEXING PROJECT :

Chris Sutton reports that she has now organised the computer files and is ready to key in data on the Lacemaker families. Members should make out information sheets in the following format and lodge them with Chris Sutton:

FAMILY NAME:

FILE:

SURNAME:

CHRISTIAN NAMES:

DATE OF BIRTH:

CERT. NUMBER:

PLACE:

SON OR DAUGHTER OF:

&

SPOUSE:

DATE OF MARRIAGE:

CERT. NUMBER:

PLACE:

CHILDREN IN ORDER OF BIRTH:

EDUCATION:

RELIGION:

POLITICAL ALLEGIANCE:

MEMBERSHIP OF ORGANISATIONS:

MAIN PLACES OF RESIDENCE:

CAREER:

SPECIAL INTERESTS, ACHIEVEMENTS, COMMENTS:

SOURCES OF INFORMATION:

DATE OF DEATH:

DEATH CERTIFICATE NO.

CAUSE:

PLACE:

COMMENT:

For the oldest generation of the family who arrived on the immigrant ships place 0 in the "File" entry. The next generation will be 1, the following will be 2 etc. For generations prior to family 0 use minus numbers so that the parents will be -1 and the grandparents -2 etc.

The project is not a small one. So far 386 descendants of the original Saywell immigrants have been identified and that is without going back to the people in France and England.

NEWS FROM ABROAD :

Of course there is no news from Elizabeth Simpson as she has been able to communicate with us in person.

However Margaret Audin keeps up her correspondence. Probably her most important message concerns the graves at Calais. The letter and list were on display last meeting and will be displayed again next meeting. Briefly if the graves are to be preserved it is necessary for direct heirs to write to the authorities in Calais. If you think that you are a direct heir, the townhall in Calais would be very pleased

NEWS FROM ABROAD (CONT) :

to hear from you. Please write giving your ascending line, up to the buried person, quoting the reference '1 ère Division, 1 er Bureau JD/FC' on the letter and addressing the envelope to : Monsieur le Maire, Mairie, Boîte Postale, 62107 Calais Cedex, France. Enclose a self addressed envelope and at least one international reply coupon (2 for airmail).

If you wish only to get further details then write to Margaret Audin, preferably through Chris Sutton, for such information.

Names on the list of graves to be abandoned include: Brown, Bignell, Bailey, Butler, Brocksop, Boot, Bacon, Bourre, Baron, Bourdon, Andrews, Arnett, Cartwright, Donne, Durant, Devisse, Delplanque, Debuche, Eddleston, Eagle, Fox, Green, Gambert, Goulder, Gregory, Hazeldine, Hermele, Hernelet, Jones, Kilpatrick, Leleu, Lemaitre, Maxton, Middleton, Ousley, Pain, Pauwels, Stubbs, Scott, Shepherd, Smith, Villy Wragg, Venning, Wavram, West, Webster.

Margaret Audin has also passed on a request from the museum in Calais to share any photographs with them of Calais or the former residents. They are also interested in the whereabouts of any blue and white pottery made, in Calais before 1828, by Pain, Bailey and Shirley.

NOTES FROM BERT ARCHER - Part 2

The ARCHER family migrated to Australia in the barque "AGINCOURT" in 1848 as Government Assisted Immigrants.

At the time of arrival in Sydney the family was listed as:-

ARCHER Frederick (29) born Nottingham, England

Mary (28) " Edenman, England

Jane (5) " Calais, France

Frederick (3<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>)" Calais, France

Catherine (1<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>)" Calais, France

The fountain head of this family was FREDERICK FRANCIS ARCHER, my Great Grandfather, who was Christened on 29th December 1816 at St Mary's Church, Nottingham, England. He was a 22nd generation of an ARCHER clan, a descendant of FULBERT L'ARCHER, a Norman crossbowman soldier, who came with the army of WILLIAM THE CONQUEROR to England in 1066.

The parents of our fountain head, FRANCIS and ANN ARCHER,

## NOTES FROM BERT ARCHER (CONT)

were Nottingham folk, and had five sons and one daughter. The first son JAMES died at birth and a second JAMES was born two years later. Next came HENRY, then our FREDERICK FRANCIS was born, next came CHARLES and last the daughter MILLICENT. FRANCIS ARCHER was a master sinkermaker and comb-maker, who held an important position of designer in a Nottingham hosiery factory and over the years trained many apprentices.

In his teens FREDERICK FRANCIS ARCHER moved to Radford and worked as a lacemaker, living at Prospect Place in that village. On 12th July 1842 he married MARY MARVIN in the Radford Parish Church.



St Mary's Church

Calais, France. Some of their ARCHER cousins from Yorkshire were already established there. (In 1846 the Calais census included DANIEL ARCHER with his wife SARAH- nee NEALE- and family of 5 boys and 1 girl). For about 6 years FREDERICK worked in a lacemaking factory at St Pierre les Calais, first as a lacemaker, then as a whitesmith.

MARY MARVIN was born in 1818 and was Christened on 6th August 1820 in Edenman Lincolnshire, together with her younger sister Ann. She also had an elder sister SARAH. Her parents were JOHN and Catherine MARVIN. Her father was a wheelwright.

Shortly after their marriage FREDERICK and MARY ARCHER left England and went to

JANE ARCHER was born at 7.30 a.m. on 11th March 1843 at home No 133 rue de Vic, Section G, in the Village of St Pierre les Calais (Canton of Calais, Department of Pas de Calais). She was Christened in the Anglican Church of St Pierre les Calais.



NOTES FROM BERT ARCHER (CONT)

FREDERICK FRANCIS (FRANK) ARCHER junior was born at  $1\frac{1}{2}$  past midnight on 29th March 1845 at home, No 134 rue de Vic, Sect. G, in the Village of St Pierre les Calais.

CATHERINE (KATE) ARCHER was born on 23rd April 1847 at 9 a.m. at home, No 139 rue de Vic, Section G, St Pierre les Calais. Many of the St Pierre les Calais residential buildings were three storeyed.

A cousin, GEORGE ARCHER, who was born at Calais on 19th February 1848 died 2 years after our refugee family left France.

Due to the Industrial Revolution of February-March our ARCHER family were expelled from France and returned to Nottingham. JANE was 5, FREDERICK junior was 3 and CATHERINE was 1. (In her later years CATHERINE related to her children, that she was only a baby in arms, when the family crossed the English Channel, she claims, in a row-boat or whale-boat - this claim is queried).

They were accomodated in the Nottingham poor-house, for they had lost all of their belongings and had become paupers.

Before sailing from England in the "AGINCOURT" the Emigration Commissioners, 14 Park St, Westminster, arranged for them to be provided with the minimum essential clothing stipulated by shipping regulations. (The refugee emigrants on the "FAIRLIE" had to provide their own clothing).

They left Gravesend on 16th June 1848 and arrived in Port Jackson on 6th October, 111 days after leaving the Downs, England.

To be continued

MEMBERSHIP LIST (cont)

Family

Shaw

Saywell

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E.Higgins

J.Hedges

D.E.Anderson

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