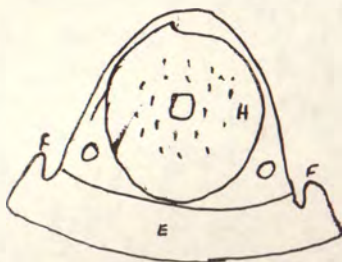




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The Australian Society of the Lacemakers of Calais meets downstairs in the Meeting Room of the N.S.W. State Archives, 2 Globe Street, Sydney. The Executive meets from 12.00 to 1.00pm (all interested members welcome) and the main meeting commences at 1.00pm. Tea and coffee from 3.00pm.

THE MEETING DATES for 1985/86 are:

Saturday, 2nd November, 1985

Saturday, 8th February, 1986

Saturday, 3rd May, 1986

Saturday, 2nd August, 1986

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Saturday, 1st November, 1986

Cover: Framework Knitters Arms set on Nottingham
Lace from the Bransen
Family.

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1986 crept up on me and arrived long before I was ready for it - but for all that I wish you all a happy, healthy and prosperous year.

To begin with, as far as TULLE is concerned, a new cover has at long last come to fruition with thanks especially to Lindsay Watts for inspiration and Gillian Kelly for the imagination and art work.

Secondly, by request, our A.G.M. has been moved to hopefully a more clement time of year to the last meeting of the year (check the inside of front cover for the date). Also note that all the office bearers have their address and telephone number inside the back cover for your information.

This edition of TULLE will not be a large issue, due to lack of material, and time to put articles together. Lindsay's article in Information... might prompt your pen fingers!! Kingsley Ireland, in South Australia, sent the notice from an Adelaide paper of Sept 6 1848 noting the arrival of the "Harpley". I have reprinted it in full not because I think it holds major new information, rather that it gives us an idea of the effect her arrival with her load of emigrants had on the colony, and also gives us an insight into shipboard life of 1848.

Some time this year, we will print Bert Archer's facsimile diary of the trip out to Sydney on board the "Agincourt". It was put together by Bert with the aid of a factual diary of an 1846 trip out on the "Agincourt" together with his detailed surveyors knowledge of the coast of New South Wales. Gillian Kelly assures me it is fascinating, more details when it comes to print.

Our guest speaker, all being well at our meeting on Feb 8th is a new member Beth Williams who is a guide at Elizabeth Farm in Parramatta. She knows so much about the

Macarthur history it would be a pity to miss her talk. We will serve afternoon tea after the meeting which will end at 3.00 pm to allow you all time to "socialize"! Exec members please remember our meeting starts at 12.00 midday. I will provide lunch.

Claire Loneragan

Subs

That time of year has rolled around again when the 1986/87 subscriptions are due again. It doesn't seem all that long since the last one!

The subscriptions remain at \$15.00 per family per annum. Would you please note Terence's new address:

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We are dependent upon subscriptions to keep the Society as a viable unit and to keep TULLE in your letter boxes, so please don't overlook payment.

President's Report.

The year has been one of continuing development for the Society.

Gradually members are publishing the stories of their forbears. In past years we have heard and read about such families as Archer, Branson, Bromhead, Saywell and Whewell. During the year our knowledge of the lacemakers was expanded as we heard about the Nutts, Longmires, Horners, Kemshalls and more about the Bromheads, Bransons and Saywells. The pages of the various issues of Tulle are gradually forming

the nucleus for a story of the lacemakers.

One of the disappointments of the year was our inability to continue with the computer project. This project together with the family stories in our collection must someday be published. Maybe as some anniversary project?

Tulle once again was our flagship bringing news and stories to our members spread throughout the country. Besides the family stories and meeting reports there were many other stories relating to the times and conditions in which our forbears lived. I would single out the Harpley story as a great bit of new material. The editorial staff have again excelled themselves with an effort that also contained flashes of humour and personality amidst the trials of obtaining copy and overcoming the postal system. On behalf of the Society I thank you.

Our other communication medium is the meetings. These began at the last A.G.M. on a very high standard. Baiba Berzins and Chris Sutton gave excellent talks, the former on the Mitchell Library and Chris on the lacemaker migration. Our initial high standard was continued by Pat Lay (family history) Gillian Kelly (tour through the England of her ancestors) Marjorie Brown (S.M. Herald research) and a members Show and Tell meeting.

Claire Loneragan represented the Society at a family history conference and, as usual, was able to put over the story of our unique society very well.

Sadly, one of the great lacemaker historians, Bert Archer, died during the year. We will be ever in his debt.

What is the challenge for the year ahead? The Society has to plan its Bicentennial contribution, re-examine the computer project and encourage further research. Tulle is an important medium for telling the lacemaker stories. It is up to members to place articles and facts before us. No matter how small these contributions may be they are contributing to a greater story. The story and the Society must grow together.

In conclusion I would like to thank the office bearers for their stewardship of the Society over the last year. My own time has been severely restricted by a change of job and so Terence, Elinore, Claire and Gillian have borne an even greater load than in previous years. My personal thanks as well as those of the Society go to you all. The Archives Authority have once again been generous with their accommodation and we are grateful for their support.

Let us hope that the year ahead is a successful one for the Society and its members.

Secretary's Report

REPORT OF MEETING HELD ON 2ND NOVEMBER 1985

With twenty three members present Bob explained the new format of our meetings i.e. the executive will meet from 12.00 to 1.00 pm followed by a general meeting from 1.15 pm to 3.00 pm. Afternoon tea will be served until 3.45 pm to allow time for personal socializing. Anyone who would like to bring a plate would be welcomed warmly! Tea and coffee will be provided.

Marjorie Brown will draught a letter to send out to families with the same names as we find on the shipping lists that she finds in the Sydney Telephone Directory. She will also write articles from time to time to be published in both Sydney local and country papers.

It was decided to collect our assets, print a list in TULLE and place them in a central location for easy and general access. Guest speakers will be invited to all meetings to make them as interesting as possible - all offers and ideas will be warmly considered.

Our Treasurer reported 50 financial members and 40 infinancial ones - and our President presented his report printed herein.

Again it was noted that there is a lot of information about our families floating and that we need to gather it together and print it, even if it is only a short article, to be ready for our Bicentennial effort.

There was a vote of thanks to Mariane Waterford for her editorial prowess with the last issue.

The main business of the day over five members, Marjorie Brown, Doug Webster, Bill Pedder, Jean Campbell, Pat Stewart and Barbara Kendrick all talked about their family research each for about five minutes which proved very interesting indeed. The Chair timed each speaker and an amazing amount of information came out of this "update" session. It was most successful and will be repeated! The information was minuted and can be read on request from the formal minutes.

Information animal, vegetable and mineral....

THE SOUTH AUSTRALIAN REGISTER

Adelaide: Wednesday, September 6, 1848

THE EMIGRANT SHIP "HARPLEY"

This fine colonial-built ship took her departure from Deptford on the 12th May, and sighted Kangaroo Island on Tuesday the 20th August, at four in the morning. Remarkably inauspicious weather retarded the arrival within our harbour precincts, and eventually obliged Captain Buckland to trust his cables and anchors in Holdfast Bay. During the terrific gale on Friday night the twice parting of the small bower cable obliged the Captain to have recourse to a chain cable

LIST OF PRIVATE RECORD AGENTS WHO WILL UNDERTAKE SEARCHES IN THE NOTTINGHAMSHIRE RECORD OFFICE as on 4.3.85

NOTE: The following alphabetical list has been compiled for information only from details supplied by the persons concerned. Inclusion of a name does not imply a recommendation by the Record Office.

NAME	ADDRESS	TELEPHONE	AREA COVERED	RESEARCH OUTSIDE NOTTS. R.O.	SPECIALIST SERVICES
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Philip E. Jones, M.Sc.	12 Dukes Close, Sutton-in-Ashfield, Notts. NG17 5LO	Mansfield (0623) 555388	Notts. & E. Midlands	Yes	Local history; Coal-mining records
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Jean Sims, M.L.S., A.L.A.	151 Nottingham Road, ALFRETON, Derbys.	Alfreton (94) 834765	Notts. & Derbys.	Yes	-

FAMILY HISTORY - Limited assistance can sometimes be given by the Notts. Family History Society, whose Secretary is Miss S.M. Leeds, 35 Kingswood Road, West Bridgford, Nottingham.

on board, on freight, which by the help of the emigrants was got up and happily rendered conducive to the safety of the ship, the best bower holding on in the meantime, and confirming the good repute of the "holding ground" at the anchorage.

The circumstantial history of the bulk of the emigrants per Harpley, is worthy of a particular notice.

With the exception of six families, those on board the Harpley had been employed in French lace manufactories in or near Calais, some of them having been there eight years since they left their native place, Nottingham. At the out-break of the French revolution the popular fury soon extended to the hitherto peaceful abodes of the refugees, and the cry of "a bas les Anglois" (down with the English) would possibly have been followed by actual and violent expulsion but for the timely interference of the Consul, who besought the insurgents at least to respect the persons of the English workmen. At that time the number of English working for or dependant upon manufacturing employers in Calais and its environs was nothing short of a thousand souls; of whom some have gone to Sydney, a few more are coming hither and a ship-load were to embark at Calais for Port Phillip, a fortnight after the Harpley left.

In their extremity the English workpeople in Calais not willing to return to their native town of Nottingham, or any other part of the overstocked English labour-market, sent a memorial to Lord Palmerston, dated April 12, desiring to obtain passages to one of the English colonies, and a large number wishing to make choice of South Australia, of which they professed to have heard through our "Voice". In three days an answer was returned by his lordship, and a government Commissioner arrived to make the requisite enquiries. He was immediately succeeded by Mr Cooper, a gentleman from the Office of her Majesty's Land and Emigration Commissioners, who instituted diligent scrutiny into the characters and

circumstances of the memorialists, and then arranged for their passage to England, preparatory to emigration for these colonies. On their arrival in London they learned that a benevolent Committee was sitting daily at the Mansion House, under the auspices of that genuine specimen of nobility the distinguished Lord Ashley, and eagerly engaged in getting up a generous subscription to which the town of Nottingham contributed £300 to £400 for the relief of those who were hourly compelled to return to England from the French territory. The objections of the Commissioners to send lace-makers and their families to a young colony like South Australia were compromised by an allowance of £5 per head from the subscription fund, and an engagement to provide a good outfit.

The details were then arranged, and the Harpley appointed the emigrants embarked, and soon the poop of the ship, to use our informant's words, was "transformed into a haberdasher's shop," from which everything necessary was gratuitously and unsparingly supplied to those who were in need; Mr. Cooper being charged with Lord Ashley's princely commands to let the unfortunates want for nothing. Mr Commissioner Wood visited them at Gravesend previous to their departure, addressed to them an admirable speech full of kindness and encouragement, assuring them they were proceeding to a land where honesty and industry seldom failed to find their proper reward.

The only instance of death among the adults was an aged and ailing man (in his 67th year) who was unwilling to be separated from his family, and to whom the Commissioner humanely granted a free passage. He died in traversing the Bay of Biscay, the only instance of mortality besides, being a delicate infant of three months old. A sea-apprentice and a young sailor named Bateman fell overboard during the passage but both were saved by a well directed life-buoy until they could be picked up. During the passage the ship only sighted the Cape Verd Islands and St. Pauls. The passengers, who were scarcely becalmed on the Line, suffered little from

heat in the Tropics, and as little from cold in the Southern Hemisphere, 39½ S. being the most southerly latitude attained. There was no case of serious illness during the greater part of the passage, and 256 souls have arrived in excellent health, in a remarkably clean and well-commanded ship; manned by a fine crew. During the passage Mr Spencer the Surgeon-Superintendent read prayers every Sabbath when the weather permitted.

We have seen in the hands of the refugee Emigrants, some of the certificates granted by employers and municipal officers in France, and they speak well for the character of the people, who we hope will find they have exchanged the inhospitable treatment of the French for a hearty welcome in a British colony. There is an instance calling for especial sympathy and spirited exertion on behalf of the colonists, and we shall much mistake if the newly-arrived do not in their case confirm the assurance, that any honest men and women who venture to South Australia with their offspring, will be likely to find the right hand of fellowship extended towards them, in a land of peace and plenty.

We have elsewhere published the names, and shall be exceedingly glad to assist, through our office, in facilitating engagements between employers and those who assure us they are anxious to make themselves useful in any capacity.

Copy sent by Kingsley Ireland

Of Shoes and Ships and Sealing Wax

What was the occupation taken up by your lacemaking ancestor? Under what conditions did they labour? Why not tell us about it in the future copies of TULLE.

The Maitland Mercury's account of the arrival in that town of some of the "Agincourt" immigrants tells us that many were employed as house servants and farm labourers,

and young lads under the age of 14 being apprenticed. One lad of 15 to be taught a bakers trade and to act as a general servant, he would receive board and lodgings and £3 a week in his first year. There would be very little adjustment for these lads coming from an industrial environment they would come to terms quite easily with the rules and restrictions place on them as apprentices. But what of the rural workers? What did they think of their complete change of life style? Perhaps they rejoiced in a new found freedom, released from the bondage of industrial toil. Or did they pine for town life and the close proximity of neighbours and friends.

The records show that ancestor Joseph Bromhead aged 48 became a shopkeeper. His impact on the commercial life of Maitland must have been minimal for no records, concerning his business can be found. His son John aged 24 established a barber shop in the main street of Maitland.

How and where John learnt this extra skill we do not know, his immigration paper lists him as being a F.W.K. and Hairdresser. Perhaps he just acquired his skill by practising on neighbours and friends. Regardless of how he came to be a barber and hairdresser he must have worked hard and his business flourished. There were probably many ups and downs but there is no doubt that the financial and social gains to his family far out weighed anything he and his wife could have provided as lacemakers in Nottingham had they returned there in 1848.

So we have a shop keeper and a barber, what other occupations did our lacemaker forbears follow?

Lindsay Watts

In addition to Lindsay's questions there are some more queries over the passenger from the "Agincourt".

Who was the 13 year old girl engaged as nurse maid?

Who was the 15 year old boy apprenticed to a baker?

Who were the four boys under 14 apprenticed to various trade and who were the five families who left the depot without engagement having opened shops or commenced something for their own concern in the Maitland area?

Do any of these belong to you? Gillian Kelly would love to know the answers.

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