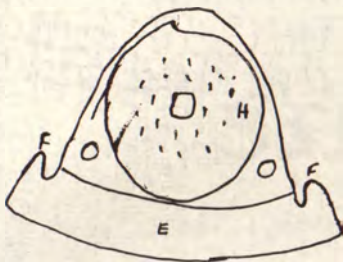


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The Australian Society
of the
Parents of Calcutta



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

Issue 12 November 1985.

Welcome to another year of the Society and TULLE. It seems that there has been so much happening since our last issue. Yet another successful Annual General Meeting has been held, and there will be a report of the happenings there from our Secretary.

The Executive has held a meeting and been able to thrash out many of the outstanding issues. We all left the meeting enthused and encouraged to make this year bigger and better than ever for the Society.

The Bi-centenary is creeping up on us very quickly. At this stage it seems a little ambitious to hope to have a history of our ancestors compiled in time. To do this, we will need to compile all our individual family histories. It would be a fitting time to set our sights upon having a family history published for each of the families involved in the Society by 1988. This, of course, will form a stepping stone to our ultimate objective of a detailed history. So, all you researchers, let's start to get organised to put down the details as we have them.

In the next few issues we will be publishing articles that may help you on your way - how to actually get around to putting things down on paper, what to put into a family history for publishing, where to go to have your work printed, depending on your needs, etc. If you have any particular queries or areas you would like to know more about, please let us know and we will endeavour to provide the information. What an exciting prospect to see all of us in print!

A new year, and yet again a new cover. Hopefully this TULLE will reach you before the next meeting.

We are beginning to think that Australia Post co-ordinate their industrial disputes with our publishing dates!!! However, we will keep our fingers crossed and work on other options (hopefully Greyhound will be more reliable!)

The next meeting, of course, is in the Meeting Room of the State Archives in Globe Street, Sydney, as usual. Due to the suggestions of members we will be trying a new meeting format this year. The Executive will hold a meeting before the general meeting, to settle most of the business discussion. Of course, any member who is interested is welcome to attend. This meeting will commence at 12 midday, and will be followed immediately by the usual meeting at 1.00pm. This way, meetings will be able to be devoted to the more interesting aspects of the Society. Remember, if you have any suggestions for guest speakers, or topics you would like to suggest, please let us know.

At the conclusion of the meeting at 3.00pm there will be tea and coffee available for those who would like to chat, share notes or research. So....

Saturday, 2nd November, 1985 State Archives Globe Street, Sydney, NSW Executive Meeting: 12 midday General Meeting: 1.00pm
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As I mentioned, we often run into problems with the post getting notification of meetings to you. If you are in doubt, the meeting dates for the year are printed on the inside front cover of each issue of TULLE.

This year we have postponed the Annual General Meeting until the November meeting, once again on the requests of members, who have found that the middle of winter is often climatically unsuitable for easy travelling. With luck we may be able to

take advantage of better weather for the occasion.

The Executive for the ensuing year remains largely unchanged. I would like to take this opportunity to thank them all for their unstinting work which benefits and enhances the Society. We often have a little trouble meeting deadlines, but usually come through. Most of the executive are very busy people. Bob Wilson combines a demanding and responsible job with huge demands upon his time with an active role, not only in our Society, but also in the Society of Australian Genealogists, where he is held in high esteem.

Gillian Kelly teaches full time, has a young family of three very active children, is very involved in many of the local junior sporting activities and committees, is at present completing external study through Armidale University as well as being our family's major researcher and Secretary of the Society.

Mr Terence Higgins once again is controlling the purse strings of the Society, a responsible position which Terence has fulfilled since the inception of the Society. Terence has not been well in the past few months and we wish him a return to his usual glowing health in the near future and hope we (especially those involved in TULLE) don't cause him too many more grey hairs this year!

Due to the increasing demands of the Society as it grows and becomes more widely known outside our own circle, this year a Publicity Officer has been elected as well as the Editor of TULLE. Marjorie Brown will be well known to many of you. She is a wonderful lady who is very involved in the Society. She has contributed much to be published in TULLE and is always available for all those extra little things that need doing. We wish Marjorie well in her first year as Publicity Officer, a post she will more than ably fill.

That brings me to Claire Loneragan who continues as Editor of TULLE. Claire has a young family and has recently started lecturing on Australian Literature

on a part time basis in the Adult Education field. She is soon to add Australian History to her bow, and you can imagine how much preparation goes with this position. We wish Claire the best of luck in her new endeavours. She is one of the unsung heroes of the Society. Praise and credit flows to all members of the Society through TULLE, and I am glad of the opportunity to thank her for all the hours of work that go into the regular presentation of this journal. I look forward to receiving TULLE in its rough copy ready for typing, and hope you all enjoy receiving the finished article. Thank you, Claire, keep up the good work.

Mariane Waterford

Subs

That time of year has rolled around again when the 1985/86 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:

Mr Terence Higgins,
67 Macquarie Lodge,
171 Wollongong Road,
ARNCLIFFE NSW 2205

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.....almost!

Unfortunately, due to circumstances beyond our control the President's Report is not to hand at this time. We will print it as soon as possible.

Treasurer's Report....

THE AUSTRALIAN SOCIETY OF THE LACEMAKERS OF CALAIS

Statement of Income and Expenditure

1 October, 1984 to 27 April, 1985

<u>INCOME</u>		<u>EXPENDITURE</u>	
Balance in hand	\$640.79	Fed. Tax on Deposits	\$ 0.55
Subscriptions	315.00	State Tax on Deps.	0.08
Donations	15.00	TULLE printing and	
		postage and reprint	
		of books ... Advance	
Sale of books and		paid to NSW Bldg	
reprints	58.70	Society, Lane Cove	<u>400.00</u>
Interest 'Westpac'	9.64		
		<u>Total Expenditure</u>	<u>\$400.63</u>
		Deposit N.S.W.	
		Building Society	<u>\$400.00</u>
<u>Total Income</u>	<u>\$1039.13</u>		<u>\$800.63</u>
Balance at Westpac Cheque Account			\$238.50
Balance at N.S.W. Building Society			\$600.00
			400.00
Interest to 31.12.84			44.65
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<u>TOTAL ON DEPOSIT</u>			<u>\$1044.65</u>

Total of funds held: \$1283.15

For those who study balance sheets you may notice the drastic drop in subscriptions over the past 12 months! Without funding the Society will just cease to be.

Secretary's Report

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The A.G.M. was held at the Archives on July 17, with an attendance of 42 persons. A delicious lunch was catered for by Claire Loneragan, followed by a highly entertaining talk by Nick Vine Hall. Nick talked at length on sources for the family historian and those interested in social history, and regaled us with a collection of glorious stories that he has uncovered in his years' experiences. As an after dinner speaker he is great fun, but as a source of information and methodology, he is without par, and has offered to return and talk to the Society again. He sees the role of the Lacemakers as important in the history of the early development of the country, and hopes we will go from strength to strength.

Those present would very much like to hear him speak again. His task is very much easier if we have a specific topic for him to speak on and no area of family history seems to be out of his realm. Think of all those awkward things you have always looked for answers to, and let your committee know, and we'll see what we can do.

A brief formal meeting was held, during which all positions were declared vacant, and the following people were elected:

President: Mr Robert Wilson
Secretary: Mrs Gillian Kelly
Treasurer: Mr Terence Higgins
Editor Tulle: Mrs Claire Loneragan
Publicity Officer: Miss Marjorie Brown

CHANGES TO YOUR SOCIETY

In response to many requests and letters, there will be a slight change in format to our meetings.

From the 2nd November meeting the Executive will hold their meeting at 12.00 midday, followed by an ordinary meeting at 1.00pm. This way we hope that business discussion will be cut to a bare minimum, allowing more time for our guest speakers. It is proposed that the formal side of the meeting and speaker finish at 3 o'clock, allowing us an hour to have a cup of tea and talk with each other. All members are welcome to the executive meeting.

The committee has a list of suggested guest speakers, but would be delighted to have it extended. If you have any ideas, please get back to your committee.

FIRST EXECUTIVE MEETING

The executive held a committee meeting at Bob Wilson's home in August. At this meeting most of our problems were thrashed out, and several proposals for your consideration have been developed.

Resources

This Society owns, for your benefit:

1. The shipping lists for the Agincourt and Harpley.
2. The Adelaide Advertiser's list of Arrivals for the Fairlie.
3. The Microfiche of the Registrar General's Indices for Births, Deaths and Marriages, 1777-1900 (NSW). We are in the process of obtaining a reader, and you will be able to borrow both for a period between meetings.
4. St Pierre de Calais (a book)
5. Family histories for Branson family
Duck family
Longmire family
6. Various leaflets, and the like, pertaining to the Lacemakers.

These are presently being gathered together and will be placed at either the Archives or Richmond Villa, under the Society's name, for your research. As time goes on we plan to enlarge and extend the collection.

Budget

Herewith a proposed budget for your perusal, to be ratified at the next meeting:

Tulle	\$500
Library Search	\$210*
Rubber stamps (for marking envelopes and possessions etc.)	\$30
Microfiche Reader	\$80
Library requisites (clear adhesive plastic for protecting our "library", etc.)	\$30
Research	\$50
TOTAL	\$900

This amount is dependent on subscriptions maintaining their present level.

*It is felt by the Committee that we should be building a larger and more varied collection of research items that will benefit members in their quests. (See Mariane Waterford's motion for details of library research.)

It would seem that the Committee may have tracked down a picture of the Agincourt. As this has been no mean task, and it is obviously not common, it has been suggested that we earmark a sum of \$50 to obtain a copy for the Society.

THE BERT ARCHER COLLECTION

This collection of papers represents Bert's life-time of work in family and social history. It contains a fascinating collection of clippings, descriptions, ideas and details that are to be organised so that it can be accessioned in a way that will give easy access to everybody who is interested. While Bert's interest and knowledge of the Lacemakers of Calais was obvious to us all, his interests were wider. His search into the origins of the Archer name seem to be well documented. He had a great interest in the Bathurst area, and this extended to the goldfields around Bathurst. Once organised, we will keep a copy of Bert's work for the Society, but the originals are to go to the Mitchell Library as the Bert Archer Collection. They will, of course, be available to us all.

FRENCH CERTIFICATES

It has come to the attention of the Committee that quite a few people are experiencing difficulties in obtaining copies of French certificates. If you have applied for any, and not heard, could you let the Secretary know the details, and she will follow it up for you.

BRICKBATS AND BOUQUETS

As in any group, the vast amount of work is done by a small group of people! If you feel that you aren't getting the services you need at the speed you would hope for, could you please spare a thought for the fact that all your Committee are aware of their shortcomings, BUT:

- all work, mostly full time

- all have families, some with very small children

- all are eager to see this Society work, and work well.

The time spent on Lacemaker business outside

meetings is enormous.

It involves banking, finding auditors, telephoning, issuing receipts, public speaking to other groups (and the preparation that involves), arranging meetings, writing letters to all those who are now finding us and finding they have a place with us, chasing printers, coping with Australia Post's vagaries, finding guest speakers and so on!

Bear with us, we enjoy it, would love to get things done at the speed of light, but unfortunately weren't blessed by Superman's powers!

THE BI-CENTENNIAL PROJECT

At the outset of the Society we discussed the long term aim of putting together a history of these families ... where they came from, where they went, where their descendants are now, whether any of their skills still exist and how they are used.

It has become increasingly obvious that this has to be very long term and that the place to begin is with our own personal stories. We would like to set our target for 1988 as a written family story for every family we can find. Already Kingsley Ireland, Doug Webster and Violet Moore have made their contribution with works on the Longmires, Bransons and Ducks.

We propose that over the next 18 months we will include guest speakers who will help on the matter of writing up family stories, on their form, on various ways of publishing, depending on your family's needs (from photocopies to bound books), of the approaches you might use and those things you might include. What do you think? Are you interested? Please let us know.

Information animal, vegetable and mineral....

I have felt for some time now that there are many areas of interest to many members of the Society that are being overlooked in our research endeavours. We all know how expensive and time consuming basic family history research is, and it is often only by chance that we find interesting information that complements this research.

I have become aware of a service that the National Library of Australia (and other Libraries) offer. It is a computer search service that can provide a guide to people interested in a particular subject. The service covers several different search systems. Of course the results are not absolutely complete because of the enormity of the amount of information available (the National Library alone must have a veritable mountain of information that is not yet properly accessioned!)

I am told that the cost of such a search would be between \$50 and \$70 per item. The information will be in the form of a computer print out detailing resources available.

As with any endeavour, we may not find anything, but that then can channel our research into other areas.

I have formulated a formal motion for your consideration. It will be put at one of our next meetings and I would be grateful if you could give the matter your consideration.

*I move that the Society commit itself to an on-going research project of items of general

interest to the Society as a whole or to large sections of the Society. This research should be of a nature that can be published through TULLE or other avenues, or made readily available to members on demand.

To facilitate this I propose a proportion of annual membership dues be set aside for this purpose.

I also propose that suggestions for each year's research be submitted by members each year and voted upon at set meeting to set the direction for research for the following year.

Further, that an initial project for 1985-6 be the funding of a computer search in the National Library of Australia for any information pertaining to the three ships - the Agincourt, Fairlie and Harpley during the period around 1848."

Of Shoes and Ships and Sealing..wax

With apologies to Pat Stewart for the delay in completing the reprinting of her fascinating research, we continue her article commenced in Tulle (Issue 10). We left the article where news of the destruction of Bowen was filtering into Sydney:

The memorandum is (as it appeared in the Sydney Morning Herald) as follows:

Brisbane (Saturday 1.00am) - Telegraph Bowen via Mackay.

"A strong gale commenced to blow on Tuesday night at 7 o'clock, and on Wednesday, the glass, which had been steady, fell with

astonishing rapidity. The wind increased to a terrific hurricane, which carried all before it. Nearly every building is more or less damaged. Very many have been blown down. Hundreds of people are homeless. Since the wind ceased it has been raining in torrents. Both banks have been blown down. All the hotels are unroofed and unfit for occupation. The steamer 'Fiado'* parted her cables and is now on the beach near where the jetty stood. The jetty and store are all gone. The sea is breaking terribly over the jetty. Assistance is urgently required for many here have lost their all. All our boats are broken up and there is no chance of sending out to meet the steamer. We are waiting for them to send a boat off. The telegraph lines are wrecked for several miles."

*The 'Fiado' was at Bowen to take on a cargo of frozen meet from Poole Island. (Ref. Brisbane Courier Mail.)

S.M.H. (Intercolonial News) Thursday 7.2.1884

On 3rd February, a telegram was received from Bowen which states:

"A storm began on Wednesday morning, when houses as well as trees began to fall. The Primary School, a brick building, and numerous other buildings in the town and country were blown down. Half of the roof of the new Supreme Court was blown off. The pilot shed was blown down, and the pilot boats and the cutter were lost. At Poole Island the meat freezing works were destroyed. The machinery in the works are greatly damaged. The supposed loss amounts to between £5,000 and £10,000. The steamer, 'Fiado', broke her cable, and drifted onto the beach, and it is doubtful whether she will get

off at next Spring tides. Fortunately no lives were lost. Every house in town is more or less damaged. Many families who are rendered homeless took refuge in the English church and buildings. The general loss is very great. There is, it is supposed, a wreck at Gloucester Island, but there are no boats here to go out and make any search or render any help. It is not known where the schooner 'Pearl' is, but it is feared that she too is lost. The weather is now calm, and fortunately the rain which succeeded the storm ceased soon afterwards, or the loss would have been fearful. It is stated that had the 'Duke of Buckingham' left Townsville twelve hours earlier, she would have been lost. All the buoys in the harbour have disappeared. The steamer passed a great quantity of wreckage after leaving Bowen. The storm extended with destructive effect over a wide area. At Ravenswood there also was a severe hurricane on Wednesday, attended with heavy rain which caused a great destruction. The Roman Catholic Chapel was levelled to the ground, and the priest's house was partially blown away. The Anglican Parsonage was also unroofed, and many private dwellings shared the same fate, some being entirely blown down. Reports from outlying places describe the storm as very destructive. All the creeks within a considerable radius were rapidly flooded. The storm had an extensive front. At Clare, the old telegraph station was blown down, the wind stripping all the wires off the new building also. The Burdekin Bridge has been endangered, and heavy damage has been done to the railway. The Government have forwarded a number of tents, a boat and other articles. The Police Magistrate has received instructions to adopt every means in his power towards alleviating public distress. It is said

that about one hundred persons in Bowen have been left entirely destitute."

Marine Disaster off Queensland Coast
(by Telegraph Correspondent, Brisbane)

(Wednesday) Advice from Bowen state that Pilot Southwood from Townsville arrived there this afternoon per 'Star of Hope', Schooner, 'specially chartered by the Harbour Department of Townsville, to look for wrecks. He reports that the Barque, 'Catherine Jane' is ashore on Cape Upstart; she is a total wreck. Also a three-master Schooner 'The Duke of Richmond' is ashore on the Barrier Reef, and is a total wreck. Both the crews of these vessels arrived a Townsville in a boat on Monday. The Schooner, 'Star of Hope', goes on to Mackay, and will search Whitsunday Passage. The Government Schooner, 'Pearl', of whose safety fears were entertained, was passed yesterday off Indian Head all right!!

Report from Isisford of severe drought in some places: "...If rain does not come soon the Lower Barcoo stations will be decimated. The Lower Barcoo Road is now entirely without grass for 90 Miles ...etc."

SHIPPING NOTES

Extracts from the Brisbane Courier Mail (Shipping News) and the Sydney Morning Herald (Telegraphic Shipping News - Brisbane)

SATURDAY 2.2.1884

Ref.

B.C.M. 'Currajong for Rockhampton left Maryborough yesterday...

'Duke of Buckingham' B.I.S.N. Co's supplementary mail steamer from London via ports probably left Cleveland Bay yesterday.

'Pearl', Government Schooner now bound from Bowen to Brisbane.

MONDAY 4.2.1884

B.C.M. (Sunday) 'Currajong' for Rockhampton off Burnett River Heads 9 p.m. Thursday, probably reached Bundaberg yesterday.

'Duke of Buckingham' from London is now on her way down the coast. She arrived off Flat Top Island yesterday.

S.M.H. (Brisbane, Sunday) 'Currajong' from Sydney entered Keppel Bay yesterday afternoon.

TUESDAY 5.2.1884

S.M.H. (Brisbane) 'Currajong' from Sydney arrived Rockhampton yesterday.

WEDNESDAY 6.2.1884

S.M.H. (Brisbane) 'Currajong' left Rockhampton for Sydney.

FRIDAY 8.2.1884

S.M.H. (Brisbane, Thursday) Telegraphic communication with the North beyond Bowen is still interrupted, but repairing parties are vigorously at work and it is expected that communications will be restored by Sunday.

(Brisbane) Arrival: 'Currajong' from Rockhampton.

Once again space limits us. We will complete Pat's work in the next Issue.

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