



# TULLE

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Welcome to our first issue of "Tulle"! In the planning of the promised newsletter we gave a great deal of thought to the name and logo that appear above. The logo is a reproduction of the carriage and bobbin from Leaver's lace making machine. "Tulle" is from the old French, meaning simply lace. Thus we combine the tools of the lacemakers' trade with the product of their craft. Much as we are the products of those who went before.

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## NEXT MEETING:

At the Archives Office, Globe St., Sydney.  
20th November, 1982. 1 p.m.

There will be two special features at the meeting:

- \* An exhibition by a Sydney Lace Guild.
- \* A talk by Mrs. Lindsay Watts on the results of her extensive research into the Bromhead Family.

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## THE SHIPS (Arrivals of vessels which may have carried our lacemaker ancestors to Australia)

<u>Departed</u>	<u>Ship</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Arrived</u>
Plymouth	Fairlie	7.8.1848	Port Jackson
London	Harpley	2.9.1848	Adelaide
	Canton	12.6.1848	Port Jackson
	Gravesend	Agincourt	6.10.1848
Gravesend	Castle Eden	9.10.1848	Sydney
	Emperor	4.11.1848	
	General Hewett	13.11.1848	
	Bermdsey	7.12.1848	
	Walmer Castle	30.12.1848	
Faversham	Charlotte Jane	.10.1848	
	Steadfast		

THE ARRIVAL OF "ARGINCOURT" IMMIGRANTS

MAITLAND MERCURY

11.10.1848. Editorial. The ship "Argincourt" arrived in Sydney to-day.

14.10.1848. Arrival of Immigrants :- On Tuesday evening 106 of the "Argincourt" immigrants arrived at Morpeth per steamer, and were lodged at East Maitland. They consist of 39 married persons (including one widow), 8 young women and 14 young men above the age of 14 years, 45 children under 14 years (including 10 children of 11 years and older), and 4 infants. Most of these are English refugees from France, and they appear to be an eligible body of immigrants. On their journey from Morpeth to East Maitland on Tuesday evening (3 miles away) they were caught in a heavy thunder-storm, and were completely drenched before they reached their quarters. As they passed the Trades Arm Inn their wet appearance roused the attention of a number of gentlemen standing under the verandah, and a subscription was commenced on the spot, and a quantity of ale and bread and cheese taken to the barracks to the immigrants immediately after their arrival, which proved very acceptable.

On Thursday 22 more of the "Argincourt" immigrants and 13 of the "Charlotte Jane" immigrants arrived. Among the 35 there were 14 married persons, 4 young women and 2 young men over 14 years, and 15 children under 14. A fair number of these immigrants have been already engaged, but up to noon yesterday the only engagements registered at the police office were the following two married couples engaged as general servants, @ £26 and £36 per year respectively, with board and lodging; six young women engaged as house servants four being @ £10 per annum, one at 8s. and one @ 5s. per week all with board and lodging; and one young man engaged as a general servant @ 6s. per week, with board and lodging.



25.10.1848. The Immigrants :- No more immigrants have arrived since Friday last. The remaining three out of the twelve orphan girls have been engaged, as house servants, two at £10 per annum and one at £6, all with board and lodging. Two boys, ex "Argincourt", have been engaged since Friday, one of thirteen years as a general servant, and to have clothing, board, lodging and washing found him but no wages, one of fifteen to be taught a bakers' trade and to act as a general servant, receiving 3s. per week during the first year and 6s. per week during the second year, with board and lodging. There still remain nearly 60 persons.

11.11.1848. Immigrants :- Since we last reported the immigrant arrivals and engagements at East Maitland, there have arrived two more orphan girls ex. "Earl Grey" and on Thursday two girls of the "Emperor" families, comprising eighteen individuals, arrived. The two "Earl Grey" girls were soon engaged, as house servants, on Thursday evening, one at £10 and one at £12 per annum with board and lodging. There were two girls over fourteen years among the "Emperor" immigrants, and those two were engaged on Thursday as house servants, we did not hear at what rates. Of the "Argincourt" immigrants there now remain only three families at the depot, five families have left the depot without engagement, having opened shops or commenced something on their own account; five married men have engaged as general servants, the wives of three covenanting to assist, at £29 and £28 and £20 per year, and 10s. per week respectively, the wages and rations to vary according to services rendered; four boys under fourteen have been engaged or apprenticed out to various trades, and one girl of thirteen has been engaged as a nursemaid. There now remain in the depot, therefore, only three of the "Argincourt" families and two of the "Emperor" families. In regard to one of these last we are sorry to find the Immigration Agent in Sydney has committed a grave oversight in allowing it to leave Sydney, while the mother Mrs. Shelton, and her son James, aged 11 years, were suffering from typhus fever. It was observed when they arrived on Thursday that Mrs. Shelton and her son

were very ill, and on their arrival at the depot, had to be assisted in, and immediately placed in bed. Dr. Wilton was sent for and found them both labouring under typhus fever, although in its mildest and least dangerous form. The best arrangements were made that could be provided on the spot of the moment, and yesterday Dr. Wilton was authorised to make in the depot whatever arrangements he thought necessary for the isolation and treatment of Mrs. Shelton and her son, apart from the remaining immigrants. Yesterday, Mrs. Shelton was rather better, but her son, a fine boy, was worse.

18.11.1848. Immigrants :- Since our publication of Saturday last, two more of the "Argincourt" families have left the depot, one without engagement, and the other accompanying the husband, who had been hired as a farm servant at seven shillings a week and rations, the third family will remove in a few days at the same wages. One of the "Emporer" families has been hired as follows: the husband and wife and son (18 years) as general servants, at £40 per annum, and three rations, taking with them their five youngest children, two girls, 15 and 16 years and one boy, 14 years, as house servants, at 4s. per week each, with board and lodgings. Mrs. Shelton and her son are both gradually recovering, but are not yet able to leave their beds. No other person has been attacked with the fever, we are happy to learn.

(Material supplied by Mrs L Watts)

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If you have interesting articles which you would like to share with members why not send a copy to Theo Saywell for inclusion in a later issue of Tulle?

Maybe you would like to try your hand at writing an article or would like to express an opinion. We welcome all contributions. The Society was formed to further our understanding of a particular series of historical events. All of us will benefit from your correspondence. So please send your material to Theo.

## SOCIETY NOTES

We have included some data in this issue which cannot be regarded as complete. There is still a lot of research to be carried out before we can be sure that we have an adequate picture of our ancestors and their circumstances.

The list of ships on page one was compiled from passenger statistics which contained people born in France or Nottingham or who were lacemakers. Are there more ships or have we included too many? We would like to hear your opinion.

One project which we plan to undertake in the near future is to prepare a list of passengers from each ship. The "Fairlie" will be the first then will follow the "Agincourt" and the "Emperor". Unfortunately there is not a detailed list for the "Harpley" although Chris Sutton does have a copy of the list published in the Adelaide Advertiser.

This issue also contains an extract of a report on the debate on the refugees from Calais. It raises some interesting matters. Did all the refugees flee from France? Were the local people against the English in Calais? Was Nottingham sympathetic to the plight of the refugees? If you just read that article the answer is yes to all the questions.

There are however contrary views. Bert Archer for instance believes that the immigrants on the "Fairley" were not true refugees. They were comparatively affluent, it was probable that they left Calais in an orderly manner. Theo Saywell says that the refugees were unpopular in Nottingham where they were regarded as traitors who had exported machinery and skills to the rival Calais. Could we have your views on this?

Chris Sutton would like to remind members that when they supply family lists she would like to receive details of their occupations and where they lived.

Members are also reminded that they can obtain a discount from Margaret and Elisabeth if they forward requests for research through the Society.



THE REFUGEES - FEELINGS IN ENGLAND  
House of Commons April 7th  
English workmen expelled from France

Sir D. L. Evans wished to ask the honorable gentleman the Undersecretary a question on the subject of the British workpeople lately expelled from France. Many of them were driven away without their wages some without being able to collect their clothes and most of them with entire loss of furniture.

..... especially when he referred to the public spirited meeting which had been held on the subject at Nottingham at which every disposition was shown by persons possessing the means to assist the workpeople to whom his honorable and gallant friend had referred.

- reported in the Sydney Morning Herald  
8th August 1848.

To the Editor of the Times

Sir - An opinion prevails in England that the expulsion of the English workmen from France was occasioned merely by the action of the rabble. The following quotation from Michelet's late book on the Revolution (if you think it worthy of insertion in your columns) will show that they have not been without leaders (See Bohns edition P455).

"The mixture of two kinds of men (English and French) so dissimilar in our public works is a great injustice inasmuch as the excess and confined speciality of the Englishman (his inferiority as a man) tells in his favour as a superiority."

"It is absurd as cruel to place a Frenchman under the orders of a foreigner who knows little or nothing of our language and to whom he can neither explain himself nor complain."

"It is immoral to place a sober man under a direction of a thing brutalized by gin. Several of them are never free from intoxication."

"But impious, thice impious is it to behold a Frenchman in France under the rod of an Englishman - the son of the Grand Army under a serf whose father made nothing but calico for something still more trivial."

"The German is a formula, the Englishman a tool, But we can say to the Frenchman 'Thou art still a man'."

A Barrister

-reprinted in the Herald 11th August 1848.  
(Material supplied by Mr R Wilson)

## MEMBERSHIP LIST

<u>Family</u>	<u>Members Name</u>
Archer	A.F.Archer
Branson	Mrs Gillian Kelly
	Mrs C.Lonergan
Bromhead	Mrs Lindsay Watts
	Mr W.S.Hoy
	Mrs Joan Latter
	Mrs K.Grange
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	Mrs A.Mann
	Mrs F.Neich
	Miss L.Crofts

Each issue of Tulle will contain an extract of our current membership records. They will be published in alphabetical order so you Stubbs people will have to wait a long time before you see your name in print.

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As you are all aware Bert Archer has been ill. We wish him well and hope that he can be with us soon. His extensive research and knowledge were all missed at the last meeting.

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### NEWS FROM ABROAD

Elizabeth Simpson has discovered a sample of lace attributable to a Stubbs in Calais. It is a black lace featuring a spider design on net. Elizabeth is sending details.



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