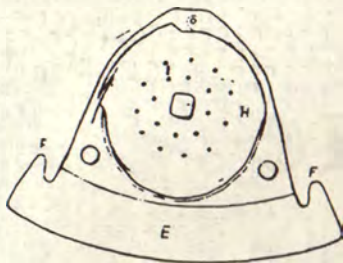


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The Australian Society
of the
Lacemakers of Calais



The Australian Society of the Lacemakers of Calais meets downstairs in the Meeting Room of the NSW State Archives, 2 Globe Street, Sydney at 1.00 pm.

THE MEETING DATES for 1984/85 are:

Saturday, 3rd November, 1984

Saturday, 16th February, 1985

Saturday, 27th April, 1985

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Saturday, 13th July, 1985

Saturday, 2nd November, 1985

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This is the last Tulle before our third Annual General Meeting, and as such will not be a big issue but it is an important one. Our long awaited "Hiram Longmire Story" is printed in its edited form in this copy - Kingsley will be both pleased and relieved! It is a lovely story, the work well researched. The original can be obtained from Kingsley Ireland, 128 PENRICE ROAD, ANGASTON, S.A. 5363.

We also start our column "Information - Animal, Vegetable and Mineral" with a delightful record of the Nottingham Goose Fair sent to us by Lola Crofts of Bathurst.

At the last meeting of Lace Makers it was decided that of four menus put forward for our A.G.M. luncheon the one chosen was as follows:

FRENCH ONION SOUP

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NAVAIM OF LAMB

and

CHICKEN WITH MUSHROOMS

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GREEN SALAD

FRENCH BREAD STICKS

APPLE STRUDEL AND CREAM

WHITE WINE AND ORANGE JUICE _____ TEA AND COFFEE

This luncheon will be held at the Archives at 12.30 p.m. on Saturday 13th July, 1985. The cost will be \$10. per head and your guests are very welcome.

At the back of Tulle there is a tear out slip for acknowledging whether or not you will want to attend the luncheon. For catering purposes all slips will have to be in to me by Friday, 21st June, at the latest. I will include my telephone number to give an alternative means of communication, post being what it is!

Our guest speaker for our A.G.M. is to be Nick Vine-Hall, the President of the Society of Australian Genealogists and a noted Sydney historian. WE urge all our members to attend not only because it is our Annual meeting, but because it is our only opportunity of seeing and meeting many of our far flung members, and because it will be a most enjoyable day and we can be historically uplifted by our honoured guest speaker!

It has been brought to my attention as editor of "Tulle" that there is not enough information given to country members about the contents of our meetings at the archives. Those members who cannot attend are feeling a little behind in what's happening. For this I sincerely apologise and want to ensure our membership that far from being forgotten, we want you to be as active as those who attend the meetings. Having said this, I now have to accept that the reporting of the meetings content has been very lax, and although the contents and decisions do filter through in a general way, there is no specific report. The Secretary and I will remedy that oversight henceforth!

Our last meeting, held on 27th April settled the question of our A.G.M. venue, menu and Guest Speaker, introduced two new members and heard from our members in a brief insight into how far (and how frustrating) their research has gone. Bob Wilson explained that even limited time and little expenditure can produce very satisfactory results. Judging by his very comidious folder, it would help I think to have the determination of Detective Clouseau and the memory of a champion Trivial Pursuit player for useful titbits of information that may come in useful.

Correspondence and finances were dealt with (we are in a healthy financial position but figures elude me - come to the A.G.M. to hear all!).

Also present was Mrs. Marcia Hawkins, with photographic equipment available to take photographs of old photographs. Unfortunately not enough notice had been given regarding this and only one member availed herself of the facility. We can arrange another day if sufficient people are interested to make the effort worthwhile. The cost is minimal - approximately \$1. per copy to cover film and processing; previous examples of her work are very good, so let me know if you are interested and we will organise it.

Don't forget that A.G.M.'s require nominations for the committee positions. All positions are open at the end of our year and we should all give some thought to who you want on the committee; the encumbant members have been there for three years, is there anyone else who would like to join it, new blood - more assistance? Please don't be complacent - A.S.L.C. doesn't work by itself it takes time and effort and needs help.

CLAIRE LONERAGAN.

LOST, STOLEN OR STRAYED

We have had two requests for help to find missing families

1. SMITH

William Smith — M. HANNAH
B C.1804 NOTTS. ENG. B .C1805 DOVER ENG. D.26.7.1852
MAITLAND

Edmund DEAN — M. MARIA CROFT m 21.2.1865
B 27.9.1836 calais B. 31.12.1842 SYDNEY

NM. EDMUND JAMES SMITH — M. AMY DAWSON 6.6.1894
1866 - 1944 1871 - 1955

DOROTHY AMY — M. WALTER H. BARKER
1908-1964

DONALD H. BARKER

If any of this fits please let MR. DON BARKER of 12 MYALL RD. WARATAH. 2298know

2. Any information on

ELLEN WIDDISON b. CALAID 2.11.1844
m. THOMAS McCOURT

Ellen was daughter of
THOMAS WIDDISON (LACEMAKER) of LENTON NOTTINGHAM
REG. 1835

and arrived on "HARPLEY" in 1848, family name
also spelt "WIDDOWSON", "WIDDERSON"

MRS. ROSEMARY J. McCOURT
"WOAKINE" BEACHPORT. S.A. 5280

is looking for Ellen's birth certificate - any information would be helpful.

Of Shoes and Ships and Sealing-wax

On 1st December, 1854, the "Lord Hungerford", a ship of 930 tons, left Plymouth, Devon, for Australia. Her Captain J.W. Hirst, surgeon superintendent was Dr. Dowman, and she carried 321 government immigrants. Among those immigrants were George and John Eastlake, from Bridestowe, a village of Devon. Both were to marry Frances Saywell, George at Mudgee in 1861, and John in Young in 1880, 4 years after George had died.

From the Sydney Morning Herald of March, 21st, 1855, we have this report of the voyage they had.

'The 'Lord Hungerford' has had a rather long passage of 108 days from Plymouth, which has been occasioned by the very boisterous weather she has had to contend with nearly the whole time. Captain Hirst reports having encountered a heavy gale of wind in the Bay of Biscay, which lasted from the sixth to the ninth of December, during which she carried away all her topmasts, sails, etc. stove bow-walks, and skylights, and lost two boats. She ran 1500 miles without her topmasts, not being able to replace them for three weeks.

'January 29th, in latitude 42.30 South, longitude 14.30 West, got among ice bergs, and saw them for 30 hours.

'The Lord Hungerford' brings to this port 321 government

immigrants classed as follows; 49 married couples, 91 single females, 53 single men, and 79 children. There have been two deaths, both infants, and two births on board during the passage. Not a single case of sickness has occurred on board during the passage.

, and the immigrants are all in very good health. They are chiefly English and Scotch, and nearly all agricultural labourers and miners. No vessels have been spoken by the "Lord Hungerford" during the passage.

(My comment: I'd like to get my hands on the Captain's log for the voyage - as near as I can make those bergs were south of Tristan Da Cunha Islands! Mid Atlantic - well south of Cape of Good Hope. Like - Why? (2,300 miles S. Cape Town!) on that latitude the Captain would need to be lucky to strike Tasmania - west coast! Probably fetched up in Franklin River! thats about 42°30'S

MARJORIE BROWN.

From the Editor.

Writing an Editorial is not an easy task, especially when one might be seen to be criticising; but I am afraid that is what I am doing now. Be sure that the criticism is pointed at no one, but directed to everyone, and I hope that it will be taken as constructive rather than destructive.

If we want our society to live and grow we have to DO something about it, and put more effort into it. Unfortunately it seems that the organisational tasks are consistently falling onto a few shoulders with insufficient help or even input coming from the body of the society. There are several ways I think we can achieve this which all bear looking at and acting upon.

1. Draw up a list of guest speakers that you would enjoy listening to and then COME to the meeting and PARTAKE
2. Possibly expand the executive to share the workload.
3. Consider the possibility of going on an excursion

to broaden our view of Australian history.

4. Decide upon the direction that you want the Society to take.

5. Perhaps the most important of all is give the Society some of your TIME.

Otherwise, believe me friends, A.S.L.C. will quietly die, - Like a small country hamlet - "Its a nice place wasn't it".

Don't ask me what to do - or what I want you to do; I cannot tell you. You as members must be the guiding force and we must all work out what WE want and then DO it. Enthusiasm is catching, and a nice affliction when you've caught it - try passing it on!

CLAIRE LONERAGAN.

PLEASE GIVE THIS YOUR ATTENTION

THE FOURTH AUSTRALASIAN CONGRESS ON GENEALOGY AND HERALDRY

Planning for the Fourth Australasian Congress on Genealogy and Heraldry to be held in Canberra between 8 and 11 May 1986 under the patronage of His Excellency, Sir Ninian Stephen, the Governor-General of Australia, is well under way.

Anthony J. Camp, Director of the Society of Genealogists, London, and one of Britain's outstanding genealogists, is to be Principal Congress Speaker. Mr. Camp has been actively involved in almost every major genealogical development in England in the last 27 years, his particular interest being in the preservation of records and their access. He has lectured widely in Europe and the USA and is the author of many books, articles, and various guides to genealogical sources. He has been honoured both in Britain and in America for his distinguished service to genealogy.

Supporting Mr. Camp will be leading Australasian genealogists, Nick Vine-Hall, Director of the Society of Australian Genealogists, and Verna Mossong,

Immediate Past President of the New Zealand Society of Genealogists. Both are respected speakers of international standing and the contribution of these and other qualified speakers from Britain, the United States, New Zealand, and Australia, with whom the Fourth Congress Committee is currently negotiating, should make the 4 day program stimulating and exciting for participants.

If you have not yet returned your Preliminary Registration of Interest form please do so as a matter of urgency as your subject preferences will be used as a guide in finalising the program. This, together with registration forms will be distributed in June and the Committee is asking for firm registrations by mid-November. The Congress address is: GPO Box 566, Canberra, 2601.

DOUG BLAIR
CHAIRMAN.

Information, animal, vegetable and mineral

NOTTINGHAM GOOSE FAIR

Lola Crofts (Bathurst - Crofts Family) sent me an article about this Nottingham tradition that goes back 700 years. Unfortunately I cannot reprint it in its entirety due to copyright laws, but I can give you a brief summary - it is from an article written by Jenny Pate for the autumn 1984 edition of "Heritage". (Ed)

The Goose Fair, held each autumn in Nottingham, has its origins in St. Matthews Fair, first held in 1284 after a charter was granted by Edward I. of England. Each year livestock and produce were traded to stock up before winter. As goose was a favourite dish for the celebration of Michaelmas, the sale of geese became of prime importance and the Fair became known locally as the Goose Fair.

The history of the fair is peppered with upheaval and violence, adding to Nottingham's reputation of being a volatile city! In 1766 increased prices for cheese sparked off a riot resulting in one death and not a

little pilfering, ending only after the army had been called in! Again in 1831 this time political violence erupted after the Reform Act had been upheld in parliament after a petition from the Duke of Newcastle. His manion was burnt down by the mob in answer.

It is reported from the 1840's that a wide range of goods including cutlery, linan, china and "locally made lace hosiery" were available for sale. There were also entertainments of the circus and sideshow-alley kind.

Up until 1929 the Goose Fair was held in the Exchange Building and Market Place. In that year however this venue was dismantled and the new Council House built to replace it and the Goose Fair relocated that year in an area north of the city called "The Forest"

Although geese no longer occupy the prime reason for the fair, it has become more of an entertainment event, the stalls selling toffee apples, brandy snaps and Nottingham lace provide a memory of the Goose Fair of times past.

Hiram Longmire 1814.....1880

THE LONGMIRE STORY FROM SOUTH AUSTRALIA

In his family history "The family History of Hiram LONGMIRE 1814-1880" Adelaide 1972. Kingsley Ireland is able to trace the LONGMIRE family back to 1692 to the Lake District of Westmoreland. He follows the family down through the centuries until he reaches the central figures in his story William LONGMIRE and THOMASIN LANGWITH and son Hiram LONGMIRE. In following the earlier part of his story he mentions the names ENGLISH, HORNER, BRAITHWAITE and PAGE, folk who married into the LONGMIRE family between 1692 and 1774 in the northern countries of England. Kingsley brings to our notice that the name LONGMIRE means "dweller at the long marsh or bog" (Surnames of United Kingdom, Henry Harrison, London 1912) and tells us that in the area of Windermere there are farms noted on Ordinance maps of Troutbeck called "Longmire" and "Law Longmire".

In the beginning of the story about Hiram other families arry into the LONGMIRE FAMILY in Nottingham, CARTER AND CLARKE are two names mentioned between about 1786 and 1830.

Hiram's parents Thomasin and William were living at Gramby St. Nottingham and William worked as a FWK (framework knitter) when Hiram was born. A copy of his baptismal certificate from St. Nicholas Church is reprinted in the "history"

Hiram married Ann WHILDON and had a son Henry in 1836 and Hiram (jr.) in 1838. Both registrations in Nottingham indicate they lived in Nottingham and that Hiram was occupied as a lacemaker. In 1841 a daughter Mary was born. The 1841 census of England has them all living in Orchard Square and the Population of Nottingham 52,614.

By 1893 prices of plain net were very low, so Hiram moved his family to Calais, France where we worked in the lace industry. Two children, Elizabeth (1844) and Walter (1846) were born in France and their birth certificates were obtained by Kingsley.

At the outbreak of the French revolution against Louis-Phillippe in 1848 the istuation in the Nottingham lace industry had reached a state of panic. William Felkin in his book "History of the Machine-Wrought Lace and Hosiery Manufacture" (centenary edition 1967) notes that .."No regular sales of either hosiery or lace were made in the home markets from October, 1847 to April 1848 and much distress was caused ...". Needless to say this was not the place to return when the French demanded the expulsion of the Eng lacemakers from Calais. Hiram did not find prosperity in Calais and so joined the English workers requesting from Lord Palmerston passage to South Australia.

As we know from the "Papers Relative to Emigration" (Tulle Nos. 5,6,7) there was quite a favourable response from the Colonial Office and in due time the

immigrants including Hiram and Ann LONGMIRE and their children Henry, Hiram, Mary Elizabeth and Walter, boarded the "Harpley" bound for South Australia. Kingsley tells us that the "Harpley" of 571 tons was colonial build. Her master was a man named Buckland.

"The poop of the ship was transformed into a habidasher's shop from which everything necessary was gratuitously and unsparingly supplied to those who were in need
"Only two deaths occurred on the voyage out, those of an older man and a delicate infant. As a result 256 healathy people arrived on Saturday 2nd September 1848", On board a remarkably clean and well commanded ship" Kingsley Ireland.

The LONGMIRE family settled at Dry Creek near Adelaide. Annie was born to Hiram and Anne in November, 1848. Another son born in 1851 died at birth. By 1852 they had moved to Walkerville, closer to the city of Adelaide. Emily was born here in 1852 but only lived for 15 months. Following her death they moved to Riverton, about 55 miles north of Adelaide. Here Henry (Kingsley's great grandfather) married in 1857 and Mary died aged 17 in 1848.

In 1863 Hiram built the "Traveller's Home" Inn. Nantawarra and South Hummocks are each separate tiny places, distinct from Lochlet, on the Hummock's Rum, a leasehold sheep run occupied by John Ellis. A year later Elizabeth was married at the Inn. The township of Lochiel was later surveyed around the Inn.

In 1864 Ann died, aged 53. She was buried locally in what is now called Salt Lake Cemetary. In early 1869 Hiram, 55, married Caroline WARD, 34, a widow of Salt Lake at the Congregational Manse at Kadina. Later that year their only child Edwin Hiram was born at the "Travellers Home".

In February 1870 Longmires Inn was sold for 126 pounds. Hiram bought land in Lochiel in May, 1870 but soon after moved to Kadina where he was recorded in the "South Australian Directory" 1873-79 as a "chaff and corn dealer". Hiram died on 17th February, 1880 aged 66 years and was buried in Kadina cemetary. Caroline outlived him by another thirty years and died in July 1910 aged 75.

TAKEN FROM:
"FAMILY HISTORY OF HIRAM LONGMIRE 1814-1880"
BY HINGSLEY IRELAND 1972.

A booklet of 52 pages including additional Biographical accounts of Hiram's children and grandchildren and charts of descendants up to 1972 including GRANT CHAPMAN former M.H.R. for Kingston S.A. and ROGER GOLDSWORTHY recent deputy premier of S.A.

Available from KINGSLEY IRELAND, 128 PENRIGE RD. ANGASTON. S.A. 5353. for \$7. including Post and Packaging.



Ann



Hiram



Caroline

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A.G.M. LUNCHEON.

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ON 13TH JULY, 1985, AND REQUIRETICKET/S AT
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NAME.....

TICKETS WILL BE AVAILABLE PRIOR TO THE LUNCHEON
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