

INVERLOCHY (1895-1902)

The Inverlochy was wrecked off Anglesea in 1902

THE INVERLOCHY LOG

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GROUP MEETS

2nd. Thursday of the month
10am

Historical Society Museum
McMillan Street Anglesea

MEMBERSHIP

Subscription for year 1st. June to 31st.

May

Single or Family.....
\$12

This is in addition to membership of the
Historical Soci-

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Subscriptions include four issues of the
Historical Society's and Family History
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*Don.t Forget—Angair Wild
Flower Show—16th-17th
September*



CONVICT INDENTS ETC.

The Convict Indents are the most important legal records in the Convict System. They are usually lists of convicts arranged by the ships in which they arrived, although there are some alphabetical lists up to 1800. The earliest records only give name, place and date of conviction, and sentence; but by the late 1820s, details such as age, native place, marital status, literacy, crime and physical description were also given. The Indents often include details of later events in a convict's 'career', such as ticket of leave, certificate of freedom or pardon number; notes on colonial offences, re-transportation to a penal settlement, or death.

The first major 'event' in a convict's career after arrival was assignment, with prisoners usually sent to a private settler or kept to work for the Government.

Ticket of leave

A ticket of leave allowed a convict to work for his/her own benefit, on conditions (chiefly that he/she remaining in a district). A convict was eligible after satisfactorily serving from 4-8 years of his/her term (depending on the length of the original, sentence).

Certificate of Freedom

This document showed that a convict had finished his sentence. It was usually given to convicts with 7 or 14 year sentences.

Conditional Pardon

Two major types of pardons were available to convicts with long sentences such as life, or occasionally 14 years. A Conditional Pardon remitted the remainder of a convict's sentence on the condition that the person did not return to Great Britain.

Absolute Pardon

An Absolute Pardon unconditionally remitted the remainder of a convict's sentence.

THE CONVICTS

Australia was originally established as a British convict colony. Convicts were literally persons convicted of and under sentence for a felony or crime in the eyes of the law of the day. There were approximately 82000 convicts transported to Australia between 1788 and 1849. Over the first 40 years about 2100 of these were women. A great many were charged with crimes against property, such as stealing food or clothing, some of the bare necessities of life.

As you remember in the last newsletter we read about Jill Giles GGG grandfathers trip to London from Ireland, in this issue we will read part of his fathers diary on his trip to Ausralia in 1857. The final part will be in the next newsletter

THE ELLIOTT LINE

FRANCIS ELLIOTT (the first Francis was born in 1750 (approx.) at Drogheda in Ireland. He was a brewer by trade and was famous for a brand of ale known as "Frank Elliott's Ale". He built two houses in West Street, Drogheda, where in one of them at No. 11 he conducted his business. He had three children - one son and two daughters - William Henry born in 1775, Sarah born in 1776 (approx.) and Mary born in 1777 (approx.) Sarah married Andrew Branagan of Collon near Drogheda, they had two children - Andrew who was a Colonel in the British Army in America in 1838 and Frank who was an architect. Mary married Charles Stuart of Castle Blaney in County Monaghan, Ireland, they had a daughter Mary who married a Mr. Miller.

WILLIAM HENRY ELLIOTT (the first William was born in 1775) at Drogheda. He was the only son and eldest child of Francis Elliott (first Francis). He was a cabinet maker and conducted his business at No. 11 West Street, Drogheda. He also had a partnership with his son, Francis Augustus (second Francis) in a Drapery shop known as the "New Scotch Warehouse" at No. 5 Shop Street, Drogheda, (shop Street may also have been known as Main Street. He married Rose Anne Donaldson who was born at Drumcondra, Ireland, they had seven children six sons and one daughter, five of whom died in infancy, only two sons survived to adulthood namely - Francis Augustus (second Francis) born on 8-8-1800 and Thomas Henry Rose Anne (nee Donaldson) died in 1835.

FRANCIS AUGUSTUS ELLIOTT (second Francis was born on 8/8/1800 At Drogheda, he was an Auctioneer and was in partnership with his father (above) in the Drapery Shop. He was one of the two surviving sons of William Henry Elliott (first William) and Rose Anne (nee Donaldson) Elliott. In 1823 (approx.) at St. Peters Protestant Church, Drogheda he married Anne Quinn, she was 15 years of age at the time, she was born at Carrick Macross, Ireland in 1808 (approx) and was the daughter of Edward Patrick Quinn who had a Drapery Establishment at Carrick Macross. In 1822 he undertook a journey on the St. George Steam Packet to Paris stopping off in London for a short while. He and his wife Anne had three children - Sophia Anne (Sidney) William Henry (Second William) and Maria Cecilia. Sophia was born on 24/9/1824, William on 7/6/1826 and Maria in 1828, she died when she was three years old. Francis Augustus died in 1828 of a 9 day fever, Maria being born 3 months after his death. His wife Anne then was only 20 years old and his brother Thomas Henry took over the management of his affairs and swindled the family out of everything, including 2,000 pounds lodged at the bank for his son and daughter. His wife Anne died at about 23 years of age.

Our First Birthday

At the meeting held in June, we managed to get through the business part in quick time, shortly after, the champagne started to flow and lots of nibbles appeared, for the next couple of hours a very sociable time was had by all.

The main feature of the day was the presentation of a life membership to our popular Chairperson, Pat Hughes, which everyone agreed was well deserved



1857 - DIARY OF WILLIAM HENRY ELLIOTT (b. 1826 - d. 1908) of his trip from DROGHEDA, IRELAND to migrate to MELBOURNE, AUSTRALIA.

(Written in his own handwriting, in the reverse end of his Father's Diary Francis Augustus Elliott (b. 1800 - d. 1828) The said Diary now belongs (in 1980) to Donald William Elliott (b. in 1908) Don died in the 1990's

A JOURNAL OF MY VOYAGE to MELBOURNE, August 4th 1857, in the MORNING LIGHT

1857 - August 4th, left Drogheda, Ireland at 6 o'clock a.m., train for Warren Point. Arrived there 40 minutes past. Breakfasted with Mr. Courtney then walked out to meet my mother (in-law) and my child, did not walk far before I met them. Cannot express the delight I felt on seeing my darling son James, he recognized me before Mother (in-law) seen me I found him greatly improved, came back to Mr. Courtney's with Jimmy and Mother (in-law). Stopped a short time there and then went to Mrs. Burns with the small table and Ma. Was very cordially received there, had a walk with Jimmy and Mother (in-law). Seen Mr. Dollan then went to Mr. Courtney's, stopt there the remainder of the day and dined there also. Arranged my affairs there. Parted with my darling boy James, shortly before I left Warren Point. Suffered extreme mental agony during that day, thought of the great difference between my first visit and last visit to Warren Point. Wished I could see my poor Ellen once more, was very much affected at parting with Mother (in-law) and indeed she was very much affected also. Poor woman I hope she will bear up against this affliction and as the song sais - *We may be happy yet.* Mr. Courtney came with Mother (in-law) to the train to see me off - I really must not pass here without expressing my sincere gratitude to that gentleman for the interested friendship he has shown to me and *my family* and as long as God shall prolong my existence in this Shadowy World I shall always regard him with feelings of the very highest esteem. I left Warren Point, Ireland at 10 minutes before 6 o'clock and arrived in Dundalk, Ireland at 1/4 past 7, got on board of the "Enterprise" at 9 and under very great excitement wrote a letter in the cabin to my Dear Wife. Weighed anchor about 10 o'clock, was a little sick. Got to Liverpool, England at 10 a.m. on the 5th. After some time met Sarah and Bernard, had breakfast with them then went to Banes, Cook Street and paid the balance of my passage to Melbourne. Then went to get my chest down to where they were shipping the luggage on Board of the Morning Light. Got *my* chest measured after some difficulty then went and had dinner with Sarah and Bernard, after which we went out to buy a guard for my watch which Sarah bought and presented to me as a parting gift. Bought a piece of material for some scarfs, then went to the Colloseum - was very much amused, then went to lodgings about 11 O'clock and Bernard went to leave Sarah at Mrs. Megan's. I slept badly. 6th - was awake from 3 O'clock a.m., could not get any more sleep with the thoughts of home, my wife and children. Got out of bed at 6 o'clock, washed and dressed. Wished to get out to have a walk but had to wait till 8 o'clock before anyone was up. Expected to meet Bernard every moment but was disappointed. Walked about till 9 o'clock then determined to wait no longer, so proceeded to find my way to the Collingwood Docks to meet my friend Frank Elliott but had not got far when I met Bernard most unexpectedly - met Sarah soon after then took a cab to the pier where we expected to meet Frank. Went into a house to have a drop of something in order that I might wait till Bernard and Sarah would go to meet my friend. They went and shortly after I had the infinite pleasure of seeing Frank, was very happy to hear from him that my Dear Wife was bearing up well - may God grant her strength of mind to persevere in her undertaking. After some delay we went and got Franks, luggage down to the Seekham Slip where a Steamer was taking the passengers luggage to the ship, then went on board the Morning Light which was lying out in the river at this time. Before coming to the Slip we went to Cook Street with Frank and he paid the balance of the passage money, having had to wait for some time to get the Boxes measured. Frank and Bernard went to get some dinner and when they came I and Sarah went to have some dinner then, and Frank and Bernard got the luggage on board of the steamer

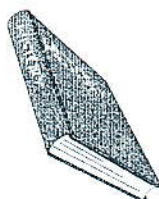
and went while we were at Dinner and shipped them on board of the Morning Light.

After this we were obliged to take refuge in a tavern from the rain which came down in torrents. I was very much wet having sat there for some time. We took a Cab and drove to John Reid's lodgings but did not see him then. Drove to the Colloseum which we enjoyed very much, we stayed there till about 11 O'clock, after there we went and had Supper and a glass of ale, then went to our lodgings. We got room for Sarah: In the same house where we stpped. I and Frank slept in the one bed and had a good night's rest. 7th - Were up and dressed at 7 o'clock but did not get out till half past 7. Went into a Tavern with Frank and had a drop of short stuff and waited for Sarah till she came downstairs, and were soon after joined by B.



Just a reminder, particularly to the newer members, that we have an ever growing library, which is well looked after by Jill Giles. There are several "how to" books, lots of magazines, and we are exchanging newsletters with several other family history groups, new ones being so if anyone is in these areas you should check them out.

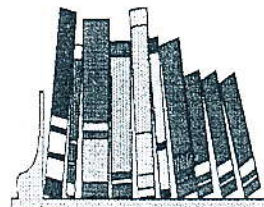
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ALTERNATIVE MEETING DAY

This may be on the back page but it is an extremely important matter

For months now the committee has been discussing the problem that not all members can attend our Thursday meetings, particularly the lady golfers, so it has been decided to hold a special meeting on Wednesday 16th August commencing at 1 P.M..

This will not be a formal meeting, but just a discussion on how we can overcome this dilemma, once this is sorted out we will have problem solving session until about 3 P.M. All members are invited to come along, not only those who can't make it on Thursdays.



Some of the members enjoying our first birthday celebration