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THE HISTORY OF TASMANIA

By

Reg. A. Watson



Volume One deals with the history of Tasmania beginning with its geographical formation, the coming of the Tasmanian aborigine and on to the early European explorers, beginning with Abel Tasma in 1642. Following British settlement at Risdon Cove in 1803 by Lt. John Bowen, and then continues with the colony's progress, dealing among many aspects such as the Black Line of 1830, bushrangers, end of convict transportation, the gold rushes, the Eureka Stockade and finally to the name change from Van Diemen's Land to Tasmania and Responsible Government in 1856.

Volume Two deals with the incredible development of the independent colony, which includes the Boer War (1899-1902). On the 1st January 1901 came federation, later WWI and the industrial development such as Hydro construction. Then WWII, following by a brief summary of post war Tasmania.

The book is entertaining. It is not just a record of events. To highlight the personal experience of those who lived before us, the book follows the lives of a pioneering family, the Wentworths together with the Wades who came with Colonel David Collins in 1804 and the Morgan family who arrived in Sydney on the First Fleet in 1788 and later to Van Diemen's Land (Tasmania).

The book is factual and covers all aspects of Tasmanian history like mining, the theatre, communication, church, social, newspapers, war, industry, political development and so much more.

Format: PDF

Cost: \$40 – Includes both volumes

TASMANIAN CRIME STORIES



By Reg. A. Watson. Eleven selected Tasmanian crime cases – and more, dealing with murder and missing persons. A unique and unusual book, all factual and most not previously dealt with. A fascinating look at this aspect of Tasmania's history. A5 size. 115 pages with photographs... Includes the case of the last man to be hanged in Tasmania, Frederick Thompson and the 1922 the triple murder in Swansea, The murder of Chinese man, Samuel Yick in 1913, the Tasmanian connection to the notorious Jack the Ripper and the murder of Eric Robinson at the Moonah Railway Station in 1941, besides others.

Format: PDF

Cost: \$30 with up-to-date material on the Lucille Butterworth case.

“HISTORIC SNIPPETS OF TASMANIA”



The book contains 66 short snippets of Tasmanian amazing historic past. All taken from Reg's history programme aired on FM Radio, many varied subjects are carried from Errol Flynn to Bishop Nixon, to Alexander Pearce, to Tasmania's military history to colonial Tasmanian artists and architects. Entertaining and informative. Very well illustrated.

Format: Printed book

Cost: \$30. Posted \$38

“TASMANIAN WOMEN OF ACHIEVEMENT”

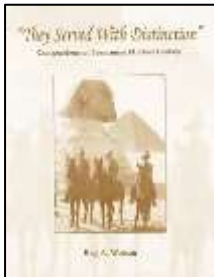
Written with Kate Carlisle. This box set contains three booklets, dealing from colonial women up to modern times. Includes among many, Lady Jane Franklin, Amy Sherwin, Doone Kennedy first female Lord Mayor of Hobart, Senator Shirley Walters, Lucy Purchas, Nurse Elizabeth Orr, Dolly Dalrymple and Kath Venn. \$30 (\$40 posted) A valuable social and historical contribution to the State's heritage.

Format: Boxed set of three booklets

Cost: \$20. Posted \$30

“THEY SERVED WITH DISTINCTION”

Compendium of Tasmanian Military History



This book from REG A WATSON highlights the State’s military history. It tells of Tasmania’s involvement in The Anglo-Boer War, where Tasmania won its first Victoria Crosses. It substantially deals with this ‘forgotten war’ moving then to the First World War in which fourteen thousand Tasmanians served and nearly 3,000 lost their lives. The book then progresses to the Second World War, providing much detail on the State’s involvement and the sacrifice of its citizens. The Army, Navy and Air Force are all given equal prominence and many facts and figures are revealed. The book also contains moving stories of events and individuals. The Second World War section carries a comprehensive and important list of those Tasmanians who died, from whatever causes, between the years 1939-1945. It is a great source of reference material. Finally, there is a section on Korea and briefly on Vietnam, carrying the Tasmanian names of those who died fighting for their country. This book is an exceptional and valuable reference to the State’s military history.

Format: Printed A4 size 224 pages, many photographs.

Cost: \$49.95. Posted: \$57 within Australia

TASMANIA! A SAGA OF A PIONEERING FAMILY.

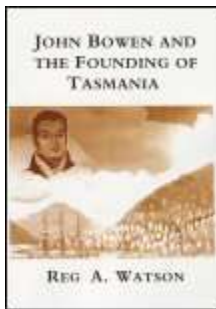


This amazing story deals with the history of Tasmania (Van Diemen’s Land) from the year dot until 1856 with the coming of Responsible Government. Written in a novel style, the book deals with the very early development and exploration of Tasmania. Contained in its pages are such pioneers as the Rev Bobby Knopwood, the Solomon Brothers, Richard Morgan and family, John Wade, Feltham Bold Wentworth and the early governors of Van Diemen’s Land, such as John Bowen and lover Martha Hayes Quinn, David Collins, William Sorell, George Arthur, John Franklin and others up until 1856. The book also deals with the early industry of live theatre in Tasmania and the building of the well known and famous Theatre Royals, both in Hobart and Launceston.

Format: PDF

Cost: \$20.

JOHN BOWEN AND THE FOUNDING OF TASMANIA



This is the book the Tasmanian State Government preferred not to see published.

Far from being politically correct, it deals with the founding of Tasmania in 1803 by Lt John Bowen RN. This was the first British settlement in Tasmania, an occasion the State Government wished never happened.

The book deals with the early European explorers of Tasmania, the Dutch, French and British, moving on to the settlement of Bowen and the 48 others who came with him. The settlement is discussed, followed by the coming of David Collins in 1804 and William Paterson in the north of the island. The book then deals with the demise of the Bowen settlement at Risdon Cove and the removal to Sullivan's Cove, now Hobart. The final two chapters tell of the recent history of Risdon Cove, up to 1995. The final chapter reveals the politics behind the scenes with the handling over of the site of the first settlement at Risdon Cove to radical aboriginal activists by successive State Governments, both Labour and Liberal.

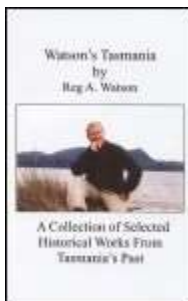
The book is non-apologetic, in that it refers to Bowen's arrival as the "British settlement" rather than the recently adopted and politically-correct term, "European invasion"

Good informative reading. Foreword by Sydney academic and author, Keith Windschuttle..

Format: PDF - 130 pages, A5 size, together with pics and index

Cost: \$25.

WATSON'S TASMANIA



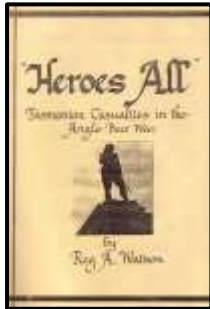
A selection of historical works on Tasmanian history, including military, social, aboriginal, crime, colonial, parliamentary and religious which Mr Watson had had published, elsewhere, in leading newspapers and magazines over a career exceeding fifty years. Murderers, scandals, cads, heroes, controversial figures, strange mysteries and UFOs – there're all here and more! Material includes,

Thomas Francis Meagher, Sean Flynne, Tasmanian POWs, Chubbie Miller, Captain Cook, Betty King and John Batman.

Format: PDF - 160 pages, A5 size, together with photos

Cost: \$20.

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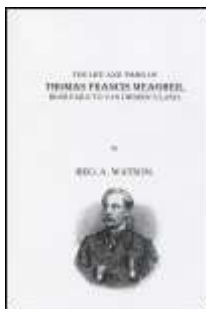


Tasmanian Casualties in the Boer War. By well-known Tasmanian historian and author, Reg. Watson. This most important historical book is a must for all lovers of history, militaria and researchers. Thirty-three Tasmanians died in that war at the turn of the century and the book carries profiles on all of them, beside a number of others. The book also contains photographs of those that died, explanatory notes, and index.

Format: PDF - A4 size, 72 pages

Cost: \$20.

THE LIFE AND TIMES OF THOMAS FRANCIS MEAGHER – Irish Exile to Van Diemen's Land. A Biography.



The Life and Times of Thomas Francis Meagher

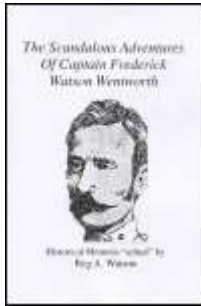
Thomas Francis Meagher was an Irish exile to Van Diemen's Land. Involved with the Young Ireland Movement. He, with six other Irish political exiles, was transported to the penal isle for the rest of his life. Thomas was sent to the Midlands and after a period of time married a beautiful Tasmanian girl, Catherine Bennett. In 1852, Thomas escaped and made his way to the USA. Catherine after giving birth to their only son (who died three weeks later and is buried in the grounds of St John's Church, Richmond Tasmania) went to join him, but Thomas had changed and virtually rejected her. Catherine, broken in spirit, travelled to Ireland where she died giving birth to a second son. In the meantime, Thomas had become a celebrated hero in his newly adopted home. When the Civil War broke out, he became a General for the Union Cause. Afterwards he became Acting Governor for the

(then) Territory of Montana. He died mysteriously in 1867 and is much revered in the State of Montana.

Format: Printed – A5 size, Several photos

Cost: \$25. Postage \$8.00 within Australia

THE SCANDALOUS ADVENTURES OF CAPTAIN FREDERICK WENTWORTH WATSON – A Tasmanian Cad and Rake. Papers edited by Reg. A. Watson.



Tasmania will never be the same. Based on the “scandalous” adventures of a Tasmanian rake, the book is divided into four sections:

- i. “Tasmania’s Civil War”
- ii “The Duke of the Duchy of Flinders Island”
- iii “Frederick Meets the Breaker” (Morant).
- iv. Chubbie Miller, female aviator, and Captain Frederick.
- v. Freddie and the Titanic.

For those who like a rollicking laugh over the exploits of an unbelievable character, based against a historical background, this is a must. Material from which telemovies are made!

Format: Printed - A4 size

Cost: \$20. Postage \$8.00 within Australia

GOVERNOR WILLIAM AND JULIA SORELL

A family history against the background of frontier Van Diemen’s Land, until the cessation of transportation and establishment of the Tasmanian Constitution. The first published biography of Julia Sorell, who left for England in 1856, as the wife of Thomas Arnold, an inspector of Tasmanian Schools, who accepted Chairs at Oxford University and Dublin. Julia was the grandmother of Dr. J. Huxley of UNESCO and writer Aldous Huxley (“Brave New World”), etc.

By Jane Sorell, collateral descendant of Julia and modern Tasmanian authoress and educator.

Format: Printed – A5 size 192 pages including several photos and index.

Cost: \$20. Postage \$8.00 within Australia

LIEUTENANT WALTER OLIPHANT ARNOT

The tragic story of Lt. Arnot, a South Australian who, despite having a wonderful military career in the Australian Army during the South African War (1899-1902), took his life by his own hands. Conveniently forgotten by officialdom at the time, he is now buried in a remote spot in that far off land, his grave tended to by the respectful villagers. Why did Arnot take his life? Mystery still surrounds this sad affair. Now it is time to remember this brave, but unfortunate hero. Interesting reading for all concerned. In Essay form, together with photos. A4 size.PDF \$6.

Format: PDF - A4 size

Cost: \$6.00

A TASMANIAN'S PARTICIPATION IN THE FORGOTTEN WAR

An essay. Taken from Private Robert's diary of the Boer War.

Format: PDF - A4 size 20 pages

Cost: \$6.00

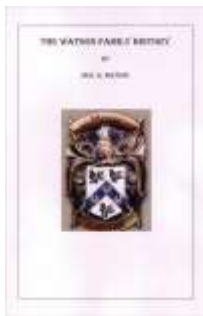
DISTINGUISHED TASMANIAN HISTORICAL PARLIAMENTARIANS

By Reg. A. Watson. The booklet highlights a number of historical local parliamentarians who have played a major, albeit often forgotten, part in Tasmania's parliamentary history.

Format: Printed – A5 size 30 pages with photos

Cost: \$5.00

WATSON FAMILY HISTORY – Reg Watson Family History



With photographs and charts. Traces this particular Watson line way back from Rutland England and in detail the existence of the family in Australia, dating from 1823. Based on decades of research. Photographs and charts.

Format: PDF -

Cost: \$20.

PIONEERS OF VAN DIEMENS LAND



Bowen Memorial

A dossier on 43 prominent pioneers of the isle State, including wealthy businessmen, Henry Reed and Henry Hopkins, early Jewish settlers, Judah and Joseph Solomon, the first Anglican minister, Rev `Bobby` Knopwood, and Tasmania's first-born Premier, Sir Richard Dry. Others include Bishop Nixon, Martin Cash (bushranger), John Wade, Richard Morgan, Amy Sherwin, John Glover – artist – The Merediths, Joseph Darling and Dr William Valentine, Errol Flynn – and many more. Together with selected number of photographs.

Format: PDF -

Cost: \$25.

CANADIAN/AMERICAN EXILES TO VAN DIEMENS LAND

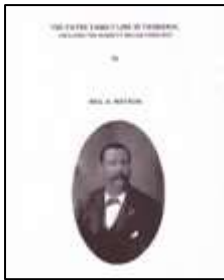


An essay on this most significant, little-known episode, in Tasmania's history. 92 rebels from Canada arrived to endure five long brutal years until pardoned. Two monuments exist in Hobart to their memory. With some photographs.

Format: PDF

Cost: \$20.

THE PAYNE FAMILY LINE IN TASMANIA



This essay documents the Payne family in Tasmania. Descending from Thomas Payne, it embraces the coming together of the Burnett and Miller families. Includes several photos.

Format: PDF

Cost: \$8.00

STRANGE HAPPENINGS OVER THE SKIES OF TASMANIA AND BASS STRAIT

Contained in this most interesting report are various mystery disappearances and observations during the twentieth century over the waters of Bass Strait and Tasmania. The work also includes the mysterious disappearance of Frederick Valentich on October 21, 1978, believed to have had a close encounter with a UFO. Other Tasmanian, but equally intriguing stories are included. PDF \$15.

Format: PDF

Cost: \$15

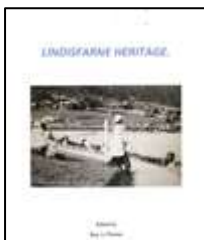
RICHARD MORGAN AND THE HISTORIC BARN AT ROSNY

Richard Morgan and his family were the first settlers on Hobart's eastern shore, arriving in 1806. In 1813 the stout barn was built which still stands today, making it the oldest existing building still standing in Tasmania. PDF \$10

Format: PDF

Cost: \$10.

LINDISFARNE HERITAGE



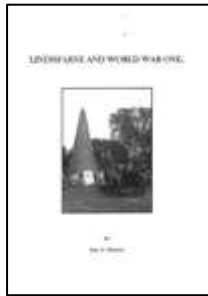
Lindisfarne Heritage deals with the complete history of the Lindisfarne area which stretches from Rose Bay to Risdon. Beginning with a brief account of pre white history, it continues with the British settlement at Risdon Cove, under Lt. John Bowen RN in September 1803 to modern times. It not only deals with colonial times, but also with local military history, churches, sports, communal,

agricultural, families and local identities. It begins with a chronological time chart and moves on from there. Carries 40 individual stories, contributed by various authors with many historical photos. It is a valuable aid to understanding Tasmanian history. Published by the Lindisfarne Historical Society.

Format: Printed - A4 size

Cost: \$35. Postage \$8.00 within Australia

LINDISFARNE WORLD WAR I



This booklet is a concise history of Lindisfarne and its surrounds prior to and during World War One. The contribution of the community to the overall war efforts was substantial especially taking into account its small size at the time i.e., 700 individuals. It also contains a list of all those men who died as a result of their service who lived at one time in the community.

Format: Printed – A5 size

Cost: Free. Postage \$8.00 within Australia

THE DISGRACE OF RISDON COVE.

Produced by the Bowen Association, this provocative and thought-provoking DVD will inform viewers of the deplorable modern history and neglect of one of our most valuable historic sites.

Format: MP4 - Video

Cost: \$20.

TASMANIAN WAR FATALITIES FROM THE ZULU WAR ONWARDS

Deals with Tasmanian casualties in all wars from the Zulu War to Afghanistan, including the Sudan, WWI, WWII, Korea, Vietnam, Malaya and the Indonesian Confrontation. Four thousand and three hundred names contained in 436 pages. Also lists those Tasmania killed and where buried at Gallipoli, Boy Soldiers and those Tasmanians who went down on the HMAS Sydney and HMAS Parramatta - and much more!

Format: PDF - A4 size

Cost: \$40.00

PARRAMATTA, - TASMANIA COLONIAL CONNECTIONS



The book deals with the many colonial connections between the two early colonies and colonialists such as John Batman, James Kelly, Colonel William Paterson, the 99th Foot, Governor Lachlan Macquarie, HMAS Parramatta, Reverend Samuel Marsden, Father John Therry and others.

Reg visits Parramatta on a regular basis as one of his daughters lives in the city. Taking advantage of his time in Parramatta, he quickly saw the opportunity to record the many historic connections. "If the book is successful," he states, "I will do even a larger volume two edition as more connections have come to light".

Foreword by Gwen Hardstaff, President of the Hobart Town (1804) First Settlers Association and Brian Powyer, President of the Parramatta & District Historical Society.

The book is the first ever on the subject, bringing the City of Parramatta and the state of Tasmania together.

Format: Printed – A5 size

Cost: \$20. Postage \$8.00 within Australia

PARRAMATTA, - TASMANIA COLONIAL CONNECTIONS VOLUME II



This follows on from Reg's Volume I of the same title. In this volume he again explores and highlights the shared heritage of the early colonial settlements, Parramatta NSW and Tasmania, then Van Diemen's Land.

Within its pages will be found Scientist Charles Darwin, the Sisters of Charity who served both communities, the Female Factories of both colonies, Surveyor James, Meehan, Archbishop John Bede Polding, Matthew Flinders, bushrangers William Westworth and Rocky Whelan, Judge Advocate an Lt Governor David Collins and many more. Each has a chapter on them. Many photographs and comes with an index. Good size print.

Format: Printed - A4 size

Cost: \$30. Postage \$8.00 within Australia

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