

Barlow/Cooley Newsletter 2

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**4th Reunion
hosted in
Tassie!**

Ulverstone, in quiet little North-West Tasmania, made a terrific setting for our latest reunion. The sun shone, the waves lapped on the beach nearby and everywhere we looked there seemed to be smiling faces, laughter, talking and music!

Thank you to all who came along and joined our gathering.



Special Moments

Toasting our very own "Matriarch" Ida Bishop who made the journey from Melbourne, helped by Denise & Ron, to come and share her memories and Kelley family history.

Our wandering minstrels, Russ & Gail who entertained us all weekend with their music and song.

Having my partner Jim and my sister and brother, Ann and Mike, take such great care of our visitors and provide me with lots of support, so I could enjoy the organizing aspect of the reunion.

Watching the fascinating old movie taken in 1939 that John has carefully preserved: and seeing our 21st century reunions, captured on video by Tony.

Congratulating Tony on the launch of his superb book "A Quarry Speaks" about the history of Salamanca andfinding out he was a famous author

back during the days of Bill Fuller's bookshop!

Enjoying the company and generosity of Shelley & Athol who gave us the use of their "home" at No #5 for the weekend to use as a "drop-in" centre!

Saturday afternoon saw us all gather in the gardens at Willaway to officially welcome our travelers and to mark the occasion of our fourth reunion. We easily spent a few hours looking at photo albums, charts, books, slide shows and family memorabilia. Rob & Helene came along on Saturday to fly the flag for the White family. Clive Cooley came along and proved the name is still alive and well in Tassie. Along with his sister Merle & nephew Paul, they represented Thomas Chas' family. We had a terrific response from the Kelley gang representing youngest Cooley daughter, Martha who moved to Victoria after her marriage to Robert Kelley. Granddaughter, Ida Bishop, bought along a very special silver brooch, worn by Martha on her wedding day. The remainder of our group represented, Elizabeth Cooley who married William Barlow in 1862. So...next time we hope to entice descendants of John Todd Cooley and Charles Morris Cooley to come along to Hobart in 2008.



Dinner on Saturday night was a happy event, no driving needed as we had only to walk

about 200 metres to the restaurant. After dinner Russ and Gail entertained not only our group, but some other lucky diners as well. The sun shone during Sunday's BBQ lunch and once again everyone made the most of the time available. On the notice board was a story sent by Ros from Dubbo who is a descendant of a Robert Edmondstone.

We believe he is Margaret Aberdeen Cooley's half-brother from Edinburgh.

CD-ROM

Kerrie has produced the first edition of the Barlow/Cooley family history. With family trees, photos, documents and a sound file, this cd has attempted to put decades of research into one format that can be shared among many. Copies are priced at \$20 which will help cover the printing costs for the reunion, some further research, editing software and help toward producing the next edition for 2008 in Hobart.

Look out for additions to the web site as we receive photos and stories. There will be a new website dedicated to our family history a bit later in the year. Still the same web address but hopefully, much better content!

Circulation

Since the 2004 reunion we have had more family come online. However for those who don't have an email address I am more than happy to send this out via good old Aust Post. Please share the newsletter around

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