

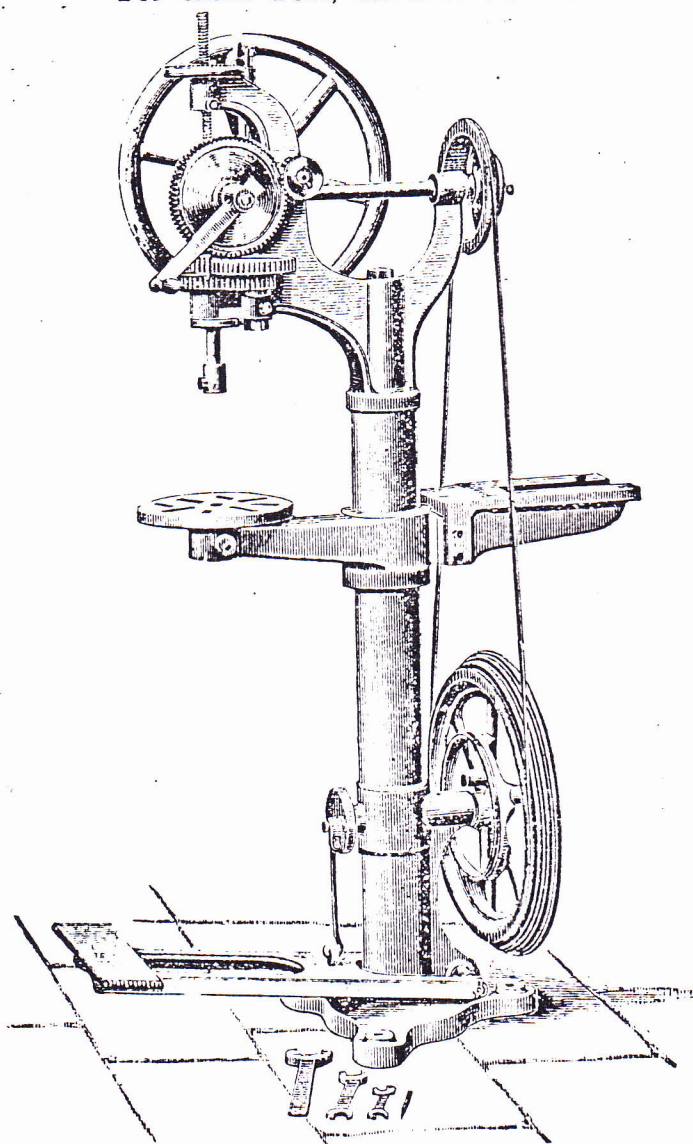


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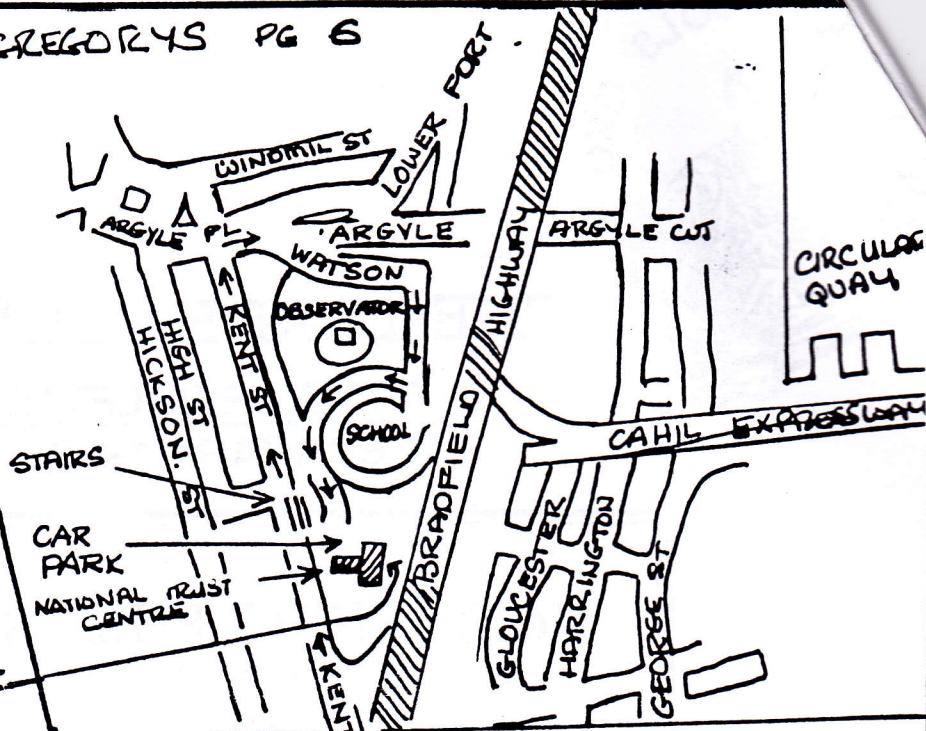
**MEETINGS:**

THE ANNIE WYATT ROOM  
NATIONAL TRUST CENTRE  
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COMMITTEE 7.00 PM  
GENERAL 7.30 PM

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Contributions for this newsletter or inquiries concerning advertising should be addressed as above and endorsed "Attention Editor".

Similarly inquiries about membership or remittances of accounts should be addressed as above and endorsed "Attention The Treasurer".

The committee has resolved to follow this one address policy. Co-operation in this matter will greatly facilitate the official obligations of TTTG. All correspondence will be attended to in a prompt manner.

**PROGRAMME TTTG 1993**

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| February 9 | General Meeting<br>Topic - Moulding Planes<br>Speaker - Bob Crosbie                              |
| March 9    | Committee Meeting  |
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**Eveleigh Workshop Visit**

**24th February 1993                      1.30pm**  
**Meet at main gate Garden Street**  
**(Clear directions will be given at the next meeting)**

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Issue No. 9 - January 1993

I was delighted to see such a splendid rollup at the December Meeting. Nearly 80% of our members came along to hear, discuss, exchange ideas and, with luck, learn a thing or two about a preferred method of finishing wood in woodworking tools.

We drew no definite conclusion but had a plethora of suggestions.

As this is a very important subject and dear to the hearts of all tool collectors, tradesmen and tool dealers, it was decided to do further research into the matter. To this end a sub-committee was formed under the chairmanship of Bob Crosbie, who will report their findings back to the group, and, if they prove to be of value, will publish them for distribution.

We had a couple of distinguished people at the meeting. Firstly, and I was delighted at his presence, our only Australian Honorary Member, Johnny Johnson (our other Honorary is Ken Roberts of the USA), who, as he explained, was lucky to find he had a free evening and happened to be home for a change - he is a much-travelled person and fills his time abundantly. We trust we can fluke this combination again later in the year so that he can give us his very illuminating talk on violin making.

Secondly, Ted Carter of Carter Plane fame accepted a last minute invitation to attend and he too has promised to give us an evening discussing the Carter Tool Range

I look forward to the New Year as being filled with many interesting and enjoyable functions for TTTG, and may I wish all members and their families a very happy and prosperous New Year.

### STOP PRESS

Just after the New Year celebrations had died down, Reg Eaton breezed through town; he had time to give a talk to the HTPs in Melbourne but, as we had no pre-notice of his Sydney visit, sadly we were unable to arrange anything for here. However, he has promised he'll be back and we look forward to a detailed lecture on the Ultimatum Brace of which Reg is a recognised expert.

Reg has accepted an honorary membership with TTTG and, in return, has offered us a number of interesting publications which will be forthcoming later in the year - Many thanks Reg!



EDITOR'S REPORT Bob Crosble

The last meeting was very successful. Terry's article discusses the highlights. I will concentrate on issues raised in this newsletter.

1993 is TTTG's second year. So far we have grown rapidly and in 1993 we must consolidate on this growth. For my part I think the newsletter is beginning to evolve into something of substance. Members are starting to contribute articles and each issue has less spaces for me to fill. This is good and soon we should have an issue where I will not have to write anything but this report. So please send me anything, don't worry about style or spelling, I'll knock the rough edges off anything you contribute. For the older members please share your experiences. We also need more advertisers; feel free to use this newsletter to sell, swap or buy.

In 1993 TTTG will be seeking more public exposure. We are anxious to compile a data base of members' knowledge and "holdings" so we can gear future displays etc to our capabilities. If you are willing to display your collection or to assist in any way please make yourself known to the Committee. We are all very approachable. In addition we hope to start a TTTG library in 1993. Again any help will be appreciated.

TTTG is your society and it is what you make it. So let us know what you want.

GENERAL MEETINGS

FORMAL STRUCTURE

- 7.30 President declares meeting open.
- Secretary reads Minutes of previous General Meeting and Committee Meeting.
- Treasurer presents report.
- Discussion
- President introduces Speaker
- Questions

Please note in all future meetings the above format will be adhered to.

Refreshments will be provided, \$2 donation will be appreciated.

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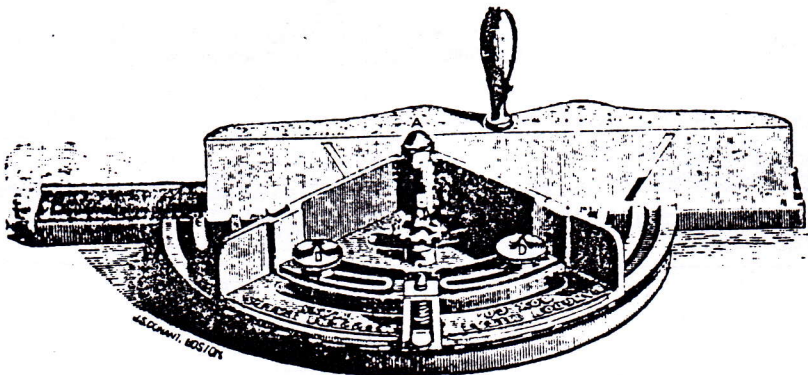
LAST MEETING

Throating Plane

Among the mystery items at the last meeting was a throating plane. Paul Gregson brought this plane from an old joinery. The throating plane was once a common joiner's tool. Every joiner needed one to "throat" window-sills. The vast majority were user made and are hence known in great variety. The drawings below are self explanatory.

Shooting Board

Paul Gregson showed dedication to the group by dragging in to the last meeting a metallic shooting board. This item is in the process of restoration and gave members a topic for discussion as well as showing the engineering skills of our President, who did the repairs.



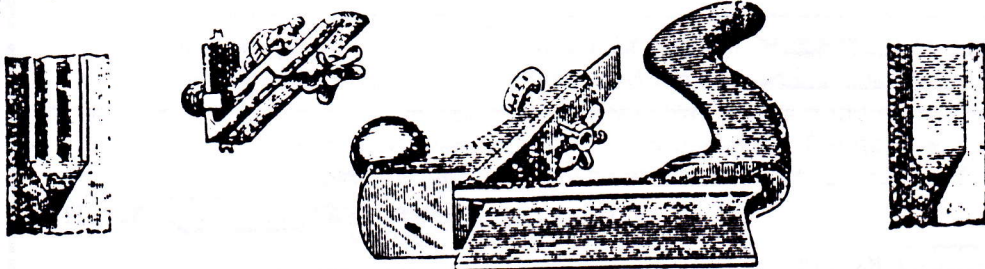
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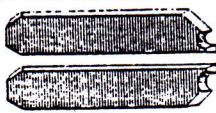
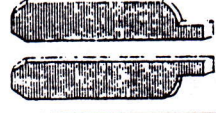
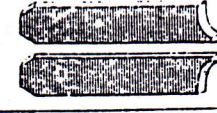

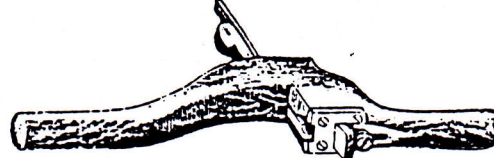




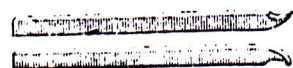
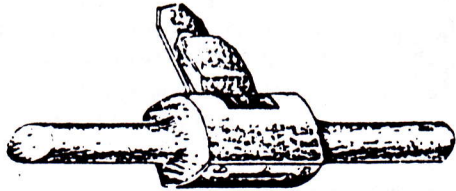

LAST MEETING

Coach makers tools

At the last meeting Mike Hendrikson displayed some coach makers tools. These attracted a great deal of interest. Mike is a wealth of information and in the future we hope he will further share his knowledge with fellow members.

Below are some illustrations of the Routers and Jiggers used by coach makers.

Paul Gregson showed a case of coach makers thumb planes. These delightful tools were much admired.

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During the latter part of the governorship of Lachlan Macquarie and for some ten years afterwards there was a gang of convicts cutting timber in the forest around today's suburb of Pennant Hills. The establishing of a gang hereabouts had a rather interesting background in that it was in the main influenced by events taking place overseas. After 1789 England was at war with France on and off until 1815. The British dockyards were desperate for shipbuilding timber because Napoleon's fleet had blockaded the Baltic Sea preventing the importation of timber from Scandinavia. In England many of the commons had been enclosed but no-one had bothered to replant the oak trees which had been cut from them.

In 1804 the Admiralty suggested that suitable timber for shipbuilding might be found in the new colony of New South Wales. Consequently timbers were sent back on the 'Calcutta' in 1805 and a timbergetting gang was sent up the Lane Cove River to cut timber. Until 1810 convicts being transported to the colony were few. There were few skilled workers.

Macquarie visited the sawpits at Lane Cove in 1810 and suggested they be moved to a place where the timber was more plentiful. However the Lane Cove sawpits remained until about 1816 when they were moved to Pennant Hills. Unfortunately for Macquarie the Napoleonic Wars had ended and the British government was no longer requiring the timber. As the soldiers returned after the war unemployment rose, and as a result more and more convicts were sent to the Colony. In 1817 the Hawkesbury River flooded and some 500 convicts were returned to the government because the farmers of that district could no longer afford to feed them.

Macquarie took probably the only course open to him to greatly expand the public works programme. New buildings were planned for Sydney, Parramatta, Liverpool and Windsor. They would all be complete within a couple of years and would be needing timber.

At Pennant Hills convicts felled the trees and split the timber for slabs, posts, laths and shingles. Timber was sawn for beams, floorboards and scantling. The leftovers were burnt by the charcoal burners for the blacksmiths in the Lumber Yard. Basket makers made standard sized baskets to carry the charcoal. Some men worked as stockkeepers looking after the bullocks, many of which had recently been tamed from the wild cowpastures herd. Bullockies drove the bullock jinkers and carts down to the Pennant Hills wharf on the Parramatta River (today at the end of Wharf Road, Ermington). The timbergetting establishment had its own blacksmith, wheelwright, hutkeeper, sawpit clearer, tailor, shoemaker and barber. It had its own chapel where divine service was performed by the convict school teacher who taught the convicts to read and write in their own time after work. The chapel building was a unique gesture in co-operation between the Catholic superintendent and a Wesleyan missionary. It stood in what is now Oxford Street, Epping. The other unique thing about the place was the strike that occurred there in 1819. Rations were increased and the sawyers were required to do extra work. They refused to do it. Three weeks later Macquarie sent George Druitt up to Pennant Hills to ask the men to go back to work. They still refused and two men argued that nothing but the old amount of work would be done. Reluctantly, Macquarie had the two men flogged. In England at the time, meetings aimed at improving the lot of workers were illegal. The 'Combination Act' even outlawed Friendly Societies. It was feared that such groups could lead to the overthrow of the State as had happened in France. Striking in the British Army or Navy during this period earned the death penalty. But in Pennant Hills the convicts got away with it. There were two main reasons for this. They were the only skilled group of sawyers in the colony at the time. Macquarie had nowhere else to turn for his timber. The other reason was that many of Macquarie's buildings were reaching the stage where the roof trusses and shingled roofs were being put on. The floor boards were being put in and the fences were being erected. Moreover the Commissioner of Enquiry, J.T. Bigge was in town. Macquarie had to complete his buildings to impress his visitor.

After Macquarie's departure in 1821 Governor Brisbane began to wind down the timbergetting establishment. Bigge had recommended that convicts should be employed by farmers who lived up country (away from the pubs of Sydney, Parramatta and Liverpool). During the 1820's number of men at Pennant Hills were kept down to a minimum. The gang was finally disbanded after a change of government in England recommended that in future, all Public Works be put up for tender.

## SASH MAKING TECHNIQUES

Bob Crosbie

After approximately 1840 the design and construction of windows was virtually standardised. This discussion concentrates on sashes, that is the glazed frames. A future article will discuss sashes made before 1840.

Basically there are two categories of window sashes, casement and double hung. The members of sashes are known as:

- Stiles: vertical member morticed for rails and glazing bar.  
Bottom Rail: bottom member of casement sash or bottom member of bottom double hung sash, tenoned into stiles and morticed for glazing bars.  
Top Rail: top member of casement sash, tenoned into stiles and morticed for glazing bars.  
Meeting Rails: in double hung sashes. Top rail of bottom sash, bottom rail of top sash. Meeting rails are not moulded and close against each other to form a weather seal.  
Glazing bars: Rebated and moulded members contained within stiles and rails.

The joints used in sashes are known as:

- Mortice and Tenon: always through wedged. Rails are not launched but rather,  
Franked: section of tenon cut back to contain spur formed on stile.  
Open Mortice and Tenon: Used for meeting rails, always pegged.  
Open Dovetail: Used for meeting rails in quality work.  
Rebates: Glass panes are puttied into rectangular profiles known as rebates (Scots: Check or rabbit)

In early sashes stiles were flush with meeting rails. Later, stile of top sash continued below meeting rail. Finally in common work stiles of top and bottom sashes continued beyond meeting rails. These projections were known as Joggles or Horns. Such horns were moulded.

Sizes: Early sashes can be a bare 1-1/8" in thickness. After 1840 sashes were a minimum thickness of 1-3/8". Thickness rose by increments of approximately 1/4" up to 2" plus according to size of window opening. Widths of members were a minimum as follows:

- Stiles: 2-1/4" or 2-3/8"  
Rails: bottom 3-1/2", top 2-3/8"  
Meeting rails, early 7/8", later 1-1/4 plus  
Bars: early 7/8", later 1-1/8" plus

Moulding profiles were standardized. The two common profiles were Sash Ovals and Sash Lamb's Tongue. Sizes are known by the following terms:

- Sticks on: the distance the moulding projects across the face  
Sticks down: the distance the moulding projects into the edge

The stick down size must coincide with the depth of the rebate. The stick on size plus the rebate width minus the thickness of the member equals the mortice size. It is therefore obvious that a relationship between moulding size, component size and joint size exists. The table reproduced from an old tool catalogue makes this clear.

## Setting out sashes

All joiner's work is set out from sectional full size drawings. A vertical cutting plane provides a section through the height, a horizontal cutting plane provides a section through the width. Thus two sections can provide all information necessary to set out simple framing. These sectional drawings are made on narrow boards known as Rods or Skids. For sashes two Rods are needed, The Height Rod and The Width Rod. The Rods should contain details of the "Cases" to establish size of meeting rails, splay on bottom rail etc. The "sticks on" and "sticks down" sizes must be accurately drawn, preferably from sections of the moulding or by templates. Note also in sashes the "sight" line does not coincide with the "shoulder" line. Profiles of Horns and sill should also be set out from templates.

## Sash making tools

Sash Mortice Chisel: light mortice chisel used to chop mortices in sashes

Sash Saw: large tenon saw with teeth about 10 TPI, cross filed to rip.

Used to rip tenon cheeks.

Tenon Saw: used to cut tenon shoulders.

Scribing gauge: in channel gauge used to scribe mouldings.

Sash Scribing plane: used to scribe mouldings, earlier technique.

Sash Planes: used to stick mouldings. Made in pairs; No.1 removes bulk, No.2 gives final profile. N.B. Mouldings must be left sharp from plane if scribing is to be clean.

Sash Fillister: Plane used to stick rebates.

Templates: Mitre - to guide chisel to cut mitre before scribing.

Scribing - used with gauge (scribing). Made to match planes.

### Alternative Tools:

Stick and Rebate Planes - plane moulding and rebate simultaneously.

### Auxiliary Tools:

Sash Routers - made to match sash planes to stick mouldings and rebates. Right and Left for curved sashes.

Sticking Board - board to hold bars for planing rebates & mouldings.

## Preparing components

Sash members are planed to size free of wind. Face sides and edges are distinguished by pencil marks.

## Setting Out

Components are set out from the Rods. Mortice and tenons are gauged with the mortice gauge set to the sash chisel. Shoulders are cut with the scribing knife. Stick on and stick down lines are lightly gauged.

## Joint Cutting

Tenon cheeks are ripped with the Sash Saw and mortices chopped. Rebates are planed with the sash fillister. Mouldings are planed with the Sash Planes. Shoulders are sawn. Frankings are cut. Finally rails and bars are scribed.

## Assembly

Sashes are wedged up and cleared off. Before modern adhesives lead paint was used to assemble the joints.

Henry Black's Letter from the US of A

MID WEST TOOL COLLECTORS ASSOCIATION  
Fall Meeting - October 8,9 & 10 1992

Howard Johnson Motor Lodge  
Springfield, Missouri

Scheduled for a October 8th Thursday registration and opening the MWTCA Fall Meeting actually started around dawn on Wednesday the 7th. The tailgate party for early arrivals in a roped off parking lot was meant to be a 12 noon start. I spent quite a few dollars and of course only heard about the A45 sold for \$100 at dawn (never even saw it). There must have been at least 60 vans, 1/2 tons (utes) and station wagons lined up and this was the pre event starter!

The meeting was extremely well organised by the hosts Ron Baird and Nick Heatherly ably supported by their wives and other members in Area J. (Missouri has approx 200 members of MWTCA and is Area J, the areas go from A then P covering most states and England, Canada, Germany, Australia, New Zealand, France and the Virgin Islands) Over 450 members attended. I spoke with people from California, Alabama, New York, Colorado, England, Ontario and of course Missouri and surrounding states all knowledgeable in their own personal area of tool collecting.

Thursday the trade room opened at 9am, rows of tables, hundreds and hundreds, the tools displays had been set up and the 'for sale' tools were set in place at 9 with the 450 or so members in attendance, this worked well as 200 were putting tools up and therefor only one or two additional at each table, a lot of the tools had been previewed/bought/sold at the tailgate sale.

But there was plenty of nice items available, so many one became almost disoriented after hours of looking at so many items. Late comers were of course mobbed and choice items sold as they were unpacked.

The security was excellent guards being on the two doors, members wore their badges and any visitors were strictly member's guests with a three hour pass and badge, the public was not admitted. Tools were left unattended all day and because they were priced money was just left and the items taken, some tables even had a box for money to be put in. Coffee and doughnuts were provided for those who missed breakfast.

Whilst the trading was on in the same hall 4 craftsmen were working, wooden bowl making, violin making, shingle and turning honey dippers.

Friday the trade room and craftsmen continued but I went on a tour of Springfield, organised by the ladies auxiliary, it was one of several events put on for the hundreds of wives who attended. They also had their own displays of crafts and kitchen tools etc in the trade hall. Friday evening a membership tool auction was held, some rustic items provided a laugh, each member could enter one tool or group of tools for sale, 10% commission if sold, 5% if not, it was a lot of fun.

Saturday the trade room closed at 1pm with some keen dealing done around 12 noon by yours truly.

## BOOK REVIEW

Dunbar, Michael.  
Antique Woodworking Tools. A Guide to the Purchase, Restoration and Use  
of Old Tools for Today's Shop.  
Stobart & Son. London. 1979

Dunbar, Michael  
Restoring, Tuning and Using Classic Woodworking Tools.  
Sterling Publishing Co. Inc. New York. 1989.

These companion volumes are the best modern treatment of traditional woodworking tools. For anyone who wishes to use old joiner's tools Dunbar should be essential reading. The various tools are correctly identified and clear instructions are given on how to use and set up the tools. The strength of the treatment is the author's concentration on the tools which he actually uses. As a result there is an absence of speculative theory, everything is hands on. Like most efficient users of old tools Dunbar has discovered that some old tools are quicker and give a better finish than some modern techniques. For example dado planes make electric routers look like time and wood wasters in comparison. In addition the "wonder" tools of early this century are shown to be less efficient than their wooden ancestors. Anyone who can use a Plough to its full potential must question the utility of a 55.

Minor criticisms could be made. However these books are highly recommended. Even collectors will find the illustrations a pleasure. Essential reading for users.

### INFORMATION WANTED:

John and Priscilla McDonald have sent the following:

"A couple of years ago John bought some old moulding planes from Bill Cooper in Goulburn which had belonged to Thomas Wilkie coach builder in Goulburn. The 22 planes were all made by D Malloch & Son, Perth, Scotland (1870-1912) and are in excellent condition. There is a set of 16 hollows and rounds, size 4-18 and the rest are side and centre beads. All are stamped LV Wilkie and one is also stamped Y Wilkie. The enclosed information on the Wilkie business was provided by Bill Cooper; if anyone knows more about them we would be most interested to hear."

Priscilla McDonald

### Thomas Wilkie - Coach Builder

Thomas Wilkie Snr. came to Australia in 1855 and worked on the Hornsby Lighthouse, also he worked on the Grand Staircase in the Sydney University Building.

He arrived in Goulburn in 1862 and joined Horn and Murray. He built the Police Buildings and one of his sons built the Goulburn Town Hall.

There have been several sawmillers and joinery works in Goulburn, one of the earliest and most important was Thomas Wilkie's "Victoria Sawmills Joinery and Moulding Works", started in Goulburn in 1863. Wilkie began as a contractor then developed the Joinery and Moulding side of the business in 1887.

In 1882 a tender from T Wilkie and sons was accepted for 4205 pounds to build the Oddfellows Hall. For years this was the main public hall in Goulburn.

The Australian Light Horse raised a regiment led by Colonel J.A. Murphy in 1897, Thomas Wilkie was the regimental Band Master.

Broad arrowed tools

Ralph Hawkins is about to publish his book on early timber getters. Bob Crosbie has been researching early Australian tradesmen. They have decided to combine their resources in order to organise a display of early tools. The emphasis is on the period before 1840. They are keen to locate tools stamped with the Broad arrow. As the article on File Cutting reflects Australia does have a trade tradition of long duration. As collectors and users of tools we need to preserve our heritage and to educate the public.

Any members having early tools are encouraged to contact Ralph or Bob. Even photos would be of help. If you are not sure why not bring your interesting items to the next meeting.

Sydney's Earliest File Maker?

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