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Dr. J. M. Parker

Dear Sir

I beg to ask you to excuse me for my long delay in answering your welcome letter. Yes the Old School now War Institute was built in 1860 & 1861. My father helped to make 3 trips to Clark's Beach Schouten passage for Oyster shells to burn lime for that building the last trip he made when the boat with load of shells was brought to the jetty, it sank before they had time to get any freight unloaded so he did not go any more, the vessels brought the remainder also for the Police Office & other Cottages Mrs H. Dilger's, Yes the Pews of the Old Church they were sold by Public Auction about the year 1892 I bought them used the most of the Price but have the Cider yet on hand. The late Mr Andrew Gemmell bought the Old walls ^{in 1881} of that Church & built 2 Cottages now Mr J. Leckie has one & W. Jack has the other Cannot say what become of the Bell. Schouten House named Swansea Hotel kept by Lewis Chappel's Hotel, was named Travelersrest kept by John Ferguson, in 1860 & 1861, Pier Hotel kept by Mr J. Hurst owner, also Archer, and J. Stephenson, Mrs Stephenson after her husband died he was the last ^{person buried} in St David's Cemetery now a Park, as he died in Hobart Hospital, then Mr C. Makepeace he married Mrs Stephenson, then Arthur Smith, W. Hill, also Cherry.

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Tasman Johnston was the last who occupied the Pier Hotel when it was burnt to the ground, If you have not seen the Photo of the Pier Hotel, I will send it to you by the first opportunity if you so wish,

Rest Haven, was named Swan Inn kept by R. Inakepeace and A. Glover 1869 & 70 then it closed, The Rose & Crown now all pulled down, ^{near} P. Gray's Orchard cannot say who kept it, Llandsterna kept by Kerby before we arrived I did not hear of any other Public House, The jetty.

There was a long jetty built in 1855 when we arrived, it was condemned for use in 1874 then named a Monster Man Trap, ^{by Mr J. King} the Council applied to government for a new jetty. The Contract was let to Mr John Bradley of Hobart the short jetty and Head filled in with stones the Stone Approach and side building I worked at it done most of side building also pointed and shod the piles except 4 and helped to drive them with a Winch worked by me and another man when the Head was filled. Old Mr Gemmell was Inspector of that part of the Contract he was Clement ^{Gemmell's} grandfather, that work was done in 1879 & 1880 just when the work was finished in April 20th there was a great storm, the 2 vessels trading here ^{at Oxford} Venus, and Guiding Star at Lisdillon were wrecked also Robert Burns at near St Helens, the Rocket near Bicheno all hands perished and 2 more vessels at or near Southport, Italy the other I forgot the name, The jetty Head was meant to act as a Breakwater for

batter wall

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Loading boats being used to bring Cargo from vessels to land on
jetty but did not answer that purpose, then Application was
made for a jetty long enough to reach the vessels, That Contract
was let to Mr E. Grubb of Hobart for a little over £2000 in 1892
I was Appointed Inspector of Works while in progress, Yes the
old buildings and jail on Waterloo Point were pulled down the
Police Office & jail and school was built with the stones I went to
School on that point, one building was left and was made a Roman
Catholic Church now abandoned, There was one vessel wrecked on
that Point before we got here named Agnes & Elizabeth Captain
Pye the late Mr John Cotton was on board, when the vessel broke up
Old W Carpenter picked up some planks of it & had it used for
his Coffin the sides and lid was made of 4ⁱⁿ Baltic pine the
2 undertakers would not make one of such material but one
a Post & Rail fence made it in 1858 J. Spaulden, lid spiked
down with 8ⁱⁿ deck spikes & men were needed to put it in a
dray my father was one who helped in 1868, I am not sure
if I told you how the Point was so named Please tell me
if I did not tell you let me know & will tell you, in 1864
there were 2 Post Men drowned, ^{same day} Bishop at Brockley near
Buckland he was found along the trail, James Rooney at the
Springs near Riverdale he and mail was found, Reece Powers
tried to swim a horse over the River at Swanwick he on its
back when he plunged into the water he went under and
never seen again his hat was left swimming

Will tell you some more if
you wish Frederick Rapp

Wishing you & Mrs Parker and Family Well
Yours Respectfully Frederick Rapp