

Tasmanian Family History Society Inc.

# Launceston Branch Newsletter

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## Headstone Photographic Service

Are you aware that photos of headstones and graves from Northern cemeteries and Carr Villa are available from the Society. These photos can be emailed or posted .

\$8.00 each printed on photographic paper if the headstone is in our Branch database

\$3.00 Postage & Handling

\$5.00 each for electronic copy via email.

## Release of New Publication

*The Weekly Courier* Vol 9 1917 **Price** \$30.00 10% discount to members

Index to Photographs, Birth, Death & Marriage Notices and Personal items of interest to Family Historians

## Programme 2012

Wed 21 <sup>st</sup> March	Branch workshop 2pm	Adult Education Rooms York Street Launceston	Canadian Records Book at the Stables Cost \$5.00
Tue 17 <sup>th</sup> April	Annual General Meeting	Scout Hall St George's Square East Launceston	Gus Green "History of the Alexander Racquet Factory"
Sat 16 <sup>th</sup> June	TFHS Inc. Annual General Meeting	Town Hall Ross	"Female convicts at the Ross Female Factory"

## Help!!!

**Research Officers:** we can always do with help with the many research queries received by mail and email. Please come into the library and volunteer to help with this very important aspect of our funding.

**Duty officers – always needed:** Anyone who is interested in registering, please contact: Barrie Robinson PH: 6328 1349

## **Unwanted Certificates**

Most of us have purchased certificates hoping they will relate to our family history research and inevitably we end up with mistakes. Have you ever wondered what to do with them? The BMD Certificate Exchange website:

<http://bmd-cert-exch-site.ourwardfamily.com/> lists those unwanted certificates looking for a new home. It is easy to use whether you're searching for a certificate or inputting the details of any you have. It currently has over 4,350 certificates listed. There is also a sister site – Will Transcriptions Online:

<http://www.willtranscriptions.co.uk/> which has over 3,000 transcribed wills.

Again, it is easy to use and you can search by surname or county. There are also a growing number of miscellaneous documents such as newspaper reports and apprenticeship indentures. Both of these websites are free to use and welcome more contributions.

### **Tasmanian Family History Society Inc.**

#### **Launceston Branch**

Annual General Meeting

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> April 7 pm

Scout Hall, St George's Square, East Launceston

**Guest Speaker: Gus Green**

**“History of the Alexander Racquet Factory”**

Nomination Forms for all positions available at the library

## British Interest Group

Our last meeting in February proved to be very successful with everyone who attended making useful contributions to a lively discussion regarding the basics of researching. Several members also demonstrated how they organise their own filing systems, which gave us all some ideas to adapt, or incorporate, into our own particular systems.

As usual, we also had a few “detours” along the way - answering questions, helping to break down the inevitable brick-walls, or the relating of an interesting anecdote prompted by a memory of a past event. You can’t beat Family Historians for interesting stories .....!

I think everyone would agree that it was one of our most enjoyable meetings, and we hope to have a repeat performance at our April meeting, details below.

### ⌘ British Interest Group ⌘

Meeting on **18<sup>th</sup> April 2012** at 2:00 pm  
Computer Room, Adult Education Building, York Street

Topic:

#### **“Useful Websites for Basic Research”**

births, marriages, deaths, census, church records, etc.  
and how to get the most out of them.

New members and guests always welcome!

After paying for the rooms at the Adult Education Building for our BIG meetings, any money from memberships and the donation tin, is used to purchase resources which are then deposited in our Library at Tamar Street, where they are available to everyone. Don’t forget to come and make use of our most recent purchase of old Ordnance Survey maps of various places in the U.K. (see list of donated items in your Tas. Ancestry Dec. 2011) They really are of enormous use, and interest, in finding where your family lived, worked, went to school, location of churchs, etc., etc.

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“I trace my family history so I will know who to blame.”

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