



LAUNCESTON BRANCH NEWSLETTER

Library Hours:

Tuesday
10am–3pm

**Monday -
Thursday:**

By appointment

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**Next Branch  
Workshop**

**Wednesday  
18th June**

2pm

"Church Records and  
Transcripts"

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From the Library:

Membership 2014/15: Membership expires on the 31st March each year; there is a small number of members who haven't renewed their membership. If you do not wish to renew your membership, would you please let the treasurer know by email: mandbbissett@gmail.com.

September Workshop: To be held on Wednesday 17th September: "Military", at Adult Education Building, 51 York St, Launceston.

England & Wales Certificates: Launceston Branch now has a new service for Members wishing to purchase Birth, Death or Marriage Certificates:

Cost: \$20.00 per certificate – paid in advance. To be ordered from the Branch Library at 45 Tamar Street, (next to the Albert Hall)

Latest news from B.I.G.: It was suggested that we might try having a "computer users group" on alternate months, which we are experimenting with at present. If it works we'll keep it going, if it doesn'twe'll go back to what we've always done. Members are quite enthusiastic so far—let's hope it succeeds.
Irene T.

Society Annual General Meeting

Saturday 21st June

Town Hall, Church Street, Ross – Registrations: 10am

Speakers:

- **Terese Binns & Marion Sargent** – "A Pilgrimage through the Battlefield of the Great War".
- **Dr Meredith Hodgson** – 'Family Life at Rosedale in the 1850'
- **Dr Nic Haygarth** – 'Deconstructing the Norfolk Plans: turning local history on its head to find ordinary people'.

Cost: \$20.00 pp. includes morning tea and lunch.

Annual General Meeting – 2.15pm, inc. presentation of Lilian Watson Family History Award and Tasmanian Family History Society Inc. Awards.

For more information see the booking form in the March edition of *Tasmanian Ancestry*. Booking forms are available at the Branch library or contact the Society Secretary: email: secretary@tasfhs.org.

Report on the Branch AGM – Tuesday 15th April

The President, Russell Watson welcomed members and read his report:

Another busy year and we have survived in our small Tamar Street Library. The Library Co-ordinators have put in a large amount of work in re-arranging the library layout and resorting our assets. Thank you Anita Swan, Irene Taylor and team. A special thank you goes to Malcolm Swan who has helped them. Read their Library Report and support the working bee's. The members who are still storing assets at their homes, we thank you, especially Judith De Jong and Helen Stuart.

Helen Stuart's Sales report and Research report cover what publications have been published and what research has been carried out. Helen also thanks the members who assist her; I thank them also. Income from sales, research and Library use is what keeps us going and gives us the funds to buy assets to assist us. Helen also arranges training and workshops.

Barrie Robinson looks after the Duty Officers, Web site and is indexing Catholic Records. Pat Clarke on the Carr Villa Memorial Park. Lucille Gee as a State Delegate.

I thank you all as you have worked very hard when you consider that some of the above people also hold positions as Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Delegates and other branch responsibilities which take up considerable effort and time.

To the general membership who only join to do some personal research, you are still an important part of our branch. If there is any way we can assist you or you assist us, please let one of your committee members know. We also need committee members.

I thank you all.
Russell Watson.

Gus Green assumed the Chair for the election of Office Bearers, he declared all positions vacant and the following personnel were elected.

President:	Russell Watson
Vice-President:	Helen Stuart
Secretary:	Muriel Bissett
Treasurer:	Betty Bissett
Committee:	Lucille Gee, Barrie Robinson, Dorothy Rodgers,

Members John Dent OAM and Jenny Gill, were our speakers, their topic was *The interactive 1826 Sharland map of Launceston*. John and Jenny, along with other members of the Launceston Historical Society have been/are in the process of researching the profile of the landowners, they have a short list of unidentified owners and are seeking input– see *the following page*.

At the Committee Meeting on Tuesday 6th May, the following Appointed Positions were filled:

Library Co-ordinators: Anita Swan & Irene Taylor:
Computers Supervisor: Barrie Robinson, assisted by Irene Taylor
Accessions/Resources: Anita Swan.
Asset Register including Furniture & Fittings: Betty Bissett.
Library Roster: Barrie Robinson, assisted by Lucille Gee
Publications: Russell Watson, Muriel Bissett & Helen Stuart
Research: Helen Stuart and Robin Gibson
Sales Officer: Helen Stuart and Lucille Gee
Publicity Officer: Russell Watson
Newsletter: Betty Bissett.
Webmaster: Barrie Robinson, assisted by Robin Gibson.

1826 Sharland Map

The following persons not yet identified during the 1806-1826 period named on the Sharland Map.

The Launceston Historical Society would like more information on these listed people. Where possible original documentation, or reference to sources from the time period should be given to verify any changes to this record. Please email sharland1@outlook.com.

Barker, - T4	This person has not yet been identified during this period
Bolton, I – Aa8	
Burgess, H – Dd1	This person has not yet been identified in Launceston in this time period. It could possibly be Henry Burgess who received a parcel of 100 acres in Kingsborough.
Dale, Joseph – Bb2	
Eady, W – Aa6	This person has not yet been identified in this time period. He could possibly have been John Eady who arrived from Norfolk Island on the <i>Lady Nelson</i> in 1813 as a convict. He was granted 40 acres on Paterson's Plains in 1817, and in the same year was victualled by the government as an invalid (not able to work) References; Musters; Land Musters, Stock Returns and Lists, ed Irene Schaffer 1991.
Farley, Benjamin – Aa5	
Fowler Ann – Z2	This person has not yet been identified in Launceston in this time periods. She may have been Ann Farrow who was the wife of Thomas Fowler. She arrived in Port Dalrymple in 1810. She was a convict who arrived in Sydney in 1801 on the <i>Anne</i> .
Holdman, - H13	This person has not yet been identified in Launceston for this time period.
Houghton, W – 08, 09	This person has not yet been identified in Launceston for this time except for James Houghton.
Meiklejohn, John, - Ff6	This person has not yet been identified in Launceston for this time period.
Pierman, W, - Cc3	This person has not yet been identified in Launceston for this time period.
Ribley, W – Q6	This person has not yet been identified in Launceston for this time period.
Rowe, I– T14	This person has not yet been identified in Launceston for this time period.
Warren, – K1	This person has not yet been identified in Launceston for this time period.
Westner, – J10	This person has not yet been identified in Launceston for this time period.

Husband and Wife had a fight

Wife called her mum and said: He fought with me again, I am coming to live with you.”
Mum said, “No darling, he must pay for his mistake. I am coming to live with you.”

Launch of Inhabited House Tax Rolls from 1778 to 1798 on ScotlandsPlaces.

Inhabited House Tax Rolls from 1778 to 1798 are the latest fascinating resource to have been added to the *ScotlandsPlaces* website. These Tax Rolls offer history researchers a valuable insight into 18th Century life, while genealogists can use the records to find the names of ancestors throughout Scotland, together with the annual value of the houses they held.

The tax rolls include all houses valued over £5 per annum and include people with more common professions such as bonnetmakers, shoemakers, innkeepers, skimmers and wrights. Other tax records available on *ScotlandsPlaces* relate to carriage, carts, clocks, watches, dogs, horses, servants, hearths, shops and infamous window tax.

To find out more about these new records and to view two examples, including the entry for James Boswell at Auchinleck House in 1783,

NB. When viewing these two large example images of inhabited House Tax Rolls on the *ScotlandsPeople* website, just click on an image to enlarge it further.

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## **'Who Do You Think You Are? Live comes to Glasgow – the SECC, 29 to 31 August 2014.**

The big family history story in Scotland this month is that the 'Who Do You Think You Are? Live' show will be **coming to Glasgow** later this year. The show will be held in the Scottish Exhibition and Conference Centre (the SECC), and will run from **Friday 29 to Sunday 31 August 2014**. As this is the first time that the WDYTUA? Live show has visited Scotland; we imagine that this event will prove to be very popular.

With the Lanarkshire FHS holding its **annual fair** in Motherwell on Saturday 23 August and '**North East Roots**' event taking place at Haddo House (near Ellon in Aberdeenshire) from 8 to 10 August, it looks like August will be a very busy month for family history researchers in Scotland.

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Nottinghamshire Archives is pleased to announce that work to extend the strong rooms and refurbish the public areas will commence on 31st March 2014.

We will endeavour to keep any disruption to a minimum; however, there may be times when selected collections are temporarily unavailable. On 20th October the service will close for approximately three months.

Important dates:

- 31st March 2014 Building work commences. From this date no car parking facilities will be available.
- **20th October 2014 Service closures for refurbishment of public and staff areas**
- Early February 2015 service reopens (with no car park)
- Late March 2015 – car park becomes available
- May 2015 – official reopening

Why are we doing this?

Once the works are completed we will have:

- secured enough storage to acquire historical documents for the next 20 years
- a new storage area with improved standards of security, fire, flood and environmental control
- provided two meeting rooms, with one on the ground floor
- improved visitor facilities
- modernised the service offer

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British Interest Group



Meetings on the 1st Wednesday of the month
at Phil Leonard Room, Launceston State Library, from 2:00 to 4:00.

We are a small group of enthusiastic members of the Tasmanian Family History Society Inc. Launceston Branch, with an interest in anything associated with researching in Britain. The meetings are generally of an informal nature, designed to enable the discussion of either a specific subject, current problems being encountered, or more usually, both.

New members are always welcome, so if you are researching British ancestors and their families, why not come along and join us?

New CD Wollongong Goal Descriptions 1866-1915

We are really pleased to announce the release of our new CD "Wollongong Goal Descriptions 1866-1915" prepared by the **Kiama Family History Centre**.



To provide you with some information we show part of the Introduction and an extract from one of the records. As you can see, very detailed information was kept which can provide a real snapshot of the times.

Cost of the CD is \$30.00 – includes postage.

We look forward to hearing from you and you can place your order by e-mail, phone (02 42331122) or mail to **P.O. Box 75 Kiama NSW 2533**. (Please make cheques payable to Kiama Municipal Council).

Introduction: The information in this publication has been transcribed from the official records of the Wollongong Gaol from 1st January, 1866 to 16th October, 1915. It covers the physical and social descriptions of prisoners, their crimes and misdemeanours, fines and/or confinement, punishments and outcomes from courts at Clifton in the north to Milton in the south, and inland to Moss Vale and Kangaroo Valley.

This information will be useful, not only for those exploring their family history, but also for students of Local and Applied History, and, by extension, in the researching of Urban, Regional and Rural crimes and their punishments from mid-Victorian and Edwardian time periods up to the beginning of the First World War.

Sands Directory

Sands Sydney, Suburban and Country Commercial Directory

The firm of John Sands Ltd (Printers and Stationers) published their directory each year from 1858–59 to 1932–33 (except for 1872, 1874, 1878 and 1881). The household and business information it contains has become a fundamental source for research into Sydney history, especially family history.

Until now the directory has usually been accessed through a microfiche edition made by WF Pascoe Ltd which is available at many public libraries.

The City of Sydney has now obtained a complete digital edition of the directory from WF Pascoe, scanned from the microfiche, and is making it available for public access through this website. This is the first time a complete set of the Sands Sydney, Suburban and Country Commercial Directory has been made available online.

This complete digital directory offers researchers easier and more convenient access. It includes search capability that is not available when using the microfiche. It's an important addition to the range of archival source material the City of Sydney makes available online through our Archives program.

<http://www.cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au/learn/history/search-our-collections/sands-directory>

Three Reasons Why Everyone Needs to Cite Their Sources

Michael J. Leclerc's Genealogy News – Research Tips: 17 Apr 2014

Courtesy of Mocavo – - <http://blog.mocavo.com>

We often hear people say that they don't have to cite their sources because they are "only doing it for the family" or they "aren't going to publish" their research. But there are very good reasons why you should want to cite your sources.

1. So Other People Can Follow You

Whenever I hear people say that they don't intend to publish their work, I have to laugh. Because almost every one of them that has said that, has also told me that they use a genealogy database program to keep track of their research. Not only that, but they create GEDCOM files, which they send to family and friends, or post them online. They don't realize that this is also publishing. And when you publish in any way, shape, or form, you want people to be able to understand your research, and how you reached your conclusions.

2. So You Can Evaluate The Reliability of Your Evidence

Genealogists today have access to mountains of information for researching their family history. This information will provide you with generous amounts of information, which you then have to evaluate. You may, for example, have a general year of birth from a census record. You then find a birth certificate that gives you an exact date of birth. By citing your sources you will be able to review where you found the information to determine what is the most accurate.

3. Because You Will Need to Find it Again

Above all else, your ability to find your source again is the biggest reason why you should record where you found the information. You may find two documents that provide conflicting information, so you will have to go back and look at your sources again. You need to be certain you didn't make a typographical error of some sort when recording the information. I have a friend who has been a professional genealogist for more almost thirty years, and has been researching for almost forty years. One of her biggest regrets is that when she was a beginning researcher, she found the date and place of birth for her great-grandfather. Unfortunately, she didn't record the source of the information. She has never been able to find it again. And people are publishing all sorts of conflicting information online, but she has no way to evaluate it all and come to the truth.

Workshop at The Adult Education Rooms, York St



Wednesday 18th June, 2 pm: Branch Workshop.

Church Records & Transcripts

Application to attend the Branch Workshop

Fee of \$5.00 includes course material. I wish to attend the above workshop on the 18th June:

Name/s:

Address:

Phone/Mobile:..... Membership Nos:\$5.00 pp

Please return the completed form with your remittance as soon as possible to the :
Treasurer, TFHS Inc. Launceston Branch. P.O. Box 1290. Launceston. 7250

Please Note: Should any workshop have to be cancelled by the branch, costs will be refunded