



LAUNCESTON BRANCH NEWSLETTER

Library Hours:

Tuesday
10am–3pm

**Monday -
Thursday:**

By appointment

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### Next Workshop

Wednesday  
16th September

2pm

### Scottish Research

At the Stables  
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## From the Library:

### New Accessions since our last Newsletter.

#### Books

- \* Anzac Commemorating 100 Years – Liverpool City Council; *Our Liverpool Boys*
- \* Boxhall, Geraldine; *Dodger's Diary – The Life of Frederick Isaac (Dodger) Phillips – as told to Diane Cornish*
- \* Bradmore, D J; *Dr Edward Foord Bromley RN (1776–1836) – Surgeon, Civil Servant and Magistrate Van Diemen's Land*
- \* Carins, Allison; *Tasmanian Ancestry Articles Published in the TFHS Journal – Local & Family History*
- Cassidy, Dianne J E; *Charles Street Cemetery 1841–1925*
- \* Dobson, Arthur L; *The Dobson Family of Glenore*
- \* Dobson, Arthur L; *The Woodberry Family of "Cullenswood" Falmouth and Deloraine*
- \* Dyer, Alan F; *Grains, Groceries & Gourmet Meals – The History of Sheffield's Oldest Shop*
- \* Hyland, Raymond; *Gunns Plains Honour Roll – World War 1 Centenary 1914–2014*
- \* National Trust Tasmania; *Home from the War – Launceston's War Service Homes*
- National Trust Tasmania; *The Honour Board of World War 1 Soldiers – St James Church, Franklin Village*
- TFHS Inc. Mersey Branch; *Index to The Advocate Personal Announcements 2010*
- TFHS Inc. Mersey Branch; *Index to The Advocate Personal Announcements 2011*
- TFHS Inc. Hobart Branch; *Undertakers of Hobart Vol IV – Index to HC Millington Pty Ltd Funeral Records Part 6, November 1960–May 1964*

#### Computer Disks

- Buften, John; *Tasmanians in the Transvaal War – (Archive CD Books)*
- Commonwealth Electoral Roll Tasmania 1949 – (Archive CD Books)*
- Stevens & Bartholomew; *New Zealand Directory 1866–67 – (Archive CD Books)*
- Tasmanian War Record 1914–1918 – (Archive CD Books)*
- \* TFHS Inc; *Members' Interests 1998–2015*

\* Denotes complimentary or donated item

# Franklin Village

Recently some members of the Launceston Branch attended a Dedication Service at St James Church, Franklin Village, for the launch of a Memorial Plaque and planting of a tree donated by Terese and Wayne Binns in the church grounds, which was organised by the National Trust in Memory of the Soldiers of Franklin Village and surrounds.

St. James Church, Franklin Village

The rendered brick chapel was opened in 1845 by Tasmania's first bishop, Francis Nixon, and it operated as a school from 1847.



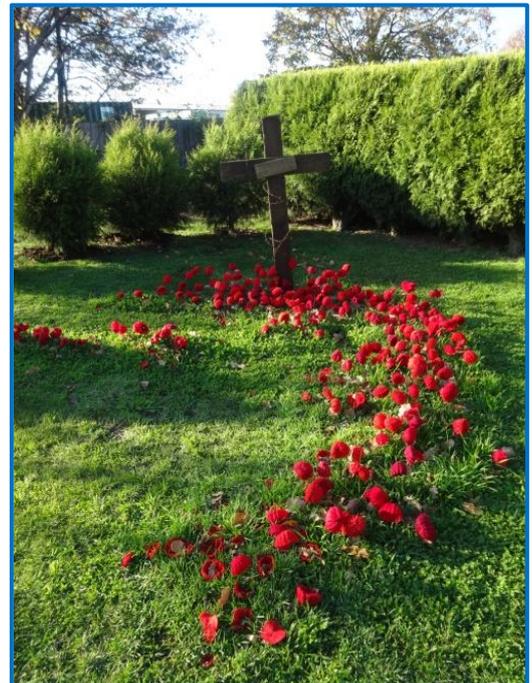
After a light lunch at Franklin House, a book titled *The Honour Board of World War 1 Soldiers St. James Church, Franklin Village* was launched, compiled by Lucille Gee and edited by Fairlie Ogilvie on behalf of the Franklin Village Committee.

Terese Binns later gave an interesting talk about Olive Greer, who served as a nurse in WW1 – her name has been added to the Honour Board.

The Honour Board of World War 1 Soldiers at St. James Church, Franklin Village



Planting of tree in grounds of St James Church, Franklin Village



Display of poppies in the garden at Franklin House, Franklin Village to commemorate WW1



The male choir at the rear of Franklin House



Lunch in the garden at Franklin House



The garden at the rear of Franklin House

## **Soldiers' Avenue**

### *Tree Planting at Franklin Village and Young Town – The Premier opens the Ceremony*

Franklin Village and Young Town were en fete on Saturday afternoon. The Premier, accompanied by Mrs Lee, arrived at the Village, in the motor car of Mr Dean of Breadalbane. The Premier was introduced to the gathering by Mr C Kelly, and asked to plant the first tree to the memory of Private William Hyde, the first of the Village lads to pay the supreme sacrifice. The Premier said he was pleased to be present, and proud to think that local residents had inaugurated such a very fine idea as a Soldiers' Avenue. He trusted that not only would the tree grow, but also the movement, so that before he vacated his present position as leader of the Government he would be able to ride in the State motor car from Launceston to Hobart, and that all along the route would be a Soldiers' Avenue. For the little place of Franklin Village they had done nobly in sending every available man between the ages of 18 and 45 years, and now the residents of the Village had started a movement, which he hoped to see taken up by every municipality along the main road, and assisted by the local residents. He had been informed that King's Meadows people were to have an afternoon of tree planting, when they hoped to make another link in the chain. Breadalbane also were to have another link. Each place was aiming at planting 20 trees, which would make 84 trees, and as they would be one chain apart, there was one mile in the 120 between the two capital cities. It was his privilege to plant a tree donated by Mr CB Grubb to the memory of Private William Hyde, whose parents were present, and to whom he offered the sincerest sympathy of every one in Tasmania in their loss. A noble life had been nobly given in a noble cause, and though they mourned the loss of Private Hyde they were compensated in some degree with his noble death.

Mr RJ McKenzie, MLC, member for the district, urged all to do what they could to honour the men who had gone, and not to slacken in their work, but to use their best endeavours to help others to volunteer, so that the sad stain on Australia's honour may be wiped out, and the battalions which had been disbanded be re-formed. Like the Premier, he Mr McKenzie considered that tree planting would spread until both North and South, and also the North-West, would be linked up by a soldiers' avenue of trees. He called for cheers for the Premier. The Premier responded, and called for cheers for the gallant boys at the front.

Tree-planting was then proceeded with amid the showers. The Premier and Mrs Lee, Mr RJ McKenzie and Mrs McKenzie, and several other visitors, were entertained by Mrs Kelly at "The Hollies." Afternoon tea was also supplied by the ladies to all who cared to enter the schoolroom.

Owing to darkness overtaking those present only 36 trees were planted, and upon each tree was nailed the Union Jack. Six more trees are to be planted this week.

*Daily Telegraph, Tuesday 11 June 1918, page 2*

## **Our Soldiers' Memorial Avenue**

(To the Editor)

Sir, - In connection with the Soldiers' Avenue of trees started last year on the main road, a meeting was held at the Young Town State School House to arrange for some tree planting on last Arbor Day. The school ground being full, it was suggested that in the side street to the school they should be planted and called Soldiers' Avenue. Local support in the room opened into a new vista, and it was decided to put the trees on the main road, with the result that trees were planted from the foot of the Young Town hill to Franklin Village, some 60 guards were erected and trees planted. King's Meadows (some were present at the meeting) planted about 50 trees through the Meadows to the Opossum-road. Then Breadalbane also planted some 60 trees. The money for these plantings was voluntarily given by local residents who had land bordering on the road or by old residents who had sons at the war. Now I am making an appeal to the good-hearted people of Launceston to come to our aid, and at two chains apart, plant trees to join up the Meadows with Franklin Village, and the Village with Breadalbane. The cost of a tree with guard and putting in will not exceed 10s per tree, and as local residents have raised sufficient for over 160 trees, and have to in some cases plant trees for those which have died, and in other cases have been destroyed by vandals, who broke off the trees to use as whips, and who, if they could have been caught, would have had cause to remember their wantonness. The even stole the timber lying on the roadside for the making of the guards. I would therefore, Mr Editor, ask your assistance to receive money on behalf of this cause, which will be used to the best advantage, by the three treasurers, Mr Dean of Breadalbane, Mr Machen of King's Meadows, and Yours etc.,

CHAS. KELLY  
The Hollies, Franklin Village

*Daily Telegraph, Thursday 15 May 1919, page 2*

### **Battle to Farm:**

As a WWI Centenary Commemoration Project, the **Public Record Office Victoria** has digitised 10,000 Victorian Soldier Settlement records.

Located at: <http://prov.vic.gov.au/whatson/exhibitions/soldiersettlement> The website is searchable online by name and geographic location. It included case studies, videos and background to the scheme.

This website also has links to other Soldier Settlement collections:

- National Archives of Australia: WWI Service Records.
- A Land Fit for Heroes: A History of Soldier Settlement in NSW, 1916-1939.
- State Library of Victoria.

### **Welsh Ancestry:**

The Welsh Family History Research website: <http://familyhistoryresearch.wales/> A small Welsh family group with a mix of academic and organisational skills who, after years of researching their own families, now provide a service helping other people across the UK and the rest of the World to research their Welsh roots. Offering a range of services from simple searches of on-line data or physical archives, to full searches for any information that would help to define your ancestry in Wales.

### **Trove additions (4/7/2015)**

The National Library of Australia is pleased to announce that the following newspapers, digitised by the National Library through the Australian Newspaper Plan program, have been recently added to Digitised newspapers and more on Trove. Many of these newspapers are currently being added to Trove and further issues will become available shortly. The Tasmanian additions:

Critic (Hobart, Tas : 1892 - 1893)  
Devon Herald (Latrobe, Tas : 1877 - 1889)  
Land (Hobart, Tas : 1924 - 1925)  
Trumpeter General (Hobart, Tas. : 1833 - 1834)  
World (Hobart, Tas : 1918 - 1924)

### **Irish Catholic Parish Registers Online:**

Images of Roman Catholic parish registers are now free to view on the National Library of Ireland's (NLI) website: [www.nli.ie](http://www.nli.ie)

The microfilms have been available to visitors to the NLI since the 1970s. However, their digitisation means that for the first time, anyone who likes will be able to access these registers without having to travel to Dublin.

These records date from the 1740s to the 1880s and cover 1091 parishes across Ireland. Typically, the parish registers include information such as the dates of baptisms and marriages, and the names of the key people involved, including godparents or witnesses. Genealogists will find researching easier if they have some idea in which parish their ancestors lived. The digital images will be searchable by location only, and will not be transcribed or indexed.

A Scotsman lay dying in a London Hospital and the Doctor told the nurse to give him anything he wanted. She asked him what he would like, he said:

"I would like to hear the bagpipes afore I dee."

A piper visited the ward and played a tune. The Scotsman recovered, but all the other patients died.



# **British Interest Group**



Meetings on the 1st Wednesday of the month  
at **Lower Meeting Room, Windmill Hill Hall, High Street**, 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?

*From the Library:*

### **Duty Officers:**

Duty Officers are again in short supply; if you can help it will be much appreciated. Training is available.

### **New Resource Material and Acquisitions:**

When you are in the Library, ask the Duty Officer to show you the latest research resources and acquisitions – see the list on page one.

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## **Workshop at The Stables, 45 Tamar St**



**Wednesday 16th September, 2 pm**

### **Scottish Research**

#### **Application to attend the Branch Workshop**

*Fee of \$5.00 includes course material.* I wish to attend the above workshop on the 16th September

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, PO Box 1290, Launceston. 7250

Or payment can be made at the Branch Library by Tuesday 9th June.

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