



LAUNCESTON BRANCH NEWSLETTER

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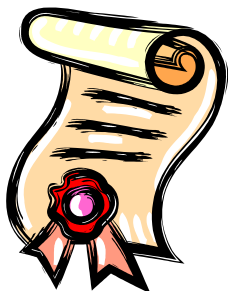
Wednesday

15th June

2pm

At the Stables

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From the Library:

Reminder: The Launceston Branch has a Certificate Service if you wish to order *Birth, Death, & Marriage records for England & Wales (from 1 July 1837)* through the GRO (General Register Office), which is the official (and only) source of these records.

The cost is \$25 per certificate which includes postage.

Come into the library to ask about ordering the record(s) you are interested in. You will need to have some information about the record (names, year, quarter, district, etc). Bring what information you have, and we will check to see if it is correct, before ordering. Please allow up to 5 weeks for delivery from the UK.

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 Accessions:

Books

*Bradmore, Don and Carter, Judith; *Sarah Bromley – Success, Sorrow and Scandal in Van Diemen's Land*

*Commonwealth of Australia; *Electoral Roll – Division of Franklin 1982*

*J Walch & Sons Pty Ltd; *Walch's Tasmanian Almanac: 1960-62, 64-70*

*Mercury-Walch Pty Ltd; *The Tasmanian Almanac: 1973-74, 1974-75, 1976-77*

Wyatt, D M, OAM, RFD; *Our Forgotten Heroes – Foreign Military Awards Presented to Tasmanians During World War One.*

Computer Disks

THRA; *Knopwood's Diary – The Diary of the Reverend Robert Knopwood, First Chaplain of Van Diemen's Land 1803-1838*

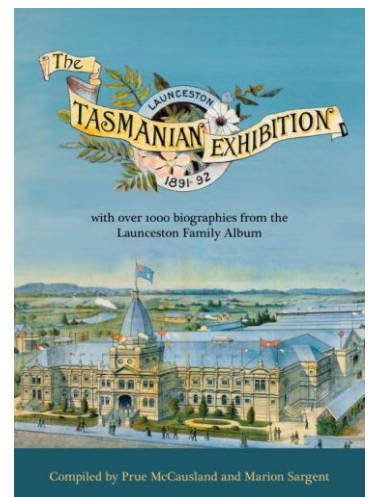
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Tasmanian Exhibition Launceston 1891-92 with over 1000 biographies from the Launceston Family Album.

A soft covered edition is now available at the Library, 45 Tamar St.

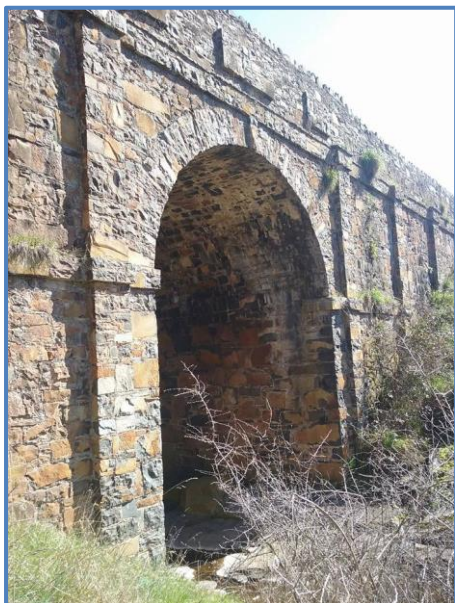
\$45.00 plus P&P.

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Kerry Lodge Bridge

In the years between 1830 and 1838 the highway between Hobart Town and Launceston was for the most part well laid out. Fashionable vehicles and rustic wagons were seen on large expanses of the highway. Accommodation was starting to be erected along the highway.



The main problem of this new highway was the need for well-designed and strongly built bridges to span the many gullies and rivers.

The first bridge to be built on the new highway was to span across the gully of Jingler's Creek situated on the outskirts of Franklin Village, on the top of Magpie Hill approximately 5 miles (8 kilometres) from Launceston. Lieutenant Governor Arthur authorised the erection of a bridge on the 23rd December 1833. The highway which included the new bridge was originally named the Main Road, then later Hobart Road and during the years of the 1930's the highway became known as the Midland Highway. The new bridge was named Kerry Lodge Bridge as it was erected on the property of *Kerry Lodge* which belonged to Theodore and Hannah Bartley.

A convict probation station was established at the furthest area of the *Kerry Lodge* property and it was to house the 40-60 convict workers that were assigned to build the bridge. These convicts were to engage in stone quarrying, stone cutting and construction of both Kerry Lodge Bridge and the realignment of the Main

Highway.

The bridge and causeway was built of bluestone masonry. It has a high single barrel vault across a deep gully. The massive facades are decorated with a colonnade of narrow pilasters, string courses and relief panels in the parapet walls. The copings are of random rough stones set on edge, unusual in Tasmania and particularly curious because at the time the bridge was built it was intended to have moulded freestone copings. The cost of the bridge included convict labour, the stone, lime and the cartage amounted to one hundred and twenty eight pounds seventeen shillings and four pence.

The Kerry Lodge Bridge is still in operation today and the committee of the Franklin Village Heritage committee are installing billboards and a viewing platform showing the history of the construction of the bridge and the surrounding area. The site of the probation station has recently undergone an archaeological dig under the guidance of Professor Eleanor Cassella (University of Manchester, England) and many local enthusiasts. There is to be more work done in this historic area.

People who were involved in the early stages of the erection of the bridge.

Theodore Bartley arrived in Van Diemen's Land in 1821 as the tutor of Governor in Chief Lachlan Macquarie's son Lachlan. On a visit to Van Diemen's Land, Theodore decided to remain in Launceston and was granted 500 acres in the Breadalbane area. This land he named *Kerry Lodge*. Theodore became a substantial landowner, a progressive and a successful farmer. He assisted the community of Paterson's Plain/ Breadalbane area in both financial and farming productivity.

Jingler's Rivulet/Valley, was named after a convict known as "Jingler". He had escaped from a work party at Port Dalrymple in the very early settlement of George Town. Jingler found safe residence in the gully around the Breadalbane area and this gully was then used as a distance reference; eg, 'travel as far out as where old Jingler lives'.

John Lee Archer, Colonial Architect and Engineer of Hobart Town designed Kerry Lodge Bridge along with the Ross and Campbell Town Bridges as well as many important buildings in Southern Tasmania.

Lieutenant William Kenworthy, born in Lancashire England, belonged to the 48th Regiment and on arrival in Van Diemen's Land was appointed Inspector of Public Works at Port Dalrymple in 1820. During his stay in Launceston he was in control of the site construction of the Kerry Lodge Bridge and also supervised the



building of St Johns Church. He subsequently became the Warden of the church before returning to England on the ship *Arab* in 1841.

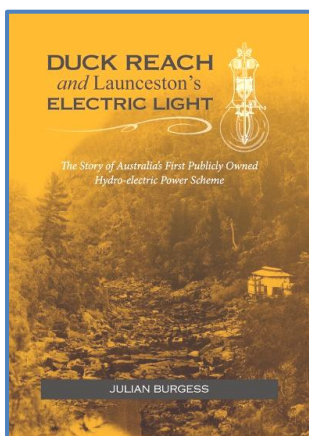
A story was told of Edward Gee (early settler of Paterson's Plains) who was riding home from the Carrick Races and put his horse at the parapet of the Kerry Lodge Bridge when he was confronted by bushrangers. Edward was thrown from the horse and received a broken arm as well as losing his trophies and money to the highway men.

Lucille Gee
(photos from a private collection, used with permission)

The Society 36th Conference and Annual General Meeting will be held on Saturday, 18 June at the Town Hall, Church St, Ross. The programme commences at 10.30am – Registration, morning tea and lunch. Register before Monday 17 May to be in the draw for the President's "Early Bird" Prize. Further registration details are available in the March edition of *Tasmanian Ancestry* or can be obtained at the Stables Library.

Speakers: Nick Brodie: *Kin: a real people's look behind the scenes.*
Ros Escott: *How DNA testing can supplement family history research.*
Roger McNeice OAM: *Flames of Fire: Fighting the Fiery Fiend*

The presentation of the Lilian Watson Family Award and the Tasmanian Family History Society Inc. Awards will be incorporated with the Annual General Meeting.



Annual General Meeting of the Launceston Branch was held on Tuesday 19th April at the Harry Abbott Scout Hall, off High Street.


The election of office bearers for 2016-17:

Helen Stuart: President, Lucille Gee: Vice President, Muriel Bissett: Secretary and Betty Bissett: Treasurer. Committee Members: Robyn Gibson, John Reimers, Barrie Robinson, Dorothy Rodgers and Russell Watson.

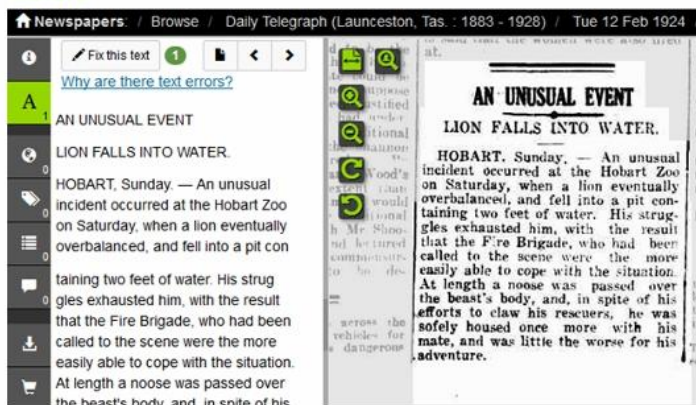
Gus Green OAM was the guest speaker, his topic was the new book by Julian Burgess: *Duck Reach and Launceston's Electric Light*. The story of Australia's first publicly owned Hydro-electric Power Scheme. Enquires: contact Gus Green prossergreen@vision.net.au.

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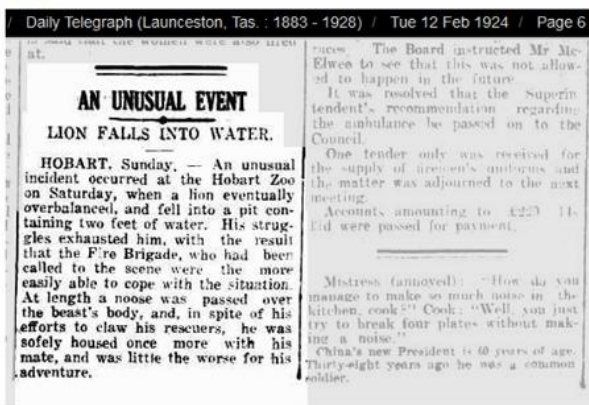
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the text pane, simply click on the  button.

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For more tips on using the updated Trove for newspaper searches, you may enjoy our upcoming June workshop. (see page 4)



British Interest Group



Meetings on the 1st Wednesday of the month
**Meeting Room 2 or 4 on 2nd Floor of the LINC building, Civic Square
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 and guests are always welcome, so if you are researching British ancestors and their families, why not come along and join us?

Recently, it was decided that we would focus on discussing how to record not just the names, dates and other known facts about our ancestors, but how to preserve our own personal stories, anecdotes, various snippets of information and memories, which unless recorded in some way, will simply disappear when we die, because we are the only ones with those particular memories.

What are we doing to safeguard against the loss of this precious resource??? How are you recording, saving, filing away these memories? In what format? How to future-proof your system?

According to the reports, the May meeting on this subject was quite inspiring with several members taking along examples of their own records of personal stories. The June meeting will be a continuation of this discussion and hopefully others, having been inspired by what they saw and heard at the previous meeting will bring along their own thoughts and ideas on the subject.

Why don't you come along and join us – you will be very welcome!

Irene Taylor



Workshop at The Stables, 45 Tamar St



Wednesday 15th June, 2 pm

Researching on TROVE

Application to attend the Branch Workshop

Fee of \$5.00 includes course material. I wish to attend the above workshop on the 15th 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:

The Library Co-ordinator, TFHS Inc. Launceston Branch, PO Box 1290, Launceston. 7250

Or payment can be made at the Branch Library by Tuesday 14th June.

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