



LAUNCESTON BRANCH NEWSLETTER

Library

Hours:

Tuesday

10am–3pm

Monday - Thursday:
By appointment

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## Workshop

Wednesday

**21 March**

2-4pm

At the Launceston  
LINC (Room 2),  
Civic Square

## Changes to the FamilySearch website

Entry by gold coin  
donation. See last page  
for response slip

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Easter Tuesday Closure

The library will be
closed on Tuesday
3 April 2018.

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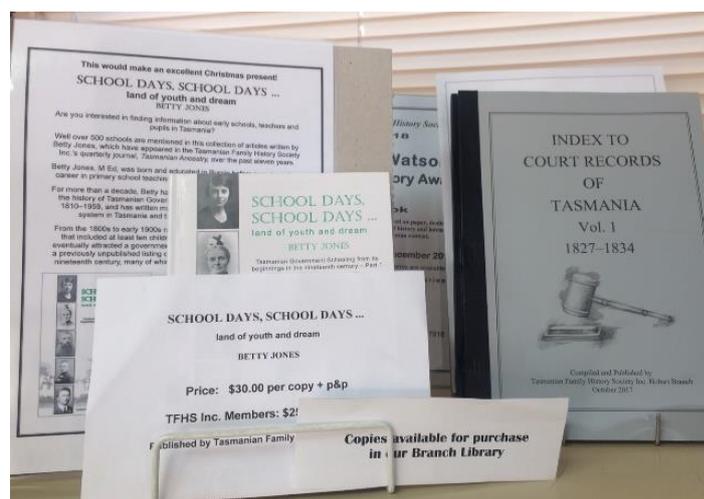
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From the Library:

New Book Titles



New titles include:

*Index to Court Records
of Tasmania Vol. 1
1827-1834*

*School Days,
School Days...land of
youth and dream
(see more on page 2)*

*Come visit the Branch
Library to purchase your
copy*

The Launceston Branch Annual General Meeting will be held Tuesday 17 April, 7pm at the Harry Abbott Scout Hall, St George's Square.

All positions for the 2018/19 Branch Committee will be declared vacant. Members who have renewed their membership for 2018/19 are invited to pick up a Nomination Form from the Stables or contact the Secretary (see above).

Nominations close on Thursday 5 April.

Following the AGM: Our guest speaker will be John Dent on the topic, 'Kerry Lodge' (not the Convict Road Station as previously advised). Supper will be served.

Current Membership expires on 31 March 2018. Membership renewal forms were posted with Tasmanian Ancestry Vol 38 No 3. Unfortunately there was an error in the printing of the form under MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL. This should read "Your membership to our Society expires on 31 March 2018" (not 2017). Our apologies for the error and we look forward to receiving your Membership renewal for the 2018/19 year.

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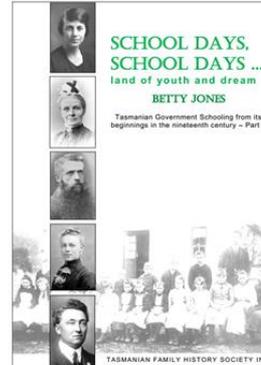
## Recent Release

### "SCHOOL DAYS, SCHOOL DAYS ... land of youth and dream"

A collection of articles written by Betty Jones for the Society, which have appeared in *Tasmanian Ancestry* over the past eleven years.

Published by the Tasmanian Family History Society, this book will appeal if you:

- are interested in Tasmania's early education system;
- are keen on local history or that of particular schools;
- have an ancestor who was a teacher;
- are curious about where your forebears attended school; or
- just like to be reminded of your own school days.



Well over 500 schools are mentioned in the book, which is available at all TFHS Inc. Branch Libraries.

Cost \$30.00 / Members \$25.00.

**Volunteers** are urgently required to do duty at our Branch Library. Come along any Tuesday (10am-3pm) to see how the library works, you may like to be trained to work on the desk as a "Duty Officer".

We are also calling for expressions of interest from Members wishing to volunteer as a "Research Assistant". For further information on this role, please contact or visit the Library.

## New Resource Material and Acquisitions

When you are in the Library, ask one of our friendly Duty Officers to show you the latest research resources and acquisitions.

## Electronic Resources Workshop



Robyn Gibson, John Graham and Helen Stuart at the recent workshop

In November we held a successful workshop on *Using Electronic Resources for your Family History*. John Graham of the Ryerson Index was in attendance, along with our own Robyn Gibson from the Launceston Branch presenting on using the Tasmanian Names Index.

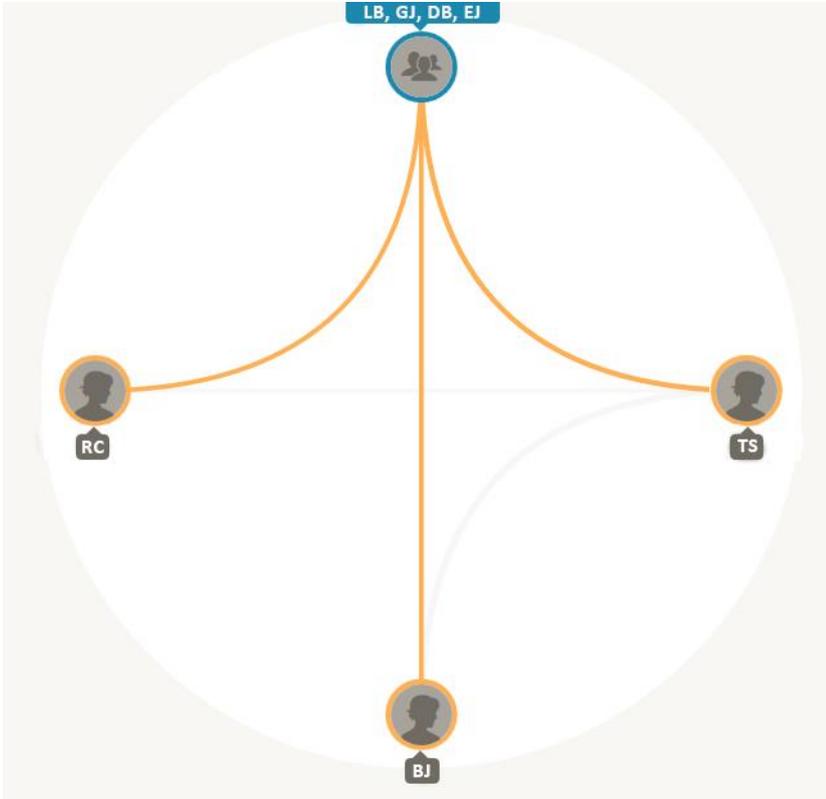
During this, members were invited to provide ideas for future workshop topics and as a result, our **21 March Workshop** will focus on using the FamilySearch website ([www.familysearch.org](http://www.familysearch.org)). This is a timely topic given the recent changes to the site.

See page 4 for registration details.

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DNA Discussion Group

During February we held our third **DNA Discussion Group** at the Branch Library, where one of the topics discussed was 'DNA Circles'. DNA Circles are a feature of *AncestryDNA* and are created automatically by the website when certain conditions are met; including that members must all have a mutual common ancestor, and also share DNA with at least one other person in the circle.



In this example, a DNA Circle has been created for seven people who have all tested with *AncestryDNA*. They all have family trees linked to their results, and all share a mutual common ancestor (not shown here).

The top (blue) cluster is a family group, created when people share large amounts of DNA (in this case they are first cousins, once removed).

The orange and grey lines in the image indicate the DNA connections, and from this we can easily see who shares DNA. In this example, all members share DNA with each other – except for RC and BJ (ie there is no line connecting them).

But...the great thing about DNA Circles is that RC and BJ are now connected. As we all inherit only fractions of DNA from our distant ancestors, we may have inherited different parts. We therefore will not share DNA with all of our cousins, and this may have been the case with RC and BJ. Even though they are not a direct genetic match and do not show up in their respective DNA results, they have a common ancestor and share DNA with others in the Circle. The DNA Circle has linked them to each other, and they are now free to get in touch, or use the information to help with their own research.

If any members are interested in joining the DNA Discussion Group on an ongoing basis would they please register their interest by coming into the Branch Library or contacting us by email.

Family Connections

From John Beswick. Member No. 5181.

Following my recent discovery of a family connection, I would very much like to make contact with any descendants of William Edward Davidson (1867-1942) who are interested in family history research. William Edward was born in the Westbury district on 22 October 1867 and apparently raised in Launceston where he married Ada Lavinia Arnold. They had three children that I know of, namely Henry Edward, James Aubrey and Daisy Lillian and moved to Lefroy where William Edward was occupied as a miner before becoming a land owner and settling in the Low Head /George Town area. He was elected as a Councillor of the George Town Council in the 1920s and was still residing at George Town at the time of his death in the Homeopathic Hospital, Launceston on 12 April 1942.

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## **British Interest Group**



**Meetings on the 1st Wednesday of the month  
Meeting Room 1 on 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 British research. 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.

***Next Meeting: Wednesday 7 March. Bring a research article of interest (or several if you like)***

### **Lunchbox Lectures**

Have you heard about the Lunchbox Lectures being run by Launceston LINC? The first lecture was held in February, with more than 40 people attending to hear about Silvanus Wilmot, a stone mason.

The next lecture will be held on Thursday 15 March at 1:15pm and run for approximately 35 minutes. This time, the topic is *'Researching the Rajah, the convicts and the Quilt'*, presented by Claire Saxby.

For details on how to register please contact the Launceston LINC.

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Workshop at Launceston LINC, Room 2



Wednesday 21 March, 2 pm – 4 pm

FamilySearch: accessing digitized images on-line

This workshop is open to Members and Non-members, and will include information from The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

Application to attend the Branch Workshop

I wish to attend the above workshop on 21 March 2018

Name/s:

Address:

Phone/Mobile:..... Membership Nos:

Please return the completed form as soon as possible to the:

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

Or register in person at the Branch Library by Tuesday 20 March.

Fee of a gold coin donation payable on the day.

Change to Newsletter Distribution: Please note that from our February Issue, the Branch Newsletter will be distributed electronically. Please contact us to ensure your email details are up to date (if you have been receiving this by mail). Printed copies are still available for collection from the Library for those without email access, and from our website.