



LAUNCESTON BRANCH NEWSLETTER

Library

Hours:

Tuesday
10am–3pm

Monday - Thursday:
By appointment

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## Workshop

Wednesday

**20 March**  
2-4pm

At the Elderly  
Citizens Hall

## Ways of Presenting your Family History

See last page for  
response slip

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Easter Tuesday Closure

The library will
be closed on
Tuesday 23
April 2019.

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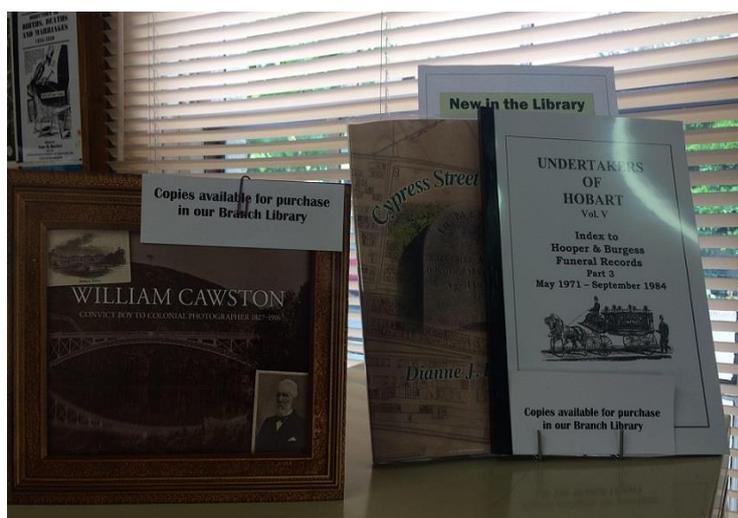
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From the Library:

New Book Titles



New titles include:

*Undertakers of Hobart
Vol. V - Index to Hooper
& Burgess Funeral
Records Part 3.*

*William Cawston: Convict
Boy to Colonial
Photographer 1827-1916*

*Come visit the Branch
Library to purchase your
copy*

The Launceston Branch Annual General Meeting will be held at the Harry Abbott Scout Hall, 7:00pm on Tuesday 16 April 2019.

Members who have renewed their membership for 2019/20 are invited to pick up a Nomination Form from the Stables or contact the Secretary (see above).

Nominations for Office Bearers are due in by 3:00pm on Tuesday 2 April.

Following the AGM: Our guest speaker will be Andrea Gerrard, the historian who is active in the 'Headstone Project' which aims to ensure that WWI veterans buried in Tasmania have their gravesites marked to indicate their war service.

Current Membership expires on 31 March 2019. Membership renewal forms were posted with Tasmanian Ancestry Vol 39 No 3. For those yet to renew, we look forward to your continued Membership for the 2019/20 year.

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".

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.

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## **DNA Discussion Circle**



Success stories continue to be shared, and new connections continue to be made at our DNA Discussion Circles.

This was certainly the case during a recent meeting at the Branch Library, where Glennis, Zoe and Judy discovered they had a mutual great-great grandfather in common!

A former convict who worked at Sumnercoates, John Smith married Mary Dale and they lived at Ross.

The three descendants are now in touch, with Glennis and Judy currently narrowing down which DNA test they might undertake to help them with their research.

*L-R: Glennis Boxhall, Zoe McLarty and Judy Pierce*

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

## **England and Wales Certificate Service**

If you do not have easy access to the internet yourself, or aren't comfortable using your credit card details online, you can still order a certificate from GRO (General Register Office). Call in and see us at the Branch Library to ask about the record(s) you are interested in.

Birth, Death & Marriage records for England & Wales (from 1 July 1837) can be ordered on your behalf for \$25 per certificate (mailed, which includes postage) or \$15 per certificate (PDF, emailed). For mailed certificates please allow up to 5 weeks for postal delivery from UK.

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.

## Do you know about the Comprehensive Subject Index (CSI)?

The Comprehensive Subject Index (CSI) is a searchable database of references to named people, objects, places or events. The data has been compiled by TFHS volunteers over many years from the contents of publications in TFHS branch libraries. CSI has for some years been made available only through an application running on a PC in the Hobart branch library, but is now searchable / accessible through the internet.

**CSI is a work in progress.** Indexing carries on and data is regularly added to the database. The database certainly does not cover every publication. So even if you search CSI and get no results, that does **not** necessarily mean that our society cannot help you. We have many other resources to assist you with your research and volunteers willing to assist.

Each item of information can take two forms, either

- a mandatory name together with optional given names, or
- a major subject together with a topic within that subject's domain, with
- a reference showing where in the publication the reference can be found.

While most sources can be found at the Hobart branch in Bellerive, many can also be found in other branches. So contact your local branch first when trying to locate a source or book.

### Getting involved

Members may become involved in the CSI project. The easiest way is to index publications. The first step is to contact the Hobart branch and indicate your interest. You can email the branch at [secretary@hobart.tasfhs.org](mailto:secretary@hobart.tasfhs.org)

Information sourced from the TFHS Inc. website: <https://www.tasfhs.org/csi/>

### Newsletter articles – always welcome!

Have you made any interesting family history discoveries recently?  
An article (about 500 words) on your discovery, or any other family history topic, would be a welcome addition to the Newsletter.

Come to the Library and tell us about your ideas.

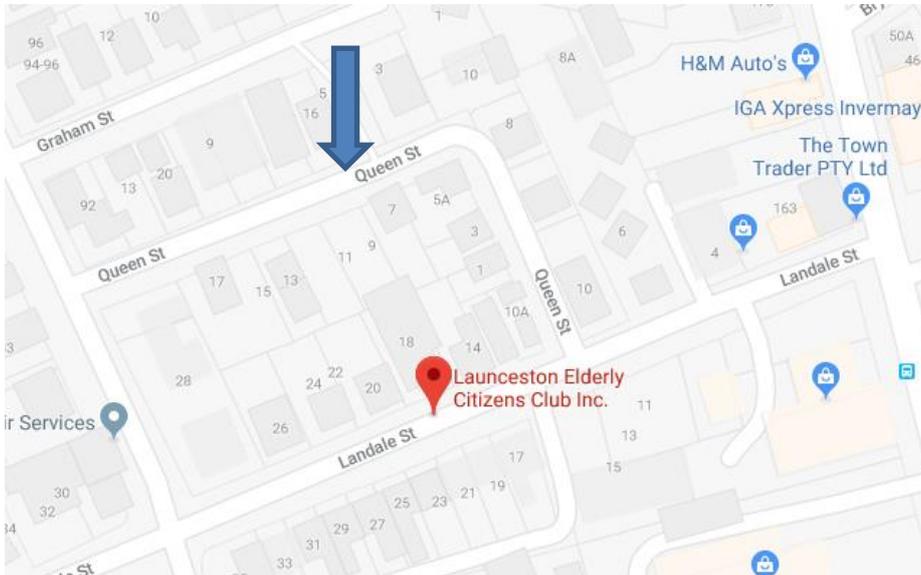
## **British Interest Group**

**Meetings on the 2nd Wednesday of the month  
TFHS Inc. Launceston Branch Library  
The Stables, 45 Tamar Street  
(at rear of Albert Hall) 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 13 March. Topic: New Sources for Researching British Newspapers**

# Workshop at the Elderly Citizens Club 16 Landale Street, Invermay



*Free parking is available behind the hall, with entry off Queen Street*

**Wednesday 20 March, 2 pm – 4 pm**

## Ways of Presenting your Family History

This workshop is open to Members and Non-members. Led by Patricia Lansdell and Leanne Bishop, this workshop will include examples of presenting your family history.

### Application to attend the Branch Workshop

I wish to attend the above workshop on 20 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.

*Bookings essential. Fee of \$5.00 payable in advance to the Branch Library.*

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