



LAUNCESTON BRANCH NEWSLETTER

Library Hours:

Tuesday
10am–3pm

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### Christmas Dinner

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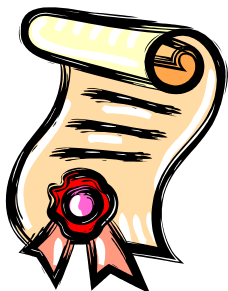
**Friday**  
**22nd November**

6.30 for 7pm

**Book at the  
Library by Friday**  
**15th**

Pay on the night -  
\$30.00

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From the Library:

Christmas Dinner – Friday 22nd November, 6.30pm for 7pm

If you wish to attend, please advise either the Secretary or one of the Duty Officers at the Library before Friday 15th November.

The library will be closed for the Christmas holidays:

From 3 pm: Tuesday 10 December

Reopens 10 am: Tuesday 21 January

Working Bee at the Library: Monday 20 January

Recent Acquisitions

Books:

TFHS Inc. Hobart Branch: *Church Records of Tasmania*. Vol 1 Index to Miscellaneous Catholic Deaths.

TFHS Inc. Launceston Branch: *The Weekly Courier*. Vol 14 1924-1926, Index

TFHS Inc. Launceston Branch: *The Tasmanian Mail*. Vol 14: 1934, Index

TFHS Inc. Mersey Branch; *An Index to the Advocate* – Personal Announcements 1981 covering NW Coast of Tas.

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TFHS Inc. Mersey Branch: In Loving Memory Series. Monumental Inscriptions of: Latrobe District Cemeteries Book 2

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Port Arthur Historic SMA: *Collecting Memories*, Connecting Community & Convict Sites

Irish Family History Handbook

Family History Handbook, No. 13

CD - Convict Settlement on Norfolk Island: Index to the Norfolk Island Paper & Accounts

CD - Register of Convict Applications to Marry 1826-1851

Garage Sale at the library, 45 Tamar Street:

Second Hand books and equipment, as listed on the following pages, will be available for sale to members at the Branch Library in the New Year. We will be holding a Garage Sale on:

Tuesday, 11 February 2014 – 10am – 3pm.

If you wish to purchase any of these items prior to the Sale, they are available now at the Branch Library.

Research Queries at the Launceston Branch

The Launceston Branch Committee wishes to advise that Research will not be undertaken at the Branch Library until further notice.

Garage Sale – Second Hand Books

England and Wales	Sale Price \$
<i>Yorkshire – The Light and the Land</i> – Photographs by Colin Baxter	3.50
<i>York – The Pitkin City Guides</i>	5.50
<i>Take care of your Fire and Candle</i> – F D Gentry	5.00
<i>Book of British Villages</i> – Readers Digest	10.00
<i>Old English Villages</i> – Clay Perry, Ann Gore, Laurence Fleming	3.50
<i>Lovely Britain</i> – Odhams	9.00
<i>Britain -Tracing your Ancestors</i> – D M Field	4.00
<i>The Markets and Fairs of England and Wales</i> – Roy Anderson	6.00
<i>Clovelly</i> – Robert Innes-Smith	5.50
<i>Exploring the Stonehenge Landscape</i> – The National Trust	0.50
<i>Greater London Cemeteries and Crematoria</i> – Patricia S Wolfston	3.50
<i>Historic Towns of South-East England</i> – David W Lloyd	4.00
<i>A History of Suffolk</i> – David Dymond and Peter Northeast	5.50
<i>A History of Yorkshire</i> – F B Singleton and S R Rawnsley	6.50
<i>The Cottage Homes of England</i> – Helen Allingham & Stewart Dick	6.50
<i>Tracing Your Ancestors</i> – Anthony J Camp	8.50
<i>Record Offices</i> – How to find them - Third Edition – Jeremy Gibson & Pamela Pesket	2.00
<i>Collins Road Atlas Britain 1987</i>	4.00
<i>Collins Road Atlas Britain 1998</i>	3.00
<i>The Heritage of England in Colour</i> – A P Kirsting and John Bledlow	16.00
<i>The Devil in Dartmoor</i> – Christina Green	7.00
<i>The Mysterious Moor</i> – Christina Green	10.00
<i>Dyfed Family History Journal</i> – Members Interests	2.00
<i>Victorian and Edwardian Cambridge from old photographs</i> – FA Reeve	16.00
<i>Wessex</i> – A National Trust Book – Patricia Beer and Fay Godwin	14.00
<i>Across Cornwall on a Horse</i> – Michael Williams	15.00
<i>Illustrated Touring Atlas of Britain</i> – Automobile Association	3.00
<i>The English Countryman</i> – G E & K R Fussell	5.00
<i>General Register Office – The Official List for 1995 Part 1</i>	3.00
<i>Hidcote Manor Garden</i> – Gloucestershire – The National Trust	4.00
<i>Fishbourne</i> – A Guide to the Site	3.00
<i>Little Moreton Hall</i> – Cheshire – The National Trust	4.00
<i>Lincolnshire History & Archaeology</i> – The Society for Lincolnshire History & Archaeology	16.00
<i>A Genealogical Gazetteer of Mid-Victorian London</i> – West Surrey Family History Society	6.00
<i>1851 Census Name Index</i> – Vol.6 : 2 – Derbyshire Family History Society	6.00
<i>1851 Census Index in the County of Northamptonshire</i> – Northampton FHS	3.00
<i>1851 Census Index Survey</i> – England, Wales, Channel Islands – FFHS	3.00
<i>1851 Census Index Series – Whitechapel</i> – Surnames Vol.9 Part 1, 2, 3	5.00
<i>1851 Census Index Series – Whitechapel</i> – Surnames Vol.10 Part 1, 2	5.00
<i>1851 Census Index Series – Whitechapel</i> – Surnames Vol.11 Part 1, 2, 3	5.00
<i>1851 Census Index Series – Whitechapel</i> – Surnames Vol.12 Part 1, 2, 3	5.00
<i>1851 Census Staffordshire Surname Index Vol.15</i> – Westbromwich – Part 1	6.00
<i>1851 Census Staffordshire Surname Index Vol.13</i> – Wolverhampton Eastern	6.00
<i>1851 Census Warwickshire Surname Index Vol.1</i> – Birmingham Part 1 – St Martin	6.00
<i>1851 Census Worcestershire Vol.6</i> – Worcester (South) – Transcriptions & Surname Index	6.00
<i>1851 Census Worcestershire Vol.6</i> – Worcester (West) – Transcriptions & Surname Index	6.00
<i>1851 Census Worcestershire Vol.6</i> – Worcester (North) – Transcriptions & Surname Index	6.00
<i>Devon FHS – 1851 Census Surname Index</i> – Transcribed by R Woodbine	6.00
<i>Finding out about your Family History</i> – Kathy Chater and Simon Fowler – FFHS	5.00
<i>Index to 1851 Census Vol.20 Hatfield</i> – Doncaster & District Family History Society	6.00
Ireland	
<i>Directory of Irish Archives</i> – Seamus Helferty & Raymond Redfausse	7.50
<i>The Ancestor Trail in Ireland</i> – Donal F Begley	5.00
<i>The Country Life Picture Book of Ireland</i> – Elgy Gillespie	4.00
<i>The Music, Songs and Instruments of Ireland</i> – Karen Farrington	4.50

Garage Sale – Second Hand Books, ctd.

Australia	Sale Price \$
<i>From Settlement to City – A History of the District of Tea Tree Gully 1836-1976 – Ian Auhl</i>	5.00
<i>How to Trace Your Missing Ancestors whether living, dead or adopted – Janet Reakes</i>	11.50
<i>The Australian People 1788-1945 – Brian Fitzpatrick</i>	6.00
<i>Adelaide Sketchbook – Max Lamshed and Jeanette McLeod</i>	6.00
<i>Canberra Sketchbook – Unk White and Peter Luck</i>	6.00
<i>River Yarra Sketchbook – Bill Beasley and Brian Carroll</i>	16.00
<i>Port Macquarie Sketchbook – Olaf Ruhen, Vic Hatcher</i>	5.00
<i>Roots and Branches – Ancestry for Australians – Errol Lea-Scarlett</i>	4.00
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<i>Leaves on the Family Tree – Janet Reakes</i>	5.00
<i>Short Cuts and Money Saving Ideas for Genealogy – Janet Reakes</i>	10.00
<i>Family and Local History Sources in Victoria – Frances Brown, Don Meadley, Marjorie Morgan</i>	5.00
<i>Family History – Sources at the State Library of New South Wales</i>	2.00
<i>Tasmanian Town Street Atlas – Tasmapi</i>	3.00
<i>Port Fairy Past and Present – Ann Quarrell</i>	5.00
<i>The Mercury Australian Year Book 1933 – Herald & Weekly Times Ltd</i>	5.00
<i>The Old Farm – Strawberry Hill No. 9268 – National Trust of Australia (WA)</i>	3.00
<i>The Central South Coast of NSW</i>	2.00
<i>Reference Services Bibliographies – Library Board of South Australia 1976</i>	2.00
<i>Directory of Government Agencies (Tasmania) January 1988</i>	2.00
<i>50th Anniversary of APPM 1836-1986 – Tess Lawrence</i>	3.00
<i>Where Did I Read That – An Index to Research Advice Articles appearing in FH Publications – Liz Vincent</i>	3.00
<i>Under the Southern Cross – 3rd Australasian Congress of Genealogy & Heraldry Congress Papers 1983</i>	2.00
<i>The People Places of Launceston – Launceston City Council</i>	.50
<i>Tasmanian Business Directory 1985</i>	2.00
<i>Tasmania Country Link – Streets Travel Directory 15th Edition – UBD</i>	3.00
<i>Gregory's Sydney Street Directory 3rd Edition</i>	1.00
<i>Register of Cemetery Transcriptions held by Member Organizations – AFFHO – Graham Thom</i>	.50
<i>A Country Grows up – Australia in the Making – J L Grady</i>	19.00
<i>The Devils Meridian – Kevin Killey, Gary Lester</i>	18.00
<i>Australia from Empire to Asia – J C Bright, P M J West</i>	20.00
<i>A Century of Responsible Government in Tasmania – F C Green</i>	17.00
<i>The Road to Toolangi – Bryan Wardle</i>	20.00
<i>Great Australian Disasters – Ian Mackay</i>	9.00
<i>Historic Towns of Australia – Philip Cox, Wesley Stacey</i>	12.00
<i>A Time to Remember – Peter Luck's Bicentennial Minutes</i>	7.00
<i>Our Inheritance – Historic Places on Public Land in Victoria</i>	15.00
<i>Building a Nation – A History of the Australian House – John Archer</i>	13.00
<i>Australia's Heritage Sketchbook – Keith Norris</i>	21.00
<i>From Tallebudgera to the Tweed – Robert Longhurst</i>	17.00
<i>Lost Glories – A Memorial to Forgotten Australian Buildings – David Latta</i>	10.00
<i>Australia's Museums – Douglas Baglin, Yvonne Austin</i>	10.00
<i>Gladstone – a meeting of creeks, a breaking of gauges – Sketches by Dick Biles</i>	22.00
<i>The Hall of Memory – Australian War Memorial, Canberra</i>	18.00
<i>Wollongong – Wollongong City Council</i>	14.00
Miscellaneous	
<i>A guide to Research – Family History Center (LDS)</i>	.60
<i>Genealogical Research Standards – Derek Harland</i>	8.50
<i>1990 Map & Book Catalogue – Rallymaps of West Wellow</i>	.30
<i>The Readers Digest Great World Atlas</i>	4.00
<i>Genealogical Research Directory – Keith A Johnson & Malcom R Sainty 1987, 1990, 2004</i>	(each) – 1.00
<i>Some Came Early, Some Came Late – Nancy Phelan</i>	20.00
<i>A Genealogist's Bibliography – Cecil R Humphrey-Smith</i>	4.50

Garage Sale - Equipment

Cyber Drive Internal IDE CD Rewriter	New	\$30.00	ono
One Pair of Creative SBS A30 Speakers	As New	11.50	
Various Computer/Printer/Monitor Cables		6.00	
Sunair Box Fan		10.00	
Fiche Readers		10.00	
Asus 17" wide screen Monitor	Make an Offer		
Hotpoint Heater	Make an Offer		
Small Floor Type	Make an Offer		

There will be also be a quantity of fiche and CDs for sale on the day

Interesting Websites

Dublin City Voters 1908

www.dublinheritage.ie

The Dublin City Library and Archives has a new database which contains lists of Dublin Voters in 1908. This file contains a record of 46,065 voters aged over 21 for men and 30 for women, approx 15% of the City's population in 1908.

Queensland BDM's.

www.bdm.qld.gov.au/IndexSearch/entry

The Queensland Registry of Births, Deaths & Marriages has a free Historical Index searching facility that allows online purchases and immediate download of purchased images at \$20 each. Records available are Births 1829-1914, Deaths 1829-1983, Marriages 1829-1938.

Victoria

<http://prov.vic.gov.au/wills-and-probate>

The Public Record Office of Victoria holds Wills and Probate records from 1841-2007. Wills from 1841-1925 have recently been digitised and are free to view.

New South Wales

www.findmypast.com.au

Findmypast has secured the rights to all of the registered Wills from 1800-1952. The collection will be available late 2013 and will include handwritten copies of the original Wills, from 1800-1924, and typed copies of Wills from 1924-1953.

Newspapers

Jewish Newspapers from various countries 1843-1995 free to view

www.jpress.org.il/view-english.asp

New Zealand Newspapers 1830-1945 free to view

<http://paperspast.natlib.govt.nz/cgi-bin/paperspast>

Welsh Newspapers project free to view

www.llgc.org.uk

London, Belfast, Edinburgh Gazettes

Free to view historical editions, but register first.

www.gazettes-online.co.uk

Scottish Valuation Rolls for 1920

The Valuation Rolls for 1920 have been added to the ScotlandsPeople website at

<http://www.scotlandspeople.gov.uk>

As well as including the names of owners, tenants and occupiers of the properties the Rolls reveal some very interesting features of social history in Scotland during the post-WW1 era about the breaking up and selling of land following the end of WW1. It was claimed that between 1918 and 1921 no less than one fifth of all Scottish land, amounting to 4 million acres, had changed hands.

WW1 Military Biographies

Researched and documented details include:

- Image of the individual (if available)
- Individual signature on enlistment papers.
- Individuals physical description.
- Nominal Roll details.
- Embarkation Roll details.
- Image of Transport Ship.
- Australian War Memorial records of the individual.
- National Archives service records.
- Image of Military Cemetery (if applicable)
- Image of Service Medals, Honours and Awards.
- Extract from War Diary (if applicable)
- Maps
- Unit details and image of Colour Patch
- Location of Memorial (if applicable)

Research and presentation cost:

All details presented on a CD for \$100 per individual or a printed hard copy in plastic folder for \$125. For additional details contact:

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Checking Household items of days gone by

Excerpt from *The Mercury*, Monday 14 January 1985, by Lillian Watson

As I passed by the window of a second-hand furniture shop recently I paused to see the display.

Most of the items I could identify—the old fashioned butter churn, the ink wells, the hand iron which would needed to be heated on the stove. The latter brought back memories of my early childhood and the miniature iron I insisted on placing on the wood stove while my mother used her two heavy full-size irons alternately.

Women of those days would have made good weightlifters; their irons were very heavy and clothing was made from pure cotton or wool with no synthetics to help prevent wrinkling.

In my early teens I was left in charge of the family during my mother's hospitalisation. Though I had previously helped with the washing I had never before had the full responsibility.

The tubs in the outside wash-house were filled by hand, any hot water having to be ladled into the copper and then out again. The copper was used to boil up all the white clothing and colour-fast items too. A wood fire burned underneath.

I made one mistake in those three weeks. I placed a pair of navy blue serge school trousers in the copper with the whites! What a disaster. The whites became streaky greys and the trousers became a spongy, shrunken no-colour mess.

Mixing starch smoothly was at first a challenge. The powdered starch was mixed first with a little cold water then the boiling water was added while the whole was briskly stirred. Hesitate with the stirring and you had a dish full of lumps.

I wondered as I looked in that shop window how many items my grandchildren would be able to identify.

Have you ever thought of how your ancestors lived, what equipment they used, how much harder it was to perform tasks which are now done by machines?

One ways to find out some of the things early generations valued is to refer to the Wills they left, or the inventory made after the death of the householder, especially if no Will was left and the Letter of Administration had to be drawn up.



British Interest Group



Meetings on the 1st Wednesday of the month
at Phil Leonard Room, Launceston State Library, from 2:00 to 4:00.
Membership costs \$5.00 per year

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?

Pedigree Analysis: Do You Have the Correct Answers? ***Michael Leclerc's Genealogy News - Research Tips***

The plethora of online trees available makes has been a boon to genealogical research. It also makes pedigree analysis more important than ever. Pedigree analysis involves examining the information on your ancestry to ensure that your information is as accurate as possible. Follow these four steps any time you add new information to your family tree, and it doesn't hurt to go back and review periodically.

1. Does the Chronology Work?

Are there any obvious problems with the chronology? Are there women giving birth at age 80? Are men fathering children at age 6? Is anyone born 20 years before their grandparents? You would be surprised at the strange information that creeps in if you don't pay careful enough attention. Check periodically that there are no obvious chronological errors.

2. Do the Dates and Places Make Sense?

Chronology alone isn't enough. Examine the dates in the context of the places. It is physically impossible for someone to be in two places at once. Prior to the late-nineteenth century, families did not usually travel widely back and forth. Finding children born every other year in Massachusetts, then Iowa, then New York was not something one would find happening in 1840. (*change the place-names to suit Britain or Australia*) Be certain that the information is likely or even possible!

3. Do the Names Agree?

Be very careful that you have the right names. This is especially important with wives/mothers. If the names of mothers do not agree in the birth records for all of the children, you need to check to make sure there aren't two men in town with the same name with wives who have different names. Or one man who had two different wives. You might even have a woman with multiple forenames she used alternately.

4. Is the Evidence Sufficient?

Have you done a reasonably exhaustive search? A reasonably exhaustive search means that you have examined all of the available resources for the information. This does not mean you have only looked for records on the internet. Have you also looked to see if microfilms of original records are available? Have you also checked with the town or county to see what records might be there that have never been microfilmed, digitized, or transcribed? Don't limit your search, or you may miss valuable information that will help you solve your research problems.

Courtesy of www.mocavo.com blog page (29 Oct 2013)