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From the Library:

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:

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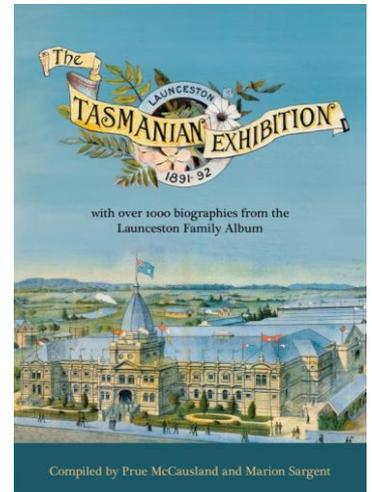
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For your Diary

Saturday 26th November. The Branch Christmas Luncheon at the home of Barrie and Janice Robinson. Full details will be in our next Newsletter.

Note: the Secretary's Phone No – is now **6343 3107**



Colourful Old Hostelries

Did you know that in 1848 it was estimated that there was one public house for every 166 inhabitants of Van Diemen's Land? Or that some of the more colourful names given to early hotels in Launceston included Wattle Tree, Blue Bell, Good Woman and Gold Digger's Return?

A special *Supplement in Commemoration of the Centenary* published in *The Examiner* in 1946 provided these details and much more. The supplement was produced on the 104th anniversary of the newspaper, and included many wonderful highlights of the various phases of Tasmanian life that had been recorded since the newspaper began in 1842. We have included snippets specifically relating to hotels and hoteliers in Launceston, however the full (100-page) supplement is well worth a look and available to view on Trove:

'When a publican threw open a new tavern for the patronage of deepwater sailors who had crossed the seven seas, of the garrison soldiers and the varied patrons who fancied his run in early Launceston, he not unnaturally followed the style of naming his inn after the early tradition of English innkeepers.

Many picturesque names were given to the numerous drinking places about the town and they also flaunted signboards illustrative of the titles. The Help Me Through the World Hotel in Brisbane-street was an example. It stood on the site at present occupied by Peppers and had a large swinging signboard, on one side of which was depicted the world with a man's head and shoulders apparently coming through it. On the reverse side was another picture of the world with the heels and the hind parts of the man and the words "Help Me Through the World" beneath.

The Babes In the Wood stood on the north side of Elizabeth-street, midway between Bathurst and Wellington streets and its signs showed the robins dropping leaves on the sleeping babes. This was an amusing picture, as the kindly robins that performed the melancholy duty of undertakers had been drawn nearly as large as the children they were covering.

STATISTICS for 1848 reveal how numerous were the public houses. There were, in the whole of the island, 41 wholesaler dealers and 364 public-houses, one half of this number being in Hobart Town. There were then eight public-houses to one baker, three to two butchers, and five to one grocer. One house out of every 20 was licensed for the sale of strong drink and it was estimated that there was one public-house to every 166 Inhabitants. In Launceston alone there were eleven wholesale spirit merchants in 1849, the population being about 7000.

The first hotel in Launceston was the Black Swan, built in 1820, and kept by G. Burgess, an old whaler. It stood on the corner of Brisbane and Wellington streets and was afterwards known as the Wilmot Arms before it was pulled down. Seven new public-houses were licensed in 1825 - the Black Bull, the Caledonian, Red Lion, Rose and Thistle, Jolly Sailor, Commercial Tavern and Help Me Through the World.

The Brisbane Hotel in Brisbane street was originally a single-storey building and a sign hanging outside read:-
Hood is dead and gone,
Come and drink with Little John.

It was built on the site of the first building (1805) and the first bank, according to the plaque erected by the Historical Society, but in the last half-century has been extensively remodelled. Many famous people have stayed at the Brisbane Hotel, including the Duke of Windsor (the former King Edward VIII.) when he was Prince of Wales and the present King George VI. and Queen Elizabeth when they were the Duke and Duchess of York.

When the Duke of Edinburgh visited Launceston in January, 1868, the Club Hotel, which was then vacant, was entirely fitted out for the Duke and his suite during their stay.

Hostelries which disappeared long before the Club Hotel was demolished included the Ship Inn, at the corner of St. John and William streets, which was burnt down in 1857; the Cross Keys in York St. near Bathurst St., Lamb and Flag, corner of York and Bathurst Sts., Wattle Tree, corner Bathurst and Elizabeth Sts.; Black Horse, corner Wellington and Elizabeth Sts., Green Gate, on the Sandhill, once visited by bushrangers; Blue Bell, at the summit of the Sandhill before the Hobart-road was deviated to the left; Bull's Head, corner of Brisbane and Charles St. (burnt down); Sawyer's Arms, corner of Tamar and Cameron Sts.; Ferry House Inn, Tamar St., where the Bridge Hotel stands (the ferry was there before the first bridge was built in 1833); Duke of York, at the corner of Wellington and Frankland Sts., White Hart, Wellington St., Caledonian, corner Wellington and Canning Sts.; Good Woman, corner of Frederick and Bathurst Sts.; Kangaroo, Wellington St.; Gold Digger's Return or Shakespeare Hotel, corner of Charles and Paterson Sts., where the T. and G. buildings now stand; the White Horse, next to "The Examiner" office; and the Coach and Horses, now the National.'

For the full article (including more hotels and their history), see *The Examiner* (Launceston, TAS), Tuesday 12 March 1942, p.91 (Special supplement in Commemoration of the Centenary) via www.trove.nla.gov.au. Direct Link: [Colourful Old Hostelries](#)

Figuring Out Family Relationships

If someone walked up to you and said "Howdy, I'm your third cousin, twice removed," would you have any idea what they meant? Most people have a good understanding of basic relationship words such as "mother," "father," "aunt," "uncle," "brother," and "sister." But what about the relationship terms that we don't use in everyday speech? Terms like "second cousin" and "first cousin, once removed"? We don't tend to speak about our relationships in such exact terms ("cousin" seems good enough when you are introducing one person to another), so most of us aren't familiar with what these words mean.

Relationship Terms

Sometimes, especially when working on your family history, it's handy to know how to describe your family relationships more exactly. The definitions below should help you out.

Cousin (a.k.a "first cousin"):

Your first cousins are the people in your family who have two of the same grandparents as you. In other words, they are the children of your aunts and uncles.

Second Cousin:

Your second cousins are the people in your family who have the same great-grandparents as you, but not the same grandparents.

Third, Fourth, and Fifth Cousins:

Your third cousins have the same great-great-grandparents, fourth cousins have the same great-great-great-grandparents, and so on.

Removed:

When the word "removed" is used to describe a relationship, it indicates that the two people are from different generations. You and your first cousins are in the same generation (two generations younger than your grandparents), so the word "removed" is not used to describe your relationship.

The words "once removed" mean that there is a difference of one generation. For example, your mother's first cousin is your first cousin, once removed. This is because your mother's first cousin is one generation younger than your grandparents and you are two generations younger than your grandparents. This one-generation difference equals "once removed."

Twice removed means that there is a two-generation difference. You are two generations younger than a first cousin of your grandmother, so you and your grandmother's first cousin are first cousins, twice removed.

Relationship Charts Simplify Everything

Now that you have an idea of what these different words mean, take a look at the chart below. It's called a relationship chart, and it can help you figure out how different people in your family are related. It's much simpler than it looks, just follow the instructions.

Instructions for Using a Relationship Chart

1. Pick two people in your family and figure out which ancestor they have in common. For example, if you chose yourself and a cousin, you would have a grandparent in common.
2. Look at the top row of the chart and find the first person's relationship to the common ancestor.
3. Look at the far left column of the chart and find the second person's relationship to the common ancestor.
4. Determine where the row and column containing those two relationships meet.

Common Ancestor	Child	Grandchild	G-grandchild	G-g-grandchild
Child	Sister or Brother	Nephew or Niece	Grand-nephew or niece	G-grand-nephew or niece
Grandchild	Nephew or Niece	First cousin	First cousin, once removed	First cousin, twice removed
G-grandchild	Grand-nephew or niece	First cousin, once removed	Second cousin	Second cousin, once removed
G-g-grandchild	G-grand-nephew or niece	First cousin, twice removed	Second cousin, once removed	Third cousin

When you are working with older records, be aware that the meaning of the word "cousin", along with the meanings of other relationship terms, have changed over time.



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?

In recent months we have made a point of focusing on various ideas relating to the writing and safeguarding our own personal life story, rather than that of our ancestors. It has led to some interesting concepts and a wide range of ideas being discussed. I think we have all been able to not only make a contribution, but be inspired by other members' ideas. Not many of us will be able to compete with Pat's wonderful scrapbook style story of her Dad's life – we were all in awe of such creativity!

This topic will be ongoing as part of future meetings, as and when members have anything new to add or share. We would also welcome any new members with ideas on the subject – please come along and join in the friendly atmosphere of our little group.

The next meeting on Wednesday 7th September, we will be having a “computer session” – please bring along your laptop, notebook, or tablet, and use the free Wi-Fi available at the LINC. It will be in the form of mainly a question and answer session on what's available on-line and where to find it, etc. But our usual “brick wall” questions will be dealt with as always.

Irene Taylor

Workshop at The Stables, 45 Tamar St



Wednesday 21st September, 2 pm

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Application to attend the Branch Workshop

Fee of \$5.00 includes course material. I wish to attend the above workshop on the 21st September

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