



# LAUNCESTON BRANCH NEWSLETTER

## Library

## Hours:

**Tuesday**

10am–3pm

Monday - Thursday:  
By appointment



## Workshop

Thursday

**23 November**

2pm

At the Launceston  
LINC, Civic Square

## Online Resources

Including the Ryerson  
Index. See last page for  
response slip



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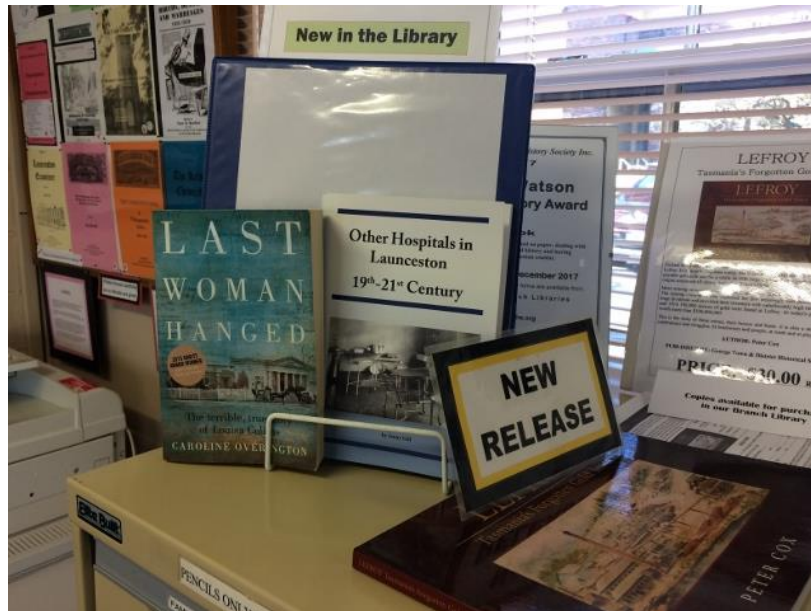
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## From the Library:

### New Book Titles



New titles include:

*Last Woman Hanged*  
by Caroline  
Overington

*Other Hospitals in  
Launceston  
19<sup>th</sup> - 21<sup>st</sup> Century*  
by Jenny Gill

*Lefroy: Tasmania's  
Forgotten Gold Town*  
by Peter Cox.

*Come visit the  
Branch Library to  
purchase your copy*

### New Display: Immigration



With thanks to our wonderful volunteers for their efforts in compiling the information and creating this great display.

**Volunteers** are always welcome 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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### **National Family History Month**

As part of *National Family History Month*, Committee Members held a Launceston Branch Library 'Open Doors Day' on Saturday 12 August.

Members and non-members were invited to come along to the library, talk to our volunteers in a friendly and informal atmosphere, and find out more about the many resources we have available, including books, journals, cemetery maps, computer and internet databases and more.



*Helen, Fran and Leanne manning the library*



*Fran assisting our newest member, Don (welcome!)*

### **DNA Discussion Circle**

There has been a considerable amount of interest in DNA in recent times, and in June we held our first DNA Discussion Circle at the Branch Library. For a first meeting this was well received, and many of those in attendance have already registered to join us again in September. At this stage numbers are limited due to space, however with enough interest we may investigate alternative location options to allow increased attendance.

#### **DNA Discussion Circle**

While registrations for the DNA Discussion Circle to be held on 21 September 2017 at the Launceston Branch are **fully booked**, with enough interest there is a possibility of this becoming a regular group.

If any members are interested in attending an ongoing DNA Discussion Circle would they please register their interest by coming into the Branch Library or contacting us by email at [ltntasfh@bigpond.com](mailto:ltntasfh@bigpond.com) to enable us to consider options and make arrangements.

## News from FamilySearch:

### Microfilm Distribution to be Discontinued August 31, 2017

FamilySearch has made significant progress in the digitization of its vast collection of microfilm, making access to records easier than ever. This progress, coupled with changes in the microfilm industry, have made it possible and necessary to discontinue microfilm distribution services. These services discontinue on September 1, 2017. The last day for ordering microfilm will be August 31, 2017.

FamilySearch has now digitally reproduced the bulk of its microfilm collection, with over 1.5 billion images available online. The digitization of remaining microfilms is expected to be completed by 2020. The most requested collections are already available digitally, and all new records are being preserved using digital camera equipment. This growing access to digital images of records allows FamilySearch to reach more people faster and more efficiently.

Family history centres around the world will continue to provide access to relevant technology, premium subscription services, and digital records. This access includes content not available in the home that can assist temple and family history consultants in their efforts to prepare and deliver personalized one-on-one experiences and help for members and other patrons in their efforts to find their ancestors.

For further information:

<https://www.familysearch.org/blog/en/microfilm-distribution-discontinued-august-31-2017/>

(Text provided by [FamilySearch](#))

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**Family Reunions:** Members wishing to advertise a Family Reunion in the *Tasmanian Ancestry* can advertise free – quarter of a page. Non Members – usual advertising rate.

**Certificate Service:** If you wish to order Birth, Death & Marriage records for England & Wales (from 1 July 1837), through GRO (General Register Office), come into the Branch Library to ask about the record(s) you are interested in. The cost is \$25 per certificate which includes postage. 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 UK.

#### 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 1st Wednesday of the month  
Meeting Room 2 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.

## **Reminder – Scottsdale and Derby Bus Trip in September**

The British Interest Group (BIG) trip to Scottsdale Military Museum and Derby Schoolhouse Museum is being held on Wednesday 4 October 2017.

Cost: approximately \$15.00 (for bus, depending on numbers) plus \$5.00 for Military Museum entry.

A sign-up sheet is available in the Launceston Branch Library. Alternatively, contact Sandra Duck via email on [sfrd@iprimus.com.au](mailto:sfrd@iprimus.com.au) to join.

RSVP and payment is due by Friday 8 September.



## **Workshop at Launceston LINC, Room 1**



**Thursday 23 November, 2 pm – 4 pm**

### **Using Online Resources for your Family History**

This workshop is open to Members and Non-members, and will include a presentation from John Graham of the Ryerson Index, along with a presentation by our own Robyn Gibson on using the LINC website (including the Tasmanian Names Index).

#### **Application to attend the Branch Workshop**

I wish to attend the above workshop on 23 November 2017

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 21 November.

*Fee of a gold coin donation payable on the day.*