



# LAUNCESTON BRANCH NEWSLETTER

## Library Hours:

**Tuesday:**  
10am–3pm

**Saturday:**  
By  
appointment

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**Next Branch  
Workshop**

Wednesday  
20th June

"Researching on  
*FamilySearch*"  
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**President:** Russell Watson  
**Editor:** Betty Bissett

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### From the President:

Like all before her, Judy Whish-Wilson is going to be a hard act to follow—thank you Judy for all your hard work. Marie Gatenby is also no longer available to help with research, thank you Marie; you will be sadly missed in the research area.

Gus Green was speaker at the Annual General Meeting; his subject was the "Alexander Racquet Factory". Thank you Gus, it was a great insight into Launceston's past and your family's association with it.

New blood has come on to your committee. Welcome to Terese Binns and Dorothy Rodgers. Continuing on in the Committee is Helen Stuart, Muriel Bissett, Betty Bissett, Barrie Robinson and Lucille Gee. These members have so much talent and do so much for our branch of the Society. Thank you, thank you from all of us.

There are others behind the scenes: I know of Sandra Duck, Pat Clarke, Alan Leighton, Renata & Phillip Watts and Glen Burt, to name a few. These, and the others I don't know about, but hope to find out about and catch up with you to see if and how I can help.

Am looking forward to being your President with such a highly motivated team.

Russell Watson

## Society Annual General Meeting Saturday 16 June

To be held at the **Town Hall, Church Street, Ross** — 10am Registration  
Morning speaker's theme: "Female Convicts at the Ross Female Factory".

**Registration fee:** \$18.00, covers lunch, morning and afternoon tea.

### Volunteers to assist at the Library

**Research Officers:** We can always do with help with the many research queries received by mail and email. Please come into the library and volunteer to help with this very important part our library function.

**Duty Officers:** Duty Officers are always needed, anyone who is interested in helping in with this vital task please contact:  
Barrie Robinson: Phone: 6328 1349 — indicate when you would be able to assist, be it only for one day a month!

## The following members were elected to the Branch Executive for 2012/2013

<b>President:</b>	Russell Watson	<b>Committee Members:</b>	Terese Binns
<b>Vic- President:</b>	Helen Stuart		Lucille Gee
<b>Secretary:</b>	Muriel Bissett		Dorothy Rodgers
<b>Treasurer:</b>	Betty Bissett		Barrie Robinson

**Delegates to the Society Executive:** Lucille Gee & Betty Bissett

**Alt Delegate to the Society Executive and Accessions:** Muriel Bissett

**Sales Officer inc. mail:** Helen Stuart

**Membership Registrar, Asset Register, Newsletter:** Betty Bissett

**Publicity:** Russell Watson

**Research:** Helen Stuart (co-ordinator): Barrie Robinson, Linda Hahn, Terese Binns & Lucille Gee

**Library Duty Roster, Webmaster:** Barrie Robinson

**Publications:** Russell Watson, Muriel Bissett, Helen Stuart

**Library:** Helen Stuart, Lucille Gee, Barrie Robinson, Dorothy Rodgers

### Recent Acquisitions

#### Books

Legerwood Hall & Reserves Committee, (compiled by Cindy Walsh & Patricia Champion)— *Legerwood Memorial Park : A living remembrance for the young people of the Legerwood district who we loved and lost*

Launceston Historical Society Inc.—*2011 Papers and Proceedings: Volume Twenty-Three*

Crocker Families : *From Devon to Australia, NZ & South Africa*, by Henry Crocker

#### CD-Roms

NZ Early Settlers Locator CD — New Zealand's Family History Fair.

Archive CD Books, *Reports of Crime; Tasmania Compendium 1861–1865*

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### Release of New Publications – June 2012

**Photographic Index to *The Tasmanian Mail*:** Vol 11 — 1931 Price: \$30.00

**Index to *The Weekly Courier*:** Vol 10 — 1918 Price \$30.00

Index to Photographs, Birth, Death & Marriage Notices and Personal items of interest to Family Historians  
*10% discount to members*

*For the cost of postage & packing and a comprehensive publication list, refer to our website.*

**from the *Kelso Chronicle*:** 4 March 1864.

**The Stocks:** Three boys were recently kept in the stocks at St Ives, Cornwall, for three hours, for having played marbles on a Sunday. This mode of punishment had not been adopted in the town for thirty years, and the novel sight consequently attracted several hundreds of spectators.



**New York:** Crime is said to be increasing in New York very rapidly. A man is hardly safe to walk the streets at night. Within a year hundreds of murders have been committed, and out of these, forty murderers have never been discovered.

**Hobler Bridge:** *Weekly Courier* 19 August 1909, p32 c5.

**Hoblers Bridge Launceston**, was built by George Hobler, about the year 1832 to enable his produce to cross from Killfaddy. George came to Tasmania with his wife and three children, one who was F H Hobler, father of F H Hobler. F H Hobler (writer) possessed George Hobler's diary from the day he left England until about 1870. Original pronunciation was as in "nobler".

from the *Kelso Chronicle*: 4 March 1864.

**A remarkably Unpleasant Predicament:** A man, about 30 years of age, whose only apparel consisted of a very good shirt, a wretched apology for a pair of trousers, into which he had crammed the lower part of his person with obvious difficulty, and two pieces of leather which he pushed before him in the semblance of shoes, came to the Westminster Police Court, on Friday, and said he particularly wanted to see the Magistrate. The chief usher introduced him to the Magistrate, who remarked—in reply to the applicant's first address, "What I stand upright in now, your worship, is all I possess"—that he was very badly attired for the time of the year, and then inquired what he wanted.—Applicant said: I came to Havre yesterday on board ship and having landed, I thought as I was in London I would go and see the theatre, and so I went to Drury Lane last night.

After I left there I inquired and looked about for respectable lodgings, as I wanted to remain in London for a day or two before I went home to the north of England, and while I was looking about I took a couple of glasses of ale. I have drunk nothing for twelve months, and for some reason I fell perfectly insensible after taking this ale, and so remained until this morning, when I found myself lying in a wretched room, in a place called Old Pye Street. I had been robbed of my belt, in which I had brought £10, when I came from Havre, and every article of clothing but the shirt I have on.—Mr Arnold: Where did you get your trousers from? —Applicant: Trousers! Why, such as they are, I picked them up in the room; they are not mine.



—Mr Arnold: I cannot assist you. You must give information, if you have been robbed, to the police. —Applicant: I have got no clothing to go about in—Mr Arnold: I cannot help that. —Applicant. I have got nothing to eat, and no place to go to. What am I to do? I cannot remain in this wretched condition.

—Mr Arnold: If destitute and without home you must go to the workhouse. Endeavour to bring your robbers to justice, and we will then see what can be done for you.

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### **From Crofts to Castles: Valuation Rolls in Scotland Go Online for the First Time:**

A fascinating snapshot of Scotland during the First World War and a major new family history resource.

A detailed picture of wartime Scotland is revealed today with the release of details from Valuation Rolls for the year 1915-16, via the ScotlandsPeople website.

The rolls have been made searchable online for the first time, allowing genealogists, local historians and other researchers to view images of entries in the rolls, fully searchable by name and address.

The rolls record the names of owners, tenants and occupiers for each property, unlike the full lists of family members to be found in the census. Usually the named person is the head of the household, but sometimes a husband and wife might be listed. Frequently, the wife is the named tenant of rented property.

The Valuation Rolls were created so that the authorities could set local rates. The purpose was to assess property by its annual rental value. This was either the value of the rent paid by the tenant, or a notional rental value if the owner occupied their own property. The burgh and country assessors did not list properties individually that were worth below £4 annual rental value.....

.....The 1911 Census records provide a snapshot of Scotland on the brink of the First World War. The Valuation Rolls allow researchers to carry the story of their ancestors forward into a time of upheaval and change brought about by war.

Every kind of dwelling can be found in the rolls, from crofts to castles, and they reflect the drift of people from rural areas into our towns and cities, as well as the continuing industrialisation of Scotland.

Working premises include shops, offices factories, football stadiums, churches, cinemas, swimming baths, railway and even light houses. This is a fascinating insight into where and how our ancestors lived.

The Valuation Rolls will be available on ScotlandsPeople website ([www.scotlandspeople.gov.uk](http://www.scotlandspeople.gov.uk)), and at the ScotlandsPeople Centre in Edinburgh. These new online records will be interesting both to people in Scotland and to the Scottish diaspora across the UK, USA, Canada, Australia, New Zealand and South Africa.

*The Mail*, No 155, p26

### **ScotlandsPeople Vouchers**

Available at the Branch Library — \$15.00 for 30 credits.

**From the Weekly Courier Indexes: 1916 & 1917 (Vols 8 & 9, both on sale at the Library: \$30.00 ea & p&p)**

- 17Aug1916  
Death (News) CAMPBELL, James, Mr, of Jetsonville passed away. Was a passenger on the first *Broomielaw*. Spent first 2yrs in Tas in employ of It Theodore BARTLEY, of Young Town. With brother Thomas, It Dougall McGILP & It James SHEARER (employees of Bartley), went to Scots New Country. Married 2/dt of William JOHNSTONE of Scottsdale. Leaves wd, 6/sns & 3/dts. Two of the deceased's sons & s-i Kenneth [Kennedy] MCKERROW are OAS [long report] (Scottsdale News) [p31 c4]
- 06Apr1916  
Marriage (News) CAMPBELL, Thomas, Mr, 2/sn Mr James Campbell of Jetsonville, married to Miss Winnie PETERSON, e/dt of Mr George Peterson, of Minestone Road. Ceremony performed by Rev W H YOULTON. Will reside on their Forrester Closer Settlement, some 14 miles from Scottsdale & about 6 miles from Branhholm (Scottsdale News) [p29 c4]
- 30Nov1916  
Death (news) CHERRY, James S, Mr, 66yrs, former resident, died in Melb a fortnight ago. Was a general storekeeper at Ringarooma 30yrs ago, then at Lefroy. Leaves wd & grown-up family of 7/sns & 1/dt. Came from Scotland when a child with father, It John Cherry, in the first *Broomielaw*. Brother to John & William Cherry, Springfield (Scottsdale News) [p31 c1]
- 01Jun1916  
Obituary CRAMMOND, Frederick C R, Mr, for 4½yrs manager of the L'ton Branch of the Union Steamship Co, died suddenly, at his residence *Hill Crest*, Lord St, on Mon. Had been in ill health for some time. On Mon a blood vessel burst in his head. Born Adelaide 1861, went to Auckland, NZ with parents. Left wd & 2/sns: Mr W Crammond, purser on USS Co's *Moana*, & Mr H Crammond, a member of the staff of the local company [very long report] [p26 c4]
- 09Aug1917  
News WYNYARD—SPENCER HOSPITAL—name given owing to generosity of the donor [late John SPENCER], who contributed something like £500 for the establishment of a hospital at Wynyard—steps are being taken to push on with the opening (NW Letter) [p31 c1]
- 22Nov1917  
Obituary BEST, George, late—his g/ft, Charles arrived in TAS in 1830 in charge of Southdown sheep for VDL Co. George Best, 2/sn of Charles Best, born at Beden, Sussex, England & came to TAS with father. Married dt of John EATON, who also brought sheep for VDL Co. in 1825 to Circular Head. Native of Yorkshire—settled in L'ton, where late George Best was born on 13 Jan 1840. Married on 4 Sep 1860, dt of Mr George LAWSON, Westbury. Farmed at Westbury & at *Altoville*, Wynyard. Wf died 14yrs ago. Mr Best died at dt's res (Mrs R LAIRD), at *Leonardale*, on 5 Aug, in his 78th yr. Left 2/sns, Arthur (farmer, Wynyard) & William (NZ). Dts: Mrs T JOHNSON (VIC), Mrs W H SCOTT (Mengha), Mrs R Laird (*Leonardale*), Mrs W STURZAKER (Deloraine), Mrs E J MILLS (NZ), & Misses J & D Best (Melb) [long report] [p27 c1]

**Launceston Tramways: Weekly Courier, 5 August 1909, p27 c2**

The committee of the whole Launceston Municipal Council has come to several important decisions in connection with tramway construction. It has been decided how the contract shall be let, in sections if thought desirable, that an engineer with tramway experience be engaged, that the city engineer and city electrical engineer visit Melbourne and Adelaide to inspect the systems there, that Aldermen Pepper, Oldham and Paton act as a tramway sub-committee, and that tenders for the sleepers be invited without any delay.

These recommendations will be submitted to the council for ratification. The committee also discussed the question of site of the four sheds. The members decided that the shed should be erected on portion of York Park now used for a public pound.

**Meetings at The Adult Education Building, York St**



**Wednesday 20 June, 2pm: Branch Workshop "Researching on FamilySearch"**

**Wednesday 19 September, 2pm: Branch Workshop. TBA**

**Application to attend the Branch Workshop—Researching on FamilySearch**

*Fee of \$5.00 includes course material.* I wish to attend the above workshop on the 20th June:

Name/s: .....

Address: .....

Phone/Mobile:..... Membership Nos: ..... \$5.00 pp

Please return the completed form with your remittance as soon as possible to the :  
Treasurer, TFHS Inc. Launceston Branch. P.O. Box 1290. Launceston. 7250

**Please Note: Should any workshops have to be cancelled by the branch costs will be refunded**