



LAUNCESTON BRANCH NEWSLETTER

Library Hours:

Tuesday:

10am–3pm

**Monday -
Thursday:**

By
appointment

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**An Invitation  
to our**

**Christmas  
Break up  
Afternoon Tea**

Tuesday  
**11th December**  
to be held at  
**2pm**  
at the library



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### **From the President:**

Christmas is just around the corner, this year has gone so fast.

Your Launceston Committee has been a great support to me and has done all the work to keep our Society going, thank you. Our Christmas break is nearly here, every one please take care and contact family and friends. It's a time for goodwill and a rest.

If you want to learn Family History be a doer not a gunner, a good way to learn quickly is to join our band of research members. Give it a go, we need volunteers, contact anyone on the committee.

I wish you all a Merry and Safe Christmas and the Best for the New Year.

Russell Watson

PS. Christmas Afternoon Tea will be held at the Library, 45 Tamar Street,  
**Tuesday 11th December at 2pm.**

### **Volunteers to assist at the Library**

**Research:** We are very much in need of members to 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 of our library function.

**Duty Officers:** Duty Officers are always needed, anyone who is interested in helping 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!

**Scotlands People** now has Wills and Testaments 1902-1925. Researchers can now access Scottish Wills and Testaments covering the period 1513-1925.

The latest records include the Wills of Scots who died outside Scotland, but still had assets in the country.

As investors of moveable estate (savings, cash, furniture, stock etc) are also included, you can discover the fine details of peoples' worldly possessions during this era.

## Jubilee Celebrations at the Winkleigh Presbyterian Church



A happy and representative gathering was arranged in the church on the evening of Tuesday, 9 November 1937.

The Rev EW CRAWFORD presided and opened the meeting with devotional exercises. Mr Neil CAMPBELL, MHA, read a historical statement which showed that services had been held regularly ever since the opening on 9 November 1887 by Rev DS BRUNTON. The foundation stone was laid on 6 August of that year by the late Alexander WEBSTER. The foundation was put down by the late Mr C KERRISON.

Previously the Presbyterians and Methodists worshipped in the same building on the present Methodist site. The building is now the annex of the local hall. The holding of Presbyterian services dates back as far as 1845, when the Rev James GARRETT came to the mother church of the district at Sidmouth. The Revs EC TENNENT, McLEAN and OSBORNE, also conducted services prior to the building of the present church. At the time of building, the Rev HS ANDERSON was in charge and the enthusiasm for building owed much to his enterprise. Land was given by the late Mr Alexander McKENZIE, and within a year the church was opened free of debt. The following is a list of names of ministers who have been in charge since then:

Revs PH Mitchell, F Barclay, John Murray, Mr J E Palamountain, Rev Geo Martin, Mr LCM Donaldson, Revs RW Casboul, JA Lee, S Armour, HC George, RB Mearns, AC Sanderson, Messrs A Banks, J Henderson, AJ Prowse, FE Brown, HM Hall, JS Tanner, Revs RT White, EW Crawford.

At the recent gathering the 24th Psalm was sung, led by Miss R CAMPBELL at the organ. This psalm was the one sung at the opening of the church, when a procession was formed from the old to the new building.

A message of congratulation, commending the future of the Church to the continued guidance and blessing of God was received from the Moderator, Rev Lewis CLAYTON, and read to the congregation. The chairman read a message from the older Mr Murdock McKenzie, whose infirmity prevents him from attending. Mr M McKenzie expressed his gratitude that the people of Winkleigh had not let the occasion pass unnoticed. Miss McKenzie also not being able to attend sent a similar message. Another was received from Mr R NETTLEFOLD, for many years a Manager, whose advancing years will not permit him to attend, but whose interest and love for the church never fail.

Also present: Rev JL HURSE of Launceston, the Home Mission Convener and a former Moderator of West Tamar, who was present as Presbytery's chosen representative, addressed the gathering. The Rev RT WHITE, the present Moderator of West Tamar and a former minister, also spoke, urging upon the youth who were present in considerable numbers, the responsibility of carrying on the work of the past in their own generation. A former officer of the West Tamar charge, Mr J CANNON, was present and spoke.

At the conclusion of the meeting, the gathering adjourned to the public hall where a splendid supper was served, the main feature being a three-tiered birthday cake made by Mrs JC ADAMS and cut by Mrs Murdoch McKenzie.

Well attended jubilee services were conducted on Sunday, 14 November, by the Rev EW CRAWFORD.

It will be remembered that a handsome vestry was added in 1935 to mark the Centenary of Presbytery.

It is interesting to note that it is within the memory of some when Gaelic was a living language in Winkleigh and the surrounding district. There are still one or two who understood it perfectly in their younger days and if given the opportunity might find they had not forgotten it.

The present minister, the Rev EW Crawford, has been in charge for over a year.

Board of Managers: Messrs RW Adams (Sec), A Cameron (Treas), James Skirving, James Nettlefold, Eric Stewart and Neil Campbell MHA. The organist is Miss R Campbell; Sunday School Supt, Miss R Campbell; Teacher: Miss L O'Keefe.

Source: *The Tasmanian Presbyterian*, December 1937

## From "Lost Cousins" Newsletter – 5 May 2012

### When is a nephew not a nephew?

Nowadays we use the term 'nephew' to refer to the son of a brother or sister, but recently I discovered that the word was once used for a grandson. Apparently in Kent this usage was common until quite recently, and searching Google for 'dialect nephew meaning grandson' I discovered that this meaning was also used in Norfolk.

*Note: the term nephew was also used to describe the illegitimate son of a clergyman.*

I have an example of this very confusing term in my husband's family tree, which puzzled me for many years until I read the above article.

In the 1861 Census I found that G Grandfather, "George William Arthur HOWES" age 12, with his Grandparents, who were from Norfolk. At least, I thought it must be him, the age and birthplace of Middlesex (vague in itself!) being correct and it was the right HOWES family—but why 'nephew'? The Grandfather was a Schoolmaster, for goodness sake; surely he would know the difference, wouldn't he?!?

I did eventually prove that he was our George William Arthur, but remained puzzled by his being described as a nephew, until this article turned up in the "Lost Cousins" Newsletter. All is now clear!

Any of you with Kent and Norfolk ancestors, take note!

I don't think I have any illegitimate sons of clergyman... ... but who knows what might turn up in the future.

Irene

### A Yard of Milk

An Irishman, passing a shop where a notice was displayed saying that everything was sold by the yard, thought he would play a joke on the shopman, so he entered and asked for a yard of milk.

The shopman, not in the least taken aback, dipped his fingers in a bowl of milk and drew a line a yard long on the counter. Pat, not wishing to be caught in his own trap, asked the price.

"Sixpence," said the shopman.

"Allright, sorr", said Pat. "Roll it up, I'll take it."

*Weekly Courier, 19 October 1922*

### A Gathering on the Norfolk Plains - 1-3 March, 2013

**Friday 1st March: Evening:** Music Hall, by G-String Productions at the Longford Town Hall

#### Saturday 2 March — Descendents Day

Families descended from one of the original Norfolk Islanders are invited to set up a family history display and across the day, interact with other families/community members, share their family history, network, buy and sell family books, scan and exchange articles, photos etc.

**The Launceston Branch** members will be manning an information stand; there will be many items of interest, including the sale of books and CDs to aid family history research.

**Volunteers:** Volunteers to help with this project should register with **Helen at the branch library, 45 Tamar Street**, as soon as possible.

#### Sunday 3rd March:

**Morning and early afternoon:** Guided bus tours of Pateena Road

**10am-3pm:** Longford Blessing of the Harvest Festival with a colonial theme on the Village Green

**Afternoon:** Matinee: Music Hall, by G-String Productions at the Longford Town Hall  
Interdenominational church service at Christ Church, followed by farewell function

#### For more information on the weekend programme contact:

By email: [fiona.dewar@nmc.tas.gov.au](mailto:fiona.dewar@nmc.tas.gov.au) or by phone: 03 6397 7321

## Recent Acquisitions

The Branch has just received research books and other history/family history records that were donated by former member Mrs Betty Calverley. These books can be perused by all visitors to the library — ask one of the duty officers.

Acquisitions received for the past three months are listed in the December edition of *Tasmanian Ancestry*. The following items have been received since this listing.

### Books

- The Southern Midlands History, by Alison Alexander. (\$63.50)
- \* From the Sheep Pen : short sheep tales and long lambs tails, Ivan C Heazlewood
- \* Bridgenorth Honour Roll : Servicemen WW I (Plus list WW II Servicemen & Women)
- Artillery in Tasmania, 1901-2011 : A Chronological Diary of the Evolution of Artillery in Tasmania from 1901-1011 Douglas Morris Wyatt OAM, RFD & Glyde, Keith (\$75)
- \* Michael Fitzgerald : His Life and Family, by Barbara Gibson & Debbie Rainbow (2010 Lillian Watson Family History Award entry)
- \* George Bradmore : A Convict in Van Diemen's Land, by DJ Bradmore (2010 Lillian Watson Family History Award entry)
- \* The Wedding Journey : The Story of Johnstone and Wilmot, by Angela Prosser Green (2010 Lillian Watson Family History Award entry)

\*Denotes donated item

A big thank to the 2010 Lillian Watson Family History Award entrants who kindly donated their books to the Branch Library.

## Release of New Publications

**Photographic Index to *The Tasmanian Mail*:** Vol 12 — 1932 Price: \$30.00

**Index to *The Weekly Courier*:** Vol 12 — 1920-21 Price \$30.00

Index to Photographs, Birth, Death & Marriage Notices and Personal items of interest to Family Historians  
10% discount to members. Cost of postage & packing and a comprehensive publication list, refer to our website.

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**Vale:** Keith Parish, Member 1846, who joined the Society 8 April 1988, passed away last Tuesday. Keith was a very active member, one his main achievements was transcribing the Parish Records that are held at the Branch library. He also undertook library duty and maintenance at the Taylor Street Library. Over five years ago Keith was awarded a Branch Certificate of Appreciation.

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## Presbyterian Cemetery, Hobart

The first Presbyterian Cemetery in Hobart, dating back to 1828, is now vested in the Municipality and will shortly be transformed into a Public Reserve. Notice has been given by advertisement in the Press that all interested may remove the remains of their departed relatives and friends for re-internment up to the end of June. A list of burials, as far as can be ascertained from monuments, may be inspected at the Town Hall, Hobart. The widest publicity should be given to this matter, as the register includes representative of families well-known in Tasmania and on the Mainland.

- *The Tasmanian Presbyterian*, April 1935

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## 2013 Tasmanian Family History Society Inc. Annual General Meeting

The Launceston Branch will be hosting the Society's Annual General Meeting which is planned for:

**Saturday 15th and Sunday 16th June.**

Interesting speakers have been invited to participate. The after dinner speaker will be one of Launceston's well known and experienced authors.

Details of the programme and booking form will appear in the March edition of *Tasmanian Ancestry*.

Mark these dates in your Diary and plan to be there.