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MAGGIE & 'DONNA' LEARY

If you are a regular reader of the *Sunday Examiner* you may have noticed an article that was published a few weeks ago (3rd August) on the Leary family of Devonport using information submitted by Noelene Goodwin. Noelene had been in contact with our Branch Research Officer, Ros Coss, and Ros was able to provide much of the information for Ms Goodwin. Good work Ros!

FINDMYPAST

At the August Committee Meeting it was decided that we would take out a 12 month full subscription to *Findmypast* which will give our members access to the UK 1841, 1861, 1871, 1881, 1891 censuses (with more to come) and all of the other databases as they become available at Findmypast. Access will be free to financial members and bookings will be required. (The usual \$2 fee will still apply, and all printouts will be charged for at 60 cents per page.

LIBRARY MAINTENANCE

Late in August we closed the library for a week so that the new carpet could be laid. A great deal of work was necessary to prepare for the laying of the carpet – all the fixtures had to be removed (this included the books and the bookshelves) – and when each room had been finished the items had to be replaced so that another room could be done. Many thanks to the willing team of members (and their husbands or partners) who stepped-up and assisted with this arduous task. The volunteers were treated to a barbeque on Wednesday as a small token of our appreciation.

The library has been transformed by the addition of the carpet. Elaine is to be congratulated on the success of her grant application. Thank you Elaine!

Do come in and have a look. You will be surprised at the difference it makes. The rooms are quite cosy now especially with the heater that was installed as part of a previous successful grant.

LIBRARY ASSISTANTS URGENTLY REQUIRED

If you have a spare four hours on a Tuesday Glenice would like to hear from you. One of our regular library assistants has had to change days which leaves a vacancy for Tuesday Library Duty. On the spot training will be given and plenty of assistance will be provided. On “quiet” days there is the opportunity to do some research for yourself. Contact Glenice on 6424 7577 if you are interested.

ANOTHER LIBRARY CLEAN-OUT

Glenice took another opportunity to have a “weed” of books from the shelves after the upheaval in the Library. These will be added to the lending collection, so again, another reason to come on in!

ADVOCATE INDEX CHECKING

Sadly no one has come forward yet to assist with Advocate Index checking, but it isn't too late to offer. If you can spare some time to help with the checking Richard Gould would like to hear from you. Contact him on 6428 6804.

UK INTERESTS GROUP

Jim Rouse is facilitating this Interests Group which will meet at our Library in Latrobe on the first Saturday of the month (next meeting will be 6th September) from 10 – 12 noon. If you have a problem this could be your opportunity to talk about it and perhaps someone has the answer. Jim will also issue log-in details and passwords for our Web Forum. These meetings will be

an ideal opportunity to present your research to others so don't forget to bring along pedigree charts etc.

BUS TRIPS



A successful trip to George Town was held in August and was enjoyed by those who took the opportunity to attend. Unfortunately the Branch has made a considerable loss on this trip as it was not fully booked. In future trips will be cancelled if there are insufficient numbers. The next trip is to Woolmers and the National Rose Garden on 8th November.

VALE MERLE FITZMAURICE

Longstanding members of the Devonport Branch will remember the valuable work done by Merle Fitzmaurice during the early days of the Branch when our Library was in Day's Building. Merle was librarian for a number of years and we were saddened to learn of her death in August. Her family have kindly donated her research to the Library. This will be accessioned shortly. Our sympathy is extended to Merle's husband Frank and her family.

UK PROBATE RECORDS

The probate records from 1853-1943 are now available in the library until 14th November. These are very useful records to access as they give a date and place of death (in most cases) and the names of executors to the will who are in many cases close relatives of the deceased person.

NEW ACCESSIONS IN THE LIBRARY

Two CD-Roms in the *Cemeteries of Southern Tasmania* series published by the Hobart Branch have been accessioned. They are:

- Oatlands Township – Campbell Uniting, General, St Pauls Catholic, St Peters Anglican, Wesleyan and other burials and memorials.

And

- Jerricho, Lower Marshes, Tunbridge, Tunnack, Woodsdale and other burials and memorials.

These two CDs are also for sale in our Library for \$27 each (members discounted price).

Pioneers' Register Warrnambool Township and Shire 1839 – 1900 has also just been received and is now available on the shelves.

PUBLICATIONS FOR THE LIBRARY

Our Librarian has some money to spend (in fact it is burning a hole in her pocket) and she would like your input. If you know of any book or CD or microfilm that would assist your own research or that you think would be good to have in our Library please let Glenice know.

LOOKING TO PUBLISH?

If you would like a small print-run of a publication you have written contact us for a quote. You may be surprised at how affordable it could be.

WOULD YOU LIKE A “PRESENCE” ON THE WEB

If you would like a page on the web but don't know anything about the html language required to create it then we can help you!

Kerrie Blyth has created a new category on the website with some sample pages to inspire you and a template for you to use.

This is a great opportunity to publish an article on a family of interest to you. Anyone who “Google's” one of your names will find your page and will be able to contact you.

All the details are on our website.

NEW POST OFFICE BOX NUMBER

At long last we have been able to lease a Post Office box at Latrobe. Letters have gone out to our regular suppliers etc advising of the change. Being able to collect the mail from Latrobe will save time and delays in receiving the mail.

CURRENT ADVOCATE PERSONAL NOTICES

The Publications Committee would welcome a volunteer (or volunteers) willing to take on the job of data input for the current personal notices in the Advocate.

This is a job that could be undertaken at your home or at the Library.

If you are interested please contact us at the Library.

This is not a difficult task and is an important job in preparing for future publications. Microsoft Excel or OpenOffice is required software.