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## March, 2011 Newsletter



*Adrienne Smith (left)  
Daphne Mitchell and Ros  
Coss enjoy the sumptuous  
meal at the January  
barbecue.*



### PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The new year has begun with many acquisitions being added to our branch library. Our librarian, Rosie Marshall, has listed them elsewhere in this newsletter.

With a new financial year fast approaching on April 1, your committee has reviewed the charges at our library. Costs are increasing all the time, particularly for Aurora accounts, and if we are to continue to be able to provide access to Ancestry, Find my Past, and other such resources we need to increase our income a little.

Charges will now be:

Non-member access to all facilities including computers, film readers etc.	\$10 per visit
Member access to all facilities including computers, film readers etc.	\$ 5 per visit

Because some of us are a little uncertain about using computers for research we have introduced a new charge of \$10 per hour or part thereof, and a library assistant will sit with you and give you one-on-one assistance to guide you in searching the records which we hold. This charge applies to both members and non-members. The new charges will be clearly displayed on the notice board in the entry room.

Our branch AGM will be held at the library on Wednesday April 27 commencing at 1.30 p.m. This will be followed by a guest speaker. Nomination forms are on our website and I encourage all members to consider nominating for our committee so you can have a say in how the branch business is conducted.

Pam Bartlett  
President

### FORTHCOMING EVENTS

**April 06:** Ulverstone museum visit at either 10.30 am or 1.30 pm. (your choice of time) Lunch in between at River Arms hotel at 12 noon (own cost) .

**APRIL 27:** Mersey Branch Annual General Meeting at library 117 Gilbert St, Latrobe, at 1.30 pm. Peter Tonelli to speak on first impressions of a young immigrant.

**JUNE 18:** TFHS State annual general meeting Axeman's Hall of Fame & Timberworks, Latrobe. Hosted by Mersey branch.

### A PLEASANT SURPRISE

For many years three films have been missing from our library.

In December we received an unexpected parcel in the post with no indication of the sender's name.

In the package were the three missing films and two index booklets compiled from data in our films.

These films were two of the Port Sorell district church records (mainly Methodist and Anglican) and one film of Catholic church records.

We were very pleased to have these items returned.

If you have any material which belongs in our library PLEASE return it to us, even anonymously.

**NOMINATION FORMS FOR MERSEY BRANCH AGM SHOULD BE IN THE HANDS OF THE SECRETARY BY 18 APRIL 2011.**

## RETRACING STEPS OF 40TH BATTALION

This year marks the 97<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of World War One, the “Great War” as it became known.

Tasmania made a considerable contribution to Australia’s war effort in the Great War, and over 12,000 men enlisted and served overseas. Over 2500 of these men served in the battalion known as “Tassie’s Own” the 40th Infantry Battalion.

The 40th Battalion was Tasmania's main contribution to the strength of the 3rd division (raised in Australia early in 1916) and it joined the Victorian-raised 37th, 38th and 39th Battalions to form the 10th Brigade.

The Battalion marched out of Claremont Army Camp on the 1<sup>st</sup> of July 1916 and sailed for Southampton on the troop ship “Berrima”.

The following two years saw the Battalion involved in the hellish ordeal that was the Western Front through Belgium & France.

Almost 500 of these men never returned home, some did get back to Tasmania and died of wounds sustained overseas, and many others carried scars both physical & psychological for the rest of their lives.

Around 350 of these men, (some as young as 18) lie in foreign fields, buried in military cemeteries chiefly in Belgium & France but a few in England and even one in West Africa. Another 150 or so, are commemorated on military memorials as they simply disappeared in the mud, blood and shells of Flanders and the Somme, and their bodies were never found or identified.

For seven days in May-June of this year Kerrie Blyth and I will be retracing the steps of the 40<sup>th</sup> Battalion on the Western Front & during this time we’re intending visiting the graves of as many of these soldiers as we can.

This is no small task as they’re interred in 75 different cemeteries in France & Flanders.

To help us in this task, we’ve carried out extensive research on every soldier who was killed or died from wounds.

Through the wonderful resources of the Commonwealth War Graves Commission, we have directions to the cemeteries, we have the soldiers’ plot numbers and we have cemetery plans.

We have put all this information into a database and our next step is to obtain grid references for each cemetery so we can plot them into some GPS software to help us locate all the cemeteries.

We intend taking photographs of as many of the graves as possible, ideally we’d like to get a photograph of them all, but realise this may not be achievable. But we shall try our best!

Jim Rouse

## NEW ITEMS FOR SALE AT THE LIBRARY

**Undertakers of Hobart Vol 5 Hooper and Burgess 1935 – 1971** in 2 volumes. An index of persons buried by Hooper and Burgess Funeral Directors of Hobart. “Many stillborn babies are recorded in the Burial Registers often with surname only. Details of these events may explain 'gaps' in family structures.” (Introduction Vol 1) **\$25.00 each**

**Cemeteries of Southern Tasmania Vol X Bruny Island Burials CD.** This CD covers the cemeteries and burials sites across northern and southern Bruny Island including Adventure Bay, Alannah, Barnes Bay and many others. **\$30.00**

**Cycle of Time** An enduring epitaph of the Old Don Cemetery compiled by Barbara Pendrey (Published in 2000) Not just a transcription of the cemetery but interesting stories from local newspapers about those buried here. If you have ancestors who died in the Mersey Region including, Latrobe, Devonport, Melrose, Barrington and others you might find a mention of them here. **\$25.00**

**An Index to The Advocate Personal Announcements 1984.** Continues the series covering births, deaths and marriages across the North West Coast of Tasmania. **\$25.00**

**The Methodist Cemetery Kindred, Tasmania** continues our In Loving Memory Series with transcriptions of Headstones and additional biographical information from local newspapers. **\$25.00**

**Tamiot CD** An updated version of the earlier microfiche information covering Tombstone and Memorial Inscriptions of Tasmanian Cemeteries. **\$50.00**

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## RECENT LIBRARY ACCESSIONS

### Accessions–Books

TFHS Inc Hobart, *Undertakers of Hobart Vol V - Index to Hooper & Burgess Funeral Records Part 1 - September 1935 - December 1954*

TFHS Inc Hobart, *Undertakers of Hobart Vol V - Index to Hooper & Burgess Funeral Records Part 2 - January 1955 - April 1971*

TFHS Inc Launceston, *Index to The Kelso Chronicle 1864 - 1865*

TFHS Inc Devonport, *An Index to The Advocate Personal Announcements 1985*

TFHS Inc Devonport, *The Cemeteries of Railton, Tasmania [In Loving Memory Series]*

Badcock Josephene, *Historic Buildings of Devonport*

Badcock Josephene, *Historic Buildings of the Ulverstone District*

Badcock Josephene, *Sketches of Deloraine*

\*Wood, Graeme A, *As Far As I Can Tell—The story of William Standley and his descendants* (revised edition 2011).

\*Hoehne, Craig and Flanagan, Tim (editor), *Beyond the Road to Damascus—The Pictorial Journey of C-Company, 2/3 Machine Gun Battalion.*

### Accessions–Computer Disks

National Trust of Australia (Tasmania), *Latrobe Photographic Database*

National Trust of Australia (Tasmania), *Latrobe Photographic Database Supplementary CD*

Genealogical Society of Victoria, *Patients in Melbourne Hospital 1856-1905*

Archive Digital Books, *Australian Cyclopedias Compendium*

Archive Digital Books, *Tasmanian Post Office Directory (Wise) 1911-1915, 1921-1925, 1926-1930*

Archive Digital Books, *Reports of Crime –Tasmania Compendium 1876-1880, 1881-1885*

Archive Digital Books, *Police Gazette—Tasmania Compendium 1886-1890, 1891-1895, 1896-1900, 1901-1905, 1906-1910, 1911-1915, 1916-1920, 1921-1925, 1926-1930*

Archive Digital Books, *Walch's Tasmania Almanac Compendium 1891-1895, 1896-1900, 1901-1905, 1906-1910, 1911-1915*

\*Indicates donated item

## RESEARCH ENQUIRIES

Recent enquiries received by the branch research family at Latrobe officer Ros Coss:-

<p>BERRY, Samuel—when he went to New Zealand</p> <p>BURKE, Michael and Ann—burials in Latrobe</p> <p>CROUCH, Thomas—buried in old Northdown cemetery?</p> <p>DRAKE—Baptism of children of John and Jessie</p> <p>FREER, Francis—convict information</p> <p>GLEESON, Daniel—information re parents from headstone at Deloraine</p> <p>LEWIS, John—via Bendigo branch AIGS—Lewis</p>	<p>LYONS, William Ambrose, - relationship to Joseph Lyons?</p> <p>MENCE, William Henry</p> <p>SCHULZ, Karl and Annie—headstones Latrobe cemetery</p> <p>STYLES, John Lawrence</p> <p>WINDERMERE, history of house at 18 Ronald St, Devonport, (was a maternity hospital mid-1930s to 1940s)</p> <p>WINTER, William—a Railton pioneer</p>
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	20	Wed	FH committee meeting 1 pm
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	21	Sat	State Executive meeting at Ross