



Library Accessions January 2019

The following items were accessioned during the month of January.

Books

- * Day, A. & P. McWilliams. *ORDNANCE SURVEY MEMOIRS OF IRELAND* [941.6 DAY]
 - * Mercury Newspaper Supplement. *TASMANIAN HEROES - The Legacy Of A War To End All Wars* [Q940.4 TAS]
Newitt, L. *CONVICTS AND CARRIAGEWAYS* [Q388.70946 NEW]
Rodgers; Martin. *CRICKET IN THE GENES - George Bailey* [796.358092 BAI]
Rootes, Margaret. *150 FACES OF ST MARY'S COLLEGE - Stories of 150 notable members of our St Mary's College community from 1868–2018, in celebration of our 150th anniversary* [373.99461 SMC]
 - * Pridmore, Walter B. *DUNALLEY HOTEL, 1866 ... and the township of 1857* [994.671 PRI]
- * Denotes complimentary or donated item.

CONGRATULATIONS – COLLEEN READ

Best wishes are extended to Colleen Read who was nominated by the Branch for a City of Clarence Australia Day Award for her longstanding dedication and commitment to the Branch and Society over many years. Colleen has held many positions at Branch and Society level and has given her all to every task she has tackled. At the Australia Day celebrations held on the Bellerive Boardwalk Colleen received a Certificate of Appreciation in recognition of the work she has carried out in her time as a member of our Society. Well done, Colleen!



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NEWS – FEBRUARY 2019

Tues 19 February 7.30pm General Meeting

VENUE: Sunday School Hall, St John's Park

GUEST SPEAKER: David Owen

TOPIC: Government House

More for Your Diary

Thu 21 February – 10.00am Branch Committee Meeting
VENUE: Branch Library, Bellerive

Thu 21 February – 1.30pm DNA Group Meeting
VENUE: Branch Library, Bellerive

Thu 28 February – 2.00pm Library Committee Meeting
VENUE: Branch Library, Bellerive

Tue 19 March – 7:30pm – General Meeting
Guest Speaker: Judy Travers
Topic: The Frank MacDonald Memorial Prize
Venue: The Sunday School Hall, St Johns Park, New Town

WANTED – CONTRIBUTIONS FOR THE 40TH ANNIVERSARY EDITION OF TASMANIAN ANCESTRY

This coming year the Tasmanian Family History Society will be celebrating a birthday – yes our 40th year.

The first edition of *Tasmanian Ancestry* in June 2019, will be dedicated to Hobart and Huon Branches, and we are asking for contributions from members of these branches.

No need to be an article dedicated to the regions or people of Hobart or southern Tasmania, in fact we don't mind if the stories involve anything to do with family history within Australia or beyond.

If you have an article already or one that is waiting in the wings, the editor, Rosie Davidson would like to hear from you. Rosie is waiting to be contacted at editors@tasfhs.org.

Please submit your contributions by April 01, 2019.

FINDMYPAST PUBLISHES 700,000 NEW SCOTTISH RECORDS IN CELEBRATION OF BURNS NIGHT 2019

Leading British & Irish family history website, *Findmypast*, is marking the 260th Anniversary of the birth of Robert Burns, the national poet of Scotland, with the release of almost 700,000 new Scottish records. Many of these new additions have been made available online for the first time and cement *Findmypast's* place as the home of the fastest growing online collection of Scottish Records.

STATE LIBRARY OF NEW SOUTH WALES – TASMANIAN RECORDS

The State Library of New South Wales will be undertaking a program of digitisation of a lot of Tasmanian records. Following is a link to a list of the documents which are scheduled to be included in this digitisation program.

<http://archival.sl.nsw.gov.au/Details/archive/110328397>

The records which will be covered are what are called the 'Tasmanian Papers, and comprise papers which are held by the Mitchell Library and in the 'Dickenson Collection'.

As these documents have not been digitised before, it will be great to have them digitised (and hopefully online) for access by us on our computers, instead of having to go in person to the Mitchell Library.

Autumn Seminar: 5th May 2019

Topic: The Anson and the Probation System



From 1844 until the end of transportation in 1853, female convicts were required to serve six months' probation upon arrival in Van Diemen's Land. This probation period was designed to teach convicts desirable skills, including reading, writing, ciphering (numeracy), needlework and domestic service. It was also designed to separate newly arrived convicts from the more hardened criminals in the female factories. When the probation period was completed, a convict became a probation pass-holder.

The HMS Anson arrived in Hobart as a male convict transport in 1844 and was subsequently refitted as a probation station for female convicts. It was then towed to New Town Bay and shortly after to Prince of Wales Bay, Risdon, near Hobart, where it was moored. Between 1844 and 1850, this hulk housed female convicts serving their six month probation period. Dr and Mrs Bowden were appointed to manage the Anson Probation Station. Women from the Woodbridge and the Angelina were among the first to be housed on the Anson. The Anson held from 250 to 520 women at any one time. The Anson was dismantled in 1850 and the women were transferred to the Cascade Female Factory.

Registrations for the seminar will open early February 2019. Venue will be the Hobart Town Hall.

Regards Dianne Snowden (President - Female Convicts Research Centre Inc.)