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The following items were accessioned during the month of May.

Books

- * Buckby, P; *DAVID HOWIE - DEVIL OR SAINT?*
- * Camp, Anthony J; *MY ANCESTORS CAME WITH THE CONQUEROR* [929.2 CAM]
- * Chesterman, Bob; *SMITHY, SAWMILLER, SHIP OWNER - The story of Henry Chesterman and the timber Company he founded* [Q929.2 CHE]
- * Denholm, Carey & Stefan Petrow; *DR EDWARD SWARBRECK HALL - Colonial Medical Scientist & Moral Activist (includes text of his 1833 shipboard diary)* [610.92 DEN]
- * Hawkins, Mick; *THE FAMILY OF WILLIAM JOHN HAWKINS* [Q929.2 HAW]
- * Lewis, Dr. Tom; *TEDDY SHEEAN - A TASMANIAN HERO ... and other brave warriors of the Royal Australian Navy* [940.54994 LEW]
- * Smythe, S; *KNOCKLOFTY - HOBART'S BACKYARD*
- * Spiers, Sheila M; *THE KIRKYARD OF KING-EDWARD* [929.3209412 SPI]
- * TFHS Hobart; *INDEX TO GOVERNMENT APPOINTMENTS FROM TASMANIAN GAZETTES, including Constables, Postmasters, Poundkeepers, etc. Vol. 1 1814-1833* [Q929.3 IND]
- * Malcolm Ward, Maureen Martin Ferris, Tully Brookes; *HOUSES & ESTATES OF OLD GLAMORGAN* [728.09964 WAR]

NEWS – JUNE 2019

Tues 18 June 7.30pm General Meeting

VENUE: Sunday School Hall, St John's Park

GUEST SPEAKER: Dr Pru Francis

TOPIC: Fr Louis Frederick Martial-Mary:
Soldier, Priest, St George's Bay Missioner

The story of a French priest who lived in Tasmania between 1878 and 1902. He was one of Tasmania's outstanding immigrant missionaries, working in the Georges Bay area. He is quite a character and his story is intricately tied to the story of the Catholic Church.

More for Your Diary

Thu 20 June – 10.00am Branch Committee Meeting
VENUE: Branch Library, Bellerive

Thu 20 June – 1.30pm DNA Group Meeting
VENUE: Branch Library, Bellerive

Thu 27 June – 2.00pm Library Committee Meeting
VENUE: Branch Library, Bellerive

Tue 16 July – 7:30pm –General Meeting
GUEST SPEAKER: Stefan Petrow
TOPIC: Alfred Kennerley, Premier without office. The man he was, his achievements, and his very interesting short time as Premier

SPRING SEMINAR - OCTOBER 20 2019 - CALL FOR PAPERS

Topic: A more hopeless class of subjects? Convict women at the New Norfolk Asylum

In 1859, the Commissioners of the Hospital for the Insane at New Norfolk wrote, 'It must be borne in mind that a large majority of the patients ... confined in the asylum have been of the convict class, the offspring of diseased parents, inheriting in very many cases a defective intellect, brought up from the earliest childhood in misery and vice, and leading in after years a life of sensual debauchery and crime, resulting in enfeeblement alike of body and mind – a more hopeless class of subjects it would be impossible to collect together in one institution' (cit Gowlland, Troubled Asylum, p.54)

Our next seminar will explore the lives of convict women admitted to the New Norfolk Asylum: why were they admitted? How long were they there? How many died there? What do we learn about the treatment and institutionalisation of convict women from their time in the Asylum? We are also interested in hearing about those convict women who worked at the Asylum.

Would you like to give a 15-minute paper on any aspect of the experience of convict women at the New Norfolk Asylum? If you are interested, please contact Robyn Everist at submissions@femaleconvicts.org.au by 20th June, 2019.

Registrations for the seminar will open late July 2019. Venue will be the Hobart Town Hall.

Regards
Dianne Snowden
President
Female Convict Research Centre Inc.

HELP TRANSCRIBE HISTORICAL PRISON REGISTERS

My name is Dr Alana Piper and I'm a historian from the University of Technology Sydney. I'm currently conducting a project that is seeking public volunteers to help transcribe historical prison registers from the 1850s to 1940s.

Crime has been central in shaping the history and society of Australia. This project will make a significant contribution to family, local, social and criminal justice history by revealing untold stories about the lives of people who committed crimes in Australia across time. It aims to discover new perspectives on the types of factors that led to individuals ending up in the prison system.

All that is needed to assist in the transcription process is access to an internet-connected computer. From here, you will be able to view images of historical records and type these handwritten documents into the text boxes provided. If you, or members of your society, are able to help, you can find out more and start transcribing via the following website: <https://criminalcharacters.com/>

If you have inquiries about the work, or would like more information to provide to your members, please get in touch at: Alana.Piper@uts.edu.au

REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE

The speaker at our May meeting, Craig Mackie, whose topic was *R vs Sparks & Campbell* is writing a book about the murder of a child Alice Hughes at Bridgewater in Tasmania in 1859.

Her father was a convict named Thomas Hughes and her mother was a free settler named Alice Hughes (nee Steel). Together they had 4 children – including Alice who was murdered.

The surviving children were as follows:

- Thomas Hughes (farmer) who died at the RHH in 1923 aged 86.
- William Hughes (blacksmith) who died in 1916 at his residence in Hobart.
- John Hughes (farmer) of Campania who died in 1899 aged 56. His wife Rachel Hughes was a prominent person in Campania for many years.
- Alice Hughes the mother died in 1867 in Bridgewater.
- Thomas Hughes the father died in 1879 at Bridgewater.

If anyone is researching this family Craig would be most pleased to hear from them.

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