

## LILIAN WATSON FAMILY HISTORY AWARD

This Award encourages family historians to present the results of their research for others to read and enjoy.

The Award was established in 1983 and first awarded in 1984. In 1996 it was renamed the Lilian Watson Family History Award to honour the memory and the contributions to genealogy and family history of Mrs Lilian Watson who died in March 1996. She was the Foundation Chairperson of the Society in 1980 and the first Fellow of the Society elected in 1995.

The Award is for a book, however produced or published, printed on paper, dealing with family history and must have a significant Tasmanian content. In the context of this award, a family history should be a work carefully and accurately researched on a single family, group of related families or a biographical history. Historical fiction is not eligible.

***Definition of a Book: Form in which the literary work is made available for reading, printed within an enclosed cover and bound.***

The book should include an index. Illustrations, that is, photographs, drawings, maps, charts, etc., should be relevant to the text, clear and well captioned.

Pages of genealogical data in chart or list form should not take up any more than a third of the whole history. Other important inclusions are the table of contents, references and acknowledgement of sources.

The book should be reproduced in sufficient quantities for either the retail market or private sale among families, and certainly for all to enjoy reading and using. An edition of ten or more copies is required to be issued.

The winner of the 2023 Award receives a suitably inscribed certificate, one year's complimentary membership of the Society, and \$200. The name of the winner and the winning entry are published on the Society website (tasfhs.org) and in the September edition of *Tasmanian Ancestry*.

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## CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

1. The Award is offered annually, and only one publication may be selected for an award in any one year. The Society reserves the right not to make the Award in any one year.
2. All entries must be submitted by the closing date stated on the entry form. No late entries will be accepted.
3. All entries must be in recognised book form that is printed in some way on paper and bound with covers; entries should be indexed, and be issued in an edition of ten or more copies.
4. Copies of the publication must have been deposited with the National Library of Australia and the appropriate State library, or the appropriate libraries for entries from other countries, as required by legislation.
5. Publications must not have been previously entered for the Award unless the new entry is an extensively revised new edition.
6. Entries must have been published no earlier than five years before the closing date for entries (1 December 2023).
7. Entries for the Award must have a significant Tasmanian content.
8. Entries must be the story of family or biographical history - a collation of factual details, woven into a story. Historical fiction is not eligible.
9. Authors may submit more than one entry.
10. The entry must be submitted by the author or authors.
11. Each entry accepted for judging will remain the property of the branch of the Society designated on the entry form. A special Lilian Watson Family History Award bookplate will be affixed to each entry.
12. Award winners must allow the Society to publicise their entry following the announcement of the winner of the Award.
13. Copyright is not required to be transferred to the Society.

## JUDGING OF THE AWARD

Entries are assessed by an independent judging panel of three, including a genealogist or person experienced in genealogical research. The other two members of the judging panel will be chosen from the following categories:

- a qualified librarian.
- a writer or literary critic of note.
- an historian or compiler of historical or archival material.

Entries will be judged on scope and detail of the history, depiction of the family/individual in its historical setting, historical accuracy, English expression, arrangement of material, quality of layout type and printing, quality of illustrations and the relevance of these to the text.

Indexing should be accurate and comprehensive and genealogical tables clear and easy to follow.

Sources of information should be acknowledged and references clearly listed.

The judges will also assess how successful the work is in presenting the family or biographical history in terms of the Award and its Tasmanian content.

The judges will assess each entry under the following headings:

Presentation including accuracy of statement, scope and detail, English expression, arrangement, etc.....	40 marks
Indexing and genealogical tables .....	20 marks
References and/or bibliography .....	20 marks
The work as a whole.....	20 marks

The decision of the judging panel shall be final, subject to endorsement by the Society before public announcement of the Award.

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**Further information and entry forms** are available from any TFHS Inc. Branch library or the Society website ( [tasfhs.org](http://tasfhs.org) )

Or on request:

By post to: Secretary, PO Box 326, Rosny Park, Tas 7018

By email to: [secretary@tasfhs.org](mailto:secretary@tasfhs.org)