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LOST MACKAY PRESBYTERIAN MARRIAGE REGISTERS FOUND

The Presbyterian Archives, Ann Street, Brisbane, have written to inform us that the marriage registers of the Rev. Richard Bardon have lately been deposited with them. These cover Presbyterian Marriages in and around Mackay over the years 1920 - 1944. Previously we had been notified that these archives hold Mackay marriages for 1914 - 1915. These registers can be searched at a charge of \$10 by the Archivist, Miss Joan Pigram, P.O. Box 291, North Quay, 4002. It is a sad fact that there are many gaps in the Presbyterian Registers. This is partly due to the fact that the marriage register was considered to belong to the minister and went with him when he moved. Other surviving registers were held at the Mackay Uniting Church up to the end of last year, when they were sent to the Oxley Library. However, microfilm copies were made and may be researched in our library with the help of an index almost completed. The Oxley Library allows research, but it is necessary to have a letter of permission from a Uniting Minister, and there is no index.

Registers in JOL (and copies in our library) are :-

Marriages : 1874 -75 and 1945 - 1977

Baptisms : 1876 - 79 and 1884 - 1977

As well there are separate Sarina Registers of Baptisms 1909 - 76 and Marriages 1924 - 79.

BATHURST (N.S.W.) CATHOLIC DIOCESE RECORDS

These are very well organized and the Diocesan Archives will answer queries. There is a charge of \$10 per surname plus \$1 for each photocopy they send of a baptism or marriage.

COPYING CERTIFICATES

"You don't need a certificate. You just need the information written on it." So says Janet Reakes, and most genies would agree, especially in view of the money saved. Handcopying of their certificates is allowed in Scotland and New Zealand. Photocopying is allowed in Ireland of Irish certificates. Tasmanian BDMs are on microfilm up to 1900 and are in many libraries, including G.S.Q. Brisbane. These may be handcopied from the film; also the Archives of Tasmania (note not the Registrar General) will photocopy them for the cost of the photocopying. Pre-1856 BDMs for N.S.W. are similarly on microfilm (G.S.Q. Brisbane has these too), and may be hand copied. NSW certificates 1856 - 1900 may be hand copied at the Registrar General's Office in Sydney. Researchers make an appointment and pay \$25 for 20 minutes, or \$75 for 1 hour. (See Janet Reakes "Short Cuts" p. 28). Janet read them into a tape recorder and got 60 certificates in her hour, but this use of tape recorder is no longer allowed. The copying can be speeded up by having sheets ruled up with all the headings needed and searching the indexes beforehand for the reference number, and recording all the information already on the index. To copy certificates in this way in Sydney, it is possible to hire a researcher or use a friend or relative.

Lastly, any birth or marriage on the IGI is most likely to have been obtained from the original Registrar's record or the original church record. A copy of this original record can be obtained from Utah. It is a photocopy of the original at a fraction of the cost of a certificate. Jan Wilkie has received 2 Scotland certificates in this way and is now sending for 8 more.

WINDFALL FROM PHONEBOOK

Dulcie Patterson reports excitedly that she recently found a distant relative through searching the Melbourne phonebook. The name was a rare one - HILLAS. The best of it is that he too is a keen genie, and has the Hillas family tree back to 1664. This method of research is most successful for uncommon names. Note that our library has all the phone books for Australia, Scotland, and Ireland.

LUCK OF THE IRISH

Since 1945 Daphne Muraro has had old photos which had belonged to her grandfather, Samuel Mackay, who emigrated from Northern Ireland to Mackay in 1893. She had been unable to trace anything of the family in Northern Ireland. Recently, she was looking through these photos again, and noted one entitled "Killswater Reformed Presbyterian Church, Ballymena." Taking a long shot, she wrote to this church enquiring if any records existed of her grandfather or his family. The reply arrived back in only 3 weeks and was really flabbergasting. The church still exists; the letterhead contained the exact photo she had of the church; and the minister replying was her second cousin. He was overjoyed to have contact with a "dear relative", and announced all about it at the end of his Sunday sermon. Many other cousins are still in the area and of this congregation. Now Daphne has a family tree of all the family descendants still in Ireland, and the minister is searching further back.

Notthfelden am 12ten April 1862

Liebes Mutter (Jesu) Liebes Maria, Liebes Johannes in Jesu!

THIS LETTER IN OLD GERMAN has been held by Rube Stevens for 30 years and only recently was she able to obtain a translation. The original has been kept 128 years until today in the old German Family Bible together with the original paper certifying the baptisms and the marriage of the people emigrating. Read this extract and see the tender family feeling expressed, the allusion to the misery of their life in Germany, the unusual gift carried across the world, and the reason why this letter was kept while others were not. The letter was brought from Germany to Queensland by Rube's great-grandmother, Wilhemine Krieger, who had married Kasper Utermoehlen. Now in 1862 with their small children they were emigrating to Queensland to join Wilhemine's parents and her 2 brothers who had previously emigrated and now had their own farm. They are the Johannes and Maria Krieger and Georg and Johannes to whom the letter is addressed. It is written by John Krieger's cousin, John Westhof, who is godfather to little Kaspar, Wilhemine's son.



Once a familiar sight in areas selected by German immigrants: a German wagon. Goom-bungee. 1911.

Notthfelden the 12th April 1862

Dear Cousin Johannes, dear *Maria*, dear Georg and Johannes!

Should your daughter Wilhelmine, son in law Heinrich and their dear children and also this letter arrive safely and find you all in the best of health it would give us the greatest pleasure and happiness. And we hope that the Lord in His patience and kindness will send that lucky day when they will be able to start that happy journey to go to their parents and be able very soon to leave this slavery and this vale of tears But our life in the beginning has its crosses and its difficulties but with the help of God there will be happiness and honour in the end. Oh how wonderful the sun will be shining on the day when lost ones will meet again! Tears of joy will be running down your cheeks when you will be hugging and kissing your daughter and son in law and your little grandchildren on their arrival. Oh if only we could be there with you on that day! Yes, it will be a festive day, better than you ever celebrated in all your lifetime. Also, my father is sending you a sausage for frying on that happy day, the day of your happy re-union and you are to eat it with a good appetite because we cannot send you any money or something of great value because you know how it is for us here in Germany. One more request, dear ones, help your daughter and the godparent Heinrich to teach the little ones so they may learn good morals and Christian Religion and have good knowledge so they may not counted among the heathen. Help as much as you are able to make them honest citizen. I would be very happy to receive a letter from my godchild in years to come telling me that he has grown up to be a brave and upright citizen .

The Lord has given me also a new son

Also my father and mother are still doing well, but their hair is turning greyer and greyer during the years, their strength is waning and getting less and I believe it will be the same for you. Though my parents pleasure is great in the knowledge that your daughter will be with you soon and will be able to tell you all about them, after all it would be far too much to write it down,

Now I will close, God may give you Peace, Health, Harmony and a long life until we meet again; if not here than over there for sure. Please keep this letter for my godchild until he is able to read it as a keepsake.

Dear friends, please write and let us know about the arrival of your daughter Wilhelmine, if she arrived safe and sound and your address, but properly and clear Good night, good night.

Many thousand regards to you dearly beloved friends from my father and mother
~~Brothers and sisters~~ and my wife Catarina SPRENGER

Johann Heinrich WESTHOF

Civil Registration started in 1863 and the records are in the Public Registry Office (L'Insinua), 197 Merchants Street, Valetta, for the Island of Malta, and in the Public Registry Office, Victoria, Gozo, for the Island of that name. A small charge is made for a photocopy of a certificate.

Some Church Registers in Valletta date back to 1537 and in various other parishes from about 1550. Some, of course, are partially or wholly missing as the result of the bombing in the last war. Most of the parish churches hold recent registers and the early ones are in the Cathedral Museum, Archbishop Square, Mdina, or in the Archbishop's Curia, St. Caladonius Square, Floriana; but there are many churches that have retained the possession of their early registers.

Censuses were first held in 1842, then in 1851 and every 10 years until 1931; then again 1948, 1957, 1967 and 1977. The returns are open for inspection in the Public Library in Valletta and also in Victoria, Gozo, for that Island. Send 2 International Reply Coupons (available from the Post Office) and a self addressed airmail envelope and the staff may help you with your research if the exact address is given.

Wills date back to the 14th century and are in the Public Registry Offices. Photocopies may be ordered by mail for a small fee, but you must also send a photo copy of the death certificate of the person concerned if he or she died within the past 100 years. For Wills before then, no death certificate is needed.

There is no genealogical information in the State Library or in the National Library, and there is no genealogical organization in Malta; but there are genealogical researchers and their names and addresses can be obtained from the National Library

MALTESE BACKGROUND

There are more than 400,000 Maltese in Australia, if the descendants of Maltese - born Australians are included. Given that Malta's population is approximately 320,000, this means that there are more "Maltese" in Australia than in Malta itself.

The first Maltese to arrive in Australia from Malta were Angelo Farrugia and Guiseppe Spiteri. They were convicts and sentenced to life in New South Wales with fellow convicts, mainly English, Welsh, Scottish or Irish on the "Admiral Gambier" in 1810.

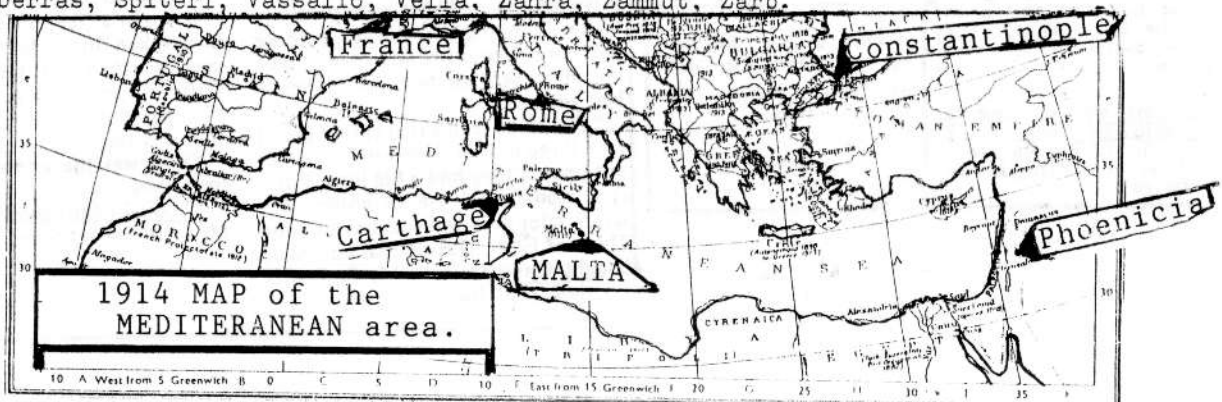
In the nineteenth century, and up until 1911, there was a small stream of immigrants from Malta. Overpopulation was always a problem. In 1906 the huge harbour works undertaken for years by the British were suddenly completed, and the resulting unemployment made the situation worse. Emigration was officially encouraged as a remedy. Large numbers came to Australia before and after World War I. In the 1920's increasing numbers of Maltese became established in Mackay in business and farming. Today Mackay Maltese are a numerous and important group in the local community.

Most Maltese, however, came to Australia after the Second World War, when an assisted passage scheme operated up until the early 1970's; about 85,000 were brought out on these assisted passages.

Immigrants from Malta did not need to obtain naturalization, and so could automatically vote and own land. They were already British Citizens, as Malta had become part of the British Empire in 1800, when it was captured from Napoleon.

Britain was the last of a long line of conquerors of Malta. Three thousand years ago, the trading Phoenicians first settled the islands of Malta, so strategically situated. Then over the centuries they were successively occupied and controlled by Carthage, Rome, Constantinople, the Arabs, the Normans, the Knights of St. John, the French, and the British. Although politically dominated and culturally influenced by external forces, the people have nevertheless succeeded through the centuries in retaining a deep sense of Maltese individuality. Immigrants from Malta have retained this pride and culture, and their native vitality and adaptability.

The book "The Maltese in Australia" by Barry York tells their Australian story over 180 years. It contains the experiences of large numbers of individuals and families. It shows how the Maltese people in Australia have made an important and enriching contribution in many walks of life and in all parts of Australia. Mackay readers will recognize many local identities, and will be familiar with many of the Maltese surnames mentioned - Agius, Attard, Bezzina, Borg, Bugea, Busuttin, Camilleri, Caruana, DeBrincat, Ellul, Fenech, Formosa, Galea, Micallef, Muscat, Saliba, Schembri, Rizzo, Schira, Sciberras, Spiteri, Vassallo, Vella, Zahra, Zammut, Zarb.



1923

RAILWAY LINKS NORTH & SOUTH

I was at the farm the day the great event took place. The place and day was just about one mile north of Elaroo Station on the south side of a seven span bridge on December 1, 1923.

The last link was to be put in to connect north and south Queensland by rail. There was to be an official ceremony between the north and south sections. I was among the good many local residents who gathered.

There was an official party to come by train from Proserpine and another one from Mackay.

If my memory is correct the ceremony was to take place about nine or ten in the morning, but the train from Mackay didn't arrive and there was no way of knowing what caused the delay, as there were no telephones or walkie-talkies.

The party from Proserpine and the locals were getting restless, wondering what had occurred. It was later revealed that a hot box on the train caused the delay near Kolijo.

After several hours, it was decided by the chief engineer who I understood to be Mr. W. Sterling, that any further wait would mean there would not be time before dark to complete the job, so it was decided to carry on without the Mackay party.

The two rails had to be prepared and laid and then cut and shortened to fit.

The rails were in fact, cut and drilled on the job. The method was for one man to hold a cold chisel by the handle and the other to strike it

with a sledgehammer. A line was marked around the rail in this fashion.

Then the gang took over. About eight men on each side of the rail, lifted it about shoulder high and let it go and stepped back. The rail, which fell on a crossbar, snapped in two like a carrot.

There was one unforgettable character in the gang who was busy putting on a good show for the benefit of the onlookers as much as to say, if everyone was like me you would have had your railway years ago.

He impressed me and I said to one of the gang that this bloke seemed a busy fellow and the answer was "yes," they call him the red bull.

When the last rails were eventually laid, most of the dogs were driven and two or three were left half driven.

Mrs. Stirling, the engineer's wife was then given the dog hammer to send home the last link of the north - south railway, and cheers went up for a job well done.

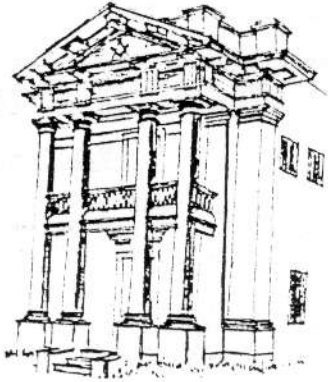
But there was nothing to eat or drink to celebrate the occasion as the Mackay party was bringing the barrel and the eats.

WINDOWS ON THE PAST MACKAY

Masonic Lodge - 1925

The strength of the Masonic Fraternity in Mackay is reflected in the imposing facade of the Lodge. Four massive concrete columns dominate the entrance rising from the ground in the front of the building to a classical frieze and pediment above.

The Lodge was constructed in 1925 by Frank & William Guthrie. Formerly of Bundaberg, they planned to stay in Mackay for 12 months to complete the former National Australia Bank but the partnership continued in Mackay for a further 36 years, completing many well-known buildings in the city.



Mackay Lodge began in the 1870's. Caledonia Lodge and Temple Lodge are also more than 100 years old.



Quite New, 15c Music Brooch, £2 2s; with heart, £2 10s; Pearl set.

1892

The line finally was cleared and the dogs checked. The "red bull" seemed to have the last strike with the dog hammer.

A few speeches were made in praise of the achievement and the completion of the project.

The northern train then drove over the completed link. We had only been a few minutes home at the farm after it was all over when we saw the Mackay party arriving in the late afternoon.

By that stage some whistle blowing by the drivers of the two engines was all that remained to celebrate the occasion.

This article, by Mr. W. J. KINNEAR, now of North Ryde, New South Wales,

1972

1864----REGISTERS START

John Mackay explored our area in 1860 and returned to settle in 1862. Other settlers followed immediately. Mackay was then part of Bowen Registration District and births, deaths, and marriages would be registered in Bowen, if at all. In 1864, Mackay gained its own registry office, so official registrations in Mackay registers start only in 1864. Even after 1864, B.D.M. events in Mackay district may be found registered in Bowen, or elsewhere, or still not at all.

According to records the first child registered was Margaret P. Hendersen - daughter of Andrew Hendersen.

The first marriage was celebrated on October 21, 1864, between Johnstone Harris and Jane Graham. Both were born in Australia. It is evident that visits of the clergy were few and far between, as 12 marriages were celebrated by the registrar, Mr. John Tanner Baker.

The first clergyman to celebrate a marriage was Rev. James Reid. John Allen's store was used as a kirk on May 14, 1865.

The first marriage celebrated according to the rites of the Church of England was on October 31, 1867. The clergyman was Rev. Edward Tanner.

The first death was that of a man aged 26, Richard James Jeffers. He was drowned. He left a widow and one child 10 months old.

There was no doctor from 1864 to 1867. The first was Dr. Harrison.

The first known marriage by a clergyman was that of Andrew Hendersen and Mary or Elizabeth Allman. They were married in 1863.

Andrew Hendersen arrived on the bank of the Pioneer in 1862. He was formerly an overseer at Newstead Station. He went to John Mackay's camp at Greenmount.

1915-25 HOTELS, HORSES, SWAGGIES, NEBO.

Tom Symons (b. 1902) speaking in 1987, after a lifetime with transport, hotels, stations, and sport in Mackay.

After the outbreak of World War I they sold it and bought the Hampden (now known as the Kuffabul) Hotel. In 1915, they moved to a house at Quarry Hill, North Mackay, before buying the Oxford Hotel in Nebo in 1916 and running it for three years.

"Our next move, in 1919, was to the Range Hotel that dad bought from Mr A.W. MacLean. That year was the worst drought that I remember. There was no rain in Nebo until the first week in 1920. My father had between 400 and 500 cattle. We had 20 left when the rains came, and only those because we'd fed them.

"Dad had also bought the mail run from Eton to Nebo with the Range Hotel and when I was 15 I was able to drive the coach. There were plenty of blokes humping their swags in those days, and I could nearly always pick one up to help me hold the brakes in bad places.

"The horse teams that carted goods took three to four days with 17 horses in a team if they had a big load. For a light load they'd use 14 horses. My father later sold the coaches to Alan Thorn of Eton. During that period he bought Oakdale from Mr S. Beath. He then sold the Range Hotel and

moved to Oakdale."

Tom was about 17 then, and said 'unregistered racing was starting to boom.' There were courses all round Mackay district. I remember winning the two main races at the Oakenden meeting. It wasn't long after that the NARA was formed and horses and courses had to be registered. I kept one of our horses named Jerry Dooloogra racing, as he was registered. I believe he won the first registered race at Ooralea in 1925: the late Gilbert McPherson rode him and trained him: he was later killed on that track.

"Jerry Dooloogra won quite a lot of races later at Ooralea when Dave Harley trained for me."

It was at a Nebo meeting, to where he'd taken three horses, that Tom met his wife Edna. He stayed at the Oxford Hotel which her parents were running, and within 15 months they were married.

"That was the end of race horses for a long time.

"I bought Springvale station from Mr Jerry Michelmore.

SPORTS DAY AT NEBO, 1930's

by Harold Butterworth
(from Peg Strickland's family history, "A Productive Link")

Sports day in Nebo was always a big social event, with the local people and visitors. My father William Henry, was President of the club for many years, with local Police Constable Bernie Birchley as Secretary.

People would travel from the stations for a weekend of competition and fun. They would arrive by car, truck, utility, buggy and pair, sulky, push bikes, horse back and perhaps an odd motor bike.

You must remember there were no built up roads and fast cars in those days. They travelled over dirt tracks, which were two wheel tracks and a ridge between. The motor vehicles would be the old (tin gin) T-model Ford, A-model Ford, 4 cylinder Chev., Rugby, Mystery Overland and many others, plus a sprinkling of prestige cars, i.e. Pontiac, Studebaker, Buick and an odd Hudson.

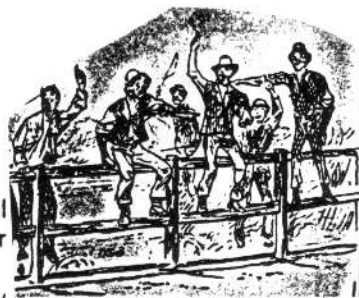
If you struck a piece of good road you would speed along at about 25 to 30 miles an hour (40 to 50 kilometres). For most parts it was the motion of going through the gears, up and down. The transmissions in those days were different to now. If you were to mention "Double D" clutch to the present day driver they would not know what you were talking about.

It is just as well we never had the present day car at that time, because attendances at the sports would be down, as the vehicles would disintegrate and crumble along the way.

Sports Day was just that. From about 7.30 to 8 am right throughout the day it was non stop sport and fun. Events such as Tilting The Ring, Gretna Green, Threading The Needle, Blowing Up The Fort, all equestrian events which called for skill and horsemanship, as well as creating loads of fun and laughter for the spectators. Then there was the Figure of Eight, Flag Race and High Jump. We had a creamy pony mare, who was never beaten in competition in the High Jump and an offer of 95 pounds (\$190) was refused for her.

My eldest brother, Henry, used to give exhibitions by riding her over the jump bare back and, leaving her in mid air, they would land side by side on the other side of the hurdle, and I might add, all six feet were on the ground. The only other man on record to perform this feat was Harry Plant, the trainer of the mighty Bernborough. Harry used to demonstrate the feat at the Charters Towers Shows as a young man.

Driving the nail for the women, catching the rooster, catching the greasy pig, foot races for women, men and children, plus a stack of other events for children. The day wound down with a dance on Saturday night with music on piano with extras on button accordion. Games of cricket and tennis were played on Sunday. It was all these things combined in those days of isolation that made the country people a great, big hearted and loveable group.



A GATHERING OF THE STEVENSON CLAN



Lots of detective work and hundreds of letters are helping to piece together the story of the Mackay blacksmithing family, the Stevensons.

John and Ellen Stevenson and Molly Scott in Brisbane have done much of the groundwork, with help from various genealogically inclined relatives from other areas. Each branch of the family have been contacted, requesting complete descendant lists, anecdotes, photos, etc.; to be included in the forthcoming book.

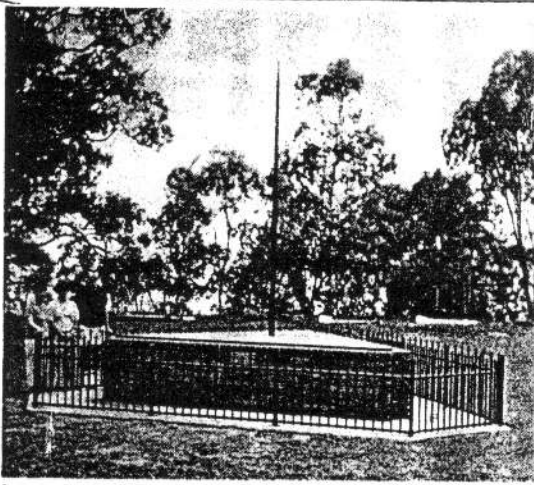
Alexander (1832-1907) and Catherine (1833-1902, nee Livingstone) Stevenson were married in Glasgow in 1851, and had four sons and four daughters; Mary, John, Alex, Janet, Catherine, George, Charles and Elizabeth. Alex jnr., who was a smithy at Eton, and John Stevenson and their wives, Mary (nee Hamilton) and Maggie (nee Henney) left Scotland and arrived in Mackay in 1883. Brother George Stevenson, who later married Nellie McKenna, followed them in 1884.

Back in Glasgow, the rest of the Stevensons heard all about this far-off Qld. town, and decided they'd like to live there too. Besides, Alex snr had been saying he only had one son left in Scotland to "lay him away"! The party of 16 in all arrived here on the "Chyebassa" in Oct. 1886: Alex snr. & Catherine, their daughter Mary and her husband, George Farquhar, daughters Janet and Catherine Stevenson with their husbands, George and Arthur Hamilton, (brothers), daughter Elizabeth and son Charles Stevenson, and six grandchildren.

Elizabeth later married Alfred Adams; and Charles, also a smithy, later married Mary Turnbull.

Alex snr. worked as a blacksmith on the old Sydney St. bridge; and at Green's and Cameron's Foundries. The old Mackay Cemetery gates and those at Queen's Park were also fashioned by Alex. (It's been rather difficult trying to find photos of these pieces of his handiwork).

In the Mackay area alone, there are several hundred descendants of Alex and Catherine. When the book is finally published, it's likely many of us will be surprised to see that some folk we've known for years are, like us, offspring of the "Smithy"!



DUNWICH ASYLUM CEMETERY

Do you have any ancestors who were at the Dunwich Benevolent Asylum? In February 1988, a Memorial Wall was erected in the Dunwich Cemetery, North Stradbroke Island (Moreton Bay, Qld.) to honour inmates and staff of the Dunwich Benevolent Asylum who were buried there in unmarked graves. This is depicted, left, while below we have a 'close up' of the main dedication plaque. Details have recently been finalised to allow descendants of these souls to have a standard memorial plaque placed on the wall. Applications, accompanied by a copy of the relevant death certificates (as proof), should

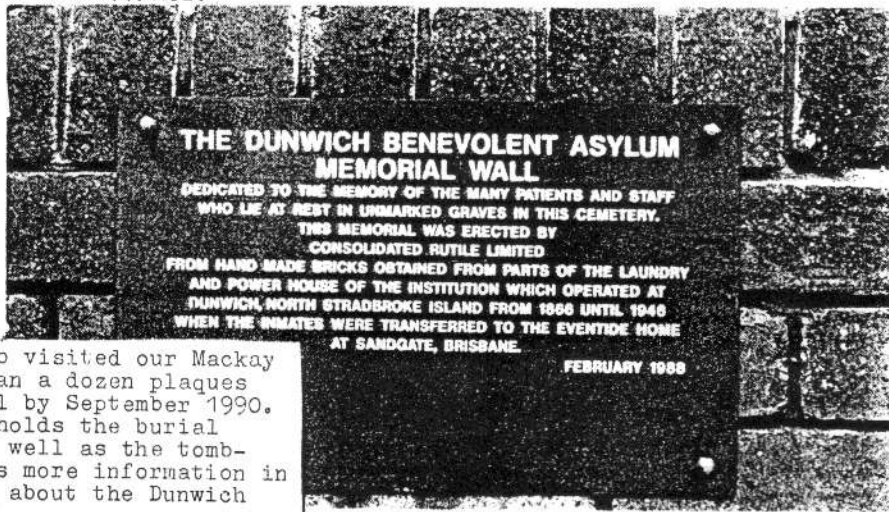
be made through the Redlands Shire Council at Cleveland, Qld, 4163. The cost of this service, including the plaque, would be about \$40.00.

Admission registers of the Dunwich Benevolent Asylum held at the Queensland State Archives (1866-1882) and at Eventide Home, Sandgate (1882 onwards) reveal valuable personal details of the 3,000 or more patients admitted during the Institution's operation at Dunwich from 1866 to 1947.

This information, and the photos, have been provided by member Molly Scott of 30 Breadalbane Street, Carindale, Q. 4152.

QUEENSLAND FAMILY HISTORIAN

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According to Molly Scott, who visited our Mackay library in November, more than a dozen plaques had been attached to the wall by September 1990. Note also that GSQ Brisbane holds the burial register of this cemetery as well as the tombstone inscriptions. There is more information in Genie Gossip No. 20 (Feb 90) about the Dunwich Asylum.



MEMORANDA

LAUGHABLE GENIWISE

Where did Noah keep his bees?
--- In the archives.....

First letter from College to home: Dear Mum, I have come away without my genes. Please send them as soon as possible as I really need them.
Dear Son, If you don't have your genes yet, I'm afraid I can do nothing about it now.

The scientific name for Genealogist is:
STICKYBEAKIS INSATIABLUS.



**Anyone requiring bank notes in a foreign currency, please let Wendy Porter know immediately. (424308)

**Members using the Mackay Education Centre are reminded to pay the \$3 annual fee for 1991 on next visit.

**Our Library Display is coming up in May. You should put something in it. What?

**This Newsletter needs some article, news, hint, or comment from YOU. Write it up, or ring 422539 please.

**Meetings of GSQ Mackay Branch are held at 7.30 pm on the first Wednesday (next on 6 March) in Room D 10, Mackay High School, Milton St.

**Our Library is within the North Mackay Library, Ungerer St, and open to all whenever the main library is open, i.e.:- 9.30 to 5.30 Mon to Fri, plus to 8pm Thurs, plus 9 to 1pm Sat.

**A member to assist with research is in this Library 12.30 to 2pm every Tues & 2nd & 4th Wednesday, & 2nd Saturday.

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MACKAY HISTORY RESOURCE BOOK PLANNED

Tutor at the local university campus, Mr Martin Hislop, has announced plans to publish a book of original documents, letters, diaries, etc., which will be a resource book for schools studying the Mackay area. Anyone wishing to offer suitable material can write to Mr Martin Hislop, Capricornia University office, Dunkheld Gardens, Brisbane St, Mackay 4740, or contact him on 511711.

ORAL HISTORY and the RECOLLECTION OF CONFLICT

This is the theme of the 7th Biennial Conference of the Oral History Association of Australia, to be held 20-22 Sept. 1991 at the University of Queensland. There will be practical advice on problems of recording, on presentation, and on demonstration of methods, as well as accounts of work in progress. Contributions are sought on conflicts emerging in 9 areas, e.g. "Families: the genders and the generations." See pamphlet on noticeboards and in our Information File. Or write enquiries to OHAA National Conference Committee, c/- Box 282, P.O. NAMBOUR, Qld. 4560.

MACKAY MORMON LIBRARY RE-OPENS

The Genealogical Library of the Mackay L.D.S. has now re-opened. Attendants are on hand to advise on research and to order films on Tuesdays 1 to 2.30 pm; Wednesdays 11.30 am to 2 pm; and Thursdays 7 to 8.30 pm. Films cost \$7.50 to order in. To book a reader otherwise, ring 521974 at these times, or 10 am to noon Monday to Thursday when Mr Gary Hull may be able to book. Considering that arrival of film is sometimes delayed, researchers are advised to order early in the year, especially as this library will not order film after 31 October.

A PLACE FOR EVERYTHING and EVERYTHING IN ITS PLACE

In the home nowadays, strict adherence to this old adage of grandma's is rarely practised. However, in a library, it is absolutely necessary to put everything back in exactly the right place, or no one else will ever find it. The bigger the library, the greater the danger. This is the reason for the notice sometimes displayed - "Please do not put items back on the shelves." For safety, the librarians must do it. However, in our self-help library, users are expected to put away whatever items they use - fiche, boxes, books. Recently a researcher found a fiche from South Australia indexes in the midst of the Victoria fiche. Always use a marker; take only one fiche at a time after you have replaced the previous one you took out; and just pretend you are Grandma!

LIBRARY DISPLAY

The annual display of our society at the City Library will go up later this year. It will run for three weeks - from Saturday 18 May to Saturday 8 June. Co-ordinator is Judy Wallace (421224) and she would like to hear from members with ideas for this year's display, or with suggestions for headings for display boards. Newer members are particularly invited to contribute and to ring Judy if they have any queries. Suggestions for board headings are: Generations (photos), Ancestors (photos), Floods & Cyclones (photos), Beginners, Family Reunions, Certificates and Documents, Shipping, Family Trees, Convicts, Maltese Research, Mining, Old Occupations, Local History (to include Bowen, Proserpine, Pioneer Valley etc.), and Strange but True. 'Generations' was tried last year with great success. Members are asked to contribute photos of their ancestors down a generation line - e.g. great-grandfather, grandmother, father, self, son. Please ring Judy if you need clarification. 'Floods & Cyclones' need not be restricted to Mackay - it can be anywhere in the world. We will also need objects to display in the locked-up glass cases, so dig out those old heirlooms, family Bibles, old porcelain, curios and memorabilia, anything which belonged to one of your ancestors. Please try to contribute to the 'Strange but True' board as it is good to have some humour in the display. You may have a strange photograph, a funny story you could write about your ancestor, a different sort of tombstone, or a weird newspaper article - we all have something funny in our family tree.

RESEARCH NOTES

HERE CURLEY!

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1. Central Queensland Pioneer Register is still being compiled. This covers from Proserpine to Miriam Vale and west to the border. Entries are free and should be done on the official form, which may be photocopied from the "Forms For Copying" Folder in our Library, or obtained by sending a long SAE to C.Q. Genealogical Association, P.O. Box 6000, Rockhampton Mail Centre, 4702.

2. N.S. Wales Central West Settlers Index has now been published by the Dubbo Society. Faye Heany has a copy and will look it up for members. (Ring 546755). She will also look up another recently acquired book, a history of Ourimbah, N.S.W. to 1930

3. The Newsletter of the German Group, DIE ZEITUNG, is now in our Library and copies will be added as they are issued, thanks to Margaret Jenner, whom we remember with affection anyway. Post copies have been provided by member Rube Stevens, who is forging ahead with her German research and urges anyone doing German Research to join the German Group, ^{with} collective expertise in solving problems of research.

4. N.S.W. Wills 1800-1892 are indexed on microfiche; many libraries have them, including Proserpine Shire Library. GSQ Brisbane does have them and will look them up for members. If the reference number shown here is quoted, the will can be obtained from the Probate Division, Supreme Court of N.S.W., 5th Floor Law Courts Building, Sydney. The charge for a copy of the will is the same whether it is 1 page long or 20 pages. However, the charge varies according to the date period it falls in, which is indicated by the reference number. Series 1, No. 1 to No. 1793 (pre 1850) costs \$31. Series 2, No. 1794 to Series 5. No. 17257 (1850-1985) costs \$10 and after this the charge is \$25. It is often very difficult to find a death date after the indexes end, but this may be found through a will if a will existed. Queensland Wills are all in the State Archives in Brisbane and are card indexed.

5. Inland-Country Life is the interest of the Stockman's Hall of Fame. There is a five year project to interview people who have experienced life in the outback and to record their information and impressions. Contact M/s Caroline Fewtrell, assistant librarian, G.P.O. Box 1, Brisbane Q. 4001, if you, or anyone you know of, could contribute to this project (See Newsletter No. 24, and "Forms for Copying" in our library.)

6. It is worth a letter to Cemetery Authorities to see if their records are on computer - if so, you may be able to get a "print-out" of your family name. e.g. I wrote to Carr Villa Memorial Park, Launceston, enquiring re 2 family names and received print-out of 80 names giving full name, age, regn. No., religion, Funeral Directors, Date of Death, and date of service. If cremated, position of wall niche and Number, or rose number in rose garden etc. Cost of this was \$5. (V.Pollitt)

7. When writing to Central Army Records Office, 366 St. Kilda Rd. Melbourne, Vic. 3004, the following rules must apply before they will release any information:

- (1) Enquiries MUST be on an individual basis i.e. if you have two ex-members, write two separate letters.
- (2) The written consent of the ex-member must be provided; or, if he/she is deceased, a written statement to that effect is required.
- (3) The enquirer's relationship to the ex-member must be stated. If you are not directly related, the written consent of the ex-member's closest surviving next of kin is required (e.g. wife, son, daughter).
- (4) The reason for the request must be stated. (V. Pollitt)



QUOTABLE GENIWISE

"The need for genealogy arose from people's curiosity about their origins. For a long time legends were enough, but genealogy is the purest form of history as it concerns individuals, and, eventually, the desire to find the objective truth concerning the actual ancestors was to exert itself."

"Debrett's Family Historian"



ROYAL GENEALOGY AND THE I.G.I.

- John Atkinson



For many years I have been researching royal genealogy; trying to find the details of the royal and noble families of the world, concentrating on those from Europe. Although I had used the International Genealogical Index to research my own family, it wasn't until 1990 that I decided to find out if anything was in the IGI concerning royal dynasties. The efforts were very rewarding.



The IGI has some details of every modern monarchy, (those that were present during the nineteenth century). Some of these extend back to the 1400's, or even earlier for a small group. Also some of the dynasties or countries that no longer existed by the nineteenth century are also included.



The information is found under the name of the country over which a particular family ruled, rather than the name of the family itself. For instance Queen Elizabeth II, if she was listed would be found under "England", rather than "Windsor". (1)

There are some problems with collecting the information however. The biggest problem is that to obtain a complete record of a particular family it is necessary to check every European country. I'll use the Habsburg family, who ruled Austria for many years until 1918 as an example of why this has to happen.



Obviously, most of the information is found under the heading "Austria", in Austria, (though the Emperors were known as Holy Roman Emperor, and are found under "Holy Roman Empire"). However, the dynasty started as Counts of Habsburg, now in Switzerland; branches of the family ruled in Spain, the Netherlands, Hungary, Bohemia (now in Czechoslovakia) and in Tuscany and Modena in northern Italy. Of course many marriages and some births may have occurred throughout Europe and boundaries between countries change over the years. Hence the need to check every country, which becomes even more difficult when checking England, Scotland or the Scandinavian countries.



Another problem is that women can be listed under their married name, "so to speak". For instance, Alexandra, Princess of Denmark, who married Edward VII, King of England, her birth in Denmark is listed under "England", Alexandra Queen of, rather than "Denmark", Alexandra Princess of. This occasionally happens with males, if they assumed another title. e.g. one of Alexandra's brothers became George I of Greece and his birth is listed under "Greece", not "Denmark". (2) (3)



As I have mentioned the rewards for all this work are enormous, not only does some information extend back to the 1400's or earlier; most of the births are listed as births rather than christenings, (sometimes both dates are given), and all the children are listed, not just those who survived or who were important to history.

Although there was a time when I didn't ever think there would be an end to the amount of information I could photocopy or transcribe from the IGI, I can now see a finishing point, but that would only lead to the next stage of ordering the source material and the beginning of another year's (?) work.

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| DENMARK, CHRISTOFFER III KING OF DENMARK | M | | | | 26SEPI445 | KOBENHAVN, SLOT |
| DENMARK, CHRISTOFFER III KING OF DENMARK | F | | | | NOVI1657 | KOBENHAVN |
| DENMARK, ELISABETH PRINCESS OF DENMARK | F | | | | 14OCT1524 | KOBENHAVN |
| DENMARK, ELISABETH PRINCESS OF DENMARK | M | | | | 16FEB1556 | KOBENHAVN |
| DENMARK, FREDERIX CARL PRINCE OF DENMARK | M | | | | 23OCT1701 | KOBENHAVN, KOBENHAVN SLOT |
| DENMARK, FREDERIX CHRISTIAN PRINCE OF DENMARK | M | | | | 01JUNI1726 | KOBENHAVN, KOBENHAVN SLOT |
| DENMARK, FREDERIX II KING OF DENMARK | M | | | | 20JUL1572 | KOBENHAVN, KOBENHAVN SLOT |

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| DENMARK, OLE CHRISTIAN | M | | | | 21MAY1854 | KOBENHAVN |
| ENGLAND BN, QUEEN OF ENGLAND, ALEXANDRA CAROLINE MARIE CHARLOTTE LOUISE JULIA | F | | | | 01DECI1844 | KOBENHAVN |
| DENMARK, CHRISTIAN IX KING OF DENMARK/LOUISE QUEEN OF DENMARK | M | | | | 27FEB1848 | KOBENHAVN |
| ENGLER, NIELS CHRISTOPHER | M | | | | | |
| GOTTLÖB ENGLER/HEDEVIG CAROLINE NIELSEN | | | | | | |

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| GREDSTED, PETER CHRISTIAN | M | | | | 03JUL1853 | KOBENHAVN |
| FREDERIX AUGUST GREDSTED/WATHILDE PETREA MAMMILLER | M | | | | 05NOV1854 | KOBENHAVN |
| GREDSTED, PETER WILHELM | | | | | | |
| JULIAME FREDERIXE HESSE | | | | | | |
| GREECE BN, KING OF GREECE, GEORGIOS I | M | | | | 07FEB1846 | KOBENHAVN |
| DENMARK, CHRISTIAN IX KING OF DENMARK/LOUISE PRINCESS OF HESSE | F | | | | | |
| GREEN, ADOLPH JULIUS | M | | | | 29MAY1835 | FREDERIXES |
| JOHAN ADOLPH GREEN/SINE FREDERIXE OSTERGREEN | | | | | | |

Why could'nt my husband's ancestors have been more like him and stayed in the same area most of their lives. I can understand their immigration from England to Australia, but the continual following gold strikes makes research very difficult.

Great Great Grandfather William Crisp, a baker by trade, was born at Wrentham, Suffolk, England in 1826 and arrived in Victoria in 1860. His son, William, born Lowestoft, Suffolk, died at Kingower on the Victorian gold fields in 1860. Daughter Annie was born there 1861 and on her birth certificate William and Anna Hogan were stated as marrying at Bendigo 1857. Letters to the Victorian Registrar and several Churches in the area drew a blank.

Annie married James Williams at Thornborough on the N.Q. goldfields in 1878, which means the family must have travelled from Victoria to Nth. Q.L.D. But no, William did'nt make it as simple as that. A letter to the Herberston (N.Q.) Registrar in an effort to find William and Anna's death date was not successful but the information I received revealed Annie's sister Rosina, who also married in N.Q., was born on the New Zealand goldfields.

Fortunately I correspond with a distant relative of mine in that country. (discovered through the G.R.D.) I did research for her in Australia and she followed up on the Crisps for me in New Zealand. She found a marriage for William and Anna (no parents or place of birth mentioned), in 1866 at Riverton South Island, and births for William, Louisa Jane and Rosina, 1862- 1867. She also found record of Anna's death in 1876 at Riverton.

Reading one of Glenville Pike's books on Nth. Queensland I learned that William Crisp was a baker and also had the London Hotel at Thornborough in 1877. I was recently given a Bible that had belonged to Annie Williams with a marriage announcement for Annie and James stating Annie was the daughter of William Crisp of this town.

The Q.L.D. Post Office Directories and Electoral Rolls provided addresses for William until 1896. I could not find his death on the Q.L.D. Fiche and after checks of some Cemetery Records I was beginning to wonder if he may have been buried under a tree on a remote gold field. The thought that he may have moved to gold fields had occurred to me, maybe New Guinea as I read some N.Q. miners did. The fact that gold had also been found in Western Australia at the end of last century was also a lead.

I had been meaning to follow that line, but never got to it. Enter, days of rain in 1991. Too wet to go anywhere means lots of time to catch up on letter writing. I wrote to the Registrar General in Perth enquiring about costs of search in that state. Had a prompt reply to state the death had been found and for \$17-50 I could get a copy. The money was sent at once and when the brown envelope arrived I was almost afraid to open it-but success at last! The information I had been seeking for so long, Parents names etc. At the age of about 70 years William had moved to W.A. from N.Q. still following gold finds. He died in an old man's home at Claremont, W.A. in 1911 aged 85

I am not quite so annoyed about all the mould growing on the ceilings and walls now.

"GENTLEMEN OF THE FLASHING BLADE"

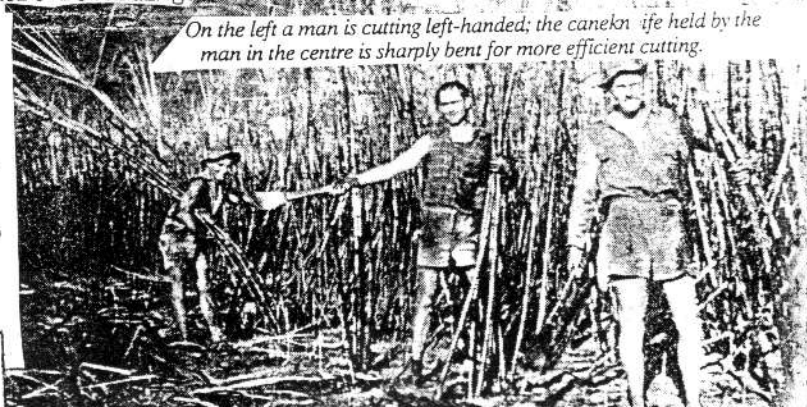
by Bianka Vidonja Blazategui
published by James Cook University, Townsville, 1990

BOOKCORNER
FORGENIES



Here is a wonderfully detailed account of the life of canecutters and of the sugar industry in North Queensland after World War II. The author's father was a "New Australian". Of Yugoslav birth, he was a Displaced Person at the end of the War in 1945, and was recruited to immigrate to Australia under a two year contract to work where placed. Her book is alive with detail because it is based on personal interviews of many such immigrants at that time. However, it gives a much wider picture than the experiences of this relatively small group, for Bianka grew up in a canecutter's family and was herself part of the picture. Her research into original sources and other writings makes this book a fine study of the life of the canecutter. Anyone with cane cutters or canefarmers in the family will find it rewarding reading. Anyone with Displaced Persons who were brought out to Australia as immigrants, will find it even more rewarding.

This is one of the 23 volumes published by the History Department of James Cook University since 1973. All are based on original research into North Queensland History. Details of the 17 still in print are set out in a leaflet which has been placed in our Information File. Some of the subjects covered are: The Mount Mulligan Disaster, Aboriginal Labour in the Pastoral Industry 1861-97, The Chinese in Cairns, the Hotels of Townsville 1864-1914, The Etheridge, Memories of Charters Towers, Townsville to 1884, and many more.



On the left a man is cutting left-handed; the caneknife held by the man in the centre is sharply bent for more efficient cutting.

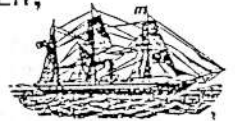


ADSETT FAMILY REUNION

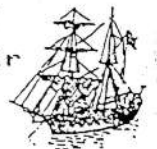
I recently went down to Brisbane to attend a family reunion of my "Adsett" line. The week-end marked the 140th anniversary of the first of the Adsett family to arrive in Queensland. John (aged 27), his wife Louisa (21), and his brothers Moses (23) and Aaron (18) arrived on the "Duchess of Northumberland" on the 4th February 1851. Aaron Adsett is my great-great grandfather. The three brothers all did well for themselves and had sizeable land holdings within a few years of arriving. Moses held several hundred acres in the western suburbs of Brisbane and he offered an area of two acres to any denomination willing to build a Church. This offer was taken up by the Primitive Methodists. At the time, Moses was very ill and he died shortly thereafter. He was the first person buried in the church cemetery at the Gap (now Uniting) Church. The Church building was completed some three months after his death (aged 45). The reunion was held in The Gap High School Hall (built on land originally owned by Moses) and a Church service held in the Uniting Church, which is next door.



On the 26th August, 1855, the "Donald McKay" arrived in Melbourne. On board were John Adsett senior (aged 64), two daughters Matilda (aged 17), Emma (aged 15) and another son Charles (aged 12). No record can be found of how the family travelled to Brisbane but it is assumed they came by sea.



The third group of Adsett migrants to arrive at Moreton Bay, also during the 1850's, was Isaac Adsett (aged 29 years), his wife Jane (aged 24) and their two young daughters. Their ship was the "Alfred", which arrived in Moreton Bay on September 19, 1858.



Nearly 30 years later, Ann Adsett (mother of John, Moses, Aaron, Matilda, Emma, Charles & Isaac), arrived in Moreton Bay on the "Southesk" with another daughter Mary and Mary's husband, William Rackley. They arrived in August 1878, 9 years after the death of John Adsett senior. Mary and William Rackley's two sons had also migrated to Australia; they had arrived in October 1876 on the "Woodlark".



All together, five sons and three daughters of John and Ann Adsett migrated to Queensland. Three daughters are thought to have remained in England and, at this stage, little is known of them. Two sons died in early childhood.

The reunion was a very happy day, attended by about 500, of the possible 3000 or more descendants of the eight children of John and Ann Adsett who migrated to Australia. During the day, I met some other people from Mackay who also came from Aaron Adsett's line. I am very pleased I made the journey to Brisbane for the reunion and I am looking forward to the next one, scheduled for February, 2001.

----Cheryl Bartlett

Where there's a Will

A society matron placed an advertisement in the local newspaper offering to sell a brand new Cadillac in first class condition with low mileage for \$50. Because nobody believed it was a genuine offer it was some time before a buyer appeared.

When one finally did he found that it was a real offer - and with no strings attached. It seems that the lady had just become a widow and her late husband specified in his will that his Cadillac or the proceeds from the sale of the car were to go to his girl-friend.

DEAR DOCTOR SOCRATES ARBUTHNOT,



Dear Dr Socrates Arbuthnot,

I would like to look up my ancestors in the British census for 1861. I know the name of the town where they lived, but have no idea of the street or parish. Wouldn't it be a bit like a needle in a haystack? Where do I start?

Hoping you can help me,
Jeanie Kweeri.

Dear Jeanie,

It depends on the size of your haystack! To find your people may be fairly simple, if the town is not a large one. I assume you plan to order in a Census Film at your local Latter Day Saints Library. In such a library, you can look up the town in the Census Index for England, where 5 columns list the Film NO. for that place for each of the 5 censuses, 1841, 1851, 1861, 1871, and 1881. There is also a similar Census Index for Scotland, but arranged differently, all the towns being listed 5 times under the year of the census. Towns and villages are listed under County, so you do have to know that, but the parish doesn't matter.

Then you just have to scan the whole film to find your family. However, even if you did know the street, you would still have to do this, unless your library had also a street index, which is available for larger towns, although all libraries do not have all these. I would myself scan the whole film anyway, to see what other people of that surname or related surnames were also in that area. Remember, too, all of your family might not be at one address. One might be apprenticed and living in the house of his master. One might even be in jail. On that particular night, one might be staying the night with a friend or relative and so will be found in another house. Yes, the whole film should be scanned, even though it does take some hours.

A large town may be recorded on more than one film. The Census Index of Towns referred to above will show you how many films cover the town. If it is on only 2 films, you could take a gamble on ordering one of them, and then get the other if not successful. If you are unlucky, as I am at the moment, you have 7 films to choose from for Edinburgh 1861 Census. Unless I can find a street index for Edinburgh, this is not practical. As I do know the street from a marriage certificate and a birth certificate, I could then find which film is required. Unfortunately, the Mackay L.D.S. library does not have this Edinburgh Street Index, although it does have a complete street index for London 1851 Census. The Library is kindly enquiring if the correct film can be ascertained in their Central Library.

If yours is a too large place, or you can find no street index, there is another finding aid - an Index to Persons on the Census. Yours is such a common problem, that the Family History Societies in England began indexing the 1851 census for their own areas, some years ago, and all counties are now done. After that, most tackled the 1881 Census next, and some, eg. Nottingham, have now completed indexes for all censuses in that County. These are done in areas and usually printed in many small booklets. G.S.Q. Brisbane has all booklets for the 1851 Census of Hampshire. These usually show Name, Age, PRO Film No, and page no. So then a person can be easily found by rolling the film on to that page, which is the same on the L.D.S. Film, though the film no. is not the same and still has to be found via their records.

Access to such an index of persons may be possible only through a researcher. Look up in our Library (England section) the booklet by Jeremy Gibson, "Marriage, Census, and other Indexes for Family Historians", where you will find what census indexes were available when he published his book in 1988, and a contact address. New Indexes are announced in Family Tree Magazine, which helps you keep up with the latest. Or you can write to the County Family History Society (see the back of the G.R.D.) and enquire if the index you require has been done. A great new finding aid is at present being compiled on computer by the L.D.S. Church. This is a complete index A to Z for all persons on the 1881 Census for all of England.

I do hope you manage to find your ancestors in the haystack, with a minimum of searching in the straw.

Yours in genealogy,
Socrates.

COMING UP.

- 16 MAR - 9to 1pm-WORKING BEE, our library.
- 20 MAR - DEADLINE Newsletter No 33.
- 26 MAR - ADDRESS on Kings & Queens of England at Mackay City Library.
- 29MAR to 2APL -Easter Weekend.
- 29MAR TO 7 APL -School Holidays.
- 3 APL - MEETING,7.30 ,Room D10,Milton St High.
- RESEARCH ASSISTANCE -2nd Sat,10 to 12; 2nd & 4th Wed,12.30 to 2.30;
Tuesdays,12.30 to 2.30.(Enquiries 422539)
- MEMO: Prepare for Library display, 18May to 6 June.



Mackay Genie Gossip



GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY OF QLD
MACKAY BRANCH
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LOST ADMISSION REGISTERS FOUND

All the Admission Registers of the Mackay Intermediate School, which operated from 1932 to 1960, were thought to be lost forever. Happily they have been found (at the City Dump, it is said) and handed in to the City Library. There is great rejoicing, especially in view of the coming celebrations of the 120 years of the Mackay Central School complex. (See article page 3).

PRINGLE COTTAGE, WARWICK

Following her ancestor trail, Joyce Shuttlewood recently visited the Warwick District. A visit to Pringle Cottage in Dragon Street was most enjoyable and proved helpful for her family research. One of the ladies assisting on the day proved to be distantly connected and placed Joyce as "Gracie's daughter." Downstairs is the display area, while upstairs is the library where much information is available, including tombstone inscriptions from graves throughout the district. When Joyce said she was looking for information on her Shelley family, Lorna Church brought out a whole Shelley file. It was mostly about her great-grandfather's brother, James Shelley. The actual ticket for his voyage to Australia was there. James Shelley paid 14 guineas to travel on "The Star Queen", a ship of the Blackball line, leaving Liverpool 17 Dec 1870, and arriving Brisbane 20 Mar 1871. He kept a diary of the trip and a copy of this was in the library. There were also original receipts for the annual rent on his selection at Freestone. Pringle Cottage is run by the Local History Society. This may be contacted by writing to The President, Lorna Church, Warwick and District Historical Society, P.O. Box 236, Warwick, 4370.

SUCCESSFUL DIGGING IN DEVON

Recently Rob Pym joined the Devon Family History Society. He had traced his families in Devon back to the 1700's, but could go no further. He is very glad he took this step. A member can advertize 5 of his families free, and these appeared in the Society journal. Rob has already received a reply from a lady who read the journal; and she is a distant cousin researching the same families.

IT IS AN ILL CYCLONE THAT BLOWS NO GOOD

Stranded in Townsville during the Wet, Glen Hall used the time to visit the Library of James Cook University, hoping he might find something useful to his research. He was amazed at their large holdings of newspapers on microfilm, and was able to obtain copies of articles relevant to his research from old copies of "Townsville Daily Bulletin", "Mackay Mercury", "Brisbane Courier", and "Sydney Morning Herald". Many other Qld papers are also held. There are 10 aisles stacked with microfilm.

SPECIAL FORM

A decorative form to record Shipping Records has been placed in our "Forms for Copying" folder. Faye Heany obtained this from the Kiama Centre. This is A4 size. Janet Reakes has for sale a booklet of small forms, which includes this same form. These are A5 size and handier to carry around. (A5 is half A4.) However it should be noted that rather than fill out again by hand all the information onto these small forms, it is much easier and quicker just to photocopy the original A4 form on 70% setting, reducing it to the smaller size at the same time. Especially if there are 10 family group sheets!

GSO ENGLISH CERTIFICATES RISE

English certificates ordered through GSO have now risen to \$30. See article next month about the different ways to obtain English, Scottish, and Irish Certificates.

Mackay City Library

Historic Photograph Search for Heritage Week (7th-14th April, 1991)

To commemorate Heritage Week, we are wanting to copy historic photographs to be included in the Mackay City Library's Local History Collection.

A photographer will be in the Library Theatre on Wednesday, 10th April, from 10.00 a.m. until 4.00 p.m. and on Thursday, 11th April from 12.00 noon until 7.00 p.m. They will be able to copy old photographs on the spot, so that the owner will not be parted from their valuable moments.

If you have any old photographs which you are willing to make available to be copied please contact Geraldine on 57 6296.

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RESEARCH NOTES



1. Queensland Immigrants in Book Form are being progressively published by the Central Queensland Family History Association in Rockhampton. Volume 1 has the lists to 1859, and this is in reference at North Mackay Library. Volume 2 covers 1860-69, and Volume 3 covers 1870-79 in two parts, and these are in our library. There is one alphabetical list of surnames for each volume and for each person is given: name, age, ship, date of arrival, and reference no. It is of course much easier and quicker to look up, than the records on microfiche and microfilm in the Archives Kit, although the Kit should also be looked up, as there will be more information there. The names included should be the same in the books as in the fiche. However, some researchers have found names in the books which they could not find on the fiche.

2. N.S.W. Archives no longer answers enquiries. This is now similar to the Qld. Archives. Researchers in distant parts have to rely on a Sydney researcher, available usually at \$20 per hour. However, GSQ Members will know our own research officer in Sydney, Joan Reese, 72 Hobart Street, St. Mary's 2760. She will do research in Sydney Archives and State and Mitchell Libraries. Write your enquiry to her quoting your membership no. and sending a stamped self addressed envelope and \$5 at least to cover expenses. But first of all make sure the records you require are not available near at hand. James Cook University has many N.S.W. records. Proserpine Library has a great deal including Immigration, Naturalization, and Immigration Deposit Journals. NOTE: (a) The Sydney Archives still operates its Convict Research Service at \$60 (See Information File), and (b) Photocopies of records will be provided by mail provided that the full specific archive reference is quoted e.g. from a microfilm index or from a reference in a book.

3. For Australian Soldiers Records, write first to Central Army Records (see last Newsletter) who will supply free of charge the personal file of the soldier which includes everything that happened to him. Then if he died in the army, write to Australian War Graves, Dept. of Veterans' Affairs, P.O. Box 21, WODEN, ACT 2606, quoting the death as recorded in the personal file. They will then send free of charge details with photo of the soldier's grave or of the memorial on which his name appears, if his body or burial was not actually identified or found. Also, if details of his unit's activities are required; these will be found in the War Memorial, P.O. Box 345, Canberra ACT 2601. A researcher may visit and do his own research free, but postal enquiries must be done through a paid researcher. "Roll Call" sets out the material available at the War Memorial. As well this book gives many other addresses which may be helpful in following up the story of a man or woman in any of the services.

4. Research in GSQ Library Brisbane is free to members visiting the library. As well, country members are allowed 10 research requests free per year. Their new publication (now in our library) lists all microfilm and microfiche currently in the library; and will enable members to know what to look for. The two research officers will (unfortunately for us) be overseas from the end of March to the beginning of June, but will try to answer all requests before departing.

5. Branches of G.S.Q. in the Brisbane area: North Brisbane (Chermside), Western Districts, Redcliffe, Redlands, Bayside (Wynnum), Southern Suburba. In the country: Beaudesert, Sunshine Coast, Gladstone, Rockhampton, Mackay, Proserpine. Current addresses for these branches can be found on a sheet in our Information File. Other places such as Townsville, Cairns, Maryborough, Bundaberg, Mt. Isa, etc, each have an independent society and are nothing to do with GSQ. Addresses for these can be obtained from Nick Vine Hall's "Tracing Your Family History", or from the back of the Genealogical Directory, or from our address box. Some places combine genealogy with local history (eg. Warwick on page 1)

6. One Name Societies exist for mutual help of and by people of that name. Many are listed in our address file and in the Genealogical Directory. A large number are organized into the Guild of One Name Studies (GOONS) who publish a booklet listing all societies with address. Judy Wallace has this book. A supplement of new societies was published in 1989 and Faye Heany has supplied a copy for our Information File. A list of all the families in the booklet (but without addresses) has now been put with this.

7. Family Tree Magazine is always most interesting and helpful. It appears monthly and is well worth at least a quick look. Vol 6. No. 12 contained an excellent article on notetaking for genes, and another on Computers for Family historians.

FEVERS AND FRONTIERS



"There are frontiers on land and sea, and in the minds of those who live and work at the edges of expanding worlds." With this theme, "Fevers and Frontiers" was published in 1990 to mark the 19th Biennial North Qld. Medical Conference which was held in Mackay. It consists of 12 papers of medically flavoured history, each written by an expert in his field. It is a professional production, but avoids any obscurity or dryness, being most readable. Four of the papers are by Mackay people. Peter Fenner deals with the history of marine stingers - their occurrence, research, and treatment. Lesley Williams tells of the early women doctors in Qld. Wendy Selby describes the development of Qld Maternity Hospitals and Baby Clinics. (An extract from her paper appears on page 5.) Bernice Wright's paper is about the St. Joseph's Orphanage at Mackay 1870 - 1885. (A summary of this story follows on page 6.)

Be sure to read this book, for it throws light on many aspects of our past. And as the editor, Dr. John Pearn, says in his foreword: "There are few things more interesting and entertaining than the history of our own society." [For a wider view, refer to "A History of Health and Medicine in Qld, 1824 - 1960," by Ross Patrick.]

MACKAY'S OLDEST STATE SCHOOL CELEBRATES

Mackay Central State School is celebrating 120 years this year with a series of functions throughout the year, ending with a Settlers' day to celebrate the official opening, 11 December 1871, on 11 December 1991 the end of this school year.

- * The first function will be held 11 May at the school in the form of a Mother's Day Devonshire Tea Garden Party. A Fashion Parade is planned to include Wedding Gowns of yesteryear.
- * The main function will be on 20 July in the school grounds in conjunction with Mackay Festival of Arts. Any memorabilia or photographs will be gratefully accepted to help compile a 125 year book. All will be displayed and all care taken. Enjoyable programs by present day pupils will be presented.
- * A dinner dance to commemorate the first day children commenced school in September 1871 will be held 13 September 1991.
- * Please contact the school, Box 5335, Mackay Mail Centre, Mackay, 4740, or phone 574944, for catering, bookings, information, or offers of historical material.

--Adelaide Grendon.



Mackay Girls & Infants School, 1939. Part of this was the original Mackay Primary School.

The Mackay Primary School opened in 1871 on the northside of Alfred St where the Mackay Entertainment Centre now stands. In 1873 its name was changed to the Port of Mackay Primary School. In 1885 the school was divided into two schools. The Mackay Girls and Infants remained at the old site, while the Mackay Boys School moved over the road into the present school grounds. This arrangement continued for 47 years. In 1932 the two were combined to form the Mackay Central School on the old site north of Alfred St. At the same time, the new Intermediate Schools were begun. A fine new two storey brick school was built on the south of Alfred St and this became the Mackay Intermediate School which taught Grades 6 and 7 from all Mackay Primary State Schools. When the Intermediate Schools were abolished in 1960 the building became the Mackay Central School which it remains today. The old buildings over the road then housed the Mackay Infants School and the Mackay Opportunity school until 1981. Then the old buildings were demolished to make way for the new Mackay Entertainment Centre. The anniversary will include all schools underlined above.

QLD ADOPTION CLOSED DOORS TO BE UNLOCKED

The new adoption law in Qld, passed last month, becomes operative from 1 June. The provisions are less liberal than the original reforms passed in May 1990, which were to become law on 1 March 1991, but which are now watered down to give adoptees and their natural parents greater control over their privacy. There was some public agitation against the original changes, especially by the Brisbane based Adoption Privacy Protection Group (APPG).

Unless there is an objection lodged (see below),

- (1) Any adopted adult (over 18) can pay \$50 and receive the name and date of birth of his natural mother, and an authorization to enable him to obtain from the Registrar his own true birth certificate. As well, he will be given the names of other children born to his mother after him, and also adopted out.
- (2) Any natural parent who gave up a child for adoption can pay \$50 and obtain the name of the child after adoption, the names of the adopting parents, and a copy of the amended birth certificate. Of course, the child must now be over 18 years old.

AN OBJECTION TO THE RELEASE OF THIS INFORMATION can be lodged with the Department by either the adoptee or a birth parent. This objection now costs nothing, but must be lodged on the official form available from the Dept. of Family Services (In Mackay, their office is on 3rd Floor, Dunkeld Gardens, Brisbane St, phone 518833). An objection can be made NOW. Indeed it should be made before 1 June to be fully effective, for the other party might apply for the information immediately after 1 June.

AN OBJECTION TO CONTACT can be lodged instead. If this lesser objection is lodged, the other party if applying will receive all the information, but is instructed that he must not try to find the person who lodged the objection. There is a fine of \$6,000 for following up the information. Of course, the information given is as at the time of birth of the child, and so it is at least 18 years old. Any objection lodged will last forever, unless it is revoked at a later date if the person changes his mind.

The APPG still complain that this law is too liberal. They say there will be people who would lodge an objection if they knew about it, but many will not know. eg. persons now in other states or overseas. Also there are people who do not know that they are adopted and these will not lodge objections and no one else can do it for them. Also there are always 3 parties in an adoption, and this law takes account of only 2. The Third party, the adopting parents, now have no say whatsoever.

- NOTE: (1) Each state has its own adoption laws, but most have opened the doors on information long ago. Procedures to be followed in other states must be enquired about by writing to the department equivalent to Family Services.
- (2) Free information on the Qld law may be obtained by phoning the Brisbane Office of the Family Services Department on free phone 008-177174.
- (3) In Mackay, there is an Association For Adoptees (AFA) which meets monthly. It was formed last September to discuss the changes to the law and to keep abreast of developments. It plans to continue as a support group after the new law begins to operate. Ring Paula Ware on 540819 after hours.
- (4) There is also all over Australia the organization JIGSAW which has worked for years to jump or circumvent the barriers to information for adoptees and birth parents. There is a Mackay Branch which may be contacted through Trish on 578388.
- (5) Objections should be lodged now, but applications for information cannot be lodged until the official forms are produced. They will not be processed until 1 June.

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LIFTING OF RESTRICTION ON DECEASED ESTATE FILES

In the past, the *Deceased Estate Files* created by the Stamp Duties Office have been restricted and written permission from the Office has been required for access to these records. This restriction has recently been lifted and records 30 years and older are now available to the public.

The *Deceased Estate Files* cover the period 1880 - 1959 (AO NSW ref: 20/1 - 7089, 10/9243 -9254). A file was created for every individual who died leaving property or other assets and on whose estate therefore death duties had to be paid. The files usually contain

the following: affidavit required to be lodged with application for administration of estate, statement showing basis of assessment of death duties, valuation statements, information on additional assets discovered in the estate subsequent to the granting of probate, correspondence and other papers relating to the assessment of death duty and an inventory of assets. The inventories are proving to be of great interest to many family historians. Who knows, you might even find mention of a rocking chair owned by your grandmother, that you can remember being rocked in as a child! Some of you may also be lucky enough to find that a copy of your ancestor's will is enclosed in the file.

MACKAY BABIES - WHERE WERE THEY BORN?

Compiled by Peg Strickland

Before 1882, when Mackay District Hospital (now known as the Base) came into existence, the only hospital facilities were primitive nursing homes, scattered around the town. These were mostly run by kindly old women with limited nursing experience.

One article states "one of the worst aspects was the conditions under which expectant mothers had to deliver their babies! In most cases the only experience of the attending mid-wives was that they had had a couple of babies themselves.

Dr. C.E. Williams opened the Ormonde Hospital, Gordon St. He sold it to the Iwers sisters who were nurses. The Sisters of Mercy took it over on the 1 May 1929 and it became known as the Mater Hospital. (The Ormonde opened in 1911.

The Lister private hospital opened in River St. in 1907, on the present site of Green Gables. The builder, Mr. Cassells and his wife ran the hospital. It closed for a while until Dr. W. Hoare re opened it in 1911. The 1918 cyclone smashed the building and the patients were at a city school until they were moved to a new building on the corner of Alfred and Nelson Sts. Soon after the move Dr. Oswald Chenoweth took over the hospital. He was followed by Dr. Ernest Chenoweth and he in turn by Dr. Ian Chenoweth.

Another private hospital was the Cromer, in Shakespeare St. at the Brisbane St. end, which was conducted by Matron Hayes and later Matron Harrison and Matron Hatfield. The Y.W.C.A. took over the building in 1947 and it became a Hostel for girls. It has since been demolished and shops built on the site.

The following information was given by Mr. Bill Thorning who was with the Ambulance Brigade until his retirement.

Clovelly Maternity Hospital was situated at the River St. end of Wellington St. Apparently it was the first building on the left coming from River St. at the back of where N.V.3.6 is now.

Leebone nursing home was situated in Juliet St. and was run by Mrs. Fyhn. A copy of the register from this home is in the History Dept. of the Mackay Library. The nursing home opened in 1914 and closed in 1937.

A Mrs. Geeves ran a nursing home in McAlister St. nearly on the bank of the river. She later moved to James St., almost opposite Oxley House.

Mrs. Gibbs had a nursing home in Alfred St. beside where Arlington boarding house was situated. It was on the opposite side of the street to the Ambulance building but further down the street toward the railway.

THE EXPERIENCES OF QUEENSLAND WOMEN

From "Fevers and Frontiers" -- Chapter 10 by Wendy Selby

Queensland women who married and raised children in the 1920s have fascinating stories to tell about their lives. Droughts, floods, depressions and wars were all a part of their lives but the daily problems of hand milking thirty cows before breakfast or washing napkins in a cut-down kerosene tin on an open fire or caring for a child with whooping cough were more immediate concerns for them. Husbands were often absent for long periods, cutting cane or working on the railway and it may have been weeks before they would receive any money to pay off the 'tick' at the local store. However, Mrs Ward, of Bowen, summed up the general feeling of these women: "We never worried about it. It was a life!"

My sample of interviews was taken from all the major towns and cities of the State as well as from some of the more remote areas such as Boulia and Winton. The average age of the interviewee was eighty-four years old and the average number of children per woman was 4. Their first child was usually born in the early 1920s. Most women came from a working-class background where money was scarce, especially after World War I and in the late 1920s.

Prior to the government's maternity hospitals, or in areas where one was not built, the women often had a number of choices when they became pregnant. The most typical choice was to 'book in' at the nearest nursing home. These nursing homes served multiple needs: typically the midwife who ran them might also have kept one State child, as well as her own family and perhaps an aged person or a person recovering from a major illness. Eighty per cent of the State's nursing homes had only six rooms or less and could accommodate one or two maternity cases.²¹ All the midwives were registered after 1911 but many were not trained if they had been in practice for three years prior to the 1911 *Health Act Amendment Act*.²² It was not uncommon for the midwife to work together with the local doctor, as Nurse Harrison did in Charters Towers. All the women I spoke to have fond memories of these 'homes away from home'.

A second choice for the women was to engage a midwife [and sometimes also a doctor] to come to their home. Many midwives with nursing homes also provided these domiciliary services. Women from Charters Towers and Townsville remember Nurse Wells who delivered hundreds of babies in her lifetime. Even though she had never been trained and had delivered her first child using a book, she always wore a light grey uniform with stiffly-starched collar and cuffs and travelled to her patients by horse and sulky.²⁴ The midwife always stayed with the woman for the duration of the labour and then made daily visits for the next fortnight. It was not uncommon for her to take home the washing or to cook the family a meal. Mrs Campbell recalls Nurse Wells brushing her hair and helping her to get ready for school after she had finished delivering her mother's ninth child.²⁵ Payments for these services were small and certainly much less than a doctor's confinement charge of between £5 and £10. Once again these midwives and their services are fondly remembered by all the mothers I interviewed.

Women confining in larger towns or cities usually had these services plus a range of small private hospitals from which to choose, such as the Lucina, Hillcrest and Tannachy Private Hospitals in Rockhampton. In six major urban centres there were also older, more established lying-in hospitals [for example, the Lady Goodwin at Rockhampton and the Lady Chelmsford at Bundaberg] where nurses were able to complete their midwifery certificate. Services in the private hospitals were usually more formal than in the nursing homes, and the hospital rules less likely to be broken. Most were run by trained nurses and owned by a local doctor, such as the Lister Private Hospital in Mackay. All women using these private hospitals engaged their own doctor to attend the birth: in fact, it was usually the doctors who recommended the hospital to the woman when she came to the doctor to confirm her pregnancy. If she had the money, she often took the advice as there was a certain amount of prestige thought to be gained by using these hospitals.

MACKAY ORPHANS

In the book "Fever and Frontiers" (see page 3), Chapter 12 is a paper by Bernice Wright detailing the sad story of the St Joseph's Orphanage at Merara, later called Seaview, and later still called Bucasia.

In 1869, a few years after settlement began at Mackay, Father Pierre-Marie Bucas was appointed the first resident Catholic priest. It was not long before he brought to Mackay some sisters of St Joseph, an order founded shortly before in South Australia. The Sisters opened the first formal school in Mackay, and also accommodated orphans and abandoned children at their convent in River Street. Some time before 1879, the orphanage, now much larger, was moved to the Bucasia area, where Father Bucas had selected an extensive area of land. In 1879, the Sisters of St Joseph were replaced throughout Queensland by the Sisters of Mercy, and it was they who ran the orphanage from then on. The report of the inspector of orphanages survives for 1882, when there were only 5 orphanages in Queensland. The sisters were commended on their running of the institution, and there was never any criticism of their work and care.

However, the children began to die. From 1881 to 1885, nineteen children died. Full details are given in a table in the book and this shows many different causes of leath. Dr Cutfield came on the scene as the new Resident Medical Officer at Mackay Hospital in 1884. Greatly concerned at the frequent deaths and the precarious state of health of many of the children, Dr Cutfield carefully considered the problem. His conclusion was that the underlying cause was debility and anaemia caused by malarial disease produced by the nearness of the orphanage to the swamps, a situation made worse by the fact that the children's quarters were built only two feet above the ground.

Officials decided that the orphanage be closed and the children moved to the other Catholic Orphanage at Nudgee, Brisbane. However, Bishop Cani of Rockhampton decided to build a new orphanage at Neerkol just north of Rockhampton. It was all done very quickly and on 22 December 1885, the new St Joseph's Orphanage at Neerkol admitted 57 children from the Bucasia orphanage.

Mackay people, irate at the loss of 'their' orphanage, had proposed to re-locate it in a better place in the Mackay area. There was a determined confrontation with government officialdom, including a delegation to Brisbane. However, in the end, it was Bishop Cani who would not give up his idea for the orphanage at Neerkol.

Footnotes: (1) Neerkol Orphanage operated for 90 years. In 1975, it became a conference centre, still under the care of the Sisters of Mercy.
(2) The exact site of the Bucasia orphanage is not now known. All but one of the 19 children who died were buried at "The Cemetery at Mackay Orphanage", but the site of this cemetery is not now known either.
(3) In recent years, many of the residents of Bucasia, which is now prime real estate, agitated for mosquito control, and for some time now the area has been regularly fogged by the Council.

FILMS ON ORDER AT THE L.D.S LIBRARY

(Some already arrived.)

Ring the LDS library 9 to 11am if you are interested to also view a film while it is here, which costs nothing. All these are census films for the year shown.

1841-London SHADWELL & POPLAR:1861 CHEDDINGTON, Bucks; 1841-MADRON, Corn; 1841-ISLE OF COLL, Argyll; 1881-TORQUAY, Dev; 1861-WIGTOWN, Scot; 1841-FARLAM, Cumb; 1871-Tillicoutry, Clack, Scot.

ANYONE FOR FRUIT CAKE?

This wedding cake recipe was taken from a recipe book written in the late 19th century.

5 lb sugar, 50 eggs, 5 lb flour, 5 lb butter, 15 lb raisins, 10 lb currants, 3 lb citron peel, 1 pint brandy, 4 oz nutmeg, 4 oz mace, 1 oz cinnamon, $\frac{1}{4}$ oz cloves. This will make 43 or 44 lbs, is unequalled and will keep 20 years.

I'd like to know how they mixed it. It would take a copper, a long handled spoon, and I'd say more than one pair of hands. But with big families and big appetites I guess they needed big cakes. — — — Rude Stevens

ALL ABOARD FOR CLERMONT

A ONE-DAY trip to the Clermont Museum in central Queensland is being planned by the Mackay Historical Society and Museum.

The society's public relations officer Mrs Margaret Berry said the trip would be on Saturday, April 27. Enquiries--Ring Greenmount on 592250.

MEMO

NEWSLETTER - Write some article, news, research hint, anything. Deadline for next newsletter is 17th April.

MEETING - 1st MAY Wednesday 7.30 p.m. Milton St High School Room D10.

BRISBANE RESEARCHERS - absent overseas during April and May.

LIBRARY DISPLAY - City Library 18 May - 6 June. Prepare photos, pictures, charts, memorabilia, etc. etc.

Mackay Genie Gossip



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ANNUAL LIBRARY DISPLAY

Our members will put up a display at Mackay City Library on Saturday, 18 May from 9 am. Assembling the 24 boards and the 3 lock-up glass cases is a big job, and even people with little or nothing to put in the display can help in the setting up. Members are urged to enter items of family interest, or items to aid research. New members especially are urged to contribute their fresh material. Suggested board headings are: Certificates and documents, Shipping, Family Trees, Convicts, Maltese Research, Strange but true, Mining, Old Occupations, Local History (to include surrounding areas, Bowen, Proserpine, Pioneer Valley, Sarina, the Hinterland). For photos, headings will be Generations (showing people descending in 4, 5 or 6 generations), Ancestors, Sports, Floods and Cyclones anywhere in the world. A place can be found for anything you wish to include. Co-ordinator is Judy Wallace, who welcomes enquiries about the display on 421224. Be sure to allow at least half an hour to view the display. Also members are needed to man the display for 2 to 3 hour periods when the library is open. A roster will be drawn up for the 3 weeks the display is on show. Ring Judy to offer your help.

BARGAIN PLASTIC ENVELOPES

Plastic sheet protectors, Olympic Brand, are now available at Big W in boxes of 100 at the low cost of \$8.97 for A4, and \$9.34 for foolscap. These pass the test for plastics which will not harm paper. (See Newsletter No. 17). Also the box is excellent to contain the slippery plastic.

TWO MORE MICROFICHE READERS

Many thanks to Mackay Permanent Building Society for presenting us with 2 microfiche readers. Thanks also to Gerry Woodruff and Brian Heaney for overhauling some of our readers.

"MACKAY FAMILIES and PEOPLE"

Our library now holds three Clipping Files compiled from 1983 to 1987 with clippings from the Mackay Daily Mercury and other papers. The first was made by Lois Kruger, and No. 2 and No. 3 were made by Coral Watson. Any write-ups of individuals, organizations, families, and reunions were included, and were arranged alphabetically by first letter of surname. These have been placed in our Local Section. Clippings kept since then are being worked on by Ellen Jackson, who is compiling Book No. 4, with a card index by surname.

FAMILY CONNECTION THROUGH JANET REAKES' COLUMN

About a month ago, Joyce Nicholson was amazed to read in her "Sunday Sun" Reakes Column that a Mrs Nicholson of Carrara was seeking advice to trace the death of John Beauchamp Nicholson, which would have occurred between 1900 and 1924. This was the ancestor for whose death Joyce has also been looking for some time! The person enquiring, on being contacted, proved to be of a branch of the family which had had no contact with Joyce's branch since 1924. The enquirer also received another reply from a descendant of a third child of John Nicholson. Joyce is overjoyed that all the pieces are fitting together, and is combining with these new-found cousins in following Janet Reakes' suggestions on searching for the death required.

THE 1991 GENEALOGICAL RESEARCH DIRECTORY APPEARS

This year's GRD has just been issued. It should shortly appear in libraries, but many members already have their copies. Be sure to look up your families being researched to find others researching the same families. Anyone who has never advertized his research interests in the GRD, should consider doing so in the next one. Entry form will be in "Forms for Copying", and entries close about November 1991.

INDEXING NEWS FROM OUR LIBRARY

Mackay Presbyterian Marriages are now card indexed to 1960 in one index. Joyce Jensen has done a lot of work on these lately with help from Sue Hill. Cards 1960 - 76 have yet to be included. Mackay Methodist Marriages on microfilm continue to be put on cards. Work has been done by Rube Stevens, Daphne Muraro, Sue Hill and Peg Strickland. Mackay Cemetery Burial Register has been on cards for some years. This index is now being typed up by Jean Turvey who has finished the C's. It is an enormous job. Anyone willing to help in indexing at the library or at home, please see Sue (421487) or Helen (422539).

RESEARCH NOTES



1. The Family Registry of the L.D.S. Genealogical Library lists persons being researched with B.D. & M. details for each. Similar to a G.R.D., it refers you to the researcher who entered the ancestor. Anyone anywhere can enter ancestors in this Registry at no charge. The form to do so is in our "Forms for Copying". We are grateful to have been donated the last edition of the Family Registry which may be consulted in our library near the I.G.I. fiche. The new edition can be consulted in L.D.S. Libraries in Mackay and elsewhere. There are persons listed from all countries, but the majority are from North America. Ellen Jackson thinks she may have found here, her Salm ancestor's brother who went to U.S.A. from Germany, when her ancestor came to Queensland.

2. Microfilm of old records can be almost impossible to read. The copperplate hand writing or the secretary script is enough to cause trouble. A MacLaughlin Guide, "Reading Old Handwriting", is available from our sales officer for \$3.75. One of these will be placed in our Library and one in the L.D.S. Library. If the writing is neat and regular, the different script can, with practice, soon be fairly easily followed. However, if the writing is scrawly and uneven, this doubles the difficulty, and detective examination is needed. The other factor which makes for difficult reading is faintness of the print. Janet Reakes says somewhere that the 1841 census for Bristol is almost completely white! Did they water the ink? Or did it fade with time? To view faint film, draw the curtains and switch out the lights if possible. Look at the bottom of the screen where the inside light is not so bright, and try looking from a sideways angle; and be detective.

3. Islington, London, Records on Tap. Family Tree Magazine has an excellent page entitled "Pass it On - Genealogical Gleanings from reader to reader."

One recent item:-

Do you have Islington ancestors? If so, you will be pleased to know that the Islington branch of the London and North Middlesex Family History Society have transcribed records of St Mary Magdalene, the daughter

church of St Mary's. These are 1839-1861 baptisms (not on the International Genealogical Index); monumental inscriptions 1815-1888 and pew registers, 1827-1865. They have also just published the 1841 map of Islington and hold indexes of the follow-

ing: Rate Books 1729-1845, Settlement Examinations 1758-1821 and Clerkenwell Settlement Examinations 1777-1851. Contact the Chairman, James Sanderson (with an SAE) at 16 Fountains Crescent, Southgate, London N14 6BE.

4. Yorkshire and other county Directories. (As well as these, Judy Wallace has a Norfolk Directory). Another Gleaning from F.T. Magazine:

More news from John Perkins of 24 Withens Avenue, Sheffield S6 1WE. He is now compiling Yorkshire Families Directory

4. This will be open to anyone who has research interests within the pre-1974 county of Yorkshire, will be self-financing and available as a booklet or microfiche. The charges will be £2, UK and Europe;

£2.50 overseas surface mail and £3 airmail.

The microfiche will be £3 everywhere. If you would like to contribute, send a 9 x 4 SAE, for a form. Closing date is 1 June 1991. During next year he will be compiling Glamorgan Families (closing date 1 May 1991), Warwickshire Families (1 November 1991), Nottinghamshire Families and Oxfordshire Families (no details available yet). John also believes that many people

are confused by the multitude of Family History Societies in Yorkshire and, rather than join the wrong society, often decide not to join one at all. He is more than willing to advise anyone which society they should join if they send a list of places of interest in Yorkshire, with an SAE. He emphasises that he is not offering to do research.

5. Photos of Boats entering Queensland ports are very likely to be held by John Oxley Library. Photos are well indexed and obtainable for about \$3 each. If the boat required is not available here, next try the Mitchell Library, Sydney. Margaret Leigh recently visited this library and obtained a photo of the ship "Devon," which was not held by the Oxley Library. All boats are indexed in the Nichol Index, and postal enquiries are answered. If the boat is still not found and it is known to have come to another state, enquire at the historical library of the Public Library in the capital city of that state. If it is still not found, try the Australian Association for Maritime History.

Judy Wallace recently wrote to Mr. Vaughan Evans (The Australian Association for Maritime History) to enquire if he had illustrations of certain sailing ships. He didn't have any of them, but suggested sending for illustrations of ships of similar rig, size and date. For each ship asked for, he very helpfully gave names of similar ships which appeared in the Illustrated London News. These can be ordered from the State Library of N.S.W. who have microfilm copies of all old issues of the I.L.N. There is a form to be sent which can be photocopied from our folder 'Forms for Copying' at the library. Mr. Evans' address is: 85 Fullers Road, Chatswood, N.S.W. 2087.



Our members all have some photos of boats and are urged to list the ones they have with Laraine Schembri (598224) as a mine of information for other members. Fay Heany has a book with photos of a great number of boats and these are listed inside our cupboard door in the library. If a photo can still not be found, try the Historic Records Section, Maritime Museum, London, SE10.9NF. When enquiring about a boat always give the year and place you know it in, as sometimes there were two or more boats of that name.

6. A BEGINNERS COURSE will be held on Saturday, 1 June, from 1.30p.m., at the Mackay and District Education Centre, which is in a wing of the North Mackay State School. Enter the gate in School Street, and follow the brick path. Cost is \$5 including some handouts and afternoon tea. The basics of research and recording will be covered and there will be a question time. Also forms and books stocked by the sales officer will be on sale.

OBTAINING CERTIFICATES OF THE BRITISH ISLES

England and Wales Certificates (from 1837)

PR8 2HH

1. Order direct by post from The Registrar General, Smedley Hydro, Trafalgar Road, Southport, Merseyside, Lancashire, PR8 2HH, England. Cost is 15 pounds, paid in English pounds (The fee for transfer of any amount overseas is \$6).
2. Order direct by post from the Local Superintendent Registrar, the District Registry Office of the area required. The cost is 5 or 6 pounds only. The problem is to know where the DRO is. St Catherines House Index will show it; also another certificate from the same area will show it. (We are trying to obtain a list of these District Record Offices).
3. Order personally over the counter at London's St Catherine's House, who issue full certificates for 5.50 pounds. You can commission a relative or a professional researcher. G.S.Q. commission a "courier" to create method 4.
4. G.S.Q. members can order via GSQ Brisbane who send a bulk order every month. Cost is \$30 Australian, which is a saving, but it may take 3 months.
5. If the birth or marriage is on the IGI, further information may be obtained from Utah (See Forms for Copying). This will be a copy of the registrar's entry - that is the same as an official certificate, but not certified; or it may be a church record which will have the same information. This from Utah will cost no more than \$2 USA, which may be sent in U.S.A. notes, avoiding the \$6 transfer fee.

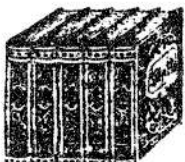
Scotland Certificates (from 1855)

(England Death Certificates are of no genealogical value.)

1. Order direct by post from New Register House, Edinburgh, EH1 3YT, Scotland. Cost is 9.50 pounds in English pounds, + AIR MAIL Return postage; No I.R.C's. Our "Forms for Copying" now contains current brochure & application form.
 2. Commission a relative or a researcher in Edinburgh who for a small daily fee can copy by hand from the full register as many certificates as needed at no extra cost. Janet Reakes in her "Short Cuts" book (p.38) gives a researcher who charges 9 pounds per hour.
 3. G.S.Q. members can order in bulk as in (4) above. Cost is \$30 paid to Brisbane in Australian dollars.
 4. If the birth or marriage is on the IGI, the full details can be obtained from Utah as in (5) above. All official marriage registrations in Scotland 1855 to 1885 are said to be on the IGI.
- Note : Scotland death certificates are very informative and helpful for research.

Ireland Certificates (from 1864, plus Protestant Marriages from 1845)

1. Order direct for all of Ireland up to 1922 and for Eire 1922 on, from Joyce House, 8-11 Lombard St East, Dublin 2. Cost is 5.50 Irish pounds (or punts) for a certified full certificate or 3 punts for a photocopy of the certificate. The money may be sent in equivalent Australian or other currency, the amount required to be ascertained from a local bank on the day the letter is sent. (This avoids paying the \$6 transfer fee). Both charges cover a 5 year search. The proper application forms have been placed in our "Forms for Copying", together with the leaflet explaining costs and services. This leaflet includes a list of District Registry Offices in south Ireland, each of which can supply the certificates for its own area, but at the same cost.
 2. It is not very likely that an Ireland birth or marriage is on the IGI, but it is worth looking, and, if it is, further information can be obtained from Utah as in (5) above.
 3. There is no bulk ordering service for Ireland through G.S.Q.
 4. Irish death certificates are of no genealogical value.
 5. North Ireland certificates after 1922 can be obtained only from General Register Office, Oxford House, 49-55 Chichester St, Belfast BT1 4HL, N. Ireland. Cost was 6.00 English pounds (This may now have risen), and it is payable in English currency only. The Belfast General Register Office also holds copies of pre-1922 birth marriage and death records of North Ireland. Certificates for these can be obtained in Belfast as well as in Dublin, but cost more in Belfast.
- On 26 April 1991, 1 English pound = \$2.21 Australian.
1 Irish pound = \$2.00 Australian.



PHONEBOOKS. The phonebook for Edinburgh & the Lothians has at last arrived, completing the set of all the Scottish phonebooks. We also hold all the Irish phonebooks. The 54 Australian books are also in the library, and these are constantly updated as new ones are issued through the year.

FILMS ON ORDER AT L.D.S. LIBRARY

Anyone else wishing to view these films, free of charge, when they arrive, ring the Mackay L.D.S. Library on 521974 on week-day mornings: New Church, Isle of Wight, Marriages 1692 - 1898; Farlam, Cumberland, Census 1841; St. George in the East, London Census 1861; Gosport-Alverstoke, Hampshire Census 1841. See also last newsletter's list.

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**CAPRICORNIA CENTRAL
 QUEENSLAND COLLECTION**

The Capricornia Central Queensland Collection is a special collection of books, diaries, letters, drawings, pamphlets and photographs concerning Central Queensland. This area stretches from north of Bundaberg to south of Mackay and extends west to the Northern Territory border. The Collection is available to students and staff of UCCQ and to the general public for research. Aids to users include a guide to the manuscripts with inventories of major collections, a vertical file of copy photographs arranged by subject and an index to the *Morning Bulletin* from 1977.

• **Items of Special Interest** •

- Mount Morgan Collection. 1886 -
 - Records of the Land Commissioner's Office
 Rockhampton. 1860-1934
 - Rockhampton Congregational Church. Records.
 1861-1977
 - Rockhampton Girls' Grammar School. Records.
 1892-1971
 - Registers of Raglan and Westwood cemeteries
 - Hartley Memorial Methodist Church. Records. 1859-
 1975
 - Rockhampton Trades and Labour Council. Records
 1956-1980
 - Central Queensland News Publishing Company.
 Records 1937-1984
 - Family papers of various pioneering families
Morning Bulletin, 1859-1940 (microfilm)
 - Capricornian*, *Daily Record*, *Evening News* and
 other early newspapers
 - Parliamentary papers and debates
- See leaflet in our Information File -

I'M MY OWN GRANDPA

A Genealogical Nightmare.

Many, many years ago when I was twenty three
 I was married to a widow who was pretty as could be.

This widow had a grown up daughter, who had hair of red,
 My father fell in love with her and soon they too were wed.

This made my dad my son-in-law and changed my very life,
 For my daughter was my mother 'cause she was my father's wife.

To complicate the matter even though it brought me joy,
 I soon became the father of a bouncing baby boy.

My little baby then became a brother in law to dad,
 And so became my uncle though it made me very sad.

For, if he was my uncle, then that also made him brother
 of the widow's grown up daughter, who of course was my stepmother.

Father's wife then had a son who kept them on the run;
 And he became my grandchild for he was my daughter's son.

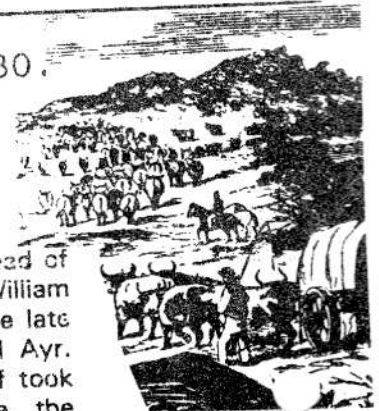
My wife is now my mother's mother and it makes me blue,
 'cause although she is my wife, she is my grandmother too.

Now, if my wife is my grandmother, then I am her grandchild;
 And every time I think of it, it really drives me wild.

For now I have become the strangest case you ever saw,
 As husband of my grandmother, I am my own grandpaw.

DROVING TRIP, AYR TO NEBO.

by Harold Butterworth
 (from Peg Strickland's family
 history, "A Productive Link")



In 1934 I was part of a long droving trip, bringing between 900 and 1000 head of cattle from the Burdekin to Fort Cooper Station for J. Michelmore. My father William Butterworth was in charge of the trip. The late Charlie Froggett and my brother, the late Eddie Butterworth went in advance to commence the buying around Brandon and Ayr. My father and eldest brother, the late Henry Butterworth, Gordon Hicks and myself took the plant up. We travelled up through Strathmore Station, Strath Albyn, Kirknie, the Inkerman Lagoons to Home Hill, then across the river to Ayr. We spent about a week in Ayr, buying stock around Ayr, Brandon and Home Hill areas.

We started the trip home, buying at Inkerman, Gumlu and Guthalungra on the way down the coast. The last purchase was from the late Joe Schilling, who had a property on the southern bank of the Elliot River, downstream from the Bruce Highway.

Then started the epic part of the trip which showed us how really great the old bush pioneer really was. We were heading bush to cut off precious mileage and time, going through country where none of us had been before. All my father needed was a rough "mud map", which was in most cases a drawing in the dust with a piece of stick. After getting a rough outline, we hit out up through Findley Creek and Fischers Property and picked up the Collinsville railway line at Mt. Aberdeen, over the Range at Binbee, down to Sonoma Station. We then travelled through Emu Plains, Exmoor, Blenheim, Mt. Robert, Homevale and Carinya Stations to Fort Cooper.

It was a marvellous trip. Everyone was happy go lucky and all through the long haul, there was never a harsh word by anyone. As the cook on the trip I had one hair raising experience between Sonoma and Emu Plains. I came to a deep and steep gully and after following it up and down for a considerable distance, I decided to do an Evil Kanevil and went down this steep bank and into the narrow bottom, smashing the back spring on the buggy. I travelled from there to Nebo with a sappling tied across the back of the buggy to support the load.

In spite of the long journey, every beast bought was delivered to Fort Cooper. This is just another indication of what hundreds of these great pioneers were capable of doing. In my book the greatest bushmen, horsemen and cattlemen the world has ever seen and is likely to see. The names of the men on the trip were: William Butterworth in charge, Henry and Eddie Butterworth, Charlie Froggett, Stewart Byers, Arty Gutteridge, Gordon Hicks as horse boy and yours truly as Babbling Book (cook).

WORLD WAR I ARMY RECORDS RECEIVED

The waiting time previously mentioned for results to a request to Army departments in Melbourne and Canberra was pleasantly cut short by more than a month, when I received the details asked for, early in April instead of mid-May.

The request was for details on two of my husband's Uncles, one, his Mother's brother and the other, his father's brother. Both had gone off to the War, but no one could tell me whether both had returned. Both young men came from the Mackay district and enlisted within a short time of each other.

From the information received, we now know that by the end of July 1916, they were appointed to the 9th. Battalion, A.I.F., their Regimental numbers and the colour of their eyes and hair, their height and weight and their ages on enlisting.

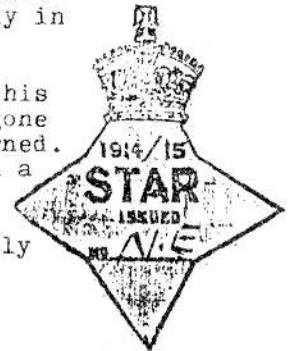
Together, they embarked on the "ITONUS" in Brisbane on August 8th, 1916 and disembarked at Plymouth, England on 18th. October 1916. The two men were sent to a different area for training and after a period of time, James Cole landed in France in December 1916. Illness had dogged him in England and France was no better. James rejoined his Battalion on 14th. April, 1917, only to be wounded in action on 21st. April. He died of his wounds on the 22nd. April 1917, aged 24 years. He was buried in Red Cross Corner Cemetery, Beugny, France.

Alfred H. Jackson landed in France on April 11th, 1917. His life-span was to be very short. he was killed in action on 21st. April, the same day that his friend James was wounded. Alfred was buried in the Morchies Australian Cemetery, France. The villages of Beugny and Morchies are near Bapaume in France. He was 20 years old.

A brief description of the cemeteries and a plan of the burial plots was received along with directions to find the cemeteries, if one went to France to find them. Some copies of letters, written by family members to the army about the soldiers' personal effects and the medals that all soldiers were entitled to receive, tells us where the families were living at that time and another piece of information, that Alfred Jackson had a brother, William, who was with the 11th. Light Horse in Egypt. Happily, he made it back to Australia.

The bundle of photocopied records and information received was certainly worth the effort of writing to the Army Departments concerned and the shortened time span of waiting for them was a pleasant surprise. A few more gaps in the Family story have been filled.

— E. Jackson.



DEAR COUSIN CONNIE IN THE COLONIES

Part of a letter dated 4.2.1889, written by 25 yr. old Tommy in Scotland to his 18 yr. old cousin, Connie, in Qld.: "I think by the account you give us of the Colonies I would not like to live out beside you although my Mother has sometimes a wist to see them, but I don't think she would like to go barefooted sometimes as you say.


I hope you will excuse the short letter this time for it is very seldom I write....at the same time I hope to have a letter again from you very soon as my Mother was always very anxious to hear about you all, in fact if we don't hear from you soon, I think I will get a piece of chalk and draw your portrait on the floor and jump upon your chest, but I hope you will save me the trouble. Meantime I remain your affectionate cousin, Thomas."

PROPOSED SIMPSON-COLE INDEX


Many members will remember our experience of the seminars conducted by Elizabeth Simpson in 1987. In her paper on "Poor Law Material", Elizabeth explained how a wealth of detailed red tape and paper work has survived in most parishes, being contained until recent times in the Parish Chest, but now mostly deposited in the County Record Offices. A recent Family Tree Magazine announced that an index is now being done by Elizabeth Simpson and Jean Cole of 5 classes of these original documents - settlement certificates, examinations, removal orders, vagrant passes, and bastardy bonds. There may be great detail of your ancestor's life recorded in such documents, but it is almost impossible to locate without such an index.




PHOTOS OF PHOTOS - SOME FACTS, OPTIONS and CONSIDERATIONS



A professional photographer at work copying old photos was of great interest to many people in the Mackay City Library during Heritage week. She was Mrs Narelle Leffman who has London qualifications and a personal concern to preserve old photos by the best possible reproduction. She uses archival paper only and takes extra care in developing and washing. Although photos receive the best treatment for reproduction and survival, charges are reasonable. There is a basic charge of \$7.50 whether 1 or 36 are copied; and then a 5x7 print costs \$5 and a 10x8 print costs \$8.50. You get the negatives as well with no extra charge for developing the film. Ring 548267 for further details. Added advantages are that the photos remain on the premises with no danger of being lost in transit, and you retain the negative and the copyright.



Mackay City Library is willing to copy at any time photos for their local history section. The photos should refer to the extended local area. The Library engages Mrs Leffman to copy the photos, and thus obtains a copy photo and the negative and the right to reproduce it. Your photos lent are returned with thanks. But you also have the comfort that the copy will last better than your original, and is now available for all to enjoy and for anyone else to obtain a copy if desired.



The John Oxley Library, Brisbane, will copy photos of people, places, buildings, events, etc. anywhere in Queensland. This is also the best possible professional job. They put a copy in their huge catalogued collection and they keep the negative. They also send you back with your original a copy photo at no charge. They prefer the copyright to be signed over by you, as this enables others to obtain a good copy at a reasonable charge (about \$3). However, the copyright can be kept by you if you so wish. Many people hesitate to send their photos to the Oxley Library because they fear they may be lost in transit or in the large system, and because of the delay of some months in the Library processing and returning the photos. Others feel that their photos should be in the largest and best collection of photos for the whole of Queensland.






Photo Shops will accept photos to be copied. However, these are always sent away to another centre to be done, so there is possible danger of loss in transit or in the system. The reproduction is not as good as professional standard with individual treatment, and often colour film is used or a colour printing process, even for black and white pictures. If using photo shops, ask definitely for a proper black and white copying and printing service, even if this costs more and takes longer. The life expectancy of photos done in the colour process will not be forever. The advantage of this method is that it is cheaper.

Laser Copying is the only method some people are aware of and at first encounter it seems the modern age's answer to the problem. However, as Laser Copying is poor quality reproduction and really quite expensive, people would do better to spend their money on a better quality picture which will also last, whereas the laser colour will not.



Any SLR Camera can copy a photo. Some basic equipment, such as a screw-on close-up lens, is needed to reproduce smaller photos. Good results can be obtained with a little practice. Members known to have done their own photos of photos are Pat Hamilton, Helen Gooding, Helen Butler, and Anne Whitmore. Newsletter No. 10 featured a detailed article on copying your own photos. For quality photos of photos being done here in Mackay, it would seem better, even moneywise, to get a professional to do the job. However, there are often occasions when you are visiting someone who brings out old photos which he would not lend, or which you would not ask to borrow. It is very simple to ask his permission to photograph his photos, and to do it then and there. Even if you are in the middle of a colour film this can be used to give a satisfactory photo, though not an excellent one. At least you will have a record you could have no other way. Be confident enough to have a go whenever the opportunity arises.

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| 11 May | Saturday Working Bee our Library 9a.m. to noon. |
| 18 May | Saturday, Display goes up, City Library 9a.m. People needed to man the display over a 3 week period. |
| 1 June | Saturday, Beginners Course at M.A.D.E.C., North Mackay State School 1.30p.m. |
| 5 June | Wednesday, Meeting 7.30p.m., Room D10 Mackay High School, Milton Street, Mackay. |
| 8 June | Saturday 9a.m. Display comes down. |
| 8-10 June | Queen's birthday long weekend. |
| 15-30 June | School Holidays. |
| 19 June | Deadline Newsletter. |
| 3 July | Meeting as for 5 June |

Our Library is within the North Mackay Library, Ungerer Street, and open to all. Open 9.30a.m. to 5.30p.m. weekdays, plus to 8.30p.m. Thursdays, plus 9.00a.m. - 1.00p.m. Saturdays. (Enquiries Helen 422539).

Research Assistance in our Library 12.30p.m. - 2.30p.m. every Tuesday and 2nd and 4th Wednesdays, plus 10.00a.m. - 12 noon every second Saturday of the month. (Enquiries Wendy 424308 or any member).

Mackay Genie Gossip



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TOWNSON BOOK OF MACKAY DEATHS, VOLUME I, 1983 - 1989

Former member, Doreen Townson, has deposited in our library a useful resource for finding recent deaths in Mackay, and of people connected to Mackay but dying elsewhere. Doreen has cut from "The Daily Mercury" every Funeral Notice and pasted these in a book in time order. She has then written a card for each deceased person, noting date of funeral, plus date of death if it is given in the funeral notice. Further, as it is rare to find the actual date of death in a funeral notice, Doreen has also read the "In Memoriam" Notices in every paper and these do give the actual date of death. Thus from an "In Memoriam" Notice appearing the next year after the person died (and/or the next, and/or the next), the date of death was extracted and added to the index card. Doreen is continuing her project, and is to be congratulated on creating this fine research resource, which will become even more valuable as time goes on.

CHANGED HOURS FOR LDS MACKAY LIBRARY

From the beginning of July, the Mormon Genealogical Library will be open with an assistant to order in film only on Wednesdays from 11.30 am to 3 pm, and Thursdays from 7 pm to 9 pm. At other times it may be possible to research in microfiche and books held in their Mackay Library. Please arrange with Gary Hull by phoning or calling 9 am to noon, weekday mornings. (Phone 52 1974) This Library is in the LDS church at the corner of Field and McGinn Streets, West Mackay.

CORRECTION TO NEWSLETTER NO. 34

Sorry! Page 3, Scotland Certificates, paragraph 3 should read:

"GSQ members can order in bulk as in (4) above. Cost is \$20, paid to Brisbane in Australian dollars."

MARY O'NEILL'S WINDFALL

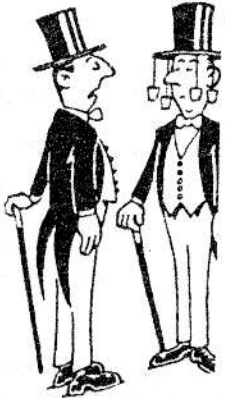
Some time ago, an Englishman travelling in Australia happened to accompany a visitor to Mary O'Neill's daughter. He was 'David', and that was all that was said. On his return to England, this David wrote a short note of thanks, which revealed that he was David Baulch from Somerset. This was a Bombshell in the O'Neill household, for Baulch was Mary's maiden name, and her father came from Somerset! David Baulch in Somerset was just as intrigued as the O'Neills to learn of the co-incidence. Although no definite connection is yet known, he has done some research in the C.R.O. and sent Mary much useful information on her Baulch ancestors, as well as photos he has taken of all the churches Mary's ancestors were connected with.

McLENNAN FAMILY REUNION NOW BEING PLANNED

A Family Reunion is being planned for 1 Sep 1991 for descendants of ALEXANDER and ELIZABETH (also sometimes called Beatrice) McLENNAN. Their children were:- Alexander, Donald Simon, Alexander, John, Annie, Hugh, Donald Roy, Frances, Simon Lovet, Ewan, Georgina, Charles Jesse, Roderick Dhu, and Elisa Flora. The reunion will be in the George Johnson Park in Mirani and will be a family picnic where everyone brings his own food and cold drinks. Tea and coffee will be available. There will also be a Display of family photos and memorabilia in the Oddfellows Hall adjacent to this park. Donations of photos and memorabilia for the display are most welcome. Contact person is Kay Nash (079-58 3218) Eungella Road, Finch Hatton 4756.

1866 ON THE T.V. NEWS

Qld. railways began in 1865, and the following year the sixteenth rail engine was commissioned on the Ipswich-Toowoomba Line. Previously the journey had taken a whole day by coach over the ranges. Now people could travel the distance by rail in one hour. A hundred years later, the discarded No. 16 engine was found rusting away, and restored to running order. On 26 May last, it was again out in all its glory to thrill train lovers. It managed to appear on the T.V. news. Retired train driver Eric Heath said, "They (the steam engines) talk to you as they go along."



1. Reciprocal Rights. Whenever a GSQ member travels to research in another place, he should be sure to take his current membership card. Showing this, will ensure free entrance to libraries of other branches in Queensland, and other Genealogical Societies in other states. Most genealogical societies have negotiated with other societies to allow these "reciprocal rights." A few smaller independent societies may not recognize the GSQ membership, and so charge to use the library. Some, such as the Mt. Isa Society charge even their own members! And some large public facilities, such as the Kiama Centre are partly self-funding and so always charge. (However Public Libraries proper are always free to researchers, though not always to borrowers.) On her recent visit to Sydney, Margaret Leigh was pleased to be admitted free to the Library of the Society of Australian Genealogists, on her showing her GSQ membership card.

2. VICTORIA Place Names are often impossible to locate because they are of a small place and/or because they no longer exist, especially true of once thriving mining centres. Anyone with this problem will appreciate our recent purchase of 2 microfiche which list such places, giving location and a summarized history. These will be found in a pocket inside the cupboard door, next to the Victoria Births, Deaths, and Marriage Indexes, which do mention 'place' of the event on the Index, often in abbreviated form..

3. TOWNSVILLE Cemetery at Belgian Gardens has a most helpful and well organized Sexton, reports Laurie Heales. On a recent visit he assisted her in finding the burial in the records, in copying the actual record, and in locating the grave. There is always a Sexton's book at a cemetery still open, but the official Burial Register is usually kept by the Council Health Department. (See Rube Steven's article on page 4). However, the Registers for Townsville Old and New Cemeteries are kept by Knobel Real Estate, who will look them up and supply requested information. However, they will not allow the researcher to look himself.

4. Tasmania: The Story of the Denholm Family, "The Dwellers at the Farm in the Valley", by Bernard Denholm, has recently been received by member Julie Inkson. It is the story of 3 Denholm brothers, George, John, and Alexander who arrived in Van Diemen's Land in 1827 from Baberton Mains and Riccarton Mains, Scotland. Their parents George and Mary Denholm had married about 1768. The latter part of the book is mainly of Alexander's descendants. Over 150 years of marriages have brought connections with dozens of Tasmanian families. Julie's husband's maternal grandfather was Leslie George Stanley Denholm, born 1884 at Jericho, Tasmania.

5. Words of Warning

* The Queensland State Archives advises that recycled paper is not suitable for long term records.

* Fax-recorded records fade quickly. Any sheet of information received per fax machine should be photocopied shortly after being received.

* The plastic commonly used years ago for protective sheet covers does slowly in time harm the paper and/or the ink it was supposed to protect. Anyone with papers stored in sleeves 10 or more years ago should check carefully each one and discard the plastic cover if the ink is stuck on the plastic, or if the plastic is becoming stiff or discoloured.

6. England, Wales, and Scotland. Movement of families from one part of the country to another in the early 1800's or before is often hard to trace. An ancestor who came to Australia can usually be traced to his place of birth, but often parents are not to be found born in this place. Look at the Census for this place (or for the place he was last known to be at) for the year 1851, 1861, 1871, or 1881, choosing the one before the ancestor departed. His parents, or even his grandparents may be found on this census and the place of birth of each will be noted. Note, however, that the 1841 census does not give the exact place of birth, so, if he arrived in the 1840's without his parents, look at the 1851 Census as the parents may still be there and their birth place will be noted.

LIBRARY DISPLAY SHOWS OUR STUFF.

Our annual Display at City Library was on show to the public for two weeks from 18 May to 1 June. An hour or more was needed to view and to read everything displayed, and many returned for a second look. The loose organization under board headings allows for flexibility and variety of content, and sets a wide net to catch people's interest. The foyer of the Mackay City Library is an impressive setting and we are grateful to the Library for having us here each year. At both entrances, the Display was introduced by the two bright new signs donated by Judy, while overall hung the long cloth banner made and donated by Joann.

On the problem of Deaths after 1904, I've sometimes had success writing to the Town Council. You need to have an idea of the town your ancestor died in, and I address my request to "The Burial Registrar" asking if they would do a search of their Register to see if there is any-one buried there of the name I am seeking. It helps if you can cut the time span down for them but is not necessary. So far I have always been given good service often beyond that which I'd asked for.

A visit to my home-town Council was the start for me. I was taken in, sat down, and the biggest journal I've seen was placed before me, and I was given all the time I wanted to seek out all my relatives buried there. The clerk photostated the original documents for me, also the "Instructions for Graves". He even photostated the Cemetery plan for me. This was much more than I'd ever hoped for. Of course this is a country town and they generally have a pretty good reputation for courteous service.

Then I tried to trace the movements of my Schneider family. They had come first to Ipswich, where, four months after their arrival, their daughter "Elizabeth" was born. She became my paternal grandmother, but the Schneiders disappeared from sight. I found the husband "Christof" buried at Barcaldine 1899, so off went a letter to Barcaldine Shire Council to see if wife Christina was buried there at a later date. Back came a letter to say there were lots of requests asking for their Schneiders, and a full list of ALL that were there, unfortunately not one other of my tribe. When another member mentioned that on naturalization she had found the two older brothers (who had immigrated with their parents) had been naturalized giving hometown as Aramac, I sent off the usual letter to see if Mum was there. No luck again. BUT, - an S.T.D. call from the Shire Office and a young female voice very sorry they were unable to trace my Christina. She had gone out and interviewed the old town identities to see if they could help! From one old man she learned that Schneiders had "long ago" had a cordial factory there. I was overwhelmed by such service; once again I salute the small country town.

Then back to Ipswich looking for my "Carius". I was fairly sure they had remained there all their lives, but my trace of them did not include deaths. I had two possibles from death indexes, but one was on Brisbane index, the other on Country index. I did not want to spend money on certificates when not sure of which one I needed, so sent off my request giving name of man and also wife and this time I was able to add names of both their parents. Back came the reply giving name, burial No., date of death, date of burial and name of undertaker for both man and wife, and I'd not had either one, as they died in 1905 and 1906. I thought this a good find.

So try this method for yourself. Address the enquiry to "The Burial Registrar", Department of Health, _____ Council.

- Rube Stevens.

Footnote: If in doubt of where councils are centered, for areas of Town and Shire Councils, see Queensland Year Book maps, or Newsletter No. 26 which reproduced these. For addresses of councils in each area, see in the appropriate phonebook, the front section labelled "Local Government".

Library Display (continued)

Family Trees in different styles were shown by Margaret Leigh, Ellen Jackson, Wendy Porter, and Sandra Hazeldene. The latter's Royal Tree showed two ways Queen Elizabeth and Prince Philip are related and demonstrated her method of typing A4 sheets and joining them together to make one large chart. Some people commented that there should be more family trees showing different styles to give others ideas for theirs, and perhaps next year this can be pre-organized.

There were excellent displays of the Ready family, the Sichester family, the Peach Family and the Schembri family. Ellen put together a lovely display of her great grandmother's Devonshire countryside today. Joyce Jensen's Letter-cards from World War I were admired by all. Bev McGowan showed numerous items of great interest in the showcases and on the boards. The "Local" Display needed two boards and was popular. The framed silk heirloom displayed by Joan McGrath was perhaps the most amazing thing displayed. (See article Page 6).

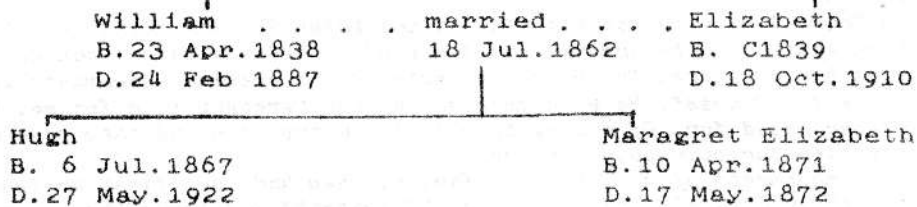
The 'Generations' Boards drew the best response, showing photos of individuals in successive generations. Pat Hamilton had 7 generations over 153 years of her Stoddart - Hamilton - Stanley family. Quinton Mann showed 7 generations from Bena Rua-Tavi from Lacon Island, Vanuatu. Adelaide Grendon showed 7 generations from Thomas Horton 1820-1901. Peg Strickland had 6 generations on both sides in the one arrangement. Joyce Nicholson showed 5 generations of Rogers, with a further pedigree going back to 1649 in Ireland. Wendy Porter and Judy Wallace had excellent photos very well presented. Joyce Jensen and Mavis Sheedy had family group photos in successive generations. Carmel McDonald's 6 generations showed her female line descent from the first white woman in the Mackay area, who crossed the ranges from the south in 1862, and shortly afterwards gave birth to the first white child, under the bullock wagon.

The Display was certainly a good combined effort, and its success is due to all those who took the trouble to display something, and there are many whose names have not been mentioned above. As well, success was due to its several organizers; and to all the people who manned the display, "guarding" it and doing the public relations meanwhile. In all, a worthy effort!

WILLIAM STRICKLAND of GLASGOW and BOWEN.

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Hugh Strickland & Rose Ann Murphy Charles Ralston & Jane McGill



William Strickland was born in Glasgow, Scotland and became a Journeyman (carpenter - Joiner) before marrying Elizabeth Ralston, who was born in Belfast, Ireland. The Ceremony took place at 48 Abbottsford Place, Glasgow after Banns according to the Church of Scotland, and their witnesses were John Bogie and Janet Baillie. William and Elizabeth were living at 23 and 25 Savoy St. Glasgow, Scotland, where Elizabeth's father, Charles, was a Journeyman (ships carpenter).

William and Elizabeth arrived in Bowen, Queensland on board the "Wansfell" which was the first immigrant ship to drop anchor in Port Dennison, 105 days out of Liverpool, late in the year 1863. As stated in the May 1949 edition of Cummins and Campbell's Monthly Magazine, "Wansfell"'s 200-odd passengers become some of Bowen's earliest residents.

There could have been a different ending to this journey as before the ship reached it's destination it became hopelessly stranded for three weeks on a coral outcrop of the Great Barrier Reef. The passengers had to throw all their belongings overboard in the hope of lightening the ship's load, but it remained stuck fast. To quote from Glenville Pike's book "Queensland Frontier" - "The Captain abandoned hope of getting off the reef unaided. In desperation he led the passengers and crew in a Prayer of Deliverance".

An extra high tide later floated the ship clear of the reef and the passengers landed at Bowen with only the clothes they were wearing, but pleased to be alive. The people of Bowen held a sports meeting to assist the new arrivals. With a start like that in a strange new country, in a town that had only been in existence for a couple of years and the most Northerly settlement in the state, we must be proud of their achievements. We will always wonder if Bowen was the intended destination of all the passengers on the "Wansfell".

William and Elizabeth were indeed Pioneers of Bowen, as checks of the earlier newspapers of the town confirmed.

2nd Jan. 1867 New Years Day Races and sports gathering, Strickland's 'Young Glasgow' won the first and third events (Town Plate).

6th Mar. 1867 Daniel Campbell and William Strickland applied for Licence of the Telegraph Hotel, signed 18 Feb. 1867.

" In 1869 the Queensland government decided to build a telegraph line between Cardwell and Normanton, and Strickland, contractor, was employed to build the telegraph stations at the two centres, also repeater stations at Cashmere, 60 miles from Cardwell and at Cassady's and the Etheridge.

Forty men in the Government party, under Engineer A.C. McMillan hacked at the dense vine scrub with axes and machetes to make a track one chain (about 20 meters) wide up the precipitous 3,500 feet (about 1,000 meters) mountainside." [Pike's "Northern Frontiers"]

William Strickland was an Alderman of the Bowen Council, until he resigned in 1874. He was also on the Kennedy Hospital Board until 1875. By then he had taken over the Union Hotel. He also conducted a business supplying building bricks and contracting to build brick underground water tanks and brick cottages.

(B.I.) 18 Nov. 1882 "Mr and Mrs Strickland gave a most enjoyable Ball in the School of Arts on Tuesday night. A large number of invitations had been issued and very few neglected to avail themselves of such a chance to spend a happy evening. The numerous guests were not disappointed, for the Ball was one of the best that has been held in Bowen for many a long day and the guests retired at the small hours of the morning, tired but thoroughly happy with their evenings amusement."

There were cyclones in Bowen in 1876 and 1884. An article in the "Bowen Independent" 29 Feb. 1984 quotes the story of the 1884 blow as copied from the "Port Dennison Times" of Saturday 26 Jan and 9 Feb 1884. "Most buildings were badly damaged or completely flattened with Strickland's Hotel suffering bad damage."

William and Elizabeth were keen horse racing enthusiasts and over the years owned many horses. "Ben Lomond" won the Bowen Cup in 1882, but the most famous of them was "Ben Bolt". His successful racing career is well documented and is still mentioned one hundred years later. He was a poddy foal (His mother died en-route to Bowen by ship). "Ben Bolt" won many races in several North Queensland towns: Mackay, Charters Towers, Townsville, Ravenswood and of course Bowen. He had to be walked to the various towns, race, and then walk back to Bowen. He won the President's Cup in Bowen in 1884 and a Gold Bracelet the same year. He was shipped south and won the A.J.C. Doncaster Handicap in Sydney and brought honour to Bowen by winning the Caulfield Cup in 1886. He came 5th in the Melbourne Cup of the same year. "Ben Bolt" was sold and went to India where he won the Vice Regal Cup, then had to be destroyed when he killed his handler. Family story is that he was a family pet in Bowen. Mr. D.J. Darwen formerly of the Bowen Independent spent some time researching Ben Bolt and wrote his story in the 8 May 1985 edition of the paper.

Ater William's death, Elizabeth ran the Commercial Hotel even though she suffered from arthritis. She was a staunch Presbyterian. She remarried to Frederick Hooper in 1891. Both she and William are buried in the Bowen Cemetery in a large family plot with their young daughter Margaret and son Hugh.

INDEXES to HOSPITAL ADMISSION REGISTERS (Queensland)

Hospital admission registers are often more useful than a death certificate. Entries are sometimes incomplete, but there is provision for recording: name; date admitted; age; birthplace; occupation; religion; how long in the Colony; place of marriage, at what age, and to whom; names and ages of children living, number and sex of children deceased; father's name and occupation; mother's maiden name; disease; date of discharge or death; cause of death (if applicable); ship of arrival; last place of residence; current marital status (single, married, widowed); father's present residence if living (or "father dead"); sometimes extra remarks about relatives etc.

CROYDON Qld: Indexing complete and open for searches for 1868 - 1919.

INGHAM Qld: Indexing complete and open for searches for part of 1889/1890.

COOKTOWN Qld: Indexing in progress for 1884 - 1920.

SEARCH REQUESTS, with a limit of 10 surnames, must enclose a long stamped self-addressed envelope, plus a donation. Please specify which hospitals are to be checked. The registers contain many spelling errors, so consider all possible variants. If a second s.s.a.e. is enclosed, a further check will be made when all indexing has been completed. If a relevant reference is found in the indexes, arrangements can be made to supply full details from the register for a moderate fee. Written enquiries only (no phonecalls):
Judy Webster, 77 Chalfont St, Salisbury QLD 4107, Australia.

Our Library is within the North Mackay Library, Ungerer Street, and open to all. Open 9.30a.m. to 5.30p.m. weekdays, plus to 8.30p.m. Thursdays, plus 9.00a.m. - 1.00p.m. Saturdays. (Enquiries Helen 422539).

Research Assistance in our Library 12.30p.m. - 2.30p.m. every Tuesday and 2nd and 4th Wednesdays, plus 10.00a.m. - 12 noon every second Saturday of the month. (Enquiries Wendy 424308 or any member).

SILKEN COLLAR TIES IN WITH MELBOURNE CUP.

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The Melbourne Cup was first run in 1861. Soon this race was recognized as the most important race in all the Australian Colonies. It attracted the best racehorses from far and wide, (see page 5), and also great numbers of the racing fraternity. Its reputation grew as a social event, until even non-racing people would go to the cup every year, dressed in their finest and best. Large numbers would travel long distances interstate for this social event of the year.

Around 1900, (the exact date is not known), Mr. Joseph Latchford and his wife Rosa travelled from northern New South Wales and attended the Melbourne Cup. On this occasion Joseph wore a special silk tie, and Rosa wore a gown adorned with a large lace collar of silk, patterned appropriately with horseshoes, racing whips, and jockey caps. Both the tie and the collar were specially made by Rosa. The tie was many years later sold for a considerable sum of money. The beautiful collar remained in the family and was on show in our recent Display, in a large picture frame. The collar is the centre-piece and is surrounded by curls of combed unravelled silk with clusters of actual silk cocoons, as produced by the silkworms. The Mackay City Council now has custody of this framed silk picture, which was presented to them by Sydney Latchford about 1972 for the interest of history. Member Joann McGrath who is great-granddaughter of Joseph and Rosa Latchford, sought out the picture and placed it on display. She has revealed a further story behind the picture.

Rosa's Grandparents migrated to NSW in 1855 on the "Wilhemsberg". Valentin and Maria Kemnich and their six children were assisted immigrants from Germany, and were assigned to the Manning River area. After this, they settled in the lower Clarence at Palmer Island. Here they maintained mulberry trees as the basis of sericulture. The ability to use the silk from their silkworms was passed down through their daughters and granddaughters. Thus the traditional German culture and craft flourished in the new land to enrich its culture.

When all is considered, it was of great significance when Rosa wore this silk lace collar to the Melbourne Cup.



Cup Day Crowd 1887
-section of a painting
by Kahler in 1887.

JOBS FOR EVERYONE----- CALLING ALL MEMBERS..

The annual meeting of the Mackay Branch of The Genealogical Society of QLD will be held on 7 AUGUST, at 7.30pm in the usual meeting place, Room D 10, Milton Street High School. For the efficient running of the Club, the following Positions must be filled. Which one will YOU take ?

- President
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- Officer In Charge of the following:-
 - Sales
 - Research Assistance.
 - Research Enquiries.
 - Fundraising.
 - Publicity.
 - Membership.
 - Library.
 - Newsletter
 - Copying Vital records.
 - Indexing.
 - Annual Display.
 - Other Displays.
 - Talks.
 - Catering
 - Machines.

Please ring the president or the secretary, with offers, questions or suggestions.

PHOTO WANTED OF 3 WAR MEDALS

In last newsletter, the article on World War 1 soldier records mentioned 3 Medals: the British War Medal, the 1914-15 Star, and the Victory Medal. Kay Nash's great-uncle was awarded these same medals, and, as she cannot locate them in the family, she would like a colour photo of them for her records. Anyone who has these medals and is willing to allow a photograph to be taken, please contact Kay on 583218.

??FAMILY HISTORY IN THE NORTHERN TERRITORY?

Member Jenny Gibbs will travel the Northern Territory Alice Springs to Darwin on and off track for four weeks in August. She is willing to look up places, people, and things along the way for other members who may have family history here. Ring Jenny on 552704 to see if she may be able to help.

Our Monthly Meetings are held on the first Wednesday of the month at 7.30pm at Milton Street High School, Room D10. Next meeting is on 3 July.

Cost 50c

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INSTANT INFORMATION FROM ELECTORAL ROLLS

Every electoral office in Queensland has on microfiche all the electors of Queensland in one alphabetical list. This gives address and full names, but no other information. A new updated list is issued every six months. Sets are available for purchase and may be found elsewhere in libraries, etc. The Mackay Electoral Office is in the Commonwealth Building at the corner of Victoria and Gregory Streets. The fiche are readily available to the public and the staff are very co-operative.

For every other Australian state there is a similar set of microfiche with its electors in one alpha list. One lot of these other 7 sets is held for the whole of Queensland, and may be ordered in to any local office. These remain there until another place requests them. There is no charge for this service.

Wendy Porter has ordered in to the Mackay Office these microfiche for all the other states, and they should still be in Mackay by the time this newsletter is issued. So anyone wishing to research in these should apply immediately.

- Note
1. The microfiche of the Queensland electors is available in Mackay all the time.
 2. These refer to the current roll only.
 3. Not all people are on the rolls. Some avoid enrolment. Anyone not naturalized is not entitled to vote.
 4. One particular perso can be pinpointed as long as the full name is known (although there could be two or more with the same two Christian names).

This is wonderful news to people seeking lost relatives - especially those with information obtained as a result of the new Qld. law about Adoption Information.

STOP PRESS Our library has been fortunate to obtain, just before printing this newsletter, the microfiche roll of electors for all other states, except South Australia. These rolls are as at 1 Dec. 1990, so are not actually the current rolls which, if still required, will have to be ordered in as above. However, these are a great resource for our researchers.

DO YOU HAVE A CATTLE BRAND IN THE FAMILY?

If there was one, records of it will still exist. The Qld. Department of Primary Industries holds records of all brands issued in Queensland from when the Brands Act was passed in 1872. The date when a brand was first issued to a person gives a clue to when he acquired his land. Brands tended to be hereditary in the sense that the son taking over the farm registered the same brand but in his name. Even if a brand lapsed for many years, it could be taken up again by a descendant. Some brands taken up in 1872 are still in use on the original property. All brands newly issued were and are published regularly in the Queensland Government Gazette.

Today the Qld D.P.I. holds, on computer, records of all registered brands - 105,000 horse and cattle brands, 30,000 cattle ear marks, 10,000 symbol brands, 5,000 pig brands, and 15,000 sheep brands and earmarks.

DID YOU KNOW?

--- -- ABOUT THE CHAPMAN CODES

The Chapman codes are standardized abbreviations for every country, and for every county or state subdivision within each country. We readily recognize QLD, AUS and probably LND, ENG; but we would probably have to look up the list to read ALS, FRA or ZUH, NL. The Genealogical Research Directory lists the codes in the book and on the entry form, and these abbreviations must be used here. Each "Generation" magazine has a shorter list in "Members Research." It is obvious that it is necessary to have one standardized abbreviation recognized in all countries. All consist of 2 or 3 letters only, for the sake of brevity in general, and for easier fitting into one computer line in particular. These more streamlined abbreviations have replaced older ones such as Q'land, and Hants for Hampshire, not only in genealogy, but in other fields such as postal addresses. Careful gentices will use these codes on their family group sheets and other charts where an abbreviation is needed to fit into a small space.

RESEARCH NOTES



1. Records available at GSQ Brisbane are listed in detail in two books. A new issue of "The Microform Collection" lists all records on microfiche and microfilm. This replaces the earlier edition in the small blue book, giving a companion volume to the volume listing Books and Serials (i.e. magazines). Study both these in our library and prepare for your visit to Brisbane to research in person. Or examine carefully the records available and prepare an exact request for country members free research, now limited to 10 requests per year. Many will be surprised to know that GSQ Brisbane have all the 1851 Census for Scotland and many Scotland old Parish Registers. St. Catherine's House Indexes are now held 1837 to 1886. Note that all of these just mentioned are on microfilm, which takes much longer to look up than microfiche. Many of IGI and Australian microfiche listed are exactly the same as held in our Mackay Library. These items have been marked in our Library copy of "The Microform Collection", so our members do not ask Brisbane to research things already available in Mackay.

2. England and Wales Indexes to Births, Marriages and Deaths are on microfilm in one alpha list for the whole area, but divided into small time divisions, a new list being compiled for each 3 month period. So research is a lengthy business, unless to verify a particular date. These are commonly called the St. Catherine's House Indexes. Here in Queensland there are now 3 libraries with holdings: (a) Indexes 1837-1886 are held by GSQ Brisbane as above, and are available to members free and to others at at charge. (b) Indexes 1837-1904 are held by the Genealogical Library of the Latter Day Saints and kept in Queensland. This year the indexes have been held in turn by country centres at Ipswich, Gold Coast, and North Coast, but they are now back in the Brisbane centre at Kangaroo Point; wherever they are, they are available to all researchers free of charge. (c) Indexes 1837-1912 are held by the Queensland Family History Society at their library at 50 Campbell Street, Bowen Hills, opposite the Courier Mail building. The library is free to members, but others are charged at \$8 per day.

3. The A.I.F. Nominal Roll 1914-18 is now in our library on microfiche. The book "Roll Call" gives details:- roll of Australian Imperial Force who left Australia for service abroad [1914-1918]. This series consists of a nominal roll providing details of regimental number, latest rank, latest unit, date of enlistment, and date of death, discharge abroad or return to Australia. The rolls were prepared in London in October 1919 and therefore record the individual's unit at the end of the war, or at the time of death or discharge, which may not have been the unit at the time of enlistment or embarkation. Inaccuracies and omissions have been discovered by comparison with records held at CARO. The names are not in strict alphabetical order. No equivalent of this series is held for the RAN or members of the AIF who did not embark for service overseas.

Note here all the if's, not's, and but's, especially that the order is not strictly kept. However, see the first fiche which lists first and last names of each fiche, and reveals some of the irregularities. Mac names are amongst the M's, but names beginning with Mc are listed separately after all the M's. A few entries are not legible. There may be several soldiers with exactly the same name

4. The Australian Archives holds records generated by departments of the Commonwealth Government, so that is after 1901. The records are not held in one place, but are scattered amongst 9 centres - one in the A.C.T., one central in each state, plus one in Townsville. The book "Relations in Records", available most libraries, sets out what records exist and in which centre they are kept. The public has access to most records over 30 years old. The Australian Archives will answer written requests for information if the research required is short. However, for lengthy research you will be referred to a professional. Faye Heavy has recently researched in the Sydney office and brought back information brochures for our library, now placed in the Information File. Some time ago Laraine Schembri found in the Brisbane office of the Australian Archives details of her ancestors immigrating to Queensland under a Commonwealth scheme.

5. Donations to our Library. Jean Turvey has donated her copy of the 1990 Subscribers Interest List of the Ulster Genealogical Guild. An unknown benefactor has donated copies of the magazine of the Family History Society of Dundee, Scotland. Warren Pitt has donated a whole boxful. These include many past numbers of Family Tree Magazine, and of the journals of the Genealogical Societies for Nottingham, Birmingham, and Tasmania. There are also 10 books, including "Migrant Ships to South Australia, 1836-1850", "The Second Fleet Convicts, a comprehensive listing", "World War I Army Ancestry" (British forces); and the Domesday Book for Staffordshire (No. 24). Many thanks to these people for the generous donations, which should be of interest to many others.

6. Worldwide Jewish Records

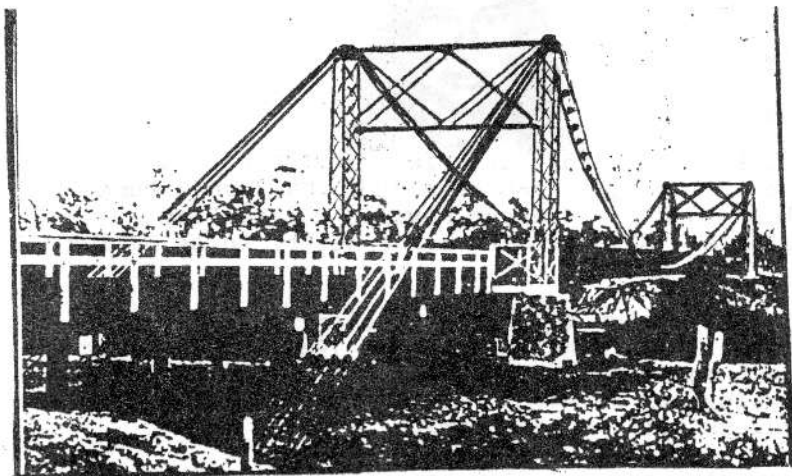
A computerised collection of family trees in Tel Aviv is helping Jews around the world trace their roots, discover new family links and locate long lost relatives. The computer database is held in the Museum of the Jewish Diaspora at Tel Aviv University. Any Jewish family can join the project by submitting a family tree including at least 50 names and spanning at least five generations. Once entered into the computer each name is checked against all others for common details that suggest kinship.

The museum has two other unique databases, one on Jewish communities throughout history and the other on the meaning of Jewish names. It is hoped that within a year visitors to the museum will be able to look up the history of their families and what their names mean. Source: *The Australian* 2 May 1989.

Jewish births, deaths and marriages, have been extracted from the *Sydney Morning Herald* 1831-1880 and indexed on computer. All enquiries with S.A.E. to Mr Terry Newman, 24 Weonga Road, Dover Heights, Sydney, N.S.W. 2030.

Taken from
"Computers in Genealogy"
by Janet Worthington,
in most libraries & in ours.

THE OLD SANDY CREEK BRIDGE AND THOMAS COLE.



THE SUSPENSION BRIDGE over SANDY CREEK on the main road from Mackay south to Sarina, was erected in 1908. It replaced the other bridges built previously about $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles downstream that had been repeatedly damaged during flooding of the Creek in past years.

The bridge was named the Hannan Bridge at the official opening on November 3, 1908, after the chairman of the Pioneer Divisional Board; but without identification, the name became forgotten. The Suspension Bridge was a long one but not a wide one and trotting over the bridge was prohibited. Mr T. Cole, the caretaker, regularly had to forward the names of transgressors, who were duly fined. Crossed at walking speed, the bridge was still a boon to travellers, especially passengers on Single's daily mail coach to Plane Creek, inaugurated only a few months previously.

The Suspension bridge served the public for 57 years, when, due to the constantly increasing heavy loads being carried on the highway, a prestressed concrete bridge replaced it in 1966. This bridge remains in use today.

The Mr T Cole mentioned as caretaker, was Thomas Cole, who with his wife, Amelia (nee Moule) had a farm on the southern bank of Sandy Creek. When the realigned road and bridge was built, the farm buildings were at the southern end of the suspension bridge. Eleven of their children were born at the farm, called CAPE FARM, after a family farm of that name in the north of DEVON, England. The family occupied the farm from approx. the 1890's to the 1930's when Thomas and Amelia died.

- Ellen Jackson



STRANGE BUT TRUE.....

My husband's great-grandfather, WILLIAM JENKINS, was born in 1852 in Gloucester England. He was a father of ten, and was publican of the Railway Hotel in the gold mining town of Ravenswood c 1895 - 1900.

For some reason, the hotel had to be relocated to another site across the road. Will and his helpers, horses, etc. pitched in and began the big task - and eventually managed to get the pub half way across the road.

Then they decided to have a refreshment break. Several days later, the refreshment break was still in progress and the pub was still sitting in the middle of the road, blocking all the traffic, horse teams, etc. Will and company were certainly in no hurry!

(This incident was also detailed in a recent copy of the "N.Q. Register". Note that there were two Railway Hotels in Ravenswood, the present one not being built until 1902)

-Pat Hamilton

William Jenkins (1852-1919)

KNOW YOUR GENIES

.....NO. 14.

Sue McBeth



Sue

Sue Elizabeth McBeth, Cert App Chem, BSc born 1953 Victoria, married Robert William Jephcott in 1976 and has two children, William born 1988 and Thomas born 1991. She is the last of 7 girls born to Emily Theresa Neville and William McKenzie McBeth of Sandringham, Victoria. She declares her ancestry to be boring - 25% Scottish and 75% Irish.

Sue began tracing her family tree in 1973 prior to an overseas trip. She worked as a chemist before working professionally as a genealogist in 1985, as a teacher of family history at TAFE colleges and as a private researcher. In 1987 she and her husband established Macbeth Genealogical Services Pty Ltd, now a company acting on a world wide level in legal as well as genealogical fields.

This company is based at 43 Mills Street, Hampton, Victoria 3188. Its directors and employees provide professional advice to companies, solicitors, trustee and executor companies, government departments, hobby groups, and individuals. They organize and present seminars, courses, and lectures; manage local and international study tours; publish genealogical books and microfiche; and undertake genealogical, legal, and historical research.

Sue McBeth is a member of the Association of Professional Genealogists, and a member and the current secretary of the Australasian Association of Genealogists and Record Agents. Her publications include "Cemeteries of Kaniva Shire"; "Information for people leaving Great Britain in 1854"; and with W. Baker "Family and Local Indexes in Victoria", and "Divorce Index, Victoria 1861-1900" on microfiche.

MULTIPLE GREAT-GRANDPARENTS STILL LIVING

WORLD RECORD (1988 Guinness Book)

While eight 15 year generations are possible in a 105 year life span for a 5 greats - grandparent, no case of a 4 greats - Grandparent has yet been recorded. At least twenty-six cases of great-great-great grandparents have been reported in the last 29 years. Of these cases the youngest person to learn that their great-granddaughter had become a grandmother was Mrs Ann V. Weirick (1888-1978) of Paxtonville, Pennsylvania, USA, who received news of her great-great-great grandson Matthew Stork (b 9 Sept 1976) when aged only 88. ★

NEW WORLD RECORD (1991 Guinness Book)

7 Generations in 110 years

★ **Seven-generation family** ■ Augusta Bunge (née Pagel) (b. 13 Oct 1879) of Wisconsin, USA, learned that her great-great-great-granddaughter had become a mother by receiving news of her great-great-great-great-grandson Christopher John Bollig (b. 21 Jan 1989).

6 Generations in 88 years

★ **Great grandmother** ■ Harriet Holmes of Newfoundland, Canada (b. 17 Jan 1899) became the youngest living 3 greats-grandmother on 8 Mar 1987 when aged 88 years 50 days. ★

??LOCAL RECORD

5 Generations in 82 years

Our display showed a picture of 5 generations of the Butler family. Mrs Mary Butler of Townsville was 82 on 8 August 1990, and her Great-Great Grandson was born one month before this. ★

?? CAN ANYONE BETTER THIS RECORD ??

FAMILY CONNECTION FOUND AT LAST !

A parcel, not just a letter, has arrived for me at last! After countless letters overseas to people researching the Turvey Family I have finally found one who turns out to be a distant cousin of my husband, Malcolm. He has sent a parcel full of information about the family and he has actually been to the church where our family worshipped.

Let me tell you about my correspondent as his life is very interesting. His name is Alan Turvey. He lives in Tenerife, in the Canary Islands which is part of Spain. He is an electrical technician on a drilling rig. He spends two weeks at home and then two weeks on the rig which is 15 miles from Den Helder in Holland. They have a 100 year old cottage in a small village on the north of the island. The local industry includes wine, potatoes and tomatoes. Alan's great-great grandfather was Malcolm's great-great-great grandfather.

He was Abel Turvey who married Elizabeth Ayres on 15 November 1841 at Cheddington, Buckinghamshire, England, Abel being an agricultural labourer and Elizabeth a straw plaiter. They had seven children by 1861, according to the Census for that year.

Abel and Elizabeth's 5th child, George married Louisa Handley at Cheddington in 1872. Louisa's father, Henry, was the railway gate keeper.

George and Louisa left for Australia on the 'Star Queen' on the 2 December 1873 with twin babies Samuel and Annie. They arrived in Brisbane on 5 March 1874, with Samuel having died on the voyage. Both were only 19 years of age. They settled in the Pine Mountain area near Ipswich where they owned a farm. They had 11 children in all including 3 sets of twins.

Their 4th child, George married Rosanna Wilkes at Pine Mountain on 17 June 1896. They had one son, George, and two daughters. George married Evelyn May Payne on 30 January 1915. They are my husband's grandparents.

Alan wrote in his letter. "The church at Cheddington was nice, but how strange it was to be standing in a place where 150 years ago our ancestors had also stood. In the graveyard were 3 small stones side by side for Turvey children all having died within days of each other.

Alan and I hope to correspond with each other now and work together on our tree as we have reached a dead end with Abel's birth. He and his family have lots of questions about Australia, which I now have to answer.

— Jean Turvey.

CENSUS TRIP

I recently viewed the 1841 Census for Gosport, Hampshire, and was pleased to find 3 of the 4 families I was looking for. As I had a street map of the area, I had the added thrill of being able to mark on the map where each was then living. Gosport is the town on the west shore of Portsmouth Harbour. At the end of the film I was fascinated to find the census for 6 institutions in the area. These were all put under Enumeration District 19, although not situated together. The Royal Hospital at Haslar for sick and lunatic seamen contained 402 persons. The Barracks at Horton housed hundreds of officers and men of the 66th Regiment. The Alverstoke Prison contained 20 persons. The Alverstoke Prison of Industry (or Work House) contained 115 persons. H.M. Ship "Britton" in Portsmouth Harbour was a naval hospital with 91 persons. And H.M. Ship "York" was a convict hulk in the Harbour also, with 591 persons! All individuals were listed in these institutions. In each one, the man in charge lived there with his wife and family - even on the convict hulk!

So a person not found in the ordinary residential areas may be located in one of the institutions at the end of the film.

The old farm dray

Covered with dust and forgotten it stood,
In a corner, alone and discarded, —
From an era when it was essential
And its usefulness highly regarded.

Made from hardwood, solid and stable,
Each day bringing home the stock fodder,
Pulled along by our faithful old horse
Blossom, a gentle old plodder.

Some days, it carried us kids to school,
And though 'twas a bumpy old ride —
It went through the deep, muddy gullies,
With us proudly peched on the side.

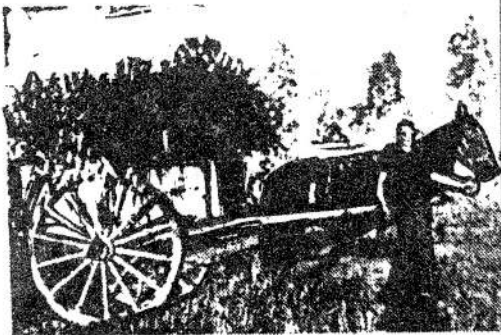
It served to transport our provisions,
When delivery vans were delayed,
By breakdown or flood, in wet season,
The old dray an important part played.

When we went for a picnic on Sunday,
At the end of our long busy week,
Then Dad yoked up gentle old Blossom
For a drayride down to the creek.

And then there were times I remember,
We dressed in our gowns for a ball,
Then up in the dray, and old Blossom
Took us all to the local dance hall.

Now the harness hangs there in the shed,
The collar and reins, split and dusty,
The wood on the dray is decaying,
And its once shiny wheels turning rusty.

But the era that once it belonged to
Like Blossom, we cannot erase —
They're etched on our memory forever
In history, a fine noble place.



"The Dray" used to transport
anything and everything, even
people!

From "Memories of the Past and Other Verses",
an anthology by Dawn Selby, former member.
Read this book from your local library.

This entry in the 1991 Genealogical Research Directory was noted by Linda Locke when she looked up for her VON DOHREN family. Although the spelling of the name was different, the place was the same, so she wrote to No. 38671 who lived in Germany. Back came an eager reply plus a 59 page booklet on this family back to 1200. The booklet is all in German, but Linda is having it translated and continuing her correspondence with 38671.

Be sure to check in the latest GRD all families being researched.

FILMS ON ORDER

at the L.D.S. LIBRARY, MACKAY

If you also are interested to view one of these films while it is in Mackay, you may do so at no charge, once the person who has ordered in the film has finished with it. Note that Census films sometimes contain 2 or more adjacent areas, but only the 1 area actually ordered is given here. Let the Library at the L.D.S. Church know as soon as possible if you are interested. (Phone 521974 or call and leave the message.)

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Wrentham SUF Bap, Mar, Banns, Bur-1602-1899

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" Hythe St. Leonard KEN 1841 & 1851
" St. George Hanover Sq. MDX 1851
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" Wrentham SUF 1851



BOOKKORNER FORGENIES

Here is a book to illuminate Queensland's past rural scene and people living in the country, whether working on the land or living in country centres. The Qld Department of Primary Industries has published the book "Harvests and Heartaches - Images and Stories of Queensland's Agricultural Past". It is compiled by Tony Barker and Ian Byford, who declare, "This book honours the men and women who worked to establish Queensland's great rural industries, and the officers of the Qld D.P.I. who helped them." It is a very readable book, at least half illustrating pictures, and crammed with the facts briefly put. Each topic is covered in two to four pages and it seems every possible topic has been included. It is a wide picture very clearly portrayed. Read this book to place your Qld country ancestors in their historic context, and so understand them better.

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REMEMBER

MONTHLY MEETINGS - 1st Wednesday 7.30 p.m. Next, 4 Sept.

PLACE - Milton St. High School, Room D10.

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER appears at meeting and then in library.

DEADLINE FOR NEWSLETTER - 2 weeks before meeting. Next, 21 August.

GENEALOGICAL LIBRARY within North Mackay Library opens 9.30-5.30 daily, plus to 8 p.m. Thur, plus Sat. 9.00-1.00.

RESEARCH ASSISTANCE in this library - 12.30 to 2.30 Tuesdays and 2nd & 4th Wednesdays. Or ring 422539. Also 2nd Saturday 10-12

MORMON LIBRARY (cnr. Field & McGinn Sts.) opens 11.30-3.30 Wednesdays and 7.00-9.00 p.m. Thursdays.



Do you know -

What is the Henry Code?

Some family historians find the Henry Code a simple and useful way to number and identify persons in the family being researched. In this system, brothers and sisters in the one family are numbered in order of birth, and the generations are separated by a dot. On my Chamberlain family tree, I can be identified as 1.12.4.10.5.1. This begins with my g.g.g. grandfather, Richard Chamberlain, born 1770, whose 12th child had several children, the 4th of which had my grandmother as his 10th child, and so on. This then is my code number in this family and cannot refer to any other member.

A modified Henry Code has been suggested to save space in a computer line. In this, numbers above 9 are replaced with letters so 10=A, 11=B, 12=C, etc. This allows for up to 35 children with only one character for each, so now instead of -

I am 1.12.4.10.5.1 (13 spaces)
 1.C.4.A.5.1 (11 spaces)
 or 1C4A51 (6 spaces)

for now the dot can be omitted without any confusion. Note that, in this family, all my cousins will also begin with 1C4A, but will be followed by two different digits from mine. Note also that I am the 6th generation of Richard Chamberlain at the head of the tree, the number of digits giving the number of generations.

HILDA MACLEAN TO ADDRESS FEBRUARY MEETING

We look forward eagerly to hearing Hilda Maclean speak at the meeting on 5 FEB 1992, on her researches into her Norwegian ancestors. Hilda has been successful in putting together a family tree covering a thousand years. Her method of sketching out the tree in pencil on huge sized drawing books will also prove of great interest.

PLACES IN MACKAY. (continued from previous page)



(11) Some schools still hold their own admission registers. Older registers and registers of closed schools should be deposited in the Queensland State Archives in Brisbane; however, some have been lost or destroyed and some still have not been deposited. Check the school for the original or a copy. Check if a booklet exists as these often have printed the admissions in an abbreviated form. See also (4) and (2) above.

(12) Every Local Council holds burial registers of any cemetery which it controls. The Mackay City Council controls Mackay cemetery and Mt Bassett cemetery - and now charges \$24 per name to reveal what is entered in the register! Pioneer, Mirani, Sarina and Nebo Councils, however, will provide all information free of charge. The sexton of the cemetery may be able to help, or a funeral director; however, all of these records including the Mackay City Council's are available at the North Mackay Library, with index. (Postal inquiries are answered if a donation is enclosed.)

(13) All libraries hold many books helpful to researchers, some being for loan while others are for reference only. If non-fiction books are numbered in the Dewey System, books on genealogy numbered 929, but some libraries use different numbering systems so search the catalogue by subject required to find where a book is placed. Through any local library a researcher also may request on inter library loan any book by title, or make a general request such as "a history of Stanthorpe" or "information on the cottage industry of button making in Dorset in the 19th century". The Australian Encyclopedia is a good source of concise information on any person, place or event in Australia and "further reading" at the end of the article will give the title of books or papers which may be chased up on ILL. Also, a bibliography or footnote in a book may reveal a further source of information.

Mackay State High School library (Milton Street) is the local library with the oldest magazine holdings. Any reference to an article in a magazine in the 1960s or before may be found here. [Of course ILL can copy for you any article in a magazine however old.]

University library (Penn Street) is stocked by James Cook University and USQ (Darling Downs) for the benefit of external tertiary students but is open to all researchers.

TAFE library (Sydney Street) is also open to the public. It houses its own collection and the library of the University of Central Queensland. These libraries can be checked for historical information or information on a particular subject.

St Patrick's School library is likely to be able to supply information on the Catholic Church and its priests, brothers and sisters.

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS



A merry Christmas to all our readers.

This Christmas card of about 1915 is in the form of a post card. Made in Germany, it is embossed and printed in colours and gold. It is from the large postcard collection of Joyce Jensen, whose grandma Mrs Morris of Herries St, Toowoomba, received it from a friend in Queensland. It is still very attractive and must have been even more so then.

MEMO FOR THE HOLIDAYS

- * School Holidays - 14 DEC 1991 to 27 JAN 1992
- * NO MEETING in January and NO NEWSLETTER
- * Our Library is open whenever the North Mackay Library opens.
- * N. Mackay Library closes only on the 3 public holidays.
- * NO RESEARCH ASSISTANCE in the School Holidays.
- * Brisbane GSQ Library closes 20 DEC to 13 JAN
- * NEXT MEETING - 5 FEB 1992 Milton St High
- * Articles needed for February newsletter.
- * Have a merry Christmas.

As we look back

Young Ole came across the sea a long, long time ago,
He came to make a new life in this land "down below!"
He left his loved ones and his home in Denmark far away
He learned of growing sugar cane and worked hard, day by day

Then finally he bought this land in eighteen eighty-seven
This fertile land, a cast estate, to him it seemed like heaven
He took a wife, a pretty girl, Emma was her name
And soon there on their little farm a family they became.

Their sons were Jack, Bob and Bert, Percy and Walter too,
Their daughters Emma and Violet, May and Mabel formed their crew
The years rolled by and Ole worked with firm determination
He had no modern implements, no farming automation

He drove his team of gentle giants those draught horses of old
He worked his farm day by day to sustain his growing fold
His sons too settled on the land making his heart glad
Extending the cane growing crops, following their dad.

Then sadly his life ended while still an active man
He died with his boots on so to speak, leaving the reins to Gran
So Granny became the matriarch of the Matsen generation
She saw them growing through the years to form a little nation.

A white haired lady known to us as someone to respect
A gentle soul but very firm with manners so correct
Now with her Ole in the grave they sleep in silent peace
Not knowing as the years passed by of their family's great increase

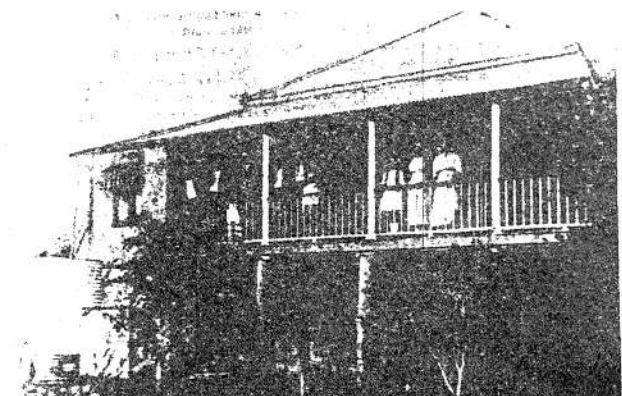
If they were only here today, if they could only know
Of the family Ole stated off one hundred years ago.
But time moves ever onward and we the living know
They live in everyone of us as they did so long ago.

Dedicated to the memory of my Grandparents and read on the occasion of the Centenary of my Grandfather taking up the land for cane growing. This Celebration, held on that land on April 11, 1987, was attended by over 200 direct descendants.



Ole and Emma Matsen

From "Memories of the Past and Other Verses", an anthology by Dawn Selby, former member. Read this book from your local library.



Ole and Emma and their family at the original homestead

Cost 50 cents

Mackay Genie Gossip



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INTERESTING TALK AT SEPTEMBER MEETING

Gary Hull of the Mackay Latter Day Saints Church addressed our September meeting on the genealogical work of the church. He explained the collecting and storing of records for the Library in Utah, and the system of making them available to branch libraries all over the world, as well as the reasons for their concern for genealogy. A video film made the talk all the more vivid. There were plenty of questions at the end, especially about computerisation of the IGI and other records. We are grateful to Gary for his informative and interesting talk, and for the sheets he handed out. These have been placed in our information file. (See page 6 for an extract). Many of us use the local LDS library at the church in Field Street. The library is now open Tuesdays 1 to 4 pm and Thursdays 1 to 4 pm, plus 7 to 8.30 pm.

STUDY OPPORTUNITY FOR FAMILY HISTORIANS

The University of New England at Armidale offers Diploma courses in Local and Applied History which may be undertaken by anyone part time by correspondence. For further details see pamphlet in our Information File, or write to : The Administrative Officer, School of Professional Studies, Faculty of Education, Nursing and Professional Studies, University of New England - Newling Campus, Armidale, N.S.W. 2351. (Phone 067 734227.) This course is currently being undertaken by Ann Jacobs.

NEW IN THE LIBRARY

Now attached to our noticeboard are two aids to reading difficult text.

(1) The Maclaughlin Guide to reading old handwriting and (2) A large magnifying sheet donated by Laraine Schembri.

"Crimes of the First Fleet" has been donated by Margaret Leigh. An anonymous donor has supplied the book "Twelve Decades of Grace", by W.H. Paech, a history of Lutheran Churches in Victoria and Tasmania, published in 1974. (See "Bookcorner".) Ellen Jackson has donated shipslip and photo of "La Rochelle," arriving Brisbane 5 August 1863.

A recently superseded set of South Australia Electoral Rolls has been supplied by the AEC Adelaide Office. These give all electors A to Z on microfiche. So our library now has (in one box) electors of all states except Queensland. However, the Qld fiche are always available at the local Electoral Office.

PAINLESS FUNDRAISING

A Trash and Treasure Stall is to be held at the Mackay Showground Markets on Saturday 12 October from 7 am to noon. Members are urged to gather up all unwanted articles and donate them for sale. Apparently anything at all is likely to be sold - big or small, old or new, attractive or ugly, useful or useless! Homemade articles and homegrown produce are also needed. Mackay GSQ Branch will raise some hundreds of dollars - if enough stuff is given in to stock the stall. Articles may be left at the Turvey residence at 16 McKinley St. (just down from the North Mackay Library). Or ring 422539 or 421224 to arrange a pickup. Or bring early on the day.

RESEARCH NOTES



1. All Mackay Newspapers from 1866 to the present have survived and are available to the public at the office of *The Daily Mercury* in Wellington Street. Those back to 1945 are available as actual papers so are easy to read and any section can be photocopied there. Those from 1866 to 1945 are on microfilm making them more difficult and slower to read and, as no printout facility is available, any information required has to be hand copied. These microfilms, however, are available also in Brisbane's John Oxley Library as well as Townsville's James Cook University library, and in other large libraries. It is possible to obtain printouts from these libraries if visiting in person and printouts can also be obtained from the John Oxley Library by written request but it is necessary to state the date of the paper required. Research in Mackay, therefore, can give the date and page of the required article which can then be followed up by a written request to the John Oxley Library for a copy of the article.

2. New Zealand Certificates can be applied for from Brisbane and paid for in Australian currency by writing to: The New Zealand Consul General, JetSet Centre 288 Edward Street, Brisbane Q 4001. Cost is \$10 (Ellen Jackson).

3. Recent Rises in Costs. Queensland certificates now cost \$17. Airmail postage from Britain now costs 39p, a rise of 2p.

4. The Queensland Family History Society. There was disagreement amongst family historians in Queensland in the early days of their organising into a society and, as a result, two separate organisations emerged - the Genealogical Society of Queensland and the Queensland Family History Society. Both have members all over Queensland and both have a central library in Brisbane. (Some of our Mackay members including Rube Stevens and Brian Caldwell belong to both organisations.) Nowadays there is more co-operation between the two groups but not reciprocal rights. Our Mackay Branch, therefore, was pleased to discover recently that it could (as a group) join the Queensland Family History Society as an associate member, thereby receiving the QFHS journal for our library and also the right for our members when in Brisbane to use free of charge the QFHS library at 50 Campbell Street, Bowen Hills, which is opposite the *Courier Mail* Building. There are extensive holdings including the St Catherine's House Indexes up to 1912 and many indexes to the 1851 British Census. Any member of the Mackay Branch of GSQ may now research free of charge in this library by just showing your current membership card. (See the pamphlet in the Information File on QFHS including hours of opening of their library.)

5. Inter-Library Loan (I.L.L.) is a method by which a local library can obtain from another library a book (or copied information) which is not available in the local library. Jean Turvey wanted information on Strawplaiters in England in 1861 and asked for just that at her local library. The request was sent to the State Library of Queensland in Brisbane who could not help but they enquired further afield. Finally an excellent book arrived from the La Trobe Library in Melbourne and Jean was able to study her subject in great detail - and write the article in this newsletter. The book is *Children of Straw* by Laszlo L Grof, published 1988. This wonderful free service can be used by any researcher via the local library.

6. "Son-in-Law" on the British census returns very often means "step-son". His wife's son by a former marriage is now his "son in the law of marriage" in the same way as we use "mother-in-law".

7. Research in Russia. In "Questions and Answers" in *Family Tree Magazine* Vol 7 No.8 (June 1991), 14 different avenues of research in Russia are mentioned. Some of these would apply only to British persons in Russia while many may prove helpful to any research problem in Russia. In his address to our meeting, Gary Hull mentioned that only recently have the Latter Day Saints microfilmmers been allowed to start filming records in Russia so more of these records should be available in the future to help researchers.



Norfolk Island - WHERE MY SEARCH STARTED

Captain Cook discovered Norfolk Island on October 10th, 1774, on his second voyage around the world.

It was hurriedly colonised after the arrival in Australia of the First Fleet of convicts and their gaolers in 1788. The British Government of the day wanted to prevent other colonial powers- France and Russia were the most feared- from gaining a strategic South Pacific outpost. Norfolk Island is in fact, the second oldest British settlement after Port Jackson.

The Royal Navy had hoped to use the huge pines for masts and flax for sails and cordage, but they proved to be unsatisfactory.

The history really began in March 1788 when the first little contingent of soldiers and male and female convicts arrived under the command of Lieutenant Philip Gidley King.

Though prospering after initial setbacks, in 1814 the authorities in London and Sydney ordered it abandoned and its fields and buildings were given over to the weather.

By 1826 however, overflowing British prisons and revolts in the harsh Australian penal settlements, revived interest in Norfolk. Transportation here was considered the ultimate punishment short of death.

It was the most shameful episode in convict history, a time of great cruelty with floggings of up to three hundred lashes at a time and barbarous tortures like the spreadeagle and the tube-gag. Many grisly and pathetic legends were born then.

There's one grave however, in the old convict cemetery, that best illustrates the heartless justice of the day. In that grave lies an old Yorkshireman, named Thomas Wright, who died in chains at the age of 105 - having served four years of a fourteen year sentence handed down in Parramatta when he was 101. It seems Thomas, in his senility, had forged banknotes so crude they could not have deceived a child- yet the law took its course.

Another famous tale is that of Barney Duffy a convict who escaped and for many years lived in a hollow tree. The story goes that Duffy was captured while robbing a garden and that he was subsequently hanged. Before he died he is said to have cursed the soldiers who caught him and forecast their early death. The three soldiers were fishing when a freak wave washed them from the rocks. Thus Turner, Heffernan and Warnham met their end on the 1st October 1850.

(It was at this point while I was holidaying on Norfolk Island that I became interested in my family history when I came upon this story. My maiden name was Heffernan and I thought I would try to find out if this man was any connection to me. Years later I am still trying to find my connection but I have found some very interesting things about my Heffernan's along the way and my many other families.)

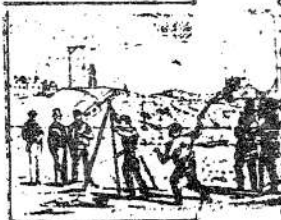
It was pressure from prison reformers in England and free settlers in Australia who objected to living in a prison colony, that led to the eventual end of convict transportation. In 1855 the Norfolk Island gaol was closed and the last convicts were taken to Tasmania.

The third settlement on the Island began on the 8th June 1856, with the arrival from Pitcairn Island of the descendants of the Bounty Mutineers, who had fled to Pitcairn Island after their revolt against Captain Bligh. Their names - Christian, Quintal, Adams, McCoy - still abound on Norfolk today.

They had been scratching an existence on Pitcairn until overcrowding threatened them with Extinction, and Queen Victoria arranged for them to be re-located.

Although almost 4,000 miles from Pitcairn, Norfolk was ideal and they settled in for long years of remote, peaceful life. Just a few eventually returned to Pitcairn and their descendants remain there to this day.

— Jean Turvey



Anyone with ancestors in Norfolk Island will be interested in two books in our library:
 (1) "Norfolk Island Embarkations to Van Diemen's Land 1807 - 1813", from ship's lists in the Tasmania Archives, and
 (2) "The Colonial Era Cemetery of Norfolk," which gives tombstone inscriptions and much background information. Member Val Pollitt has also recently done research on Norfolk Island.

A RELUCTANT ACTOR

Researching my husband's family has led to some very interesting people. His Great Grandfather, John Jones Byers was well documented in the Palmer and Hodgkinson goldfields N.Q. and in the Hughenden district. One of his sons, I discovered had also led a full life.

Hugh Wason Byers was known as Wason or Wasser, was born at Herberton N.Q. in 1890 and enlisted in World War I at Charters Towers in 1917 having earlier been rejected on medical grounds. He served in the 30/5th Light Horse and went to the Suez on the "H.T.Ormond" and returned to Australia in 1919.

Wason became a well known Northern Territory drover and was the manager of Lower Stuart Station N.T. until the District Protector of Aborigines from Derby 400 miles away, in a quoted 10 million to 1 chance, arrived at the station. Wason had been away from the property for a couple of weeks, leaving some Aborigine women in charge of the homestead. He arrived home to find his pride and joy, a vegetable patch much needed to supplement supplies, had died. After questioning the women, who blamed each other, he put them on the hot tin roof without shoes, as punishment, and was using his stockwhip to make sure they did not stay in one place. The District Protector arrived as this was taking place and Wason had his licence to employ Aborigines cancelled and lost his job.

Wason later became part owner of Coolibah Station near Katherine and lots of stories are written about his strength and fighting ability which he used to settle disputes on the property and elsewhere. He gained a reputation for using unconventional methods to get things done.

It was while Wason was at Coolibah that the movie "Jedda" was filmed there. He was given the role of the man who delivered the Aborigine baby to the white woman and was issued with an invitation to attend the Movie Premiere. He declined, mostly because his voice had been dubbed before the movie's release. He could not understand why this was done because his voice had been fine for him for fifty years. He also thought his life had been more exciting than any movie and it had been said that a movie director would have no trouble cooking up a dozen different films on Wason's life.

However he was very interested in the making of the movie and seeing the producer, Charles Chauvel getting in a spin and watching the technical "fellows" working. Wason was offered a "tenner" (£10 or \$20) for each time he worked on the set and to quote him "Sometimes I didn't say a dozen words".

During an interview with a Darwin correspondent in the 1950s he was asked how he filled in his time now that he was getting older, stated "I just take things easy, I am still pretty strong but don't do anything strenuous". A couple of weeks before the interview a report had come from Katherine that a truck with a party of six had broken down 70 miles from the nearest station, Top Springs.

Wason, who was one of the party, decided to walk to Top Springs to bring help. He covered the 70 miles in 21 hours, 2 hours faster than a native lad and it took him a full day to recover, partly because the group had been without food for three days before he started the long walk. So much for taking things easy.

He apparently never had time to marry and died in an old man's home in Charters Towers.

--Peg Strickland.



Wason Byers

"Why should I see a film?" he asks. His own life has been more interesting

BOOKCORNER FORGENIES

"*Twelve Decades of Grace*" by W.H. Paech is a history of the Lutheran Church in Victoria and Tasmania from 1853 to 1973. There is some reference to other states as well. There are chapters on Aboriginal Missions, Missions in New Guinea, Lutheran Schools, and Immigration to Australia after World War II from Central and Eastern Europe. A detailed history is given for each of the 46 Congregations in Victoria. The book abounds in photographs - churches, schools, pastors, their families, congregations, classes, and special gatherings. Many of the early photos are excellent. In 1973 there were 62 pastors in Victoria and all are listed with a short biographical note detailing birth, education, ordination, and all appointments. Most of these had served in other states at some time.

Anyone with Lutherans in Victoria will find material of significance to their family history. Other researchers will still find helpful information about Victoria. Each country district is placed in its historical context. For

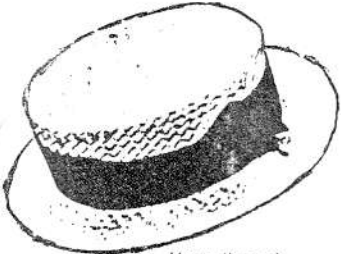
On page 132 an excellent map shows the railways of Victoria with the opening date of each section.



STRAWPLAITERS



This ladies' bonnet was made at Dunstable in 1835



Men's 'boater' Patented under the name 'RIGHTAT'. It was claimed to fit all



Not only ladies' bonnets, men's boaters and trilbies were made from straw. The helmets of the Luton Borough Police were also made of blue and white 'Rustic' plait.

Straw plait, the basic material of the straw hat and bonnet manufacture, was almost entirely produced in rural communities. During the nineteenth century the plaiting of straw had developed into a major cottage industry, especially in the counties which centered on the straw hat manufacturing towns of Luton and Dunstable. In Bedfordshire, Hertfordshire, Essex, and in the eastern part of Buckinghamshire women and children plaited straw to supplement the scant income provided by the low agricultural wages, as most adult males were still employed as farm labourers. Straw plaiting was ideally suited to the rural agricultural worker's family, as it required little or no capital outlay and used a widely available local material.

The technique of plaiting straw was learnt in early childhood. A small bundle of dampened straws, about nine inches long, were held under the plaiter's left armpit and were pulled out one or two at a time with the mouth by bending the head. The straws then were kept moist with the mouth, ready for use. Plaiters used their thumb and second finger of both hands to plait, leaving their forefingers for turning the splints. Setting in and pulling out new straws was a continuous process, giving rhythmic motion to the plaiters.

Plaits were made either from whole straws or straw which had been split into narrow 'splints'. Wholestraw plaits were rather cumbersome and produced a rather heavy straw hat. Much more favoured were plaits made from straw splints, which could be used for the finer ladies' bonnets. Three main forms of plaits were produced: Plain, Pearl, and Brilliant. Several types of plait in each of the three forms were developed, some by using coloured straws, others by plaiting two splints together to make 'improved' plaits. Pearl plaits, referred to as Rustic by the trade, were simple to make, usually attempted by children first learning to plait, while reciting the rhyme:

'Under one, under two,
Pull it tight, and that will do!

Brilliant plait, made by using single splints, and where only the shiny faces of the straws showed, was by far the most difficult to learn. Skill and practice were needed to achieve an even plait. Some of the best examples of the straw plaiters' art came in the many varieties of the Brilliant, such as Satin Middle, Wagon Wheel, Satin Box and Feather Edge.

Written by Jean Turvey, from information in "Children of Straw", obtained on I.L.L. (See Research Notes)

TURVEY FAMILY, 1861 Census, Cheddington, Bucks.

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|-------------|----------|-----|----|---|---------------|
| Abel Turvey | Head | Mar | 44 | 1 | Agrie Lab |
| Elizabeth W | Wife | Mar | 50 | | Wife |
| Elizabeth D | Daughter | Unm | 26 | | Straw Plaiter |
| William D | Son | Unm | 12 | | Ag. Lab |
| George D | Son | Unm | 14 | | S. D. |
| Joseph D | Son | Unm | 13 | | Scholar |
| Abel D | Son | Unm | 11 | | Ag. Lab |
| Emma D | Daughter | | 9 | | Scholar |

CENSUS

| | 1841 | 1851 | 1861 | 1871 | 1881 | 1891 | 1901 |
|-------|-------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|------|
| Beds | 1,607 | 10,054 | 11,476 | 20,701 | 15,058 | 10,191 | 485 |
| Bucks | 1,181 | 2,922 | 2,976 | 3,412 | 1,654 | 515 | 173 |
| Essex | 431 | 3,058 | 2,444 | 2,839 | 922 | 37 | - |
| Herts | 4,415 | 8,753 | 8,598 | 12,089 | 7,543 | 3,133 | 681 |

FEMALE STRAWPLAITERS
1841-1901.

WHY GENEALOGY ?

Latter-day Saints (members of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, more commonly known as Mormons) believe that the family is more than just a mechanism for bringing more people into the world — though it certainly is that. They also believe that the family is sacred to the Lord, and that it will continue eternally if family members are faithful.

But what is a family? The basic family first springs to mind — father, mother, children. But every parent has parents; most children will have children; and the picture of the extended family emerges as a long web of relationships extending from the present back to the beginning; and from now forward into eternity.

No wonder, then, that Latter-day Saints are eager to find out who their ancestors were and to do the temple work that must be done for them. That's why Latter-day Saints are so dedicated to genealogical research. They are prompted not just by curiosity, but also by love for their distant forebears.

The Church's Genealogical Society was first formed in 1894; today the society, now known as the Family History Department, is one of the most prominent genealogical organisations in the world. The Family History Library, adjacent to Temple Square in Salt Lake City, Utah, is the largest of its kind in the world. Most of the records kept there are on microfilm, but an increasing amount of information is stored for speedy retrieval in computers — records from churches and governments from dozens of countries and centuries. Of course, modern records are not kept there — people who are still alive are found by missionaries, not genealogists. But over a million 100 foot rolls of microfilm are available for genealogists to research free of charge, whether they are Latter-day Saints or not. (The charges at branch libraries covers the costs of postage and handling for records not kept locally.)

And the collection, financed by the tithes paid by Church members, grows at the rate of over 4,000 rolls

of film and 500 printed volumes a month. Church-sponsored microfilming is currently going on in some three dozen countries, with more than 80 camera crews bust at the seemingly endless task of collecting all pertinent records existing in the world.

Besides the main library in Salt Lake City, branch family history centres have been set up in every country where the Church is organised. About 500 such centres are now in operation, with from 30 to 50 new centres opened every year. The microfilm collection of the main library is circulated on request to the branches for use by more than a million people a year who use the centres.

It is a powerful and existing idea: We who live today are not helpless to reach out and help those who came before. To Latter-day Saints, God's love extends not just to those within earshot of the prophets, but to all mankind in every time, in every place; and families are not just temporary, meaningless groups of people, but rather eternal units organised in unbroken chains reaching from the deepest past into the farthest future.

For further information please contact the Mackay Family History Centre of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints on 52-1974.

CAN YOU HELP ?

I am researching the following two families from the Mackay district and would appreciate any help at all.

STRACHAN - John Strachan was born in Berwick, Scotland in 1852 to farmer, George Strachan and his wife, Ann Brown. On 27 March 1884 in Charters Towers, Queensland, Australia, he married Julia DWYER the daughter of farmer, John Dwyer and his wife, Kate Knorkett of Milfort, County Cork, Ireland. Known children are as follows; George born 20.7.1886, Mary Ann born 7.4.1888, Kate Eileen Ellen born 28.6.1891 and John James born 21 April 1893. It is believed all these children were born in Croydon.

According to the 1904 Mackay Post Office Directory, a John Strachan was a Railway Station Master, living in Alfred Street. It is known that John James was living in Farleigh in November 1915. John Strachan died in 1897 and his wife Julia died in 1898.

PHELPS - Bessie Phelps was born in Mackay in 1900, the daughter of Mirani butcher, Allan Phelps and his wife, Isabella Wilson Strath. She was educated at the Mirani State School and then became a teacher there. In 1926 she married Colin Michael Murray, a railway clerk from Rockhampton who was working in the Mirani district.

If you have any information at all on either of the above families, please contact, Toni Philipoom, "Cawarral", Rockhampton Qld. 4702, or phone 344352

Mrs Ann Smith of Westmead N.S.W. is seeking details of her father's connection with the Mackay area. His name is ERNEST WILLIAM BROADHEAD, born 1887 and had a Sugar Cane Farm at ETON. Mr Broadhead was related to TOM LEONARD and the PORTER Family. Mrs Smith is particularly interested in Land Details and Historical Mill Suppliers lists as well as Family Connections. Details may be forwarded direct to Mrs Smith at 24 Whitworth St., Westmead, N.S.W. or to Ross and Lynda Locke, ph 422450 A.H.



REMEMBER

MONTHLY MEETINGS - 1st Wednesday . 7.30 p.m. Next, 2 OCT.

- PLACE - Milton St. High School, Room D10.

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER appears at meeting and then in library.

DEADLINE FOR NEWSLETTER - 2 weeks before meeting. Next, 23 OCT.

GENEALOGICAL LIBRARY within North Mackay Library opens 9.30-5.30 daily, plus to 8 p.m. Thur, plus Sat. 9.00-1.00.

RESEARCH ASSISTANCE in this library - 12.30 to 2.30 Tuesdays and 2nd & 4th Wednesdays. Or ring 422539. Also 2nd Saturday 10-12

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QLD STATE ARCHIVES TO HOLD QLD REGISTERS pre-1890

The Registrar General's Office in Brisbane will be transferring all their Qld pre-1890 Birth, Death and Marriage Registers to Qld State Archives in the New Year. From 2 Jan, all requests for Qld certificates before 1890 should be sent to Queensland State Archives, PO Box 491, Annerley, Q. 4103. The certificate will still be an authorized copy and it will still cost \$17.50. However, this will now be a reproduction of the original with the original handwriting there to be interpreted and also showing any notations added later after the original registration, which will give more information in 25% of cases, it is claimed.

NOTE: The Mackay Office and other local registrars will keep their register books and continue to issue typed up certificates as before. However, it would seem better to get this reproduction of the original from the Archives.

TRASH & TREASURE STALL RAISED \$500

A great number of members donated material and helped on the day. Thankyou to all who contributed, especially to Sue, and to Jean who continued to sell from home what was not sold on the day. Special thanks to Mavis Sheedy who made and iced the lovely cake, the raffle of which greatly boosted the funds raised.

INDEXERS ARE BUSY

Indexing of our Burial Records is progressing steadily. Bev Stevenson is carding the Mt Morgan register. Joan Hazeldene has re-commenced her carding of the Mt Bassett records. The Presbyterian Marriages are almost completed, thanks to Peg Strickland, Joyce Jensen, Joan Furlong, Denise Neville, and Dulcie Patterson. The typed up alphabetical list of all names on the cards has been done for the Mackay Cemetery by Jean Turvey, and for the Sarina Cemetery by Ann Laws, helped by Hilda Maclean. Anyone else willing to help at home or at the library, ring Peg on 575462.

MARYBOROUGH TO CELEBRATE ARRIVAL OF FIRST DIRECT IMMIGRANTS

The ship 'Ariadne' arrived in Maryborough in October 1862, the first immigrant ship to sail direct to the Port of Maryborough. To celebrate the 130 years anniversary of this event, a week-end of activities and re-unions is being arranged on October 3 and 4, 1992. The organizers would like to hear from any descendants of the immigrants from the 'Ariadne'. Write to The Ariadne Committee, PO Box 913, Maryborough, Qld. 4650.

GOSSIP GETS AROUND.....SOME RECENT SUCCESS STORIES

Nita Drury wrote a letter to the editor of "The Tipperary Star" in Ireland, enquiring for connections of Mary Ryan of Ballysorell who emigrated to Qld alone as a young girl. She was overjoyed to receive two wonderful letters within three weeks, one from a Ryan still on the same old farm. Dulcie Patterson on a recent trip in N.S. Wales managed to meet up with more Millgates. Joyce Jensen gathered up her Parsons ancestors for centuries when she read the L.D.S. film of Births, Marriages and Deaths 1561 - 1830 for the parish of Lapworth in Warwickshire. Peg Strickland had similar success with her film of Wrentham in Suffolk 1602 - 1899. New member Shirley Jones had despaired of ever finding out about a merchant seaman who disappeared at sea during World War II. However, she found an address in "Roll Call", and received a great reply, with full details. Jean Turvey has found another branch of her Holdway family through an entry in the GSQ directory "Connections". The researcher who replied is preparing a book on the family, so is just as anxious to get Jean's information as Jean is to get his. Gerry Woodruff could not believe his luck when a reply to his Genealogical Directory entry supplied his family tree back to 1600. Even luckier was the phone call that woke the Woodruffs one night at 1.30 a.m. It was a dear lady in Kent, England, ringing the wrong number. Kathy Woodruff was alert enough to ask the dear lady if she lived anywhere near Deal in Kent. Yes, she was quite close to Deal - and yes, she knew of Woodruffs still there - and she certainly would contact them!



1. Phone books of the whole world are kept at the Telecom library in each capital city. The Brisbane Telecom library is at 131 Barry Parade, Fortitude Valley, 4006. This library is open to the public, and pages of phone books may be copied. For country people, postal requests within reason are answered (note that our GSQ library has all phone books of Ireland and Scotland).

2. Christian Brothers in Australia. When a member of the Catholic order of Christian Brothers dies, his life story is written up and printed in the Brothers' magazine. The "lives" form the Necrology of the Brothers. Anyone with a Christian Brother in the family will find this a good source as it gives the life story of a notable family member and, in describing his early life, throws light on his whole family at that time.

3. New Indexes: (a) Queensland marriages and deaths 1905-1914
(b) Victoria marriages 1915-1930 and deaths 1941-1960
We have ordered these and they should be in our library shortly. New South Wales will soon issue more also. All Victorian certificates now cost \$29 or \$14.50 if reference number is quoted.

4. *ROLL CALL* is sub-titled "A Guide to the Genealogy Sources in the Australian War Memorial", but it is also much more than that. Section 6 is a brief guide to armed forces' records elsewhere and gives records held by, and addresses of other institutions in Australia, New Zealand and Great Britain - including museums and Associations of all British regiments that served in Australia 1788-1870. This Section 6 provided the address that Shirley Jones wrote to about the sailor lost in the merchant navy.

5. Australian soldiers who served in the Boer War (1899-1902) can be found in the book *Official Records of the Australian Military Contingents to the War in South Africa* by Lt Col. P C Murry, published in 1911 and recently reprinted. This book was ordered on Inter Library Loan by Joyce Nicholson and eagerly devoured by her and several other researchers. As the index does not contain names of ordinary soldiers, some searching is necessary, however, all names are there listed under Unit. Once the soldier is found in his Unit, the engagements he took part in can be followed in detail, and this is most interesting. At the end of the war, a surprising number of Australian soldiers opted to remain in South Africa or to go to England - up to one-fifth of some units - however, the names of individuals not returning to Australia are not given.

6. *LOG OF LOGS* has been published Ian Nicholson after 20 years of research. Its sub-title describes its content: "A catalogue of logs, journals, shipboard diaries, letters and all forms of voyage narratives, 1788 to 1988, for Australia and New Zealand and surrounding oceans". Its format is an alphabetical list of the boats, giving for each boat details of its voyage, of the journals or letters, and of the availability of the originals and copies. One entry reads:

ARAB, ship/CT, 403t, RR BROWN: Lon - Deal, 25.6 - Htn, 6.11, w.152 m. pris. 1822
+ Jnl by Surgeon C Carter * AJCP PRO reel 3188.

Meaning: The ship ARAB of 403 tons, employed as a convict transport, under Capt RR Brown, sailed from London, & took departure from Deal, 25.6.1822, arriving at Hobart Town on 6.11.1822, with 152 male prisoners. Surgeon C Carter's journal of voyage is on AJCP microfilm reel 3188, ex orig in PRO Lon.



Information about *Log of Logs* is supplied by Ellen Jackson who wrote to John Oxley Library to see if there was a journal of a particular voyage of *La Rochelle*. Pages copied for her are now in our information file.

7. Ingham burial records are now in our library in the form of a computer printout of names in alphabetical order. This contains in one list all buried in the Ingham Old, Ingham New, and Halifax cemeteries (all controlled by the Ingham Shire Council). It does not contain names of those buried at Victoria Estate in the cemetery still administered by CSR - we are inquiring about these also.

8. Ireland records are scanty and patchy and part of the problem is to know what records do still exist. The book *Irish Records* by James C Ryan is a very thorough and up to date listing of existing records set out county by county. This book is in most libraries. Any researcher stuck on Irish research should also study the list of sources available in Canberra at Wild Geese Research Services, P O Box 129, Hawker, ACT 2614. This list is in our Irish research box and included census records, parish registers, apprentice indentures, monumental, lists of burgesses, directories, etc - over 500 items in all, most referring to one particular area only. Any one of these records listed will be searched for a fee and all entries with a particular surname will be extracted and sent in response to a postal inquiry.

NO CHANGE - 150 YEARS LATER

In 1841, Census enumerators were instructed to estimate and record the total for their district of the number of persons sleeping rough i.e. "in barns, sheds, tents, or the open air", "or who, although within the district, have not been enumerated as inmates of any dwelling-house." A recent reading of the 1841 Census for Wapping and Shadwell in the East End of London revealed that there were hundreds of people in this category and recorded in bulk.

In 1991, the London Press reported:-

LONDON. — Census Day brought bemused residents of London's cardboard boxes and shop doorways their first look at the form destined to shape Government social policy for the next decade. As 23 million householders prepared to disclose the number of rooms in their homes, 16-year-old Shaun Shaw sat in a shop doorway wondering what help it would bring him. Shaun has been sleeping rough in the West End since he hitched a lift from Birmingham four weeks ago. A friend he was staying with was evicted from his home. The Office of Population Censuses and Surveys said an army of field workers, many from housing charities, would be scouring the streets for people sleeping rough.

NEW MEMBERS of our Branch

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SCRUBBY NEWS

In the early days of settlement of our district, the bullock wagons travelled with supplies from the Port of Mackay to stations over the range at Nebo (then Fort Cooper) and further on. Each day's journey was followed by a night's rest for the men and the bullocks, with the stopping place having to be a reasonable day's journey along the way and one where there was water. The first of these stops for the teams from Mackay was 12km from Mackay where the track to Nebo crossed Scrubby Creek. From there they would travel 15km to Eton on Sandy Creek; 17km up the Eton Range to a stop beside Black Waterhole Creek, which became known as "the Range"; 18km on to The Retreat on Dennison Creek; then 21km onto Nebo on Nebo Creek.

At each stop, a public house was soon established - even before the licence was granted officially. The first Mackay newspaper in 1866 printed the official applications for hotel licences at four of the five places mentioned on this route.

The first of these stops grew into Walkerston (in the beginning called Alsatia). Old Scrubby Creek became affectionately and inseparably associated with this settlement from the 1860s until the present. Now, when a newsletter has emerged from the Walkerston Neighbourhood Centre Group during 1991, it is not surprising that it is called *Scrubby News*.

It is issued every two months, edited by Bente McDonald of the Walkerston Library, and as well as news, advertisements and notices of local activities, it contains historical articles. Volume 2 contained articles on four local families: Pearce - Griffin, Cunningham - Deneham, Dowling - Milton, and Ryan - Bowler. In addition, anecdotes from the past, like "Flat Foot Discipline", sharpen the historical flavour. *Scrubby News* may be purchased for 40 cents. It is also filed in our Library and the Oxley Library.

QUOTABLE GENIWISE

I don't know about you, but I for one do not want to be remembered for the fact I was born, married and died. I would like to think that my life was put to some use and that my experiences may help others.

The art of recording the Family History is as interesting and rewarding as tracing one's genealogy. The thrill of the chase is knowing who he was, what he did and where he came from - rather than just his name.



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Places in the Mackay Area Holding Material which may Help Family Historians

(1) Mackay Registry Office (Court House, Victoria Street) holds the original registers of births marriages and deaths registered in the Mackay District and at Fort Cooper and St Lawrence from 1864 to now. These are not open to public search. Indexes for births to 1904 and marriages and deaths to 1914 are available at (2) below and at some other libraries, or a death date may be found from burial records at (2) or (12) below. The Mackay Registrar can supply a full certificate if the event was registered here, but has no record of a birth, marriage or death registered elsewhere.

(2) North Mackay Library (Ungerer Street) has a genealogy room with some material provided by our GSO branch and some material provided by the library itself. Holdings include all available indexes to Australian births, marriages and deaths on microfiche; the International Genealogical Index (IGI) world-wide (1984 edition); Queensland immigration records 1840-1920; Queensland electoral rolls to 1900; Queensland naturalisation records to 1904; Post Office directories; current electoral rolls and phone books for all Australia; all phone books of Ireland and Scotland; many books and magazines referring to Australia and overseas. Of the local area, records are held of all deaths and/or burials (with indexes); surviving baptism and marriage registers of Presbyterian and Methodist Churches pre-uniting; details of schools and churches; cutting books of local families etc.

(3) The Family History Centre of the Latter Day Saints Church (commonly called the Mormon Library) is in the church at the corner of Field and McGinn Streets. Here can be found the current IGI, microfiched records such as *Lewis' Topographical directory of Ireland 1837*, and some books and atlases. There is a microfiche catalogue of all holdings of their huge central library and from this any particular microfilm can be ordered in to the local library. Thus it is possible to access original records such as census and church records from all over the world.

(4) The Mackay Court House (Victoria Street) holds all the Queensland Government Gazettes from 1870 to 1970 - a whole wall of the actual books - in a room next to the Court Room. Researchers should ask at the main office. Remember that there is an index at the front of each volume. The Old Government Gazette was issued every week or so from the beginning and recorded all government business exactly and completely from laws to licences issued, from land leases to appointments of teachers, and even of school committees. The whole of Queensland is covered in these Gazettes.

(5) Mackay Daily Mercury (Wellington Street) holds a complete run of all papers printed in Mackay with the ones from before 1940 available on microfilm. Those from 1940 on are available in newspaper form and may be photocopied. There are no indexes. (Note: (6) below has papers from 1980 onwards with index.)

(6) Mackay City Library (Gordon Street) specialises in local history and has a Local History Room with books (some now out of print), magazines, maps, a vertical file, and an extensive photograph collection. Holdings include some of Clive Moore's research notes and index cards on Mackay and on South Sea Islanders; all *Mackay Daily Mercury* from 1980 onwards in bound volumes with an index of the main articles; the Queensland births, marriages and deaths index and the Post Office Directories on microfiche; some local school admission registers, and the Mackay cemetery tombstones inscriptions with index. The reference section of the main library is extensive and includes the *Dictionary of National Biography*, *Newspapers in Australian Libraries*, and many others useful to genealogists.

(7) The Greenmount Homestead (Walkerston), the home of the Mackay Local History Society, holds the Cook family library and papers which, with added material, is a mine of information on local history. This and the extensive photo collection is being catalogued by Betty Clarke. The house with its contents forms a living book to illustrate life two and three generations ago.

(8) Mirani Library and Museum is interested especially in Pioneer Valley history and people and is building up its collection of information and artefacts relating to this area.

(9) Delys Jeppesen (Bloomsbury) collects and indexes information about Proserpine people, places and events from cuttings old and new and from donated writings and photos.

(10) Some churches still have their own records and will allow research or provide information free; however, the Anglican Church has closed access to researchers and now charges to do the research itself. Most Catholic registers have been sent to Father Punzell in Rockhampton who also charges for research. Presbyterian and Methodist surviving records before 1977 are in (2) above and open to research.

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Do you know -

What is the Henry Code?

Some family historians find the Henry Code a simple and useful way to number and identify persons in the family being researched. In this system, brothers and sisters in the one family are numbered in order of birth, and the generations are separated by a dot. On my Chamberlain family tree, I can be identified as 1.12.4.10.5.1. This begins with my g.g.g. grandfather, Richard Chamberlain, born 1770, whose 12th child had several children, the 4th of which had my grandmother as his 10th child, and so on. This then is my code number in this family and cannot refer to any other member.

A modified Henry Code has been suggested to save space in a computer line. In this, numbers above 9 are replaced with letters so 10=A, 11=B, 12=C, etc. This allows for up to 35 children with only one character for each, so now instead of -

I am 1.12.4.10.5.1 (13 spaces)
or 1.C.4.A.5.1 (11 spaces)
or 1C4A51 (6 spaces)

for now the dot can be omitted without any confusion. Note that, in this family, all my cousins will also begin with 1C4A, but will be followed by two different digits from mine. Note also that I am the 6th generation of Richard Chamberlain at the head of the tree, the number of digits giving the number of generations.

HILDA MACLEAN TO ADDRESS FEBRUARY MEETING

We look forward eagerly to hearing Hilda Maclean speak at the meeting on 5 FEB 1992, on her researches into her Norwegian ancestors. Hilda has been successful in putting together a family tree covering a thousand years. Her method of sketching out the tree in pencil on huge sized drawing books will also prove of great interest.

PLACES IN MACKAY. (continued from previous page)



(11) Some schools still hold their own admission registers. Older registers and registers of closed schools should be deposited in the Queensland State Archives in Brisbane; however, some have been lost or destroyed and some still have not been deposited. Check the school for the original or a copy. Check if a booklet exists as these often have printed the admissions in an abbreviated form. See also (4) and (2) above.

(12) Every Local Council holds burial registers of any cemetery which it controls. The Mackay City Council controls Mackay cemetery and Mt Bassett cemetery - and now charges \$24 per name to reveal what is entered in the register! Pioneer, Mirani, Sarina and Nebo Councils, however, will provide all information free of charge. The sexton of the cemetery may be able to help, or a funeral director; however, all of these records including the Mackay City Council's are available at the North Mackay Library, with index. (Postal inquiries are answered if a donation is enclosed.)

(13) All libraries hold many books helpful to researchers, some being for loan while others are for reference only. If non-fiction books are numbered in the Dewey System, books on genealogy numbered 929, but some libraries use different numbering systems so search the catalogue by subject required to find where a book is placed. Through any local library a researcher also may request on inter library loan any book by title, or make a general request such as "a history of Stanthorpe" or "information on the cottage industry of button making in Dorset in the 19th century". The Australian Encyclopedia is a good source of concise information on any person, place or event in Australia and "further reading" at the end of the article will give the title of books or papers which may be chased up on ILL. Also, a bibliography or footnote in a book may reveal a further source of information.

Mackay State High School library (Milton Street) is the local library with the oldest magazine holdings. Any reference to an article in a magazine in the 1960s or before may be found here. [Of course ILL can copy for you any article in a magazine however old.]

University library (Penn Street) is stocked by James Cook University and USQ (Darling Downs) for the benefit of external tertiary students but is open to all researchers.

TAFE library (Sydney Street) is also open to the public. It houses its own collection and the library of the University of Central Queensland. These libraries can be checked for historical information or information on a particular subject.

St Patrick's School library is likely to be able to supply information on the Catholic Church and its priests, brothers and sisters.

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS



A merry Christmas to all our readers.

This Christmas card of about 1915 is in the form of a post card. Made in Germany, it is embossed and printed in colours and gold. It is from the large postcard collection of Joyce Jensen, whose grandma Mrs Morris of Herries St, Toowoomba, received it from a friend in Queensland. It is still very attractive and must have been even more so then.

MEMO FOR THE HOLIDAYS

- * School Holidays - 14 DEC 1991 to 27 JAN 1992
- * NO MEETING in January and NO NEWSLETTER
- * Our Library is open whenever the North Mackay Library opens.
- * N. Mackay Library closes only on the 3 public holidays.
- * NO RESEARCH ASSISTANCE in the School Holidays.
- * Brisbane GSQ Library closes 20 DEC to 13 JAN
- * NEXT MEETING - 5 FEB 1992 Milton St High
- * Articles needed for February newsletter.
- * Have a merry Christmas.

As we look back

Young Ole came across the sea a long, long time ago,
He came to make a new life in this land "down below!"
He left his loved ones and his home in Denmark far away
He learned of growing sugar cane and worked hard, day by day

Then finally he bought this land in eighteen eighty-seven
This fertile land, a cast estate, to him it seemed like heaven
He took a wife, a pretty girl, Emma was her name
And soon there on their little farm a family they became.

Their sons were Jack, Bob and Bert, Percy and Walter too,
Their daughters Emma and Violet, May and Mabel formed their crew
The years rolled by and Ole worked with firm determination
He had no modern implements, no farming automation.

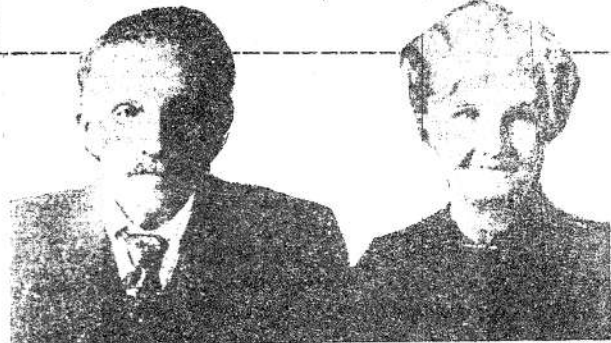
He drove his team of gentle giants those draught horses of old
He worked his farm day by day to sustain his growing fold
His sons too settled on the land making his heart glad
Extending the cane growing crops, following their dad.

Then sadly his life ended while still an active man
He died with his boots on so to speak, leaving the reins to Gran
So Granny became the matriarch of the Matsen generation
She saw them growing through the years to form a little nation.

A white haired lady known to us as someone to respect
A gentle soul but very firm with manners so correct
Now with her Ole in the grave they sleep in silent peace
Not knowing as the years passed by of their family's great increase.

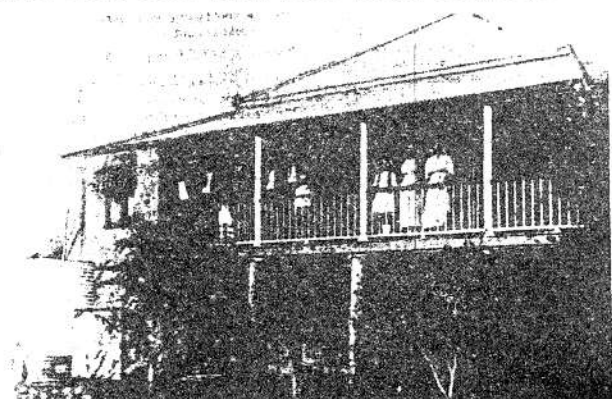
If they were only here today, if they could only know
Of the family Ole stated off one hundred years ago.
But time moves ever onward and we the living know
They live in everyone of us as they did so long ago.

Dedicated to the memory of my Grandparents and read on the occasion of the Centenary of my Grandfather taking up the land for cane growing. This Celebration, held on that land on April 11, 1987, was attended by over 200 direct descendants.



Ole and Emma Matsen

From "Memories of the Past and Other Verses", an anthology by Dawn Selby, former member. Read this book from your local library.



Ole and Emma and their family at the original homestead

Mackay Genie Gossip



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EXPERTS TALK AT MEETINGS

This year our meetings have become more interesting because we are having a speaker to address us at the beginning of each meeting. At the February meeting, member Hilda Maclean spoke with enthusiasm and expertise of her research in Norway. All were very interested in her large circular pedigree chart showing 8 generations with 128 ascendants in the outer circle, and her other large descent charts which are working charts in large art books, drawn in pencil so they can be altered easily. Many with research in Norway were able to get practical advice too. At the March meeting, Janet Reakes on video did everyone good. We are looking forward to Jim Anderson's address at the April meeting on Scottish Surnames, and to Bruce Lees' at the May meeting on finding out about Australian Soldiers in both World Wars.

GENEROUS DONATION

Another microfiche reader is now in our library. Many thanks to Brendan Maguire who donated it, after discovering it for sale and purchasing it himself. Would all members please be on the look-out for used machines, furniture and supplies for the library, which come up for sale or tender, so our society can buy them.

7TH AUSTRALIAN CONGRESS ON GENEALOGY AND FAMILY HISTORY

In July 1994, the congress will be held in Brisbane at the University of Queensland, St. Lucia. This Congress, held every 4 years, has never before been in Queensland, so this time Queensland genies will find it easier to partake of this feast of genealogy. The congress is being organized by 17 Societies in Queensland who have incorporated for the purpose. G.S.Q. is not one of these 17. Many of its members, however, will be keen to attend. For more information or to register an interest in attending, write to The Congress Secretary, PO Box 40, South Brisbane, Qld, 4101.

THIS YEAR'S TIMETABLE FOR MORMON LIBRARY

The Family History Centre of the Church of Latter Day Saints is in a room of the church at the corner of Field and McGinn Streets. It will open on Tuesdays from 7 to 9 pm and on Wednesdays 10am to 4pm. It will be closed on all School and Public Holidays. The last day to order films this year will be 21st October, and the centre will close on 25th November. Phone 521974 during the above hours; or 513550 and 425518 anytime; or 575091 after 5pm.

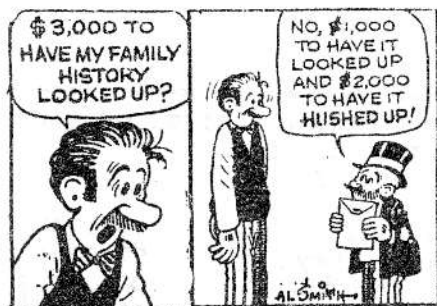
METHODIST MARRIAGES NOW ALL INDEXED

Our library holds microfilm copies fo all surviving marriage registers 1901 - 1977 of Mackay Methodist Churches. Now we are pleased to announce that a card index is complete with one index of names, brides and grooms being interfiled. This has been accomplished with a great deal of steady careful recording and checking by Peg Strickland and her team of helpers - Dulcie Patterson, Joyce Jensen, Joan Furlong and Rube Stevens.

NEW UNI LIBRARY OPEN TO ALL

The Library of the University of Central Queensland, Mackay Campus at Planlands is open to all to research. Hours are Monday to Wednesday, 10am to 7pm; Saturday 9am to 12 noon. The former library of the University Centre in Penn Street has been incorporated into this library. Also Thursday + Friday 10am to 4pm.

RESEARCH NOTES



1. *Family Tree Magazine* is published in England but boasts it has "an international flavour". This is quite true, and all researchers should scan these monthly magazines for articles relevant to their own research and for the latest in resources available and research techniques. There is a series running now on "Old Occupations" with a different one appearing each month. Mackay GSQ library holds all numbers from Volume 2 Number 2 and receives them regularly. We have recently obtained the indexes issued to Volumes 3, 4 and 5, which will assist greatly anyone using the earlier issues. This magazine has a wide distribution and so is an excellent means to advertise lost lines. Every issue features a page "Connections Sought". These advertisements and books and charts marketed by *Family Tree* can be paid for by Visa, Access or Mastercard, by letter or phone, or by cheques or notes in Australian dollars, thus avoiding the \$6 bank surcharge. Note also that a subscription to this magazine can be ordered and paid for from their Australian agent, Library of Australian History 17 Mitchell Street, North Sydney NSW 2060.

2. A new Research Directory has been purchased for our library. It is *Family History Knowledge - UK 1991* by Keith and Tracy Park. Note that it covers research in the UK only which includes Northern Ireland but not Eire. It is a large book with 200,000 entries and is similar to the GRD published in Australia except that, as well as the place, the time period known and the time period being researched are given. Along with the name and address of the contributor is added other connected families being researched by that person, which is a better help for making connections rather than being given just the place. Printed in a separate section is a useful listing of all possible variations of a surname. It COSTS NOTHING TO ENTER families being researched, but the book is not sent to contributors as is the GRD. Of course, it may be purchased if wanted and our Society will continue to do so. To enter research interests for the next issue, copy forms on pages 513-4 in the Directory and post to Family History Club, 19 Penybryn Street, Mountain Avenue, Mid Glamorgan CF45 3TJ, as soon as possible. More entries resulting from on going research may be sent later and, if received before the end of November, will be in the next directory.

3. Devon and Nottingham researchers especially are grateful to two of our members who donate to our library their publications received from England. Many thanks to Warren Pitt, a member of the Devon FHS, and Ross Locke, a member of the Nottingham FHS. They deposit their societies' journals, research interest directories, etc on our shelves when they have finished with them.

4. The Alison Rogers Index of Deaths has proved a goldmine for many members but may not be known to newer genies. It is an index of deaths collected over many years from burial registers, tombstone inscriptions and other sources, mainly in Queensland with some from elsewhere. Write to Mrs Alison Rogers, 9 Foreshaw Street, Bargara Q 4670. Send 3 stamps for each name requested plus a stamped addressed envelope for reply. Supply full name and any other known details, especially when last known to be alive. Alison Rogers will reply with all possibilities appearing in her index.

5. The Catholic Church of Australia has an official Year Book, listing by place, all priests, brothers, sisters, churches, schools, etc. Bev McGowan has acquired one of these official Year Books for 1961-62 and will look it up for anyone who is interested (phone 59 8551).

6. Two new local histories. Shirley Jones reports that *Livingstone, a History of the Shire of Livingstone* by Leo M Carpenter is available from the Mackay City Library on loan. It can be purchased from the Livingstone Shire Library, Yeppoon Q, for approximately \$26. It covers the town of Yaamba, Caves, Emu Park, Yeppoon, Kepple Sands, Cawarral, Mt Chalmers, etc, and is a very factual book of dates for everything from settlement in 1856. Helen Butler has *The Cambooya Story 1840 - 1990* by Rae Pennycook. It can be purchased from Cambooya Shire Council, Greenmount W 4359, for \$25 incl. post. It contains good one page write ups of dozens of families and covers districts of Cambooya, Greenmount, Nobby, Eton Creek, etc.

Louisa Uttermöhlen - my "Granny Kann"

On 28 January 1857 at Benterode, Hanover, Germany, a daughter was born to Heinrich and Willamina Uttermohlen. Two years later a son, Heinrich Casper, was born and a year later another son, August, arrived.

On 17 May 1862 the family sailed from Hamburg for Moreton Bay on the *La Rochelle*. Louisa, now five years old, was destined to become my maternal grandmother and the only grandparent I really knew.

No mention of August is to be found on arrival in Australia and, as six children died on the voyage, I presume he was one of them, and in 1868 another August was born in Australia. He followed Sophia, born 1864, and Willamina, born 1866 (died 1884), who was followed by Annie, born 1871. The family went to Rawbell Station where Heinrich was engaged as a shepherd. It seems they spent their working years there before coming to settle in Gayndah.

Louisa was apparently a happy girl and could have been a bit of a tomboy. She evidently joined in the activities of the town. I have the printed account of her being one of the first group of girls to ride as jockeys in the first ever Lady's Derby to be held. Louisa came third. As the oldest child and a girl, she would no doubt have been her mother's help with the younger members of the family, but she found time to learn to ride a horse.

On 29 October 1880 at Gayndah, she married Hergen Martin Johannes Kann who had migrated with his parents and one brother on the *Beausite* on 15 May 1866. Together they raised all of their ten children. The third born and second daughter, Alice Sophie, was my mother.

Louisa must have been a 'prominent figure' in the town for her husband, Martin Kann, took a very active part in the administrative side of the town. He was an alderman for many years and was very progressive in his thinking. His father had been likewise a noted figure in the beginnings of this town. On his arrival, he almost immediately took over the contract to complete the building of the school which had lapsed following the misappropriation of money set aside for its completion (happened then too!). This was the fifth school in the state. He also built the Church of England Church and the School of Arts. This latter building is now part of the local G.H. Society. The old school still stands as part of the town's heritage in the grounds of a now large country learning complex. Unfortunately, the church was demolished to rebuild a modern church on the same ground.

I think now of Granny Kann and wonder how ever she housed and fed ten children in a tiny two bedroom dwelling of the day, four rooms on the square with a tiny verandah that opened onto the footpath - I think now, "Where did they all sleep?"

She was German from beginning to end. She drove my mother and aunt to distraction by persisting in singing and whistling German songs at a time when just being German was enough to have you interned and, by then, the local police station had been built next to her tiny home. I guess the town knew "Granny Kann" and perhaps remembered that in World War I she had watched as a young mother, two of her sons go off in the army to fight against their very own kin whom she had left not so many years before. I think about this now and can only wonder what her thoughts and feelings were at that time.

How do I remember her...? As I was a late arrival, born when my parents were 40 years of age, Granny was an old woman before I remember her clearly. Long black frocks and large aprons, long black hair pulled back in a bun and only a sprinkling of grey in it; toothless except for one stubborn lower stomach tooth which refused to fall out as all the others had done; Granny steadfastly

Louisa Uttermohlen (continued from page 3)

refused all her children's offers to buy her dentures. She would have none of "your new-fangled ideas", and, truth to tell, she didn't need them for she could do with her gums what the rest of us needed our teeth for. I remember her warm little kitchen and old wood stove always alight, and the lovely smells of cooking; the shelves beside the stove with their huge jars of pickled onions and wild gherkins... and the sauerkraut ... Oh, how I loved it! And on a winter's day when my mother and I had driven to town for supplies in the sulky pulled by Alma, the sulky mare, we would tether the horse in Granny's yard and she would have a pot of oxtail stew for us and I've never had a nicer meal. There was a depression of immense magnitude, yet we were never hungry. Granny had passed on her skills to her daughter who was also a wondrous cook and could make a tasty meal from little more than ingenuity and imagination.

Martin Kann had been the town "lemonade maker" and, because my mother helped him in the factory, we always had a supply of ginger beer, horehound and hop beer, this last made from wild hops that grew in profusion in Granny's backyard. Also, in that backyard, grew the largest mulberry tree I have ever seen, which produced the fattest and sweetest of fruit in a seemingly endless supply. Granny would let us spread her old sheets over the ground and we would shake the tree and gather the fallen fruit for lovely mulberry pies. How easy it was to fill hungry young tummies then - always 'chooks' in the backyard, and a cow for milk, cream and butter; home baked bread, scones and damper, and, of course, the inevitable huge tin of Golden Syrup, seven pounds in weight. I still love it.

Granny bore all her children in the bed she used from the time she married Martin. The midwife was always her mother. Later on, two of her daughters gave birth to illegitimate daughters in the same bed as they had been born in. She then took on the task of rearing these children. One survived to become a much loved member of the family. The other little girl died aged 16 months.

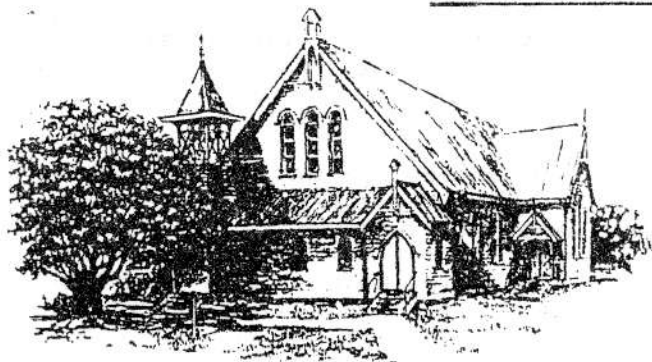
Remembering her life now as I knew it, I marvel at the stamina of these pioneering women and what they were capable of accepting as their lot. She lived to bury her husband and two of her sons and was active to the last. At age 92 she was whistling as usual and making her bed, when she just lay across it and was at rest. On 3rd March 1949, the life of a wondrous woman came to an end.

God Bless you "Granny Kann".

Rube Stevens

ST. PAULS UNITING CHURCH, MACKAY.

FORMERLY ST PAUL'S PRESBYTERIAN.



St Paul's is the oldest timber church of its size in Northern Australia. The laying of the Foundation Stone on June 22, 1897, coincided with the empire-wide Diamond Jubilee celebrations of Queen Victoria. Designed by Brisbane architect, Walter Carey Voller, built at a cost of £1200, the church was opened and dedicated by the Rev SG Crawford on February 27, 1898.

Set on low timber stumps, clad in spotted gum chamferboards, mouldings of hoop pine decorate the exterior with detailing reminiscent of that of stone buildings. The traditional church interior reveals a Gothic arch, full pitch roof and exposed rafters of hoop pine. The ceiling is of Kauri pine.

The belfry contains a ship's bell donated by parishoner, Captain HSC Adrian in 1897.

SHARING THE FAMILY'S TREASURES.

I was shown a tin trunk belonging to my grandfather who died in 1970 and in it were books and cards from the 1880's, letters and cards from the boys in World War I, and other family letters. These are so wonderful, sad, spiritual and amazing that I have had them photocopied into booklet form for the relatives to read. If anyone is interested in reading these letters, let me know.

Shirley Jones, Phone 523124 A/H

OBTAINING CERTIFICATES FROM THE BRITISH ISLES

- Further notes to article in Genie Gossip No 34, May, 1991

CHEAP CERTIFICATES from England and Scotland.

A bulk courier service is run by G.S.Q. Brisbane for official certificates available in London (from 1837) and Edinburgh (from 1855). The cost is \$30 for English certificates and \$20 for Scots certificates. This is a saving on buying direct, but takes up to 3 months. There is a simple application form to send to Brisbane G.S.Q. and these are now in our "Forms for Copying" folder. If the certificate can not be found to match all the information given, half the money is refunded. If you want the certificate anyway, even if it may not agree with all your given information, you can state this in the application.

CHEAPER CERTIFICATES from England.

There are over 400 District Register Offices in England, each holding official registrations for its own small area only. Charge of a full certificate of 5 pounds 50 pence, which may be sent as a note and stamps. This includes a 5-year search (say which 5 years if exact date is not known) and if the search is negative the money is refunded in full. The complete list of all District Register Offices and their addresses has kindly been supplied to our library by local researcher, Mrs. Buxton. So now, researchers can obtain these cheaper certificates, provided that the approximate date and the place is known.

NOTE 1. The St. Catherine's House indexes can provide the approximate date and the place, although the reference number here applies only to the Central London record.

2. It may be difficult to know which DRO has the records of that small place. (Hampshire has 16 DRO's). If another certificate for that place has previously been obtained, then this certificate will show on the top line the name of the Registration District, and this is also the name of the District Register Office.

3. Otherwise, enquire first what DRO holds the records of that place by writing to St. Catherine's House, or to your best guess from the list.

4. Another problem is that marriages are entered in the DRO only when the church register is full and a new register is started. Some small churches are still using the same register begun in 1837! On the other hand, the Central London registry will hold all the marriages even if not in the DRO.

5. Note also that districts on the Census returns are different altogether and have no reference to the Districts for registrations of births, marriages and deaths.

CHEAPEST CERTIFICATES for England, Scotland and Ireland can be obtained via Utah

L.D.S. Library. If the birth or marriage is on the IGI, this will cost no more than USA \$2. Janet Reakes says that the IGI is very likely to contain marriages in Scotland 1855 - 1875, England 1837 - 1875, and even likely for Ireland 1845 - 1875. For entries not on the IGI and for deaths look up the Location Catalogue in the Mormon Library. Many registers have been filmed but not indexed on the IGI and if filmed it will be noted under name of place with the reference number of the film, which may then be ordered in for A\$7.50. If several entries are on the IGI for the one church and referenced on the one film, then it is also better to order in the film.

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THE GOOD OLD DAYS - "THESE NEAR-UTOPIAN CONDITIONS"

OFFICE RULES

- I. Godliness, Cleanliness and Punctuality are the necessities of a good business.
- II. On the recommendation of the Governor of this Colony, this firm has reduced the hours of work and the Clerical Staff will now only have to be present between the hours of 7 am and 6 pm.
- III. The Sabbath is for worship, but should any vessel need victualling, the Clerical Staff will work on the Sabbath.
- IV. Daily prayers will be held each morning in the main office. The Clerical Staff will be present.
- V. Clothing must be of a sober nature. The Clerical Staff will not disport themselves in raiments of bright colors, nor will they wear hose, unless in good repair.
- VI. Overshoes and topcoats may not be worn in the office but neck scarves and headwear may be worn only in periods of inclement weather.
- VII. A stove is provided for the use of the Clerical Staff. Coal and wood must be kept in the locker. It is recommended that each member of the Clerical Staff bring four pounds of coal, each day, during the cold weather.
- VIII. No member of the Clerical Staff may leave the room without permission from Mr Ryder. The calls of nature are permitted and the Clerical Staff may use the garden below the second gate. This

- area must be kept in good order.
- IX. No talking is allowed during business hours.
- X. The craving for tobacco, wines or spirits is a human weakness and is forbidden to all members of the Clerical Staff.
- XI. Now that the hours of business have been reduced, the partaking of food is allowed between 11.30 am and noon, but work will not, on any account, cease.
- XII. Members of the Clerical Staff will provide their own pens.
- XIII. Mr Ryder will nominate a Senior Clerk to be responsible for the cleanliness of the main office and the private office, and all boys and Juniors will report to him 40 minutes before prayers and will remain after closing hours for similar work. Brushes, brooms, scrubbers and soap, are provided by the Owners.
- XIV. The new increased weekly wages are as hereunder detailed:

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| Junior Boys (to 11 years)..... | 1s 4d |
| Boys..... | 2s 1d |
| Juniors..... | 4s 8d |
| Junior Clerks..... | 8s 7d |
| Clerks..... | 16s 7d |
| Senior Clerks (after 15 years with the Owners)..... | 21s 0d |

 THE OWNERS hereby recognise the generosity of the new labor laws but will expect a great rise in the output of work in order to compensate for these near Utopian conditions.

In Sydney in 1852, to comply with the government's new labour regulations, a firm of Ships Chandlers reduced its working hours to 11 hours per day, and increased the wages of its employees. The employers thought the new set-up far too generous to its workers, as these office rules reveal.



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| CLAPP | Ann | 1923 | Victoria |
| CROOKE | William | 1908 | Victoria |
| DUNLOP | Mary Ann | 1908 | Victoria |
| JAMES | John | 1923 | Victoria |
| KERBY | Edwin Joseph | 1923 | Victoria |
| KRONHUBER | Alexander L | 1908 | Victoria |
| LEMON | Ann | 1908 | Victoria |
| PORTER | James | 1939 | Townsville |
| SCOTT | James Charles | 1923 | Victoria |

REMEMBER

- MONTHLY MEETINGS - 1st Wednesday. Next: 6 May
At Milton Street High. Room D10
- MONTHLY NEWSLETTER } Both appear at meetings, then
- QUARTERLY MAGAZINE } in Library.
- DEADLINE FOR NEWSLETTER: 2 weeks before Meeting.
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