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OF HERITAGE VALUE? TELL THE ONES WHO NEED TO KNOW

The Pioneer Shire Council is advertising for information about historically important places, asking individual citizens to identify places of heritage value and submit in writing the name and position of each one. Some examples would be churches, cemeteries - closed and current, old trees - individually or in a group such as the ones at Seaforth, homesteads, residences of early identities, roadways, wells, etc. This will provide a written record of information to enable Council, now and in the future, to be informed and aware prior to having to consider approvals for development and building. All members are urged to write to Council of any places of which they know however ordinary they seem. More important places of heritage value can eventually be listed in the State Heritage Register, and any place named for the Council's list can be recommended for this as well. Write to The National Trust Mackay Branch, P O Box 5059, Mackay Mail Centre, who will negotiate the formal proposal to the Queensland body. The chimney stack of Richmond Mill and the Pindi-Pindi brickworks are currently being recommended. Recent local additions to the Register are Selwyn House and the Melaleuca forest beside Slade Point Road.

THE FIFTH DAME MARY DURACK OUTBACK CRAFT AWARDS

The Australian Stockman's Hall of Fame and Outback Heritage Centre will exhibit entries in this competition at the Queensland Museum in Brisbane from 17 December to 16 January next. The competition is for original works in traditional outback crafts and is conducted in seven categories: timber (furniture), timber (other), bark, fibre (tapestry and weaving), fibre (lace, embroidery, crochet, knitting, quilting), leather, and blacksmithing. There is a grand award of \$1000, with \$500 first prize and \$200 second prize in each section. Our file has full details and entry form (due 01 November), or write to GPO Box 1, Brisbane 4001.

INFORMATION ON ORIGINS OF QUEENSLAND PLACE NAMES

There are many remaining puzzles of why, when, or by whom a certain place was named. If all else fails, write an enquiry (one name only per enquiry) to The Director General, Department of Lands, Locked Bag 40, Coorparoo Delivery Centre Q 4151. There is no charge for this service.

NEW BOOKSHOP FOR GENIES

At Swansea near Newcastle, "Colonial Books" offers all types of books for family and local history research. They also offer the facility to put your old books, original records, computer printouts, old newspapers, etc., onto microfiche or microfilm. Colonial Books have issued a catalogue; see our Booksellers Box or write with SAE to PO Box 23, Swansea NSW 2281.

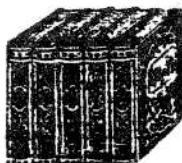
BIOGRAPHICAL REGISTER OF SCOTTISH SETTLERS IN AUSTRALIA

The Scottish Australian Heritage Council Inc. plans to compile a register of all Scots who settled in Australia. It will consist of a brief biography of each person included, an index of names, ships, properties, and counties and parishes of origin. Anyone interested in the project should send an estimate of the number of migrants they wish to include plus an SAE; The Genealogical Consultants, P O Box 16, Merrylands NSW 2160. The appropriate data forms for completion will then be forwarded to you.

NEW ENTRY FOR THE IGI ... 2093 EDITION

HALL, Cameron Mitchell Saunders Glen Hall/Leanne Steer M B 13Feb1993 Mackay

RESEARCH NOTES



1. **England & Wales Births Deaths Marriages 1837 - 1900** are indexed in the St Catherine's House Indexes, have been filmed by the LDS and are now travelling through Queensland. They will not be coming to Mackay, but will be at the Rockhampton LDS Family History Centre from 16 May to 31 July. This Family History Centre is open to all 9.00a.m. - 1.00p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday, plus 7.00 - 9.30p.m. Tuesday and Friday except for the first Friday of the month which is reserved for members only. The cost to view each film is \$1. The Rockhampton Centre welcomes researchers from Mackay but advises them to phone in advance to ensure a reader will be available. The library is on the corner of Talbot and Hutton Streets, and the phone number is 262 455. Note that there is one film for each year's births, one film for each year's deaths and one film for each year's marriages. Each film has four indexes, one for each three-monthly period. Researchers new to these indexes should note that they give no spouse in a marriage entry, nor parents in a birth or death entry.

2. **STOP PRESS... Scotland Births, Deaths and Marriages Indexes** will also go on tour later in the year and will come to the Rockhampton LDS Family History Centre from 16 August to 30 October.

3. **Clan Fraser** is starting a Queensland Branch. Clan Fraser embraces a large number of other surnames as septs of the clan. See our file for booklet and joining form. Annual fee of \$8 covers membership, badge and quarterly magazine *Strawberry Leaves*. Organiser is Peter J Tibbett, P O Box 636, Cooroy Q 4563. Phone (074) 476 841.



The Australian Stockman's Hall of Fame at Longreach houses a museum and heritage centre which includes a biographical database of information, with pictures, about individual men and women who lived and worked in non-coastal Australia (all states). For \$25 you can record you Unsung Hero in this Hall of Fame. See application form in our file. Ann Whitmore has recently recorded Thomas Whitmore and his son, Dick, who set out 100 years ago from Gympie with a horse team and two bullock teams to travel to the Western Australian goldfields, the epic journey taking two years. The people recorded here, however, have mostly done nothing spectacular, but are ordinary worthy individuals whose lives and work are part of outback history. Note also that it is possible to access information held, so the Heritage Centre may be a useful source for researchers when little is known of an ancestor. The postal address is GPO Box 1, Brisbane Q 4001.

5. **Lifting of Restriction on Deceased Estate Files.** NSW deaths can now be researched more fully through death duty files. The *Deceased Estate Files* cover the period 1880-1959. 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. Included in the files are usually: 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. Inventories are proving to be of great interest to many family historians. These files can be found at the NSW Archives Office in the Kingswood Search Room. There are a number of indexes to the files depending on the time period you need to search. Generally though the records are easy to access and use. With the lifting of the restriction, records 30 years and older will be available to the public. [from *Archivista*.]

Remember that quite a lot of information is available in ancestors Wills and Queensland Wills become public documents when probate is granted. This means they may be researched at the Supreme Court at which they were proved (for a fee) or a copy can be requested by post. Copies are expensive and the file will consist of many documents - often a marriage certificate. A copy of the will itself, inventory and any 'interesting' affidavits are generally all you need. Many older ecclesiastical files (wills) are held on paper and film at the State Archives and it is cheaper to hand copy the information while there.

DEATH and BURIAL RECORDS

NEWS & NOTES



More cemetery records are frequently being added to our library, so researchers should remember to check for recent additions in print or on microfiche. To give an instant picture of the Queensland places for which we have some death records, a map has been put up with these places highlighted. The particular death record may consist of a **Burial Register (BR)**, or **Monumental Inscriptions (MI)** or **other Death Record (DR)**, some being extracted from official death registers, some taken from newspapers, and some consolidated into indexes covering more than one type of record.

The Mitchell Cemetery Monumental Inscriptions Index has been presented to our library by former member Jim Wrench, who set himself this task while on holiday in Mitchell last winter. The Copperfield Cemetery Burial Register Index has been donated by Joan Hazeldene who typed up the monumental mason's list for the large memorial stone to be erected on the site of this old cemetery. Other cemetery records recently obtained with the co-operation of the Capella Genealogical Group include: Clermont BR, Emerald BR, Duinga BR, Alpha BR, Jericho MIs pre-1925 and BR post-1925, Aramac and Muttaborra BRs, Jundah, Windorah and Stonehenge BRs, and Capella BR.

Some BRs give only date of burial, and not the date of death. Usually, especially in earlier years, these two dates will only be a day or two apart - but this is not always the case. A reburial from elsewhere will be shown in BR index of the second cemetery at the date of the second burial, with no indication that this is a reburial, and with the date of death possibly years previously. A tombstone often gives more information than the BR, so check the MIs too for anyone found in the BR. Also, any person found buried before 1915 can be looked up in the official death indexes to find his parents' names. A burial register index can give a great deal of information in one line, and some even list birthplace.

Cemeteries operating now are usually under the control of the Health Department of the local Council which now may also hold earlier records formerly held by the Cemetery Trust. Some Councils will not answer enquiries, but some are quite helpful. Shire Centre can be found in the Local Government section in the front of the relevant phone book.

Shirley Jones recently wrote to the Cairns City Council about the Family History Heritage Restoration Programme in the design section of the McLeod Street Cemetery which was mentioned in the Cairns magazine in our library. She was advised that her JONES relatives are in the Martin Street Cemetery, and her SEARE connection in the war section of the same cemetery. She had a photo of the grave when SEARE was buried in 1942 when it was simply an earth grave with a wooden cross. The grave now has a large white military headstone, of which a photo was sent free of charge. She was also advised that the War Graves Commission has a contractor in Cairns who maintains the appearance of the war section. Shirley was also offered a list of the JONES burials in the Martin Street cemetery for \$8. Anyone thinking of writing should address their enquiry to the Health Department, Cairns City Council, P O Box 359, Cairns Q 4870. Note, however, that our library has on microfiche one consolidated index of all persons buried in the Cairns cemeteries. This is an excellent index showing place of birth and cause of death so, if information only is required, this can be hand copied here in Mackay.

NEW from NSW

NSW State Rail Authority Archives has a variety of records including details train timetables and staff history cards. Note that staff records for railway employees born pre-1900 have been transferred to the NSW State Archives. The Rail Archives are open to the public for research Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays (for a fee). If writing, their address is GPO Box 29, Sydney NSW 2001.

Field of Mars Cemetery: Mr Robert Wilsmore has an index of burials in the Protestant sections of this cemetery at North Ryde for 1906-1992, and also some Roman Catholic burials. He will search for \$5 + SAE for a specific name, or \$10 + SAE for all entries for a surname.

AUSTRALIAN ARCHIVES

Further Information . . . and we have it

The Australian Archives is decentralised, its various information being held in one (or more) of nine cities - Canberra, the State capitals, Darwin and Townsville. There is one computer catalogue covering all holdings and this available at all nine centres by computer network link up with the Canberra database. Thus it is possible to sit in Townsville and 'push the buttons' to find information from all the centres for your research. The book *Relations in Records*, available at most libraries, gives a brief overview of the holdings of the Archives. The article in a recent newsletter introduced the Archives and Denise Neville's talk at our February meeting expanded this and explained that any researcher of Australian people, places and events would find helpful information here. The location and appropriate reference information (call numbers etc) can be determined for your particular information no matter where it is held.

Townsville does have on hand a good deal of research material which can be studied - and copied - there, and a full catalogue of these items has been donated to our library by Denise. The Townsville Archives Office holdings include:

1. Certificates of Naturalisation for all Australia 1904-1937 and there are also some from NSW, VIC and SA from 1847.
2. Register of British ships using Australian ports from Perth to Cairns - some from 1847 and some up to 1982.
3. Many records of Queensland Boer War soldiers - nominal rolls, pay lists, medical history sheets, medal rolls, etc. - also some for NSW & VIC.
4. Several files on New Guinea 1893 - 1957.
5. Name indexes of personnel of Australian Military Forces in Queensland, Japan, Korea and the Malayan emergency 1939-1957.
6. Ships passenger lists outwards from Brisbane 1859-1964.
7. Ships passenger lists inwards for all Queensland ports including Thursday Island. These people getting off boats were all checked and recorded by Customs, so these are lists of all names whether a boatload of Chinese entering Australian through a northern port, or people simply travelling along the coast from one port to another. Immigrants who cannot be found in the Queensland immigrations records might have landed in Sydney and travelled north in a smaller coastal steamer, and these people may be found in these lists. The lists are chronological only with no indexes and there is rarely any other information besides the person's name and a separate list - by surname only and categorised by sex - of children on the boat. These lists are held: Brisbane 1859-1964, Thursday Island & Gladstone 1924-64, Townsville 1895-1964, Bowen 1897-1961, Cairns 1897-1964, Rockhampton 1898-1962, Mackay 1924-1962, Maryborough 1929-1950, Bundaberg 1948-1950.

The above are held on microform and the information is immediately available. Other information which may be held in a file at another centre, cannot be accessed directly from the computer terminal. Full details of the file (full file name, location, full reference, status etc) can be hand copied from the terminal. The file can then be read if visiting the appropriate centre or a written application made to the centre for a copy of the relevant material. The information on the terminal will not give any indication of the size or the actual nature of the information contained in the file. The Archives will send a quote of costs to provide the copies and copying must be pre-paid. There could be many pages in the file and it might prove cheaper to have a researcher from that locality read the file for you and obtain copies of only the more relevant pages. If the file is closed, an application for open access will first need to be made, and application on the appropriate form is required. If it is a written application, the appropriate form will be completed by the Archives and forwarded for signature and return. The Archives have 90 days in which to process the application so it can take some time before the information is finally to hand.



Computers in Genealogy

The topic of the discussion session at our March meeting was computers in genealogy, with emphasis on the various software packages being used by some of our members. The following brief notes from this lively session might prove useful to other members contemplating recording their family history on computer. The packages discussed were:

Family Tree Journal: a shareware program costing \$8 and comes on two disks. Spelling of names must be consistent. Produces amongst other charts and lists, a Family Time Line, a Birthday List. Family tree printout is in an unusual format - prints the tree + descendants but direct line only - no spouses. It also produces an Audit List which shows all the missing information for every individual.


Relatively Yours: Allows information to be entered in AGCI format as well as traditional format. Has wordprocessing capabilities allowing for the production of a family history text. Printouts are good with a wide choice - some superfluous. Does lots of checks of input automatically. Allows flexible date entry. Requires 10mb+ of hard disk and a printer capable of 132 characters (compressed for 8" paper). Costs \$175 and a gedcom type module is available for an extra \$75 which would give compatibility with PAF. A shareware demo package is available for about \$25.


Brothers Keeper: very easy to use. Consistent spelling is necessary and whole families can be entered all at once, not necessary to enter them as individuals. There is provision for message lines (notes) and it can take up to 15,000 names. Familiar formats are used for descendants charts and pedigree charts, however, the five generation pedigree charts can be extended - the subsequent generations chart is printed in such a way that it can be stuck to the end of the 5th generation without breaking the appearance of the overall chart. Prints drop line trees. Requires 640k RAM and a hard disk to operate. Allows flexible date entry. This shareware program comes on two disks, costs \$10, and there is a further \$25 for registration fee.

Personal Ancestral File: produced by the LDS a registered copy purchased through them costs \$48 - usually dearer through other suppliers. Available in a number of versions to suit various computers. Is reasonably easy to use and has good documentation. Pedigree charts are in familiar handwritten format where the last person of a particular line on page 1 is nominated as number 1 on page 2. Printouts are good and there are plenty to choose from. There is almost unlimited provision for notes on individuals or family groups, but does not have word processing capabilities. Information can be sent directly on disk to Utah for inclusion in the LDS Ancestral File database.

Consensus, on the night, appears to be that Brothers Keeper won out ahead of the others in terms of cost, ease of use and capabilities. Other programs available, however, should not be discounted on the basis of the above. There are others around with similar capabilities and prices, some offering additional advantages while others offer slightly different ones. The thing to look for is one that does all you might ever reasonably expect it to do, isn't too complicated or fiddly to use, has good documentation (for when things aren't as easy as they appear), and doesn't cost an arm and a leg to buy or require some exotic hardware to run. Added advantage of choosing one of the above if you live in Mackay is that other members are using them too and can help if you run into trouble with your new package.

MORE IRISH SOURCES

 Voters of Waterford: Prior to the Ballot Act of 1872 becoming law, voting in Ireland was aloud and in public with only freemen, burgesses and men aged 21 or more able to vote. Gradually others gained the vote and in 1898 women were allowed to vote for the new county councils. A Waterford newspaper dated 28 & 30 September 1839 listed the names, addresses, occupations and qualifications of the 880 Waterford voters.

 The Index to the 1796 Spinning Wheel Entitlement List of Ireland lists persons awarded one or more spinning wheels for the growth of flax or hemp seed in 1796, and those granted looms and the parish and county where their house or farm was located. 1796 is important as it just before the 1798 rebellion in which many of those involved lost their land and homes, many being transported to Australia. Hence their names do not appear in the Tithe Applotment Lists of 1823-1837.

Do You Know of the YOLA PEOPLE ?

Judy Wallace recently wrote to the County Wexford Heritage Research Centre in Ireland, and in their reply they indicated they had a particular interest in the "Yola" people. This is an explanation of these Yola people:

It was in the south east of Ireland, at Baginbun, on 01 May 1169, that a small company of mercenaries led by a group of Anglo-Norman knights landed. They had sailed from Wales on the invitation of Dermot MacMurragh, the Irish King of Leinster, and were soldiers not of the King of England, but of the Earl of Pembroke, known as Strongbow, and were only in pursuit of wealth and land.

Strongbow married Dermot's daughter and inter-marriage between the invaders and the indigenous Irish became common, as did exchange and interchange of languages, laws and customs until they became "more Irish than the Irish". Hence, the Yola people evolved with their own unique languages and customs. Numerous attempts were made by the Kings of England to end this. The Irish Parliament legislated against the invaders' taking the Irish dress, hairstyle, language and laws in Kilkenny in 1366.

The Yola people's roots are French, Flemish, Danish, English and Welsh, mixed with indigenous Irish. They have names such as: Fitzgerald, Devereux, Condon, Walsh, Stafford, Power, Hay, Rochford, Furlong, Rossiter, Grace, Neville, Keating, Codd, French, Barry, Browne, Meyler, Hore, Lambert, Talbot, Byran, Roche, Sutton, Harpur, Fleming, Parle, Bolger, Prendergast, Wadding, Colfer, Chivers, Whitty, Connick, Sinnott, Siggins, Cusack, Cullen, Busher, Boggan, Godkin, Cloney, Bolger, Kinsella, Druhan, O'Brain (Breen), Kavanagh, Scurlock (Sherlock), Duff, Larkin, Doyle, Scallan, Duggan.

The address for the County Wexford Heritage Research Centre is "Yola" Farmstead, Tagoat, Co. Wexford, Ireland. Presently the Centre's services are limited as they are busy compiling their various records. There is a preliminary fee of 30 Irish pounds, and it is best to send for the appropriate form first.

LET'S LAUGH



Two Yorkshire men were gazing over a wall by the roadside when a hearse passed slowly by. As it disappeared into the distance, the first man asked: "Who's dead?" "Him in the box, I reckon", said the second. "Aye", mused the first, "Driver looked all right".

DIARY DATES

- April 09 - 18 Easter and school holidays
- May 05 Monthly meeting > Religions and their Regions by Fr James Oulds
- May 08 - 15 Oral history workshops at Mackay City Library
- June 02 Monthly meeting > Dr Ian Gibbs on death certificates and meanings of causes of death.

REMEMBER:

- MONTHLY MEETINGS: 1st Wednesday each month at Milton Street High School Room D10
- MONTHLY NEWSLETTER & QUARTERLY MAGAZINE both appear at meetings and then in the library.
- DEADLINE FOR NEWSLETTER: 2 weeks before next meeting. Please contribute or ring 422 539.
- GENEALOGICAL LIBRARY: within North Mackay Library, Ungerer St. is open to all 9.30-5.30 daily + to 8.00p.m. Thursday & 9.00-1.00 Saturday.
- RESEARCH ASSISTANCE: in this library 12.30-3.30 Monday to Wednesday, 10.00-12.00 2nd & 4th Wednesdays and 2nd Saturday or ring 422539
- MORMON LIBRARY: Mackay LDS Family History Centre is within the church at cnr McGinn and Field Sts - open to all 7.00-9.30pm Tuesday & 9.30-3.00 Wednesday. Director is Linda (414 374).



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WE'LL BE PLEASED TO MEET JOAN REESE

Members of GSQ are fortunate to have a friendly experienced researcher resident in Sydney to attend to their Sydney problems. This lady, Mrs Joan Reese, has helped many of our Mackay members over the years, so we are looking forward to meeting her during her northern tour. All old and new friends will gather at Jean Turvey's home at 16 McKinley Street, North Mackay, on Thursday 13 May at 7.30p.m. The evening will be informal but definitely genealogical and instructive. Please bring a plate and your questions.

ALL ABOUT THE ORAL HISTORY METHOD

An expert in the art of orally recording the past, Sue Pechey, will conduct two Saturday afternoon workshops at the University Campus, Planlands. These will be held from 1.00p.m. to 4.30p.m. on 08 May and 15 May, with a charge of \$10 per day. The course does include both sessions, but come to one only if that is all that is possible. These workshops will be of great help to anyone recording the memories of people for family history or local history.

LOUSY LITTLE SIXPENCE ANGELS OF WAR LOYAL TUBTHUMPER

These are the titles of three films, all documentaries, using the method of recording the memories of people and combining them with flashbacks of the actual events. One tells of Minnie Appleby the suffragette; one tells of aboriginal girls used as housemaids; one tells about New Guinea natives in World War II. Don't miss these films to be shown at the CQ University Campus, Mackay, on Friday 07 May at 7.30p.m., with admission \$2.

CORRECTION POSSIBLE FOR MISTAKES ON CERTIFICATES

When incorrect information is recorded on a birth, marriage or death certificate, it may be possible to have the wrong word or words in the original record replaced with the correct information. Proof must be supplied with an application to the Registrar General, Brisbane, or to the Court House where the event was first registered. If told to the Mackay Court House, this information would be sent to the Brisbane Registrar General who would put a notation on his original and instruct the Mackay Registrar to put a notation on their original also. Future certificates then issued for this event, from either Registrar, would contain only the new (corrected) information. [It would seem that pre-1890 registrations now on microfilm could not be altered and nor could microfiche indexes. Further enquiry is needed.]

NAMES A-D MUST HURRY FOR SCOTTISH SETTLERS REGISTER

Work has already begun on the first volume of the Scottish Settlers Register covering surnames from A to D, which will be the first volume published. A Scottish Migrant Information Sheet is now in our file and may be photocopied and forwarded, or write direct to The Genealogical Consultants, P O Box 16, Merrylands NSW 2160.

WHERE ARE YOU NOW?

We have previously noted this useful English TV program, and now see that *Relatively Speaking* (March) advises that there is a whole new set up. Write now to TELETEXT, PO Box 297, London SW6 1XT, England. Enquiries can be sent about (1) long lost friends, (2) family tree members, or (3) Service pals. Enquiries are broadcast to trace living persons.

RESEARCH NOTES



1. **Hong Kong British subjects** are indexed in birth, marriage and death indexes compiled by Mrs Christine Thomas, Flat D-1, No.111 Mount Butler Road, Hong Kong.

2. **England and Wales BMD Indexes**, commonly called St Catherine's House Indexes, are held by GSQ's Brisbane library for the years 1837-1900, and members can research free of charge. The Qld Family History Society library at 42 Bridge Street, Albion, in Brisbane holds these indexes for the years 1837-1932. Our Mackay Branch is an associate member of QFHS, which means our local members, when in Brisbane (but no more than 2 at a time), can use their library at no charge. Please make a booking for a microfilm reader by phoning (07) 267 7135, or by mail to PO Box 171, Indooroopilly 4068. These indexes are held also by some LDS libraries and one set is soon to visit Rockhampton (See G.G. No.51).

3. **A local history** might include some details of an ancestor who lived there but, even if it does not mention that particular person, it will provide valuable background information. Sometimes a local history costs very little, being subsidised by the local Council, and sometimes stocks last for many years. Still available at \$3 + postage is *The Centenary of the Shire of Kolan 1879-1979*. Write to Kolan Shire Council, PO Box 21, Gin Gin 4671. Also still available is *Pioneer Pageant*, the history of the Pioneer Shire. It costs \$6 + postage from the Council, Wood Street, Mackay 4740, and is really a history of the whole Mackay area. Any local history can be ordered at any local library through Inter-Library Loan - even if it is out of print, and even if the actual title is not known. See *The Australian Encyclopedia* in most libraries for an article on the town you are interested in, and note at the end of the article the list under "Further Reading". This will list all books and articles printed before that edition of the Encyclopedia.

4. **Tulla Parish, Co. Clare** is the special interest of Mr Patrick Callaghan of 4 Murchison Street, St Ives NSW 2075. He is beginning a Parish of Tulla Descendants Register to record submitted information and will make it available to all. Send name of emigrant with birth details, parents, Townland, and other families connected - as much as you wish to send with no limit. Include your name and address and SAE.

5. **North West Queensland Pioneer Register** is still being compiled by the Mt Isa FHS, PO Box 1832, Mt Isa 4825. Publication is planned for later in the year, and anyone wishing to enter names of people who lived in the area (shown on the map) before 1950 should hasten to do so. The entry form is in our file and entry is free.

6. **NSW listings of people** available in book form:

- Musters & Lists - NSW & Norfolk Island 1800-02
- Musters of NSW & Norfolk Is. 1805-6 (5300 names).
- General Musters of NSW, Norfolk Is. and Van Diemens Land 1811 (6500 names)
- General Muster Land & Stock Muster of NSW 1822 (26000 names)
- Census of NSW 1828
- General Return of Convicts in NSW 1837 (28500 names)
- ABGR Series Two: 4000 Biographies of People in NSW 1842-1899, 3 volumes from submitted entries.
- ABGR Series One: 1500 Biographies of People in NSW 1788-1841, plus Series Two supplement of 140 people 1842-1899. Submitted entries.
- Pioneer Register of the 1788-1820 Pioneer Association. 4 volumes with 2000 families, each detailed from a pre-1820 ancestor on. Submitted entries covering 61,000 people.



Local availability: Items a,e,g,i are held by the North Mackay Library. Items a, b, c, d, f, h are held in her personal library by Mrs Mary Bevis, who has notified that she is happy to make these volumes available for researchers to read at the University library. Please ring Mary at the library the day before so she can bring in the books. We are grateful to Mary for her offer. More details of the books can be found in our Information File.

GIFT FROM GENIES TO GENIES



Our GSQ Mackay library has been presented with a set of about 2,000 microfiche by the Latter Day Saints' Mackay Genealogical Library. We are very grateful to our LDS friends and welcome this addition to our holdings. Now some research previously possible only at the LDS library can be done in our library also, which will be more convenient to many because of the longer opening hours.



These fiche contain the Genealogical Library catalogue, i.e. the catalogue of everything held in the enormous library of the LDS Genealogical Department in Utah, USA. All books, microfilms and fiche are indexed into one or more of the four sections of the catalogue: Locality Index, Subject Index, Surname Index, and Author-Title Index. Some items in the Utah library are on paper only and these can be read only in Utah, but most items are on microfilm or fiche which can be ordered into the local LDS library and read here.

Please Note: (1) These fiche in our library are the old edition of the catalogue. A new edition with more items, but including the items in the old edition, is now available at the Mackay LDS library. Browsing in our library may lead to the record you want, but the new edition can later be consulted also for further records.

(2) The catalogue is a descriptive one and may in itself give helpful information, e.g. the Surname Catalogue lists many biographies and family histories and sometimes gives a summary of a person's life in a few lines.

(3) Items catalogued here may be found not only in the Utah library, but in many other places. It is helpful to know that just such a register, or index, or book, or article does exist, and its exact description in this catalogue will enable a researcher to look for it in nearby libraries or on inter-library loan.

(4) This catalogue does not list census holdings for England, Wales and Scotland. These are on separate indexes at the LDS library.

(5) This catalogue does not refer to the IGI, and is really separate from it. Through the Locality Index, however, a film of a church register may be found. This may also be found by following an entry in the GI through the Parish and Vital Records Listing, another separate index which is in our library.

(6) The IGI lists births, baptisms and marriages only and includes little after 1870. That is the index; but there might be a film of that church's records of much later date and including burials. This will be found only through the Locality Index. Linda Thorogood recently found and ordered the film of her parish's records which continued up to the middle of the 20th century.



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•Linda Lacy views microfiche presented to the North Mackay Library by the Church of Latter Day Saints', as (from left) Sister Rerry, Peter Cramb, Brother Perry, Helen Butler and Jean Turvey look on.

1876 - LANCASHIRE

THE OPENING OF THE MUSEUM, ETC., ON SUNDAYS

Sir, By this morning's newspapers I see that the Salford Town Council has refused to allow the picture gallery at the museum to be opened on Sundays. I think that this important decision will meet with the approval of every person who has a real desire for the true elevation of the people. Are we to break down, even for the sake of art, those deep feelings of reverence with which Englishmen and Scotchmen have been taught to regard the Sabbath day? What must be the consequence to religion, to morality, to philanthropy, and to everything of an elevating character, if such rash work as this is to be done? We are solemnly and expressly commanded to keep the day holy. Are we to trample down the divine command, and thus prepare the way for the worst evils? A disregard for this blessed day has perhaps brought on nations and individuals more calamity and ruin than anything else. Scores who have ended their days on the gallows began early in life by breaking the Sabbath; nations which have suffered the most awful calamities - cities which have been invaded, and perhaps destroyed, have been notorious for their wilful indifference to the sanctity of the Sabbath. Let the would-be openers of museums look round on the state of society. Let them pity the poor postmen, half deprived of their Sunday; the poor busmen, and their horses toiling away on Sundays as on weekdays; and let them look at the thousands engaged in the sale of liquors, to whom the Sunday is, for many hours, a day of toil; and let us try to secure rest and right for these, instead of outraging the consciences of men by proposing to open secular places on Sunday. I trust we shall hear no more proposals to open the Salford Museum on Sundays.

I am, etc., A HAPPY FIRESIDE

(Salford Weekly Chronicle 12 August 1876)

WINDOWS

ON THE PAST



1846 - IRELAND

On 2 February at Tulla, Limerick, inquests were held on the bodies of William, Margaret and Mary Boland of Gurthiveta, in the parish of Feakle:

Mary Boland, aged twelve had left home early in the morning to look for something to eat and was found dead not far from her wretched home by neighbours.

Four weeks ago all their furniture, beds and bedding were sold for the rates and they had not lain on a bed since that time. There were five in the family then, two died since. No food, nothing to hope for or keep them warm, William Boland and his daughter Margaret lay down on some straw on the night of 31 January in the house and died of starvation and cold during the night. Gurthiveta is the property of Colonel Windham and the Bolands hold twenty acres.

A Mr I. T. Fisher writing to the Quaker Relief Fund re the deaths of the Bolands says:

The law does not allow us to relieve any person holding more than a rood of land but the poor people cling to the soil to the last gasp. Many would willingly give up the land if they could cling to the cabin as almost invariably as soon as they quit the cabin it is demolished and they become at once permanent paupers. The demoralisation of the people is truly awful.

(From 'Heart of Exile' by Patsy Adam-Smith)

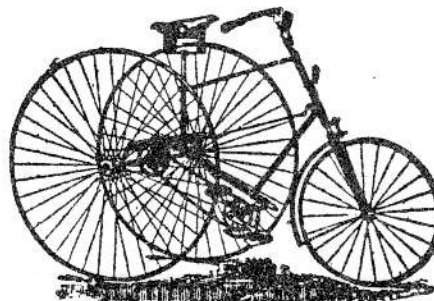
Sale completed

16 September 1821 Died at Downham Market, at a very advanced age, William Howlett. He was for many years employed as a labourer on the premises of Mr E R Pratt, at Ryston. About 30 years ago he sold his wife and delivered her to the fortunate purchaser in a halter in the Market Place at Downham, with whom she has ever since lived, and it is supposed they will now marry.

[Norfolk Annals, Compiled from the files of the Norfolk Chronicle]

1622 - NORTHAMPTON

HERE LIES INTERRED Y BODIES OF ELIZAB WASHINGTON WIDDOWE WHO CHANGED THIS LIFE FOR MORTALTYE Y 19TH OF MARCH 1622. AS ALSO Y BODY OF ROBERT WASHINGTON GENT. HER LATE HUSBAND SECOND SONNE OF ROBERT WASHINGTON OF SOLGRAVE IN Y COUNTY OF NORTH: ESQ: WHO DEPTED THIS LIFE Y 10TH OF MARCH 1622 AFTER THEY LIVED LOVINGLY TOGETHER.



Humber & Co.'s No. 2 Gent's Cripper.

An Explicit Census Return from Salford
Brothel: 15 Major Street, 1861 (Film No.2954/Reel 1279B)

Name	Rel	Cond	M/F	Occupation	Where born
Betsy Gill	Head	Unm	40/F	Brothel Keeper	Manchester
James Gill	Son		5/M		Manchester
Elizabeth Gill	Dau		3/F		Manchester
Maria Thornton	Lod		18/F	Prostitute	Colne Bridge/Yorks
Isabella Nixon	Lod		22/F	Prostitute	Blackpool/Lancs
Theresa Scobell	Lod		23/F	Prostitute	Scotland
Hannah Bradshaw	Lod		21/F	Prostitute	Ireland
Henrietta Fraser	Lod		20/F	Prostitute	Scotland
Elizabeth Barrow	Lod		20/F	Prostitute	Leicester
James Black	Friend		40/M	NK	NK
A Stranger	Friend		35/M	NK	NK
A Stranger	Friend		40/M	NK	NK

(From the Manchester Genealogist)

T.E. OSBORNE

Lombard Street,

BELFAST.

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St. George's Eng. Co.
Daylies, Thomas & Co.
J. K. Starley & Co.
Guest & Barrow.
T. Smith & Sons.
The Inel Cycle Co.

Cycles Repaired, Exchanged,
Stored, Hired, etc.

LISTS POSTED GRATIS.



This Irish Research was Successful



Researchers of Irish families who believe research before 1850 in Ireland is highly unlikely to be successful should read the article "The Breens of County Carlow" in *Irish Roots* No.1 1993. Researcher Joseph King details how he discovered the Irish background of Patrick Breen (1795-1868). The Breens emigrated to Canada in 1828 and later moved to the USA. Joseph King became interested in this family when he was writing his book *Winter of Entrapment* which tells the story of the Donner party of 80 settlers who in 1846 left Missouri to go to California, but were trapped in the High Sierras by an early winter. The Breens were one of the families in the Donner party. They all survived, although 39 people did not.

Researching into the Breen family in Carlow, the author admits he was fortunate to find so much surviving in the records. It is interesting that this was in fact possible, and the different kinds of records he found and how he fitted together information and clues from surviving stories and documents in the family - from parish registers, from tombstone inscriptions, from tithe applotment books, and from Griffiths Valuation.

Even more interesting in his summary of Irish history at this time are the reasons given for so many Irish people emigrating. Firstly, there was the system of partible inheritance where the land was divided amongst all the sons. This was the case especially in Catholic families and led to smaller farms and pauperisation. Next, falling grain prices led to eviction of tenant farmers. Irish tenant farmers had grown grain which sold at good prices in England during the 1790-1815 wars with France, but after 1815, grain came in from Europe again and prices dropped dramatically. Landlords in Ireland found more profit in grazing animals on large farms, so tenant farmers who had tilled the small farms were, in all parts of the country, no longer needed and were evicted at the end of their lease or when they could no longer pay their rent. Thirdly, there was the burden of the tithe, where all householders, no matter what their religion, had to pay a tax to the Church of Ireland. Lastly, there was the discrimination against Catholics and Presbyterians, and the constant strife between Catholic and Protestant and the resulting civil unrest.

So, Irish researchers reading this family tree article will be informed and encouraged.

CHANGING YOUR NAME

Any person can change their name to whatever they wish. Many people now do change their names without legally registering the change by Deed Poll. In the past, most name changes were like this and not registered by Deed Poll, in which case there is no official record of the change. If the name was change by Deed Poll, the record will be found in the State Archives.

It now costs \$400 to change your name by Deed Poll. No corrections or notations are made on pre-existing records unless a further fee of \$100 is paid. Most do not bother with this further expense. In this case, the birth certificate will still be in the old name. If the extra fee is paid, a notation is made on the original birth registration. Subsequent applications for a full certified birth certificate will be issued with a certificate with the old name and a note about alteration by Deed Poll but, if a short extract is purchased, this will show only the new name, with no note of the old name.

A NOSEGAY OF NAMES

Judy Wallace tells that while inputting family data into her computer, she has been fascinated by some of the first name she has encountered. Some of them were obviously mother's or grandmother's maiden names, e.g. FURLEY, HOLLAND, PALMER, IRISH and GUTHRIE. In some families Biblical names seemed quite popular - MOSES, ELISHA, JOB, ABSOLOME, JEREMIAH, JACOB, ESAU, JONAH and ISAAC. In the Scottish branches there were MIRRION, WILHIMINA, MAGDALENE and CHRISTIAN (females) and old names like THOMASIN, WILLMOTH and HEPZIBAH (females) and JASPER. Then there were the unusual like ACHILLES, THEOPHILUS, BLISSET, FALCONBRIDGE (males) and THAMAR, IPSEE and PHILADELPHIA (shades of "All the Rivers Run"). Some names were spelled differently from the way they are now - PEETER, JUDETH, ELYZABETH and ROBART, and there was even PHILLIP used as a girl's name. Anyone else found different and unusual names?

MACKAY LOCAL HISTORY ROOM

The local history room is located within the Mackay City Library. It contains local and family history in the form of books, maps, photos and newspapers.

Some local schools have deposited copies of their admission registers. These include Mackay Intermediate 1933-35, Mackay Primary 1871-75, Mackay Boys 1885-1917. Alligator Creek, Mackay Central and Mackay North are available although some years are missing. Many local school centenary books are also available.

Maps of all types concerning the area are available, and there is a guide for these.

All the Daily Mercury newspapers since 1980 are held in bound files, and there is also a card index. Also housed in the same drawers is a card file of early Mackay identities. Clive Moore's index is also in card form. Clive Moore has written about many local subjects for his doctorate thesis. The photo collection is indexed under headings such as buildings, bridges, sugar mills, etc. Some photos from this collection which have been featured lately are the 1918 cyclone photos that were used in the recent Daily Mercury feature.

A family album of the Marten family offers an insight into how the family lived, with photos taken inside the family home. They even took photos of the animals. The photos were sent home to Scotland to show where they lived. This collection was unique in that all the photos were labelled with everyone named - even the animals. "Gobbles", the dog, was a classic.

In the book section is a register of Mrs Fyhn's Nursing Home, "Leebon". Only the date, mother's name and the sex of the child are listed. Many books that cover a wide range of topics are to be found. If you want to know about Kanakas, coral reefs, local plants, gold, ghosts, cyclones, the harbour, sugar, sugar mills, the Maltese, railways or electricity - these are just a few of the books that are available.

There are various other bits and pieces to be found in this one small room. Anyone who had a family living in this area should visit this room as they do not know what they will find. The local history room is open to the public. If research assistance is required, an appointment can be made by phoning the Mackay City library.

Jean Turvey.

DIARY DATES

- May 08 - 15 Oral history workshops at Mackay City Library
May 13 Film evening at CQ University Campus
- June 02 Monthly meeting > Dr Ian Gibbs on death certificates and meanings of causes of death.
- July 07 Monthly meeting > Mackay court house records
July 25 Stall at Greenmount Homestead

REMEMBER:

- MONTHLY MEETINGS: 1st Wednesday each month
at Milton Street High School Room D10
- MONTHLY NEWSLETTER } both appear at meetings and then in
QUARTERLY MAGAZINE } the library.
- DEADLINE FOR NEWSLETTER: 2 weeks before next meeting. Please contribute or ring 422 539.
- GENEALOGICAL LIBRARY: within North Mackay Library, Ungerer St. is open to all 9.30-5.30 daily + to 8.00p.m. Thursday & 9.00-1.00 Saturday.
- RESEARCH ASSISTANCE: in this library 12.30-3.30 Monday to Wednesday, 10.00-12.00 2nd & 4th Wednesdays and 2nd Saturday or ring 422539
- MORMON LIBRARY: Mackay LDS Family History Centre is within the church at cnr McGinn and Field Sts - open to all 7.00-9.30pm, PLUS 9.30-NOON Tuesday & 9.30-3.00 Wednesday. Director is Linda (514 374).



Mackay Genie Gossip



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THE MAGNET OF THE NORTH SAYS IT ALL

Peg Strickland has just published her second book of family history, this one telling the story of the Stricklands and the related families of Orme, Byers, Gane, Williams and Crisp... all from different places and all attracted to North Queensland. Hence the title *The Magnet of the North* is very appropriate. Like her first book about her own Butterworth family, this one is printed by Prestige Press of North Mackay. Look for a copy of this book in our library in the Family History Section.

WILL YOUR LETTER TO GERMANY EVER GET DELIVERED?

Since the unification of Germany, confusion has arisen in that country's postal system. This has happened because West Germany had its post code numbers and East Germany also had its own post codes which happened to be the same numbers. People writing from other countries often omit the 'East' or 'West' from the address, so such a letter could be sent to the post code in the wrong half of the country and would be delayed or lost. To make matters worse, in Germany there are often two, three or more places of the same name in different areas.

As from the end of June 1993 all the old post codes will be abolished, and a completely new system of post codes will be used - one system for the whole country. So it will be risky writing to an address in the old style, and certainly money and documents should not be sent without some preliminary check. In this new system, areas belonging to each post code will be small areas, so even one village might have two areas, and so two post codes. This makes for an enormous number of post codes and there is no printed list of these.

WORLD WAR I SOLDIERS' PHOTOS FOUND IN THE QUEENSLANDER

Photos of Queensland soldiers departing for overseas in WWI were printed in *The Queenslander* newspaper. This was recently discovered by accident when checking the card index in the John Oxley Library for any references to a particular surname being researched. There appeared the soldier's name and a reference to page 32 of the edition of this newspaper dated 29 April 1916 which was easily found in the microfilm section. This soldier's photo was one of 55 which covered the whole page, the group being the 15th Reinforcements to the 9th Battalion which had recently departed by boat from Brisbane. Several other pages showed similar groups. The book *Queenslanders Who Fought in the Great War*, which is in our library, is a good source of photos of WWI soldiers, but there are a great number not included. *The Queenslander* might have a photo not now available anywhere else.

STOP PRESS .. St CATHERINE'S INDEX

As reported in our April newsletter, St Catherine's House indexes will be at the Rockhampton LDS Family History Centre from 16 May to 31 July. People wishing to search these indexes but not able to travel to Rockhampton will be interested in information just received from the Rockhampton Centre. The Rockhampton Family History Centre has advised that their staff will search the films for those not able to do so personally. The charge is \$1 per year searched, and requests should be addressed to the Rockhampton Family History Centre, PO Box 5800, Rockhampton Mail Centre Q 4702. If a time span of more than a year is to be searched, the appropriate amount must be forwarded with the request - even if the event is ultimately located in the first year searched. An appropriate form to be used for research requests is now in our library, or see Helen Butler for more information.

ORAL HISTORY

- more than grilling granny



What is oral history? Oral history is remembered first-hand experiences told to someone else who assists in this oral interchange by tapping the subject's memory and recording on tape or on paper the story they tell. The term 'oral history' sometimes refers to the process of recording, sometimes to the information recorded and sometimes to the product created from the interview ... and oral history can be used for a whole variety of products - archival collection, biography, family history, documentaries (spoken, written or filmed), and so on.

It is important to realise how our memory works. We remember only what we understand in the first place, and we remember things we are interested in and have experience of. So men will not remember domestic details if they had no experience of the cooking and the cleaning. We witness an event and in a short period of days select what is to be remembered, discarding 80% or more of the details. This early selected material remains in our memory for decades, stored in bits. The process of remembering many years later recalls the bits and reconstructs the whole story. Someone else's questions can help this process. A good interviewer is a good listener who takes key words used by the subject and asks questions using these key words to push the memory and the reconstruction further. A set questionnaire is a bad thing because it will confine the subject's free ranging remembering process and also inhibit the interviewer follow-up in the areas which have come to light only as the subject talks.

An interview should be previously arranged with the subject, and a short preliminary visit is also a good idea if the person is not well known to the interviewer. This will also help plan where to do the interview to avoid noises and interruptions. On the day, do as much as possible before you arrive. The tape recorder should be already set to commence recording with one press of the button. The formal voice identification of who is talking to whom, and when and where, should be recorded on the beginning of the tape, but this can be done beforehand. Make sure the batteries are not flat - or even half flat. Use the longest tape available and have another tape already opened just in case it is needed. It is better not to sit directly opposite the subject because this is a confronting position rather than a friendly one, and also because it will be difficult to record both voices evenly unless you have an omni-directional microphone.

How do you get a subject to relax in front of a recorder? Small recorders, or small microphones, seem less threatening than large ones, but most people are nervous at first. Preliminary small talk without the recorder can smooth the way. When you switch on the recorder, do it quietly and continue the flow of talk. Ask simple comfortable questions at first such as "Do you remember much before you went to school?" or "Where did you go to school first?". The most important thing is that you relax yourself and do not fuss over the equipment so batteries are better than electric cords, and you must have practised with your machine and be confident it will perform. After switching it on to record, take a quick look to make sure it is working, and then forget all about it. As the stories begin to flow, you will probably both forget the recorder - but you must notice when that side of the tape runs out and it is necessary to interrupt things a little to turn it over. Maintain eye contact at all times as this is a personal experience between you and your subject. Tim Bowden advises that this general rule is very important, but that it does not apply to aboriginal people who do not seek eye contact and react badly to it.

The interviewer should have some background knowledge of the person being interviewed and the material to be talked about if there is a special topic. He will then understand the story in its context and ask better questions, but the thing of primary importance is the story as being told by the subject. If he goes on too long or seems to wander off, don't stop him. Listen and be interested and, when he is finished, then lead out on another tack. If the person becomes upset or emotional, stay calm and try to continue gently if possible. If not, press the pause button or take a complete break. Maybe you can try again later, as this is something which obviously affects the

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Oral History (continued)

person a great deal, and so is important to the story. Maybe you will judge that to probe further will be hurtful and the matter should be left at that.

In interviewing relatives for family history, old photographs are good talking points and triggers of memory. So are old household items, or more personal things which have been handed down in the family such as jewellery, books, ornaments, etc. "I had forgotten all about that, but now I remember", and so as another buried memory surfaces, another story will be spoken. Usually a further interview will be necessary to follow up more of the promising areas appearing in the initial interview.

Like Moliere's Monsieur Jourdain who had been speaking prose 'for more than forty years without knowing it', there are doubtless many Family Historians who have been using an oral approach with great skill for many years without ever having given it a name. (4)

But everyone, even these "old hands", will achieve better results by some study of oral history aims, ethics, methods and problems. To read, hear or view oral history produced by others will also be helpful.

Perhaps Paul Thompson as the doyen of the Oral Historians...should be given the last say on the value of the oral approach to the recovery of the past in its various forms:

...It (Oral History) is about individual lives - and any life is of interest. And it depends upon speech, not upon the much more demanding and restricted skill of writing. Moreover, the tape recorder not only allows history to be taken down in spoken words but also to be presented through them... The words may be idiosyncratically phrased, but all the more expressive for that. They breathe life into history. (5)

It could be added "... and even more into family history".

Material in this article is taken from many sources:-

- (1) The recent oral history workshops by Sue Pechey.
- (2) The video on oral history at the library of the UCQ Mackay
- (3) McLaughlin, Eve: *Interviewing Elderly Relatives*.
- (4) Taylor, Lawrence: *Oral Evidence and the Family Historian*.
- (5) Thompson, Paul: *The Voice of the Past - Oral History*.
- (6) Douglas, Louise: *Oral History Handbook*.
- (7) Price, Bob: *Family Memories - a Guide to Reminiscing*.
- (8) Recording Oral History Notes supplied by the Australian National Library, Canberra, including practical hints by Tim Bowden.



(3) and (4) are available at the Mackay City Library.

(5), (7) and (8) are available at the North Mackay Library.

(2) is available for viewing at Planlands Campus library but please arrange a time. Our Information File contains a pamphlet on the Oral History Association, address: The Queensland Branch of OHAA, 38 Maryvale Street, Toowong Q 4066.

Some members who have taped interviews with relatives: Hilda MacLean, Brendan Maguire, Wendy Porter, Shirley Jones, Jean Turvey, Helen Butler, Denise Neville.

Some interesting books using the oral history method: Albert Facey's *A Fortunate Life*; Patsy Adam-Smith's *Prisoners of War*, and other titles; *Gentlemen of the Flashing Blade* about canecutters immigrating as displaced persons after World War II; *Good Talk - the extraordinary lives of 10 ordinary Australian women*. The oral history method is also often used in TV features, e.g. *The Last Man Hanged*, about Ronald Ryan. Watch for the use of this method in books, and on radio, TV and film.

LATEST GENIE SET GOSSIP



Shirley Jones has just returned from New Zealand where she visited many relatives and recorded their stories on tape. She says this method is ideal for travellers who can visit only briefly. Anne Whitmore has found a wealth of detail for the story of her father, John Michael Hickey, who was for much of his life an official in the Lands Department. His file was still in the Department in Brisbane and it was possible to arrange for the complete file to be sent to the Mackay office where Anne spent the whole day perusing it. Ann Matthews is finding that life after her Easter family reunion is even busier than before the reunion, for she now has many more details of family from people who attended and she is entering all old and new information on Brothers Keeper computer program. Gary O'Shea is also busy with the Brothers Keeper program he recently acquired to replace the Relatively Yours program he had been using for some time as it is easier to use.

DANIEL SHEPHERD

" Death removed one of the early settlers of Mackay yesterday in the person of Mr Daniel Shepherd, managing director and founder of the well known local firm of D. Shepherd and Sons. The deceased had been



a prominent member of the mercantile community of the town for the last forty years, during which time he built up a business that is now one of the most firmly established in the Mackay district. Born in the village of Gosforth, Cumberlandshire, England, 80 years ago, the late Mr Shepherd came out to Australia as a young man of 18, first settling in Victoria. He cast his lines in many waters in different parts of the Commonwealth; being one of the sturdy class of pioneers to whom the later generation owes a debt of deep gratitude. Coming to North Queensland, the deceased was attracted here from Bowen in the year 1870. He immediately opened the business of a storekeeper on the site of his present premises at the corner of River and Brisbane Streets, and after suffering the vicissitudes connected with

the earlier settlement of this vast district, established for the Anvil Stores a reputation that will long survive the founder. During his residence here, the deceased devoted a large amount of his time to the public life of the town, occupying seats on the Mackay Town Council and Harbour Board. Though conservative in his opinions, it must be said of the late Mr Shepherd that he was thoroughly conscientious in his beliefs, which trait gained for him much respect. He was one of the foundation members of the local branch of the Manchester Unity of Oddfellows. His advanced age did not preclude him from maintaining an active control of his business right up to within a short time of his death. He enjoyed excellent health till the beginning of July last, when he was attacked with influenza. His age then began to tell upon him, and he was ailing up to within a fortnight of his death when he was seized with a paralytic stroke from which he never rallied, passing away at 11 o'clock yesterday morning. The deceased was married in Sydney about 46 years ago, his wife, who survives him being a sister of the late Mr John Cameron of Brisbane and aunt of the present Cameron Bros., of the Queensland capital, who succeeded their father. Mrs Bracelin, of Brisbane Street, Mackay, is a sister of the deceased, who had no other members of his family in Australia. Besides a widow, the deceased leaves two daughters, and three sons, his family comprising Mrs C. Davie and Miss Hannah Shepherd, and Messrs Jack, Harry and Isaac Shepherd, all being in Mackay with the exception of the latter, who only left recently for London. The funeral leaves the late residence of the deceased, Shakespeare Street, for the Mackay Cemetery, at 3 o'clock this afternoon. "

Obituary in the Mackay *Daily Mercury*, 27 November 1913, kindly supplied by Mr Viv Shepherd, great grandson of Daniel Shepherd.



Shepherd's Anvil Stores with horse lorry, staff, and sulky about 1920. This occupied a large area on the corner of Brisbane and River Streets next to the Prince of Wales Hotel. This area is now a carpark.

JOAN REESE

AT THE NSW ARCHIVES

Joan Reese, who does research in Sydney for GSQ members, recently visited Mackay and spoke to our members about the research she does at the NSW Archives. Joan goes to both the city and Kingswood Archives, and will research immigration and convict records.



NSW wills are indexed and another interesting index is the deceased estate files for 1880-1956. When someone died, even if they didn't leave a will, death duties still had to be paid, and these files list all the belongings on which death duties were calculated. The Goulburn area are indexing inquests for their area only. This index covering the years 1835-1880 is not ready yet but will be in the near future. Most of the newspapers for the areas have been destroyed, so these records will be of value to people searching in this area. The indexes for provisional purchases of land have been released for the years 1862-63.

Joan is currently indexing from the Colonel Secretary's Letters for the years 1829-1831. The Colonel Secretary's Letters cover a wide range of subjects but Joan is mainly concentrating on the convict aspect they contain.

The marriage banns for convicts 1826-1841 are available. In 1826 the system changed and convicts then applied for banns. Previous to this, they had applied to the Colonel Secretary for permission to marry. Applications for marriage before 1826 will be found in the Colonel Secretary's Letters. The marriage banns gives the convict's name, age, whom they worked for, and the reference number of the marriage index. St Matthews Catholic Church at Windsor holds the births, deaths and marriages from the early 1800s to approximately 1860 which are not entered on the NSW births, deaths and marriages indexes. These records cover the Windsor and Currajong areas and are available at the Kingswood Archives.

Joan will do research for GSQ members. Quote your membership number and enclose a fee of \$5 (to cover the train fare) and a SAE and forward to Joan at 72 Hobart Street, St Marys NSW 2760.

MY SONS

A father of five boys lay dying
And the family had gathered in grief
As the medical staff had forewarned
them
That his final time with them was
brief.

Now four of the boys were all tall and
strong,
While the other was nothing like these
And he sat himself in the corner
With his knitting perched on his
knees.

With the last of his strength quickly
ebbing
He called his good wife to his side
To settle a worrying question—
And her God would know if she lied.

For to lie to a man on his death bed
Was surely the ultimate sin.
Would she answer the doubt that he
carried?
Was the scrawny lad really his kin?

She then knelt down by the bedside
And swore by all they held dear
To promise the lad was a love of their
life
And relieve him of his final fear.

He then smiled his last and he left
her
To remember their lifetime of joys—
And she wondered just what she'd have
told him
Had he asked of the other four boys!



FILMCORNER FORGENIES

Recently at the UCQ Planlands Campus I viewed three films presented by Sue Pechey of the Queensland Oral History Association. It was wonderful and inspirational to see these films made from audio and video taped memories of people and from slices of history. It was also interesting to note how the spoken word was integrated with archival film and edited, by change in dress - with the first interview done in a blue dress, the second in a rag hat, and the third in a checked dress - with all three mixed to give a fluent line to the story.

The films were -

Loyal Tubthumper : about the suffragette Minnie Appleby (nee Birch), born 1900, who joined the Communist Party in England in 1920 and throughout World War II, and who later came to Australia in 1970, joining the Feminist Movement and marching the streets of Adelaide at age 70 years. Brilliant lady!

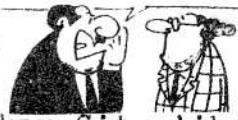
Lousy Little Sixpence : about aboriginal children, aged 13 to 19 years, taken from their parents to be trained under the Protectionist Board apprenticeships. Their weekly pay was sixpence (5 cents).

Angels of War : about the fuzzie wuzzie angels of New Guinea in World War II. It told how some New Guinea natives were soldiers of the Japanese army and some were in the Australian Army. It was a film of their work with the wounded on the Owen Stanley Range, and up to the present day when all parties re-united for commemorations. This film has been screened on television on Anzac Days.

I can't help thinking that most of us know people who have stories just as interesting as these that are just waiting to be told.

Shirley Jones

I SAID, HAVE YOU NOTICED...



DIARY DATES

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| July 07 | Monthly meeting |
| July 25 | Stall at Greenmount Homestead |
| August 04 | Annual General Meeting |
| August 14-28 | Annual library display at Mackay City library |
| September 01 | Monthly meeting > beginners night |
| September 04 | Annual Trash & Treasure stall |

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PRE-1890 REGISTERS HAVE ALL DEPARTED THE LOCAL SCENE

Certificates of birth death and marriage before 1890 can no longer be obtained from the Mackay Courthouse. All the old books have now been sent to the Queensland State Archives in Brisbane, who already had the copies of the Mackay registers which had previously been held by the Registrar-General in Brisbane. This is case also for all other registry offices throughout Queensland.

HISTORICAL AFTERNOON ENJOYED BY ALL

On Friday 11 June, the Day-Therapy Group at the Good Shepherd Lodge were visited by six of our members - Mavis Sheedy, Adelaide Grendon, Christine Crichton, Joan Hope, Ann Adams and Jean Turvey. The afternoon went with a swing as the older people were *eager* to talk, being most interested in our activities and showing an interest in things historical. Books on the local area and families were eagerly scanned, as were our large cutting books of Mackay people and families. One 96 year old was thrilled to find the cutting from the paper about her 90th birthday. Many requested photocopies of cuttings of interest. The group presented a certificate of appreciation to the visitors who all agreed that the visit was its own reward. The idea is spreading as a request has come from the St Vincent de Paul Home for a similar visit in the near future. People interested in visiting there, please contact Jean or Mavis.

THERE'S WORK TO BE DONE

Our library has fiche to be put in envelopes, filing to be done, records to be card indexed, etc. There is now hanging inside the cupboard a Job Book, so anyone can come for half an hour or so and do a bit. Many thanks to Betty McGowan, Carmel Welch, and Margaret O'Brien who have spent some hours helping in this way.

WE GO ON SHOW - GREENMOUNT and CITY LIBRARY

On Sunday 25 July the Greenmount Fair will be held in the grounds of the old homestead. Our society will have a small display stand and some records for reference. Members can help on the stand by talking to people, answering their queries and directing their interest further. It should be an enjoyable day. Contact Jean Turvey.

On Saturday 14 August our annual display will be put up in the Mackay City Library for two weeks. This is a big display on 20 boards and in three lock-up glass cases. Now is the chance to show some of your good things - articles from the past as well as photos, charts, family trees, news cuttings, etc. The display is loosely organised under headings, but anything you wish to show can be fitted in. Plan now ... DO SOMETHING. Contact Judy Wallace on 421 224.

FAREWELL LEE

We bid farewell to one of our members, Lee Willis, and wish her well for the future. Lee has moved to Townsville in order to take up an offer of full-time employment. Lee has been a sterling member of our branch and we would take this opportunity to acknowledge and thank her for her effort and assistance in our indexing program.

THAT TIME OF YEAR AGAIN!

August will again bring round *that* time of the year when we hold our Annual General Meeting. Please give some thought over the next month to whether you might be able to find some small amount of time to spare, and how it might possibly be put to use in filling one of the positions in our branch which will come up for election at our AGM to be held on Wednesday 04 August.



RESEARCH NOTES



1. **England Land-Tax Records** can be a useful substitute for a census in the pre-census years. In the LDS Locality Catalogue a film was noted under the heading "England - London - Wapping" for Land Tax records 1805-1826. The film was ordered in and was found to be similar to the Griffiths Valuation for Ireland in that it listed the property owners and the property occupiers, and the amount owing as a rate to the parish. The lists were written out under street headings like a census. There was a new list every year, like a Post Office Directory, so in this respect it was a more useful record than a census or Griffiths Valuation. The one person often would be found in the same street, in the same place in the list, year after year.
2. **Many Irish went to England**, especially to Liverpool, and to Scotland, especially to Glasgow, to earn their fares to emigrate to America or Australia [*Irish Roots* No.19]. Many Irish went to England or Scotland to get work, and some did not emigrate but stayed on or returned to Ireland. The recently viewed 1861 census for Edinburgh showed, in the crowded centre of the city, more Irish born than Scottish born.
3. **Published histories of German families** are collected by former member Gratton Schonveld. Over the years he has built up a collection of over 40 books about families of German origin. He is willing to search his collection for any enquirers who would like to know if a particular family is included. Write to Mr Schonveld c/- Post Office, Eton Q 4741.
4. **Australian World War I soldiers' records** are no longer in Melbourne with Central Army Records Office (or Soldier Career Management). All personal files of soldiers 1914-18 are in the process of being removed to the Australian Archives repository at Mitchell, Canberra. No enquiries can be answered at all until at least September when the Australian Archives will be responsible for answering. (It seems that enquiries re soldiers from 1919 on are still answered by CARD in Melbourne.) To obtain information in the next few months about a World War I soldier, look up the index *AIF Nominal Roll 1914-1918* on microfiche in our library, or send your enquiry to The AIF Project at the Australian Defence Forces Academy in Canberra - which costs \$20. See separate article in this issue on the AIF Project. [Information supplied by Ellen Jackson].
5. **Many South Sea Islander vital records in Mackay** were copied and sorted by Clive Moore for his book published in 1985, *Kanaka, a History of Melanesian Mackay*. There are records of 715 Anglican baptisms 1878-1946, 39 Presbyterian baptisms 1911-1939, 68 Anglican marriages 1878-1989, and 388 burials 1898-1959. The printout of all these, referred to as "Printout C" in his book, has 4938 entries sorted into three sections - surnames, place of residence in the Mackay region, and islands of origin. For more detail see our Information File. A copy of the printout is held in the History Room of the Mackay City Library in a bound volume, and it may be studied there.
6. **Tasmanian women convicts** are documented in the large book *Notorious Strumpets and Dangerous Girls: Convict women in Van Diemen's Land 1803-1829*. This book has generously been donated to our library by Christine Crichton. It includes all 1675 women who were convicts in Tasmania up to 1829, some coming direct from England and some coming from New South Wales and Norfolk Island. The life story of each while a convict is revealed in the summary of her various appearances in the official records - ships lists, musters, police records, etc. Some entries extend to 1840, many being very colourful indeed!
7. **South Australia has issued a new marriage index** which now reveals the name of spouse and the date of marriage, but this new information can be obtained only via the old index. The name of the bride or groom must first be looked up in the old index and the Reference Number noted. This Reference Number then must be looked up in the new index where the full entry will appear. Our library now has this new index and it can be found immediately after the old marriage index.

SHIRLEY JONES FINDS FAMILY HISTORY
in NEW ZEALAND

Recently I took a trip to New Zealand to holiday, and to look up family for research. My Jackson and Dobby families emigrated in 1888 from Pateley Bridge, Yorkshire in England to Otago (Dunedin) in New Zealand. At the Port Chalmers museum I found a photo of the early port, and at the Otago museum in Dunedin, I found a scale model of the *Arawa* on which both families arrived, along with particulars of the maker of the vessel and its specifications.



Descendants of the family took us to the old farm at 749 Hills Road, Marshlands, Christchurch, this property having been established in 1891 and remaining in the family until 1959. A doctor now owns the property and his farm hand showed us the old home, the lower floor of which is still standing and is now used as a hay shed. This part of Christchurch which is very close to the city, has been kept as orchards and farms and is truly a credit to the planners. We were taken to the Ladbroke, Lincoln, Hoon Hay, Coutts Island, Rangiora and Kaipo areas where the descendants settled. They were all extremely helpful and friendly, and gathered in large groups - with their photos - to meet us. George Dobby owned land on the popular "Bridle Path" over the Port Hills to Lyttelton, where a gondola chair ride now operates for tourists. We visited the last surviving member of my grandfather's family, Sarah Smith aged 92 years, in Wendover Rest Home, Christchurch - still wonderful but a little blind now.

I was very privileged to visit, after hours, the Methodist Archives in Latimer Square, Christchurch, to view records of Deaconess Eleanor Dobby. She was a missionary with the Maori people in the North Island at Hokianga, and Christchurch in the South Island for 50 years. It is with great thanks to the foresight of her relatives that the archives have her diary (1920-1960), photo albums, newsletters (3 per year), and yearly reports to the Church. I have sent a donation and asked for a copy of her diary ... fingers crossed that they will allow me a copy. I can't wait to read it fully. We visited the Linwood Crematorium and, by giving a date of burial, we were advised where this descendant was buried.

On the North Island, I hired a car and drove from Whangarei to Horeke and the Mangungu Mission House (built 1855) on Hokianga Bay, this being the headquarters of the Methodist Mission in that area. This is where Sister Eleanor rode her horse and drove her car through the hills between the missions of Lower Waima, Taheke and Punaketere, where, with selfless devotion, she served and commended the Saviour to others.

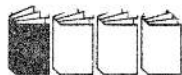
We visited my grandfather's cousin, aged 95 years, at Pukehohe. Maud insisted on cooking us a full roast dinner (because we were her guests) even though she has arthritis and had bowel cancer 40 years ago. Nearly all my relatives were blessed with extra long lives. Maud came to the Churchill District about 1905. She showed us the trees she had planted as a young girl, and fruit trees growing where the old houses had been. Her memory is still brilliant, and I have a few audio tapes of my visit for reference and for future descendants. Their land was Maori land and a greenstone axe which was found there has been given to a local museum. Her father made butter and cheese and these were transported down the Waikato River to Port Waikato for export back to England. She also showed me glass plates (photo negatives) which her father had taken and these are well kept in a box. I have written to the Auckland museum to see if they can assist me in getting prints from the glass plates.

We visited the Stratford area of Taranaki where another branch of the Jackson family live on sheep and dairy properties. We were in the hills past Puniwhakau ... what a view! I was shown the farms where my grandfather visited in 1957. One is still the same; but one is now a suburb and I would never have guessed it was the old farm at New Plymouth which had Maori fortifications in the back yard.

The New Zealand museums are classics. I was directed upstairs and into a little back room at Christchurch, where a little lady quietly and efficiently opened the filing cabinet and got out the subject I queried in two minutes. I managed a lot of research in amongst the sightseeing in the 21 days, but could do a lot more. So, looks like another trip back next year.

Shirley Jones

EXPERT PROPOSALS FOR PRESERVATION OF PRECIOUS POSSESSIONS



Many family historians are fortunate to own some original papers, books, photos, and other items which are precious for their significance, if not for their monetary value. We feel keenly the responsibility to preserve such 'heirlooms', but are often ignorant of what can be done, or confused when we get information from different sources. So, when Tamara Lavrencic from Preservation Services at the State Library, Brisbane, was recently in Mackay, some of our members were keen to obtain her instant expert advice on how to keep safely various precious items from their own genealogical collections. Here are some of the items dealt with by Tamara, with further notes at the end on anything marked '*'.

1. Document of one page 130 years old, being the record of a German couple's marriage and baptisms handcopied by the pastor from the parish register. This type of document was carried by all German emigrants, but not many have survived. Advice: Photocopy* the document on archival paper* and use this copy for research purposes and for further copies. The optimum treatment for the original is to mend the torn parts with Crompton Hot Set Tissue*, and place in a polyester sleeve* of size to suit the size of the paper (A4 size costs \$3.10).

2. Document: a one page letter 50 years old with paper very yellowed. Advice: optimum treatment is as for above document, OR a less expensive but still satisfactory treatment is to put it in a polypropylene sleeve* (cost about 10 cents) with a loose sheet of archival paper* (cost 5 cents) to prevent further deterioration of the document.

3. Book: small bible about 90 years old, well worn with broken binding and many loose pages. Advice: optimum treatment is rebinding by a professional bookbinder* stipulating only acid-free materials be used. This would cost \$200 or more as the whole book would probably have to be taken apart and re-sewn and re-bound. A quote could be obtained for the job, OR a satisfactory treatment would be to keep it in a clamshell box* which is custom made of acid-free cardboard to fit the book exactly. The book in question will be seldom handled, and re-binding is essential only when frequent handling would occur thus causing further damage to the book, OR obtain a ready made box about the right size and line it with archival paper*, and/or wrap the book in an oven bag*.

4. Book: Published booklet 50 years old of soldiers' drawings, made of large stiff pages stapled together at spine, with staples rusted and outer page damaged at the spine. Advice: remove staples carefully and take pages apart. Lay torn pages open out flat and mend with Crompton Tissue*. Reassemble pages and sew together through the staple holes with thick linen thread, as thin thread will cut through the paper. Place book in a polyester sleeve* of suitable size. The large size needed for this book would cost about \$6.

5. Photo Album: about 100 years old with stiff thick pages showing one large portrait (cabinet style) slipped into a window on each page. Photos in good condition, pages yellowing, binding broken. Advice: leave photos as they are in the album as pages have not damaged photos in 100 years, this should continue to be satisfactory. Professional binding would be a major job costing \$300 or more, OR use a clamshell box*.

6. Photo Album: good quality, very attractive present-day album with black stiff pages holding old photo originals and copies, and with stiff transparent paper interleaves. Advice: find out if pages and interleaves are acid free, which possibly could be tested at a school science section. White paper and card can be tested with a pH pen* but this won't show up on black. The interleaves are nearly always acid. Acid-free albums with pockets for photos can be purchased from a supplier* (starter kits cost \$44), OR use acid-free pages with photo corners rather than glue, OR use polypropylene sleeves* with archival paper* inserts, cutting small slits to hold the corners of the photos.

7. Photographs: 3 daguerreotypes 150 years old in fair condition in frames with glass cover. Advice: leave as they are as they have proved this is satisfactory by their survival thus far, but it is very important to ensure there is never any dampness.

8. Glass Plate Negatives: in excellent condition, 90 years old in original box packed with nothing between glass plates. Advice: leave as they are as they have survived thus. Do not separate the plates with paper or other dividers. Keep dry. Store so the plates are standing upright on their edges. These plates can be printed by a black and white photographer* and always give excellent photos.

9. Newspaper Cuttings: photocopy onto archival paper* as soon as possible as newspaper discolours and deteriorates fast and was never made to last.



FURTHER NOTES

* Photocopying by the dry method is almost universal today and the carbon dust used in the printing is safe.

* Archival Paper can be purchased by the ream (500 pages) at stationery suppliers. A ream of A4 Reflex archival was ordered at AAA Stationers locally and cost \$25. Note that "Reflex" is only the brand name, and the reams of A4 Reflex paper you see at Big W for \$6 are a different Reflex product, and are just ordinary photocopy paper which is sufficient for everyday copying. Also, don't be misled by "Environmentally Friendly Paper" as this is not acid-free. Archival paper of any brand is more than acid-free, having an alkaline content which acts as a buffer to any acid influence it might encounter. Libraries will allow you to use your own paper in their copiers.

* Crompton Hot Set Tissue is the only acceptable method of mending torn pages. This may be bought from conservation suppliers and is expensive. Repairs with this tissue are done by the Friends of the Library on Thursday mornings in the foyer of the City Library. **Note:** sticky tape of any sort should not be used.

* Polyester Sleeves may be purchased from the State Library of Queensland Preservation Services, PO Box 488, South Brisbane Q 4101. There are nine sizes for documents from 110x137mm (cost \$2) to size 480x600mm (cost \$7.80). See pamphlet in our library. Large quantities can be bought more economically from conservation suppliers such as S & M and Raeco (see pamphlet also). The test for polyester is to hold a small piece in a flame where it will burn only very slowly with no smoke and will possibly extinguish itself.

* Polypropylene Sleeves can be purchased at ordinary stationery suppliers or supermarkets. A box of 100 costs about \$10. To test if the plastic is satisfactory, cut off a small piece and push it under water, stirring it around to remove any attached bubbles. It should float up to the surface without the assistance of bubbles. **Note:** lamination uses harmful plastics so should be used only for items needed in the short term. Do not laminate anything you want to last as long as you.

* Professional Bookbinder residing locally is Mrs Therese Stewart who may be contacted on 422 153.

* Clamshell Box, sometimes referred to as a 'Phase Box', can be purchased in various fixed sizes from conservation suppliers. Your local library would have catalogues of Raeco and others. Mrs Marion Terwin is a local bookbinder who will make clamshell boxes to measure. She may be contacted on 552 879.

* Oven Bags are polyester and make excellent safe storage, although they may tear easily and have no stiffness.

* pH Pen marks yellow on white or cream paper. If the paper is acid free, the yellow will turn a purple-blue; if it is not, the yellow stays yellow. In the near future we will purchase one of these pens for the use of members.

* Professional Photographer with a special interest in old photos, black and white photos, and copying photos, is Mrs Narelle Leffman who may be contacted on 548 267.



FURTHER ADVICE

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DO YOU KNOW ?

What is the AIF Project?



After six years' work, the Australian Defence Forces Academy has put 332,000 entries on a computer data base covering all Australian soldiers in World War I. Information on a particular soldier can be access through a computer terminal and it is planned that visitors to the Australian War Memcrial will be able to do this simply and quickly. The Australian War Memorial previously had no records of individual soldiers' service records. For postal enquirers there is now available a standard service which provides an abbreviated statement of service, suitable for framing, and a record of all details held be the AIF Project and, where applicable, with any extra details submitted by relatives. (It is not expected that it will contain all the details of the soldier's dossier as previously provided by CARO.) This service costs \$20, which comes as a shock since CARO has previously provided the information free of charge. See Research Notes on page 2 for news of CARO changes. See our File for application form to send to the AIF Project.

MARRIAGE WITNESS INDEXES



Marriage witness indexes are being built up to assist researchers find a particular individual or family, and to contact other researchers who may have further information. The indexes consist of marriages and witnesses which have been "discovered" in the course of family research by the person who is making the entry or submission. Your contact address becomes part of the index. Please do not simply copy out marriage details from indexes or church records. Making an entry implies the ability to give to an enquirer some information from the certificate held by you.

There are three separate indexes:

> the index for marriages in the UK has 22,500 names and is held by Lauren Thomson, 11 Winton St, Burwood VIC 3125.

> the index for marriages in New Zealand has 10,000 names and is held by Jack MacKenzie, 50 Parker Road, Oratia 1230 New Zealand.

> the index of marriages in Australia has 3900 entries and is held by Ada Ackerly, PO Box 106, Newport VIC 3015.

Submissions may be sent free to the appropriate address. There is a separate form for each index. See our file for forms to be copied and more information.

A search may be requested in any index at 50 cents per surname per index, with a long SAE included. No special form is required when requesting a search. The result of a search will give witnesses, bride, groom, date & place of marriage, as well as the address of the person submitting the entry.

[Information supplied by Enid Davis]

The following is an example of the information which would be provided from the UK Marriage Witnesses of Cheshire index. It might look a bit confusing at first glance, but it actually provides, firstly, the names of the two witnesses (and other information) at the marriage of the couple William Alsager and Mary Wildig, and then goes on to provide that information from the marriage of Ralph Arden and Ann Hammond.

WITNESSES NAME	BRIDEGROOMS NAME	BRIDES NAME
DATE & PLACE WHERE THE MARRIAGE TOOK PLACE		
NAME, ADDRESS AND NZSG No. OF MEMBER WHO SUBMITTED THE ENTRY		
Thomas	BIRCHALL	William ALSAGER
	27Feb1767	Parish Church Nantwich CHS
R Wildig	14 Shefford Rd, Seabridge, Newcastle	ST5 3LE UK
Thomas	OULTON	William ALSAGER
	27Feb1767	Parish Church Nantwich CHS
R Wildig	14 Shefford Rd, Seabridge, Newcastle	ST5 3LE UK
Daniel	HATTON	Ralph ARDEN
	24FEB1841	St George Sutton Macclesfield CHS
Jane Curry,	3 Alleyne Court, Brown Owl, Upper Hutt	NZ 6032
Sarah	BARROW	Ralph ARDEN
	24FEB1841	St George Sutton Macclesfield CHS
Jane Curry,	3 Alleyne Court, Brown Owl, Upper Hutt	NZ 6032

People who have home computers equipped with modems, and who are financial members of a dedicated genealogy bulletin board, can access many of the indexes by way of the files available on the board. These files, however, do not usually contain the latest entries and are often quite a bit out of date.

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NEW POST CODES FOR GERMANY NOW AVAILABLE IN MACKAY

Our newsletter no.53 alerted German researchers to a completely new postcode system covering the whole of the new unified Germany, and of the danger that a letter without the new postcode might not be delivered. We are happy to announce that, since then, Karin Wittern has obtained from Germany a computer program which finds the new postcode for an old address, and she has generously donated the discs to us. The program was installed and given a trial run on Denise Neville's computer. It is a bit fiddly, but effective ... and all in German! Denise has agreed to hold the discs and answer any queries from members (phone 593 149). Karin who is half way through her studies towards a librarian's degree is undertaking her six months compulsory work experience at the Mackay City Library and will return to Germany in September.

IN MEMORY OF THE LARSENS OF MT JUKES

Yvonne Peberdy has written this family history based on her Larsen family and has kindly donated a copy to our library. The booklet was produced for her mother's 60th birthday, and also to share research and information with other branches of the family. Yvonne produced the booklet herself with the aid of a computer, using only typewriter and photocopier. Axel Larsen was born in Denmark in 1884 and emigrated alone in 1907. All his Australian descendants are documented, as well as descendants of his siblings in Denmark. His ascendants are set out in 20 pages of descriptive genealogy, one branch going back to Heinrich von Schack born 1130. This was sent by a cousin in Denmark and is all in Danish but with the key words translated. Yvonne devised an unusual flow-chart type of family tree to condense the pedigrees outlined in the 20 pages onto one graphic page. This book is with other family histories in Section C in our library.

CORRECTION re REFLEX ARCHIVAL PAPER

The price quoted last newsletter for Reflex Archival paper was incorrect, this being now more than double that price at AAA. We apologise for the incorrect information but ... the good news is that the same paper can be supplied by MOE most reasonably - a ream of Reflex Archival costs \$18.50 only.

HEAR YE, ALL MEMBERS ... HEAR YE!



Don't forget - on August 14 we put on our annual genealogical display at the Mackay City Library. All members are encouraged to participate, and this is not a display of local history, but a display of world wide family history. This year the display will run for two weeks and we will need volunteers to be on hand during library hours. Some of the board headings will be: Family Trees, Strange but True, Down Through the Ages (photos), Generations (photos), Family Reunions & School Reunions, Computers, Convicts, New Zealand Research, Wartime, Pedigree Charts, and Old

Documents. Please let Judy Wallace know if you have any other suggestions, or if you would like a board to feature a particular family. Geraldine at the library would like us to begin putting our display up from 12 midday to allow time for the previous display to be taken down. The library will stay open till 3.00p.m. Judy would particularly like a display of family trees this year as we had none last year. Please bring along decorative charts, drop line style trees, circular charts, family trees with photos, etc. Contact Judy Wallace on 421 224.

Jean Turvey is currently receiving items for the Trash & Treasure stall.

RESEARCH NOTES



1. **British Isles research problems** are dealt with in each monthly issue of *Family Tree Magazine* in "Questions and Answers with Jean Cole". This is like a Janet Reakes column but, in two full pages, can give 20 times more material in 20 times more detail. It is well worth reading these pages as quite often a problem similar to your own is dealt with (e.g. a marriage cannot be found), and here is an expert's advice. Of course, your specific problem may be put to Jean Cole by letter, and perhaps the answer will appear in the magazine. This magazine will be found in our library with other journals in Section J.

2. **The Genealogical Research Directory (GRD)** for 1993 is now on library shelves and can easily be found in its bright purple cover. Be sure to check all families being researched, and the specialist indexes too. There are nearly 100,000 surnames referring to places all over the world, and hopefully one of these will connect you with someone researching whom - or what - you are also researching. Please notify us of any 'jackpots'.

3. **Research in the NSW Archives** must begin by first knowing what information is held there. We have now purchased *The Concise Guide to the archives*, which consists of a printed handbook and a listing contained on 22 fiche (Section F). This and the newsletter *Archivista* (Section J) should enable researchers to know possible lines of research. Remember, our friendly GSQ researcher in Sydney who, for \$5 or so for expenses, will look up for members any definite request relating to these archives. She is Joan Reese who recently visited Mackay (see Newsletter 53) and advised us to buy this guide so as to be better informed. Joan may be contacted at 72 Hobart Street, St Marys NSW 2760.

4. **Tasmania Convicts Unbound** was written after 35 years research by Marjorie Tipping, and tells the stories of all the 308 convicts transported on HMS *Calcutta* in 1803 to begin the settlement on the Derwent River which became Hobart. The rates of these convicts were fascinatingly diverse and all are recorded in this book. Larain Schembri will search this book for any required names. Phone 598 224.

5. **Tasmanian Boer War soldiers** are all listed in their units in the book *Tasmanians in the Transvaal War* by John Bufton, published 1905. It includes hundreds of photos and great detail from diaries, and descriptions of the different engagements of the units. Larain Schembri has this book and will answer queries. Phone 598 224.

6. **Finland researchers** are advised in *Relatively Speaking*, June 93 issue, to contact Mr Olavi Koivukangas, Director of Finnish Institute of Migration, Piispankatu 3, 20500 Turku, Finland. He is an expert on Finns who came to Australia. Former member, Mrs Gwen Mann, of Streeter Avenue, Mackay, has researched successfully in Finland and later visited relatives discovered while researching.

7. **Northern Ireland Presbyterian records** are no longer held by the Northern Ireland Presbyterian Historical Society which is now closed. All records from there are now deposited in Belfast Central Library, Royal Avenue, Belfast BT1 1EA, N Ireland.

8. **Free enquiry in Western Australia.** The West Australia Newspaper publishes free once a week any short letters of genealogical enquiry. Write to: Can You Help?, GPO Box D162, Perth WA 6001. [from *Genealogist* June 1993].

9. **A Register of Greek immigrants** is being put together by Effy Alexakis and Leonard Janiszewski who are collecting information about any Greek who arrived in Australia from 1788 to 1950. Write to: 20 Fisher Street, Petersham NSW 2049.

10. **The Australian Women's Weekly** will again be featuring a special national noticeboard section in its January '94 issue. In 1993 it featured letters advertising reunions, looking for lost friends or relatives, and family tree connections. Details and the relevant form are on page 248 of the August issue. Entries cost \$40 for 25 words.

SALVATORE and CARMELA DEGUARA

Salvatore Lazzaro Joseph Deguara was born in Maita on 15 June 1886 and grew up on his father's market garden. When he was 23 years old, he married Mary Carmela Antonia Josephine Fenech at the Mosta church in Malta on 29 August 1909. During World War I, Salvatore joined the Royal Navy and was a stoker on the minesweeper *Egmont*. After the war, he worked in Malta as a horse-cab driver. By 1923, Salvatore and Carmela had a family of six children - Pauline, Thomas, Josephine, Charles, James and Frank. They decided there would be a better future for their family in this young country, Australia, so Salvatore set out alone, leaving behind in Malta his beloved wife and six children. With courage and patience they would prepare for their future.

Salvatore arrived in Australia in August 1923 and came to Mackay where his half-sister Dolores and her husband Phillip Spiteri were, and he went into a partnership with them on a cane farm at Habana. He was determined to work hard and to bring his family out to join him. This partnership remained until the end of 1924 when he entered into a new partnership on a Farleigh cane farm with Moses Vella. By the end of 1925, he purchased Mr Vella's share of this farm and it has remained as a Deguara farm, now being owned by his youngest son George, daughter-in-law Rita and their family.

Christmas 1926 must have been a happy occasion for Salvatore because, on Boxing Day of that year, his two eldest children, Pauline and Thomas, arrived in Australia on the ship *Drama* to be with their father. This alone was a voyage of great courage, as these two young people travelled unaccompanied half way around the world - their ages 16 and 14 respectively. Two more years passed and, in 1928, Carmela and her other four children joined their father, brother and sister in Australia, and the family was together again after five years. What a proud man Salvatore must have been that day!

Two more children, Rita and George, were born in Australia. The family grew up on the Farleigh farm and prospered and multiplied. Now, two and three generations later, there are well over 200 direct descendants. In 1986 there was a family gathering of all the Deguaras, Schembris and Bugejas and other related families. In June this year, another gathering was held to bring the family together again, and also to prepare for the gathering of all the Maltese clans from all parts of Australia which is planned for Mackay in 1994. A booklet setting out the generations of this Deguara family and telling their story has been donated to our library by Laraine Schembri (see Section C).



The Deguara Family in 1959

Back row: George, Frank, James, Charles, Thomas

Front Row: Rita, Josephine, Carmela & Salvatore, Pauline.



RECENT ADDITIONS TO OUR LIBRARY

(not mentioned elsewhere)

Several people have kindly donated material to our library. We are very grateful for their donations.

Immigration to Maryborough 1862-69 was donated by Ellen Jackson. This lists all people arriving on immigrant boats in this period, with notes on the boat and the journey out. It contains lists not in the Archive's records as some boat loads were organised privately. (See Section N.)

The Australian Heritage Magazine was donated by Mrs Hilda Heffernan, mother of our secretary. There is a complete set of over 200 magazines issued weekly in the 1970s, and these are bound into seven volumes, with another volume containing the index referring to all the volumes. Here is a mine of information and pictures of life in Australia from the convicts of 1788 to the Holdens of the 1950s. This provides an excellent source of background and illustrations for a family history, e.g. clothes, tools of trade, dwellings, means of travel, etc. (See Section J.)

Chelona State School Centenary Book (1893-1993) was donated by Anne Adams. This excellent book covers not only the history of the school, but also the history of the local area and includes separate sections on all the early families. (See Section D.)

A copy of An Historical Review of Koumala and District (1859-1974) was donated by Tracy Jenner. Although written nearly 20 years ago, this book covers the subject very well. (See Section D.)

Two updates to LDS listings were donated by Denise Neville. These are a January 1991 update to the IGI Batch Numbers, and an April 1991 update to the Parish and Vital Records Listings. These are on fiche in Section F.

Several booklets about an area in southern NSW were left by an anonymous donor. These include a history of old Mogo town, the Little River Goldfields, and the Mogo Electoral Rolls 1903-1950. (Section A, New South Wales.)

Copperfield Cemetery, near Clermont, has little remaining. A burial register has been reconstructed of all persons buried in this cemetery, and an index has been typed up and donated by Joan Hazeldene. (Section K.)

Other records of deaths recently acquired: Charters Towers BR index, Chinchilla BR index, Taroom BR, Wandoan BR. (All in Section K.) Also on fiche, and so in Section F, Bundaberg cemeteries and Crematorium MIs.

New journals acquired by exchange and placed in Section J: Ipswich Bremer Echoes, Maryborough Forbears, Bundaberg Family Ties, Townsville Relatively Speaking.

Further information on the NSW death registrations 1856-89 can be obtained by using John Tilton's book Where Did They Die? The place and month of death can be deciphered from the index number on the Deaths Index fiche. This book has been placed with the printed guides to microfiche in Section F.

Queensland War and other memorials on fiche lists names only and place of the memorial. (Section F, other fiche.)

Some Victorian immigrants are listed on fiche showing passengers inwards for 1852-1879 to Victorian ports from foreign ports, i.e. excluding those from the British Isles and New Zealand. There is an index for 1852-59 only. For years 1860-79 the lists are in time order only, by boat, making for a long search, even if the year is known. (Section F.)

Tasmania Free Immigration, a printed guide to these records in the PRO Tasmania (Section A, Tasmania). We also have an index to immigrants to Tasmania 1841-89 on fiche (Section F, other fiche).

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U.K. CERTIFICATES OPTIONS and CONSIDERATIONS WHEN ORDERING



Money

Unless otherwise stated, purchases in an overseas country must be paid for in that country's currency. Exchange rates vary daily. On 02 August 1993, one English pound = \$Aus2.15. All banks charge \$Aus7+ for fees and stamp duty on an overseas bank draft, no matter how small or how large the amount. Some people buy English bank notes and send these as payment, but this is not good business practice, and hardly worth the risk, if much more than 10 pounds is to be sent. Options which allow for payment by cheque in Australian currency are therefore a definite advantage. Note that the courier service previously operated by GSQ Brisbane has been discontinued permanently, and they now recommend Option 4 (below) for England and Wales, and Option 3 (below) for Scotland, as cheaper and quicker than the previous service - and still payable in Australian currency. Of course, finding an agent or researcher in the UK who will accept payment by Mastercard, Visa or some other similar card can be a real plus.

Information on English certificates is not as full as on Queensland certificates, and English death certificates are nearly always of no genealogical value. To check what information would be on a certificate for the time period involved, check Sue Pedersen's book *Searching Overseas*. Scottish certificates give full information, and Scottish death certificates are very helpful.

England & Wales Certificates (from 1837)

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.
2. Order direct by post from the local Superintendent Registrar of the District Register Office of the area required. The cost is £UK5.50 only. The problem is to know where the correct DRO is located. St Catherine's House Index will show it; also another certificate from the same area will show it. Our library has a list of all DROs, with addresses. Write to the DRO most likely to hold the registration you require, and ask them to tell you the correct DRO if you have chosen the incorrect one. A relative in the UK could enquire over the counter.
3. Order personally over the counter at London's St Catherine's House, who issue all certificates for £GB5.50. You can commission a relative or an agent/researcher.
4. Certificates and Searches Ltd, 32 Welham Road, London SW1 66QJ, will accept cheques in Australian currency and send the certificate (certified copy) you require for \$Aus26, and only \$Aus20 if the reference number is given from St Catherine's Index (also called GRO index). Service is prompt. See advertisement on p.132 of the March 1993 *Generation* which also lists charges for wills and census copies.
5. If the birth or marriage is on the IGI, further information may be obtained from Utah (see Forms for Copying folder). This will obtain a copy of the Registrar's entry which is the same as an official certificate but is not certified; or it might be a copy of a church record which will give the same information. This from Utah will cost no more than \$US2 which may be sent in USA notes, thus avoiding the \$7 bank fee.

SCOTLAND CERTIFICATES (from 1855)

1. Order direct by post from New Register House, Edinburgh EH1 3YT, Scotland. Cost is £GB9.50 + air mail return postage (no IRCs). Our Forms for Copying folder contains the current brochure and application form.
2. Commission a relative or 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 per hour.
3. Cameron Research, PO Box E73, Parramatta NSW 2150, will obtain Scottish certificates as a fully certified document for \$23, OR as an accurate transcript for \$15, OR as a photocopy for \$12 - payable whether the copy is clear or not. Payment, of course, is in Australian dollars and cheques should be made payable to Mary Cameron, with an added \$8 per order, no matter how many certificates are requested, to cover the cost of sending a fax etc. Also add a stamped addressed envelope. It is necessary to write or type details of your order clearly on white paper, as this is the order that is faxed to Edinburgh. Service is prompt.

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LATEST GENIE SET GOSSIP



At the Mormon library, Enid Davis finally tracked down her Dick family in the 1851 census for Govan, Scotland; and Jean Turvey was in luck to find her Turveys right at the beginning of the film of 1852-1882 baptisms and marriages for the parish of Cheddington, Bedfordshire.

Gerry Woodruff has contacted an Austin one-name society in the USA and is hopeful of tracking his American Austin branch through this organisation.

Gail Maguire wrote to the parish church in Germany for details of her family there and was surprised to find that she could buy a copy of all the registers of the church going back over 400 years. The Pastor had these printed because he grew tired of answering all the enquiries he received, and saw that here was a saleable product!

Rube Stevens wrote in turn to eight parish churches in Germany to find her ancestors in that particular area, and received answers in German all containing the word NEITCH. After having given up for a period, she wrote to one more and really struck it lucky because, although this was not the right parish, the mail was opened by a parishoner in the absence of the Pastor, and he recognised two sections of the family tree included with the letter as being the same as his own. He was a 4th cousin!

A presentation of her efforts was made to Linda Lacey, director of the LDS Family History Centre, on Wednesday 28 July. Linda and her family departed on 30 July to once again take up residence in Tasmania. Hopefully a new director to replace Linda will be appointed in the near future; however, in the interim period, the library will be open ONLY on TUESDAY MORNINGS. It is anticipated this situation will continue until the 16 August by which time the new director will have been appointed and Norma Kidcaff will have returned from holidays.

Recent Library Additions (continued from p.4)

Pioneer and Biographical Registers have been purchased for Townsville and Bundaberg. These are in Section A, Queensland. Lists of People.

Family Memories, a guide to reminiscing by Bob Price is an excellent aid to discovering details of ordinary lives of family members. (Section C.)

UK Certificates (continued from p.5)

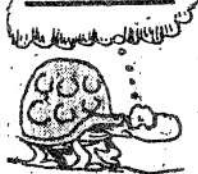
See our Information File, and also advertisement on page 144 of the March '93 *Generation*.

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 fro 1855 to 1885 are said to be on the IGI.

DIARY DATES

August 04	Annual General Meeting
August 14-28	Annual library display at Mackay City library
September 01	Monthly meeting > beginners night
September 04	Annual Trash & Treasure stall

REMEMBER:



MONTHLY MEETINGS: 1st Wednesday each month at Milton Street High School Room D10
MONTHLY NEWSLETTER) both appear at meetings and then in
QUARTERLY MAGAZINE) the library.
DEADLINE FOR NEWSLETTER: 2 weeks before next meeting. Please contribute or ring 422539.
GENEALOGICAL LIBRARY: within North Mackay Library, Ungerer St. is open to all
9.30-5.30 daily + to 8.00p.m. Thursday & 9.00-1.00 Saturday.
RESEARCH ASSISTANCE: in this library 12.30-3.30 Monday to Wednesday,
10.00-12.00 2nd & 4th Wednesdays and 2nd Saturday or ring 422539
MORMON LIBRARY: Mackay LDS Family History Centre is within the church
at cnr McGinn and Field Sts - open to all
9.30 - noon and 7.00-9.30pm Tuesday 9.30-3.00 Wednesday.
Closed School Holidays.

Mackay Genie Gossip



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GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY OF QLD
MACKAY BRANCH
P O BOX 882, MACKAY 4740

TEAM CHOSEN TO TACKLE THE 1993/94 YEAR

At the annual meeting on 04 August, the following offices were filled:

President: Denise Neville (593 149)

Machines: Gerry Woodruff

Vice President: Betty McGowan (575 485)

Research Officer: Denise Neville

Secretary: Jean Turvey (577 764)

Annual Display: Judy Wallace

Treasurer: Yvonne Peberdy (578 916)

Publicity: Christine Crichton

Librarian: Helen Butler (422 539)

Indexing: Denise Neville

Sales: Carmel Welch (575 244)

Social: Gary O'Shea

Microfilming: Christine Crichton (522 936)

Money Raisers: Adelaide Grendon & Mavis Sheedy

Newsletter: Helen Butler & Denise Neville

OLD BOWEN CEMETERY WILL LIVE ON

Earlier this year the Bowen Shire Council decided to close the small Flemington Road Cemetery, and to remove the headstones to the main cemetery in Johns Street. The old reserve of two acres on the north side of the Don River is now in the middle of a tomato farm. Burials here date from Bowen's first years, but it is thought there have been none in this cemetery for the last 60 years. The cemetery is a problem to maintain and has become very neglected and overgrown.

A public outcry followed this proposed move, and not only in Bowen. Several of our members were concerned as they had ancestors buried there, and because this is one of the few cemeteries still in existence where all of its headstones are old ones. Hilda McLean points out that the relative position of different headstones often provides a genealogical clue and, when headstones are removed, any such clue is lost forever. Because of protests, the Bowen Council reconsidered the matter, eventually reversing its decision. The cemetery will remain. The Council has cut the grass, made the whole area more accessible, and erected a signpost to show the turn-off. Local concerned people will co-operate with the Council to maintain the graves. A recent meeting of the Council decided to apply to list the cemetery with the Queensland Heritage Register, and to seek funding for future development.

DISPLAY A GREAT SUCCESS

Judy Wallace wishes to extend many thanks to everyone who contributed to this year's display in the Mackay City Library. She believes it was a very interesting and varied display this year, with many viewers commenting on the amazing amount of material included. Having the TV and VCR to show Janet Reakes videos during the display added an extra dimension, even though this was not possible during the second week due to its being Children's Book Week. Thanks too to everyone who volunteered to man the display. Judy would like ideas for next year's display, so please let her know your thoughts, especially ideas for anything different and interesting.

RESEARCH NOTES

1. The British Isles genealogical register is to be a genealogical directory of surnames being researched in the British Isles only



which includes all of Ireland, Isle of Man and Channel Isles. Entries must be in England by 01 November 1993. An entry on the correct form should be sent to Mrs C McLee, 3 The Green, Kirklevington, Yarm, Cleveland TS15 9NW, England. The entry form may be copied from the May issue of *Family Tree Magazine* or from our Forms File. Overseas contributors may pay in "dollar bills" or one pound in English Stamps. The fee for Australia is \$3. These charges are very reasonable but, of course, contributors do not receive a copy of the book. The entries will be sorted into counties to make it easier to search. It is being organised by the Federation of Family History Societies which has named the forthcoming directory optimistically, THE BIG DIRECTORY.

2. Gould Catalogue no.11 is now in our Booksellers Box with other similar catalogues, e.g. Macbeth Books. These are useful in finding books available for sale. As well, any book here is likely to be in your local library or available on Inter-Library Loan.

3. Scotland - Co. Rothesay and Co. Bute & Arran: Monumental inscriptions from some cemeteries in these counties are now in our library, having been kindly provided by Faye Heany.

4. Civilian War Dead 1939-45 for all Commonwealth countries are recorded, and information can be obtained for a modest fee from The Commonwealth War Graves Commission, 2 Marlowe Rd, Maidenhead, Berkshire. This was reported in *Family Tree Magazine*. If Australians are the subject, however, first try the Australian War Graves Commission, PO Box 21, Woden ACT 2606.

5. No Sales Tax on Family History. Peg Strickland reports that she has applied for a refund of Sales Tax added to the account for the printing of her recent family history. A family history which is for private distribution is exempt from Sales Tax, even if produced commercially. Previously, neither Peg nor the printer was aware of this.

SOME CLIPPING FILES KEPT IN THE LOCAL AREA

did you know?

How many times have we read something in a newspaper which we meant to make a note of at the time, but didn't - only to be unable to locate that piece later! That is when one of these clipping files could help. There are people who patiently and methodically cut articles and pictures from the newspapers and arrange them in clipping files for their own interest and information, and to help others. Thus a volume of information is amassed which is a source of research.

Ellen Jackson files clipping from *The Daily Mercury* of historical or genealogical interest. There are six of these clipping files in our library in the Local Section D. All are indexed and are easy to look up. The one currently being compiled is kept at home by Ellen who will answer any query (552 617). Betty McGowan keeps at home a file of similar clippings from the Rockhampton newspaper and will also answer queries (575 485). The Mackay City Library has a card index of main articles on all subjects and main items of news in *The Daily Mercury* from 1980 on, and it holds all issues of the paper from 1980 in bound volumes. (Papers previous to this can be viewed at the Mercury Office, but there is no index.) The death and funerals notices in *The Daily Mercury* have been kept since 1985 by Doreen Townson. The Townson Deaths 1985-89 fill a clipping file in our library in Section D, and there is a card index in Section L. Doreen can answer queries on more recent notices (423 681).

Delys Jeppesen of Bloomsbury has in her Proserpine file a very large collection of clippings and copied information from many different sources, all referring to people, places, buildings, events, etc in Proserpine. These are indexed and queries can be answered (475 775).

Mavis Sheedy keeps a file of the weekly column by Janet Reakes appearing in the *Sunday Mail* and she can look up any hint not noted at the time (577 691) - there are some gaps in more recent times.

Dr SOCRATES LETTER OF APPRECIATION



Dear Sir

I wish to convey my gratitude to your members for arranging the recent public appearance of so many interesting people in that most attractive venue, the foyer of the Mackay City Library. I deem it a privilege to have met all the memorable people presented here by your members, and I feel I must mention a few of the people I met there.

Martin Sichter told me how he had arrived in Moreton Bay from Germany in 1864 with his wife Wilhemina and their three teenage children. Just two years later he had taken up five acres at Bethania, a small farm but his very own land and next to a similar farm taken up by his wife's brother. He was proud of their achievements as independent farmers, and of their many descendants who are Australians. In contrast to this, nearby I met Carlotta Zeitler who had been born Charlotte Chamberlain in Kent, England, in 1833, and emigrated with her family as a young girl. When she married Carl Zeitler from Germany, there was a large Australian family. Carl and Carlotta were very proud of these and also of the succeeding generations who had moved to live all over the world; all of which was why they claimed theirs was an international family.

I was very impressed with the soldiers present, especially by Brigadier-General Sir Samuel Petherbridge in full uniform, who was administrator of New Guinea for the Queensland Government and knighted in 1916 for his work. Then Anthony Malone told me he had been a volunteer in the Queensland Mounted Infantry and was chosen to go to London with the Queensland Contingent in 1897 for Queen Victoria's Jubilee celebrations. He said, "We were proud at being placed in the front of the procession, and were cheered enough to make any soldier feel pleased with himself". Thomas Grendon appeared, young and fresh-faced, as he was in 1918 when he fought his last battle in France.

I met several convicts in the gathering, and of these John Wright was the most engaging. He was, in 1818, transported to Sydney for sheep stealing and lived the life of a convict until his pardon in 1841. He then married and had 15 children, and I chuckled when he told me that in the latter part of his life he was a law-enforcer, being the pound keeper at Orange. I met another lawbreaker who, however, never managed to get on the right side of the law. He was Ned Kelly, and here he was boasting proudly of his Irish connections. Then there were the two Irish brothers who never did get caught. They were John and Timothy Brennan who told me how, in Kilcrohane Co. Kerry in the 1830s, they would make their poteen, although it was against the law to distil your own whiskey. Their mother used to do her weaving outside her cottage on the side of the mountain so she could see strangers approaching and signal her boys to put out the fire and hide all evidence of the poteen making.

An Englishman Thomas Whitmore, a modest man from Leicestershire, had come to Queensland and settled in the Gympie district. He told me how in the 1890s he had spent three years, with teams, on an epic journey across Australia from Gympie to Coolgardie. He had not found the gold he had hoped for, and returned by boat to Gympie and stayed there on the farm for the rest of his life, none the richer but much the wiser.

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Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Research

From time immemorial genealogy has been an integral part of the lives of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. Every person was very aware of his family and inter-family relationships, and was also intimately connected to his homeland area. Today, many of these people are trying to re-find their roots, often having to fill in gaps in the last few generations - gaps caused by disruption to their way of life and sometimes by movement away from their homeland area. Several researchers have recently visited our genealogical library, and this has prompted a summary of sources available for ATSI research. Of course, the usual indexes, burial registers, church records, etc., should be referred to first, and official certificates of births and marriages obtained where possible, but there are further sources which might help research in this specialised field.

1. The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Unit at John Oxley Library aims to collect and index material to help trace family history or to define tribal areas. Information is collected only for Queensland, and includes the records of the Anglican Diocese of Carpentaria with baptisms and marriages, the Tindale Genealogies for Queensland (see next paragraph), and the 1988 Paul Mackett Index of all ATSI material in the State Archives and all still in Government departments. Individuals are guided to the information and encouraged to do their own research. Kathy Frankland is in charge. Enquiries can be directed to her or to Ysola Best c/- John Oxley Library, PO Box 3488, South Brisbane Q 4101, or by phone to (07) 840 7892.
2. The South Australian Museum holds records about aboriginal people all over Australia. Copies of all their Queensland information are held by the John Oxley Library in Brisbane, but enquiries about other States should be directed here. Their records consist mainly of the Tindale Genealogies and photographs. Norman B Tindale travelled around all Australia in the 1930s and amassed all the information he could from people of the different tribes. Torres Strait Islanders were not included unless they were then living on the mainland at Yarrabah or similar settlements in Queensland. Send enquiries to Vincent Buckskin, South Australian Museum, North Terrace, Adelaide SA 5000, or phone (08) 207 7500.
3. Aboriginal and Islander Adoptions: assistance with research may be possible from Link-Up, Qld Aboriginal Corporation, PO Box 659, West End Q 4101, or phone (07) 846 4061.
4. The North Australia Collection holds a great deal of information about all northern Australia including north Queensland and the Torres Strait Islands. Write to The Genealogical Society of the Northern Territory, 2nd Floor, Cavanagh Court, Austin Lane, Darwin NT 5790.
5. Mackay City Library has in its reference section the books by Norman Tindale "Aboriginal Tribes of Australia, their terrain, environmental controls, distribution, limits, and proper names - with an appendix on Tasmanian tribes by Rhys Jones". These give the names of all the tribes, with variations of spelling, and four large maps covering all Australia showing the tribal areas with boundaries drawn.
6. Mackay City Library has also in reference "North-West-Central Queensland, an annotated bibliography" compiled by Beryl F Craig (1970). This book is no.41 in a series published by the Australian Institute of Aboriginal Studies in Canberra. This covers the areas of Queensland west of a line from Gilbert River in the Gulf to Dalby and south to the border. 78 Tribes are named and located by number on a small map, but with no tribal boundaries given. There are then listed all known references appearing in all published and manuscript material from the earliest explorers to the present. Anyone interested in a particular tribe can then find and read these references.



AXEL JAKOB
&
ROSE LARSEN



Axel Jakob Vilhelm Valdemar Larsen, commonly known as Peter Larsen, was born on 02 June 1884 in a small town called Faarevejle, in Denmark. He was the second child of Soren Peter Larsen and Johanne Kirstine Nielsen, and was one of six children. In Denmark at that time there were only six grades at school. Axel and his brother and sisters attended school every second day as they had to work on the farm to get money for food and clothes. Axel was a herdsman (feeding the cattle) when not in school. He also herded geese and was very good at milking cows when he came to Australia so may have done this also. Axel left home without saying where he was going and not getting in touch with his family, even years later.

Axel Jakob Larsen came to Australia in 1907 aged 23 years, landing in the north. He worked on the Kuranda railway and cut cane at Ingham before working his way to Mackay along the railway line. He used to tell the story of one of the cooks in the camps up north cooking snake for the men and telling them it was eel. Apparently he left the north around 1908 to head towards Mackay. In Mackay he worked as a farmhand for Mr and Mrs A Bradshaw and Adam Lisk at Gargett. Mr Lew Harris now owns the farm once owned by Adam Lisk.

On 31 January 1916, Axel Jakob was sworn in at Rockhampton into the Australian Army's 3rd Pioneer Battalion, and saw active service in France. He served abroad for 2 years and 252 days, and was wounded on the Somme in France, then spending two months in hospital at Salisbury Plains, England.

It was here in hospital that he met his future wife, Rose Dorothy Cooper, who was working in the laundry. Rose was born on 24 May 1899 at Amesbury, in Wiltshire, England, the daughter of William John Cooper and Fanny Blake. Rose was one of ten children, the others in the family being Else, Ivy, Kate, Nell, Violet, Win (who lived in Perth), Lil, Bill and Fred.

Axel Jakob returned to Australia on 20 December 1918 and was discharged on 27 March 1919. The first night back in Mackay, he stayed at Biddle's Hotel which was in Victoria Street. Rose came to Australia in 1919 on a war bride ship. Axel worked for Jim Williams at Mt Jukes on his coffee plantation and Rose worked for Jim's wife, Mary, as a housemaid. They were married on 23 February 1920 in the Parish Church, Gordon Street, Mackay, with Jim and Mary Williams as witnesses.

Many years passed before Axel's mother knew anything of his whereabouts. One day her neighbour in Denmark received a letter from her son in Australia telling her that his nearest neighbour in Australia was in fact Johanne Kirstine's son, Axel Larsen. Contact with his mother was re-established. His father had died in 1909.

In 1923 Axel Jakob and Rose Larsen bought a cane farm from the Williams. Jim Ryan built their house at a cost of 150 pounds. Nineteen years later they sold the cane farm to their son-in-law, John Pace. Axel then worked for the Woodyards carting cane off the hillsides of Mt Jukes. He also worked for the Lawrences. He then moved to the Pioneer Shire Council where he drove a grader; then he worked for the Main Roads Department. He was the local farrier in Mt Jukes and shod horses for everyone in the valley. During World War II, Axel was a member of the Volunteer Defence Corps and trained on most weekends at Farleigh.

Rose and Axel raised eight children at Mt Jukes - Mary, Fred, Elsie, Bill, Peter, Pat, Lily and Phyllis who died at only four days old. They moved to Mirani in 1951 where Axel, then 67 years old, began working for the Mirani Shire Council, retiring when he was about 76 years. He is best remembered for the roller he drove, the biggest job he undertook being the Eungella Range road. This roller is now in the Mirani Museum.

Rose Dorothy Larsen died on 29 July 1964 aged 65 years. When Axel Jakob Vilhelm Valdemar Larsen died six months later on 27 December 1964 aged 80 years, he still had shrapnel in his body from his war wounds.

[From the book *In Memory of the Larsens of Mt Jukes* by Yvonne Peberdy,
grand daughter of Axel Jakob and Rose Larsen.]

Letter of Appreciation (continued from previous page 3)

From New Zealand came Herbert Stephens, a successful man in many fields. He surprised me with the story of how, in 1928 in London, he presented the Prince of Wales with a case of apples, the one millionth case sent from New Zealand. This was while Herbert was an orchardist in Nelson, and head of the NZ Apple Export Board. Another New Zealander I met was Sister Eleanor Dobby who had accomplished great things in a quiet way. As a deaconess of the Methodist Church from 1919, she had for many years ministered to the people of the Hokianga area, travelling lonely roads on horseback and remote rivers by launch.

There were many interesting people from our Mackay area too. I met Mrs Patroni who told me she used to walk three miles to and from school each day. This was Chelona School which was four years older than Mrs Patroni who recently cut the school's 100th birthday cake.

I mention here only a few of the large number of interesting people who appeared in your display. This goes to show one reason why family history is so interesting - it is full of people! ... and people are interesting.

Yours in genealogy
Socrates Arbuthnot.



PLEASE NOTE...

While the team for 1993/94 listed on page 1 gives the people responsible for various functions within our group, in many cases it would be unreasonable to expect them to function alone, and teams of assistants, or at least offers of periodic assistance are required. Christine Crichton would welcome assistance with her microfilming working - it is not labour intensive but is much easier if someone else is helping. Likewise, indexing is a job that requires groups of two people who can contribute an hour or two of their time, day and time to suit themselves, to help complete the indexing of the many records we are filming. Please contact the persons responsible for these functions if you can help share the load.

An article on page 2 deals with clippings files. Are there any other people keeping clippings files? Please let us know at the library or on 422 539 - also anyone else who would like to start a new project and would like some assistance to get started.

Do you know of any records held in Mackay (or anywhere nearby) that could, or should be filmed and/or indexed before they are lost. It may be that as normal course some of these records would be transferred elsewhere and lost to the district, or simply that they are not easily accessible to researchers at the present time, and/or not very easy to use in the present format. Please let us know.

DIARY DATES

September 01	Monthly meeting	> beginners night
September 04	Annual Trash & Treasure stall	
October 06	Monthly meeting	> Bruce Lees and his Army records

REMEMBER:



MONTHLY MEETINGS: 1st Wednesday each month at Milton Street High School Room D10
MONTHLY NEWSLETTER } both appear at meetings and then in
QUARTERLY MAGAZINE } the library.
DEADLINE FOR NEWSLETTER: 2 weeks before next meeting. Please contribute or ring 422539.
GENEALOGICAL LIBRARY: within North Mackay Library, Ungerer St. is open to all
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RESEARCH ASSISTANCE: in this library 12.30-3.30 Monday to Wednesday,
10.00-12.00 2nd & 4th Wednesdays and 2nd Saturday or ring 422539
MORMON LIBRARY: Mackay LDS Family History Centre is within the church
at cnr McGinn and Field Sts - open to all
9.30 - noon and 7.00-9.30pm Tuesday 9.30-3.00 Wednesday. Closed School Holidays.

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PLAN NOW TO ATTEND 1994 SEMINARS, etc.

On 23/24 January at Hervey Bay, near Maryborough, Janet Reakes will run a Family History Fair with expert speakers on a wide range of topics. Cost is \$60 for the two days, which are the Saturday and Sunday before the Australia Day holiday on the Tuesday. The large LDS library at Hervey Bay will be open on the Friday and Monday for visiting genealogists. Our Information File has the pamphlet now and will have the programme later, or write to PO Box 937, Hervey Bay. Q 4655 (or phone/fax 071 284458).

On 07-10 July at the University of Queensland, Brisbane, genealogists will gather from far and wide for the 7th Australasian Congress on Genealogy and Family History. The congress is held every two years, this being the first time in Brisbane. There will be a large number of papers delivered by speakers from all Australian States, New Zealand, Britain, Ireland, Europe and USA. See pamphlet and application form in our file, or write to Congress Convenor, PO Box 40, South Brisbane Q 4101.

On 22-30 October, at Maryborough, there will a reunion of descendants of immigrants from the old German Empire. Write to R J Larcombe, Secy Immigration Celebrations Committee, 50 Moreton Street, Maryborough Q 4650.

NEW FILM READER ARRIVES AT LAST

The Pioneer Shire Library has purchased a new Canon microfilm reader/printer which takes both 16mm and 35mm films. The machine is being well used by researchers in the genealogy room as it can provide printouts from the Queensland naturalization and immigration films, and from the local cemetery and church records. Mackay genies are grateful to the library for continuing to cater for their needs.

TRASH & TREASURE PROVIDES MUCH NEEDED FUNDS

The Trash & Treasure brought in \$550. Thanks go to all who supported this venture, and to Jean for organising the collection and sale of items. These funds have enabled us to purchase the new indexes.

MIRANI EARLY SETTLERS - information wanted

Anyone with information about the settlers of Mirani before 1900 can contact Clive Rogers at Mirani Shire Office (59 1101), or Lucy Green at 24 Andergrove Road, Andergrove Q 4740 (55 1981). This information is being collected to be kept in the Mirani Museum and as part of the Mirani Memorial Park Project where names of families will be commemorated on plaques within the park.

SCOTS IN THE BURDEKIN - information wanted

A register is being compiled of all persons born in Scotland who live, or have lived at any time, in the Burdekin Shire. Further information and a copy of the questionnaire which is to be completed can be obtained from Laura Scott, PO Box 127, Home Hill Q 4806.

RESEARCH NOTES



1. The 1994 Genealogical Research Directory has a closing date of 30 November 1993 for submission of entries. Our Forms File has an application form which may be photocopied. Late entries are usually accepted for a month or so, but this year this may not be the case. Contributors to the last three editions have been notified of a special offer to entice them to enter the 1994 GRD when they may not have done so otherwise. Therefore, there will

probably be more entries and the editors warn that the publication can contain no more than 1,000 pages, so late entries may miss out this year. It is well worth advertising your research interests in this world-wide directory. If it is difficult to obtain a form locally, write to K A Johnson, PO Box 795, North Sydney NSW 2060.

2. Scotland Outer Hebrides Research has always been difficult, but researcher Bill Lawson researching this area for over 20 years and has now compiled a research bank of 17,500 family tree sheets. This enables him to trace most families back to the generation born 1750-80, and often much further. A professional service now operates using these and other resources. Write for details to : Co Leis Thu? Genealogical Research Service, The Old Schoolhouse, Northton, Isle of Harris PA8 53JA, Scotland (phone inter+ 859 82 258). Also see article in *Scots Link* May 1993 in our library. ["Co Leis Thu?" is Gaelic for "Who do you belong to?"]

3. NSW Births Marriages & Deaths 1889-1918 in the Federation Series Index is now in our library. For details see article on page 5 of this newsletter. Any person missing from the old indexes might possibly be found in the new index for these reasons (a) the index contains some entries which were missed in the old indexes, (b) some surname changes are now indexed, (c) the index covers 13 more years, or (d) the entry might have been in the old indexes but not found by the researcher for some reason. The new index is much easier to look up. A similar index covering the years 1788-1888 and entitled the NSW Pioneers Index will be issued next year. The Victorian Pioneers Index has been issued for some time and is available at the Mackay LDS library. We have ordered the Tasmanian Pioneers Index and it should be in our library soon.

4. Gipsy research - The Gipsy Lore Society, 5607 Greenleaf Road, Cheverly MD 20785 USA, and *The Forgotten People* by James Hugh Donohue of 11/4 Greenwich Road, Greenwich, are two sources which were mentioned by Ken Lee at the Newcastle Conference, and also the Romany Association of Australia, PO Box 347, Wallsend NSW 2287. [from Cairns Journal Aug.93]

5. Clarence River District (NSW) ancestors might be mentioned in *The Bawden Lectures*, a record of the first fifty years on the Clarence River (1836-1886) which mentions most early settlers, cattle properties and sheep stations in the area. Carmel McDonald is currently reading a borrowed edition and will look up any members' enquiries. Phone Carmel on 54 8800.

6. Jondaryan Station (Q) family history research programme collects and makes available information about every person who ever worked or lived on the station and their family history. Enquiries to John Lec. Eggleston, PO Box 761, Pinalba Q 4655. [*Qld Family Historian* Aug.93]

7. Scotts - PGC, Warwick, has just celebrated 75 years of the two former schools, now combined. *The Lion & the Turtle* is a beautifully produced and detailed history of the school by Dr Basil Shaw. It lists every student from the beginning, with years of enrolment. Judy Wallace has this book and will look up any enquiries (41 1224).

SAM and SUSAN DUNN

The Dunn family history in the Mackay district goes back over 100 years as Samuel Dunn married Susan Howard in Mackay in 1886 and many of their descendants still live in the area.

Samuel Dunn was born in 1862 at Burnham Overy, Norfolk, England, and later moved with his family to Hunstanton on the coast of Norfolk. The Dunns were a sea-faring family and Samuel's father, also Samuel Dunn, had sailing and fishing boats. Samuel Snr and his father, another Samuel Dunn, were involved in smuggling goods across the English Channel and played a continual game of outwitting the coastguards.

Young Sam became a boatman at Hunstanton and, in 1882, at the age of 20, decided to emigrate to Australia. He arrived in Mackay as a free passenger on the schooner *Chyebassa*. An arrival notice in the Mackay Mercury describes the young immigrants as "a specially fine strong healthy lot of fellows". In 1887 Sam's brother and sisters - Arthur, Katherine (Kate), and Mary - followed him to Mackay.

Susan Howard was also born in Norfolk, in the village of Ringstead, in 1869. After the death of her parents, Susan left for Australia on the S.S. *Bulimba* with her brothers Tom and Jack, to join her twin brothers, Henry and Bob, who had settled in Mackay. At the end of that same year, 1886, Samuel and Susan were married at the Primitive Methodist Church in Mackay; he was 24 and she was just 17.

Sam had worked at various jobs around Mackay, and now had a steady job as a road overseer. He worked on the construction of the original Old Bowen Road from Mackay to Bowen. Sam and Susan first lived in Gordon Street, then moved to Walkerston, and then to St Helen's (later Koliyo) north-west of Mackay. Around 1890 Sam bought 120 acres of farmland on Sandy Creek, Chelona, and commenced growing sugar cane. In *The Sugar Fields of Mackay 1895* by Aeneas Munro, his farm is described as "area 120 acres, on Sandy Creek, mostly good sugar land. Taking off 12 acres this year and planting 12 acres. Improvements: fenced in, one-roomed iron house detached kitchen iron, 6 stall stable, chaff shed, Kanaka quarters, yard and calf pen. Stock 10 horses, labour 4 Kanakas and 1 white man". In 1895 he selected an adjoining block of 104 acres which was all virgin scrub. Sam named his farm "St Edmund's" after his home in Norfolk.

Sam and Susan produced a family of 13 children - Samuel, Robert George (Geordie), Edward Ernest (Ned), John (Jack), Alan, William Roy (Roy), Gladys May, Lillian Rose, Susan Flora (Floss), Daisy Edith, Dorothy Ruby (Ruby), Howard and Dulcie Grace - born between 1887 and 1911. Susan's sister-in-law, Sophie Howard, a midwife, delivered all the children but one who was born in hospital. "Aunt Sophie" was everyone's favourite and drove around in an old buggy with a white horse.



The DUNN Family : Sam and Susan with the first 7 of their 13 children. The baby is the first girl

In 1893 the Chelona State School was opened on land adjoining the Dunn farm. All the Dunn children attending either walking to school or riding their ponies. Sam's brother-in-law, Frank Sleep (husband of Kate Dunn), had livery stables in Mackay and provided the children with ponies. As their parents were English, the children were brought up to think of themselves as English.

HERITAGE PROGRAMME FOR MACKAY CEMETERY

The Mackay City Council has decided to make the Mackay Cemetery more attractive. It is planned to clean and repair graves (lying any damaged gravestones flat on the grave rather than trying to repair them), and to mark graves of pioneers and other interesting people. It is all part of a plan to develop a heritage walk through the cemetery, and the project will also include smartening up the grounds generally and a facelift for the shelter-shed.

The project is seen to be important for its own sake, as well as for informing students and attracting tourists. If you have any suggestions or information, especially about graves now without headstones, please contact Mr Adrian Smith, Environment Officer with the Mackay City Council.

FOR SALE : The Mackay Cemetery and Sarina Cemetery Burial Registers Indexes

Mackay GSQ has compiled a printed index of the Burial Register of the Mackay Cemetery which contains all burials from 1866. This may be purchased from the secretary for \$65. A similar printed index of the Burial Register of the Sarina Cemetery is for sale for \$25. This contains all burials from 1913 when the cemetery opened.

People of Mackay (continued from page 3)

A timber house of four rooms was built with verandahs on both sides. As the family grew, so did the house. The house and farm were devastated in the 1918 cyclone - the house was unprotected as it was built on a rise. Sam and Susan lost a great many of their possessions, especially things of sentimental value which they had brought with them from England. During the cyclone they sheltered at the school, then spent six weeks with their relations, the Windsors, while they rebuilt the house.

Before the turn of the century, Sam had Kanakas working for him on the farm. They camped away from the house and Susan cooked for them. Horses were used to pull the wagons of cut cane which was lifted by winch and chain onto cane trucks for transportation to Homebush Mill. Family transport was a buggy (4 wheels) and a sulky (2 wheels), and it took an hour and a half to drive into Mackay for supplies so it was usually an all-day journey.

Sam had one trip back to England, around 1899, with his brothers-in-law Henry and Bob Howard, and was away from home for 12 months. Around 1930 Sam and Susan retired to Mackay, living at 44 Gregory Street. Sam died in 1932 at the age of 70, while Susan lived on for many more years, dying at the age of 86 in 1955. They are both buried in the Mackay cemetery. Dunrock, near Chelona, is named after the Dunn family - a great fishing spot.

Judy Wallace

DEAD BRANCH CAME TO LIFE

If any members have found a birth on the IGI and believed the person died as an infant because he was never mentioned by the family descendants, THINK AGAIN!

I was recently surprised by a letter from a Canadian descendant of my grandfather's (George Scott) brother John. I had found his birth on the IGI, along with the rest of my grandfather's siblings, and when I made enquiries about him to my Scottish cousin Margaret during her visit to Australia for the Scott reunion, she knew nothing about him either. So, we stated in the booklet that John died in infancy. Margaret later received a letter from our Canadian cousin who was trying to trace the family tree on her grandfather's side, and directed her to write to me as I had done the Scott family tree - minus poor John! It was a pleasant surprise to hear John had gone to live in Canada at a young age, married and had four sons (two of whom are still alive and in their 80s). We now keep the Post Office busy exchanging letters and photos.

From now on I won't assume anyone is dead until I read the death certificate!

Carmel McDonald

THE NSW FEDERATION INDEX - A LITTLE BEAUTY!

The long awaited NSW index of births, marriages and deaths 1889-1918 is now in our library. The old indexes stopped at 1905. The new index contains approximately two million entries on 175 microfiche, and is a combined alphabetical names list similar to the IGI. When there are a number of identical entries for surname and given name, these are sorted chronologically into births, then marriages and then deaths. The index is very clear and easy to follow, with each fiche showing in its heading the first and last names appearing on the fiche.

One disappointing feature is that a woman's maiden name is not given on the birth entry for her child, nor can her maiden name be deduced from her death entry because this shows only given names for her mother and father. The extra surname added to the line would have been a help. One compensation is that the place of registration is given for every entry and, although this indicates only the district where the event occurred, it is still helpful in sorting out similar entries.

Be sure to read the Guide to using the microfiche as it answers all possible questions about the index, the records, the work of the Registry Office, and what to do if a name is not found. The guide is especially important in understanding the extreme right hand column on the fiche. The registration year shown here must be quoted with its following number when a certificate is ordered, and this is the only certificate that can be issued. The registration year may be later than the event year. This and notations in the Cross Reference column show that the entry is not normal or a straightforward one, and change of name, legitimisation, adoption, etc., could be involved. Consult the guide when such an entry is found.

As previously, full price of a certificate is \$20, but \$15 if the full reference is quoted. This applies right up to 1918, however, birth certificates from 1906 onwards can be obtained only by the person himself or, if deceased, by his next of kin. A similar restriction applies to marriages within the last 50 years and deaths within the last 30 years.

There are three special services offered by the Registry Office:

1. Inspection of records service for researchers who can visit the registry in person. The cost is \$27 for 20 minutes and up to 8 original registers (pre-1905 only) may be inspected during this time. Therefore, similar entries on the index can be sorted out by inspecting the original registers, and details from the register for the required entry can be hand copied (no tape recording allowed).

2. A 5 year search will be undertaken by the Office on the basis of one record within a specified 5 year period. The fee is \$20 for the five year search plus supply of the certificate if the entry is found. If not found, a further 10 years search can be requested for a further fee of \$20.

3. If there are too many possibilities to choose from in either the new or old indexes, up to 10 possible registration numbers from the index can be sent and, for a fee of \$20, the Office will check these, against other details provided with the request, to locate the correct entry and provide the certificate if the correct entry is found. Cheryl Bartlett obtained a birth certificate which did not give details of the parents' marriage. She listed the reference numbers for the births of 8 of this child's siblings, and sent a request for another birth certificate - any one! - which did contain the marriage details. The Office obliged.

The NSW Registry Office states that it is committed to providing "a timely, efficient, and accurate service with sensitivity ...". They certainly seem now to be well in tune with the needs of genes. Perhaps, more than previously, they want satisfied customers.

GENIE SERVICES

PICTURE-PAST advertises in *Family Tree Magazine* : illustrate your family history with old postcards of the churches where your ancestors were baptised, married or buried. Send SAE + 3 international reply coupons to Picture-Past, 47 Manor House Park, Codsall, Staffordshire WV8 1ES, England.

CONVICT IMAGE can provide a graphic likeness of your convict ancestor from personal descriptive information shown on the indent. Indents from 1821 onwards have more comprehensive details and therefore result in the best pictures. Cost is \$30 for a full colour image. Our recent display contained photocopies of two pictures produced this way. Direct enquiries to Tony on (03) 885 4600, or write to 77 Munro Avenue, Ashburton VIC 3147.

EVERGREEN ANGELS provides a service which tidies and/or tends graves in the Brisbane area. Mrs Helen Brown conducts this service and, for \$398 per year or \$39 per month, will clean and weed neglected plots and decorate them with flowers every fortnight. A single visit costs \$50. This was reported in an August edition of *New Idea* which gave only a telephone contact number of (07) 376 7319.

MYSTERY OBJECT REVEALED

What was it once used for - this old, tiny (4cm long) gold, cylindrical object with one part retractable? Found in the drawer of a very old sewing machine, it seem to be well used as the engraved design on the gold was well worn. This object was in our annual display and there were many suggestions as to its intended use by those who saw it, however, several people seemed fairly sure it was a lady's miniature pencil which would have had a lead inserted in the retractable part. Mrs Olive Hodgkinson said she had a similar one. Mrs Genevieve Danastas said the lady of the house used to carry in her pocket a miniature notebook (sometimes only 3cm square) to record household notes as she went about the house, and this very small pencil was the companion to such a pocket notebook.

LET'S LAUGH

"I guess one never really finishes one's genealogy", sighed a researcher.
"No", said a friend. "every time you think you are finished, they come out with an update of the IGI".

DIARY DATES

November 03 Monthly meeting > Betty Clarke - Greenmount Homestead records
November Car Boot Sale > North Mackay Library carpark

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MACKAY MALTA FEST 1994

The Mackay Malta Festival will be staged over one week beginning 30 April 1994 to foster the Maltese cultural, religious and sporting activities in the Mackay community, and to develop cultural awareness amongst the descendants of the Maltese immigrants to Mackay and elsewhere. There will be a history and cultural display at the City Library. Family histories and old photos will be needed to make this a successful event. Profiles of Maltese pioneering families from throughout the district will be published as part of the festival. Carmel Baretta (421 661) or Laraine Schembri (598 224) would love to hear from you if you have already prepared a family history; if not, they would be pleased to help you prepare one. For information, contact either Carmel or Laraine.

SOME CERTIFICATE COST RISES

There have been recent rises in the cost of South Australian certificates which are now \$25, and in Victorian certificates which are now \$32 or \$16 if the reference number is quoted. Charges in the other states remain the same - \$20 in NSW (or \$15 with the reference number), \$17 in Queensland, \$23 in Western Australia, \$15 in the Northern Territory, and \$20 in Tasmania for 1900+ certificates but pre-1900 certificates are supplied as photocopies for the cost of photocopying. ACT. - \$20 (Started 1930.)

LIBRARY DISPLAYS FOR 1994 & 1995

Next year's genealogical display in the Mackay City Library will be earlier in the year - from 14 to 18 May. This has been brought about because the foyer space is becoming more popular for travelling displays and is being booked ahead. Judy Wallace, as well as making our 1994 booking, has also made a booking for 1995 from 19 August to 02 September.

WANTED: PROFILES OF MIRANI PIONEERS pre 1900

Stage one of the Mirani Memorial Park is well underway and it is hoped to commence stage two in the new year. The park to commemorate Mirani pioneering families is being planted throughout with Australian trees and plants and will feature a landscape watercourse. Profiles of pioneering families in the Mirani area prior to 1900 are required. Those who might have difficulty putting together their family's story can contact Lucy Green (551 981) who is willing to record the oral history and prepare the written version from that. Histories already completed may be left with Leslie Kane at the Mirani Museum, Lucy Green (24 Andergrove Road, Andergrove) or may be left at the North Mackay Library for Denise Neville to collect.

RESEARCH NOTES



1. **England** - a medical index covering 1615-1850 and listing surgeons, chemists, etc. has been compiled by Dr J Burnby, 8 Bowling Green Lane, Wirkworth, Derbyshire DE4 4EF, England.
otherwise Certificate costs NZ \$15.00
2. **New Zealand certificates** may now be obtained as photocopies at the lesser price of \$NZ5.50 from P O Box 31-115, Lower Hutt NZ. These photocopied certificates are not available for all years. Those births available are European 1848-1930, Maori 1913-30, and both from 1972 onwards. Photocopied deaths available are European 1848-present and Maori 1913-present. Photocopied marriages available are European 1854-1960 and from 1973 to now, and Maori 1911-1952. NOTE: it might be better to use the service provided by the NZ High Commissioner, NZ Embassy, Commonwealth Drive, Canberra 2600. A full certificate can be order for \$10 and paid for in Australian currency, but delivery may be slow. The application form for a NZ certificate from either address is in our Forms File.
3. **Atherton Tableland** history is being researched by Yvonne Peberdy as her grandfather lived there. She has found the following sources which might help others also. A historical booklet of the area is available from the Atherton Shire Council (P O Box 573, Atherton 4883). Glenville Pike's history of the tablelands *Pioneers Country* is in most libraries, or it can be purchased from Verandahs Bookstore, 32 Main Street, Atherton. Another history of the tablelands *Hurricane Lamps and Blue Umbrellas* is out of print, but Yvonne obtained it on Inter-Library Loan through her local library. The Tolga Historical Society (PO Box 38, Tolga 4882) is a historical society in the area, and the Eacham Historical Society (PO Box 533, Malanda) has a good collection of information and pictures of the whole Tableland area. Herberton Shire has no historical society, but Mr Harry Skinner (Grace Street, Herberton) is a local with a wide knowledge of the area.
4. **Mackay Newspaper Indexes** from 1980 to now are kept at the Mackay City Library. Mrs Betty Clark told our November meeting that she has also indexed all Mackay newspapers held at Greenmount Homestead. These date from the 1880s and are not a complete set, but the gaps are small. The index includes people, events, buildings, advertisements, etc. She is willing to answer enquiries. Contact Greenmount Historic Homestead, Walkerston 4751 (phone 592 250). Mackay newspapers to 1940 are on microfilm at the Mackay Daily Mercury office. Papers from 1940 onwards are held in the loft of the Mackay Daily Mercury office and papers from 1980 to now are held in bound volumes at the Mackay City Library. The Queensland State Library has various Mackay newspapers on microfilm including the following: *Mackay Chronicle* Aug 1895-Jul 1905 (imperfect) later became *The Daily Mercury*. *Daily Mercury* for Jan 1906-Dec 1945 and from Jan 1981 onwards. *Mackay Mercury* and *South Kennedy Advertiser* for Mar 1867-May 1887 (imperfect). *Mackay (Daily) Standard* for Nov 1978-Dec 1879, Aug 1884-Mar 1911 and Apr 1911-Dec 1913.
5. **Tasmanian Pioneers Index** which is a consolidated index of births, deaths and marriages is now available in our library. The local LDS Family History Centre also now hold the Victoria Pioneers Index and the new Tasmanian Pioneers Index so, if researching at the LDS Centre, you will now be able to check up on your Tasmanian ancestors as well.

AUSTRALIAN SOLDIERS IN WORLD WAR I



Bruce Lees

Bruce Lees is undoubtedly our local expert on the AIF in the first World War 1914-18, and we were fortunate to have him address our October meeting. A measure of the success of his talk was the volume of questions on particular places and events of the war, all of which Bruce answered promptly, demonstrating his amazing knowledge of Australian soldiers in the war.

Both of Bruce's grandfathers were in the AIF in France and survived. One, like many other soldiers, never spoke of his experiences. His other grandfather, however, told great stories of what happened in the war and, as a child, Bruce absorbed these as part of his life and his heritage. Later, when he studied the records of the war and finally got to visit the battlefields, Bruce experienced the feeling of having been there already. To go back to the battlefields became an obsession with him; he first went in 1981. In 1990 he went to Gallipoli on the 75th anniversary expedition on which his grandfather, who had been at Gallipoli, was one of the official guests. This year he made his fifth trip to the battlefields of the AIF in France.

Before leaving for overseas, he had many requests from local people to find graves of soldiers who were relatives, and this usually proved quite easy with the help of information supplied by the War Grave Commission. Bruce tells us that finding these graves for others was very satisfying for him. Many World War I dead were buried in large cemeteries such as Villers Bretonneux which contains 2,000 Australian graves. There are another 6,000 names on a commemorative wall there of soldiers killed in this vicinity whose bodies were never found. Besides the large cemeteries, there are numerous small patches of land that hold the bodies of soldiers buried near where they fell; some are even in the midst of cultivated farmland with narrow paths leading to them from the road. These small patches of land are always cared for and revered by the locals. John Laffin's recent book lists them all. The War Graves Commission will provide full details of the place of burial of any particular soldier.

Bruce Lees' message to all genealogists: Be most proud of any soldier who fought in the 1st AIF and find out all about him. All of them are something for all Australians to be proud of; they fought splendidly and achieved great things against the odds. They were used as crack troops. The AIF made up only 9% of all Allied Forces in France, but they took 25% of all captured German territory. Per head of population, they received the highest casualties by far. Casualties depleted the battalions and new recruits from Australia were constantly needed to fill the gaps. A soldier always remained in the same battalion and, after spending months in hospital and recuperating, he would always be returned to his own battalion. Very strong feelings developed in the soldiers for their mates in the battalion, and for the battalion as a whole, which he regarded as his family. There were 1,000 soldiers in each battalion but, towards the end of the war, some battalions were reduced by casualties to 200 men. There were plans to combine battalions to produce a new full strength battalion, but this was never done because the soldiers were so strongly opposed to it. They would have rather died fighting under their battalion name than survive in a combined group.

Some facts revealed in answers to questions asked:

1. MID means "mentioned in dispatches". This was an award for bravery, supposedly on a lesser scale; in reality, the bravery usually deserved a full award such as a Military Medal. There were,

To Research a World War I Australian Soldier

1. Look up the **Nominal Roll** of all soldiers who left Australia to go overseas 1914-18. This gives rank, unit, date of enlistment, fate and, if returned to Australia, the date. This is in our library.
2. The **full record** for each soldier as kept at the time by the Army Records Office can be obtained. Formerly this was provided by the Central Army Records Office, Melbourne, but these WWI soldiers' records have been moved to Canberra and will be available from next January. Requests may be sent in late December to Australian Archives, P O Box 92, Mitchell ACT 2911, giving name, number and unit if possible, and enough information to identify your soldier from others of a similar name. **NOTE:** It is no longer necessary to be next of kin or even a relation of the soldier. Any person can now obtain the file of any soldier for the cost of the photocopying (no longer absolutely free).
3. If the soldier died 1914-18, write to the War Graves Commission, P O Box 21, Woden ACT 2606. This is also the office to write to for all service personnel in all wars. Full information of grave or memorial is available, with photo and detailed instructions for travel to the site to locate the grave for anyone going there.
4. If you can't wait till next year to obtain the Archives records as in 2 above, a brief precis of the soldier's information is available from the Australian Defence Academy which provides a framable document for a fee of \$20.
5. Read the **Battalion History** of your soldier's battalion. This can be obtained through your local library on Inter-Library Loan and, if still in print, can also be purchased.
6. Search the **Official History** of WWI for general information on condition in the training camps and behind and on the battlefields, health, morale, strategy, personalities, etc., as well as for references to your soldier's unit and pictures of the different battle areas and the soldiers' life.

ROCKHAMPTON SOURCES

Rockhampton City Library has one of Queensland's finest archival record collections which is continually updated. Much of the immense volume of information can be used for personal interests and family history research pertaining to Rockhampton such as answering questions about a particular house, or what your grandfather did. A number of items in the collection are not available for loan given their historical significance, but a reading room is provided and there is a historical officer to point you in the right direction.


The collection includes the Central Queensland Collection, newspaper holdings including *The Morning Bulletin* from 1861, microform genealogy records, the CQ photographic collection from the 1860s, the ephemera file containing miscellaneous documents, books, early cemetery records and Council archives. Rockhampton City Council archives date to 1861, the year the Council was established, and includes rate books, Botanical Garden plans, Fitzroy River Bridge Board documents, and a small amount from North Rockhampton Council (1883-1919) which had been a separate municipality. Rate books and other Council documents allow researchers to find the history of a particular house. The history of early hotels can be searched and early Government Gazettes provide information on hotel licences and licence transfers. For racing enthusiasts, the CQ Racing Hall of Fame and Museum, previously housed at Callaghan Park and containing 900 - 1000 items, is now part of the Library. The CQ collection covers from Miriam Vale to the western border. Included in the collection is an index of Rockhampton Street names and the library is slowly gathering the origins of these names.




Christmas Past




1791 NORFOLK - TITHE AUDIT DAY: The Rev. James Woodforde kept diaries over the years 1759-1802, which give a wonderful picture of rural life in England at this time. Extracts are published as *A Country Parson*. Here the parson records details of the annual pay-up and party on a day in early December when local small landholders came to pay this tax to the parish church. This was of course the Church of England, and everyone had to pay no matter what his own religion:

 DEC 6, TUESDAY ... This being my Tithe Audit Day the following People waited on me, paid me their respective dues and dined and spent the remaining part of the day with me, they left me about 12 o'clock at night, well pleased with their entertainment. [He gives the names of 23 men present.] Recd. for the Tithe today about 285.0.0. I gave them for dinner a Surloin of Beef roasted, Sliff-Marrow-Bone of Beef boiled, a boiled Leg of Mutton and Caper-Sauce, a Couple of Rabbits and Onion Sauce, some salt Fish boiled and Parsnips, and Egg Sauce with plenty of plumb-Puddings and plain ditto. They spoke highly in favour of my strong Beer, they never drank any better they said. There was drank, six Bottles of Rum which made three Bowls of Punch, four Bottles of Port Wine, beside strong Beer.

1841 SYDNEY PUBLIC AMUSEMENTS: The *Sydney Herald* reported a wide variety of holiday activities planned for Boxing Day:

 A regatta will take place in Port Jackson, when some good matches at pulling and sailing will be decided. A marquee for the refreshment of landsmen will be erected, for that day only, in the Domain, by Bearson and Puzey. The *Victoria* steamer, with a band on board, will ply about the harbour of Port Jackson, starting from the Commercial wharf at eleven a.m. The Masonic Brethren will celebrate the Festival of St. John, and dine in open Lodge at the Masonic Hall, York-street. The Teetotallers will walk in procession and afterwards dine in the market shed. Dallo Case's Gymnastic Company will perform in the Saloon of the Royal Hotel. The Theatre will re-open with a goodly bill of Christmas fare. The Pavilion of Arts will be lit up for the exhibition of the Model of Sydney. A Cricket Match is to be played in Hyde Park as usual. Several Shooting Matches are to come off in the vicinity of the town. A great number of watermen have been hired for pic-nic parties, and a goodly number of sailing boats have been scrubbed and trimmed for aquatic excursions to different parts of Port Jackson. Several foot and horse races are likely to be decided in the early part of the day.

1863 MACKAY HINTERLAND - CONCOCTING THE MINCEMEAT: *The Letters of Rachael Henning* publishes a selection of the letters written over a period of thirty years up to 1882 by Rachael Henning, an English gentlewoman who had followed her brother Biddulph to Australia. She seems to have thrived and enjoyed life whether in civilized Sydney or in distant outposts of settlement as here on Exmoor Station. Her letters make charming reading and give a detailed picture of life in Australia at that time:

 We are looking forward to Christmas now, though the shearing will not be over; however, they will make a holiday Friday and Saturday, of course. How different from your Christmas weather! This morning was cloudy, and we were all saying how nice and cool it was, though the thermometer over our heads was standing at eight-five.

Annie has been concocting mince-meat. She and Mr Hedgeland held a great chopping in the verandah yesterday while I was settling the week's accounts inside, and when I went out I beheld a black-looking mass like a huge dirt-pie. It was made of dried apples and currants, raisins, spice, brandy, etc., and I dare say will prove very nice, though it looks queer. Of course it would be bad in a day if you put

meat or suet with it.



1869 BALLARAT EISTEDDFOD. Joseph Jenkins was another of those remarkable people who kept diaries religiously all their lives. He was born in Wales in 1818 and became a prosperous farmer, an educated man, and a father of nine children. At the age of 51, however, he suddenly left Wales and emigrated alone to Victoria. There he lived from 1869 to 1894, when he returned to his family in Wales. *Diary of a Welsh Swagman* publishes extracts from his 25 diaries covering these 25 Australian years. These reveal great detail of rural life in Victoria at this time. During the latter part of his first year in the colony, he was engaged as a farm labourer by John Wilson on Spring Garden Farm, Mt Blow Hard. By Christmas time the hay harvest is over, but he is kept on:



On Christmas eve, many of the workmen bother the Master for money. I collected three sovereigns, and walked ten miles to the Welsh eisteddfod at Ballarat on Christmas day. There I recited twenty-two verses of greeting while I stood on the staircase and was warmly applauded by the few that could understand the verses. I was also awarded the first prize of one pound for the best englyn.

1870 PINE CREEK (N.T.) BUSH FESTIVITIES. The Overland Telegraph Line, Adelaide to Darwin, was completed in August 1872, thus linking all Australia to the rest of the world via the submarine cable to Darwin. Construction had begun only a few months when work stopped for Christmas festivities as described by S. W. Herbert in this reminiscence, quoted in the book *Christmas in the Colonies*.



Christmas Day 1870 came to us at a small water-course a few miles south of Pine Creek, where it was celebrated with customary rejoicing, and that rare faculty that Englishmen possess of observing old traditions under entirely new conditions.

Festivities began on Christmas Eve. For the first time a working bullock was killed during the day to supply beef in honour of the occasion. A concert was held under several tarpaulins erected for the purpose.

On Christmas morning a race track was prepared, and sports were indulged in consisting of foot races, jumping, putting the stone, grinning through a horse collar, and bobbing at the duff. The latter took place in the afternoon on the bank of a lily pond in the creek.

The duff, covered with sticky sauce, was suspended by a string to the branch of a tree, and competitors were invited to take a bite of the pudding at the risk of falling into the pond.

1923 KENT BELL RINGERS. Ken Thompson remembered in old age this incident from his childhood. The extract is from the book *A Kent Christmas* recently donated to our library:



It was 1923 and the approach to Christmas and I was wakened by the sound of ringing bells. I climbed out of my cot and opened the door into the living room where, to my amazement, I saw a number of whiskery men standing all round the room. The fire was flowing and it reflected their ruddy tanned faces and brass bells shining in their hands.

"You should be in bed", said my mother.

But she was very good and let me stay and watch the bell-ringers. I can see them all now, their old faces shining. They'd obviously had a drink and were enjoying themselves. The oldest men seemed to have one bell in each hand, the others, two bells in each hand and then there was my father. I can remember even now the pride with which in latter days he used to say, "I had to play four in each hand". When they turned their wrists the Christmas tunes rang out.

The bell-ringers visited each other's houses in turn and also went round to the big halls and houses. The object of this was to raise money for their societies and of course they'd get a drink.

ROYAL but NOT LEGITIMATELY

Many people have royal blood in their veins, largely because early monarchs produced a considerable number of illegitimate children. In the USA there is a genealogical group called "The Descendants of the Illegitimate Sons and Daughters of Kings and Queens of Britain". It is estimated that there are some 250 descendants in the USA. To join the group applicants must "absolutely prove that they are descended from an illegitimate Royal child of English, Irish or Scottish background". In 1960 it was estimated that there were about 40 such bastard children with living descendants, counting only the English kings from Henry I onwards.

To prove descent, however, is no easy matter. The descendants of some of these 40 children were very numerous and, if illegitimate lines issuing lower down their pedigrees from the royal blood could be counted, they would undoubtedly much increase the royal progeny.

MEMO :

School holidays: 18 December to 30 January.

NO MEETING and NO NEWSLETTER IN JANUARY

North Mackay Library and our Genie library will close only on public holidays 25-28 December and 1-3 January.

RESEARCH ASSISTANCE at the library will not be available for 3 weeks from 20 December to 10 January.

GSQ Brisbane library closes 17 December and re-opens 11 January.

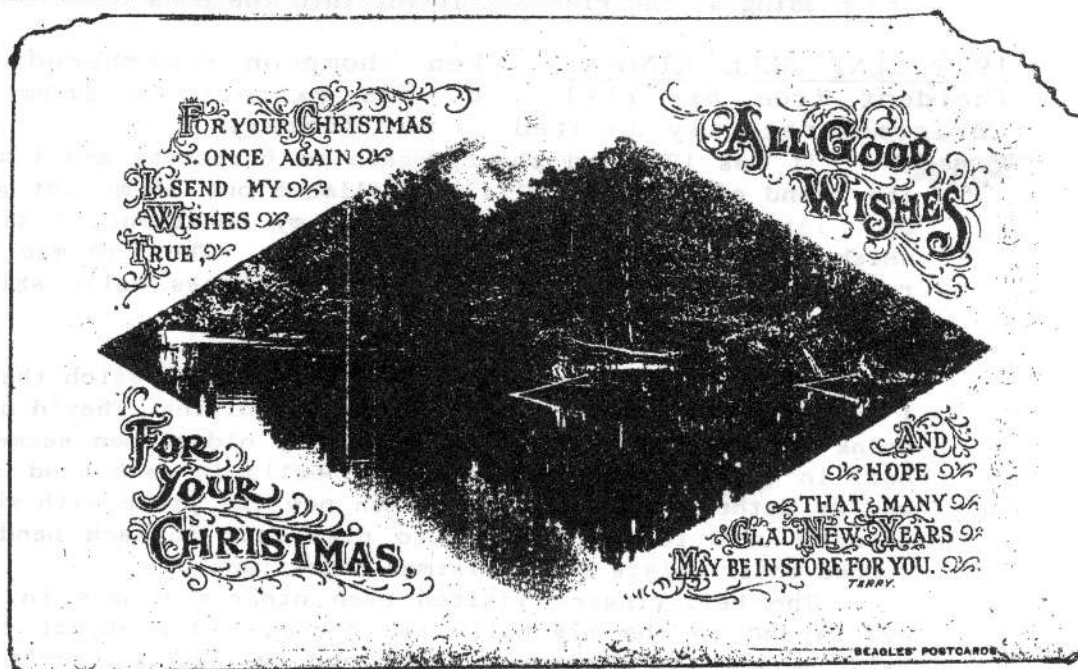
Mackay LDS Family History Centre will close during school holidays (except by special arrangement to read films). OPEN 1 FEB.

RECIPROCAL RIGHTS for researchers is supported by most genealogical societies, so if travelling to other places, be sure to take your GSQ membership card to be allowed free research.

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday 02 February 1994 at 7.30p.m., Room D10 Milton Street High School.



A HAPPY
CHRISTMAS
TO ALL
OUR READERS



Mackay Genie Gossip



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OBTAIN FAMILY HISTORY INSURANCE -- COPY

The recent bushfires have made Genies think how easily their precious records can be destroyed. It seems the best advice is to have a copy, at least of essential information, and to keep this at a place far from the original. How many do carry out this plan? The same result may be achieved as a natural flow-on benefit by the policy of sharing information with relatives, sending each a copy of at least his part of the family. A back-up copy is much easier with computer records, but is no insurance against fire or flood unless kept in a distant location.

In this context it is interesting to learn the news that a completely fireproof building is being constructed at Greenmount Homestead, Walkerston to house the library and records held by the Trustees of the historic home of the Cook family. These were formerly held inadequately and unsafely in a small study with the main house, which would certainly burn quickly if a fire were ever to start.

The most complete protection of genealogical records has been achieved by the Latter Day Saints Genealogical Department. They have placed their original or first copy of records in a vast cavern hollowed out of a huge granite mountain in Utah. This is designed to be safe from fire, flood, bombs, heat, cold, and moisture. (One wonders about earthquakes!) But it is interesting to reflect that even these records stored so super-safely have the added insurance of copies held elsewhere.



OUR GENEALOGICAL LIBRARY NOW ON COMPUTER

The Mackay Genealogical Library is situated within the North Mackay branch of the Pioneer Shire Library. It contains items owned by the PSC Library and items owned by Mackay GSQ. All these items have now been entered in the computer catalogue of the PSC Library. Researchers can now use the inquiry terminals to ask if a particular record is held and where it can be found.

This is very quick and simple to do, but library staff will willingly help computer-shy researchers. An inquiry can be made under Title or Author or Subject or Keyword, and everything answering this on fiche, film, book, magazine, tape, map, and card index will come up on the screen. We are grateful to the PSC for doing the work and providing the facilities for coordinating the genealogical holdings with the general library, and for entering it all on computer. Note that the genealogical library is still for reference only; but there is much in the general library of help to genealogical research, and most of this may be borrowed.

HERITAGE SURVEY LISTS 72 MACKAY SITES

Last year a professional survey was commissioned by the National Trust of Qld to list and assess buildings, trees, landmarks, & areas of heritage value in Mackay and the surrounding countryside. A short list of 72 such sites has been produced and may be consulted in the pamphlet file of the North Mackay Library.

RESEARCH NOTES



1. **The Danish-Australian Archive** has been established by the State Library of Victoria to collect and record the history of Danes who emigrated and settled in Australia (all states). This will be administered in association with the Danes Worldwide Archives in Aalborg, Denmark and the Danish Australian Cultural Society, Melbourne. All information collected will be available to researchers. To stock the archive, people of Danish descent are invited to provide information, letters, diaries, photos, etc, either originals or copies. Write to La Trobe Librarian, State Library of Victoria, 328 Swanston St, Melbourne, V.3000. Phone 03 669.9921 Fax 03 663 1480.

2. **England BDM Indexes**, commonly called St Catherine House Indexes, are available in Queensland. GSQ Brisbane has indexes from 1837 to 1900. The Qld Family History Society Brisbane has indexes from 1837 to 1933, with a further 10 years on order. The LDS Genealogical Libraries have sets from 1837 to 1910 held in shifting locations. The Maryborough Research centre also has the indexes. It is not a simple matter to find a registration in these indexes because there is a separate index for each 3 month period and this is for the whole of England. So unless an approximate date is known, personal searching is necessary.

3. **Further Australian Indexes** are now in our library. We have the Tasmanian Pioneers Index 1803-1900, BDM's in one listing. Also Victorian Death Indexes 1960-80, unfortunately not consolidated. Also The W.A. Marriage Indexes 1906-1930, and Death Indexes 1906-1953, not consolidated either, and further troublesome 1906-1916, as males and females are listed separately, even for deaths. We await the issue of the N.S.W. Pioneers Index 1788-1888, BDM's in one listing. A similar index for WA and for SA has been authorised, but no work on these has started yet. These will not appear for a considerable time. Queensland is the only state whose Registrar General has refused permission for a new index to be done in the consolidated style of the Pioneers Index.

4. **Ask specifically for date and place of marriage** of parents when purchasing a birth certificate, as more offices are now omitting these details on the standard form although they will supply them separately with the certificate. Queensland and New Zealand have omitted these marriage details for many years now. If the certificate has already been obtained, send back a photocopy and ask for the marriage details to be added. (There is no extra charge).

5. **A guide to the History of Queensland** by W. Ross Johnston and Margaret Zerner is recommended by member Shirley Jones as a means of finding further sources for research. It is not a history of Qld but lists everything written up to October 1982 referring to the history of all aspects of Qld life - all books, lectures, theses, papers, etc, whether published or not - and gives the details of publication or location. This book can be found on most libraries.

6. More Family Histories in our Library:

We are grateful to members who have donated histories of their families to our library. Tracey Jenner produced booklets on her grandmother's Clark and Thompson families and presented these to her grandmother Caroline Simonsen on the occasion of her 86th birthday. Ann Mathews published books on her Harrison and Telford families after the family reunion at Allora on the Darling Downs. These were printed locally by Macprint with excellent photos and extensive descendant charts hand typed. John Aberdeen has donated the book published 1979 "Farquar Aberdeen of Moreton Bay.", which sets out the history of Aberdeen and related families in Scotland and in Queensland from the early days. The author Lyn Aberdeen was awarded a Diploma of Family History Studies by SAG for this research and history. Another book of family history printed in a limited edition is "Scattered Seeds", the story and genealogy of the descendants of Alexander Stephens of Cornwall in the seventeenth century. Descendants today are scattered world wide, and 30 of them have contributed material for this book. Judy Wallace is one of the contributors and supply further details.

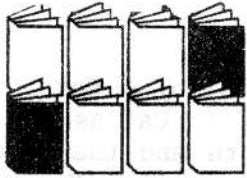
7. **The Northern Territory Times 1873-1914** has been indexed extracting names of people only. This is the Debnam Index held in the North Australia Collection, State Library, Cavenagh St, Darwin 5790.

BOOKCORNER FORGENIES

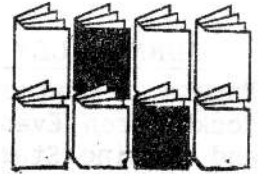
Now and in Time To Be by the famous Australian Thomas Keneally takes us with him on a journey through Ireland. Starting from the place where his ancestors left he finds understanding of his family in Australia and in Ireland, and of Ireland and its people in the past and today, and so too does the reader.

My Place by Sally Morgan (b.1951) was published in 1987 and became an immediate Best Seller. The story starts as her life story in Perth and is simply and vividly told. Gradually Sally begins to realise there is a mystery about her family's origins. A fascinating story unfolds piece by piece like a detective story.

Over a period of years, her whole family becomes involved in the search for the truth, and her grandmother became convinced they should tell their own stories. This is just as well for otherwise the truth would not be guessed. It is said by some that every Australian should read this book, and it is certain that many, including the genealogists, will find it compulsive reading.



JOHN OXLEY LIBRARY - NO IVORY TOWER



The John Oxley Library is the section of the State Library of Queensland which is the Queensland history library. It now occupies the fourth floor of the Library Building on the south bank of the Brisbane River. It was founded in 1923 to mark the centenary of the discovery of the Brisbane River by John Oxley. It was incorporated into the State Library in 1946. Previously, JOL may have had a musty and obscure image where old books and old people were buried. Nowadays, JOL is full of vitality and efficiently organised to collect, preserve, store and retrieve as much as possible of Queensland's history. During a visit to Mackay last year Kathy Szokolay spoke of the many and varied sections of the JOL, and she most emphatically declared, "John Oxley Library is not an Ivory Tower. It is there to help everybody."

How can this library help genealogists? People can research in this library free and it is open everyday except Saturday. Sometimes, especially on Sundays, the library is crowded with researchers and there may be delays in obtaining a reader. So there is an arrangement that country people who can visit only rarely for a day or two may book a microfilm reader by phoning in advance, thus ensuring the visit is not wasted. Also, for country people JOL will reply to written inquiries about Queensland and the history of Queensland. Up to two hours' research is done at no charge and this covers most inquiries. (To cover extended inquiries after 2 hours there is the proviso of a charge of \$35 per hour but the inquirer is asked beforehand). Because of the many requests, there is often a delay in answering, but when the reply comes it will be worth the wait. Jean Turvey recently wrote inquiring about Felton Station in its early days, and received many pages of excellent information. The postal address is: John Oxley Library P.O.Box 488 South Brisbane Q 4101. It is also possible to ask simple questions by phone. For example: Does JOL have a picture of a particular ship? Or any information about Cobb & Co. in Charleville? Or copies of the Warwick Daily News for 1930? Anything that is catalogued on the computer can be accessed by the person answering the phone in a minute or so. Phone number for reference inquiries is (07) 840 7881 or (07) 840 7882.

What material does JOL collect? The answer by librarian Kathy was, "More than Queensland and more than history". 'Queensland' does not stop at the borders. Information is collected on wide areas adjacent in Northern Territory, Northern N.S.W., New Guinea (including German New Guinea), Soloman Islands, Melanesia, and also Australian material which puts Qld in context. Note that information formerly held by Government Departments is not held by JOL, but is deposited in the State Archives. However, JOL does have a Manuscript and Business Collection which contains material originally belonging to private individuals, businesses, and other organisations. This includes non-government maps and church records, the largest single collection being the Methodist Collection of baptisms, marriages, session and conference minutes, church newspapers, membership and Sunday school rolls, etc. etc. of Methodist churches in Queensland before their 1977 uniting.

The Photographic Collection of JOL contains over 750,000 photographs of people, buildings, places, events, etc. all over Queensland. These are arranged mostly under headings of the place. Any photo can be purchased at a reasonable price, or photocopied. Martin Hislop recently found in the JOL photo collection a photo of St Mary's Anglican Church, the old Kanaka church near Farleigh which was destroyed in the 1918 cyclone.

A great number of Qld newspapers have been microfilmed by JOL. If the paper is held by JOL and if the date required by you is known, a printout of any article can be requested and supplied. For example, when the date of arrival of a boat from the immigration records is known, a printout of the news report from the paper of that date can easily be obtained and this usually gives a summary of the story on the voyage out. The microfilming of Qld newspapers is an ongoing program. (contd. over)

Papers filmed in the last two years include: Rockhampton Central Qld Herald, Rockhampton Evening News, the Biloela paper, Townsville Daily Bulletin, Cairns Post and Evening Star. This year JOL will film the Johnson River Advocate and the Home Hill Observer. (Note that the Mackay Daily Mercury up to 1940 and earlier Mackay papers were filmed by JOL many years ago and a copy of these films is at the Daily Mercury office in Mackay, as well as in JOL. If an article is found in the Mackay film, note exactly the issue, page and column and request a printout direct to JOL, or via inter-library loan at your library. The Mercury Office has the actual papers from 1940 on, and anything in these can be photocopied on the spot).

The newest section of JOL is the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Unit which aims to collect material to enable indigenous Queenslanders to trace their family history. (See article Newsletter No.56)

Further information can be obtained in leaflets about State Library in Section A of our library. Also in the books available in most libraries: "Unlocking the Past, Guide to family history and genealogical resources in the State Library of Queensland" by Shirley McCorkindale. And "Guide to microform collection of the State Library of Queensland, incorporating the holdings of John Oxley Library" by Jennifer Harrison.

NOTE: 1. The JOL specialises in information about Queensland, but, remember, information about other areas of Australia and overseas is held in the main part of the State Library, the General Reference Library, and genealogists can utilise these sources.

2. Each Australian state has a Public Library or State Library organised on similar lines to the Qld one, and there is good co-operation between these. Each contains a specialist history library like JOL. For example the Mitchell Library in Sydney, La Trobe Library in Melbourne, J.S. Battaye Library in Perth, and Mortlock Library in Adelaide.

Public Libraries small and large are basically people's libraries, and their job is to provide the information requested. The great thing is that their resources are huge, they form an interrelated system, and their services are free and open to all.

PEOPLE OF MACKAY . . . No. 6

JAMES CARROLL HENNESSEY.

An old and highly-respected resident, in the person of Mr. James Carroll Hennessey, died early yesterday morning in his 88th year. He was born at Boston, U.S.A., on the 16th April, 1848, and came to Australia about sixty years ago, and has been a resident of Mackay for over fifty years. Originally he followed the business of coopering, both on his own account and also as an employee of the Mackay City Brewery. The cooper shop on the Nebo Road, being well known as "Hennessey's corner" for very many years. In his later life Mr. Hennessey took up farming at Meadowlands, and retired in 1917. The late Mr. Hennessey reared a family of eleven children—seven sons and four daughters. One son Thomas, a school teacher, at Clermont, and one daughter, Alice (Mrs. Plunkett, of Cairns), predeceased him. Mrs. Hennessey died in 1916.

The family who were all possessed of outstanding ability are as follows:—John, a cooper of Melbourne; Maud, Mrs. M. McGrath of Esk, was for many years employed in the C.P.S. Office, Mackay, and had the distinction of being the first and only lady C.P.S. in Queensland. Prior to her marriage, she was C.P.S. at Esk. Margaret is the wife of the Hon. M. P. Hynes, Minister for Labor and Industry; James, followed farming pursuits but now resides in Sydney; Henry, farmer in the Mackay district; Dolly is Mrs. R. Francey and resides near the old home on Nebo Road; Joseph, Sub-accountant Public Curator's Office, Brisbane; William, Assessor in the Income Tax Department, Brisbane; Frances, a teacher on the staff of the Warwick State High School.

The late Mr. Hennessey resided with his daughter, Mrs. R. Francey and was cared for by her in his declining years. He has a younger brother, Mike, aged 86 in New York, and the brothers corresponded regularly despite their advanced age.

Obituary from
The Mackay
Daily Mercury
5 Feb 1936.

MAKING OUT IN THE '30s - One Family's Story

While I was in Brisbane last year, I researched many relatives I had lost contact with for some 50 years, and I did make good use of my recorder. Best of all were the stories of two old aunts, both now over 90 years of age. Relatives I could not visit I phoned, later writing to ask them to write about their experiences from their youth onwards. From the widow of one of my cousins came this story which I thought might be of interest to show that difficult times in the past were worse than difficult times now, and how people nevertheless battled on to make out on their own, all the family working together as a team.

When my uncle Martin Kann died young in 1932, leaving his widow Anne and four young children, there was no Supporting Mothers Benefit or other assistance in those days. The story of how the family survived the next ten years is the story of the efforts of the mother and the two sons, Irvin who was then 16 years old and Aubrey who was then 11. The story was related by Aubrey Kann's widow.

The family had been living in Gayndah but, after father died, they moved from town to half-share a farm, *Fernvale*, at Ban-Ban Springs. Irvin, the eldest, became his mother's right-hand man; the other children, being much younger, thought him rather bossy. Aubrey was still at school. He had started school at a tiny bush school at the age of 4 to keep enrolments up so the school would not be closed. He changed schools many times. His mother left the farm and went to Albion, Brisbane, where she ran a boarding house. Then they moved to Racecourse, Mackay, where she again ran a boarding house.

Finally, they returned to Gayndah where they remained, and there Annie had a small income from making meat pies. Aubrey would go home from school at lunch time and bring a suitcase full of hot pies back to school to sell for lunches, small ones for one penny each. On Friday and Saturday nights, he sold the larger ones for threepence each to the picture-goers at interval. It was on one of these occasions that his uncle, Sid Kann, a taxi driver, caught him smoking a cigarette from a threepenny packet he had bought with money he had taken from the pie sales. Aubrey had his ears clipped and was reprimanded severely for taking his mother's hard earned money. It did not stop him smoking, however, as he smoked until he was 50, when he was compelled by heart problems to give it up.

Aubrey's first job was on a dairy farm where his wages were five shillings per week. This wage he took home each week to add to the family income, which included Irvin's wages and his mother's efforts. On this farm Aubrey and the others would get up at 3.00a.m. to milk the cows by hand which would all be finished by 8.30a.m. After breakfast, they would then work on the farmer's small citrus orchard, with a one hour break for lunch. At 3.30p.m. they went back to the cowyards to milk the cows again, and this was followed immediately by the evening meal. By 7.30p.m. the meal was over and they continued working, packing fruit until 9.00p.m.

Later Aubrey worked on another dairy farm and cleared timber, fenced and built yards. Aubrey and Irvin worked together on this job. As it was some miles away from home, they had to camp out in a small hut. The cooking was done outside and they would put a large piece of corned meat in a kerosene tin on the fire before they went to work, hoping it would be cooked when they came back at dark. One night they arrived back to see a dingo making off with the meat out of the hot water. They were camped on the bank of the Burnett River at the time, so they fished for jew fish for their tea. They were hungry

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and tired by the time they ate that night. They had to continue to catch fish and shoot ducks to survive as they went home on their horses only once a fortnight to get more supplies and to give their wages to their mother.

Aubrey used to tell about the last Christmas they spent at the farm *Ferndale*; he remembered it so well from when he was young. They had the verandah decorated with green gum branches, streamers, balloons, and the Christmas tree. The tables were all set with starched cloths and laden with food, and everyone was about to sit down when a wild storm broke and the rain beat in. The men just picked up the tables, food and all, and moved it to a dry spot where the dinner continued. It had been a dry summer and the rain was a good Christmas present.

Aubrey used to tell the story also of his 21st birthday. He was living in Kingaroy at the time at a boarding house and working on the powerline from Kingaroy to Memerambie, digging the post holes by hand. There was only Aubrey and his boss, and it was hard work and long hours. He had not remembered it was his birthday until he arrived home after a hard day and there was a telegram from his mother and sisters wishing him a happy birthday. His brother Irvin was already in the army and, now Aubrey was of age, at last he could enlist without his mother's permission. He did enlist soon after in the RAAF and served till the end of the war with a brilliant record.

— Rube Stevens.

BARBAROUS TIMES

LONDON 1811

Entry in the Burial Register
of the Seventh Day Baptist Chapel,
Millyard, Goodmans Fields, Parish of Whitechapel.

YEAR 1811----11 Dec.--Master James Gowen aged 14 years, barbarously murdered on ye 8 Decr 1811 in ye house of Mr Timothy Marr, Wirer, Ratclif highway, when Mr Marr, Mrs Marr, and an infant boy of 14 weeks were all four most savagely masfaced.

QUEENSLAND 1993

BRISBANE. — Six murders have occurred in Queensland in the space of just three days.

The murders since Thursday morning included a teenage boy whose throat was slashed by intruders in his north Brisbane home and a man who was bashed to death in a fight at a Brisbane night club.

A man was stabbed to death at his Brisbane unit and a man found dead on a Gold Coast beach with abrasions on his head and a fresh needle mark in his arm.

A man was stabbed to death in his home at Chinchilla in south west Queensland and a man was stabbed to death on Saturday night at a Sunshine Coast night club at Mooloolaba. — DM 2 AUG 1993

Descendants

In polygamous countries, the number of a person's descendants can become incalculable. The last Sharifian Emperor of Morocco, Moulay Ismail (1672-1727), known as 'The Bloodthirsty', was reputed to have fathered a total of 525 sons and 342 daughters by 1703 and achieved a 700th son in 1721.

At the time of his death on 15 Oct 1992, Samuel S. Mast, aged 96, of Fryburg, Pennsylvania, USA, had 824 living descendants. The roll call comprised 11 children, 97 grandchildren, 634 great-grandchildren and 82 great-great-grandchildren.

— GUINNESS BOOK OF RECORDS 1994

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NEXT MEETING: MARCH 2

MONTHLY MEETINGS: 1st Wednesday each month at Milton Street High School Room D10
MONTHLY NEWSLETTER) both appear at meetings and then in
QUARTERLY MAGAZINE) the library.

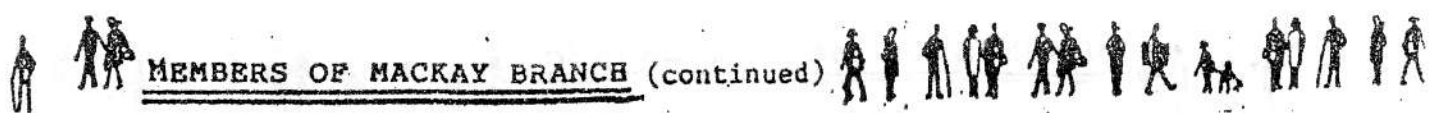
DEADLINE FOR NEWSLETTER: 2 weeks before next meeting. Please contribute or ring 422539.

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MEMBERS OF MACKAY BRANCH (continued)

MSNO	PRDATE	NAME	ADDRESS1	ADDRESS2	POST	PHONE
3361	20Jul1994	Dorothy Jean JØRGENSEN	3 Parsons Street	BUCASIA QLD 4750	4750	546819
0132	11Jun1994	Heather Margaret LEIGH	P.O. Box 1019	MACKAY QLD 4740	4740	421887
0577	15Jun1994	John Clifford LENNANE	6 Roberts Avenue	NORTH MACKAY QLD 4740	4740	422213
0578	15Jun1994	Marjorie Grace LENNANE	6 Roberts Avenue	NORTH MACKAY QLD 4740	4740	"
1888	30Jun1994	Lynda Yvonne LOCKE	c/-Commonwealth Bank	MACKAY QLD 4740	4740	422450
1987	30Jun1994	Ross LOCKE	c/-Commonwealth Bank	MACKAY QLD 4740	4740	422450
1738	11Dec1993	Heida Erica MAC LEAN	317 Hunter Street	WEST MACKAY QLD 4740	4740	514387
1905	30Jun1994	Brendan Errol MAGUIRE	30 Petersen Street	SARINA QLD 4737	4737	561351
1904	30Jun1994	Gail Patricia MAGUIRE	30 Petersen Street	SARINA QLD 4737	4737	561351
2279	30Mar1994	Ann Lee MATTHEWS	59 Bedford Road	Andergrove	4740	554735
3762	15Jun1994	Carmel Mary MC DONALD	1 Volute Street	SHOAL POINT QLD 4750	4750	548800
3757	14Jul1994	Betty Mavis MC BURAN	1 Tait Street	MACKAY QLD 4740	4740	575485
0667	30Jun1994	Beverley Elaine MC GOWAN	C.M.B. Farleigh	via MACKAY QLD 4741	4741	598551
1843	30Jun1994	Joann M. MC BRATH	M.S. 293	MACKAY QLD 4741	4741	564126
2607	11Feb1994	Gilve M MC LEOS	5 Baier Street	SHOAL POINT QLD 4750	4750	"
1211	30Jun1994	Alan Neil MC NEE	13 Benson Avenue	MACKAY QLD 4740	4740	422802
1373	30Jun1994	Wayne Douglas MILLER	14 Beverley Street	MACKAY QLD 4740	4740	578660
4750	2Nov1994	Mark Raymond MORAN	5 Lorita Court	Clinton	4680	783147
0530	30Jun1994	Daphne Ruth MURARD	32 Thorning Street	WEST MACKAY QLD 4740	4740	523998
4833	26Oct1994	Sherree Donna MURCHIE	58 Thallon Street	COPPABELLA QLD 4741	4741	"
1743	7Aug1994	Denise NEVILLE	Pleystowe Mill	c/- P.O. Box 99	4741	592521
0701	30Jun1994	Joyce Belle NICHOLSON	10 Scanlan Street	MACKAY QLD 4740	4740	575676
0702	30Jun1994	Peter Carlton NICHOLSON	10 Scanlan Street	MACKAY QLD 4740	4740	575676
2030	18Nov1994	Barry Michael James O'SHEA	Lot 20 Pym's Court	YAKAPARI QLD 4741	4741	540879
3590	19Mar1994	Brian O'SULLIVAN	77 Bannister Street	MACKAY QLD 4740	4740	575338
1409	3Mar1994	Robyn May PADE	1 Rosella Street	Slade Point	4741	551478
0664	30Jun1994	Ethel Dulcie PATTERSON	115 Goldsmith Street	MACKAY QLD 4740	4740	572398
2780	8Oct1994	Evelyn Mae PAYNE	6 Petersen Street	SARINA QLD 4737	4737	562148
2279	30Mar1994	Heien Yvonne PEBERDY	224 Goldsmith Street	MACKAY QLD 4740	4740	578916
3340	30Jun1994	Warren Thomas PITT	25 Streeter Avenue	MACKAY QLD 4740	4740	514848
3771	30Jun1994	Valma Kathleen POLLITT	P.O. Box 4056	SOUTH MACKAY QLD 4740	4740	511098
2448	25Aug1994	Wendy PORTER	6 Blackall Court	NORTH MACKAY QLD 4740	4740	424308
1090	3Apr1994	Robin Victor PYM	M.S. 895	MACKAY QLD 4740	4740	540996
1166	3Apr1994	Valerie Ruth PYM	Pym's Road, M.S. 895	MACKAY QLD 4740	4740	540996
3751	7Jul1994	Christine Lee ROLSTON	42 Main St.	BAKERS CREEK 4740	4740	621934
1621	21Aug1994	Laraine SCHEMBRI	M.S. 656	MACKAY QLD 4740	4740	598224
2693	30Jun1994	Mavis Isabel SHEEDY	12 Macarthur Street	MACKAY QLD 4740	4740	577691
3898	9Jul1994	Joyce SHUTTLEWOOD	Eimeo Road M.S. 352	MACKAY QLD 4740	4740	421623
0112	5Jun1994	Rube Adelaide STEVENS	3 Kaddatz Street	ANDERGRÖVE QLD 4740	4740	552290
4856	12Jun1994	Beverley Joan STEVENSON	5 Anthony Vella Street	MACKAY QLD 4740	4740	547214
0655	30Jun1994	Margaret C. STRICKLAND	33 William Street	MACKAY QLD 4740	4740	575462
2177	30Jun1994	Jean Mary TURVEY	16 McKinley Street	NORTH MACKAY QLD 4740	4740	577764
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1685	13Aug1994	Gwendoline May WATT	1 Holack Street	NORTH MACKAY QLD 4740	4740	422054
3761	10Jul1994	Carmel Therese WELCH	12 Chataway Street	MACKAY QLD 4740	4740	575244
0652	30Jun1994	Anne Philomena WHITMORE	33 Annie Wood Avenue	NORTH MACKAY QLD 4740	4740	421447
0956	2Nov1993	Janice Margaret WILKIE	P.O. Box 758	MACKAY QLD 4740	4740	552797
1258	19May1994	Naomi Christine WILLIS	2/36 Loneragan St.	GARBUTT QLD 4814	(077) 790351	"
4561	8Oct1994	Gerard WOODRUFF	P.O. Box 8344	MT. PLEASANT QLD 4740	4740	551038
4874	13Oct1994	Betty WRIGHT	4 The Barons Drive	Andergrove	4740	551185
2705	30Jun1994	Sandra June ZARB	P.O. Box 19	FINCH HATTON QLD 4756	4756	583230

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2956	30Jun1994	Anne ADAMS	M.S. 560	Sandiford Road	4741	595204
3283	6Oct1994	John Edward George ANDERSON	18 Stott Street	BUCASIA QLD 4750	4750	548407
3280	6Oct1994	Norma ANDERSON	18 Stott Street	BUCASIA QLD 4750	4750	" "
4724	14Sep1994	James Arthur BARBAT	P.O. Box 8081	MT PLEASANT QLD 4740	4740	552698
0829	3Nov1993	Neil Donald BARTLE	34 Halsall Street	MACKAY QLD 4740	4740	422174
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0042	22May1994	Cheryl Audrey BARTLETT	19 Charles Hodge Avenue	MT PLEASANT QLD 4740	4740	424939
2804	21Oct1993	Bathyn Aileen BISHOP	P.O. Box 8140	MOUNT PLEASANT QLD 4740	4740	421549
3553	8Mar1994	Lorraine Mary BOYD	11 Gleeson Court	MT PLEASANT QLD 4740	4740	421764
3075	6Oct1993	Via Maree BURKE	1A Ready Street	MACKAY QLD 4740	4740	576403
3550	30Jun1994	Helen Mary BUTLER	5 Pollock Street	MACKAY QLD 4740	4740	422539
0612	27Aug1994	Annette BUXTON	2 Alan Naish Court	Eimeo	4740	549092
0645	14Oct1994	Brian Ross CALDWELL	24 English Street	MACKAY QLD 4740	4740	575261
0751	30Jun1994	Susan Maree CAPPELLO	P.O. Box 9	SARGETT QLD 4741	4741	535242
4917	13Oct1994	Margaret Rose CLARK	3 Dairymole Street	MACKAY QLD 4740	4740	
3531	4Apr1994	Shirley Kay CLARK	25 Hume Street	MACKAY QLD 4740	4740	
4820	21Oct1994	Gregory James COLWELL	2 Casuarina Street	SLADE POINT QLD 4740	4740	533880
4319	17May1994	Delma CRAN	22 Ocean Avenue	SLADE POINT QLD 4740	4740	551528
1515	3Mar1994	Roseann Letitia CREAGH	19 Willis Street	COPPABELLA QLD 4741	4741	580141
0791	19May1994	Christine CRICHTON	10 Ennio Court	MACKAY QLD 4740	4740	522 936
1966	30Jun1994	Merryl Diane DANCER	4 Honeysuckle Street	ANDERGROVE QLD 4740	4740	554920
4727	14Sep1994	Kerri Michelle DAVIDSON	40 Lee Street	Coppabella	4740	580171
3299	27Mar1994	Enid Mabel DAVIS	43 Hume Street	MACKAY QLD 4740	4740	578485
1796	12Aug1994	Marie DOLBY	4 Walters Avenue	BUCASIA QLD 4750	4750	546142
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1088	14Jan1994	Samuel James EVANS	Poste Restante	CALEN QLD 4798	4798	588213
2876	22Dec1993	Patricia Phoebe EVERTS	45 Ungerer Street	NORTH MACKAY QLD 4740	4740	
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3281	6Oct1993	Lois Lesley FETIPELLI	11 GARDENIA COURT	MACKAY QLD 4740	4740	421364
0811	3Nov1993	Gloria FORD	P.O. Box 754	MACKAY QLD 4740	4740	423910
2182	30Jun1994	Helen FOSTER	44 Paullette Street	MACKAY QLD 4740	4740	574580
1395	12Mar1994	Joan Ellen FURLONG	6 Hillend Road	Glenella	4741	421455
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2066	10Jun1994	Ian Roderick GIBBS	P.O. Box 131	MACKAY QLD 4740	4740	552704
2067	10Jun1994	Jennifer Anne GIBBS	P.O. Box 131	MACKAY QLD 4740	4740	552704
0160	30Jun1994	Karen Lee GREEN	124 Fairfield Road	FAIRFIELD QLD 4103	4103	375462
1883	30Jun1994	Adelaide Julia GRENDDON	40 Marlborough Street	Planlands	4740	564295
4071	3Mar1994	Barbara Beatrice GRIMM	58 Bedford Road	Andergrove	4740	553356
0726	5Dec1993	Glen Desmond HALL	c/- Post Office	PLEYSTONE QLD 4741	4741	592872
0647	30Jun1994	Joan Elizabeth HAZELDENE	16 Moody Street	MACKAY QLD 4740	4740	573840
3339	30Jun1994	Sandra Grace HAZELDENE	6 Tully Court	ANDERGROVE QLD 4740	4740	552303
0700	15Sep1994	Phyllis Mavis HEWAT	4 Kean Street	Andergrove	4740	551949
0174	21Jun1994	Avis HILDRETH	14 Peatey Street	MACKAY QLD 4740	4740	552215
0658	30Jun1994	Susanne Marie HILL	27 High Street	NORTH MACKAY QLD 4740	4740	421487
2777	17Jun1994	Joan Melanie HOPE	P.O. Box 6657	MACKAY MAIL CENTRE 4741	4741	578863
0440	21Sep1994	Julie INKSON	41 Mengel Street	MACKAY QLD 4740	4740	576328
1252	30Jun1994	Ellen JACKSON	1 Skylark Street	SLADE POINT QLD 4741	4741	552617
0637	2Nov1993	Brady JENKINS	M.S. 1139	Te Kowai	4741	545331
1352	6Apr1994	Tracy Lee JENNER	"Llanberis"	M.S. 509	4737	564588
0648	30Jun1994	Joyce Mary JENSEN	Post Office	FARLEISH QLD 4741	4741	598119
2704	30Jun1994	Anita Robyn JOHNSTON	Eungella Road	FINCH HATTON QLD 4756	4756	583171
3905	30Jun1994	Janet Letitia JOHNSTON	Eungella Road	FINCH HATTON QLD 4756	4756	
3846	7Aug1994	Heather Margaret JONES	North Eton	via MACKAY QLD 4741	4741	
1397	4Sep1993	Shirley Kay JONES	26 Dickens Avenue	Planlands	4740	523124

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MACKAY FUNERAL DIRECTORS BOOKS NOW FILMED

Congratulations to Christine Crichton for her persistence and initiative in overcoming prolonged problems and many disappointments with our microfilm machine. Many thanks also to Colin Benson for donating his time and expertise to assist. All the books kept by Mackay Funerals have been microfilmed and are now in our library. Records filmed cover 1900 - 1993 with some pages as early as 1898 but only a few entries on the early pages can be read. Some of the entries are only in index form, stating date of burial, name, religion, age and place of burial (all or some of these details) but some have a great deal of detail including address, family of the deceased and funeral arrangements. There was a working index for the books (in order of date) and this has been filmed. An alphabetical index is being compiled by Christine and Peg with the help of a computer. Christine has studied the Australian Standards for Microfilming and will make our films in accordance with these in future, so they will be of professional standard.

FLYING START FOR ROOKIE GENIES

A special beginners Assistance Workshop will be held on Saturday 5th March from 9am to 1pm. There is no fixed programme, so people can come for part of the time. Members will help those who are new to research, or unfamiliar with our library, or those with a research problem. This will be a practical hands on session, so people attending should bring all their information. The sales officer will be there with books, charts, overseas stamps, and other genie aids for sale

HEAR YE, ALL MEMBERS ... HEAR YE



This year, our annual display of family history in the City Library will be held earlier - from 14 May to 28 May. It is not too early to start thinking and planning for the display and I would welcome your ideas for headings for boards or and new innovations. My suggestions for headings this year are: Generations, Shipping, Maltese Research, Year of the Family (photos of family groups), School Groups (photos), Family Trees, Wills, Old Documents & Certificates, Beginners Board, Computers in Genealogy, World War 1, Pedigree Forms, Family Reunions, and Convicts. With the upcoming maltese Festival, I thought it timely to have a board devoted to Maltese research, so anyone who has anything to do with Malta, please contribute. I would be grateful if Members could let me know if they have been involved in a family reunion. I have contacted Sandra Zarb, from the Valley Interest Group, and they will probably use one board. Unfortunately I will not be at the next two meetings, but I hope everyone will plan and contribute. Please direct suggestions, offers and queries to Judy Wallace 421224.

COMPULSIVE READING

Member Ann Mathews is spending many hours in reading the Qld Government Gazettes of the 1870's. All these Gazettes fill a wall of a small room upstairs at the Mackay Courthouse. Anyone can read them (just ask at the main desk), and staff oblige with photocopying. Lucy Green is another on a compulsive reading binge, Lucy is reading the Mackay Mercury newspapers on microfilm. She began some weeks ago with the first issue and is now reading 1874 papers. These microfilms are available at the Daily Mercury Office.



Research Notes

1. The Cobb & Co Museum in Toowoomba is compiling a database of all old coach builders, wheelwrights, blacksmiths, saddlers, and liners who once operated in Queensland. Help is sought from families of these old tradesmen to provide information from photographs, letters, catalogues, tools, makers plates etc.

The dying arts of these tradespeople the Museum is desperately trying to keep from disappearing altogether. Vehicles are constantly being restored, and their work can be observed by visitors. There are four major horse drawn vehicles in the museum from stylish Phaetons used for the gentry to farm wagons & delivery vans. It is well worth a visit to the museum to gain an insight into pioneering life and into these old trades. There is available an authoritative book written by Deborah Tranter, Curator of the Museum - "Cobb & Co - Coaching in Queensland." There is also a full colour publication about the collection entitled, "Cobb & Co Museum." (See pamphlet in our Information file.)

2. England Divorces reported in "The Times" 1780 - 1910 have been indexed by name of husband and wife's maiden name. Enquiries cost one pound from Wendy Mott, 24 Addison Avenue, Hounslow, England TW34AP.

3. Body Not Recovered. In the death registers at the Mackay Courthouse there are many deaths registered with name and full details, although the body was not recovered. These of course will not appear in any Burial Register. Our file "Death Register Extracts from Mackay Courthouse" lists these and persons buried in small places with no surviving burial register. They may have been on boats shipwrecked, or taken by crocodiles, but they are registered by name and a death certificate can be obtained. In England however, this is not the case. If there is no body or part of a body, there can be no record of death and so no death certificate. When a body is found and not identified it will be recorded in vague terms, and if investigations lead to later identification, the original entry will not be changed, and so the dead persons name will not appear in any indexes. Death may after a period of years be "presumed" for legal purposes so that a will can be administered. The dead person's name will still be in indexes to wills, although this entry will be many years after the death. The other place such a death may be reported is in the local newspaper and that will be at the time of death or disappearance.

4. Deaths in Queensland have official indexes to the end of 1914, but after that are often hard to find. If the place of death is known, enquires at that local council to search the burial records or enquire at that local history or genealogical society which may hold death records. If the place is not known, the Qld State Archives have indexes of wills and inquests for years after 1914, and these should be searched. A local researcher here in Mackay should first of all look in our library which is acquiring more and more Burial Registers and Monumental Inscriptions for all over Queensland. Note that the places for which records are held are marked on a map on the back wall. For deaths and/or burials in the local area we do have a complete record. The Post Office Directories or Electoral Rolls may provide a clue to a death when the name drops off the list. If all else fails, write to Alison Rogers who holds a very large card index of Qld deaths and burials gathered over the years. Mrs Rogers can be contacted at 9 Foreshaw St Bargara 4670. Send a stamped addressed envelope with request and 5 stamps for her trouble.

5. In reading microfilm records, it is not always possible to use the ideal lens to make the page fit on the screen. If the page is too big for the screen, be careful to sweep the film along each time until all 4 edges are sighted in turn

6. Jewish research in England may be helped by contacting Mr. M.Honey, Jewish Genealogical Society of Great Britain, 36 Woodstock Rd, Golders Green London Eng NW11 7ER. Member fees are twelve pounds.



MEET A MEMBER

No. 1 JOAN HOPE.

I was born Joan Lovemore in South Africa, not too many years ago. Eleven years ago I arrived with my parents and two brothers and one sister in Australia, which we now call home. I attended Avondale College at Cooranbong in New South Wales and graduated with a Diploma of Education in Primary Teaching. My first position was teaching at the Mackay Seventh-Day Adventist School. In 1987 I married a local, Michael Hope, who is better known by his middle name Craig. We have two daughters Ketannah, who is four going on forty four and Mahalia, who turned one just before Christmas. In addition to being a full-time mother I also find time to do some volunteer work in the community. I serve as the Sales Co-ordinator for the local branch of Nursing Mothers and also the Vice-President of Mackay Pre-School & Kindergarten Association.

My interest in genealogy started in my teenage years when I spent many hours with my father walking through cemeteries, interviewing aged relatives, reading family memoirs and pouring over old photographs. My father was in the process of compiling a five generation family tree of the Lovemore family and I found the musty smell of things old, long-forgotten, but yet treasured, terribly exciting. All this sleuthing culminated in a successful family reunion of Lovemore's and the publication of the Lovemore family tree in 1977.

Several branches of my pedigree seem to have some relative claiming that an ancestor is an illegitimate child of royalty. I have a third great grandfather Lovemore who is supposed to have been the love child of a King of England. A third great grandmother is supposed to have been a half sister of Queen Victoria and so the rumours continue. The challenge that faces me is proving or disproving these theories.

My current research centres mainly on this family name, the Heathcote's (pronounced Heth-cut). I have managed to trace this line back to the death of Thomas Hethcote, who died in 1492 in Derbyshire. I am fortunate that this family is one which had many prominent members, an Earl, an Admiral of the Blue, a Lord Mayor of London, mayors of Chesterfield, Members of Parliament for various counties of England, ministers of religion and the like, consequently information on these people is relatively easily come by. Being people of renown I have been able to collect ten generations in photographs, with only three people missing. A visit to England should help me to increase the number of generations to eleven and decrease the missing photographs to only one.

I am busy with the finishing touches of a five generation descendent chart of my great great grandfather, Charles HEATHCOTE, who was born in 1833. I am experiencing difficulty locating the descendents of his daughters.

I have recently started doing a similar chart for the CHAPMAN and DOLD-CHAPMAN family, which was my maternal grandmother's maiden name. This chart starts with John William Chapman and Charlotte Elizabeth Dold who were married on 7th April 1875 in Grahamstown, South Africa.

Another family name I am interested in tracing is the MORGAN line of my ancestry. I am in possession of a document which gives a brief description of the family line. The author claims that this particular line of Morgans are directly descended from Prince Charles of Glamorgan. When I get bogged down with my other research and feel like a change I will attack this branch. I don't think the task will be easy as the author claims that most of the South African records proving this link were destroyed in the Boer War.

The major difficulty I face in my research is that all my research is overseas and I depend a lot on people replying to my letters, which seem to take an eternity to arrive, if at all. I envisage I will eventually have to travel overseas to obtain further information. I just hope that in years to come my descendents will value the information I have accumulated and treasure it.

ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER RESEARCH



Some notes on researching ATSI Genealogy were printed in Newsletter No.56 in September 1993. The information given then is still true and these notes are supplementary to those. People researching an aboriginal family tree face special problems. Written records can be hard to find, information is scattered, and there are many dead ends. Records which were always kept as standard for non-aboriginal people, such as birth, death and marriage records, were often

not kept for aborigines. Many a station owner even 50 years ago would record the birth of a child of an aboriginal mother only in the station book, if at all. This was so even if he was the father of the child or one of his stockmen was. Information may have been carelessly, vaguely, or only partly recorded, or not recorded at all. A researcher in our library can not obtain her mother's birth certificate, because her mother's birth about 1932 to an aboriginal woman working on a property in the Kingaroy district was simply not registered.

An article in the "Koori Mail" 23 May 1991 suggests ordinary Army Records as a possible source as there were some aboriginal soldiers in the 1st AIF and many in the 2nd AIF. The army files may be the first time an aboriginal man was officially recorded and would contain details of his birth and next of kin. A book by Robert Hall was published in 1989 entitled "Black Diggers : Aborigines and Torres Strait Islanders in the Second World War." This article says that the Electoral Rolls should be consulted and gives details of regulations about aboriginals voting for each state showing these varied widely.

On the official level more help is becoming available. There is a new section in the Division of Aboriginal and Islander Affairs in Brisbane which has been established primarily to help Aboriginal/Islander people reconstruct the history of their family or community through the use of Divisional records. It is called the Community and Personal History section. Within the usual privacy rules, researchers may access government administrative records and personal records such as Social History Cards (from 1936), Personal Files (from 1945), Cards relating to permits to reside, exemption, marriage, child endowment, and death, and Tenancy agreements. Write to Dr Jan Walker, Community and Personal Histories Section, Department of Aboriginal and Islanders Affairs, GPO Box 806, Brisbane 4001, or phone (07) 2242542.

A comprehensive printed guide to records held in the Australian Archives ACT Regional Office has been issued entitled "Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People in Commonwealth Records." A large quantity of records are held dating from the 1860's to the early 1960's. These relate to all parts of Australia, but especially to the Northern Territory which the Commonwealth administered from 1911.

"My heart is Breaking" is the title of another comprehensive guide to official records held in the Public Records Office of Victoria and the Australian Archives Victorian Office. These records refer to aborigines in Victoria only.

Note that all records of Australian Archives on microfilm may be found in any or all of their regional offices such as Brisbane and Townsville. The Brisbane office of Australian Archives is known to hold ATSI records on microfilm.

In our genealogical library a new file has been formed in section A, all Australia, to bring together information on ATSI resources and research. See this file for further information about things mentioned in this article. Other information will be added as it comes available.

(Thanks to Shirley Jones and Laraine Schembri for providing most of this updated information.)



LOBBY FOR MORE QUEENSLAND INDEXES



Are you unhappy, depressed, at the end of your tether - (and at the end of your research) because the Queensland indexes of birth stop at 1904 and indexes of deaths and marriages stop at 1914? Make a noise and tell your local State Member: point out to him that Victorian Death indexes now go up to 1918. Tell him all states except Qld have planned for better and further indexes. Expand on what a wonderful research tool the new Pioneers Indexes are, and in being the only state not agreeing to have the Qld indexes done in this new style, Qld is really missing out. It really does make a difference if a large number of people protest by letter to the member of parliament. The meek may inherit the earth, but they'll never get more indexes.

"IMMIGRATION ACT OF 1872."

REMITTANCE PASSENGERS.

PERSONS resident in Queensland, wishing to obtain Passages to the Colony for their Friends or Relatives in Europe, can do so under the provisions of the New Immigration Act, by paying to the Immigration Agent in Brisbane, or to any of the Clerks of Petty Sessions in the Colony, amounts in accordance with the following scale:—

Males and Females, between 1 and 12, each ...	£1
Males, between 12 and 40, each ...	2
Females, between 12 and 40, each ...	1
Males and Females, above 40, each ...	4
Infants under 12 months, FREE.	

HIRE OF LABORERS IN EUROPE.

Employers of Labor in the Colony are directed to the liberal provisions contained in the New Act, whereby Mechanics, Laborers, or Servants, engaged through Agents in Europe, will be provided with Passages to the Colony by the Agent-General.

Applications from employers will be received by the Immigration Agent in Brisbane, or by any of the Clerks of Petty Sessions in the Colony, from whom further particulars and all necessary forms can be obtained.

ROBT. GRAY,
Immigration Agent.

Immigration Office,
Brisbane, 12th August, 1872.

Department of Mines,
Brisbane, 6th March, 1876.

THE following Donations to the Museum have been received during the month of February.

H. E. KING.

- Mr. J. Wildash—1 Roman coin of the year 80 A.D.
- Mr. H. Faithfull—1 carpet snake.
- Mr. A. Holland—2 masked skulls, 1 belt, from New Guinea.
- Mr. Goddard—1 crab.
- Mr. S. Diggles—several insects.
- Mr. H. Birbeck—1 phasma.
- Mr. Quill, Stanthorpe—1 red-colored snake (*Vermicella*).
- Mr. Winter—1 white goshawk.
- Mr. A. Mackay—1 piece cinnabar, from the New Almaden Mine, California.
- Miss Lovell, Calke Abbey, Derbyshire—A large and well-assorted collection of coal fossils from the different coal mines of England, Scotland, and Wales; a collection of samples of coal from same places; a collection of specimens from the Gypsum Mines and Works of Sir J. Crewe, Chellaston, Derbyshire.
- Miss Lovell, of Brisbane—Collection of forty specimens of polished marble, from Devonshire.
- Mr. Isaac Harrington, Cooktown—1 palmaris.
- Mr. Jacob Draper, Upper Pine River—1 goshawk.
- Mr. Käyser, Etheridge—Collection of gold-bearing quartz from the different reefs of Etheridge.
- Mr. O'Connor—1 spider (*Epeira*).
- Mr. Curtis—1 large spider (*Epeira*).
- Mr. Stephen Cooper—1 fishhook from the South Sea Islands.
- Mr. J. Porter—1 coral plant (*Gorgonia*).
- Mr. Gresley Lusin—3 *Gorgonia* (horn coral).

VISITORS—2,080.

From Qld Government Gazettes

INDEXES TO NEWSPAPERS

A recent visitor to the local historical museum at Berry, N.S.W., found there was a card index to the local newspaper, as well as copies of the papers. So it took only a few minutes to find four news items and obituaries, even though the dates were not known. It is well worth enquiring by mail if an index does exist for a newspaper in the small area you are interested in and if the relevant articles can be copied.

Indexes to large newspapers are actually published in book form or on film. The National Library in Canberra has index books to The London Times from the 1770's to today. Elizabeth Simpson when lecturing here in 1988 stated that every convict has his name in these indexes and thus his trial can be traced, for every criminal trial in England was reported in the Times. This library also has similar holdings for the New York Times, The Sydney Herald, The Melbourne Age and many other large newspapers. As well it holds the papers on microfilm. Other large libraries will have similar holdings of newspapers and/or indexes!

Of course, if there is a date to go by, an index is not so necessary. But if there is not, an index is the magnet to find the needle in the haystack.