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"Australia Remembers..." Meeting

A meeting was held in the RSL Hall on February 15th to plan activities in the Mackay area that would commemorate fifty years since the conclusion of World War II. VP (Victory in the Pacific) and VE days (Victory in Europe) will be commemorated on the 15th August and 8th May respectively. The meeting was chaired by Mr Ray Braithwaite, Federal member for Dawson.

Shirley Jones, a member, represented our society at this meeting. She reported that the purpose of these days of commemoration will be to remember and thank the veterans of World War II, including those who served on the homefront. The aim of the celebrations would be to re-create the sense of excitement of the end of the war, and to educate the nation, particularly the children, about the horrors of war.

At the meeting a committee was set up to co-ordinate the activities planned for these celebrations. This committee will not be organising any of the activities. Suggested activities included commemorative church services, lunches, a street parade for veterans, memorabilia displays and a concert featuring songs from World War II, amongst others. Anyone who has ideas on how to commemorate this anniversary between April and August, is to contact Mr Braithwaite's office.



"Australia Remembers..." Logo

The above logo has been chosen to reflect the theme of the 50th anniversary of the end of World War II.

"It shows a returning soldier embraced by his wife, with his son and daughter showing their great joy at his return.

The logo was inspired by a photograph taken on July 29th, 1945. ... The soldier is Patrick (Ray) Anthony Raphael Walsh, who was born on January 5th, 1909 in Cowra, New South Wales. He enlisted in 1939 and only three months before the photograph was taken he had been a prisoner-of-war of the Germans.

On his return, his wife Varlie and their five children were all there to meet him at the RAAF depot at Bradfield Park in Sydney. Ray Walsh died in Sydney on March 1st, 1988."

(SOURCE: Daily Mercury, December 1994)

Local Mackay Identities

RICHARD DEMPSEY DUNNE

Richard Dempsey Dunne was one of the early company of pioneers who settled in the Mackay district shortly after it was discovered and opened by the late Captain John Mackay.

Richard Dunne came to the district from his native Ireland in 1867 at the early age of 25 and was engaged for some time as a jackeroo around Broadsound. This was a time when station life was rough and ready and those who followed the work of establishing cattle runs had to endure hardships that tested their stamina and courage to the utmost. Mr Dunne was at home amongst stock and soon became noted as a fearless rider and successful amateur at the local race meetings.

When canegrowing was attracting people to Mackay, he came to this district. He soon received an important appointment with a Melbourne company that had erected a sugar mill at Palmyra. Subsequently he was sent to Fiji by the same company, and on returning to Queensland took up land at the Barrie on his own account, where he engaged in sugar growing until he established the Model Farm in the same district. He retained this property until advancing years caused him to retire from strenuous work.

He married Miss Aitcheson soon after coming to Mackay. The wedding ceremony took place at the residence of the late Mr JC Binney, another well-known Mackay pioneer.

Mr Dunne took an active interest in every movement that was organised to advance the sugar industry. He had considerable technical knowledge of sugar manufacture, and as a practical farmer was equally familiar with the canegrowing side of the business.

His facile pen was used in defence of the industry whenever he felt it could with advantage be employed, and in this connection it might be stated he was a valued contributor of "District Notes" to the "Daily Mercury" for many years. He was a sterling pioneer, a progressive primary producer and citizen, an ideal parent and a lovable friend.

On Saturday afternoon after running in the cows as usual at the homestead of his son-in-law, Mr James Porter of North Eton, Mr Dempsey lay down for a rest. He took ill and was moved to Mackay for medical attention. He died in the Mater hospital shortly after, in the early hours of Sunday morning. His life flickered out quietly, causing no pain or noticeable depression of any kind.

He was buried in the Mackay Cemetery on 15th June 1929 aged 86 years.

(adapted from his Obituary which appeared in the "Daily Mercury".)

"The source of the saying "mad as a hatter" originated from the fact that many hatters did end their lives insane. This was caused by absorbing the mercury used in the industry. Constant absorption of mercury via the skin will lead to insanity."

(Source: "Branching Out", GSQ: Proserpine Branch Newsletter, Jan/Feb 1995 edition)

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CONVICT CONNECTIONS

Do you have convict connections? A special interest group has been formed by the Genealogical Society of Queensland. An annual subscription to the quarterly newsletter costs \$10.00 per year. A "ticket of proof" is available to members who wish to provide certified evidence of convict descent. Membership is available to all members of the Genealogical Society of Queensland. Contact GSQ for further information. See the back of this newsletter for their address.

MORGAN SOCIETY of AUSTRALIA

The Morgan Society has recently established a branch in Australia. You need not be a Morgan or have a Morgan connection, to become a member.

Membership costs are \$25 for an individual and \$40 for a family. There is an associate membership of \$25 pa for non-Morgans who wish to assist the association and use its facilities, but who are unable to vote.

Contact The Morgan Society
Box 6348,
Tweed Heads, NSW, 2486



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Dame Mary Durack Outback Crafts Awards

The Dame Mary Durack Outback Crafts Competition and exhibition is presented each year by the Australian Stockman's Hall of Fame and Outback Heritage Centre. This year's exhibition is to be held at the Queensland Museum, Brisbane from December 1st to Jan 21st 1996. The competition is for traditional outback crafts which have practicality aesthetic appeal and a genuine association with the Australian outback. There are seven categories, namely timber (furniture), timber (other items, not furniture), bark, fibre (tapestry and weaving), fibre (lace, embroidery, crochet, knitting, quilting), leather (including greenhide) and blacksmithing. Entries must arrive at the Australia Stockman's Hall of Fame and Outback Heritage Centre, GPO Box 1, Brisbane, Qld, 4001 by October 13th, 1995. For entry forms and full details see our information file in the Genie Room.

German Ancestry?

German settlers in early Maryborough are of special interest to Ann Matthews who has many books on the early settlement of Maryborough and on the history of Germany. These titles include:

1. "Where The Eagle Nested" by Kay Gasson
2. "Guide for a Mary River Cruise from the Town Beach to Yengarie" by Marie Walker
3. "Original Maryborough Site: An Historical Study" by Tom Blake & Richard Allom
4. "Whose House is That?" (A book on Maryborough and district house names)
5. "The Port of Maryborough" by Ronald Parsons
6. "Deutsches Reich" (A book of historical events in Germanic History)
7. "A Book of Traditional German Recipes"
8. Printouts of Wilschafshi, Peters, Gillam families Cemetery Records from Maryborough.

If anyone would like to look at any of the above books, contact Ann Matthews (554 735).

International Research Notes

CANADA

The Ontario Genealogical Society has located more than 6 000 cemeteries in the state of Ontario, of which over 3 500 have been transcribed. They have also undertaken a project to identify the location of existing records of baptisms, marriages, burials and other related data for all places of worship in Ontario in the 18th, 19th and early 20th centuries. The 1871 Ontario census returns have been indexed by volunteers from their society and published in a 30-volume set which can be purchased separately. The society offers a variety of books and supplies for sale. This is both a service to members and a source of revenue to the society. For further information contact The Ontario Genealogical Society, 40 Orchard View Blvd, Suite 102, Toronto, ON, M4R 1B9. (Telephone (416) 489-0734 or Fax (416) 489-9803 or e-mail (416) 750-9767)

SOUTH AFRICA:

Old Cape Death Notices record the deceased person's date and place of death, age, place of birth, parents' names, occupation, marital status, spouse's name and children's names. The deceased's date of death must be known. For your ancestor's death notice to be in this collection, they must have died prior to 1922, and have left a will or property. People who lived in remote areas of the Cape Colony, did not necessarily file a death notice.

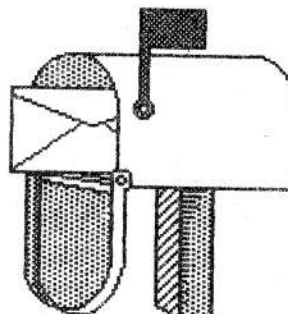
The original documents are held in the Cape Town Archives, and are not allowed to be photocopied. Researchers can make transcripts of these, but the Morman Church in Port Elizabeth has this collection microfilmed and they can be copied from the microfilms for R2.00 each. To obtain copies of these send Australian notes in a plain sealed envelope to Mrs Mary Runciman, 131 Villiers Rd, Walmer, Port Elizabeth 6070, South Africa. The exchange rate is usually about AUS\$1 = ZAR2 and please include a little extra for return postage.

RESEARCH INTERESTS

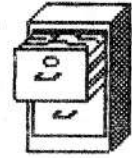
BATTERSBY		IRL	1700's
COLLIVER		Vic	AUS 1849+
COLLIVER	Kingston	Dev	ENG pre 1849
CORNISH	Chivelstone	Dev	ENG 1700's
DUNN	Stiffkey	Nfk	ENG pre 1882
EDNEY	East Dean	Ham	ENG pre 1840
FLAXMAN	Ringstead	Nfk	ENG pre 1826
FRASER	Dores	Inv	SCT pre 1840
GOVERNOR	Sydney	NSW	AUS 1800's
GOVERNOR	Moneydig	LDY	IRL pre 1881
GUTHRIE	Ochiltree	Ayr	SCT pre 1860
HAWKINS	Dublin	Dub	IRL 1800's
HOWARD	Ringstead	Nfk	ENG pre 1886
JAMES	Ballycrystal	WEX	IRL 1700's
KINNERSLEY	Stepney	MDX	ENG pre 1805
MCTAVISH	Boleskine	Inv	SCT pre 1816
PLANTE	Melbourne	Vic	AUS 1890+
PLANT	Nottingham	Ntt	ENG pre 1850
RUSS	East Lambrook	Som	ENG 1800's
SEFTON		Dow	IRL pre 1841
SMYTHIES			ENG 1600-1850
STEPHENS	Helston	Con	ENG pre 1854
WALLACE	Ballycourcy	WEX	IRL pre 1860

For further information on any of these families, please contact

Judy Wallace,
31 Annie Wood Ave,
North Mackay, Qld,
4740



General Information Pages



PLASTIC JUST AIN'T PLASTIC...

(As our last meeting included discussions on storage of valuable documents, it was thought worthwhile to reproduce an article which appeared in "Genie Gossip" Issue 17.)

Conservation suppliers sell plastic sleeves for storage of documents and photos, which are guaranteed not to harm the contents stored. The only disadvantage is that these are expensive and few would use them for storage of all items collected. Most people buy the cheaper varieties from supermarkets and stationers. How can we tell if the ones we are using really are satisfactory? Perhaps in time they will harm the paper inside them or the ink on the paper. Here are some tests we can do on samples snipped from the plastic items we are at present using for storage.

- The Beilstein Test:** Heat a thin copper wire in a gas flame until all the green colour is lost. Then touch the hot wire on the plastic being tested and then re-introduce the wire into the flame. If a green flame now appears this means that the plastic is harmful poly-vinyl chloride (PVC). This is harmful in several ways to paper and ink and should not be used.
- The Smoke Test:** Burn a small piece of the plastic. If the flame is very smokey with a sweet styrene smell, this material is polystyrene. This material may dissolve some inks in time, but is not as harmful as PVC.
- The Float Test:** A small piece of the plastic when pushed under water (without bubbles attaching to it) will float up. This indicates the plastic is polythene or polypropylene, much safer materials. All other plastics are heavier than water and they will sink. These plastics are not as transparent or scuff resistant as polystyrene, but they are safer.
- The No-burn, No-smoke Test:** If a small piece of the plastic when touched on the flames burns very slowly with no smoke and maybe extinguishes itself, then it is polyester, the safest plastic of all for the storage of paper, ink and photographs.

PERPETUAL CALENDAR ALTYDDURENDE KALENDER

1801-2099

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01	29	57	85		25	53	81		09	37	65	93	4	0	0	3	5	1	3	6	2	4	0	2	1	8	15	22	29	36					
02	30	58	86		26	54	82		10	38	66	94	5	1	1	4	6	2	4	0	3	5	1	3	2	9	16	23	30	37					
03	31	59	87		27	55	83		11	39	67	95	6	2	2	5	0	3	5	1	4	6	2	4	3	10	17	24	31						
04	32	60	88		28	56	84		12	40	68	96	0	3	4	0	2	5	0	3	6	1	4	6	4	11	18	25	32						
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GUIDE TO USE:
On what day did November 5, 1945 fall? Find the year (45) in section "A" (1901-2000) then move the finger across in a horizontal line until the column marked "N" (for November). Add to the number (4) in this column the number of days in the date chosen (5). Now look for the total (4+5=9) in section "C", and you will see that November 5th, 1945 fell on a Monday.

VERKLARING:
Op welke dag het 5 November 1945 geval? Vind die jaar (45) in seksie „A” (1901-2000). Skuif die vinger oor die horisontale lyn tot die kolom gemerk „N” (vir November). Tel by die nommer (4) in hierdie kolom die aantal dae in die datum gekies. Die som van hierdie optelling (4+5=9) soek u nou onder seksie „C” en u sal sien dat 5 November 1945 op 'n Maandag geval het.

MONTHLY MEETINGS are held at 7:30pm on the first Monday of the month in Room 10C at the Mackay State High School in Milton Street. (Room 10C is on the ground floor of the second building to the south of the staff car park). The next meeting will be held on April 5th. The speaker will be Mr Bruce Lees who will present a talk World Wars I and II.

THE GENEALOGICAL LIBRARY is in the Reading Room of the North Mackay Library, Ungerer Street. This is open to the public daily from 9:30am to 5:30pm and to 8:00pm on Thursdays, and Saturdays from 9:00am to 1:00pm.

RESEARCH ASSISTANCE is available in this library from 12:30 to 3:30pm on Mondays through to Wednesdays and every fourth Wednesday and second Saturday. For alternate arrangements, please telephone 422 539.

THE MACKAY LDS FAMILY HISTORY CENTRE is within the church on the corner of McGinn and Field Streets. It is open to all from 9:30 to 2:30pm on Tuesdays and 10:00am to 2:30pm on Wednesdays and Wednesday evenings from 6:00 to 9:00pm. It is closed during school holidays and on public holidays.

MONTHLY NEWSLETTERS are available at meetings and thereafter in the cupboard in the Genie room at the North Mackay Library. A donation of 50c would be appreciated for each copy.

MEMBERSHIP of the Genealogical Society of Queensland is \$30.00 per annum for an individual and \$40.00 for a family membership. These amounts do not include a once-only joining fee of \$10.00. Membership forms are available in the Genealogical Library. Dues may be paid direct to the society or to the local treasurer. The address of the Genealogical Society of Queensland is Box 8423, Woolloongabba, Qld, 4102. Membership benefits include five hours free research per year, subscription to "Generation", one free 60-word research inquiry and a fifteen-name research interest advertisement per year.

"GENERATION", the quarterly journal for financial members is distributed at monthly meetings and thereafter held in the cupboard in the Genie room at the North Mackay Library. These are mailed to the branch and not to individual members.

Epitaph from a Cemetery in Stoke Newington, England

**"I was the mother of 28
There would have been more
But it was too late"**

(Source: East Cape Branch Genealogical Society of South Africa Newsletter, Number 7)

Hillaire Belloc's epitaph:

**When I am dead,
Let it be said:
His sins were scarlet
But his books were read."**

(Source: East Cape Branch Genealogical Society of South Africa Newsletter, August 1987, Number 3)

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MELROSE & FENWICK

After 16 years' residence in Townsville, Mr OJ Fenwick will, in about a month's time, leave for Brisbane where he will establish his home. During his association with Townsville, Mr Fenwick, has in partnership with Mr TG Melrose, carried on a prosperous monumental business, and it is due to an expansion of their operations that Mr Fenwick is taking his departure, the firm having amalgamated with a Brisbane one, of which he will assume the general managership, paying periodical visits to the north, while Mr Melrose will retain control of the Townsville branch. For some time past Mr Fenwick has identified himself with public affairs and for four years was one of the representatives of the West Ward in the City Council. He too, has figured prominently in politics, having filled the position of President of the People's Progressive League for some five years, and at the last election stood with Mr Philip in the Government interest, suffering defeat from Mr T Foley. In Friendly Society affairs Mr Fenwick has always taken a keen interest, and held the position of Provincial Grand Master in the MUIOOF Society, while he is now a member of the Medical Union Board.

(From North Queensland Herald of 17th December 1910)

(SOURCE: "Relatively Speaking", March 1995 edition)

THE FAMILY TREE

I think that I shall never see
The finish of a family tree,
As it forever seems to grow
From roots that started ver low;
'Way back in ancient history times,
In foreign lands and distant climes.
From them grew trunk and branching limb,
That dated back to time so dim.
Once seldom know exactly when
The parents met and married then,
Nor when the twigs began to grow,
With odd-named children, row on row.
"Though a verse like this is made by me
And the end's in sight as you can see.
"Tis not the same with family trees,
That grow and grow through centuries.

(SOURCE: "Brunsfelsia Gazette", Quarterly Gazette of the Moura Family History Group Inc., March 1995, Volume 1, Number 1.)

EARLY MORNING CEMETERY WALK

Denise Neville took just over 30 people on an early morning cemetery walk on the morning of Saturday, 8th April in the Mackay Cemetery as part of the festivities of Heritage Week.

Twenty-five to thirty graves were included in the tour. Burial plots of early pioneers of the Mackay and district and long-established commercial families in Mackay, such as Michelmore's, Hossack's, Comino's and others were visited. Other sites included the grave of the first baker in Mackay, Daniel Craine, and the Cameron family burial plot. The family had a foundry in Mackay and the cast iron work around the grave and monument was actually made in the family's foundry. The grave of the Welch family who were killed in the 1918 cyclone was included on the tour.

The outing was enjoyed by all and there were requests for this to become an annual event on the Mackay calendar.

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Meet Peg Strickland

I was born in the Clovelly Hospital, Wellington Street, Mackay, and went to school in Nebo and married Keith Strickland, a Mackay local. We have two daughters, one son and three granddaughters.

I started family history by accident while helping to organise a family reunion in Easter 1981 and thought knowing something of our ancestors may be of interest to family members. I had not heard of Family History Societies or Genealogy, but knowing the area of Lancashire and Oxford that our grandparents had come from, I wrote to the respective County Councils even though I did not know any real addresses.

From that blind stab, I was able to obtain some birth certificates which we displayed on our board. As expected they created a lot of interest. After the reunion one of my sisters learnt of the existence of the Mackay Genealogical Society, I joined and have been a member since then. I decided to research Keith's family as well.

My own family has been a little difficult because of the common names involved, Butterworths, Browns and Booths abound in Lancashire. My great grandfather, **Samuel Butterworth** was a law enforcer even before the Police Force was formed in England and I have been able to get interesting pieces of information on him from Police records held in their archives.

My Proffitt ancestors were paupers in the late 1700's but my great great grandfather **Robert Proffitt**, a thatcher, owned the house he lived in and 9 cottages he rented, by 1843.

The Strickland and related families all found their way to North Queensland when that area of the country was being settled. **William and Elizabeth Strickland** were aboard the "Wansfell", the first immigrant ship to drop anchor in Bowen in 1863, when that town was only a couple of years old. William, a carpenter, manufactured bricks for some of the buildings that still stand there. He also had the licences for hotels and became very involved with horse racing. One of his horses, "Ben Bolt", travelled to Melbourne and won the Caulfield Cup in 1886 and came fifth in the Melbourne Cup of that year.

John Byers was running cattle on the Laura River when gold was discovered in that area in the 1870's. He started butchering at one of the finds and the settlement became known as Byerstown. John was born in Co. Monaghan, Ireland and as his family were farmers, I had some success researching the family in that country. The Griffiths Valuations provided land information and as John's father was a committee member of the congregation of his parish, his marriage was mentioned in surviving papers of the Church. His wife and family were included in a Parish Census taken in 1846.

Another ancestor, **James Williams**, was acting Magistrate, Gold warden etc. at Thornborough on the North Queensland goldfields. He was mentioned in the Queensland blue books which includes information on government employees and from these I learnt of the salary and benefits he received.

William Crisp came to the Goldfields of Victoria from Suffolk, England in 1859, went to New Zealand in 1862, to the North Queensland goldfields in 1872 and aged over 70 years went to Western Australia always following gold finds. He died there in 1911.

John Gane was a mariner born in 1801 and went to sea as an apprentice aged 9 years. He died at sea in 1848 and a lot of information about he and his family was obtained from the Society of Genealogy, London. His widow's application for a Seaman's widow's pension had to include a copy of the marriage from the Parish Register as well as the baptism of the youngest son. Several letters of recommendation etc. also survived and I was able to get copies of these.

Thankfully the results of my research have been spread around as I have published a book for both my own and Keith's families. Copies of these are in most parts of Australia, New Zealand and England, however I still get a buzz when I get information that enables me to move back another generation or learn more of the lifestyles of our ancestors.

Some of the sources I have accessed to obtain information have been Australian Birth, Death and Marriage microfiche, IGI, certificates from Australia, England and Scotland, Parish registers, English and Scottish Census, shipping records, Archives for Wills, Miner's leases etc., John Oxley Library and publications on North Queensland.



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TOWNSVILLE & DISTRICT PIONEER REGISTER: VOLUME II

The Family History Association of North Queensland Inc., is compiling a second volume of the Townsville and district pioneers from 1864 to 1920. The area covered will be north to Cardwell, south to Bowen and west to Julia Creek. For further information contact The Secretary, PO Box 6120, Townsville Mail Centre, 4810

(**SOURCE:** "Relatively Speaking", March 1995 edition)

CHILDREN OF THE FIRST FLEET

Mr Robert Holden, of 47 Liverpool Street, Paddington, NSW 2021, is planning to publish a book entitled "Children of the First Fleet" in 1996. This work will concentrate on children under the age of 12 who arrived with the First Fleet in 1788. He would be grateful for contact with any researchers who can provide documentary evidence of the subsequent lives of these children in the colony.

(**SOURCE:** "Relatively Speaking", March 1995 edition)

SHIPPING RESEARCH SERVICE

The New South Wales State Archives, 2 Globe Str, Sydney, 2000 has introduced a Shipping Research Service. For a fee of \$30.00 per person they will consult a comprehensive search of their shipping and immigration records and provide you with copies of the major documents located of that person. The copying costs will not exceed the value of \$5.00.

(**SOURCE:** "Relatively Speaking", March 1995 edition)

ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDERS

Records Guide, Volume I to Queensland Records relating to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People is now available from the Queensland State Archives for \$25.00 plus a further \$7.00 postage and handling.

(**SOURCE:** "Relatively Speaking", March 1995 edition)

GERMAN SETTLERS IN AUSTRALIA

Lists of German immigrants to Australia very often only included the people recruited by the government. One list had only 51 men, all vinedressers, the rest of the 232 people on the boat were not listed.

German Settlers in early Maryborough are of special interest to Ann Matthews who has many books on the early settlement of Maryborough and on the history of Germany. If interested telephone Ann on 554 735.

WESTERN AUSTRALIAN BIRTH, DEATH & MARRIAGE INDEXES

This index of includes deaths from 1906-1980 and marriages from 1906-1965 on 246 microfiche. The Western Australian Pioneers Index on 16 microfiche lists all birth death and marriages from 1841 to 1905 with more information about the person, than in earlier releases of indexes. The Pioneers Index is also available on CD-Rom for an IBM or compatible PC. The Pioneer's Index lists individual's surnames alphabetically, making it easier to link family members. This index is now available on microfiche in the Genie Library.

JANET REAKES' ENGLISH SEMINAR

An English Genealogical conference has been planned for November 3-5 at the University of Queensland, St Lucia, Brisbane. The guest speaker will be John Kitzmiller, the author of "In Search of the Forlorn Hope", a comprehensive guide to locating British Regiments and their records 1640 to WWI. He is also a heraldist and an accredited genealogist, with an emphasis on the British Military, Heraldry, Royalty, Northern Ireland, Austro-Hungarian Empire and computers. For more information write to "Family Trees", PO Box 937, Hervey Bay, 4655.

International Research Notes

IRELAND

An acute accent (´) called a 'fada' is used in the Irish language to accent some vowel sounds. It is always used in the case of "O" surnames, thus: O'Grady is the Anglicised version of Ó Gráda. In many manuscript works, lines of script were closely packed together and there was not sufficient room to put the fada above the capital "o" in Irish surnames. So instead, the fada was put on the right hand side of the "o". For example Ó Dúill would appear as O' Dúill. Those unfamiliar with the Irish language, understandably, mistook the fada for an apostrophe and thus the misunderstanding arose. The Genealogical Office, in Kildare Street, Dublin has abolished the use of the apostrophe after the O prefix in an attempt to correct this misunderstanding and to allow the names to resemble their original Gaelic form more closely.

(SOURCE: "Irish Roots", 1995 Volume 1)

ENGLAND: Coventry

A Family History Society for the County of Coventry was started in 1994. The cost of overseas membership is £10.00. Cheques and postal orders should be crossed and made payable to Coventry Family History Society. For further information contact Mrs J. Cobbett, 8 Handcross Grove, Coventry, Warks CV3 6DZ UK.

(SOURCE: "Relatively Speaking", March 1995 edition)

SCOTLAND

Mr Kenneth McLean Ross LL.B., W.S., N.P., 41 Macdowall Road, Edinburgh EH9 3EQ, Scotland will undertake your research if you wish to obtain copies of the will or probate of your ancestor. You will need to know the date of death of the person in Scotland.

(SOURCE: East Cape Genealogical Society of South Africa Newsletter, May 1994).

CANADA

The United Empire Loyalists' Association of Canada was organised and incorporated by an Act of Parliament in 1914. The organisation aims to unite descendants of Loyalists irrespective of creed and political party and to preserve the history, traditions and memorabilia of Loyalist families. The association publishes genealogical and historical journals and preserves buildings and memorials that perpetuate the memory of the Loyalists.

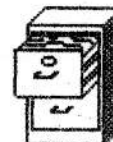
Loyalists were so named because they remained loyal to King George III during the Revolution and consequently had their property and/or possessions confiscated because of their loyalty to the Crown. They settled in British North America. A large percentage of Loyalists were of non-British extraction. Many were of German, Swiss, French, Dutch, American Indian and African descent. Loyalists transcended all social classes from wealthy merchants to farmers and tradespeople.

Membership entitles a person to attend monthly meetings, library access, research resources into the military histories of the Loyalists and national membership. Write to The United Empire Loyalists' Association of Canada: Toronto Branch, Suite 601, 234 Eglinton Avenue East, Toronto, Ontario, Canada M4P 9Z9 for further information.

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General Information



THE 8870 FORMULA

If a tombstone records that a person died May 6th, 1889 and was 71 years, 7 months and 9 days old, but no date of birth is listed the 8870 formula can be used to quickly ascertain a date of birth, rather than taking the time to count backwards.

Write the date of death backwards in numerical form, ie 18890506 and subtract from this the deceased's age ie. 710709 (years first, then months and days). From the difference, subtract 8870, which is a constant. The solution will give you the person's date of birth, once again, in reverse numerical form.

The calculations are as follows

18890506	(died 1889 May 6)
- 710709	(age 71 years, 7 months, 9 days)
18179797	
- 8870	(constant)
18170927	(born 1817 Sep 27)

(SOURCE: East Cape Genealogical Society of South Africa Newsletter, December 1992)

OCCUPATIONS

Bluestocking - A female writer

Brazier - One who works with brass

Brightsmith - A metal worker

Caulker - One who fills cracks or seam (in ships or windows) to make them watertight.

Chandler - A trader or dealer in supplies and provisions. Also someone who makes and sells candles

Cooper - One who makes containers formed of staves and hoops, such as barrel, tub, casings

Cordwainer - A shoe maker. Originally any leather worker who used leather from Cordova.

Docker - A stevedore, dock worker who loads and unloads cargo.

Drayman - A driver of a dray (a sturdy low cart without fixed sides. Used to carry heavy loads)

Duffer - A peddler

Factor - Commission merchant, one who is an agent for another in the transaction of business

Fletcher - A maker of arrows

Glazier - A glass worker

Gaoler - A keeper of the gaol, a jailer

Hind - A farm labourer

Hooper - One who made hoops for casks and barrels

Hostler - A groom who took care of horses, often at an inn

Husbandman - A farmer, one who cultivated the land

Leech - A physician

Manciple - A steward

Modiste - One who produces, designs or deals in ladies fashion (a local dress designer).

Supercargo - A ship's officer in charge of the cargo and commercial transactions

Tanner - One who tanned (cured) animal hides into leather

Teamster - A driver of wagons pulled by oxen or horses

Tide Waiter - A customs inspector

Tinker - An itinerant tin pot and pan seller and repairman

Victualler - A tavern keeper, or one who provides an army, navy or ship with food supplies

Vulcan - A blacksmith

Wagoner - A teamster, not for hire

Wainwright - A wagon-maker

Waterman - A boatman who hired out himself and his boat

Wharfinger - A wharf owner

Whitesmith - A tinsmith, an ironworker who finished or polished the work

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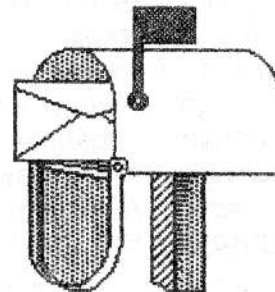
NEW WORKBOOK FOR GENEALOGICAL RESEARCHERS

GSQ has for sale a handy little book which has blank pedigree charts, individual cards, worksheets to record information obtained from birth and death indexes, census records, IGI and immigration records. All these pages are neatly bound together with a plastic spiral and the booklet is small enough to carry in a handbag. See Margaret Jones for an example or order your copy direct from GSQ.

RESEARCH INTEREST

I am looking for the descendants of Emma Jane **Horton** (born 1882) who married on 8 July 1903 to James Eardley **O'Toole**. It is believed that they had two daughters and a son, named James. Emma was a bridesmaid for her sister Caroline Adelaide (my grandmother) who married John **Benson** on 15 March 1902.

Please contact: Adelaide Grendon
40 Marlborough St
Planlands, Qld, 4740 (Tel: 079-52 3349)



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NEW MACKAY BOOK RELEASED

"Sweet Settlement", is the title of a book on the making of Mackay and the Pioneer Valley covering the years 1860 through to 1918.

The book starts with the discovery of the Pioneer Valley by Europeans, with extracts from the journals of Captain John Mackay and Andrew Murray. Mention is also made of the South Sea Islanders, Malays, Javanese and Aborigines, the first railway in Mackay, the sugar industry, the opening of the Eungella Range in 1908, World War I and the Cyclone and Tidal Wave of 1918, but the majority of the book gives a detailed description of the daily lifestyles of the people who had settled in Mackay and the Pioneer Valley from the 1870's through to the 1900's. This description is enhanced with plenty of clear and seldom-seen photographs. Some of the photographs have come from collections held by local families, such as the McGinn family. Other photographs have come from the John Oxley Library, the Denman, John Kerr and TA Cook Collections held at the North Mackay Library, Mirani Shire Museum and the Daily Mercury Collection. Extracts of personal letters, newspaper clippings and numerous other documents form the basis of the narrative.

The abundance of photographs in the book adds to its appeal. The editors, Fr Martin Hislop, Clive Booth, Bernadette Howlett and Prof. David Myers have done a superb job. They have made this book a must for every resident of Mackay and the Pioneer Valley and anyone who has ties with the district, whether directly or through their ancestry.

The book is available from the Central Queensland University Mackay Campus for \$25.00 until the 30th June. After this date the book will retail for \$35.00. Add \$4.00 if you would like the book mailed to you. For further information telephone 40 7577

NEW ADDRESS

Jean Turvey's new address is 16
Dobell Court, Mount Pleasant. Her
telephone number has also changed.
Her new number is 426 266

JANET REAKES IS COMING

Janet Reakes will be doing a seminar in Mackay on Tuesday, July 11th at the Mackay & District Ed. Centre in School Str, North Mackay at 7:00pm. The cost of the evening will be \$15.00 and bookings can be made by telephoning 426 266 (Jean Turvey) or 57 8863 (Joan Hope).

Members are asked to bring a plate. The topic will be "Other Sources". Janet will cover wills, maps, directories, the Ancestral File, Family Search, the IGI, Schools, Immigration, etc under this topic.

Come prepared with your paperwork and personal research questions as Janet will have a question and answer time afterwards.

This can be used as a fund-raiser as we get a commission for every person after the first 25 and we can hold raffles and sell refreshments and crafts to raise funds.

Mackay

ALLIGATOR CREEK STATE SCHOOL CENTENARY

The Alligator Creek State School, south of Mackay will be celebrating its centenary on 14th September 1996. These celebrations will also include pupils who attended Cliftonville and Grasstree Schools. If you have photographs, information, memorabilia anecdotes or short stories, please contact the school (MS 283, Mackay or telephone 564 166) or Ros Burkett 566 265. If you can provide any information, it would be appreciated if this can be provided by the end of July 1995.

FINCH HATTON SCHOOL REUNION

A reunion of past students of the Finch Hatton State School will be held on June 11th, 1995 at 11:00am on the school grounds, celebrating the school's opening on the 5th July 1908. Students who attended other schools in the area, that have since closed are also invited to attend. The organisers are looking for memorabilia and photographs. A Devonshire tea will be available, but bring a picnic lunch. The school will be open on the day. Commemorative glasses, etc will be available for sale. The publication "Thru The Mist" will be re-released on the day. Past students will be travelling from as far as Palm Beach and Bribie Island to attend the day. For more information contact Wilma McGimpsey (Telephone: 585 204)

WARTIME MEMORIES OF MACKAY SOUGHT

Shirley Jones is looking for personal and historic memories of Mackay during the War Years. She is looking for stories of sacrifice, the effects of people's lives and the community spirit needed to overcome difficulties in wartime Mackay. She is also looking for information from people who worked on the demolition of old buildings such as the Grand Hotel, the Princess Theatre and air raid shelters. A leaflet has been prepared for people to write down their experiences. These leaflets are available from the Genie Library and local public libraries or the written memories can be mailed directly to Shirley Jones. These will be published in booklet form this year, as a memento of the Australia Remembers Commemorations. Other information will be included in a World War II Heritage Tour Brochure, enabling visiting veterans and family members, family historians and other interested persons to locate places of interest. Send all contributions to Shirley Jones, PO Box 6297, Mackay Mail Centre, 4741.

MEMBER'S NEWS

HILDA MACLEAN is at Griffith University teaching English as a second language, but later this year will move to Japan to take up a Fullbright Scholarship.

JUDY WALLACE is still working on writing the story of each of her families, condensing all the genealogical information into an interesting narrative, which will be easy for future generations to read and enjoy.

MARGARET JONES is progressing in her project of organizing and preserving her large collection of family photographs and has also made several trips to Brisbane for research at GSQ library and John Oxley Library.

MARGARET LEIGH is off to England for six weeks and will visit the birthplace of her great-grandfather in Hove near Brighton

GLEN HALL is busy entering his genealogical information on his new computer and has found it especially helpful in providing copies for his cousin visiting the Orkney Islands on her European trip to research their Dearness family who left there in 1888 for Townsville.

YVONNE PEBERDY is overseas for three months, visiting places of interest she has covered in her genealogical research. She isn't planning to spend time on research, as her agenda is full enough visiting England, Ireland and Europe.

Australia

MARYBOROUGH

The Maryborough and District Family History Society has cut its connections with the Maryborough Heritage Centre. During May the FHS moved its library and headquarters to Wharf Street, Maryborough. This building was the original Bank of New South Wales. The society's postal address is Box 408, Maryborough. The group is collecting memories and stories of people in Maryborough on the day the war ended and is also asking people to contribute their stories.

ROSSVILLE CEMETERY, CAIRNS

If you have relatives who were buried in Rossville, near Cairns, Ken White would like to hear from you. They are building a collection of photographs and stories of one-time inhabitants of the town and would like help identifying some of the pioneer graves which have become neglected.

Contact Ken White, Hon. Secretary of Rossville & District Museum and Historical Society, MS 15, Rossville via Coooktown, 4871.

(SOURCE: "Janet Reakes Family Trees" Sunday Mail, 23 April 1995)

BULIMBA CEMETERY, MORNINGSIDE

A microfiche index of this fascinating cemetery has been compiled by the Queensland Family History Society, PO Box 171, Indooroopilly, 4068. There are more than 9 000 people who are buried there. The fiche cost \$25.00 and are available from the society.

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JANE ISON AND HER DESCENDENTS

"The Descendents of Jane Ison 1794 -1994" is comes in two beautifully presented hard covered books covering a total of 2 000 pages. The author, Dapne Ellis took 2 years of preparation and it cost \$40 000 to produce the two volumes. Jane Ison was born in 1770 in London. She arrived on the convict ship "Surprise" on 15 October 1794 aged 22years and later married William Eaton, also a convict. The book includes an index of all descendents up to 1994, which are grouped into family groups. Joyce Jensen has a copy of these books and is prepared to look up, to see if your family is mentioned. For enquiries telephone 598 119.

FRUITFUL RESEARCH

When you read this you will assume I am as **NUTty** as a **FRUIT** cake, or I have gone **BANANAS**. I don't care a **FIG**, my **BUDg**ies understand.

At times while researching the **LEAVES** and **BRANCHES** of my family **TREE** the **PICKINGS** were slim, but occasionally I **REAPED** the **FRUITS** of my labours, found many **DATES** and thought "she'll be **APPLES**". I did find **GRANNY SMITH's BERRY**ial place, but not those of her **PEAR**ants. I checked the **CURRENT** journals (always good for **RAISING** hopes). Maybe I'd find a **KERNEL** or a **MANDARIN** or an **ORANGEMAN**, but I became very **MELON**choly when nothing was of interest. I'm just **PLUM** crazy, I know.

I heard some **JUICY** gossip on the family **GRAPE VINE** about a **KIWI** princess, but it was a **LEMON** - I was **SOUR**ed and the **DELICIOUS NECTAR** of the Gods was again out of my reach.

I'll stop **WINE**-ing and maybe write a **PASSIONate POME** instead, because research gives me the **PIP** and **LEAVES** me **STONEy** broke, a state of affairs I do not **RELISH**.

PS: I did ask our Ed. to **PRUNE** this entry, but she gave me a **RASPBERRY**, said it was **PEACHES**, and left it as it was.

-Nancye Fletcher

(SOURCE: "Western Connections", No 34, December 1993)

International

"A HUNDRED YEARS IS NOT TOO LONG"

This is the sub-title of an article which appeared in the April 1995 edition of the Readers Digest. It is a moving and thought-provoking article which will be of interest to all genealogists, but especially to those with ancestors in Ireland. It is the story of how Michael Walsh, a prosperous American, searched for understanding of his Irish roots and over the years visited Ballinalacken, Co. Clare, where the ancestral O'Brien farmlet was still in the family, owned and occupied by Martin O'Brien.

Michael Walsh's great-great-grandmother Mary O'Brien had in the 1890's emigrated from that farm to the USA. There she soon married a Walsh from the same area of Co. Clare. When young Michael Walsh first visited Ballinalacken in 1975, Martin O'Brien remembered the emigrants, although contact had been lost. He welcomed his kinsman. Other visits followed. In 1988, the 80 year old, Martin O'Brien decided he should sell the house and land, as he had no descendants. Then Michael Walsh realized that he strongly wished to own that land of his forebears. So he bought it from the old man, who declared "I am proud to be selling my land to you." Old Martin remained on the farmlet until he died three years later.

Michael Walsh says he doesn't really have any definite plans for the property, except that he is NOT going to sell it. He has a sense of satisfaction that the emigrant family has returned home to Ireland. He concludes, "A hundred years is not too long to wait to welcome a son home."

IRISH NAME CHANGES

Kingston to Dunlaoghaire in 1922
Kings County to Offaly in 1922
Lowtherstown to Irvinestown in 1861
Maryborough to Portlaoise in 1922
Newtownlimavady to Limavady in 1875
Parsonstown to Daingean in 1922
Queens County to Laois or Leix in 1922
Queenstown to Cobh in 1922

(SOURCE: "Redcliffe & District Family History Group" April 1995)



"TITANIC" RECORDS

If you are interested in the records of people who were lost on the "Titanic", Mr Donald Lynch, Historical Officer, Titanic Historical Society Redondo Beach, CA 90277 USA could be helpful.

(SOURCE: "Kin-Tracer", March 1995)

SCOTTISH GENEALOGICAL DAY IN BRISBANE

July 1st is Tartan day and to celebrate this event a Scottish Genealogical Day has been planned. The topics will include information on clans, naming patterns, certificates, census, parish registers, wills, Kirk Session records, etc. The venue will be the Year 8 rooms at St Laurence's College, South Brisbane. Send a large stamped self-addressed envelope to Box 937, Hervey Bay 4655 for more information.

(SOURCE: Janet Reakes Family Trees, "Sunday Mail", April 30, 1995)

1881 ENGLISH CENSUS RECORDS

The 1881 English Census indexes will be released in the following order before the end of 1995. Shropshire, Suffolk, Derby and Staffs (out now), Berkshire, Bucks, Westmoreland, Surrey (which includes London), Hampshire, Yorks, Northumberland, Essex, Sussex, Durham, Cheshire, Norfolk, Kent, Middlesex and Lancashire.

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General Information

INFANT DEATHS ON THE IGI

There are no actual entries of deaths on the IGI, however, if the word INFANT is printed on the right-hand side of a baptism entry, this denotes that the child died before the age of 8 years. (Not all such infant deaths are denoted). This can sometimes eliminate one of two William Cross entries of baptisms in the same area about the same time. The one labelled INFANT would obviously not have married or had descendants.

VARIOUS SPELLINGS OF SURNAMES

Spelling variations of surnames are a constant worry to researchers. The IGI attempts to group together all these variations, and puts an asterisk beside the first entry in that group and enters a see reference for the names which would be expected to appear in other places. In researching the name BOULDS in Somerset. Ruth Matthews found no less than 40 variations to the name. The book in our library entitled "Family History Knowledge" has a section listing surnames occurring, in England only, with the variations noted.

RECENT ACQUISITIONS TO OUR LIBRARY

*Christine Smith's "Pocket Guide to Griffith's Valuation and other Irish Resources" (This booklet is a step-by-step guide on how to use the Griffith's Valuation (1848-1864) as a genealogical tool. The other records covered by this book include Return of Owners of Land of One Acre and Upwards (1873-1875), Tithe Applotment Books (1823-38), Estate Records, Ordnance Survey Maps, Land Records, Registry of Deeds and Wills (1536-1858).)

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WHAT
CAN
YOU DO



GENEALOGICAL DISPLAY



Our annual genealogical display in the Mackay City Library will be held from 19th August to 2nd September. As 1995 marks the 50th anniversary of the conclusion of World War II, it would be appreciated if as much World War II memorabilia as possible, could be displayed. Please contribute medals, diaries, parts of uniforms or anything else which can't go on the boards, as these will be stored in the lock-up showcases.

The topics for the other boards, will be much the same as in previous years. These topics will include family trees, old documents and certificates, computers in genealogy, family reunions, members' stories and plenty of photographs. A heading of "Old Occupations" will be revived. Many ancestors had interesting occupations which do not exist now, so please put together a story (with a photograph, if possible) to be displayed.

Judy Wallace will be contacting members closed to the date to ascertain what will be included in the display.

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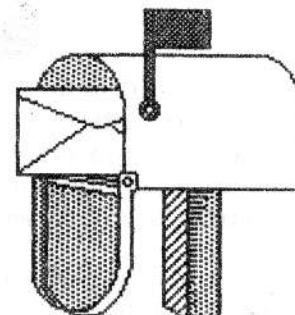
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MEMBER'S INTERESTS

BELDAN	Armthorpe	Yks	ENG	1800+
BELDAN	Eton	Qld	AUST	1872+
DARGUSCH			GER	-1873
DARGUSCH	Tarampa	Qld	AUST	1873+
DEE	Rockhampton	Qld	AUST	1860+
DEE			CHN	c. 1850
MIENERT or MEINERT			GER	c. 1800
MIENERT or MEINERT	Brisbane	Qld	AUST	1890+
STEVENSON	Barnby Dun	Yks	ENG	1800+
STEVENSON	Eton	Qld	AUST	1882+
TAN WATT	Rockhampton	Qld	AUST	1869+



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A Local Mackay Identity Reaches Her Centenary

POLLY'S STORY

Polly Shuttlewood (born Adams)

Polly's story spans 100 years, going back to the days of Queen Victoria! Harry and Lizzie Adams (nee Stevenson) had a farm at Homebush in 1894. For the birth of their second child on 22 December 1894, Lizzie went to stay with her sister Mary Farquhar, in Albert Street (now Gordon Str), in Mackay, as Mary was a midwife.

The new baby was named Mary Ellen Pelige, after an aunt who died on her way to Australia. Like her aunt she was always called Polly.

The Adams family soon moved back to Mackay. Polly and her older sister Katie went to the Girls and Infants School. They walked to school, even during the years when the family had moved to North Side. Their cousins, the Hamiltons lived at North Side and from the stories Polly can relate, they certainly knew how to make their own fun and had lots of adventures!

Polly went to Sunday School at the Methodist Church - there was always one special dress for Sunday Best. Polly can still recite a poem she learnt for a Sunday School concert well over 90 years ago.

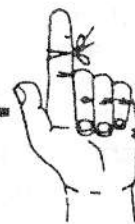
When Polly was seven, she had a birthday party. She remembers it clearly, because that was when someone came to let them know that her father, who worked at Mt Bassett Quarry, had broken his leg in an accident.

When Polly was about 12 the family moved to a farm at Te Kowai. Polly went to the Te Kowai school. Artie Fadden was a pupil there too. (Polly was born just 2 days after Robert Menzies, so has a couple of links with the politicians!) Polly and Katie were soon on the farm, working with their father. After she left school, Polly rode a horse to town to learn dressmaking.

In 1911 Polly married Darcy Shuttlewood. They were married in the Holy Trinity Church of England. Polly says the entrance in those days was from Wood Street. They left the same day by boat to visit Darcy's family in Brisbane. "It was lovely travelling up the Brisbane River, to see all the great big homes, with beautiful lawns and gardens down to the river bank," Polly said.

Back in Mackay, they moved to a farm at Te Kowai. Katie, her older sister, had married Bob Rowlands and the two men were partners in the farm.

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**DON'T
FORGET**

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The next meeting will be the Annual General Meeting. It would be appreciated if every one who possibly can attend, will be in attendance.

This is a good opportunity to nominate the person, who you think, will be best for the vacant positions.

The Annual General Meeting will commence at 7:30 in room 10C of the Mackay State High School on August 2nd. Please be there.

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POLLY'S STORY

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Polly Shuttlewood (born Adams)

By 1916, Polly and Darcy had 3 little boys, Harry, Darcy and Bill. When Bill was a young baby, they left by boat for Brisbane on St Patrick's Day. Soon after, they settled in the Bundaberg district. Darcy worked on Bingera Plantation, and the family lived at Bingera Siding, South Kolan and Sharon. They had three more sons, Norman, Ted and Clive. Finally their daughter Nancy was born.

Towards the end of the Great Depression and after an absence of 16 years the family moved back to the Mackay district. Polly, Darcy and family worked hard on their farm at Habana from 1932 to 1939. The younger children went to school at Etowrie. Just as they had done at South Kolan and Sharon, Polly and Darcy were very involved with school committees. School picnics were great social occasions. Indeed, that was the place to make life-long friendships. Times were hard at Habana and home-grown produce was an important part of their existence.

Like many of her clan, Polly is a great story teller. One such story is about a long trek she and Mrs Brown made from Mackay to Habana, walking through the night and Polly with young Nancy on her hip. There were frequent stops to rest and little fires built to chase the mozzies. (This happened because some transport arrangements didn't work out - so they decided to walk home.)

By 1939, Polly had been married 28 years and had lived in many different homes. In May 1939 the Shuttlewoods bought a farm on Eimeo Road. The house stood on a hill and had lots of verandahs. There was a big shed, cow bails, dairy cows and some sugarcane.

After 55 and a half years Polly still lives in this same house. When her husband died in 1942, Polly found consolation as she milked her cows. The regular cheques from PCD largely supported the family.

The highlight of the week for Polly was her Tuesday trip to town on the bus. For years it was the Habana Bus and then for many more years it was the Eimeo Bus. By then she went Tuesdays and Thursdays, coming home laden with shopping bags. She always had the Daily Mercury and a couple of weekly magazines on order at Carrolls.

For many years Polly met Jean, her widowed daughter-in-law through her son William, a returned Serviceman who died in 1948, and Dorothy Glead, also a young widow and friend of Jean, in town and they visited the Mackay Cemetery. In those days Polly had a nice garden - roses, gerberas, dahlias and lots of other plants.

In all the sad times over the years, Polly has been able to accept her lot in life. Her family is her life and she takes a keen interest in them. She has had 83 descendents, many of whom were able to attend her 100th birthday.

Polly's interest extends beyond the immediate family circle and she still loves visitors - especially those who want to talk about the old days. She listens to the radio and just lately has been enjoying the cricket broadcasts.

Her birthday cake was especially designed for Polly. The spray of flowers contained roses (for her father who came from Torquay, Devonshire in England), bluebells (for her mother who came from Glasgow, Scotland) and wattle for Polly, Australian born and bred and proud of it!

Other symbols included on the cake were the sugar cane and knife, because from the age of 12, Polly has often worked among the cane and knew how to use a cane knife. The cow and bucket represented milking cows and poddy calves, with memories of bringing the cows home along the hill, or up the dusty road. The horse and sulky represented the many memories Polly has of driving in the sulky and of a special horse called "Fairy". Up until the days of World War II, Polly drove them from her home to town regularly. The pumpkin scones represented "Scone Day", when Polly baked every Tuesday for over twenty years. When Flo became famous for her pumpkin scones, Polly stopped making that kind for quite a while. The crocheted hanky represented the later years when Polly took up her crochet hook and spent many contented hours in her rocking chair. Family members and friends were happy to receive her beautiful crocheted hankies and doilies of all shapes and sizes. Her 100th birthday cake stood on a crocheted table cloth she had made.

(Kindly submitted by Joyce Shuttlewood: Telephone 421 623)

Australia

BRISBANE CITY CHURCHES TOUR

A booklet of information on Brisbane City Churches, both past and present, with photographs and some illustrations has been prepared by Paul Sayer, Margaret Jenner and Pam Cory. It is entitled "Brisbane City Churches Heritage Tour". It is designed to serve as a self-guided drive tour. It is available for \$8.00 (which includes postage) from Brisbane History Group, PO Box 12, Kelvin Grove DC, 4059

IRISH IMMIGRANTS IN QUEENSLAND: VOLUME 1

The "Irish Contact Register" has just been issued by Johnson and Reakes. It contains thousands of names of Irish Immigrants to Queensland with personal details of immigration, origins in Ireland and researcher submitting the details. Members Gerry Woodruff and Joyce Graham have copies and will look up names for members. People who attended the Irish Immigration Celebrations in March have been sent a copy free, and others may obtain one for \$15.00 from Australin Immigration and Family History Centre, PO Box 937, Hervey Bay, 4655.

IRISH CONTACT REGISTER: VOLUME 2

Due to numerous requests a second volume of the Irish Contact Register, that was released at the Irish Genealogical Conference in March 1995, is being prepared. The book allows researchers to advertise the names of Irish ancestors they are researching. Details of individuals include their names, occupations, dates and places of birth and death, the name of ship, year and port of arrival for immigrants, parents names and spouse names. The cost of placing your ancestors in this register will be \$10.00 for the first 15 entries and 50c for each additional entry. Contact Janet Reakes at the above address if you are interested.

HISTORICAL PHOTOGRAPH COLLECTION

A collection of over 550 historical photographs depicts the early history and settlement of Queensland and is available from the the Department of Lands in Wood Street Mackay. Black and White prints 250 x 200 mm cost \$32.10 and the same size in sepia cost \$65.50. Sizes of reprints extend to 1000 x 760 mm, but not all photographs are available in this size.

MACKAY JUBILEE EDITION OF "THE DAILY MERCURY"

Copies of "The Jubilee of Mackay: August 1912" are available for loan in the Mackay City Library. This publication was issued on the fiftieth anniversary of Mackay and covers pioneer profiles, early mills, shipping details, Kanaka labourers, lighthouses, the Turf Club, Eungella, mines and many early photographs. When reading this book it is easy to forget that we are living in 1995 as one soon drifts back to 1912.

MACKAY MILITARY MUSEUM

The Mackay Military Museum Association is not well known, partly because it only holds occasional displays and has not permanent museum. On ANZAC Day the association displayed a variety of uniforms, weapons, medals, badges, banners, photographs and other memorabilia from all branches of the armed services. Most of these were from the private collections of members. The members of this organisation are able to help identifying badges, medals and any other items of military significance. For further informations contact the Mackay and District Military Museum Association, PO Box 8029, Mt Pleasant, 4740 or telephone 540 099.

DICTIONARY OF QUEENSLANDERS

Janet Reakes and Eileen Johnson are compiling a dictionary of past and present Queenslanders. This guide will contain the Queenslanders full names, year and place of birth and death, year of arrival and from where they came, parents, occupation, residence, burial place and spouse's name. It will cost \$15.00 for up to 20 entries, with \$1 per entry thereafter. Payment and list of names can be sent to Dictionary of Queenslanders, Australia's Immigration & Family History Centre, PO Box 937, Hervey Bay, Qld, 4655 or telephone 071-28 4458. (Application forms are also available in the Genie Library to copy).

International Research Notes

IRELAND: Cork

The Cork Genealogical Society has only been in existence since March 1994. Overseas research queries are published in their quarterly newsletters. They have made a survey of school register books in the county. Since the destruction of census records, these documents have become invaluable as a genealogical source. In Northern Ireland most register books were collected by PRONI. In the Republic, however, they are scattered throughout the country. For more information about the Cork Genealogical Society contact chairman Declan Chalmers, 59 Church View, Ballincollig, County Cork.

(SOURCE: "Irish Roots", 1995 Volume 1)

IRELAND

The National Archives and the Irish Family History Society have jointly published a book entitled "A Table of Church of Ireland Parochial Records and Copies". It is an alphabetical list of all the Church of Ireland parishes, showing the dates of baptismal, marriage and burial registers. Details of the parish registers which were destroyed in the 1922 Four Courts fire are also included, a feature guaranteed to tantalise and torment researchers. Records that have been microfilmed are noted and the locations of records no longer in local custody are also given. It is a very useful research aid, easy to use and, considering the involvement of the national Archives, authoritative. The book is available from the Irish Family History Society, PO Box 36, Naas, County Kildare, Ireland. It costs £7.50 plus postage and packaging.

(SOURCE: "Irish Roots", 1995 Volume 1)

ENGLAND: North West Kent

Linda Meaden, Springfield Cottage, Morley's Road, weald, Kent TN14 6QY will check for specific surnames in an index. Please send a ssae or two IRC's. No search will be made if these are not included. No charges are made, but donations are welcome.

(SOURCE: "Relatively Speaking", March 1995 edition)

NEW ZEALAND

The National Archives Christchurch Office hold non-current records of central government in the Canterbury and Westland region. Of particular importance are the archives of the Canterbury Provincial Government (1853-1877), and the Canterbury Association (1848-1853). Quasi-government records such as those from primary schools, the Secondary Schools Council, the Canterbury Education Board, the North Canterbury Hospital board and the Canterbury Area Health Board are also held. They also hold the archives of several local government agencies, such as those of

1. Christchurch City Council and its predecessor boroughs and counties in Greater Christchurch (c1850-1990)
2. Canterbury Regional Council archives which include those of 13 local authorities including the Lyttelton Harbour Board and North Canterbury Catchment Board
3. Buller District Council, encompassing the extant records of the Buller and Inangahua County Councils and the Westport Borough Council.

For further information telephone Christchurch NZ 377-0760 or visit their office at 90 Peterborough St (between Colombo and Durham Streets). The public reading room is open between the hours of 10:00am and 5:00pm, Mondays through to Fridays.

The palest ink is better than the best memory.

-A Chinese Proverb

(SOURCE: "Kin-Tracer", March 1995)

General Information



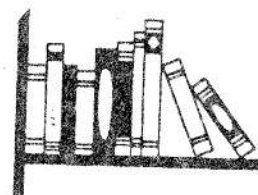
OLD OCCUPATIONS

Baxter	a female baker
Blocker	one who laid down the blocks on which a ship was built
Bluestocking	a female writer
Bondager	a female farm servant ususaly employed by a farm tenant
Brazier	one who works with brass
Brightsmith	a metal worker
Cadger	a tinker or travelling salesman, an itinerant trader
Caulker	one who sealed the seams of a ship using old ropes and oakum covered with pitch and resin to make them watertight
Chandler	a trader or dealer in supplies and provisions. Also someone who makes and sells candles
Coast Waiter	a customs officer who superintended the landing and shipping of goods coastwise
Cooper	one who makes containers formed of staves and hoops, such as barrel, tubs, casings
Cordwainer	a shoe maker. Originally any leather whorker who used leather from Cordova.
Corker	a seller of dye made from cork
Corner	a horn blower
Docker	a stevedore, dock worker who loads and unloads cargo.
Drayman	a driver of a dray (a sturdy low cart without fixed sides. Used to carry heavy loads)
Duffer	a peddler
Dyster	a female dyer
Ellerman or Elliman	oil man
Factor	a commission merchant, one who is an agent for another in the transaction of business.
Fletcher	a maker of arrows
Glazier	a glass worker
Gaoler	a keeper of the gaol, a jailer
Hammerman	a metal worker
Hind	a farm labourer
Hooper	one who made hoops for casks and barrels
Hostler	a groom who took care of horses, often at an inn
Howdie	a midwife
Husbandman	a farmer, one who cultivated the land
Kellog	a slaughterman
Leapman	a basketmaker
Leech	a physician
Leerie	a lamp lighter
Loader	a carrier or ferryhand
Manciple	a steward
Modiste	one who produces, designs or deals in ladies fashion (a local dress designer).
Rigger	one who prepares and fits the ropes, sails and spars of a sailing ship
Supercargo	a ship's officer in charge of the cargo and commercial transactions
Tanner	one who tanned (cured) animal hides into leather
Teamster	a driver of wagons pulled by oxen or horses
Tide Surveyor	a customs officer who met ships coming in on the tide
Tide Waiter	a customs inspector
Tinker	an itinerant tin pot and pan seller and repairman
Victualler	a tavern keeper, or one who provides an army, navy or ship with food supplies
Vulcan	a blacksmith
Wagoner	a teamster, not for hire
Wainwright	a wagon-maker
Waterman	a boatman who hired out himself and his boat
Wharfinger	a wharf owner
Whitesmith	a tinsmith, an ironworker who finished or polished the work
Whittawer	a saddler
Wright	the constructor or maker

SOURCES:

"Redcliffe & District Family History Group", April 1995

East Cape Genealogical Society of South Africa Newsletter, December 1992)



MONTHLY MEETINGS are held at 7:30pm on the first Wednesday of the month in Room 10C at the Mackay State High School in Milton Street. (Room 10C is on the ground floor of the second building to the south of the staff car park). The next meeting will be held on August 2nd and will be the Annual General Meeting.

THE GENEALOGICAL LIBRARY is in the Reading Room of the North Mackay Library, Ungerer Street. This is open to the public daily from 9:30am to 5:30pm and to 8:00pm on Thursdays, and Saturdays from 9:00am to 1:00pm.

RESEARCH ASSISTANCE is available in this library on weekday mornings and Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday from 12:30 to 3:30pm. For alternate arrangements, please telephone 422 539.

THE MACKAY LDS FAMILY HISTORY CENTRE is within the church on the corner of McGinn and Field Streets. It is open to all from 9:30 to 2:30pm on Tuesdays and 10:00am to 2:30pm on Wednesdays and Wednesday evenings from 6:00 to 9:00pm. It is closed during school holidays and on public holidays.

MONTHLY NEWSLETTERS are available at meetings and thereafter in the cupboard in the Genie room at the North Mackay Library. A donation of 50c would be appreciated for each copy.

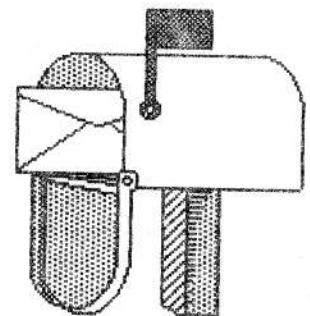
NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS will be gratefully accepted. For publication in the next newsletter articles are to be submitted by the 15th of the month. Submissions can be mailed to Joan Hope, Box 6657, Mackay Mail Centre, 4741 or left in the "Letterbox" drawer in the Genie Room.

MEMBERSHIP of the Genealogical Society of Queensland is \$35.00 per annum for an individual and \$45.00 for a family membership. These amounts do not include a once-only joining fee of \$10.00. Membership forms are available in the Genealogical Library. Dues may be paid direct to the society or to the local treasurer. The address of the Genealogical Society of Queensland is Box 8423, Woolloongabba, Qld, 4102. Membership benefits include five hours free research per year, subscription to "Generation", one free 60-word research inquiry and a fifteen-name research interest advertisement per year.

"GENERATION", the quarterly journal for financial members is distributed at meetings and thereafter held in the cupboard in the Genie room at the North Mackay Library. These are mailed to the branch and not to individual members.

RESEARCH INTEREST

AYLIFF	East Cape	RSA	1820+
BERRINGTON	East Cape	RSA	ALL
BOARD	East Cape	RSA	1820+
CHAPMAN	Kuruman	RSA	ALL
COPEMAN, Rev. Philip Walker		RSA	ALL
COPEMAN	Long Sutton, Linc	ENG	ALL
CROWE	Ballybay, Mon	IRE	1785+
DOLD	East Cape	RSA	1820+
DOLD-CHAPMAN	Worldwide		ALL
HEATHCOTE	Baronetage	ENG	ALL
HEATHCOTE	South Africa & Zimbabwe		ALL
LOVEMORE	Worldwide		ALL
MAPHAM		RSA	ALL
MORGAN, Nathaniel		RSA	1820+
MORGAN, William Ablort		RSA	1830+
SOMERSET	South East Qld	AUST	ALL
ZIERVOGEL	Worldwide		ALL



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ANNUAL GENEALOGICAL DISPLAY

The date of our annual display in the Mackay City Library has now been changed to 26th August to 9th September.

As 1995 is the 50th anniversary of the end of World War II, we would particularly like to feature as much memorabilia from the war as possible. We would like to fill at least on board with photos, discharge papers, war records, etc. Medals, diaries and other memorabilia will be displayed in the lock-up glass cases. Remember this is a world-wide family history, with not only local memorabilia being displayed.

Please contribute to the display and make it a worthwhile show. Other headings for boards will include family trees, old documents and certificates, family reunions, members' stories, computers in genealogy and lots of photos. "Old occupations" will also be a heading for one of the boards, so please contribute to this if you had an ancestor with an occupation which possibly does not exist now. Put together a story and include a photograph if possible.

We will be putting the display together at 12 noon on Saturday, 26th August. If you are unable to attend, please arrange for another member to take your contributions in.

PLAQUE OF DEDICATION



At the June meeting it was decided to dedicate a collection of books in our Genie Library to Sue Hill in appreciation for the many hours she has spent in compiling cemetery records, church and court house records. She was responsible for commencing the microfilming programme, which included the Mackay Cemetery records, the church register records and the Mt Bassett Lawn Cemetery records. Prior to the society obtaining a microfilm camera, she made a card index of the Mackay Cemetery. Sue also served as president to the society for many years.

The brass plaque is mounted on a timber base. The base was constructed by Garry O'Shea, a member of the Mackay Branch of the Genealogical Society. This plaque will be mounted above the society's collection of cemetery records, in appreciation of Sue's great contribution to our society and the compilation of the Mackay and Mt Bassett Cemetery Indexes. Thanks a bunch Sue!!

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meet a member....

Garry O'Shea

I guess my story starts in 1964. I was 10 years old, the eldest of 4 (3 boys & 1 girl). The Beatles were touring Australia and my mother was fighting a losing battle with cancer. Tragically Mum died later that year. Contact with my mother's family was abruptly cut off for reasons that I have only found out later in life. This has made it more difficult for me to trace my mother's family history. Dad soldiered on as best he could with help and we all grew up to lead relatively normal lives.

After finishing High School I began working and at 17 met my wife Sue (Willersdorf). Sue & I were doing some work on Dad's vacant house just before we married. I was 20 at the time. (We lived there for some years before building our present home). While cleaning the place and sorting papers I discovered Dad & Mum's marriage certificate and was not prepared for what I was about to find out! I had absolutely no idea that Mum had been married before marrying my father and it wasn't until I later questioned family friends that I discovered that I had 4 half-siblings (3 girls & 1 boy) by that marriage! (Dad never told me a thing about it and I never questioned him.) Several years after that I met my eldest half-sister Anita by chance. She had worked out during the course of conversation who I was but I had no idea who she was until she told me. Many years passed and Sue & I raised our 2 daughters (Natalie 18; Leanne 16) while building our own house at Yakapari, generally keeping ourselves very busy.

For many years I had thought about doing a family tree and to that end had been asking various family members (mostly Sue's older relatives) questions about their family history and jotting down notes on pieces of paper not really knowing what I should be asking and consequently only getting about half of the information that I needed.

About 7 years ago my sister Rosemary met another half-sister while visiting Dad at Pioneer Nursing Home. Diane (whose husband worked at the home at the time) had figured out who she was, after realising who Dad was. She then approached Rosemary and introduced herself. (Dad was unable to communicate by voice at this stage, having suffered a severe stroke some years before). Subsequently, Rosemary introduced my brother Peter & myself to Diane. My brother Kelvin & his family live in Victoria and he has yet to meet any of our half-siblings though I am keeping him up to date with progress.

Several years ago I met a friend of a friend who was tracing his family. Percy is in his eighties though you would never know it. We got talking and somehow we got onto the subject of family history and I mentioned that I would like to "do my family tree". He said to me "Do it now! Don't leave it until your my age as it becomes far more difficult as relatives pass on!"

At that point I made a firm commitment to get started! Where do I start? By this time I was yearning to find just who I was related to in Mackay & District and how. It seems that the older I get the more important it is that I find out. A friend of ours happened to mention family history while visiting. Jill said "There's a woman that appears on the midday show occasionally, Janet.....I can't think of her last name. There's an article in the Womans Day about her actually. I'll tear it out for you." She did so and I added a new word to my vocabulary...GENEALOGY. (I'm sure this word conjures up fear in some people). I ventured out and found 2 of Janet Reakes' books in a local bookshop and I was on my way! It wasn't very long before I found that a vast amount of records existed in the North Mackay Library, right at my finger tips! By this time I had learned that the Genealogical Society existed and I eventually became a member.

Eighteen months ago a mutual friend of Sue and my half-brother George's wife Judy asked George if he would like to meet his half-brother Garry as she knew that I dearly wanted to meet the remaining two. George said "Yeah, why not?" and a meeting was arranged. I remember thinking at the time "What if I've seen this guy before without realising who he was? We both grew up & lived in the same town!" George was thinking the same thing. Soon after George, myself and my brother Peter and our wives met for tea at the 'Boomerang' (with our mutual friend) and the rest is history. George and I are now great mates and have had some really good times together since then. We both have a common interest in the growing of orchids as it happens. Two months ago Sue & I travelled to Victoria and on the way we met my half-sister Rhonda and her family who live in Brisbane. I have now met them all ; but then who knows what surprises still lay ahead of me?

My research to this point (5 generations on some lines) shows that I am half Irish, quarter English and quarter Danish. My father, though having been born in Mackay was full-blooded Irish it seems, grandfather O'Shea having emigrated as a young man and settling here. Grandma O'Shea was born a Duffy (Homebush area), her mother a Ritchie, her mother a Conway. My mother was born in Mackay (first married name Moody; maiden name Meng. Her mother was born a Norman (emigrated from England at age 6). My mother's paternal grandmother was a Vorm. I suspect most of my maternal grandfathers ancestors emigrated from Denmark but I am yet to prove that. Confused yet? I know I am! My research continues.....

Australiana

NEW ADDRESS FOR NORTHERN TERRITORY ARCHIVES:

Northern Territory Archives has a new address on 5th Floor, Capricornia House, 21 Lindsay Street, Darwin. Their postal address is GPO Box 874, Darwin, NT, 0801, and phone and fax numbers are 089- 89 5188 and 41 1458 respectively.

NEW SOUTH WALES CERTIFICATES:

If you really don't want the expense of purchasing a NSW birth, death or marriage certificate (and don't need a certified copy), or really only want to check some particular information which a certificate might provide (but don't want to purchase the certificate), there is an alternative. Joyce Murrin and Marilyn Rowan offer a transcription service. These two ladies began this service some time ago, but there were some problems with accessing the records. The Registry of Births, Deaths and Marriages in New South Wales now recognises these ladies as official transcribers and they have now been given regular time slots in which to carry out their operations. Their charges are, for a full transcription of a certificate \$10.00, partial transcription (up to 4 fields) \$7.00, to check and verify information \$5.00 and pre 1856 past volume 123 \$7.00. Write to them as follows Joy Murrin, PO Box 278, Oatley, NSW, 2223 or Marilyn Rowan, 27 Raine Str, Lucas Heights, NSW, 2234.

RESEARCHER BEWARE!!

This is another of those 'researcher beware...' stories, and concerns the 1841 Censearch Project. Some years ago the Western Australia company Censearch began indexing the 1841 English census on a county by county basis. Only a few counties were completed. The indexes for these counties could be purchased on fiche, but these provided no information other than if the relevant people were on the census. Researchers, for a fee, could apply for a search and print out of the information on their ancestors from the Censearch database. Growing dissatisfaction both in Australia and overseas, has led to numerous complaints that letters, often with payments enclosed, are not being answered. As cheques were not being cashed, people were not sure if their letters had been received.

It was reported in *Cockney Ancestor* and reprinted in *Descent*, that one of its members tracked down Mr Harris, the man behind Censearch. He is reputed to have stated that he had become disillusioned with the genealogical community, the cheating, non-payment and abusive letters, and had simply stopped opening any mail". The report implies that Mr Harris will not be continuing with the Censearch service.

PRICE RISE FOR QUEENSLAND CERTIFICATES

The Queensland State Archives has increased the cost of fees associated with certified copies of certificates of Birth, Death and Marriage.

A certified copy of any entry.....	\$20.50
A certified copy of any entry (with exact reference number included).....	\$17.50
A search in the indexes (or registers) for each event under any one name in a period not exceeding 5 years.....	\$12.50
A continuation search for an additional period of 5 years or part thereof....	\$12.50
A priority search (done within 3 hours).....	\$14.50

Applications for certificates of Birth, Death and Marriage prior to 1890 should be lodged with the Queensland State Archives, 435 Compton Rd, Runcorn or PO Box 1397, Sunnybank Hills, Qld, 4109. Fees are payable on application.

GREETINGS from Lee Willis, who is currently in Townsville, to all her friends in Mackay.

DISPLAY SEASON

Preceding our annual display in the Mackay City Library, will be a display in the North Mackay Library on World War II memorabilia. The display will be erected in early August and is being co-ordinated by Shirley Jones.

International Research Notes

ENGLISH GENEALOGY CONFERENCE

This conference will be held from November 3rd-5th at the Queensland University, St Lucia, Brisbane. The speakers include John Kitzmiller II and Janet Reakes. Topics will include researching army ancestors, census and civil registration, heraldry and royalty, occupational and trade records, pre 1700 research, probates, LDS Libraries, Royal marines, Parish registers and Poor Law Records and numerous other topics. The cost is \$120.00 and for further information contact Australia's Immigration and Family History Centre, PO Box 937, Hervey Bay 4655. Please enclose a large stamped self-addressed envelope with you enquiry.

PUBLIC RECORD OFFICE LONDON:

Those travelling to London in 1995/96 and wishing to research at the PRO at Kew would be well advised to ensure that the records they wish to search will be available at the time of their visit. The office is undergoing massive redevelopment over the next 18 months and there could be some disruptions to normal services. When work is completed, the reading room will accommodate 680 people. The original records regularly used by researchers will remain at Kew and the records held in central London at the Chancery Lane site will be progressively transferred to Kew. The Chancery Lane reading room will close in December 1996. Researchers should note that, in addition to the normal annual two-week closure in October for stocktake, Kew will also be closed for two additional one-week periods in June and September 1996.

CENSUS FIGURES:

An article which has appeared in a number of publications including the recent edition of *Descent*, reports that, at the time of the 1991 census, the population of England was known to exceed 56.2 million people, yet only 54.1 million appear on that census. The office of Population and Census Surveys claims the 1991 census is "highly accurate in many instances, but in areas such as inner cities, it is less reliable and adjustments have to be made. It doesn't mean the survey is wrong. In some cases it is a little incomplete".

While the "loss" percentage is quite small (3.7%), it is a lot of people - given this day and age of modern technology, etc. Spare a thought for this the next time some ancestor is causing all sorts of frustration by refusing to appear in some earlier census.

CHEAPER U.K. CERTIFICATES

So much cheaper way to purchase English and Welsh certificates is through "Certificates & Searches Ltd." 68 Moyser Rd, London SW16 6SQ, England. You can send a cheque in Australian dollars. If you wish to have your copies returned by air mail, an extra \$3.00 is required. The prices are as follows

B.D.M. Certificate

Certificate with full GRO reference \$20.00

Certificate with a 5-year search \$26.00

Wills and Administrations

From 1858 to present (up to 10 year search) \$13.75

Before 1858 (up to 5 year search) \$19.25

Census Returns

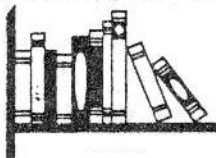
Address Search and copy \$16.50

Small Village search and copy \$16.50

Copy with full PRO reference \$5.50

Additional copies from same piece number \$3.00

(SOURCE: "Western Connections" March 1995)



RAFFLE WINNERS

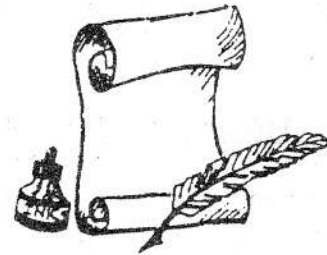
The grocery hamper drawn at the Janet Reakes Seminar was won by Yvonne Peberdy, fresh from her overseas trip. She probably needed to restock her pantry. The embroidered Duchess Set was won by Mavis Sheedy's grandson. Both winners names were drawn by Janet.

Thank you to all the members who contributed items. A total of \$110 was raised from the raffle. A \$20.00 commission was also received from Janet for hosting the seminar.

General Information

SOME ABBREVIATIONS & TERMS USED IN GENEALOGY

d.s.p.	(decessit sine prole) died without issue
d.s.p.m.	(decessit sine prole mascula) died without male issue
dum. or d. un.	died unmarried
d.y.p.	died during father's lifetime
filia	daughter
fillus	son
inf.	infancy
kt.	knight
o.s.p or ob.s.p.	died without issue
relecta	widow
relectus	widower
s.p.l.	(sine prole legitima) without legitimate issue
s.p.m.	(sine prole mascula) without male issue
s.p.s.	(sine prole supersite) without survivor
v.m.	(vita matris) during mother's life
v.p.	(vita patris) during father's life



ARE YOU HAVING A FAMILY REUNION OR WRITING A BOOK?

Australia's Immigration & Family History Centre, Bpx 937, Hervey Bay, Qld 4650 provides a service that enables you to display your research information in a way that appeals to the non-genealogist.

If your family is already on computer you can send a GEDCOM file of this information to them and they will print a boxed descendancy chart for you. This will cost \$100 plus \$5.00 postage. If you don't have a computer your information can be put into the programme "Family Tree Maker" at a cost of \$500.00. This cost includes printouts as well as a GEDCOM file of your family records. Black and white or colour family photographs can be scanned and included in the descendancy printout. The cost of scanning is \$10.00 per 6"x4" photograph. Name tags can be printed onto card or labels at a cost of \$20.00 per 100 names. Cheaper still is purchasing Janet Reake's "How to Write the Family Story" for \$17.00, postage included, from the above address.

Another alternative is to find someone who has "Family Tree Maker" and can do all of the above for you. Photographs can be scanned locally at Lasermedia at a cost of \$12.00 for one photograph and \$10.00 each for two and \$6-8 for more than two photographs. This is done onto disk in Macintosh format only. MADEC also has a scanner and it costs \$10.00 to use their desktop publishing facilities and \$1.00 for each hard copy made. MADEC will also print your book at a very reasonable rate, only if it is not a profit-making publication. (When you consider all the costs, such as photography, paper, postage, photocopies, research hours, certificates and all the other incidental expenses, profit-making is unlikely in this genealogical field!!) MADEC publishes many school yearbooks and they are experienced in this field.

COSTLY REFUSAL

In Argentina, an Act was passed that should an unmarried male or female between 20 and 80 who refused an offer of marriage without good reason, must pay \$500 to the person refused.

-Worth's Australian Fashion Journal 1910

(SOURCE: Ipswich Genealogical Society newsletter "Bremer Echoes" Vol 13, No. 1)

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RECENT ACQUISITIONS TO THE GENIE LIBRARY

BOOKS:

1. "Census and Musters - Australia and the British Isles" A guide to the census records showing available years, contents and availability as well as their usefulness in tracing the family tree.
2. "My Ancestor was Scottish: How can I find out more about Him" A Scottish text book which is a companion guide to "How to Trace Your Scottish Ancestors"

FICHE:

1. "They Came Direct" contains relevant information available from the Qld State Archives, Qld State Library, Johan Oxley Library and the Maryborough City Library for the voyages of 14 ship to Maryborough from 1862 -1873.
2. "Wide Bay School Admission Registers" contain the year and name of pupil and contains 32 000 entries.
3. "Oath of Allegiance: 1858-1930 extracts"
4. An index of relatives living in the colony.
5. An index of orphans left in the Sydney orphanage.

Mackay Genie Gossip

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TREASURER:	Yvonne Peberdy	57 8916	EDITOR:	Joan Hope	57 8863

Trash and Treasure Stall

Our Annual Trash and Treasure stall will be held on 16th September 1995 at the markets at Mackay Showgrounds. Donations can be delivered to Mavis Sheedy, 12 MacArthur Str, Mackay (Telephone 577 691). If you are unable to donate anything, a cash donation will be gratefully accepted. A receipt will be issued for all donations.

The Trash and Treasure stall is our largest fundraiser for the year. The money raised from this will enable the society to purchase items for our library.

NEW COMMITTEE

President:	Denise Neville
Vice President:	Warren Pitt
Secretary:	Jean Turvey
Treasurer:	Yvonne Peberdy
Genie Gossip Ed.:	Joan Hope
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Fundraising Committee:	Mavis Sheedy Adelaide Grendon
Library Display:	Judy Wallace
Research Officer:	Anne Matthews
Publicity Officer:	Kathy Mian
Catering:	Garry O'Shea
Maintenance:	Gerry Woodruff
Microfilming:	Christine Crichton

CALENDAR

September

- 6 Monthly meeting. Bring an original certificate
- 9 Library Display is removed.
- 16 Trash & Treasure
- 30 Entries close for Member's Interest Directory

October:

- 4 Monthly meeting. Bring an old photo album.

November

- 1 Monthly meeting. Bring page one of your pedigree chart
- 1 Member's Interest Directory due out

December

- 6 Monthly meeting. Bring a plate for our Christmas break-up and an old Christmas card

February 1996

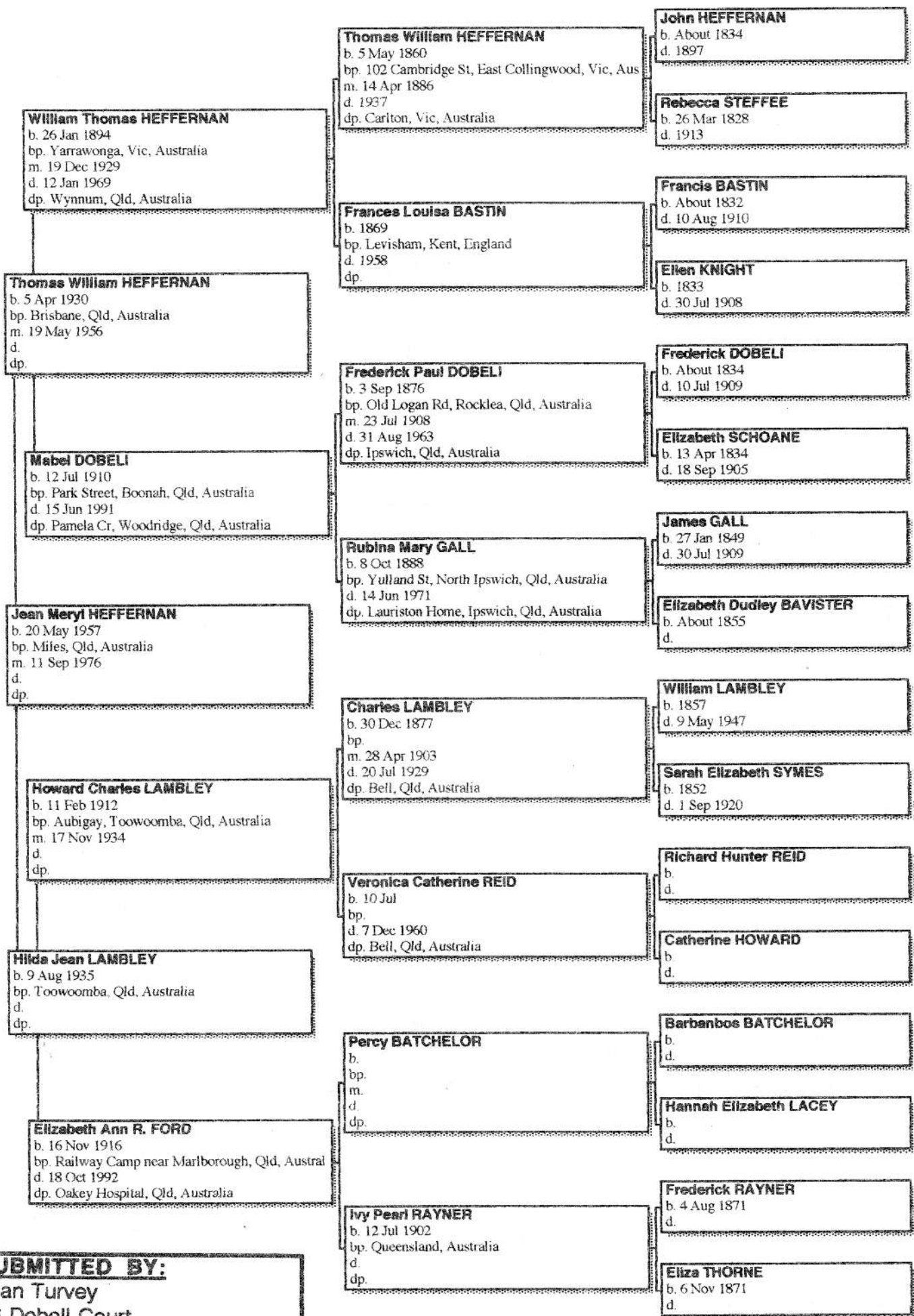
- 7 Monthly meeting.

MEMBER'S INTEREST DIRECTORY TO BE PRINTED SOON

Our local branch plans to produce a Member's Interest Directory, compiled by Gerry Woodruff. It is hoped that this publication will be released for sale in November 1995. Members are invited to submit family names that they are researching, to be included in this directory. A limit of twenty names per person will apply. Entries may be submitted to Gerry Woodruff or Jean Turvey by 30th September 1995. If you have not yet received your form, contact Jean Turvey or Gerry Woodruff.

The views expressed herein are not necessarily those of the editor or the Mackay Branch of the Genealogical Society of Queensland.

Pedigree Overview



SUBMITTED BY:
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 16 Dobell Court
 North Mackay, Qld, 4740
 Telephone: (079) 426 266

Who was Blacks Real Estate Named After?

Henry Lindesay Black

Henry Lindesay Black was born in 1847 in Fifeshire, Scotland and after receiving his education, arrived in Australia in 1863. On his arrival in Australia, he settled on a station near Rockhampton where he stayed for seven years. In 1869 he became a gazetted Magistrate of the Colony.

In 1874 he settled in Mackay and took charge of Hamilton Station. He remained connected with pastoral pursuits until 1881 when he became a commission agent and auctioneer, a business he continued to follow for the rest of his life. In 1883 became secretary of the Mackay Turf Club. He was also on the Separation Committee and School of Arts Committee.

He took an active interest in local affairs and was first elected Alderman in 1886 and Mayor in 1888. Mr Black was on the Hospital Committee.

On 26 April 1882 he married Jean Flemming Myddleton, the eldest daughter of Mr Frank Myddleton and Christine Fraser, of Victoria. Their first child, Nellie Elizabeth Lindesay Black, their only daughter was born on 5 March 1883. Three sons were also born to the Blacks, namely Francis Henry Lindesay on 5 January 1885, Archie Lindesay on 18 May 1887, George Harrison Lindesay on 16 February 1891 and finally, Hugh Lindesay on 29 April 1894. Mrs Black died at the age of 39 years on 7 May 1894 and was buried the next day in the Mackay Cemetery. Her 11-year old daughter, Nellie cared for the family at their family home, "Fryerne", on the Pioneer River near Racecourse.

Miss Nellie Black married Mr Lionel Denman. Their son and daughter-in-law, Lionel and Barabara Denman, still lived in the old family home at "Fryerne" in 1981.

In the late 1870's Mr Henry James Wallace, the brother-in-law of Mr Black, commenced an auctioneer's commission agents business in conjunction with "Livery Stables and a Horse Bazaar". Mr Wallace was soon joined by Mr Black and another brother-in-law, Mr Frank Myddleton. Mr Wallace inaugurated a daily coach service between Mackay and Walkerston in 1881. In July 1885, Mr Wallace withdrew his partnership. Mr Black continued the auctioneer's agency, with the livery stable being discontinued in 1915. Regular livestock auction sales were conducted at the rear of the premises at 75 Victoria Str until a municipal saleyard was established at the western end of Vicotria Street. These saleyards were subsequently moved to Broadsound Road, where the horse sales were held until aout 1950, when tractors had superseded horses as power for cultivation.

In 1912, Mr Black re-built the family home, "Fryerne", after the previous home had burnt down the year before.

Henry Lindesay Black died at the age of 79 in 1926. He was buried next to his wife in the Mackay Cemetery on 27th October 1926.

Mr Ian Lindesay Black, son of "Chubb" Henry Lindesay Black, who in turn was the son of Archie Lindesay Black is currently a director Blacks Real Estate in Mackay. Emma Lindesay Black, the daughter of Ian is the fifth generation of the Black family to be associated with Blacks Reals Estate in Mackay. She is a part-time employee in the rental department.

(SOURCES: Daily Mercury, July 20th, 1981
Mackay Cemetery Index
Queensland Birth Death & Marriage Index
Mr Ian Lindesay Black)

Australiana

WAS GRANDAD AN ORPHAN? WAS GRANDMA A FOSTER CHILD?

If you had ancestors who were once in State care in Queensland, you may be able to access information about them from files held by the appropriate state government department. Send your covering letter with your request and attach a resume of as much information as you have about the particular relative, and send it to:

Department of Family Services and Aboriginal and Islander Affairs
Information Management Branch
ATTENTION: Jenny Brown
GPO Box 806
Brisbane Qld 4001

They are located at Family Services Building, on the corner of George and Elizabeth Streets, Brisbane. Their telephone number is (07)3225 8442 and their fax number is (07)3225 8905.

Information Management Branch handles all those who were in State care, such as orphans and foster children, and has some records dating back as far as the 1870's. These files relate only to the former Department of Children's Services and its predecessors, eg. the Inspector of Orphanages.

If living, the person must be over 18 years of age and out of care. This Branch works closely with the adoption section. So if you are unsure whether your relative was a foster child or adopted, they can do the initial check.

John Meara, a member from Sarina, knew his relative had been "in service" and also knew a couple of host families names. Nudgee Orphanage had also been mentioned. He sent all the biographical data he had and included all the relevant verbal history. They reply came in 3 weeks and it was a bonanza of information - more than any single packet of useful data he had ever received.

John says that there is no longer a mysterious 10-year period for his family in the early part of this century, thanks to the very helpful people in this branch of the Department of Family Services.

RECENT ACQUISITIONS

"Researching Shipping Records in New South Wales" is a guide on how to use shipping records and where to go to find them.

A FICHEY STORY

Did you hear the unoffICIAL story of JOHN DORY, a high FLYer who tried to REEL in a big one? He had been FICHing for ages and was HOOKed on reSEArch, WILLING to TACKLE problems and try different ANGLES. He had a GUT feeling about an ancestor, and in a WAVE of enthusiasm and BREAMful of hope he checked each ROE of records, including SANDS, with BAITED breath to SEA if there was a LANDED gent on his LINE. However he FINished the day with a LEADen heart and not a RAY of hope. After that he SCALED down his reSEArch but didn't WHALE as some do not did he get CRABby. (When the CHIPS are down, he's a trier). This story was probably a lot of CODswallop, and should have been taken with a grain of SALT - REELY! You were not supposed to be taken in HOOK, LINE and SINKER.
by Nancye Fletcher

(SOURCE: "Western Connections", March 1995)

International Research Notes

IRISH QUAKERS:

Jean Turvey, a member of our society, has had a spot a luck recently. She knew that her Irish ancestor, Sarah Power was born in county Tipperary, Ireland in about 1804. From old family letters Jean learnt that Sarah had been a Quaker and had to renounce her faith to marry her husband, James Heffernan.

Jean consulted the Mormon Church's microfilm index, looking under Tipperary, Ireland, she located the Quaker registers, known as the Society of Friends records. The film arrived within a week of ordering it.

Quakers were a religious group who broke away from the established protestant churches. They believe all people are equal and don't worship God, but instead believe that He lives within each person's heart. Their beliefs are reflected through way that they live, through the Sprit's indwelling. Quakers kept extensive birth, death and marriage records of the members of their society since 1650. Other names for the Quakers include the "Religious Society of Friends" and "Children of Light".

Jean located Sarah Power and all her ancestors all the way back to 1650 to Philip Godfrey who was born in Cornwall, England prior to moving to Ireland. Yes, that was Irish ancestry located from 1804 through to 1650, from one single source!! Irish ancestors are not so impossible after all. Congratulations Jean!!

A TRADITIONAL GERMAN RECIPE:

Marble cake is the ultimate German coffee cake baked in all German regions. German settlers took the recipe with them to the four corners of the earth and very often it was incorporated in the local cuisine, be it in the Americas, Australia or even Singapore, where it has become an integral part of the local cooking tradition.

MARMORKUCHEN or Marble Cake

250g Butter

300g Sugar

6-8 separated eggs

grated lemon rind or vanilla essence

pinch of salt

375g Self Raising Flour

milk

50g Cocoa powder

Stir the butter till foamy. Add alternately sugar and egg yolks till you have a nice foamy mass. Add grated lemon rind or vanilla and a pinch of salt. Sift the flour together with the baking powder and add to the mixture gradually, alternating with as much milk as may be needed to keep the texture smooth. The consistency will be right when the mixture drops slowly from a spoon in lumps. Then fold in the stiffly whipped egg whites.

Divide the dough into two portions. Colour one portion with the sifted cocoa powder while adding 2-3 tablespoons of milk. Grease a Gugelhupf or tea cake pan (also known as a baba tin) and sprinkle with bread crumbs. Put the light portion in first and then the dark. Make a few spirals with a fork. bake at a medium heat for 45-60 minutes. Turn out of the tin and sprinkle with icing sugar.

FERTILE FAMILY

Have you heard of Eufemia Garcia Perez? The redoubtable Eufemia died at the age of 104, leaving a total of 414 descendants! The survivors were one son, two daughters, 19 grandchildren, 101 great grandchildren, 276 great great grandchildren, 12 great great great grandchildren and 3 great great great great grandchildren.

(SOURCE: "Kin-Tracer", March 1995)

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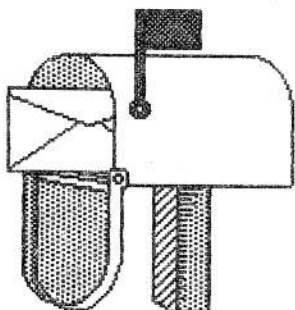
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RESEARCH INTEREST

Information on the ancestors and descendents of William LISTON (b. 4 Oct 1858), the child of William and Jemima (born Grieve) LISTON of Burra Creek, Burra, South Australia.

CONTACT: William Liston
2 Raleigh Str, Mackay, 4740 (Tel: 079-524 767)

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LOCAL NEWS

The Annual Display at the City Library has again been and gone. Thanks to Judy Wallace for organising the display and to all those who contributed material to it, and a special thanks once again to the Valley Interest Group. In spite of all the negative vibes beforehand, a first class display resulted once again.

Ann Matthews has received a great deal of information on her RITZLER family from a contact via the GRD, and promises a Ritzler family tree for next year's annual display.

Former member Fay Hart (formerly ROWLANDS) is home on biennial leave from Lae, New Guinea. She and her husband, visiting our library display, found a chart with one of their HARTs marrying a HEAD in Victoria. They have contacted member Margaret Jones who provided the chart for the display.

Mother and daughter team, Lyn and Trudi Webster, have been busily researching all their family lines, but have been most successful with their SMITH line which is now back to 1750 in Hagbourne, Berkshire. They were expecting their Smiths to be the most difficult to research but, strangely, these were the easiest of all!

Margaret O'Brien's recent Good Samaritan act really paid off. She offered help and hospitality to cyclists who had bike trouble outside her home. They were two Scots lads touring the country and, by an amazing coincidence, came from Fort William in Inverness - the very place of Margaret's family research. Margaret had been finding information on the place difficult to come by, but the lads were able to give her first hand information on places and people to contact.

Two members who recently returned from overseas trips spoke at our September meeting. Both declared they did no actual research, but greatly enriched their genealogy by visiting the places of their ancestors and meeting distant cousins - some known through correspondence, and some newly discovered. Judy Wallace visited the north coast of Norfolk's "Smugglers' Country" with its flintstone villages and churchyards unchanged for 100 years. Yvonne Peberdy visited Saddington in Leicestershire and Amesbury, Wiltshire, before moving on to Copenhagen in Denmark, where the old city remains much the same as when her grandfather grew up there.

Apologies for the rather sombre newsletter after more interesting recent editions from editor, Joan Hope. Joan, her husband and family, are spending a couple of weeks in NSW where they will attend the wedding of Joan's brother. So, while it is a pleasant family vacation, she will also gain collateral lines to research.

Research Notes

A member of the Bundaberg Genealogical Association wrote to a Scottish Newspaper, *The Galloway News*, at Maxwelltown Industrial Estate, Glasgow Road, Dumfries DG2 0NA, asking that a letter be printed in the paper requesting help finding family connections in the region. Not only did the newspaper run the letter, but it also sent a copy of the paper containing the letter when it was published. [from *Family Ties* August 1995]

Family History Information Line. The Australian Federation of Family History Organisations (AFFHO) have begun a new initiative to help those new to family history research. They now have a Family History Information Line which is designed to assist researchers with basic information on how to proceed with tracing their family history, and also how to contact a genealogical group in their own locality. The number of the new help line is 0055 21087.

Cornish Research. Anyone undertaking Cornish research will know how difficult it can be to access information. Many of the parish registers are not available through the LDS Family History Centres. A Bundaberg researcher struck gold when her enquiry to a parish church in Cornwall was passed on to the Cornwall Record Office which sent her the following information:

Parish Registers: there are 257 parishes in Cornwall and most are held at the RO (a few remain with the churches).

Other Registers: In the 19th century most of the population of Cornwall attended Methodist Chapels. Over 300 registers are held for various Methodist denominations and circuits, also Society of Friends records and certain Baptist and Congregational registers.

Probate Records: Wills and other probate records of the Archdeaconry of Cornwall 1600-1857. Alphabetical surname indexes have been published by the British Record Society.

Census Returns: 1841 - 1871 inclusive. There is a charge of £1 for each reel of microfilm consulted.

Research is undertaken. Write to the Cornwall Record Office, County Hall, Truro, Cornwall TR1 3AY, giving details of the search you require. They will draft an authorisation form for you to complete and sign. When the work has been done, a report will be sent with an invoice (minimum charge is £10).

For births, death and marriages, district registers and indexes are held locally by the Superintendent Registrars at the following DROs:

ST AUSTELL, Carlyon Rd, St Austell PL25 4LH
BODMIN, Lyndhurst, St Nicholas Street, Bodmin PL31 1AG
CAMBORNE-REDRUTH, Roskear, Camborne TR14 8DN
CAMELFORD, Council Offices, College Road, Camelford
FALMOUTH, 12/14 Berkeley Vale, Falmouth TR11 3QW
KERRIER, The Willows, Church Street, Helston TR13 8NF
LAUNCESTON, Hendra, Dunheved Road, Launceston PL15 9JG
LISKEARD, Graylands, Dean Street, Liskeard PL14 4AH
PENZANCE, St John's Hall, Penzance TR18 2QR
ST GERMANS, The Health Centre, Saltash PL12 6DL
STRATTON, 17 The Strand, Bude EX23 8QZ
TRURO, Register Office, The Leats, Truro TR1 3AG
ISLES OF SKILLY, Town Hall, St Mary's, Skilly.

For all Cornish Wills after 1857: District Probate Registry, Market Street, Bodmin PL25 2VW.

[from *Family Ties* April 95]

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What's in a Name?

Gargett

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LOCAL NEWS

The Annual Display at the City Library has again been and gone. Thanks to Judy Wallace for organising the display and to all those who contributed material to it, and a special thanks once again to the Valley Interest Group. In spite of all the negative vibes beforehand, a first class display resulted once again.

Ann Matthews has received a great deal of information on her RITZLER family from a contact via the GRD, and promises a Ritzler family tree for next year's annual display.

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Research Notes

A member of the Bundaberg Genealogical Association wrote to a Scottish Newspaper, *The Galloway News*, at Maxwelltown Industrial Estate, Glasgow Road, Dumfries DG2 0NA, asking that a letter be printed in the paper requesting help finding family connections in the region. Not only did the newspaper run the letter, but it also sent a copy of the paper containing the letter when it was published. [from *Family Ties* August 1995]

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FALMOUTH, 12/14 Berkeley Vale, Falmouth TR11 3QW
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And said, "What a good boy am I!"*

The plum in the nursery rhyme was not of the fruity variety, and the Christmas pie was not really for eating. According to legend, little Jack Horner was the Steward to Richard Whiting, Abbot of Glastonbury Abbey in Somerset at the time of the Dissolution of the Monasteries in the 1530's.

Apparently the Abbot, in an attempt to make peace with Henry VIII, decided to send the king the deeds of twelve manors which belonged to Glastonbury. For safety's sake, the Abbot had the deeds hidden in a huge pie, which he then entrusted to Jack Horner to take to London to present to His Majesty.

The trusted steward knew what was in the pie, and on the journey, when he was out of the sight of his master, he managed to carefully lift the crust and "pull out the plum", which was the deeds of the Manor of Mell in Somerset.

Whether this story is true or not will never really be known. No Jack Horner has been traced as having owned the Manor of Mells, it is certain that a Thomas Horner once owned it. The descendants of Thomas Horner say that the rhyme is not true and that their ancestor bought the Manor from the King.

(SOURCE: "Redcliffe & District Family History Group", May 1995)

CALENDAR

December

6 Monthly meeting. Bring a plate for our Christmas break-up and an old Christmas card

February 1996

7 Monthly meeting. Bring a war medal awarded to a family member.

March

6 Monthly meeting. Bring a useful research book from your library.

102 year old letter returns to Mackay

A letter dated 24th November 1892, which was penned at Homebush, near Mackay has returned 'home', after it was found in a old book.

Mrs Fay Shields, an ex-Mirani resident, who now lives in England, found the book in a book store. The letter was inside the book. Mrs Shields is visiting her mother in Mirani and would like to make contact with a descendent of the author of the letter, Alan Hamilton. Mrs Shields plans to return to England early in December.

Turn over to read a full transcript of the letter.

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Mackay Notes

The following letter was found in a old book entitled, "Rhymes from the Mines and Other Lines", by Edward Dyson. It was purchased in a second hand shop in England by Mrs Fay Shields, an ex-Mirani resident.. Mrs Shields would like to contact anyone who is connected to the author of the letter. She can be contacted in early December at her mother's residence in Mirani, by telephoning 591 222.

Homebush
Mackay
Nov 24/92

My dear John

Many thanks for your letter and the photos. You have altered a lot since Dollis Hill. Your moustache is indeed a thing of beauty. I loke to looks of Mrs John and the youngster awfully. She (my niece) doesnt look at all bashful and I think is very like you. I cant write you anything funny. My indomitable spirit is on the verge of giving way at last under the strain of being 13 weeks in bed. The Wild West business is real good fun till you come to grief. After once getting a good old smash one doesnt see quite so many points about it. I am writing this in bed, so you must excuse the paper and writing if not quite chic. I am very riled at being unable to see the Home Contingent leave. How glad you will all be to see them again! I am coming home myself early (say about March) next year, if all goes well. I have resigned my position in the Sugar Co. for good and am going to start pigs, and poultry in Tasmania. In years to come when I am married to *Miss, no matter who, you and yours must come and spend a year or two at Bressay Farm, amidst the Bressay Pigs. I think my talents are only fit for rearing swine. I am foolish I think to throw up +125 per annum and found, but this climate does not agree with me. Its too damp and hot, and this last affair has put the Vibosh on me completely and besides the business doesn't lead to much. I am in hopes of being able to hop round on crutches in a week or two, and will try to get down to the coolness of Tas. at the end of the year. I got a most entertaining letter from Fred the other day for which please thank him, in it he said that poor Aunt Annie "was adrift", I do hope she is at anchor by now. I suppose you have heard that Annie Weigall has added another human unit to the big crush.

I fear that I am more to blame than you in in re sitteras scribendi. You notice that my Latin is still green. I dont think I ever wrote you very many - it was nothing but laziness at first on my part and then by degrees we seemed to forget each others existence. I am sorry your Indian venture didn't come to anything but I know nothing of the whys or wherefores of the case. I feel awfully sorry too, at your struggling along in Wandsworth of all places. I could never live in a London suburb now, after being so long in the bush. Provided you are in a decent colony the climate of Australasia is grand.

I was photo'd in Mackay about 5 months ago, but I never saw one as they were failures, and then I came to grief before I could get took again. As soon as I put alittle flesh on again over my cheek bones (at present you could hang your hat upon them). I will certainly send you one of hem. Oh dear I am getting so tired of this bed-business, it is about the most tiring thing I know laying in bed.

Look out for my notes on the wily Kanaka in the Pauline. The composition is most fearful and wonderful, but I can vouch for the truth of my statements. Young as I am you must count me something of an authority, see that I have had two solid years experience of them and their manners and customs, and if I dont how they are treated in Queensland I know not who does.

My goodness, how I envy everyone that has two whole legs. It is an awful affliction and I have had plenty of time to review the sins of my past life. **How little ones life is after all. We enter the hurrying stream and make as much stir as a piece of straw flowing down a river and we make our exit silently and there is no commotion except in the immediate vicinity to mark the spot where we sink. (This is rather good I think) ***

I get like this sometimes, I dont know what the reason of it is - the heat I expect, and being forced to lie up so long. When once I am up thoughts like these will probably never enter my head. I fear after all it is only a case of "when the Devil was sick" - Atlas for the fickleness of human nature! It does one good to moralise for a bit once in a way. It is a change from the usual routine. You all seem to have been in Shetland a good bit. That is one place of all others I want to go to, before it gets a venue with tourists and placarded with Pears Soap and the pills of the worthy Beecham.

I heard from Coz Mary last mail, condoling with me on my mihap. I was very sorry to hear that Anne has been laid up. How on earth does she manage without her? Are anymore of the fair Beanes married yet? What like did Kate turn out? What is Bob doing. I believe he is still on the continent. Quarantined perhaps. Fancy the P.M. Gazette changing its ideas so quickly. Truly there is no stability in politics now a days. The disgraceful actions of our leading Queensland Representatives lately are enough to make one blush to be in a country governed by such men - well so long. Write again soon

Yr affect brother

Alan Hamilton

*The word "Miss" has a line drawn through it, as if he was about to mention the name of his intended bride, but decided against it.

**The following section is bracketed together in the margin and the author has written the word "Laugh" alongside the bracket.

***At the top of the fourth page of this letter is written "Tell Fred that the title of my M.S.S. is "Hermanis Appoo" I forgot to put it in."

Australiana

NEWSLETTER OF VICTORIAN ARCHIVES

The Victorian Office of the Australian Archives produces a newsletter, entitled "Research Arena". You can put your name on their mailing list by writing to them at GPO Box 4325 PP, Melbourne, Vic, 3001

GERMAN FESTIVAL, MARYBOROUGH, QLD:

The Maryborough Family Heritage Institute hosted a German Festival in late October. The festival included a Local Historical Bus Tour, German Family History Research Seminars, Family Tree Displays and other non-genealogical activities such as a Beer Fest, craft displays and other exciting activities. For more information write to the Maryborough Family Heritage Institute, PO Box 913, Maryborough, Qld, 4650

PLANE CREEK MILL HISTORY SOUGHT:

The Modern History Teacher at Sarina State High School is looking for photographs of Plane Creek Sugar Mill and Sugar Cane Farming in the Sarina, Plane Creek Mill area. Any information will be welcome. This information is for a history booklet to be released early next year to celebrate the Plane Creek Mill Centenary. All care will be taken of items submitted. Please contact Mr Lindsay Brown, c/o Sarina State High School, Anzac Str, Sarina, 4737 or telephone 561766 or 561 650.

BETWEEN TWO WORLDS:

Earlier this century, thousands of Aboriginal children of part-descent were taken away from their families by the government and placed in institutions. Some were never to return home. "Between Two Worlds", an Australian Archives exhibition, looks at two Northern Territory 'half-caste' institutions run by the Commonwealth government: the Bungalow in Alice Springs and the Kahlin Home in Darwin. Through oral histories, documents and photographs drawn mainly from the Australian Archives' collection, the exhibition shows what happened to the children who were placed in these institutions. It traces their journey from one place to another and one culture to another, and follows the development of the government policy which shaped their lives. This exhibition has toured Sydney, Canberra, Alice Springs, Darwin, Adelaide, Melbourne, Dubbo, Geraldton and Perth.

AUSTRALIA REMEMBERS BOOKS:

In this our "Australia Remembers Year" many new books have been written to record our World War II History to educate future generations. Some are oral histories and some are in precise detail. Photographs in the books would be of interest to anyone with relatives living in North Queensland or near airfields.

1. "I Didn't Know That" by Vera Bradley, Cairns
(A World War II historical record of Tully, Cairns, Atherton Tablelands and Cape York.)
2. "The Morning Side of the Hill" by Marion Houlsworth
(An account of wartime Townsville. Includes maps and photographs.)
3. "Townsville at War 1942 - Life in a Garrison City" by Darryl McIntyre
4. "Diary of World War II - North Qld" compiled by Peter Nielsen
5. "Queensland Airfields WWII - 50 years on" by Roger Marks
6. "Townsville at War. A soldier Remembers" by Herbert C. Jaffa
7. "It was a different Town" compiled by Gai Copeman and Diane Vance
(Oral histories, photographs and maps of Townsville)
8. "World War II Tours of Townsville"
(A brochure of Wartime sites of Significance in the Townsville district.)

(If you are interested in any of these books contact Shirley Jones, Box 6297, Mackay Mail Centre.)

WHAT IS A GENEALOGIST?

A Genealogist is a recorder of events which happened in the past, events which were governed by the rules of society as they were at the time.

-Joan Nunn

(SOURCE: "Kin-Tracer" March 1995)

International Research Notes

SCOTLAND:

PHOTOCOPIES OF ACTUAL SCOTTISH REGISTER ENTRIES:

Cameron Research will do an index search and provide photocopies of the Registers for births, marriages and death 1855 to 1894 and also births and marriages prior to 1855, for a flat rate of \$15.00 each. You will receive the best available photocopy and for entries not located \$5 will be refunded to you. Contact Cameron Research, PO Box 215, Bundanoon, NSW, 2578.

CERTIFICATES FROM SCOTLAND:

Birth, marriage and death certificates and census extracts are available in three formats

- *Photocopy of a pre-1894 register for \$15 per entry
- *Accurate transcript of register or census for \$20 per entry in any year
- *Actual formal document from the General Register Office for \$30 per certificate for any year.

An additional single fee of \$10 is to be added to each order to defray postage, telephone and fax costs, and a business sized SSAE must be included with the request written on white paper in black ink. Contact Cameron Research, PO Box 215, Bundanoon, NSW, 2578.

IRELAND:

IRISH REBELLION OF 1798:

The bicentennial celebrations of the Irish Rebellion of 1798 will include a research initiative to assemble a database of people sent to Australia for their part in the 1798 rebellion, of their descendants, and of the districts where they settled and with links to Australia's earliest rebellion, the Castle Hill Uprising of 1804. For further information on their newsletter, research enquiries and reports write to Ireland 1798 Australia Research, PO Box 1137, Darlinghurst, NSW, 2010.

Plans are well under way in Ireland for 200th anniversary celebrations throughout 1998. In particular, events are being organised to welcome the heirs of those who suffered the fate of exile to Australia and New Zealand for their part in the Rebellion. If you are a descendent, please contact Ireland 1798 Australia Research at the above address. They are waiting to hear from all descendants.

AIMS OF THE "IRELAND 1798 AUSTRALIA" RESEARCH:

1. To build a database of exiles and convicts who came to New South Wales as a result of events connected with the 1798 Rebellion
2. To build a database of descendants of those exiles and convicts
3. To facilitate an exchange of information between contributors to the databases
4. To seek the help of family history societies to help promote these aims.

TYPICAL OFFENCES IN THE 1798 REBELLION:

1. Administering oaths of secret societies
2. Taking oaths of secret societies
3. Pike-making, appearing armed, etc
4. Treasonable language
5. Sing seditious songs.

The available evidence of arrest, trial and punishment does not always make it clear whether the individual was a United Irishman or a Defender or both. If your research subject was charged with an offence like these, or one with a 'political' character, and arrived (either direct or via Britain or elsewhere) in New South Wales before 1810, the chances are they were somehow implicated in the Rebellion.

General Information



Recent Acquisitions to our Library

1. The latest death and marriage on fiche for Tasmania
2. Janet Reake's "Irish Religious Census for 1766 Part I". on fiche. This index includes the individual's surname, christian name, religion, diocese, parish and county.
3. Mt Morgan Cemetery Index is now in alphabetical form in "nice plastic sheets". The date index is at the back of the book. Thanks to Jean Turvey for re-indexing this!!

ON ORDER

1. "Research resources in Sydney" in book format
2. "From Here to There" (An index of shipping arrivals for New Zealand circa 1857)
3. Birth Death & Marriage fiche to NZ

ARE YOU PREPARING YOUR DOCUMENTS FOR THE FUTURE?

1. Make sure they are not on pins, staples or paper clips that rust and damage the paper.
2. Do not use rubber bands which rot and discolour the paper.
3. Do not use any self adhesive tapes, even if they claim to be archival.
4. Do not use any glues or pastes other than a simple four and water paste which is totally reversible in water.
5. Do not use any plastics unless they are polyethylene or polypropylene.
6. Do not use ordinary manilla folders - only acid free ones.
7. Use only acid free boxes and make sure they are big enough for the files they contain.
8. Monitor the environment you are keeping them in. Fluctuations in temperatures and relative humidity can do a lot of damage.
9. Make sure they are shelved on coated metal shelving. Do not store records on the floor or under lights.

(SOURCE: "Research Arena", June 1995)

A Tribute to Helen Smiller

I first met Helen in 1979 when I was floundering around wondering how to go about tracing my family history. She told me that she had been researching for 14 years (I was amazed!) - she was very helpful and introduced me to GSQ and also to the IGI.

Helen was the driving force in establishing a branch of GSQ in Mackay and in 1981 a member from GSQ in Brisbane came up to guide us through our inaugural meeting. The branch was formed with 8 members - Brian Caldwell was the first president, I was the secretary and Helen became our Librarian.

We slowly accumulated a few books which Helen would bring along to each meeting, then she persuaded Peter Cramb at the North Mackay Library to let us have some space for our expanding acquisitions. This was an ideal situation as our resources could be used at any time during library hours. Helen has worked long hours over the years to keep our library organised and up-to-date.

We were a very enthusiastic small group at the beginning and even had the audacity to stage a genealogical display at the Mackay City Library (which has been held each year since). Helen worked very hard for it, and also made little green and yellow tree logos which we still use. In our first few years, we made regular Sunday morning excursions to transcribe the tombstones in the Mackay cemeteries, and it was seldom that Helen wasn't there.

She then decided that we should have our own newsletter and spent hours and hours each month researching articles and putting it all together as editor of the Mackay Gene Gossip, an office she has only recently relinquished.

Probably hundreds of members (and non-members) have benefitted from Helen's help and guidance over the years. She knows most of the members and always takes such an interest in the families each member is researching. She has a wide knowledge of genealogy and her patience and unselfish help is very much appreciated. When she had a trip to England several years ago, she returned with information not only on her own families, but on families that she knew other members were researching.

Now that Helen is working at the Mackay City Library and we have a library committee for our own library instead of a single librarian, it is the end of an era. Helen is on our library committee and still works enthusiastically for it. At this stage, thanks to Helen, for all your wonderful work and assistance.

(Kindly submitted by Judy Wallace.)

Mackay Genie Gossip

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1996 Calendar of Events

February

- 7 Meeting
Bring a War Medal

March

- 6 Favourite Research Book display

April

- 3 Guest Speaker: Bruce Lees
Bring War Memorabilia

May

- 1 Guest Speaker: A Sextant
Bring Tombstone Photographs and Cemetery
Indexes to share

June

- 5 Guest Speaker: Dr Chappell
Bring your death certificates

July

- 3 "Preserving Old Photographs & Documents"
Bring old photographs & documents

August

- 7 Annual General Meeting
Bring yourself!!
24 Library display erected

September

- 4 Guest Speaker: LDS Librarian
Bring a Salt Lake City Print-out or microfilm
prints
7 Library display comes down
21 Trash and Treasure Stall

October

- 2 Bring and Brag

November

- 6 Fashion through the ages
Photos of clothes

December

- 4 Christmas Break Up
Bring a plate and an old Christmas card or post
card.

CHINESE NEW YEAR

Did you know that the Chinese New Year celebrations centre on the family and family reunion? Incense is burned for ancestors and special food is prepared. Friends visit each other with presents and greeting cards, usually in colours of red and gold to symbolise luck and good fortune, are sent weeks prior to the lunar new year. Gifts of money wrapped in lucky red paper packets or envelopes are distributed widely.

-Australian Stamp Bulletin

(SOURCE: Ipswich Genealogical Society
newsletter "Bremer Echoes" Vol 13, No. 1)

NEW YEAR BEFORE 1752 IN ENGLAND & WALES

Until 1751 the English and Welsh year began on Lady Day, 25th March. March was therefore the first month and February the 12th month, but were still called by the same name.

Some dates have silently been changed, others have only partly been changed and others have not been changed at all!!

From 1752 the English year began in January, but not everyone converted!! Confused?

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THE ANCESTRY OF ADELAIDE GRENDON (nee BENSON)

The "Scottish Wizard" sailed from Glasgow, Scotland on the 7th February 1883 and arrived at Port Mackay on 4th June 1883. On board was a young Scottish couple. The wife had given birth to a baby girl on 17th March 1883, at Latitude 6 12' N Longitude 24 48' W. The couple, George and Elizabeth Hadden, named their baby, Mary Jane Sinclair Hadden, Sinclair being the name of the ship's surgeon (John Sinclair M.B.G.M., Surgeon Superintendent, 2 Golfhill Terrance, Denistown, Glasgow). Sadly, after settling in Mackay, George Hadden, a ploughman passed away. He died on the 12th January 1884 from fever and pneumonia.

Elizabeth Hadden, the widow, later married James Duncan on the 20th August 1887 at Ashburton, near Mackay.

Mary Hadden grew up with two half-sisters, Elizabeth and Ann, and three half-brothers, James, William and Charles. Charles was killed in action during World War I. He and his brothers served in the light horse brigade. James and William were taken prisoner by the Germans. On their return from the war, they continued to live and work in the Ashburton, Perie and Farleigh areas, north of Mackay.

On the 22nd November 1902, the ship "S.S. Konaigan Louisa" docked in Sydney, New South Wales. A young Danish lad, Otto Vlademar Hansen, disembarked and made his way up the coast to Mackay and began working in the canefields around Cassada, in the Walkerston area. He met Mary and they married on the 9th November 1906 at the Mackay Court House. Their first child, Anna Matilda, was born on the 3rd June 1907 in Mackay.

They moved to a farm at Miclere, where their first son, Otto Johannes was born on 9th September 1909. Later Otto Snr applied for naturalization, which was granted in Melbourne, Victoria on the 25th October 1911. Their second son, Siegfred Valdemar, was born at Hill End, Mackay on the 12th February 1912. Emma Julia, was born at Miclere on 4th June 1913, followed by Karl Christian on 15th May 1915, but he died on the 21st May 1915 and was buried in the Mackay Cemetery.

The North Coast Railway was being built at the time and the farm was small. To help support the family Otto found work driving teams of six horses, ploughing the cuttings at Miclere with two men holding the handles of the plough.

The family left the farm to live in Sophia Street, Mackay until they were able to go to Denmark to see Otto Snr's mother who was dying. Unfortunately war had broken out and the authorities wouldn't let them leave for safety reasons.

Anna and Otto Jnr attended the Mackay Central State Girls School and Infant's School, both having previously started at the Farleigh State School. Both Anna "Tilly" and Otto "Ottie" are still alive.

Otto Snr then took his family to a small farm at Hampden further north of Mackay. He obtained the job of collecting the mail from the Leap by pack horse

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from a Mr Davey who brought the mail out from Mackay. Otto carried the mail to Hampden Post Office Store on the bank of Constant Creek where he sorted it, to carry some further north to Black Rock, just north of the present-day village of Calen. Other mail was delivered to the Mount Dukes area. Weather permitting, Otto carried the mail by horse-drawn sulky. One day he came to Murray Creek near Mount Pelion, one of the many bridgeless crossings that he had to make, to find a wall of water coming down the creek from a storm up in the headwaters. Emma, his wife, was with him and was terrified and begged him not to cross. He replied that "The mail must go through" and whipped the horses to cross just as the wall of water passed behind them. An experience Emma never forgot!!

Another son, Christian Karl was born on the 15th September 1917 at Leebone Hospital, Juliet Street, Mackay. He died on 13th November 1917 at Hampden, and is buried in that cemetery. The family went through the 1918 cyclone, losing some of the roofing from their home. The Hampden School was destroyed, so classes were held in a private home until the school could be rebuilt.

The youngest child of Otto Snr and Mary was born on 28th September 1920, also at the Leebone Hospital, Mackay. He was named William Charles.

The family sold up and moved to Dow's Creek where they all learned to cut cane, including young Emma! They also ran cattle on the farm. After buying a second property, which was much larger than the first, the eldest son worked the Dow's Creek Crane lift during the cane crushing season. The eldest daughter, Anna Matilda went to work as a house maid, among others she worked for Mrs Cook at Greenmount. Emma helped in the family home as her mother, Mary Jane suffered from a leg ulcer.

Over the mountain in the next district lived the Benson family of four sons and two daughters. One of the sons, Thomas, married Emma in 1932. Thomas, Emma and their family moved around the district to wherever there was work.

Meanwhile the Hansen family sold the Dow's Creek property and bought a cane farm at Kuttabul, on the Kuttabul-Mt Dukes road. World War II broke out and Siegfried and William joined the Australian Infantry Forces.

The young Benson family had grown to consist of four girls and three boys and in 1945 moved to Mount Pelion.

Meanwhile Otto Snr and Mary Hansen had sold their farm at Kuttabul and bought a house and a block of ground at Seaforth as the farm was getting too much for them to work on their own with their sons at war. After peace was declared they sold the Seaforth properties and helped William ("Bill") to buy a soldier settlement farm at Mount Pelion in 1946. Sadly, Mary Jane passed away on the 14th February 1947.

Thomas and Emma Benson's family finally grew to include nine children, with the youngest sister being born in 1947. Their daughter Adelaide was the housekeeper for her grandfather, Otto Snr and her uncle Bill after her grandmother's death.

Adelaide married Thomas Grendon in 1955. Thomas's mother was Post Mistress at the Mount Pelion non-official Post Office. On his mother's retirement Tom became the Post Master, followed by Adelaide's appointment

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Research Notes

International

ENGLISH & WELSH CERTIFICATES THROUGH QFHS:

The Queensland Family History Society provides a Certificate Courier service to St Catherine's House in London for certificates for England and Wales. St Catherine's has increased their fees, so the cost is now \$24.00 each, and you must quote full details from the St Catherine's Index. Special forms can be obtained from their Library or by sending a long SSAE to the Secretary, PO Box 171, Indooroopilly, Qld, 4068 and a form will be sent to you.

(SOURCE: "Queensland Family Historian", November 1995 edition)

LITCHFIELD DOICESE RECORD OFFICE:

David J.W. Cutten, of St Pancras, 26 Cornel, Armington, Tamworth, Staffs B77 4EF provides a permanent research service at the Litchfield Doicese Record Office in the Staffordshire County Council. His employment has now been guaranteed as permanent through the county's employment of people with disabilities scheme.

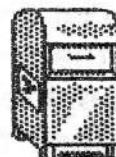
(SOURCE: "Family Tree Magazine", September 1995)

Australia

QFHS LIBRARY RECIPROCAL AND VISITING RIGHTS:

The Queensland Family History Society offers reciprocal Library rights to non-Brisbane residents. The Mackay Branch of GSQ members wishing to visit this library, only need to show their GSQ membership card and proof of residence outside of Brisbane, eg. Driver's License. Bookings for microfilm machines and /or computers are to be made at least one week in advance in person at the Library or by mail or phone via the Secretary, Mrs Betty Baker (Telephone 07-3848 8041).

(SOURCE: "Queensland Family Historian", November 1995)



Mackay

FAMILY HISTORY LIBRARY

The Family History Library in the Mormon Church now operating again after the school holidays. So you can now order microfilms and catch up on all that research that has been accumulating since late November!!

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as Official Post Mistress. She handled the mail and telephone exchange. Mail of course now came by train, not by the pack horse as in her grandfather's day before the railway line was built.

Otto Snr worked on the farm until his death at the age of seventy four. He died of natural causes whilst working on his tractor on the 1st September 1958. His grandson Ian, William's son, is still on the farm today.

Adelaide's sister, Mrs Rose Ware had the mail contract for M/S 283, Mackay for many years. Rose retired from this position in 1995. The carrying of mail has seemed to have been a family tradition.

(SUBMITTED BY: Adelaide Grendon)

MONTHLY MEETINGS are held at 7:30pm on the first Wednesday of the month in Room 10C at the Mackay State High School in Milton Street. (Room 10C is on the ground floor of the second building to the south of the staff car park). The next meeting will be held on March 6th. Bring a book that has been helpful to you in your research.

THE GENEALOGICAL LIBRARY is in the Reading Room of the North Mackay Library, Ungerer Street. This is open to the public daily from 9:30am to 5:30pm and to 8:00pm on Thursdays, and Saturdays from 9:00am to 1:00pm.

RESEARCH ASSISTANCE is available in this library from 12:30 to 3:30pm on Mondays through to Wednesdays and every fourth Wednesday and second Saturday. For alternate arrangements, please telephone 422 539.

THE MACKAY LOS FAMILY HISTORY CENTRE is within the church on the corner of McGinn and Field Streets. It is open to all from 9:30 to 2:30pm on Tuesdays and 10:00am to 2:30pm on Wednesdays and Wednesday evenings from 6:00 to 9:00pm. It is closed during school holidays and on public holidays.

MONTHLY NEWSLETTERS are available at meetings and thereafter in the cupboard in the Genie room at the North Mackay Library. A donation of 50c would be appreciated for each copy.

NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS will be gratefully accepted. For publication in the next newsletter articles are to be submitted three weeks before the next meeting. Submissions can be mailed to Joan Hope, Box 6657, Mackay Mail Centre, 4741 or left in the "Letterbox" drawer in the Genie Room, labelled "Genie Gossip Editor".

MEMBER'S INTEREST DIRECTORY

The member's Interest Directory for the Mackay Branch compiled by Gerry Woodruff (Telephone 551038) is now available. A donation of \$2 will be gratefully accepted to cover printing costs.

AVAILABLE FOR HIRE

GSQ members may hire fiche and a fiche-reader for \$5.00 over a weekend. Contact Jean Turvey for more details.

LOANS BOX is in the Genie Room and contains books, periodicals and back issues of the "Generation". These items are available for loan to members only. All borrowings MUST be recorded in the book provided.

SALES ITEMS, include foreign currency and postage stamps, pedigree charts, family group sheets and other stationery items used in genealogical research are available from the Sales Officer or the Research Assistant on duty in the Genie Room.

MEMBERSHIP of the Genealogical Society of Queensland, of which our group is a branch, is \$35.00 per annum for an individual and \$50.00 for a family membership. These amounts do not include a once-only joining fee of \$10.00. Membership forms are available in the Genealogical Library. Dues are to be paid to the Genealogical Society of Queensland, Box 8423, Woolloongabba, Qld, 4102. Membership benefits include five hours free research per year, subscription to "Generation", one free 60-word research inquiry and a fifteen-name research interest advertisement per year.

"GENERATION" is the quarterly journal for financial members is distributed at monthly meetings and thereafter held in the cupboard in the Genie room at the North Mackay Library. Journals are bulk-mailed to the branch and not to individual members.

General Information



LASER PRINTERS POSE HEALTH RISK:

This headline in the February 1995 issue of "Management" stated that laser printer and photocopiers emit ozone gas as a by-product of the electrophotographic process. This fact is also mentioned in the handbooks of new photocopiers, with a warning that the area around the machine should be well ventilated! Studies in the US have shown ozone emissions from these machines can be the cause of headaches, nausea, impaired breathing, irritation of the eyes, nose and throat, and increased allergic reactions.

If you own either of these machines, you should make sure that the ozone filter is cleared regularly, and that the room is well ventilated, and that your desk is not too close to it.

(SOURCE: "Queensland Family Historian", November 1995)

WHAT WAS THEIR REAL AGE?

Have you ever wondered what is meant when someone died in infancy or childhood? Infancy referred to the ages of 0-2 years and childhood referred to the ages of 2-12 years. Adolescents were aged between 13 and 21, while young adults were considered to be between the ages of 22 and 40. An individual was considered middle aged if they were between the ages of 41 and 55. Old age was reached if the individual was in the 56 to 70 year old age bracket and everyone older than 71 years of age was considered to be in "extreme old age"!!

(SOURCE: "Family Tree Magazine", September 1995)

Recent Acquisitions to our Library

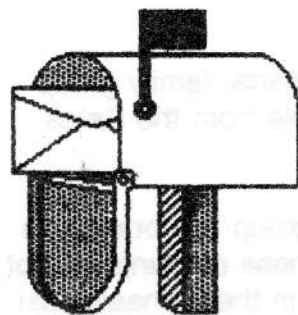
1. New Zealand Fiche of births, deaths and marriages to 1900 have arrived in our Library. Unfortunately these fiche are indexed by year first and then alphabetically, so you need to know an approximate date to find your entry.
2. The New South Wales Index entitled "Between The Wars", covers marriages and deaths from 1919 to 1945 on fiche. It has arrived and will soon be available in the library.
3. The Gympie burial and monumental inscription index is now on the shelves in our library.
4. Don't forget all the regular periodicals and journals that come our way. If you missed seeing them at meetings, don't forget that you can read them in the library.

RESEARCH ENQUIRY

Ian Brothers, of "Bridgewater", Grenfell 2810, NSW is trying to trace the descendents of 2 siblings of his great grandfather, Frederick James Adams, namely:

1. John Linsley ADAMS (b.1854) m. Clara Amanda Maskey in 1877. Children: Frederick J., Ada May, Florence Emma, Hessel Herbert, Alexander R., Arthur J., Elsie Maud, Grace Isabel, Kuzia Betrice, Alma Abbeth, John Linsey, Stanley Edgar. (more children could have been born after 1904)

2. Clarence Thomas ADAMS (b. 1863) m. Elizabeth Gallagher in 1883. Children: Frederick J., Lily, Clarency Thomas, Edith M., Violet Evelyn. (Could be more children born after 1904)



Both John Linsley and Clarence Thomas were born in New South Wales, but migrated to Queensland last century.

If you are able to help Mr Brothers trace his cousins, please contact him and let him know that you read about it in the "MACKAY GENIE GOSSIP".

Mackay Genie Gossip

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St Patrick's Day

Every year on March 17th, people all around the world celebrate the Fest Day of St Patrick with shamrocks, a parade and green beer. St Patrick was the patron saint of Ireland, who was a Roman Briton, by birth.

Patrick came to Ireland in c432 AD and during the last thirty years of his life, he preached the Gospel in every corner of Ireland, impressing the Celtic Druids with his religious fervour and persuasive powers. By 600AD most of Ireland's chieftains had become Christians, made easier by the willingness of the missionaries to adapt Christianity to the existing system.

All Saints Day, for example, was celebrated on November 1st, which was the celebration of the Celtic harvest festival of Samhain. The modern Halloween celebration derives from the linking of the above Celtic and Christian celebrations.

(SOURCE: "Forebears" Maryborough District family History Society magazine, March 1995)

1996 Calendar of Events

March

6 Favourite Research Book display

April

3 Guest Speaker: Bruce Lees
Bring War Memorabilia

May

1 Guest Speaker: A Sextant
Bring Tombstone Photographs and Cemetery
Indexes to share

June

5 Guest Speaker: Dr Chappell
Bring your death certificates

July

3 "Preserving Old Photographs & Documents"
Bring old photographs & documents

August

7 Annual General Meeting
Bring yourself!!
24 Library display erected

AMAZING MOTHERS!!

Some astounding records appear in this latest edition. What if one of these people happened to be in your family tree!!

Elizabeth, wife of John Mott, who she married in 1676, of Monks Kirby, Warks., had 42 children. She died in 1720.

The world's most prolific mother is currently believed to be Leontina Albina (née Espinosa) b. 1925 of San Antonio, Chile who in 1981, produced her 55th and last child.

The Italian mother Rossanna Dalla Corta, who was born in Feb 1931 became the oldest mother when she gave birth to a baby boy on 18th Jul 1994.

SOURCE: "Guinness Book of Records" (1996)

The views expressed herein are not necessarily those of the editor or the Mackay Branch of the Genealogical Society of Queensland.

Meet A Member Yvonne Peberdy

I was born Helen Yvonne Ivory in Mackay and grew up in Mr Jukes and Mirani. When I was aged 12, my mother remarried. My step-father adopted my sister and I and we changed our surname to Cronin.

I am a pharmacist, graduating from the University of Queensland in 1971. I did my pre-registration year at the A.F.S. Pharmacy in Sydney Street where I worked for a total of 5 years. After a two-year stay in Perth I returned to work at the West Mackay A.F.S. for a further two years, after which I joined the pharmacy staff at the Base Hospital where I am presently employed.

My interest in family history began in 1993 when we wanted to do something special for my mother's 60th birthday (my mother was born on the 29th February, so she does not have too many birthdays!) I organised a reunion of her brothers and sisters and their families. I realized from this that I knew all about my grandparents descendents, but knew nothing of their ancestors. I wrote to a Georg Agerby in Denmark who had written to us many years before and he had done a lot of research on the Larsen ancestors. Georg sent me copies of my grandfather's line back to 1100.

Somebody told me about the North Mackay Library and from there I learnt about the Mormon library through which I have been able to trace my grandmother's Cooper's side back to the 1700's in Amesbury, England.

My cousin in Hervey Bay is tracing my father's Ivory ancestors in Ireland and she has also researched my paternal grandmother's line, the Howard's and Williamson's. I have discovered that I am related to lots of people in Mackay that I have known for years.

My father-in-law started research on the Peberdy line in 1978 and when he died in 1983, nobody in the family was interested in continuing the research. I finally tracked down all his research data to a cousin's place in Melbourne and I took over. I have all the Peberdy line back to the 1600's in Leicestershire, England. Bob's grandfather and great-grandfather were in the saw-milling industry in North Queensland and I am slowly gathering information on their lives, in order to compile a book for the family. My husband's paternal grandmother's side, the Stancombe's, was researched back to the 1700's by his father.

My next target will be to find out more about my step-father's Irish ancestors. I have recently returned from a trip to England and Denmark where I visited our ancestors' birthplaces.

Queensland Notes

CAIRNS & DISTRICT PIONEER REGISTER TO 1940

This register is being compiled and the Cairns and District Family History Centre would like to hear from people whose ancestors lived between Cardwell and the Cape, or west to Normanton. Send a SSAE to Pioneer Register Committed, Cairns & District FHS, PO Box 5069, Cairns, 4870 and the forms will be sent to you.

(SOURCE: "Cairns & District FHS 'Origins'" (February 1996))

CENTENARY OF LAMINGTON BRIDGE, MARYBOROUGH

Maryborough, Wide Bay and Burnett Historical Society Inc. are planning celebrations for the centenary of the Lamington Bridge, Maryborough, which is believed to be the first re-inforced concrete bridge built in Australia. The celebrations will be held on Saturday 26th October 1996. For further information send a SSAE to Maryborough, Wide Bay & Burnett Historical Society, PO Box 84, Maryborough, Qld, 4650

(SOURCE: "Cairns & District FHS 'Origins'" (February 1996))

MARYBOROUGH SCOTTISH FESTIVAL:

The Immigration Celebrations Association Inc will be hosting a Scottish Festival from 18-21 April 1996. They would like to receive bookings for this event. Activities include displays of family trees, arts, crafts, memorabilia, lectures, research and/or tuition, heritage drive, Scottish dancers, Pipe Band Contest, Dinner and Ceildh amongst others. (A Ceildh is a Celtic word meaning a social or gathering where people spontaneously dance, sing, play games, recite poems, eat, drink and have an enjoyable time.) A souvenir book, entitled "Haggis, Halloween and Hogmanay" will be available to purchase for \$10.00 (+ \$2.00 postage). For further information contact The Maryborough Scottish Festival, Box 522, Maryborough, 4650, Qld by 12th April 1996.

Australia

HOBART'S NEWSPAPER, "THE MERCURY"

An index of births, deaths and marriages has been compiled by Joyce and Frank O'Shea and has been published by GST Inc.: Hobart Branch. This first in a series covering 1900-1910. Births \$12.50 Deaths \$18.00, Marriages \$20.00 (plus postage). These are available from the Librarian, GST Inc. Hobart Branch, GPO Box 640G, Hobart 7001

(SOURCE: "Cairns & District FHS 'Origins'" (February 1996))

HISTORY OF HOLY TRINITY CHURCH, KELSO, NSW

Australia's oldest inland church is the Holy Trinity Church, Kelso, New South Wales. This Anglican church was established in 1834. Its first chaplain was the Rev. John Espy Keane and his residence was on the site of the present Holy Trinity Rectory, Kelso.

In 1826 Rev. Keane was the first chaplain appointed to serve the Anglican Church west of the Blue Mountains and that is when the parish records of marriage, baptism and burial begin.

Holy Trinity Church is Australia's oldest inland church. The foundation stone for the new permanent church of Holy Trinity was laid by Archdeacon William Grant Broughton in 1834. In those days this church and parish were in the Diocese of Calcutta, India.

The first service held in the church was on Easter Day 1835 and was conducted by the Senior Chaplain of the Colony, the Reverend Samuel Marsden. Archdeacon Broughton became the first (and only) Bishop of Australia and as such, he consecrated this church on 3rd December 1836.

In 1835, the Holy Trinity Church was described as being "extremely plain, but neat, substantial and commodius ... The site of the edifice is upon a gentle delivity, which overlooks a considerable range of country and forms a pleasing and prominent object upon the beautiful landscape of the Bathurst plains."

A number of changes have been made to the inside of the church over the years, which include the replacement of the box pews with conventional pews, the organ loft and choir stalls were moved to the east end of the church, the flat ceiling was raised and the new one was beautifully carved, the tower was enlarged and the doors changed to one entrance door, many beautiful stained glass windows were erected, the chancel was tiled and carved wooden screens added.

The Venerable G. Spencer Oakes, who was Rector of Kelso from 1894 to 1924, wrote in 1920 - "Nearly every year I find it necessary to go away to escape the severe winter, but wherever I go I never see anything quite so charming as the little church on the hill at Kelso, which it has been my privilege to watch growing into its present unique condition. There is an atmosphere about Kelso which is not often found with Australian Churches. It is redolent with sacred associations and one could not wish for more pleasant surroundings."

Holy Trinity Church is indeed a church of memorials and has a very special atmosphere. However, it remains a living vital centre of worship for the Kelso parishioners.

In the adjoining churchyard lie the mortal remains of many pioneers - men and women, including those of Jane Marsden, the mother of the first Bishop of Bathurst and the first Australian born Bishop, Samuel Edward Marsden.

PARISH REUNION

On the 6th and 7th April 1996 The Holy Trinity Church, Kelso, NSW is hosting a reunion. The programme includes a fair, Cobb & Co. coach and steam train rides, Bathurst Sight seeing and cemetery tours, special church services, the laying of a foundation stone and memorial tree planting ceremony. Rev. Samuel Marsden, present Rector of Holy Trinity and great grandson of the first Bishop of Bathurst, and Bernard Rutherford, special guest from Kelso, Scotland will be in attendance.

For further information contact the

Bathurst Tourist Office **[Tel: (063) 321 444 Fax: (063) 322 333]**

or write to

Holy Trinity, PO Box 1365, Bathurst NSW 2795.

International Notes

SOUTH AFRICAN GENEALOGIES:

The Human Sciences Resource Council in South Africa has published a set of four volumes entitled "South African Genealogies" written by J.A. Heese and R.T.J. Lombard. These books consist entirely of genealogies to approximately 1930 of most families that arrived in South Africa prior to 1830. Some genealogies contains several generations and others only 1 or 2 generations.

Volume 1 comprises of genealogies of families with surnames from A to C and volume 4 stops with the letter K. More volumes are anticipated to be published when funds allow. At the moment, volume one is out of print and the HSRC needs a minimum of 100 orders before it will reprint this edition. Each volume comprises of approximately 550 pages and is bilingual. This comprehensive set of books is one of the major references used by South African genealogists.

To place your order contact HSRC Book Marketing, PO Box 5556, Pretoria, 0001, South Africa. (A **MUST** for any decent sized genealogical library!)

If you wish to view a copy of a page from volumes 2, 3 or 4 send two 45c stamps to Joan Hope, Box 6657, Mackay Mail Centre, 4741 and specify which surname you are interested in.

PRINCESS POCAHONTAS

The recent Disney movie has increased awareness of Princess Pocahontas. She is buried in the St George's Church churchyard at Gravesend, Kent. The memorial plaque reads:

This stone Commemorates Princess Pocahontas or Matoaka, daughter of the mighty American Indian Chief Powhattan gentle and humane. She was the friend of the earliest struggling English colonists whom she nobly rescued, protected and helped.

On her conversion to Christianity in 1613, she received in baptism the name Rebecca, and shortly afterwards became the wife of John Rolfe, a settler in Virginia. She visited England with her husband in 1616, was graciously received by Queen Anne, wife of James I. In the twenty second year of her age she died at Gravesend, while preparing to revisit her native country and was buried near this spot on March 21st 1617".

(**SOURCE:** "Family Tree Magazine" (December 1995) submitted by Mr R.F. Bill, Harlow, Essex)

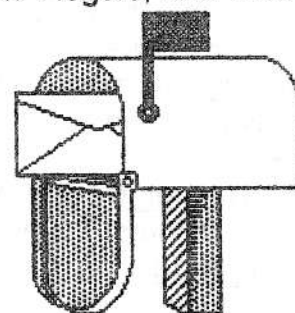
CAN ANYONE HELP, PLEASE?

In about 1820, a Mr **Charles Lamb** was due to go to South Africa and Thomas Berrington, of London was due to settle in Australia. At the last moment the two exchanged tickets and Thomas Berrington, my ancestor, ended up in South Africa. I would love to make contact with anyone who is connected to this Charles Lamb.

Does anyone know of **Benjamin Biggs**, son of James Biggs and Sarah Trotter, who settled in Australia? He was born on 10 July 1828, Ross, Hereford or Hertfordshire. His two older brothers settled in South Africa. His sister, Sarah Trotter Biggs, married a Mr Rogers, who was the mayor of Ross. Benjamin's eldest brother Ebenezer is my great great grandfather and I would love to make contact with any of Benjamin's descendents.

CONTACT:

Joan Hope
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Mackay Mail Centre 4741



Recent Acquisitions to our Library

1. Old Age Pension Applications for Queensland for 1902 on fiche. Lists the names of those applied for the pension. These individuals had to be 65 years or older, have no means of support and provide a character reference.

IRISH LAWS OF GENEALOGY



The records you need for your family history were in the county record office that burned.

James, the son of Robert, the immigrant who your relatives claim as a immigrant ancestor, died on board ship at the age of five.

The public ceremony in which your idstinguished ancestor participater when the platform underhim collapsed, turned out to be a hanging.

Records show that the grandfather,w hom the family boasted "He read the Bible at four years and graduated from college at sixteen" was at the foot of his class.

Your grandmother's maiden name, for which you have searched for years, was on an old letter in a box at the back of the cupboard all the time.

When at last you have solved the mystery of the skeleton in the closet, the tight-lipped spinster aunt claimed, "I could have toldyou that all the time."

You never asked your father about his family because you weren't interested in genealogy while he was alive.

The family story your grandmother wrote for the family, never got past the typist. She packed it away "somewhere" and promised to send a copy, but never did.

The relative who had all the family photographs gave them to her daughter who had no interest in genealogy and threw them out.

A great-uncle changed his surname because he was the black sheep. He moved away, left no address, and was never heard from again.

Brittle old letters containing the information you desired have fallen apart at the fold or have yellow sticky tape on the names and dates and places.

The only record you find for your great grandfather is that his property was sold at a bailiffs sale for insolvency.

The portion of the index you need is continued in the next issue, only the publisher died prior to publication.

When you find the obituary foryou grandmother the information is garbled. He name is exchanged with he daughter's, the whereabouts of her sons is unknown, the date for her father's birth indicates he was younger than she.

The only surname not found among the three billion in the Mormon Archivesis yours.

The Register sends you a negative reply, having just been insulted by a creep calling himself a genealogist.

The 4-volume, 4 800 page history of the town where your great grandfather lived is not indexed.

"A miser is hard to live with, but makes a fine ancestor."

(SOURCE: "From the President's Desk", Genealogical Society of South Africa (Dec 1995)

MONTHLY MEETINGS are held at 7:30pm on the first Wednesday of the month in Room 10C at the Mackay State High School in Milton Street. (Room 10C is on the ground floor of the second building to the south of the staff car park). The next meeting will be held on April 3rd. Bruce Lees will be our guest speaker, so come prepared with war memorabilia and questions relating to Australians in war.

THE GENEALOGICAL LIBRARY is in the Reading Room of the North Mackay Library, Ungerer Street. This is open to the public daily from 9:30am to 5:30pm and to 8:00pm on Thursdays, and Saturdays from 9:00am to 1:00pm.

RESEARCH ASSISTANCE is available in this library from 9:30am to 12noon and from 1:00pm to 3:00pm on weekdays and on most Thursday evenings and Saturday mornings. For alternate arrangements, please telephone Margaret O'Brien (575 819).

THE MACKAY LDS FAMILY HISTORY CENTRE is within the church on the corner of McGinn and Field Streets. It is open to all from 9:30 to 2:30pm on Tuesdays and 10:00am to 2:30pm on Wednesdays and Wednesday evenings from 6:00 to 9:00pm. It is closed during school holidays and on public holidays.

MONTHLY NEWSLETTERS are available at meetings and thereafter in the cupboard in the Genie room at the North Mackay Library. A donation of 50c would be appreciated for each copy.

NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS will be gratefully accepted. For publication in the next newsletter articles are to be submitted three weeks before the next meeting. Submissions can be mailed to Joan Hope, Box 6657, Mackay Mail Centre, 4741 or left in the "Letterbox" drawer in the Genie Room, labelled "Genie Gossip Editor".

MEMBER'S INTEREST DIRECTORY

The member's Interest Directory for the Mackay Branch compiled by Gerry Woodruff (Telephone 551038) is now available. A donation of \$2 will be gratefully accepted to cover printing costs.

AVAILABLE FOR HIRE

GSQ members may hire fiche and a fiche-reader for \$5.00 over a weekend. Contact Jean Turvey for more details.

LOANS BOX is in the Genie Room and contains books, periodicals and back issues of the "Generation". These items are available for loan to **members only**. All borrowings MUST be recorded in the book provided.

SALES ITEMS, include foreign currency and postage stamps, pedigree charts, family group sheets and other stationery items used in genealogical research are available from the Sales Officer or the Research Assistant on duty in the Genie Room.

MEMBERSHIP of the Genealogical Society of Queensland, of which our group is a branch, is \$35.00 per annum for an individual and \$50.00 for a family membership. These amounts do not include a once-only joining fee of \$10.00. Membership forms are available in the Genealogical Library. Dues are to be paid to the Genealogical Society of Queensland, Box 8423, Woolloongabba, Qld, 4102. Membership benefits include five hours free research per year, subscription to "Generation", one free 60-word research inquiry and a fifteen-name research interest advertisement per year.

"GENERATION", is the quarterly journal for financial members is distributed at monthly meetings and thereafter held in the cupboard in the Genie room at the North Mackay Library. Journals are bulk-mailed to the branch and not to individual members.