

# Mackay Genie Gossip

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## The Mackay Maltese Festival

The Mackay Maltese Festival will be held from Tuesday 30 April to Monday 6th May 1996. Programmes are available from the City and North Mackay Libraries. The Official Opening of the Festival and Launch of the Historical and Photographic Exhibition will be held at the the Mackay City Library on 30th April at 7pm. Everyone is welcome and tickets are available from the Entertainment Centre.

Recently the exhibition "Our Shared Heritage" was displayed at the State Library in Brisbane for six weeks and received excellent reviews. After the 1996 festival, the exhibition will travel to Sydney and Melbourne before being displayed in Malta.

The exhibition highlights local Maltese family history charts and major community events together with photographs depicting the hardships experienced by the local pioneers.

For further information contact Laraine Schembri, MS 656, Mackay, 4740 or telephone 598 224

## 1996 Calendar of Events

### 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 from Mormon Library  
21 Trash & Treasure

### October

- 2 Bring & Brag

### November

- 6 Fashion Through the Ages

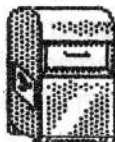
### December

- Christmas Party

## April Fool's Day

"Fooling" at this time of the year can be traced back to remote times. In France a fool, being "as stupid as a fish", is called an "April fish". The first fools were "April fish" because they continued to celebrate New Year on April 1st, the old New Year's Day, when the day had been changed to January 1st.

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



**Have you seen  
the  
1996 GRD?  
It's out now!!**

# Henry James Wallace

Henry (Harry) James Wallace was born at Ballycourcy, Co. Wexford, Ireland, on 2 August 1847 and was baptised at St Mary's Church of Ireland Enniscorthy on 22 October. He was 10th of 13 children born to William James Wallace and Anne Hawkins.

After the death of his father in 1859, Harry moved with his mother and siblings to Bath in Somerset, then to London. His older brother, John Thornhill James Wallace, had gone to Queensland several years before and Harry was desperate to follow him, so at the age of 18, he left London in November 1865 on the sailing ship "Legion of Honour" which reached Moreton Bay in February 1866.

Harry worked as a sawyer on Waverley Station near St Lawrence while his brother was publican of a hotel on the Connors Range. When Thornhill moved to his own property Killarney Station (also on the Connors Range), Harry went with him. He then moved on to manage Lake Elphinstone Station.

While working at Waverley Station, Harry had met Christina Myddleton, the second daughter of Henry Myddleton and Christina Fraser, of Victoria. They married in Mackay on 9th September 1875, and had six children, William Arthur (born in 1876), Alfred (Fred) Henry (born in 1878 at Lake Elphinstone), Allan Francis (born in 1879 and died at the age of 5 from diphtheria), Linda Elizabeth (born in 1881), Laurence Richard (born in 1883), and John Thornhill (born in 1884).

Harry and Christina settled in Mackay in 1879 and Harry became an auctioneer and commission agent. The auctions mainly comprised of horses and cattle, and Harry also ran coaches to the gold diggings at Mt Lansborough and Nebo. The firm became known as Wallace & Myddleton in 1881 when Harry was joined by his brother in law, Frank Myddleton. In 1883, Frank Myddleton, was replaced by another brother-in-law, Henry Lindesay Black and the firm then became known as Wallace & Black. (See Issue 76 of the "Mackay Genie Gossip" where Henry L. Black married Christina's sister, Jean Myddleton) Due to ill health, Henry Wallace retired from the partnership in 1885.

At the beginning of 1887, Harry was found to have TB and was given only a few months to live. However on 3 February 1887, Harry and Christina set forth for St. Lawrence in a buggy drawn by two horses. It is believed that the regular coach driver was ill, and Christina insisted on accompanying her husband. They camped on the banks of the flooded Marion Creek at Ilbilbie for several hours, and when they thought the waters had sufficiently subsided, they attempted a crossing, but the horses lost their footing and the buggy was swept away uncontrollably. Harry and Christina were drowned, but their passenger, Archibald McInnes, survived.

Their two eldest children, Arthur and Fred, stayed in Mackay, while the youngest three, Linda, Laurence and Jack, were sent to England and reared by aunts. Some of them never saw each other again. Harry and Christina's grave is at Ilbilbie near Marion Creek and was restored a few years ago by their descendants.

Fred Wallace was brought up by his uncle and aunt, Henry and Jean Black, but did not follow his father into real estate. He married Elizabeth Emily Russ, daughter of Stephen and Mary Russ of Uruba, and after cane farming in the Pioneer valley, moved south to Palmwoods and Nambour, later returning to Mackay. Their second son, Stewart Thornhill Wallace, joined the firm of Henry L. Black in 1936, followed by his son Stewart Ross Wallace in 1954. Ross Wallace is currently a director of Blacks Real Estate, Mackay, and his son, David Alan Wallace, commenced employment there in 1991 where he is now a salesman.

Henry Wallace's descendants are now scattered all around the world - in the state of Queensland, New South Wales, Victoria and Western Australia, in England, Scotland and Wales, on the Isle of Man, and also in Canada and Spain. A very successful Wallace Reunion was held in Mackay in 1985 for the descendants of Henry James Wallace and John Thornhill James Wallace.

## General Information

### DESKTOP PUBLISHING FOR GENIE'S

Grendon Design Services can print your family tree information into a range of charts and reports, in a variety of colours and sizes to suit your needs.

If you have a computer, simply send a GEDCOM file or a REUNION transfer file of your family history on disk and they'll do the rest. Prices start at \$60, depending on the format and quantity required.

If you don't have a computer, they can input your information for you and supply you with a printed copy and a GEDCOM file on disk which you can use later or they can update as you research further.

They also scan your family photographs, in both black and white and colour, and include them in the dependency print-out or supply them on disk in the format you require. Both IBM and Macintosh. Prices start at \$10 per 6"x4" photograph and includes the cost of the disk. Another option is to ask your developer to have your photographs put onto a Kodak Photo CD.

For further information contact Ron at Grendon Design Services (079) 52 4415 (Ph/Fax), or at 40 Marlborough Str, Planlands, Mackay.

### Recent Acquisitions

The North Mackay Library has the following books in its reference section:

1. Latest edition of Australian Who's Who (This is a great resource if you have someone in your family who has accomplished some great achievements. I even found two of my distant cousins mentioned, and 99% of my research isn't even in Australia)
2. 1995 edition of Debrett's Peerage and Baronetage (This is a valuable resource if you are somehow connected to a baron, earl, baronet, marquis, duke, viscount or any other aristocratic family. I have several such connections and find it a valuable resource to catch up on the hatchings, matchings and dispatchings of distant relatives. This book is only published every five years and only lists living descendants born with the family name.)

-Editor

### Have you ever wanted to do an oral history, but lacked confidence?

A new workbook is available for all those interested in doing an oral interview, particularly for people who have never done one before. The OPROH (Ordinary People Recording Oral History) Interview Workbook is not available in book stores. It gives full details of how to capture startling family histories from your experienced family members and preserve them permanently. Each book is \$49, plus \$6 postage and is available from Rationale Pty Ltd, PO Box 414, Indooroopilly, Qld 4068.

### STRANGE BUT TRUE.....

In Charles Dickens' "Great Expectations", a major character is Miss Havisham who lives in a room of cobwebs that has remained untouched since she was jilted on her wedding day. Miss Havisham was based on the true story of Eliza Donnithorne who lived at Newtown, Sydney in a house called "Cambridge Hall". She lived as a recluse after having been jilted, and the room containing the wedding breakfast was left untouched until after her death 40 years later in 1888. Miss Donnithorne never left the house in the whole of that 40 years.

(SOURCE: "Redcliffe & District Family History Group Newsletter" March 1996)

## *Bits 'n Pieces from Mackay*

### **Did you know?**

The Genie Gossip will be published bi-monthly as from next issue. It was decided at the last meeting, that this would

1. make the editor's job easier
2. reduce stress on already strained finances

The next issue will be the May/June issue and will hopefully be available at the June meeting.

### **Mackay Central State School's 125th Anniversary Celebrations:**

Past and present pupils, parents and teachers are invited to attend the 125th anniversary of the Mackay Central State School, which was previously known as the Mackay Boys and Girls School and the Intermediate School. The celebrations are scheduled for the week-end of 12th and 13th October 1996 and will take the format of a fete and reunion to be held at the school from 9am to 3pm on Saturday, 12th October. There will be a roll call with the oldest student present cutting the cake and a memorabilia display. This will be followed by a dinner dance at the North Mackay Bowls club at an approximate cost of \$27.50 per head. On Sunday at 9am, a recovery brunch will be held at the school. Please contact the school if you plan to attend any of these events, this will assist with catering arrangements.

Celebratory calendars are on sale from the school for \$3.00 and tickets for the dinner dance will be available soon. A celebratory cook book and year book will also be published. The school is calling for photographs and memorabilia that can be published in the book. All items will be returned. Pages of the year book can be sponsored for a cost of \$20 per page. For further information contact the school by telephone (079) 57 4944, fax (079) 578082, mail (Box 5335, Mackay 4740) or in person in Alfred Street, Mackay.

## *Bits 'n Pieces from around Queensland*

### **Are you a descendent of Major Mitchell?**

The town of Mitchell in outback Queensland is looking for descendents of of Sir Thomas Mitchell for its Mitchel Muster in May. The town is planning the 150th anniversary celebration of explorer Sir Thomas Mitchell's epic journey of discovery through the region. Organisers have tried unsuccessfully to trace his descendents, even though he and his wife, Mary had 12 children. Only four of these children produced families and only one line of the family stayed in Australia. Apart from the little Queensland town, Major Mitchell gave his name to the Major Mitchell Cockatoo, Mitchell Grass and various rivers, highways and mountains. The muster runs from May 18-19. Contact Sally Cripps, PO Box 42, Mitchell, Qld, 4465 or telephone (076) 575 955.

### **Genealogical Holidays In Hervey Bay**

Australia's Immigration & Family History Centre now have two and three day genealogical package holidays to Hervey Bay. These packages include consultations with Janet Reakes, escorted visit and assistance to LDS records, microfiche photocopying to value of \$10 and computer access. Tours of local attractions such as whale watching, coral viewing and Fraser Island trips can be included. Telephone/Fax (071)28 4458 or write to Box 937, Hervey Bay, Qld 4655 for more information.

### **A PUZZLING PROBLEM**

"What relation is that gentleman to you?" said one lady to another.

"His mother was my mother's only child" replied the other.

What was their relationship?

ANSWER: Mother and Son

(SOURCE: "James Hunter's Book of Indoor Entertainments" (1935))

## *Bits 'n Pieces from around Australia*

### **Do you ever need research done in New South Wales?**

Don't forget that the research officer in New South Wales for GSQ members is Mrs Joan Reese, 76 Hobart Street, St Mary's, NSW, 2760. Please send a stamped self-addressed envelope plus \$5.00 and your membership number with your request. Now that is cheap research, and even cheaper than a trip down yourself.

(SOURCE: Capricorn Connections", Volume 8, No. 6. March 1996)

### **A New Newsletter for Historians**

The idea for "The Annalist" came from a group of Local and Family History students at the University of New England, Armidale, NSW. These courses are available by correspondence at the Associate Diploma and the Graduate Diploma level.

It is a quarterly newsletter that provides a valuable and welcome source for sharing ideas and information for family, local and specialist historians. Subscribers, with a wide range of interests and skills, come from throughout Australia which allows researchers a wide scope for sharing ideas and sourcing information through the networking columns of the "The Annalist".

Each edition of "The Annalist" also includes articles such as book reviews, items of historical interest, details of workshops, help for those working on family reunions and how to source records. Contributions to "The Annalist" are welcomed.

The joint editors of "The Annalist" are Ronelle and Barry Blair, keen local and family historians. Barry is a former editor of the Canberra and District Historical Society Newsletter and noted oral historian.

The annual subscription for the newsletter is \$10.00 and is available by writing to "The Annalist", 5 Dekalb Street, Tamworth, NSW, 2340 or telephone (067)664140

## *Bits 'n Pieces from around the World*

### **Welsh Patagonian Oral History Project**

Ms Peta Roberts, author of the recent genealogical index on the Welsh of Patagonia, is jointly undertaking an oral history project with Dr Michele Langfield, an historian from Deakin University in Victoria. They will record and publish the oral histories and family connections of those Welsh Patagonians who came to Australia, and Deakin University is funding the project. If you are a Welsh patagonian, are tracking down or know of your Welsh patagonian "Australian connections" you are welcome to participate in or inquire about the project. You are invited to contact them:

Peta Roberts, PO Box E60, Queen Victoria Terrace, ACT 2600

Phone/Fax: (06) 2824050

e-mail to: [epicon@ozemail.com.au](mailto:epicon@ozemail.com.au)

**OR:**

Michele Langfield, 72 Freeman Str, North Fitzroy, Victoria, 3068

Phone/Fax: (03)948 10443



### **Money order versus Bank Drafts**

Money orders are cheaper, costing \$6 to send a money order the USA against \$10 for a bank draft.

(SOURCE: Western Connections", No. 42, March 1996)

**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 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.

**BI-MONTHLY NEWSLETTERS** are available at meetings and thereafter in the cupboard in the Genie room at the North Mackay Library at the cost of 50c each.

**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.

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### **MEET A MEMBER.....Betty McGowan**

My name is Betty McGowan. I have been married to John for 35 years and I have one daughter, Elizabeth Anne.

My interest in genealogy has only been quite recent. Four or five years ago, I was given my great grandparents birth, death and marriage certificates. When I asked my father about his paternal family he said that his father had died just before he was born and that he knew nothing about them.

I referred to the genealogical resources at the North Mackay Library, where I very soon found out that my paternal grandfather had eleven brothers and sisters, so hence my family tree began. Sadly my father died before I was able to tell him this information. As they were a large family tracing each member is quite a challenge.

Basically my paternal great-great-grandparents came from England and Germany arriving here in 1863 aboard the "Cesar Godeffroy" and settled in the Rockhampton district. As they were shepherds, they took up farming on a 642 acre block at Lion Mountain near Ridglands, Rockhampton.

My maternal ancestors were English and German, also arriving here in 1863 and settling in Rockhampton, having various occupations cum biscuit makers-hairdressers.

The names I am currently researching are Blind, Blocke, Burgess, Eyerton, Hinkel, Horger, Ladley, Nada, Roos, Simmy, Smith and Wilson.

I currently hold the position of Membership Officer in our local branch and would be very happy to help you should you want to become a member of our society. I may be contacted at 1 Tait Str, West Mackay, or telephone 575 485 for further information.

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## ANNUAL LIBRARY DISPLAY

Our genealogical display will be held at the Mackay City Library from 24th August to 7th September. We will put up the display from 12 noon on Saturday 24th August. All members are asked to think about contributing to some of the boards to help make it a great display. Some of the headings of the boards this year will be:

### **CONDUCTS:**

Please bring along anything relating to your convict ancestors.

### **SHIPPING:**

This relates to emigration from other countries. Anything to do with ships (photos welcome), shipping lists, reports of ship's journeys, etc.

### **EUROPEAN RESEARCH:**

This covers research from any European country - Italy, France, Malta, Germany, Sweden, Denmark, etc. Please bring lots as I hope this will cover 2 boards.

### **FAMILY TREES:**

Everyone likes to look at these, so please bring yours along.

### **OLD OCCUPATIONS:**

If your ancestor had an occupation which was different or doesn't exist now, write a story about him, illustrated with photos or photocopies from a book. Family Tree Magazine has run an excellent series of articles on old occupations.

### **OLD DOCUMENTS & CERTIFICATES:**

Any old interesting certificates (birth, death and marriage or whatever) or documents (letters, war citations, naturalisation certificates, etc).

### **CHILDREN:**

This will be a board just of photos, so bring all your old photos of children. Don't forget to print the names, dates and places.

### **CEMETERIES:**

Please bring photos of tombstones, written inscriptions, anything funny or interesting pertaining to cemeteries.

Also, don't forget the lock-up glass display cabinets where you can display all sorts of memorabilia which belonged to ancestors, eg. silver or crockery, diaries, jewellery, old tools, clothing (small) or anything at all. Please say what they are!!

Your input and ideas are always welcome, so please ring me on 421 224 if you would like to include anything else. Perhaps you would like to take up a whole board for one family. Let me know as soon as possible.

**(SUBMITTED BY:** Judy Wallace, Display Co-ordinator)

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# The Story of Mary Ann Morris (nee Ruddell)

Mary Ann Ruddell was the eldest child of three children born to **William Ruddell**, a linen weaver, and **Ann Eliza Hanney**. She was born on 14th October 1858 in **Lurgan, County Armagh, Ireland**. Her brother **Thomas James Ruddell** was born on the 4th January 1865 and her baby sister, **Elizabeth Ruddell** was born in 1866, at Belfast, just seventeen miles up the road from Lurgan.

Mary Ann's mother died not long after Elizabeth was born. As seven-year old Mary Ann was the eldest, she had to help her father raise the two children, which left her with the cooking, washing and looking after a baby for two years. On the 13th July 1868, her father remarried in Lurgan. Mary-Ann's new step-mother was **Elizabeth Anderson** of County Armagh. As new step-brothers and sisters arrived, Mary Ann decided she did not want to look after her brothers and sisters all her life and wanted something better for her herself. She left London on the 2nd December 1873 for Warwick, Queensland to be with her aunt, **Eliza Mogridge (nee Ruddell)**. She arrived in Brisbane on 5th March 1874 on the "Star Queen". She was fifteen years old and had come by "Free Passage".

When she went to live with her Aunt Eliza in Warwick, she was expected to work in their soap factory or cordial business. However, that wasn't what Mary Ann was wanting to do. An alternate option was to be housemaid to Aunt Eliza, her husband, **Thomas Mogridge** and their three children. She would be able to earn her keep, but she was not too agog about that idea either. When she met **Henry Morris**, a horse breaker and drover, she fell in love and married him. Seventeen-year old Mary Ann and 24-year old Henry were married at her Aunt and Uncle's home in Warwick, according to the rites of the Wesleyan Methodist Church.

After the wedding they settled in **South Toolburra, Killarney**, at a diminutive place where she used to ride side-saddle to town with cheese and butter to be sold. Mary Ann always had plenty of pride and dignity about her and she would change into her best clothes, which included her hat and gloves, when she arrived in town to sell her dairy products.

Mary Ann and Henry Morris had a productive marriage as far as children were concerned, bearing eleven children. All but one of these lived to a ripe old age. Little **Thomas James Morris**, who was born in 1885, was scalded and died of complications soon afterwards on 1st December 1886.

**Frances Cecilia Bridget Morris** was the second last child of Mary Ann and Henry, also the last one born at **Greymore Creek, South Toolburra, near Killarney**. They decided to load everything into a wagon and move to **Bundaberg**, where their youngest child was born on the 21st August 1898. This little boy was name **Richard Percy Morris**. After a spell they then moved to **Toowoomba** and later on to **Herries Street, East Toowoomba**. After settling down in Herries Street, Henry and Mary Ann named their home "Armagh" after the county in Ireland. After bearing eleven children, she told her husband "separate bedrooms from now on and no more children."

When Mary Ann and Henry's youngest child, **Richard Percy** was five years old, their eldest daughter gave birth to a daughter, out of wedlock, in Brisbane. Baby **Florence Gertrude (Pearl)** was taken in by her grandparents. Mary Ann must of had a heart of gold and plenty of courage, because when her second son, **Stephen Henry Morris's** spouse **Emily Maud Chase** died of typhoid fever on the 29th January 1916, Mary Ann took in four of the five motherless children. There were the twins, **Emily May** and **Maria Maud**, aged three years, six months; **Myrtle Olive**, aged two years, two months; **Kathleen Mary**, a new baby who died a couple months after her mother. The son, **Fred** went to live with his maternal grandparents. In 1911, before the birth of the twins, **Stephen** and **Emily** lost a little girl.

Mary Ann Morris was regularly helping to bring babies into the world in **South Toolburra** and was known as a midwife with plenty of practice. In those days if your baby was ready to be born, someone stood outside the house with the lamp up in the air for the neighbour's wife to help with the birth. Consequently Mary Ann's experience was welcomed in **Toowoomba**. After twenty years partice in midwifery, she hung a sign on the front gate "Nurse Morris" and became friendly with the two doctors, **Alec and David Horn**. They highly regarded and respected Mary Ann and Henry Morris.



The house in Herries Steet had ten bedrooms and most of Mary Ann and Henry's children were marrying and moving away to look for work. At this time, she turned her home into a private Nursing Home, mainly for maternity cases. In those days when you gave birth you stayed in hospital for 10-12 days. If the Wilga Private Hospital was full, it was not unusual for Mary Ann's colossal scrubbed-down kitchen table to be used for a tonsil or appendix operation.

Mary Ann's second eldest daughter, Beatrice and young Frances went nursing at the hospital and later helped Mary Ann at her maternity Nursing Home. Beatrice later married **Ruben Curren**, and Frances continued to nurse until she got married in Mackay in 1932. In 1913, a law was brought in that all nurses must be registered, so **Dr Alex Horn** made sure that Mary Ann was registered. On 1st February 1913 she sat for her exam.

The Morris home was run very strictly. You always gave Sunday to the Lord, by going to Sunday School, then to St. Stephens church where you sat in the Morris pew. When you arrived home you read the Bible, and definitely did no housework or washing. Mary Ann educated herself with the Bible. She could read and write a little when she immigrated and brought a family Bible with her which she read every day. She educated herself quite well this way. She expected everyone else to live by the Bible and if not, you were shown the door. Men always wore a suit and coat with long trousers at meal times. Invariably everyone had a white serviette and a silver serviette ring. Grace would be said before anyone ate and when you were finished eating you would wait until permission was given for you to leave the table. The children were expected to be well-behaved and quiet, as you can imagine it did not always work.

World War I broke out and James Ruddel Morris, the second youngest son, joined the army and went overseas, but he was fortuitous and returned home unscathed. His cousin, **Norman Lesley Elliott**, son of Mary Ann's step sister Cecilia Jane, died in France in 1917. James and Lesley were good mates, as well as cousins.

Mary Ann's eldest child, **William Morris** married **Caroline Kreis**. The couple lived in Phillip Street, Toowoomba, around the corner from his parents. He was always a welcome visitor to his parents' home.

Harvey was sent away from home at the age of fourteen. He worked at the winery and consequently learnt to drink strong drink. His mother gave him a Bible and a swag and sent him on his way. He mainly worked on cattle stations, but never gave up alcohol. He died a bachelor at the age of eighty-one and is buried with his mother.

Mary Ann's husband, Henry, was a very composed gentleman, who was dominated by his wife. He died in 1919 of the plague, however his death certificate states that he died of influenza. His widow was able to support herself with the hospital and never wanted for anything. Her son, Stephen always helped her with money when needed for the girls' keep and other expenses.

The War finished in 1918, and was followed by the depression. Things slowly began to be too much for the aging Mary Ann, when Dr. Horn advised her to sell and move to a more temperate climate. The Toowoomba winters were taking their toll on Mary Ann's health. She also suffered from agina. Unfortunately, the prices of homes had fallen by this time.

In 1927, Stephen came to Mackay, to join his brother, **Richard Percy Morris** and his wife. Stephen found work and Mary Ann, her daughter, Frances and Stephen's three daughters arrived in Mackay later the same year. They first lived with Percy and later rented a house in Moore Street, a comely old home which was still standing in 1995. They later moved to Sophia Street, where Frances Cecilia was married from in 1932. Other Mackay homes that Mary Ann lived in included a house in Macalister Street, and finally in 87 Wood Street, where she spent her final years.

Her daughter **Beatrice Curren**, had a shroud made for her birthday. Everyone was aghast, but Mary Ann was delighted. In her final days she attempted to contact two of her sons, **Thomas Joseph** and **Harry Morris**. Even the police failed to locate Tom, but Harry wrote a letter to his dying mother and she died sanguine. She died on the 25th May 1944 at the age of eighty six. Naturally, Mary Ann was ready for the Lord when her time came. She had lived to be an octogenarian (eighty six years) along with her eldest son, **William** (eight two years), eldest daughter, **Mary Elizabeth Smith** (eighty seven years) and **Harry** (eighty one years).

**(SUBMITTED BY: Joyce Jensen, granddaughter of Mary Ann Morris.**  
For further information telephone 598 119)

## *Bits'n Pieces from Mackay*

### **A ANZAC MESSAGE FROM OUR ONLY SURVIVING WORLD WAR I VETERAN:**

On 25th April 1996 Jim Mitchell, made the following statement at the ANZAC Day Service:

***"Many parts of the world are virtually unliveable because of current and threatened wars in insurrection (Middle East, Africa, Pakistan, China and others), but we in Australia are presently free because of the sacrifices made by our soldiers, sailors, airmen and women in the services who were willing to offer their lives to save their kith and kin.***

***On this ANZAC day (the 80th anniversary) we hereby honour all those who risked their lives and suffered severely that we may live free of enemy invasion or war within.***

***Our losses of young lives in Wars will be vividly and sadly remembered by many Australians today. We salute them all and pray that their sacrifices may not be in vain.."***

**(SUBMITTED BY: Laraine Schembri)**

## *Bits'n Pieces for Australian Research*

### **JANET REAKES IS ON-LINE:**

Janet's e-mail addresses are [jreakes@peg.apc.org](mailto:jreakes@peg.apc.org) or [janetreakes@peg.apc.org](mailto:janetreakes@peg.apc.org). You can also visit her internet site:

<http://www.peg.apc.org/-frasertravel/hervey/family/family.htm>

### **BIRTH DEATH & MARRIAGE INDEXES UPDATE:**

**QUEENSLAND** Birth indexes are available to 1914. Marriage and death indexes are available to 1919, and by the end of 1996, these will be available to 1929.

**NEW SOUTH WALES** The Pioneer Index covers the years 1788-1888. The Federal Index covers the years 1889-1918. The "Between the Wars Index" covers the marriages and deaths from 1919-1945.

**VICTORIA** The Pioneer Index goes up to 1888. From 1889-1895 it is a year by year index. 1896-1913 index is in a consolidated format. Marriages between 1914 and 1930, and deaths from 1914 to 1980 are also available.

**WESTERN AUSTRALIA** The Pioneer Index covers the years 1841-1905. Deaths to 1980 and marriages to 1965 are also available.

**TASMANIA** The Pioneer Index covers the period 1803-1899. Deaths and marriages to 1914 are also available.

**SOUTH AUSTRALIA** Birth, deaths and marriages are available until 1907. Their Pioneer Index is under way.

**SOURCE:** Janet Reakes

### **TIGHT NEW CONTROLS FOR REGISTRY OF BIRTHS, DEATHS & MARRIAGES:**

Due to fake identity scams, the Queensland government now requires proof of identity when certificates are being issued. Applicants are expected to establish their entitlement to the certificate and produce proof of identity, as well as state the reason for requesting the certificate.

The fee for either a certified copy or a short extract of the birth certificate is \$20.50. For Mackay births, the certificate will be available after 2:00pm the next working day. According to Janet Reakes these new controls only apply to certificates of living people, and genealogists should still be able to obtain dead ancestor's certificates without too much inconvenience.

## *Bits'n Pieces for Overseas Research*

### **SCOTTISH NAMES RESEARCH BOOK:**

The Clan Fraser Society of Australia (Old Branch) is compiling a research book which will be available in February 1997, which lists Scottish people being researched. It does not matter where the person being researched, was born, as long as their name is Scottish. There is no cost to submit names, nor is there a limit on the number of entries per person. If you wish to submit names (a form can be copied from the Genie Library), contact the society by writing to them at P.O. Box 636, Cooroy, Qld, 4563 or telephone (074) 42 6314. The 1996 Scottish Names Research Book is now available for the cost of \$23.00, which includes postage and handling, or else a 3.5 computer disc with the information can be purchased for \$15.00 or 5.25 computer disc for \$17.50 per copy. The disc can be purchased in Works Spreadsheet, Works Document and DOS text.

## **TRACING YOUR MALTESE ANCESTORS**

Malta has had more than its fair share of foreign occupation, due to its strategic position and being on a major trade route. It has been occupied over the centuries by the Phoenicians, Greeks, Carthaginians, Romans, Saracens, Byzantines, Arabs, Normans, Franks, Knights of Malta, French and British. In 1964 Malta declared its independence and became a republic in 1974.

Civil registration commenced in 1863 and the records for the island of Malta can be found in the Public Registry Office (L'Insinwa) in Valletta and Victoria, Gozo for the island of Gozo.

The Church registers for the Cathedral in Valletta dates back to 1537 and the various parishes date back to about 1550. Some are partially or wholly missing as a result of the bombing during World War II (1939-1945).

The first census was held in 1842, followed by a second in 1851 and then every ten years until 1931. Additional censuses have been held in 1948, 1957, 1967, 1977 and 1987. The returns are open for inspection in the Public Library in Valletta and in Victoria, Gozo.

Prior to 1863, it was not essential to deposit a will, however some wills dating back to the 14th century are in the respective island Public Registry Offices. Wills since 1863 are held in the Civil Courts of both islands.

Joseph Borg, a professional genealogist in Malta, can research your family for AU\$280, which includes all the postage and printing. All that is required is a definite lead about your ancestor, eg. a marriage or birth certificate, or even an old passport. Most families can be traced to the early 1600's and sometimes earlier. A Bonello family was traced to 1544, 21 years before the Great Siege of Malta of 1565! Research is usually completed within three months and then the family tree is laser printed onto parchment paper and mailed to you in a PostPak tube. You only pay after the work is completed, not before.

For more details send a SSRE to Godfrey Sultana, 2 Leura Place, Prospect, NSW, 2149 or telephone or fax (02) 622-1197. Laraine Schembri, M/S 656, Trevaskis Rd, Mackay (Tel: 598 224) can also help.

**(SUBMITTED BY:** Helen Butler)

**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 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 Wednesdays and Wednesday evenings from 6:00 to 9:00pm. It is closed during school holidays and on public holidays.

**BI-MONTHLY NEWSLETTERS** are available at meetings and thereafter in the cupboard in the Genie room at the North Mackay Library at the cost of 50c each.

**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.

### **1996 Calendar of Events**

#### **August**

7 Annual General Meeting  
Bring yourself!!

24 Library display erected

#### **September**

4 Guest speaker from Mormon Library

21 Trash & Treasure

#### **October**

2 Bring & Brag

#### **November**

6 Fashion Through the Ages

#### **December**

4 Christmas Party

### **BIG mistake!!**

The last edition of the  
**"Mackay Genie Gossip"**  
was  
**incorrectly numbered.**

Please correct your copy.  
It should read:  
**Issue number 81.**

My apologies.....Ed.

# Mackay Genie Gossip



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## LOCAL NEWS

### Team for 1996/97

Our Annual General Meeting for this year has again been and gone. The new team elected to office at that meeting on 07 August is:

President:	Denise Neville
Vice President:	Warren Pitt
Secretary:	Jean Turvey
Treasurer:	Yvonne Peberdy
Publicity Officer:	Kathy Mian
Research Officer:	Jenny Pershouse
Sales Officer:	Christine Crichton
Catering Officer:	Gary O'Shea
Fund Raisers:	Mavis Sheedy, Adelaide Grendon
Membership Officer:	Jenny Pershouse
Displays Officer:	Judy Wallace
Library Committee:	Carolann Hill, Jenny Pershouse, Judy Wallace Val Pollitt

Jean Turvey remains Indexing Co-ordinator for yet another year, and is confident that all current projects will be finished by the end of the year. This will allow us to start casting around for some new and exciting material to begin indexing in the new year.

Many on the team are carrying-on in their positions from last year, but there are some changes to the team and it is good to see newer members becoming involved. Thanks to all those who have accepted positions for the coming year.

HOWEVER ... as yet, no one has put their hand up to do the newsletter. As might be apparent to some members (from the dated banner), an old war horse, long since retired from the job, is filling the gap on this occasion just to ensure we once again have something to read - BUT IT IS NOT AN ONGOING ARRANGEMENT. Is there a someone out there - or better still, a couple or group of 'someones' - willing to produce our newsletter. Perhaps there is a member who is prepared to wordprocess it, if another one or two (or group) of members compile the contents. The secretary would love to hear from you if you are interested in being involved.

### Trash & Treasure

Our annual Trash & Treasure stall will be at the showgrounds on 21 September. Any donations may be delivered to Mavis Sheedy at 12 MacArthur Street at any time before then. Mavis is currently selling material from her house on an ongoing basis as it arrives, so an early delivery of anything you might be planning to donate will not create a problem.

## Make a Note ...

### Queensland Certificates

There has been a price increase in the cost of post-1890 Queensland certificates. Birth, death and marriage certificates obtained from the Queensland Registrar-General's Office will now cost \$21. This is an increase of 50¢ on the previous cost. Copies of pre-1890 certificates purchased from the State Archives remain at the same price of \$17.50 if the reference is supplied. Don't forget, you will be asked to supply proof of identity if purchasing a copy of a certificate from the Registrar-General's Office.

### UK Postage

There has been an increase in UK postal charges. You will now need to add an extra 2 pence to the postal charges which have risen from 41p to 43p. If enclosing stamps rather than IRCs with your letters to the UK, you might consider a more positive approach and send a 60p stamp as the 43p stamp really only covers the postage on about one piece of paper. Some overseas stamps are available from the Sales Officer.

### LDS Opening Times

For those who have not yet caught up with the change, the Family History Centre at the Mackay LDS Church now opens on Tuesday evenings and not on Wednesday evenings as in the past. It continues to be open to the public during the day on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. All times remain unchanged, including Tuesday evenings when it opens from 6.00pm to 9.00pm and, as before, the centre will be closed during school holidays.

### Australasian Women's Pioneer Society

[Gender equity advocates go directly to the next paragraph, please!]  
The above society was founded in 1929 to bring together the female descendants of the early pioneers. Full membership is open to women whose ancestors arrived prior to 1839 (NSW and Tasmania), 1847 (Vic and SA), 1860 (Qld and WA), 1855 (NZ), 1857 (Norfolk Island), 1878 (Fiji) and 1888 (PNG and other Commonwealth territories). Associate membership is also available to women whose ancestors arrived in any of the above before 31 December 1901. The Society hold much genealogical information as a result of prospective members having to prove their right to admission. Many historically significant items are also held. For details phone (02) 223 2380, Tuesdays to Thursdays (10.30am to 3.00pm). [Descent Vol.26 No.2]

### British in India

A new society, with its own quarterly magazine, has been formed to cater for those whose British ancestors were in India. The overseas subscription rate is £9. For further information send an SSAE to Paul Rowland, 2 South Farm Avenue, Harthill, Sheffield S31 8WY.

### South Australian Death Indexes

SA has now released on microfiche its death indexes for the period 1916-1970. The indexes give the full name of the deceased, a reference for the registration district (former arrangement of districts) where the death occurred, and the register volume and page number reference. Entries for the period 1916-1930 do not all give dates of death or references to the districts. These new indexes (122 fiche) are not yet available in our library - something to do with cash flow!

## DIGGING IN THE MACKAY CEMETERY

Following on from our successful cemetery walks, an approach was made by the Mackay City Council for our group to become involved in the possible establishment of a heritage walk through the old Mackay Cemetery in Holland Street. Preliminary discussions with the Parks and Gardens (and cemeteries) Section resulted in some lively discussion at one of our monthly meetings when a couple of Council employees who are intimately involved with Mackay's cemeteries came along as our guest speakers.

The project has progressed to become (almost) a reality. Council will undertake marking out the trail and will produce the associated brochure from the material provided by our group. This all sounds pretty straightforward but, in reality is proving to be something else.

The duo of Jean Turvey and Kathy Mian struck out with stout hearts, broad brimmed hats and a thermos of coffee to survey the cemetery (yes, once again) and determine which burials should be included. Criteria for inclusion was that the individual or family group had arrived in Mackay within the first 20 years of its establishment, and that the grave had a headstone - it's difficult to be impressed by a bare bit of dirt! Obviously, quite a substantial list could be produced on this criteria alone, but the further selection criteria that a reasonable amount of interesting information on the person or family should be available whittled the list down a bit. The intrepid duo now know the sections of the cemetery better than the foreman, can identify a pioneer's headstone from 50 paces, have developed an extensive collection of tombstone photography, and are now suffering eye-strain from researching so many pioneers!

Other considerations which might ultimately help refine the list include how accessible a grave is, and how its location fits in with the general flow of the trail.

Thanks to Jean and Kathy for undertaking what is proving to be a n extremely time consuming project, but one that helps lift our profile in the community.

The Council has also asked to be provided with some general information on the Mandarana Cemetery with a view to possibly erecting a plaque or similar at that location.

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## MANDARANA CHURCH & CEMETERY

On 01 January 1876, Robert Martin married Elizabeth Watt Pringle at the home of her brother at Wood Green near London. Robert brought his new bride home to his property at Mandarana near Mackay.

In the early 1880s, Mrs Elizabeth Martin, opened a South Sea Islander mission on the Martin property at Mandarana, and the mission continued to operate for quite some time.

She also commenced fundraising to build a church, and was assisted with her fundraising by her friend Helen (Nellie) Porter Mitchell who sang at a successful concert held in the old School of Arts in Wood Street, Mackay. Helen Mitchell became Mrs Nellie Armstrong in December 1882 and, 12 months later, in December 1883 she was confirmed at Holy Trinity Church before leaving Mackay the following

month to embark upon her world renowned career as Madame Melba.

In 1882 Mrs Martin donated land for the construction of a church and the blocks for the building, and construction commenced on the well-

designed St Peter's Church. It was a wooden building with hopper windows and contained a sanctuary and vestry. St Peter's Church was opened on Easter Day, 13 April 1884, by the Revd T Worthington. The chalice and paten were a gift from the former Rector, the Revd A Maclaren. The first children baptised in the church were Ronald Riseham and Mildred Ann Paterson. Times were hard and finance scarce during the church's first decade. Revd Worthington, who also served at Walkerston, left the district in 1888.



St Peter's was demolished by cyclone "Eline" on 18 February 1898. When Helen Armstrong (now Madame Melba) was told of the church's fate, she donated 20 guineas towards its restoration. Subsequent to the cyclone, Robert

Martin contracted pneumonia and died on 25 March 1898. He was buried under a gum tree on part of the land which had been given to the church, and which was to become the Mackay district's only church graveyard.

In the 1890s, the new Rector, Revd W Abel Turner, worked the parish unaided and fewer services were possible at St Peter's until the Revd G Dainty returned to the parish to help with country services. In 1910 the Rector of Pioneer Parish, Revd C L Bradley, was available to take church services at Mandarana.

The well-documented cyclone in January 1918, the worst then known in Australia, saw St Peter's once again damaged, but not as badly as it had been by cyclone "Eline". Again Madame Melba was advised of its fate, and again she donated 20 guineas towards restoration funds.

Mr Frank Martin, the son of Mr and Mrs Robert Martin, stored the windows from the church in a long pine box on a sheltered upstairs verandah of the family home until rebuilding the church began. This second generation Martin to be associated with St Peter's would faithfully carry the original chalice and paten (donated in 1884), safely packed in their special wooden box, to church with him as he rode there on horseback, and he continued to do so until the church was closed.

After 1918 the church services were mostly in the hands of the Curates who rode out from Mackay on push bikes, however, in the 1920s, Revds Campbell and Thorpe were occasionally able to borrow the newly acquired Holy Trinity Parish car to work the country churches such as St Peter's. Curates for the 1930s included Revd G J C Hepworth who rode a push bike to Mandarana, but took an evening job as an announcer with Radio 4MK until he was able to afford to buy a motor bike - which he named 'Rachael' because he had waited so long for it.

In 1938 St Peter's Committee joined the North Coast Church Council



and its delegates who attended meetings regularly were Messrs Robinson and Frank Martin. When funds were needed, dances were held at the Coningsby School and The Leap Hall. The North Coast Council's report of March 1948 states: "Mandarana mostly has small congregations, but she has the best collections in the North Coast".

Attendances at St Peter's had fallen until, in the words of the Rector, Archdeacon Innes, "only Frank Martin and his horse came to church". St Peter's closed in 1962, and was accidentally burned down on 05 August 1968.

Frank Martin never married. The property was bought by Mr K Martin, a third generation member of the Martin family, who declared the burial ground sacrosanct. It is said that 49 people are buried there in the 34 graves. When road works were being carried out, the graves of two South Sea Islanders were pointed out, and the Main Roads officials made appropriate adjustments to respect the sites. The land containing the old church graveyard has been gifted to the people of Mackay and the land is currently being made over to the City Council.

Some of the families who worshipped at St Peter's included Barry, Boyd, Blake, Dimond, Jane, Kippen, Knobel, Noble, Carswell, Raymond, Symons, Skeels and Turner.

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Since this edition seems to have developed a definite 'dead' slant, we might as well stick with the flow. Ed.

#### A SHOCKING CASE

In researching for the Mackay Cemetery heritage trail, a certain amount of 'other' information is invariably uncovered - some of it fascinating, some of it poignant, and some of it just plain grizzly. The following is an example of the latter.

One of the early burials in the Mackay Cemetery at Holland Street was that of the CROOK baby (note: that is a surname, not a condition!)

The *Daily Mercury* of 04 August 1873 contained the following report on the investigation into the circumstances surrounding the baby's death:

A shocking case of child murder became known to the authorities last Thursday evening. It appears that Sgt Doyle, acting upon certain information given to him, went to a small house in Sydney Street tenanted by a young woman named Jane Crook, a dressmaker. The sergeant, having questioned her about giving birth to a child, then examined the front room of the premises and found in a covered box, the body of an infant wrapped in a towel and a piece of calico, which on being removed revealed the horrid fact that the child had been murdered. The throat exhibited a deep wound inflicted by some sharp instrument. The police sergeant at once arrested Miss Crook, the mother of the child, and yesterday morning the Police Magistrate partly investigated the circumstances of the murder. Further inquiry being adjourned until today.

In the columns in our burial index for surname and given names, this burial appears simply as "CROOK, Murdered"

## SURFING the NET

It seems as almost impossible to pick up a newspaper or magazine these days without finding at least some of its contents devoted to the Internet - genealogy publications included. There are articles on how to access the internet, how to surf the net, all the good oil on the best web sites and where to find them, and reviews of good books on the subject for beginners to buy. Then, of course, there is e-mail which has revolutionised (for some of us) the way we communicate.

How many of our members have an e-mail address? How many regularly explore the World Wide Web in search of information - particularly information to help with their family history research? Did you know that, if you type in 'genealog' when using one of the search engines such as Yahoo or Lycos, you can expect to get a list of about 800 and upwards sites to visit?

Found any new you-beaut sites lately? Do you use some particularly useful web sites on a regular basis, or do you know of a specific site which is fantastic as a last resort in certain circumstances? Why not share your information and experiences with the rest of us. Perhaps we could begin a register or index of recommended sites for our library. We might also be able to include articles periodically in the newsletter. Some feedback on these ideas would be appreciated.

So how about it, all you surfers - leave a note in the letterbox at the library ... or tell me about it directly at:  
denise@m130.aone.net.au

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## BITS & PIECES

### Annual Library Display

Those members who were at the 1995 Annual General Meeting will remember that it was agreed that the previously annual display at the city library should become a biennial display. The 1995 display proved so successful, however, that we again mounted a display in 1996. At the 1996 Annual General Meeting the decision was again taken to convert this display to a biennial one - and this time there will be no weakening! The poor showing which left the job of setting up this year's display to a very small band of workers has probably helped to strengthen everyone's resolve on this issue.

### Morning Tea

The North Mackay Library holds a morning tea for Friends of the Library on the first Tuesday of every month. All genies who work on the roster in the genie room are Friends of the Library and, therefore, are welcome to attend. It is very disappointing for Peter and his crew to find that attendances at these morning teas has just about dwindled away. If you are a Friend of the Museum, give some thought to dropping in on these occasions for a social cup of coffee.

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## DIARY DATES

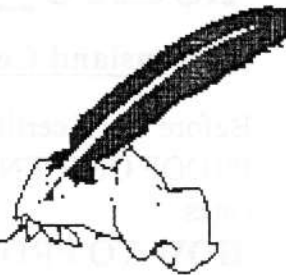
Sept 04	Monthly meeting	LDS Family History Centre Bring examples of Salt Lake printouts
Sept 21	Trash & Treasure	Bring anything you don't want
Oct 02	Monthly meeting	Bring & brag night + (hopefully) view a video on the Scottish Highland clearances

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## LOCAL NEWS

### Library Additions:-

New records have found their way into the library, so now the new additions to the shelves are:-

### FICHE:-

Queensland Hotels and Publicans Index 1843 - 1900  
Relations Index of Immigrants to N.S.W. - Part 2 1856 - 1865  
Colonial Secretary's Correspondence Index to Convicts and Others - 1838 - 1842

### BOOKS:- Cemetery Index

No 50 Dalby  
No 52 Callopie - Mt Larcom  
Taraginni - Builyan  
No 54 Goomeri - Kilkevan  
No 55 Gunalda - Tiaro - Netherby/Debra - Miva

### ROSTERS FOR LIBRARY FRIENDS

The rosters for the Gene volunteers are now out and circulating they have been completed up until the Christmas break. Over the Christmas holidays there will be no one on roster as such, but I am sure that if you are in the library and someone needs help you will lend a hand. The new rosters for the 1997 period starting February will be available at the February meeting. Between now and Christmas if you find you are not able to do your shift at the library please feel free to call Jenny on 548237, leave a message and I will endeavour to find someone to replace you or you can call someone on the back of your roster to swap shifts with you. I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for doing your part in keeping the rosters going with not so many vacant days.

I would like to also wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

### NEWSLETTER

As you can see that the newsletter is only going to be compiled every 2 months. We are still looking for any pieces of information you can supply for the production of the newsletter, **please do not leave this up to one or two people**. If you have found something interesting and you would like to share it with everyone else, leave your information in the letterbox at the library in an envelope marked newsletter and I will get it. Don't forget that if you are looking for someone and having problems advertise in our newsletter and see what results you may get.

**MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR**

# Notice

## Queensland Certificates

Before ANY certificate is released, your ENTITLEMENT to the certificate must be established and PROOF OF IDENTITY shown. In all cases you must state the REASON for requesting the certificates.

### HOW TO PROVE YOUR IDENTITY

To receive your certificate you must prove your identity. Acceptable forms of identification have been divided into two lists. You must satisfy the requirements of either List 1 or List 2.

#### List 1

One of the following:

- \* current Australian photo driver's licence
- \* current Australian passport
- \* current Document of Identity issued by the Passport Office
- \* current Defence Force or Police Service photo ID card.

#### List 2

Two of the following:

- \* current Medicare card
- \* current credit card, account card, passbook or account statement
- \* current entitlement card issued by the Commonwealth Government
- \* current student identity card or statement of enrolment
- \* Over 18's ID card
- \* School or other educational report, less than twelve months old
- \* Current overseas passport, with current entry permit
- \* Naturalisation/citizenship/immigration papers issued by the Department Immigration, Local Government and Ethnic Affairs

Other forms of identification may be accepted, at the discretion of Registry staff.

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## FAMILY TREE PUZZLE

A.H. Johnson

In ancient Egypt, Pharaoh Tuthmosis IV married Mutemweya and his son became Amenophis III. He married Tiye who had a brother Ay. One of his sons became Amenophis IV, later to change his name to Akhenatem, and married the famous Nefertiti who bore him six daughters so he decided to marry his daughter Meketaten who was 12 years old and died in childbirth. He then married another daughter Ankhesenpaaten but did not produce any sons. Akhenatem died fairly young and was succeeded by his brother Tutankhaten who married Ankhesenpaaten! Unfortunately Tutankhaten did not live very long and so Ankesenpaaten married Ay. You remember Ay? He is her grandfather. When he died Ankhesenpaaten was comparatively young and was being pressed to marry a commoner who had his eye on the throne. She, in desperation, sent to the Hittite king (with whom Egypt was at war) for a prince to come to marry her and become Pharaoh. But the wily suitor was head of intelligence and intercepted the message and killed the hapless prince on his way to Egypt!

So how do we construct the family tree? Your ingenious solution should make interesting reading.

## Port Arthur Convict Data-Base Enquiry Form



The Port Arthur Historic Site is currently undertaking a major research project, with sponsorship from White Pages and Arts Tasmania, and in conjunction with the State Archives of Tasmania into the convict history of the settlement. Convict numbers at Port Arthur have long been estimates based on the number of convictions. In order to produce a more accurate figure we must go through and read every conduct record in existence for Van Diemen's Land- about 70,000 all under the custodianship of the State Archives. Furthermore, the Authority has deemed it appropriate that we transcribe each of the Port Arthur records which will in turn be logged in a data-base, here at Port Arthur. The project shall take several years to complete. We currently provide a limited service for people wishing to enquire about individual **Tasmanian convicts only** or purchase transcribed records.

### Fee structure includes:

- \$10.00      Brief Archives Search and photocopy of filmed original. **This fee covers those requests whereby the full name and ship are provided.** Some records have multiple copies- \$1 for each additional copy.
- \$25.00      Per Hour Rate- for transcription work i.e. transcription and typed copy of record. **Purely research- fees correspond with the above hourly rate.** (20% discount rate on all transcription work for Pensioners, Unemployed, Students , - **proof must be provided.**)

PLEASE tick the service(s) you require should we locate the record.

- Photocopy of filmed original  
Transcription

In order to help us conduct a search please provide us with the following details:

Convict's Name. -----  
Ship's Name -----  
Arrival Date -----  
Other Information -----

Enquirer's name -----  
Address -----  
Phone Number -----

**DO NOT** include payment with your request - we will send an account.

Note: **The scope of this project at present only covers queries on convicts.**

It must be emphasised that records of Port Arthur convicts can take on average between 20 minutes and 2 hours to transcribe depending on their length and condition. Some are very difficult to read. If you wish to discuss any related matter, please visit the Education Centre or phone either Phil Hilton or Susan Hood on (022)502371.

**This application form can be obtained from the Gene Room at the North Mackay Library.**

## Victorian BDM Certificate Transcriptions

Do you need Victorian Birth, Death or Marriage Certificate information, or confirmation that you have found the right certificate, but can't afford lots of certificates?

Under our special licence with the Registrar, Datapoint can provide partial extracts of certificate information or verify that given information is correct.

### Period covered:

Early Church Records: 1837 - 1854

Births: 1853 - 1913

Deaths & Marriages: 1853 - 1930

### Fields Available:

All fields listed in the indexes plus:

**Births:** Parents Names, Ages, Birthplaces and Marriage details, Previous Issue

**Deaths:** Burial Place, Birth Place and Marriage Details of deceased, including Spouse.

**Marriages:** Birth Place, Ages, Parents and Conjugal Status of both parties.

### Fees:

- |  |                        |
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| ■ Check and Verify information on a Certificate:     | \$5.00                 |
| ■ Transcription of available fields ( listed above): | \$9.00                 |
| ■ Full Official Certificate:                         | \$16.00 + \$1 Handling |

### How to Apply:

In person, at Datapoint, 1st Floor, Registry Building, 295 Queen Street, Melbourne, or by completing a request form ( see your local Genealogical Society). Please enclose a stamped self-addressed envelope if requesting by mail. A 50c charge will apply if not supplied.

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### Matrimony

**W**anted, by a Gentleman, a Wife; she must possess affable manners, an agreeable person, and a temper as good as may be; money not so much an object as economical habits; accomplishments would be desirable but are not a great object. The Advertiser would prefer a lady not much given to talking. This would form a desirable opportunity for a lady not long arrived in the Colony, the advertiser having a great objection to colonial habits and manners. The gentleman is a young man of genteel manners, good temper, well educated, and of good exterior.

Any communication respecting this advertisement addressed to A.Z. (post-paid,) at this office, will meet with immediate attention, and the strictest secrecy observed.

N.B.- No widow need apply.

To prevent unnecessary application, *thick legs and large feet* are a decided objection.

October 21, 1831  
Colonial Times 1831

Tasmanian Ancestry

September 1991

## MEET A MEMBER

My name is Carolan Hill nee Hamilton and I live on Homebush Road, Rosella on a sugar cane farm which has been in our family for three generations.

My grandfather, Alexander Stevenson Hamilton bought the farm in 1913 soon after he married Margaret Gaylard. He became a leading member in the sugar industry and was Chairman of Directors of the Racecourse Co-operative Sugar Assn from 1930 until 1958 and Chairman of the Mackay Harbour Board from 1949 until his death on 6th June 1958. He also was one of the instigators in the building of the Bulk Sugar Terminal at the Mackay Harbour.

I have been researching my Scottish and English decendants on both sides of my family for only two years and find it is a very interesting "hobby". I have been very lucky with the Stevenson side as the whole family history was compiled by a distant relative, Molly Scott in Brisbane. This helped me very much to continue with the Hamilton family history.

My father, George, the eldest son of Alec and Margaret, died at the early age of 58 in 1977. He was a very keen fisherman and was the fountation member and president of the Mackay Sea Rescue Squad. He was involved with the Squad until his death. He was also in the Mackay Rotary Club and did his term as President.

Dad married my mother, Carol ( Bonnie ) Pawley in 1941 and produced three children - my sister Diane (Sturgeon), myself and my brother Lex (Alexnder Stevenson - the third) who now carries on working the Rosella farm. His son is also called Alexander Stevenson. (The family tradition continues.)

My mother's family came to Queensland from Scotland and England. I'm not sure if you would call it luck that all my relatives landed in Queensland and no other stare. mum's father Herbert Charles Pawley, born in Battersea, London in 1879 sailed from England on the "India" in 1893 landing in Townsville with his parents, Benjamine and Sarah and sisters Ethel and Minnie and step sister Edith. They travelled to Charters Towers where two other step sisters were living, having sailed over earlier to work as domestic servants during the gold rush days.

My great grand father, Benjamine later became ill and died and is buried in Charters Towers. My great grandmother and her two daughters sailed back to England leaving my grandfather and his step sisters in Charters Towers. The three step sisters married and had families in the Towers. My grandfather worked as an apprentice watchmaker and jeweller there. I'm not sure of the jeweller he worked for. (I hope to find that one out late.) He had a jewellery and watch making shop in Victoria Street, Mackay near where the Queensland Bank is now.

My grandmother Pawley's (Margaret Daniel) family came from Lincolnshire, England and Aberdeen, Scotland and arrived at Maryborough and settled around there and Bundaberg. I have not finished researching the Daniel and Brumby families but hope to when the new records of Queensland come available.

As I said before it is a very interesting hobby which I may add takes over one's life if you don't watch it.

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### **New Zealand News**

#### **Army personnel records - new address**

*Base Records, Personnel Archives,*

*5 BLG Trentham Camp, PO Box 905*

*Upper Hutt, New Zealand*



Australian Family Tree Connections- Sept 1996

## Save the Census for History's Sake

### Support continues to grow

Congratulations to everyone who publicly raised the campaign during Census week and please **DON'T STOP!!** As can be seen from the lists in this month's update, there are still MANY letters to be written. And PLEASE let AFTC know the results, whatever they are.

A nil reply, or non-committal response with a copy of the 1995 ABSS address to Australian Archives earns an MP a place among the Fence Sitters (the Census equivalent of being "sin binned"!!)

Remember, support can only continue to grow if we "go the extra mile." Write some letters today!.

### Censuses released

Some countries which retain their Censuses and have made them available on public access are:

USA	1790 - 1920
England	1841 - 1890
Sweden	1850 - 1880
Canada	1861 - 1901
<b>Australia</b>	<b>NIL</b>

How shameful that Australia has always been last in the "Census Olympics"!!

Australian Family Tree Connections - Sept 1996

### Genealogical Services

*Book, GUILTY OR NOT GUILTY 1846-50 VOLUME 2* Those people who were brought before the Supreme Court - Criminal Quarter Sessions, Assizes, Police Court, ISBN 0 646 27139 9. \$A35.00 (incl p+h): P.Sheldon, 2/43 Blues Point Road, McMahons Point. NSW. 2060

*Book, RAGS OR RICHES - PASSENGERS AND SHIPS, SYDNEY TO CALIFORNIA 1849-1851* (\$A16.50 posted Aust., \$A18.50 posted o/s)

*RAGS OR RICHES 2 - PASSENGERS AND SHIPS, CALIFORNIA TO SYDNEY 1849 - 1852* (\$A10.50 posted Aust, \$A12.50 posted o/s): P.Sheldon, 2/43 Blues Point Road, McMahons Point. NSW 2060

*Book, THE SOUTH AFRICAN WAR 1899-1902:* Service Records of British and Colonial Women. Over 1700 entries, \$NZ3800 (incl p+h to Aust), \$NZ32.00 (incl p+h in NZ): S M Gray, 54a Towai Street, St Heliers, Auckland 1005, New Zealand.

**US CIVIL WAR VETERANS** who came to Australia. Searches can be made from a database of 700,000 names compiled from regimental and state rosters by forwarding details plus large SAE to: B Crompton, 14 Sunlight Crescent, East Brighton 3187

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### Library Hours:-

**North Mackay Library** :- Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday:- 10am - 5pm  
Thursday 10am - 5pm.  
Saturday 10am - 3pm

**LDS:-** Tuesday 9.30am - 2pm - 6pm-9pm  
Wednesday 9.30am - 2pm

LDS will be closed over the Christmas Holidays, reopening the first week in February.

Even though there will not be anyone on roster at the *Nth Mackay Library* the Gene Room will still be open for the public to access all records.

*December Meeting for the Society will be held on the first Wednesday of the month at 7.30pm at Mackay State High, room 10c. Bring a plate for the Christmas Party.*

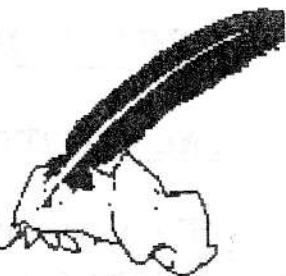


# Mackay Genie Gossip

**Genealogical Society of Queensland  
Mackay Branch  
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*No. 85*

**MARCH/APRIL 1997**



## **LOCAL NEWS**

### **Library Additions:-**

New records have found their way into the library, so now the new additions to the shelves are:-

### **FICHE:-**

Queensland Marriages & Deaths 1920 - 1929  
Ipswich General Cemetery headstones & Columbarium  
Ireland Old Age Pensions Claims - Names Index Part 2 - 1841 - 1851  
Leicestershire & Rutland Families - 2 fiche  
Saddington PR 1538 - 1675 Leicestershire  
Marriage Index - Seicestershire 1538 - 1754  
Ruddocks Directory of Lincoln City & Villages ( 10 miles around)

### **BOOKS:- Cemetery Index**

Update on Rockhampton Cemetery Records  
Miles & District burials & M.I.

### **BOOKS:-**

Dictionary of English Surnames  
Plane Creek "Onward" Atherton Family Reunion 1985  
Hervey Bay F.H.L. of LDS & Aust. Immigration & Family History Centre. Joint Library Catalogue  
Archeaeology Papers by Dept of Aboriginal & Islanders Advancement. "Middens"  
Guide to Irish Research by Janet Reakes  
The Heritage Trail ( Ireland )by Richard Reid  
Family & Local History Sources in Victoria  
Specialist Indexes in Aust - A Genealogist's Guide 1986/ 1988 / 1990 / 1992

### **ROSTERS FOR LIBRARY FRIENDS**

February / March rosters for the Library are now available from the library. If you have your name down for roster duty please call and collect your roster.

### **NEWSLETTER**

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## MEET A MEMBER

### VAL POLLITT

I was born **Valma Griggs** in Launceston, Tasmania. My parents, **Ray & Madge Griggs** (nee Torley) moved to Queensland in 1935, and after a short period of farming near Stanthorpe, decided to settle here in Mackay. My mother was a prolific letter-writer and kept in very regular touch with both sides of the family in Tasmania until her death in 1986- so I grew up hearing about all the family happenings through her correspondence. My father had been an amateur photographer and brought many photos and negatives of family with him to Queensland which helped me to put a face to various family members. In 1955 I married Ted who is Queensland born - his mother was first generation Australian and his father was born Lancashire. We have one son John who has had, since schooldays, a very keen interest in photography - this came in very handy for processing those old negatives from Tasmania, also for copying the old photos.

My mother always said her father used to jokingly tell her that her great grandmother was transported to Tasmania for stealing a loaf of bread. During a visit to Tasmania in 1986 she was told that he came from Norfolk Island. This was enough to spur me on to try and find out what the true story was. Sadly my mother died suddenly soon after but I carried on with her correspondence to family and with all these contacts I started research in earnest, joining the local branch of G.S.Q. to get assistance into sources etc. I found that my GR. Gr. Grandfather, Patrick Thorley came to Tasmania as a "Pensioner Guard" on the convict ship "Fairlie" in 1852. From British Army Records I obtained a full physical description of him, his birth-place, Ballyloughloe Ireland, his service with the 73rd Regiment in Gibraltar, Malta, Jersey,

and his intended place of residence in Ireland (Athlone) when he was pensioned out due to ill health. As part of "Conditions for Pensioner Guards" he was able to bring his wife and Children



with him on the "Fairlie". Upon arrival in Tasmania he & wife Mary Ann were Overseers at the Launceston House of Correction for female convicts, and later licencees of the Noah's Ark Inn in Launceston before settling in Westbury outside Launceston. Patrick's son, Joseph married Emma Saltmarsh who was the great grand-daughter of William Saltmarsh - 1st Fleet convict who was sent to Norfolk Island from Sydney Cove in 1790. After serving his sentence (not without incidents, all well recorded) William Saltmarsh left Norfolk on the ship "Pitt" bound for India and England, never to be heard of again. Four Months after his departure, his son William Saltmarsh (Jnr) was born to convict Mary Butler. In 1912 William Saltmarsh jnr. age 20 years, was resettled in Van Dieman's Land receiving land grants at Norfolk Plains on the South Esk River and became a constable and one of the well-known pioneers of the area. He was responsible for building the first school and chapel and ran the mail service to Launceston among other ventures. Through the Saltmarsh connection I found my ancestors included for First-Fleeters, 3 Second Fleeters and one 3rd Fleeter - all well documented. Emma Saltmarsh's great grand-parents on her mother's side were Nathaniel Lucas and Olivia Gascoigne who arrived on the first fleet and were chosen to help start the First Settlement on Norfolk Island in 1788. Nathaniel Lucas and Oliver Gascoigne married on Norfolk Island soon after their arrival. Nathaniel was a joiner and carpenter and built many of the original administrative

# SURFING THE INTERNET



## Northumberland Information Page in UK & Ireland Genealogy. (GENUKI) Websaver

**TOPICS:-** *Cemeteries, Census, Church Records, Civil Registration History & Poorhouse Poor Laws*

Internet:- <http://www.swinhope.demon.co.uk/genuki/NBL>

French Internet, Xavier Guyot (Email: [xjuyot@ibm.net](mailto:xjuyot@ibm.net))

Internet: <http://www.easynet.fr/karolus/>

## NEWSPAPERS ON THE INTERNET

The state Library of NSW and the NLA are putting 19th century newspapers on the Internet. This will prove a boon to family historians and historical researchers.

## IRISH RECORDS ON THE NET

Irish National Archives office now has a search facility via the World Wide Web for the records of all convicts transported from Ireland to Australia between 1788 and 1860's

The URL for their page is :- <http://147.252.133.152/nat-arch/genealogy.html>

## **UK National Sites**

*Guildhall Library Manuscripts Section*

<http://ihr.sas.ac.uk/ihr/ghmnu.html>

**UK Directory - Welcome!**

<http://www.ukdirectory.com/>

**UK Guide**

<http://www.es.ucl.ac.uk/misc/uk/inYRO.html/>

**Ordnance Survey - Gazetteer Search**

<http://ww.campus.com/dCampusWorld/pub/OS/Gazeteer/index.html>

**News Media UK, Australia and USA (Newspaper, Radio and TV)**

**The Times**

<http://www.the-times.co.uk/news/pages/Times/>

**The Australian Online: Home Page**

<http://www.australian.aust.com/>

**Australian Genealogy Sites**

**National Library of Australia Home Page**

<http://www.nla.gov.au/>

**Australian Family Tree Connections**

<http://star.brisnet.org.au/aftc>

Other sites available are GENUKI Family Sites (British Isles), Scottish Genealogical Sites, Australian Genealogy Sites, US Genealogy Sites, and Scottish Interest Sites.



buildings on the island before being invited by Governor King in 1804 to build the first Government wind-mill in N.S.W. This was on a site on Church Hill (now where the toll gates stand on Sydney Harbour Bridge). Nathaniel Lucas became the Colony's Superintendent of Carpenters and built many of the Colony's early buildings including the Rum Hospital and parsonages at Parramatta and Liverpool. He was in the process of building St. Luke's Church at Liverpool when he died in 1818. The **Lucas** story is told in the book "Nathaniel & Olivia- the Lucas Family" produced as a Bi-Centennial project to coincide with the 9th Lucas Family Reunion in Sydney on 24th January 1988. A "Sequel" to this book is now being collated and hopefully will be going to print in the next year or so. Named after Nathaniel Lucas is the Lucas Cave at Jenolan and the Lucas Heights Atomic Energy Commission.

**M**y husband Ted and I holidayed on Norfolk Island a few years ago and though nothing of the original buildings remained as they were demolished or burned when the islanders were re-settled in Tasmania in 1812 (this to discourage the French or other settlement), we were able to see the areas where Nathaniel and Olivia lived and farmed.

My father's family - **Griggs** - arrived as free settlers in Tasmania, they came from Buckinghamshire and made the journey out on the ship "Appoline" in 1842. James Griggs, his wife Susannah and 6 yr old daughter Caroline settled in the Huon Valley, where James was a sawyer. A few months later James' brother George Griggs arrived with his wife and family. Both families had more children after their arrival and later the families were very involved with the apple industry. There are still many descendants living in the Huon area. With the help of other family members I have been able to trace the Griggs line to 1670 in Buckinghamshire. Visits to Church graveyards and small

cemeteries around Huonville, Franklin and Castle Forbes Bay have provided a wealth of information.

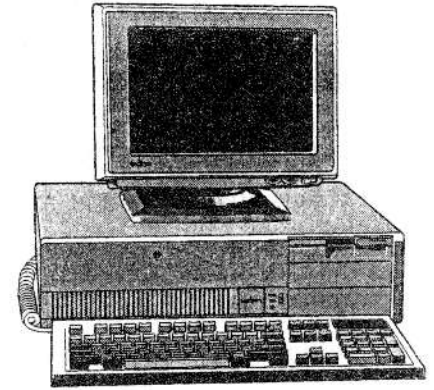
On my husband's side of the family I haven't been quite so successful- being mostly Lancashire, Warrickshire and Wales. What chance of finding the correct **Richard MORGAN** born in Wales??? However, one of the main rewards of the family research has been that I have been responsible for bringing together family members who had lost touch over the years. On the **POLLITT** side I found Ted's first cousins in Canada, who now write regularly to us and cousins in Nerang and who recently flew out to Australia to meet us all. On Ted's mother's side (**SABINE**) relatives in Warwickshire were able to give the family tree there and I was able to give them the descendants of Edward **SABINE** (Ted's grandfather) who they had "lost" when he migrated to Australia in 1885. We also had a visit from a **SABINE** cousin this year and helped organise a family get-together for them in Brisbane/Ipswich.

I find family research is an on-going mystery story - each "clue" leads to another avenue to be investigated. Through family research I have learnt many things - how, even early this century, 10 year old girls worked in cotton mills, Picking up threads, lint etc. of the famine in Ireland and the convicts who survived the voyage from there to what must have been a better life in Tasmania, of the fever epidemic in Gibraltar in the 1820's which decimated the 73rd Regiment of the British Army. I've read books that I would never have otherwise read- so, apart from finding out about my ancestors, family research has broadened my horizons considerably.

To any "would be" genealogists I would say "start now - join a club" it is **fascinating and rewarding and never ever boring.**

**VAL POLLITT  
MACKAY**

# HOW TO USE THE INTERNET



You are able to access the INTERNET all you need is your addresses you wish to search and come along to the Mackay College of Tafe.

## INTERNET ACCESS TIMES ARE AS FOLLOWS:-

Tuesdays:- 4pm - 6pm  
 Saturday:- 1pm - 4pm

### HOW:-

Arrive at the Office Services Counter at the Tafe and pay the following prices for the length of time you require for your reserch.

### COST:-

1Hour -----\$6.50  
 5Hours -----\$25.00  
 10Hours -----\$47.50

## LIST OF RESEARCH AGENTS BASED IN OR NEAR DUBLIN

(supplied by the National Archives in Dublin as research agents who would be able to access the (indexed) Old Age Pension Claims here in there. (as at Sept,96)

Hibernian Research  
 22Windsor Rd  
 Rathmines  
 Dublin 6

Irish Ancestors Ltd  
 85 Upper Drumcondra rd  
 Dublin 9

Dr James ryan  
 4 Spencer Villas  
 Glenageary  
 Co.Dublin  
 Fax 01 2830670

Mihail D Evans  
 46 Templeogue Wood  
 Dublin 6W

Steven ffearry-Smyrl  
 98Fisherman's Wharf  
 Youk Rd  
 Dublin 4  
 Fax 01 6670543

Francis Dowling  
 52 Thornhill Gardens  
 Celbridge  
 Co. Kildare  
 Fax 01 6288950

Joan Leech  
 5 Road 1  
 The Willows  
 Consilla  
 Dublin 13

Eric McAuliffe  
 4 The Willows  
 Monkstown Valley  
 Monkstown  
 Co.Dublin

Paul Gorry  
 2 Burrow rd  
 Sutton  
 Dublin 13  
 Fax 01 8393942

Hilda McGauley  
 13 The Glade  
 Woodfarm Acres  
 Dublin 20

Matthew McIlvenna  
 "Glenburn"  
 1Castle Grove  
 Clontarf  
 Dublin 3  
 Fax 01 8530417

Maire MacConghail  
 14 Ascaill Ghairbhile  
 Rath Garbh  
 Baile Atha Cliath 6  
 Fax 01 4974388

Patricia Moohead  
 7 Edenbrook Drive  
 Rathfarnham  
 Dublin 14

Muirin O Briain  
 4 The Haven  
 Stratford  
 Orwell Rd  
 Dublin 6

**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 GENEALOGICAL LIBRARY** is in the Reading Room of the North Mackay Library, Ungerer Street. This is open to the public daily from 10:00am to 5:00pm weekdays and from 10:00am to 3:00pm on Saturdays.

**RESEARCH ASSISTANCE** is available in this library from 10:00am to 12:00noon and from 1:00pm to 3:00pm each day. For alternate arrangements, please telephone Jenny Pershouse on 548237.

**THE MACKAY LDS FAMILY HISTORY CENTRE** is within the church on the corner of mcGinn and Field streets. It is open to all from 9:30am to 2:30pm on Tuesdays and 10:00am to 2:30pm on Wednesdays. Tuesday evenings from 6:00pm to 9:00pm.

**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 Jenny Pershouse , PO Box 882, mackay 4740 or left in the "Letterbox " drawer in the Genie Room, labelled "Genie Gossip Editor"

#### **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 froup 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.

**"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.

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#### **MACKAY MEETINGS GUEST SPEAKERS**

**APRIL** :- Richard Goldup - English Research

**MAY**:- Bruce Lee - War Records

**JUNE**:- Dr. Ian Gibbs - Death Certificates and causes of death

Come along to the meetings to hear the guest speaker and have a cuppa and chat afterwards.

Don't forget to bring along your certificates or relevent information you wish to ask questions about.



# Mackay Genie Gossip

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## LOCAL NEWS

### Library Additions:-

#### FICHE:-

South Australian Birth, Marriages and Deaths  
1907 - 1922

Re-index of the Dean Index 1823-1840 (NSW)

Unemployed Register 1860-1886 (NSW)

Marriages 1917 - 1937



### ROSTERS FOR LIBRARY FRIENDS

Due to the lack of numbers for the roster duty, the days for roster has been decreased to the following times. *Each morning Monday to Friday from 10:00a.m. to 12 noon, Tuesday and Thursday afternoon from 12 noon to 3:00 p.m. Each Saturday depends on whether there is someone on roster.* Regardless of the confusion with the rosters the Genealogical records will still be available for all those geni's to access, but if you need help try to go while there is someone on roster.

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### REGISTRAR GENERAL'S OFFICE

Western Australia. Certificate Information

Level 10

Westralia Square

141 St George's Tce

Perth WA 6000

Telephone (09) 264 1555

Information 0055 39236

Fax (09)264 1599

Fees for Births, Deaths, and Marriage registrations as from July 1994.

Certified Copy ( Full Certificate) ..... \$25.00  
(includes a 5 year search)

Certified Copy of a registration of  
birth, death or marriage at least 60  
years old where the registration  
number, year and district are provided . \$15.00

EXTRACT  
(includes a 5 year search) ..... \$15.00

Search for each 5 year period ..... \$10.00

Result of Search Certificate  
(no trace Certificate) ..... \$10.00

Priority service fee ..... \$15.00

## Are the Genies Helping Me?

By Richard Macalister, G.S.Q. (Mackay)

Inspired by my daughter who kept hounding me for family details and history, about which I must confess I knew next to nothing, I joined the G.S.Q., and started the hard slog of research. Soon I was well smitten by the bug.

my dear old Mother who had passed away long ago, had left me a remarkable old "Birthday Book". This had been started by my Grandfather who received it as a present in 1887. It contained the names and birthdays of many family members but in every case the year had been carefully removed. At first I blamed Grandmother, reputedly under age when she eloped with Grandad causing great family scandal, not improved by the fact that he was a pupil of her Father's Bible class! Two of our good ladies in the Brisbane headquarters soon told me that I was being unjust to Granny. They told me these birthday books are quite common but the years are usually removed, or not entered in the first place as in those unenlightened times it was considered unseemly for the youngsters of the family to know the age of their elders. Most frustrating.

The family name was **GURD**. I was thankful it was not Smith. We had come from Ireland but Mother had always insisted that the family was English. That put me on completely the wrong track. I had completely forgotten that almost any Irishman who owned a few acres of the Emerald Isle considered himself still an Englishman, no matter how many generations had lived there. Then the little guardian genie who occasionally hands me a little bit of luck stepped in.

The "Birthday Book" was full of **OGLE's**. I presumed they must be closely related. One day as I was chasing another name on a Irish IGI fiche on a whim I checked **GURD**. It nearly jumped out of the machine and hit me, Anna Jane, a daughter to **John GURD and Martha OGLE 16 July 1866**. In the little town of Moate in Westmeath. Great surprise!

She was in the "Book" as Annie, with the right day. Then I found my great Uncle Robert and again the date tallied. The other **OGLE's** then tied in back to 1751.

The next time the little genie gave me a nudge I was looking for my wife's great grandfather. **ALBANY LITSON BURNELL**. A family bible showed this interesting person as a **WHITESMITH** living at Hampton Court Palace Mews. (making things for horses?) his birthplace *Abergavenny*. The 1881 census showed the two Burnells living there, both widow ladies, one an innkeeper with a family and the other living on her own. The latter was born in Devon. I fancy they were probably sisters-in-law. My genie said try the middle name *LITSON* in the IGI for Devon, and there it was, but way back in 1801, a **DAVID BURNELL** married to **ELIZABETH LITSON** in *Brendon Devon*. This led to finding a family of Devon Burnell's.

All of this I count as sheer luck, so someone must be looking after me.

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### Spotlight on Convicts

GSQ's intrepid NSW Research Officer, Joan Reese has produced another set of microfiche to help family historians trace the goings-on of their convict ancestors.

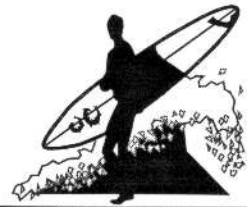
Titled Letters sent Re: Convicts; Oct 1826 - Nov 1832, Index to Names, the index provides in addition to the convicts' names, the ship of arrival or other ID, shelf number, page number and AONSW reel number.

Not to be confused with Convicts (& Others), this index is extracted from the "OUT" Letter Books of the Colonial Secretary who wrote to various government agencies about the transfer of convicts, cancellation of Tickets of Leave, various offences, etc and can often add to the information found in the "IN" letters.

The set of three microfiche is now in the GSQ library. It can also be purchased by sending a cheque or money order for \$15 to **Joan Reese, 72 Hobart Street, ST MARYS, NSW, 2760**.



# SURFING THE INTERNET



## FAMILY HISTORY DOCUMENT SERVICE

ON THE *WORLD WIDE WEB* AT

<http://www.ihr.com.au>

## RESEARCH YOUR NSW FAMILY HISTORY FROM HOME

Internet History Resources invites you to visit our web site for a sample of the large number of records we have compiled.

There are.....

Over 2000 pages of original historical documents for NSW. More being added.

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AIRD .....	Scotland .....	1770-1810
BERWICK .....	Scotland .....	1800-1840
RICHARDSON .....	Scotland & Northern England .....	1800-1830
CARLYLE .....	Scotland & Northern England .....	1800-1840
WALLACE .....	Scotland & Northern England .....	1800-1830
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BOGG .....	Ayrshire-Scotland & Lancashire .....	1780-1800
NORRIS .....	Scotland .....	1770-1810
CAREY .....	Ireland .....	1800-1840
DUNN .....	Ireland .....	1800-1840
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GAJEWSKI / KEIOSKIE .....	West Prussia .....	1800-1840
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DEAL .....	Ireland .....	< 1840 >

### *Soldiers' Index 1806-1838*

**A**t the height of the French Revolutionary and Napoleonic Wars (1743-1815), Great Britain had an Army of 227,400 men.

For anyone of British heritage, there is a reasonable chance that an ancestor or relative may have served in one of the regiments during that time.

The Soldiers' Index, a set of nine microfiche now in GSQ's library, is a useful reference to men from the 1st to the 104th Regiments who received a pension between 1806 and 1838.

The index is an alphabetical list of Chelsea Out-Pensioners, the term used for old soldiers (some were only 19) who could not be accommodated at the Royal Hospital, Chelsea. The index tells you:

- the year pensioned
- surname and given name
- age
- infantry regiment number
- page number of original document in the Public Record Office (PRO reference W.O.120/26)

A list of birth places is also held by J. Beckett of the Manchester & Lancashire Family History Society, who compiled the index.

The Mormons have microfilmed the documents (reference 0854658) so you should be able to order the film from an LDS Library.

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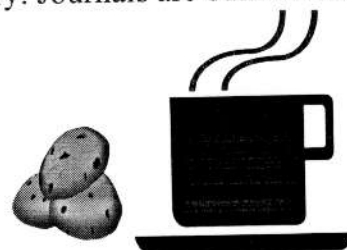
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## LOCAL NEWS

### Library Additions:-

### FICHE:-

#### S.A. Birth Register 1842 - 1906

If you have already procured a reference number from the St Catherines House Indexes, the certificate can be obtained for \$20 Australian by cheque through the *Enogerra LDS Family History Centre, c/- 24 Kylie Street. Ferney Hills. QLD*

#### ROSTERS FOR LIBRARY FRIENDS

Due to the lack of numbers for the roster duty, the days for roster has been decreased to the following times. *Each morning Monday to Friday from 10:00a.m. to 12 noon, Tuesday and Thursday afternoon from 12 noon to 3:00 p.m. Each Saturday depends on whether there is someone on roster.* Regardless of the confusion with the rosters the Genealogical records will still be available for all those geni's to access, but if you need help try to go while there is someone on roster.

#### NEWSLETTER

As you can see that the newsletter is only going to be compiled every 2 months. We are still looking for any pieces of information you can supply for the production of the newsletter, **please do not leave this up to one or two people.** If you have found something interesting and you would like to share it with everyone else, leave your information in the letterbox at the library in an envelope marked newsletter and I will get it. Or post in to the *"Newsletter Editor, PO Box 882, Mackay, QLD 4740.* Don't forget that if you are looking for someone and having problems advertise in our newsletter and see what results you may get.

## FAMILY HISTORY ASSOCIATION OF N. QLD. INC.

Library Address: 81 Flinders Street, Townsville. 4810  
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Telephone: (077) 725 945 ( During opening hours only)

### Library Hours:

Tuesday:	10am-1pm
Wednesday:	10am-1pm
Thursday:	10am-1pm
Friday:	7.30pm-10pm
Saturday:	10am-1pm
Sunday:	10am-4pm



## A Week in the Gold Mines. ( Which sometimes seemed like the salt mines).

By Richard Macalister, G.S.Q. (Mackay)

I have recently spent a week in London devoted to research. I could have easily spent a month or six months without exhausting the Genealogical mines of information scattered around the city.

The most intriguing lode was situated at the Society of Genealogists in Goswell Road, some 500 yards North of the Barbican underground railway station. Not strictly speaking Goswell road but down a side street which leads off it and not an easy place to find. Unfortunately it is a shockingly expensive place for visitors to use a \$6 an hour or \$20 per day. Be warned that it takes a full day to find your way round the several chaotic floors crammed to bursting point with every sort of record imaginable, just finding where the goodies are located, but provided that one knows exactly which item of information is required the place is a researcher's paradise. To help anyone contemplating a London visit I have placed the Society guide in our club room. Members may drool over the lists of records held.

Close to the Barbican station is the Guild Hall Library. This particular gold mine seldom rates a mention in the "where to go" text books, but for anyone conducting research into the city of London or anyone from it, this is an essential place to visit. I found a wealth of information from the dozens of trade directories, and the micro filmed copies of the daily papers from the year dot. etc. If it happened in London they have a record of it. It also rates as the most pleasant place found to carry out research and the most helpful and friendly assistants. The only charge is 10p to use the photocopiers.

The new Public Record Office at Kew is a magnificent palace-like structure. The records are still being shifted there so check to make sure they have what you are after before heading there. It is best to make this full day excursion unless you have a car and don't mind London traffic. The route is train to Richmond, then bus to the stop before Kew Bridge followed by a half mile walk. Get a local to draw you a mud map or you will not find it. Take a cut lunch to eat beside the ornamental lakes, as the cafe is basic snack bar and rather horrible. Staff are very helpfull and charges to hunt all day are nil. If you have any energy left after the visit, take a long walk round the perimeter fence down to the river Thames. A mile stroll along the tow path will take you back to the bridge and some good riverside pubs to recover in.

The P.R.O. in the city is not to be confused with the one at Kew. The Census rooms are a series of dungeons down in the basement. Claustrophobic and dismal but housing what are probably the most valuable of all records. **The L.D.S. index to 1881** is on tap, but prior to that you will need street names for all but the smaller towns and villages. Searching for a family in **Abergavenny in the 1871**, I found the street but was plunged into despair as the handwriting of the census taker was completely illegible. As a last resort I scanned through the rest of the town looking for relatives, always worth a try, and came to the return from the opposite side of the street, the one I wanted, in immaculate copperplate. Great joy! This probably explains the interruptions to the silence of the research rooms caused by periodic groans of despair or yells of happiness.

St. Catherine's House. The easiest to find, in the Strand just behind Australia House. Here the records are found in large manuscript tomes which are easy to use but become heave to carry. It makes a nice change to get away from inevitable the fiche and film readers. **Certificates can be supplied in perhaps an hour at the cost of \$40 each, but will be sent by post for, I think \$12.** Mine took nearly three weeks to arrive, but that was during a postal strike.

The unexpected side effect of the gems of information which I managed to pan from the gold mines, was the sudden desire to gallop off to the far ends of the 'Old Country' to follow up parish records, haunt graveyards, and consume copious pints of beer and cider with oldest inhabitants of remote villages. **This led to the borrowing of an old Bedford ambulance which claimed to bae a camper-van, with resulting adventures like getting stuck on a Devon bridge narrower than the vehicle.** Still that is another story and I can barely wait to go mining again.

# SURFING THE INTERNET



## GENEALOGICAL INTERNET ADDRESSES

### **S.A. REPOSITORIES:**

<http://dove.mtx.net.au/~bazle/reposit.html>

### **GENEALOGICAL HOME PAGE:**

<http://ftp.cac.psu.edu/~saw/genealogy.html>

### **USA TELEPHONE DIRECTORY:**

(contains names addresses & telephone numbers)

<http://www.switchboard.com>

### **SOCIETY OF GENEALOGISTS MONTHLY PUBLICATION- UNITED KINGDOM:**

<http://www.gold.ac.uk/~cig/>

### **TELSTRA WHITE PAGES:**

<http://www.whitepages.com.au>

### **TELSTRA YELLOW PAGES:**

<http://www.yellowpages.com.au>

### **ARCHIVES OFFICE OF NEW SOUTH WALES:**

<http://www.records.nsw.gov.au>

### **PUBLIC RECORD OFFICE OF VICTORIA:**

<http://www.vicnet.net.au/~provic/>

(From Family Tree Magazine Dec 1996)

### **UNIFORM RESOURCE LOCATION:**

<http://www.oz.net/~cyndihow/>

(This links to other genealogical sites all over the world including UK's GENUKI)

### **INTERNET RELAY CHAT (IRC):**

<http://www.mirc.co.uk>

### **FREETEL:**

<http://www.freetel.com>

There is a book called " The Internet for Windows 95 Made Simple" on the market. A 149 page book written by Peter McBride, published by Heinemann Publishers. It may help the so called "first timers" surfing the NET



# MACKAY MALTESE CLUB

This is your President Carmel keeping you informed as to whats happening in the Club.

Joan Bezzina is Secretary and Donna Attard, Treasurer. Mother Ottavia has very kindly agreed to be our Patroness.

This committee is our interim committee and elections will be held at our **AGM to be held at St Vincent de Paul Home for the Aged at 7.30 p.m. Monday 7 July 1997.** If you wish to nominate a financial member for any position, forms are available. Just phone me on **421661.**

We would like to encourage 2nd and 3rd... generation Maltese to become involved, especially those who feel they would like to see more participation from this age group. Jenelle Schembri is keen to involve herself in this area and would welcome any suggestions. Just phone her on **598224 ah.**

Plans for a mini festival for 1997 are well under way. Under the guidance of Mother Ottavia and Sr. Bonni, we hope to celebrate the feast of Our Lady of Victories with a procession and a con-celebrated mass followed by entertainment and supper. **PLEASE SUPPORT** this ery special event in the Maltese calendar by your attendance at the St Vincent de Paul grounds on Friday 12 September 1997.

*On Saturday, 13th September we are having a MALTESE DINNER at the Brothers Club- cost \$20 each.* The dinner will consist of Pastizzi & soup, Stewed Chicken and vegetables, stuffed egg fruit, zucchini, or maybe ara twela, bread and butter pudding and trifle.

Sunday 14th September, will be a special celebration of Maltese culture at Seaforth beach in the form of a family picnic. BYO lunch, drinks etc but entertainment will be provided. The emphasis is on 'FAMILY' and we wish to keep costs to a minnum.

We are hoping to bring back memories of "the old days" when Boxing Day was celebrated at Seaforth! More ideas welcomed!

**GOD BLESS YOU ALL!**

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## GERMAN RESEARCH GROUP

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**Membership :** The only prerequisite is membership of GSQ. There is no joining fee and no extra charge to attend Group meetings. A translation service is available upon payment of a fee. Members are welcome to contact the Secretary for advice and assistance, but please remember to enclose a stamped self-addressed envelope with all queries.

**Meetings:** Bi-monthly meetings are held at GSQ Resource Centre on the last Sunday of odd-numbered months except for November, which is reserved for the Group's annual day trip to places of historical and genealogical interest. Any changes to meeting dates are advertised in the German Group pages of Generation and in Die Zeitung. Meetings begin at 12.30p.m. New members are always most welcome.

**Newsletter:** The Group's bi-monthly newsletter, Die Zeitung, is published to coincide with meetings and is available by subscription. The annual fee is \$9, including postage. Subscriptions begin with the first edition after payment, irrespective of the date, and renewal notices are sent to all subscribers.

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PERSHOUSE	ENGLAND	1811>
PERSHOUSE	GLADSTONE	1863>

Photo of William PERSHOUSE as MAYOR of Gladstone in 1865.

Photo of ship BLOOMER 1863.

## DEATHS AND CAUSES OF DEATHS. - 1861>

### Infant Mortality.

1861 - 65	142
1866 - 70	137
1871 - 75	121
1876 - 80	136
1881 - 85	138
1886 - 90	119
1891 - 95	103
1896 - 1900	103
1901 - 05	95
1906 - 10	71
1911 - 15	65
1916 - 20	63
1936 - 40	39
1955	21

### Causes of Death

Teiberculosis  
Cancer  
Diebeties  
Stroke  
Heart Disease  
High Blood Pressure  
Pneumonia  
Kidney Disease  
Birth Defects  
Disease of Infancy  
Accidents

## Infectious Diseases

### NAME

### KNOWN AS/WHEN

Syphilis	General paralysis of the insane
Typhus, Scrub tick & murine	Costal Fever, Sarina Fever, Mossman Fever
Dengue Fever	Break-bone Fever
Typhoid Fever	Gulf Fever, Typho malaria
Leprosy	Not known
Influenza	Not known
Measles & Whooping Cough	Morbilli, Pertussis
Poliomyelitis	Infatile Paralysis
Scarlet Fever	1850 - 1899
Diphtheria	1958
Plague	1900 - 1921
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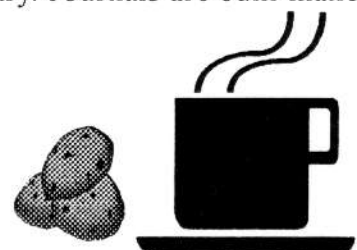
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Secretary ..... Jean Turvey  
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Time ..... 7.30pm  
Room ..... 10c

All members of the public are welcome to attend and stay for a cuppa afterwards.

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For more information on Maltese Family History Research contact:

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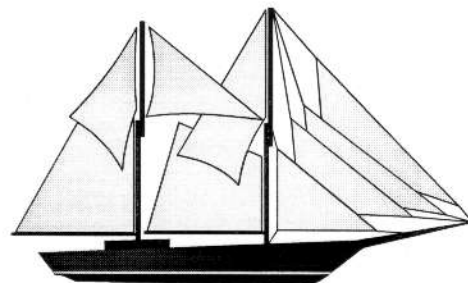
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## A TRIP TO BALLYCRYSTAL

by Judy Wallace

Last May, my husband Ross and I were lucky enough to have a trip to Ireland. I wasn't able to do any research as there wasn't the time, but after spending a week in Dublin at a conference, we went on the the "ancestor trail" in Co. Wexford. Ross's ancestors - the Wallace, James and Hawkins families- were Protestant landowners in the 18th and 19th centuries, near the town of Enniscorthy. As far as we know, there are no descendants left in the area now, but I had one contact who lived in a house which once belonged to the Jameses.

We set off to see Eric Binions who lives with his niece Barbara and his brother Clinton. Their house "Wilmount" is well over 200 years old, two-storied, and built of sand, lime and hair. The walls are two feet thick. Eric and Barbara welcomed us as if we were "coming home". How can I describe Eric and Barbara? They are simple Irish folk, kind and hospitable, but not very well-educated. I don't think Eric can read or write. They live in a clutter of things from the past, with their 18 cats, several dogs and farm animals. The house had obviously become very run-down and Eric has restored it to a degree.

Eric lives in the past, loves anything old and would not change a thing. His barn has not been changed since time of Ross's ancestors. They showed us a "rahine" - a fairy fort - a very ancient circular earthenware wall. People lived inside the walls which were used as fortifications. Eric and Barbara are still superstitious and is considered unlucky to interfere in any way with a rahine or a rath - a larger version. Eric told us a story of Ross's great-great-grandfather, William James Wallace - which we hadn't heard. He destroyed a rahine by building a barn over it, then rode his horse into town and was killed on his horse.

We ate lunch off antique plates, then drove to the Church of Ireland at Templeshanbo ( not far away ). The oldest graves in the churchyard are 5 James and Wallace graves. They are table-top graves- large slabs of stone on legs. They had been hidden under a rhododendron bush, but Eric had pulled it away and cleaned up the graves for us. The writing is still legible, but only just. Next we drove to Paddy Kearns' farm where the imposing gates of Ballycrystal stand. Ballycrystal was a large estate owned by the James family, but is now divided into smaller farms. Wilmount House was originally on Ballycrystal. It was nice to know that Paddy has restored the agates and the round watch tower. Eric also took us to the schoolhouse ( now restored and extended), the ruins of a circular bathing house on the river, and the ruins of a shooting lodge on Mt. Leinster. All these buildings were originally part of Ballycrystal. The shooting lodge would have been quite large and people came from England for the grouse shooting season.

It was a wonderful, exciting day, and gave us such an insight into how the James family lived. The next evening, we were invited back for supper. Several of the neighbours were there to meet us, also a cousin of Eric's, Gloria Binions, who is the area historian, as well as Ken Hemmingway, a photographer. We had to pose outside the house on antique chairs for our "official" photo! Ken is very interested in the graves and helped publish a book on the graves of Templeshanbo. He has promised to restore the graves for us, at no cost, as a "labour of love". Gloria is a great contact for me as she knows so much of the history of the area and has ready access to resources.

As we left, Eric presented Ross with an old stone ink bottle which could easily have been used by his ancestors. They also gave us a bottle of poteen - the illegal, highly-alcoholic liquor made from barley!

What an amazing time we had, and how lucky we were to meet such people. In the following two days, we visited Ballycouracy House where Ross's great-grandfather, Henry James Wallace, was born in 1847, and also Enniscorthy Castle, where his gr-gr-gr-grandfather, Anthony Hawkins, had lived from 1811 to 1814 - but nothing compared with our visit to Eric and Barbara. I have included a poem about them, penned by a visiting Englishman.

**Next edition will include the poem dedicated to Eric Binions and Barbara Griffith, who live in the shadow of Mount Leinster.**

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On-line Australiasian Names Research Directory ( here you can submit ALL Australian names you are researching)

<http://www.users.on.net/proformat/nsw.html>

Wiltshire Research Site

<http://www.moonrakers.com/netindex.htm>

British Columbia, Canada - Marriage & Death records from 1872

<http://www.bcarchives.gov.bc.ca>

East of London Family History Society Home Page

<http://ourworld.compuserve.com/homepage/jordan/eolfhs.htm>

Huntingdonshire Family History Society Home Page

<http://www.cs.ncl.ac.uk/genuki/HuntingdonFHS/>

Surrey History Service has a database of the index of archives at the Kingston Record Office, which can be searched on-line

<http://www.surreycc.gov.uk/scc/shs/shs.html>

On-Line Records -NSW 1850 - 1920, over 2000 pages. Access from home to lists of title deeds, mining leases, pastoral leases, occupations and the Sands Directory.

<http://www.ihr.com.au>

The National Monuments Record Office - reference Library of 15,000 books on London's history and collection of Greater London photographs.

<http://www.rchme.gov.uk>



## Web Sites for Genealogists

by Cora Num

There are over 300 addresses arranged in 78 categories. Plus sites for over 20 overseas countries, United Kingdom county sites and United States of America state sites.

Sites Included:

- Archives
- Book Shops
- Cemeteries
- Certificates
- Genealogical Databases
- Genealogical Societies in Australia
- General Genealogical Sites with links to thousands of sites worldwide
- Journals Online
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17 Pendred Street

Pearce ACT 2607

Phone: 06 286 5887

E-mail: [dnum@pcug.org.au](mailto:dnum@pcug.org.au)

Order forms available from Mackay Geni Room.

## ITEM OF INTEREST

from Carmel McDonald

On researching a relative who came from Ireland and worked on the W.A. Goldfields, I wrote to the **W.A. Genealogical Society, 6/48 May Street, Bayswater, W.A. 6053.** and asked for their assistance, with regard shipping etc. not only did they send me the name of the ship my relative arrived on, but suggested I try and get a copy of a book to read, which might help, this I achieved through the inter library loan, and found my relative, Jack Ready, mentioned several times, there is such a lot of information of the people living on the W.A. Goldfields, I thought some of our members who had relatives there may find it useful to read this book to help with their research, it is called "**Those were the Days**" by Arthur Reid - **History of the Goldfields.**



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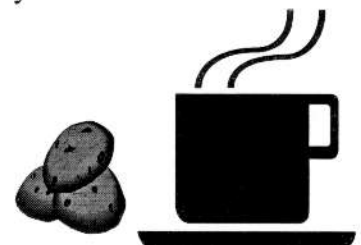
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## FAMILY REUNION

### Insch Relatives Family Reunion:



Venue ..... Mandurrrana Road, MACKAY

Date ..... 16 November 1997

Decendants of: **Alexander INSCH** born at Bora, Scotland in 1856 and his wife **Margaret Mitchel MILNE** born at Longside, Scotland 1854, are invited to attend the reunion. Names of their decendants are:

Catherine Milne **INSCH** - married - William **DRAKE**.

Alexander **INSCH**

George **INSCH** - married - Ellen Selena

**GREENAWAY** - then married - Ann Matilda

**CULVER**

James Florence **INSCH**

William **INSCH**

JohnMilne **INSCH** - married - Barbara **HALLAM**

David McClure **INSCH** - married - Elsie Bietrice

May **KINNARE** - then married - Ann **PATCH**

Edward Blann **INSCH**

Margaret Mitchel **INSCH** was affectionately known in the Mirani district as " **Granny Insch** " and had been a midwife in that area around 1900's. She passed away in January 1944.

Decendants are asked to contact:

Susan Cappello 079 585242

Heather McLean 079 540982

or PO Box 80, GARGETT 4741

## GENEALOGY SALES

by James Wrench

The Mackay Branch of the Genealogical Society have a number of items for sale.

If you have not got a computer to print out a family tree you can purchase a chart and display your research.

7 generation charts..... \$5 each

We have some old stock, there are a couple of 5 and 6 generation charts for only \$2 each.

I can hear you saying but they are not big enough for my family tree. Well we have old stock of 15 generation charts at a bargain price of \$3.50 each.

If you can't afford a family tree chart for \$2 then we have some small 6 generation charts for 50 cents each. Genealogy of the Bible charts are \$5 each.

Did your ancestors come from Ireland well we haave a large map for \$3.95 We also have a map of the United States of America for \$5.95.

There are a number of books for sale, How? When? Where? Why? \$7.50. Guide to Microforms held in the G.S.Q. Library. \$5.

If you are researching Scottish Ancestors then there are two books worth buying, Scottish Roots written by Alwyn James \$13.50 and MacRoots written by Tim Bede \$5.50.

Everyone loves a bargain well here it is, one only book Reading Old Handwriting for \$2.

There are other books, charts and sheets and I will bring them to the meeting on the 5 Nov. and 3 Dec.



As this is the last newsletter for the year 1997, I would like to take this opportunity to wish each and everyone of you a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from all of the Gene bugs in Mackay and surrounding districts. We are hoping to see and hear from you all in the new year. Don't forget to take the pens, paper and camera's with you over the holidays for that interesting information the rellies can give you.

## MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR

## GERMAN INTERPRETER

My name is Henry Pohlsen and I love doing genealogy. I speak and read German including the old writing and have no trouble translating most documents. I would gladly help others, who can't read any papers from the Old country. There are a few people here in Proserpine, who have German ancestors and some know me and I helped them. As I have no transport I can't come down so if somebody needs help, if they send a copy and I will see, what I can do.

With friendly greetings

H. Pohlsen  
PO Box 423  
PROSERPINE 4800

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## WAR GRAVES



Mr Roger Beckett has offered to look for and photograph members soldiers graves who were killed overseas. He is visiting Cemeteries in the near future. Please supply as much information as you can on your soldier. A stamped addressed envelope and International coupons would be appreciated. His name and address is:

Mr Roger BECKETT  
49 Fambridge Road  
MALDON ESSEX  
CM9. 6BG.  
ENGLAND

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## GENEALOGICAL SHOCKER

From Ka Pupa Nihonih (Mayflower Quarterly - Nov 1990)

The children of a prominent family chose to give the patriarch a book of their family's history. The biographer they hired was warned of one problem. Uncle Willie, the "Black Sheep," had gone to Sing Sing's Electric chair for murder. The writer carefully handled the situation in the following way: "Uncle Willie occupied a chair of applied electronics at one of our nation's leading institutions. He was attached to his position by the strongest of ties. His death came as a true shock."

Time Line Aug 97

## IT'S WORTH THINKING ABOUT

*How are we going to write February 3, 2001*

*Consider these points:*

Those with computers will write ..... 010203  
Our American friends will write ..... 2/3/1  
Our English friends will write ..... 3/2/1  
LDS will call it ..... 03FEB2001  
NATO may call it ..... 03FE01  
Our relatives will write ..... Feb.2/01  
Legal Documents may have ..... On the third day of February the year two thousand and one.

Or some other arrangement. Of all the arrangements, the LDS one seems most useful to genealogists, for it can only be interpreted one way, and is reasonably short.

However, will it permit computers to record various items in chronological order? And does FEB offend genealogists using other languages? During the years before then, we should try to standardize this matter, at least for genealogists. What is needed is a method that is acceptable in all countries where genealogy is an active hobby.

Think it over and then compose a letter to the Editor of FAMILIES, expressing your preference. Please send them to:

Editor of FAMILIES, Ontario Genealogical Society,  
Suite 251, 40 Orchard View Blvd., Toronto, Ontario  
M4R 1B9 Canada.

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## NEWSPAPER CLIPPINGS

**Stop yellowing**

To prevent the yellowing of newspaper clippings, dissolve a milk of magnesia tablet in one litre of soda water and leave overnight. Pour this liquid into a dish large enough to accommodate the clippings without being creased or crumpled. Leave for one hour, then remove the clippings from the dish and pat dry carefully. Lay the clippings in an airy place and do not touch until they are completely dry. The clippings should be displayed in a standard photo album which has clear plastic pages.



ABC Radio's Q&A Collection Volume 3 Peter McCormack

**MERRY  
CHRISTMAS**

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NSW Parliamentary Archive .....	<a href="http://nsw.parliament.nsw.gov.au/">http://nsw.parliament.nsw.gov.au/</a>
Australian Archives .....	<a href="http://www.aa.gov.au">http://www.aa.gov.au</a>
NSW Archives .....	<a href="http://www.records.nsw.gov.au">http://www.records.nsw.gov.au</a>
State Library NSW .....	<a href="http://www.sinsw.gov.au">http://www.sinsw.gov.au</a>
Internet History Resources .....	<a href="http://www.ihr.com.au">http://www.ihr.com.au</a>
National Library of Australia .....	<a href="http://www.australian.aust.com/">http://www.australian.aust.com/</a>
Public Records Office .....	<a href="http://vicro@vicnet.cet.au">http://vicro@vicnet.cet.au</a>
Aust. Family Tree Connections .....	<a href="http://www.star.brisnet.org.au/aftc">http://www.star.brisnet.org.au/aftc</a>
Suffolk FHS England .....	<a href="http://midas.ac.uk/genuki/big/eng/SFK">http://midas.ac.uk/genuki/big/eng/SFK</a>
Northumberland & Durham FHS .....	<a href="http://www.cs.ncl.as.uk/genuki/dur/NDFHS.html">http://www.cs.ncl.as.uk/genuki/dur/NDFHS.html</a>
Irish Transportation Records .....	<a href="http://www.kst.dit.ie/nat-arc/search01.html">http://www.kst.dit.ie/nat-arc/search01.html</a>
National Archives of Ireland .....	<a href="http://www.kst.dit.ie">http://www.kst.dit.ie</a>
U.K. & Ireland Genealogy Index .....	<a href="http://www.sentinel.mcc.ac.uk/genuki/mindex.html">http://www.sentinel.mcc.ac.uk/genuki/mindex.html</a>



### British Genealogy Resources

Many sites including detailed maps, 2% census database of all counties - England and Scotland.  
URL:-<http://www.logicnet.com/melanie.mccluskey/british.htm>

### Use of the Internet for Genealogical Research

*This article appeared in the Redlands Researcher March 1997. I have included addresses and a little of the information presented. For internet users, it is worth reading the full article. Editor.*

### Cunard Archives: information on passengers and emigrants.

<http://www.liv.ac.uk/~archives/cunard/chome.htm>

*The Cunard Steamship Company was established in 1840. Ships and jump sites listed.*

### British Ancestors in India.

<http://planeteer.com/~nashton/Index.html>

*A variety of sites listed for research for those with ancestors born in India as well as some British Army Records*

### English and Welsh Register Offices

<http://sentinel.mcc.ac.uk/genuki/big/eng/RegOffice/>

*This site shows where Register Offices are located in England and Wales and ordering information.*

### Royal Commission on Historical Manuscripts Website

<http://www.hmc.gov.uk/>

*Includes National Register of Archives ( direct link ) and other information pages.*

### UK Archival Repositories on the Internet

<http://www.liv.ac.uk/~spwl/uksites.htm>

*A range of sites offered. Descriptions of a few sites included.*

### British Columbia

<http://www.bcardchives.gov.bc>

*Marriages up to 1921 and births up to 1976 available from this address*



## UNRELATED CERTIFICATES

Martha **NIELSON** died 11th December 1921  
STRATHFIELD NSW

John **MAXWELL** died 23 March 1897  
WATERLOO NSW

Wynne **CHESTER** born 19 August 1901 in  
BARBADOS.

The above copies of certificates were found in  
amongst some old books by Alsia Reinke.

We will gladly pass on these certificates to any  
person who claims relationship to these people

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## VILLIAGES FROM THE DOOMSDAY BOOK

### **AXMINSTER DEVON:**

Then named ALSEMINSTRE/AXEMINISTRA/  
TRE it was the Kings land. Edwulf was the under-  
tenant and William Cheever was the tenant-in-chief.  
There were two water mills in use.

### **CLAYHIDON DEVON:**

Named HIDONE/DONA. Otelin was the under-  
tenant and Baldwin the Sheriff was the tenant-in-  
chief. A watermill was in existance and there were  
22 head of cattle and 27 goats. It was a small village  
or hamlet at this time.

### **TAUNTON SOMERSET:**

Named TANTONE/TONA: the Bishop of  
Winchester was the main landholder, three  
watermills were in use and there was a market place.

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## QUOTABLE QUOTES

Money was invented so we could know exactly how  
much we owe.

It is impossible to enjoy idling thoroughly unless  
one has plenty of work to do.

Gossip is just news running ahead of itself in a red  
satin dress.

Source: Readers Digest, Contributed by A Reinke.

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FAX (02) 9949 4389

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## AUSTRALIAN CASUALTIES

### **Saturday 18 May 1918 Bundaberg Daily News**

The 400th Casualty List which was issued tonight  
contains the names of Pte J. Woodall, West  
Bundaberg, killed in action 5/4/18, previously  
reported wounded, and Pte N.W. Reynolds,  
Maryborough, wounded Saturday 25 May 1918.  
The 401st Casualty List was issued today. It  
contains the names of Pte J.C. Bean, South  
Bundaberg, missing 5/4/18 and Pte T.A. Hedberg,  
Maryborough missing 5/4/18.

### **Thursday 23 May 1918**

The 402nd Casualty List which was issued tonight,  
includes the following Pte F.E. Gailey ( Bundaberg )  
died of wounds and private W. Turton ( East  
Bundaberg ), wounded and prisoner of war.

### **Monday 27 May 1918**

The 403rd Casualty List was issued on Saturday as  
follows Pte J.O'Reilly ( South Bundaberg ),  
wounded second occasion; Pte J.L.Stirling (   
Childers), wounded Sgt H King ( Bundaberg ),  
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Mackay Genealogy Society would like to welcome everyone back to Geni World for 1998. Hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas break and found lots of information.

Once again our society are building our resource files to help the Geni Bugs wile their hours away.

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### GENEALOGIST'S PRAYER

Lord, help me dig into the past  
And sift the sands of time

That I might find the roots that made  
This family tree of mine.

Lord, help me trace the ancient roads  
On which my fathers trod  
And led them through so many lands  
To find our present sod.

Lord, help me find an ancient book  
Or dusty manuscript  
That is safely hidden now away  
In some forgotten crypt.  
Lord, let it bridge the gap that haunts  
My soul when I can not find  
The missing link between some name  
That ends the same as mine.





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Roots Surname List Country Abbreviations  
<http://www.rootsweb.com/roots-l/cabbrevl.html#index>

Roots Surname List  
<http://www.rootsweb.com/rootsweb/searches/rslsearch.html>

### ENGLAND AND IRELAND

Gemuki  
<http://sentinel.mcc.ac.uk/gemuki/mindex.html>

Index of gemuki/counties/parishes  
<http://www-theory.dcss.st-and.ac.uk/~mnd/gemuki/counties/parishes/>

### LONDON STREETS

London labour and London Poor  
<http://www2.wildnet.co.uk/~hitch/irish.html> (The Irish Link)

### ANOTHER LONDON STREET MAP

<http://www.multimap.com/london/>

### MAPS OF GREAT BRITAIN

<http://www.multimaps.com/uk/>

## NAMING TRADITIONS

Our ancestors often used the following naming procedure when picking out a name for a new child. This explains why certain names are very common in a given family line. Watching for these patterns can help in your genealogy research.

1st son	father's father	1st daughter	mother's mother
2nd son	mother's father	2nd daughter	father's mother
3rd son	father	3rd daughter	mother
4th son	father's oldest brother	4th daughter	mother's oldest sister
5th son	father's 2nd oldest or mother's oldest brother	5th daughter	mother's 2nd oldest or father's oldest sister

(Kin Tracer - December 1997)

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## SOME ABORIGINAL HOUSE NAMES AND THEIR MEANINGS

Aldinga	Place for hunting	Arahuen	Place of waterhills
Adelong	Plain with a river	Adjungaabilly	Permanent stream
Allambie	Quiet place	Aroona	Underground water
Alkoo	Visitor	Allunga	Sun
Bungawitta	Home of the possum	Binburra	White beach tree
Boonderoo	Stoney country	Billop	Large lake
Beer	Long distance !!	Burumbet	Muddy water
Coombell	Bunyip in water	Coorang	Brown gravel
Carinya	Happy peaceful home	Chinkapook	Red water
Duneba	Wattles	Dakara	Hard ground
Dandaloo	Pretty	Dhindli	Nest

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## OUR CRAZY LANGUAGE

We share the most widely used language in the history of mankind - English. Consisting of approximately two million words, spoken by one in every seven people and forming the basis of more than half the world's books, yet we must admit that English is a crazy language.

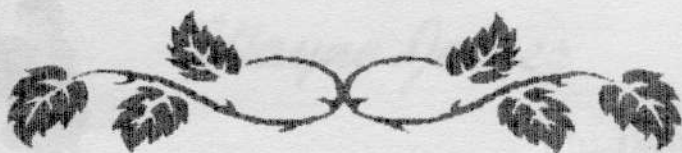
### WHY?

Herewith a few examples.

There is no egg in an egg-plant, neither pine nor apple in a pineapple and there is no ham in a hamburger. We know that quicksand can flow slowly and boxing rings are square. In what other language can you drive on a parkway and park in a driveway, recite at a play and play a recital, have noses that run and feet that smill? How can the weather be hot as hell one day and cold as hell the next?

Is there any other language in which a two letter word can have such varied use as up?

It is easy to understand UP meaning towards the sky or towards the top of the list. But when we waken, why do we wake UP? At a meeting, why does a topic come UP? Why do participants speak UP and why are the office-bearers UP for re-election? And why is it UP to the Secretary to write UP the minutes. Often the little word isn't needed, but we use it anyway. We brighten UP a room, light UP a cigar, polish UP the silver, lock UP the house and fix UP the old car. At other times, it has special meanings. People stir UP trouble, queue UP for tickets, work UP an appetite, think UP excuses. It may be confusing, but a drain must be opened UP because it is blocked UP. To be up on the proper use of sized dictionary, UP takes UP half a page and lists definitions UP to about 40. If you are UP to it, you might try building UP a list of the many ways in which UP is used. It will take UP a lot of your time, but if you don't give UP, you may wind UP with a thousand.



## WHAT'S ON IN MACKAY

This year the Mackay Genealogical Society is undertaking a project on Mackay Pioneers - those who were in Mackay before 1885. The results of this project will be displayed in the foyer of the Mackay City Library from 24 August to 5 September.

Each pioneer, or family, will be displayed on a chart containing a short history of the first arrival in Mackay, surrounded by photos and other memorabilia. Family trees will not be included, and the photos should only pertain to the first arrival or his/her children.

These pioneers will include anyone who was in Mackay before 1885, whether they were prominent citizen or not. Backgrounds so far include England, Ireland, Scotland, Denmark, Germany, Portugal, West Indies and Pacific Islands. The boundaries of Mackay will include Habana, Walkerston, Balnagowan and Homebush.

We would like to hear from anyone who had ancestors ( or who has information ) on people who were in Mackay pre - 1885. If you would like assistance in putting a chart together, we would be only too willing to help. Our committee consists of Kathy Mian, Jean Turvey, Judy Wallace and Carolan Hill. Please contact anyone on the committee:

Kathy Mian .....	(07)4956 6606
Jean Turvey .....	(07)4942 6266
Judy Wallace .....	(07)4942 1224
Carolan Hill .....	(07)4959 5272





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## THE ABC OF GENEALOGY

A	Ancestors, Archives	N	Naturalisations, Newspapers
B	Births, Bibles	O	Obituaries, Occupations
C	Cemeteries, Censuses	P	Parish Records, Passengers
D	Deeds, Diaries	Q	Questions, questions, questions
E	Electoral Rolls, Evidence	R	Relatives, Reunions
F	Families, Folklore	S	Ships, State Records
G	Genealogical Societies Geography	T	Telephone Books, Traditions
H	Heraldry, Historical Societies	U	Unrelenting determination
I	Indexes, Interviews	V	Visits, Vital Records
J	Journals, Journeys	W	Wills, Writing Lettere
K	Kith, Kin	X	X-ray vision
L	Land Records, Libraries	Y	Yearbooks, Yesterdays
M	Maps, Marriages	Z	Z-Z-Z-Z (sleep, occasionally).

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### Church Archives.

#### Lutheran Archives.

101 Archer Street, North Adelaide SA 5006. Ph 08 8267 1737

The Lutheran Archives is the official repository of Lutheran Church records for the whole of Australia. There are records from most congregations (including all the Riverina). Records include congregation histories and records, parish registers, parish papers and photographs. To assist researchers, a Church Records Computer Database Index has been prepared, which enables the researcher to quickly locate those records which may be useful.

The Archives are open Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, 9.30am - 12.30pm & 1pm - 4.30pm. Individual research is \$6.00 per half day. Pensioners and students \$4.00 per half day. Research by staff \$25.00 per hour. Computer printout of surname in Church Records Database \$3.00 per surname, plus 70c per page. Enquiries to the Archivist, Lyall Kupke.

## HANDY HINTS

### Removing Photos from Photo Albums with Self Adhesive Pages.

Here's a solution you might want to try. It does work, but you do have to be careful. By using a hair drier on the lowest setting and carefully working your way from one corner of the photo down you should be able to remove the photo without damaging it.

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## DID YOU KNOW

There was a time when the best way to make sure that someone was not carrying a weapon was to take his hands in yours. This action eventually led to the practice of shaking hands as a sign of friendship. Also, when a man takes off his hat on entering a house, he is showing that he trusts the inhabitants not to attack him. This custom dates from the days when it was safer to wear tough headgear in the presence of strangers.

A city dweller was once supposed to have had an easy time compared with the hard life of a countryman. The comfort and amenities of the town "cockered" or cosseted its inhabitants who, for this reason, were known as "cockneys". This term was applied mostly to the citizens of London.

When remedies and cures were sold in great quantities at country fairs, the vendor proclaimed their supposed value in a loud voice. This strident form of advertising was known as "quacking", the term becoming associated with medicine generally. Hence the word "quack" to describe a false medical man, but sometimes used jestingly for a real one.

**Happy Easter**



## AUSTRALIAN RESEARCH

**Memories of World War II.** the Australian War Memorial Canberra is creating a new permanent exhibition gallery focusing on Australia's role in World War II. Collections relating to campaigns important to Australia such as those in North Africa, New Guinea and the Islands need to be strengthened. The Memorial is seeking items with a story whether it be curious, humorous or poignant, conveying the reality of service in the war.

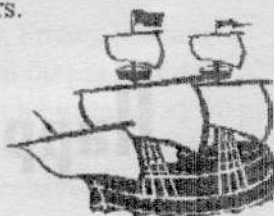
Information on life as a civilian internee during the war is also requested. The Memorial is seeking descriptions of the internees and, if possible, a list of existing memorabilia.

For further information contact: Paul Griffiths, Collections Officer, Australian War Memorial, GPO Box 345, Canberra, ACT 2601.

*(ALPHS News Oct 1997)*

**Brisbane City Archives.** The Archives collection comprises Council records of permanent value. The archives holds records dating from the establishment of the Brisbane Municipal Council in 1859. The Archives also holds records of shires and town councils in existence prior to the establishment of the greater Brisbane City Council in 1925. The Majority of the holdings date from 1900. The index to these records can be accessed via the public databank at all Brisbane City Council Automated libraries. For further information contact the City Archivist, 14 Macquarie Street, Teneriffe 4002. Telephone 07 3254 0986. Facsimile 07 3254 0362. The City Archives are open Monday to Friday, 8:30 am to 4:30 pm by appointment. An "Access to the Archives" application will have to be made for first time users.

*(City Review Nov 1997)*





## OVERSEAS RESEARCH

**Was your Ancestor French?** When you marry in a civil marriage in France you are automatically given a *Livret de Famille* ( Family Log Book ) just like you used to have for a car which logged every owner and change of appearance etc. there is no marriage certificate as such but the marriage is fully recorded in The Log Book. The full details of each party, date and place of birth, whether divorced or widowed, your trade or profession, the names of both parents, the mother's maiden name which is used for all legal purposes in France, throughout her life are recorded in the book. the birth of each child is recorded and space is provided for recording the death of a spouse or child.

**You can find out if the company your ancestor owned or worked for** is still in existence in England and Wales by writing to Archive Customer Service, Room 3, 112 Companies House, Crown Way, Cardiff CF4 3US

**Inkeeper in the family?** If you know the name of the tavern then you may be able to find out about its sign from the Inn Sign Society, 18 Dublin Avenue, Newton-Le-Willows, Merseyside WA12 9RF

**Looking for Maps?** World Wide Maps, ground floor, 187 George Street, Brisbane carry the Landrover Ordnance maps for England, Scotland and Wales and the Discovery Series for Ireland.

**Burials in Lincolnshire.** A donation of 1 pound is required per surname for a search in up to 4 churchyard/cemeteries in Lincolnshire. Requests for searches should be to Mrs L Brown, 44 Queensway, Scunthorpe DN16 2HZ

**Police Records.** PRONI have released RIC records giving details of members between 1870 and 1922, a separate file for each member gives date and place of birth, service record, wife's name, hobbies, postings, names of children and other interesting details.

## FAMILY REUNION

**PEARSON / PERSHOUSE FAMILY REUNION**

**9.00 AM - SUNDAY 28 JUNE, 1998**



**VENUE: ROCKHAMPTON BOTANICAL GARDENS**  
(UNDER THE GIANT FIG TREES, BEHIND THE KIOSK)

**LUNCH: PLEASE BRING A PICNIC LUNCH**  
**OR BARBEQUES ARE AVAILABLE**

**CONTACT: Mrs Wendy PRIEBE**  
**109 Samsonvale Road**  
**STRATHPINE QLD 4500**  
**Telephone: (07) 3205 4596**

**William PERSHOUSE**, his son **John** and John's first wife, **Mary Nee Hannam** lie in unmarked graves in the South Rockhampton cemetery. I have been given permission to claim their gravesites and I intend to mark their graves with a simple plaque.

An expression of interest to be involved or to be kept informed about this Pearson / Pershouse reunion is most welcome. Please forward other interested people's names and addresses as well.

Kind regards, Wendy.

1998

### Latest Certificate Prices.

#### **Australian Capital Territory. (from 1930)**

Address: The Registrar General, Birth, Death and Marriage Registry, GPO Box 788, Canberra ACT 2601.

Cost: \$25.00, search fee \$25.00

#### **New South Wales.**

Address: The Registry of Births, Deaths and Marriages, GPO Box 30, Sydney NSW 2001

Cost: \$26.00 (\$20.00 if index number quoted) Priority service surcharge \$15.00. First ten years search included in fee, search fee \$15.00 for each additional ten years.

#### **Northern Territory.**

Address: Registrar General, Registry of Births Deaths and Marriages, PO Box 3021, Darwin NT 0801

Cost: \$25.00, priority service surcharge \$30.00 ( available for marriages and deaths only), search fee \$25.00

#### **Queensland.**

##### **1890 onwards**

Address: The Registrar General, Births, Deaths & Marriages, PO Box 188, Albert Street, Brisbane QLD 4002

Cost: \$21.00, priority surcharge \$15.00, search fee \$13.00 for five year search.

##### **Prior to 1890:**

Address: State Archivist, PO Box 1397, Sunnybank Hills QLD 4109.

Cost: \$21.00, with index number \$17.50 priority surcharge \$14.50, search fee \$13.00, for five year search.

#### **South Australia.**

Address: The Principal Registrar Births, Deaths & Marriages Division, GPO Box 1351, Adelaide SA 5001.

Cost: \$27.00, Priority service \$19.00, ten year search included in fee.

#### **Tasmania.**

Address: The Registrar General, Registry of Births, Deaths & Marriages, GPO Box 198, Hobart Tas. 7001.

Cost: Certificate \$25.00, priority surcharge \$20.00, search fee \$10.00 for five years.

(Latest Certificate Prices cont:)

**Victoria:**

**Address:** The Registrar, Registry of Births, Deaths & Marriages, PO Box 4332, Melbourne VIC 3001

**Cost:** Certificate \$17.00, ( same price with or without index number ) search fee \$17.00 for five years. ( Cost of certificates has recently decreased.)

**Western Australia.**

**Address:** The Registrar General, PO Box 7720, Cloisters Square WA 6850.

**Cost:** Certificates \$25.00, ( re. no. & place supplied) Event more than 60 years old \$15.00. Search fee \$10.00 for five years.

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**Family History and Local History Fair**

**Sunday 10 May 1998**

**10am to 4pm**

**Mt. Gravatt Showgrounds**

**1644 Logan Road, Mt Gravatt**

(Near corner Broadwater Road: UBD map 36 M3)

**Pre-paid no-queue admission      \$5.00**

**Admission on the day                \$7.00**

For more information, telephone Margaret Jenner (07) 3397 4208



**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 GENEALOGICAL LIBRARY** is in the Reading Room of the North Mackay Library, Ungerer Street. This is open to the public daily from 10:00am to 5:00pm weekdays and from 10:00am to 3:00pm on Saturdays.

**RESEARCH ASSISTANCE** is available in this library from 10:00am to 12:00noon and from 1:00pm to 3:00pm each day. For alternate arrangements, please telephone Jenny Pershouse on 546610

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

**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 Jenny Pershouse, PO Box 882, Mackay 4740 or left in the "Letterbox" drawer in the Genie Room, labelled "Genie Gossip Editor"

**AVAILABLE FOR HIRE** GSQ members may hire fiche and a fiche-reader for \$5.00 over a weekend. Contact Jean Turvey on (07) 49 426266 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 (07) 49574120 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 \$45 per annum for individual and \$60 for a family membership. These amounts do include a once-only joining fee of \$10. 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.

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