

# Mackay Genie Gossip



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## NEWSLETTER NUMBER 1.

MACKAY BRANCH GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY OF QLD.  
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## NEWS.

1. DISPLAYS (a) City Library Display 12-26 March was worthy of its Bicentenary listing with a wide variety of material and memorabilia. Period costume greatly added to the interest - with Re-vamp's Models and our members manning the display. Many and varied Family Trees were entered in the competition, judged by the Mackay City Librarian. Irene McFarlane's illustrated tree was the winner of the prize of ONE years free membership. (b) This tree and other items were put in the Pioneer Permanent Display, requested at short notice. This display will stay here for about one month from 14 April. (c) A Caneland's Display 18-22 April for Heritage Week also put us well before the public eye. There are still people in Mackay who do not know that we exist.

2. CEMETERY headstones of all cemeteries in the local area have now been transcribed and indexed. Mt Bassett headstone transcriptions have recently been entered in the library with their yellow index cards in the index drawers. There is more work to do on burial records (which have all people buried), and on consolidating all index cards into one surname alphabetical index.

3. LIBRARY List of all items in our library is now available. Books newly aquired are the 3 vols of The Queensland Muster Rolls, the published result of the G.S.Q. Bicentennial Project; and the 4 Volimes of the Biographical Index of South Australians. Also we now have a second-hand Microfiche Reader-Printer. Cost of printouts will be on a trial basis 20c for A4 size and 40c for A3 size (which is twice A4 size).

4. Famous People seminars (a) Janet Reakes 3 June to cost \$15. (b) Elizabeth Simpson highly honoured English Genealogist, about the end of September, to cost a small amount (c) Dr. Brian Trainor, Ulster Historical Foundation, 3 November, to cost between \$5. and \$10

5. WATCH "MIDWEEK" for the monthly column written by Judy Wallace. This is put in the week before our meeting.
6. BARGAIN PLASTIC DOCUMENT ENVELOPES: Box of 100 envelopes (foolscap) cost \$17 at AAA Stationery, Cnr. Victoria & Turner Streets.
7. A TALK TO A GROUP OF THE YCWA was given by our President Warren Pitt on 16 March. How to begin research was covered, and many other areas. The audience responded well and many questions were asked.
8. THE 200 GREATEST STORIES NEVER TOLD is a book to be published as a bicentennial project. One of the stories accepted was discovered and researched by Anne Whitmore, Thomas Whitmore and his sons set out in March 1893 from Gympie (Qld) on a journey to the W.A. Goldfields with a horse team and two bullock teams. It was nearly 2 years before they arrived at Kurnalpie W.A. Thomas Whitmore returned by boat after some time, none the richer after all. But now in 1988 he is famous.
9. RENEW GSO MEMBERSHIP PROMPTLY: New members and old members overdue -2 months- are charged \$30. Continuing members have to pay only \$23. It is your responsibility to join promptly. G.S.Q. Brisbane ask you to post your renewal to them. You can do this, but if you pay our Treasurer at the meeting, we will get it away as soon as possible. Ask to be a Mackay BRANCH MEMBER so a portion of your fee comes back to our branch as a Capitation fee. This is the chief source of our income. (You are at present a "Branch Member").
10. AGITATE FOR EXTENSION OF QLD INDEXES to be issued to the public, especially the Qld. Birth indexes which now stop at 1869. Write a letter to your member of Parliament. Lots of us have. Help swell the flood of protest. This is the way the world works.

RESEARCH NOTES:

1. QUEENSLAND BIRTH CERTIFICATES no longer automatically give place and time of parents' marriage. You must ask specifically for this to be included. If it is still not included, photocopy the certificate, send it back, and demand politely this extra information.
2. CERTIFICATES OF MARRIAGE in Australian States after official registration sometimes come back with many blanks. The information you require is probably in the church register, but was not sent on at the time to the Registrar by the overworked minister. So write to the church. Send a photocopy of the certificate you received, to make it easier for the present overworked minister to fill in the blanks. Of course send a SAE at least.
3. QUEENSLAND OFFICIAL REGISTRATION BEGAN 1856 and QLD microfiche indexes also start at 1856. However, QLD as a separate state did not exist till 1859; QLD was New South Wales before then. So you will find in the NSW indexes both the official BMDs 1856-1859 for QLD, and the pre 1856 for QLD.

4. The GERMAN RESEARCH DIRECTORY published by G.S.Q. German group is now issued. A copy is held by Ellen Jackson and by Joanne McGrath.
5. RESEARCH IN LONDON, ISLE OF WIGHT, AND NOTTS has been done extensively by and for Jenny Gibbs, who has written up notes with addresses and entered them in our library in the box "Research in England".
6. BARGAIN INFORMATION from the Mormons, Utah. If you find an entry in the I.G.I., you can obtain a copy of what the Mormons had to extract that entry. The form to apply is on the noticeboard. Four entries to one form. The cost has now risen to \$2 U.S.A. per form (return post included.) Reply takes about 3 months.
7. SCOTLAND Death Certificates are very detailed and full and many provide the link you need, if you know a death date. (Ask Alan Mcnee). England and Ireland and South Australian Death Certificates are almost no use at all.
8. SCOTLAND OFFICAL BIRTHS AND MARRIAGES (1855-1885) have all been filmed by the Mormons and most put in the I.G.I. Do not send to Scotland. Find it on the I.G.I., and send to UTAH as in 6 above. You will get exactly the same thing back at a fraction of the price.
9. THE MORMON LIBRARY. is now manned by Mrs Devlin at 11.30 am Wednesdays. Or ring Mrs Francis on 578319. The library is at the Church of Jesus Christ of the LDA., Cnr. Field and McGinn Sts, West Mackay.
10. ITEMS FOR RESEARCH, ON ORDER FROM <sup>other</sup> PLACES.
  - (a) Through the Mormon Library, or
  - (b) On Inter-Library loan through the public libraries may be of interest to another member. Please notify the newsletter when you order and then anyone wanting to look at "your" book, film, etc, while it is in Mackay, can get in touch with you. At present the only known person with things on order is Jean Turvey who has ordered:
    - (1) Marriages Ireland 1850 to 1860.
    - (2) Applotment Books Tipperary 1824 to 1840  
(Records of land owners and leasees.)

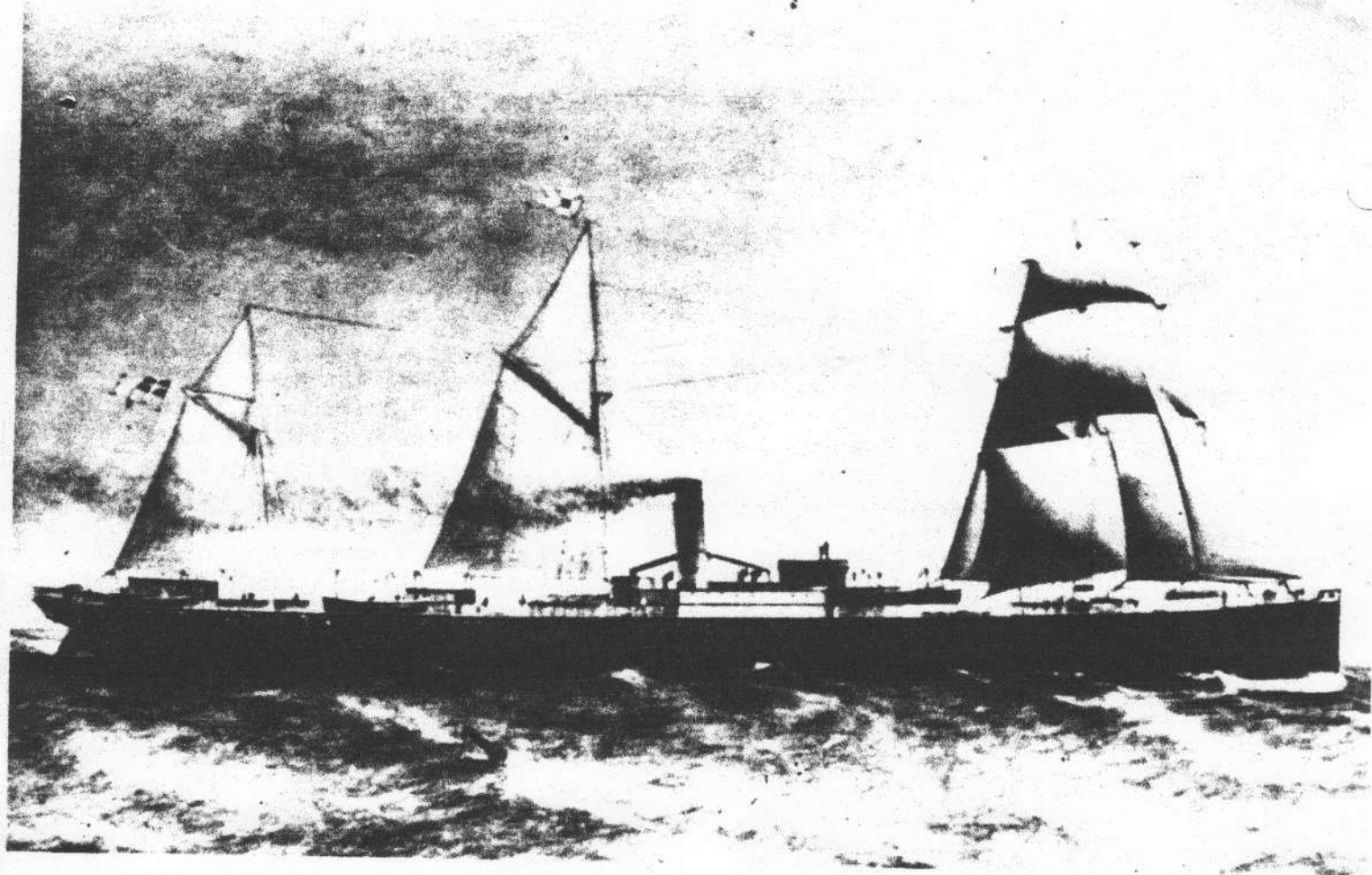
NOW, PLEASE KEEP THE BALL ROLLING. Please supply any items of news or helpful hints for research to be published in the next MACKAY GENIE GOSSIP.

It is best if you write out you item and hand it in to the following members or put it into the box in our library. Or you can phone.

Judy Wallace  
Helen Butler  
Gwen Mann  
Trish Caldwell

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42 4539  
575833  
51 4616

Helen Gooding  
(Vic Jensens shoes, Sydney St. 575061)



## "R.M.S. MERKARA"

IRON VESSEL  
SIX BULKHEADS

MASTER:- J. BALLANTINE

TONNAGE:

2971 GROSS.  
1950 NET  
2919 UNDER DECK.

BUILT :- DUMBARTON, by DENNY, in 1875.

OWNERS:- D. MACNEIL & P. DENNY.

BELONGING TO THE PORT OF GLASGOW.

Arrived Cooktown 11<sup>TH</sup> MAY, 1883 at 7.30 am.

Departure Plymouth, England 15<sup>TH</sup> MARCH, 1883.

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1987 was my first year as president. The year was a successfull one for our club, and 1988 should be more exciting due to the influx of guest speakers, seminars and proposed participation in this years' street procession at SUGARTIME. The club has already been successfull in the recent Bi-Centennial Library Display held back in MARCH.

I thank my club members for their support.

*W. Farren Pitt.*  
PRESIDENT.

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NEWSLETTER NO. 2.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Our next A.G.M. is on 6 July, and I want to remind all members to attend. Our monthly meeting will also be conducted immediately after this. I wish to thank all present office bearers for their support. Former secretary, Mrs. Judy Matthews, has left Mackay for Brisbane and too, I thank her for the work she contributed to our local branch. By the time this newsletter is out, we would have had a visit by Janet Reakes, a revised schedule of 24 May. Sorry for the inconvenience of change of date, but it was not our doing. I hope those who attended enjoyed it.

Warren Pitt (Ph. 514848)

JOHN OXLEY LIBRARY

J.O.L. is again open for business at its new site. Address is: John Oxley Library, State Library of Qld., Qld. Cultural Centre, South Bank, South Brisbane, 4101. (Dorothy Newton & Fran Balmer)

1988 GENEALOGICAL RESEARCH DIRECTORY

Several members have their copies. Pioneer Shire Library and Mackay City Library both have ordered one to continue their collection in the reference section. Be sure to look up names of all your families.

QLD. BIRTH INDEXES - 1856-1884

We have purchased the new 1870-1884 fiche and these are now in our library.

CURRENT COSTS OF FULL CERTIFICATES

N.S.W.	- \$13, but \$9 if index reference no. quoted.		
Vic.	- \$21, but \$10.50 "	"	"
Qld.	- \$13.50		
S.A.	- \$12	W.A.	- \$13
		Tas.	- \$12

For addresses and additional information, see notice board at the Library. Anyone who discovers a new price rise is asked to write it on this sheet with the date.

1988 CATALOGUE OF GOULD BOOKS

This new catalogue of books for sale from Gould is now in our library in the box marked 'Of Books'. This is also useful to indicate available research material which may be requested on Inter-Library Loan. Or GSQ Brisbane may have the book and would look up a short reference for you and perhaps copy it.

### KELVIN GROVE, NEAR MACKAY

Several people have this place given on birth and marriage certificates. The mystery of the whereabouts of Kelvin Grove has been solved by Joyce Jensen after she read 'The Historical Review of Koumala and District' in the City Library. This book shows that Kelvin Grove was an early pastoral run, and also the first name of Koumala district, and Koumala township. The P.O. there changed to its new name about 1885. However, the use of the old name Kelvin Grove continued in common usage for many years, being used in 1896 in the application for a railway, and in 1899 in the application for a school.

### THE FIRST INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS ON FAMILY HISTORY

This is to be held in Sydney on 18-23 October 1988. Speakers will be coming from different parts of the world to speak on a variety of genealogical subjects. If you wish to register, photocopy the form you will find on the outside of our cupboard at the Library.

### LIST OF MEMBERS

There is a printed list of 76 members, which is available from the Secretary, if you don't have one. To be added to this are:

Trish Caldwell, 81 Canberra Street, Nth. Mackay	514616
Nancy Dunwoody, M/S 895, Mackay	590153
Lorraine Boyd, 6 Les Cameron Ave., Nth. Mackay	421764
Jeannette Hoy, 40 Charles Hodge Ave., Nth. Mackay	421569
Gaynor Clarke, Box 36, Mt. Pleasant	421161
Rodney Austin, P.O. Box 6454, Mackay Mail Centre	
Joan Masters, 8 Emu Street, Slade Point	551540
Brian O'Sullivan, 77 Bannister Street, Mackay	575338

Direct Members: Mary O'Neill, Pinnacle - Fay Rowlands, The Leap - Kay Nash, Finch Hatton - Heather Camilleri, Finch Hatton - B. Kendall, 23 Mills Ave., Moranbah.

### RESEARCH NOTES

1. Your Pedigree Chart. Have you sent a copy to GSQ Brisbane? A card is filled out for every name on the chart, and this is permanently indexed with a reference to you. Send it as soon as you can. An update can be sent later. This file was the source of the Lockes' first galloping success story.
2. For People with Irish Research and very few clues, could I suggest that you write a letter to the editor of the county newspaper from where your ancestor came. Names of Irish provincial newspapers are to be found in 'Handbook of Irish Genealogy' (North Mackay Library). Sometimes this can bring unexpected results - or none at all!
3. Overseas Professional Research can be very costly, and sometimes unsatisfactory. The Association of Genealogists and Record Agents was founded to promote high standards of ethics, and only experienced and well-qualified genealogists are eligible for membership. Judy Wallace has the 1986/87 list of AGRA members.
4. Judy also has a copy of REGISTER OF ONE-NAME STUDIES 1987. This is a register of people with particular interests in specific surnames - very useful if you are researching a particularly unusual surname. Any one-name society will register your family details, and this can lead to useful contacts.
5. Reminder - The Sales Officer (Gwen Mann) has British stamps for sale. If you enclose these in a letter to UK for return postage, it is much cheaper than using International reply-paid coupons.



### PERSISTANCE + LUCK = SUCCESS

I was getting very frustrated about not being able to find out anything about my husband's great-grandmother, Sarah Cox (nee Cross). We believed she spent some time at Warwick, Springsure, and Taroom. However, I wrote to Warwick but they had nothing, nor Springsure, and I was about to give up when I decided to write to the Taroom Council to see if she died there.

I finally hit the jackpot as the young man who opened the letter was her gr-gr-grandson. This young man rang me up in his lunch hour and was delighted to help me. He found me a lovely photo of her, plus her marriage & death certificates. He visited all his elderly relations who sat and told him old stories.

We were invited to visit when we were out that way; so later in the year my husband's sister, her husband and I went out to meet ever so many relations of Kevin's mother, whom his mother would have known as a young girl, and also their children. We had not known they existed, so were thrilled pink when we met them at an afternoon held for us. We were taken to the school to go through the old rolls, and the museum where the early grocer's shop accounts books were kept. I found Kevin's grandfather's grocery account for each visit to town also.

So never give up. All I have came from a letter I wrote to the Council Health Department.

Joyce M. Jensen.



### THE BENEFITS OF GSQ MEMBERSHIP

Some recent successes in our family research have come about through our membership of Mackay Branch of GSQ. Firstly while on holidays in Brisbane we visited the GSQ library at Stones Corner. In one index there we located the name of one great-grandparent being researched by another member, and the pedigree chart they had placed in records. Contact with this member, who turned out to be father's cousin, has unearthed a wealth of information taking us back to the early 1700's. Best of all, their eldest daughter is currently living in England and continuing the research.

Contribution of German family surnames to the GSQ German Research Directory has resulted in 3 separate contacts taking us back into Germany pre-migration for two families so far. Two of the people who contacted us live just a couple of streets apart in Southport and did not know each other until they discovered they had common ancestry through both of them contributing to the Directory.

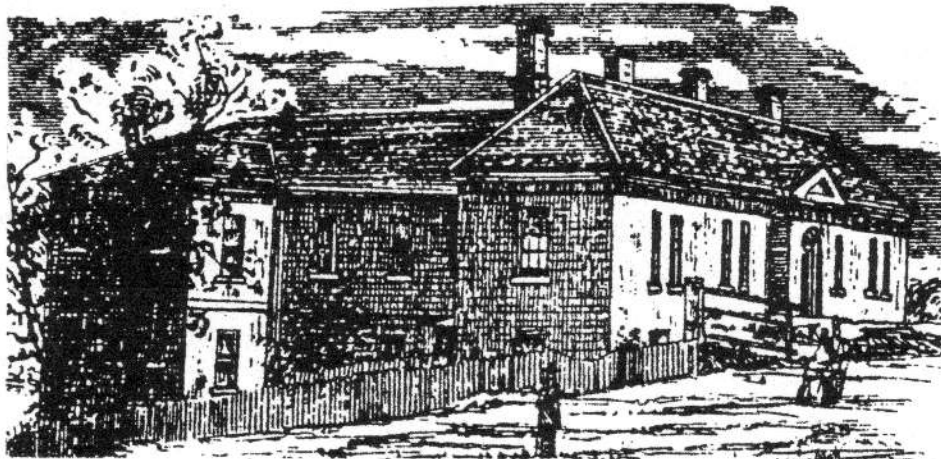
Finally, purchase of the Biographical Index of South Australians by Mackay Branch has resulted in our location of the arrival in the country of a great-great-grandfather and his family, complete with details of ships, marriages and children.

Ross & Lynda Locke.

## BRISBANE'S IMMIGRATION DEPOTS

There were three of these used to accommodate immigrants who landed in Brisbane last century and who had to await employment, or transport further on. Which one might have been used by your ancestors?

The first depot used in the fifties and early sixties was the old Military Barracks built in 1839 on the block of the present Treasury Buildings. These Immigration Barracks were described as 'horrible', and 'wretched dilapidated hovels'; 'a shed filled with iron bedsteads without bed or bedding in which there were no curtains or partitions to divide or screen the sexes, as they dress or undress' - and the shingles were rotten. There was public criticism of these, and in 1866 they were replaced.



This large stone building in William St. was the Immigration Depot 1866 to 1887. It now forms part of the D.P.I. Building.

In 1887, a very large new Depot was built at the Northern end of Kangaroo Point.



The Immigration Receiving Depot, Kangaroo Point. Immigrants were housed here on their arrival in Brisbane during the eighties. However, when the flow of immigrants decreased and depression struck the city in the early nineties it became the centre from which relief was administered. (Queensland Newspapers Pty. Ltd.)

This research was done by Ellen Jackson after she obtained the certificate of a marriage in 1867 which gave 'place of residence' of both bride and groom as 'The Immigration Depot'.

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Please supply articles, news items, and research hints (especially any from Janet Reakes) for next 'Genie Gossip'.  
DEADLINE - 22 JUNE. Give these to one of the office bearers, or to Helen Gooding, Vic Jensens Shoes, Sydney St; or put them in THE BOX in the Library.

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## NEWSLETTER NO. 3.

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## READER-PRINTER WORKING AT LAST

Printouts can now be obtained of a microfiche frame, costing 20¢ for A4 size and 40¢ for A3 size. Follow instructions on the card. Many thanks to Wayne Miller and Mal Turvey for a whole Saturday morning's work, physical and mental, on the machine. Also to Narelle Byrne for her promptness in acquiring it and all her trouble. Also to the Maguires for their concern and enquiries which may still unearth the missing part, which would made the machine more adaptable.

## G.S.Q. MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL - NEW SYSTEM

It is your responsibility to renew membership promptly. No reminders are sent to you. Members who joined in the last few months <sup>are</sup> on the new rule that their membership year starts from their date of joining. If you are in this group, your renewal is not yet due. Members with pink cards work on the old rule that their year runs from 1 JULY to 30 JUNE, and are now due to renew. TO RENEW: Fill in form and pay \$24 (or \$34 family membership). Payment may be made to our Treasurer at the meeting and we will get it to Brisbane as soon as possible. But you may post it direct to Brisbane if you wish. (You should definitely post it direct if you are running late). REMEMBER TO STATE YOU ARE A BRANCH MEMBER so that a proportion of the money is sent back to our Branch. (This is the chief source of our income.) N.B. If you are 2 months overdue, you are dropped from the list of members, and "renewing" after that is not possible. You would then be a new member and the fee for New Members is \$30.00 (or \$40 Family membership).

## ELIZABETH SIMPSON SEMINARS

This famous genealogist from England will give 3 seminars at the Andergrove Neighbourhood Centre, on Friday 30 September at 7.30p.m. and on Saturday 1 October at 9a.m. to 12.30p.m., and at 1.30p.m. to 5p.m. Each seminar will cover different topics. There will be a separate small charge for each seminar. Booking is not necessary. An extra attraction will be some fine examples of Nottingham lace, on which she is also an expert. The Andergrove Neighbourhood Centre is on Bedford Road opposite the Council Depot and next to Kookaburra Child Care.

## SOUTH AUSTRALIA BICENTENNIAL BULLETINS

We now have the first 3 of these books, with 5 more to be issued progressively. These contain more details than the Biographical Index of South Australians and mostly include people not in the

## JANET REAKES - PROFILE



Janet Reakes was born in Bristol England and migrated to Australia as a child in 1961. Janet has been tracing family trees for 15 years and holds 2 diplomas, including an international accreditation. She has been back to England 5 times for research.

Janet is a full time professional researcher and consultant, specialising in the area of problem genealogy. She is Director of the Genealogy Research Centre in Sydney, which is a successful business. Janet Reakes is best known to most Australians through her appearances as resident genealogist on the Midday With Ray Martin Show, and on the radio programme, Australia Overnight. She has also published several books on research which are very readable and very helpful. One is in our cupboard, and there are more in the local libraries.

Joyce Jensen.



### SUCCESS

When we held a Wallace Reunion in Mackay in 1985, there was one branch of the family that we hadn't managed to trace, so I thought I would have a go. All we knew was that Linda Wallace had married Lawrence Peel in England in 1905, and had three children - Joan, Eric and Hugh. Not having the faintest idea where to start, I placed an ad in the (English) Family Tree Magazine, and had a reply from a woman in London who had found their marriage in St. Catherine's House, also the births of the 3 children, and the marriages of the 2 boys: She wasn't a professional researcher, but someone who liked to help people from far away! As Hugh had married Marjorie McWhannell (a most unusual name) I wrote to 5 people by the name of McWhannell within the London area. I had 3 replies and 2 of them were related. They told me that descendants were still living on the Isle of Man (where Lawrence and Linda had lived.) so I then wrote to 8 people on the Isle of Man by the name of Peel. One who replied was the daughter of Hugh, another gave me the address of the widow of Eric, from whom I have now had a letter. I am now anxiously awaiting more correspondence with names and dates of all the descendants to complete the family tree. Nothing is impossible!

Judy Wallace.

### SEQUEL TO THE IMMIGRATION DEPOTS STORY IN NEWSLETTER NO. 2

John Oxley Library advises that the Immigration Receiving Depot at Kangaroo Point pictured in our last Newsletter has continued to operate as such, except for a period in the 1890s depression and for the period of wartime. Now under the control of the Department of Ethnic Affairs, it is known as the Yungaba State Migration Hostel. There was also a receiving centre for migrants at Wacol from 1949, but this was under the control of the Commonwealth.

TRIVIA - I wonder if anyone can beat this record? My ancestor Rev. Palmer Smythies (1691 - 1776) had 17 children. His first wife produced 10 (almost 1 a year), then died - probably from exhaustion. His second wife produced 7 children. At least 5 of them died in infancy.

Judy Wallace.

BISA. You may still enter your ancestor for inclusion in future volumes. Use a photocopy of the form at the end of Vols. 1 & 2. Entries received before 31 October 1988 are guaranteed to be published. After that, entries will be processed in the order they are received in Adelaide, until enough are obtained.

#### MICROFILM AND MICROFICHE AT G.S.Q. BRISBANE

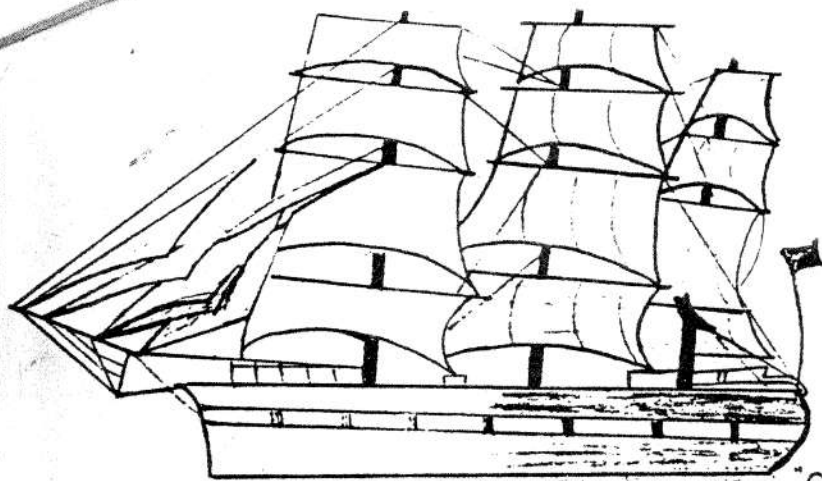
A list of these has been received and is in the box marked "Queensland" in our library.

#### RESEARCH NOTES

1. N.S.W. IMMIGRANTS: From 1853 a person in N.S.W. could deposit money to sponsor an immigrant nominated by him to come out to N.S.W. The Deposit Journals recorded these moneys and also information about the depositor and the immigrant, often in surprising detail. These journals can contain names not on other immigration records, and extra details about those that are. A project indexing these N.S.W. Immigration Deposit Journals 1853 1900 is underway. Unfortunately there is a gap 1866 - 1874 as these Journals are missing. The full index will be completed and released on microfiche by the end of 1988. So far they have over 40,000 immigrants in their computer. They will search now for a specific name on receipt of \$4.00 per name, plus SAE. Address: Pastkeys, P.O. Box 116, Rockdale 2216.
2. DEVON MARRIAGE INDEX. There is a poor coverage for this county in the IGI. If you are lacking a marriage in Devon 1813-1837, there is a slip index of 100,000 of these marriages held by Mrs. Margaret Bates, of Court Baron, Higher Cheriton, Payhembury, HONITON, Devon, ENG. For a fee of 1 pound and 2 IRCs and an addressed envelope, she will search for up to 5 names.
3. FOR N.S.W. PRE 1856 CERTIFICATES: Avoid needless expense; save your \$9. All the information available is only what is in the church register, baptism, marriage or burial. These registers have been all microfilmed. G.S.Q. Brisbane has a set. Find your entry on the microfiche Index for N.S.W., and copy it out with reference of Volume and number, and ask Brisbane to look it up on their microfilm. They will hand-copy the whole entry. Ask for no more than 2 at a time and send a SAE. Otherwise you prepare a list of references to look up yourself when you get to Brisbane. (Other large libraries have them, especially in N.S.W.)
4. ST.CATHERINE'S HOUSE INDEX: St. Catherine's House in London is the Registry Office for England and Wales and holds records from 1837. Each 3 months all births were listed in one alphabetical index and bound in a huge volume. And so with the marriages and the deaths. These were all in recent times copied on microfilm just as they were originally. Lorraine Pearce reports that the complete set of all these microfilmed indices has been purchased by the Queensland Family History Society in Brisbane. However, in view of the huge costs of these, only members of their Society are allowed to research them. So to look, you have to join AND you have to be in Brisbane. Individual films of this Index may be ordered through the Mormons, but you have to know the date fairly accurately - or order a large number of films - 4 for each year.



"YOU FOUND WHO IN YOUR FAMILY TREE?"



"DUNBAR 1851"

THE SHIP WHICH  
ALMOST GOT HERE.

Supplied by W. Pitt

"Dunbar" was a fine sailing ship. At 1342 tonnes, it was the largest sailing ship built at Sunderland Shipyards, England. Launched in 1853, it entered the London - Sydney trade, under the command of Captain James Green. On 31 May 1857, "Dunbar" left London with 59 crew and 63 passengers, as well as a cargo worth 72,000 pounds. The end of the long voyage was well in sight on 20 August, but "Dunbar" could not negotiate the Sydney Heads and smashed on rocks outside the Heads. All were drowned except one, James Johnson. Today a monument at the Heads commemorates the tragedy.

HANDY HINTS FOR THE YOUNG HOUSEWIFE IN GREAT GRANDMOTHER'S DAY.

In the larder keep a pan of Charcoal, for it greatly helps to keep everything sweet and wholesome.

A pinch of Carbonate of Soda will keep milk or cream sweet in hot weather.

Sore throat remedy: Roast a potato, then crack it, place in a piece of flannel and apply very hot. The steam from it will often cure in one night.

Pomade for falling hair: Take eight ounces of beef marrow, twenty drops of tincture of cantharides, sixty grains of sugar of lead, an ounce of spirits of wine, and twenty drops of oil of bergamot. Boil the marrow in the bone, and mix the prescribed quantity, free of bone and fibre, with the other ingredients, excepting the scent, which is to be added last of all. If any other scent be preferred, the bergamon may be omitted.

Ellen Jackson.

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Yes, we are standing by, awaiting news, articles, and notes helpful for research, for Newsletter No. 4. Deadline is 20 July. Put these in THE BOX in the Library. Or give to Helen Gooding, Vic Jensen's Shoes, Sydney Street in town. Or ring Helen Butler 422539 or Judy Wallace 421224.

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NEWSLETTER NO. 4

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

The Mackay Branch of G.S.Q. held its annual meeting on 6 July, 1988. As President for my second term, I look forward to working with the office bearers for this year. These are as above, with also Sue Hill as Research Officer, Judy Wallace as Cemetery Officer, Joyce Jensen as New Member's Officer, Chris Lewin and Helen Gooding as Fund Raising Committee, Helen Butler as Librarian and Ellen Jackson as Address Filer. Our next prime venture is participation in this year's Street Procession at Sugartime on 10 September. With only 5 weeks to go, organization of this venture is very important. To achieve this needs backing from all members and your help will be much appreciated in decorating and setting up the display themes on our semi-trailer at 8.30 a.m. on Saturday 10 September. This will be done in Streeter Avenue, behind Pitt's Store (which is opposite the Base Hospital.) Please give your name or enquiries to Gwen Mann, co-organizer, 15 Streeter Avenue.

## QUEENSLAND CERTIFICATES RISE

A new service is available of a photographic copy of the entry, as in the register. i.e. you are then able to interpret the handwriting or any added marks yourself. This costs \$20.00. Otherwise a full copy typed up costs \$14.50, and an extract costs \$8.50. A search for one event under one name for 5 years costs \$7.50, and continuation at the same time of the search for each further five years costs \$5.00.

## NEW FORM TO SEND TO UTAH

To obtain information held by the Mormons about your entry in the IGI, you now have to fill out a different form. You have to distinguish between an entry which is Patron-Submitted (i.e. put in by an individual person), and one which is the result of an Extraction Programme, (where the whole register is filmed and then indexed). The form explains how to tell the difference. The latter ones now cost \$2.00 each entry. If you have even two in the one place, it would be worth ordering in the film to the Mormon Library for \$6.50 and scanning the whole film.

## FORMS FOR COPYING NOW IN NEW RING BINDER IN LIBRARY

This form has been placed in a ring binder on top of the microfiche readers. All other application and entry forms received from time to time will be placed in here too. There are also forms for two Registers of Pioneers being compiled (a) for North Queensland - Torres St. to Cardwell and west to Normanton, and (b) Central Queensland - Proserpine to Miriam Vale and west to the border. Enter your ancestors who lived in these areas before 1920. It costs nothing.

## FILMS ON ORDER AT MORMON LIBRARY

Gail Maguire reports she has ordered the film of the 1881 Census for the Registration District of St. Mary's in Carlisle (Cumberland). None of the films previously ordered

have yet arrived as there was a delay in sending the order on.

### ELIZABETH SIMPSON SEMINARS

There will be 3 separate sessions: Friday 30 September at 7.30, and Saturday 1 October from 9 to 12.30 and from 1.30 to 5p.m. Charge is \$2.50 per session. Venue is Andergrove Neighbourhood Centre, Bedford Road, opposite the Council Depot. Anyone who wants to read Elizabeth Simpson's work, can find a lecture in the England Box in our cupboard and several in "Under the Southern Cross" available at 929-JWD at Pioneer Shire Library.

### "CONNECTIONS" MAKES CONNECTIONS

The new G.S.Q. Research Directory "Connections" is now out and many of our members have theirs. Adelaide Grendon has already connected with a third cousin who has supplied genealogy of her family back two more generations to a CONVICT. The cousin is overjoyed to obtain from Adelaide all the descendants of one daughter - which she had despaired of ever being able to find.

### OUR MELBOURNE RESEARCHES

We recently enjoyed a trip to Melbourne and spent approximately 4 weeks doing genealogical research and were amazed at the wealth of information to be found if one knows where to look.

1. State Library situated in Swanston Street houses an excellent Reference Section, mainly autobiographies and histories of early pioneers, also genealogical research, plus B.D. & M. of England, Scotland other countries on microfiche. There are transcripts in book form from original Parish Records, however many discrepancies, also I.G.I. microfiche and Irish Applotments (Householders and rate payers).
2. LaTrobe Library contains all the microfiche of the States of Australia of B.D. & M. also Victorian Servicemen of the 1914 - 1918 war, Cemeteries and Convicts. There are also Victorian Electoral rolls in books and Melbourne Directories on the Ground Floor. On the First Floor one can view original documents and the Second Floor houses newspapers and very old Victorian Directories can be viewed.
3. P.R.O. of Victoria has microfiche of B.D. & M. but specializes in Shipping and Immigration Records which includes Registers of Deserters from Ships, plus Coastal Shipping Movements. On cards and now microfiche are thousands of unassisted migrants; also copies of Passenger lists can be taken.
4. Laverton Base Repository holds all details of Selections and purchases of land, rate and valuation books, some back to the 1860s. Details of Court Proceedings where we obtained the full details of an Inquest of a Death in 1910.
5. Titles Office in Queen Street where we were able to obtain copies of the Original Agreements for purchase of land in 1848 - 50.
6. Genealogical Society of Victoria in Swanston St. where one pays \$7.00 a visit, but members of G.S.Q. are free. The wealth of information relating to Victorian early settlers is amazing, even to the extent of a Hotel Owner, John Loeman, being fined 10 shillings for Sunday trading in Richmond. There is certainly lots of information to be found if one looks in the right places.

ISABEL AND FRANK ROBINSON (590240)

P.S. For further details of all Victorian sources, read "Beneath the Southern Cross" the paper by Faye Young.

### NEW MEMBERS (BEFORE 30 JUNE).

Mary SHADDOCK	P.O. Bloomsbury 4749	475790
Carmel McDONALD	16 Raymond Croker Drive Mt. Pleasant	421169
Dawn BILNEY	27 Outlook Crescent. North Mackay	423940
Patricia BEATTIE	12 Karl Langer Crescent.	421136.



## RESEARCH NOTES

1. S.A. PIKES INDEX mentioned in the S.A. Bicentennial Bulletins, is a register of emigrant labourers applying for free passage to S.A. 1836 - 1841. Compiled by Professor Douglas Pike. Copies in the Matlock Library and the Library of S.A. Genealogy and Heraldry Society. (Peg Strickland).
2. S.A. Contributors to the Biographical Index Vols 1 - 4 are not printed in the books (whereas contributors to the Bicentennial Bulletins are included in these). If you want to know who contributed an entry in BISA, send \$5 with your request to the SA Society. (Peg Strickland).
3. QLD Immigration Records 1848 - 1915, as held by Qld State Archives, have been purchased by the Pioneer Shire Library. The shipping lists are on microfilm and so cannot be viewed yet until a microfilm reader is obtained. However the index to these is on microfiche, and may be viewed now. (This is the same as what is on the cards in drawers at QSA). The index lists immigrants in alphabetical order and refers you to the appropriate film. Some cards also contain a lot of other information already extracted on to the card. So it is worth looking, even without the film to continue on to.
4. QLD Immigration: Index to Assisted Immigrants 1848 - 59. This has been printed in a book and is in the Pioneer Shire Library on the Reference Shelves.
5. ENGLAND: EAST ANGLIA, RESEARCH DIRECTORY: For anyone researching in the area of East Anglia, England, Norfolk and Norwich Genealogical Society will publish their 4th edition of "Norfolk Families" a directory of surnames - in 1989. Non-members of the society should send names of ancestors, with £ 3.50, to Dr. and Mrs. G Goulty, 11 Heathside Court, 28 Avalon, Lilliput, Poole, Dorset, England BH14 8HT, as soon as possible. These ancestors should come from Suffolk, Cambridgeshire, Huntingdonshire, Bedfordshire, Lincolnshire, Essex or Norfolk. Norfolk is divided into NE, NW, SE, SW, Central, Norwich and Yarmouth areas but if you are not sure just give parish names. (Judy Wallace).
6. VICTORIA: SHIPS ENTERING PORT PHILIP 1839 - 1871 The Robinsons compiled 2 lists of these, one alphabetical and one in time order, from Melbourne records and have kindly placed a copy in our library. See Box labelled Victoria. The lists give where each ship was from and include ships from N.Z. and Norfolk Island.
7. VICTORIA: OBSCURE PLACE NAMES: Many people are unable to locate Victorian place names on certificates. "Under the Southern Cross": (PSC Library) lists 260 goldfields of Victoria as in 1864. If your place is not amongst these, "Place Names of Victoria" by Les Blake may help. Ask your library to request the book on Inter Library Loan, or to photocopy the entry with your town. If you are really keen, you can purchase this book on 2 microfiche (It is now out of print as a book). Cost is \$7 from the publisher:  
Sue. Macbeth's Genealogical Books, P.O.BOX 136, HAMPTON, VIC. 3188.

### WHEELER FAMILY EXCEEDS THE RECORD of the SMYTHIES FAMILY

Samuel Wheeler married Selina Butt on 15 September 1846. After bearing him 6 children, she died on 26th October 1862. On 24th August 1863, Samuel married Annie Richards who bore him 17 children. As well as caring for her own children and step-children, Annie Wheeler acted as midwife to many children born in the Camden district where she was known simply as "Grandm". At her funeral service on 7th August 1941 (she died aged 97). the congregation overflowed into the churchyard, a tribute to the lady who was described as a beautiful woman with a marvellous sense of humour (she must have needed that), and an indomitable spirit. Samuel Wheeler, father of 23 children had died aged 89 on 31st May 1909.

SUF HILL

CAN ANYONE BEAT THIS NEW RECORD??



Coming Soon

### PRESENTING ELIZABETH SIMPSON

Elizabeth was born and educated in Liverpool, England, and served in the Fleet Air Arm during World War II. In 1949, she married Philip Simpson, and they have one married son living in Melbourne, and a married daughter living in England. Elizabeth and Philip are proud grandparents looking forward to seeing their Australian grandchildren on their forthcoming visit 'down under'.

She spent about fourteen years living in various British Colonies when her husband was in the Colonial Service and is so much looking forward to re-acquainting herself with the tropics and walking along a tropical beach. Her words!!

At present she is engaged in a multitude of activities. Elizabeth was a founder member and the first Secretary of the Federation of Family History Societies and at present is a Vice-President of the Federation. As the English Agent for the G.R.D. with which we are all familiar, she carries a heavy workload.

Add to this the Vice-Presidency, International A.P.G., U.S.A.; Trustee of the I.S.B.G.F.G., U.S.A. and Canada; Member of A.G.R.A.; writer, teacher, lecturer in Family History and English Local History; Overseas Invited Lecturer or Guest Speaker in the U.S.A., Canada and Australasia in recent years; and of course a Fellow of the Society of Genealogists. I think you will agree that we are indeed fortunate to have Elizabeth coming to Mackay.

In her spare time, she is a professional researcher in her home county of Nottinghamshire, England!

Elizabeth is a lady who despite her extensive knowledge and qualifications, considers herself an ordinary if slightly eccentric being. She is a very approachable person who is great fun and so easy to talk to. Hopefully she will remember her visit to Mackay as we will remember her.

JENNY GIBBS.

The Port Denison Times, Saturday, February 22, 1873, reported:

#### SHIPPING NEWS

Arrived. February 16th - John Rennie, ship, Captain Nicholson, from London. Passengers - Mr and Mrs Mills and 3 children (in saloon), and 200 statute immigrants. R.S. Warry & Co Agents.

John Rennie (from London): 100 tons salt, order: 4 pkg merchandise Huet.

Captain Nicholson, of the ship John Rennie, reports - Sailed from London on November 4th, 1872, with 180 immigrants; on the 5th and 6th at anchor at Green Hithe; on the 7th proceeded down the river in tow of the steam tug Napoleon; on the 8th passed Beachy Head, and on the 9th Portland Bill, still in tow, and entered Plymouth Sound, where we embarked 110 immigrants; on 10th and 11th at anchor at Plymouth; on the 12th got under weigh, proceeded to sea and passed the Lands End; on the 18th off Maderia Islands, fresh breeze and fine pleasant weather - passengers all well; on the 28th passed Cape Deverede Islands; on December 5th crossed the Equator; on the 23rd passed and sighted Tristian D 'Achuna Island; on the 30th rounded the Cape of Good Hope in Latitude 42 degrees south; on January 26th rounded Tasmania; on February 5th sighted Port Stephens, and on 9th Cape Byron; on 15th passed Lady Elliott Island.

Sailed through Capricorn Channel, sighting all the principal islands and rocks along the coast; on 16th arrived off Port Denison and came to an anchor, making the passage from Plymouth in 96 days, and having 4 berths and 8 deaths on board.

Experienced nothing but fine weather throughout the whole passage.

#### August 26-28: Tall Ships Festival and Mackay Harbour Carnival Weekend.

Mackay residents will again be treated to the spectacular sight of tall ships sailing into Mackay Harbour on Friday August 26.

Part of the first fleet re-enactment, *The Bounty*, *The Soren Larsen*, *Tucker Thompson*, *Trade-wind*, *Anna Christina* and *Amorima* will roughly recreate the voyage of Captain Cook up the Queensland coast.

A flotilla of boats and a festive mardi gras organised by the Cruising Yacht Club of Mackay will greet the convoy of ships upon their arrival in the harbour.

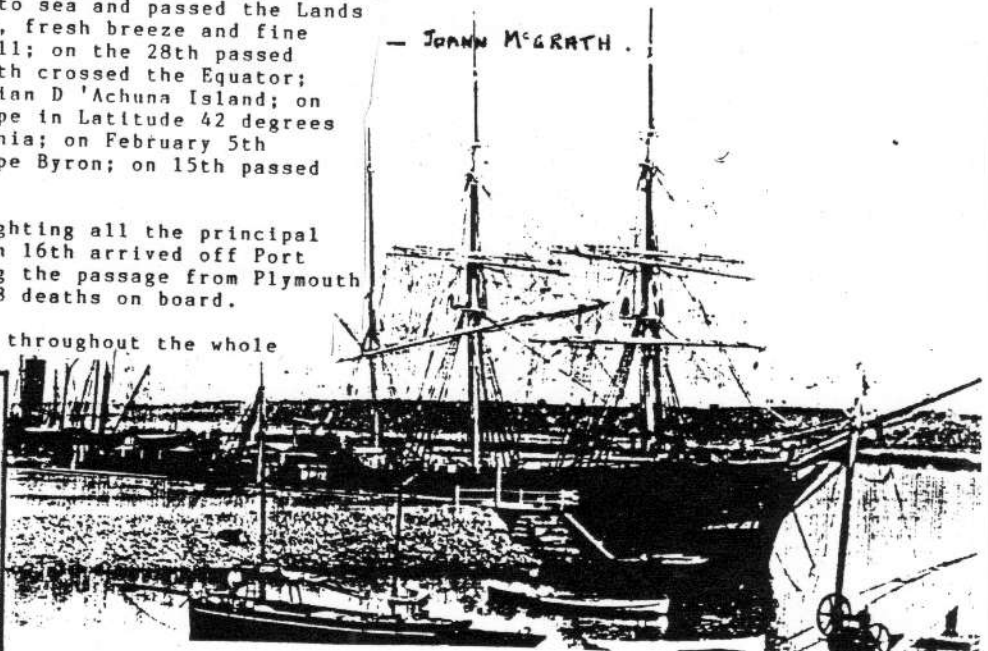
Pioneer shire council chairman Gordon White and Mackay mayor Peter Jardine will provide an official welcome to the crews.

A full evening of entertainment with the Ridgie Didge Bush Band and Shazam will be provided by the Cruising Yacht Club of Mackay from 6pm Friday. Dinner and drinks will be sold and there is no cover charge.



Yes, we are standing by, awaiting news, articles, and notes helpful for research, for Newsletter S. Deadline is 24th August. Put these in THE BOX in the Library. Or give to Helen Gooding, Vic Jensen's Shoes, Sydney Street in town. Or ring Helen Butler 422539 or Judy Wallace 421224. Next meeting is 3rd August 1988.

JOHN McGRATH.



#### WANTED: DESCENDANTS OF FIRST FLEETERS

These will be honoured by the organisers of the Tall Ships celebrations. For information, ring Noela Lloyd - Marian - 54 3200.

# Mackay Genie Gossip



NEWSLETTER NO. 5

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MACKAY BRANCH,  
P.O.BOX 882 MACKAY 4740

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Since our last meeting everything seems to be progressing well with preparation of our entry in this year's Sugartime Street Procession. The procession is scheduled for 3p.m. Saturday 10th September. Any willing persons are asked to assemble in Streeter Avenue in the morning about 9a.m., opposite Number 25, where the semi-trailer will be waiting for you. Remember Mrs. Mann is co-ordinator and lives at 15 Streeter Avenue (phone 575833). At the October Meeting I will be accepting money for the Melbourne Cup Sweep. Melbourne Cup is on November 1. This is the Tuesday before our November Meeting, and as the saying goes "You have to be in it to win it." COSTS ARE \$2 PER HORSE. Depending on the response, this determines how many sweeps will be available and of course how many dividends. This is also a fund raising venture so give generously. I thank you for your support.

WARREN PITT.

## ADDRESS BY MEMBER OF MORMON CHURCH

This has been postponed from the September Meeting, and Mrs. Joy Francis will now speak at the October meeting. Have all your questions about Mormon records ready to ask them.

## GLENDEN LIBRARY NOW HAS THE QLD. KIT

Glenden members are overjoyed that their council library now has the kit issued free by John Oxley Library to all libraries with a microfiche reader.

## ON ORDER ON ILL

At Pioneer Shire Library, J.Gibbs has on order from Inter-Library Loan "County History of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight", in the Victoria County History Series. If you would also like to see this book before it is returned, see the library.

## PLACED IN OUR LIBRARY ON LOAN BY A MEMBER.

Ann Whitmore has loaned many copies of "Descent"; "South Australian Genealogist"; Leicestershire F.H.S. newsletters, members interests and strays for 1981. Has anyone else old copies of magazines, etc., and is willing to put them on our shelves on temporary loan?

## NEW TOURIST ATTRACTION FOR MACKAY?

Mrs. Comben, a GSQ Member from Dalby, used our library on several occasions during the month and was really delighted with the research she was able to accomplish. She had brought all her family information with her on holiday here, as she says it is well known in Southern circles that Mackay is an excellent centre for research.

## CONVICT ACCOMMODATION AVAILABLE AT MMM

The Mackay Maritime Museum in the Junior Lifesaver's Building at the Harbour, is now open every day from 10a.m. to 3p.m. It is well worth a visit. As well as local wrecks, relics, and information, there is much information displayed on ships in general and on historic voyages. Special displays are prepared from time to time. The latest is a reconstruction of two double-decker bunks which accommodated 8 convicts on the ship "Scarborough on the First Fleet. In a between-decks of 4 feet 6 inches headroom, you can climb into the bunks and try them out..

## RESEARCH NOTES

1. "Sources for S.A. History" by Andrew Guy Peake is now in our library and is a must for all genes researching S.A. It is newly published, and is reviewed in June 88 "Generation". This book details most sources of use to genealogical and historical research. It also contains some direct information, e.g. a list of 200 local histories, and a list of 500 former place names in S.A. with their current equivalents.

2. Mt. Isa Death Index. done from the Burial Register and from newspaper notices, is now in our library in the Qld section in the wooden cupboard. It is mostly on 4 microfiche but there is a printed supplement.

3. QLD State Library holdings: Lorraine Pearce reports having purchased a booklet at Q.S.L. entitled "A Guide to the Microform collection of the State Library". It is available for \$7, and will shortly be on our shelves. Meanwhile, if you are going to Brisbane, you can see it there. Q.S.L. is open 10a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday to Thursday, and 10a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday, Saturday and Sunday. JOL is open 10a.m. to 5p.m. Monday to Friday, closed Saturday, but open 10 - 5 Sunday.

4. The Australian Biographical and Genealogical Record has published two volumes in their Series 2 (now ordered by P.S.C. Library), and a third shortly to come will complete this series from 1842 to 1899. However, Series 1, covering 1788 to 1841 for all of Eastern Australia, is still receiving entries, and anyone who has not yet entered his ancestors may do so now. The forms explaining and to be filled in are in our library in the Folder of "Forms For Copying". Also "The Biographical Register of Eastern Australia 1788 to 1841" will publish free basic details of everyone, born or arrived in this period.

5. Five Certificates for the price of one were received by Bev McGowan when she asked for one death certificate from Victoria. The full page of the Warracknabeal Register was photocopied. This gave full details for 4 deaths not required. This was in Aug - Sep. 1896 and referred to the deaths of Silas Harold Daniel (13 months), Moon Chack (male 60 years), John Joseph McPhee (12 days) and Arthur Drysdale (74 years). If anyone wants these see Bev.

### SOME HANDY HINTS FOR CONSERVATION OF RECORDS

Never keep photos in sticky plastic albums. All albums of this type are unsuitable for long-term storage. If you want to keep photos in an album, procure one with acid-free paper and attach the photos either with photo corners or with acid-free peel-off glue (Brand "Henro"). If not in albums, store them flat in Glad oven bags, or in special boxes interleaved with acid-free paper.

NEVER repair documents with sticky tape as this will leave a permanent brown mark. Use a flour paste.

For identifying photos, write on the back with a \$B pencil. For other records, use a pencil or a black ball point pen, not felt-tip pens or fountain pens.

Certificates and other such records are best kept in plastic slip-in folders, so that they are not handled unnecessarily.

K-Mart sell cardboard magazine holders which are ideal for your copies of Generation, other magazines or paperback books. JUDY WALLACE.

For further information, see (i) the article by Neville Corbett in "Descent", Vol 1 Part 3 on our shelves; and (ii) the paper by Arthur Baynes in "Under the Southern Cross", for loan from PSC Library.

The above may be "easier said than done" for some people, but, being a prolific letter-writer since childhood (a trait inherited from my Mother) I find the only problem is having the time to put to paper all the "letters" in my head.

For beginners in family research though, the rewards of letter-writing are limitless. My first addresses came from the Research Directory - at that stage my list of ancestral names was very short. However, I found that if a person had been in the research directory for 2 years or more you could be sure they had done quite a bit of research and all seem more than willing to pass any information on. From just a few letters I suddenly had "instant" families and endless avenues to explore and from these, often was able to supply new information to others. With both families coming from Tasmania, I expected convict ancestors, but at first found none - then in reply to one of my letters came a pedigree chart giving me four first Fleeters and three second Fleeters plus detailed information on all AND invitations to two family re-unions!

From another new-found relative I received a copy of three years' research by Debretts into my father's family in Buckinghamshire - a total of 73 pages - which cost me only for photo-copy paper and postage.

A pen-friend in England gave me the addresses (from phone directory) of four people with my family name who live in the area in Buckinghamshire where my ancestors came from. The first one I wrote to was not a relative but WAS the Secretary of the local Historical Society and in turn gave me the name and address of the Buckinghamshire Family History Society whose main aim is to link together people tracing ancestors. So that is my next letter to write!

My Father's family - GRIGGS - arrived in Tasmania on the "APPOLINE" in 1842 - as a result of a letter to the Huon (Tas.) newspaper, I was sent a copy (from the descendant of another passenger) of a song written during the voyage of that ship. Copy of this song is in the Archives in Canberra. It was sung to the tune of "La Petite Tambour" (The Little Tambourine) and apart from describing conditions of the voyage etc. also names some passengers and crew. A couple of the verses are as follows:-

Our Ship she is the Appoline,  
A tight and well built craft,  
How trim she is below, aloft,  
Just view her fore and aft.  
She is as neat a barque my boys  
As ever crossed the seas,  
O may she have a prosperous trip  
Before a favouring breeze.

We have got a living cargo boys,  
And one that's far from common.  
Amongst us there's some sturdy chaps,  
as well as some fine women.  
There's good and bad and old and young  
and many a cheery soul,  
There's Freeman, Rogers, Gaeves and Knight,  
and Mr. & Mrs. Dale.

#### Chorus

The Whitbournes too, are not a few,  
There are Thomases and Elsons,  
There's Morley, Rowlands, Griggs and Fox,  
and Mr. & Mrs. Nelson,  
The latter is a blacksmith bold,  
and more than half a lawyer,  
There's Simpkins, Simpson, Hitchcock too  
As well as Billy Sawyer.

etc. etc.

So even if letter-writing is not really "your thing" do make the effort - the results are varied and well worth it.

VAL POLLITT



#### MOST CHILDREN:

WOMEN RULE O.K?

Grace Jolliffe married William Hearn on 12th November 1751; she was seventeen years old. Between September 1752 and 1778, she bore him 21 children - thirteen daughters, including twins, and eight sons. When she was 12 years old, she had planted a yew tree in Arreton churchyard which became known as the "Hearn Tree", and after planting it, said she would be buried there. She died on the 20th November 1817 aged 84 years and was buried under the yew tree with her husband. Grace was said to "have ruled her maids in a very practical manner with a cauldron spoon or ladle, as did most good mistresses." Her husband died in June 1792 - whether from exhaustion or the ladle, who knows?  
Jenny Gibbs.

CAN ANYONE EXCEED

THIS RECORD?

DESERTED - CONVERTED.

Does your wife spend her life in the library?  
Is her nose always deep in a book?  
Serving leftovers, late, for your luncheon,  
Can no longer be bothered to cook?

Does she seek an affair with the postman?  
Do your overtures meet with riposte?  
Is it not for his visit she's yearning,  
But the letters of love in the post?

Can you no longer enter your study?  
Does the desk overflow to the floor?  
With details that beg comprehension  
Of persons obscure and of yore?

And does she incessantly babble,  
About which you don't give a toss,  
Of a long dead illiterate Auntie,  
Who witnessed a Will with a Cross?

Well! You've had it! I might as well tell you.  
Usurped and degraded like me.  
A genealogical widower,  
You take second place to a tree!

No! I don't mean a gum or a wattle.  
Of chain saws it taketh no heed!  
It's a sort of ancestral pyramid,  
Extolling man's penchant to breed!

I'm forming an organisation,  
For dissident folk such as I,  
Whose spouses have left them to follow,  
The all seeing god, I.G.I.

What's that dear? Related to convicts?  
Great-great grandad was with the First Fleet?  
His son was the first Mayor of Bunyip,  
And one of the nations's elite?

His ancestors crossed with the conquest?  
I'm related to dukes, by the score?  
It's amazing this family history!  
Incredible! Do tell me more!

— D.E. BRETT



Dear Jeannie,

You do not have to write anywhere! All the information is here in Mackay, available at no cost. You could look up the Qld. Post Office Directories on microfiche, but these tend to be behind the times in recording the start and finish of things, and sometimes do not record things at all. However, the Qld Government Gazettes, issued monthly are a very accurate record, being government publications of licences issued, regulations passed, etc for the whole of Qld. All these Gazettes from 1870 to 1970 are in the Mackay Court House. You just have to ask to look, but you have to do it while the court is not in session. Each book contains several months and is very thick and heavy. There is a whole wall with hundreds of these volumes - a wealth of information, but scattered and piecemeal. So to find your man, you really need some assistance.

First you go to your GSQ Library. Find the Guide to the Qld State Archives. This contains a Guide to Hotel Licences which will give all the page numbers of the Gazettes, where the licences are listed. The page number underlined is the one which contains the whole year's licences together. You could photocopy the references to take with you to the Court House.

But it will take some time. So allow yourself an hour or two - and leave your pre-schooler with Grandma. Do hope you find your prosperous publican progenitor.

Yours sincerely,  
SOCRATES.

Send your gentle queries to Socrates, P.O.Box 822, Mackay or in THE BOX in the Library.

Nick Vine Hall

KNOW YOUR GENIES NO. 3

NICK VINE HALL, A.A.I.A. (Dip), Dip. FHS, (Hons) F.S.A.G., has a worldwide reputation as a genealogist. He was a Director of the Society of Australian Genealogists from 1978 to 1987 and is a well known broadcaster on both national and regional radio. Educated at Sydney grammar School and Sydney Technical College, Nick worked as Assistant Sugar Sales Manager for New South Wales at CSR Limited for some years. He became hooked on family history and the history of early Australia when he began his own family history, and found Edmund Blackett the famous architect of early Sydney was his ancestor. He eventually gave up his career with CSR and brought to S.A.G. his business acumen and his presentation expertise. He has vigorously promoted the image of S.A.G. and of genealogy in general. Last year he toured and lectured in the U.S.A., where he has been a trustee of the Association of Professional Genealogists since 1983. On 1 Jan 1988 he resigned as Director of S.A.G. and is now in full time private practice as a genealogist. Nick's recreations include popularizing family history in Australia, writing, swimming, onomatology, and genealogical research. The book by Nick Vine Hall "Tracing Your Family History in Australia" is an exhaustive guide to all Australian sources. It is in the Pioneer Library for loan.

Yes, we are standing by, awaiting news, articles, and notes helpful for research, for Newsletter. Deadline is **21 SEPTEMBER**. Put these in THE BOX in the Library. Or give to Helen Gooding, Vic Jensen's Shoes, Sydney Street in town. Or ring Helen Butler 422539 or Judy Wallace 421224. Next meeting is **5 OCTOBER 1988**.

Dear Doctor Socrates Arbuthnot,

I have recently been informed by a lady in Maryborough that my great-great-grandfather had a hotel there for some years. The hotel is known to have been built in 1883. To where do I have to write to find out exactly when he was operating this hotel? I will try anything you suggest. JEANNIE OILYGIET.

## Family histories

THE Cape Banks Family History Society Inc. has collected family history inquiries from YAFI and three Sydney newspapers for two years. These are entered on a computer index to enable inquirers to be put in touch with others researching the same name. Send SAE and \$2 for each surname inquiry. A computer print-out of all entries containing that name will be supplied. If no entries are found, money will be refunded. The index does NOT cover inquiries for missing relatives.

— Cape Banks Family History Society Inc.  
PO Box 67, Maroubra, 2035.

REMEMBER THE ELIZABETH SIMPSON SEMINARS at the Andergrove Neighbourhood Centre, Bedford Road, to be held at 7.30p .m. on 30th September, and at 9a.m. and 1.30pm on 1st October. Entry is \$2.50 to each seminar, which will all be on different topics. Members are asked to bring a plate for supper on Friday night. On Saturday, bring your own lunch if you are staying on, and there will be opportunity for informal conversation and discussion between sessions.  
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# Mackay Genie Gossip



NEWSLETTER NO. 6

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**SEMINAR BY DR. TRAINOR.** On Thursday 3rd November, Dr. Brian Trainor, professional genealogist from Ireland, will give a seminar in the Uniting Hall, Macalister Street, Mackay at 7 p.m.. Cost is \$ 8.50. This is probably a once in a lifetime opportunity for us to hear this famous expert and to ask our Questions, Irish and otherwise. (See last page for a profile of Dr. Trainor).

**TENDER SUCCESSFUL FOR MICROFILM READER-PRINTER.** The Pioneer Shire Library will receive in the near future a second-hand microfilm reader-printer. So it will soon be possible to read the ships lists AND to get the printouts.

**ANCESTOR HUNTING OUT WEST.** The McKinley District near Cloncurry celebrated its 100 years on 15 to 17 September. This Crocodile Dundee town was packed with crowds returning to where they or their ancestors had lived. Two great-grandchildren of pioneers William and Lucinda Horton are Adelaide Grendon and Mavis Sheedy, who travelled to McKinley for the celebrations. Adelaide has the booklet published on the history of McKinley, and she will place it on our shelves after it has done the rounds of the families.

They took their Auntie May with them, and discovered a lost branch of the family. One of these they visited at Julia Creek on the way home. When Auntie May and this previously unknown cousin came face to face, they were almost exact look-alikes.

**THE LATEST ON PHOTOCOPIERS IN MACKAY.** Anyone may use all these copiers:

(a) **Mackay City Library:** Cost 20c each. A4 Size only. Reduces by 1/3 at a time to 65%. Blows up by 1/3 at a time to 154%. A new machine. 5 degrees of darkness. Takes only 20c coins. Must copy one at a time. M.C.L. opens 10 to 4.45 Monday to Friday, plus to 7.45p.m. Tuesday and Thursday, and 9 to 11.45a.m. Saturday.

(b) **Pioneer Shire Library:** 3 sizes - A4 and Foolscap cost 20c each, and A3 cost 40c each. 5 degrees of darkness. Reduction and Blow up not possible. Takes any coins 10c to \$1. Can be set to do multiple copies. Opens 9.30 to 5.30 Monday to Friday plus to 8p.m. Thursday and 9 to 12 Saturday.

(c) **T.A.F.E. Library** (2nd Floor T.A.F.E. Building): Cost 10c each A4 only. 3 degrees of darkness. Takes only 10c coins. Must copy one at a time. Opens Monday to Thursday 8a.m. to 8p.m. but only to 4.30 in Capricornia holidays, Friday 8am to 4.30p.m., Saturday 9 to 12 (But not in holidays).

(d) **Amiet Library** (Cnr Penn St. and Forth St., behind Milton St. High). Cost 10c each. 2 sizes, A4 and Foolscap. 5 degrees of darkness. Will reduce to 2 sizes and will blow up to 2 sizes, including double. No coin machine. Pay at desk. Opens 4 to 8pm Tuesday and Thursday, and 9.30 to 12 noon Wednesday and Saturday. NOTE THAT THE TEACHERS CENTRE IS NOT AT PRESENT OPEN TO OUR MEMBERS BUT WATCH NEXT ISSUE FOR FURTHER NEWS.





**GENIE'S FLOAT WINS PRIZE IN SUGARTIME PROCESSION.** The prize for best entry by a club was awarded to our float, and the perpetual trophy for this now has our name engraved on it in gold. This is a fitting reward for organizer Gwen Mann and the other people with bright ideas and busy hands - Joan and her rocking chair and Hazeldenes in force; Jenny and Ian with the Australia map cutouts and miles of rope and guy wire; Mavis with the Tree and the Skeleton in the Cupboard; Fiona's genuine gold fossicking equipment and boiling billy and great gold nuggets; Adelaide's gramophone and tombstone and dyed sheets; Coral's well executed national placards; Joann's name banner and more dyed sheets; and all the McGrath family, not least the glamorous "Mystique Lady", polished to perfection. In true genealogical manner, the theme started with the present and moved backwards to the first settlers. A large number of children, grandchildren, nieces and nephews enlivened the float in their heritage costumes. The crowd seemed to enjoy our display and let us know they were impressed. One happy chappie at the Austral called out, "I'll have the one in the red dress!" Organizer Gwen says how gratifying it was to have so many people rally around to help assemble the float. There was a lot of work to be done, but the occasion was also a social one, which everyone seemed to enjoy, and this enriched the community spirit even more.

#### RESEARCH NOTES

1. **GENEALOGICAL RESEARCH DIRECTORIES** aim to connect people researching the same family. A German Res. Dir. can be referred to in our library in the "Other Countries" Box. All copies of "The National Res. Directory" (published in England) are now also in our library, on loan by member Judy Wallace. Copies of "The Genealogical Research Directory" (published in Australia but with research all over the world) are all on the Reference shelves of City Library and Pioneer Library. Look up all your family names every year. This "lucky dip" is rarely not lucky for one or two names at least. Entries close 31 October for the next GRD to be published April 1989. For \$26 you can enter 15 family names being researched and also get the book next year. (Additional names may be entered at 45 cents each). The form to be filled out may be copied. See "Forms for Copying" folder on top of the microfiche readers. This is now the largest directory in the world and this year had over 22,000 contributors.

2. **PICTURES OF SHIPS.** On the inside of our cupboard door is a list of ships whose photos have been obtained by members. People are asked to add to this list when they can. Faye Heaney has recently put up here a list of 60 ships whose pictures she has, many in a book "Ships and Seafarers in Australian Waters."

3. **TO FIND SMALL PLACES IN AUSTRALIA,** look up road maps or a large atlas, such as the Readers Digest Atlas of Australia. This will be successful only if the place still exists. Faye Heaney has an old Gregory's guide to N.S.W. which contains many places not now existing, and she is willing to look it up for you. (546755).

4. **TO FIND PLACES IN BRITAIN** Faye has a "Gazetteer of Britain" which is likely to prove helpful. Helen Butler has a street guide to London, where streets and churches are largely unchanged over 250 years. A similar street guide to Edinburgh was found by Anne Whitmore and donated to our library. Would people with similar helpful books or with ordinance maps or other detailed maps, please notify the Librarian (422539).

Dear Great-Great-Grandmother,

I look at your photo, you sitting there in your long black dress, small black hat, hands resting upon your cane, back ramrod straight and you know that I know some of the secrets locked behind that expressionless face; but how dearly would I like just 5 minutes talking to you to unravel the rest.

I can understand why you acknowledged your first born illegitimate son on your death certificate, as Great-Great-Grandfather supplied the information; and he is not mentioned on G.G..Grandfather's certificate because a Great Uncle supplied the information. Never mind; I found out that he stayed behind in England when the rest of the family came to Australia and I have even contacted a Granddaughter and corresponded with her. I would like to unravel also the life story of your granddaughter May, the child that was passed off as your own after that lengthy holiday enjoyed by you and Great Aunt Polly. What happened to her after Great Aunt Polly's early death at 21 years of age?

Did you have to pass on your love of secrets to your eldest son. He acknowledges 6 sons on his Death Certificate, while his wife has only 5. Did you enjoy watching me tearing my hair out for years until finally I found the marriage certificate for his first marriage and subsequently the death of his first wife and a son.

But then again what happened to his other son George who was 5 at the time of his father's remarriage - the family doesn't know.

Great Uncle Andrew - what did he do that was so bad that the rest of the family were ordered to have nothing to do with him? I've met some of his grandchildren so I know that he married and that he was killed in a rail accident in Perth, but his grandchildren don't know why he was kicked out of the family.

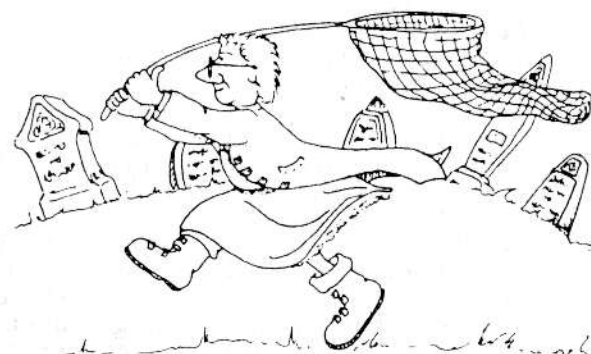
Dear Great-Great-Grandmother, I can't help but think of that saying "Oh what a tangled web we weave when first we practise to deceive".

Your frustrated and soon to be gray haired great-great-granddaughter, Sue.

#### THE VALLEY INTEREST GROUP

Enthusiasm is running high in this group as most of us have had some "finds" to report. Connie Muscat was able to report a most welcome find after about 10 months of nothing, and produced a heap of family group names, plus the shipping list from the ship her grandmother came out on from Malta. Her astonishment when Heather Camilleri promptly produced a photo of the very same ship on which her family came out from Ireland, was worth seeing. New member Diane Thompson found another family member with data back to the 1700s. Marie Foley had a letter from an unknown second cousin of her husband's in Ireland, passed on by the Clare Heritage Centre, and is anxiously awaiting a reply. While Mary O'Neill having found two burials in Mackay Cemetery and then been told at the Courthouse that the death certificate had no information on them, decided to recheck by a phone call instead of visiting the Court House. The reply was that one certificate had all the vital facts mentioned, even Mother's maiden name, whilst the second had only the Mother's maiden name missing. She promptly purchased the certificates. Eleven members attended our September meeting, and are looking forward to visiting Mackay for the Mormon church talk in October and also for Elizabeth Simpson's visit in September.

This informal group of genies living in the Pioneer Valley meet for mutual help and satisfaction on the first Wednesday at 8pm in the Red Cross Hall, Pinnacle. Enquiries to M.O.'Neill - 585236.



#### IRISH ANCESTORS?

We now have the microfiche of the Premium Entitlement Lists of the Trustees of the Linen and Hemp Manufactures of Ireland (also known as 1796 SPINNING WHEEL SURVEY OF IRELAND) published by the All-Ireland Heritage Inc.

This is an alphabetical index of persons (both male and female) who obtained spinning wheels, looms or reels for the manufacture of linen from flax seed sown on their properties.

A search under a particular name, if successful, would show the County, Barony and (in most cases) the Civil Parish where the person was a resident. We will search this index for any specific name (please supply all possible spelling variants) for \$2.50 per name plus S.A.E. Enquiries:

PASIKEYS  
P.O. Box 116,  
ROCKDALE. 2216

NO SAFE ARRIVAL THIS TIME.

The Cole Family's arrival from England to Mackay in 1888 on the SS "Quetta" was a safe one. Not so for the passengers two years later going to England from Australia in this British India Mail Steamer. At 9.18p.m. on the 28th February 1900, the "Quetta" struck an uncharted rock in the Adolphus Channel, near Thursday Island and within three minutes went down with the loss of 133 lives. The news was telegraphed to Brisbane via Thursday Island by Frank Jardine of Somerset on the Cape York Peninsula after one of the few lifeboats reached land with some survivors. Various ships within the area were brought in to search and eventually 158 people were rescued while swimming or clinging to anything that would float, and from island beaches to which some had drifted. One survivor was a teenage girl from the Mackay district who had been going to England with her younger sister and an uncle. Another was an infant girl no one could identify. This little orphan was adopted by a Torres Strait Pilot, Captain E.L. Brown and was called Cecelia, but she came to be better known as "Cissy Quetta Brown". The people of Thursday Island in 1894 dedicated the Anglican Quetta Memorial Church as a lasting monument to those who had perished. Parts of the ship raised by divers and incorporated in the Church were some timbers, made into pews, a riding lamp, a compass bowl and the ship's bell. Some other relics were also kept on display. After a public outcry following the "Quetta" disaster, a special survey of the area was carried out and before the end of the year a new chart was issued. The 3481t SS "Quetta" was built in Dumbarton, Scotland in 1881 by the Denny Brothers. ELLEN JACKSON

DR. BRIAN TRAINOR

KNOW YOUR GENIES NO. 4



Brian Trainor was born in 1927. He went to school in Londonderry and then to Queen's University, Belfast, graduating in 1949 with First Class Honours in History. He spent two years researching the Army 1534 - 67 in Ireland, based at the Institute of Historical Research in London, where he was made a Fellow in 1950. He returned to Belfast as Lecturer at his old University for 5 years. From here he went to the P.R.O. of North Ireland, as Archivist from 1956 to 1970, and then as Director for seventeen years. At the same time he was Administrator of the Ulster Historical Foundation which does genealogical research for a fee. Early in 1988 he was made Director of this Foundation. During the last 18 years he has been a member of numerous councils, commissions and committees connected with historic buildings and monuments, Irish manuscripts, Continuing Education, Irish studies at Queen's University, and the British Records Association. Dr. Trainor has a wide knowledge of Irish History and of records available for research. He is a professional historian and family historian, and has come to Australia for the International Congress. His wife, Pilar, has not accompanied him on this occasion. After delivering papers at the Congress, he will leave Sydney with Terry Eakin of Mt. Isa, and travel north by car to Mt. Isa giving 16 seminars along the way, including one here in Mackay. We are indeed fortunate to be able to meet such an expert on Irish Research, one who is world renowned.

(At the 1986 Congress, Dr. Trainor delivered a paper on the Ulster Scot Historical Foundation. You may read this in the published papers (p.366) in our library cupboard).



A BIG THANK YOU to Anne Whitmore for lending her past "Generation" booklets to Mackay members. I have found some very useful information in these booklets of earlier years, which I had not seen as I have been tracing my family tree for only the last two years.  
Joann McGrath.

**HASTEN!**



19 October is next Deadline.  
Please send via Library Box or Mail  
Your hints, your views, your news and headline;  
Or ring direct and tell your tale.

Phone Helen 422539, Judy 421224.  
Next meeting 2 November.

# Mackay Genie Gossip



NEWSLETTER NO. 7

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## I.G.I. 1988 EDITION ISSUED.

Updates are not produced to this index; the whole index is redone. The format is smaller, so there are more names on a fiche-and it is more difficult to read. There are some new code letters used in the second column. G.S.Q. Brisbane has England & Scott<sup>d</sup> and will do printouts at 50 cents. The Mormon Library Brisbane already has it for England and Scotland. The Mormon Library Parramatta N.S.W. has it and will do printouts at 75 cents each. (Fay Heany and Judy Wallace)

## ELIZABETH SIMPSON VISIT A GREAT SUCCESS.

Many thanks to Jenny Gibbs, who arranged the visit and generously hosted Elizabeth and Philip for a fortnight's holiday, and to Chris Lewin who organized it too. Many members and others were able to improve their knowledge and broaden their horizons by meeting Elizabeth. There were 2 morning teas, 3 seminars, and our September meeting, which 41 attended to make it the most ever at a meeting. Elizabeth's appearance at the meeting was not originally arranged. She volunteered to appear. In a classroom situation she unravelled some of the idiosyncracies of the old Secretary Script which makes records 100 to 300 years old seem at first unreadable. The 27 sheets of original documents prepared and referred to by her are on our shelves. Some sets are still available for sale at \$1 each. These illustrate the type of records existing as well as the script. Elizabeth also presented us with the full text of five of her papers and these are also on our shelves. (See Research Notes for details).

## TEACHERS' CENTRE FACILITIES AVAILABLE.

Our Branch has joined as a group member. Our members can now join as individuals for \$2 per year (Jan.-Dec). and use the facilities for their genealogical needs. Laminating is done once a week on a Thursday and costs \$3.50 per metre. The photo copier has blow up and reduction by 1% degrees from 65% to 153%. A4 and Foolscap cost 10 cents each and A3 costs 20 cents. Pay at desk. The centre also sells sheets of card and other things for making displays and booklets. The Teachers' Centre operates in the wing of the North Mackay State School which is nearest the School St. gate with the sign on it.

## NEWS ON SAE and IRC.

An SAE is a stamped selfaddressed envelope which all respectable and sensible genealogists send with an initial enquiry, so that the person can reply to you with less trouble and no expense - and so that he is more likely to reply. (The only exception is that the price of certificates is

\*A\$1.20 each

considered to include postage). English stamps are available from the Sales Officer\*. English postage has just gone up to 35 pence. Elizabeth Simpson said an alternative to the addressed envelope is a peel-off sticky label with your name and address on it, especially suitable if the reply is likely not to fit into an ordinary envelope. (Still provide stamps or postage). An IRC is an International Reply Coupon. These can be bought at the post office for \$1.35 each and sent instead of stamps. When presented overseas one IRC is redeemable for stamps to the value of ordinary surface mail to the place it came from. If you want an airmail return postage, send three IRC's. (Elizabeth S. says two is not enough in England.) These IRC's were said to be redeemable in any country in the world. However Judy Wallace reports that they are no longer acceptable in New Zealand. There is no other way to pay for return postage, except by sending money.

#### RESEARCH NOTES.

1. The Mormon Library in Mackay, following a directive from above, regretfully has to tell us that we can no longer use their library. Only church members can, until their holdings and their expertise are upgraded. It seems they are not a fully equipped library and must order through Rockhampton. However, films already ordered by outsiders will arrive and people will be notified and be able to go and read their films.

2. N.S.W. Immigration Records are held at N.S.W. Archives, but many of them are available for sale. G.S.Q. Brisbane has purchased some. (See "Micro- forms available at GSQ Brisbane" in the Queensland Box). Ross Locke asked GSQ to find the immigration of his ancestor and they did. (Members of GSQ free enquiry). Otherwise, Mrs. Joan Reese, 72 Hobart St. ST. MARY'S, NSW 2760, will look in the Sydney Archives. (She also goes to Mitchell Library). She is the official GSQ Research Officer in Sydney. You should quote your GSQ number and send \$5 or so for her expenses.

3. Two Possible Baptisms- which is your ancestor?  
This problem, commonly met with pre-registration, is dealt with in detail in the Rockhampton Society's "Genie-ologist" Vol. 2 No. 1. now on our shelves.

4. Elizabeth Simpson Papers, full text now in our library. (England Box)

(i) Wills Pre 1858

(ii) Europe is the Less- About migration from England to Australia, South Africa, Canada and New Zealand.

(iii) Militia

(iv) Convict Ancestors

(v) Nottingham Machine Lacemakers. The history of Framework Knitting and its evolution to lacemaking. The Emigration of the Lacemakers to Calais from 1816, and from there to Australia in the 1840's.

Papers (iii) & (iv) were delivered to us at Andergrove. They have a wider reference than the titles infer. All males were eligible for a three year call up in the home guard. All householders in each parish had to pay taxes to the parish to finance the Militia, the roads, the poor, etc. "Convicts" are only some of the criminal offenders and this paper throws light on the whole penal system and the poor under the law. It is very encouraging to find that the ordinary person in every parish was recorded over and over, and these records were kept in the Parish Chest. Nowadays, the surviving records (the majority) are in the County Record Offices but not indexed. Papers (iii) (iv) and (v) were the new papers delivered to the Congress in Sydney, so we are privileged to have a preview of them.

At rest beneath this slab of stone,

Lies stingy Jimmy Wyett.

He died one morning just at ten

And saved a dinner by it.

Within this grave do be  
Back to back my wife and me.  
When the last trump  
the air shall fill,  
If she gets up I'll just lie still.

## LOCAL AREA RESEARCH AID PROJECTS.

Copying records improves the survival chances of the original, and the survival chances of the information. It also makes the information available to more people in more places. A File gathers together information on one subject or area, making sure it survives and making it more accessible. Indexing records and collections provides the magnet which finds the needle in the hay stack. Thus it reduces handling of records, enables more records to be searched, and brings together scattered references to one name or one subject.

### Known projects in the Local Area (St. Lawrence to Proserpine)

1. The Wright Transcripts: Bernice Wright copied out the Burial Registers of the Mackay Cemetery up to 1916. Bernice holds these transcripts, and a photo copy of them is held by GSQ Mackay.

2. The Jensen-McGowan-Hill Index of Burials: Joyce Jensen and Bev McGowan wrote on to a pink card each name in the Wright Transcripts. Sue Hill is now continuing this Index from 1916 on, but working direct from the Burial Registers. Sue is now up to 1935. The index is in our filing drawers.

3. The Wallace Index of Burials: A similar index of all burials in the Walkerston Cemetery is being done by Judy Wallace from the Burial Registers. The index is on blue cards in our filing drawers.

4. The Hazeldene Transcripts: Joan Hazeldene copied out the Mackay Stonemason's Records from 1923 to now, covering all deaths registered at Mackay where people are buried in Mackay Cemetery or Mt. Bassett cemetery. These are in datal order only (i.e. not indexed), but Joan will look them up (573840).

5. The Townson Index of Deaths (from 1985 ongoing): Doreen Townson collects the Death & Funeral notices in "The Daily Mercury", puts them in a clipping file in datal order, and indexes them on cards. She also records a written list of deceased persons with date of death from the In Memoriam Notices. These are written down as they appear, but not indexed. Doreen holds this at home, 11 Meadow Street (423681) & will answer enquiries.

6. The GSQ File of Families (1983-87): This is a Clipping File from the DM of Family Histories, Reunions, Golden Weddings, etc. It was begun by Lois Kruger, and taken over in 1984 by Coral Watson. Someone is needed now to continue this file. This file is in our library.

7. The Jeppesen Proserpine File (on going). D. Jeppesen of Bloomsbury collects clippings about Proserpine District & Proserpine people from "The Proserpine Guardian", "The Bowen Independent", "The Daily Mercury", "The Canegrowers Journal", etc. This file extends over the full range of Proserpine's history, as she also collects the articles "On This Day" (in past years) & any historical write-ups people give her copies of. She includes all births, marriages, deaths, engagements, & birthdays, however they are referred to, even in the Social Column. There is a comprehensive card index. Delys is willing to answer enquiries (475775).

8. The Index to the Daily Mercury (1980 - on going): This card index is kept in the History Room of Mackay City Library. It is done by Betty Clarke of the local History Society. It is an index of subjects covered in articles and in news in the DM. It includes people, but excludes all notices referring to Births, Marriages, & Deaths. The card refers you to page & issue of the DM. All copies of the DM 1980 to now (excepting occasional gaps) are held by this library in bound volumes.

9. The Local History Pamphlet File in Mackay City Library is a vetical file containing booklets, pamphlets, & information sheets referring to the local area, some of recent production, many much older. It also contains clippings from the DM collected by Bernice Wright and Brenda Webster since 1980 and ongoing, and some clippings from other papers, referring to the local area.

10. The GSQ Transcriptions of Monumental Inscriptions. We have copied every tombstone in every cemetery in the area (except in Proserpine). These are in our library. Each cemetery is indexed separately, at the moment.

11. The GSQ File of Schools and their existing records.

12. The GSQ File of Churches and their existing records.

These latter two are our Bicentennial Project. The File of Schools is at the write up stage. All the information available has been collected. Both are indexed and will be in our library.

It is proposed in the future to have one alphabetical index of names, combining all indexes of tombstones, deaths, and burials. Then any person who died or was buried in the area could be found in an instant.

Anyone can begin a project such as these. There is a great need for indexing of records - school admission records, church baptism and marriage records, notices in the Mackay paper in earlier years, etc. If you do start a project you should make this public, in case someone else is also doing it. If you are interested see the Librarian (422539).





"Goodness me, twin daughters!!!" - my mother's words on the birth of my sister and I. We were born at Nambour in 1944 and lived in the Sunshine Coast Hinterland until 1957. Our family then moved to the 'big smoke' where we finished our education and found employment. I worked for the State Government in the Court House, Brisbane until my marriage to Allan Verran - a Charters Towers boy.

As Allan was then a Clerk of the Court we had a couple of moves - Maroochydore and then Winton; we bought a home and settled in Brisbane in December 1967. Three children (two girls and one boy), one new son-in-law and one cat make up the family.

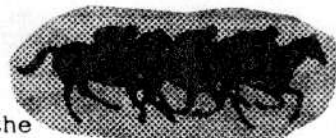
As the family grew, I started to get involved in school tuckshop rosters etc - a good place to make some friends. Somewhere along the way the 'Genealogy bug' bit me and I joined the Society in 1983 and started finding all sorts of interesting things about the family. I commenced voluntary library duty (every Thursday) in 1984. When Library hours were extended in February 1987 I took over the Friday roster also. It is really the best way to learn about records - we learn as we show you!!!

For the past three financial years I have been membership officer - a position I still hold. I have convened the last three Annual Conventions for the Society and have thoroughly done same. At the Annual meeting in August 1986 I was elected to Management Committee - serving on the Bi-Centennial sub-committee that year. At the Annual Meeting in August 1987 I was elected Vice President - I served on the Cemetery sub-committee and Library sub-committee that year. I was again elected Vice President at our Annual meeting held in September 1988 and again I am on the Cemetery and Library sub-committees as well as chairing the Social and Seminar sub-committee. I have been doing research along with Annette Budd - our secretary - for the past twelve months; we only hope we have been able to assist country members as it is rather difficult to access records when one is living so far away from those records.

We invited Margaret to do a profile of herself for this column. She is Vice-President of G.S.Q., and is one of the people in Brisbane who do research for us country members.

#### RECENT SUCCESSES.

Jenny Gibbs has had great success in GUERNSEY and in EAST LONDON. Connie Muscat has lots of information from MALTA, and Joann McGrath is following the same trail. Dorothy Newton has found her father's step family, previously not known, and this has led to rewarding meetings of the two lots in their later years. Following advice from the Qld Archives, Helen Butler sent a request to the QLD POLICE for access to the file of a policeman joining in 1924, and was met with a refusal because there is a 65 years closure on police records. However with the refusal came a bundle of copies of his papers including birth certificates of him and his wife, their marriage certificate, his school certificates, two references, etc.etc. as well as all his appointments with exact dates. Wendy Porter spent some days at the Qld Archives and discovered a lot of information from WILLS, and one ancestor who arrived in Brisbane as a CONVICT in 1850, ten years after Transportation was abolished. She has now found from Bateson - "The Convict Ships", that two boats of convicts arrived in Brisbane in 1849 and in 1850.



#### AGEMICS - An Expensive and Grandiose Failure.

This is the considered opinion of experienced genealogists who have examined this scheme in Brisbane or in England. AGEMICS is Australian Genealogical Electronic Mail International Computer Search. It is a scheme of Englishman Ian W. Lauder, who is neither genealogist nor computer expert, but a business man and entrepreneur. Many saw something of it at the British Pavilion at Expo, and were a little dazzled and more than a little puzzled. You are asked to join at \$40 per year and enter the name of "The Ancestor who started your Antipodean Family". (Room for one only!) They will let you know anyone entering the same person as ancestor. You can ask for information from the computer on any other name, but every enquiry costs you a further fee. It is cleverly promoted; even the Queen was pressed into service to open it and it obtained a large grant from the NSW Bicentennial Authority. It uses hired equipment, and there has not been a great deal of information put into it. It is a profit making concern, and therefore will not be supplied information by non-profit making organizations, such as Family History Societies. So will enter information already published anyway.

If you are still curious to find out more, write to P.O. Box 114, Enfield, N.S.W. 2136.



23 November is next deadline.  
Please send via library box or mail  
Your hints, your views, your news and headline;  
or ring direct and tell your tale.  
Phone Helen 422539, Judy 421224  
Next meeting 7 December.

Just desserts:

Here Doctor Fisher lies interr'd

Who filled the half of this

churchyard.

GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY OF QUEENSLAND INC MACKAY BRANCH MEMBERSHIP

September 2, 1986 at 6:10 p.m.

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3072	AUSTIN*Mr Rodney	P.O. Box 6454	MACKAY			4740		30/06/89	6	90	
0621	BALKER*Mrs Frances Theresa	133 Redford Road	MACKAY			4740	551913	30/06/89	6	90	
1543	BEATTIE*Patricia Lee	12 Karl Langer Court	NORTH MACKAY			4740		06/07/89	6	90	
2183	BELL*Mrs Ailsa Joyce	P.O. Box 69	MARIAN			4753	543241	30/06/89	6	90	
3765	BILNEY*Dawn Margaret	27 Outlook Crescent	NORTH MACKAY			4740	423940	01/06/89	6	90	
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0650	BUTLER*Mrs Helen Mary	5 Pollock Street	MACKAY			4740	422539	30/06/89	6	90	
3551	CALDWELL*Veronica Patricia	81 Canberra Street	NORTH MACKAY			4740	514616	08/03/89	6	90	
0751	CAPPELLO*Mrs Susan Maree	P.O. Box 9	GARSETT			4741	585242	30/06/89	6	90	
2239	DEAN*Mrs Elizabeth Anne	P.O. Box 131	MACKAY			4740	578592	30/06/89	6	90	
14	DRURY*Mrs Nita Barbara	34 Jarrah Street	EAGLEMOUNT	NORTH MACKAY		4740		30/06/89	6	90	
3554	DUNWOODY*Nancy May	M.S. 895	MACKAY			4740	590153	08/03/89	6	90	
4001	EDMUNDS*Keith Francis	P.O. Box 31	PLEYSTONE			4741	543120	21/07/89	6	90	
2182	FOSTER*Mrs Helen	44 Paulette Street	MACKAY			4740	574580	30/06/89	6	90	
2964	GIBBS*Mrs Jennifer Anne	P.O. Box 131	MACKAY			4740	552704	30/06/89	6	90	
0842	GOODING*Mrs Helen Dawn	5 Gibbs Court	NORTH MACKAY			4740	424145	30/06/89	6	90	
1206	GREEN*Mrs Sandra M.	4 Rowe Court	GLENDEEN			4743		30/06/89	6	90	
1093	BRENDON*Adelaide Julia	Sandringham Creek	M.S. 283	MACKAY		4740	564295	30/06/89	6	90	
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2597	HEANY*Mrs Faye Elaine	37 Bourke Street	BLACKS BEACH			4740	546755	30/06/89	6	90	
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7	HOLDSWORTH*Anice Carol	61 Gilbert Avenue	GLENDEEN			4743	589419	09/05/89	6	90	
3552	HOY*Jeanette Evelyn D.	40 Charles Hodge Ave	NORTH MACKAY			4740	421569	08/03/89	6	90	
1252	JACKSON*Ellen	1 Skylark Street	SLADE POINT			4741	552617	30/06/89	6	90	
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	LOCKE*Ross	99 Daniel Street	MACKAY			4740	422450	30/06/89	6	92	
1905	MAGUIRE*Mr Brendan Errol	30 Petersen Street	SARINA			4737	561351	30/06/89	6	91	
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1570	MALCOLM*Mrs Joanne	2 Greetham Street	SARINA			4737	5622125	30/06/89	6	90	
2302	MANN*Mrs Gwendoline Agnes	15 Streeter Avenue	MACKAY			4740	575833	30/06/89	6	90	
2662	MASTERS*Mrs Joan Betty	8 Eru Street	SLADE POINT	Mackay		4740	551540	30/06/89	6	90	
3695	MATTHEWS*Mrs Ruth Elisabeth	Armstrong Street	FARLEIGH	via Mackay		4741	598121	30/06/89	6	90	
3742	MC DONALD*Carmel Mary	16 Raymond Croker Av	MT PLEASANT	NORTH MACKAY		4740	421169	01/06/89	6	90	
1	MC FARLANE*Mrs Irene	SEPTIMUS	via Mirani	MACKAY		4754	585621	14/07/89	6	91	
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	MC NEE*Mr Alan Neil	13 Benson Avenue	NORTHVIEW	Mackay		4740	422802	30/06/89	6	90	
0616	MEECH*Lillian	1/15 Creal Street	MACKAY			4740	575547	30/06/89	6	90	
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0550	MURARO*Mrs Daphne Ruth	32 Thorning Street	WEST MACKAY			4740	523998	30/06/89	6	90	
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0701	NICHOLSON*Mrs Joyce Belle	10 Scanlan Street	MACKAY			4740		30/06/89	6	91	
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0664	PATTERSON*Mrs Ethel Dulcie	115 Goldsmith Street	MACKAY			4740	572398	30/06/89	6	90	
3340	PITT*Mr Warren Thomas	25 Streeter Avenue	MACKAY			4740	572510	30/06/89	6	90	
3771	POLLITT*Mrs Valma Kathleen	103 Evan Street	MACKAY			4740	511098	30/06/89	6	90	
0650	RILEY*John Martin	8 Munro Street	MORANBAH			4744	418032	24/05/89	6	90	
1912	ROBINSON*Francis Loosan	10 Evans Avenue	SEAFORTH			4741		30/06/89	6	91	

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1911	ROBINSON*Isabel	10 Evans Avenue	SEAFORTH			4741		30/06/89	6	92	—
3749	SHADDOCK*Mary Beryl	C/- P.O.	BLOOMSBURY			4799	475790	10/05/89	6	90	
2693	SHEEDY*Maivis Isabel	12 Macarthur Street	MACKAY			4740		30/06/89	6	90	
0655	STRICKLAND*Mrs Margaret	33 William Street	MACKAY			4740	575462	30/06/89	6	90	
1519	THOMSON*Miss Fiona Janette	P.O. Box 25	PLEYSTONE	MACKAY		4741	592429	30/06/89	6	91	
1518	THOMSON*Mr Rodney James	P.O. Box 25	PLEYSTONE	MACKAY		4741	592429	30/06/89	6	92	—
1376	TOWNSON*Mrs Doreen May	11 Meadow Street	MACKAY			4740	423681	30/06/89	6	90	
2177	TURVEY*Mrs Jean Meryl	16 McKinley Street	NORTH MACKAY			4740	577764	30/06/89	6	90	
0654	WALLACE*Mrs Judith Adrienne	31 Annie Wood Avenue	NORTH MACKAY			4740	421224	30/06/89	6	90	
0661	WATSON*Mrs Coral	36 Bourke Street	BLACKS BEACH			4740	546497	30/06/89	6	92	—
0652	WHITMORE*Mrs Anne Philomena	33 Annie Wood Avenue	NORTH MACKAY			4740	421447	30/06/89	6	90	
2263	WISELY*Mrs Jeanette May	Sugarshed Road	FARLEIGH			4741		30/06/89	6	90	
2705	ZARB*Mrs Sandra June	P.O. Box 19	FINCH HATTON			4756	583230	30/06/89	6	90	

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# Mackay Genie Gossip



NEWSLETTER NO. 8.

GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY OF QLD	President:	Warren Pitt	514848
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	Treasurer:	Ross Locke	422450
	Sales Officer:	Gwen Mann	575833

SENSATIONAL OLD BOOK NOW AVAILABLE: At the November meeting, the Maguires brought along a book published after World War I, entitled "Queenslanders Who Fought in the Great War". A copy of this book is now on our shelves. Many thanks to Gail and Brendan. There is a potted biography of each soldier before, during and after the war, many with photos. Some soldiers are not included but it contains a large number.

ADDITIONS TO OUR LIBRARY. (Note: For reference only).

(1). "In Search of Your German Roots" (Baxter). (2). Three Gibson handbooks recommended by Elizabeth Simpson for England research, on Local Newspapers (1750-1920), Quarter Session Records, and Indexes of Marriages, Census, etc. (3). "Deadly Details: (Ley), a dictionary of causes of death given on certificates. (4). "English Parish Register Transcripts in Australian Libraries" (N.V. Hall). (5). "The Apostolic Church of Qld 1883 - 1983". (6). An Outline of Settlement in the Lower Belyando Area" (Bowen to Bowen Downs). (4), (5) and (6) are kindly donated by members.

G.S.Q. BRISBANE WILL CLOSE 21 DEC. 1988 TO 6 FEB. 1989. This six weeks will be necessary to move to the new premises on the first floor of the old Woollongabba Post Office.

#### TRAVELLING GENIES

Wendy Porter, Nita Drury, Judy Wallace and the Maguires have been to Brisbane and managed some research. Brendan M. also visited an Ipswich Branch of his family, previously not known. Frank Robinson has been to Melbourne again chasing in the records for his elusive ancestor. Brian O'Sullivan is systematically visiting O'Sullivans scattered over Southern Queensland to unravel the story of his great great grandfather FLORRIE O'SULLIVAN.

SYDNEY MORMONS CLOSED. The Central Library of the L.D.S. is closing until the end of January for stocktaking, audit, and holidays. So ordered films will be delayed until after then. See notice in our library.

GREAT DISCOVERY AT THE MICROFICHE READERS. The other day, members Nita Drury and Daphne Murraro were microficheing side by side when they discovered that 35 years ago they had known each other as school girls together at Mt. Charlton State School. Nita Bradshaw and Daphne Preece had not seen each other in all that time.

MOST GENIES ARE GOOD GENIES. To contact a researcher of his family who advertised in the G.R.D., Frank Robinson wrote to a lady in Canada and received a reply from a man in New Zealand! He had looked crooked when looking up the number of the researcher, and unknowingly wrote to the name below the correct one. This was the lady in Canada who, of course was not researching his family at all. This lady solved the mystery, kept one IRC, and forwarded the whole letter and the other IRC to the correct person in New Zealand.

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RESEARCH NOTES

1. For research in Germany and especially in the Hamburg area, the following researcher, who is a member of the Hamburg Genealogical Society, has come highly recommended to Les Moreland, President of the G.S.Q. German group. She is Mrs. Helga Frobeen, Koppel 17, Haus J, D-2000, Hamburg 1, West Germany. Replies from Mrs. Frobeen are neatly typed in English. Her costs are: Initial deposit DM.110-, Rate per hour: DM.31- (Searching, Reporting, Translating). Costs for postage, photocopies, archive fees, church fees etc. are in addition to the deposit and hourly fee. Research will not be undertaken until the initial deposit of DM.110- has been paid. Statement, report and invoices will be forwarded with no further research done until after account payment received. Sample report and letter held by Ross and Lynda Locke.
2. ALL QLD.ELECTORAL ROLLS up to 1986 are now available at State Archives, this being another 20 years' rolls released. All the rolls in the QSA are the rolls which were each year used as work sheets of the electoral office, and they show alterations which may be very helpful, e.g. surname changes, "Deceased", "Transferred to Fortitude Valley", etc. especially helpful to find a death. (Also note the printed 1983 rolls for all Australia are in our library). Gail Maguire.  
*You must have EXACT REFERENCE*
3. PHOTOCOPIES AND PRINTOUTS FROM QLD.ARCHIVES CAN be requested by mail. "IMM 133 page 72. The Immigration record of Daniel Jones and Mary Jones." A special Copyright Declaration/Order Form has to be filled in and QSA would send you one of these and await its return before filling your order. However, we now have a few of these forms in our library, placed in a folder "Original forms" on top of the m.f. readers. So for minimum delay, send this form and the money. (Instructions in folder). The form must be an Original; a photocopied one will not do. Note also a recent new rule that QSA will not photocopy anything in a bound book or any document folded more than once. These may be obtained as photographic prints, costing \$7 each. A special Declaration form is needed, and a few of these are in the Original Forms folder also.. (Wendy Porter.)
4. JOHN OXLEY LIBRARY is more helpful than QSA and will supply copies of information, without the exact library reference being supplied. Of course, you do have to have a particular request. JOL has information on places other than Qld. e.g. transcripts of many English Parish Registers, and all the Griffiths Valuations for Ireland. See the handbook listing all microform material held by JOL; it is in Reference at North Mackay Library.
5. ALL THE ENGLISH RECORDS OF A MIDDLESEX CONVICT were obtained by Frank Robinson from the Mitchell Library via Joan Reese. These records have for many years been copied onto microfilm through the Australian Joint Copying Project. Mitchell Library has a copy of all films.
6. TASMANIAN RESEARCH will be done by the Tasmanian archives, with no charge for research. Nives Lucas recently received many pages of information, including printouts of birth certificates.
7. MUSTERS AND LISTS - N.S.W. AND NORFOLK ISLAND 1800-1802  
This book has been ordered on Inter Library Loan. If you would like to see it while it is here, contact the North Mackay Library.
8. FOX'S HISTORY OF QLD. 1922 is on microfiche in the Queensland Kit. If you have anyone of some importance around 1922 or before, be sure to look this up. It has proved a mine of information for Wendy Porter on the Gillham family, with portrait photos of many.

### MAKING PAYMENTS IN OVERSEAS CURRENCIES

At any large bank you can purchase money notes of overseas countries. However, if you do not wish to take the risk of sending foreign currency notes in overseas mail in contravention of postal regulations, then your next least expensive, but safest, method is to purchase A BANK DRAFT in the currency you require. A Bank draft is a cheque drawn on a bank in the country where you are sending the payment and payable to the person or organisation requiring the payment. It is crossed not negotiable and payable to order. A bank draft should cost you approximately \$6 plus Queensland stamp duty of 10¢, plus the Australian equivalent of the overseas amount. Care must be taken to ensure that payment details are accurate. If the receiver is unable to process your draft and it is returned to you, the issuing bank charges a minimum of \$10 to repurchase the draft from you. For larger amounts A TELEGRAPHIC REMITTANCE can be made to Bank accounts in overseas countries of your choice for a fee of \$10. Received in the overseas country on their next working day.

ROSS LOCKE.

### GOOD HUNTING



If you are going to travel in the holidays to research in the Centres of Knowledge and Information, go prepared with notes for each place of how to get there, hours of opening, details of records kept, and with all your known facts copied and with flow charts of procedure for each problem. If you will be some hours searching, take a snack to save time having to find a shop, and, however hot the day, take a jacket as the temperature is kept very low for the benefit of the books only.

QUEENSLAND STATE ARCHIVES is open 9 - 4.30 Mon to Fri. See detailed guides to holdings, in our Qld. Box, but there are many, many other records not mentioned in these guides. Q.S.A. is on more than one Bus route from the City and you get off the stop before the old South Brisbane Cemetery: or go by train with a few minutes walk from Park Lane or Dutton Park Stations. GSQ STONES CORNER will close for 6 weeks on Dec. 20th (See page 1) . For Qld State Library and JOL hours see Newsletter No. 5. For microfiche and microfilm records at JOL see book in Reference at P.S.L. If you are not sure where in Sydney to go to look for a particular record, write and ask Joan Reese's advice. THE SOCIETY OF AUSTRALIAN GENEALOGISTS (Sydney) has published a Guide to its Library which is in P.S.L. They do charge non-members. For MELBOURNE research see article in our Newsletter No. 4; G.S.Q. Members can search free in the library of the Gen. Soc. of Victoria, so take your G.S.Q. members card. For SOUTH AUSTRALIAN RESEARCH, see Peake's book in our cupboard, to do your homework. You may be within reach of a MORMON LIBRARY. Look up the phone book under CHURCH OF J.C. OF LATTER DAY SAINTS. and ring to find details.

Please gather information sheets from the centres you visit and put them in our own library. And do write something for Genie Gossip next year about things useful for others to know, and/or your adventures. **GOOD HUNTING!**

NOTE THESE BELOW BEFORE CUTTING OUT REVERSE INFORMATION.  
CORRECTIONS TO LIST OF MEMBERS IN G.G.NO 7.

SUE HILL : phone No. is 421487 W PITT : phone - 514848  
The THOM SONS: phone No. is 592431 The ROBINSONS : " 590240  
NITA DRURY : " 421294

ALSO Note migrated members: NARELLE BYRNE 21 Brisbane St. Ipswich 4305,  
and JUDITH MATTHEWS 21 Grendadier St. Bray Prk 4500.

NO MEETING in January and NO NEWSLETTER.  
NEXT MEETING IS ON 1 FEBRUARY 1989.  
DEADLINE FOR NEWSLETTER IS 18 JANUARY 1989

DO please write or report something for this Newsletter.

Many

thanks to our GG Typists: Dawn Noonan who typed 5 issues, and Trish Caldwell, Judy Wallace and Dawn Bilney who typed one each. Many thanks especially to JENNY GIBBS who has copied them all.



## IRELAND'S BICENTENNIAL GIFT TO AUSTRALIA.

The Government and people of Ireland have presented to the Government and People of Australia copies of all their surviving records of Irish people transported as convicts to Australia. On 12 July 1988, the Prime Minister of Ireland handed over to the Prime Minister of Australia 105 ROLLS OF THE MICROFILMED RECORDS at the National Library of Australia in Canberra. The films are in 7 sections and include all convicts transported 1836 to 1856 from 15 volumes of Transportation Registers. The registers prior to 1836 were destroyed by fire in the civil war in Dublin in 1922. But "Prisoner's Petition Cases" for this earlier period have survived and these include about 10% of convicts transported in this period. This gift will remain in the National Library and can be viewed there. Already there is another set in Sydney, purchased by the Society of Australian Genealogists. The INDEX to the microfilm information is 38,907 names of convicts ON A COMPUTER DATABASE developed by IBM, displaying for each the basic details extracted from the records: crime, when and where charged, sentence, where imprisoned, ship, arrival date, document reference, and microfilm reference. In the future, the public will have access to the computer information in several museums and libraries around Australia, but only some of these will have the microfilm records too. For further information see "Descent" Sept. 1988 and "Central Old Genieologist" Sept 88.

### EXAMPLE OF INFORMATION FROM THE COMPUTERISED DATABASE

1788	IRISH TRANSPORTATION RECORDS	1868
Search for Name with Exact Spelling		
Surname KELLY	Other Names ROSE	Sex F
Age 0	Alias	
Place of Trial		Date of Trial 11/03/1823
Place of Imprisonment Carrickonshannon		Date of Document
Crime Description Robbery		
Sentence Death commuted to transportation		
Ship		
Petitioner Dominick Kelly		Relationship Brother
Document References PPC 2010		
Microfilm Reference		

Convict was convicted with her brother for same offence. Several char. ref. including a parish priest of Kilargue, Co. Leitrim. Convict is a native of Co. Leitrim. petition received 8 May 1823.

**STOP PRESS: John Oxley Library has just received all the microfilm, and are awaiting the computer index.**



Cut out and paste on to list in Genie Gossip No. 7 . But first note corrections on reverse side of this.

#### ADDITIONAL MACKAY BRANCH MEMBERS.

CALDWELL Brian	24 English Street Mackay	Phone 575261
PEARCE George and Lorraine	P.O.Box 2 Glenden	Phone 589217
PORTER Wendy	6 Blackall Court Mky	Phone 424308

#### OTHER DIRECT MEMBES

ARGUS Wendy	P.O.Box 26 Glenden	589716
CAMILLERI Heather	Eungella Rd. Finch Hatton	583160
FOLEY Marie	Tannalo Finch Hatton	583161
HATTON Ian	7 Murray Court Glenden	589438
KRUGER Lois	Eton	541135
NASH Kay	Eungella Rd. Finch Hatton	583218
O'NEILL Mary	Pinnacle	585236
O'SULLIVAN Brian	77 Bannister St. Mackay	575338





## BRIAN TRAINOR SEMINAR

Thirty Irish enthusiasts turned up for Brian Trainor's seminar. Brian was anxious to help as many people as possible with their problems and was kept busy answering queries. He and Terry Eakin (From Mt. Isa) brought along a great supply of books on anything Irish, and they were swamped as Mackay genealogists tried to find a clue to help them. Brian explained the different divisions of Ireland and stressed the importance of the smallest division - the townland. He said that the Church of Ireland was the established church, and that even Presbyterian and Catholic marriages and baptisms should be searched for in C. of I records. He said that no more Irish records will be included in the IGI, as indexing of records is being done by the unemployed and the Mormons have been banned from microfilming records. An example of this is the Clare Heritage Centre where records are being collected and indexed. Brian showed slides of Irish records that exist and explained how they might be used. He also informed us about the Ulster Historical Foundation, but research through this organisation is very expensive. He left us with an up to date list of contacts for each county in Ireland (libraries, family history societies, newspapers, etc) and these are in the Ireland Box. Brian and Terry stayed with us overnight, and I wished the visit could have been longer as Brian is such an interesting man and was enjoying his trip in Australia so much. (JUDY WALLACE.)



## SOME SHORT NOTES ON IRISH RESEARCH.

For a general survey of Irish records see "Tracing your Origins (Baxter) or "How to trace Your Irish Ancestors"(J.Reakes), or "On the Ancestor Trail in Ireland"(PLS) or "Handbook of Irish Genealogy" in MCL and in reference in PSL, with "A New Genealogical Atlas of Ireland", which shows boundaries of Baronies, Civil Parishes, and Poor Law Unions, but not of Townlands. The place of residence given on birth and marriage certificates last century if in the country, is usually this small area of a townland. If you have this place name, ask GSQ Brisbane to look up their copy of "An alphabetical Index to the Towns and Townlands of Ireland" to make sure it is a townland and what parish it is in. The Griffith Valuation 1848-1864 of land (with owners and occupiers) in each townland was meticulously recorded, even if only a small yard around a cottage. This record survives and to some extent takes the place of the census returns, which before 1901 do not survive. The Oxley Library has all this Griffith Valuation on 500 microfiche, including the index of surnames. You can write and ask for a printout of the Valuation List for one Townland you are interested in. It will be only one or two pages. JOL recommends you read the Article in Descent Vol 12 No 2 on the Griffiths Valuation. This is in our cupboard. GSQ Brisbane and other libraries have the Tombstone Inscriptions for Cos. Down and Antrim, the ones printed in books. These you need to search yourself - unless you know the cemetery your ancestor is buried in, when you could then ask for a photocopy of all of that surname in that cemetery. Letters to the Editor of Irish Newspapers are often successful in unearthing descendants of the brothers and sisters who did not emigrate. These Irish people today will almost certainly know where the family was 2,3 or even more generations ago. See Brian Trainor's list of addresses. Most family history societies and heritage centres in Ireland are now charging for research. The Co. Cavan Centre is still doing research free, and Brian commented "So get in there fast for that will soon change". The Clare Heritage Centre, on the other hand is well developed and does efficient research, but at a price. Mary O'Neil has this year received from this centre all that is recorded anywhere (so it is claimed) about her Clare family. It did cost her a large amount, but she was happy with what she obtained (Ask Mary). All the Irish Convict records which still survive in Ireland will soon be in the JOL (See page 4) and that may help many. The Spinning Wheel Index with Pastkeys (See Newsletter No. 6) may help too, but you have to have a name around 1796. GSQ Brisbane has the Richard Reed Index of Irish Immigrants 1848-70, the Index to Irish wills 1793 to 1858, and Index to Marriage Licences 1831 to 1856 all on microfiche. They also have the books "Irish Families in Australia and New Zealand" (A to Q). Qld State Library has a copy of Lewis's Topographical Dictionary of Ireland (in the 1830s) and you could ask your library to get on Inter Library loan a copy of the pages on the place you are interested in. Judy Wallace is a member of the Ulster Historical Foundation and has had them do research for her (See Judy). She has placed all their interest lists and other publications she has received from Belfast in our cupboard, together with some years' issues of the magazines "The Irish Link" and "The Ulster Link". These are in two bright green Ireland Boxes. To understand the Irish in Australian History and attitudes towards them and the feelings of them, read Professor O'Farrell's "The Irish in Australia" and McConville's "Croppies, Celts and Catholics". Official Certificates for Births, Marriages and Deaths were issued only from 1864, except that Protestant marriages were registered from 1845. The date of the earliest surviving Church registers in each parish of each denomination is listed in Handbook of Irish Genealogy. Unlike in England, these do not go back for centuries; many do not go back even to 1800. Remember North Ireland is part of Great Britain, and uses "English" stamps and money; Eire is an independent nation and has its own stamps and currency. And lastly, there is an Irish Group within GSQ Brisbane, where you can register your interests and obtain advice and help.

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JOAN REESE

KNOW YOUR GENIES NO. 6

JOAN REESE is a very special lady who will do research in Sydney for members of GSQ for a minimal charge. Her research takes her to the State Archives at The Rocks and at Kingswood. She also visits the Mitchell and State Libraries. Joan used to do wills but is unable to do so now as they have been put onto microfilm and are no longer for public access. Joan suggests you write to the Probate Division, Supreme Court, Queen's Square Sydney, enclosing \$5 for each will and the reference no. and series no. which are available on a microfich index. from GSQ Brisbane. Joan does not go to the Registrar General's Office either, so you will have to deal with the Registrar of BDM P.O.BOX 30 Sydney 2000 directly. Joan holds an index to Exiles (Convicts) who came to N.S.W. and Moreton Bay 1849-50. She is at present, with Norma Tuck indexing the Series "Permission to Publish banns 1829-41" which they will be publishing on microfiche early next year. This series holds more information than "Permission to Marry" e.g. employer, comments on character, and sometimes correspondence relevant to either party. When writing to Joan for help, please set out exactly what it is you wish her to find for you, giving all names, dates and places possible to help her. You must include your GSQ MEMBERSHIP NUMBER as this is a special service Joan does for US. Joan does not charge for this great service, but please send a stamped addressed envelope and \$5 note to help cover her expenses - transport, letter paper, typewrite ribbons, any photocopying and a 'cuppa' afterwards. Her address is Mrs. Joan Reese, 72 Hobart St., St. Mary's, NSW 2760.

— HELEN GOODING

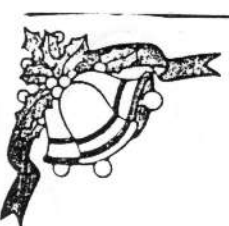
ANCESTOR REVEALED.

Imagine how exciting it is to be handed a newly published book and find references to an ancestor in it. All this on my first visit to the North Mackay Library with members of the Valley Genealogical Group. My thanks for their generous assistance go to the Librarian and members of the Valley Club.

The inscription on the dust jacket of "A History of Health and Medicine in Queensland 1824-1960" (Ross Patrick) states that "The personalities and policies presented here reflect a colourful past..." That is certainly true as far as our ancestor is concerned. We found out that Dr. Jacob Meade Swift was a quarantine officer, coroner and visiting surgeon in 1851 - but horror of horrors - he had to beat a hasty retreat when it was discovered he faked a gold discovery in South Brisbane so he could claim a handsome reward. I wonder if he ever dreamed that all this would be carefully recorded and then published over 135 years later.

— NIVES LUCAS.

OUR FRIENDS: JOAN, AND AUSTRALIA POST



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE.

As the year draws to a close, the festive season is nearly upon us. On behalf of my wife and myself, I wish all the members and their families, and all readers of our "GENIE GOSSIP" a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Drive carefully over the holiday period and I hope to see all at our next meeting. WARREN PITT.



# Mackay Genie Gossip



NEWSLETTER NO. 9

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**LIBRARY DISPLAY OPENS MAY 1.** This year our display will be put up at Mackay City Library on Saturday morning, April 29. All members are urged to plan now to show charts, photos, illustrations, family displays, or articles for the showcases. It is a chance to share some of your good things. Our annual display always creates great interest and pleasure for all the public. It is, as well, a good advertisement and there are still some people who don't know we exist. Newer members are especially urged to show something, as fresh material is always needed.

**WONDERFUL WINDFALL.** Anne Whitmore has received a large bundle of old family photos, some more than 100 years old. Her Aunt Molly died aged 81, and these photos were found by her daughter, neatly parcelled and labelled with Anne's name.

**EUREKA, I FOUND IT!** This jubilant comment was written in the user's book in our library by a visitor from Childers, who also wrote in the "Hours Looking" column, "10 minutes." This should encourage those researchers who grow haggard poring over the microfiche for hours with little or no result.

**IRISH PROGRESS.** Frank Robinson sent 10 Irish Pounds to the Offaly Historical Society, enquiring about his LOEMAN family. They sent an 1821 Census showing the whole large family, and they informed him that this was the same name as Loughnane in that area. They also supplied the address and phone number of a Loughnane nearby who is probably connected. Frank was so excited that he rang ISD to "meet" this man and tell him a letter would follow soon. He is now eagerly awaiting the reply.

**"UNSUNG HEROES AND HEROINES OF AUSTRALIA"** This recent book, edited by Suzy Baldwin, will be of interest to genealogists. Pioneer Library has it and others are likely to also. It was originally planned as "The 200 Greatest Stories Never Told," and celebrates the Bicentennial. Over 4,000 stories were submitted and in the end more than 200 were chosen for publication. One of the stories chosen was researched by member Anne Whitmore. This relates the epic journey of Thomas Whitmore who set out in 1893 from Gympie (Qld) with a horse team and two bullock teams to travel to the West Australian Goldfields, a journey which took two years.

**BOWEN, ROCKHAMPTON AND MT. MORGAN BUS TRIPS.** The Mackay Historical Society is organizing two bus trips. On February 11 there is a day trip to Bowen. On March 11, there is a weekend trip to Rockhampton and Mt. Morgan. It is expected that people with family history in these areas will be keen to go. Enquiries to Margaret Berry, 422628.

## RESEARCH NOTES

1. FOX'S HISTORY OF QUEENSLAND 1922 was mentioned last newsletter as a likely source of information on anyone of importance at this time or before. Wendy Porter further reports that there is an index of people who are written up. This is at the end of each volume, on the last fiche for that volume. Wendy is keen that all should know this, as this index would have saved her many hours of searching if she had found it first and not last. There is a very full write up of her great-grandfather Robert McDonald, born Antrim, even mentioning that his family came to North Ireland from Scotland "before the Scots Colonization" (i.e. before 1610). Robert McDonald after his marriage moved from Antrim to Cheshire England, where he lived for some years before emigrating to Queensland and taking up land in the Mackay area. All this is detailed in the book - also his large family, and with photos.

2. IMMIGRATION TO QUEENSLAND The Pioneer Library has been promised that the microfilm reader purchased from John Oxley Library will be delivered in early February. At long last the shipping lists on film can then be viewed. These are the whole of the records of Qld State Archives. Meanwhile we have received from G.S.Q. Brisbane printouts of 9 shipping lists. These are in separate folders beside the Qld Box. They are: REICHSTAG 1872, Hamburg to Brisbane; LEGION OF HONOUR 1864, London to Brisbane; HANNAH LANDELLS 1883 Glasgow to Mackay, STAR OF ENGLAND 1866, London to Brisbane; SAMARANG 1865, Glasgow to Brisbane; ROYAL DANE 1874, London to Brisbane; RAVENSCRAG 1883 Plymouth to Rockhampton; CONWAY 1862, Southampton to Brisbane; OBAN BAY 1882, Glasgow to Townsville.

3. LOOK AGAIN AT OUR DEATH INDEXES if there is a death in the extended local area which you have not yet found. Sue Hill has extracted from the Official Death Registers at the Mackay Court House all entries where the deceased was buried elsewhere than in the five cemeteries whose burial registers we have. Deaths registered at Mackay are on green cards. . .

Deaths registered at St. Lawrence are on gold cards. Deaths registered at Fort Cooper-Nebo are on grey cards. There is a card entered for maiden names also. Some of these are buried or cremated elsewhere; some are lone graves in isolated places; some are lost or buried at sea; some are labelled BNR - body not recovered. But if the death was reported, the name will be found in the cards.

4. PROBLEMS WITH N.S.W. CERTIFICATES or with "no result" searches can be enquired about at The Family History Unit of Births Deaths and Marriages, Room 1136, Ground Floor, Chief Secretary's Building, 44 Phillip Street, Sydney 2000.

5. FULL DETAILS OF ALL STATES B.D.M.s Records, indexes, method of compiling and organizing the records, costs of purchasing certificates and sets of indexes, information supplied on certificates and information supplied on indexes etc. - all is set out in full on 30 pages of the latest Mt. Isa F.H.S. Journal No. 21 which is in our Library.

6. THE AUSTRALIAN ETHNIC HERITAGE SERIES was planned to produce one book for every nationality which settled Australia in its 200 years. "The Maltese in Australia" is one title, and other titles are in the same form. Books have been published detailing the history of the following peoples in Australia; Cornish, Czechs, Germans, German speaking, Afghans, Americans, Hungarians, Jews, Lebanese, Poles, Scandinavian, Spanish, Baltic, Dutch, Italian, Scottish. It is worth reading any which refer to your ancestors in Australia.

7. MACKAY CITY LIBRARY has purchased 43 books to help family and local historians. Some are in reference, some in their History room, and some are for loan. They are not all new publications. Many are held by other libraries. Here is a list of some of them.

- a. Room: Place Name Changes since 1900; A World Gazetteer.
- b. Ansell: Register of church Archives. A guide to Resource Material in Australia.
- c. Guide to Genealogical and Family History Resources in the National Library of Australia.
- d. Principal Manuscript Collections in the National Library of Australia
- e. Eastgate & Harrison: Qld Sources - Moreton Bay Records 1826-59 and Qld Records 1860-1900.
- f. Johnston & Zerner: A Guide to the History of Qld., a Bibliographic Survey.
- g. Waterson: Biographical Survey of the Qld. Parliament.
- h. Rydon: Biographical Survey of the Commonwealth Parliament
- i. Arnott-Smith: Qld. Muster Roll (3 vols).
- j. Australian Joint Copying Project Handbooks 1-8.
- k. Hawkins: Bound for Australia.
- l. Puttock: Heraldry in Australia.
- m. O'Sullivan: A short guide to Tracing Your Convict Ancestry.
- n. Guide to the Microform Collection in the State Library of Qld.
- o. Taylor: Oral Evidence and the Family Historian.
- p. McLaughlin: Interviewing Elderly relatives.
- q. Ansell: The Small Archives Companion.
- r. Brown: Family and Local History - an ordered approach towards publication.
- s. Daniel: How to Write your own Lifestory.
- t. Dymond: Writing Local History - a Practical Guide.
- u. Eleven titles in the Ethnic Series as in (6) above.





#### OUT OF CURIOSITY

A 1949 receipt, found among old papers of my father's, for a plot of land at the Mackay Cemetery, had a list of seven grave numbers on it. I thought the plot contained the remains only of my grandparents and their daughter. My curiosity got the better of me, so armed with said receipt, I went to inquire about cemetery records at the health Department of the Mackay City Council. Due to their helpful co-operation I discovered the numbers were for burials dating from 1885 two ancestors of my grandmother's first husband, 1897- one of her young children; 1901 - grandmother's first husband; 1929 - a daughter from her second marriage (my aunt); 1946 - both my grandparents. I had taken a photograph of the headstone on this particular plot, with inscriptions for my aunt and grandparents early in my research. Other snaps taken were of a headstone with the names of my great grandparents and another of one for two men with the same surname, buried in 1932 and 1951, respectively.

Another trip to the Health Department for, hopefully, more information and Yes... another long list of earlier burials ten in all from 1880 to 1951. Sadly six of them were for children, or rather babies and toddlers, most of them children of my great-grandparents. The others were their relatives with the exception of one Billy, an aboriginal, 24 years of age. Perhaps a faithful employee in 1880? Recently I was able to confirm details from the cards in our local Genealogical Society's cemetery index. Thank you to everyone responsible for all those hours of work compiling the information and entering it on the record cards. So, for genealogists a little curiosity can be a good thing and combined with the odd item of memorabilia and local records, further details on unknown ancestors can be found.

ELLEN JACKSON

#### LOCAL HISTORIES

If your family lived in the one area for some time, it is well worth chasing up a local history of that area. This will give you the background to your family, and you can begin to understand how they fitted in. Local histories vary greatly. Some are thoroughly researched and written by a professional historian. Others, produced from local knowledge, tend to have more detail of memories, common life and ordinary people. However it is written, your family may be mentioned, and there may be photos too. Your local library may already have the book you are looking for. Here are some places with a local history in one or both of the two libraries of Mackay: Cunnamulla, Caboolture, Noosa, Bundaberg, Brisbane (many), Gold Coast, Sunshine Coast, Mt. Morgan, Taroom and Wandoan, Clermont, Rockhampton, Winton, Douglas Shire, Dalrymple Shire, Broadsound Shire, Gympie, Darwin, Gatton, Mackay, Pioneer Shire, Widgee Shire, Thursday Island and Atherton Tableland. Inter Library Loan is a system whereby your own library can order a book for you from other libraries. You can obtain a book even if it is out of print. If you do not know the title or whether there is a history, you can request "a History" of that town or area. Exact titles of books can sometimes be gleaned from a bibliography of another book. "The Australian Encyclopedia" is also a good source of titles, as at the end of an article on a place (or person), there is generally "Further Reading" noted. The surest way to find out if there is, or ever was, a local history printed, is to write to the local council, or historical society, or library. They can supply the title. Often they can supply the book if you want to buy it. (Many local histories are not distributed through booksellers.) The book may be remarkably cheap, the reason being that it was produced under subsidy, or that it was not put out to make a profit, or that there is still a stack of them in the storeroom.

Some local histories have been produced for the Bicentennial. SARINA has recently published a history of the Shire and the Maguires have kindly donated a copy to our library. A History of PROSERPINE was recently put on the shelves of the North Mackay Library. CAMPBELLTOWN (N.S.W.) has printed a history too and Dulcie Patterson has a copy, as it details her ancestor, Samuel Spencer Milgate. "THE GOOMBURRA VALLEY 1840-1988" is a booklet produced for the Back to Goomburra Day near Allora on the Darling Downs, and Helen Butler has one. Nearby CLIFTON has a history in the hands of the printers which should be available from the Council in the New Year. Jean Turvey has books on MILES and CONDAMINE, which have proved of value to Joyce Jensen. A book on the ISLE OF GUERNSEY was of interest to two other members. To record the existence and the whereabouts of books (and maps), a card is being placed in an Information File under the name of the Town or area, and showing who holds the book. To build up this file, please give to the librarian a list of any books or maps you have, which may be of interest to others.



ANNETTE BUDD

I was born in Brisbane the "baby" of the family after a break of eleven years, and according to my sister and two brothers, the "spoilt brat".

I have lived all my life in Brisbane. My father, Merv McDonald was a journalist with The Courier-Mail. Scottish blood runs thick in my veins; my McDonald ancestors were from the Highlands of Scotland and my mother, Isabel Bryson was born in Glasgow.

After completing my education at All Hallows, I nursed for three years at the Mater Hospital.

It was during a skiing holiday to the Snowy Mountains that I met my husband Doug. Little did I realise at the time, that my McDonald ancestors were the first settlers in the Snowies in the early 1800s.

After marriage I took up a secretarial position with Queensland Newspapers until our first daughter was born 22 years ago. We have 2 daughters, Kathryn 22, Joanne 20 and Matthew 16.

I always had an ambition to be an archaeologist - and I suppose digging up my ancestors is the closest I will ever come to fulfilling this wild dream. I became interested in genealogy shortly after my father died. (why do we always leave it until it is too late to ask those questions?). I have been a member of GSQ since 1983. During this time I was one of the transcribers for the Toowong burial register and library assistant. I was employed as Assistant Secretary until my appointment as Hon. Secretary of the Society, I am serving my third term as Secretary. Last year Margaret Verran and I took over as research officers. Our country members sure keep us busy but we love hearing from you and I get a great deal of satisfaction knowing I may have helped with your research. I also served on the Cemetery sub-committee last year and helped Margaret index all the Queensland cemeteries. This year I am on the Social sub-committee and hope to plan some exciting days for our members.

In my spare time I am planning a family re-union for my McDonalds to take place at Cooma in March. I would like to take up oil painting again - a hobby I started many years ago and put on the shelf when the "genealogy bug" took hold.

*Annette Budd*

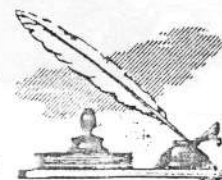
Dear Dr. Socrates Arbuthnot,

My great-grandfather came out to Queensland on the ship "Bayswater" in 1867. I would like very much to have a photo of this ship. Can you please tell me where I might enquire.

(Signed) Doon Risirch.

Dear Doon, The Oxley Library in Brisbane is likely to have a photo of any ship which came to Queensland, and they will supply a photo for a little over \$2. If you know the date of arrival, they will also supply the newspaper write up of the ship's arrival and its voyage. If the Oxley Library cannot help you, try the Mitchell Library in Sydney. If the photo is not there, try Mr. Vaughan Evans, 85 Fuller Road Chatswood, 2067. He has compiled a file of ship's photos from varied sources. And if he cannot help you, write to the Maritime Museum, Greenwich London, SE10 9NF. If your boat had been 1850 or before, you would be unlikely to find a photo, as photography had been invented only a short while. Sometimes there does exist an engraving or a painting. However, by 1867 there should be a photo somewhere, although there is no guarantee that one survives or even that one was ever taken.

Yours in genealogy, Socrates.



Please supply  
news and notes  
for GG No. 10.  
Deadline Feb 15.  
(Ring 422539)

Next meeting March 1.



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NEWSLETTER NO. 10.

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G.S.Q. OPEN NOW AT NEW PREMESIS. After a six week closure, G.S.Q. is now open for business. Address is P.O. Box 423, Woolloongabba 4102. Phone is (07)8915085. If you are visiting Brisbane, the new home is the second floor of the old Woolloongabba Post Office, on the corner of Stanley and Hubert Streets. There may be other buses also, but it is known that Belmont Buses, 165, 175, 185 and 195, will take you there and may be boarded in Adelaide Street, City.

1988 BIRTH CERTIFICATES AVAILABLE ONLY TILL APRIL, 1989. Any child born in 1988 is entitled to receive a special decorative Bicentennial Birth Certificate (for the usual fee, of course). But they must be applied for by April this year. (Joyce Jensen).

THE AUSTRALIAN HISTORIC RECORDS REGISTER OUT SOON. The Bicentennial Historic Records Search was a tremendous success. As a result, the National Library will be publishing the Australian Historic Records Register on microfiche. Copies will be sent to all local authorities, State libraries and archives, in April 1989. The National Library is going to maintain and update the Register's database, and, in mid - 1989, will publish an illustrated book which will act as a guide to the Register. The Register is of private paper-based records - diaries, letters, books, records of organisations and clubs - in fact, anything in private records rather than Government records or those donated to public institutions. The Authority has tried to include in the Register those records that have given new insights into Australia's past. The search unearthed some fascinating material, but unfortunately not all the records were able to be included, mainly due to the time constraints imposed on the project, and having to complete it by the end of the Bicentenary year. (Judy Wallace).

MACKAY TO HAVE GENIE SEMINAR THIS YEAR. G.S.Q. Brisbane will conduct a seminar later in the year here in Mackay. This will be funded by a State Government Grant applied for and granted under the Touring and Remote Areas Access Scheme for cultural groups. Times and details have yet to be worked out.

BUS TRIP OF THE MIRANI HISTORICAL SOCIETY. There is a week-end bus trip on 11-12 March to Rockhampton and Mt. Morgan to visit historic places. If you are interested, ring Mrs. Leslie Kane on 591101 (work) and 585120 (home). Cost will be between \$37 and \$40 and includes twin share motel, and museum entry.

BEWARE "THE BOOK OF RAYNERS". (or whatever is your name. Periodically we hear that this rip-off organization is still making their "special offer" to unsuspecting people. It is now called "Family Heritage" but is still at Margaret Street, Rhodes. N.S.W. The price is now increased to \$42.90, and for this you are offered "your family history". At best, it is a few hints on general genealogy and how to do it, plus a list of Rayners (or whatever your name) gathered from phonebooks. An example of the letter sent and of a book purchased is in the "Other Countries" box in our cupboard. This organization was featured on "The Investigators" and their plausible fraud revealed.

RESEARCH NOTES

1. VICTORIA DEATHS 1914-1940 have been purchased by us as an index on microfiche with a booklet guide to the index. If you have the slightest trouble with the microfiche, refer to the booklet. Full Certificates in Victoria cost \$22, but if you supply the reference number from the indexes, the cost of the full certificate is reduced to \$11.

2. SOUTH AUSTRALIAN FAMILIES from the very early days of the colony have been documented in detail in the book "Jacob's Ladder", which is a family history of the Jacobs family, dissenters who left England in 1836 and arrived in S.A. the next year. However, there are a very large number of other families which became connected with the Jacobs family. Anyone with people last century in S.A. would do well to look at this book. Also, anyone with people in S.A. in the early days would find great interest in the experiences of the Jacobs family, even if they are not connected. Jenny Gibbs has this book and is willing to lend it to anyone interested.

3. P.R.O. LONDON RECORDS OF ROYAL MARINES, AND OF SHIPPING & SEAMEN On enquiry about the possibility of tracing non - navy seagoing ancestors through the public records, Peg Strickland has been sent two information bulletins. These are very detailed. Bulletin No. 5 sets out the history of the regulations about registration of ships (from 1786, all boats over 15 tons) and of merchant seamen (muster rolls from 1747) and the records kept then and the records still surviving, and how these are kept in the P.R.O. Bulletin No. 74 details the history of the Royal Marines (from 1664), the records kept and the records still surviving, and suggests methods of attack on Service Records, Divisional Records, Courts Martial, and Pension Records. These Bulletins have been placed in the England Box in our library, and may help others with a possible line of research. Of course the PRO does no research, and a professional researcher must be engaged.

4. NORTH IRELAND RESEARCH. The Ulster Historical Foundation now has an Australian agent in Terry Eakin, P.O. Box 1699, Mt. Isa, 4825. All enquiries about UHF and all payments to it, can be sent to this address. Payment can be made in Australian Dollars. (Currently 10 pounds = \$22 Australian, but check with your bank the current rate.) Thus you avoid paying the \$6 charge for an individual bank draft. Please send SAE for your receipt/reply.

5. RESEARCH IN THE IPSWICH (Q.) AREA has been offered by Ailsa Munt, who was resident in Mackay last year and is still a local Branch Member. We are grateful to Ailsa who gives her present address as M.S. 540, Rosewood. 4340.

6. DEATHS IN THE LOCAL AREA. If you are still searching, look again in our card indexes. Recent additions to the cards are: (a) Mirani Burial Register indexed on to buff cards by Sue Cappello. (b). Bowen Death Register at Bowen Court House has had deaths in the Mackay area extracted by Wendy Porter for the two years before Mackay had a Registry Office, and for later years when some deaths inland were registered in Bowen, although in the Mackay area. These are on bright yellow cards. (c) The indexing of the Mackay Cemetery Burial Register on to pink cards has been continued by Sue Hill, and cards are now entered in the file up to 1945. The Walkerston Burial Register index cards have been completed by Judy Wallace and are being checked before being placed in the drawers. The Sarina Burial Register is yet to be done.

7. ONE NAME SOCIETIES record the interests of people researching the one name. The Guild of One Name Studies (GOONS) aims to register such societies and help them co-operate. Surnames of societies registered with GOONS are printed on page 4. If you find your family name there, you can obtain the address of your one name society from Judy Wallace who has their book, or from G.S.Q. Brisbane. If it is not in this list, there still may be such a society, as these are only the ones registered with GOONS. Look in our address box for others. And new one - name societies are announced from time to time in magazines. (Or you could start one yourself). Your society will register your ancestors of that name and try to connect you with others researching that name in that area. Judith Matthews, our former secretary, had wonderful results with one of her families in this way. You can join your society and receive its publications. There are 5 different categories of societies in GOONS. The last one is a society (or person) "who has started a one-name study, but has not yet built up a significant collection of information." Into this category would surely be the name FOINQUINOS. Those of us who were at Elizabeth Simpson's final talk will remember her telling us that she had founded this Foinquinos One-Name Society because her grandma had this as her maiden surname and Elizabeth had never been able to find anyone else in the whole world with this name. To help unearth any who might exist, she used this method of registering the name with GOONS. She finally found one man in Tanzier. He was a shopkeeper with his name now spelt FOINKINOS, and he was related. In describing this to us, Elizabeth shared with us the drama and emotion of the meeting. However, most one name societies are not in this category, and are likely to store a fund of information on people of that name - all of which might help you now or as time goes on.



### DO YOUR OWN COPY - PHOTOS

Photos are necessary for the family historian to illustrate and bring to life the story of his family. In the days when photos were taken rarely and were expensive, it is fortunate if a photo was ever taken, and even more fortunate if a copy of it still exists. So photographing such a photo becomes necessary. If you own it, others will want copies. If someone else owns it, as is more likely, you will want a copy for yourself.

Local agents will send it away to Kodak and you can get a direct print for \$1 of anything up to a post-card size. Larger old photos are done on a different process and cost \$8.40 for post card print and negative. Don Thompson will do it locally and more professionally.

However, you should consider doing the job yourself. If you have many photos to copy, this will be much cheaper. The originals are not in danger of being lost, and you can copy on the spot if the original is owned by someone who will not part with it (or whom you would not ask to part with it); or if it is in a museum, library, display or album.

The only basic requirement is an SLR camera. This shows in the viewfinder exactly what your camera photographs, eliminating any problem of lining up the subject. Put your subject-photo in open shade, with the light bright enough to give an exposure no greater than 1/60 second if the camera is hand held. Of course, a tripod or standing camera can overcome this limitation. The camera should be opposite the centre of the photo and parallel to it. The photo can be set vertical or horizontal on a table.

#### Some Considerations

1. Getting close enough so that the original takes up the whole of the picture. An ordinary 1.4 lens will accommodate a photo 8 inches x 6 inches. Anything smaller can still be taken, but a border will appear around the resulting copy-photo. If you have a zoom lens, this may accommodate the smaller photo. Otherwise, you can purchase special equipment:- (a) An auxiliary close-up lens to screw on to your normal lens. (+1 and +3 lenses, separately and together, will cover all practical possibilities.) OR (b) Extension tubes to bayonet in between camera and lens. This equipment will also enable you to take a photo of one person in a group and thus blow it up to full photo size.

2. Focusing is done as usual with an SLR, directly with the eye. However, small variations in distance are multiplied in close-up photography. Errors can be minimized by using the smallest aperture to give the greatest depth of field, always remembering that if this increases the time to more than 1/60 second, the camera has to be fixed steady on a table, a tripod, or a copystand. A curling-up photo will also affect the focus and this can be corrected by blue-tacking or taping flat, or by a piece of non-reflective glass over the photo.

3. What film to use? Any film will copy any photo. Suppose you have a colour film in your camera at the moment. You have only a couple of photos to copy, or you have the opportunity to copy old photos while visiting. Go ahead; black and white photos come out well on colour film, but in sepia tones. However, if you are planning a session of copying, buy a black and white film, the smaller the grain of the film the better. (Usually a slower film has smaller grain). Kodak Pantonic 32 is ideal. For best results get Don Thompson to develop your film. This costs \$8.50 and is a professional job. Then you can examine the negatives and decide what prints you want done. He will do 6"x 4" prints for \$1.20 each. Local agents will send your film away for something less than this, but the developing is done by machine and the result is not as good. (It costs \$24 to develop and print a 24 exposure film. Developing only is \$6.50, and prints 90 cents each).

There is a new film out now - ILFORD XP1 400, which will copy black and white photos in sepia tones. This film deteriorates with warmth and should be stored in the refrigerator until used. It has two advantages. It can be processed in the machine which processes colour films and so can be done more quickly and cheaply, with the offer of double prints. Also it is very adaptable, being rated ASA 50 to 400, and will operate successfully on any setting within these, the smaller giving the finer grain. The result is probably better than using colour film, but it is not as good as on a black and white film.

It is well to remember that the quality of a resulting photo depends in the first place on the quality of the original. A Box Brownie snap will not copy to look like a photo you would take today with your modern camera, though the copy photo is often an improvement on the original. On the other hand, some old photos taken professionally are of excellent quality and deserve the best copying treatment we can manage.

## Some Problems

1. Flare appears sometimes. It is a bright spot on one part of the photo which reflected the light around. Try to choose a more evenly lit area to take your photo, and look for a possible light spot while lining up your photo, and move to avoid it.

2. Taking photos through glass is very tricky. If the photo is framed and behind glass and cannot be removed, care has to be taken to avoid reflections of the light source and of other objects, including the camera and the photographer. Try to place the camera at a slight angle to the photo, at the same time avoiding the reflection of the light. Also have no other light - coloured objects nearby.

3. Pale Sepia Photos will copy darker and with more contrast on black and white film if a blue filter is used.

If you pursue this Copy Hobby, you will probably acquire a good deal of helpful equipment - Extension Tubes, Auxiliary Close - Up Lenses, a Tripod, a Copy Stand, Lights, a Release Cord, a small Spirit Level, a sheet of non - reflective glass, some Filters, a book to log your copying and the technical details of each copy. However you cannot carry all these with you everywhere, and you have to be confident enough to have a go with the minimum equipment, whenever the opportunity arises.

People who seldom copy photos, and have the minimum equipment anyway, should practise a little - enough to be confident to have a go also. Copying photos is a simple thing with an SLR Camera, and taking a photo of a photo is almost as easy as taking an ordinary photo.

SURNAMES REGISTERED AS AT JANUARY, 1998

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RUSHWORTH RUSSELL RYDINGS ~~SABOURIN~~ SABBRE SAUNDROVE SABA SANJOISTON SANT SAVINAC SCALES SCAPENS SCOTLOCK SCOPES SCORGIE  
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WRATT WYBORN WYNNIE WYTHERS ~~FALE~~ YEATWELL YEOMAN YEAL YODEN YULL ~~YOUCH~~



See page 2.

I have just received the most marvellous video on my Colliver ancestors in Devon. It was sent to me by a relation in Victoria who organised a Colliver reunion in January (unfortunately we couldn't attend), and it was made by distant relations in England especially for the reunion. Heather Harvey (nee Colliver) - who does the narrating and features in the film with her two children and their dog - and her husband Robert - who does the filming - have combined very professionally to produce this video for their Australian relations. Heather starts by introducing her parents at their home in Devon and then goes back to the earliest known ancestors, Peter and Agnes Collover, who married in the 1600's. She shows the village in which they lived, and the church they were married in. From there she works down 5 generations, travelling round Devon from village to village, showing churches, graveyards, old buildings, and the countryside, and commenting on the history of the times. She finishes with my great-great-grandparents who emigrated to Australia in 1849, and shows the old mill and the miller's house where they lived. I felt quite emotional watching it, as I felt it really put flesh on the bones of those long-dead ancestors.



— Judy W.

## Honour Roll of Unsung Heroes



### STAKE YOUR CLAIM

Record your contribution or the contribution of family, friends and fellow workers on the Honour Roll at the Australian Stockman's Hall of Fame and Outback Heritage Centre at Longreach.

This special project is being undertaken by information staff at the Hall of Fame. Already, there are exhibits depicting Unsung Heroes who, although not given broad coverage in the history books, were vital to the pioneering spirit of Australia. These men and women came from all walks of life and backgrounds and include drovers, property owners, country store-keepers, mechanics and shearers.

The details will be included on a computerised data base connected to a video disk. In this way information can be retrieved and even copies of photographs submitted by applicants can be purchased to ensure that a complete picture is obtained of the people who shaped our country. This means that anyone today can share the Unsung Heroes' exploits and achievements.

For \$25, you can provide details of an Unsung Hero for posterity. You can even send photographs, press cuttings and a small family tree which will be copied and returned to you after processing. We will send you a printout of the information as well as a handsome "Unsung Hero Certificate of Registration".

Due to size restrictions on the computer, we request that you limit the information to the space allowed in the form.\*

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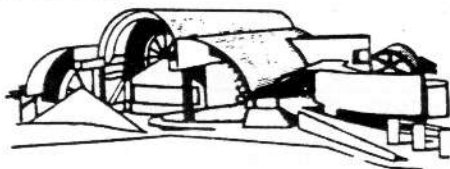
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— Anne W.



## THE VALUE OF CEMETERY RECORDS!

Having been searching most unsuccessfully for ancestors in London, and totally stuck, I had put this part of the tree in the "too hard" basket.

I'm sure you can imagine my delight when I received from a friend in London an extract obtained of private graves in the Tower Hamlets Cemetery in Bow, London giving me valuable data on seven members of the troublesome ancestors. They had been considerate enough to all be interred in the one grave, so from this I now had the names, ages at death, dates of burial and joyfully, addresses where they had died of my great grandparents and great great grandparents, an unmarried great aunt, an infant and a great great aunt.

The latter had been considerate enough to get married and so was buried under her married name. From this I obtained her marriage certificate to make sure she was of the same family and now am hoping to receive her birth certificate - again she was considerate enough to have been born after Civil Registration became compulsory. If and when this arrives, I should then have the maiden name of my great great grandmother, interred in this grave. Then, back to the drawing board and searches of the parish registers, and who knows, I may even find their marriage, and ever hopeful, that she came from a place other than London.

However, if it had not been for the cemetery records I would still be floundering.

Jenny G.



## REMEMBER

22nd March is **NEXT DEADLINE**.

Please send via Library Box or Mail News and Views to hit the Headline. Or ring direct and boast your tale.

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Our **NEXT MEETING** then will be On 5th of April day.

And don't forget prepare your stuff For the **April 29 DISPLAY**

## BOOKCORNER FORGENIES



Have you seen the bicentennial publication, Australians - an Historical Library ①? This consists of 11 Volumes beautifully presented, and is a comprehensive survey of Australia now and over its 200 years. One volume is a "Guide to Sources" and lists books and bibliographies under subject areas. Another Volume is an alphabetical listing of people, places, etc., and gives "Further Reading" suggestions.

Do you wonder if you may be related to a prominent Australian of the same surname as one of your families? Who's Who in Australia ② lists living people of some importance and generally gives their parentage. Debrett's Handbook of Australia ③ is similar and gives as well the date the family originally came to Australia. Both of these books give the address of the person. To look up information about prominent Australians of the past consult The Australian Dictionary of Biography ④ or Who's Who in Australia ② for past years.

A History of the Bailiwick of Guernsey ⑤ is a definitive history of the island by L.J. Marr. Guernsey People ⑥ compiled by the same person relates the stories of hundreds of inhabitants, with Kinship Tables for many of them.

Mackay City Library has ④, ③, and ② for the years 1977 to 1988. Pioneer Library has ① and ③. J. Gibbs has ⑤ & ⑥.