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Meetings: The Management Committee of the Redland Genealogical Society meets on the first Wednesday of each month, February to December, commencing at 2.00pm.

General Meetings of the Society are held on **the second Wednesday of each month**, February to December, from 12:15pm to 2:30pm, at the Donald Simpson Centre, Bloomfield Street, Cleveland. **An entry fee of \$2 applies at each meeting.** The Annual General Meeting is held in July, followed by the General Meeting. Meetings are not held in January.

The Society's Collection such as books, microfiche, CD-ROMs etc, which contain resources for world-wide research, are held in the Genealogy Room in the Cleveland Library, corner Middle and Bloomfield Streets. Volunteer Genealogical Research Assistants (**GRAs**) are there to assist both members and the general public on-
Tuesday and Thursday: 9.30am - 12.30pm Saturday: 12.30pm - 3.30pm

Financial members of the Society have access to this Collection any time that the Cleveland Library is open.

GRAs: Ray Steele (Librarian), Bob Aldred, Kaye Barber, Mike Boyd, Beverly Bourke, Margaret Clark, Pauline Davy, Jeanne Dixon, Annette Hall, Brenda Jones, Ross Lambert, Bev McFadyen, Les McFadzen, Jan O'Brien, Irene Salvatierra, Dianne Smith, Helen Veivers, Audrey Warner, Alice Wilke, Charlotte Wruck.

A reminder to GRAs: *If unable to attend on your rostered day, please arrange to swap duty with another GRA.*

Local History Collection: The Redland City Council's local history and heritage collections are housed in the Cleveland Library. Leonie Swift is Redland City Council's *Local History and Heritage Librarian*.

A Note from the Editor

Office Bearers for 2016/17 were endorsed at the Annual General Meeting held in July. Yvonne Weston is the new Assistant Treasurer; Jeanne Dixon and Lyn Smyth were endorsed for the two recently-created positions of Committee Members 1 and 2. A very warm welcome to Yvonne, Lyn and Jeanne and a big thank-you to Ross Lambert, for his contributions as Assistant Treasurer over the years!

Congratulations to our new Life Member, Jeanne Dixon. Jeanne was presented with her Life Membership certificate and badge by our Patron, Les McFadzen, at the General Meeting in July. She has provided outstanding service to the Society and to Genealogy in Queensland for a period in excess of sixteen years.



Jeanne became Publicity Officer in 1999, soon after joining, and worked in this position until 2002. She has worked as a Genealogical Research Assistant since 1999, was Librarian 2002 – 2006 and again 2014 – 2015, was Secretary 2007 - 2008, co-edited the “Redland Researcher” 2010 – 2014 and co-convened the society’s Magazine Interest Group 2010 – 2014. Furthermore, Jeanne has always been available in whatever capacity is required to further the work of the society.

Greg Glidden

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President's Annual Report



It's with great pleasure that I present the President's report for the Redland Genealogical Society for 2015-2016. As I've outlined on previous occasions so many people volunteer as part of our society and this makes the President's job much easier than it would otherwise be. Thank you all. I would particularly like to thank the following people – Kevin Hughes, our Vice President, who does a great variety of tasks, including ensuring that our electronic and sound equipment are ready to use and that the website is up and running; Dianne Smith who took over the Secretary's role at 2015's AGM – thank you Dianne for the wonderful job you have done and for the way in which you've approached the very many tasks associated with the role; Irene Salvatierra who has kept the Society's finances running smoothly – we all know that Irene is currently overseas, but she certainly ensured that everything was up to date prior to her departure; Ross Lambert who, once again, assisted Irene and organised "the door" at meetings – Ross has not been well during the past couple of months. I'm sure you all join with me in wishing Ross a speedy recovery; Bill James whose happy smile greets us all as we arrive at meetings and who, of course, is the maker of the many fine images used by the Society in a variety of ways; Elaine Speck who has again coordinated a number of successful displays during the year and who has stepped in to assist with "the door" at recent meetings; Annette Hall who tends to membership matters in a thorough and vigilant manner; Pat Misson, who, in October 2015, took on the role of Research Group coordinator in addition to that of Archivist; Greg Glidden who has continued to produce very interesting "reads" with our quarterly newsletter, "The Redland Researcher", and who very willingly stepped into the role of Acting Treasurer in Irene's absence.

The society's Library is an integral part of what we do. Ray Steele took on the role of Librarian prior to last year's AGM and has spent an enormous amount of time familiarising himself with the Library's resources. Thank you, Ray, for your diligence. Ray has continued to build on the strong relationship with Library staff, particularly with the Local History and Heritage Librarian, Leonie Taylor. The Library could not and would not operate without the group of Genealogical Research Assistants (GRAs) who volunteer their time on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays to enable the society to help others with family history research. My gratitude is extended to each and every one of the GRAs.

Thanks, too, to the coordinators of the society's Interest Groups and to all who have volunteered to help at the various events organised by our Displays coordinator. Lastly, the Society's immediate past President and now Patron, Les McFadzen, has continued to work for the society in a number of roles, including that of class tutor. You may recall that Les was a finalist in the Redland Australia Day Awards earlier this year. A very well deserved recognition! Thanks, Les, for all that you continue to do. Thank you, one and all for your efforts throughout the year – it is you who make the Redland Genealogical Society the successful organisation that it is.

In my last Report I indicated that we had received \$16 225 in funding through the Gaming Commission to purchase a Scanner/Printer for our Library. This purchase, of course, is now in use – thanks Ray for conducting sessions for all GRAs to ensure that they became familiar with the machine and its capabilities. A Grant Application to Redlands RSL in July 2015 was successful and the Society is now the proud owner of a PA system which is used at all of our meetings. Another Grant Application to Redlands RSL is in the throes of being formulated – this time for the purchase of much lighter Display Boards – our current Display Boards are cumbersome and heavy and require a trailer for transport to and from display sites.

The membership of our society has fluctuated throughout the year, but we've ended the year with a slight increase in the number of members. The percentage of GSQ members has increased slightly, perhaps a reflection of the fact that GSQ is so much easier to access with its move to Wishart at the end of 2015.

The society's website has continued to evolve with Members' Interests being the latest addition – this feature facilitates spread of information worldwide. Thanks are due to Greg Glidden for his work in developing a fillable Member's Interest Form which aids in easy digital recording of Members' Interests details.

During the past year members of our Society have provided presentations on a number of topics to members of the general public through the Redland Library Service. These presentations have been well received and have served the purpose of both raising the profile of genealogy within the Redlands and informing people about our society's activities.

Successful displays were organised at the Victoria Point Shopping Centre during Seniors Week and at the Victoria Point State School's Centenary Fete. At the Fete we used one of our mannequins, dressed as a school ma'am, to add interest to our display and had blank Family Tree sheets for children to complete. As well, on a wet and windy day in February, we erected our marquee and display tables at GSQ's Grand Opening Day, thus allowing us to promote genealogy in general and our branch, in particular. (One thing we learned from this day was that the marquee we use is so much stronger than many of the others in use on the day.)

During the year the Society successfully completed two major projects. Following Val Bray's untimely passing, boxes of Val's research material were delivered to my house. Following many hours of research with the data, a number of documents were forwarded to the Society of Australian Genealogists based in Sydney. I would like to thank Irene and Annette, in particular, for their work with this project. The other major undertaking was researching the Family Tree of Don Brown MP, Member for Capalaba. This project proved to be one of great interest and culminated in a presentation at the June monthly meeting at which Don, his parents and aunt were present. Thanks are due to Audrey Warner and Annette Hall for their work associated with this project. Another ongoing undertaking, the Cemetery Project, was resurrected during the year with Society representatives attending meetings organised by the Redland City Council. Our database has been merged with the Council's and several members of our society are in the throes of matching gravesite photos with interment numbers.

The only outing conducted during the year was to the Redland RSL Museum. Members found this fascinating and particularly enjoyed the Lunch at the RSL following the visit. Thanks are due to Audrey Warner for organising this event.

Following discussion at the May monthly meeting, the Management Committee enacted some minor changes to the By Law relating to the composition of the Management Committee. This change has resulted in the removal of the roles of Assistant Secretary and Event Coordinator with these two positions now being labelled as Committee Members and will be reflected in the Election of Office Bearers for 2016/2017.

We have continued the practice of circulating meeting Minutes by email, thus ensuring that all members are aware of what is happening in their society. This practice has allowed more time for discussion at meetings. We've had some very interesting genealogically related topics raised for discussion during the additional available time.

Yes, 2015/2016 has been a busy and successful year for the Redland Genealogical Society. Once again, thanks to all who volunteer as part of our society. For his role over many years as Assistant Treasurer I would like to thank Ross Lambert very much. Ross has not re-nominated for the role for the forthcoming year. In closing I wish those members newly elected to the committee a successful year in office and to all members a year of fruitful research.

Helen Veivers

Research Group Convenor's Annual Report

In November 2015 the Research Group was re-formed, with myself as Convenor, with the support of any Society member who has expertise in the area of research requested by a client. Annette Hall and Irene Salvatierra each supplied support for a contract, enabling submission of reports to clients that had been cross-referenced and correct.

We have had two contracts signed this financial year, both from local members, each with quite different research requirements. One investigation was mainly relating to the county of Norfolk in the UK, covering a time period of early 1800's through to 1975; the other was for generation of family charts from documentation already to hand.

In both cases, a recommendation was able to be put to the clients suggesting that their family information could be extended by reference to Society and other holdings contained in our library.

Pat Misson

Treasurer's Annual Report

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Statement of Income & Expenditurefor the year ending 30/04/2016

INCOME			EXPENDITURE		
Associate Memberships	3	\$2,265.00	Advertising	2	\$0.00
Bank Interest	4	\$204.09	Bank Fees	3	\$0.00
Capitation Fees	5	\$180.00	Float	4	\$0.00
Donations - attendances	6	\$786.00	Fundraising - Christmas Lunch	5	\$0.00
Donations - 50/50 scheme	7	\$0.00	Fundraising - raffles	6	\$0.00
	8	\$0.00	Fundraising - trips	7	\$0.00
Donations - library box	9	\$267.10	Library Subscriptions	8	\$311.91
Donations - other	10	\$18,225.16	Insurance	9	\$465.00
Library - fiche hire	11	\$0.00	Meeting Room Rental	10	\$565.00
Library - members' purchases	12	\$249.30	Newsletter - expenses	11	\$104.16
Library - Newsletter sales	13	\$0.00	Postage (incl. Newsletter)	12	\$118.30
Library - Starter Kit sales	14	\$72.00	Post Office Box Rental	13	\$121.00
Fundraising - bring and buy	15	\$0.00	Purchases - books	14	\$454.10
Fundraising - Christmas Lunch	16	\$0.00	Purchases - CDs	15	\$68.00
Fundraising - raffles	17	\$161.00	Purchases - DVDs	16	\$0.00
Fundraising - trips	18	\$0.00	Purchases - fiche	17	\$0.00
Refunds	19	\$0.00	Purchases - furniture	18	\$0.00
Sundries - float	20	\$0.00	Purchases - lib. Equipment	19	\$18,588.15
Research Projects	21	\$200.00	Purchases - Stationery	20	\$226.88
			Refunds	21	\$0.00
			Society Memberships	22	\$238.00
			State Govt. Fees	23	\$48.25
			Sundries - Administration	24	\$432.94
			Term Deposit	25	\$0.00
TOTALS		<u>\$22,609.65</u>	TOTALS		<u>\$21,741.69</u>
Opening Balance 1/5/2015		\$1,903.58	Closing balance 30/4/2016		\$2,771.54
		<u>\$24,513.23</u>			<u>\$24,513.23</u>

STATEMENT OF CURRENT ASSETS

Heritage Bank Limited - Club Cheque Account	\$2,771.54
Heritage Bank Limited - Club Term Deposit	\$7,000.00
Advances or floats held	nil
There are no liabilities.	
The Association keeps financial records in a way which properly records the Association's income and expenditure and dealings with its assets.	



Hon. Treasurer

The BROWN Project (or should I say “Stone the Crows Don - Do You Know Who You Are?”)

by Annette Hall

This project came into being at the July 2015 Annual General Meeting. Our local member, Don Brown, attended to present our Society with a cheque for a grant that we had applied for. Our President asked if he would allow us to look into his family's history and present him with our findings.

Armed with some basic information from Don's mother, Helen, we set off.

Helen Veivers, Audrey Warner and myself took on the task, researching, checking, emailing, checking again and more researching using sites such as Ancestry, Find my Past, Family Search, Free BMD, Cornwall OPCs, New Zealand BDMs and NSW BDMs and several more. Thankfully, Don's ancestors were only too happy to be found which made the research so enjoyable. We also engaged the services of Pat Misson and Elaine Rogers to assist with the SNELLs from Cornwall and South Australia.

Some eleven months later we had done all that we could and achieved more than we ever thought possible!



Audrey, Annette, Helen – Don Brown MLA, his parents, Helen & Don Brown

We made our presentation to Don, his Parents and an Aunt at our June 2016 General meeting. President Helen did a remarkable job on the PowerPoint presentation and left it to the very end to answer the question, “Was there or was there not a *Convict* in the Family Tree?” – Yes there was!

I think that everyone present at the meeting enjoyed the day.

Thanks to all who participated in any way.



Spelling Errors – The Bane of Our Existence

by Yvonne Weston

The need to verify everything is no more evident than in the changes of spelling of names. This can be for a variety of reasons. Mostly, literacy is an issue and pronunciation, coupled with that, can be the main contributor of such changes; but a recent find of a family headstone has provided another surprising point of difference.

The headstone for Jetske Luidenga and her husband, Cornelis Starrenburg, has a spelling error in her surname. Often her family is spelt as Luidinga or Luydenga in various documents but I did not expect to see it misspelt “**Luidega**” on her headstone. One can only assume that it remained uncorrected as it is the second entry on an existing headstone where her husband is inscribed and the cost of correcting it was an issue. Hence, it is forever-more an error that will haunt the family.



Our Library Holdings

“The Gold Within”

This series continues with reviews of a borrowing CD and a selection of books comprising the history of the Moreton Bay Region (in particular the bay islands) between about 1850 and 2012.

“Moreton Bay Settlement or Queensland before Separation 1770-1859” by W.W. Craig (call no GSQ CDROM QLD)

This CD is a digitised version of a book written by W.W. Craig in 1925. The aim of the book is to “set forth, as concisely as possible, the leading incidents occurring in the early times in Moreton Bay”. The author recognised that the settlement and development of Moreton Bay did not occur in isolation of other events in the early history of Australia. He briefly outlines such events including the discovery and mapping of Australia between 1500 and 1800 by Portuguese, Spanish, Dutch and English explorers, the establishment of the penal colony at Port Jackson in 1788, and the development of the South East Queensland Region from the initial settlement at Redcliffe in 1824 up to separation from NSW in 1859. A fascinating feature of the book is the early maps of the Moreton Bay region showing the progress of exploration and settlement. Of particular interest is Oxley’s chart of his journey up the Brisbane River in 1823. He sailed approximately 50 km up the river (to about the Bremer River) and his map matches closely with current UBD maps.

“Peel Island Paradise or Prison” by Peter Ludlow in 2005 (call no 1 QLD HIS LUD)

This book, published by Peter Ludlow in 2005, describes the role of Peel Island as a quarantine station for immigration to Brisbane from 1874 to 1917, for housing disorderly inebriates from the Dunwich Benevolent Asylum from 1910 to 1916 and, finally, as a leper station for sufferers of Hansen’s Disease from 1907 to 1959. Fear of leprosy contagion was wide spread in the in the 19th century; there was no effective cure available until about 1934 and lepers were isolated (“outcasts”) from the community (hence the author’s reference to “prison”). The devastating effect that this had on the lives of leprosy sufferers and their families is described vividly in the book.

“Moreton Bay People” and “Moreton Bay People 2012” by Peter Ludlow (call no 1 QLD HIS LUD)

These two books were published by Peter Ludlow in 2000 and 2012. The author’s intention was to “preserve, in print, life in Moreton Bay as it was in the 20th century”. Essentially, the books are an oral history of the way people lived and worked during this period, mainly obtained by interviewing those people. In spite of some stories being of hardship, joblessness, crop and farm failure, poor access to education, health and transport facilities, the impression a reader gets is of the courage, achievement, optimism and sense of being alive that is revealed in these stories.

Both CD and the books are recommended reading.

*Good Reading
Ray Steele
Librarian*



Membership Officer’s Annual Report:

Total Membership stands at 121. This is made up of 90 Redland Associate Members and 31 GSQ/Redland Branch Members.

We have had a reasonable number of new members especially GSQ/Redland Branch but there is also a considerable number from both sources that do not renew their membership thus keeping our numbers constant.

I am still finding some members swapping their types of Membership eg. GSQ/Redland Branch to Associate and vice versa.

Annette Hall

Displays Co-ordinator's Annual Report



We had three displays during the last financial year.

The first one was at Victoria Point Shopping Centre, during Seniors Week 17th to 21st August 2015. We had our usual spot near the doorway with the Coffee Shop. The week was quite successful as far as interest in our group and, to my surprise, quite a few of the people were younger than I have normally expected. We sold 14 Starter kits.

Our next set-up was at the opening day of the move of GSQ to their new enlarged premises at Wishart. It was very pleasing to see them set up in a good-sized accessible place, hopefully for some time into the future. Parking is quite good but on a busy day you may have to walk up a hill to the building. Our day went very well – lots of helpers so we were all able to have a good look around in turn. The weather on the day was quite a challenge – wild winds and squalls of rain – about every 15 mins at times. Thanks to Les's marquee we were well protected, not like some of the others who were literally "blown away".

Our last display was at the Victoria Point Primary School 100 years Celebration. We had a slightly different form of display this time in order to cater for the children. Annette had organised Family Tree Charts on 3 levels of education. Some filled them in on the spot but others took them home to do. We have a full-size model and we dressed her as a school teacher in a relevant outfit for 100 years ago. Thanks to Pat Misson for supplying Chocolate Easter Eggs – these proved to be a real attraction to passing traffic. One memory of the day was a response from one of the passers-by who, when asked if she was interested in tracing her ancestors, replied "No, they're all dead".

Finally thanks to all our volunteers during the year and especially Les and Kevin for setting up and clearing away each time.

Elaine Speck

Newsletter Editor's Annual Report

Another year has passed and the pages of the *Redland Researcher* have continued to be filled with interesting articles and valuable information. For this, I am indebted to members who contribute their stories or draw my attention to items of interest to our genealogical researchers.

Personal stories from our members continue to be a highlight of the newsletter. I am indebted also to Bill James who continues to record our activities in his photographs. These add a personal touch.

The Member's Interests form was recently revised to allow completion and submission on-line by those who wish to do so. It will be distributed at regular intervals.

A number of Members' Interests have been received, following a "bit of a drought" over the past several months. Some have been from new members and others from members updating with new lines of research.

Members' Interests are now published on our website. However, they will continue to be published in the *Redland Researcher*. This is another way of widely broadcasting the information, particularly for those who might not access the website.

As a fund-raiser, Business Card size advertisements will be accepted for placement in the newsletter. Pricing is reasonable and advertisements are not limited to genealogical matters. Members have been asked to draw this advertising opportunity to the attention of anyone whom they know with a business, family member or otherwise.

For the support given to me over the past twelve months, I thank you all.

Greg Glidden

FTM User Group Co-ordinator's Annual Report



Since the group was formed, we have had 51 meetings. The early meetings were held at the Veterans Community Centre in Cleveland until they were moved to my home at Alexandra Hills, where I have set up a large screen TV as a computer monitor and we can use a projector and screen if required. The meetings are now held on the third Wednesday each month beginning at 1300 hrs.

Over the past year we have looked at a number of issues relating to the various versions of FTM, including information available in updates and the use of the FTM blogs and other links associated with the programme or with Ancestry.

Late last year we were advised by Ancestry.com that they would no longer support the Family Tree Maker programme; however by December we were advised that Software MacKiev, who produced the Apple Mac version of the FTM programme, would take over and support the Windows version as well.

We have previewed and discussed the benefits of the MacKiev version and the ease of loading, or updating, the programme using a CD supplied by Mackiev.com. We also looked at the problems of downloading a new programme from the web for members with poor internet access. We have reviewed my communications with Mackiev.com and their answers and we have visited the Mackiev.com web site.

As we are a networking group, members bring along their own laptops and their specific problems for assistance from other group members. We usually finish each meeting with a Q&A session. If required, step-by-step instruction sheets on specific functions are added to Dropbox and a link is emailed to group members following the meetings.

The User Group members hope to continue meeting monthly to stay abreast of the changes or improvements brought about by Mackiev.com.

Les McFadzen

Guest Speaker



Rebecca Manteufel, BDM Qld

Rebecca was our guest speaker for May. She provided an update of the on-line system that had been introduced in March 2015 by the Registry of Births Deaths and Marriages Queensland.

Big advances have been made in the digitisation of the BDM records. Currently, more than 9,300,000 images are available. Images now include "Source documents". These are the hand written documents lodged by parties for marriage permits and such. These may contain information that has not been included in Certificates.

Although Rebecca "stood in at the last minute" for the usual presenter, she demonstrated an excellent knowledge of the subject and answered our questions.

Archivist's Annual Report

The archival files have been maintained and the photograph folders added to, recording Society events during 2015/2016. I would like to thank all those who have assisted me over the past year in supplying information necessary to maintain an accurate record of the Society's endeavours. In particular, I would like to thank Bill James for attending to the photographic records.

Ensuring that Society files are maintained is important. It is equally important that all facets of the Society's activities are put down for future reference and, in this regard, the provision of information from so many members has been greatly appreciated, enabling as complete a record as possible.

Pat Misson

Librarian's Annual Report

- RGS Library Usage: The table below shows daily/monthly attendance on "open to the public" days over the past 12 months. Numbers are taken from the Attendance Book and include the Duty GRAs, RGS members and visitors.

Month	"Open to Public" Day			Total
	Tuesday	Thursday	Saturday	
Jul 2015	30	29	17	76
Aug 2015	26	29	26	81
Sep 2015	30	21	15	66
Oct 2015	27	26	19	72
Nov 2015	23	25	16	64
Dec 2015	10	8	9	27
Jan 2016	8	10	11	29
Feb 2016	23	29	23	75
Mar 2016	35	26	18	79
Apr 2016	22	19	23	64
May 2016	31	26	14	71
Jun 2016	22	27	22	71
Total	287	275	213	775

In addition, there were about 300 RGS members who used the library on "non-open" days.

The total library usage rate of 1075 people is pleasing. It is about the same as that in 2014/15.

- RGS Library Borrowing: Information from the RGS Borrowing Book shows that 96 books, 21 CDs and 75 magazines were borrowed over the last 12 months. The figures however significantly underestimate usage as people use books, magazines and CDs while in the library even if they do not borrow them. In addition magazines circulated within the Magazine Interest Group are not included.
- Microfiche Scanner/Printer: The microfiche scanner/printer purchased from a grant provided by the Qld Govt. Gambling Community Benefit Fund was installed in August 2015. The aim was to make greater use of the 15000 microfiche held in the RGS Library. It appears that this is now occurring.
- Stocktake of RGS Library Holdings: A stocktake of books, magazines and microfiche was carried out during the year. A stocktake of CDs is currently being completed. As a result of the stocktakes, a review of the RGS Catalogue and library administration processes is being carried out. This should be complete by September 2016 and will be reported fully at the RGS General Meeting in September 2016.
- Additional GRAs Required: The RGS Library has been able to fill only 5 of the 9 Genealogical Research Assistants (GRAs) positions which became vacant during the last 12 months. If anyone would like to fill these positions (or knows of someone who might be interested), please advise Ray (ph. 04219 792 229). The GRA's task consists of being available at the library for 3 hours per month to assist RGS members and visitors to the library with genealogical research, and attendance at the bi-monthly RGS Library Group meetings. On-site training is provided for new GRAs.
- Thanks: I have now been RGS Librarian for 12 months and this is my first AGM report. Although the job has been challenging, I enjoyed the work and now feel more confident in the position. Special thanks to Jeanne, Pat and the GRAs for the advice and support throughout the year.

Ray Steele

Researching your Irish ancestors



The following article is the first in a series "Back to Basics - All You Need to Know to Trace Your Irish Ancestors" written by Maggie Loughran. It was published in "Irish Roots" Issue 92 (Oct 2014) www.irishrootsmagazine.com and is reproduced with their kind permission.

Today, millions of people throughout the world can claim Irish decent – in fact one of Ireland's greatest exports has always been its people. This may have been voluntarily to travel the world, to explore seeking fame and fortune, economic reasons, trade, colonise, govern or forcibly transported, to fight or to garrison some far off settlement. Not all migration was permanent however with only 12 miles between the Mull of Kintyre (Scotland) and Antrim (Ireland) and 60 miles between Holyhead (North Wales) and Dublin (Ireland) for example plus with the reduction in travel costs to North America there were always people travelling backwards and forwards in search of work or to visit friends or family.

The most significant exodus from Ireland followed the worst of a series of potato crop failures in the 1840s - the Great Famine. It is estimated that more than one million people died, and almost the same again emigrated. Further waves of emigration took place over the next century or so.

English domination of Ireland from the 12th century plus implementation of harsh penal laws during the 16th and 17th centuries discriminating against anyone not a member of the Protestant Church of Ireland, has dramatically affected the records generated within Ireland. Many records created at a local level on the 'British mainland' were never generated in Ireland. This, coupled with the loss of some records in the destruction of the Irish Public Records Office (Four Courts) in 1922, has created important subsets of printed Irish material that have achieved a higher level of importance than their English counterparts.

However, since the destruction of the Four Courts, a lot of time and effort has been spent unearthing and reconstructing copies of the lost documents and also publishing copies of materials compiled prior to its destruction.

This British administration of Ireland has resulted in the majority of government or nationally generated pre 1922 documents being deposited at the National Archives (Kew, London) rather than in Dublin. Apart from records of the day-to-day workings of national government, more importantly for family historians, the records of the major institutions army, navy, constabulary etc are also held in London. It is thought up to 40% of privates in the British Army were Irish. However the legal systems were distinct with anything to do with the courts or legal affairs to be found in Irish repositories.

Archives Organisation within Ireland

The organisation of archives within Ireland is slightly different to that on the British mainland. The most important are the National Library Ireland (NLI) <www.nli.ie>, National Archives of Ireland (NAI) < www.nationalarchives.ie> which generally holds records for the 26 counties of the Irish republic and the Public Record Office of Northern Ireland (PRONI) <www.proni.gov.uk> whose holdings chiefly relate to Northern Ireland.

Ireland does not generally have county or state record offices. However many cities do have local studies libraries and unique to Ireland are the Genealogy Centres established in all Irish counties as part of the Irish Genealogical Project to index all RC church registers. The Irish Family History Foundation is the co-ordinating body for these centres; their website <www.rootsireland.ie> gives the facility to do your own pay-per-view searches. In addition, Ireland also has a number of specialist archives and libraries.

Before you can realistically commence any research in Ireland it is important to determine as many details as possible about your Irish Ancestor, specifically where in Ireland your ancestor came from. Without this it is nigh on impossible to undertake any research within Ireland, even if you are trying to research a fairly uncommon surname.

If your immigrant ancestor was Roman Catholic consult the Catholic registers (where they worshipped in the new country) specifically for any marriages (for those born in Ireland but marrying elsewhere) as the parish priest may have contacted the home parish in Ireland for proof of baptism and this along with other 'observations' may be noted in the margins of the parish register against the records of the events in your ancestors lives.

Contact all known relatives, especially the elderly ones plus other people researching 'your families' for any family stories, traditions or other information. Collect any copies of birth, marriage and death certificates (vital records) or any other family documents – they all contain valuable information – plus as much biographical information as you can gather. Any information containing place of birth can be found within British records (or other country of settlement) and not amongst Irish records.

Over the next few issues of Irish Roots Magazine, Maggie will be giving an overview of most common records used in Irish research.

Tips for tracking immigrant ancestors

- Clearly identify the actual immigrant(s). Know exactly who you are looking for and when they approximately arrived in the new country.
- Research the historical background of the area where your ancestor settled in the new country.
- Research the historic background to Ireland around the time of emigration.
- Know the general process of emigration/immigration patterns from Ireland to the new country.
- When trying to trace the origins of someone who emigrated from Ireland, exhaust all the sources that are available in the new country, in order to try to locate just where in Ireland your emigrant hailed from.
- Thoroughly research all family members that you are aware of. You can often get a break thorough with a collateral line when information is scarce for your direct line ancestor.
- The more you know about the extended family the easier it will be to locate the correct person / family group in Ireland.

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Helferty & Refaussé	<i>Directory of Irish Archives</i> , 5th Edition (Four Courts Press 2011)
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Major Repositories / Websites

- Ask about Ireland: Provides free online access to various sources including Griffith's Valuation <www.askaboutireland.ie>
- FamilySearch: LDS Church's online database and catalogue of films etc. <<https://familysearch.org>>
- FamilySearch wiki Ireland: <<http://familysearch.org/learn/wiki/en/Ireland>>
- Free Irish Genealogy eBooks Website: Lists with links to free online books relating to Irish genealogy <<http://freeirishgenebooks.blogspot.ie/>>
- Gazettes, London, Edinburgh or Belfast: These contain a wide range of official notices including state, parliamentary and ecclesiastical notices, transport and planning notices as well as corporate insolvency and personal bankruptcy notices to name a few. In addition, a number of Supplements are published covering honours and awards, premium bonds, armed forces promotions, and company information. <www.gazettes-online.co.uk>
- The General Register Office Ireland <www.welfare.ie/en/Pages/General-Register-Office.aspx> Certificate order form <www.welfare.ie/en/Pages/Apply-for-Certificates.aspx>
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- Irish Emigration Database: <<http://ied.dippam.ac.uk>>
- The National Archives [British]: Fully searchable online catalogue, online datasets (some £), plus resources to help you find the records you require. <www.nationalarchives.gov.uk>
- National Archives of Ireland: A selection of online catalogues and lists to help locate various records; no records available online <www.nationalarchives.ie>
- National Archives of Ireland Genealogy Website: Includes 1901 and 1911 census, Tithe Applotment Books 1823 – 1837, and Calendars of Wills and Administrations, 1858 – 1922 <www.genealogy.nationalarchives.ie>

- National Library of Ireland: Online searchable catalogue includes, books and periodicals, Photographs, Prints and Drawings, Manuscripts and Newspapers <www.nli.ie>
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Also see 'The Anglican Record Project', an ongoing project to make the registers of baptism, marriage and burial from Church of Ireland parishes available in a digital format <<http://ireland.anglican.org/about/151>>
- Presbyterian Historical Society: <www.presbyterianireland.org/phsi/phsimain.html>
- The Public Record Office of Northern Ireland: Holds millions of documents dating from c.1600 relating chiefly, to Northern Ireland. Includes online catalogue and various datasets. <www.proni.gov.uk>

Footnote:

i) The series continues in "Irish Roots" issues 93 to 95 with an Overview of Key Points in Issue 96 (December 2015). Irish Roots magazine is available in our Library Room.

ii) Since the article was published, the Catholic Parish Registers have been digitised and made freely available online by the National Library of Ireland at <<http://registers.nli.ie/>>

(Ed. RR)

Magazine Interest Group Convenor's Annual Report

Sadly, our membership declined further this year with the loss of Jenny Batt, leaving us with eleven people subscribing to family history societies other than our own. The circulation list has reduced to eight, but we are still fortunate to have at least eleven magazines to read, because of a double subscription by two members. As reported previously, four members who do not appear on the circulation list, kindly contribute their magazines for the rest of us to enjoy. Some magazines previously supplied by Val Bray have been taken over by current members.

Many magazines are put into the library for the benefit of all RGS members, and details of these are found on the magazine holdings spreadsheet available on No.3 PC, within the folder headed "Library Holdings".

Areas currently covered by our magazines are: Berkshire, Birmingham & Midlands, Bristol & Avon, Cambridge, Cornwall, Derbyshire, East of London, Glamorgan, Kent, Leicestershire & Rutland, Glasgow & West of Scotland, Gloucestershire, Manchester & Lancashire, New Zealand, Norfolk and Somerset & Dorset. We also receive a magazine from Tasmania, kindly donated by Audrey Warner.

There has been no change to the number of magazines received electronically. As well as being circulated via email to members of the group, the books are also installed to No.3 computer, thus adding to the collection of exchange magazines also received by the Society via this medium. An additional benefit from the receipt of electronically transmitted journals is the ability to print, in house, any item or page of interest.

Our group is always happy to welcome new members.

Pat Misson

Writing Interest Group Convenor's Annual Report

The Writing Interest Group has continued to meet nominally on the 4th Wednesday of March, May, July, September and November in the Meeting Room at the Cleveland Library at 2.00pm – these times and dates have varied during the year in accord with availability of personnel and the meeting room. We did not meet in November 2015. Attendance at meetings has been consistent.

Meetings always start with an opportunity to write and include feedback to a writer who has emailed writing to group members since the last meeting. Members have produced writing of a very high standard and lots of interest is generated during the writing and feedback sessions.

Topics for the meetings are selected to meet the needs of group members and have included Writing Style and Autobiographies. Local author, Artie Rentoul, addressed the September meeting, outlining the processes he used in publishing his book about the Dunwich Asylum. Another meeting was organised as a workshop during which members worked at creating Tables of Contents and Indexes at their own pace under the direction of and with assistance from other group members.

I've recently read an engrossing account of German immigrants who were the first settlers in the Barossa Valley and this account has once again underlined to me the importance of leaving a story for your descendants to read, not folders filled with lists of names and dates – they are important, but the background story is what will be remembered.

If interested in writing an account of your family's history, why not come along to our Writing Group meetings??

Helen Veivers

New Index to Indigence Cases 1899-1948


Queensland State Archives recently released a new index titled Indigence Cases 1899-1948 which provides an easy way to search for recipients of the Indigence Allowance for this period. In 1897 this allowance became available to those who could prove that they were destitute and had no relatives to financially support them. Usually recipients were aged or infirm, however married couples, singles or children could also receive the allowance. Many children are represented in the records due to prolonged ill health.

Researchers using this index may discover that if they locate an individual's case file it often records other family members' names and their relationship. Siblings, parents, spouses and children are sometimes listed and can include their place of birth or residential locality (or address) in addition to that of the applicant.

Researchers can continue their research by looking at other similar records such as:

- Series ID 13012, Register of Authorities to Receive Indigence Allowance on Behalf of Indigents, 1899-1903. There is an alphabetical index to indigents and file numbers in the front of the register.
- Series ID 13860, Indigence Case Files, 1900 – 1934. Search by name in the item list.
- Item ID 18097, Batch file - Correspondence and papers re indigence allowance, 1901-1927
- Item ID 279892, Batch file: State Children, generally Letter No. 16/10650 – list of people getting State Children Allowance and State Indigence Allowance, 1900-1939

The above information is an extract from the Queensland State Archives Bulletin (Ed. RR)



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Important: Before visiting, refer to “*Step-by-step guide for researchers*” in their website for requirements for ordering & accessing records and using Reading Room.

Hours & Facilities:
Wednesday to Friday 9am - 4.30pm
Closed Public Holidays

A public kitchen with tea and coffee facilities is located on the Ground Floor.

Free on-site parking is available

The strengths of their Brisbane facility collection are the immigration records that date from the 1850s; the post office and mail service records, and photographs that are a rich source of information for local history.

Queensland State Archives
435 Compton Road, Runcorn
Phone: (07) 3131 7777
Website: www.archives.qld.gov.au

Important: Before visiting, refer to “*Public Search Room*” in their website for requirements for using the search room and for accessing records.

Hours & Facilities:
Open Monday to Friday, 9am to 4.30pm
Closed Public Holidays & Christmas/New Year period
Open second Saturday each month, 9am to 4.30pm

The Readers Lounge has tea & coffee facilities, a refrigerator and microwave.

Free on-site parking is available.

Visit their website for details of a free taxi service from Fruitgrove Railway Station on Tuesdays.

The QSA holds informative Seminars and Events throughout the year, on their premises and at external venues. Check “*What's on*” in their website for details or to arrange subscription to their free “*qsa bulletin*”.



Where to get your Certificates

For reference to all details and costs check the relevant Registrar's Office

Our prices are based on Historical Certificates

Queensland

Registry of Births, Deaths & Marriages
110 George Street, Brisbane. 4000
PO Box 15188, City East, Qld 4002
Phone: 1300 366 430
Hours: Monday-Friday 8.30am – 4.30pm
\$20.70 Historical Image - via email
\$29 Historical Certificate – includes postage
<http://www.qld.gov.au/law/births-deaths-marriages-and-divorces/family-history-research/>

New South Wales

NSW Registry of Births, Deaths & Marriages
GPO Box 30, Sydney, NSW 2001
Phone: 13 77 88
\$32.00 (with Registration number)
\$45.00 (w/out number, includes 10 year search)
www.bdm.nsw.gov.au

Transcription services:

www.joymurrin.com.au
<http://www.transcriptions.com.au/>



Victoria

Registry of Births, Deaths & Marriages
GPO Box 5220, Melbourne, Vic 3001
Phone: 1300 369 367
\$24.60 Uncertified Historical Image - via email
\$31.80 Historical Certificate – postage \$1
www.bdm.vic.gov.au

Australian Capital Territory

Registry of Births, Deaths & Marriages
GPO Box 158, Canberra City, ACT 2601
Phone: (02) 6207 3000
\$45.00 + \$8.00 postage (Pre 1930, apply to NSW)
Historic Death and Marriage Indexes now available.
www.ors.act.gov.au

South Australia

Births, Deaths & Marriages
Consumer & Business Services
GPO Box 1351, Adelaide, SA 5001
Phone: 131 882
\$47.75 - includes postage
<http://www.cbs.sa.gov.au/wcm/births-deaths-marriages/>



Western Australia

Registry of Births, Deaths & Marriages
PO Box 7720, Cloisters Square, Perth, WA 6850
Phone: 1300 305 021
\$20.00 – includes postage (uncertified copy)
\$35.00 – includes postage (event at least 75 years old)
www.bdm.dotage.wa.gov.au/

Tasmania

Registry of Births, Deaths & Marriages
GPO Box 198, Hobart, Tasmania 7001
Phone: 1300 135 513
\$47.43 – includes postage
www.justice.tas.gov.au/bdm/home

Northern Territory

Registry of Births, Deaths & Marriages
GPO Box 3021, Darwin, NT 0801
Phone: (08) 8999 6119
\$44.00 – postage extra
(1856-1863 = NSW) (1863-1870 = SA)
<https://nt.gov.au/law/bdm>



New Zealand

Registry of Births, Deaths, Marriages & Citizenship
PO Box 10-526, Wellington 6143 New Zealand
\$NZ26.50 (1848-1874) - \$NZ20.40 (1875+)
Visa, MasterCard & American express accepted
www.bdmhistoricalrecords.dia.govt.nz/Home/

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This venue is accessible by either train or bus and parking is available in the street.

Redland members are reminded that the Redland Branch is an Associate Member of QFHS and the membership cards are available from RGS Secretary, Dianne, 3286 9466, (Borrowing fee is \$2). A Day Charge will be made by QFHS if you do not have this card.

There are no stairs at this location.

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