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Life Member 2016 Jeanne Dixon

Membership: Membership is *either* through the Genealogical Society of Queensland Inc. and nominating to be a member of the Redland Branch *or* by directly joining the Redland Genealogical Society (Inc.) as an Associate Member; refer page 3 for Membership Fees. **Associate Membership of RGS does not entitle members to free use of GSQ facilities.**

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: Pat Misson (Librarian), Bob Aldred, Kaye Barber, Greta Brown, Margaret Clark, Jeanne Dixon, Annette Hall, Karen Hawkes, Margaret Johnson, Brenda Jones, Ross Lambert, Bev McFadyen, Les McFadzen, Jan O'Brien, Anne O'Connor, Irene Salvatierra, Dianne Smith, Helen Veivers, Audrey Warner, 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. Angela Puata is Redland City Council's *Local History Librarian*.

A Note from the Editor



The 2018/19 Management Committee & our Patron, Les McFadzen

Annual General Meeting:

On Wednesday 11 July, 2018, the AGM of the Redland Genealogical Society was held at the Donald Simpson Centre, Cleveland. The annual reports, presented at the meeting, are published in this edition of the newsletter.

Management Committee Members:

2017/18 members will be continuing in their same roles, apart from the following change. Jeanne Dixon stepped down from the position of Committee Member 1; Dawn Montgomery was nominated and voted into this position. Welcome Dawn, we look forward to working with you; thank-you, Jeanne, for your work in this role over the past twelve months.

Note: Most of the prices for Births, Deaths and Marriage Certificates have increased, one has decreased. The prices on page 16 have been updated.

Greg Glidden

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President's Annual Report

Helen Veivers

Another busy and successful year for the Redland Genealogical Society! It's with great pleasure that I present the President's report for the Redland Genealogical Society for 2017/2018. My job has been made pleasurable through the dedication, hard work and enthusiasm of a number of key members of our Society, along with members who have supported our meetings and stepped in to help when assistance was required. However, I would like to single out members of the Society's Management Committee for special mention. Firstly, our Vice President, Kevin Hughes – Kevin has acted in the position of President during my absences and very diligently sets up sound and audio visual equipment, something that is so necessary at our meetings. As well, Kevin has again overseen the Society's website, a task which has consumed quite a lot of his time during the past twelve months. Moreover, Kevin is always willing to transport display stands and other equipment when needed. Thank you, Kevin! Dianne Smith who has performed the multi-tasks required of secretary – the minutes of meetings prepared by Dianne are an excellent record of meeting proceedings and she does all tasks required with apparent ease and good humour. Thank you Dianne for the wonderful job you have done; Irene Salvatierra who has kept the Society's finances running smoothly – I know that members appreciate the calm and methodical way in which Irene presents her Financial Reports each month. Thank you, Irene! Yvonne Weston, who has assisted Irene in her role, and helped welcome members at meetings. Another task performed by Yvonne is keeping the Society's Facebook page up to date with photos and various items of interest. Through Yvonne's efforts the "traffic" on our Facebook page has increased exponentially. Thank you, Yvonne! Pat Misson, our Librarian, has done an absolutely brilliant job of organising the Library and its volunteers during the past twelve months. I know that you will all agree that Pat's attention to detail and willingness to listen to concerns has resulted in our Library being a very pleasant place to visit. Thanks, Pat! While Displays Coordinator, Elaine Speck, has been incapacitated for most of this year, she again coordinated a number of successful displays during 2017. Thank you, Elaine! Our Membership Officer, Annette Hall is always very much aware of membership issues and provides members with a great service with regard to renewal reminders. Annette is also now the convenor of the Magazine Interest Group and constantly reminds us all about the advantages of joining this group. Thanks, Annette! The "Redland Researcher" is always an interesting read due to the efforts of Greg Glidden – Greg, I appreciate your approach to this task and your striving for perfection with each publication. Thanks, Greg! All organisations need to ensure that documents produced for and on behalf of the Society will be stored securely and in a form which enables retrieval of information when required. Janelle Everest has performed the essential task of Archivist during the past twelve months. Thanks, Janelle. Finally, our two additional Committee Members, Jeanne Dixon and Lyn Smyth, have assisted in a variety of ways, including welcoming members to meetings. Thanks, Jeanne and Lyn!

In my opinion, our Library is central to our Society – more than 1,000 people visited our Library during the past twelve months. It is often here that exciting discoveries are made and elusive ancestors finally "tracked down". Our Society is indeed very fortunate to have sole access to the room provided by the Redland City Council through the Redland Libraries Service. This service is greatly appreciated. The process of formalising a Memorandum of Understanding between the Council and our Society has commenced.

During 2017/2018 we have continued to build on the strong relationship with Library staff particularly with the Local History Librarians, Leonie Swift and Angel Puata. Through the Redland Library service, our members now have access to "FindMyPast" in our Library – this facility has been greatly appreciated. As mentioned already, it is Librarian, Pat Misson, who ensures that our Library is a place where the discoveries continue to occur. Pat is always so willing to share her extensive family history related knowledge and to help others grow as genealogists. Pat has been ably assisted by 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. The Library could not and would not operate without their support and expertise. My gratitude is extended to each and every one of the GRAs. Your work is absolutely invaluable!

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. The Genealogy classes led by Les are legendary and introduce people to the very best techniques for family history research. At a time when, in other family history related societies interest is waning, Les, this year had the largest group of students he's ever had for his classes. Students travel from Brisbane to participate, so his fame has spread. Thanks, Les.

As well, Les has continued to convene the Family Tree Maker Interest Group. You are indeed a legend – when it comes to genealogy! 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.

We've been fortunate to have the benefit of many wonderful Guest Speakers at meetings during 2017/2018. This segment of our meetings is a vital part, helping to ensure that our members' knowledge of family history matters and trends is constantly updated. Our Problem Solving session instigated at the June Meeting in place of a Guest Speaker appeared to be popular and, of course, provided another means of members' enhancing their research skills.

The membership of our Society has fluctuated throughout the year – both Associate membership and GSQ membership has contributed to the changes. Our membership in April and May was the largest we've ever had at 138 – Membership Officer, Annette, was clearly excited when Associate Membership topped the 100 mark!

Successful displays were organised at the GSQ Fair in August, in the Cleveland Shopping Centre during Seniors Week and in December for Volunteering Redlands at the Alexandra Hills Hotel.

Three trips were enjoyed during the year. One was a Cemetery by Torchlight Tour in November when we visited the South Brisbane Cemetery – a cemetery on a rain soaked night is certainly a different place! Another interesting tour was to the Trade Coast Central Park at the end of May – it was here we were able to view convict heritage sites, and, moreover, learn the aviation history associated with the park. Finally, a group visited the Museum of Brisbane at the end of June to view the "Life in Irons" exhibition, another Brisbane convict related exhibition.

In 1988 a group of volunteers from our Society produced the Redland Pioneer Index as a Bicentennial Project. Due to the complicated nature of the Index it has not been used as fully as is deserved and a group of volunteers from our Society, some of whom worked on the original project, is beginning to work on digitising the Index. Our Society is indebted to the Genealogical Society of Queensland and to Joyce Matheson, in particular, for their willingness to assist with this project

2017/2018 has been a busy and successful year for the Redland Genealogical Society. Once again, thanks to all who volunteer as part of our society. 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.



Family Tree Maker User Group Convenor's Annual Report

Les McFadzen

Since the group was formed, we have had 74 meetings, mostly held at Alexandra Hills where I have set up a large screen TV as a computer monitor. The meetings are held on the third Wednesday each month beginning at 1300 hrs.

In December 2015 we received notification by Ancestry.com that they would no longer support the Family Tree Maker programme. However, soon after we were advised that Mackiev.com, who produced the Apple Mac version of the FTM programme, would take over and support the Windows version as well.

Mackiev.com released FTM 2017 on March 31st 2017, and has worked with Ancestry to make adjustments to FamilySync. They also provided a link to the LDS site, FamilySearch. The group has missed three meetings this year due to my medical problem, but our members will continue meeting monthly to stay abreast of the changes or improvements recently brought about by Mackiev.com.

In June this year Mackiev.com released an update which was free to FTM users with a current registered programme, build No 480. The update made changes to the FamilySync & FamilySearch, colour coding and photo editing as well as adding Sync weather report. The users who had ordered a copy of the Companion Guide would have received their copy for the Australian FTM programme.

As we are a networking group, members bring along their own laptops and their specific problems for assistance from other group members. 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.

Librarian's Annual Report

Pat Misson



It is pleasing to report that the library has once again welcomed more than 1,000 people during the past year, made up of members and visitors.

During the year, we have purchased essential indexes and references, making available many items which will never be published on the internet. Acquisitions for the twelve months to 30 June 2018 totalled 61, comprising 25 books, 5 CDs and USBs, 6 maps and 25 Handy Guides in the "Unlock the Past" series, purchased for use as a primary resource by researchers in the library room. Some items are now supplied in USB format, and it was decided to include these in listings of CDs. They are stored together, in the CD cabinet, with instructions for use.

We have again benefited from generous assistance and donations from our members and others. Of the listed items 23 were donated, and we would like to record our thanks to those who have supplied such a wide range of resources. Some donations have been from members of the public who are not members of the Society. As in previous years, a complete list of this year's new acquisitions is on the table should you wish to see it after the meeting.

During the year Redland Libraries provided access to "FindMyPast" on our library computers, which greatly improved our on-line research capabilities. A link to a Niche Academy tutorial was provided, allowing the opportunity for all to familiarise themselves with the site before use. Our access to Ancestry.com, also provided by Redland Libraries, has been a major advantage to us for some time, and now our new subscription to the Genealogist website will provide opportunities to research datasets unique to their site, not available elsewhere.

Membership of The Biographical Database of Australia was subscribed to during the year. This database specialises in early Australian research, including research reports of complete families, with links to many datasets.

Printed catalogues from suppliers are in the library, for perusal by those interested in submitting purchasing suggestions for consideration by the Library Committee.

Our hand out sheets, including Web Sites for Genealogists, have been updated to include recently advised on-line sites. Also available in our room is a full list of holdings, in hard copy. This is in addition to the electronic lists available to search on Nos. 2 & 3 PCs, and is provided for those who prefer reference other than by computer.

The database of Members Interests has been added to over the past year, and this is available to search on our Nos. 2 & 3 PCs. The full list is also included in the Society's web site. The computer file holding exchange magazines has been maintained, with all received journals installed for members to read.

We have had a small change in the library, with the move of one of our two internet computers to the rear of the room. This has greatly improved the space available to visitors, especially when they are working in conjunction with a GRA. We now have much more space for reference books, and other necessary items. The Redland Library arranged the move for us. Other changes to the internet computers are removal of the time limit previously in place, and installation of a modem providing the ability to copy to a USB. These changes have improved our allocation of usage.

Finally, I would like to record my thanks for the constant work put in by all our Research Assistants, in providing their time, help and assistance to members and visitors. We are fortunate to now have a full complement, ensuring the library functions to its full potential. The smooth running of the library is only achieved through the diligence of our GRAs. Special thanks to Jeanne Dixon for her professional input in library matters. Our thanks also to the Local Historian, Angela Puata, for her assistance and coordination of all matters relating to our place within Redland Cleveland Library.

Treasurer's Annual Report

Irene Salvatierra

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Statement of Income & Expenditure

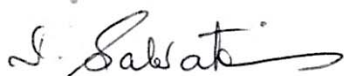
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INCOME			EXPENDITURE		
Associate Memberships	3	\$2,415.00	Advertising	2	\$0.00
Bank Interest	4	\$172.34	Bank Fees	3	\$25.00
Capitation Fees	5	\$397.33	Float	4	\$0.00
Donations - attendances	6	\$840.00	Fundraising - Christmas Lunch	5	\$492.00
Donations - 50/50 scheme	7	\$0.00	Fundraising - raffles	6	\$0.00
Donations - library box	8	\$185.35	Fundraising - trips	7	\$445.00
Donations - other & Grants	9	\$0.00	Library Subscriptions	8	\$282.04
Library - members' purchases	10	\$35.60	Insurance	9	\$485.00
Library - Newsletter sales	11	\$0.00	Meeting Room Rental	10	\$605.00
Library - Starter Kit/Work Book :	12	\$124.00	Newsletter - expenses	11	\$84.00
Fundraising - brick walls	13	\$0.00	Postage (incl. Newsletter)	12	\$114.40
Fundraising - bring and buy	14	\$0.00	Post Office Box Rental	13	\$127.00
Fundraising - Christmas Lunch	15	\$516.00	Purchases - books	14	\$187.59
Fundraising - raffles	16	\$85.00	Purchases - CDs	15	\$161.57
Fundraising - trips	17	\$445.00	Purchases - DVDs	16	\$0.00
Refunds	18	\$67.50	Purchases - fiche/USB	17	\$40.00
Sundries - float	19	\$0.00	Purchases - furniture	18	\$0.00
Members' badges	20	\$48.00	Purchases - lib. Equipment	19	\$305.66
			Purchases - Stationery	20	\$52.03
			Refunds	21	\$48.00
			Society Memberships	22	\$253.00
			State Govt. Fees	23	\$51.70
			Sundries - Administration	24	\$459.94
			Term Deposit	25	\$0.00
			Members' Badges	26	\$48.00
TOTALS		<u>\$5,331.12</u>	TOTALS		<u>\$4,266.93</u>
Opening Balance 1/5/2017		\$3,126.53	Closing balance 30/4/2018		\$4,190.72
		<u>\$8,457.65</u>			<u>\$8,457.65</u>

STATEMENT OF CURRENT ASSETS

Heritage Bank Limited - Club Cheque Account	\$4,190.72
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 and liabilities.



Hon. Treasurer

Meeting date: 11 July, 2018

Magazine Interest Group Convenor's Annual Report

Annette Hall

We have eighteen (18) Magazines being circulated by our Group at present – three from Australia, one from New Zealand and fourteen (14) from Overseas, one of these being an emailed version.

There are fourteen (14) members in the Magazine Interest Group with nine of us reading and circulating the magazines as they become available.

The majority of the magazines are eventually placed in the Library for all members to read or borrow.

The magazines are always full of interesting facts, hints and especially SURNAMES galore to help with one's research.

Membership Officer's Annual Report:

Annette Hall

Total Membership stands at one hundred and twenty-eight (128), made up of ninety-four (94) Redland Associate Members and thirty-four (34) GSQ/Redland Branch Members.

The number of members escalated to one hundred and thirty-eight (138) during April and May but, with some members not renewing, we have now dropped back to one hundred and twenty-eight (128) which is five more than this time last year.

There are still a few members changing from one type of membership to the other as in previous years.

Guest Speakers

May Meeting



Les McFadzen

"Accessing Information in War Diaries" was presented by Les McFadzen, our speaker in May. He has a great wealth of knowledge in all genealogical matters and this includes researching military history. Most of us will be familiar with the websites for accessing Service Files to obtain information on our ancestors/relatives' war service records. However, Les opened our eyes to the possibilities of finding out what these people did on a day to day basis, during their service.

From the Service File you should be able to find the Battalion or Corps to which your person of interest was posted. Then, using the following links to access the War Diaries, find the Corps in AWM4 Class 1 then go to the AIF Unit War Diaries list (Infantry: AWM4 Class 23 - Infantry RCDIG1000076 (23) to find the Battalion.

You can then work backwards from the Battalion to Brigade lists.

Australian Imperial Force unit war diaries, 1914-18 War

<https://www.awm.gov.au/atwar/ww1/>

Unit War Diaries

<https://www.awm.gov.au/collection/awm4/>

GSQ has a Military Interest Group that meets on a Saturday morning as per their Interests Groups Meeting List; check the Events Calendar on their website: <https://www.gsq.org.au/>.

June Meeting

In place of a Guest Speaker in June, a "Problem Solving Session" was held.

At May meeting, members were asked to submit a genealogical problem that they had been unable to solve. Two of our "experts", Pat Misson and Annette Hall, volunteered to take on one question each and research for answers.

Helen Veivers introduced the session with a PowerPoint presentation "Brick Walls", based on ten hints provided in a recent edition of "Who Do You Think You Are?" magazine. Pat and Annette then followed with their presentations. Each demonstrated and elaborated on the research steps that they had undertaken for this project.

Members present considered this session to be very informative! Similar sessions may be organised in the future.

Displays Co-ordinator's Annual Report

Elaine Speck

Due to my accident in February this year, I have only been involved in three (3) Displays to the end of last year.

The first one was the GSQ Fair held on Saturday, 5th August, 2017 at GSQ premises Wishart. This was an outside Display so we shared the Tent with Les McFadzen who had his Scottish Display set up there also. We were able to take our full size models - the male dressed as a convict and our lady dressed as a teacher relevant to the time period of the convict. The day was opened by Sallyanne Atkinson who spoke of parts of her own Family Tree and her interest in Family Research. It was a great day for the helpers and visitors to have a look around if you were not a direct member of GSQ.

The second one was soon after for Seniors Week 21st to 25th August, 2017 which we held in Coles Section of Stockland's Shopping Centre Cleveland. After some deliberation with the Management we were not really happy with our designated spot outside Millers window but, as it turned out we did really quite well. The year before, we were closer to the door and it was not a good spot. We were also very thankful to have the use of our new Display Boards aptly set up by Kevin and Les - so much easier to work with.

The third one was for Volunteers Day at Alexandra Hills Hotel on 2nd December, 2017. This was quite a few of the local volunteer groups spreading information regarding what they do and how you can join them. Entertainment was provided by some of the groups and Mayor Karen Williams opened the day. Thanks to Kevin for getting there extra early to get us a good spot.

Special thanks to all our volunteers who help on these displays as it really helps to get the word around as to who we are, where we are and what we can do to help people with their research.

Writing Interest Group Convenor's Annual Report

Helen Veivers



I'm going to begin my Writing Interest Group Report with a question. Two 10 year olds are looking through some family heirlooms and come across some family history. One finds a folder of facts – Births, Deaths and Marriages for his ancestors – he has a quick glance and then closes the folder. The other discovers a family history story which details how his ancestors travelled from England on a sailing ship. He sits and reads the account from start to finish. Which way are you preserving your family history research?

The Writing Interest Group has continued to meet on the 4th Wednesday of March, May, July, September and November in the Meeting Room at the Cleveland Library, commencing at 1.30pm. Attendance at meetings has been consistent with 8-10 people present at each meeting.

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. Some of our members' writing has been published in the *Redland Researcher*.

Topics for the meetings are selected to meet the needs of group members and have included several sessions on the various aspects of publishing, including the importance of citing sources. Dr Frank Crowther, a multi-published author, attended our July meeting and provided some very useful tips. More recently the topic of Blogging has been explored as a valid means of publishing family history.

Several members of the Writing Interest Group enrolled and participated in a 3 Unit Publishing Course through U3A, presented by Dan Kelly from Boolarong Press early in 2018. As well, our group was well represented at a Writing Seminar organised by GSQ in May.

In closing, I'll return to my opening scenario – will your family history folders be given a cursory glance or be devoured because they bring family history to life?

Newsletter Editor's Annual Report

Greg Glidden

As in previous years, I have received excellent support from our members: family stories; how a brick wall was broken down; poems; entertaining anecdotes; drawing my attention to new research pathways to explore. This is what makes our newsletter informative and interesting to our fellow researchers. A big "thank-you" is extended for these contributions.

Members' research interests continue to be published in the newsletter, as well as on our website, to provide a wide distribution of this information. We have reciprocal arrangements for exchanging newsletters with similar societies throughout Australia and England which assists with achieving this goal. There have been instances leading to an exchange of information between members when two have discovered that they are researching the same family; a "win-win" situation for both parties.

The Members Interests form is circulated to members each quarter for them to advise any changes in their research interests. This also acts as a reminder to those of us who have not yet got around to submitting our details.

Bill James, our photographer for many years and a skilled user of Adobe Photoshop, has moved into full-time residential care. Helen, Marel and Elaine have stepped in to provide photos, thus ensuring that all activities of the Society are covered. Photographs are an important feature in the newsletter, as well as providing a record of the Society's activities for our Archives.

Our Assistant Treasurer, Yvonne Weston, has been keeping the Society's Facebook site up to date. This is proving to be a very worthwhile contribution in a number of areas. It supplements *Redland Researcher* as a forum for providing members with information that could otherwise be out of date, due to the quarterly publication of the newsletter. It is a good advertising medium for our Society, drawing the attention of members of the public to our activities and resources. Yvonne is able to obtain statistics that show the number of people logging in to our Facebook site at any given time.

As a fund-raiser, Business Card size advertisements can be placed in the newsletter. Advertisements from local businesses as well as those relating to genealogical matters are acceptable. To date, there have not been any advertisements placed.

I am most appreciative of the support that members have continued to provide. This has made editing *Redland Researcher* an enjoyable and much easier task.

Archivist's Annual Report

Janelle Everest



The Society's archives consist of text and image files in hard copy as well as some files that are stored in electronic format. Ephemeral items also make up a small part of the archives.

The archives are a record of the Society's endeavours. Photographs recording events and activities, including guest speakers at meetings, have been added to the archives on an ongoing basis during the year. I wish to thank those who have taken on the task of recording these events, and forwarding the images on so they can be added to the collection.

I would also like to thank members who provide text based files ensuring that the archives are a complete record of the Society's activities.

Registry of Births Deaths & Marriages (Qld)

News Bulletin

The Registry has launched a new Family history research service. It is person centric, meaning you need to do only one search to get birth, death and marriage results of a person. Also, the source documents are digitised and now have been made available for purchase. Source documents are the actual document, recording the details of the event, and feature original signatures of all parties.

Use the following address to access this new family research service <https://www.familyhistory.bdm.qld.gov.au/>.

My Yesterdays - Ted Maris (Part 2)

The informative story on life as a Queensland Government education professional during the 1930s to 1970s, submitted by member, Cath Maris, written by her late father-in-law, continues.

War was declared in Europe and Australia joined the sister dominions and the mother country. This did not have much impact on me at the time - and in due course I was transferred to my one-teacher school which was automatic in those days. There were dozens of these schools dotted here, there and everywhere. Transport was limited and very few of us owned a car or motorcycle.

My school was in the Callide Valley [editor's note - Yaparaba via Lawgi 1/5/1940 – 3/7/1941], a full day's railway journey from Rockhampton although the distance travelled was about 120 miles. I was not excited about the fact that there would be little or no sport, social life or study opportunities, and I was not in a very pleasant frame of mind when I was deposited at the small station at Lawgi that night. There were a few people around the poorly lit station, but eventually I was claimed by a farmer with whom I was to stay. His home was not in any way palatial, but he and his family made my stay quite pleasant for the time I was there. At first, while he was preparing for my stay, I stayed with another family a few miles away.

This latter gentleman offered me a trip into Monto in his car at the weekend which I gladly accepted as I knew some young people there. On arriving at the hotel, my friend Jack who was as Irish as they come retired to his room and asked me to bring him some bottles of beer.

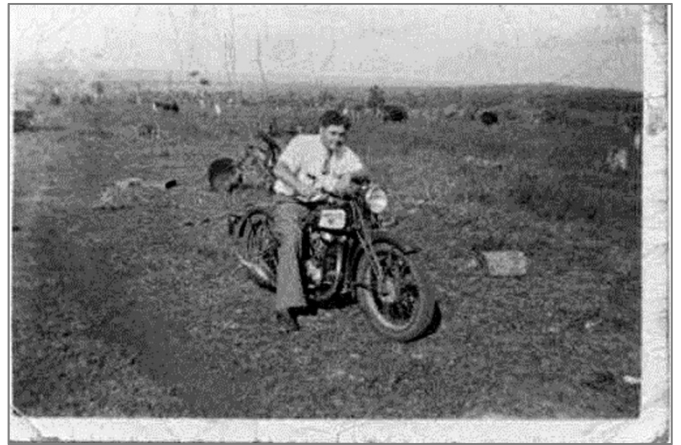
He offered me the use of his car which I accepted with thanks and proceeded to the races. During the weekend Jack offered excuses for not going to the bar so I continued in my innocence to cart beer to his room and to drive his car. On returning home, I was informed that he had a prohibition order out against him, and that the credit company was looking for his car to reclaim it for non-payment of instalments. A great start to my career as a Head Teacher - and worse was to follow when I got to the school.

To say it was a shambles would have been paying it supreme compliment. Unfortunately for me I didn't have either the experience or the ability to do much about it and it was a very dejected teacher that first day who looked out the window at the only building in sight - the school toilets. At 2:30pm that afternoon, one of the boys informed me that he usually went home early to help muster the cows for milking on his way home. I agreed to this arrangement for that day and told him to inform his parents that school finished at 3:30pm for all (except me). I could see many days ahead when dusk would find me at the school - either preparing work books or trying to do class 1 education. On one such afternoon the "early" boy's father arrived to let me know his opinion of me and things in general. Needless to say I was not too receptive to his remarks, and told him in no uncertain term what he could do. Upon being told this he threatened to consult the President of the School Committee, to which I replied that both of them could go to the same place. The Committee President, considering this to be an insult to himself personally and to status in the community, brought along his supporters. (being his wife, brother-in-law and two others) to the meeting, where he informed me that my predecessor had "worked in" with the little community, who looked upon him as a good teacher. I considered the word "worked" was ill - chosen, and invited them to read the school report. Fortunately they declined and I realized that, when I cooled down again, this would have been most unprofessional.

Some few days later one of the graziers brought along a 5- year- old, whom I refused to admit because accepted practice was to take grade 1 every 2 years. He threatened to consult his M.L.A. (and he did just that) where upon I received a curt note from the DEPARTMENT, pointing out my error. So it happened I had one pupil in grade 1, and an extra grade as well.

When I was due to leave the school for service in the AIF the father confronted me with the fact that his child seemed to have learnt nothing. I was in the happy position to agree - one of the very few times anyone agreed with him - and suggested that the boy was, like his father, probably a slow learner. However, I did suggest that there would be the usual grade 1 intake the next year, and not to worry too much. I often wondered later on if he knew even a little of what happened to me in the following years. If he did - how he must have laughed!!!

About this time, I bought a second-hand motorcycle, a Panther. Never was a vehicle so badly named. However it enabled me to get around a fair bit - in between the times I pushed it and those when we were both "fagged out" to move. My friend Jim, from the next school had a car in which we travelled around, but he had left the district on transfer and had then joined the ever-increasing list of those volunteering for active service. I ventured into town as often as possible and one winter dusk as I crossed the Dawes Range I fell in a trap for young players - or young and stupid motorcyclist. From the top of the range one could turn off the motor and coast for quite some distance to the bottom of the final incline. This I did and enjoyed the run down immensely, only to find at the bottom that the ignition key had fallen out and lay somewhere in the dark between a useless bike at the bottom and the pitch black top of the range. Nothing was left for me but a long walk or a sleep in the bush - neither of which I looked forward to. At this stage I knew nothing of the mechanics of the machine so back I trudged to the top with not a sign of the key. As I turned to come back an obliging motorist drove around the corner and there it was in the middle of the road - the KEY!!!



As the school year drew to a close, I was told at a committee meeting that there would be the usual breaking-up picnic - followed by a dance at night at which the "Schoolie" was always the M.C. I suggested alternative times for the dance - the night before, the week before and others - but this time the tradition had to be honoured. As I had arranged to get a lift into town as soon as school finished I tendered an apology which was received with a stony silence. Perhaps this was the last straw; because later a remark was passed that I was a good teacher but a poor mixer. I knew that their judgment of the former was "way out" as there was no real performance to base it on, so I was happy to think that the latter opinion was also wrong.

We had dances in the district hall and these were generally very pleasant interludes. Unfortunately the accordion player who was our sole performer for those functions that did not rate an orchestra, would have a "barney" with his girl-friend over her attentions to other men. In a fit of jealous frenzy he would threaten to go home and take his instrument with him. Result - no dance!! After urgent discussions and assurances which he obviously enjoyed, the night's entertainment would proceed. As was usual the men all clustered around the front door - retiring at intervals into the darkness for a "snort" or two - while the women sat around the hall.

This latter practice could easily have led to my undoing on a couple of occasions. Shortly after my arrival one of the locals invited me to "wet the whistle" and instructed me to go to the back of the hall and bring three bottles of beer hidden under a big red truck, while he invited another mate. This we both did and subsequently the liquid was consumed while the empties were put back in their original hideout. Sometime later there was a roar of dismay followed by threats of what would happen to that b- who had stolen three bottles of ale. I took a quick look at a big raw boned "ringer", and my first impressions were that he was about 7 feet tall with a weight of about 18 stones (approx. 114 kg). There was murder in his eyes and this prompted me to discreetly fade into the background and stay there. Although I had done more than my share of boxing I did not fancy my chances one little bit. This was the joke of the area for some time after, and I fervently hoped the "ringer" didn't hear about it.

The second incident occurred at the Annual Race Ball - the social climax of the year which was attended by people from the stations for miles around. My mate and I had celebrated not wisely but too well our first application for enlistment in the A.I.F. Whoever had prepared the floor had done so with great zest - with no regard for life or limb. On the icy surface my mate and his partner came to grief, so I went to his assistance and would you believe it? Down went my partner and I. After several attempts we finally extricated ourselves amidst roars of approval from the lesser lights and the pregnant silence of the upper echelon.

The war meanwhile was going poorly for the allies and more and more young ones were joining the Navy, Air Force or Army. I resolved to complete "Education", and, after the Christmas vacation, to enlist. This I did - and after quite a few weeks I was finally called to a nearby town (Monto) for an initial medical examination. This brings in mind the nastiest incident in my Education Department experience. To get to this town which was about 20 odd miles away, I had to get up at 4am and travel in the back of the truck, which collected the cream for the local butter factory. I had arranged to

get a lift back to the school and be there about 10:30am, and the pupils were instructed accordingly. All went according to schedule, and there I was at lunch break without either a tie or shave, thinking that I had done the right thing, when horror of horrors!! A taxi stopped at the gate, and a gentleman (I use this word lightly), with his little black bag climbed the steps. I had hurriedly put on an old tie which I kept in the press for just such an emergency, but a shave was out of the question. My learned friend refused to accept my explanation, insisting that the department must be notified of this shocking omission, and then proceeded to make the rest of the day as unpleasant as he could. Naturally enough I resented this, and I suppose I showed my feelings - which only served as fuel for the fire. The old "bush grape-vine" which usually kept teachers in the district fairly knowledgeable about the wanderings of District Inspectors had failed badly, but when I went home I made sure that it was working again. In all fairness I have to admit that the Inspector apparently did none of the things he threatened, so he must have had second thoughts. I must admit also that nearly all of my experiences with Inspectors have been very pleasant. On the other very few occasions their opinions of me have been fully reciprocated on my part, even though I was the loser on most occasions, when a hold-up in promotion was the usual result.

Shortly afterwards, my final call-up arrived with the instructions to report to Rockhampton where I would be entrained with other A.I.F. recruits to go to Brisbane. Two of us were farewelled at the dance in the local hall, where we were each presented with a very good wallet, which both of us lost when we became "guests" of the Japanese. At Redbank I went into camp with the artillery, and here we trained on 1st World War guns - without even seeing the 25-pounders until we were overseas. During the following few years I had a "worm's eye view" of the East with the survivors of the 8th Division. After having varied experience as a wharfie, road-worker, railway worker and miner, I returned to Australia in late 1945 to be discharged in 1946 after an ignoble career as a soldier. [editor's note - 1/7/1941-8/1/1946]

And so - back to the salt-mines! An offer to go back to my old school was politely refused since I had just spent 3 ½ years in the "doldrums", and I had had enough of the bush for a while. In answer to my request for a school near Brisbane, I was sent to a South Burnett School [editor's note - Wondai 16/4/1946 - 28/3/1947] where the Head Teacher and 2 assistants welcomed me. The Head Teacher, who was a kindly man, was a very poor diplomat, and he occasioned me some very embarrassing moments when I was called on to negate statements that I knew he had made. Luckily most of the parents did not take him very seriously so he suffered nothing worse than local recriminations. I had a pleasant stay there for less than a year, and then my school near Brisbane became a school in a mining town in North Queensland. I recall one statement made by this very rash gentleman while I was on his staff. "Yes", said he, "the people of this town have no respect at all for teachers. Whom do you find in the pennant teams (bowls)? There are the Postmaster, the Bank Managers, the Doctor, the CPS [editor's note - Clerk of Petty Sessions] - but am I included? No". I might add that, according to the reports from bowling circles, he was one of the worst bowlers in the district. On another occasion he spoke to me about disciplining verbally a local doctor's son and urged me to be very careful as this might put us at loggerheads with the father. Apparently it was fair enough to check the behaviour of others while the children of the higher social orders ran free as the wind. By the way, the local doctor did not subscribe to this either, so it was hard to work out where the idea came from - and harder still to follow many of the Head Teacher's ideas.

Come 1947 and my first introduction to North Queensland, where I remained until my retirement in 1979 - and since. To this I must add that I have no intention at present of ever leaving it, although I was not very happy at the time with the circumstances that sent me here.

[The final chapter of this article will appear in the next edition - Ed RR]



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Surname	Year/ Range of Years	Town/City	County/State	Country -
Garnish	1841	Southgate	MDX	ENG
Gleeson				
Hammond	1840	Shenfield	ESS	ENG
Hughes	1880			ENG
Jordon	1811		CLA	IRL

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Surname	Year/ Range of Years	Town/City	County/State	Country
Bauer	1883>			GERMANY
Bennett	1859>	Sydney	NSW	AUS
Bester	1785-1904			GERMANY
Bester	1785-1904	Brisbane	QLD	AUS
Bull	1832-1940	Tring	HRT	ENG
Dodds	1813-1900	Keady	ARM	IRL
Dodds	1855-1937	Numinbah Valley	QLD	AUS
Fyffe	1851-1889	Irvinestown	FER	IRL
Graham	1834>	Drumchorick	FER	IRL
Graham	1864>	Brisbane	QLD	AUS
Hawthorne	1846>	Aghavilly	ARM	IRL
Hunter	1852-1932			SCT
Hunter	1852-1932	Redland Bay	QLD	AUS
Kidd	1805>	Redland Bay	QLD	AUS
Knox	1809>	Kilbirnie	AYR	SCT
Knox	1809>	Tedd	FER	IRL
Knox	1843-1911	Enoggera	QLD	AUS
Mitchell	1797-1900	Kensington		ENG
Moore	1838-1922	Redland Bay	QLD	AUS
Noble	1851-1947	Robertston	NSW	AUS
Noble	1851-1947	Numinbah Valley	QLD	AUS
Pitt	1826>	Somerset	SOM	ENG
Pitt	1900	Carbrook	QLD	AUS
Rowe	1792	Beaminster	DOR	ENG
Wilke		Logan	QLD	AUS
Zipf		Redland Bay	QLD	AUS

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Surname	Year/ Range of Years	Town/City	County/State	Country
Crawford (Lapraik)	<1831>	Durrisdeer	DFS	SCT
Greene	<1840>	Droghieda	LOU	IRL
Johnstone	<1841>	Galston	AYR	SCT
McDermott	<1856>	Galway	GAL	IRL
Odgers	<1700>	Camborne	CON	ENG
Roxburgh	<1700>	Sorn	AYR	SCT
Roxburgh	<1700>	Douglas	AYR	SCT
Roxburgh	<1700>	Galston	AYR	SCT

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Surname	Year/ Range of Years	Town/City	County/State	Country
Campbell	1890	Brisbane	QLD	AUS
Campbell	1890	Brisbane	QLD	AUS
Charles	1950		TAS	AUS
Clayton	1920	Wynnum	QLD	AUS
Cleary	1834	Lowra	TIP	IRL
Cloherly	1790	Clifden	GAL	IRL
Cloherly	1825	Wynnum	QLD	AUS
Cloherly	1790	Galway	GAL	IRL
Cloherly	1875	Brisbane	QLD	AUS
Cloherly	1920	Longreach	QLD	AUS
Cloherly	1900	Thursday Island	QLD	AUS

Research Records Update

FindMyPast

- Lancashire published Registers & Records
- Norfolk browsable parish registers, Archdeacons' transcripts, parish chest, land tax assessments and borough records
- Shropshire published Registers & Records
- Staffordshire published Registers & Records
- British in India, Directories 1792-1948 Browse
- Ireland, British Army Officers 1914-1918
- Kent, Lydd Midwife's Birth Register 1757-1815
- Wiltshire Social & Institutional Records 1123-1968
- Fife death index 1549-1877

Ancestry

- Cheshire, England, Extracted Church of England Parish Records, 1564-1837
- Norfolk, Bishop and Archdeacon Transcripts of Parish Registers, 1600-1935
- Victoria, Australia, Marriage Index 1837-1950, Birth Index 1837-1917 and Death Index, 1836-1988
- Victoria Asylum Records, 1853-1940
- Menden (Sauerland), Germany, Marriages, 1874-1935, Births, 1874-1906, Deaths, 1874-1986
- Aberdeenshire, Scotland, Electoral Registers, 1832-1976
- Norfolk, England, Bishop and Archdeacon Transcripts of Parish Registers, 1600-1935



Wandering Through the Web

Graham Maxwell Ancestry

<http://www.maxwellancestry.com/ancestry/>

Although this site otherwise charges, they do offer a free online census search for 1841, 1851 and 1861 for many entire counties in southern Scotland, and online indexes to prison registers and court records

Australian Institute of Genealogical Studies

www.familyhistoryconnections.org.au

AIGS now has the registered business name of Family History Connections. Above is their new web address



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16 Corporate Drive, Cannon Hill

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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.

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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

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Registry of Births, Deaths & Marriages (Qld)
110 George Street, Brisbane. 4000
PO Box 15188, City East, Qld 4002
Phone: 1300 366 430
Hours: Monday-Friday 8.30am – 4.30pm
\$22.00 Historical Image – PDF on-line
\$22.00 Historical Source Image – PDF on-line
\$31 .00 Historical Certificate – includes postage
<https://www.familyhistory.bdm.qld.gov.au/>

New South Wales

NSW Registry of Births, Deaths & Marriages
GPO Box 30, Sydney, NSW 2001
Phone: 13 77 88
\$33.00 (with Registration number)
\$46.00 (w/out number, includes 10 year search)
Both include postage
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
\$24.50 Uncertified Historical Image - via email
\$33.00 Historical Certificate – postage extra
www.bdm.vic.gov.au

Australian Capital Territory

(Pre 1930, apply to NSW)
Registry of Births, Deaths & Marriages
GPO Box 158, Canberra City, ACT 2601
Phone: (02) 6207 3000
\$63.00 includes postage
Historic Death and Marriage Indexes are now available.
https://www.accesscanberra.act.gov.au/app/answers/detail/a_id/18/kw/bdm



South Australia

Births, Deaths & Marriages
Consumer & Business Services
GPO Box 1351, Adelaide, SA 5001
Phone: 131 882
\$48.75 - 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 (uncertified copy) – includes postage
www.bdm.dotage.wa.gov.au/

Tasmania

Registry of Births, Deaths & Marriages
GPO Box 198, Hobart, Tasmania 7001
Phone: 1300 135 513
\$53.98 – 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
\$46.00 – includes postage
(1856-1863 = NSW) (1863-1870 = SA)
www.nt.gov.au/justice/bdm

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www.bdmhistoricalrecords.dia.govt.nz/Home/



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