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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-

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

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A Note from the Editor



Good wishes to all for the forthcoming festive season and for your continuing research. Thank you, all who have provided contributions, whether personal articles written by you or items of interest brought to my attention; all are important for an informative and interesting newsletter.

Greg Glidden



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Library News

Biographical Database of Australia

RGS recently won a 12 month subscription to this database. Access to the database is via the Redland City Council computers located in the RGS Library Room. A User Guide has been prepared and will be left with these computers. An historical overview of the database titled "About BDA" has been included in the user guide for background information purposes. The database is easy to access and use, and appears of to be of considerable value for members.

Library Operations

We are still four (4) GRAs short of a full complement. If anyone would like to fill these positions (or knows someone who might be interested), please advise me (Ph. 0421 979 229). The GRA's task consists of being available at the library for 3 hours per month to assist RGS members and visitors with genealogical research, and attendance at the bi-monthly Library Group meetings. On-site training is provided for new GRAs.

Magazines for Disposal

Magazines issued in 2013 will be gradually removed from the magazine shelves over the next few months and made available to members at the General Meetings (this is in accordance with our policy of holding only 3 years of magazines). Magazines will be placed at the rear of the meeting room and are available for members (a donation of 20c per magazine for the subscription magazines, such as Family Tree and Who Do You Think You Are, is requested; others are free). Magazines not taken will be given to our Displays Co-ordinator for use at future RGS Displays.

*Ray Steele
Librarian*

Library Room Christmas Closure 2016/17

The library will close for the Christmas break on 8 Dec 2016 (school holidays commence 10 Dec 2016) and will reopen 17 Jan 2017 (school restarts 23 Jan 2017). Notices will be placed at the Redland City Council Cleveland Library Reference Desk and the door to the RGS Library Room to advise members and visitors.

GRAs will not be on duty during this period. However, members are able to access the library by using their membership card at the Cleveland Library Reference Desk to obtain the key to our Library Room. Please ensure that lights and computers are turned off, the door is locked and that the key is returned to the Reference Desk when leaving.



Gifting a Membership Subscription

While on the subject of Christmas, here is a thought –

Often family members (or friends) want to buy us a gift but are unsure of what to give. Some may be after a hint!

How about a *Gift Voucher* for twelve months' Associate Membership to Redland Genealogical Society? A voucher can be purchased for either \$30 for a single membership or \$45 for a family membership for two.

Our Membership Officer, Annette Hall, will be only too happy to arrange this for anyone who is interested. She can be contacted on 3824 2145, by email at denis_hall@iprimus.com.au or you could speak to her at the General Meeting.



Fifteen Years of Local BMD Websites

Celebrations and a look to their future

by Ian Hartas

Time flies when you're having fun - so fast that I missed the fact that the Cheshire BMD reached the grand old age of 15 last October whilst we were away on holiday. The Cheshire BMD website marked the beginning of what has become known as the Local BMD Project and now includes, at the time of writing, 11 regions of the country.

So, a long overdue big Thank You! to all the volunteers who have contributed to the various BMD websites over the years. To take the project forwards we're always looking for volunteers to transcribe but, more importantly, the project could make use of people with project management skills who would be willing to volunteer to help drive the project into new areas.

Links to the various websites are at the end of this article.

The local BMD websites based on the indexes held by the local register offices should be the ones you use in preference to the GRO based websites. The GRO based websites may offer a more national coverage, but they are based on copies of the originals held at the local register offices and so, unfortunately, they are well known for their errors and omissions. You can find more about these problems on the Local BMD Project web pages at <http://LocalBMD.org.uk> The Local BMD websites offer other advantages too, such as fully pairing the marriages and naming the wedding venues.

What's in the future for the Local BMD websites? Our long term aim has always been to have as many local register offices involved in the project as possible, getting as large a coverage as we can across the country but, as noted above, volunteer help is often a limiting factor. We are also limited by the willingness of some register offices to become involved and content-wise by what the UK law allows us to show.

On 18th December I attended a meeting at the GRO's premises in Southport as part of their user group. The meeting covered many interesting agenda items - here are a few highlights:

- Digital by default - the GRO's aim is to work from digitised records and provide digital versions, where the law permits.
- A large proportion of the early birth and death records have already been scanned and digitised.
- 87% of the applications to the GRO are online applications; this figure is likely to increase.
- The distinction as to what is considered a historic record is still a bit vague but it's likely to be 100 years, 75 years and 50 years for births, marriages and deaths respectively.
- From the FreeBMD representative present at the meeting, we heard that the copy of the FreeBMD data held by *Ancestry.co.uk* does not have any of the updates and corrections that have been applied on the *FreeBMD.org.uk* website.
- How much would you pay for a purely digital copy? Various views were put forward on this topic as it would affect their plans for future access.

The recent 2015 Deregulation Bill permits changes to the way in which access to the BMD records may be made by the public - but only for the GRO!

This last point was a big surprise for me. I had heard that the government's Deregulation Bill acted as a change to the law enabling future changes to our access to the BMD records, but I had not realised that it had limited these changes to the GRO only, i.e. the local register offices will not benefit by this deregulation bill and, potentially, could lose income because of it.

My MP heard from me the next day!

If the local BMD projects are to be allowed to move forward to the point that they, too, can offer digitised images as an option, then the law will need updating so that the deregulation bill permits the local register offices to offer the same level of service as the GRO.

You can read the Deregulation Bill online; it's a bit of a long web address so I've shortened it, using Google's url shortener to be <http://goo.gl/3csPwT>

If you feel as strongly in this as I do, please contact your MP and ask that the Deregulation Bill is amended further so that the local register offices have the same rights and opportunities as the GRO.

About the author:

Ian Hartas is the author of the search software and other PHP code used within the Local BMD websites. He is also the author of the UKBMD, UKGDL and UKMFH websites that provide thousands of links to genealogy websites that can help with your family tree research.

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Due to space constraints, links to websites that appeared at the end of above article are in "Wandering through the Web" - p.16.

[Ed. RR]



Our Library Holdings

"The Gold Within"

Our Librarian continues his informative series on the resources that can be found in our Library Room at the Cleveland Library -

Although many Australians are aware of the sinking of the Australian Hospital Ship "Centaur" by a Japanese submarine off Moreton Bay during World War 2 few are familiar with the details of this horrific maritime disaster. This is not surprising as the sinking occurred over 73 years ago.

Briefly these are the facts:

- Centaur was constructed in Greenock, Scotland in 1923/24 for the Blue Funnel Line and commenced trading between West Australia and Singapore in 1924. She had been specifically designed for use in the shallow West Australian ports with their large disparity between low and high tide levels.
- Because of her size and special features, she was selected in 1942 for use as a hospital ship in the confined shallow harbours of New Guinea. She was converted from a passenger/cargo vessel to a hospital ship in Melbourne the work being completed by March 1943.
- In April and early May 1943, she undertook voyages from Brisbane to Townsville and Port Moresby to pick up Australian troops seriously wounded in the fighting in New Guinea, and returned them to Brisbane for medical treatment.
- On 12 May 1943 the Centaur, departed Sydney for another trip to pick up wounded soldiers from New Guinea. On board were 75 merchant navy crewmen, 64 Ship's Medical Staff (including 10 doctors and 12 nurses) and 193 2/12 Field Ambulance personnel, a total of 332 persons.
- At 4.10 am on 14 May 1943, approximately 40 km east of Point Lookout, North Stradbroke Island she was struck by the torpedo below the water line just forward of the engine room. The rapid inrush of sea water caused the ship to sink bow first within 3 minutes of the torpedo impact. It came to rest on the sea bed at a depth of 1.8km.
- Many crew and passengers died within the first few minutes due to the explosion of the torpedo, the fire storm that swept through the ship due to ignition of the ships' bunker fuel (diesel oil) and the inrush of sea water that prevented escape from the lower decks. Others were killed or injured by items of equipment, which fell to the deck as the ship tilted, or were dragged down by suction as the ship sank. The sinking occurred so quickly that no distress signal was transmitted and no lifeboats could be launched.
- 64 persons (30 crew, 14 army personnel and 20 medical staff including 1 doctor and 1 nurse) survived the sinking. They drifted north east for 36 hours clinging to a life raft and timber debris washed overboard from the ship. The survivors were finally sighted at about 1.30pm on 15 May 1943 east of Cape Moreton and rescued and taken to Brisbane by the destroyer USS Mugford.

Two books available in the RGS Library which provide more detail are:

"Australian Hospital Ship Centaur - The Myth of Immunity" by Dr Christopher S Milligan and John C H Foley 1993 (Call No 5 AUS SHI MIL).

Dr Milligan is a Canadian academic who lost an uncle in the sinking of the Centaur. John Foley is a mariner who worked as a pilot for the Queensland Coast and Torres Strait Pilot Service from 1975.

"Hospital Ships - Manunda, Wanganella, Centaur and Oranje" by Rupert Goodman 1992 (Call No 5 AUS SHI GOO).

This book provides a historical record of the four Australian hospital ships used in World War 2. Chapter 7 concerns the Centaur. The book's author served as a medical orderly with 2/4 Australian General Hospital during the war.

Although possible reasons for the attack are discussed in the books the question of why a clearly marked and illuminated hospital ship was sunk will probably never be answered with any certainty.

Good Reading
Ray Steele, Librarian

One of our long-term members, Pam Gilbert, lost both her father and uncle who were Field Ambulance officers aboard the Centaur. Pam has presented extensively on the Centaur disaster, both within the Redlands and further afield.

[Ed. RR]

Guest Speakers



August 2016 – Helen Smith, President, Southern Suburbs Branch, GSQ

Helen has been a regular August guest speaker for some years, using her “Exhibition Wednesday” day off work to share her wealth of knowledge with us.

Helen’s subject this visit, was “Using Social Media for Family History Success”. She informed us of the “serious side” of some familiar sites (Facebook “is more than pictures of what people had for breakfast”), and advised of the benefits of other social media sites, some lesser-known to us.



Anne Scheu, September 2016 – John Oxley Library

Anne gave an excellent insight into the heritage collections at the John Oxley Library and its work to continue building on them. Located in the State Library of Queensland, it specialises in the history of Queensland and of Queenslanders.

Anne played us a recording from its “digital-stories”. All agreed how much more moving stories become, listening to the person talking of their memories.

Following is a list of websites provided by Anne. The second website directly links to the John Oxley’s digital stories. Anne played the recording of Margaret Thorsborne AO, talking of her parents’ services in WW1. Think about recording your talks with elderly relatives; bring them to life for future generations!

Q ANZAC 100: Memories of a New Generation

<http://qanzac100.slq.qld.gov.au/>

Direct link to oral history recordings

<http://qanzac100.slq.qld.gov.au/showcase/digital-stories>

Collections of significance

<http://hdl.handle.net/10462/eadarc/697-OM69-18>

Charles Seymour Papers

<http://pandora.nla.gov.au/col/13902#13914> - Pandora

Donations to the John Oxley Library

<http://www.slq.qld.gov.au/about-us/collections/donations-to-the-collection>

Legal deposit

<http://www.slq.qld.gov.au/services/library-spaces/john-oxley-library>

<http://www.slq.qld.gov.au/resources/publishers/legal-deposit>

Resources

Digitisation toolkit -

<http://www.slq.qld.gov.au/resources/qld-history/connected-collection-of-queensland-memory/digitisation-toolkit>

Copyright and digitisation

<https://vimeo.com/128837435>

STACK – Connected Collections framework

<https://vimeo.com/>

Blogs

John Oxley Library

<http://blogs.slq.qld.gov.au/jol/>

WWI – Queensland WWI Centenary

<http://blogs.slq.qld.gov.au/ww1/>

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As the guest speaker for October was unable to attend, we watched two (2) YouTube videos from the “Teapot Genealogy” series. Each episode is around 10 minutes’ duration and the series is freely available at https://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=teapot+genealogy. In the first episode watched, the Society of Australian Genealogists was interviewed. This organisation holds archives of family histories in their vaults. The extensive works of our late member, Val Bray, are stored by them. In the other episode, a priest of the Church of Ireland, Killarney, talked about the pitfalls that can be encountered when researching parish records.

State Library of Queensland's Q ANZAC 100 Programme

"Memories for a new Generation"

by Audrey Warner

First World War Treasures: a white gloves experience



There really was a very good reason for the RGS September meeting to begin a little later than usual. As you can see from this photo, a large number of members, including most of the Committee, spent the morning at the Cleveland Library for a white gloves presentation put on by the State Library of Queensland, Q ANZAC100.

It was certainly a very worthwhile experience as Niles Elvery presented some of the WW1 memorabilia from the State Library collection and explained how the items are being stored to prevent deterioration.

(Also the delicious morning tea and lunch provided for us added to the day.)

Caring for your First World War collections

Instead of attending the RGS meeting, my husband and I stayed on for the afternoon session when Rachel Spano, chief conservator for SLQ, gave a detailed and informative presentation on just how to go about storing our precious memorabilia to minimise damage. Some of what she said was just plain common sense when you thought about it, but we did learn a lot, were encouraged to ask questions, and received advice on individual items that our group had taken along.

A few tips from the day:

- Photocopy paper is OK to use, but not recycled paper. Acid free paper and enclosures are better than archival/buffered. Mylar is the best plastic to use.
- Bay leaves placed in small mesh bags will deter silver fish.
- Avoid keeping your photos & memorabilia in places of fluctuating temperature & humidity & protect them from light.
- Turn pages on display items such as photo albums.
- Use cotton gloves for metals, photos & textiles but not for thin papers.
- When removing books from a shelf, do not take out by the top of spine; rather separate from nearby books and take hold of the centre of the spine.
- CDs are becoming corrupt, so make sure that you have copies on your computer or USBs.
- Get together as a group to purchase appropriate storage containers. Archival Survival is one company used by the State Library.

I think that we are incredibly lucky to have the knowledgeable staff from SLQ coming here to Cleveland.

In October, SLQ presented another of their "Free workshops for heritage organisations" programmes, at the Cleveland Library. Its title was "Promote and share First World War collections on line". It centred on how organisations that have special WWI stories and collections can make use of a range of social media (blogs, twitter, Facebook, Historypin) to promote and share their treasures and stories with their communities.

Historypin is a digital, user-generated archive of historical photos, videos, audio recordings and personal recollections. Users are able to use the location and date of their content to "pin" it to Google Maps. Where Google Street View is available, users can overlay historical photographs and compare it with the contemporary location.

The Irish 'Orphan' Girls

by Susan Geason

In 1849 the *Thomas Arbuthnot* set off for New South Wales. The ship carried 195 Irish girls—mostly from the counties of Clare, Galway and Kerry—as well as four Irish families, a widow with two children, and six other single females.

The Emigration Commissioners gave each girl a wooden sea chest containing new clothes and goods such as needles, threads, tape, a few yards of calico or cotton. Each girl also received a bible, a paper from the workhouse certifying her good conduct and 'unblemished moral character,' and a medical certificate showing she was of good health and had been vaccinated against smallpox.

The girls on the *Thomas Arbuthnot* were fortunate enough to be placed in the care of Surgeon-Superintendent Charles Edward Strutt. We are fortunate that he kept a diary of the trip. Most men would have quailed at the thought of supervising 194 teenage girls on a ship for two months, but Strutt was well qualified for the job. Medically trained, cultured and open-minded, he was also young enough, at 35, to turn the voyage into an adventure.

Emigration was not for the faint-hearted. The girls were shipped from Dublin to England in late autumn on the open decks of a steamer. The journey took 36 hours, and left them exhausted, chilled and fearful. To raise their spirits, Strutt made sure they had a warm bath and a haircut. To keep them healthy, he got the Catholic girls a dispensation so they could eat meat on Fridays (eating meat on Fridays was against their religion), and did his best to make sure they kept the ship clean.

He wasn't perfect though. On Christmas Eve, when the girls began keening for their lost homes and families, he bullied them out of their grief by threatening to withhold their Christmas pudding (for which he made the brandy sauce himself). He wrote that they cheered up and began dancing and singing, but many of them surely would have sobbed themselves to sleep that night.

At Sydney Cove, the Colonial Secretary, the Immigration Agent and the Health Officer boarded the ship for an inspection. Strutt wrote: 'They were greatly pleased with the order and regularity of the ship, the fatness of my girls and the cleanliness of their berths, tables, decks etc, and to do the poor wretches justice, they deserved the praise, for they had exerted themselves and worked like horses'.

What more could a colonial employer want?

When the girls landed, they were sent to the Female Immigrant Depot at the old Convict Barracks at the top of Macquarie Street and were treated to a two-day prayer session by the Sisters of Charity. Then it was off to find employment.

Always ready for an adventure, Strutt volunteered to accompany 108 girls—102 girls and four single females from the *Thomas Arbuthnot* and two girls from the *Lismoyne*—to Yass, an area that already had many prominent Irish settlers. The party set off on Monday 18 February 1850, travelling by steamer to Parramatta. There they transferred to horse-drawn drays for the journey to Yass via Liverpool, Camden, Razorback Hill, Picton, Berrima, Paddy's River, Marulan and Goulburn.

It was a gruelling journey. Two drays collided, injuring two girls, who had to be left at Camden; the drivers fought among themselves, and beyond Gunning the rains poured down and the horses slipped and fell in the mud. It was seldom dull, however. The girls rode on the horses till they were ordered off; at Berrima they took fright at the sight of their first Aborigines, though they were fascinated by an Aboriginal woman with a baby and two possums. Surgeon Strutt was charmed by the sight of his first native animal, a wombat, writing in his diary: 'He (the wombat) stands about a foot high, is very thick and broad, a plantigrade animal, like a little bear, with a slight admixture of the pig in his figure about the head; strong claws for digging and broad face, his hair is coarse and strong, of a brindled greyish colour. He might be about three spans long.'

On Friday 1 March, they reached Yass, camping outside the town near the house of the explorer, Hamilton Hume. There the girls raided their trunks and dressed themselves up for their grand entrance into Yass. Over the next 17 days more than half found jobs, and Strutt set out for Gundagai with the remaining 48 and a Matron as chaperone. He spent three weeks travelling the district hiring out the girls and making sure they were properly settled before returning to Yass.

The Irish orphans who went to Yass were hired quickly. Their behaviour had so impressed the local dignitaries that they gave Strutt a public vote of thanks at the Courthouse.

Who were the Irish Orphans?

Between 1848 and 1850, about 4,000 female 'orphans' from workhouses in Britain were dispatched to Sydney, Port Phillip (now Melbourne) and Adelaide. Sydney received the lion's share, more than 2,000 of them. The girls ranged in age from 14 to 20, with most of them between 16 and 18. The lucky ones found good jobs, married, and made a success of their lives.

Though they were called 'orphans', some of these Irish girls had parents. However, most of these parents had been driven off their farms by the potato famine, and their families broken up. Often these girls' parents had already emigrated to America or Australia. The girls had no choice but to follow.

There were two main reasons why the colonial governments in Australia accepted the Irish girls. First, Caroline Chisholm, the reformer, was worried that the shortage of women in New South Wales would create social problems and lobbied for an increase in female migration. Secondly, because English and Scottish women did not want to come to Australia as domestic servants, there was a shortage of household workers.

Whatever the reasons for bringing in the Irish girls, the campaign backfired. The *Melbourne Argus* called them 'the most stupid, the most ignorant, the most useless and the most unmanageable set of beings that ever cursed a country by their presence'. Public opinion turned against them in the end, and the British Government was forced to stop sending them.

Were the charges against them true? Partly: many of the girls were too young, poor and untrained to fit into middle-class homes, and lacked social graces. Others misbehaved. But there was also quite a bit of prejudice involved in the condemnation of the Irish girls. They certainly weren't all ignorant: 39 per cent of the girls on the *Thomas Arbuthnot* could read and write, and another 24 per cent could read only. But in the mid-nineteenth century, Australian society then was dominated by English and Scottish Protestants. These girls had two strikes against them; they were Irish and Catholic. This conflict between the Irish Catholics and the English/Scottish Protestants—sectarian strife—was a feature of life in this country, and did not break down till the 1960s, when the arrival of immigrants from dozens of other countries and cultures made the old hostilities seem irrelevant.



"Irish emigrants leaving home - the priest's blessing" 1851

From Illustrated London News 1851

National Library of Australia S2844

Two Success Stories -

Anne Bohen

Galway girl Ann Bohen was 16 when she arrived at Yass. She was hired as a servant for 12 months for eight pounds a year plus board and lodging. Unusually for the time, Anne was not indentured—that is, bound to an employer by a contract. Two years later she married John Kenny and had three children.

When John died in 1856, Ann was left to raise her children on a small land holding on the old Bellevale Estate on Black Range Road, near Yass. Ten months later, wisely, she married 21-year-old Michael Cusack, who had just arrived as an assisted immigrant with his brother Timothy, and was working as a labourer. Michael took over the running of the farm, and during the next 14 years the Cusacks had 10 children, eight of whom survived. Known for their big hearts, they also took in two orphans. They worked hard and prospered, buying more land and a pub, the Gap Inn at Jerrawa.

There were setbacks, of course—two children died in childhood, and the Gap Inn burned down in 1877. Ann died at Yass in August 1896, aged 62.

Ann Bohen's son, John Joseph Cusack, went into politics. He was elected Mayor of Yass, MLA for Queanbeyan and Albury in the New South Wales Parliament and MP for Eden Monaro in the Federal Parliament. Her grand-daughter, Dymphna Cusack, became one of Australia's best known writers. She is the author of *Come in Spinner* (one of Australia's top-selling novels ever, made into a TV mini-series in the 1980s), and *Caddie*, filmed in 1976.

Bridget Hartigan

At 15, Bridget Hartigan from County Clare was younger than most of the girls on the *Thomas Arbuthnot*, and as both her parent were dead, was a real orphan. She knew how to look after herself, however, complaining to the Orphan Committee in Sydney after a year that her Yass employer was mistreating her. As she could read and write, she may well have been employed as a governess.

In 1853 she left Yass and married Thomas Downey, an Irishman from Tipperary, in a Catholic ceremony at Kilmore in Victoria. The newly-weds opened a store at Hepburn on the Victorian goldfields. The marriage was not a success, however, and Bridget left Thomas and took her two children to live in Rupanyup with William Hine, an English miner. They had eight more children. They didn't get around to marrying till 1870. This time Bridget married in the Church of England. She brought up her first two children as Catholics, and the rest as Anglicans.

After William Hine's death in 1895, Bridget moved to Sydney to live with Ellen, her eldest child from her first marriage. In 1914, at the venerable age of 80, she died and was taken back to Rupanyup for burial.



The orphan girl from an Irish workhouse had grown into a tough little survivor. A grandson remembers her as 'exceptionally domineering, highly intelligent and very intolerant... She expected everyone to do whatever she wanted without question.'

That determination ran in the family. After working on their newspaper, the *Rupanyup Spectator* with her husband, Bridget's daughter, Caroline, went on to become the first female Shire Clerk in New South Wales and one of the first female Justices of the Peace. After her husband died in 1914, she helped her sons run the *Wagga Wagga Express*, writing its social pages till her own death in 1930.

Bridget Hartigan and her female descendants.

Bridget Hartigan Downey Hine (b1834) is on the left;

Caroline Hine Duncan (b1861), her daughter, is standing;

Ruby Dunstan Moore (b1886) is seated with Carrie Moore (b1912) on her lap.

Photo courtesy Roy Dunstan

This article is reproduced with the kind permission of the author, Susan Geason. It is an out-take from her project "Australian Heroines – stories of courage and survival". Susan has published articles on a number of pioneering and contemporary Australian women. Further details are available on her website -

<http://www.susangeason.com/nonfiction.html>

[Ed. RR]

RGS Logoed Shirts

Members who wear a logoed shirt to meetings often receive enquiries about our activities. This is an easy way to raise our profile and can result in the recruiting of a new member.

For those interested in wearing a shirt with the Society's logo, these are available from Complete Embroidery & Apparel, 4/45 Waterloo Street, Cleveland (Showground end of Waterloo Street, a block away from the Donald Simpson Centre). Their phone number is 3821 5777.

You have a number of options-

- Select a blue chambray shirt from their stocks (male & female) \$44.00 with logo, depending on style, sleeve length.
- Take your own blue shirt to them. Logo will be embroidered on your garment for \$9.90.
- Have an embroidered badge made by them and stitch it on yourself. Cost of badge is \$14.30.

*[Information correct
at time of printing]*

Magazine Interest Group

The Group has been enjoying reading some interesting issues this quarter. Some members have been lucky enough to spend time on holidays in the areas covered by their magazines, and we are looking forward to hearing about visits to special places.

Three new magazines have joined the circulation list – one an old favourite from the Genealogical Society of Victoria, which is being subscribed to by a different member; a new subscription to Hampshire Family History Society in the UK, which has been anticipated for some time, and another from Huddersfield in Yorkshire, England. This is a new area for us and will doubtless provide some great information for those with an interest in the north of England. We look forward to seeing the first issues when received.

It is intended to hold a meeting of the group after the Christmas break, and details of the time and place will be announced in the next Redland Researcher and at the General Meetings. We are always pleased to welcome visitors and new members to our group.

Pat Misson
Convenor

Research Group

A successful project was completed at the end of October, with information relative to the paternal side of the family being researched. We were able to not only supply the basic family lines requested, but also provide several lines of interest connecting family members back to the early 1800's. As the main research concerned Scottish records, it was enjoyable exploring the new Scotlandspeople website, with it's expanded access and relatively inexpensive access to original records.

Pat Misson
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Well – This IS Embarrassing!

by Audrey Warner
(nee Alexander)



TROVE – What a wonderful resource for family historians. I've found so many articles that brought my family to life from domestic violence to letters of reference for a job well done, and from a court report about one of my ancestors serving liquor on a Sunday, to a moving obituary for a Sub Inspector of Police. Some of the articles were quite harrowing and some uplifting, but I had quite a laugh when I typed in my pre-marriage name. I wasn't expecting to find anything as I haven't really done anything worthy of report in the newspaper, but there appeared quite a

few of an episode in my life that I barely remember.

There was a column in the Brisbane Telegraph in the early 1950s called *Riddles & Jokes* to which I seem to have contributed a number of times – each time receiving 1 point, apparently towards some unrecalled prize. As well as my entries, there were others from school friends, most of whom I haven't seen since leaving school.

I just **know** that you would like to hear an example of my wit of yesteryear.....

In the Telegraph of 25th November, 1950, Audrey Alexander received 1 point for this riddle –

Q. What relations need you most?

A. Aunts, uncles and cousins cannot exist without you (U).

Then on the 24th March, 1951, my joke appeared:

Willie: So, Pa, didn't Edison make the first talking machine?

Pa: No my son. God did. Edison made the first that could be shut off.

I wonder where those jokes & riddles came from; probably from one of the many books on our bookshelves. **"Copyright!"** Who had even heard the word as a young student in those days?

I'm glad to say most of the other contributions were on a par with mine.

Giving Back to the Future Indexing for FamilySearch

by Yvonne Weston

Having received an email from FamilySearch to assist by volunteering to index documents, I made the decision that it was about time to 'pay it forward' by taking the challenge. The email asked that we participate in the 72 hour challenge to index (transcribe) as many documents and records within those documents as possible over a given 72 hour period.

Okay, not hard! I accepted as a way of giving back, or paying it forward, you might say, to say thanks for all the information that I am able to access on the system. So, accepted and downloaded the software to make myself ready for the challenge.

So that I could see what I was getting into, I selected a batch from Canadian census documents to index. Wow! So much information at my fingertips, it is very exciting. Knowing that we have some family that have immigrated to Canada, I kept my family tree file open to make any comparisons. Luckily we can select any type of document we want to index. So for the challenge, I mainly chose censuses (in Canada), immigrations (Canada and Australia), baptisms, births, deaths, cemetery records, marriages, marriage banns, wills and probates in the UK and the Netherlands. These were the records I felt most comfortable with, knowing that I could read the language and work out the place names and abbreviations reasonably easily.

Most were easy to read as it is mainly either my style of handwriting or typewritten, but some were a little more challenging. Some also were reworks where others have left things out, returned for whatever reason to be done by others, hard to read, or just need to be verified (a second set of eyes to check the original work). There is no judgement made when a batch is returned, they are grateful for any help you can give. Yes, I did have to return a batch myself; just not that au fait with the Philippines and their abbreviations and names. Best to stick to what I know and understand!

Alas, no connection to my family yet! But it was all very interesting and very rewarding and I have chosen to continue downloading and indexing batches (from the Netherlands and UK) in the hope that I might find a connection. I also look at it this way, even if I only do one batch a month that is twelve batches which would not have been done so quickly.

RGS Displays



Stockland Shopping Centre, Cleveland



*Redland Wellness & Enablement Expo, Donald
Simpson Community Centre, Cleveland*

Our Displays Coordinator, Elaine, was kept busy in July and August, organising stalls and volunteers for displays at the Birkdale South School fete in July, then in the Stockland Shopping Centre and Donald Simpson Community Centre, for National Seniors Week in August. Fifteen *Starter Kits* were sold to interested visitors and a new member visited our Library Room and joined on the day.



Members' Interests

Please contact Members through the Society's email: - redlandgs@gmail.com

Member's Name: Cath Maris

Membership No: 253

Surname	Year/ Range of Years	Town/City	County/State	Country
Annesley	1830-1940	Dublin	DUB	IRL
Bond	1800-1986	Dublin	DUB	IRL
Buchanan	1800-1900	Distington	CUMBRIA	ENG
Cannon	1800-1910	Bassenthwaite	CUMBRIA	ENG
Hamilton	1900-1985	Charleville, Murweh	QLD	AUS
Hare	1800-1900	Tulla	CLA	IRL
Hastings	1800-1900		CLA	IRL
Hinchey	1800-1900		CLA	IRL
Kennedy	1780-1900	Killoughey	OFF (formerly Kings)	IRL
Mackintosh	1750-1900	Canonbie, Alston	DGY, CUMBRIA	SCT,ENG
Maris	1740-1920	Cambridge	CAM	ENG
McKeown	1800-1985	Ringaskiddy	TYR, COR	IRL
Mison	1780-1985	Greenwich	KEN	ENG
O'Connor	1800-1985	Ballynakilly	CLA	IRL
O'Leary	1800-1985	Cork	COR	IRL
Orr	1700-1800	Heysham	LAN	ENG
Orr	1800-1985	Greenwich	KEN	ENG
Payton	1780-1900		OFF (formerly Kings)	IRL
Warby	1745-1900	Cottered	HRT	ENG

Member's Name: Elizabeth Retallick

Membership No: 60

Surname	Year/ Range of Years	Town/City	County/State	Country
James	1853	Iden	SSX	ENG
McGhee	1830	Glassford	LKS	SCT
Priest	1805	Sheffield	YKS	ENG
Stead	1808	Kellington	YKS	ENG
Stickles	1811-1895	Bonnington	KEN	ENG

Member's Name: Allan Neate

Membership No: 5921

Surname	Year/ Range of Years	Town/City	County/State	Country
Bowsher	1820-1900		KEN	ENG
Bowsher	1820-1900	Rural NSW	NSW	
Casey	1820-1900	Rural NSW	NSW	AUS
Neate	1840-1900	Rural NSW	NSW	AUS
Troy	1800-1860	Richmond	TAS	AUS

Member's Name: Annette Hall

Membership No: 5921

Surname	Year/ Range of Years	Town/City	County/State	Country
Cluett	- 1850 +	Alverstoke	HAM	ENG
Gibson	- 1815 +	Scilly Isles	CON	ENG
Hewitt	1882 +	Brisbane	QLD	AUS
Kelsey	1849 +	Taree	NSW	AUS
Knight	1855 +	Newcastle	NSW	AUS
Olive	1889 +	Nelson Bay	NSW	AUS
Olive	- 1828 +	Gerrans	CON	ENG
Paterson	1859 +	Newcastle	NSW	AUS
Porter	- 1840 +	Leicester	LEI	ENG
Porter	1912 +	Bulimba	QLD	AUS

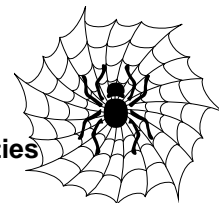
Snippets



Irish BMDs Online:

The Irish Government has made over 2.5 million births, marriages and death records, dating from 1864, freely available online at www.irishgenealogy.ie. They link to the index of 12.5 million individual records which was previously online. The Minister said, "By providing as much information as possible, free online, the Irish Government is encouraging the Diaspora to come to Ireland to explore their roots. The website has grown to be an invaluable resource and I am committed to further developing this in the years ahead."

Wandering Through the Web



"Fifteen Years of Local BMD Websites"

These websites relate to the article reproduced on p5 with the kind permission of the Birmingham and Midland Society for Genealogy and Heraldry, and the author, Ian Hartas.

Cheshire BMD: <http://CheshireBMD.org.uk>

Staffordshire BMD: <http://StaffordshireBMD.org.uk>

West Midlands BMD:

<http://WestMidlandsBMD.org.uk>

Lancashire BMD: <http://LancashireBMD.org.uk>

Yorkshire BMD: <http://YorkshireBMD.org.uk>

North Wales BMD: <http://NorthWalesBMD.org.uk>

Links to all of the above and other Local BMDs:

<http://UKBMD.org.uk/localbmd>

Local BMD Project Information:

<http://LocalBMD.org.uk>

Full Bill web page:

http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/bills/lbill/2014-20150095/bill_2014-20150095_en_9htm#pb13-11q94

Federation of Family History Societies

www.ffhs.org.uk

The societies' leaflets, "*our really useful information leaflet*", and its companion, "*Our Australasian Really Useful Information Leaflet*" may be downloaded for free or read on-line.

FamilySearch

<https://familysearch.org/search/collection/2400177>

A useful collection of post 1899 Tasmanian civil births registration has been released on this site. Images are not indexed and do not have the same numbers as shown in the Tasmanian Pioneers Index.

"GenealogyInTime" Internet Magazine

<http://www.genealogyintime.com/articles/top-100-genealogy-websites-of-2016-page01.html>

The magazine ranks its Top 100 most popular and its Top 10 most popular free websites, for 2016.



16 Corporate Drive, Cannon Hill

Phone: (07) 3249 4200

Website: www.naa.gov.au

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 Historical Image - via email

\$28 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

\$31.00 (with Registration number)

\$44.00 (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

\$21.00 Uncertified Historical Image - via email

\$30.20 Historical Certificate – includes postage

www.bdm.vic.gov.au

Australian Capital Territory

Registry of Births, Deaths & Marriages
GPO Box 158, Canberra City, ACT 2601
Phone: (02) 6207 3000

\$42.00 + \$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

\$46.00 - 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

\$31.00 – includes postage (with Registration number)

www.bdm.dotage.wa.gov.au/

Tasmania

Registry of Births, Deaths & Marriages
GPO Box 198, Hobart, Tasmania 7001
Phone: 1300 135 513

\$45.88 – 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

\$43.00 – includes postage

(1856-1863 = NSW) (1863-1870 = SA)

www.nt.gov.au/justice/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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Prices, addresses, etc. are correct at the time of going to print. Use this as a guide only as prices are subject to change. If you do find incorrect information, I would appreciate your advice.

[Ed. RR]

Queensland Family History Society Inc.

58-60 Bellevue Avenue, Gaythorne 4051

Phone: (07) 3355 3369

Website: www.qfhs.org.au

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.

Genealogical Society of Queensland Inc.

25 Stackpole St (cnr Mt Gravatt-Capalaba Rd)

WISHART 4122

Phone: (07) 3349 6072 Email: info@gsq.org.au

Website: www.gsq.org.au

Opening hours:-

Mondays & Public Holidays:	Closed
Tuesdays to Fridays:	10am to 3pm
2 nd & 4 th Wednesdays:	6pm to 9pm
Saturdays:	12noon to 4pm
Sundays:	Interest Group meetings only