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

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

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

Tuesday and Thursday: 9.30am - 12.30pm Saturday: 12.30pm - 3.30pm

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

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

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

A Note from the Editor

Our condolences go to our Life Member, Les Callaghan, on the loss of his wife, our late member, Marjorie. Les has been hospitalised recently and we wish him a speedy recovery. For many years, Les was our Honorary Auditor.

During March and April, we held displays at the Redland City Council Library, Cleveland, and at Expos held at "Aveo Cleveland Retirement Village," Smith Street and "Aveo Cleveland Gardens," Freeth Street. This type of activity is an important means of attracting new members to keep our society viable; it makes people aware of what the Society does and engenders interest in genealogy, generally. Many people visiting the Cleveland Library display expressed surprise at learning that our Society has a research room within that library.



Display at Cleveland Library with members, Cath Maris, Helen Veivers and Greg Glidden, assisting new member, Kim Barnes, to get started on her family history

Greg Glidden

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Reflections on the History of Our Society

The Redland Pioneer Index

An article published in the February 2017 edition of "Redland Researcher" provided a summary of significant events in the history of the Redland Genealogical Society (RGS) from 1981, when the society was founded, to about 2012.

In that article, brief mention was made of the Redland Pioneer Index which was compiled by RGS members between 1984 and 1988 as a Redland Bicentennial Project and as a contribution to the Australian Bicentennial Celebrations. This article is intended to provide some details of the project, in particular its purpose, data sources, content and outcome.

The purpose of the project was the collection of names of pre-1900 Redland Shire residents to form a Pioneer Index. The Pioneer Period in Australia extends from the arrival of the first fleet at Botany Bay in 1788 to 1899; it is significant because it includes the convict period, the exploration and colonisation of Australia, the arrival of free settlers, important nation building events such as the development of the wool industry, the gold rushes and the establishment of the Australian States.

For those interested, an article published in the August 2016 edition of "Redland Researcher" lists books and other items available for borrowing in the RGS Library which describe the history of Queensland from settlement in 1824 to separation from NSW in 1859 and the Redland Shire and Moreton Bay Islands, during the pioneer period.

The Redland Pioneer Index was prepared using information from Redland Shire Council Minute, Rates and Letter Books, Land Valuation Records and Maps, Electoral Rolls, Post Office Directories, Admission Registers for Cleveland, Mt Cotton, Redland Bay, Wellington Point, Myora and Dunwich Schools, Cemetery Records, including Memorial Plaques and Monumental Inscriptions, and articles from local newspapers.

Initially it was expected that the project would be completed in weeks; however name extraction from records soon grew to include a compilation of the many engrossing everyday events that occurred in the Redland Shire during the pioneer period; eventually the project took much longer to complete – four and a half years, in fact.

The Redland Pioneer Index comprises three sections:

1. A Master Index including all pioneer names collected during the project; this index also refers the researcher to one or more of 12 sources of information called the Series Index.
2. The Series Index identifies the actual source(s) of the pioneer names and links to the Series Record.
3. The Series Record contains the original data collected to compile the Master Index. Some Series Records are divided into sections to include information collected from different sources in the region such as the various electoral district rolls and cemeteries.

Although use of the Index at first seems a daunting task, an excellent series of "How to Use This Index" guides provide step by step assistance for users and researchers.

It was initially planned to publish the results of the project in book form; however funding was insufficient and the information gathered was published in 1988 as a master computer index titled "Redland Pioneer Index" and, later, published in hard copy and microfiche format. The Index was produced by and remains the property of RGS.

The hard copy format consists of 24 spirally bound booklets which are currently held in the Local History Section of Redland City Council (RCC) Library at Cleveland; the RCC Library also has a copy of the 7 microfiche produced by RGS which contain the Redland Pioneer Index. Both the booklets and the microfiche are "Reserved" and can be accessed only at the library.

The Redland Pioneer Index is also available in microfiche format in the RGS Library Room at Cleveland Library (**Microfiche Box 8 "Queensland" under the title "Redlands Pioneer Index"**); the microfiche can be used only in the RGS Library Room.

For members or visitors who have or believe that they may have ancestors who lived in the area during the pioneer period, the Redland Pioneer Index is an essential research tool. For first time researchers the best place to start, and obtain an overview of the Index, is the hard copy format.

Ray Steele
RGS Librarian

Giftng a Membership Subscription

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

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

A Puzzling Marriage

A recent query concerned a couple who were married in the church of St Botolph without Aldgate in the mid nineteenth century yet their families were in Woolwich, Kent. Why would this have happened?

The church is one of four St Botolphs built in the 10th/11th centuries beside the City's main gate "for the spiritual comfort of travellers".

The most common reason for marrying in another area was the wish to go where the couple were not known. There could be a variety of reasons for that, ranging from family disapproval to bigamy, as divorce was not possible for most people. Occasionally, a wedding in a "posh" place was desirable. Maybe there were family members living in the area.

Examination of the marriage certificate may reveal some clues by considering a few fairly standard questions.

Are the couple at the same address? Perhaps an accommodation address to establish residence while banns were called on three successive Sundays at the church? Is the marriage by banns or licence?

Are the witnesses family members (including in-laws, married sisters, etc.); or, say, just the Parish Clerk and a passer-by?

Are the couple stated to be Bachelor and Spinster or Widower/Widow?

Could they sign their names? Are the fathers shown as deceased?

What are their ages? (These may be inaccurate, especially if there is a large age difference, the bride is actually older than the groom or either was really under age. In an unfamiliar place, statements may not be queried).

Then there are considerations from other sources.

Where were the couple in the 1851 Census? And in subsequent Censuses?

When and where were the children born? (Consider dates before marriage too, when registration could have been in the mother's maiden name). When and where were the children baptised?

Are there any family myths or comments that "so and so would never talk about him/her/that"?

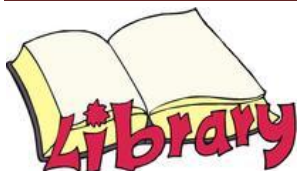
These are just the things that need investigation!

The results may be surprising, and could even be a bit upsetting at times, perhaps, but one must remember that social conventions and the law, etc, have changed markedly over time and family historians must be prepared to find all kinds of things – that's what makes it interesting!

And it's no reflection on the researcher – the past is the past and can't be changed. We are just trying to build a picture and then understand it.

This article was first published in the April 2014 edition of "METROPOLITAN", the journal of the London Westminster & Middlesex Family History Society; our thanks to them for permission to re-publish this article.

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Library News

Recent Acquisitions for the Library

| Title | Author(s) | Call No | Supplier |
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| Google the Genealogist's Friend | Helen V Smith | 1 AUS GEN SMI | Purchased Gould Gen. Oct 2016 |
| Where Do I Start – a guide to family research in Australia & NZ | Shauna Hicks | 1 AUS GEN HIC | |
| Guide to Convict Transportation Lists Part 1 1787-1800 | Carol Baxter | 1 AUS CON BAX | |
| Guide to Convict Transportation Lists Part 2 1801-1812 | Carol Baxter | 1 AUS CON BAX | |
| Understanding Australian Military Speak | Neil C Smith | 1 AUS MIL SMI | |
| Finding Family Redcoats – tracing your Australian military ancestors. | Neil C Smith | 1 AUS MIL SMI | |
| Discover English Census Records | Paul Milner | 2 ENG CEN MIL | |
| British and Irish Newspapers | Chris Paton | 2 BRI NEW PAT | |

These are “Unlock the Past” Guide Books. Their attraction lies in the fact that they are specifically designed for genealogists and the authors are very experienced (often with academic qualifications) in the topics selected. A brief review of some of the above follows:

- **“Google the Genealogist's Friend” by Helen V Smith.** Introduced in 1999 Google is now the most used search engine for Internet research purposes; for genealogists it provides access to a wealth of family history related resources. This guide includes an outline of Google's basic features in particular operators that allow a search to be refined so as to maximise results. In addition, it includes details of more advanced Google features such as “Images”, “Books”, “News” and “Maps”.
- **“Understanding Australian Military Speak” by Neil C Smith.** For genealogists researching the military history of servicemen, a significant problem is understanding the abbreviations and acronyms found in military records. In this guide Lieutenant Colonel (abbreviation is L Col or Lieut Col) Smith, who served for 24 years in the Australian Regular Army, including a tour of duty in Vietnam, has documented 6,000 abbreviations and acronyms used in military records from 1788 to the present day; these are listed alphabetically and are quite easy to locate.
- **“Finding Family Redcoats” by Neil C Smith.** The British military presence in Australia began in 1788 with the arrival in the first fleet of 213 Royal Navy Marines. Subsequently British Army regiments were based in Australia as garrison troops from 1790 (New South Wales Corps (“Rum Corps”)) to 1870 (18th Royal Irish Regiment); in total 39 British separate military units were stationed in Australia between 1788 and 1870. Many “Redcoats” remained in Australia upon discharge and are the ancestors for following generations of Australians.

Library Operations:

- I will not be re-nominating for the position of Librarian at the RGS Library Meeting on Friday 26 May 2017. While there are several reasons for this, the primary one is that the workload and time demands are such that the position requires a full time incumbent. As a result I have not been able to spend sufficient time on my family history research and this is no longer acceptable.
- The RGS Library is still short 6 GRAs; it is disappointing that with a current membership of about 125 persons we are unable to find the 24 GRAs needed to fully staff the Library “Open Days”.
- Problems with current operation of the RGS Library have been raised at recent Library and Management Committee Meetings and though some possible solutions have been suggested no real progress has been made in addressing the issues.
- I wish to thank all whom I've have met or worked with over the past two years for their help and support.



Please consider volunteering! A GRA's commitment is 3 hours per month in our Library Room; you would work with an experienced GRA and have time for your own research when there are no visitors. Present GRAs have been doing their best to fill the gaps for some time.

*Ray Steele
RGS Librarian*

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Guest Speakers



In February, our member, Dawn Montgomery, filled the role of guest speaker, her subject being “Billy Blue a Sydney Eccentric”.

Dawn gave a very entertaining presentation on “finding” her ancestor, Billy Blue. He was a Negro convict, transported to Australia in 1801. After serving out his sentence, he became a boatman, ferrying people across Sydney harbour, was on friendly terms with Governor Macquarie, who called him “The Commodore” and granted him land. He was a well-known identity, due to his colourful personality. Locations in Sydney still bear his name.

Dawn (pictured with our President, Helen) holds a print of his portrait, painted in 1834.



Sue Laidlaw, Anglican Diocese of Brisbane, was guest speaker for March. Her talk was on the Records and Archives Centre, Anglican Church of Southern Queensland. She commenced with a brief history of the Diocese from the first chaplain of Brisbane Town in 1829 to the birth of the Diocese of Brisbane in 1859.

The Centre is located at 22 Hamilton Place, Bowen Hills; visitors are by appointment only – Sue Laidlaw can be contacted on 07 3838 7638 or email archives@anglicanchurchsq.org.au. Access can be gained to your own records (proof of ID needed) and other open records of baptisms, marriages and burials. The privacy of these sites is the same as that for Births, Deaths and Marriages. There is a fee of \$11 per half day for use of the Research Room

Their website address is <http://www.anglicanarchives.org.au>. This will lead you to details of resources and services for Researchers.



April's Guest Speaker, Stephanie Ryan, from the State Library of Queensland, provided those present with 40 minutes of entertainment and enjoyment – as well as giving all a better understanding of the jewel that the 1939 Register is for family historians. More importantly, Stephanie demonstrated how the 1939 Register can be used to help solve a proverbial “brick wall” problem. She explained how, on 29 September 1939, an incredible feat was accomplished, just as war threatened to disturb a peaceful United Kingdom – on this one single day, the names, addresses, occupations and marital status of all UK citizens was recorded, and so, the 1939 Register was born. (Could we accomplish this today with our sophisticated computer world? Probably not!)

Some names on the register may be ‘blacked out’ because the person was born less than 100 years before the release of the Register, but the Register is still packed with names and details waiting to be unlocked. To discover what the Register has in store, one needs to access *Find My Past*. If you don't have access to *Find My Past*, it's available at the State Library of Queensland on site. If visiting SLQ is not possible, an ‘Ask us’ service is offered – up to 2 hours free research per enquiry with a maximum of 12 hours per year – go to SLQ home page at <http://www.slq.qld.gov.au> to make your enquiry. (Access to *Find My Past* is also available at GSQ at Wishart.)

Research Group

The Research Group has completed two research requests in the past three months, both to the satisfaction of the clients. A full report and references were supplied on completion, and suggestions were able to put forward about continuation of the research, using indexes and research materials in our library. Copy of research reports as presented to the clients have been placed with the Society Secretary for inclusion in her files.

It has been decided that, for the present, no more large research projects will be accepted, and an alternative service offered to help with one-off enquiries, in other words attempt to assist in removing a part of your "brick wall". The cost of this will be minimal and will be set down once a decision is made about the scope of the service and its description in the By-Laws of the Society. It is hoped that any results obtained from this short service will encourage researchers to make use of the resources in our library, and further their family information.

At this stage, I would like to thank all those who have made up the research team while I have been Convenor. Together we have discovered some truly family history gems, and managed to knock down a few brick walls.

Pat Misson
Convenor

Members Interests

Several new submissions of Members Interests have been received in the past three months, providing a good range of new names for members to check. As usual, the database has been updated in both printed and electronic form, both available for reference in our Library Room, and published on our website. Any contact desired with another Society member can be arranged by emailing redlandgs@gmail.com, and quoting the member's name and membership number, shown alongside the member's name.

Pat Misson

Magazine Interest Group

Our group membership remains firm at 13, and with 20 magazines circulating each quarter. It is intended to hold a meeting in the near future, to re-evaluate our holdings and hopefully encourage more society members to join in our activities.

Every set of magazines provides many topical reports and stories. The latest Tasmanian Ancestry was full of interesting articles, and hard to put down. This is by no means an isolated case, and all journals offer specialised reading for their area of interest.

Magazines donated to the library are available to all Society members, either to browse in house, or check-out to read elsewhere. We offer a warm welcome to anyone interested in joining our group. Our next meeting will be advised at a forthcoming general meeting; there is no need to book, just join in with us if you have the time. Please contact me [Ph. 3821 0948 or email rpmission@tpg.com.au] if you are interested in learning more.

Pat Misson
Convenor

Genealogical Society of Queensland Convict Connections Interest Group



The Management Committee has decided to subscribe to "Convict Connections Chronicle", produced by this GSQ Interest Group. Three (3) issues are published yearly and these will be available in our Library Room, together with three 2016 back-issues that have been donated to us.

The February 2017 issue contains a report on Dawn Montgomery's presentation, at our February General Meeting, on "Billy Blue". The article was written by Val Blomer, a member of the group, who attended our meeting as their "roving reporter".

The "Magpie" convict suit used in Van Diemen's Land during the 1830s & 1840s.

THE FOUNDING FATHER OF LAUNCESTON, TASMANIA (1806)

John Dell (1763 - 1866)

by Gwen Dwyer

My great, great, great Grandfather John Dell was born on Guy Fawkes' Day, 5th November, 1763 at Reading in the English Royal County of Berkshire with Windsor Castle as its most famous landmark. His family lived in the city of Reading and were members of the Parish of St Giles. He was one of the younger members of a large family of 24 children but, as was often the case in those days, many did not reach adulthood. The town of Reading, situated near the River Thames, is an ancient town dating beyond the 800's and the days when the Danes were in control of England. It is 40 miles west of London.

On the 26th January, 1788, the First Fleet sailed into Sydney Cove after an epic journey of 8½ months' duration. It was two and a half years later before the long awaited Second Fleet arrived. By this time conditions in the settlement had greatly deteriorated. The people were on the verge of starvation, morale was low, discontent and rebellion rife. Unfortunately, the chief supply ship carrying up to two years' provisions, had struck an ice-berg off the Cape of Good Hope. Many lives were lost. Only 600 casks of beef and port, and 75 casks of flour were salvaged. Although the remaining five ships arrived intact, the conditions on board were so distressing that Governor Phillip was heard to remark, "To bring men and women to this Colony in such a manner is like murdering them".

The "Surprise" was a 400 ton sailing vessel under the command of Nicholas Astin, and was part of the Second Fleet. Because of the ship's unsuitability to cope with gales and heavy seas, the crew and military frequently carried out their duties waist deep in water. Even in moderate weather, the "Surprise" proved to be a wet ship and all 298 persons on board, one Captain, 30 military, 5 women, 8 children and 254 male convicts suffered deplorably throughout the long trip. During the journey, 36 of the convicts died at sea due to lack of food, cramped conditions and constant exposure to dampness.

It was this ship of horror, the "Surprise" which brought John Dell to the shores of Australia. He came as a member of the New South Wales Corps which, in 1808, became the 102nd Regiment of Foot. Originally, John had joined the Army as a member of the 4th Dragoons, a British Military force dating back to the 17th Century. When Captain Nepean, in London, was seeking recruits for the New South Wales Corps, John obtained a transfer and became a drummer with the Corps on the 17th June 1789. This was a detachment of 300 soldiers, especially formed under the orders of King George III, to be sent out with the Second Fleet to Sydney Cove. It was designed to take the place of the dissatisfied marines of the First Fleet.

John Dell's first pay after arriving in the colony was five pounds, sixteen shillings and eight pence, covering a period of 8½ months. During those early years, John Dell did several tours of duty on Norfolk Island with the New South Wales Corps and this is where he met his first wife, Mary Hounsett. They were married on the 20th November, 1798, and they had two children, Elizabeth who married Henry Hedington and Joseph. Mary died on the 2nd May 1800, giving birth to Joseph who was my great, great grandfather.

John Dell married again to Sarah Ann Green on the 5th November 1809, so my line of the family is rather short compared with that of the second wife with whom he had five children.

In 1804 John Dell travelled with the New South Wales Corp under the leadership of Colonel William Paterson, who had been commissioned to travel to the North Coast of Tasmania, where it was hoped that all prisoners would be transferred to Van Diemen's Land. John Dell's carpentry skills and understanding of nature, ranked him as a vital member of Colonel Paterson's crew which sailed for Tasmania. However, settling into what was named Port Dalrymple on the banks of the Tamar River, the area was claimed for England.

Although the settlers worked hard throughout the summer to establish the settlement, they were faced with many unforeseen problems. When the bleak and windy conditions of the winter set in, they discovered the climate was quite unsuitable for their stock. Cattle died, crops failed, food supplies diminished and morale was low. Convicts absconded to the bush in large numbers; some later became bushrangers and were the terror of the country. Many of these were re-captured.

With all these difficulties facing him, Colonel Paterson suddenly made up his mind to move the settlement further upstream. He sent Sergeant John Dell with a few in a boat to explore the land situated between the North Esk and the South Esk Rivers. The purpose of the exploration was to select a suitable site for the formation of a settlement, in the district then known as Patersonia. John Dell and his party landed on the rocks at the mouth of the Cataract Gorge and

explored the area for six days. After selecting a suitable site for a future town, they reported back to Colonel Paterson at Yorktown.

The site was approved by Paterson, and Dell returned in March 1806. As the whale boat pulled into the shore at Ricking's Point near today's historical Ritchie's Mill, John was the first of the landing party to step ashore and became the first white man to set foot on the site of the City of Launceston. Sergeant Dell helped lay Launceston's foundations. He and his party hewed the first track through to the selected site (both the township and the river being renamed in 1807 by Governor King after his own birthplace, Launceston, on the Tamar River in Cornwall England). The track which followed the run of a dry creek is now known as George Street. In those days, the banks of the Tamar River were covered with ti-trees and the site of the future city was densely covered with scrub. John had instructions to commence the necessary buildings for the settlement and to prepare for the main move. Here he had been instructed to build a block-house where the Brisbane Arcade now stands and later a prisoners' barracks where the Trinity Church stands today.

As John Dell was an experienced sawyer, he was well fitted to supervise the erection of the necessary buildings. He undertook the construction of the first building on the site of the entrance to Brisbane Arcade in Brisbane Street. This particular area was chosen for the erection of the original buildings on account of it being level ground and rather less timbered than elsewhere. The first building was a one-storey, eight feet by ten feet block house or small fort. It was built in the typical wattle and daub method of the day, whereby a timber frame was erected, interwoven with thin branches, and then mud mixed with straw was pressed into the wattle fabric. Finally, the walls were daubed with more muddled clay to make an even surface, and then white washed. The roof was probably a thatched one.

By the end of 1806, the population of Launceston stood at 301. All did not go well for the settlers, however; by 1808 they were reduced to state of famine, due to the loss of stock and failure of wheat crops, both on the island and at Sydney Cove.

In 1810, after helping to lay Launceston's foundations, John Dell returned to England with the New South Wales Corps. The shortage of food lasted for some two years after he left for England. Prior to leaving Launceston, John named the present day St. Leonards as Paterson's Plains in honour of his leader, Colonel Paterson, who had died off Cape Horn on 20th June 1810, whilst travelling on board the "Dromedary".

Details of John Dell's years in England are scanty. In 1818, John and Sarah Dell with their children, Joseph, George, Rebecca, Ann and John migrated to Sydney. In September, 1818, Governor Macquarie gave permission for John Dell to become a settler at Port Dalrymple, with a grant of 100 acres of land at Norfolk Plains, Longford. He was also allotted a government man (Convict) on government victuals for 6 months and a cow on credit for 18 months, which was to be paid for in money or wheat. The family sailed to Van Diemen's Land on the "Elizabeth Henrietta" a 39 ton sloop. On arrival John found that Launceston had made very little progress during his several years' absence. The population had risen to only 916, of whom 335 were convicts. There were fewer than 100 buildings. John soon established himself as a government servant. He was given two more cows in payment for his services and allowed to purchase another two cows from government stock. John was able to send his children to school, as an education system was slowly being introduced. By January 1821, 52 children attended two schools in Launceston.

In 1819, John and Sarah's last child was born. This child, Charles, was the first of many generations of Dell children to be born in Tasmania. Late in 1819 John had 10 acres of his property sown in wheat and the remaining acres under pasture. His stock had grown to 15 head of cattle and 80 head of sheep. During this year, 1819, John entered the Launceston Police Force as a constable. In this position, he also served as town bailiff and was delegated as such to issue writs. At one stage he was Assistant to Provost marshal and in 1827, he held the position of Acting Chief Constable of Police with a salary of 5 guineas per annum. Over the ten-year period from 1828-1838, John and Sarah Dell saw their daughters Ann and Rebecca married. Towards the end of 1830, after 11 years of service with the Launceston Police Force, John Dell resigned.

My great, great grandfather, Joseph, married Mary Brookwell Peat in 1831. January 17th, 1839 was a happy day for John, Sarah and the whole family. On that day their elder daughter Elizabeth (Joseph's sister by John's first marriage) arrived from England with her husband and six children as free settlers.

Up to 1824, the people of Launceston had depended mainly on imported candles for their lighting. From then on they produced their own candles. By 1845, there were several candle factories operating in Launceston.

Between 1842 and 1850, John Junior and Charles, John and Sarah's two youngest sons were married. Charles' young wife died shortly after their marriage and Charles himself died in 1854 at the age of 35 years.

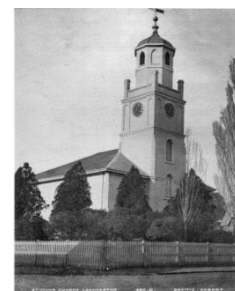
John by this time was almost 90 years of age, so it was hard for him to stand by and see his "baby" son die so young, when he himself was blessed with such a strong and healthy constitution. Again, five years later, John was deeply grieved when his next youngest son, John Junior, died, leaving behind a large family of young children. The following year he was called upon to say farewell to his beloved wife, Sarah Ann Dell. She died on the 20th July, 1860, at the Brisbane Street home of her daughter, Mrs William Brean. Her death was caused by a bad bout of influenza. In that year of 1860, the streets of Launceston first became a blaze of light, when gas lights were placed in the streets and in 200 homes.

Up to the time of his retirement from the Police Force, John Dell had acquired quite an amount of real estate in the town, as well as his original grant of 100 acres at Norfolk Plains (Longford) on the Macquarie River. The road out to Norfolk Plains had been constructed at the cost of a cow. John had also been granted a further 320 acres just five miles out of town, which he received "in consideration of his favourable testimonials". The farm was about 2 ½ miles east of Breadalbane. He sold this area in 1836 to the adjoining landowner, T B Bartley. In 1831, John built a brick and stone house in High street, about opposite Windmill Hill Memorial Hall at the cost of 500 pounds. Within the next few years up to 1847, he acquired several more blocks in Charles, York, Cameron and Brisbane Streets, Launceston. He retired to his son's farm near Longford.

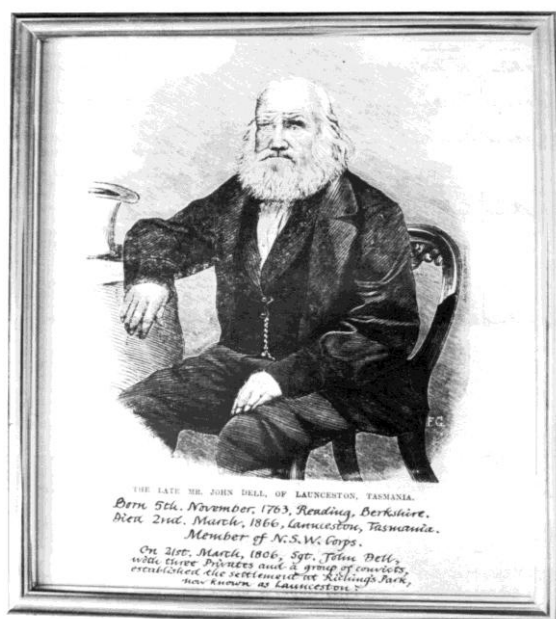
John Dell reached the age of 100 years on the 5th November, 1863, becoming Launceston's first centenarian. He was a man of temperate habits, though not a teetotaler and he never formed the habit of smoking. These two facts accounted for the steadiness of his nerves up to the last days of his life.

In 1865 John suffered severely from influenza and spent a period in hospital. The Chelsea Hospital in England, at which he had been an out-pensioner for over a half century, paid his hospital expenses at the rate of one shilling per day.

He made quite a speedy recovery but in mid-February of 1866, John suffered a severe nose bleed which lasted almost 36 hours. This weakened the old man and although he was able to get about the house, he was not fit enough to venture out. That same day, he was out of bed and reading as usual without the use of spectacles, but the next day, Friday, 2nd March, 1866, Mr John Dell of Launceston, at the grand old age of 102 years and 4 months, breathed his last at the residence of his son-in-law. Death evidently resulted from the breaking of an iron constitution, which few persons possess. He had retained his physical and mental faculties almost to the last moment of his life. The following Monday, his interment took place at the Cypress Street Cemetery, after a service at St John's Church of England in Launceston, where he had been a worshipper from its inception for over forty years.



St John's Church, Launceston – pre 1865



On that day, all Launceston bade farewell to John Dell, gentleman, who died only as the result of "decay of nature", but year after year, his contribution to the history of Launceston is remembered as Launcestonians recall each March, the part John Dell played in the founding of their City.

In 1986, the Descendants of John Dell presented this portrait to the Queen Victoria Museum and Art Gallery to commemorate the 180th Anniversary of the founding of Launceston. The engraving was in a copy of "The Illustrated Australian News", 24th March 1866 in the possession of the Latrobe Library of Victoria and was used with their kind permission.

Towards the end of 1988, about 500 descendants attended a family reunion. On Friday night the Lord Mayor held a reception at the Town Hall for many of the members - on Saturday 500 attended a get-together at the Elphin Showgrounds for registrations and a barbeque, also to meet other family members, and on the Sunday we attended a Service of thanksgiving at St John's Church where John and his family worshipped.

Using the Queensland State Archives 1848-1912 Assisted Immigration Index

by Helen Veivers

Have you tried searching the State Archives Assisted Immigration 1848-1912 Index lately? It's a site I've used many times over the years to locate, not only the names of ships upon which ancestors had arrived into Queensland but also the actual ships' Passenger Lists. Many gems have been uncovered using this simple strategy. The bonus was that it was so simple to use. Imagine my surprise when I was assisting a member at our Library recently and discovered that I could no longer locate the information! A quick phone call to the State Archives revealed the news that its website had been transfigured to make it more user-friendly. The staff member on the other end of the phone was very helpful and I eventually was able to locate the information. Having had this experience, I felt it could be useful to others to set out the steps involved in what I consider is now a much more complex procedure.

Here it is:

1. Go to Queensland State Archives website.
2. Under **Researching Archives** column on the Homepage click on **Search the Records**.
3. Scroll down the page to **Index Categories**.
4. Click on **Immigration** – another “stepped in list” appears. Click on **Assisted Immigration 1848 – 1912**.
5. Don't enter any data in the boxes which appear – scroll up and you will see the words “Full Index” and a list shaded in blue on the top right of the page. Select the letter for the surname being searched.
6. Click on the blue **Visualisation Preview** button to view the file. It will appear as an Excel File.
7. Locate the surname being searched by using the “Edit – Find” strategy – you must type in Upper Case. Alternatively, scroll through the complete list – use the Record Guide at the top of the page to help locate the record you're seeking. It appears as eg 6332 Records <<1501 – 1600>> . Information revealed will be person's full name, age, name of ship and date of arrival in Queensland, together with Page, ID Numbers etc.
8. **Right click** on the hyperlink <http://www.....> in the Digital Image column for the person being searched.
9. Click on **Open Link in New Window**.
10. Wait for the information to download. The ship's passenger list should be revealed!

It used to be so simple!!



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| Donet/Donnet | Any year | | DEV | UK |
| Fleetwood | 1850 | | All States | AUS |
| Helleyar | 1850 | | All States | AUS |
| Helleyar | Any year | Cubert | CON | UK |
| Lee | Any year | | | UK |

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| Chappell | 1830-1849 | Stratford | ESS | ENG |
| Docken | 1716-1788 | Padstow | CON | ENG |
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| Parry | 1861> | Rockhampton | QLD | AUS |
| Shepherd | 1866> | Mt Morgan | QLD | AUS |
| Tinsley | 1885> | Mt Morgan | QLD | AUS |
| Whitwell | 1884> | | QLD | AUS |
| Williams | 1861> | Rockhampton | QLD | AUS |

My Neighbourhood through the Eyes of a 13 Year Old

by Margaret Clark (nee McQuillan)

I was born in the sugar cane town of Tully in North Queensland in 1944. To me, I had a good childhood. My dad purchased the town milk run when I was about 10 years of age. My younger sister and I worked on the milk run with him delivering milk to people after school and at weekends. I felt like the whole town was my neighbourhood, but I really only want to talk about the street where I lived.

I lived at number 15 Cook Street, Tully, across from the local hospital. I thought the house I lived in was a large house as it was 2 storeys and had 5 bedrooms upstairs. I lived there with my four brothers and four sisters and my parents. Because mum had a break in the family of 5 years, we classed ourselves as the first family and the last four as the second family. My days were taken up by school, household chores, delivering milk and playing with my friends in the street. Our nature strip was 25 feet wide, so we often played rounders, or laid on the grass and looked at the stars and tried to find the big dipper or looked at clouds to pick out different shapes.



Here I am at 13

No 17. Our neighbour, one up from us, was a stern gentleman with his wife and two older daughters and he filled in his house underneath and turned it into a boarding house. He wasn't happy with the children in the street as we played on his nature strip because he had the street light outside his place, which meant that we could play rounders well into the evening. I don't think we ever smashed any of his windows. I do remember he was high up in the council and was an unapproachable man. We hardly ever saw his wife. He upset us kids one day and to take our revenge we placed some dead cane toads in his water meter. He was often seen shaking his fist in the air and muttering, "I'll get you bl---y kids".

No 19. Here lived a Russian family who immigrated after WW11. We would always run past their house. They had 2 boys who attended school and were about 2 years older and the other 4 years younger than I. We would always politely say hello and rejected their offer of a cold drink. No way were we going on their property. I think the dad worked at the sugar mill and the mum worked in the laundry of the hospital, which was across the road from our house. We could hear them talk in Russian sometimes and we were sure they were spies. My mum told us they were nice people.

No 21. Here lived Mr King the manager of Nolan's, the big mixed store in the middle of the main street in Tully. His nose was always up in the air. We thought of him as toffy nosed. They only stayed for a few years before being transferred somewhere else.

No 23. Here lived a Yugoslav family who had a daughter two years younger than I. She had her own bedroom and had some nice dolls. My mum wasn't keen on her mum who worked in the laundry at the hospital and her dad worked at the sugar mill. The parents rarely spoke English.

No 25. Here lived the owner of the big saw mill going north alongside the highway going out of town. They had a beautiful two storey house with a different design from everyone else in the street. They had a boy my age who was always coming top of my class. He had a sister two years younger than I. I was fascinated by the fact that they had café seating in their kitchen area of the house. Even as a child I loved designs of furniture and homes.

No 27. Here lived the accountant of the town and his family; a very serious man. He had children but much older than I. I think my dad got a loan from him to purchase the milk run. Mum never really liked him. She thought he had his "fingers in the till" so to speak. My dad was a very trusting person and after we counted the takings of the milk run for the day we would take them up to his house for him to make a record of and bank for dad the next day. Mum was always querying the figures.

No 29. Here lived a chap who worked in the mill. I think he was a sugar chemist or something like that. The mum was a stay at home mum like ours and looked after the house and raised their two children. The boy was two years older than I and the girl a bit younger. We often visited them as they would buy all the current comics and allow us to read them as long as we didn't take them away. The Phantom and Superman were our favourite ones. Of course there were others like Ginger Meggs. His mum would give us cold water and freshly baked biscuits while we sat on their front steps, busy turning the pages, over as we devoured every picture and word on the page. There were only five steps, so it got a bit crowded.

No 31 was a spare block of land that didn't get built on till much later. Across the road were the hospital, the old nurses' quarters, then the new three-storey nurses' quarters and the nurses' tennis court, which all the children in the street used at different times. That was where I learnt to play tennis. My sister, five years older than I, played and

showed me how. In fact she is still playing at 78 years of age. The other side of the tennis court was a spare allotment of land which used to have a bull on it. I never knew whose bull it was. In the middle of the land which housed the bull was a guava tree. We had to go through the bull's paddock to get to the swimming hole at the base of Mount Tyson. Once the bull chased me, so I had to go up the tree. It seemed like I was up there for hours before he got bored at looking at me and moved away. I had eaten several guavas by this time. I made a dash for it and he saw me. I dived through the barbed wire fence and cut my left shin open about six inches long. I still went on to go swimming and when I came home later mum asked me what had I done. She walked me across to the hospital to get a tetanus needle. All I remember is that the needle seemed huge. The bull didn't stop us kids from going to the swimming hole.

No 13. Going down the street from us was the postman and his wife and family of eight children. We all got on well together. The postman used to ride his bicycle and deliver his two saddle bags full of mail and go back to the post office to get more mail. He had a hat, but didn't wear sunglasses or sun cream. He was very fit. Their house wasn't built till I was about 10 years of age. The council came and cleared the block and burnt down the trees making sure not to do the burning till mum got all the washing off the line. A few days later, my younger sister and I went over and decided to paint ourselves black all over our bodies with the charcoal from the fire. We raced home to show mum and give her a fright. She wasn't happy and made us shower till we removed all the charcoal. Our bathroom was a 10' X 10' room with a bare concrete floor with a shower in the corner and a galvanised tub. Lots of room to run around in.

No 11. This house was rented out and we never had much to do with that family.

No 9. The next house had an old lady living there. She was very old and wrinkly. We never bothered her.

The hospital was always of interest to us kids. We would run out to see the ambulance as it came up the street, sirens blasting, as they knew the street was full of children playing. My brothers made billy carts and they were forever racing them down the street. We would sit on the nature strip and wonder who the ambulance was delivering to the hospital. Tuesday night was when they did operations on people in the theatre. There were large frosted glass windows which didn't open, but we could see the shadows of everyone inside. My brothers would tease us and make comments like, "Now they are going to get the saw and cut an arm or leg off". In one's imagination one could believe lots of things were being done to the patient. At times I felt I was holding my breath for so long I had to remind myself to breathe.



Looking back, I didn't realize we had such a variety of people living in our street. I have good childhood memories of my neighbourhood.

This is the house that my dad built for his family at number 15 Cook Street, Tully. When I view it now, it looks so small, but growing up it was a large house. The photo was taken in 1945.

Now what was I looking for?

by Yvonne Weston

Ever gone down a path following a hint only to find yourself seemingly far away from your family.....grandfather of husband of nephew of 2nd cousin 6x removed of sibling of husband of so far down the path that you forgot whom you set out to find?

Well, I have got myself down this twisted path far more often than I care to admit, but sometimes it has led to some amazing finds. Just by chance, that way off distant relative has at times revealed a marriage to a sibling or child of a direct line relative whose birth I had not yet found, let alone documented.

So with that in mind, I have taken to entering people, with the same or very similar surnames, who are documented as having been born, married or died in an area that I am currently researching. This has provided information on about 50 unrelated people. But by doing so, and continuing to follow their connections, I have been able to find evidence of marriages that connect them to my family, sometimes distantly and other times very closely. I am probably very lucky in that these records always note the woman's maiden name which has been such a wonderful tool.

I guess my advice to others is that no matter how unrelated someone may be in your research, they could provide a vital clue somewhere along the path.

Wandering Through the Web



Murderpedia

<http://murderpedia.org/>

Is there a murder in the Family Tree? This site has a world-wide alphabetical index by surname, male and female, and country. There is a detailed account of the crime, some with photographs.

The Survey of English Dialect

<http://sounds.bl.uk/Accents-and-dialects/Survey-of-English-dialects>

This was a nationwide survey of the vernacular speech of England, undertaken by researchers based at the University of Leeds. From 1950 to 1961 a team of fieldworkers collected data in a network of 313 localities across England. The informants were mostly farm labourers, predominantly male and generally over 65 years old as the aim of the survey was to capture the most conservative forms of folk-speech. Almost all the sites visited by the researchers were rural locations, as it was felt that traditional dialect was best preserved in isolated areas.

[Thanks to Pat Misson for bringing this website to attention. She comments "It is very easy to use and a bit mind boggling – no wonder so many names were misspelt or wrongly pronounced by those not familiar with the particular dialects, when people arrived in new locations all over the world."]

Liverpool History Projects

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

This site is a work in progress and well worth a look. It has been set up by a group of users of Liverpool Record Office, who intend to upload the "many transcripts, extracts, indexes, databases and finding aids" that they have accumulated, "in the hope that they will be of use to genealogists, family historians and anyone interested in the history of Liverpool".

Current information includes, among other things, Liverpool Roman Catholic marriages, baptisms and burials, the Ford Catholic Cemetery, old maps, a "Merseyside Aliens Register", and a "Liverpool Irish Fragments" link which includes Poor Law Removals of Irish living in Liverpool. Most of the information is presented free of charge. However, there will be a small fee to obtain additional information for some of the larger indexes.

Find that Memorial Inscription

<https://findthatmi.wordpress.com>

The aim of this site is to list locations of Memorial Inscription surveys in churchyards. The author feels that Municipal cemeteries are well-indexed, and would like folk to contact him if they know of a Memorial Inscription website or of any churchyard surveys on display.



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".



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

Our prices are based on Historical Certificates

Queensland

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

New South Wales

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

Transcription services:

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

Victoria

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



Australian Capital Territory

Registry of Births, Deaths & Marriages
GPO Box 158, Canberra City, ACT 2601
Phone: (02) 6207 3000
\$53.00 includes postage (Pre 1930, apply to NSW)
Historic Death and Marriage Indexes 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
\$47.75 - includes postage
<http://www.cbs.sa.gov.au/wcm/births-deaths-marriages/>



Western Australia

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

Tasmania

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

Northern Territory

Registry of Births, Deaths & Marriages
GPO Box 3021, Darwin, NT 0801
Phone: (08) 8999 6119
\$44.00 – 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
\$(NZ)26.50 (pre-1875) - \$(NZ)20.40 (1875+)
(Visa, MasterCard & American Express accepted)
A printout has more information than a certificate
www.bdmhistoricalrecords.dia.govt.nz/Home/

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[Ed. RR]

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

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There are no stairs at this location.

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