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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

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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

On 22 August, Fay White passed away. Fay and husband, Cal, were long-time GSQ/Redland Branch members. Some of our long-term members will remember them. Both had re-joined GSQ/Redland Branch in May, 2016.

Vietnam Veterans' Day is commemorated in August, but give a thought to them also on November's Remembrance Day. Les McFadzen has submitted an informative article, comparing the Vietnam and Boer Wars and drawing attention to the similarity of the Government's attitude of the day to the veterans of both wars.

Our Writing Interest Group had been set the task of writing a story on the clothes that they used to wear. A little nostalgia is contained in this month's newsletter in the articles written by Margaret Clark and Cath Maris.

In August, RGS volunteers manned information booths at Stockland Cleveland for Seniors Week, and at the GSQ Fair, Wishart, providing advice on what our Society can offer and recruiting new members.



This is the final newsletter for 2017 and Christmas celebrations are close at hand. Our final meeting for the year will be on Wednesday 13 December. Our meeting will be preceded by a catered Christmas lunch commencing at 12:15pm. Our first meeting in 2018 will be on Wednesday 14 February.

Wishing all an enjoyable Christmas and New Year break and a safe one! Thank-you for your contributions to this newsletter; without this support, it could not continue to provide the interesting range of topics and be as informative.

Don't forget Library closures over December/January - Pat has given details in her "Librarian's Jottings" on page 4.

Greg Glidden

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Librarian's Jottings



The latest issue of the Newsletter of the Federation of Family Histories in the UK has just arrived, and as usual contains a wealth of information on a wide variety of topics. Many of the subjects discussed have a hyper-link to related articles. Included in this issue is a link to a new edition of "Our Really Useful Australasian Information Leaflet". This free resource focuses on how to research ancestors if you live in Australasia. There are more details about the leaflet in the newsletter. The FFHS also offers a similar leaflet covering the UK "Our Really Useful Information Leaflet". Subscription to the Newsletter is available to anyone via their website www.ffhs.org.uk.

Many new issues of family history journals are on the shelves, some courtesy of the Magazine Interest Group and some from donations recently received from members. We have also received a large number of updated Members' Interests. All have been indexed and recorded in the database, which is available to search on our Nos. 2 & 3 PCs, and in our online listings.

For those who prefer to note their family history in hard copy, the set of Family Record Sheets from The Family History Partnership will be of great interest - a collection of 21 master research record sheets including GRO, Indexes, Census pro-formas from 1841 to 1911; IGI/Family Search; MI searches, Pedigree, Family Group and Individual record. Using pre-printed sheets such as these ensures that all data is captured in the correct order. They can be copied, or printed from the companion CD.

It is some time since we mentioned our 50/50 club, which is available to any member interested in ordering an item of particular interest to them, or to a group of members. The Society will cover half the cost of such an item and the remaining half is paid by one member or shared equally between several. For those new members not familiar with the scheme, the item purchased is first of all used by the member (or distributed amongst those users) who subscribed to it. When they have finished with it, it is placed in the library for the use of all members.

Our Christmas closure dates were finalised at the last Library Meeting. The last day when GRAs will be in attendance in the library on normal roster rotation will be Saturday 16 December 2017 and regular rostered days re-commence on Tuesday 23 January 2018. During the break, GRAs will be in the library in a voluntary capacity for two weeks from and including Tuesday 9 January, until Saturday 20 January. Of course, facilities will be open to members in the usual way whenever the Cleveland Library is open. Their closure dates have been advised as "Closed from close of business on Friday 22 December 2017 until Tuesday 2 January 2018. The closure by Redland Library includes Saturday 23 December.

We are pleased to welcome Margaret Johnson as a new Research Assistant. Margaret has been 'learning the ropes' and we hope her time in the library will be a long and happy one. Assisting others with their research is not only very satisfying, but can be a great aid in furthering your own studies. Full training is given and new GRAs are always placed with an experienced helper. Please contact Librarian, Pat Misson [*Ph. 3821 0948*] for full information.

If any members have not yet visited the library or have not called in for some time, you would be very pleased to discover the wide variety of resources we have available. Of course the best time would be when our GRAs are on duty, to take advantage of their guidance, **Tuesdays and Thursdays 9.30 am to 12.30 pm and Saturdays 12.30 pm to 3.30 pm.**

Latest Acquisitions

Title	Media	Location	Donated by
Not Just Ned: A true history of the Irish in Australia	Book	1 AUS HIS REI	Jennie Todd
Death Certificates and Archaic Medical Terms	Book	1 AUS MED SMI	
The Passage of Time – The 1865 Voyage of the "Suzanne Godeffroy"	Book	5 QLD SHI BER	Noel & Delwyn Bergman (Authors)
They Came Direct "Cairngorm" 1863	Book	5 QLD SHI JOH	
Waubra: A History of a Branch Line (written by Adrian Ponton for Learmonth & District Historical Society)	Book	1 VIC HIS LEA	Helen Powell
Ireland Research Outline	Book	2 IRE GUI LDS	Annette Hall
Memories of Kincardine & Other Writings – Clackmannan District Libraries 1992	Book	2 SCT HIS BEL	Helen Powell
Norway Research Outline	Book	3 NOR GUI LDS	Annette Hall

Pat Misson

Another Brick Wall Tumbles

by Cath Maris



My great grandmother, Elizabeth Payton, and her brother, James' births have been impossible to verify by many for I don't know how long. Elizabeth and James were the eldest two children of nine children born to William Payton and Sarah Eliza Warby, born in Melbourne. Seven of the children are registered; Elizabeth was born in 1856 and James followed soon after in 1857. It was early days in Victoria, only becoming the state of Victoria in 1851 and civil registration in Victoria began 1st July 1853.

Frustrated, I felt that there must be some sort of record; I thought "maybe they were baptised". I knew the family were Catholic; I Googled the oldest Catholic Church in Melbourne and came up with St Frances. I found their website and contacted them via email. Soon after, I received a reply advising that they didn't hold the old registers, I needed to contact the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne. I contacted them and received a quick response advising me that I needed to contact Alison Mann at St Patrick's Cathedral. I did just that. Alison contacted me and advised that she is only in the office on a Monday and would check the registers the following week.

Alison, true to her word, emailed me with transcript copies of the Baptisms for both Elizabeth and James. The cost of the transcripts is \$15 each.

Alison also advised "For your future reference, St Patrick's Cathedral holds baptism, marriage and confirmation records for St Patrick's Cathedral, St Francis' Church, Sacred Heart Carlton, St John the Evangelist Church East Melbourne and some marriage records for St Augustine's Church Melbourne. Also included within our holdings are records of baptisms conducted at Royal Women's Hospital, Mercy Private and St Vincent's Private".

I hope that this information helps someone breakdown a brick wall or two!

Alison Mann's contact details are: -

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In office: Mondays only

Magazine Interest Group

Presently we have 14 members in the Group with a total of 17 Magazines being circulated.

Three Australian states are currently being subscribed to along with New Zealand with the rest being from England and Scotland.

If anyone is interested in subscribing to another Family History Society please contact me for details on the Societies already on our list, to avoid doubling up. Most of our members can research the Members only section and also view Surname Interests.

The group only meet a couple of times a year to catch up with any changes. Our next meeting will be held at Jan O'Brien's included with the Library Meeting's Christmas get-together.

Annette Hall
Convenor



Facebook and the Redland Genealogical Society

by Yvonne Weston

Did you know that we have a Facebook presence? Like most clubs and societies we need to keep in touch with our members and let the public know that we exist. We do this with our website and with Facebook.

Information about us and what we do can be found in detail on our website - but not all people think to look there as a first contact, so our Facebook page helps to advertise our society and its activities. This is where Facebook can be a useful tool to draw the attention of those who regularly use it to search for things that interest them.

How does this page help our members and others? At short notice we can update details about changes to our events and remind us of the events that are coming up!

A Snippet from my Early Life in Cleveland

65 Shore Street East

by Elaine Speck (née Moreton)

I came to Cleveland to live in July 1949 with my mother, father, and younger brother, Neil. About 1952 we moved to a little house in what is now *65 Shore Street East*. At that time, there were no street numbers, so it was just *Shore Street*, and our phone number was *Cleveland 416*.

In the mid-fifties, my father fell ill with a stomach ulcer. One of the treatments those days was to drink milk, so my parents bought a cow. We had everything cooked in milk. We had milk puddings, tripe boiled in milk, fish boiled in milk – anything you could boil in milk we had it. My brother used to drink a pint of milk with scoops of Ovaltine or Milo.

The first cow that we had was named Strawberry. Strawberry had a calf called Pansy. When Pansy was old enough to have her own calf, we gave Strawberry to a friend at Victoria Point and kept the younger cow. Sad to say, Strawberry got into some grain on their farm, her stomach gassed up and she died.

As children, it was the job of my brother and me to take the cow the full length of Passage Street every year to Price's bull. This was very embarrassing. One year Pansy went into labour in the front yard and we were unable to move her. Soon the word got around and all the local children came to watch.



Pansy, Neil, a calf, Elaine and Whisky the dog

My father died young, in 1957. The neighbours rallied around and helped to find my mother a part time job. This was at Cleveland Primary School. She purchased a bike to ride to the school and as she had never owned a bike before this took her some time to master it completely.



Grace - Toondah Harbour in the background

To subsidise her meagre pension she kept the cow and sold fresh milk to the neighbours. She had the cow on a long chain with a solid peg and moved her around to find good grass. Her main spot was down behind the Grand View Hotel. She would bring her home every evening to the cow bail to milk her - about 300 metres.

My grandfather came to live with us in 1958 and, for the distant neighbours, he would drive her with the milk. When he passed away in 1963 he left her his Austin A40 car. Of course she had to learn to drive. I already had my licence so I would drive her down behind the Grand View Hotel. She would get behind the wheel and we drove around and around for six months until she completely mastered the working of the gears with the clutch. There was a cricket pitch there in those days, so we used it to learn to do the reverse parking. She got her licence at age 50.



Grace in her Austin A40

This of course was "the ultimate", as now my mother was really independent; especially with the milk deliveries, and, of course, she could drive herself to work at the school. She always knew her limitations with the car. She graduated to a white VW - which caught fire in the shed – and then a little red mini.

This little red car went everywhere around the Redlands for many years.

Clothes I Have Worn in My Lifetime

by Margaret Clark

My clothes, as a child, were all made by my mother on the Singer treadle sewing machine. I was always fascinated with the momentum of the movement of the platform her feet were on for her to move back and forth.

My mother had nine children and seemed to make a special day set aside for sewing and mending. I have seen a photo of me aged about two years in a pair of bib and brace pants with a little shirt underneath.

Mum taught us to make our dolls clothes out of scraps of material first before going on to making baby doll pyjamas and dresses. My younger sister and I loved going to the drapery store in the home town of Tully to see all the different types of material and buttons. I still have a fascination for buttons. When I was little, the population of Tully were about five thousand people in the district.



Mum told me later in life that her grandmother on her maternal side was a dressmaker and insisted that mum take drafting lessons so she could make her own clothes and fit them well on the body. She would keep the Sunday Mail newspaper each week as she could use this to make a pattern. She would measure us and adapt it to fit by cutting the paper down to our size. She would hold it against our bodies. We had to stand very still and she would say, "Hmm a bit more needs to come off here". We had a two-story house with five bedrooms and a sewing room. Mum would lay out the material on her double bed, pin the pattern to it and cut it out on the bed. Later on we did this also and lived in fear of cutting her good bedspread.

Mum made all our underwear out of lawn material as this was nice and cool in the hot weather of North Queensland.



We did not have a school uniform till we were in high school so she made us nice frocks to wear to school with different frills and sashes to tie a bow at the back. Of course the boys in the class would often undo my sash and run away. I remember mum being sent a monthly catalogue advertising readymade clothes. Sometimes she would purchase clothes for special occasions from it, or just copy the design. We thought that she was very clever.

My dad had the local milk run and mum made us matching tops and shorts to wear. We were always neat in our appearance. People always thought of me and my younger sister as twins as we were always dressed alike, but in different coloured fabric.

When I had finished school at the age of 15, the first item I purchased was a portable Singer sewing machine. It felt very modern as it was portable and electric.

With my mum's help, I cut out my lace debut frock and satin underlay and tacked it all together. I couldn't find the confidence to sew it up and I ended up taking it to an Italian dress maker in the town to finish it for me. She laughed when she saw it and she said, "You have done the hard part". This is the first time I had paid for something to be made. It looked great finished. Just how I thought it should look. I think that I have a good eye for design.

When I was married and my husband and I went to Malaysia to live for 3 years, I did a dressmaking course run by an Indian chap and eventually made ball gowns and even a safari suit for my husband. Yes, he did wear it!

I did make my children's clothes when they were young, but they soon wanted to wear tee shirts and board shorts.

Learning to sew was very important to me. I buy most of my clothes readymade now, but still have my sewing machine handy for mending, quilting and craft work.



Clothes

by Cath Maris



We all need clothes: they come in all designs, sizes and have various purposes. Over the years fashions have changed quite a lot with some fashions returning many generations later.

I was a teenager for most of the 1970s; it was a time of flared pants, platform shoes and psychedelic patterned fabrics. I wore high cork platform shoes; how I ever managed to run down the stairs at Wynyard station to catch the train and not break my neck astounds me. I remember my Mum saying, "your feet will pay for it in later years", but all I heard was "blah, blah, blah". Sorry Mum, you were right!

I find myself looking at young people today and thinking the same way as older people did when I was young; we certainly become our parents. I remember a mate of my husband's, Rob Lawson, saying, "but she wears sensible shoes", I took that to mean that young ladies were not as attractive to young men when wearing them, I'll have to advise Rob that I've joined the "sensible shoe brigade".



As Australians, we all like to have a laugh at ourselves and what we used to wear. This is celebrated by wearing vintage fashions to themed fancy dress parties. I recently experienced such an occasion at my daughter-in-law's hens' party. We had to dress in 1980s fashion; a bit of a dilemma for the "mother-in-law". I got down and "got physical" like Olivia Newton-John did way back then. I must confess I was quite worried about breaking down on the way and having to get out of the car in my get-up, I'm certainly no Olivia! It was held at Dracula's on the Gold Coast and all night one of the actors kept drawing attention to me and calling me the "mother-in-law" - a bit embarrassing but it's the price you pay for family.

My grandmother Evelyn was born in the late 19th century. In those days, there weren't as many occupations for women as there are today. Grandma was a dressmaker as were many women of the day. It was the norm to make clothes for the family and hand them down to younger siblings. I'm not sure what happened if you didn't sew. In the current era, we have a huge variety of well-priced clothing shops; in a lot of cases it wouldn't be cost effective to make them.

I remember my Mum making a few things for my sister and me; she didn't have much time on her hands as she always worked full time. I remember being encouraged to sew when young. First was a toy sewing machine; that didn't really work so it was replaced with an old Singer treadle sewing machine. It certainly took some practice to gently press the foot on the treadle so I didn't lose control.

I took needle work at Blakehurst High School and soon learned to make my own clothes. This I really enjoyed and Mum would offer guidance. One incident comes to mind in needle work class that was the most exciting thing to happen to me in all my school years. I think it was end of term, 1972; we were in needle work class, and in walks Russell Morris, an Australian pop icon of the early 1970s. He was at the school to perform an end of term concert. He had split his red velvet pants and our teacher, Mrs Guard gave Janita the job of sewing them up. As you can imagine the rest of us girls were quite envious of Janita. At 16 years old, I was star-struck and in love. If given the job I would have had trouble concentrating on the job at hand. Oh, the memories!



I digress, not only did I sew but I really enjoyed knitting and still do to this day. However, my husband, Warren, does like to tease me on a regular basis about his 1989 birthday present, a jumper that has never been finished. In recent years there has been an attempt to deliver the promised jumper, unpicking what had been done to make it larger; he no longer is the slim man of 28 years ago. The jumper was nearly finished until I realised that I didn't have enough yarn. To make matters worse, the yarn had been discontinued for many years. All wasn't lost, I managed to purchase some matching yarn online via the internet; there is a site where people with leftover balls of yarn sell their leftovers. To make the different dye lots match and mix with what I already had, I had to undo the jumper once again, losing all that hard work once more. Warren, I promise I will finish your bless'ed jumper one day. It will certainly be something to celebrate in more ways than one. The jumper is once again on hold as we await our first grandchild, I am currently busy knitting for the little one.

The Usefulness of Wills, Intestacies and Probate Records

Judy Webster, in her blog-site "Australia/UK Genealogy", has posted an article "**10 Tips for Wills, Intestacies and Probate**". These tips demonstrate the importance of looking for wills for every person in your family tree.

She comments that - "Probate records, wills, intestacies, administrations and related documents are vitally important for family history. They provide clues for further research, and they "put flesh on the bones" as we research our ancestors. They often have relationship details that prove whether we are researching the correct person or someone else with the same name." <http://uk-australia.blogspot.com.au/2014/06/10-tips-for-wills-intestacies-and.html>.

Each tip gives advice on where records may be found, the information that could be available, with some giving examples – definitely worth reading!

Guest Speakers

August Meeting



Noel & Delwyn Bergman provided an interesting and informative presentation on their research for the book *'The Passage of Time – The 1865 Voyage of the Susanne Godeffroy'*. This vessel sailed from Old Hamburg in May 1865 with 533 passengers on a direct voyage to Moreton Bay, arriving September 1865. Noel and Delwyn embarked on the remarkable task of researching the first-born Australian generation of each of these passengers.

Presenting President Helen Veivers with a copy of their book.

September Meeting



Bev Luke-Harris (on right) spoke on the usefulness of copying research data and photos onto her Apple iPad. This simplified illustrating it to family members when discussing the family tree.

Lorraine Digney (centre) described her approach to creating her Family History Book. She discussed planning the scope, the importance of relating to historical events relevant to the time of each person and the layout of the book. A booklet, printed by a local stationer and spiral bound could be an economical consideration.

Kay Aberdeen (next to Vice-President Kevin Hughes) spoke on "Genealogy meets Scrapbooking" explaining how she put together her Family History Scrapbooks and showing us one of her finished projects. Kay discussed selecting albums, pages and embellishments. She suggested that backgrounds be of natural fibres, avoiding glitter, and appropriate for the person on that page. Don't overpower the pictures, they are the focus.

October Meeting



Peter Ludlow is a local author with a focus on preserving the history of the Moreton Bay region. His presentation was on the parallels of researching for historical narratives and researching for genealogical purposes. The purpose of both should be to bring these people to life in the eyes of the reader.

Peter's publication *Moreton Bay People* includes information on "characters" of the Redlands whom he has interviewed. Those researching relatives, who were early settlers in this region, may find this book to be a worthwhile reference.

The “Redcoats” in Australia 1788 - 1870

by Ray Steele

The May 2017 edition of Redland Research included a brief review of the Unlock the Past publication “Finding Family Redcoats - tracing your Australian military ancestors” by Neil C Smith (RGS Library Call No. 1 AUS MIL SMI). This article is a more comprehensive summary of the role of the British Army in Australia, with specific references to holdings available in the RGS Library.

The first Redcoats in Australia were the British Navy Marines who arrived with the first fleet in 1788. Their primary tasks were as garrison troops protecting the penal settlement and as guards for the convicts who formed the bulk of the first arrivals. However, they also used their skills as carpenters and sawyers (skills lacking in the convict population) for construction of facilities essential for the survival of the infant colony,

Subsequently, British Army regiments were based in Australia commencing with arrival of the New South Wales Corps (“Rum Corps”) in 1790 and ending with the final withdrawal of British troops in 1870. About 90 British military units, mainly infantry or “foot” regiments but also support units such as the Royal Artillery, served in Australia. Many of these regiments had seen active service in the Napoleonic Wars, Indian Mutiny and Crimean War, and had a proud tradition of service to the British Empire.

As the colony of NSW expanded, the role of the regiments changed; they were involved in conflicts with indigenous people, restored order with rebellious Irish convicts and gold miners and provided assistance to the police in overcoming the bushranger menace in NSW. They also provided detachments for protection of additional settlements established in Norfolk Island, Tasmania, Newcastle, Bathurst, Moreton Bay, Victoria and West Australia. Several British Army Regiments also participated in the Colonial New Zealand Wars (the 1st and 2nd Maori Wars) from 1845 to 1867.

Many of the Redcoats who served in Australia never returned home to the United Kingdom. Some died here in performance of their duties or from diseases or accidents. Others, who married and raised families here or were given land grants or purchased properties, decided to remain in Australia upon discharge and are ancestors to subsequent generations of Australians.

The book by Neil Smith is an excellent place to commence research on Redcoats in Australia; it provides a timeline of events, an outline of the structure of military units involved, a brief history of the tasks performed by the British garrisons and a list of the regiments that served in Australia.

Further information about an ancestor who was a Redcoat can be found by googling “British Army in Australia & Redcoats” on the Redland City Council computers in the RGS Library. One useful website is “Australian Redcoat Regiments – Rootsweb; Free Pages – Ancestry.com”. This site provides an overview of the history of the British Army in Australia and a comprehensive list of the regiments and units that served here. Clicking on an individual unit provides details of the role of this regiment and, more importantly, access to service records of individuals who decided to stay in Australia.

The RGS Library Catalogue Book Holdings (Australia & New Zealand) on computers 2 & 3 contains a list of books that give detailed information on specific events such as the Eureka Stockade or bushrangers in Australia with which individual regiments were involved. Use the edit/find tool and key words to locate these references.

For those who have ancestors who fought in the Colonial New Zealand Wars (Maori Wars), an excellent reference is “The Colonial New Zealand Wars” by Tim Ryan and Bill Parham (RGS Library Call No. 1 NZ MIL RYA). This is a fascinating story which describes the background and ferocity of the various battles and contains a large number of photographs and diagrams that illustrate the conditions experienced by troops who fought in this conflict.

[Editor's note-

Ray advised that his article is based on research into one of his G/Great Grandfathers. Using the research tools mentioned enabled him to locate civil certificates for his G/Great Grandfather's marriage in Sydney in 1847 and his death in Auckland, NZ in 1906. He was in the British Army (a Redcoat) at the time of his marriage and Ray was able to identify his regiment and obtain the record of his service in the Maori Wars in NZ.]

Be Wary of DNA Tests

After 10 years, the wife starts to think their kid looks kind of strange.

So she decides to do a DNA test.

She finds out that the kid is actually from completely different parents.

Wife: "Honey, I have something very serious to tell you."

Husband: "What's up?"

Wife: "According to the DNA test results, this is not our kid."

Husband: "Well you don't remember, do you? When we were leaving the hospital, we noticed that our baby had pooped. You said: 'Please go change the baby; I'll wait for you here.' So I went inside, left the dirty one there and got a clean one!"



Moral: Never give a man a job that doesn't belong to him!

Family Artefacts

by Dawn Montgomery

Some of us are fortunate to have some family artefacts. I have one that is now over 100 years old and the other 130 years old. They're 'historical' by their age and in that both the owners are part of my family history.

Some years ago I was cleaning out my mother's music cabinet. This was of carved mahogany with stained glass doors, on Queen Anne feet. There were four or five shelves and it stood about one and a half metres high. It had been in our family 'forever', its original use given over to storing all sorts of odds and ends and only a few sheets of music. I came across a never-before-seen photo which Dad identified as his mother – the first inkling I had of what she looked like – and a ring.

The ring is a man's signet ring but instead of initials engraved on it, there is a yacht in full sail. On either side of the shield it is engraved with flowers, leaves and dots. Inside the wide band is engraved *Australian 22nd Mar. 1884*. There is a hallmark.

"Whose is this?" I quizzed my father. In an offhand manner he replied,

"My father's!" Of course I wanted to know more, especially the significance of the engravings.

"Oh, he won it for a yacht race on Sydney Harbour. He used to belong to a 24-footer club."

Well, what a revelation! I knew little about my grandfather as he had died not long after I was born. I knew he had been a carpenter and had gone to South Africa before the Boer War to work, and later he had been a greengrocer, and he passed on his liking for horse racing to his eldest and youngest sons who were both bookmakers in their younger days – my Dad as a highly illicit S.P. bookmaker, and my uncle Tom a bookmaker on the track. But never had there been any hint that he had done anything as exciting as racing yachts on Sydney Harbour.

We live and learn!

The second artefact is my mother's business plaque which she proudly fixed to her front gate when she gained her music teaching 'licence' in 1915 at the age of 15. It proclaims:

Miss Wilson
A.L.C.M., L.L.C.M., T.D.L.C.M. [1]
Teacher of PIANOFORTE,
Theory, Harmony & Counterpoint
Pupils prepared for Exams

She was understandably quite proud of her achievement, even though of course once she married she could not display it as she was no longer Miss Wilson.

There were no conservatoria of music in Australia in the early part of the 20th century, though by the time I went to school in the 1940s the equivalent Australian qualifications were A.Mus.A and L.Mus.A [2]

[1] A.L.C.M. - Associate, London College of Music

L.L.C.M. - Licentiate, London College of Music (teaching qualification)

T.D.L.C.M. - unknown, possibly a doctorate? of London College of Music?

[2] A.Mus.A. – Associate in Music, Australia

L.Mus.A. – Licentiate in Music, Australia

Vietnam War vs Boer War

by Les McFadzen (RAE) (Rtd)



358 F G McFadzen 1900

Vietnam veterans have always been regarded by earlier veterans as 'different' and as not having been in a real war. We weren't involved in trench warfare as with WW I, and individual battles were not on the scale of WW I, WW II or Korea, and Vietnam was not all about fighting to gain or hold territory as with the wars mentioned previously.

I have researched extensively the service of 358 Private Fergus George 'Rogie' McFadzen and his exploits during and after the Boer War. In order to write an autobiography, I also researched my own period of service.



18706 L G McFadzen 1969

While carrying out the research I noticed the similarities between Rogie's service, during the Boer War from 1900 to 1901, and my own Vietnam service from 1966 to 1971.

The Boer war took place predominately before Federation with 16,175 Australians serving from a population of 3,788,123 i.e. less than ½% of the total population in 1901. Casualties totalled about 1,400 with 518 killed. There were approximately 50,000 Australians serving in the Vietnam War from a population of 12,507,349 again less than ½% of the population in 1970, with casualties of about 3,129 and with 520 killed. *[Note 1: In Vietnam, all injuries and sickness requiring hospitalization were listed as casualties while in South Africa Pte McFadzen does not show as a Casualty although blinded in one eye in action. The same applies to many Boer War diggers because they remained on duty rather than facing a period in a British army hospital. Note 2: A much lower proportion of the population served in these wars by comparison with WW I, 6% and WW II 14%.]*

The one major difference between the Boer War and Vietnam was that it did not use conscription. However a major advertising offensive was launched for the Boer War and that achieved the same result. Young men, mainly from the bush were recruited, paid well and subjected to a short training period and then sent overseas. (Rogie enlisted on 8th May and departed Brisbane on the steamship 'Manchester Port' on the 18th May.)

The recruits were formed into Contingents, roughly battalion size. (The first three Contingents from Queensland were Mounted Infantry and the second three were Imperial Bushmen.) An overseas posting was for approximately 12 months. Then the whole unit would be returned to Australia (RTA'd) when the replacement Contingent arrived in the country. Medevacs were handled the same way as for Vietnam, with mobile field hospitals and fixed base hospitals, and their replacements were made from in-country reserves, although they used trains extensively in lieu of aircraft for evacuations.

The war was conducted the same way. Substitute the USA for the UK and with the Third Country Nationals (TCNs) being the equivalent of the Colonials. Killing or capturing the enemy, and not territory, was the objective. Battles were fought for mountains, and then they would be left for the enemy to re-occupy, while the troops were returned to base or sent after a new objective. Again, substitute the Long Hai's for the Drakensberg Range. Fire support bases were used for the first time in South Africa and did not appear again until Vietnam. Tactics of ambush and counter-ambush were the same, with Armoured Personnel Carriers (APCs) and helicopters substituted for horses and trains.

The Boers did not wear a uniform, were well armed and mobile, and invented guerrilla warfare. When they needed a rest, they hid their weapons and blended back into civilian life. They got their supplies from the farms as they passed through an area or by confiscating what they needed from the local villagers or by ambushing English supply lines. In turn, the English established protected villages (concentration camps), just like Ap Suoi Nghe or Long Dien, to separate the enemy from their supporters.

The Boers were supplied with heavy armaments, machine guns and ammunition by Germany and Holland while the Vietnamese were supplied by China and the USSR. The role of the navy was the same in both wars, i.e. to transport the troops and their equipment to the theatre and to blockade shipping to prevent the enemy importing weapons and ammunitions, while providing limited gun support to coastal areas.

The Government, during both conflicts, used the media; both film and print, for propaganda purposes. The Government of the day needed to convince the electorate that the war was to protect their interests. Reporters and photographers accompanied the troops in the field and if they produced negative reports for their newspapers their accreditation would be withdrawn and they would be excluded from future operations. (W S Churchill, later to be UK Prime Minister, was a reporter for the Morning Post and subjected to such restrictions.)

The Australians carried out section or platoon sized patrols while part of a larger force. The Boers would not attack a numerically superior force so most combat was seen at sub-unit level. Unless the Boers could be cornered in a defensive position most engagements were of an ambush or counter-ambush nature.

On completion of their tour of duty, the Boer War vets returned home where they were discharged and forgotten. The Vets were treated as outcasts by the remainder of the community due to the political changes brought by Federation. Many Australians thought they should not have been fighting for a foreign Government in a foreign war. Those with English disability pensions had them cancelled after Federation and the new Australian government could not afford to re-instate them.

The Queensland Veterans' only support was the Queensland Patriotic Benevolent Fund, a non-government agency. Their injuries and sickness were not regarded as war-related until well after WW I ended. The wounded and disabled had to fight for years to get their pensions reinstated. The Department of Veteran Affairs would have been right at home in those times. They formed their own association, "The African War Veterans Association of Queensland", but were not eligible to join the RSL when it was founded in 1917. Most of the Vets were dead before the remainder were allowed to participate as equals on ANZAC day.

The similarities between the two conflicts are numerous and the lesson for us to learn from this is that it is up to us, as it was for our grandfathers, to look after other Veterans as the Government has proven over the last 100 years that it will not honour its responsibilities. We must also welcome veterans from later conflicts into the fold, to guide them and to protect them from what we, and our grandfathers, endured at the hands of the 'System'.



Members' Interests

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

Member's Name: Susan Shepherd

Membership No: 245F

Surname	Year/ Range of Years	Town/City	County/State	Country
Brooks	1822>	Sydney	NSW	AUS
Clapson	1841>	Sydney	NSW	AUS
Crisford	1841>	Sydney	NSW	AUS
Duffy	1822>	Sydney	NSW	AUS
Griffiths	1874>	Brisbane	QLD	AUS
Hansen	1877>	Pialba Mt Morgan	QLD	AUS
Huntington	1839>	Sydney	NSW	AUS
Last	1864>	Rockhampton Gladstone	QLD	AUS
Masters	1857>	Brisbane	QLD	AUS
McKeon	1863>	Brisbane Mt Morgan	QLD	AUS
Myer	1871>	Sydney	NSW	AUS
Patterson	1880>	Sydney	NSW	AUS
Saunders	1881>	Maryborough Bundaberg	QLD	AUS
Summerill/Summerhill	1863>	Brisbane Rockhampton Gladstone	QLD	AUS
White	1874>	Brisbane	QLD	AUS
Winter	1874>	Pialba Mt Morgan	QLD	AUS

Member's Name: Leigh-Anne Gebert**Membership No: 5875**

Surname	Year/ Range of Years	Town/City	County/State	Country
Arnot	1826-1898	Dunning & Stirling Ballarat	PER & STI VIC	SCT AUS
Carter	1819-1894	Winchester Bowden & Bunya	HAM SA & QLD	ENG AUS
Coleman	1780-1931	Kea & Kenwyn Ballarat	CON VIC	ENG AUS
Crawford	1811>	Millport & Ardrossan	BUT & AYR	SCT
Dell	1800>	London? & Ctry Victoria	MDX? & VIC	ENG & AUS
Dempster	1750-1868	Carsphalm, Newton-on-Ayr & Ardrossan	KKD AYR	SCT SCT
Hunter	1780-1939	Ardrossan & Melbourne	AYR VIC	SCT AUS
Magor	1800-1904	Gwenapp & St Day Ballarat	CON VIC	ENG AUS
Murphy	1820-1860	Ireland & Geelong	IRL & VIC	IRL & AUS
Pearce	1741-1828	East Newlyn	CON	ENG
Pengilly	1700-1800	East Newlyn	CON	ENG
Preston	1816-1956	Unkn & Ctry-Vic/Melbourne	NTT & VIC	ENG & AUS
Rawling	1730-1830	Green Bottom, East Newlyn & Kenwyn	CON	ENG
Sterritt	1820-1890	Unkn Melbourne & Ballarat	Unkn VIC	IRL AUS
Stewart	1780-1917	Alloa, Stirling & Ballarat	CLK, STI & VIC	SCT & AUS
Trafford	1700-1891	Horspath & Gordon	OXF & VIC	ENG & AUS
Trenerry	1700-1850	East Newlyn & St Allen	CON	ENG
White	1850-1920	Geelong & Ballarat area	VIC	AUS
Williams	1790-1850	St Allen & Kenwyn	CON	ENG

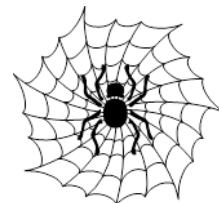
Member's Name: Robyn Dean**Membership No: 5899**

Surname	Year/ Range of Years	Town/City	County/State	Country
Ainslie	<1852	Hamilton	LKS	SCT
Ainslie	1852>	Hobart	TAS	AUS
Bradley	1850-1980	Drummoyne	NSW	AUS
Bulmer	1844>	Taree	NSW	AUS
Clarke	<1915	Berkhamstead	HRT	ENG
Dean	<1828	Berkhamstead	HRT	ENG
Fairweather	<1863	Lintrathen	ANS	SCT
Fairweather	1863>	Grafton	NSW	AUS
Grebert	<1855	Kiedrich	HESEN	GERMANY
Grebert	1855>	Grafton	NSW	AUS
McArdle	<1850	Newry	DOW	IRL
O'Driscoll	<1898	Ballynoe	COR	IRL
O'Driscoll	1898-1916	Kalgoorlie	WA	AUS
Roehrig	<1855	Kiedrich	HESEN	GERMANY

Member's Name: Garry ALSTON**Membership No: 279**

Surname	Year/ Range of Years	Town/City	County/State	Country
Alston	1842	Cadder	LKS	SCT
Alston	1842	Hamilton	LKS	SCT

Wandering Through the Web



Geni's Genealogy Database

<https://www.geni.com/people>

This is a collaborative site with free basic information from a name search in the "Search Ancestors" field. You may get some "free" helpful leads. However, links for additional information may lead to sites which require payment.

Tracing London Convicts in Britain & Australia, 1780-1925

www.digitalpanopticon.org/

This website allows you to search records from around fifty datasets, relating to the lives of 90,000 convicts from the Old Bailey.

A link to Petitions for Pardons leads to details of the petitions submitted by offenders and/or their families and friends between 1797 and 1854 for the reduction or revocation of their sentences. These petitions can provide details of the offender's life and circumstances at the time of the crime.

Why Citing Sources is Crucial in Genealogy

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9ahKfDYjqlA>

This is a YouTube presentation on the importance of citing sources. The presenter provides advice on why it needs to be done and how to do it correctly.

Norwich Freeman Records Online (NFRO)

<http://nfro.norwichfreemen.org.uk/>

This is a fully searchable database of persons admitted to the freedom of Norwich over the last 700 years. On completion it will amount to some 35,000 entries. Each admission provides the name of the new freeman, his trade or occupation, method of entry - be it apprenticeship, patrimony, purchase - the name of the father or master and the date of admission

Ministers of the Free Church of Scotland

<http://ecclegen.com/general-index-general-index/>

The General Index tab allows a search by Minister, by Presbytery or by Congregation. It provides a digital index to the *Fasti Ecclesiae Scoticae*, Volumes 1-8, and other reference works of other Scottish Presbyterian Churches. Each reference is labelled with a date and a place, and all references to the one individual are brought together. The link then takes you to the relevant page of the publication.

This should enhance the usefulness of the *Fasti* and the other similar reference works. There is now no problem in identifying the content of each reference and no difficulty in knowing which "James Smith" you want to look at. All the information about him is accessible with a few clicks.



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

Check the relevant Registrar's Office for details

These 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

\$21.40 Historical Image - via email

\$30.00 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)

Both include postage

www.bdm.nsw.gov.au

Transcription services:

www.joymurrin.com.au

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

Victoria

Registry of Births, Deaths & Marriages
GPO Box 5220, Melbourne, Vic 3001
Phone: 1300 369 367

\$25.10 Uncertified Historical Image - via email

\$32.40 Historical Certificate – postage extra

www.bdm.vic.gov.au

Australian Capital Territory

(Pre 1930, apply to NSW)
Registry of Births, Deaths & Marriages
GPO Box 158, Canberra City, ACT 2601
Phone: (02) 6207 3000

\$55.00 includes postage

Historic Death and Marriage Indexes are now available.

https://www.accesscanberra.act.gov.au/app/answers/detail/a_id/18/kw/bdm



South Australia

Births, Deaths & Marriages
Consumer & Business Services
GPO Box 1351, Adelaide, SA 5001
Phone: 131 882

\$48.75 - includes postage

<http://www.cbs.sa.gov.au/wcm/births-deaths-marriages/>

Western Australia

Registry of Births, Deaths & Marriages
PO Box 7720, Cloisters Square, Perth, WA 6850
Phone: 1300 305 021

\$20.00 (uncertified copy) – includes postage

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

Tasmania

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

\$48.05 – 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)25.00

(Visa, MasterCard & American Express accepted)

A printout has more information than a certificate

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



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.

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