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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.

The General Meetings of the Redland Genealogical 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, parking available on site. An entry fee of \$2 applies at each meeting. **The Annual General Meeting** is held on **the second Wednesday 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 our Library Room in the Cleveland Library, corner Middle and Bloomfield Streets.

Volunteer Genealogical Research Assistants (GRAs) are on duty to assist Members and the general public -

Tuesdays and Thursdays: 9.30am - 12.30pm Saturdays: 12.30pm - 3.30pm

Financial Associate and Redland Branch Members have access to this Room at 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. Angela Puata is Redland City Council's *Local History Librarian*; her assistant is Gillian McNeill.

A Note from the Editor



Our final newsletter for 2019! Wishing all our readers an enjoyable and safe Christmas and New Year break, and a healthy and prosperous 2020.

Christmas Lunch will be held in conjunction with the General Meeting on Wednesday 11th December. We can look forward to an enjoyable meal, served by the volunteer kitchen staff of the Donald Simpson Centre.

Please note the break that the GRAs' take from Library Room duties over the Christmas/New Year period. Details are given on page 5 in Bob's "*Librarian's Jottings*".

A sad note -

Member Janet Beeby passed away in September after a long illness. Our condolences are extended to her husband and family members. Janet is sister-in-law of fellow members, Dianne and Wayne Skyring.

Member Gwenora Dwyer is no longer able to continue with us due to serious health issues. She has been active in the Writing Interest Group, the Family Tree Maker User Group, and has contributed to the newsletter. I am sure that we will keep Gwen in our thoughts.

Greg Glidden

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Single Membership is \$30.00 per annum. Family Membership is \$45.00 per annum
The *Redland Researcher* is free to all types of membership.

Unless requested otherwise, the Redland Researcher is sent to members by e-mail

Librarian's Jottings



At the AGM I was appointed as the new Librarian, replacing Pat Misson who has served for many years in this role. Thankfully, her dedication and commitment to the development of our library system has enabled the transition to run smoothly. I also acknowledge the contribution of our GRAs in helping me understand the various aspects of being the librarian.

We are fortunate to have such an array of resources on microfiche, CDs, hard copy and internet-based subscriptions. Easy access to the library by members at any time the Cleveland Library is open is a real bonus and cost-saver for members.

Our latest internet subscription is to Irish Roots. This is proving popular and already we have received notice of significant additions to the data base. The most recent being new WWI records for Dun Laoghaire, and over 9,000 records from the 1930 Derry Almanac and Directory.

Our library has a range of CDs available for loan. They can be found on top of the filing cabinets. They cover a variety of topics and data bases.

Members are reminded that there are a variety of magazines and newsletters that we receive and are on Computers 2 & 3 for your access. The magazines include Cambridgeshire Journal, Dugullumba Times, The Manchester Genealogist, Time Traveller, and others. If you are in the library, take time to peruse them on our computers. Alternatively, copy them to a USB Flash Drive.

When using the library and you find records or articles that you would like to copy, there are various ways of doing so. Records can be printed on the Cleveland Library photo copier from their computers in our library. Our computers have a printer attached, however, you can also email records to yourself, take a photo using your mobile phone, or copy to a flash drive.

Delving into our library resources can unearth some strange, humorous and weird events and practices. Here are some examples:

Robert Day *"was born at Eversden 1729, Married at Orwell 1750, Baptised Orwell 1766. Put on Clerk 1790 and was sworn in that office 1799 and made this memorandum 1806. The above Robert Day did penance in the Church during devine service by standing on a white sheet for getting his wife's sister with child."* (Cambridgeshire Journal)

The Dog Line in Tasmania: *"The Tasman Peninsula is joined to the main part of Tasmania with a very narrow isthmus of land only 30 metres wide and 400 metres long, called Eaglehawk Neck. It was a natural spot to place a guard of some sort to prevent the convicts escaping from Port Arthur. A line of 18 savage dogs was chained across this space and over its 45-year history very few prisoners escaped. There is a vivid description of a possible escape in the book 'For the Term of his Natural Life' by Marcus Clarke, published in 1872."* (Dugullumba Times)

Female Convicts *"By the 1820s female convicts in NSW were no longer required to haul big baskets of earth for bridge construction, wear spiked iron collars or be whipped to the beat of a drum. However, a treadmill was installed at the Parramatta factory in 1823 and those women condemned to it complained of 'very horrible pain in the loins'. The women rebelled against some of their conditions and there were several riots. The first occurred in 1827 when the authorities stopped rations of bread and sugar. This resulted in 100 women storming into Parramatta, some running into the bush. The soldiers had to be brought in to round up the 'Amazonian banditti' who declared 'if one suffered, all should suffer'."* (Time Traveller)

The RGS library is awash with gems of history that throw light on our past. It's worth the delving to find the treasures that can give insight into your own family history.

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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 14 December 2019. Regular rostered days will re-commence on Tuesday 7 January 2020. We thank all our GRAs for the service that they have provided throughout the year and wish them and our members a happy and peaceful Christmas.

The Library Room will continue to be open to members in the usual way, whenever the Cleveland Library is open

Latest Acquisitions

Books-

Flood, Horror and Tragedy by Agnes P & F Association

Gloucestershire 300 Years Ago by Alan Pilbeam

Discover Gloucestershire Ancestors by Elizabeth Jack

Tin Town Triumph by Bill Kerr

Births and Baptisms, Marriages and De Facto Relationships – NSW 1788-1800
by Dr Craig James Smee

"Toolbrach" Pictorial History of a Queensland Sheep Station by Joyce Rogers

Queensland Medical Board Minutes 1860-1874 Index to Persons Mentioned
Therein

The History of the Beenleigh and District Historical Society: The First 50 Years
1969-2019

Donated by Raleyne Shepherd

Donated by Beverly Burke

Donated by Beverly Burke

Donated by Bill Kerr

Donated by Dawn Montgomery

Donated by Dawn Montgomery

Bob Aldred

Gifting 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! Or you may be thinking about a gift for a family member or friend who, you happen to know, is interested in family research.

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

I will be only too happy to arrange this for anyone interested. You can speak to me at our General Meeting or contact me via telephone or email (see page 2).

Greg Glidden
Editor

Businesses Advertising in the *Redland Researcher*

As a means of contributing to fund-raising, the Management Committee approved that limited advertising may be accepted for publication.

Due to space constraints, advertisements are restricted to Business Cards being reproduced in the newsletter.

The cost is \$15.00 for placement in one (1) edition or \$25.00 for placement in four (4) consecutive editions.

Prospective advertisers may be interested to know that their businesses will be exposed to a wider coverage than just the Redlands. The *Redland Researcher*, as well as being distributed to society members, is published on our website and exchanged with other societies in Queensland, interstate & overseas.

Perhaps you have a family member or friend with a business?

If you know anyone who may like to place an advertisement, please bring a Business Card along, and see me at one of our General Meetings.

Greg Glidden
Editor

The Queensport Aquarium

by Greta Brown

Have you ever wondered why there is an Aquarium Avenue at Hemmant?

Well it just so happens that the district of Hemmant once boasted the first tourist attraction in Queensland. The steam ships "Natone", "Woolwich" and "Garnett" made daily trips down the Brisbane River. Visitors also came by train, stopping at Hemmant Station, which is just a short walk from Aquarium Avenue, where a large pavilion and Aquarium were located.

This was an ideal venue for a family day out during Brisbane's early days. The huge pavilion was two stories high 150 feet long (45 metres) and 50 feet wide (15 metres). It was constructed to accommodate a menagerie of land animals as well as the aquatic species in the Aquarium. My family used to say "There's nothing new under the sun" - I see now what that means; everything we think of as novel has more than likely been done in some way before.

In the same way that we like to go out to enjoy a lovely meal and the company of others, the Aquarium also catered to the tastes of the pioneers of Brisbane. Inside the pavilion was a restaurant which could cater for up to sixty diners. There was a musical band, and dancing, and at the end a fireworks display. They had similar fireworks to that which we see today - the fountain and the waterfall type as well as rockets and spinners.

On at least one occasion, it was so popular that twelve steamers were required to transport the people from Petrie Bight to the Aquarium Passage; such was the attraction of the Aquarium. The location of the building was very close to the area where the Bulimba Creek loops back on itself before entering the Brisbane River not far from its mouth. This passage of water is known as Aquarium Passage. It was in this location at Queensport that horse drawn vehicles would have been waiting for those who required transport from the wharf to the Aquarium. Many people enjoyed the short walk.

The pavilion was prepared and decorated with intent to fascinate and enthrall the visitors. I can imagine that the decorations would probably have been in the style of a vaudeville theatre with brightly painted panels with scrolled design around the large mirrors - bright red and blue paint and gold trimmings to sparkle and dazzle. I can imagine that the mirrors would give the illusion of much more space and many more people. Seeing one's own reflection, walking toward you as well as away from you, would be somewhat disorientating and so an illusion is created. They may have even had gymnasts doing their gravity defying acts or jugglers and perhaps a lion tamer. It seemed that anything that one would see at a fair would have been there. It obviously worked well at a time when Queensland was experiencing a booming economy

How lovely it would have been on a hot day to take a relaxed trip down the Brisbane River to visit the Aquarium at Queensport.

On some weekends a football match was held there, adding to the attraction for the fans. This would have been a match which coincided with the last match of the sporting calendar - a prestigious event for the finalists of the season. There were also tennis courts and a cricket pitch to add to the versatility of this venue.

The "flying machine" proved very popular for the young men. If they dared, they could experience what flying through the air felt like and I am sure there would be many wanting to have a go. Fireworks lit up the skies at the end of the programme with an array of spectacular colours and displays - the fountain, the Niagara Falls and spinners, and of course the balls of colour, which would shoot up very high and then explode into tiny pieces of colour or brilliant light and cascade down to the ground.

It is clear that the Aquarium played a significant role in our State's tourism and entertainment from 1880's -1893 when the flood waters washed away the pavilion and the Aquarium, the sea creatures were washed into the sea. The animals were relocated and survived the flood waters; they were then sold to a circus. The monkeys lived on at the Brisbane Botanical Gardens and I remember feeding bananas to monkeys through the wire cages when I was about 9 years old. They most likely were the descendants of those monkeys from latter days. One of the larger monkeys was very old and there were juveniles and babies too. The ships were sold off to serve in different waters and so ended a great era of Queensland's history.

[Author's bibliography list is omitted due to lack of space - Ed. RR]

George Randall's Souvenir Umbrella



Have you ever stopped to appreciate the craftsmanship of a good quality umbrella? In Queensland where the weather is usually fine and sunny, most of us these days tend to wear hats to keep the sun off our heads which leaves our beloved umbrellas safely tucked away for those occasional – yet not uncommon – heavy rainfall seasons.

Image of H49762, George Randall's souvenir umbrella, c. 1901

The Queensland Museum recently acquired this old umbrella which was manufactured in c. 1901 by Reid & Todd; a travel and leather goods store located in Glasgow, Scotland. It is an earlier example of what we today regard as a 'modern day' umbrella. Prior to the mid nineteenth century, 'brollies' were traditionally crafted from whalebone and/or wood, and silk was commonly used for the canopy. This resulted in them being a tad on the heavy side and somewhat delicate – probably a bit of a nuisance if you're getting about in heavy rain all the time.

The clever design of the modern-day umbrella frame is owed to Mr Samuel Fox who was an industrialist and steelworker from Sheffield, England. In 1851, he developed "U-shaped" stainless steel ribs which gave form to the famous 'Paragon' frame – that lovely rounded "U" shape we are all familiar with when we think of umbrellas. The design became superior to anything available on the market resulting in a unique, stronger and lighter umbrella. During the turn of the nineteenth century, Samuel Fox became the largest umbrella frame maker in the world.



This particular umbrella in the museum's collection belonged to Mr George Randall who was Immigration Officer for the Queensland government from 1881 until 1902. Mr Randall frequently travelled abroad on long stints to Britain on recruiting campaigns with a view to attracting new settlers to the colony. He became very well known for his lectures which promoted Queensland. In 1901, towards the end of his career, he took up the position of Court Manager for the Queensland section of the Glasgow International Exhibition. The umbrella was either purchased or given to Mr Randall as a souvenir while he was in Glasgow for this momentous event.

Image of H49762, George Randall's souvenir umbrella – open, c. 1901



The umbrella is made of a wood stick, a rounded ivory handle and dons the famous 'Paragon' steel frame. It has a brass collar fixed to the stick with 'Reid & Todd Glasgow' engraved onto it. The ivory handle contains George Randall's initials inscribed in black indicating the personal aspect of the object.

Detail view of H49762, souvenir umbrella, c. 1901

Image shows George Randall's initials inscribed into the ivory handle

This umbrella is a great addition to the social history collection here at Queensland Museum. It allows us to explore the individual story of George Randall and to understand his contributions both personal and professional to building a colony of people who would come to work, live and love Queensland as he so did. George Randall was an avid lover of literature and took to poetry as a way of appealing to his fellow countrymen. In a pamphlet that he published titled *The Emigrant: his Thoughts, Feelings and Aspirations*, he writes in the very first verse:

*I am going, I am going to a land beyond the sea,
And I ask my fellow-countrymen, "Will any follow me?"
I am going – not in search of gold, or buoyed by hopes of wealth,
But where maybe hard toil there'll be, though toil that belongs to good health.
No fairy-dreams of fortune won to give luxurious ease,
No castles in the air are mine, I harbour none of these;
But what I long for is a home – my own, my own, and free –
And I feel that I shall gain it in the land beyond the sea.*

This poem which goes on for another seven pages demonstrates Randall's enthusiasm and passion for newcomers to consider Queensland as their new home. The pamphlet is one of a small group of items held in the museum's collection relating to George Randall. The other items include a business card for George Randall's son, Richard Randall who was a painter, a black and white printed photographic portrait of George Randall taken by the world famous Lafayette

Ltd. photographic studio, a copy of the 'Scottish Trader' Vol. V., No.34, September 21, 1901, Glasgow which was a registered Glasgow newspaper with a focus on grocery and allied trades, containing mostly advertisements for various foods as well as a feature article on page 11 about Queensland and its food products and a highlight on George Randall and his role as Manager of the Queensland Court at the Glasgow International Exhibition, 1901. Alongside these items are three small printed souvenir pictures showing exterior scenes of the Glasgow International Exhibition buildings and an official invitation to George Randall to attend the Reception of the same event.

*This article is from the Queensland Museum blog, <https://blog.qm.qld.gov.au/2019/04/11/under-my-souvenir-umbrella/>, by **Carmen Burton**, Assistant Curator Queensland Stories, and is reprinted with her kind permission*

Visiting

by Margaret Clark



Stock Exchange, Charters Towers

When I was about eleven years of age, my mum and dad took us all to Charters Towers to visit a good friend of hers. Dad was a milkman and had a big International truck with a hard canopy on the back of it. There were nine of us children. Dad threw mattresses on the floor of the canopy and blankets and all of us kids, except the two small ones, travelled in the back. Dad had an intercom set up, so we could talk to him and he to us.

It was a long journey in those days - seemed to take forever to get there from our home town of Tully. We stopped for drinks and something to eat along the way, and what we would now call "pit stops".

As we entered Charters Towers, we had to drive through lots and lots of goats. It was known as goat city in those days. We eventually came to our destination of mum's friend's house. She wasn't home, so we went into the city to where she worked. Sadie was her nickname. Her last name was Saunderson and I never learnt what her Christian name was. She owned a pie shop in the City, next to the picture theatre. We all thought it was the best location as you could eat all you want and watch the movies afterwards.

Sadie let us help her roll out the dough for the pastry for the pies. She had long wooden tables and lots of rolling pins, and we soon had flour everywhere. She enjoyed watching us make a mess and try so hard to roll the pastry. Of course, she had to help us, and we had to tidy up everything and sweep the floor because we had flour all over us as well as the floor.

Once we had cleaned up and had our fill of the most delicious pies ever, mum and dad took us up town to see the shops. Dad said to us "I'll fix you kids. I don't want any of you getting lost!" His solution was to tie us together with some rope which he just so happened to have in the truck. My younger two siblings were placed in the big rounded cane pram for mum to push and the rest of us, starting from my oldest sibling, all of fifteen years of age, were tied together. I remember my oldest brother and sister were so embarrassed. I guess they thought if it was the only way they could get to the shops - they had no choice but to do what dad asked.

Off we went. We headed towards Penneys, a variety store in the town, which had a lot of interesting things in it. I know mum let us buy some minor item each. I can't remember what I bought. I think it may have been a ruler. All the people in the street laughed at us when we passed by and we thought it was funny too, being all connected to one another. I can always remember my older brother rolling his eyes in embarrassment. My brother told us there were gold mines under the city, just below the surface, and if we jumped up and down on the pavement, we could break it and fall into the tunnels below. That kept us quiet for a while as we had visions of it happening.

That evening we all went back to Sadie's house and, you guessed it, we had meat pies for dinner. Dad dragged the mattresses out of the back of the truck, and we all slept there on Sadie's verandah. It was nice and cool as she had lots of louvres to let the breeze in.

The next morning, we were off home early and mum said goodbye to Sadie as she had to go and open the shop. My mum never saw Sadie again. We received a Christmas card from her every year. Even at my age I knew Sadie was a good friend to mum.

[Editor's note - In 1935 there were twenty-five Penneys stores throughout Queensland and northern New South Wales. The chain was sold to Coles in 1956.]



Some Memories of WW2 in Brisbane

by Audrey Warner

I have just been reading the book *Moreton Bay, Queensland, in World War II* written by Ron Donald. Each page is crammed full of the memories of many of the men, and a few women, who were stationed on Bribie, Moreton and Stradbroke Islands and other places like Caloundra. I was not quite 9 years old when the war finished, but still this book brought back some memories of what it was like to live in Brisbane during World War II. I also learnt things from the book that I was not aware had happened.

I can only remember having air raid drills when searchlights lit up the skies and we had to head to the shelter which had been dug in our back yard; but I read in this book that Japanese planes had indeed flown over Brisbane, so those **drills** must have been the real thing. Did everyone have a shelter dug in the back yard? Are the remains of any of them still around? There were only three of us at our place – Dad, Mum and I – so there was enough room for us with beds made of timber, probably by my Dad, and provisions stored in case we were there for long. During raids, Dad was usually out on patrol anyway wearing his steel Air Raid Warden's hat and a whistle around his neck making sure that everyone had their blackout curtains drawn with not a chink of light showing. As well as the planes, this book also tells of the Japanese submarines that prowled along the coast. I knew of the two that entered Sydney Harbour and the one that sank the hospital ship Centaur but did not realise that there were many others tracked in the waters along the Queensland coast, some quite close to our shores.



I can remember being very proud of my half-brother, 20 years older than I, when he came home on leave in his army uniform. He wasn't allowed to go overseas as he had one leg shorter than the other as the result of polio when he was a child, but he was sent to North Queensland. There he served as pay-master and, on one occasion in Townsville, seemed quite close enough to the war zone when the building next to where he worked was bombed. While there he met his future wife, who was a nursing sister, caring for the many wounded soldiers returning to Australia from different conflict areas. Mum's brother, however, was not as lucky. He **did** go to war, but he didn't return. He was one of those taken prisoner of war and is buried in Thanbuysat. He was survived by his wife and three young children. Following his death, our family was separated from those three children and did not meet them again for 60 years; but that's another story.

Meanwhile, in Moorooka in Brisbane, we felt the effects of the war too when the American Army took over the bakery where my Dad worked.

That was bad enough, but they also commandeered the house next door – our home - where we lived, as Dad was the caretaker of the bakery. We were told that our house was used as their recreation area! We had to find our own accommodation elsewhere and Dad was transferred to another bakery. He did become friends with some of the 'Yanks' though. One, in particular, was named 'Happy', whom we treated as one of the family. The Americans also took over the Moorooka State School, and we children had to go to other schools. I went to Junction Park as we had moved to live at Annerley. I'm sure that everyone from my era can remember the slit trenches in the school yards and being made to have a rubber on a string around our necks to bite on in case of a raid? There weren't many young teachers either, as so many of eligible age were away, fighting for our country.



These have just been some of the fleeting memories of the war years in my youth. Hopefully, they may have jogged your memory and you can write a line or two for the Redland Researcher.

Articles with the RGS Logo



The following articles are on sale at our General Meetings, during tea/coffee break:

- Ballpoint Pens in Blue & Silver or in Burgundy & Gold \$10.00 each
- Refrigerator Bulldog Magnetic Clips \$5.00 each

Member's Interests

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

Member's Name: **Greta BROWN**

Membership No: **181**

Surname	Year/ Range of Years	Town/City	COUNTY/STATE	COUNTRY
Mcviety	1864	Gundagai	NSW	AUS
Mcviety	1890	Wynnum	QLD	AUS
Mcviety	1868	Tumut	NSW	AUS
Mcviety	1865	Gundagai	NSW	AUS
Mcviety	1867	Southport	QLD	AUS
Mcwhore	1900	Cannon Hill	QLD	AUS
Mercer	1930	Wynnum	QLD	AUS
Myers	1900	Wynnum	QLD	AUS
Milgate	1880	Sydney	NSW	AUS
Mills	1920	Wynnum	QLD	AUS
Moorecroft	1920		NSW	AUS
Morgan		Goondiwindi	QLD	AUS
Nugent	1864	Clare		IRL
Obst	1920	Wynnum	QLD	AUS
O'flarty	1920	Wynnum	QLD	AUS
Oliver	1900	Wynnum	QLD	AUS
O'malley	1820		LAN	ENG
O'mara		Wynnum	QLD	AUS
Outhwaite		Wynnum	QLD	AUS
Patterson		Wynnum	QLD	AUS
Pavey	1870	Hemmant	QLD	AUS
Pavy	1890's	Hemmant	QLD	AUS
Pearson	1950	Beenleigh	QLD	AUS
Pegg	1960	Bundaberg	QLD	AUS
Poulton	1920	Wynnum	QLD	AUS
Prinz	1940	Wynnum	QLD	AUS
Quinlan	1920	Wynnum	QLD	AUS
Quinn	1920	Wynnum	QLD	AUS
Rabjohns	1900	Wynnum	QLD	AUS
Renton	1840	Hobart	TAS	AUS
Richards	1864	Balonne	QLD	AUS
Richards	1853	Windsor	BRK	ENG
Richards	1841	Windsor	BRK	ENG
Richards	1890	Mungindi	QLD	AUS
Robinson	1890	Wynnum	QLD	AUS
Rowe	1900	Brisbane	QLD	AUS
Saunders	1930	Sydney	NSW	AUS
Scull	1960			NEW ZEALAND
Sellin	1920	Wynnum	QLD	AUS
Shaw	1880	Samford	QLD	AUS
Sheppard	1860	Bulimba	QLD	AUS
Shephard	1901	Goondiwindi	QLD	AUS
Simpson	1900	Thursday Island	QLD	AUS
Smith	1900	Northcote, Melbourne	VICT	AUS
Suckling	1980	Toowoomba	QLD	AUS
Tacey		Wynnum	QLD	AUS
Taylor				NEW ZEALAND

Member's Name: **Norma BISHOP**Membership No: **165**

Surname	Year/ Range of Years	Town/City	County/State	Country
Fleetwood	1800s	St Helens	LAN	ENG
Hellyar	1800s	Red Ruth	CON	ENG
Singleton	1800s>	Nottingham	NTT	ENG
Skinner	1800s	Cape Town	Cape	STH AFRICA

How to Re-letter an Old Headstone

Kevin J. Hughes



My Paternal Grandparents' headstone had been in the ground for 55 years exposed to weathering by sun, rain, heat, cold and ground maintenance.

It was a dark speckled granite stone with hardly legible lettering after that length of time, so I decided to rejuvenate it by repainting the 100+ white letters the easy way.

Equipment required

- One strong back if you remove the Headstone to do it at home
- One Pressure washer
- One-inch diameter firm sponge paint roller
- One paint roller tray
- One small bottle of Molasses
- One blade scraper
- One large sponge
- One spray tin of white auto enamel
- Water to wash the Headstone before and after painting.

The procedure that I used is as follows: -

I was able to remove the Headstone and deliver it home although you could do this method on site if required.

Once home I pressure washed it to remove any remaining lettering and any adhered dirt. It was then thoroughly dried and left in the sun to warm up.

The next step is to very lightly apply a thin coat of molasses via the firm sponge roller to the flat section of the Headstone, being very careful not to allow any molasses to run down the sides of the lettering.

Shake the Auto enamel spray can for 5 minutes to mix the paint.

Lightly spray the lettering on the Headstone two or three times until a good coating is obtained.

Allow the paint to dry so that nothing will adhere to it when you clean the flat surface of the Headstone.



Take the blade scraper and carefully scrape away all the paint and molasses off the flat surface of the stone.

Wash the stone lightly with water using the large sponge until all the molasses is removed.

Allow the Headstone to dry in the sun.

Replace the Headstone to the position from which it was removed.

Bridget McQuillan 1885 – 1946

by Margaret A. Clark



Bridget McQuillan was born 27 February 1885, the fourth child and first daughter of James McQuillan and Catherine (Kate) Zoeller.

Bridget grew up on the McQuillan family farm at Perseverance, about 30 km. north of Toowoomba. We know little of her early life except that on 2 October 1889 she enrolled at Perseverance School, joining her older brothers, Rodger, James and William. They were followed in ensuing years by Catherine, Charles, Daniel and Patrick, and eventually Francis. Her age is given as five, but she would have been only about 4 years and 6 months.

Perseverance School was opened on 10 November 1880, at the instigation of the committee for promoting the establishment of a Provisional School at Perseverance Creek. Two members of that committee were Bridget's father, James, and her uncle John McQuillan. It was a one roomed school measuring 22 feet by 14 feet (approx. 7m. by 4.5m.). While it was a school room by day, at night it served as a centre for community entertainment.

Dances were held from time to time, one being held to raise money to build a verandah on the front and side of the room. A raffle with the prize of a cow and a calf was held on that night. It is not recorded who won this valuable prize. The verandah was duly built, and a small storeroom was added later. As well as storing spare supplies and sporting equipment, this room served as sleeping quarters for some of the male teachers and at least one of the female teachers.

The nine McQuillan children lost their mother on 10 March 1896. They were aged from almost fifteen to two years. Bridget was eleven. As the only girls, she and Catherine would have been required to take over the role of looking after the family. It is possible that they might have been relieved of the burden of looking after two-year-old Francis. He was brought up by his uncle and aunt, John and Annie McQuillan, but we don't know whether they took over his care after Kate's death, or when James died; it was only a little over five years later and the eight surviving siblings were left as orphans aged by then from twenty down to eight. The ninth child, their brother, Patrick, had drowned in 1897, only a few months after his mother died.

James's estate took some years to finalize, and in 1906 Bridget and each of her siblings received a bequest of 238 pounds 10 shillings from the will of their father. By this time, she had married and had two children.

Bridget, an unmarried mother aged 19, had her first child on 29 May 1904. The baby was born at the Lady Bowen Lying-in Hospital in Brisbane, a women's hospital that specialized in obstetric care. We don't know how long she spent in Brisbane before or after the birth, or who paid for the expenses she must have incurred. She married William (Bill) Ryan, on 9 November 1904 at St Stephen's Roman Catholic Chapel, once again in Brisbane. The family story has it that Bridget's brothers locked Bill, who protested that he was not the child's father, in a barn and refused to release him until he promised to marry Bridget. How they ensured that he kept his promise, we don't know. We do know that when the child's birth was finally registered in 1925 Bill is given as the person registering the birth, and he is named as the father.

Bill was nominally the only child of Patrick and Annie Ryan. However, his parentage is unclear. Annie, his mother, was born Annie Connell in Portland, Victoria in 1853, one of twelve children of Richard Connell and Margaret Moran, both probably born in Ireland. At the age of twenty, Anne gave birth to a daughter, father unknown, named Mary. Over the next six years she gave birth to another two girls, Eva Mary, and Mary Ann, fathers unknown. The girls took the name of Connell and apparently were brought up by Anne's parents. Sometime after 1879 she left her daughters and Victoria and moved to Mt. Gambier in South Australia, where she married Patrick Ryan on 9 April 1882. No birth record has been found for William Ryan, but his death certificate indicates that his date and place of birth was 1881, Mt Gambier, as does the birth certificate of his and Bridget's eldest daughter, Ellen. It is possible that he was Patrick's son, but family legend says that this is not so, but does not name the father. Annie died on 31 August 1921. After her death Patrick moved back to Mt. Gambier where it is believed he died in the 1940s.

Whatever the circumstances, Annie, Patrick and William arrived in Perseverance around 1889. William enrolled at Perseverance School (a few days before Bridget enrolled) on 25 September 1889, aged eight years and nine months which would put his birth at about December 1880 or January 1881. He stayed at the school for only about 18 months. We have little knowledge of what he did after leaving school; however, we know he later worked in the timber industry, which, after farming, was the main source of income for the area. He worked in the sawmills and at one time had a horse team with which he transported logs from the forest to the mills.

At one time he was working on the narrow-gauge railway that hauled timber from Munro's sawmill at Perseverance to Hampton. In the Toowoomba Chronicle of 6 June 1924, an item remarks on the return home from the Toowoomba General Hospital of Mr W. Ryan who had badly crushed his hand while coupling a carriage to the engine.

Bridget's brother Rodger was my grandfather.

Guest Speakers

September

Our guest speaker was Christina Ealing-Godbold, Senior Librarian, State Library Queensland. She presented on two topics, "History in the Floorboards: Undertaking a House History" and the "Corley Explorer".

Building styles were illustrated and related to the period in which such designs proliferated – "when was the house built!". We were advised on tools available for researching the history of a house and methods for documenting the research.

Who knew that it was quite common, in the early years of Brisbane, for houses to be disassembled, moved to another location and re-assembled – or the reason that houses were given a name, during that period, was for identifying addresses, prior to house numbering?

The Corley Explorer consists of a collection of 61,000 images of houses held by SLQ. Frank & Eunice Corley drove the streets of South East Queensland, mainly Brisbane area, in their pink Cadillac, during the 1960s/70s, photographing houses. It is an interactive site and can be accessed at <https://explorer.corley.slq.qld.gov.au/>. You never know – you just might find your old house or the local corner store.



October

Russell Twomey, Maritime History Lecturer's subject was "They Came by Sea: Immigration to Australia". His was a very informative talk on the travails of early migration by early sailing ship through to the comforts of the "modern" steamships in the middle 20th century.

We learned of early migration routes from Europe and the UK to Australia, and the reasons contributing to the waves of migration.

Russell's slides graphically illustrated shipboard life and amenities over a century and a half and included a moving photo of burial at sea. So many died aboard ship in the early years. Steerage accommodation had beds little better than over-sized pigeon holes; privacy was non-existent.



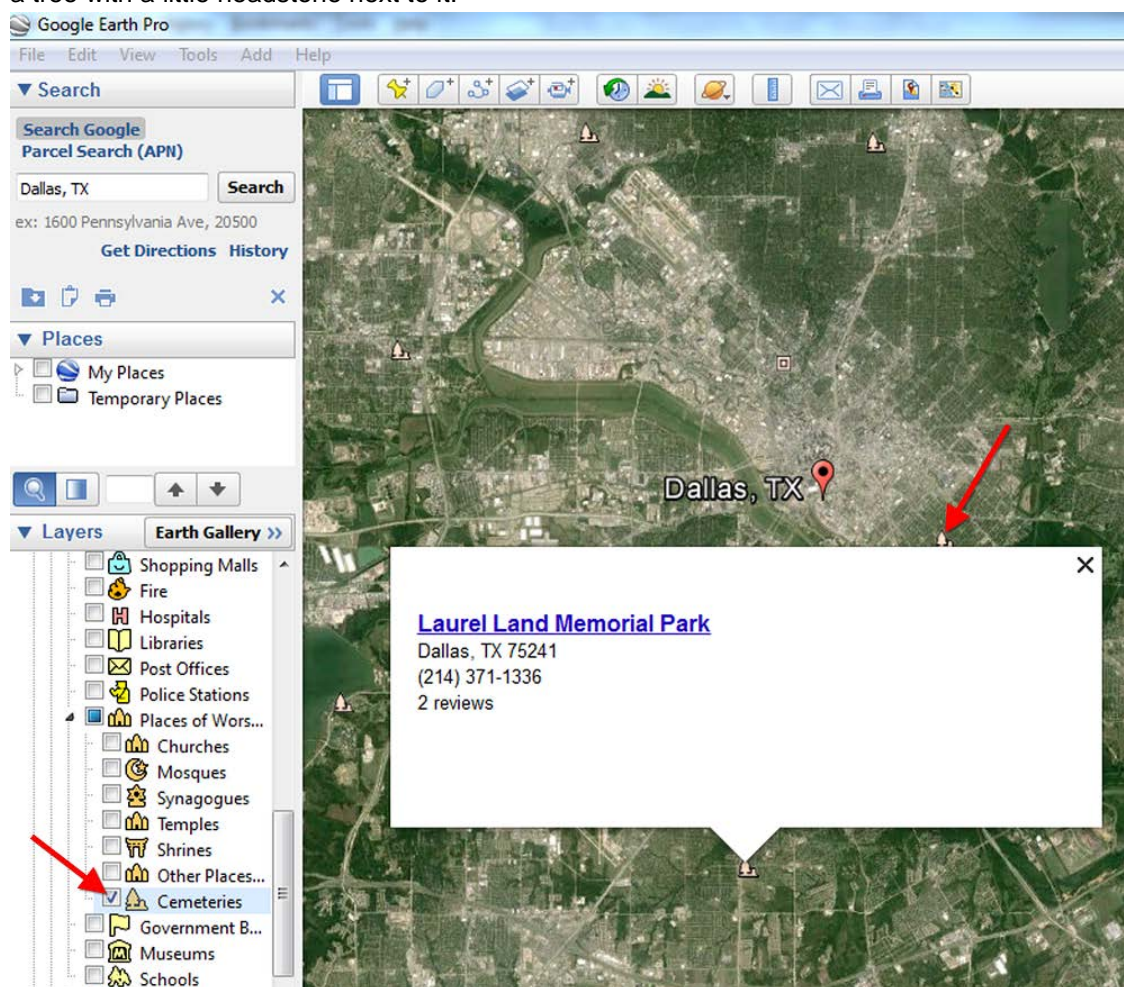
How to Find Cemeteries in Google Earth

Do you ever wish there was a master map of all the cemeteries in the world? Well, there is something like that. Let's talk about how to find cemeteries in Google Earth!

If you use Google Earth, you know it's more than just one single awesome dimensional map of the world. There are lots of Layers. Literally. And one of those shows cemeteries in Google Earth. Google Earth Layers are collections of points of geographic interest that have been curated by Google Earth or its content partners. When you click on a Layer, it brings up all those points of interest on your current view of Google Earth.

You'll find the Layers panel on the bottom left side of your screen. To display all points of interest within a Layer, click the box next to the Layer title. To open a Layer category, click the plus sign next to the label to open the Layer folder, and the minus sign to close it.

There are lots of genealogically-interesting Layers, including Cemeteries. You will find Cemeteries in the *More > Place Categories > Places of Worship* layer. Make sure the box next to Cemeteries is checked. You'll see the little icon showing a tree with a little headstone next to it.



Next, search for a location in the Search box to "fly" to a neighbourhood in Google Earth where you'd like to find nearby cemeteries. Look for those Cemetery icons. You may need to zoom in or out for them to appear. While not every cemetery is shown, it's an excellent start!

Click on a cemetery icon. This will open a dialog box containing relevant information about the cemetery, often including the address and telephone number. If the cemetery title is hyperlinked, click it for even more useful information.

I hope you enjoyed learning how to find cemeteries in Google Earth. You can learn more about using Google Earth for genealogy in my book, *The Genealogist's Google Toolbox, Second Edition*, fully-revised and brand new for 2015. It's got five chapters devoted to how to use Google Earth for genealogy that are filled with more tips like this one.

From Lisa Louise Cooke's Genealogy Gems <https://lisalouisecooke.com/2015/03/26/how-to-find-cemeteries-in-google-earth/>
This article was found in the journal of the Family History Association of North Queensland [Ed. RR]

Common Surnames

Take Heart

by Irene Salvatierra

I spotted these comments in *The surnames handbook* from prolific Editor and Genealogist Debbie Kennett in her guide to family name research in the 21st Century -

"The Chinese are generally regarded as having been the first culture to adopt surnames". However, as the World's most populous country "it is notable for its very limited stock of surnames".

From a study published in 2006 from the Chinese Academy of Sciences, it was found that 87% of the 300 million surveyed shared just 129 surnames with a total of 4,100 surnames identified in the survey. "A most comprehensive study in 2012 of 1.28 billion people found they shared just 7,327 surnames." Also, regulations require that orphanage officials choose from the list of the 100 most common Chinese family names.

Hopefully, your research is somewhat easier.



Wandering Through the Web

Archdeaconry of Berkshire wills 1480 to 1857

<http://www.berkshirerecordoffice.org.uk/wills-index>

You can search this index of over 38,000 entries to see what Archdeaconry of Berkshire wills, administrations and inventories we have for the period 1480 to 1857.

The index is listed by surname, but also provides details of place name and occupation as well the document reference of the record and what microfilm/fiche (MF) copies are held.

West Cork Graveyards

<https://skibbheritage.com/graveyards/>

West Cork has numerous old burial grounds, many dating from the middle ages.

The graveyards included in this survey are: Caheragh, Drimoleague, Drinagh, Creagh, Kilcoe, Aughadown as well as Abbeymahon and Chapel Lane Graveyards in Skibbereen.



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:

Open - Wednesday to Friday 9am to 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 a 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 more information

These prices are based on Historical Certificates, where available

Queensland

Registry of Births, Deaths & Marriages (Qld)
110 George Street, Brisbane. 4000
PO Box 15188, City East, Qld 4002
Phone: 1300 366 430
Hours: Monday-Friday 8.30am – 4.30pm
\$22.50 Historical Image – PDF on-line
\$22.50 Historical Source Image – PDF on-line
\$31.70 Historical Certificate – includes postage
<https://www.familyhistory.bdm.qld.gov.au/>

New South Wales

NSW Registry of Births, Deaths & Marriages
GPO Box 30, Sydney, NSW 2001
Phone: 13 77 88
\$35.00 (with Registration number)
\$48.00 (w/out number, includes 10-year search)
Both include postage; Credit card charges extra
www.bdm.nsw.gov.au

Transcription services:

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

Victoria

Registry of Births, Deaths & Marriages
GPO Box 5220, Melbourne, Vic 3001
Phone: 1300 369 367
\$24.50 Uncertified Historical Image - via email
\$33.80 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
\$65.00 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
\$54.50 - includes postage
<https://www.sa.gov.au/topics/family-and-community/births-deaths-and-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
<https://bdm.justice.wa.gov.au/>

Tasmania

Registry of Births, Deaths & Marriages
GPO Box 198, Hobart, Tasmania
7001
Phone: 1300 135 513
\$55.42 – 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
\$47.00 – postage extra
(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
Printout **\$(NZ)25.00**
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A printout has more information than a certificate
www.bdmhistoricalrecords.dia.govt.nz/Home/

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If registering online for seminars, the card is not needed. Our QFHS Membership number, obtainable from RGS Secretary, must be stated.

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