

Redland Researcher



The newsletter of
Redland Genealogical Society Inc.
a branch of Genealogical Society of Queensland Inc.

Issue No. 134

February 2020

Redland Genealogical Society

a branch of the Genealogical Society of Queensland Inc.

PO Box 605

Cleveland Qld 4163

Email: redlandgs@gmail.com

Website: www.rgs.net.au

2019/2020 Management Committee

Patron: Les McFadzen

President	Helen Veivers
Vice President	Kevin Hughes
Secretary	Dianne Smith
Treasurer	Position vacant
Assistant Treasurer	Yvonne Weston
Membership Officer	Annette Hall
Archivist	Janelle Everest
Displays Co-ordinator	Elaine Speck
Newsletter Editor	Greg Glidden
Librarian	Bob Aldred
Committee Member 1	Lyn Smyth
Committee Member 2	Pat Misson

Life Members 2010

Denise Brady (Foundation Member), Marel Donaldson (Foundation Member)

Kaye Barber, Pamela Gilbert, Elaine Speck, Glenda Webb

Life Member 2011 Les Callaghan, **Life Member 2013** Les McFadzen

Life Member 2016 Jeanne Dixon, **Life Member 2019** Pat Misson

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

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

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.

GRAs: Bob Aldred (Librarian), Kaye Barber, Greta Brown, Margaret Clark, Jeanne Dixon, Annette Hall, Karen Hawkes, Margaret Johnson, Brenda Jones, Bev McFadyen, Les McFadzen, Pat Maclean, Cath Maris, Pat Misson, Jan O'Brien, Irene Salvatierra, Dianne Smith, Helen Veivers, Audrey Warner, Charlotte Wruck.

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

Local History Collection: The Redland City Council's local history and heritage collections are housed in the Cleveland Library. Angela Puata is Redland City Council's *Local History Librarian*; her assistant is Gillian McNeill.



A Note from the Editor

We finished 2019 with a most enjoyable Christmas luncheon, well-catered for by the kitchen staff of the Donald Simpson Centre and were entertained with an impromptu choir giving a rendition of "The Twelve Days of Christmas", wording suitably altered to reflect a genealogical theme, by our talented Membership Officer, Annette. We drew the Christmas raffle and shared our "Secret Santa" gifts.

At left is our Secretary, Dianne Smith, with a big grin because she won the "coveted" home-made fruit cake, donated for some years past, by Bev McFadyen. On right is Bev with her prize! Is this what she uses in her cake or is it rum?



A sad note -

Janelle Everest's husband, Robert, and Elaine Rogers' husband, Allan, passed away in January.

Elaine has been a hard-working, supportive member for many years. Allan himself helped the original RGS Cemetery Group with their information-gathering. As well as being our Archivist, Janelle also is working on the challenging project for digitising the indexing of the Redland Pioneer Register.

Deep condolences are extended to Elaine and Janelle and to their families.

Greg Glidden

Contents

2019/2020 Management Committee; Membership/Meeting Details; Library Room; GRAs/Hours of Duty	2
A Note from the Editor; Contents; Membership Fees	3
Librarian's Jottings	4
"Their Names Live On" by Audrey Warner	5
Queensland's Heritage Trail of Forgotten War Veterans	7
Assistance with Australian POW Records in Japanese	8
"Tom, Dick and Harry" by Dawn Montgomery	8
"Chinese Surnames" by Les McFadzen; Guest Speaker	9
"The Truth Behind the Myth" by Dawn Montgomery	10
Member's Interests	12
Snippets	13
Registry of Births, Deaths & Marriages (Qld) - Family History Bulletin Summer 2019	14
A Special Visit by Margaret Clark	14
Wandering Through the Web; National Archives Information; Qld State Archives Information	15
Where to get Your Certificates; QFHS Information; GSQ Information	16

The opinions expressed in this Redland Researcher are not necessarily those of the Researcher Committee, nor of the Redland Genealogical Society. The responsibility rests with the authors of submitted articles; we do not intentionally print inaccurate information. The editor reserves the right to edit, abridge or reject material.

Copyright

Articles published in the *Redland Researcher* are copyright to the Society and the authors. While articles may be copied for personal use, they may not be reproduced without the written permission of the Society and the Author.

Associate Membership Fees

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



As we move into 2020, may we resolve to tackle those family tree challenges that have suffered from our procrastinations.

Why not, when we have the extensive resources available to us in our Society's library. There is also the cost benefit of having free access to expensive data bases, including Irish Roots, Find My Past, Ancestry.com, as well as our array of books, CDs and microfiche.

Over the holiday season we have culled fifty-four hard copy resources and added two new acquisitions. We appreciate the generous donations of eighteen resources received in 2019.

Those who participated in the cull, that required assessing the value to our library book by book, were amazed at the "gems" they discovered of which they were unaware.

Examples are the books on First Nation's history including *Looking for Your Mob: A Guide to Tracing Aboriginal Family Trees*; and *Quandamooka People. Tales of Moreton Bay*. Add to these the information we hold on passports, mining and business leases, cattle brands, etc. Our microfiche, maps and CDs often contain information not yet available on the internet.

As a member, it is worth setting aside time to spend in our library. You, as a member, can have access to our library any time the Cleveland library is open. Simply present your Redland library card and your Redland Genealogical Society member card to obtain the key to our library room. In the last quarter to 31st December 2019, 207 people attended our Library of which 184 were our members.

Other gems can also be found in the wide range of magazines and newsletters in our library. These include *Family Tree*, *Roots Ireland*, *Who Do Think You Are*, and newsletters from other societies in Australia. Who knows what relevant information you may discover pertaining to your family!

We are living in the computer age, and more and more information is being uploaded onto the internet. The January 2020 edition of *Who Do You Think You Are* features the best websites for 18th Century records, and the *Family History Handbook 2020* will give you more than "500 must-search websites". The *Family History Handbook 2020* is on the magazine rack in our library room for your use.

If DNA is still a mystery for you, there is an excellent *DNA Workshop* article in the January 2020 edition of *Family Tree* on our magazine rack. There is also a workshop on DNA to be conducted by the Queensland Family History Society on Friday 13th March 2020. Details of this and other workshops by QFHS can be found at www.qfhs.org.au.

When you visit our Library, please sign the attendance book as we are obliged to provide statistics to the Redland's library to justify our existence. Don't forget, if you need assistance with your research, our Genealogical Research Assistants (GRAs) are on duty in our Library room in the Cleveland library on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9.30am to 12.30pm, and Saturdays from 12.30 to 3.30pm.

Latest Acquisitions

Books

Gallipoli Diaries. The Anzac's own story day by day
The Pilcher Family 200 Years 1808-2008
Searching Land Records in Victoria - An Introduction
Gossip and Facts about Richmond

May 2020 be your year for fruitful, exciting and rewarding research into your family history.

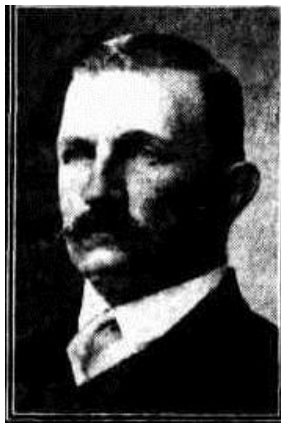
Bob Aldred

Their Names Live On

1.

by Audrey Warner

As we headed for a picnic down at G. J. Walter Park
 Each one of us, as we drove down, could not help but remark
 On the rows and rows of cars that lined the roadway thereabout.
 It was Sunday and their owners headed island-wards no doubt.
 It really made me wonder what the folks of old would say
 Of their village, now a town, beside historic Moreton Bay.



Councillor G. J. Walter

Have you ever thought of those folk who lived here so long ago
 When the white man found this red-soiled land and stayed to have a go?
 Now some of them, their names live on in suburbs, parks and streets
 And those names belonged to people sounding interesting to meet.
 G.J. Walter now for instance, for whom this park is named –
 He must have been quite famous once, but how was that fame gained?

I've found for you some snippets, so we'll maybe get to see
 Just what he did at that time to go down in history.
 His name is found across the years as one who got things done.
 He was born right here in Cleveland and it was here his fame was won.
 He was a member of the Council for many, many years
 Much of that time as Chairman respected by his peers.

There were some who disagreed with his decisions, it appears,
 But he held on to that position for nearly thirty years;
 So it seems he was respected or he would have been stood down
 And it wasn't just the Council where this respect was found.
 He was noted in the district as a "brisk and forceful" man
 Both in private and in public life he'd lend a helping hand.

He loved to go out fishing to catch emperor and squire,
 Cricket, tennis also sailing with his friends around the shire.
 And he wasn't just a member when enrolling in these clubs,
 He was oft elected President and there did a good job.
 His trade was Master Baker and a bakery he ran
 Where his wife and his two daughters were there to lend a hand.

He was often found at openings of fetes, regattas, balls;
 Raised funds to build a hospital and the Memorial Hall.
 I've read a lot about this man and want to research more,
 But one thing in particular I'd like to thank him for –
 A Councillor once mooted that we merge with Brisbane town
 And only G.J.'s casting vote then brought **that** idea down.



The problems that the Council faced back in that bygone year
 Were much the same as Council meets today it would appear.
 The vandalism in the streets was causing much distress;
 The multitude of flying foxes really proved a pest.
 They fought against the closure of the Manly-Cleveland line
 And for raising rates on land of course they often were maligned.

So now in Cleveland town by the shores of Moreton Bay
This park preserves the name of that man until today.
G.J. Walter gave his time to help his fellow man,
His thirty years on Council helped bring progress to this land;
And if his first initials give you thoughts to ponder on
I would like here to inform you that they stood for George and John.

2.

This Cassim man whose name is found in Island and Hotel,
In facts and myth, the tales abound to make **him** known so well.
Johnny Cassim was a small man with dark skin, smallpox scarred.
Though he came here as a convict, when he died had earned
regard.
For he seemed to love his fellow man and helped where e'er he
could.
Community meant lots to him and there he did much good.



Now John was born in India then taken to Mauritius
And that was where he turned to crime by stealing, nothing vicious.
Van Diemen's Land was his next stop, from there to New South Wales;
Was next found up in Ipswich where he garnered heaps of praise
When he bravely strove through mud and flood to search for some assistance
From Brisbane, when in Ipswich Town no food was in existence.

In Brisbane town a boarding house he managed but did come
Down here to manage Cleveland House with guests always welcomed.
Next he, helped by his wife, would build their own hotel
Called Cassims, and the guests who came were treated very well.
It was said that "creature comforts they dispensed in right good style"
In this "charming sleepy hollow" which the town folk did beguile.



John was a Roman Catholic, Muslim in early days.
He supported church and priests alike in many, many ways.
For priests were welcomed at his inn and never had to pay.
It is said that Mass and services were held there most Sundays.
He supported his community and so you still can find
His name upon a lot of lists of many different kinds.

He had three wives throughout his life, for two died while still young
His third, named Annie Rafter, came from Ireland, outlived John.
John lived for three score years and ten, at Dunwich was interred.
He'd lived upon three continents, from convict to revered.
That's just part of the story of this man from far away
Who has an island with his name out there in Moreton Bay.

3.

Toondah Harbour is quite famous even right around the world
For it's marked now as a Ramsar site which has to be preserved.
There are tidal flats and mangroves there and shore birds of all types.
They were part of this land long ago before the modern hype.
So, just in case it disappears, a story I will tell
Of how the harbour got the name that now is known so well.

Now the "Toondah" was a steamer which a Captain Fison owned.
It began life as an oyster launch but soon earned its renown
As it steamed around the south east coast to apprehend those men
Who caught more than their fair share of fish for what was legal then.
Not only fish would they take home, but turtle, even dugong
So Captain Fison was employed to stop them doing wrong.

The "Toondah" also had the job of making sure that shipping
Could travel safely round the Bay without the fear of sinking:
They fixed beacons in Boat Passage to show high tide and low
So boatmen sailing out that way would know the way to go.
I think it quite ironic she herself is now a wreck
Out there by Cassim Island, as an item of neglect.



4.
Please now look around you to see if you can find
A name that points into the past to open up your mind
To people then who owned the names that still exist today,
For there are many stories from the past to lead the way.
Names of farmers, names of soldiers or of councillors and more
I think we should remember names of those who went before.

It was not an easy life they led - especially farming men;
Most things that **we** complain about weren't even thought of then.
But now today where are those farms they worked so hard upon?
Replaced by high rise units – fruit and vegie farms now gone.
So I believe that it is fair that some of them at least
Should have their names remembered in our suburbs, parks and streets.

Researched and composed by Audrey Warner for the Redland Genealogical Society Writing Group, November 2019

Queensland's Heritage Trail of Forgotten War Veterans

submitted by Dawn Montgomery

Few Queenslanders today remember, or even know of, its earliest military war veterans; those valiant Australians who participated with some 500 other Australians in the American Civil War of Southern independence, 1860 – 1865.

Queensland is honored to have some 30 of those valiant men buried within its borders; eleven former Australian Confederate soldiers and eighteen Australian Union soldiers.

Many of these Queensland war veterans were buried without even a headstone to mark their final resting place. Today 80 year old researcher James Gray, with the assistance of Queensland Family History Groups, other researchers and the veterans' descendants, has confirmed the location of their graves, has been able to preserve the stories of each of the Queensland veterans for future generations and has acquired military markers for many unmarked graves.

Mr. Gray's research was compiled into the "*Australian Veterans of the American Civil War Memorial*" website, www.acwv.info, which has been archived by the National Library of Australia and was accepted in 2010 as the original "*Queensland Heritage Trail*" honoring its Australian American Civil War veterans.

To make the public aware of the graves of these formerly forgotten Queensland Australian war veterans, a map has been prepared of the "*Queensland Heritage Trail*" which will lead those interested to each burial site.

In addition, the map identifies each location by the soldier's name and the flag under which he served. They range from Ormeau in the south to Townsville in the north, west to Winton and in the far north to Thursday Island.

All stories are supplemented with official documentation and pictures honoring each veteran. Feel free to download the information and to distribute it to whomever may be interested. Research is to be shared; not hoarded away out of sight or sold for monetary gains.

Assistance with Australian POW Records in Japanese

by Les McFadzen

Members researching relatives or ancestors who had WWII service can access their Service Records on the National Archives website <https://www.naa.gov.au/>. An alternative site is the Australian Government Department of Veterans Affairs web site <http://nominal-rolls.dva.gov.au/>.

If the serviceman was a Prisoner of War (POW), there will most likely be a POW card or documents in Japanese included in the file. These cards or documents can provide important information relating to the member's period of service and, if he did not survive, it may give details relating to his death, where he was buried, or whether he was cremated. When a POW was cremated his ashes would have been held in the nearest temple.

If you have cards or documents in the Japanese language, they can be translated. Scan the items and email a copy to me at lesmcfadzen@outlook.com and I can have them translated into English.

Tom, Dick and Harry

by Dawn Montgomery (© 2014)

Wiki says this phrase is used for "multiple unspecified people" especially when it's "every Tom, Dick and Harry" but with origin unknown. How many do you have in your family? I've only got one, directly, but here are a few words about two Toms, one Dick and one Harry, who have had some influence on our family.

One of my dad's younger brothers was Tom. I met him but once, when he came to my parents' Golden Wedding celebrations in 1979. Until then I didn't even know he existed! Growing up we had very little contact with any of my Dad's family except Auntie Marj who turned out to be Cousin Marj. Tom and his wife Biddy seemed to be a fun-loving couple, but it was only Biddy that I got to know later on, as Uncle Tom died less than a year after I met him. Some years on, I learned that Tom had been a course bookmaker, which astonished me. My Dad had been an SP bookmaker and had never indicated that any of his family was also in any way involved with horse racing. As an aside, I also learned at some stage in my research that one of our Blue family married into the Waterhouse family!

My other Tom, who I knew as Tommy, was the father of my daughter Trish. Tommy was from Norfolk in Norwich, England, a steward on P&O liners. When I finally tracked him down, at her request, we were too late for her to contact him – he had died in a diabetic coma just a few weeks prior. She was devastated, as she had also lost her adoptive father. But she was pleased to gain a half-sister and for a while we all kept in touch.

Dick was our next-door neighbour at Chatswood in Sydney. Though I have never called him Dick, always Richard. He was nearer in age to my older brother, but always friendly to me as he liked coming to our house because our parents were 'more fun' than his – a strict father and compliant mother. I caught up with Richard again a few years ago where he lives now on the south coast of New South Wales. In his eighties, he seemed to have the energy and joie de vivre of a man many years younger. I envied him. We keep in touch on an intermittent basis, and in 2019 he visited Queensland to catch up with old friends, so we had a fleeting visit.

And Harry? Harry Parsons was Chief of Police at Chatswood in Sydney, a gruff man feared by many. Harry slept with his gun under his pillow. He was the Detective in charge of the mysterious Bogle-Chandler case at Fullers Bridge, a location on the Lane Cove River near Chatswood, in 1963. To my knowledge, this case has never been solved, only that they were poisoned. You can Google Bogle-Chandler for the details, and theories about their deaths.

How did Harry Parsons affect our family? Harry and his wife Edie had four daughters, and my brother Robert was enamoured with one of them. When things 'got serious' and Robert announced that he was about to ask Harry for his blessing to marry Valda, there was much consternation in our immediate family. What would we do? Dad was an SP bookmaker (illegal in those days in New South Wales) and Harry was 'POLICE'. Did Harry know about Dad's sideline? What if he came to meet Robert's parents?

We were used to looking out for police cars cruising by and were very practised at quickly putting everything away out of sight. Sometimes a friend would ring and warn us of police activity in the area – in 1940s war years, we had one of the first phones in our street. It hung on the wall in our entrance hall, and we had to stand up to use it.

Well, we never knew, but presume his daughter Valda must have had a word in his ear. After Robert and Valda became 'engaged', if a police patrol/raid was imminent, Harry would ring Dad and say he was coming down for afternoon tea, if that was OK with Dad! Which of course it always was, though I don't recall Harry himself ever turning up.

Chinese Surnames

by Les McFadzen

Further to the article in November 2019 newsletter "Common Surnames - Take Heart" by Irene Salvatierra:

Aside from ascertaining the person's Chinese name and the name of the village in China where he/she came from, the next most important task is to locate a copy of the family or clan genealogy records. You may not likely possess a copy unless the migrant has kept close tabs on the family history through the ages. In most cases you will need to visit the ancestral village to try to locate one. When you do find it, you will need to copy it and bring it home to be translated.

Do not be disappointed if you cannot find one during your China visit because the Cultural Revolution of the 1960s saw the destruction of many such items as they were considered by the radicals as relics of the archaic past that needed to be purged from the then new vision of China.

There are two kinds of genealogy records, one is called a Family Record (Jia Pu 系) and the other is called a Clan Record.

In the early 1800s gold was discovered in California which resulted in the first gold rush. Boat loads of peasants were shipped to California and so began the first migration of Chinese overseas to America. Gold was also discovered in Canada, Australia and New Zealand and these brought waves of more indentured labourers.

Indentured labourers were not only centred on gold mining but also imported to work in sugar cane plantations in the South Pacific. It was rare to see free migrants because of the expense of the long voyage, but there were enterprising souls who did just that and became wealthy in the process.

Large concentrations of people from two coastal provinces in Southern China, *Guangdong* (廣東省) and *Fujian* (福建), tended to congregate in certain parts of the world; for example, in most areas of South East Asia, Hokkien speakers from southern *Fujian* Province (福建省) predominate, while further afield in Australia, New Zealand and the Pacific Islands, the people are generally Cantonese speakers from *Guangdong* Province (廣東省).

A Chinese name can consist of two or three characters. The first character is the family or clan name, known as the surname in English, while the personal name may contain a middle and last character. Notice that the surname location is the reverse order to English practice, e.g. *Mao Zedong* (毛澤東) where *Mao* (毛) was his surname, *Zedong* (澤東) his given name.

There is a common practice, especially in southern China, where surnames are often prefixed by the sound Ah. This is an exclamation and not part of the person's name. An example would be William Ah Foo.

In Australian records you may find the person recorded under 'A' as 'Ah Foo' if the clerk was not familiar with the practice of using the exclamation. In some records you will find the person recorded twice, once under 'A' and again under 'F'. This use of the exclamation can make it impossible to locate the family back in Guangdong Province (廣東省) as they won't recognize the name, Ah Foo.

Another example of the use of an exclamation is found in Malaysia/Singapore where the term Lah is used after a first name. Chin Tzu Lah, or Amy Lah, is quite common, but it is only used in conversation and not used in the recording of a name.

Guest Speaker



Helen Smith of Dragon Genealogy was our November guest speaker. She is a regular speaker at our Society, and a convenor of Genealogical Society of Queensland's DNA Special Interest Group.

Helen presented "Getting the Most from Ancestry DNA Results", sharing her in-depth knowledge of Ancestry's website. She explained the tools available within the site and demonstrated how research, emanating from our DNA matches, can be better organised and understood with the use of these tools.

The Truth Behind the Myth

by Dawn Montgomery

Write about the truth behind the myth in your family, someone suggested. That was going to be difficult. There were no myths in my family – all the family stories were the plain unvarnished truth. That is, until my cousin and I started delving into our family history. Perhaps this essay should be entitled “The Myth Behind the Truth”.

Most of these myths belong on my father's side, with the Montgomerys, though the NSW Registrar General's department has perpetrated a myth with its death certificate for my mother's maternal grandfather, Patrick Finn. According to his death certificate he was born in Grenfell, a New South Wales town which did not exist on his birthdate – whereas in fact he was born in Ireland according to the Grenfell Courthouse record of his death; and the certificate states that he was buried on 10th January, a week before he died on 17th January, 1871! As one of my friends wryly observed, he must have had an uncomfortable last week. But to get back to my father's family.

My Dad, born just before Christmas in 1897, was the eldest boy of eleven children, ten of whom survived to adulthood. He had two older sisters, Hilda and Sergia, and after Dad came Gregory who died at 10 months. Next in line was Theckla, then Pauline, Bill (just plain Bill), Leslie, Suzette, Thomas and Marjorie.

When Dad married Mum, he created furore in his family. A Montgomery NEVER married a Catholic. They were by and large ostracised by the rest of his family. Some of his brothers and sisters I met only once, some not at all, because of this religious prejudice. His sister, Pauline, was reportedly the most vitriolic in her condemnation of him for betraying their faith, which seems to have varied down the years between Presbyterian – when the family first came to Australia – and Church of England. So hostile were the two siblings over this departure from family tradition that, even though I walked past Pauline's house a couple of times a week on my way to the local shops after school, I was never sure which of the row of two sets of semi-detached houses was hers. I was told never to speak to anyone in those houses under pain of threatened terrible retribution. I did not knowingly set eyes on my aunt Pauline in my whole life, and she is now dead. I spoke to her once, on the phone, a year or so before she died, and we exchanged Christmas cards but once.

As I started to research the family history, I discovered that Pauline's husband Percy Brown was a violent drunkard and, would you believe, a Catholic! Perhaps her vicarious hatred of Catholics was caused by him?

Dad's Mother was Emma Selina De Nys, youngest surviving child of Charles Joseph De Nys from France and Suzette Rousseau from Switzerland. They married in New York in 1849, according to various Australian BDM certificates, but never otherwise able to be proved, and migrated to Australia in 1849/1850, first to Victoria. After some years they moved to New South Wales where they spent the rest of their lives. So the story goes.

Imagine my surprise when I eventually found Charles's death, on 1st July 1894 in Sydney Hospital, and this certificate proclaims “42 years in Queensland and Victoria, 3 years in N.S.Wales”. Even more interesting, under Religion it states “Roman Catholic”. Some years later, I found that in 1876 he married one Baptistine Porterin, at the Presbyterian Manse in Maryborough, Queensland, as a 47-year-old Bachelor from Gympie, with the occupation of Cordial Maker. None of this information is on his death certificate.

When I confronted Dad with the news that his mother had probably been brought up as a Catholic, he was most surprised. His comment? “I always wondered why every week the nuns from St Joseph's Orphanage at Lane Cove used to come to our shop and mother would give them a sugar bag full of fruit and vegetables. Whenever I asked her why she did this, she used to say ‘Oh, they need them.’ Must have been conscience money, I suppose.”

The next thing Mum and Dad did to bring opprobrium down upon them was to name my brother, their first and only son, Robert George. Dad was named George William after his father, George William, so his son should also be George William, the family decreed. No-one in the family had ever been named Robert. “It's a disgrace to the family tradition,” my Mum was told.

In 1840, James Montgomery and his wife, Eleanor Roche, aka Ellen Rock came as bounty immigrants to New South Wales on the *Elphinstone*. They brought with them William aged 7 (my great-grandfather), George 5, James 3 and baby Ellen two months.

My cousin, George Montgomery, whose research got me interested in our family history in the first place, had a little notebook passed down to him by our aunt Hilda, Dad's eldest sister. George was one of two sons of Dad's younger sister Suzette, both of whom were born before Suzette married their father. The boys had been brought up by Hilda who was reportedly a 'sour old woman'. In retrospect, this was probably because she had no children of her own but had been obliged to look after her errant sister's children. Who knows? Anyway, this notebook was full of death and funeral notices which Hilda had conveniently kept. Inconveniently, not one of them was dated, nor the newspaper named.

Cousin George could identify most of the persons who were subject of the notices, at least by name and where they came in the family hierarchy. Then we came to a death notice for a Robert Redgrave Montgomery who, the notice said, died 7th August 1938, 'native of Blues Point.'

"Who's this?" I asked.

"Don't know. But see that he came from Blues Point. He must be family or Hilda wouldn't have kept it," said George.

"Interesting, especially with a name like Robert." I told him about the family disapproval when Mum called her son Robert and he laughed, relating the amount of stick he had received from Hilda when he called his first-born Robert, too. We just had to get this death certificate.

Back it came, telling us Robert Redgrave Rock Montgomery was the son of James Montgomery and --- Rock, born at St Leonards, NSW, 90 years prior to his death. We then trawled through the birth notices from 1840 onwards and found that James and Ellen had had Robert born 1846 died 1847, Robert born 1847 died 1848, and Robert Redgrave born 1849. So much for Robert not being a family name! Another myth debunked.

The next truth I demolished was about my favourite aunt, Marjorie, whom I knew as Dad's youngest sister and the only one of his family I knew as a child. I had decided to get birth certificates for Dad's whole family. When I announced this plan, my mother told me, "When you get Marj's birth certificate, you'll find she wasn't your father's sister at all. She was Sergia's daughter." I was astounded. Sergia, Dad's second eldest sister, had died in 1973 and I met her only once.

"What? How do you know? Have you always known? I can't believe it, that neither you nor Dad has let it slip till now! Do Wayne and Bonnie and Marlene [their children] know?" My first cousins had suddenly become my first cousins once removed!

Mum said that Marj had told her and Dad this news just before she died in 1968. We had no idea of whether or not her children knew but presumed she would also have told them. I asked Dad how it was that he hadn't known his older sister had been pregnant and had Marjorie back in 1911.

He told me, "I was only a kid of 13. I knew nothing about these things. Mind you, I did wonder why Sergia wore her overcoat every day in the shop, one winter, but figured it was just because she was extra cold."

Our assumption that Marj's children knew about her parentage was shattered when Wayne's wife, Joy, wrote to me saying that Wayne also was looking into the family history and could I please send them whatever I had about 'Marj's parents, our grandparents'. We couldn't believe that Marj had not at least told Bonnie, the eldest of the three; we knew that if Bonnie knew, so would Wayne and Marlene. How were we to break this news to them? We chewed our collective fingernails for a month, fobbing off Joy's reminders to send her the information please. Then we decided we would tell Wayne, via his wife Joy who was a very level-headed person. So, I rang Joy and told her I was passing the task to her, and "Here is the information. Sorry to pass the buck, but we feel you will know best how to break it to Wayne and his sisters."

To our surprise, Wayne's reaction was "Isn't that interesting!" and his next reaction was to ring our cousin, Doug, one of Sergia's legitimate children, and say "Hello, Uncle Doug." Wayne said that there was dead silence for a few moments, then "How did you find out?" and the phone was slammed in his ear. Doug refused to speak to Wayne or our family for quite a few years after our revelation of his mother's indiscretion. Even though Marj's father was not named on her birth certificate, it was generally accepted by the family that it was Doug's father, the man Sergia eventually married.

In contrast, Wayne's sister, Bonnie, was horrified and in denial at the news. She demanded that I send her everything I had on her family, and she sadly grew away from all of us. Their younger sister, Marlene, apparently took the news equably as we had no such reaction from her. I might add here that everyone was most surprised when Doug turned up at my Dad's 100th birthday party and was quite friendly to us all.

One other myth to which I have not found the answer, is that when Dad's father died, Dad received the payout of his insurance policy, some £300. In 1939, this was a sizeable sum. To her death, Pauline was convinced Dad had misappropriated the money, which she felt should have been shared by them all. As grandfather was living with Sergia at the time of his death, our family has always presumed that Sergia received the money. As they are all dead, now, we shall never know the truth of this particular myth.



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
Thompson	1850	Brisbane	Queensland	Australia
Thomsen	1848		Sligo	Denmark
Thomsen	1850	Fortitude Valley	Queensland	Australia
Thornton	1950	Brisbane	Queensland	Australia
Welsh	1942	Melbourne	Victoria	Australia
Weston	1920	Ormiston	Queensland	Australia
Whalley	1900	Hemmant	Queensland	Australia
Yeo	1890	Wynnum	Queensland	Australia

Member's Name: **Penny STEWART**

Membership No: **207**

Surname	Year/ Range of Years	Town/City	County/State	Country
Agar	1500-1700		Yorkshire	England
Allen	1600-1700	Edinburgh		Scotland
Baker	1500-1700		Essex	England
Clark/Clarke	1600-1700		Nottinghamshire	England
Hardaker	1700-1900		Yorkshire	England
Kohlhoff	1500-1700			Germany
Tremenheere	1700-1900		Cornwall	England

Member's Name: **Di EDELMAN**

Membership No: **6061**

Surname	Year/ Range of Years	Town/City	County/State	Country
Alley	1850>	Swindon	Wiltshire	England
Alley	1750-1850	Trowbridge	Wiltshire	England
Burgess	1750-1850	Tarporley	Cheshire	England
Couch	1700>	Port Isaac	Cornwall	England
Gould	1750-1850	Trowbridge	Wiltshire	England
Harrison	1750-1840	New Malton	Yorkshire	England
Hocker/Hawker	1750-1850	Port Isaac	Cornwall	England
Norley	1750-1900	Bethersden	Kent	England
Phillips	1750-1850	Port Isaac	Cornwall	England
York	1750-1850	Bradford on Avon	Wiltshire	England

Snippets



Discover Queensland's past

Queensland State Archives has published a new site titled "Q-Album," advising -

"It has been designed to make exploring Queensland's historical past easier than ever.

You'll be able to browse historical photos, documents, maps and records to see what Queensland was like and how the State's culture has been shaped over time. Search by place, map, timeline, or theme. You can also compare old photos of locations and buildings with modern day versions using Google Street View.

- Free and easy to use web platform
- More exposure to small historical collections
- Robust and secure platform supported by Queensland State Archives
- Low bandwidth, meaning people in remote areas won't be restricted by poor internet connections
- It's mobile-first. The website works is designed to work across a range of devices
- Creates a stronger online presence for organisations that don't have a website

We are now accepting contributions from cultural organisations to make Q-Album even better and give you a chance to share and promote your collection.

Q-Album provides cultural organisations with an easy-to-use, free online platform which they can use to share their digitised collection items with the rest of Queensland.

We're always looking for more cultural and heritage organisations to add their unique items to Q-Album."

Gibraltar Research

The Gibraltar Census is available on-line at the following website -

<http://www.nationalarchives.gi/gna/Inhabitants.aspx>

Also, FamilySearch has now digitised some of the Gibraltar Roman Catholic Church Registers.

GIBRALTAR INHABITANTS	
1704-1915	
	Records 184,571
1704 (41)	
1705-1720 (196)	
1721 (980)	
1777 (3130)	
1788 (37)	
1791 (2993)	
1777-1791 (6122)	
1814 (1823)	
1815 (6629)	
1817-1820 (2616)	
1817 (889 (666)	
1834 (14,889)	
1834 (15,495)	
1871 (22,722)	
1878 (17,982)	
1881 (18,516)	
1891 (18,087)	
1901 (19,342)	
1911 (14,951)	
1914 (16,535)	
1915 (487)	
1921 4	
1961-2001 ABSTRACTS	
HISTORICAL ACCOUNT	

Central Goldfields of Western Australia

The website <http://www.outbackfamilyhistory.com.au/> has been set up with the aim "to make the local and family history on the rich and diverse Eastern Goldfields of Western Australia available to everyone free of charge."

Following are just some of the subjects on which information can be found -

- Miners' names, nationality ages, occupation, number of children, among other matters
- Historic mining occupation descriptions
- Hospital admission records
- Cemetery records, names, ages, cause of death
- Gold mining towns, including maps of townsites
- War memorials
- Marriages

Their newsletter, "Outback Family History News," covers a wide range of topics. Provision to subscribe is made at bottom right of the website.

DNA Testing in France

Under the "law of bioethics", DNA testing has been banned in France since 1994. A DNA test can be taken legally only by getting medical approval or a court order (eg: a paternity test). Some French genealogists have found ways of getting around the law, with people ordering test kits online from countries where it is legal. No one has been fined to date.

Activists (particularly genealogists) are fighting to lift this ban. Further reading is available on the following website -

<https://www.statnews.com/2019/11/14/france-consumer-genetic-testing-ban/>

Registry of Births, Deaths & Marriages (Qld)

Family History Bulletin Summer 2019

Saying “goodbye” to the beloved and well-worn old family history research service was never going to be easy. For 7 years, it has been of great value to so many in their search to complete their family tree.

On Wednesday 1 January 2020, the old service will be closing—so join the family tree researchers using the updated service, visit www.qld.gov.au/familyhistory

New records

The new year means new records!

We will be releasing the following years:

- 1920 Births
- 1945 Marriages
- 1990 Deaths

These will be available from midday on 1 January 2020.

Source Images

On 6 June 2018 the updated service launch marked the commemoration of Queensland Day by releasing historical source images. These images include scans of original registration forms collected from the marriage or death informant, or a child's parents in the event of a birth.

Some of the registers include pencilled notations written by RBDM staff of the day, which could provide additional information.

Purchased images

Did you know, when you purchase an image or images (if you're lucky enough to find a record with a source image) in the updated service, there are two ways to access them? You can:

1. download the image immediately from the receipt page, at the time of purchase; or
2. go to the “Download previous purchases” and login or create your QGov account. Your records will appear in purchase order or last accessed.

If you need to create a new QGov account, make sure you use the same email address you used for your purchase, so they can be linked to your account.

A Special Visit

by Margaret Clark

I must have been about 12 years of age. Mum and dad took us six children to Townsville for a weekend. Mum wanted to catch up with a 2nd cousin. My Nan came with us. Mum, dad and Nan sat in the front of our International truck and us kids lay on mattresses in the back of the truck, which had a big canopy over it.

We arrived at West End in Townsville and Great Aunt Sally and her sister Fran had lots of sandwiches prepared for us. We sat down at a big table out on the back verandah and as my Nan put it, played ladies.

We were fascinated by Fran who was Sally's sister. She never married and whatever Sally asked her to do, she shuffled off and did it. Mum told us later that Fran was very intelligent and could have been a teacher. She had stayed home to help her mother look after a handicapped sister and eventually came to live with Sally. Fran had no teeth and moved her mouth in a funny way all the time. Sally would yell out, “Fran, boil the kettle. We need a fresh pot of tea.” Off Fran went.

Sally had us kids armed with buckets, to go to her spare block of land next door and pick some rosellas. We did this, and she showed us how to remove the seeds, leaving the fruit. She gave us two jars of rosella jam to take home with us. We used an old bike pump that was broken to push the seed out, leaving just the fruit.

Sally filled us up with lots of cakes and we all agreed we would like to come back again. It was a great visit and I must say we were all very well behaved. Mum was pleased with us. We left for home about 3pm. We had to travel 3 hours to get home to my hometown of Tully.

Business Advertisement

Jessica's work includes family history/genealogy research, including the recording of oral histories, design of photobooks and navigation of archives. She works with organisations/community groups to provide significance assessments of collections or to research and design history displays and publications. She specialises in Public Relations for heritage organisations but is accredited across all areas of heritage and PR (PHAQ, APRIA). She can assist with developing and/or maintaining websites, Facebook, Instagram and Twitter pages. Her work also includes developing flyers and advertising materials, and helping organisations or people working on a project to 'get their message out there'.



Genealogy Gems

<https://louisecooke.com/>

This site has a wide variety of free information, some on podcasts and videos, as well as updates on new records available on genealogical websites.

Black death in Brisbane: The lost plague cemetery

<https://www.brisbanetimes.com.au/national/queensland/black-death-in-brisbane-the-lost-plague-cemetery-20190515-p51nr3.html>

An interesting article, and some sad stories, on cases of "the plague" in Brisbane and a lost cemetery on Gibson Island, Brisbane River.

Wandering Through the Web

Defence Forces of Ireland Military Archives

<http://www.militaryarchives.ie/en/genealogy>

If your relative served in the Defence Forces in Ireland from 1922 onwards or received a medal or pension for service during the Easter Rising or War of Independence, there may be reference to them within the collections. Some of the collections have been digitised. Some other collections, such as soldiers' service records, are available to proven next of kin only and can be requested by emailing the Duty Archivist.

Military Archives does not hold records relating to military service prior to 1922.



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
www.qld.gov.au/familyhistory/

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**
(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**

Email: secretary@qfhs.org.au

Website: www.qfhs.org.au

There are no stairs at this venue. It is accessible by either train or bus. Parking is available in the street.

Members are reminded that RGS is an Associate Member of QFHS.

Membership cards are available from our RGS Secretary for a borrowing fee of \$2. QFHS will charge an Hourly or a Day fee, if you do not take this card with you.

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

Disclaimer

The above information is correct at the time of going to print. Use this only as a guide. Check websites for full details. Prices are subject to change. If you do find incorrect information, I will appreciate your advising me.

[Ed. RR]

Genealogical Society of Queensland Inc.

25 Stackpole St (cnr Mt Gravatt-Capalaba Rd)

WISHART 4122

Phone: **(07) 3349 6072**

Email: info@gsq.org.au

Website: www.gsq.org.au

Opening hours: -

Mondays & Public Holidays..... Closed

Tuesdays to Fridays..... 10am to 3pm

2nd & 4th Wednesdays..... 6pm to 9pm

Saturdays..... 12noon to 4pm

Sundays Interest Group Meetings only.