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

The General Meetings are held on **the second Wednesday of each month**, February to December, **from 12:15pm to 2:30pm**, at the Donald Simpson Centre, Bloomfield Street, Cleveland. An entry fee of \$2 applies at each meeting. Free parking is available on site. **Due to COVID-19 restrictions, Nov & Dec GMs will be at Redland Museum, 60 Smith St, Cleveland.**

The Annual General Meeting is held **at 12:15pm on the second Wednesday in July**, followed by the General Meeting.

Meetings are not held in January.

The Society's Collection, on-line data bases, books, microfiche, CD-ROMs, etc, **contains resources for world-wide research**. These are accessible in the Genealogy Room, Cleveland Library, corner of Middle and Bloomfield Streets.

Note – COVID-19 Restrictions currently are in force

The Key to the Genealogy Room is not available to members at present. GRAs are able to access the key on Thursdays only.

RGS Volunteer Genealogical Research Assistants (GRAs) are in attendance in our Library Room, to assist Members and the General Public, during the following time -

Thursdays only - 9.30am to 12.15pm at present

Note – COVID-19 Restrictions currently are in force

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

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.

Redland Genealogical Society Inc. Membership Fees

Single Membership is \$30.00 per annum - Family Membership is \$45.00 per annum

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A Note from the Editor

With sadness I advise the death this month of our past member, Bill James. Bill's photographic knowledge and picture-editing ability were well-known to us. We remember the many years that he welcomed us at the door to our General Meetings, (together with his wife, Jean, before she passed away) and the many Society events he recorded.

How good it is that the first step towards "normality" has been taken since the COVID-19 lockdowns began. Once again, we can visit our Genealogy Room, in the Cleveland Library, to access the Society's resources or to talk over research problems with our volunteer Genealogical Research Assistants, albeit only on a Thursday and with restrictions in place. Bob Aldred provides the details in his Librarian's Jottings on page 4. He also gives the good news that we can continue to access Ancestry and FindMyPast until the end of December, from home and at no cost, through the Redland City Council Library website. I urge you to make use of this while it continues to be available.



The 2020/21 Management Committee

We are Redland Genealogical Society Inc. in our own right, and no longer a branch of the Genealogical Society of Queensland. RGS now subscribes to Affiliate Membership of GSQ. This allows our members to visit its library to utilise its research resources at no cost. This arrangement is similar to the benefits available to our members due to RGS subscribing to membership of the Qld Family History Society.

Due to COVID-19, our July AGM was deferred to September. The previous Management Committee members were elected for the 2020/21 year, no other nominations being forthcoming. The annual reports presented at the AGM are published in this edition of the newsletter.

Greg Glidden

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Librarian's Jottings



The Genealogy Room in the Cleveland Library is now open, be it only on Thursday mornings from 9.30am to 12.30pm.

However, there are restrictions, including only two people to be in the room at a time, including the GRAs.

To accommodate this requirement, RGS has permission to help people with their research by setting up our laptop in the Local History section of the Cleveland Library. The laptop provides access to Ancestry.com and FindMyPast, as well as other internet sites.

Other restrictions include the 30 minutes limit on Genealogy Room computers when demand calls for it, depositing books and magazines handled into the returns box, for quarantining, and closing the room at 12.15pm, for cleaning. The quarantining of books and magazines means that an item can be used by only one person during any session.

The restrictions of two persons at any one time will cause interruptions to people's research from time to time, so we ask people to be patient.

Offsite access to Ancestry.com via the Redland City Council Library web page has been extended until the end of December. Just log into the Redland City library site, click on the Family History box and go to Ancestry.com. Logon using your ordinary RCC Library membership card, not the special activated library card provided to members when joining RGS. This version of Ancestry gives you worldwide access. FindMyPast is also available (one person at a time across all Redland libraries).

If you cannot make it to the Genealogy Room on a Thursday, members may send their research requests to Pat Misson who has volunteered to search the RGS subscription sites, ie FindMyPast, RootsIreland, TheGenealogist and the Australian Biographical Database. Email Pat with your research requests.

As a service to our members, we are circulating the digital magazines that we receive. Before Covid-19 these were loaded on to our computers for members to access. This is something we can continue, if valued by our members.

Print magazines received during the Covid-19 closures are now on the shelves in the Genealogy Room. These can be perused at the library by taking the magazine of your choice from the Genealogy Room to the Local History section in the library or they can be borrowed.

Covid-19 also gives us the opportunity to explore other options on the internet. Don't forget to visit our own website <https://rgs.net.au/> and Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/redlandgs/> to start with. These are being regularly updated to help you stay tuned into what is happening in our Society and in genealogy generally. Our website includes our newsletters and useful internet links.

The internet is spawning a range of new avenues for family history research. Social media is a growing source of information, especially Facebook and family genealogy web pages. I have provided some examples in "Wandering through the Web" on page 19.

Covid-19 has affected us all in some way. For our Society, it has been the loss of some volunteers from our GRA team, either due to the risks of Covid-19, or for personal reasons. Being a GRA has many benefits from helping others with their research. If you can give a morning a month, contact me for further information on what is involved.

Bob Aldred



Why You Don't Get Replies from Ancestry Users

A member has drawn my attention to the above article by Judy Webster; login to <http://bit.ly/whynoreplies>. In it, she explains how to overcome one of the problems with Ancestry's new messaging system introduced in mid-2020.

You will find a wide range of information on her website at <http://www.judywebster.com.au/>. It is worth a visit.

[Ed. RR]

President's Annual Report:

Helen Veivers

Members of the Redland Genealogical Society in future years may wonder why the society's Annual General Meeting was held in September in 2020, instead of the usual month of July. There is no doubt that 2019-2020 has been a most unusual year – 2020 will be recorded in the annals of history as a year in which life in Australia changed for every single resident due to the Corona 19 Virus. We've been isolated in our homes for lengthy periods of time, ways of shopping have been "turned on their head", means of communication we'd never even heard of have been embraced and greeting via handshakes/hugs virtually abandoned – all of this occurring while a race to produce a vaccine goes on!! It should be recorded that we, in Queensland, thus far, have been far more fortunate than residents in some of the southern states in Australia, particularly Victoria. Parallels with the Spanish Flu epidemic which followed the end of World War 1 are very evident.

Up until mid-March 2020 the Redland Genealogical Society operated as usual with monthly meetings on the second Wednesday of each month. Once the COVID outbreak occurred, meetings needed to be abandoned – it was not until August 2020 that the first actual meeting of the Society was conducted – and this was done using the Zoom platform. In place of meetings a publication titled RGSCat was introduced. This provided members with information about happenings in the world of Family History and gave them an avenue for sharing research findings with others. It is worth noting that members had free access to "Ancestry" and "Find My Past" during lockdown, courtesy of the Redland City Library Service. It's obvious that many Australian residents took time during the enforced isolation to delve into Family History – the Queensland Registry of Births Deaths and Marriages reported a record surge in downloading of Certificates from its site – in excess of 10,000 historical images were downloaded during April, May and June 2020!!

During the year I, as a representative of the Redland Genealogical Society, signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the Redland City Council. Through this 3 year agreement our Society will continue to have use of the room within the Cleveland Library. In return, we are to provide a genealogical advice service to members of the general public for 9 hours each week, to provide the Redland City Council with 3 monthly reports, to provide family history related presentations upon request and to acknowledge the Council's support on our society's advertising material and documents.

I would like to thank each and every member of the Management Committee for their contributions to the Redland Genealogical Society during the past year. Our Vice President, Kevin Hughes, continued in the role of setting up the audio and computer systems for face to face monthly meetings – this role was made somewhat easier when the Donald Simpson Centre, our venue for meetings, installed a new system which automatically linked to the Hearing Loop installed in the room. Kevin has also continued to maintain the Society's website. Thanks, indeed, Kevin! Our wonderful Secretary, Dianne Smith, has constantly kept in touch with members throughout the year, finalising the RGSCat each month and preparing comprehensive minutes of meetings, always prepared punctually. Thanks, Dianne, for all that you do! During the year the Redland Genealogical Society had a change in Treasurer with Irene Salvatierra "handing over the reins" to Yvonne Weston, just as the pandemic struck. Firstly, I would like to thank Irene very sincerely for her ten years of exemplary service as Treasurer – Irene always presented reports which were accurate and informative – and I was very assured that whatever Irene did had been considered thoughtfully. Yvonne Weston was appointed as Treasurer at the March meeting and has stepped into the role with ease. Yvonne has also continued to manage the Society's Facebook page and was instrumental in establishing a special RGS Facebook Members Only Group which has proven to be very helpful to members during the enforced isolation period. Many thanks Yvonne! Karen Hawkes came forward to replace Yvonne as Assistant Treasurer and is already showing what a valuable member of the team she will be. Thank you, Karen! Bob Aldred was elected Librarian and began this role as of July 2019. Bob has continued the operation of the Library to a high standard – since mid-March 2020, Bob's role has been hamstrung due to the COVID outbreak with our Library being closed for all researching. Bob, however, has continued to provide members with information to use on home computers/devices. Thank you, Bob! Our Membership Officer, Annette Hall, has worked hard during the Pandemic, ensuring that members were able to re-new their membership, even though we were unable to conduct monthly meetings. Annette has also done a considerable amount of work on Membership Application Forms to ensure they comply with RGS's predicted new Incorporated name and complied with the conditions of the 'Council's Memorandum of Understanding. Thanks, Annette! Every quarter members receive the Society's Newsletter, the "Redland Researcher", produced for many years, by Greg Glidden – members have told me about how they look forward to reading this publication. Thank you, Greg – I've indicated in the past that Greg was a magician in the way in which he always appeared to have sufficient articles for each publication, when editors of similar publications sent out frequent

pleas for material. Something unusual happened this year – Greg had to appeal for material, an appeal, I believe, that has been responded to successfully. Many thanks, Greg! While the ability to conduct displays has been curtailed due to COVID-19 Elaine has continued as our Displays Coordinator with displays organised at GSQ's Open Day in August and for Queensland Volunteers Day in December. Thanks, Elaine! The Society's records have been safely maintained by Janelle Everest throughout the year. Thanks, Janelle, for this important job! During the pandemic, Pat Misson, as leader of the Society's Research Group, has performed research for members unable to visit our Library. This, I'm convinced, has been very helpful to our members. Thanks, Pat! Lyn Smyth has again fulfilled the role of greeter at our monthly meetings, a vital role she's continued to do. Many thanks, Lyn!

Our Library is central to our Society. Regrettably, as already indicated, due to COVID-19, this facility has not been available to members since mid- March 2020. Our Society is indeed fortunate to have sole access to the room provided by the Redland City Council through the Redland Library services. This facility is greatly appreciated. I would like to thank Branch Librarian, Kim English, for her support throughout 2019-2020 – this has included facilitating home access to *Ancestry* and *FindMyPast* during the Pandemic. We could not do what we do without the support of our GRAs (Genealogical Research Assistants). I would like to offer my appreciation to every GRA – you keep this essential part of the Redland Genealogical Society operating at full revs.

Thanks too to the coordinators of the various Interest Groups and to those who have assisted Displays coordinator, Elaine Speck, throughout the year. Displays are a valuable and valid way for our Society to reach out into the community. A final thank you to our Patron, Les McFadzen, who has continued to contribute to the Society's success in many ways, including convening the vital Family Tree Maker group. Thanks, Les! Thank you one and all – it is you who make the Redland Genealogical Society the successful organisation it is.

Our Guest Speaker programme has, like so many other activities, been severely affected by the Pandemic. We did however enjoy two DNA presentations, one by Helen Smith and the other Judy Lofthouse, both members of the Genealogical Society of Queensland. Other Guest Speakers included Russell Twomey, who provided a fascinating insight into Australia's maritime history and Christina Ealing-Godbold from the State Library of Queensland who enlightened us about House History and the Corley Explorer.

The proposed amalgamation of the Genealogical Society of Queensland and Queensland Family History Society has continued to progress. As it is proposed that branches not be part of the structure of the new amalgamated society, the Redland Genealogical Society is no longer a branch of GSQ – we are now an independent society and have made application to the Department of Fair Trading to change the name of our incorporated organisation from *Redland Genealogical Society, A Branch of the Genealogical Society of Queensland Inc.* to *Redland Genealogical Society Inc.* We have, however, become an affiliate of GSQ, thus enabling non GSQ members to attend GSQ at no cost for research purposes and to participate in GSQ education events at Members' prices.

One of the main challenges our Society will face in the coming years is the maintenance of membership. I urge all members to take every available opportunity to promote the Redland Genealogical Society and its activities in the wider community to enable us to build our membership base.

2019/2020 has been a year like no other. Thanks to all who have continued your support. It is truly appreciated. In closing, I wish those members newly elected to the committee a successful year in office and to all members a hope that it won't be long before we can once again be back in our Library able to research and to discuss findings and queries.

Membership Officer's Annual Report as at 8th July 2020

Annette Hall

Total Membership stands at 111 made up of 80 Redland Associate members and 31 GSQ/Redland Branch members. Once again, unfortunately this number is considerably less than as at the same time last year.

It appears that more people are researching online and from their own homes instead of benefiting from a vast array of Resources and the expertise of competent researchers, which our Society offers.

There are still a few members changing from one type of membership to the other, as in previous years.

Redland Genealogical Society

a Branch of G.S.Q Inc.

Statement of Income & Expenditure

for the year ending 30/04/2020

INCOME

Associate Memberships	3	\$1,845.00
Bank Interest	4	\$189.32
Capitation Fees	5	\$257.00
Donations - attendances	6	\$782.00
Donations - 50/50 scheme	7	\$7.70
Donations - library box	8	\$143.75
Donations - other & Grants	9	\$11.00
Library - members' purchases	10	\$56.85
Library - Newsletter sales	11	\$25.00
Library - Starter Kit/Work Book	12	\$60.00
Fundraising - brick walls	13	\$140.00
Fundraising - bring and buy	14	\$23.00
Fundraising - Christmas Lunch	15	\$460.00
Fundraising - raffles	16	\$326.00
Fundraising - trips	17	\$301.00
Refunds	18	\$12.50
Sundries - float	19	\$0.00
Members' badges	20	\$24.00

TOTALS**\$4,664.12**

Opening Balance 1/5/2019

\$3,273.46

\$7,937.58**EXPENDITURE**

Advertising	2	\$0.00
Bank Fees	3	\$50.00
Float	4	\$0.00
Fundraising - Christmas Lunch	5	\$598.00
Fundraising - raffles	6	\$0.00
Fundraising - trips	7	\$229.50
Library Subscriptions	8	\$2,180.25
Insurance	9	\$610.00
Meeting Room Rental	10	\$550.00
Newsletter - expenses	11	\$82.56
Postage (incl. Newsletter)	12	\$107.00
Post Office Box Rental	13	\$134.00
Purchases - books	14	\$244.95
Purchases - CDs	15	\$0.00
Purchases - DVDs	16	\$0.00
Purchases - fiche/USB	17	\$15.95
Purchases - furniture	18	\$0.00
Purchases - lib. Equipment	19	\$212.79
Purchases - Stationery	20	\$114.64
Refunds	21	\$28.00
Society Memberships	22	\$160.00
State Govt. Fees	23	\$55.35
Sundries - Administration	24	\$217.00
Term Deposit	25	\$0.00
Members' Badges	26	\$38.00

TOTALS**\$5,627.99**

Closing balance 30/4/2020

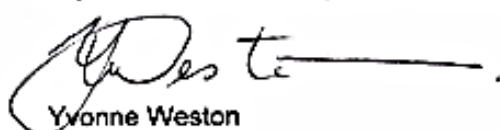
\$2,309.59

\$7,937.58**STATEMENT OF CURRENT ASSETS**

Heritage Bank Limited - Club Cheque Account	\$0.00
Heritage Bank Limited - Club Term Deposit	\$7,000.00
Advances or floats held	nil

There are no liabilities.

The Association keeps financial records in a way which properly records the Association's income and expenditure and dealings with its assets and liabilities.



Yvonne Weston
Treasurer

Meeting date: 9 September, 2020

Librarian's Annual Report

Bob Aldred



My first year as librarian was, to understate the fact, anything but uneventful. I would like to begin by thanking the Society for the opportunity to help, and to give a special thanks to Pat Misson for her thorough briefing, and the reams of information, instructions, and guidelines to follow. Her efficient and detailed attention to the library has made it so much easier to carry out the tasks required of the librarian.

Due to COVID-19, the library was only open to the public until March 2020 with no known date for reopening. During the closure, access for research is being provided by Pat Misson who has access to our subscribed data bases and will carry out any requests for a member's family history research.

During the year, we have had eleven (11) acquisitions, all books either donated or purchased. This year we have added 'Roots Ireland' to our subscription on-line data bases.

Over the Christmas break, thanks to the assistance of Pat Misson, Jeanne Dixon and Pat McLean, our book collection was reviewed, and 53 books were culled. We continue to add to the range of online exchange magazines. These are accessible from an online folder on No. 2 & 3 PCs, providing the option for any notes of interest able to be printed from the printer attached to No. 3.

During COVID-19, magazines received digitally have been forwarded by email to all our members.

We are fortunate to have use of our room at the Cleveland Library and express our thanks for the on-going assistance and support received from the library staff Angela Puata, Local Historian, and her assistant Gillian McNeill.

Finally, I would like to record my thanks for the constant work put in by all our Research Assistants, in providing their time, help and assistance to members and visitors. We are fortunate to have a full complement, ensuring the library functions to its full potential. The smooth running of the library is only achieved through the diligence of our GRAs.

We hope that we will be able to open our room again to the public in the not too distant future.

Facebook Co-ordinator's Annual Report

Yvonne Weston



Our Facebook page has increased its reach over the last year, and we have gained a following from Redlands residents as a result of the local content that has been shared or posted. Most of our followers are living either in the Redlands or in the surrounding Brisbane suburbs. However, we do occasionally attract the attention of people from overseas countries.

During the year we have had enquiries for assistance in research and requests to join our Society. All the enquires and requests have been positively attended to. These requests confirm that we are heading in the right direction to increase awareness of our Society. Of course, there is always more to do in this space and the hope it to attract the attention of younger people and encourage them to start their own genealogy research.

In January, we developed a new private area online for members to share their research finds and requests for assistance in furthering their research. This facility is called 'RGS Members Chat' and is a private Facebook group. RGS Members Chat group is only open to current members of our Society and the discussions can be viewed and contributed to only by the RGS members who have become members of the private group.

This group has been particularly useful during the lockdown periods in the pandemic and has allowed members to remain in contact, discussing a variety of topics and sharing resources. It is a great platform for those who need information in between meetings or if they are unable to attend in person.

Family Tree Maker User Group Convenor's Annual Report

Les McFadzen



Since the group was formed, we have had 94 meetings held at Alexandra Hills on the third Wednesday each month beginning at 1300 hrs. I had set up a large screen TV as a computer monitor. However, the monitor died when I set up for the August meeting. The group has missed three meetings this year due partly to my knee replacement and Coronavirus restrictions.

Mackiev.com released FTM 2019 on 29 Sep 2019, as a 30th anniversary edition, and have worked with Ancestry to make adjustments to FamilySync. They also provided a link to the LDS site, FamilySearch.

Brand new optional services are now available. It starts with a private, secure TreeVault Antenna tree that's automatically updated in real time with each change you make to your tree using FTM 2019 on your Mac or PC. TreeVault Emergency Tree Restore service puts your TreeVault antenna tree copy back on your computer, handy if your hard drive crashes or some other catastrophe strikes. The problem is that it can store only one FTM tree. Microsoft OneDrive can be used to hold a copy of your different trees.

The previous copy FTM 2017 only provided family tree hints. In FTM 2019 you now have access to historical record hints - just match a person in your FTM tree to a person in a FamilySearch family tree and historical record hints start to appear. You can also now download a branch from the FamilySearch Family Tree - an excellent way to use FamilySearch to bring your family tree into Family Tree Maker to research and grow it further. Colour coding and photo editing as well as adding Sync weather reports are now available.

As we are a networking group, members bring along their own laptops and their specific problems for assistance from other group members. If required, step-by-step instruction sheets on specific functions are added to Dropbox and a link is emailed to group members following the meetings. At this time members will continue meeting monthly to stay abreast of the changes or improvements recently brought about by mackiev.com.

Writing Interest Group Convenor's Annual Report

Helen Veivers

As with all activities, the impact of the Corona 19 virus has been felt deeply in the Society's Writing Group. The Group has been unable to meet face to face at all during 2020, with the only meetings held being in July, September and November 2019 when the virus was an unknown entity. In 2019 meetings were consistently attended by 8-10 people.

Meetings always start with an opportunity to write and include feedback to a writer who has emailed writing to group members since the last meeting. Members have produced writing of a high standard and lots of interest is generated during the writing and feedback sessions with some of our members' writing being published in the *Redland Researcher*.

We were fortunate to have Guest Speaker, Peter Cook, at our September 2019 meeting. Peter lives locally and writes poetry about the beauty of and happenings in the Redland City area. We followed Peter's session up in November by exploring whether poetry writing could have a place in Family History – member Audrey Warner had written a marvellous piece of poetry as her writing for review by the group, and through this we all established, that poetry did indeed have a place in family history – for those with the necessary skill set!

Magazine Interest Group Convenor's Annual Report as at 8th July 2020

Annette Hall



Nineteen magazines from various Family History Societies worldwide have been circulated by our Group members during the past twelve months. With 14 members in the Magazine Interest Group we cover a wide range of counties in England, two in Scotland, three Australian states and New Zealand.

The majority of the magazines are eventually placed in the Library for all members of the Society to read or borrow.

The magazines contain new or changing Websites, interesting facts, hints and especially SURNAMES to help with your research.

Displays Co-ordinator's Annual Report

Elaine Speck

This Display Co-ordinator's Report for the past financial year is a bit different. Due to the Corona Virus we have not been able to have any displays during the year 2020.

Up till December 2019 we had four (4) displays around our area.

The first one was a Tartan Day at Ormiston House. We were actually the only display there and were situated just near the entrance to people going in to view the house, which was very handy. We had our usual Scottish Raffle and although we didn't make a lot of profit on the day it did contribute to the atmosphere and we sold 3 Starter Kits. Lovely tea and scones for \$5 and beautiful weather overlooking the waters of Raby Bay.

Next was an Open Day at GSQ, Wishart. We fitted in very well and noticeably many of the people there had connections with both our Societies actually on the tables and as guests.

Number Three was our Seniors Week at Stockland, Cleveland (Coles Section) now known as Cleveland Central. We do this Display each year from Monday to Friday during Seniors Week, so it is a great help to our Society to spread the word as to who and where we are. We had a slight change from our usual position, but the new management were very helpful and friendly. Some new rules meant that we could not put up the top half of our Display Boards as no boards could be higher than 1200cm. After some manoeuvring we ended up with a satisfactory display, but for our benefit they are better at full height. This requires a number of volunteers for the week, so I thank you all, especially Les and Kevin who do all the setting up and pulling down physical work for all our Displays.

For the last one for the year, we were included in Volunteers Week for the Redlands. This was set up outside the Cleveland Library and in the Park adjoining. It was to give Rewards to local people who have excelled in their Volunteering work in the Redlands. Being held also on the Cleveland Markets Day there was a lot of passing traffic, so we did quite well. The programme went from 9am but by 11.30am all the awards were given out and the people had dispersed so we finished also.

I have been involved with our displays for many, many years, so this year of 2020 has been quite a change from our usual get-togethers with the public. Looking forward to getting back to "normal".

Newsletter Editor's Annual Report

Greg Glidden

Although the COVID-19 pandemic caused the AGM to be deferred to September, my report is for the twelve (12) months' period, ending 30th June 2020.

Members' steady stream of contributions throughout the year, provided me with a good stock of items, and ensured that all sixteen (16) pages of each edition of *Redland Researcher* could be filled. We are indeed fortunate to have so many talented members with a flair for writing, and so many who keep me informed of items and websites of genealogical interest to share with other members through the newsletter. Thank you, one and all for your support.

I am grateful to our photographers who make sure that at least one is present to record all activities of the Society. Photographs are an important inclusion in the newsletter.

Because of the Corona Virus, the last General Meeting to be held was in March. Consequently, members without email could not collect their printed copies. These were either posted to them or delivered by hand. Thank-you to our Secretary for assisting with this.

I have continued to circulate the Member's Interests form at regular intervals, as a means for members to ensure that their information is up to date. This provides the opportunity to advise changes in research interests, including names, dates and places. Also, it gives another opportunity (perhaps a reminder?) for new members to submit details of their research interests if they have not already done so. Members' research interests and updates are published in the newsletter, in addition to being entered into our library's data base. Both of these are uploaded to our website, which delivers a wide distribution of this information.

We have reciprocal arrangements for the exchange of newsletters with ten (10) family history societies. These are located throughout Australia and in England. Five (5) newsletters are exchanged in hard copy and five (5) by email.

As a fund-raiser, Business Card size advertisements are accepted for placement in the newsletter. Pricing is reasonable, and advertisements are not limited to genealogical matters. Two businesses placed advertisements during 2019/20. Both took the discounted option of having their ads placed over four (4) consecutive editions.

In late 2019, the Society became aware of an obligation to deposit a copy of each edition of *Redland Researcher* with the National Library of Australia and the Queensland State Library. A nationwide online deposit system, with the acronym "NED" (meaning National eDeposit), simplifies the process. Our Society has put a procedure into place for compliance with what these Libraries term "Legal Deposit".

Privacy issues have come to the fore in recent years. In recognition of the importance of protecting the privacy of our members, contact information for the Management Committee appears only in the newsletter that is distributed to members. Where members, who are not on the Committee, make an offer in the newsletter to directly assist other members, the Society's generic email address is provided as the means of contact. Without this action, members' private contact details would be widely publicised, bearing in mind that the newsletter appears on the internet and is distributed to Australian and overseas societies.

In closing, I have had another enjoyable year with Redland Genealogical Society, interacting with members on articles for the *Redland Researcher*, sharing in the camaraderie of the Management Committee members, and I appreciate the support that has been extended to me in my role of Newsletter Editor.

My grandfather Seymour and his brother Edward

Part 2

by Di Edelman

In Part 1, Di commenced her story –

"I discovered when I was 51 that I was adopted. Now that was quite a shock, as you can imagine. I wasn't who I thought I was. Who was I? Where did I come from? Who and where were my family? Of course, this started me on my genealogy journey to discover my origins and it's been a wonderful journey. I'm concentrating on finding out about the life that my ancestors lived and writing their story. My focus for months has been my maternal grandfather Seymour HARRISON and his brother Edward." Di told of their sporting successes as athletic young men and their travails on the Western Front when they enlisted during WW1.

Part 2 commences with an account from Sgt Harvey's 1920 publication -

"Red and White Diamond, Authorised History of the Twenty-fourth Battalion AIF"

[Ed. RR]

Sgt Harvey says that November 1916 was the worst month of their war, being a month of "indescribable agony". They had to extend a railway near Delville Wood, about 4 miles behind the lines. *"There was no camp or shelter of any kind here, and the men were marched onto a vacant piece of ground and informed that this was to be their 'home'. A dog might have died at the thought of trying to camp in such a spot. Mud and shell holes were its conspicuous features. It was encompassed by the main roads, on which all the traffic of war ploughed through the slush; howitzer batteries on the edge of the wood kept up a continual din and drew enemy shells; the wood was reeking with the stench of the dead, and the whole aspect was one of turmoil and discomfort. The troops did not possess a blanket, and all that offered shelter from rain and cold, as well as shells, were their waterproof sheets and greatcoats."* When they returned from their labouring, they tried to dig themselves a hole to sleep in, but the holes immediately filled with water. Often, they didn't even get to rest in their holes but were sent out on fatigues during the night. Planes were dropping bombs and tanks wallowed in the mud. It must have been horrific!

At this time the battalion was involved around Flers. They were bringing the wounded back and taking rations and gear up to the front line. They also did some time in the front lines. *"The period of operation at Flers will remain as a dreadful nightmare in the minds of the men who were there. The whole field was a vast bog, while rain, intense cold, and dense fogs continued day after day. Men strained themselves to the point of exhaustion as they floundered through the mire, sinking deep in the slush, embalmed from head to foot with mud, and, often unable to extricate themselves from the grip of the morass. Their weapons were at times clogged and useless, their clothes soaked and grimy, and their hearts threatening to sink in despair as their bodies sank in the puddle earth."*

On 10 December the battalion shifted to Pommiers Camp near Mametz, with improved living conditions but under worse enemy fire. On 23rd some moved to Adelaide Camp and some to Melbourne Camp. All were kept busy over a dismal Christmas with fatigue duty carrying supplies to the front. Correspondence from home and Red Cross parcels were enjoyed where possible. The other three units of the brigade had been away from the front for a month and in the meantime, the 24th had become known as *"the roadbuilders"*.

On 5 January the 24th took over the front line from the 22nd and occupied Summer, Fall and Zenith trenches. They were in the grip of winter and many men were groaning with the pain of trench feet, so severe in some cases that it meant cutting off their boots as they could be removed no other way because their feet were so swollen and discoloured. It was caused by the intense cold, blood pooling in the feet and the absorption into the feet of germs from the mud. Many men were taken out on stretchers, others hobbled out, some piggy-backed their mates. They must have made a sad procession! Fatigue duty continued until 14 January when they were moved back to Ribemont where they trained for the rest of the month.

February was a mix of time at the front, training and patrols. The weather was beginning to thaw. Sgt Harvey says the men really appreciated their ration of rum during the winter and the soup kitchen which was set up halfway between the front lines and the camp so that the men would get a hot cuppa or some pea soup to cheer them on their way back to camp. The battalion band was also a morale boost as it would be at the halfway mark to help them march back to camp. It would march back with a group of men and then return to the halfway point to escort another group back, sometimes repeating this four or five times. In order to move safely over the snow, the men painted their helmets white and wore white overalls which were often women's nighties bought in Amiens. It must have been a strange sight.

The following article appeared in the Yackandandah Times in Victoria on Thursday 1 March 1917 :

Sergeant "Toiler" Harrison previously of Porepunkah is having a splendid time in France. In a letter to a friend in Bright, Toiler says:- "Having a few moments to spare I thought I would write you a few lines to let you know I am still alive and in good trim – just about good enough to win another Alpine Wheel Race, having got down to my racing weight through hard work. We are having a fairly good time here – plenty of fight. I have been through all the stoush here since June and I can tell you there was something doing. You could never imagine what it was like. I suppose you have read of it in the papers. I would like to be up on the old Bright track again. They were the best days of my life and I never realised it until now. The French are fine people when you get to know them, but their lingo is, well I do not know what to call it. You can understand people in Egypt but when it comes to French, I call a halt. We manage to get along somehow. I have been from one end of France to the other and all over the middle of it. Well about Fritz: he is not much of a guy when you get up against him, but he is a great long-distance fighter and would also make a good wombat, the way he digs himself in. I tell you he takes some rooting out, but we will manage it alright in time. He is a fine artillery shot and his coal box is something to gamble upon."

On 2 March the battalion moved forward and met up with the Germans opposite Avenue les Bapaume near Gréville and they advanced here after a number of raiding parties took the battle to the enemy. This was where Edward was severely wounded in action with gunshot wounds to his head and his face on 4 March. He was taken to 1/1/ South Mid Casualty Clearing Station by the number 5 Australian Field Ambulance and then transferred to the Ambulance Train on 5 March. He was admitted to the Number 7 Canadian General Hospital in Étaples on 5 March where it was noted he was dangerously ill. He died there, of his wounds at 11:30pm on 13 March 1917. He was buried in the Étaples Military Cemetery. Sgt Harvey states that a number of men were killed in this exercise, among them Sgt E Harrison. He added that they were all gallant soldiers. Edward was demoted from Temporary Company Sergeant to sergeant after he was wounded. The battalion war diary says that one man was killed and one wounded on the 4 March so, I guess, the wounded one was our Edward.

I'd love to know if Seymour was there with him when he was wounded. Were they in the same company within the battalion or had they been split up? Either way, I'm sure Seymour would have felt it deeply when his brother died. Here is one of the news articles published in Australia about Edward at the time.

TOILER" HARRISON KILLED

FORMER CONSTABLE AND LOCAL FOOTBALLER.

News has come to hand of the death in action on March 13 of Constable E. W. Harrison, formerly of South Melbourne, a man of splendid physique, of manner most genial, and of that type which puts duty before everything. His death is deeply regretted locally. Besides being known as a constable, "Toiler" Harrison was an athlete. In the north-eastern district he made a great name for himself as a footballer, and in 1906 he stripped for South Melbourne. He stood down

for the two following seasons and played again (one match only) in 1909, the season when South won the premiership. We extract the following notice from the "Myrtleford Mail":

"Throughout the district there was probably no better known native of our little town than Edward T. Harrison, better remembered as 'The Toiler,' of whom the news was received on Friday last that he had paid the great price and had laid his life down for King and country in faraway France. The late Private Harrison was at the hour of his enlistment a member of the police force, in which he had served for some years, being stationed in various parts of Melbourne.

As an athlete, he was one of the best, if not the best, all round man in the North-Eastern district. As a cyclist there was no one in the district who could compare with him; he was one of the leading footballers, an axeman who won several contests, a runner who many times was first past the tape; whilst at throwing the hammer, weight-putting, and tossing the caber he had many wins to his credit. In fact, on two or three occasions at local and district sports he took almost every event on the programme. He was also a fair cricketer, as well as a useful member of the local rifle club. "The Toiler" was physically, what might be termed a model man, being big in every way, and when seen in khaki was an ideal type of soldier.

As a boy he attended the local school, and upon the news becoming known the school flag, as well as the Progress Association's flag, was hoisted at the half-mast as a token of respect to one whose death brought home to every local resident a realisation of the dreadful toll this devastating war is levying upon the best and bravest of our boys. The dead hero has, besides his parents, brothers and sisters, left behind him a young widow and child to mourn his untimely end.

"TOILER" HARRISON KILLED" Record (Emerald Hill, Vic. : 1881 - 1954) 14 April 1917: 2. Web. 30 Mar 2020
<http://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article75013644>.

The Germans were pushed back to Bapaume and the forward movement is said to have given the men fresh energy, but they were busy moving all the gear forward into new areas. The 24th had been in action for four days and were withdrawn and undertook some route marches and training but had time for concerts and some relaxation. The war diary notes that the 24th was the day for baths and the men looked more fit! It was still very cold and snowy. On the 30th the band accompanied them on a route march. I think it would have been so much easier to keep on moving if you could hear the stirring tunes of a brass band.

The first battle of Bullecourt began on 11 April and apparently Seymour was close by but not actually in this one. The battalion was relieved and sent to Favreuil where they were resting and cleaning up. (It was on this day during the first battle of Bullecourt that David's cousin, Robert Wachman, in the Fourth Division 48th Battalion was killed in action.) The Fourth Division had captured a portion of the Hindenburg Line, but they had to retreat as they couldn't hold it

A copy of the layout of the battlefield that they would encounter when they advanced to the front to try to retake the lines at Bullecourt was laid out at Favreuil. The 24th battalion practised first in daylight and then at night on this mock-up of the actual site. Platoon commanders received copies of all maps and aerial photos etc, and all information was passed onto the men so that even with high losses of officers and NCOs the men would know what had to be done. The men had to exercise hard, but everything was done to keep them happy; a canteen was opened, and regimental funds were used to buy extra food for the men.

The second battle of Bullecourt started on 3 May 1917 and Seymour is in this one. *"Picture two perfectly made enemy trenches on the slope of a long rise, protected with four or five belts of wire, which in places were 30 yards (27.4m) in depth and breast high, and sighted to such perfection as to enable the German machine gunners to fire along the fringe of the wire. To reach the first trench meant an advance of nearly 1000 yards (914m) over ground which afforded no shelter for advancing troops, beyond one or two sunken roads leading from our positions to the Hun lines."* Myriam took us to the location of this battle, and we parked on a sunken road from which we could see the field in which Robert's body lies. Now it is such a beautiful green field. It's hard to imagine what it must have looked like then and how it must have smelt with all the bodies left behind in the rapid withdrawal of the first battle.

"Our line offered a striking contrast to that of the enemy. The Germans were posted in deep, well-made trenches and protected dugouts behind a mass of wire. Our line was nothing but the shattered embankment of an old railway and was approached over open ground."

"Before leaving camp every man was issued with rations for 48 hours. Two sandbags were wrapped around the legs over the puttees and two thrust through each of the shoulder straps of the tunic. the troops collected extra ammunition and six Mills bombs each, while some carried picks, shovels, boxes of bombs, flares for signals, and expanding wire netting for bridging uncut wire entanglements. The average load per man must have been not less than 100lbs (45.4kg)."

The 24th battalion had a frontage of 340yds (310m) with the objective to reach the area 1600yds (1463m) from the railway embankment. Sgt Harvey gives an excellent description of how the four companies of the battalion moved forward in turn and captured their objective, the second German trench (OG2). It was a desperate battle. The war diary is faded and difficult to read but I can see that they took 50 German prisoners and Sgt Harvey says that these were used as stretcher bearers for the many casualties. At 3:30 in the morning the battalion had been a fighting force of 586 men. By 3pm, there were 8 officers and 113 men holding a frontage of 600yds (549m). They then were ordered to take another 200yds (183m) of frontage, which they did, but the men were exhausted and were very happy when all were relieved by 3:20am on the 4th May.

Sgt Harvey states that this battle was one of the hardest that the Battalion was involved in. On 5 May, the Brigade was reorganised. Each of the four battalions had only enough men to make one company and they were held in reserve. On the next day they were ordered to Favreuil and this was the beginning of a prolonged rest from battle. They spent happy times in Warloy and Wardrecques where they trained hard during the day but had free time in the evenings. They intermingled with the local civilians and met up with family members or friends from home who were nearby in other battalions. Their band was quite accomplished and put on concerts for troops and civilians and sporting challenges were issued and matches held. The men enjoyed bathing in the canal that runs through Arques. The biggest threat at this time was the bombers at night and these were constant.

In July, Seymour went to a Tattoo and returned to camp two days late, so he was docked ten days pay. Where did he go? Did he meet up with old friends from Bright in Victoria or did he drown his grief over Edward's death in alcohol? Of course, all of the men would have lost mates. It must have been dreadful. I can understand them needing to get away from everything for a couple of days.

Several drafts of reinforcements had arrived, and soldiers had returned from hospital so that by the time they returned to battle, the battalion was at full strength and the men were efficient soldiers. By September they were preparing for battle once more, having marched to Steenvoorde and then to Devonshire Camp. Models of the fields of battle had been marked out and the men knew the layout of the area from training on the models. The roads were clogged with army vehicles and camps were spread out in all directions. Back five to ten miles (8 to 16km) behind the lines, planes from both sides flew over the area, dropped bombs, undertook surveillance and fought in the skies. *"The crashing bombs demolished buildings, scattered dumps, killed men and horses, and kept everybody, including the few civilians who remained there, restless and fearful."*

"In the trenches war's routine – sniping, patrolling, bombing, out-post and strong-post activities, digging, observing, repairing the destruction of bombardments, and the evacuation of wounded – went on unceasingly."

All were expecting the grand offensive against the Germans.

The battle was to begin at dawn on 20 September with the final objective being Passchendaele Ridge with many minor objectives on the way. The 24th Battalion was not in the front line on this day, but their duty was to keep the ammunition and supplies up to troops in the front line. The evening of the 19th was wet and roads quickly became waterholes and the sky was very black. One hundred and twelve of the men were tasked to be stretcher bearers, carrying the wounded to Menin Road and then the fields were littered with so many dead, especially German soldiers, that the battalion supplied a burying party. This continued until the evening of the 23rd by which time 14 men were killed and 76 wounded. The battalion withdrew to Devonshire Camp.

The attack resumed on the 26th September and the men were ready to return if needed. The 24th was to be part of the attack on Broodseinde Ridge and this battle began on 3 October.

However, Seymour was not to be part of this. His war took a different turn. On 27 September he was admitted to the 5th Australian Field Ambulance with scabies. On 2 October he was transferred to the 26th General Hospital at Étaples with dermatitis and on the 5 October, he was transferred to the 25th General Hospital. On 22 October he was transferred to England and admitted to the 2nd Military Hospital, Old Park, Canterbury with dermatitis on his right leg and his arms. He was discharged from hospital on 23 November to furlough until 7 December when he reported to Depot Sutton Veny. On 8 December he marched into No 1 Command Depot at Sutton Veny and was classified B1A4 which apparently means he was able to route march ten miles (16km) and see to shoot and hear well. (That's the best explanation I can find online.) On 18 December he marched into the Overseas Training Brigade and he returned to France on 5 January 1918, re-joining the 24th Battalion on 9 January.

The story concludes in the next edition and tells of difficulties in returning to civilian life.

[Ed. RR]

My Mystery DNA

by Denise Brady

I have been doing family history for some years and was confident that I hadn't missed any family members along the journey, so I was pretty surprised when a DNA match with a close relative with a Singapore connection popped up.

Who on earth was this person? Not only did he have a close connection to my husband, but several second cousins, as well as an Irish DNA match.

I sent an email to this person requesting more information. Was he born in Singapore or was he born in Australia? Did he now live in Asia or in Australia? Did he have any names that might help?

He never replied and after a year I gave up.

I had a couple of ideas on who he might be. The descendant of my husband's grandfather who travelled from Ireland to Queensland in 1900. Did he call into Singapore for a few days or was he the son of one my husband's uncles, of which there are three, who all served in WW2? Two served in Malaysia. Was he a war baby?

I nicknamed him Mystery DNA.

Then one day, out of the blue, I received an email from him asking me to phone him. Which I did.

He told me that he was 83 years of age, lived near Mackay and that he had been put in an orphanage at 3 years of age and after his release at age 16, spent a long time trying to find his family. He had two older sisters who had also spent their lives in an orphanage. His mother was born in Bundaberg and died when he was twelve. That was all he knew.

I eliminated the grandfather because he had died in 1919. The next people to look at were his four sons.

My first thought was one of my husband's uncles who had been a Union Official and travelled all over the state in his position as State Secretary, and maybe had more money and opportunity than his brothers.

In a further conversation with Mystery DNA, he told me that he was born in Brisbane in 1936 at the Lady Bowen Hospital and his mother worked at a hospital laundry at Red Hill. I had been under the impression that he was born in Bundaberg.

This information was crucial because I knew that by 1936 the brothers were married with children and all living in the Red Hill area. Also, that the Lady Bowen Hospital at this time was where unmarried girls and aboriginal girls went to have their babies. A quick run through the electoral rolls put all suspects in close proximity.

So, in all probability, Mystery DNA is, at the very least, my husband's first cousin. But who was the father?

I did not know that little button beside the DNA info led to another page. One day pressing buttons to see where it might go, I pressed that "i" with the circle around it and lo and behold, there was the answer." Half Sibling". OMG... not a first cousin but a brother.

My husband was surprised. He suddenly saw his father in a different light. But how would his two older sisters take the news. Surprisingly well.

We travelled to North Qld to meet our new brother and gave him the story and photos of the family. We all felt comfortable with each other and it was a good time for all.

I did wonder how my husband's large, straight laced, conservative family would cope with this new addition but, as news filtered through the family, it was discovered that he was already related through marriage of another cousin, and another relative already considered him a close friend, having worked together in the railways for over 40 years. So far it has been a positive experience for all concerned.

My new brother in law said to me quietly, that there could be 1 maybe 2 more children to come from this relationship. So, we anxiously wait for the DNA results of his two sisters to arrive.

Isn't genealogy the most fascinating hobby?

Remembrance

by Beverly Bourke McCowan



The Menin Gate at Ieper (CWGC)

At the east end of Ieper, the town that formerly was called Ypres, stands the Menin Gate designed by Sir Reginald Blomfield, the eminent British Architect. After WW1 the Commonwealth War Graves Commission (CWGC) was set up to construct and maintain war cemeteries. In this Flanders area of Belgium, they found graves in all sorts of places but also a huge number of soldiers who had no known grave. A place to record the names was needed and so a Memorial, the Menin Gate was built. On Sunday 24 July 1927 in the presence of the Belgian King, Field Marshal Lord Plumer, who for a period of WW1 commanded the British Army in the Ypres Salient, unveiled the Menin Gate. As the relatives filed past him, Lord Plumer said to each, 'He is not missing. He is here'.

Every night since the memorial was erected, except for WW 2 period, members of the local fire brigade have held a very moving ceremony. They play the last post on their bugles and the haunting sound can be heard reverberating around the arches while the onlookers stand in silence.

My uncle was killed at Messines and his name appears in the Menin Gate. I attended a service in 1999 which was a moving experience to be remembered always.

This is the painting by Captain Will Longstaff, a prominent Australian war artist. The story of the painting is one of romantic inspiration. The artist attended the unveiling ceremony of the Menin Gate and was visibly impressed and could not sleep. He went out in the moonlight to walk off his restlessness. In his imagination, he saw the Menin Gate and the steel-helmeted figures and bayonets or a 'ghostly army' arising from the Flanders poppy fields.



AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL

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Menin Gate at Midnight

When the painting was exhibited in London early in 1928, it attracted widespread attention. It was purchased for two thousand guineas (an extraordinarily high price at that time) by Lord Woolavington, who offered it to the Commonwealth Government. In a letter to the Australian High Commissioner he said, '*It seems that this work should find its home in Australia. If you can arrange to hang the picture worthily at Canberra, I should be proud to present it to the Commonwealth as a tribute to the gallant Australians who served in the war and also as a mark of admiration of the Commonwealth*'.

His offer was accepted by the Australian Government and this remarkable work is held for all time in the Australian War Memorial in Canberra.

Information Disappearing from Research Sites! (Ancestry, FindMyPast, etc)

Research organisations lease much of the information provided on their websites. If the lease expires, depending upon the number of hits on the index and transcripts, the information may be removed. Forums in the UK report that a lot of data and background information is disappearing.

NEVER JUST LINK what you find, it is strongly recommended that you DOWNLOAD IT, attach it to your family tree program and back it up. You may wish to go back over your research but find that this information is no longer there.

Member's Request for Assistance

Can you please help me find?

- My Great grandfather, George John HEWITT's birth registration in England
- The marriage registration of his Parents, John HEWITT and Harriet COZEN.

Details on the marriage certificate of George John HEWITT and Margaret TOOMEY are as follows:

Date: 3 July 1882 - Brisbane

Names: HEWITT George John and TOOMEY Margaret

Condition: Bachelor and Spinster

Birthplace: George - London, Surrey, England
Margaret - Kanturk, Cork, Ireland

Rank or Profession: George, a Steward

Age: George 27 years - Margaret 22 years

Usual Place of Residence: Brisbane for both

Parents: John HEWITT and Harriet COZEN and John TOOMEY and Mary PIGOTT

Father's Rank or Profession: John Hewitt, an Inn Keeper and John Toomey, a Farmer

George and Margaret were married in the Manse Ann Street, North Brisbane according to the rites of the Presbyterian Church. Both signed their names.

If you can assist, it will be appreciated if you email the information to RGS email address redlandgs@gmail.com



Ancestral Mathematics

In order to be born, you needed –

- 2 parents
- 4 grandparents
- 8 great-grandparents
- 16 second great-grandparents
- 32 third great-grandparents
- 64 fourth great-grandparents
- 128 fifth great-grandparents
- 256 sixth great-grandparents
- 512 seventh great-grandparents
- 1,024 eights great-grandparents
- 2,048 ninth great-grandparents

For you to be born today from 12 previous generations, you needed a total of 4,094 ancestors over the last 400 years.

Think for a moment

how many struggles? how many battles? how many difficulties? how much sadness: how much happiness?

how many love stories? how many expressions of hope for the future?

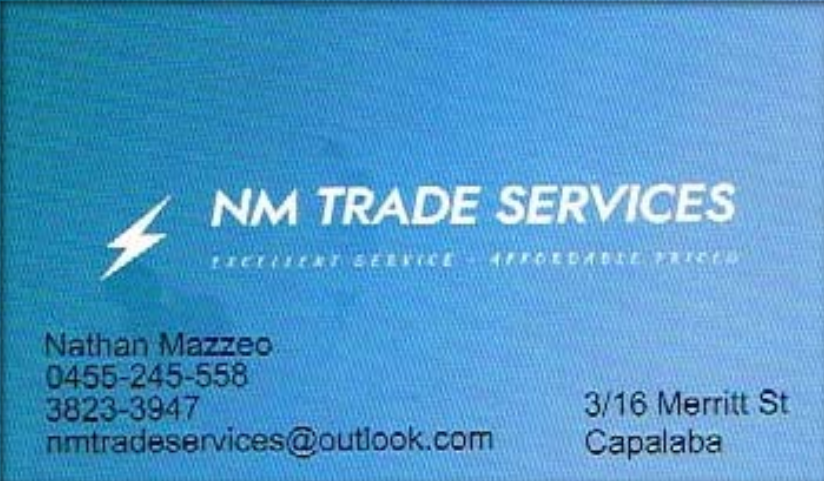
did your ancestors have to undergo for you to exist in this present moment!

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Member's Name: **Val BURT**

Membership No: 330

Surname	Year/ Range of Years	Town/City	County/State	Country
Brown	<1830	Horsey/Reigate	Surrey	England
Carnegie	<1755	Fordoun/Fettercairn area	Kincardineshire	Scotland
Goodridge	<1830	Paignton area	Devon	England
Hansard	1700-1800	London, Biskerthorpe	Lincolnshire	England
Hansard	1700-1800	Dublin		Ireland
Robb	<1740	Fordoun/Fettercairn area	Kincardineshire	Scotland
Stanton	<1820	Mathon	Worcestershire area	England
Williams	<1830	Kingsbridge area	Devon	England

Member's Name: **Garry ALSTON**

Membership No: 279

Surname	Year/ Range of Years	Town/City	County/State	Country
Alston	1800s	Lanark	Lanarkshire	Scotland

Wandering Through the Web



Genealogy My Ancestors Came to Australia

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/107640276041406/permalink/863729020432524>

With over 20,000 members, and many posting documents and photos, this Facebook group is worth joining.

Australian Headstone Images

https://www.facebook.com/groups/1507652172587440/?multi_permaLinks=3728283917190910

This smaller group of about 3,000 is a group for Cemetery, headstones and grave photographs. You never know what you may find here that can add to your ancestor's story.

Australian Ancestors - Family History Research Group

https://www.facebook.com/groups/australianfamilyhistory.rtpa/?multi_permaLinks=644886806229450

If you hit a brick wall, want to learn new ways to research, or share with nearly 10,000 other researchers, this is a group for you.

Genealogy in Australia



<https://www.facebook.com/groups/GenealogyInAustralia>

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The Online Genealogical Index

<https://ogindex.org/>

This website is a simple and efficient way of locating genealogical data online. If you don't know where to look to find the site that holds your ancestors' records then all you need to do is enter a country, county, town, and approximate year (latter is optional). OGI is a search engine for genealogical data sets found online only for England and Wales, indexed by place. If you know the place where your ancestor was born, married, died or buried, OGI helps find sites that contain records for that place – records that could contain vital details of your ancestor. Using OGI enables researchers to avoid wasting time when looking at incomplete resources or by manually searching multiple sites to find the required records.

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<p>Important! Before visiting, you should check NAA's requirements, details on https://www.naa.gov.au/help-your-research/research-centres</p> <p>NB! COVID-19 restrictions Telephone before visiting!</p> <p>Open - Wednesday to Friday 9am to 4.30pm Closed – Saturday to Tuesday and Public Holidays</p> <p>A public kitchen with tea and coffee facilities is located on the Ground Floor.</p> <p>Free on-site parking is available.</p> <p>The strengths of their Brisbane facility collection are -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • immigration records that date from the 1850s • post office and mail service records and photographs • works plans which cover everything from iconic buildings such as the General Post Office and Customs House, to defence service homes built in typical Queenslander fashion. 	<p>Important! Before visiting, refer to “Public Search Room” in their website for requirements for using the search room and for accessing records.</p> <p>NB! COVID-19 restrictions You will need to book your visit, using the link - Book a time</p> <p>Currently, times are available Monday to Friday from 9am to 12.30pm or 1.30pm to 4.30pm.</p> <p>Monthly Saturday openings will start from Saturday 8 August.</p> <p>Free on-site parking is available.</p> <p>Visit their website for details of a free taxi service from Fruitgrove Railway Station on Tuesdays.</p> <p>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 arrange a subscription to their free “<i>qsa bulletin</i>”.</p>	



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

\$22.90 Historical Image – PDF on-line

\$22.90 Historical Source Image – PDF on-line

\$32.20 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

\$20.00 Uncertified Historical Image - via download

\$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 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

\$55.50 - includes postage

<https://www.sa.gov.au/topics/family-and-community/births-deaths-and-marriages/family-research>

Also, use their link to [Genealogy SA](http://GenealogySA) for an online name search for BDMs and other worthwhile resources!

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

NB! COVID-19 restrictions Refer to their website for details on arranging to visit and the current limited opening times.

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

RGS is an Associate Member. QFHS. Membership cards are available from our RGS Secretary. 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

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[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

NB! COVID-19 restrictions Anyone who wants to attend must email Claire at secretary@gsq.org.au to book a session.

The centre will be open for the following limited hours -

10:00 AM until 2:00 PM each Tuesday and Thursday

12:00 Noon until 4:00 PM on Saturdays.

Only 8 people are allowed at the computers.

RGS has Affiliate Membership with GSQ. This gives our members visiting rights to use GSQ's library resources. When visiting, present your RGS membership card and quote our Affiliate Membership Number 6511.